A few facts about public lands funding

KEY FUNDING

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a key source of public lands funding for federal agencies and states. Every dollar spent on LWCF projects results in a $4 return on investment.\(^1\)

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LWCF was guaranteed full funding at $900 million each year by Congress in 2020.\(^2\)

Economic analysis predicts that LWCF can create up to **27,700 new jobs** when funded at $900 million per year.\(^3\)

WAITING TO BE FIXED

The four main land management agencies in the U.S. reported a deferred maintenance backlog of **$25.78 billion** in 2020.\(^4\) Deferred maintenance projects include everything from pit toilet repairs to vegetation treatments.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

Around **8 in 10 Western voters** support increasing funding for maintenance and infrastructure on public lands.\(^5\)

Around **8 in 10 Western voters** support recent investments in infrastructure in national parks and public lands to restore natural areas.\(^6\)

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