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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