

Friends of Acadia Advocacy Alert

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Acadia and the National Parks Need Your Help

Congress is closer than ever to fulfilling the promise of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which will increase the funding for preserving privately-owned land within Acadia's boundaries. We must do everything we can to make full funding for the LWCF a reality.

In a nutshell...

Acadia National Park is currently working to acquire approximately \$6 million of land that is privately held within park boundaries – unprotected holes in the park – and LWCF funds are critical to this effort. **Friends of Acadia supports full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund** because it balances the extraction and sale of federal natural resources with the permanent protection of important lands and waters. Public support for the LWCF is strong. As Congress reconvenes this week for the beginning of a lame duck session, it is critically important that we all do our part to reach out to our Senators to encourage them to ensure that permanent funding of LWCF is passed before year's end.

Action You Can Take:

Please call or email your Senator TODAY to encourage his/her support for LWCF.

For Senator Snowe:

Staff contact: Patrick Woodcock phone (202) 224-5344
email patrick_woodcock@snowe.senate.gov

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For Senator Collins:

Staff contact: Olivia Kurtz phone (202) 224-2523 email Olivia_kurtz@collins.senate.gov

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For Senators from other states

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Senate members can be reached through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress to balance the extraction and sale of federal natural resources – offshore oil and gas – with the permanent protection of important lands and waters and access to recreation for all Americans. Authorized in 1965, LWCF is an enduring conservation legacy that makes even greater sense today in the face of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, perhaps the greatest environmental disaster in our nation’s history. LWCF is authorized to receive a very small percentage of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenue – \$900 million a year from revenues that typically exceed \$6 billion annually. Over the years, however, much of that \$900 million has been diverted from its intended purpose in the annual budget and appropriations process.

For More Information: Contact Friends of Acadia Conservation Director Stephanie Clement at 207-288-3340 or stephanie@friendsofacadia.org.

This Advocacy Alert was sent to citizens who have expressed interest in joining the Acadia Advocacy Network. If you would like to be removed from the Network, email stephanie@friendsofacadia.org with the word, “unsubscribe” in the subject line. Thank you very much for your support of Friends of Acadia and for weighing in on issues of importance to Acadia National Park.