

BRUMIDI GROUP

NASPD | BRUMIDI GROUP **POLICY UPDATE**

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BRUMIDI GROUP OVERVIEW

- Boutique and tailored advocacy and strategic consulting firm
- Bipartisan team representing the most trusted companies, coalitions, NGOs, and causes focused on outdoor rec, conservation, and outdoor equity
- We are your eyes and ears in DC
- We understand the outdoor recreation needs better than anyone



WHAT IS THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND?

- The LWCF Stateside Program is a partnership between NPS and states to provide matching grants for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities that are determined by states needs.
- Eligibility:
- *Development of Outdoor Recreation Facilities*
- *Maintenance of Existing Sites*
- *Acquisition of Lands and Waters*
- *Conservation Easements*
- *Historic and Cultural Preservation*
- States work through their State Liaison Officers to compile applications, find matching funds, and administer federal funding.

NASPD & BG ADVOCACY

Connect NASPD members with influential policymakers in Washington, DC

Improve process between NASPD, NASORLO, and NPS

Obtain Land & Water Conservation Fund administrative support

Mitigate impacts of BABA on LWCF projects

Raise awareness of LWCF issues with national groups

OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS

Opportunities:

- Uniquely positioned to speak on this issue
- Policymakers are hungry for NASPD perspective
- Access to coalitions to duplicate messaging
- Outdoor recreation remains bipartisan

Risks:

- BABA & burdensome regulations dissuade engagement
- State outdoor funding is not a top-tier issue
- No one champion pushing NASPD's issues
- NPS relationship could have long-term impacts on the program



WHAT'S AT PLAY?

1 Federal Appropriations

Federal dollars for LWCF, RTP, RAISE grants, and other programs are being considered.

3 Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Provides state wildlife agencies up to \$1.4B annually to implement their Wildlife Action Plans. Still looking for pay-for.

2 America's Outdoor Recreation Act

The catch-all outdoor rec package includes state consideration for FICOR and support for gateway communities.

4 Farm Bill

Reauthorized every five years, this bill will cover wildfire, carbon markets, and rural economic development.

WHERE DOES OUTDOOR REC STAND LONGTERM?

- New revenue opportunities will be needed to fund access to and maintenance of public lands, recreation facilities, and related conservation efforts
- Meanwhile federal fees from energy extraction, hunting and fishing excise taxes, and the Highway Trusts Fund are declining
- Parks are being overloved – especially national parks. The maintenance on these parks is staggering.
- Wildfire, drought, flooding, and other natural disasters have profound impacts on park visitation and upkeep.
- **You have the answers.**

LOOK TO STATES FOR IDEAS

- Better collection of fees on public lands
- Peak season pricing
- Balancing visitation to reduce impact and the need for constant infrastructure improvements
- An infrastructure bank
- Direct user fees that are based on impact to land and waters
- Excise tax on existing sales on outdoor recreation sales
- **You tell us what's working.**

QUESTIONS?

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