

**Bureau of Land Management  
Land and Water Conservation Fund  
FY 2017 Sportsmens/Recreational Access Submission Process**

The FY 2017 President’s Budget Request includes a request of \$8 million in Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Sportsmens/Recreational Access funding. BLM’s national goal is to disburse these funds to multiple states and engage multiple third-party partners in these acquisitions.

Unlike LWCF Core requirements, Recreational Access proposals do not need to be within and/or contiguous to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Special Recreation Management Area, or National Conservation Lands unit; however, they must be consistent with applicable land use plans in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLMPA). Funding requests may include fee purchase, access easement, or conservation easement purchase, as long as the easement purchase provides for a perpetual right of public access. Public access may or may not be motorized.

To be eligible for Sportsmen/Recreation Access funding, they must:

- 1) Comply with Section 205 (b) of the FLPMA (consistent with an approved land use plan), and
- 2) Be available for purchase from a willing seller owner.

Project proposals will be more competitive and receive greater consideration if they:

- 1) Are not normally eligible under LWCF Core Submission requirements,
- 2) Provide substantially added access to the public than at present,
- 3) Provide substantially added opportunity for visitor use than at present,
- 4) Provide a variety of recreational access for the public to enjoy,
- 5) Are under contract or option or have been pre-purchased by a third-party partner, and
- 6) Include a non-BLM funding leverage or are offered as a bargain sale.

Each submission will include a completed Recreational Access Request and Justification, and a GIS map of the parcel(s) and surrounding area, depicting the public access route, and how it connects to legal public access. Digital color images may be submitted to support the proposal. After review by your State’s LWCF Shared Services Team Lead, documents will be electronically submitted to the Division of Lands, Realty and Cadastral Survey (WO-350) via state-specific FY 2018 folders accessible at the following link:

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Geographic Zones are as follows:

- Zone 1 – California, Nevada, Alaska
- Zone 2 – Oregon/Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming
- Zone 3 – Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Eastern States

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**Headquarters Selection Process:**

- The National LWCF Shared Services Team will collect and process State Office submissions.
- A National Review Team composed of Washington Office and State Office representatives will review and prioritize recommendations.
- WO-350 will conduct Washington Office briefings and secure concurrence from the Director.
- WO-350 will finalize submission for transmittal to the DOI Budget Office.