

# United States Senate

January 30, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer,

As we ended the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, we sincerely appreciated your commitment for Senate floor consideration of S. 47 the Natural Resources Management Act early in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. S. 47 represents a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that includes provisions that are critical to public land management and wildlife habitat across our great country. As we resume legislative activity in the Senate this week, we urge you to take up S. 47 for prompt consideration on the Senate floor.

Notably, passage of S. 47 would enact permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which will provide certainty to local landowners and public land users that LWCF will continue for generations to come to facilitate better access to public lands, to help increase outdoor recreation opportunities for cities and towns, and to help multi-generation ranchers and loggers maintain a working landscape. LWCF authorization expired on September 30, 2018. Constituents in our states experience the multiple benefits of LWCF every day and we must not allow the authorization of this important program to lapse any longer.

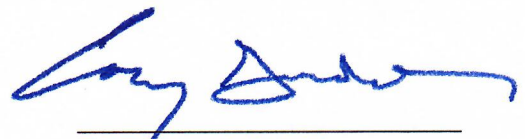
S. 47 also includes provisions that strengthen our country's outdoor heritage by enacting long-fought provisions of the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act and includes many locally driven land conveyances, exchanges, and designations that help resolve land use challenges in our communities. Additionally, S. 47 strengthens partnerships with our National Parks and includes provisions of the bipartisan WILD Act that strengthens wildlife conservation around the world and here at home.

These priorities have lingered for far too long. We urge you to take up S. 47 in the full Senate at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to working with you to get this important bill across the finish line.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES  
United States Senator



CORY GARDNER  
United States Senator



RICHARD BURR  
United States Senator