



Flathead Audubon Society

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Dear Senator Tester:

The Flathead Audubon Society with approximately 400 members encourages you to support the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Act (LWCF). The LWCF provides significant benefits without requiring taxpayer dollars and has been a major source of funding in Montana and throughout the US for funding land conservation, national parks and forests, community parks, trails, fishing access sites, and much more. For example, here in Montana, roughly half of the Treasure State's 330 fishing access sites were purchased with help from the LWCF. Montana has benefited in many ways over the years and should continue to do so. From wildlife habitat to fishing access to recreational facilities the LWCF continues to enrich our way of life here in Montana.

Montana has received approximately \$540 million over the past several decades and these dollars have been doubled by non-federal matching funds so the LWCF has extensive economic benefits also.

Please support the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Thank you,

Kay Mitchell
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