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QUWF Assists The Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition (LWCF)

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Buffalo, Missouri: "Without a doubt current and future funding of wildlife conservation efforts are under extreme pressure with the national debt still climbing and lawmakers failure to control their own spending" states Craig Alderman, Director of the Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation. "With long hours of consultation, meetings and written support QUWF and the LWCF were notified the President has recommended funding \$450 Million of the \$900 million NON-TAX dollars provided from oil and gas companies specifically identified for conservation alone". The fund has been a political volley ball between both parties with the non-tax dollars not being used for conservation but siphoned off by politicians leaving conservation with the short end of the stick.

Derek Fong, QUWF California State Chairman and National Board Member Elect attended meetings and conferences to support the funding initiative. "The \$450 million is privately funded, non tax payer dollars, for conservation practices for multiple agencies whose budgets are being cut for the foreseeable future. We should be able to get 100% of the \$900 million collected but the politics are a major issue" observes Derek. "These dollars are going to extremely valuable projects with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service for example, whose public lands provide recreational access to hundreds of thousands of Americans" states Fong.

The LWCF Coalition has helped protect land in every state and in 98% of U.S. counties through and with its partners like QUWF. Polling shows 85% of Americans support full funding for LWCF. Conservation, recreation and historic preservation together generate *more than \$1 trillion in total economic activity* across the U.S. and support 9.4 million jobs.

Congress must now act to release the funds to the \$450 million dollar conservation initiatives approved by the President. These *are not tax dollars* but specifically collected from oil and gas companies for conservation.

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