The Need for LWCF State Assistance in Nevada

Presidential outdoor recreation studies under three different administrations in 1964, 1986 and 2010, as well as an independent report by a non partisan Outdoor Recreation Resources Group in 2009 have all documented the importance and need for the LWCF. And underscored the benefits to the nation of providing places for outdoor recreation close to home.

LWCF State Assistance Program in Nevada

Nevada has grown in recent years and so has the need for outdoor recreation resources. The National Park Service reported the average annual need for recreational facilities development in Nevada over the last three fiscal years was $17,760,304. One of the primary reasons for the size of this need has been the lack of equity in the distribution of the LWCF to the states which led to reduced State Assistance appropriations. In FY 2010 the LWCF distribution to Nevada was $469,778 which barely funded smaller local needs for projects and met only 2.65% of the total need.
Where can I find a listing of Nevada projects and the communities that have benefitted from this program?

Data from the NPS shows that, on a national basis, 98% of all communities in our country have utilized state and local LWCF grants for projects in the past. You can find the projects for each county in Nevada by going to the National Park Service State Assistance website at:


What benefits would be gained in Nevada from requiring a 40% allocation in LWCF?

1. Locally based projects support economic activity through equipment sales and tourism in Nevada.
2. Local LWCF projects provide access for citizens for active lives which have community health benefits.
3. LWCF park projects in Nevada increase the value of adjacent property and the tax base.
4. Research shows that parks funded with LWCF are key components in community development revitalization.
5. LWCF projects in Nevada provide places for local and regional sports and community events.
6. LWCF projects provide direct benefits providing jobs and contracts for local businesses and employees.

The LWCF has an impact in Nevada by providing economic benefits and jobs

A recent study by the Outdoor Industry Foundation, estimates a $730 billion economic contribution of active outdoor to the U.S. economy and provides more than 6.5 million jobs. Additionally, the state and local projects supported by the LWCF provide direct benefits by providing employment for the contractors and their employees who work on these projects. These jobs are created close to home and support the local economy. These data demonstrate the development of facilities and areas using the LWCF State Assistance program pays off for Nevada.