About AVCRP

AVCRP is a national coalition of hundreds of organizations and businesses who signed a letter urging Congressional leaders to sustain the federal funds that are critical to the American way of life.

Our members are united in a shared understanding that continued federal investments in natural resource conservation, outdoor recreation, and historic preservation programs are vital to the future of our great nation.

AVCRP member organizations represent tens of millions of Americans with diverse political backgrounds and areas of interest, ranging from conservation and the environment to hunting, fishing, and many other forms of outdoor recreation as well as historic preservation. AVCRP is made up of national and regional non-profit organizations as well as major American businesses.

Who We Are

Our national supporters include:

- Land Trust Alliance
- National Audubon Society
- National Parks Conservation Association
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- National Wildlife Federation
- National Wildlife Refuge Association
- Outdoor Alliance
- Outdoor Industry Association
- REI
- The Conservation Fund
- The Corps Network
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- The Wilderness Society
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Trout Unlimited

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Conservation Makes Economic Sense

- 12.6 million American jobs are directly associated with outdoor recreation, conservation, and historic preservation.¹
- $1.7 trillion minimum in total economic impact of outdoor recreation, natural resource conservation, and historic preservation in the United States.¹
- $266 billion is annually generated in tax revenue from the outdoor recreation, conservation, and historic preservation economy—approximately $55 billion in federal tax revenues and $45 billion in State and local tax revenue.¹,²
- The value of ecosystem services provided by natural habitat in the 48 contiguous United States amount to about $1.6 trillion annually, which is equivalent to more than 10% of the U.S. GDP.¹
- The combined annual spending effect of hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching associated with National Forest Service land totals $9.5 billion in annual retail sales, supports 189,400 jobs, and provides $1.01 billion in annual federal tax revenues.¹
- Outdoor recreation sales (gear and trips combined) of $325 billion per year are greater than annual returns from pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing ($162 billion), legal services ($253 billion), and power generation and supply ($283 billion).¹
- Homeowners near parks and protected areas have property values over 20% higher than similar properties elsewhere.¹
- The Federal Historic Tax Credit has preserved more than 42,000 historic buildings, created 2.4 million jobs, and catalyzed $121 billion in community revitalization for Main Streets throughout America, while also generating more than $28 billion in federal tax revenue from historic rehabilitation projects.³
- Economic activity resulting from federal historic preservation tax credits supports 61,200 jobs, $6.6 billion in economic activity, and generated $935 million in tax revenues.¹
- Overall, activities associated with Department of Interior lands provided more than 2.2 million jobs for Americans, which generates $377 billion in economic activity.¹
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contributes about $4.2 billion in economic activity and supports over 32,000 jobs through their management of 556 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of smaller natural areas in the United States.

¹ Southwick, “The Economics Associated with Outdoor Recreation, Natural Resources Conservation and Historic Preservation in the United States”, October 10, 2011. (Note: The Outdoor Industry Association has released a new economic study that compliments, but uses a different methodology than the Southwick study cited here. Please visit outdoorindustry.org for more information)
² Office of Management and Budget, 2011 historic tables, funding level data for budget functions 302, 303, and 306.