



Completing PAD-US as America's Inventory of Public Parks and Protected Areas

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PREAMBLE

The National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers (NASORLO), official appointees of the States' Governors, administer the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Program (LWCF) throughout the United States and US Territories. For over 50 years, actions by current and past NASORLO members have resulted in protected parks in every geographic region of the United States, every county, nearly every city or town, and territory.

WHEREAS, the sites acquired or developed with LWCF assistance are protected in perpetuity, and referred to as 6(f) protected areas;

WHEREAS, NASORLO with its partners, the US Geological Survey and GreenInfo Network, developed a geospatial database representing LWCF 6(f) investments from data provided by nearly half of the States and Territories to 1) demonstrate a database of this of all 6(f) areas is achievable; and 2) as a visual exhibit of the Program's impact on our US communities;

WHEREAS, this geospatial demonstration of LWCF investments was created in relation to the Protected Areas Database of the U.S. (PAD-US) which is the official national inventory of public parks and other protected areas held in trust by national, State, and regional/local governments, as well as non-profit conservation organizations and is recognized as such by federal land management and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, NASORLO supports PAD-US completing America's inventory of public parks and protected areas, of which, LWCF 6(f) sites are a component.

NOW THEREFORE, on September 23, 2016, at its 2016 Annual Meeting, NASORLO endorsed the following proposed actions to complete PAD-US by 2019: 1) expand governmental and other funding for PAD-US; 2) build the capacity of state steward organizations to complete and maintain state inventories; 3) integrate regional and local parks data from the Trust for Public Land's ParkServe project into PAD-US; 4) enhance the efforts of the Federal Lands Working Group to better integrate federal agency land data into PAD-US, and improve that source data; 5) design and implement "version 2" of PAD-US, with improved database structure, core technology and data standard; 6) launch outreach initiatives to encourage users in: public health, climate adaptation, multi-jurisdictional collaboratives, commercial mapping companies and application developers, RIDB/Recreation.gov, and other selected user groups; 7) build a PAD-US partnership to support and encourage PAD-US development, including public, private, nonprofit and academic interests; 8) improve the attributes and geometric accuracy of PAD-US; 9) develop and implement a program of technical support for PAD-US users, to expand use of the data set; and 10) expand funding for the National Conservation Easement Database, including renewing the NCED web site and increasing efforts to secure easements in all states.

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