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Ms. Lauren S. Imgrund
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Dear Ms. Imgrund:

Thanks for your inquiry about the status of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP) 2016 grant submissions. I appreciate your concerns about the time that has passed since the solicitation for proposals was closed in May 2016 and apologize for any problems that have been created for the state and local project sponsors as a result of the delay.

I am happy to report that the National Park Service (NPS) has convened the merit review panel, who are actively reviewing and scoring the project proposals submitted. The ranked list of projects will soon be presented to the Acting Director of NPS for approval, and we will work with the Department of the Interior to announce the grant selections as soon as feasible.

Thank you for your interest in the ORLPP and your support for public outdoor recreation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joel Lynch, Chief, State and Local Assistance Programs Division, at 202-354-6905, or joel_lynch@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Reinbold Assistant Director

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