

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 29, 2017

The Honorable Tony Tooke, Chief
United States Forest Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Chief Tooke:

We write to request that you give all due consideration to the Fiscal Year 2019 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) submission from the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. It is our understanding that George Washington and Jefferson National Forests are advancing several projects for funding consideration including: Grace Furnace, Gap Creek "The Knob," Shoe Creek "Bruce," Straight Fork, and Little Meadows.

Each of these projects represents an important opportunity to increase public recreation access in our state.

- The Grace Furnace project will protect 4,700 acres within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- The Gap Creek, or "The Knob," project will protect 162 acres within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- The Shoe Creek, or "Bruce," project will protect 162 acres within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and within the viewshed of the Spy Rock overlook on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.
- The Straight Fork project will protect 1,612 acres within the Clinch High Knob area.
- The Little Meadows project will protect 596 acres near the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and in the headwaters of the Cascades waterfalls.

We hope you will give all due consideration to this application. We'd be glad to furnish additional information, or your office may wish to be in touch with our staff. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Warner
U.S. Senator



Tim Kaine
U.S. Senator

Cc:

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