

Recovering America's Wildlife Act



HR 4647 and S.3223

**Nevada Board of Wildlife
Commissioners' Meeting**

September 21, 2018

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Wildlife Diversity Administrator
Jennifer Newmark



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Blue Ribbon Panel

on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish & Wildlife Resources

Recommend a mechanism to sustainably fund the conservation of ALL fish and wildlife



National Co-Chairs

- **John Morris**,
Founder Bass Pro Shops
- **David Freudenthal**,
Former Governor Wyoming



L-R: - David Freudenthal and John Morris

2015-2016

26 Business and Conservation Leaders

- Oil and Gas Industry
- Automotive Industry
- Outdoor Recreation, Retail, & Manufacturing
- Private Landowners
- Educational Institutions
- Conservation Organizations
- Sportsmen's Groups
- State and Federal Wildlife Agencies





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RECOMMENDATION 1

Congress dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program (16 U.S.C. 669b(a)).



Funds the implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans

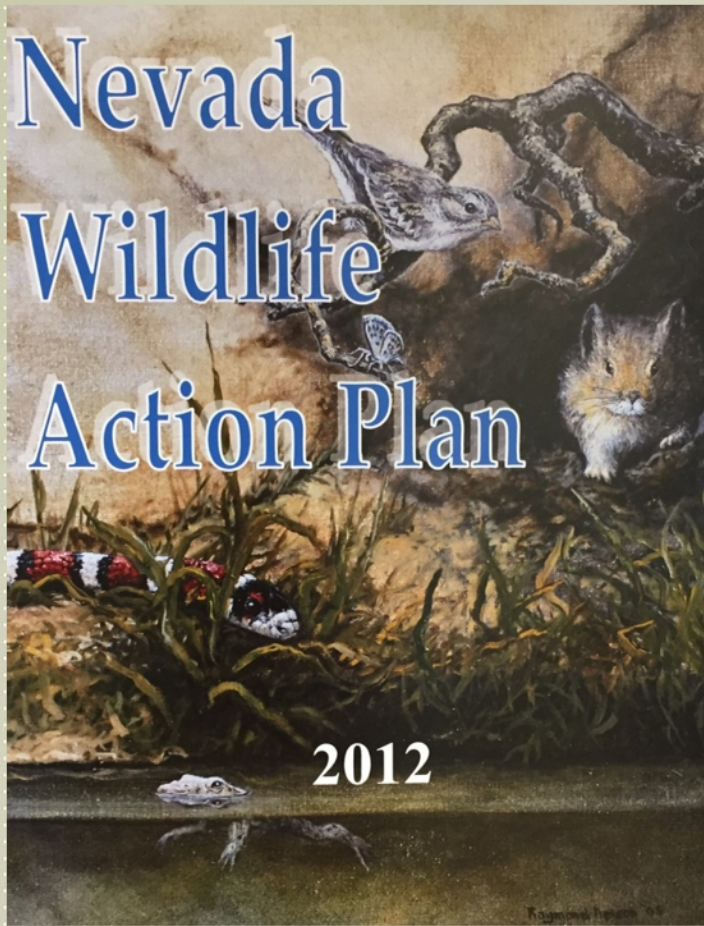
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Nevada Wildlife Action Plan



Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations are tied to state wildlife action plans

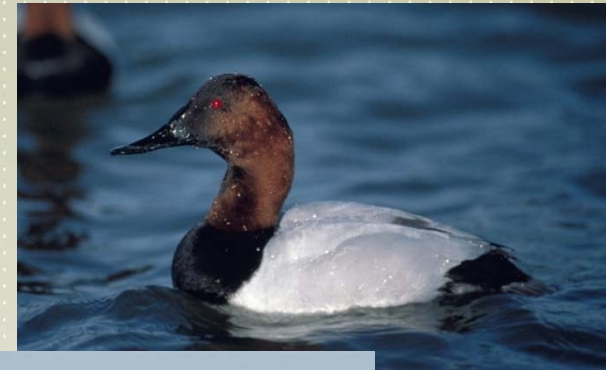




Nevada Wildlife Action Plan

256 Species of Greatest Conservation Need

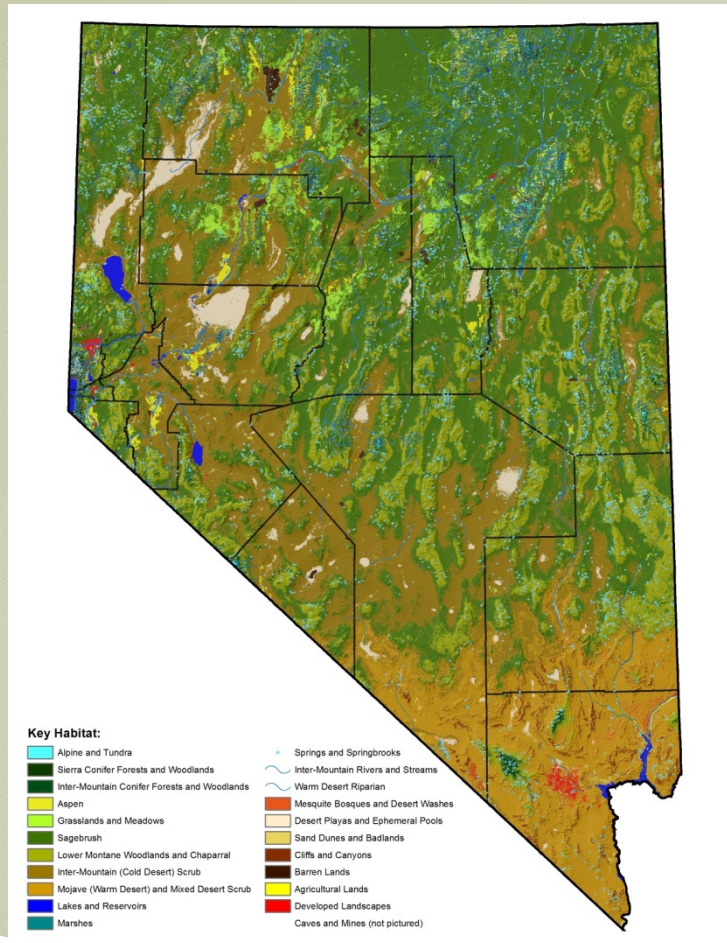
- 1 Mollusk
- 69 Gastropods
- 51 Fishes
- 9 Amphibians
- 26 Reptiles
- 60 Birds
- 40 Mammals



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Nevada Wildlife Action Plan



22 Key Habitat Types.....



...tied to species of
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House Bill – HR 4647

- Introduced December 2017
- Rep Jeff Fortenberry – R-NE
- Rep Debbie Dingel – D-MI
- 93 co-sponsors
 - 44 Republicans
 - 49 Democrats
- Representing 34 States



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Senate Bill – S.3223

Introduced July 2018 by
Senator James Risch – R-ID

6 co-sponsors:

Republicans

- Sen Mike Crapo – ID
- Sen John Hoeven – ND
- Sen Alexander Lamar - TN

Democrats

- Sen Gary Peters – MI
- Sen Heidi Heitkamp – ND
- Sen Joe Manchin - WV



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Provisions similar to House bill

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- Bipartisan
- Collaborative
- Proactive
- Non-regulatory approach
- State-led conservation
- Industry supported
- Reduces uncertainty for business
- Reduces the need for ESA listings
- Leverages 3 federal dollars to every 1 state dollar



Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Widely Supported in the Silver State

- Commission resolution to support the concept – June 2016
- 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 13
- September 7, 2018 - Public Lands Committee –unanimously approved drafting a resolution in support of HR 4647 as well as a letter urging Congressional support



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Next Steps

- Continue to seek co-sponsors on the bills
- Create partnerships with business and industry and ask them to sign on as members of The Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife
- Ask business and industry to send support letters to Congressional Delegates

**Permanent, predictable and dedicated sources of funding is
key to successful wildlife conservation**



Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Restore our Parks and Public Lands Act (HR 6510; S.3172)

- Provides up to \$1.3 Billion in oil and gas royalties to address maintenance backlogs
- Strong bi-partisan support
- Same funding source as Recovering America's Wildlife Act
- Bills are complementary and synergistic
- Royalties average \$6-12 Billion in generated fees annually – Congress can and should fund BOTH bills



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What does it mean to Nevada?

Along with state match, almost \$35 million per year to fund law enforcement activities, conservation education, some recreation, and the full implementation of the Nevada Wildlife Action Plan and the 256 species and 22 key habitats the plan prioritizes.



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