Recovering America's Wildlife Act

H.R. 2773

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

Blue Ribbon Panel

on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish & Wildlife Resources

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

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

National Co-Chairs

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

L-R: - David Freudenthal and John Morris

2015-2016

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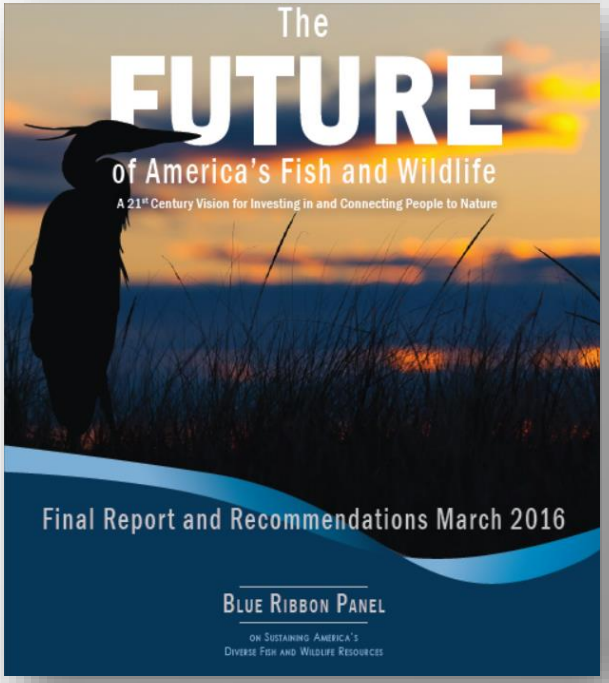
RECOMMENDATION 1

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

Nevada ~ $30 Million Annually

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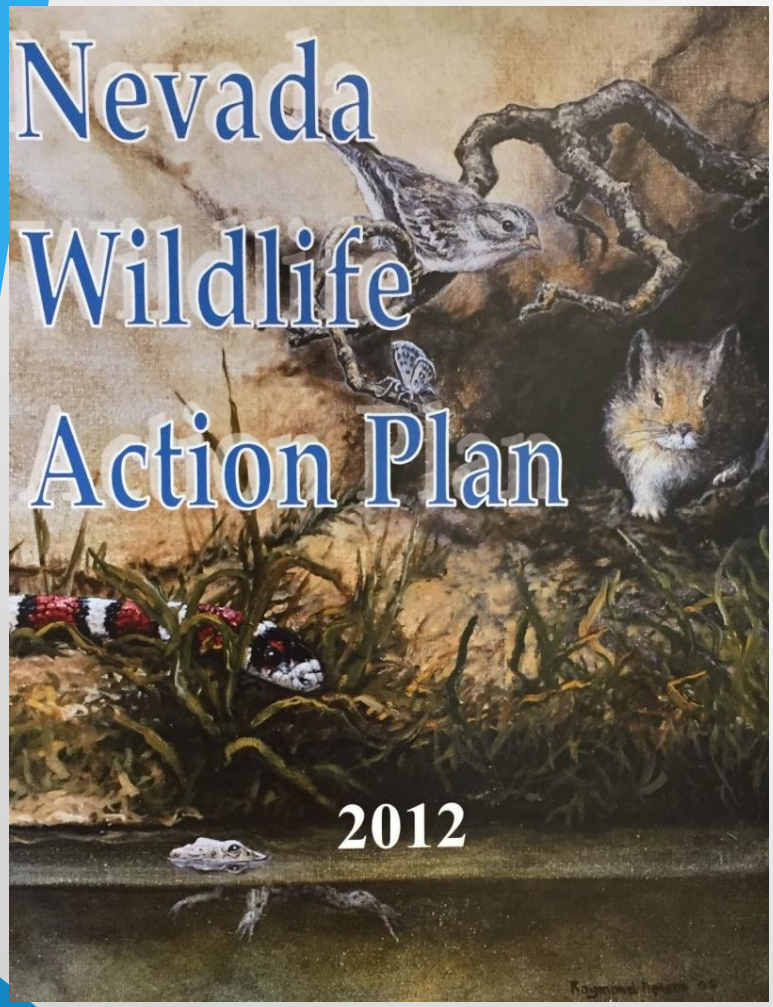
Nevada Wildlife Action Plan



Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations are tied to state wildlife action plans

Currently being revised – due September 6, 2022!

Nevada Wildlife Action Plan

- State-led conservation
- Keep common species common
- Address declining species' needs BEFORE they are listed
- Proactive rather than reactive
- Based on collaboration and partnerships
- Leverages state funding with federal funding
- Protects wildlife for future generations of Nevadans

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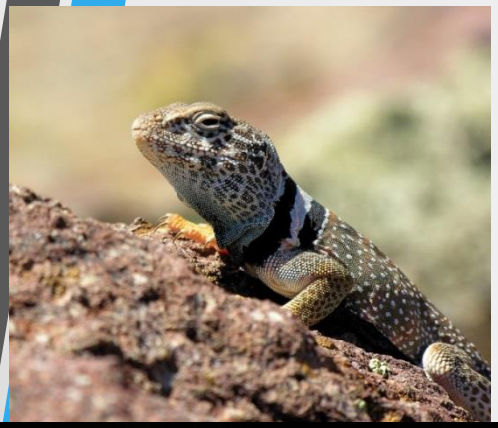
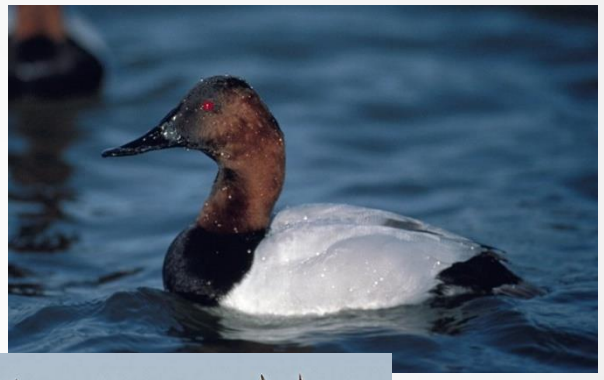
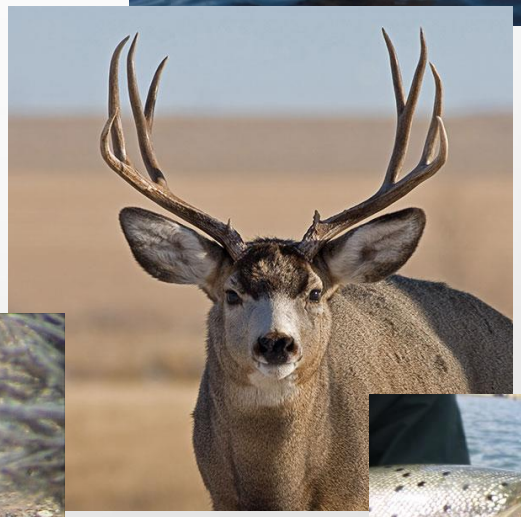
Nevada Wildlife Action Plan

256 Species of Greatest Conservation Need

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

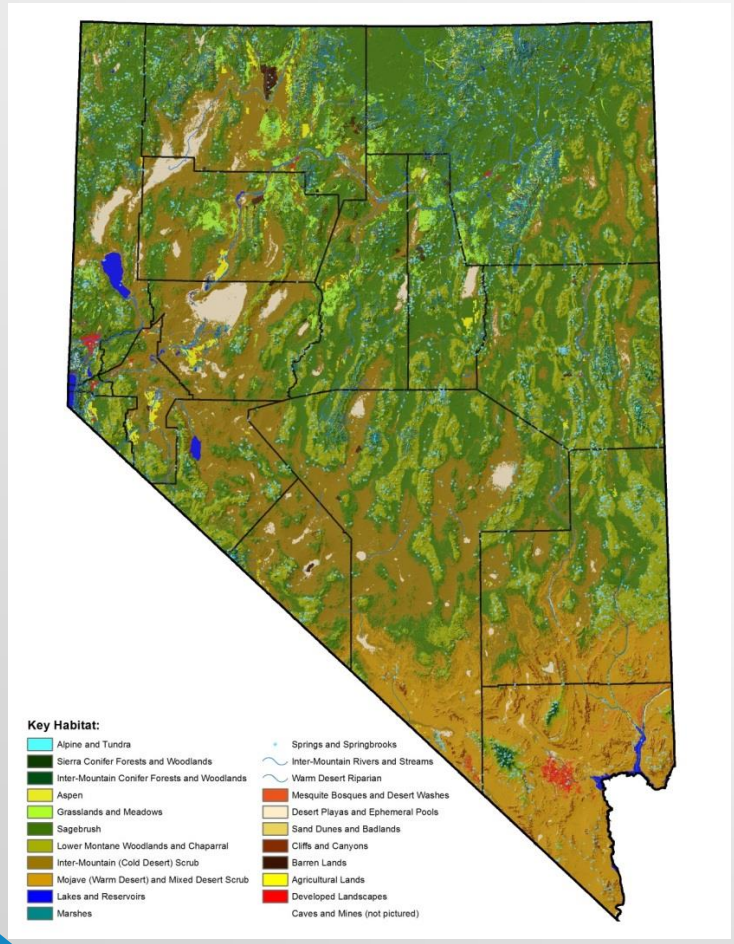






Nevada Wildlife Action Plan

22 Key Habitat Types……..



…tied to species of greatest conservation need

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Recovering America's Wildlife Act

A Bipartisan Bill H.R. 2773

April 22, 2021
Earth Day

Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2773

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HILL, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Ms. PINGREE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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A BILL

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021".

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Recovering America's Wildlife Act will provide funding for:

- **1.3 billion annually** in **dedicated** funds to states to fully implement Wildlife Action Plans
- Additional **$97.5 Million** for **Tribal nations** to fund proactive wildlife conservation

  - Law Enforcement (unlimited for Wildlife Action Plan Activities)
  - Up to 15% for wildlife conservation education
  - Up to 15% on recreation
  - Conservation and management of **256 species,** and **22 key habitats**.
  - A minimum of 15% to recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act

Nevada:
~$30,000,000

Currently:
~$880,000

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Changes in the current bill version:

- Allocation formula includes the number of listed species within a state or territory
- $97.5 Million annually of dedicated and permanent funding for tribal partners
- Explicitly includes plants as eligible for funding if included in the State Wildlife Action Plan
- Source of revenue is the general US Treasury fund
- Added a Competitive Innovative Grants Program
- Increased the frequency of reporting and accountability
- Clarified threats to species of conservation priority to include disease and invasive species

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Partners

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Bass Pro Shops

HOUSTON SAFARI CLUB

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

National Wildlife Federation

OUTDOOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

National Shooting Sports Foundation

American Sportfishing Association

AFS

NWTF Conserve. Hunt. Share.

TOYOTA

RCR Richard Childress Racing

Pheasants Forever Quail Forever

Wildlife Habitat Council

30 Years Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Pure Fishing

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

Audubon

NAFO National Alliance of Forest Owners

Ducks Unlimited

HESS

The Wildlife Society

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

National Association of State Foresters Founded 1920

REI co-op

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

Wildlife Management Institute Established in 1911

NMMA National Marine Manufacturers Association

The Conservation Fund

Nevada Department of Wildlife

Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife

OurNatureUSA.org

Nevada Support

79Th Legislative Session
SJR 13

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13–
Committee on Natural Resources

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80Th Legislative Session
SJR 4

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4–
Committee on Natural Resources

FILE NUMBER.....

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the supp
Nevada Legislature for the enactment of t
Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is home to more
species of animals, 65 of which are found only in this Stat
WHEREAS, Congress has enacted legislation, common
to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 669-66
Dingell-Johnson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 777-777k, both of w
assented to by this State in NRS 501.115 and 501.117, re
to provide federal aid for the support of conservation,
projects and science-based management of game and
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and
WHEREAS, A similarly dedicated and sustainable
funding is not available for many species of birds, mam
amphibians and reptiles which are not hunted or fished; a
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approved a Wildlife Action Plan created by the Dep
Wildlife; and
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256 species of wildlife having the greatest need for conse
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maintenance of those species and types of habitat for
future generations in this State; and
WHEREAS, There is a recognized need to expand fund
conservation of wildlife in the United States; and
WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining
Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources, consisting of 26 me
are leaders in business and conservation, met in 2015 to e
current system of conservation funding and recommend
methods of funding to support fish and wildlife conse
ensure the sustainability of all species of fish and wildlife
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programs to diversify the funding for and the manager
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Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Resolution 2016-1

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Governor Sandoval

RESOLUTION #2016-1 OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON SUSTAINING AMERICA'S DIVERSE FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES IN RECOMMENDING CONGRESS DEDICATE $1.3 BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN EXISTING REVENUE TO DIVERSIFY FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL WILDLIFE

WHEREAS Nevada is home to more than 890 species of animals, of which at least 65 are found here and nowhere else on earth; and

WHEREAS Congress passed the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts that established a fund to support conservation and science-based management of game and sport fish species financed by hunters, recreational shooters, fishermen, and boaters; and

WHEREAS a similar dedicated and sustainable funding mechanism is lacking for the many species of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians and reptiles that are not hunted or fished; and

WHEREAS the Nevada Department of Wildlife has created a Wildlife Action Plan that was approved in 2012 by this Commission; and

WHEREAS the Wildlife Action Plan prioritizes 256 Species of Greatest Conservation Need and 22 key habitat types that require prescriptive actions to ensure persistence for future generations; and

WHEREAS there is a recognized need to expand the funding base for wildlife conservation in Nevada and throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS the recent Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources, made up of 26 business and conservation leaders, was tasked with recommending a new funding mechanism to support state fish and wildlife conservation to ensure the sustainability of all fish and wildlife for current and future generations; and,

WHEREAS securing dedicated federal funding is likely to require a non-federal state match similar to that in place for the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts, and

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Status of Recovering America's Wildlife Act

65 Cosponsors as of June 24th

National Fly-In this week

Next up:

- **Continue building support in the House**
- **Companion bill in the Senate**

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Questions??

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