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## FOR AMERICA'S FISH & WILDLIFE



### Our Nature. Our Nation. Our Future.

#### The Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Today, we are facing an historic fish and wildlife conservation challenge that could alter future Americans' opportunities to benefit from these resources; a fundamental enhancement in how we finance conservation is needed.

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (NE-1) and Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI-12), the bipartisan Recovering America's Wildlife Act establishes a 21st Century funding model for the proactive conservation of fish and wildlife. This legislation redirects \$1.3 billion in existing revenue annually from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to be dedicated to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program to conserve a full array of fish and wildlife.

As more species become threatened or endangered, all Americans will be saddled with the high cost of recovery, businesses will face greater regulatory uncertainty and important benefits like pollination, water filtration and recreation will be reduced.

#### How Fish and Wildlife Conservation is Currently Funded

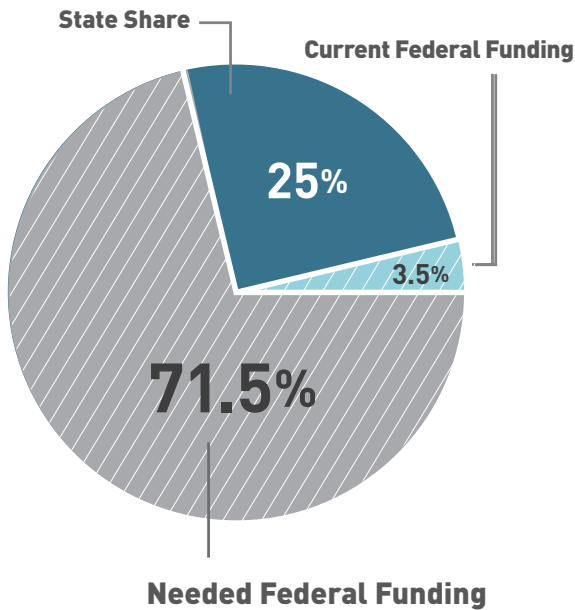
Congress requires states and territories to develop a State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) – a proactive, comprehensive conservation strategy which examines health and recommends actions to conserve wildlife and vital habitat before they become more rare and costly to protect. SWAPs identify the more than 12,000 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) whose conservation status warrants increased management attention and funding, as well as consideration in conservation, land use, and development planning, as well as reducing the need for future listings under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act ensures a modern solution to how we finance fish and wildlife conservation. This new funding model would provide states, those with the wildlife management authority and a proven track record of success, with resources to implement plans that are designed to conserve all species of fish and wildlife.

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- State Share of Wildlife Funding**  
\$440 Million
- Current State & Tribal Wildlife Grant Program Funding**  
\$62 Million
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act Funding**  
\$1.3 Billion

Source: FY 2017 Enacted Budget and Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

## What is the Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife (AAFW)?

It costs taxpayers and businesses hundreds of millions of dollars each year to restore threatened and endangered species, outlays that might be avoided or greatly reduced if proactive conservation measures were implemented first.

The Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife's purpose is to secure funding for much needed conservation of our most precious natural resources, our fish and wildlife. This effort represents the strong partnership created by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish & Wildlife Resources and consists of members representing the outdoor recreation retail and manufacturing sector, the energy and automotive industries, private landowners, educational institutions, conservation organizations, sportsmen's groups and state and federal fish and wildlife agencies.

A lot is at stake if we don't act now. Our quality of life, outdoor heritage and prosperity are tied to the health and sustainability of our fish and wildlife.



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