

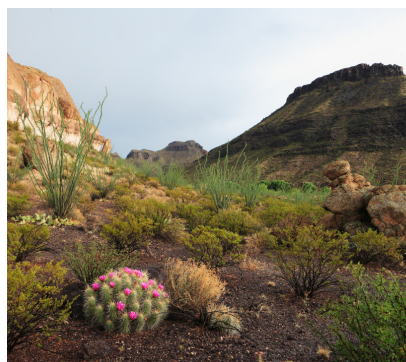


RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT

Our natural resources provide innumerable benefits to human health and economic prosperity. As our natural landscapes are degraded, these benefits are compromised. Nationwide, experts have identified more than 12,000 Species of Greatest Conservation Need, including over 1,200 here in Texas.

Unfortunately, America lacks a dedicated funding stream to conserve at-risk fish and wildlife. We are in danger of losing the ecological benefits of these species and the tremendous economic value of healthy ecosystems. The **Recovering America's Wildlife Act** offers an incredible opportunity to protect these species and their habitats throughout the country.

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act would provide \$1.3 billion per year to states, and \$97.5 million to tribal nations, from existing revenues to fund brush management, native grassland restoration, conservation, research, outdoor recreation, and education programs. Of this, **Texas would be eligible for more than \$50 million per year** to implement the Texas Conservation Action Plan and help stabilize the at-risk fish and wildlife in our state.



Good for wildlife. Good for working lands. Good for Texas.

Each state has completed a Wildlife Action Plan designed to help recover species in decline and prevent the need for listing under the Endangered Species Act, thus avoiding regulatory burden on landowners. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act would provide the funding needed to effectively implement these plans.

This legislation is supported by a wide range of business and conservation interests. Investing in preventative conservation helps avoid regulatory road blocks to development and industry, reduces costly recovery efforts, and protects nature's benefits, such as clean rivers and pollination services.

A smart investment

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act would not only sustain the benefits of our natural resources but would also support our booming outdoor recreation industry. In Texas, the outdoor recreation economy generates 327,000 direct jobs, \$14.4 billion in salaries and wages, and \$3.5 billion in state and local tax revenue. The Total Outdoor Recreation Value Added to the Texas economy is \$35.9 billion.

The more than \$50 million per year in federal funds that Texas would be eligible to receive, coupled with a 25% non-federal match, would translate into new jobs, increased funding for conservation, support for habitat restoration, and numerous other benefits to Texas fish and wildlife.



Benefits to working lands:

- Funds from the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would expand cost-share programs and provide increased technical assistance to manage brush and improve native rangeland conditions that benefit cattle as well as wildlife.
- Funds would come from existing revenues, requiring no new tax. Preventative fish and wildlife conservation is a smart investment that protects natural resources, supports our agricultural economy, and increases outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Funds from the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would be directed to states to fund implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans, which are designed to help stabilize and recover declining fish and wildlife populations.
- Industry leaders view the Recovering America's Wildlife Act as "preventative maintenance," to help avoid the regulatory uncertainties, costly delays, and litigation that can be associated with endangered species actions.



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