

# Recovering America's Wildlife Act

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# ODFW Mission

To protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.





*the* OREGON  
CONSERVATION  
STRATEGY



[OregonConservationStrategy.org](http://OregonConservationStrategy.org)

# America's Fish & Wildlife are in Danger

We're facing a funding challenge that threatens our nation's precious fish and wildlife.



Americans love the outdoors and the wildlife that inhabits it ... but 33% of all U.S. species are at risk of becoming endangered<sup>1</sup>



**101.6 MILLION**

Americans enjoyed a form of wildlife-associated recreation in 2016<sup>2</sup>



**\$887 BILLION**

outdoor recreation industry contributes to our national economy annually<sup>2</sup>



**76%**

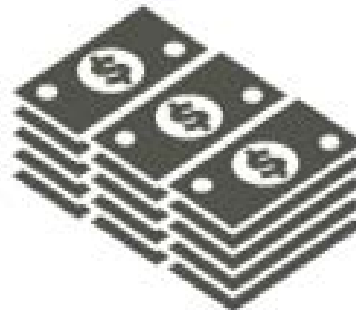
of American adults agree we need to increase the number of programs available for Americans to enjoy nature, the outdoors, and wildlife.

Current Annual State Wildlife Grant Funding



**\$62 MILLION**

Wildlife Funding Needed Annually



**\$1.3 BILLION**

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**12,000**

Species of fish and wildlife that are in greatest need of conservation, and will be helped by passing the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.



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ON SUSTAINING AMERICA'S  
DIVERSE FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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# The FUTURE

## of America's Fish and Wildlife

A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision for Investing in and Connecting People to Nature

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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)).**

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- Dedicates \$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
- Oregon's apportionment of the funds would be approximately \$52 million biennially
- Requires a 25% non-federal match contribution (\$17 million biennially)



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Implement and enhance existing wildlife conservation and restoration programs that were called for in the Conservation and Nearshore Strategies

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Develop and implement new programs to manage wildlife species of greatest conservation need

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Invest in wildlife  
conservation education  
opportunities and  
wildlife-associated  
recreation projects

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Work on the recovery of a species listed as an endangered species or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act

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Manage, control, and prevent invasive species and other risks to species of greatest conservation need

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Law enforcement activities that are directly related to the protection and conservation of a species of greatest conservation need and their habitats



**ALLIANCE**  
FOR AMERICA'S FISH & WILDLIFE

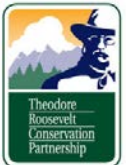


**Partners**



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council**



# Next Steps



## 115<sup>th</sup> Congress

116 Bipartisan House Cosponsors

6 Bipartisan Senate Cosponsors

## 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

Anticipating introduction this month.





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