



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act

*Messaging materials for Chairman Bruce Westerman's legislation
recovering habitat and restoring species.*

AMERICA'S WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION ACT

RECOVERING SPECIES BY RESTORING HABITAT

Introduced by Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) the America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act makes strategic investments in state-led conservation and promotes necessary Endangered Species Act reforms for the betterment of species and their habitat.

-  Makes strategic investments in state wildlife habitat conservation by investing \$300 million yearly in grant funding to state governments to enact their congressionally mandated state wildlife action plans.
-  Funds activities such as habitat restoration projects, forest management projects, and promotes collaboration with private partners to conserve habitat for at-risk and listed species.
-  Invests in tribal habitat restoration and conservation efforts by funding habitat restoration projects and forest management projects on tribal lands.
-  All spending in the bill is completely offset and will sunset after five fiscal years.
-  Addresses the challenge of recovering species listed under the ESA by requiring the federal government to establish objective, incremental recovery goals for listed species.
-  Empowers states by allowing them to develop recovery strategies for species that are listed as threatened or are candidates to be listed, which could then be used as the basis for regulations managing that species if it is listed.
-  Provides an off-ramp for states to manage listed species as recovery goals for the species are met.
-  Contains provisions giving congressional backing to private, voluntary conservation efforts, as well as a fix to the detrimental U.S. Forest Service vs. Cottonwood U.S. Supreme Court decision.
-  Provides Good Neighbor Authority for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, allowing the agency to partner with states, tribes, and counties to better manage their lands, placing it on par with other federal land management agencies.

Provides ESA
regulatory
opportunities to
states and private
landowners

\$320 M
in offset funding provided to states
and tribes

Graphics

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Social Media

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Tweet 1: After 50 years, it's clear the ESA needs reform. The America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act reforms the ESA by providing incentives to states and private landowners to invest in species conservation. (GRAPHIC 1)

Tweet 2: I am proud to support the America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act, which will empower states to invest in wildlife habitat conservation efforts. To recover wildlife, we must restore habitat. (GRAPHIC 2)

Instagram Post: Last week, alongside Chairman @Westerman, we introduced the America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act. This legislation will transform our conservation efforts throughout the country, empowering states and restoring wildlife habitat.

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