

Recovering America's Wildlife Act

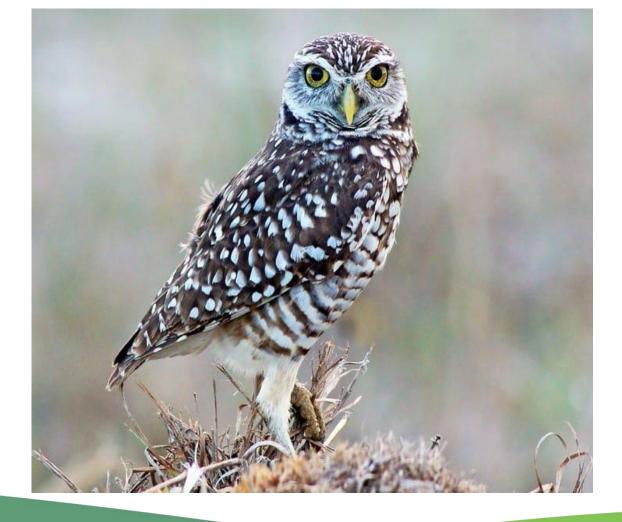
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A Paradigm Shift in Nongame Funding



\$3.1 Billion Federal, \$430 million State



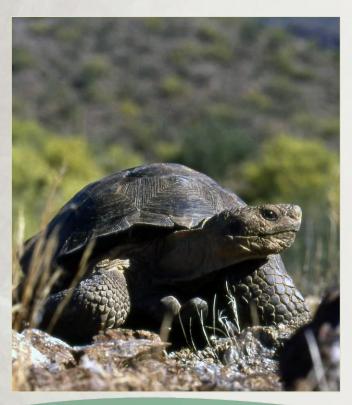
State Wildlife Action Plans –
 Roadmaps to Conservation



National Wildlife Federation
-- And Affiliates -Uniting all Americans
to ensure that wildlife thrive
in a rapidly changing world



Current State Wildlife Funding



User Fees from Hunters and Anglers

- State licenses, stamps, permits
- Federal excise taxes from gear (greater than \$1 B/year)
- Almost NO state general funds
- Key exceptions (MO, AR, MN)

1937 – Pittman Robertson Act – A banner year for wildlife



\$1.1 billion fed'l - \$367 million state Sustained, substantial funding for:

- Research & Restoration
- Habitat Improvements
- Land Acquisition



Investments Pay Off

BIGHORN SHEEP, ELK, PRONGHORN, WILD TURKEY, NATIVE TROUT

BUT NOT FOR ALL WILDLIFE – YET! OUR WILDLIFE CRISIS IS REAL



Two Great Notions In Tandem Can Help

Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 Wildlife Conservation & Restoration Act of 2000



Department of Game and Fish



STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN for New Mexico

22 November 2016



SWAP AND SWG

STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS

STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS



Current Federal Funding: FIVE PERCENT of \$ needed to recover species most at risk

ONLY \$70 MILLION / YEAR AND ALWAYS AT-RISK



- NOW -Bake Sale Approach License Plates Tax Check-offs Stamps **Individual Donors**



1/3 of America's Wildlife At Risk

70% freshwater mussels

42% reptiles and amphibians

40% freshwater fish

33% bird species

25% bumblebees

17% butterflies



Monarchs 90% Decline





Piñon Jay, IUCN Red List 'Vulnerable'



Recovering America's Wildlife Act: 18 1/2 times the current federal funding





- **Current PR distribution: \$1.1 billion annually**
- RAWA adds: \$1.3 billion
- No new taxes
- **\$ \$650** million: outer continental shelf oil revenues
- **\$ \$650 million: mineral development on fed'l lands**
- Flows to states through existing system



State Fish and Wildlife Agencies are the key to solving the wildlife crisis



- State wildlife agencies employ thousands of highly qualified biologists
- Have proven track record
- Have SWAP plans in place but lack resources
- Manage wildlife on state, federal & private lands
- Education and Recreation part of mission

Funds are needed for:



- Habitat restoration and acquisition
- Species reintroductions
- Research
- Surveys and Monitoring
- Conservation Education
- Recreation
- Law Enforcement

Campaign



- Elevate Wildlife Crisis
- Build Conservation Army
 Big Tent Coalition
 Pass Legislation
 - Federal and State



Federal Funding

Current federal funding is less than 5% (\$70 million) of what is necessary to conserve species most at-risk

WILDLIFE ECONOMICS: \$157 BILLION NATION-WIDE







PRICE TAG

- \$1.3 B to implement
 75% of State Wildlife
 Action Plans
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act = \$1.3 Billion in Federal funds
- 25% state match



How much money for my state?

New Mexico: \$850k now - to \$27 million

HOW MUCH MATCH?

New Mexico: \$9 million

National Sign-On Letter

MORE THAN 1000 ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES HAVE SIGNED ON!

Including:

- New Mexico Wildlife Federation
- Bass Pro Shops
- Pheasants Forever
- Duke Energy
- Audubon





BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

House Bill 4647 82 co-sponsors Goal 125

Senate Bill 3223
 Introduced July 2018



Wildlife Acts: H.R. 4647 & S. 3223)

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