



## IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

January 13, 2022

The Honorable Congressman Mike Simpson  
802 West Bannock, Suite 600  
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Congressman Simpson,

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is writing to **thank you for being an original cosponsor of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 2773)**, introduced in April by Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI). This legislation is important to the chapter and would provide state and tribal wildlife agencies with a vital source of funding needed to proactively and cost-effectively conserve America's at-risk wildlife populations, as you well know. Currently, 140 representatives are cosponsoring this legislation and we thank you for your efforts in leading bipartisan cosponsorship.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society (TWS) and its 15,000 professional and associated members work to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife biologists and managers to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society and its 244 members, along with other professional societies and conservation organizations, are excited to support this legislation and similar bipartisan efforts in the U.S. Senate, endorsed by 32 senators (S 2372).

Idaho has more than 205 at-risk species as identified in their congressionally-mandated conservation action blueprint, known as the State Wildlife Action Plan, that stand to benefit from this legislation. This includes the iconic bighorn sheep, which faces threats of disease and habitat degradation, as well as many lesser-known species that receive little public attention.

Nationally, conservation efforts for these at-risk species are critically underfunded, only receiving about \$60 million annually through the existing State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. This is far short of the funds needed for states and tribes to plan and implement multi-year conservation and recovery projects for the large number of species involved. Consequently, these funding shortfalls hinder our ability to prevent costlier regulatory measures from occurring, such as Endangered Species Act listings.

Passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would match an appropriate solution to the scale of this crisis. By dedicating \$1.3 billion annually for the adequate implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans and \$97.5 million annually for tribal agencies to plan long-term conservation projects, wildlife professionals will have the resources needed to maintain and restore wildlife populations held in the public trust for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. If you have any questions regarding the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society's support for this legislation, please feel free to contact Michael Young via email at [mike.young.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:mike.young.idaho@gmail.com) or by phone at (208) 283-9907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Young", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Young  
Chairperson--Conservation Affairs Committee  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryan Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Bryan Stevens  
President  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society



## IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

January 13, 2022

The Honorable Senator James E. Risch  
350 N. 9th St., Suite 302  
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Senator Risch,

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is writing to **request your cosponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (S. 2372)**, introduced in July by Senators Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and Roy Blunt (R-MO). This legislation would provide state and tribal wildlife agencies with a vital source of funding needed to proactively and cost-effectively conserve America's at-risk wildlife populations. Currently, 32 senators are cosponsoring this bill and we are asking for more support from our Idaho delegates.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society (TWS) and its 15,000 professional and associated members work to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife biologists and managers to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society and its 244 members, along with other professional societies and conservation organizations, are excited to support this legislation and similar bipartisan efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives, endorsed by 140 representatives (H.R. 2773).

Idaho has more than 205 at-risk species as identified in their congressionally-mandated conservation action blueprint, known as the State Wildlife Action Plan, that stand to benefit from this legislation. This includes the iconic bighorn sheep, which faces threats of disease and habitat degradation, as well as many lesser-known species that receive little public attention.

Nationally, conservation efforts for these at-risk species are critically underfunded, only receiving about \$60 million annually through the existing State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. This is far short of the funds needed for states and tribes to plan and implement multi-year conservation and recovery projects for the large number of species involved. Consequently, these funding shortfalls limit our ability to prevent costlier regulatory measures from occurring, such as Endangered Species Act listings.

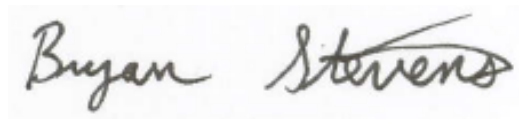
Passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would match an appropriate solution to the scale of this crisis. By dedicating \$1.3 billion annually for the adequate implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans and \$97.5 million annually for tribal agencies to plan long-term conservation projects, wildlife professionals will have the resources needed to maintain and restore wildlife populations held in the public trust for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. If you have any questions regarding the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society's support for this legislation, please feel free to contact Michael Young via email at [mike.young.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:mike.young.idaho@gmail.com) or by phone at (208) 283-9907.

Sincerely,



Michael Young  
Chairperson--Conservation Affairs Committee  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society



Bryan Stevens  
President  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society



## IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

January 13, 2022

The Honorable Congressman Russ Fulcher  
33 East Broadway Ave  
Meridian, ID 83642

Dear Congressman Fulcher,

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is writing to **request your cosponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 2773)**, introduced in April by Representatives Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Mike Simpson (R-ID). This legislation would provide state and tribal wildlife agencies with a vital source of funding needed to proactively and cost-effectively conserve America's at-risk wildlife populations. Currently, 140 representatives are cosponsoring this legislation and we are asking for more support from our Idaho delegation.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society (TWS) and its 15,000 professional and associated members work to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife biologists and managers to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society and its 244 members, along with other professional societies and conservation organizations, are excited to support this legislation and similar bipartisan efforts in the U.S. Senate, endorsed by 32 senators (S 2372).

Idaho has more than 205 at-risk species as identified in their congressionally-mandated conservation action blueprint, known as the State Wildlife Action Plan, that stand to benefit from this legislation. This includes the iconic bighorn sheep, which faces threats of disease and habitat degradation, as well as many lesser-known species that receive little public attention.

Nationally, conservation efforts for these at-risk species are critically underfunded, only receiving about \$60 million annually through the existing State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. This is far short of the funds needed for states and tribes to plan and implement multi-year conservation and recovery projects for the large number of species involved. Consequently, these funding shortfalls limit our ability to prevent costlier regulatory measures from occurring, such as Endangered Species Act listings.

Passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would match an appropriate solution to the scale of this crisis. By dedicating \$1.3 billion annually for the adequate implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans and \$97.5 million annually for tribal agencies to plan long-term conservation projects, wildlife professionals will have the resources needed to maintain and restore wildlife populations held in the public trust for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. If you have any questions regarding the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society's support for this legislation,


please feel free to contact Michael Young via email at [mike.young.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:mike.young.idaho@gmail.com) or by phone at (208) 283-9907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Young", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael Young

Chairperson--Conservation Affairs Committee  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryan Stevens", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Stevens

President  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society



## IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

January 13, 2022

The Honorable Senator Mike Crapo  
251 East Front Street  
Suite 205  
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Senator Crapo,

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is writing to **request your cosponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (S. 2372)**, introduced in July by Senators Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and Roy Blunt (R-MO). This legislation would provide state and tribal wildlife agencies with a vital source of funding needed to proactively and cost-effectively conserve America's at-risk wildlife populations. Currently, 32 senators are cosponsoring this bill and we are asking for more support from our Idaho delegates.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society (TWS) and its 15,000 professional and associated members work to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife biologists and managers to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society and its 244 members, along with other professional societies and conservation organizations, are excited to support this legislation and similar bipartisan efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives, endorsed by 140 representatives (H.R. 2773).

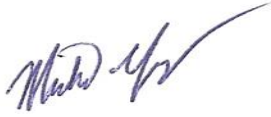
Idaho has more than 205 at-risk species as identified in their congressionally-mandated conservation action blueprint, known as the State Wildlife Action Plan, that stand to benefit from this legislation. This includes the iconic bighorn sheep, which faces threats of disease and habitat degradation, as well as many lesser-known species that receive little public attention.

Nationally, conservation efforts for these at-risk species are critically underfunded, only receiving about \$60 million annually through the existing State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. This is far short of the funds needed for states and tribes to plan and implement multi-year conservation and recovery projects for the large number of species involved. Consequently, these funding shortfalls hinder our ability to prevent costlier regulatory measures from occurring, such as Endangered Species Act listings.

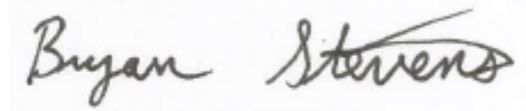
Passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would match an appropriate solution to the scale of this crisis. By dedicating \$1.3 billion annually for the adequate implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans and \$97.5 million annually for tribal agencies to plan long-term conservation projects, wildlife professionals will have the resources needed to maintain and restore wildlife populations held in the public trust for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. If you have any questions regarding the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society's support for this legislation, please feel free to contact Michael Young via email at [mike.young.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:mike.young.idaho@gmail.com) or by phone at (208) 283-9907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Young", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Young  
Chairperson--Conservation Affairs Committee  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

A handwritten signature in dark ink, clearly legible as "Bryan Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Stevens  
President  
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society