



ARKANSAS CHAPTER
of
The Wildlife Society

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The Honorable John Boozman
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boozman,

The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to thank you for your co-sponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

As you know, Arkansas has a rich cultural tradition of outdoor recreation, thanks to the bountiful natural resources in our state. Outdoor recreation contributes \$3.5 billion to the Arkansas economy, supporting jobs for 40,000 Arkansans. However, Arkansas alone has 380 of the more than 12,000 at-risk species identified across the U.S. by state and tribal wildlife professionals. By co-sponsoring the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, you are empowering state and tribal wildlife professionals to address this alarming trend in population decline in a proactive, cost effective manner, and providing them with the resources needed to plan long-term conservation projects into the future.

The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, along with The Wildlife Society headquarters, work to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. By helping to advance this legislation, you have shown your support for state and tribal wildlife professionals working on the front lines of conservation.

We thank you again and look forward to working with your office on this important legislation going forward. Please feel free to reach out to our chapter with any other wildlife conservation or management issues that arise in your district.

Regards,

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