



ARKANSAS CHAPTER
of
The Wildlife Society

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The Honorable French Hill
1533 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hill,

The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to recognize and thank you for your continued support for wildlife and wildlife professional in the state of Arkansas. As the Recovering America's Wildlife Act moves through the U.S. Congress, we request that you again show your leadership in support of wildlife by supporting this legislation.

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. Support for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act is a priority for our organization during this session of Congress. The bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate ([S. 1149](#)) where it is building bipartisan support. We recently thanked Senator Boozman for his cosponsorship of this critical legislation, and will be continuing outreach with other offices in Arkansas' congressional delegation in the coming months.

As you know, our natural state has a rich cultural tradition of outdoor recreation. 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 helping to advance this legislation, you will empower state and tribal wildlife professionals working on the front lines of conservation. With your leadership, we can address this alarming trend in population decline in a proactive, cost-effective manner, and provide biologists and managers with the resources needed to plan long-term conservation projects into the future.

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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