



Historic Wildlife Bill Will Help Prevent Extinctions in Arizona

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Maricopa (March 31, 2023) — New bipartisan legislation in the Senate will dedicate up to \$1.4 billion each year to locally-led efforts to prevent extinctions and help wildlife thrive for future generations. The [Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#) will send roughly \$31 million to Arizona each year.

“We are facing a looming wildlife crisis. This commonsense, cost-effective approach will allow us step in quickly to help at risk wildlife with collaborative measures,” said Scott Garlid, Executive Director of the Arizona Wildlife Federation. “This historic bill will create jobs and give the necessary support for at-risk native species like the Apache trout and Sonoran pronghorn.”

The Recovering America’s Wildlife Act was introduced in the Senate by Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) with Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)

“America’s wildlife are in crisis, with roughly one-third of all species at elevated risk of disappearing from our backyards and the backcountry. The bipartisan Recovering America’s Wildlife Act is the solution we need to help people and wildlife alike thrive for future generations,” said Collin O’Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. “This is the most important wildlife conservation legislation in half a century. Congress should pass this bill to secure our shared wildlife heritage before it’s too late.”

The Arizona Game and Fish Department will use the money to implement its existing Wildlife Action Plan, which identifies 531 species at risk in the state.

Tribal Nations, such as the Havasupai Tribe, Navajo Nation, Tohono O’odham Nation, and many others, would receive up to \$98 million annually to fund wildlife conservation efforts on the tens of millions of acres under Tribal management nationwide.

The Arizona Wildlife Federation is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, inspiring, and assisting individuals and organizations to value, conserve, enhance, manage, and protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The National Wildlife Federation is America's largest conservation organization uniting all Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly-changing world.

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