



The Honorable Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Chairman, Congressional Western Caucus
United State House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Gosar:

The National Grazing Lands Coalition (NatGLC) is a producer-led organization founded in 1991 to promote and support voluntary ecologically and economically sound management of all grazing lands for their adaptive uses and multiple benefits to the environment and society through science based technical assistance, research and education.

The NatGLC would like to express our support for the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018. The current act is 45 years old and data indicates that fewer than 3% of the species listed under the Act since its inception have been successfully recovered. According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, "the purpose of the ESA is to protect and recover imperiled species and ecosystems upon which they depend." While a laudable and important goal, the Endangered Species Act must be brought into the 21st century and the NatGLC firmly believes that voluntary conservation is imperative to the success of recovering species.

As ranchers and land stewards we take great pride in our integral role in species conservation and recovery. For, generations, livestock producers have been dedicated to improving the health of the landscape. Over the years we have become frustrated in the process by the lack of commonsense ESA implementation and being put on the sidelines while decisions are being made. This legislation will help bring producers back to the table to craft recovery plans that are workable and produce favorable results.

NatGLC appreciates the opportunity to provide input on behalf of our members and grazers across the nation. We urge swift passage of the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018.

Sincerely,

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Chad Ellis, Chairman