

# Wildlife Management

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## Endangered Species

NACD and conservation districts are committed to protecting threatened and endangered species and believe that voluntary, locally led restoration and conservation efforts are critical to successful species recovery. We urge Congress to:

- Ensure that Endangered Species Act (ESA) recovery plans incorporate local, public input from the outset and provide clearly defined goals, objectives, and alternative recovery options.
- Encourage the Department of the Interior to work with and consider input from state and local governments, including conservation districts, throughout ESA listing and delisting processes.



## Invasives and Noxious Species

Invasive and noxious species threaten native wildlife, destroy ecosystems, and cause significant harm to local economies. Invasive species are estimated to cause approximately \$120-138 billion in damages per year across the United States. NACD supports practical, economically feasible, and science-based approaches to effectively manage invasive and noxious species and urges Congress to provide:

### Strong support for:

- Adequate funding for feral swine eradication and damages.
- Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Program. BLM requires adequate funding and tools to effectively manage these disruptive herds.
- Adequate funding for research and development of tools to combat the invasive spotted lantern fly which feeds on a wide range of crops and plants.

### Support for:

- BLM using sound, scientific rangeland health practices to ensure the protection and preservation of critical wildlife habitats, while ensuring multiple land use.
- Increased technical and financial assistance for agencies to conduct trapping and other removal practices, including virtual fencing.
- Federal disaster relief for damages caused by invasive and noxious species.
- Federal agencies to develop and disseminate geographically specific planting recommendations for producers to guide restoration efforts and to avoid introducing invasive species.

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