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300+ Organizations Endorse National 30x30 Target with Community Sign-On Letter

The 30x30 conservation goal will be a critical tool in stemming species loss, climate change and inequitable access to nature

Washington — President Biden’s goal of conserving 30% of U.S. lands, ocean and water by 2030 established in Executive Order 14008 is considered the ‘bare minimum’ by scientists needed to save nature and buffer against the worst impacts of climate change.

On Tuesday a diverse coalition of 342 groups [sent a letter](#) to President Biden supporting the conservation goal and detailing additional components they look forward to the administration addressing in pursuit of this goal. As part of [Executive Order 14008, Tackling The Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#), the President directed federal agencies to outline strategies for meeting the goal in a report scheduled to be delivered to the White House later this month.

Protecting 30% of US lands, oceans and waters by 2030 is a part of the solution to address three major crises: the climate crises, inequitable access to nature, and species loss, which are affecting quality of life, well-being and local communities. The goal also offers the opportunity to advance environmental justice by supporting the implementation of locally-led conservation efforts in communities nationwide. The letter, which is signed by nonprofits, tribal entities and businesses from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Mariana Islands, reads in part:

“To confront the rapid loss of America’s natural places and wildlife, the U.S. must accelerate locally-led land, water, and ocean conservation and restoration efforts at all levels of government and across the country. For more than a century, the United States has risen to meet the major environmental challenges facing our nation. Conserving 30 percent of our lands, waters, and ocean by 2030 — a commitment that is widely supported by Americans, with 4 out of 5 voters expressing support — is a critical milestone in the effort to tackle the challenges we face today.

As the Biden-Harris administration works to achieve the national 30x30 target, we, the undersigned 342 organizations and businesses, on behalf of our members and supporters, stand in support of this ambitious and inclusive vision for conservation. By empowering the ongoing, locally-driven conservation efforts of communities across the country, your administration can help limit the negative consequences and immense costs of climate change, a critical goal not only for the Biden-Harris administration, but for our planet.”

Additionally, both the letter and the President’s Executive Order recognize the importance of collaboration across the federal, state and local governments, and experts including landowners, Indigenous peoples, scientists, and other community leaders in achieving protections that add up to 30%. The signers of the letter include environmental organizations and land trusts, recreation affinity

groups, tribal bands, and businesses. These groups hope that support of the 30x30 goal will encourage the Biden Administration to advance nature-based climate solutions and ensure that nature's benefits are accessible to all Americans.

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