



American Hunters and Shooters Association Overview On Positions Regarding Conservation, Forestry, and Private Lands Issues

AHSA is an advocate for preserving our wetlands and we support a broad range of traditional conservation programs, including the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Grasslands Reserve Program and Wetland Reserve Program contained in the Farm Bill. AHSA supports full funding of these important conservation programs.

AHSA is a strong supporter of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which keeps over 58 million acres of national forests pristine. We also support repair of the damage done to our national parks by inadequate funding and emphasize the protection and restoration of our National Forests.

Because most land is privately owned, private landowners are the principle stewards of America's land and water. AHSA supports conservation programs that serve as a resource to landowners and assist them with sustainable environmental planning and best land management practices. AHSA believes there needs to be an emphasis on the conservation of private lands. AHSA will support legislation that follows in the tradition of the Wilderness Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act to focus federal attention and increased resources on this key environmental issue. AHSA also supports increased funding for the Conservation Security Program and the Conservation Reserve Program that will create additional incentives for private landowners to protect and restore wetlands, grasslands, forests, and other wildlife habitat.

AHSA recognizes that global warming is real, is happening now, and is the result of human activities. Climate change poses a real threat to America's fish, wildlife, natural habitats, and the future of outdoor activities. AHSA supports the proposal by more than 25 national hunting and fishing organizations, including the Mule Deer Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, and Trout Unlimited, to devote \$2.4 billion per year in conservation funding to help fish and wildlife survive the impacts of climate change.