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## **STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

### **H.R. 1897 – Endangered Species Act Amendments Act**

(Rep. Westerman, R-AR, and 26 cosponsors)

The Administration supports passage of H.R. 1897, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Amendments Act. This bill would increase transparency for fish, wildlife, and plant conservation efforts and encourage partnerships between the Federal Government and private landowners to advance endangered species conservation and recovery.

The Endangered Species Act is the Nation’s primary law for protecting fish, wildlife, and plants at risk of extinction. The Trump Administration has taken bold actions to improve ESA implementation, including by ensuring prompt consultation under ESA regulations to support the Nation’s energy supply. The Administration has also proposed to consolidate the National Marine Fisheries Service’s ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act implementation responsibilities into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), which will create a single program at scale to both accelerate recovery and consistently implement statutory responsibilities.

H.R. 1897 would further promote endangered species conservation on private lands, including by reforming the process for voluntary conservation agreements. The bill would also require transparency from the FWS for endangered species determinations and minimize regulatory overreach. The Administration is committed to addressing challenges facing endangered species while alleviating unnecessary regulations placed on the American people.

If this bill were presented to the President in its current form, his advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.

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