



Environmental Advocates Hail Udall and Bennet's "Thirty by Thirty Resolution to Save Nature" as Framework for a Bold Conservation Vision

The resolution will establish a national goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and 30 percent of the ocean within the territory of the United States by 2030.

"To slow the loss of nature in America, we need the kind of national leadership and vision that this resolution provides. Establishing a national goal of conserving 30% of America's lands and oceans by 2030 would provide much-needed support and encouragement to communities across the country that are working to protect our lands, waters, and wildlife for future generations."

— *Matt Lee-Ashley, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.*

"We thank Senators Udall, Bennet and the rest of the supporters of this resolution for demonstrating visionary leadership and urging the United States government to commit to this bold, necessary conservation goal. "With one million species at risk of extinction and the continental United States losing a football field of natural area to development every 30 seconds, it's clear that we're in the midst of a crisis of nature that threatens humans as much as it does wildlife. We desperately need to preserve more of the Earth in its natural state. It's time for the U.S. government to listen to the science and preserve 30% of our land and oceans by 2030."

— *Alex Taurel, Conservation Program Director at the League of Conservation Voters.*

"We are defined by the wildlife and wild places we leave behind for future generations. Senator Udall and Senator Bennet's resolution underscores not only the urgency of conserving and restoring our public lands, wildlife habitat, and natural spaces, but also the urgency this moment. Recovering wildlife populations and conserving public lands is the best way we can not only safeguard our outdoor heritage and strengthen our outdoor recreation economy, but also transcend political partisanship and deliver for the American people."

— *Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation.*

"Setting aside land and ocean for nature conservation is a fundamental tool to address the twin crises of species loss and climate change. Building on its past leadership, a commitment from the United States to protect a representative 30 percent of our lands and waters in the next decade will help ensure that wildlife can thrive, that Americans can enjoy the benefits that nature provides, and that wild areas can continue to enhance the strength and wellbeing of our nation and the planet."

— *Sally Jewell, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior and Interim CEO at the Nature Conservancy*

"We must protect a connected network of healthy lands and waters in the United States to halt these unprecedented threats to our future. Along with phasing out fossil fuel extraction, conserving nature will help tackle climate change, slow the quickening loss of irreplaceable wildlife, protect our clean air and water, and help people adapt to a rapidly changing world. The United States must lead in addressing these urgent global crises and there is no better place to start than on our public lands. We applaud Senators Udall and Bennet for their visionary call to action."

— *Melyssa Watson, Executive Director of the Wilderness Society*



The following organizations support the Thirty by Thirty to Save Nature resolution

Center for American Progress

League of Conservation Voters

National Wildlife Federation

The Natural Resources Defense Council

National Parks Conservation Association

The Wilderness Society

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Sierra Club

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