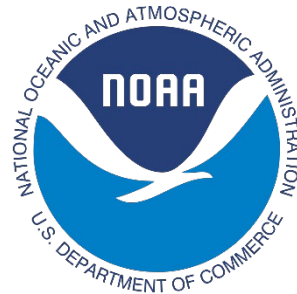


Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful

A preliminary report to the National Climate Task Force recommending a ten-year, locally led campaign to conserve and restore the lands and waters upon which we all depend, and that bind us together as Americans.



Executive Order 14008

Sec. 216. Conserving Our Nation's Lands and Waters.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, and the heads of other relevant agencies, shall submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.

(i) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality shall, as appropriate, solicit input from State, local, Tribal, and territorial officials, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders in identifying strategies that will encourage broad participation in the goal of conserving 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.

(ii) The report shall propose guidelines for determining whether lands and waters qualify for conservation, and it also shall establish mechanisms to measure progress toward the 30-percent goal. The Secretary of the Interior shall subsequently submit annual reports to the Task Force to monitor progress.

Preliminary Engagement

- DOI, NOAA, USDA, and CEQ conducted outreach, engaged in listening sessions, and received feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, including:
 - Tribal leaders
 - Ranching and farming coalitions
 - Private landowners
 - State and local officials
 - Equity leaders
 - Commercial and recreational fishing representatives
 - Environmental NGOs
 - Outdoor recreation and industry representatives
 - Sportsmen/sportswomen organizations
 - Forest owners
 - Congressional staff
 - Governors offices and Governors' associations.
- This *preliminary* engagement helped inform report.

Interagency Report & Campaign

- Released on May 6, the report affirms the need to pursue a **first-ever national conservation goal** to combat key threats:
 - Loss of natural areas and natural resources
 - Climate change
 - Disparities in access to the outdoors
- Launches a 10-year, locally led, nationally scaled campaign
- Recognizes the need for a continuum of approaches



8 Core Principles

- **Collaborative and inclusive**
- **Conserve for the benefit of all people**
- **Support locally led efforts**
- **Honor tribal sovereignty**
- **Pursue approaches that create jobs**
- **Honor private property rights and voluntary stewardship efforts**
- **Use science as a guide**
- **Build on existing tools and strategies**

Baseline & Progress

- **American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas**

- Provide a baseline assessment of how much land and ocean in the U.S. is currently conserved and restored.
- Consider a range of contributions
 - Voluntary conservation measures of farm, ranch, forest, and private landowners
 - Conservation measures under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
 - Existing efforts and designations on federal, state, local, Tribal, and private lands and waters
- Developed by an Interagency Working Group of agency experts, with input from the public, states, Tribal Nations, scientists, and wide range of stakeholders

- ***America the Beautiful Annual Reports***

- First report will be publicly released by end of 2021
- Progress updates on areas of collaboration identified in the report
- Updates on land-cover changes, including loss of open space
- A review of the condition of fish and wildlife habitats and populations

6 Areas of Focus

- **Create more parks and safe outdoor opportunities in nature-deprived communities.**
- **Support tribally led conservation and restoration priorities**
- **Expand collaborative conservation of fish and wildlife habitat and corridors**
- **Increase access for outdoor recreation**
- **Incentivize and reward the voluntary conservation efforts of fishermen, ranchers, farmers, and forest owners**
- **Create jobs by investing in restoration and resilience**

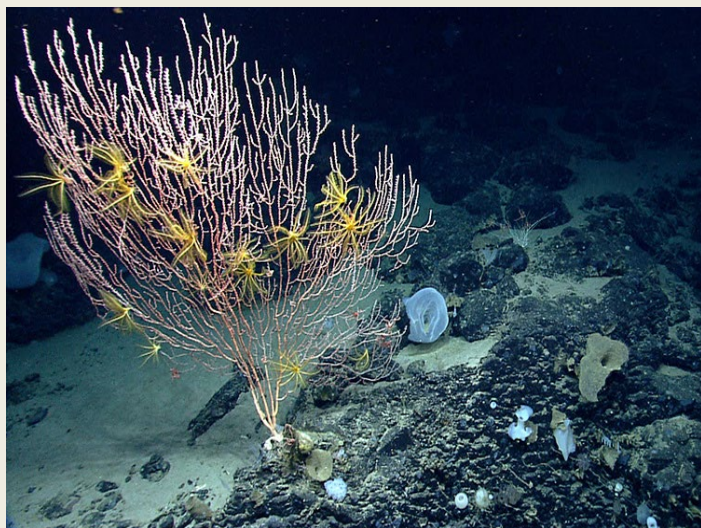
Next Steps

- Report is only a starting point
- Federal agencies will formally and informally engage Tribes, States, territories, stakeholders, and the American public, including through:
 - Tribal consultations
 - Public comment
 - Advisory councils
 - Federal-State and Federal-Tribal working groups



NOAA Authorities

- Examples include:
 - National Marine Sanctuaries Act
 - Coastal Zone Management Act
 - Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
 - Marine Mammal Protection Act
 - Endangered Species Act
 - Antiquities Act (if co-management prescribed by proclamation)



For Input

- Create more parks and safe outdoor opportunities in nature-deprived areas
- Support tribally led conservation/restoration priorities
- Expand NMS System and NERR System



For Input

- Increase access for outdoor recreation
- Incentivize and reward the conservation efforts of fishermen
- Create jobs by investing in restoration and resilience



For Input

- **Key questions for future engagement**

- What should we consider in determining the baseline of existing conservation areas?
- How should we measure progress going forward?
- Are there new areas we should consider prioritizing for conservation and restoration?
- How should we support and collaborate with stakeholders as the process moves forward?





Questions and Discussion