



The Western Landowners Alliance advances policies and practices that sustain working lands, connected landscapes and native species.

October 17, 2023

The Honorable Mike Simpson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Re: ACE Act in Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations

Dear Representative Simpson:

As the House charts a path forward to finalize appropriations for fiscal year 2024, we write to highlight the critical importance of the America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act for Idaho producers and landowners on the front lines of wildlife management, especially reintroduced large carnivores.

Among other provisions, the ACE Act provides grants to states to a) supplement existing livestock depredation compensation programs and b) support non-lethal conflict reduction work. If fully funded, the ACE Act would invest \$15M in these essential activities as demand for wildlife conflict support continues to grow.

These two policies have always enjoyed bipartisan support, reflecting broad recognition that land stewards are essential to maintaining healthy, connected landscapes for people and wildlife. Unfortunately, in contrast to other Western states, Idaho does not provide state-level resources for conflict reduction. Support through the ACE Act therefore is particularly important for producers and landowners in Idaho.

We appreciate your consideration. Please reach out to Lane Justus (ljustus@westernlandowners.org) with any questions and know that our community of advocates greatly appreciates all that you are doing for agriculture and conservation.

All the best,

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