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AXPC Commends Updates to the Endangered Species Act

Updates to implementation regulations prioritize conservation and transparency

Washington, D.C. – Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt finalized new rules implementing the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that will provide clarity and consistency for all stakeholders. These modernizing changes enable more transparency in the listing determination process and will increase the Act’s effectiveness and ability to protect our nation’s wildlife. AXPC President Bruce Thompson released the following statement today in response to the announced changes:

“AXPC members are dedicated to protecting and preserving our nation’s wildlife habitats,” said **AXPC President Bruce Thompson**. “Modernizing the ESA gives our members the tools and flexibility they need to further our nation’s species conservation goals. The new regulations promote transparency and research-based listing determinations, while removing unnecessary regulatory burdens that often delay wildlife protection or recovery efforts.”

The oil and natural gas industry is committed to protecting wildlife in and around the areas where we operate and we appreciate the efforts of Secretary Bernhardt on this important issue.”

Read the regulations in their entirety [here](#).

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