



## TWO CALLS TO ACTION FROM THE PUBLIC LANDS COUNCIL

### Interior Secretary Discontinues Litigation Settlement Disclosure

Interior Secretary Haaland rescinded a 2018 Secretarial Order that required the disclosure of Equal Access to Justice Act payments made by the Department of the Interior. Haaland claims that "*the previous Order added unnecessary obstacles to the Department's ability to enter into rational and fair settlements, imposed requirements and timelines inconsistent with those set by courts...*", despite the Department being required by law to disclose these costs to the Administrative Conference of the U.S. to be published on the public database that PLC has long supported. This move is a disappointing return to an era where the Department entered countless settlements at the expense of good policy, EAJA expenditures, and program budgets.

**Contact your member of Congress and urge them to remind Secretary Haaland that the Interior is required by law to disclose EAJA settlements in a timely manner.**

**List by State of Members of Congress and their contact information:**

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### Comment Today: ESA 10(j) Proposed Revisions

USFWS has issued a proposed rule to expand regulations under the Endangered Species Act that would allow the agency to establish experimental non-essential populations outside their historical ranges, based on a determination that climate or other factors justify an expanded habitat. Introducing species outside historic range would radically expand the agency's regulatory purview and opens the door for regulatory creep through additional rule makings.

Seeing that this rule would do little to strengthen the conservation of species and threatens unnecessary regulation and regulatory burdens on producers, **PLC has significant concerns about this proposal.**

Comments are due by **Monday, August 8**. Read the proposed rule and submit comments here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/06/07/2022-12061/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-designation-of-experimental-populations>