



# 2022 Policy Townhall

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# 2021 Policy Wins





## Migratory Bird Treaty Act

- America's most important bird protection law
- Over 78,000 took action
- Protections restored
- New regulatory framework for industry





## Growing Climate Solutions Act

- 33,209 individuals contacted their members of Congress
- Provides critical assistance to working landowners
- Bipartisan support in the Senate

## Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

- Strong bipartisan approval
- Greatly increases funding
- Supports habitat for 350 bird species





## Bipartisan Infrastructure Act

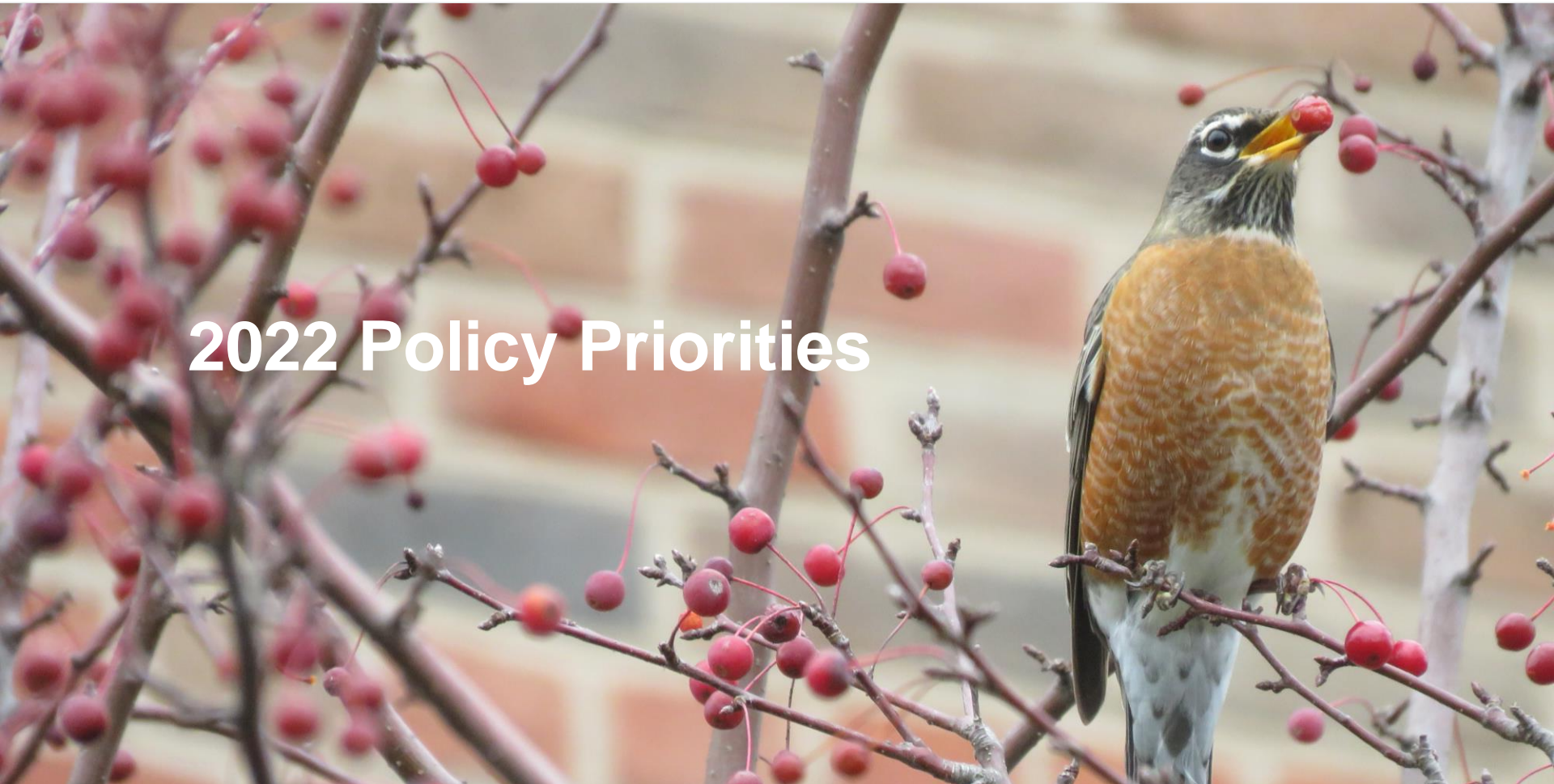
- Habitat restoration
- Watershed protection
- Clean energy development
- Clean transportation expansion







# 2022 Policy Priorities





# Audubon 2022 Policy Agenda

## Significant Carbon Reductions

### Achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050

- Advance renewable energy
- Promote responsible clean energy
- Support natural climate solutions

## Habitat Protected and Enhanced

### Ensure Resilient Lands and Waters

- Protect bird habitat
- Enhance climate resiliency

## Bedrock Bird Protections

### Prioritize efforts to protect birds

- Strengthen existing laws
- Protect habitat hemisphere-wide

# Protect and Enhance Natural Habitat

## Resilient Lands and Waters for Birds and People





## Protect Roadless Rule in the Tongass

- Provides critical habitat for birds, salmon, and other wildlife
- Represents 44% of the stored carbon in National Forests
- Home to the Haida, Tlingit, and Tsimshian Peoples

## Natural Climate Solutions Southeast Alaska and Tongass National Forest

Natural Climate Solutions: National Audubon Society, unpublished data (2021)

### Coasts

Top Strongholds

Supporting Strongholds

### Forests

Top Strongholds

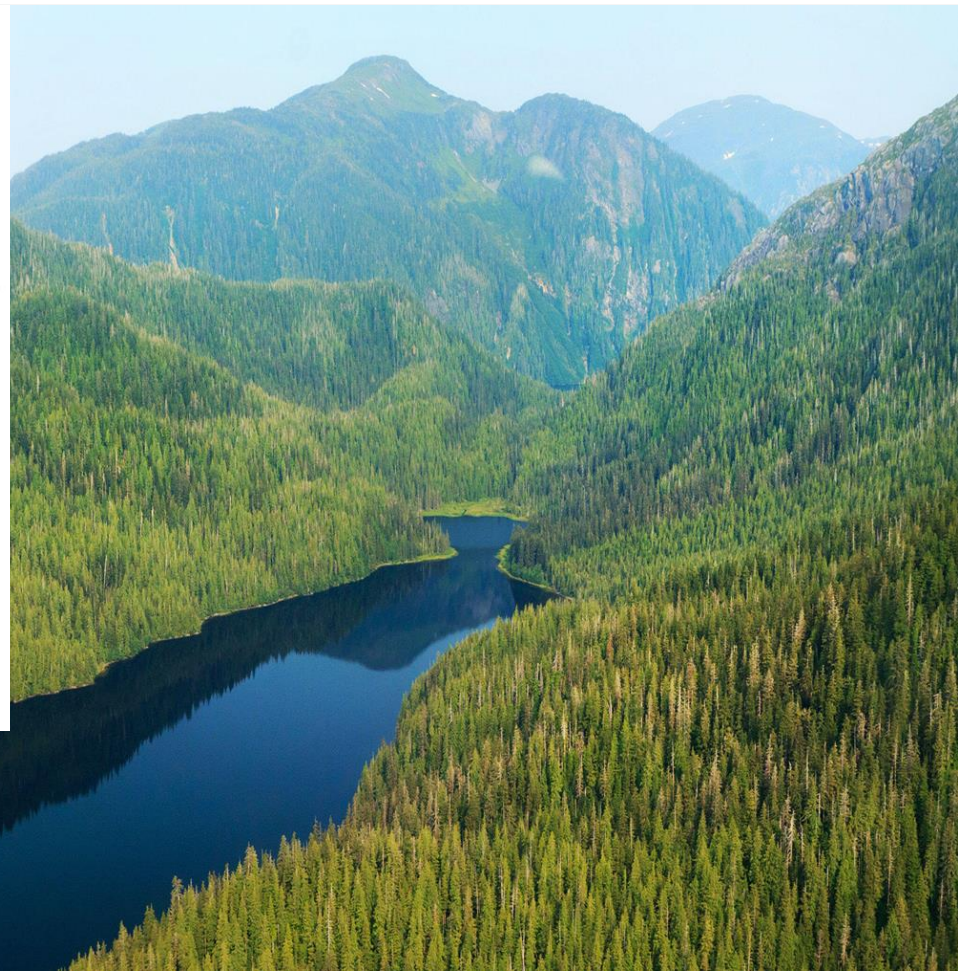
Supporting Strongholds

### Wetlands

Top Strongholds

Supporting Strongholds

Top Strongholds represent top 20% of ecosystem type  
Supporting Strongholds represent next 20% of ecosystem type





# Strong Protections for Birds

**Address the Loss of 3 Billion Birds**

## Greater Sage-Grouse Protections





# Federal Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Process

2015

Sage-Grouse  
Plan  
Amendments

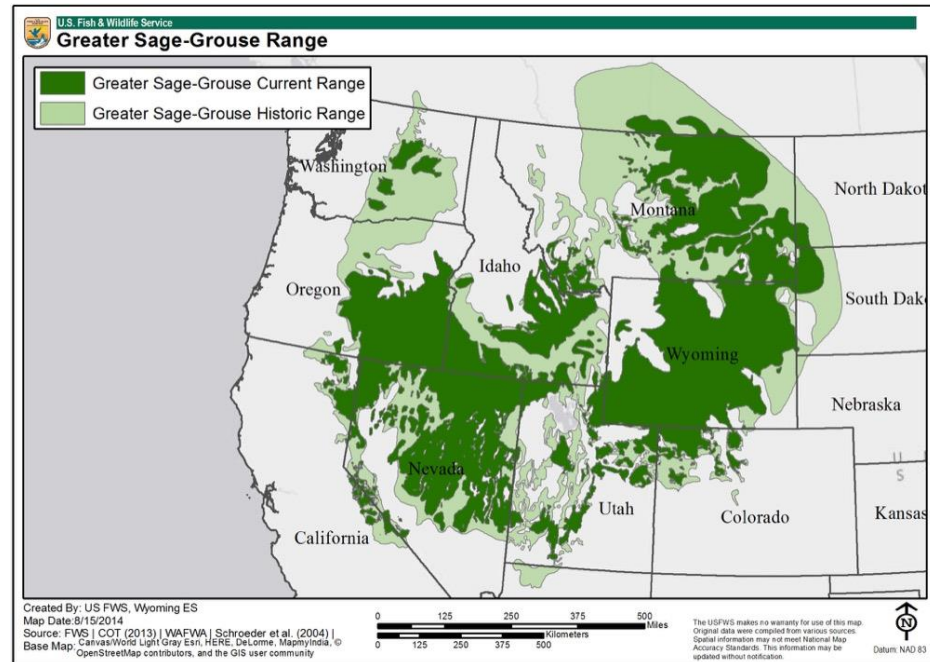
2019

Sage-Grouse  
Plan  
Amendments

*Enjoined  
in court*

2022

Sage-Grouse  
Plan  
Review



## Next steps

- Bureau of Land Management is identifying major issues to be addressed in the plans
- Comments due February 8
- Link in the chat box



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# Significant Carbon Reductions

**Achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050**



## Build Back Better

### Transition Energy Development

- Expands clean energy tax credits
- Updates and modernizes the electric grid

### Protect Important Places

- End oil and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- ANWR is sacred land to the Gwich'n Nation and critical wildlife habitat

### Invest in the Future

- Crucial funding for water conservation in the western United States
- Double investments in USDA conservation programs

# How Can You Speak Up?





## How You Can Take Action

- Act Now: Contact the Senate on Build Back Better
- More Action Alerts: Tongass Roadless Rule, and Sage-Grouse
- Find Your Flock advocacy trainings
- Stay in touch with your State Office
- **Contact Us:** [campaigns@Audubon.org](mailto:campaigns@Audubon.org)





Thank you!



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