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
2021 Policy Wins
Lights Out
Clean Energy Wins
Climate and Energy Justice
Campus Connections
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

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

Natural Climate Solutions: National Audubon Society, unpublished data (2021)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

Achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050
**Build Back Better**

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• 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

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