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**Heller, Paul Introduce the Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act****Washington, D.C. –** Today, U.S. Senators Dean Heller (R-NV) and Rand Paul (R-KY) reintroduced the Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act to restore power to states to manage endangered and threatened species found only within their borders. Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) has introduced a companion bill in the U.S. House.  The bill also requires congressional approval before a species could be listed as endangered or threatened and provides enhanced protection for individual private property rights.“Like all Nevadans, I know how important it is that we be good stewards of wildlife and their habitats,” **said Heller**. “That’s why I’ve been working with Governor Sandoval and the Nevada delegation to prevent the listing of the sage grouse in order to protect both the bird and Nevada’s economy. Nevadans – not Washington bureaucrats – know how to best protect the sage grouse, and the Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act affirms that.” "We can better protect endangered species by empowering state leaders to implement a strategy more tailored to their specific circumstances,” **said Paul**. “Instead of continuing Washington’s ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach to regulation, this bill puts local needs first and guards against bureaucratic overreach.”   You can find a one-page summary of the bill [HERE](https://www.paul.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/ESMSDAInfo.pdf), and you can read it in its entirety [HERE](https://www.paul.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/ESMSDA.pdf). ###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |