

# Nevada joins federal 'critical habitat' lawsuit

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Nevada has joined 17 other states in a lawsuit challenging new federal rules that expand the definition of "critical habitat" for endangered and threatened species.

Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt announced the filing on Wednesday.

Plaintiffs say the new rules would allow an area to be classified as a critical habitat area even if it is only a potential site for hosting endangered species and none are occupying the land.

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