



## THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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### **Religious Statement on Collaborative Conservation to Protect New England Cottontail**

Washington, DC, September 11, 2015 – National Religious Partnership for the Environment’s Executive Director Cassandra Carmichael provided a statement regarding collaborative conservation to protect the New England Cottontail:

“Today’s announcement from Secretary Jewell is a testament to the incredible success of the Endangered Species Act over the last 40 years in protecting God’s Creation. The work of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resource Conservation Service shows the impact of collaborative conservation to protect species like the New England Cottontail.

“Major religious organizations across the country and through the years have diligently worked to protect God’s creatures. We are encouraged by this success as we look toward other species conservation challenges across the country, particularly the effort to protect greater sage grouse habitat across the west.”

The National Religious Partnership for the Environment is an alliance of independent faith groups across a broad spectrum of religions including Catholic, Evangelical, Protestant, and Jewish.

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