

Bruce Babbitt served as Secretary of the Interior from 1993 to 2001 and as Governor of Arizona from 1978 to 1987. As Governor, he negotiated and steered to passage the Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980, which remains the most comprehensive water regulatory system in the nation. He was also responsible for creation of the Arizona Departments of Water Resources and Environmental Quality and a major expansion of the state park system. During his tenure as Secretary of the Interior under President Clinton, Babbitt led in the creation of the forest plan in the Pacific Northwest, restoration of the Florida Everglades, passage of the California Desert Protection Act, and legislation for the National Wildlife Refuge system. He pioneered the use of habitat conservation plans under the Endangered Species Act and created twenty two new national monuments, and is perhaps best remembered by American school children as the Secretary who brought the wolves back to Yellowstone. He is the author of "Cities in the Wilderness" (Island Press), in which he lays out a new vision of land use in America. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board for the World Wildlife Fund.

