



THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT UNDER THREAT



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THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT WORKS

The ESA is a landmark law that has saved hundreds of species from extinction, including the bald eagle, the brown pelican, and the gray whale. Indeed, it is a remarkably effective law; only 10 of nearly 2,000 imperiled plants and animals protected under the Act have gone extinct since its enactment—a success rate of more than 99%.

AMERICANS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The vast majority of Americans understand the Act's importance and support its mission, regardless of political affiliation. In a 2015 poll conducted by Tulchin Research, 94% of self-identified liberals, 94% of self-identified moderates, and 82% of self-identified conservatives supported the ESA. Similarly, in a 2017 poll conducted by Hart Research, approximately 75% of respondents who identified as swing voters opposed dismantling protections for at-risk wildlife.

BACKGROUND ON ATTACKS ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Since 2015, legislators in both the House and Senate have introduced more than 150 legislative proposals that would severely undermine the conservation of threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Some of these proposals would undermine science under the Endangered Species Act by limiting the scope of scientific and

commercial data that biologists at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the National Marine Fisheries Service may consider when making listing determinations (**S. 935/H.R. 2134**) or by prioritizing economic considerations over scientific data in listing decisions (**H.R. 717**).

Dozens would block or remove necessary protections for individual imperiled species, including gray wolves (**H.R. 424/S. 164**) and sage grouse (**H.R. 527/S. 273**). And others would severely curtail citizens' access to our judicial system by preventing plaintiffs' recovery of attorney's fees in successful lawsuits or blocking the right to judicial recourse altogether (**H.R. 1525/S. 375**). None of these proposals would contribute to species conservation.

Now, the Endangered Species Act faces yet another, very grave threat. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, is expected to advance a damaging rewrite of the ESA — so-called ESA “modernization” legislation — through his committee in June or July. **He claims the Act is “not working.”** And Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, would surely make any Senate bill much worse **considering he has vowed to repeal the ESA wholesale.**

PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Given the number of anti-ESA legislative proposals in Congress at this time, an attempt to rewrite the law would place the Act at overwhelming risk of being significantly weakened or gutted outright. Opening up this vital law in the current Congress would incur significant harm on imperiled species and likely lead many to disappear forever. Please oppose legislation to rewrite the Endangered Species Act.



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Turtle Island Restoration Network * Western Watersheds Project * Wildlands Network
Wolf Conservation Center * Wyoming Untrapped**

July 18, 2017

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the twenty-one undersigned organizations and our millions of members and supporters, we write to express our strong opposition to the inappropriately named “Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation (HELP) for Wildlife Act,” S. 1514. We urge you to not cosponsor this harmful bill and to vote against it in committee. While the bill contains reauthorization language for Chesapeake Bay-focused programs and some other programs supported by many of our organizations, it also contains three damaging provisions that would harm wildlife and undermine our nation’s most important wildlife conservation law – the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The program reauthorizations contained in this bill do not outweigh the damage caused by the bill’s poison pill riders. For this reason, we urge you to oppose S. 1514.

Wyoming and Great Lakes Wolf Delisting Riders

The so-called “HELP for Wildlife Act” includes two “War on Wolves” riders that ensure that gray wolves will not receive protections under the ESA in Wyoming or the Great Lakes region. Section 7 of the bill overrides a federal district court decision and removes existing Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. A decision from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in the Great Lakes case is anticipated any day now, making the Great Lakes provision very poorly timed. Section 8 codifies a recent D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that stripped ESA protections for wolves in Wyoming. The plaintiffs in the Wyoming case did not appeal the court’s decision and wolves in Wyoming were already returned to state management in late April. Thus, the Wyoming portion of this rider is effectively moot.

More fundamentally, these riders politically subvert the ESA’s process – not to mention the rule of law and citizens’ access to court – by prohibiting judicial review of both legislative wolf delistings. Congress long ago recognized that the federal government needs citizens to be partners in enforcing all manner of America’s laws, including civil-rights laws, voting-rights laws, environmental laws. The “no judicial review” language in this rider sets a damaging precedent for undermining all laws that allow citizens from across the political spectrum to go to court to hold the government accountable for its actions.

These riders also continue a dangerous trend of congressional interference in listing and delisting decisions that should be made by the federal wildlife agencies and adjudicated in court if necessary.

These riders are an attempt to solve politically what should be done by science and the processes set out under the ESA. Moreover, these riders encourage other insidious legislative attacks on the ESA, an incredibly popular, successful law that has saved more than 99 percent of protected species from going extinct.

Lead Fishing Tackle Rider

The bill also prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating toxic lead fishing tackle, which unnecessarily harms fish, wildlife, and human health. In the United States, an estimated 4,000 tons of lead are lost in ponds and streams as fishing lures and sinkers every year, leading to the death of thousands of birds, aquatic species and other animals from lead poisoning. Lead fishing equipment also risks contamination of our waterways and drinking water. Despite the well-documented dangers of toxic lead poisoning and the availability of inexpensive and ecologically sound alternatives to lead fishing gear, Section 9 prevents the EPA from regulating lead in nearly all forms of fishing tackle under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

The poorly named “HELP for Wildlife Act” would harm rather than help wildlife. Waterfowl and other species that ingest lead fishing tackle would suffer; gray wolves in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming would be subject to state management without the chance for federal judicial review; and other imperiled species that rely on the protections of the ESA would become more vulnerable to future legislative attacks. A deal that trades poison pill riders such as these for reauthorizations of programs is a bad deal that harms wildlife, public health, and the ESA and does not deserve the support of any pro-conservation Members of Congress. We strongly urge you to oppose this bill and to vote against it. Thank you for your attention.

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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
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Dear Senators and Representatives:

On behalf of the 422 undersigned organizations and our members, we write to express our strong support for the Endangered Species Act. The Act faces unprecedented threat. Using misleading words such as “update,” “modernize,” or “reform,” the Act’s opponents ultimately seek to undermine its core principles, gut its scientific basis, and abandon its common-sense approach to conserving imperiled wildlife.

The Endangered Species Act is our nation’s most effective law for protecting wildlife and plants in danger of extinction. Thanks to its effectiveness, more than 99 percent of the nearly 1,800 U.S. animals and plants protected by it have been saved from extinction.¹ Today, our children and grandchildren can still see bald eagles, American alligators, brown pelicans, Channel island foxes, stellar sea lions, Tennessee purple coneflowers, and humpback whales in the wild thanks to the Act. The Endangered Species Act works.

The Endangered Species Act is extremely effective because it relies on a foundation of peer-reviewed, best-available science in its listing, consultation, recovery, and delisting decisions.² This reliance on rigorous science ensures that the implementing agencies can successfully prevent extinction and conserve species’ habitat. Recovery cannot occur without making sure that animals and plants have places to live. Protecting the habitat of endangered animals and plants from human-caused threats ensures that species can establish enough populations to maintain genetic diversity and survive catastrophic events that may threaten any one population.

Like many environmental laws, the Act also allows citizens to engage and participate in its implementation. Scientific studies have shown that citizen-initiated petitions to protect animal and plant

¹ “Endangered Species Recovery Program,” *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/recovery.pdf>.

² “The Endangered Species Act,” *Union of Concerned Scientists*, <http://www.ucsusa.org/center-science-and-democracy/preserving-science-based-safeguards/the-endangered-endangered-species-act#.WS242DPMzYU>.

species are commonly targeted toward species that are under the greatest level of biological threat, and which have not yet been identified by the federal government as needing protections.³ And in the instances where the government fails to use the best available science, the law allows for citizen suits to ensure that implementation meets the high standards of the Act.

The Endangered Species Act is a profoundly popular law that represents fundamental American principles. Polling over the past ten years has consistently shown that overwhelming majorities of American voters across party lines support the Endangered Species Act. The most recent poll shows that 90 percent of voters support the Endangered Species Act, including 96 percent of self-identified liberals and 82 percent of self-identified conservatives.⁴

The Endangered Species Act helps to maintain the foundations of life for the American people and their families. By protecting healthy communities of plants and animals, it provides key ecosystem services and benefits including clean air, clean water, food, pollination, and medicines. And by preserving millions of acres of forests, wetlands, and beaches threatened by environmental degradation and destruction, the Act helps to protect vulnerable human communities from environmental challenges.

The conservation and restoration of animal and plant communities can also help mitigate and reduce the impacts of climate change. Studies show that areas replete with biodiversity are more resilient to events caused by climate change.⁵ These events—including more frequent hurricanes, larger storm surges, and increased flooding—destroy homes, properties, and even lives.⁶ When plant and animal communities are intact, vulnerable human communities are more likely to be better protected from these impacts and to better adapt after impact.⁷ Furthermore, vulnerable communities rely on safe and healthy ecosystems for subsistence farming, hunting, and fishing for their families. And all communities rely on wild pollinators for food and on nature for the development of medicines.⁸ While people of means can move to a cleaner environment that is rich in biodiversity, the most vulnerable among us—particularly those who live in frontline or sacrifice zone communities—face many more challenges when moving; they have fewer options for escape. Vulnerable communities suffer the effects of climate change first and worst.

Despite the Endangered Species Act's tremendous success and popularity, it is under threat from industry groups and other wildlife opponents. A small yet vocal sector of the regulated community seeks to undermine and weaken the core principles of the Act, just so they can improve their bottom line. We cannot allow the Act to be weakened under the guise of soft-sounding catch phrases such as “reforms” or “tweaks.”

³ Berry J. Brosi and Eric G. N. Biber, “Citizen Involvement in the U.S. Endangered Species Act,” *Science* (August 17, 2012): Vol. 337, 802-803.

⁴ “Poll Finds Overwhelming, Broad-Based Support for the Endangered Species Act Among Voters Nationwide,” *Tulchin Research*, <http://www.defenders.org/publications/Defenders-of-Wildlife-National-ESA-Survey.pdf>.

⁵ Forest Isbell et al., “Biodiversity Increases the Resistance of Ecosystem Productivity to Climate Extremes,” *Nature* (October 22, 2015): 526, 574-577 and “About Climate Change and Biodiversity,” *Convention on Biological Diversity*, <https://www.cbd.int/climate/intro.shtml>.

⁶ Donald Scavia et al., “Climate Change Impacts on U.S. Coastal and Marine Ecosystems,” *Estuaries and Coasts* (April 2002): Vol. 25, Issue 2, 149-164. and Joel B. Smith et al., “Assessing Dangerous Climate Change Through an Update the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) ‘reasons for concern,’” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)* (December 9, 2008): Vol. 106, no. 11, 4133-4137.

⁷ W. Neil Adger et al., “Social-Ecological Resilience to Coastal Disasters,” *Science* (August 12, 2005): Vol. 309, Issue 5737, 1036-1039.

⁸ Michael Gochfeld et al., “Disproportionate Exposures in Environmental Justice and Other Populations: The Importance of Outliers,” *Am J Public Health* (December 2011): Vol. 101, S53-S63. and Romina Rader et al., “Non-bee Insects Are Important Contributors to Global Crop Pollination,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)* (August 28, 2015): Vol. 113, no. 1, 146-151.

We ask you to support the Endangered Species Act and oppose any bill, rider, or other policy proposal that weakens protections for endangered species and habitat. Given the hostile record of many members of the current Congress to the Endangered Species Act, efforts to rewrite this law would prove disastrous for imperiled wildlife and should be strongly opposed. Instead, we urge you to seek full funding and comprehensive implementation of the Act. The endangered species budget peaked in 2010 and has declined since then, even as more species are added to the endangered species list.⁹ Thus, neither the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service nor the National Marine Fisheries Service have sufficient funding to recover species.

We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the planet and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home. Your position gives you a unique opportunity to support the Endangered Species Act, its programs, and its benefits. We strongly urge you to not support legislative efforts to rewrite or diminish this incredibly effective law.

Sincerely,

⁹ “Green Investments: How Budget Cuts are Impacting Our Communities and the Environment: The Case for Reinvestment in FY17,” <https://www.defenders.org/publications/FY17-Green-Investments.pdf>.

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 Acadia Center
 Advocates for Snake Preservation
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 Alabama Environmental Council
 Alabama Ornithological Society
 Alaska Wilderness League
 Alaska Wildlife Alliance
 Alaskans FOR Wildlife
 All-Creatures.org
 America Forests
 American Bird Conservancy
 American Birding Association
 American Conservation Film Festival
 American Rivers
 Animal Legal Defense Fund
 Animal Welfare Institute
 Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
 Animas Valley Institute
 Antelope Valley Conservancy
 Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch
 Arise for Social Justice
 Arkansas Audubon Society
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 Audubon Arkansas
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 Audubon Naturalist Society
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 Beaver Creek Wetlands Association
 Berkeley Partners for Parks
 Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)
 Beyond Pesticides
 Beyond Toxics
 Bird Conservation Network
 Bird-Safe Glass Foundation
 Birds & Beans LLC
 BirdsCaribbean
 Black Warrior Riverkeeper
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 Born Free USA
 Boulder Rights of Nature, Inc.
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 Buffalo Field Campaign
 Bull Run Mountains Conservancy
 Butterfly Farms
 California Chaparral Institute
 California Native Plant Society
 California ReLeaf
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 California Wolf Center
 Californians for Western Wilderness
 Canyon Park Friends of Open Space
 Cape Fear River Watch
 Carnivore Coexistence Lab
 Carroll County Bird Club
 Cascades Raptor Center
 Cascadia Wildlands
 Cellular Tracking Technologies
 Center for Biological Diversity
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 Center for Public Environmental Oversight
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 Central Maryland Beekeepers Association
 Central New Mexico Audubon society
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 Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge
 Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)
 Citizens for Sludge-Free Land
 Citizens' Climate Lobby
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 Clean Water Alliance
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 COFEM
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 Columbus Audubon
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 Conservation Council for Hawai'i
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 Conservation Northwest
 Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship
 Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
 Cottonwood Environmental Law Center
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 Defenders of Wildlife
 Delaware Center for Inland Bays
 Delaware Valley Ornithological Club
 Delmarva Ornithological Society
 Desert Rivers Audubon Society
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 Discover Life in America
 Dogwood Alliance
 Dysart Defenders
 E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation
 Earth Action, Inc.
 Earthjustice
 Earthworks
 Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Research
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 Ecology Party of Florida
 El Dorado Audubon Society
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 Endangered Wolf Center
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 Climate Change
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 Essential Information
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 Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs
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 Five Valleys Audubon Society
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 Georgia Native Plant Society
 Gila Conservation Coalition
 Gila Resources Information Project
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 Golden Eagle Audubon Society
 Gorongosa Project Inc.
 Grand Canyon Trust
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 Great Salt Lake Audubon
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 International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest
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 John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute
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 Kansas Wildlife Federation
 Kentucky Heartwood
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 Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society
 Klamath Forest Alliance
 Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center
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 Last Chance Audubon Society
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 Lehigh Valley Audubon Society
 Living with Wolves
 Los Angeles Audubon Society
 Los Padres ForestWatch
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 Mankato Area Environmentalists
 Marine Conservation Institute
 Marine Mammal Alliance Nantucket Maryland
 Ornithological Association Maryland
 Ornithological Society
 Maryland Pesticide Education Network
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 Michigan Audubon
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 Mission Mountain Audubon
 Missouri Coalition for the Environment
 Mobile Bay Audubon Society
 Monmouth County Audubon Society
 Montana Audubon
 Montana Native Plant Society
 Montana Wilderness Association
 Montana Wildlife Federation
 Montgomery Bird Club
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 Oklahoma Ornithological Society
 One More Generation
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 Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon
 Park County Environmental Council
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 Pathways: Wildlife Corridors of NM
 Peace and Freedom Party
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 Penobscot Solar Design
 Physicians for Social Responsibility
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 Point Blue Conservation Science
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 Wilderness
 Prairie Rivers Network
 Predator Defense
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 Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center
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 Save Our wild Salmon Coalition
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 Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
 Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
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 Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center
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 Sugar Shack Records
 Sunridge Saddlebreds
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 Tennessee Ornithological Society
 The Center for Popular Democracy
 The Clinch Coalition
 The Cloud Foundation
 The Endangered Wolf Center
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 The International Wildlife Rehabilitation
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 The Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society
 The Maine Wolf Coalition, Inc.
 The Network of Spiritual Progressives
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