



# 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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Howling for Wolves \* Humane Society Legislative Fund  
International Fund for Animal Welfare  
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute \* Klamath Forest Alliance  
League of Conservation Voters \* Natural Resources Defense Council \* Sierra Club  
Turtle Island Restoration Network \* Western Watersheds Project \* Wildlands Network  
Wolf Conservation Center \* Wyoming Untrapped**

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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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Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental Protection Information Center  
Howling for Wolves  
Humane Society Legislative Fund  
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Klamath Forest Alliance  
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Natural Resources Defense Council  
Sierra Club  
Turtle Island Restoration Network  
Western Watersheds Project  
Wildlands Network  
Wolf Conservation Center  
Wyoming Untrapped

July 5, 2017

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United States Senate

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Environment and Public Works Committee

The Honorable Rob Bishop  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Environment and Public Works Committee

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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

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

<sup>2</sup> “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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup> These events—including more frequent hurricanes, larger storm surges, and increased flooding—destroy homes, properties, and even lives.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> 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.”

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> “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>.

<sup>5</sup> 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>.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> 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,

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<sup>9</sup> “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  
 Advocates for the West  
 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  
 Arkansas Sierra Club  
 Atlantic Energy  
 Audubon  
 Audubon Alaska  
 Audubon Arizona  
 Audubon Arkansas  
 Audubon California  
 Audubon Connecticut  
 Audubon Dakota  
 Audubon Florida  
 Audubon Great Lakes/National Audubon Society  
 Audubon Maryland-DC  
 Audubon Minnesota  
 Audubon Naturalist Society  
 Audubon Nebraska  
 Audubon New Mexico  
 Audubon New York  
 Audubon of Kansas, Inc.  
 Audubon Pennsylvania  
 Audubon Rockies  
 Audubon Society of Central Arkansas  
 Audubon Society of Omaha  
 Audubon Society of Portland  
 Audubon South Carolina  
 Audubon Texas  
 Audubon Vermont  
 Audubon Washington  
 Baltimore Bird Club  
 Bark  
 Basin and Range Watch  
 Bat Conservation International  
 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  
 Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project  
 Boise Chapter of Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
 Born Free USA  
 Boulder Rights of Nature, Inc.  
 Brooks Range Council  
 Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow  
 Buffalo Field Campaign  
 Bull Run Mountains Conservancy  
 Butterfly Farms  
 California Chaparral Institute  
 California Native Plant Society  
 California ReLeaf  
 California Wildlife Foundation/California Oaks  
 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  
 Center for Food Safety  
 Center for Public Environmental Oversight  
 Center for Study of Responsive Law  
 Central Maryland Beekeepers Association  
 Central New Mexico Audubon society  
 Cetacean Society International  
 Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage  
 Chicago Audubon Society



Children's Advocacy Institute  
 Chris Wildlife Consulting  
 Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
 Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge  
 Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)  
 Citizens for Sludge-Free Land  
 Citizens' Climate Lobby  
 Clean Water Action  
 Clean Water Alliance  
 Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection  
 COFEM  
 Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center  
 Columbus Audubon  
 Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
 Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
 Conservation Imaging, Inc.  
 Conservation Northwest  
 Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship  
 Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology  
 Cottonwood Environmental Law Center  
 Crawford Stewardship Project  
 Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon Society  
 Deep Fork Audubon Society  
 Defenders of Wildlife  
 Delaware Center for Inland Bays  
 Delaware Valley Ornithological Club  
 Delmarva Ornithological Society  
 Desert Rivers Audubon Society  
 Difference Makers Media, LLC  
 Discover Life in America  
 Dogwood Alliance  
 Dysart Defenders  
 E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation  
 Earth Action, Inc.  
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 Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Research  
 ECOAN  
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 Ecology Party of Florida  
 El Dorado Audubon Society  
 Endangered Habitats League  
 Endangered Small Animal Conservation Fund  
 Endangered Species Coalition  
 Endangered Wolf Center  
 Environment America  
 Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on  
 Climate Change  
 Environmental Protection Information Center  
 Essential Information  
 Eyak Preservation Council  
 Fairmont, MN Peace Group  
 Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs  
 Fields Pond Audubon Center  
 Five Valleys Audubon Society  
 Flathead Audubon Society  
 Food & Water Watch  
 Food Empowerment Project  
 For All Animals  
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 Foundation Earth  
 Foundation for Global Sustainability  
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 FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake  
 Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
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 Refuge  
 Friends of the Bitterroot  
 Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness  
 Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail  
 Friends of the Earth  
 Friends of the Eel River  
 Friends of the Kalmiopsis  
 Friends of the Kaw  
 Friends of the Richmond Hills  
 Friends of the Sonoran Desert  
 Friends of the Upper Delaware River  
 Friends of the Wild Swan  
 Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf & Wildlife  
 Friends of Tucson's Birthplace  
 Friends of Whitehaven Park  
 Fund for Wild Nature  
 Gallatin Wildlife Association  
 Georgia ForestWatch  
 Georgia Native Plant Society  
 Gila Conservation Coalition  
 Gila Resources Information Project  
 Global Justice Ecology Project  
 Golden Eagle Audubon Society  
 Gorongosa Project Inc.  
 Grand Canyon Trust  
 Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
 Great Salt Lake Audubon  
 Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
 Green Science Policy Institute  
 GreenLatinos  
 Greenpeace USA  
 Gulf Restoration Network  
 Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER  
 Harford County Bird Club  
 HawkWatch International  
 Heart of the Wild Yellowstone Community

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 Hells Canyon Preservation Council  
 Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History  
 Hoosier Environmental Council  
 Howard County Bird Club  
 Howling for Wolves  
 Humane Society Legislative Fund  
 Humane Society of the United States  
 Idaho Sporting Congress, Inc.  
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 Inland Ocean Coalition  
 International Bird Rescue  
 International Fund for Animal Welfare  
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 International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest  
 Iowa Audubon  
 Jayhawk Audubon Society  
 Jesus People Against Pollution  
 John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute  
 Kansas Herpetological Society  
 Kansas Wildlife Federation  
 Kentucky Heartwood  
 Kettle Range Conservation Group  
 Key Deer Protection Alliance  
 Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society  
 Klamath Forest Alliance  
 Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center  
 Kunak Ecological Studies  
 Last Chance Audubon Society  
 League of Conservation Voters  
 Lehigh Valley Audubon Society  
 Living with Wolves  
 Los Angeles Audubon Society  
 Los Padres ForestWatch  
 Louisiana Audubon Council  
 Madison Audubon Society  
 Maine Audubon  
 Mankato Area Environmentalists  
 Marine Conservation Institute  
 Marine Mammal Alliance Nantucket Maryland  
 Ornithological Association Maryland  
 Ornithological Society  
 Maryland Pesticide Education Network  
 Mass Audubon  
 Mecklenburg Audubon Society  
 Miami Waterkeeper  
 Michigan Audubon  
 Midwest Environmental Advocates  
 Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
 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  
 MountainTrue  
 Mt. Diablo Audubon Society  
 Museum of Life and Science  
 Napa County Water, Forest and Oak Woodland Protection Initiative  
 Nashville Chapter of The Tennessee Ornithological Society  
 National Audubon Society  
 National Family Farm Coalition  
 National Parks Conservation Association  
 National Wolfwatcher Coalition  
 Native Plant Conservation Campaign  
 Native Plant Society of Oregon  
 Natural Resources Council of Maine  
 Nevada Native Plant Society  
 New Mexico Wilderness Alliance  
 New York City Audubon  
 NH Animal Rights League, Inc.  
 North Carolina Native Plant Society  
 North Cascades Conservation Council  
 North County Watch  
 Northeast Oregon Ecosystems  
 Northern Alaska Environmental Center  
 Northern Jaguar Project  
 Northwest Environmental Advocates  
 NRDC  
 Ocean Conservation Research  
 Ocean Futures Society  
 Oceana  
 Oceanic Preservation Society (OPS)  
 Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition  
 Oklahoma Ornithological Society  
 One More Generation  
 Oregon Natural Desert Association  
 Oregon Wild  
 Orleans Audubon Society  
 Otter Creek Audubon Society  
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Ozark Society  
 Pacific Rivers  
 Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon  
 Park County Environmental Council  
 Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA)  
 Pathways: Wildlife Corridors of NM  
 Peace and Freedom Party  
 Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology  
 Penobscot Solar Design  
 Physicians for Social Responsibility  
 Pintler Audubon Society  
 Point Blue Conservation Science  
 Polar Bears International  
 Pollinate Minnesota  
 Polly Dyer Chapter, Great Old Broads for  
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 Prairie Rivers Network  
 Predator Defense  
 Project Coyote  
 Public Citizen  
 Rachel Carson Council  
 Raptors Are The Solution  
 Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center  
 RESTORE: The North Woods  
 Riverkeeper, Inc.  
 Rockbridge Bird Club  
 Rocky Mountain Wild  
 Russian Riverkeeper  
 S.P.E.C.I.E.S.  
 SafeEnergyAnalyst.org  
 Sailors for the Sea  
 Salem Audubon Society  
 San Fernando Valley Audubon Society  
 San Gabriel Mountains Forever  
 SandyHook SeaLife Foundation  
 Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society  
 Santa Barbara Channelkeeper  
 Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society  
 Save Our Sky Blue Waters  
 Save Our wild Salmon Coalition  
 SAVE THE FROGS!  
 Save the Manatee Club  
 Save the Yellowstone Grizzly  
 Save Wolves Now Network  
 Sea Shepherd  
 Selkirk Conservation Alliance  
 Sequoia ForestKeeper  
 Seventh Generation Advisors  
 Sierra Club  
 Sky Island Alliance  
 Slow Food USA  
 South Florida Wildlands Association  
 Southeastern Avian Research  
 Southern Colorado Environmental Council  
 Southern Environmental Law Center  
 Southern Maryland Audubon Society  
 Southern Oregon Climate Action Now  
 Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance  
 Southwest Environmental Center  
 Southwest Environmental Law Center  
 Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center  
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 (SWWAP)  
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 Sunridge Saddlebreds  
 Sustainable World Coalition  
 T. Gliberty Pearson Chapter of Audubon NC  
 Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo  
 Tennessee Ornithological Society  
 The Center for Popular Democracy  
 The Clinch Coalition  
 The Cloud Foundation  
 The Endangered Wolf Center  
 The Imani Group, Inc.  
 The Institute for Bird Populations  
 The International Wildlife Rehabilitation  
 Council  
 The Lands Council  
 The Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society  
 The Maine Wolf Coalition, Inc.  
 The Network of Spiritual Progressives  
 The Ocean Foundation  
 The Piedmont Environmental Council  
 The Rewilding Institute  
 The Safina Center  
 The Urban Wildlands Group  
 The Xerces Society  
 Todd Bird Club  
 Topeka Audubon Society  
 Toxic Free NC  
 TrapFree Wisconsin  
 Tri-county Bird Club  
 Trustees for Alaska  
 Tucson Audubon Society  
 Turtle Island Restoration Network  
 Union of Concerned Scientists  
 Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition  
 Utah Native Plant Society  
 Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment  
 Utah Rivers Council  
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WE ACT for Environmental Justice  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition  
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Whale and Dolphin Conservation  
Whidbey Environmental Action Network  
White Mountain Conservation League  
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Wild Nature Institute  
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