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Endangered Species Act at a Crossroads: Is the Nation Still Committed to Protecting Wildlife Threatened with Extinction?

Since it was enacted in 1973, the Endangered Species Act has served as the nation's safety net for animal and plant species facing the threat of extinction. Hundreds of species that were at risk of disappearing forever are now stabilized and many are on the path toward recovery due to this visionary law. However, controversies have grown in recent years as industries have chafed at the law's restrictions. In 2005, Congress will likely pass the first major update of the Act since 1988, and many key congressional leaders are receptive to the industry groups' complaints. Are there some "win-win" solutions to the challenge of protecting endangered species and habitats, or would the industry-backed changes seriously weaken the law? Is the nation's 31-year-old commitment to providing a safety net for endangered wildlife at risk?

John Kostyack is Senior Counsel at the National Wildlife Federation, where he manages the Federation's Washington, D.C.-based Wildlife Conservation program. An expert on the Endangered Species Act and a participant in the current debate over renewal of the law, he will lead a discussion on these and other issues concerning the future of the nation's preeminent wildlife law.

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