

Biodiversity baddies

The biodiversity lowlights – thus far – under the Trump Administration

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Migratory Bird Treaty Act

- "[T]he statute's prohibitions on pursuing, hunting, taking, capturing, killing, or attempting to do the same apply only to affirmative actions that have as their purpose the taking or killing of migratory birds, their nests, or their eggs."
- Reverses decades of FWS interpretation and enforcement





Endangered Species Act

Proposal to eliminate so-called "blanket" 4(d) regulation covering threatened species

• More focus on effective exemptions from section 9 "take" restrictions

• Changes to section 7 consultation

• Allowance for action agencies to make "not likely to adversely affect" determinations with no Service concurrence



All in a day's work...







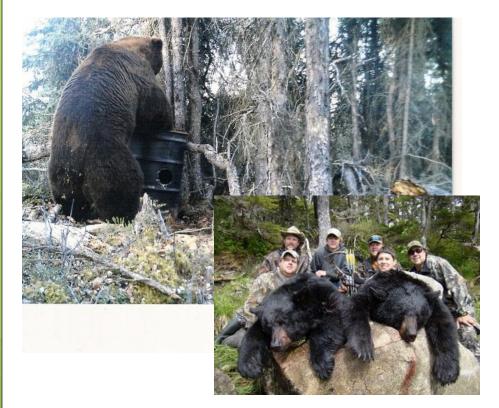
Sage grouse



- BLM cancels process to withdraw 10 million acres of sage grouse habitat in six states from mining/mineral leasing for 20 years
- BLM moving to reverse changes to land management plans that improved protections for sage grouse habitat



Eliminating restrictions on hunting bears/wolves in Alaska





And more!



- Eliminating programs and initiatives to study and combat climate change
- Opening Arctic Refuge to oil and gas exploration and production
- Emphasis on widespread offshore oil & gas
- Rollback of jurisdictional rule for waters of the U.S.
- Eliminating BLM Planning 2.0 Rule