

LEGAL DOCKET

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



Let us renew our commitment to you in this time of challenge: to wield the power of the law to vigorously defend the American West's public lands, wildlife, and communities. As we embark on our 25th year, our mission is more important than ever. We find ourselves in a time of dynamic challenge, with our country's political dysfunction exacerbating the threat of climate change. But we have the law on our side as well as the expertise that only comes with time. And we're stronger than we have ever been before, even as we continue our steady, strategic, and bold legal advocacy to turn the wheels of power at all levels of government in service of a thriving, resilient American West and its peoples. At our core is a dedication to the world around us that is rooted in the principles of equity, inclusion, and justice to build power for transformational change.

We do this by leveraging the right legal tools in the right place at the right time, across the full sweep of the West's magnificent forests, public lands, and communities. So if the Trump administration follows through on its plans to attack the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon and California or Greater Chaco in New Mexico, we'll take immediate legal action. We'll never stand down from our defense of your right to healthy, vibrant public lands.

Over the last 25 years we've built a team of expert, fierce attorneys that know precisely how to get results that make a difference. But we can't do that without you. So thank you for partnering with us as we start yet another high-impact year to defend the American West.



Erik Schlenker-Goodrich
Executive Director



PROTECTING ICONIC WESTERN WILDLIFE

MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES were once common in the Southwestern United States and now they barely cling to survival in Arizona and New Mexico. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's new recovery plan for these rare wolves ignores science and puts politics over true recovery. We've been fighting for these wolves for two decades and we'll continue using the full power of the law to help these wolves recover to their historic range.

GRIZZLY BEARS in the Yellowstone region were removed from the Endangered Species List in a political move, before the animals truly recovered. Their loss of federal safeguards in Greater Yellowstone harms grizzlies' recovery in the lower 48 states and will lead to trophy hunting of bears that stray outside the borders of Yellowstone National Park. We're fighting in federal court so these majestic animals once again receive the protection they need.

CANADA LYNX may lose their important federal protection as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—ignoring the best available science—announced its intent to begin the process of removing this rare, wild cat from the Endangered Species List. If the Service moves forward with its politically based delisting decision, we're prepared to take them back to court.

WILDLIFE SERVICES, the rogue federal wildlife-killing program, has a dark history of killing immense numbers of wildlife with little-to-no oversight. We've stood up for black bears, mountain lions, beavers, wolves, and other wildlife across the American West from getting recklessly killed through this program. We're keeping a sharp eye on Wildlife Services and will continue holding them accountable to the law.



DEFENDING OUR CLIMATE & COMMUNITIES

PRESIDENT TRUMP is attempting to suspend almost all the requirements to reduce natural gas waste by oil and gas producers on our public lands—an act to serve big industry at the expense of the American public, our climate, and our communities. We've defeated past attempts to delay or weaken these methane rules in the courts and Congress, and we'll continue to defend these rules from attack.

OUR POWER IN NUMBERS is proving successful and we have new strategic partners to combat fossil fuels and spark a just transition to clean energy as we defend New Mexico's Greater Chaco Canyon, Colorado's North Fork Valley, and Montana's Powder River Basin from coal mining and reckless oil and gas fracking.

THE LNG TERMINAL AND PIPELINE proposal for Oregon is back, with the developer hoping the Trump administration overlooks the project's many flaws. The 200+ mile Pacific Connector Pipeline for the Jordan Cove LNG Terminal would clearcut a corridor at least 50 feet wide across rivers, forests, and private property to bring fracked gas from the Intermountain West to the Oregon coast to then export overseas. We've defeated this project before and we're gearing up to stop it again.

TOXIC CHEMICALS such as mercury and selenium are polluting New Mexico's air and water through the coal operations at the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine. This is one of the largest and most polluting coal-complexes in the nation. We're challenging the approval of a 25-year extension of its coal operations as they failed to adequately analyze impacts to air, water, land, people, and endangered fish while also lacking any assessment of clean energy alternatives.



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wildlife, and communities of the American West in the
face of a changing climate.

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This year marks our 25th Anniversary of
Defending the West—and we are stronger
than ever before.

Top on our priority list this year is to defend
the American West's public lands and iconic
wildlife while safeguarding our climate
and keeping toxic pollution out of our
communities.

This report features just a few of the high-
impact cases we will focus on to defend the
environment for all people.

Together with your support, we defend the
West. And for that, we're grateful—thank you.



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