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## Endangered Species Bulletin Commences 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act

As we enter the ruby anniversary year of the Endangered Species Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service honors its accomplishments in preventing species extinction and steadily improving the habitats and conservation prospects for many others.

A dedicated web site spotlights the stories of conservation success in every state across the country, provides information on the milestones of this historical law, share images and videos, and offers opportunities for families to participate in free, educational activities together.  
[www.fws.gov/Endangered/ESA40/index.html](http://www.fws.gov/Endangered/ESA40/index.html).

The cornerstone of imperiled wildlife and plant conservation in the U.S., the ESA has brought about some of history's most incredible comebacks. The bald eagle, peregrine falcon and American alligator have recovered to the point where ESA protection is no longer necessary for their survival.

This edition of the *Endangered Species Bulletin* highlights the recent successes in recovery under the ESA.

Here is a sampling of stories in this edition:

- Kristin Haider writes about the restoration of high elevation red spruce ecosystems in the central Appalachian region and what that means for the endangered West Virginia northern flying squirrel and Cheat Mountain salamander.
- Chris Allen and Marci Koski describe the early stages of reintroducing bull trout into the Clackamas River in Oregon, and the encouraging findings of this important step to putting the fish on the road to recovery.
- Gary Wallace provides an inspiring update on the recovery of two plants on San Clemente Island off the coast of California.

The *Endangered Species Bulletin* is available exclusively online at <http://www.fws.gov/Endangered/news/bulletin.html>. Updated on a quarterly basis to ensure timely information regarding endangered and threatened species issues, each edition includes an in-depth feature article coupled with several supporting articles, a live news feed, plus other new and social media offerings.

The Service is actively engaged with conservation partners and the public in the search for improved and innovative ways to conserve and recover imperiled species. To learn more about the Endangered Species Program, visit: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/> where you can subscribe to the *Endangered Species Bulletin* and other news, download podcasts and find links to follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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