



National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition (NESARC) Statement for the Record

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Species-specific rules issued under section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act currently allow for the targeted and customized application of the Act's prohibitions to promote the conservation of threatened species. By extending the use of 4(d) rules to cover endangered species, the Secretaries would have increased flexibility to apply the appropriate protections to address threats to the status of these species. NESARC supports expanding the use of this important tool for more precise protection of our nation's fish, wildlife, and plant populations.