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Endangered species condoms may raise awareness



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The Center for Biological Diversity has announced that they will pass out over 50,000 free condoms during the holiday season. The environmental group, which is based in Tucson, will distribute the condoms in all areas of the United States. The goal of the Center for Biological Diversity project is to highlight the immense effects an increase in human population can have on wildlife.

Since the Center for Biological Diversity began passing out free condoms in 2009, the group has distributed over 450,000 condoms across the U.S. The condoms feature pictures of numerous endangered species including polar bears, panthers, and more animals that are part of the endangered species list.

For the condom giveaway this year, the Center for Biological Diversity will distribute the condoms to multiple locations across the country. The environmental activists will specifically focus their efforts at college health centers, nightclubs, women's groups, and fellow activist groups throughout the United States.

According to Jerry Karnas, the population campaign director of the Center for the Biological Diversity, there is a reason the organization has chosen to focus

the campaign on young people. "There are more than 3 billion people on the planet under the age of 25," he told Technorati. "The choices this generation makes will determine whether our planet and its wildlife and natural resource base are burdened with 8 billion or 15 billion people."

Karnas believes the condom campaign is a good way to help educate the masses. He said the project helps the organization teach people about the bad effects increases in human population can have on wildlife. Increasing human population specifically has ill effects on the endangered featured on the condoms, some of which are in danger of becoming extinct. "Our Endangered Species Condoms are a great way to get a conversation started about how the growing human population is affecting the wild world around us, especially animals already teetering on the edge of extinction," he said.

According to Karnas, getting people talking about the issue is just the start of the solution. He told Technorati the real work comes after. "The evidence is mounting, and the solutions are at hand if only we're just willing to start talking about them," he said.

The Center for Biological Diversity is not only focused on how increases in human population affect endangered animals, but also how they can help humans for the better. "Universal access to birth control, a rapid transition to clean energy, robust land-acquisition programs and much smarter growth policies can combine to forge a future for wildlife and a high quality of life for people," Karnas told Technorati.