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Wildlife protection imperiled

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Regarding “Frogs back in Yosemite” (May 6): The amazing news that California red-legged frogs are re-establishing and breeding in Yosemite National Park highlights the Endangered Species Act’s power to save imperiled wildlife from extinction. As a herpetologist who became inspired to work in conservation through family trips to Yosemite, I’m overjoyed that these rare frogs have returned.

Federal protections established in 1996 played a crucial role in this success. Yet, the Trump Administration is undermining the Endangered Species Act itself with proposed rules that would make it much harder to protect imperiled animals and their habitats. The act has safeguarded more than 99% of protected species from extinction. If this landmark law is going to keep saving wildlife, we’ve got to save it from Trump.

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