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# WELCOME TO THE RESISTANCE

## WHAT A YEAR. THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP

reordered not only the political world but the Center's work as well. Rising to the threat of his cabinet of oligarchs and a far-right Congress unwilling to unite against Trump's illegal and unethical actions, we've mobilized legions of volunteers. Our massive organizing push, Ignite Change, is expanding daily and has already signed up more than 13,000 volunteers to focus on its first strategic battle: protecting public lands by opposing Trump's attack on national monuments.

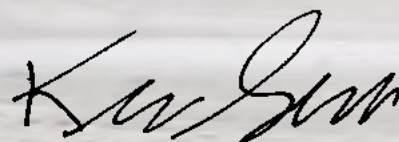
We've also made more than 550 Freedom of Information Act requests to the administration so far, fighting to illuminate the murky, corrupt behind-the-scenes dealings of agency heads and Trump yes-men. We've filed more than 35 lawsuits against Trump's bureaucracy in under a year. We're vigorously opposing the destructive, racist boondoggle of his planned border wall. We also launched our online publication *The Revelator* to cover environmental and conservation news and ideas with in-depth investigative features that will help hold Trump accountable.

Meanwhile, of course, we're doing what we've always done: working to save species and wild places as hard and fast as we can and leveraging law and science to curb climate change.

Thank you so much for being with us in the struggle — we need each other now more than ever.



For the wild,  
Kieran Suckling  
Executive Director



Polar bears by Alan D. Wilson / NaturesPicsOnline.com





# 2017 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## ENDANGERED SPECIES ADVOCACY

- Successfully defended 750,000 acres of protected habitat for jaguars and 6,500 acres for the dusky gopher frog.
- Secured moratoriums on the use of wildlife killing M-44 cyanide capsules in Idaho, Colorado and Northern California.
- Obtained endangered species protections for eight species, including Hawaii’s ‘iwi, Sonoyta mud turtles and four Florida plants.
- Led the fight in Washington, D.C., against a wave of new congressional attacks on the Endangered Species Act.

## PUBLIC LANDS

- Sued the Trump administration over the border wall to protect endangered species and challenge unconstitutional actions.
- Sued the Trump administration for cutting Bears Ears National Monument by 85 percent and Grand Staircase-Escalante by about half.
- Filed nine lawsuits to protect millions of acres of public lands and endangered wildlife from fracking, drilling and mining.
- Won a court order and stalled a massive Nevada water pipeline that would dry up 200 square miles of wildlands to feed Las Vegas sprawl.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Won a federal court ruling to reject the Trump administration’s attempt to delay action on smog-reduction rules.
- Scored two critical legal victories in cases challenging the EPA’s refusal to consider impacts of pesticides on endangered species.
- Helped push through a bill protecting 27,000 miles of essential salmon habitat along Oregon streams from destructive suction-dredge mining.

## CLIMATE

- Cemented protection for 120 million acres of polar bear critical habitat.
- Maintained a complete moratorium on federal oil and gas leasing in California for the fifth year in a row.
- Helped ensure the release of a federal report assessing climate change damages in the United States.

## URBAN WILDLANDS

- Secured a historic Newhall Ranch settlement mandating net-zero GHG emissions, preservation of thousands of acres of wildlands, and funding for Santa Clara River conservation.
- Strengthened Riverside County’s Climate Act Plan to ensure that new developments adopt rigorous climate change mitigation.
- Protected 1,070 acres of wildlands, including critical habitat for arroyo toads, in Hesperia, Calif.

## OCEANS

- Sued California over a spate of whale entanglements in crab gear and publicized the problem.
- Defended endangered species protections for ice seals and polar bear habitat against industry attacks.
- Passed more than a dozen city resolutions in California resisting moves to expand offshore drilling and fracking.

## POPULATION & SUSTAINABILITY

- Formed a groundbreaking partnership with UC Davis’s Wild Energy Initiative to study the potential of distributed solar energy.
- Produced PSAs starring Ed Begley Jr. that aired nationwide, including on the National Geographic Channel.
- Sent Endangered Species Condoms to every member of the U.S. Senate to urge protection for reproductive rights and family-planning programs.

## INTERNATIONAL

- Challenged the Trump administration’s decision to allow sport-hunted elephant trophy imports from Zimbabwe despite population declines.
- Petitioned to protect Africa’s giraffes as endangered due to habitat destruction, poaching and the skin trade.
- Successfully sought stronger protections for Mexico’s critically endangered vaquita from the UN’s World Heritage Committee.

## ORGANIZING

- Launched Ignite Change, a national grassroots volunteer network, with more than 13,000 activists across the country.
- Led protests at international climate talks in Bonn, Germany against fossil fuel production in U.S. climate policy.
- Organized hundreds of meetings and made thousands of phone calls and texts opposing Trump’s attacks on national monuments.

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# OUR PROMISE FOR 2018: WE WON'T LET UP.

## ACTIVATE:

Through Ignite Change and other grassroots work, we'll mobilize thousands of people across the country to stand up and speak out every time Trump and Congress try to harm wildlife, weaken pollution laws, destroy public lands or attack vulnerable communities.

## PROTECT:

We'll use every tool we have to secure and preserve protections for endangered wildlife and the places they live, including bears, birds, wolves, fish and plants.

## INVESTIGATE:

Our investigators, including at *The Revelator*, will shine a light into the darkest corners of the intersection of politics, business and the environment in order to bring transparency and accountability to the most important issues of our time.

## LITIGATE:

No environmental group sued Trump more than we did in 2017 and we're not about to stop now — not when there are so many threats to the air we breathe, the water we drink, our climate, wildlife, public lands and public health.

## ILLUMINATE:

We'll continue to file Freedom of Information Act requests and take any other necessary steps to expose the Trump administration and those in Congress who value profits and pollution over people and wildlife.



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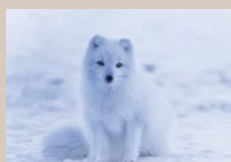
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