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Western Resources Wrap-Up

Battle over Environmental Species Act extension begins

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Environmentalists backing an extension of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) last extended in 1988, are preparing for "the toughest fight we have ever had" over the legislation since ESA first passed Congress in 1973.

Two speakers, Robert E. Gordon, Jr., director of the National Wilderness Institute (NWI), and Michael J. Rosen, attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), talked to WWJ this week. Gordon predicted it was not only possible but probable that the program would be funded by Congress for next year without its acting on an authorization. "Congress would like to avoid an Endangered Species Act basic this decision year to avoid the hassle," he said.

Wilson enclosed with his testimony a letter dated April 8 from 29 organizations claiming to represent 37,545,000 jobs largely in natural resource fields, such as water, logging and ranching, fishing, trapping, mining, the oil industry, and public lands. They belong to the Endangered Species Act.

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