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A FIGHT FOR THE AGES

WE ENDURE. WE NEVER GIVE UP. WE FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.

That's the clear mission in the age of Trump: Battling on every front to save endangered species, wild places, oceans, communities and the climate from the ravages of private profiteering and willful ignorance.

The Center had some inspiring and important wins in 2018 — defeating Trump's gambit to turn Yellowstone's beloved grizzly bears into hunting trophies, halting fracking off the California coast, and securing federal protection for more species and thousands acres of habitat. Our resistance is strong nationwide, and we've opened offices in new places and hired dedicated, vigorous new staff to meet the threats. We're standing up for the climate and endangered species from the East Coast to the West and fighting in courts across the country to stop Trump from stripping gray wolves of their protection.

We worked hard through our rapidly expanding grassroots organizing network, Ignite Change, to get out the conservation vote for the midterm elections — and it worked. The elections brought us all some much-needed fresh air: crucial new footholds in the House of Representatives and more women and people of color in office than ever before. We now have strong advocates for the environment and wildlife poised to take the reins in key decision-making committees.

The resistance is nothing without your support, energy and faith in the fights that we take up every single day. I thank you. Here's to more victories in 2019.



Kieran Suckling
Executive Director



Wolf by Jacob W. Frank / NPS

2018 HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR IN REVIEW

ENDANGERED SPECIES ADVOCACY

- Stopped trophy hunting of Yellowstone’s famed grizzly bears, restoring the bears’ protections with a win in court.
- Halted the Keystone XL pipeline, which would worsen climate change, threaten wildlife and put rivers at risk.
- Won protections for Louisiana pine snakes and Black Warrior River waterdogs, and proposed protection for seven other species.
- Stopped commercial harvest of turtles in Missouri and Texas, and won a partial collection ban in Arkansas.
- Secured 11,000 acres of protected habitat for Hawaiian plants and proposed protections for 1,040 river miles for three southeastern species.

PUBLIC LANDS

- Filed lawsuits to protect millions of acres of public lands and endangered wildlife from fracking, drilling and logging.
- Won a court order against Trump’s proposal to keep the public from raising concerns about drilling on public lands.
- Scored a federal appeals court victory to protect the Grand Canyon region from new toxic uranium mining.
- Sued the Trump administration to stop illegal border wall construction in California, New Mexico and Texas.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Reached a \$17 million settlement protecting wildlife and reducing harmful pollution from Southern California freeways.
- Petitioned for Endangered Species Act protection for the imperiled Mojave poppy bee, the first native bee we’ve petitioned for.
- Released groundbreaking reports detailing pesticide spraying on national wildlife refuges and dicamba spraying in monarch habitat.
- Sued the Trump administration to protect more than 26 million people in 12 states from dangerous air pollution.

CLIMATE LAW INSTITUTE

- Filed dozens of climate cases challenging Trump rollbacks, corruption and secrecy.
- Prevailed in an early case challenging Trump’s attacks on fuel economy standards for cars and trucks.
- Won victories protecting bearded and ringed seals in the Arctic and filed suit to protect the Pacific walrus.
- Organized massive opposition to California’s approval of more than 21,000 new oil wells during Gov. Brown’s tenure.

URBAN WILDLANDS

- Closed a loophole aimed at allowing a developer to evade environmental review and build a massive warehouse threatening wildlife.
- Successfully challenged Tejon Ranch’s Grapevine, an isolated new city poised to block wildlife corridors and clog LA freeways.
- Halted Harmony, a development aiming to pave over sensitive habitat for more sprawl in San Bernardino County.
- Secured, through legal victories, key protections for two endangered fish: Southern California steelhead and Santa Ana suckers.

OCEANS

- Won a federal court moratorium against offshore fracking oil and gas wells along Southern California’s coast.
- Secured an agreement to protect critical habitat for endangered humpback whales in the Pacific Ocean.
- Organized opposition to expanded offshore oil leasing, including rallies, media coverage and 100 local resolutions.
- Prompted a new California law directing wildlife officials to better regulate commercial crab fishery to prevent whale entanglements.

POPULATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

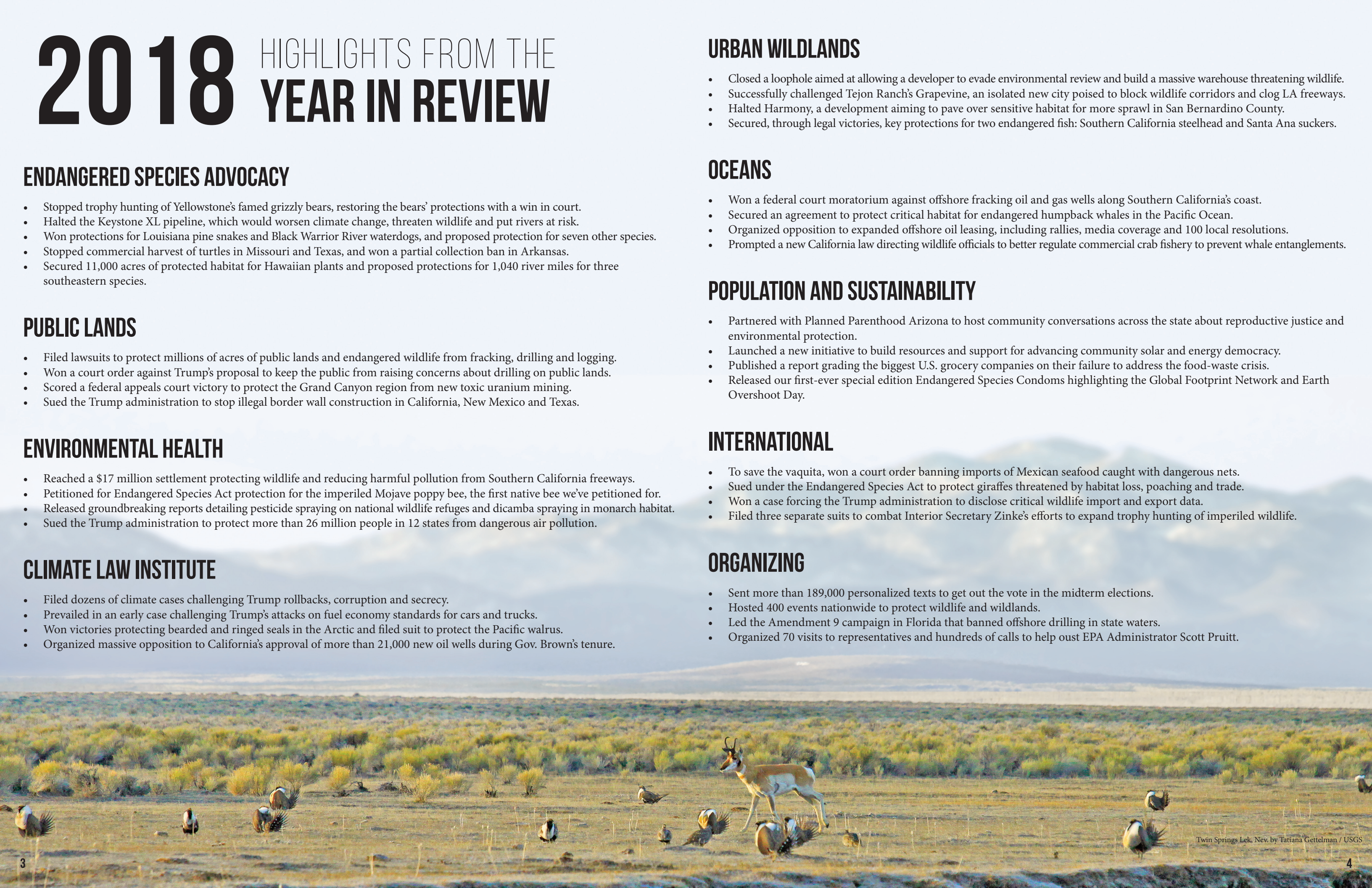
- Partnered with Planned Parenthood Arizona to host community conversations across the state about reproductive justice and environmental protection.
- Launched a new initiative to build resources and support for advancing community solar and energy democracy.
- Published a report grading the biggest U.S. grocery companies on their failure to address the food-waste crisis.
- Released our first-ever special edition Endangered Species Condoms highlighting the Global Footprint Network and Earth Overshoot Day.

INTERNATIONAL

- To save the vaquita, won a court order banning imports of Mexican seafood caught with dangerous nets.
- Sued under the Endangered Species Act to protect giraffes threatened by habitat loss, poaching and trade.
- Won a case forcing the Trump administration to disclose critical wildlife import and export data.
- Filed three separate suits to combat Interior Secretary Zinke’s efforts to expand trophy hunting of imperiled wildlife.

ORGANIZING

- Sent more than 189,000 personalized texts to get out the vote in the midterm elections.
- Hosted 400 events nationwide to protect wildlife and wildlands.
- Led the Amendment 9 campaign in Florida that banned offshore drilling in state waters.
- Organized 70 visits to representatives and hundreds of calls to help oust EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.



Twin Springs Lek, Nev. by Tatiana Gettelman / USGS

OUR PROMISE FOR 2019

FIGHT. PROTECT. WIN.



ACTIVATE: With our Ignite Change network of more than 38,000 volunteers, we'll continue mobilizing 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 public lands, habitat and endangered wildlife including bears, birds, wolves, fish and plants.

LITIGATE: We've sued the Trump administration more than 100 times since he came into office – and we're not about to let up. There are too many threats to the air we breathe, the water we drink, our climate, wildlife, public lands and public health.

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

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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