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Federal Policy Priorities for Mount Diablo Audubon Society

**Mission**

*Mount Diablo Audubon Society is committed to the sustainable balance of our community’s people, birds, other wildlife and habitat through conservation, education and advocacy.*

**Endangered Species Act**

The Endangered Species Act has helped protect thousands of vulnerable species of plants and animals. We SUPPORT keeping these protections in place with funding to USFWS and NOAA.

* OPPOSE -- H.R. 717,

Would require review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species.

* OPPOSE -- H.R. 2603, Would exclude non- native species.
* OPPOSE -- H.R. 1274
* OPPOSE -- H.R. 3131

 **National Monuments, National Marine**

 **Sanctuaries, offshore oil drilling**

 We OPPOSE any efforts to weaken these designations and approve new offshore oil drilling

**Sage-grouse conservation**

The Greater Sage-Grouse has declined precipitously due to widespread habitat destruction. Stakeholders developed a balanced conservation plan, but the Department of the Interior is considering weakening or eliminating these vital habitat protections.

• OPPOSE -- S. 273/HR 527

**Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act**

We SUPPORT funding for Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act – urge reauthorization and funding at $4.1 million.

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