

“Reviewing 40 Years of the Endangered Species Act and Seeking Improvement for People and Species.”

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Private individuals should not have to fund public goods. If it is a public good, it should be financed by the public not at the expense of a small group of private individuals.

Red Cockaded Woodpecker

1. Recovery Guidelines don't apply to wildfire or other natural disasters
 - a. Wildfire burned a stand of wood that contained rcw habitat.
 - b. The entire habitat was destroyed by the fire
 - c. Recovery guidelines don't apply to disaster situations and therefore had to wait on approval from USFWS to be able to harvest what would remain after the fire (both standing and on the ground).
 - d. USFWS was unable to provide clear direction on how to proceed.
 - e. Resulted in financial loss of \$250,000 to \$300,000 in market wood.
2. Restrictions within the current guidelines
3. Proactive requirements that mandate the landowner manage for the habitat, resulting in a financial burden
4. Guidelines don't adhere to science