

Critical habitat under SARA

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The new federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) is a lengthy and complex piece of legislation touching upon all of the various aspects of species survival and recovery. One of the most high-profile of these aspects, and one which differs significantly from past recovery process, is the identification and protection of Critical Habitat. This presentation will highlight in detail the Critical Habitat requirements of SARA, from the timing of identification in the recovery planning process through to protection measures on federal land, non-federal land, and related sections such as permits and compensation. The overall goal of the presentation is for the audience to take home a sound understanding of what the SARA legal framework is regarding Critical Habitat.