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The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance ([NAPSA](#)), a coalition of eight primate sanctuaries in the U.S. and Canada that cares for over five hundred chimpanzees and monkeys, applauds the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to list all chimpanzees as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

NAPSA has [previously stated](#) how critical this change is towards protecting captive chimpanzees, and how necessary it is for the conservation of the species. Although the full effect of this move is still to be determined, it means that a permit would be required for anything that would be considered a "take" under the ESA. Per the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, "permitted activities are designed to be consistent with the conservation of the species." This will limit the use of chimpanzees in invasive biomedical research and the often-abusive entertainment industry, and it would prohibit interstate commerce of chimpanzees by private individuals.

As the primary caregivers of hundreds of chimpanzees, we see and deal with the effects of their misuse every day. Their involvement in various industries is to the detriment of the species. We sincerely hope that today's rule change will help put an end to the exploitation of all chimpanzees.

NAPSA sanctuaries house more chimpanzees than all zoos combined in North America. We have the expertise to accept all privately- and government-owned chimpanzees currently in U.S. biomedical facilities, given funding that would cover their lifetime care, logistical arrangements and construction/renovation of housing.

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