The federal Endangered Species Act turned 40 this past weekend. On December 28, 1973, then-President Richard Nixon signed into law what has proven to be the nation's most controversial environmental law. So it's an especially appropriate time to alert Legal Planet readers that a major, recent conference on the ESA sponsored by the U.C. Davis School of Law's California Environmental Law & Policy Center is now available for online viewing. "The ESA at 40: Examining Its Past & Exploring Its Future," a one-day conference assessing the ESA, was held at King Hall on the U.C. Davis campus on October 4, 2013. The event was keynoted by former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and featured terrific presentations by a diverse group of ESA experts including fellow Legal Planeteer Holly Doremus of the U.C. Berkeley Law School. The conference can be viewed via this link. Happy viewing, and Happy New Year!