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In reply refer to:
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Dear Interested Party:

On November 3, 2005 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published a notice in the Federal Register of our intent to conduct 5-year reviews of 31 species in California and Nevada currently listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (Act). We re-opened for 60 days the public comment period, which closes on January 3, 2006. The notice can be found at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-21912.htm>

We ask your help in providing new information that you may have on any of these species since their original listing (the full list is on the back page). Specifically we seek new *scientific* information, analyses, or reports that summarize and interpret the following -- population status and threats, demographic or population trends; genetics and competition; dispersal and habitat use; habitat condition or amount; and adequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, management, and conservation planning.

Under Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act, a 5-year review assesses the status of a species in light of any new biological information available since its original listing. The review will assess whether: (a) new information suggests that the species' population is increasing, declining, or stable; (b) existing threats are increasing, the same, reduced, or eliminated; (c) there are any new threats; and (d) new information or analysis calls into question conclusions in the original listing. The Service will base its conclusion on the best scientific and commercial data we receive.

Wherever possible, information submitted should be documented with maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. We will consider all information submitted, but raw data that has not been analyzed or summarized may have limited usefulness.

Please submit any information by January 3, 2006. Because six different Service offices are handling species on the list, information should be submitted to the appropriate office. The list of species, and the responsible office with its address, is on the back. Please provide contact information so that we can discuss the information as needed in these reviews.

If you have any questions regarding this request, contact Diane Elam, diane_elam@fws.gov or 916-414-6464. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Five-Year Review of 31 Species Protected under the ESA

The species under review, and the address to submit information for each is:

For the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly, island night lizard, California least tern, least Bell's vireo, San Clemente Island Indian paintbrush, San Clemente Island larkspur, San Clemente Island woodland star, San Clemente Island lotus, San Clemente Island bush mallow, Santa Cruz Island rock-cress, and Hidden Lake bluecurls, submit comments to the Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92009. Information may be submitted electronically at **fw1cfwo_5yr@fws.gov**.

For the Smith's blue butterfly, Morro shoulderband snail, Santa Barbara Island dudleya, Eureka Valley evening primrose, and Eureka Dune grass, submit comments to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003. Information may be submitted electronically at **fw1vfw05year@fws.gov**.

For the Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, giant garter snake, San Francisco garter snake, Chinese Camp brodiaea, Mariposa pussypaws, Springville clarkia, Hartweg's golden sunburst, San Joaquin adobe sunburst, Keck's checker-mallow, and Red Hills vervain, submit comments to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825. Information may be submitted electronically at **fw1sfo5year@fws.gov**.

For Ash Meadows gumplant, spring-loving centaury, and Amargosa niterwort, submit comments to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Suite 234, Reno, NV 89502. Information may be submitted electronically at **fw1nfwo_5yr@fws.gov**.

For Kneeland Prairie pennycress, submit comments to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, 11655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521. Information may be submitted electronically at **fw8kneelandpennycress@fws.gov**. (Note that this electronic mail address is different than the address given in the July 7, 2005 notice opening the first comment period.)

For Yreka phlox, submit comments to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office, 1829 S. Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097. Information may be submitted electronically at **fw1yrekaphlox@fws.gov**.