DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 7 Species in the Mountain-Prairie Region

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews of 7 species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last review of the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration in our reviews, we are requesting submission of new information no later than [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact Craig Hansen, Regional Recovery Coordinator, by phone at 303–236–4748 or by email at craig_hansen@fws.gov. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance. For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct 5-year Status Reviews?

This document is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on 01/12/2021 and available online at federalregister.gov/d/2021-00416, and on govinfo.gov.
Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species’ status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year status reviews, go to http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html, scroll down to “Learn More about 5-Year Status Reviews,” and click on our factsheet.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year status review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year status review and will
also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.
**Which Species Are Under Review?**

This notice announces our active review of the seven species listed in the table below.

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<tr>
<th>Common Name</th>
<th>Scientific Name</th>
<th>Listing Status</th>
<th>Historical Range</th>
<th>Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)</th>
<th>Contact Person, Phone, Email</th>
<th>Contact Person’s U.S. Mail Address</th>
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<tr>
<td>Barneby reed-mustard</td>
<td><em>Schoenocrambe barnebyi</em></td>
<td>Endangered</td>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>57 FR 1398; 1/14/1992</td>
<td>Yvette Converse, Project Leader, 801–975–3330; <a href="mailto:yvette_converse@fws.gov">yvette_converse@fws.gov</a></td>
<td>Ecological Services, Utah Field Office, 2369 W. Orton Circle, #50, West Valley City, UT 84119</td>
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<td>Barneby ridge-cress</td>
<td><em>Lepidium barnebyanum</em></td>
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<td>Utah</td>
<td>55 FR 39860; 9/28/1990</td>
<td>Yvette Converse (information above)</td>
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<td>Dwarf bear-poppy</td>
<td><em>Arctomecon humilis</em></td>
<td>Endangered</td>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>44 FR 64250; 11/6/1979</td>
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<td>Welsh’s milkweed</td>
<td><em>Asclepias welshii</em></td>
<td>Threatened</td>
<td>Utah, Arizona</td>
<td>52 FR 41435; 10/28/1987</td>
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<td>DeBeque phacelia</td>
<td><em>Phacelia submutica</em></td>
<td>Threatened</td>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>76 FR 45054; 7/27/2011</td>
<td>Ann Timberman (information above)</td>
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Request for New Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. Put your comment to the attention of FWS–R6–ES–2020–N113. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Submissions

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Contents of Submissions

Please make your comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for
your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to be relevant to agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

**Completed and Active Reviews**

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year status reviews addressing species for which the Mountain-Prairie Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has lead responsibility is available at http://www.fws.gov/endangered/.

**Authority**

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq*.).

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