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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening and Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Endangered Status for Four Plants From Vernal Pools and Mesic Areas in Northern California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), announces a reopening and extension of the comment period on the proposed determination of endangered status for *Lasthenia conjugens* (Contra Costa goldfields), *Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *pauciflora* (few-flowered navarretia), *Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *plieantha* (many-flowered navarretia), and *Parvisedum leiocarpum* (Lake County stonecrop). Written comments on the proposed rule will be accepted until June 19, 1995.

DATES: The comment period, which originally closed on February 17, 1995, was extended by request to April 28, 1995. By additional request, the comment period, which closed on April 28, 1995, is reopened and now closes June 19, 1995. Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to Field Supervisor, Sacramento Field Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1803, Sacramento, California 95825-1846. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betty Warne (see **ADDRESSES** section) or at 916/979-2120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

These four plant species grow in vernal pools and mesic grasslands and are found variously in Lake, Napa, and Solano Counties. The three remaining populations of *Parvisedum leiocarpum* occur on private lands in Lake County. The five remaining populations of *Lasthenia conjugens* occur in Napa and Solano Counties. The three remaining populations of *Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *pauciflora* occur in Napa and Lake Counties. The four remaining populations of *Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *plieantha* occur in Lake County. The four species proposed for listing are imperiled by one or more of the following: Commercial, residential, and agricultural development; hydrological changes in vernal pool and swale habitats; trampling by livestock; road widening; inadequate regulatory protection mechanisms; random stochastic events; off-highway vehicle use; feral pigs; and horseback riding.

On December 19, 1994, (59 FR 65311) the Service published a proposed rule to list *Lasthenia conjugens*, *Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *pauciflora*, *Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *plieantha*, and *Parvisedum leiocarpum* as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The comment period on the proposal originally closed on February 17, 1995. To accommodate the public hearing, held on April 6, 1995, the Service extended the public comment period until April 28, 1995 (60 FR 14253, March 16, 1995). In response to an oral request made by Mr. Michael Delbar, Lake County Farm Bureau, on March 27, 1995, the Service reopens and further extends the comment period. This extension allows for the collection of additional data during the 1995 field season on the status and distribution of the proposed plants. Written comments may now be submitted until June 19, 1995, to the Service office in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Betty Warne (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 12, 1995.

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