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Maps are available for inspection at Benona Township Hall, 7169 West Baker Road, Shelby, MI 49455.

Township of Claybanks

Maps are available for inspection at Claybanks Township Hall, 7577 West Cleveland Road, New Era, MI 49446.

Township of Golden

Maps are available for inspection at Golden Township Hall, 5527 West Fox Road, Mears, MI 49436.

Township of Weare

Maps are available for inspection at Weare Township Hall, 6506 North Oceana Drive, Hart, MI 49420.

**Town of Richmond, Vermont
Docket No.: FEMA-B-1226**

Winooski River	Approximately 0.8 mile downstream of I-89 Approximately 1,150 feet upstream of Cochran Road.	+303 +326	Town of Richmond.
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* National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

+ North American Vertical Datum.

Depth in feet above ground.

^ Mean Sea Level, rounded to the nearest 0.1 meter.

ADDRESSES

Town of Richmond

Maps are available for inspection at the Town Center Building, 203 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT 05477.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Date: July 11, 2014.

Roy E. Wright,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket ID FEMA-2014-0002]

Final Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Base (1% annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and modified BFEs are made final for the communities listed below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The date of issuance of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) showing BFEs and modified BFEs for each community. This date may be obtained by contacting the office where the maps are available for inspection as indicated in the table below.

ADDRESSES: The final BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (email) Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final determinations listed below for the modified BFEs for each community listed. These modified elevations have been published in newspapers of local circulation and ninety (90) days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final rule is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67. FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the proof Flood Insurance Study and FIRM available at the address cited below for each community. The BFEs and modified BFEs are made final in the communities listed below. Elevations at selected locations in each community are shown.

National Environmental Policy Act. This final rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. An environmental impact assessment has not been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. As flood elevation determinations are not within the scope of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

Regulatory Classification. This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism. This final rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This final rule meets the applicable standards of Executive Order 12988.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR,

1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.11 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.11 are amended as follows:

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Montgomery County, Texas, and Incorporated Areas
Docket No.: FEMA-B-1045 and B 1221

Alligator Creek Flooding Effects, its West Branch and its West Fork.	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jacinto River and Alligator Creek.	+133	City of Conroe, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 375 feet upstream of Hillcrest Road	+195	
	Approximately 650 feet upstream of Hillcrest Road	+215	
	Just upstream of State Highway 336 and Alligator Creek	+238	
Arnold Branch	Approximately 1.4 miles downstream of FM 1488	+219	Town of Magnolia.
	Approximately 1,475 feet upstream of FM 1488	+246	
Arnold Branch Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Mink Branch and Arnold Branch	+203	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 800 feet downstream of Grand Oaks Boulevard.	+214	
	Approximately 2,100 feet upstream of Nichols Sawmill Road.	+227	
	Approximately 2.34 miles downstream of Doodson Road	+246	
Bear Branch Flooding Effects.	Approximately 2,500 feet downstream of Sawdust Road	+117	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Just downstream of Woodlands Parkway	+123	
	At the confluence of Panther Branch and Bear Branch	+140	
	Approximately 100 feet downstream from Kuykendahl Road	+157	
Bee Branch Flooding Effects.	Approximately 1.1 miles upstream of the confluence with Jayhawker Creek and Bee Branch.	+129	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Just upstream of Fostoria Road	+142	
Bens Branch	Approximately 620 feet downstream from the Loop 494	+79	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Just downstream of Loop 494	+80	
Brushy Creek Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Spring Creek and Brushy Creek	+187	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 4,550 feet upstream from the confluence of Threemile Creek and Brushy Creek.	+214	
Camp Creek Flooding Effects and its Tributaries.	Just upstream of Rogers Road	+306	City of Willis, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Just upstream of African Hill Road	+337	
Caney Creek Flooding Effects	At the confluence of Peach Creek and Caney Creek	+70	City of Cut 'N Shoot, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of McRae Creek and Caney Creek	+183	
	Approximately 6,500 feet upstream of Bilnoski Road	+268	
	Approximately 9,000 feet upstream of Mt. Zion Road	+282	
	Approximately 15,500 feet upstream of confluence with Caney Creek.	+285	
Caney Creek North Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Caney Creek Tributary No. 4 and Caney Creek North.	+202	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Kelly Branch and Caney Creek North	+220	
Carters Slough Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jacinto River and Carters Slough.	+108	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Just upstream of unnamed Railroad and Carters Slough	+124	
Crystal Creek Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jacinto River and Crystal Creek.	+109	City of Conroe, City of Cut 'N Shoot, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.

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Decker Branch Flooding Effects and its Tributaries.	At the confluence of West Fork of Crystal Creek and Crystal Creek.	+143	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Crystal Creek Tributary No. 4 and Crystal Creek.	+193	
	At the confluence of Crystal Creek Tributary No. 7 and Crystal Creek.	+240	
	Approximately 0.5 miles upstream of State Highway 75	+307	
	At the confluence of Mill Creek	+157	
Dry Creek Flooding Effects and its Tributaries.	Approximately 350 feet downstream from FM 1774 County Highway.	+208	City of Conroe, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 440 feet upstream from Tree Meadow Road. At the confluence of Caney Creek and Dry Creek	+219 +93	
Dry Creek No. 2, its Tributaries and Flooding Effects.	Just upstream of Massey Road and Dry Creek	+157	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of unnamed intermittent river	+195	
Duck Creek Flooding Effects.	Approximately 190 feet downstream from Smith-Dobbin Road.	+214	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Peach Creek and Duck Creek	+151	
Goodson Branch Flooding Effects and its Tributaries.	Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of Duff Road	+191	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Decker Branch Tributary No. 1 and Goodson Branch.	+188	
Hightower Branch Flooding Effects.	Approximately 176 feet downstream from Goodson Loop ...	+217	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Peach Creek and Hightower Branch ...	+120	
Jayhawker Creek Flooding Effects.	Approximately 9,800 feet upstream of the confluence with Peach Creek and Hightower Branch.	+135	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of the confluence with Bee Branch and Jayhawker Creek.	+128	
Lake Creek Flood Effects, its Tributaries and unnamed Streams.	Approximately 7,300 feet upstream of unnamed Railroad ...	+147	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jacinto River and Lake Creek.	+133	
Lawrence Creek Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Lake Creek Tributary No. 2 and Lake Creek.	+152	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Landrum Creek and Lake Creek	+195	
	Approximately 5,760 feet upstream of the confluence with Kidhaw Branch and Lake Creek.	+260	
	At the confluence of Peach Creek and Lawrence Creek	+146	
Little Caney Creek No. 3 Flooding Effects.	Approximately 1,500 feet downstream of Walker Road and Lawrence Creek.	+191	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 2,800 feet downstream from Mount Mariah Road.	+223	
Little Lake Creek Flooding Effects.	Approximately 4,300 feet upstream of Mount Mariah Road.	+228	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Little Lake Creek Tributary No. 6 and Little Lake Creek.	+202	
Mares Branch Flooding Effects.	Just upstream of FM1097 County Highway	+305	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Peach Creek and Mares Branch	+96	
McRae Creek Flooding Effects.	Approximately 7,000 feet upstream of the confluence of Peach Creek and Mares Branch.	+98	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Caney Creek and McRae Creek	+184	
Mill Creek Flooding Effects and its Tributaries.	Approximately 9,850 feet upstream of Tanyard Road	+335	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Spring Creek and Mill Creek	+156	
Mink Branch Flooding Effects.	Just upstream of unnamed Railroad	+172	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Tributary No. 2 and Mill Creek	+190	
	At the confluence of Mill Creek Tributary No. 6	+214	
	At the confluence of Walnut Creek and Mink Branch	+189	
	At the confluence of Arnold Branch and Mink Branch	+203	

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Orton Gully Flooding Effects.	Approximately 1,500 feet downstream of Old Hempstead Road.	+249	
	At the confluence of East Fork of San Jacinto River and Orton Gully.	+72	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Panther Branch Flooding Effects.	Approximately 750 feet upstream of Cambridge Boulevard.	+91	
	At the confluence of Spring Creek and Panther Branch	+108	City of Conroe, Town of Shenandoah, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Peach Creek	Just upstream of Magnolia Conroe Road	+181	
	Just upstream of FM 1488 County Highway	+191	
Peach Creek Flooding Effects and its Tributaries.	Approximately 1,375 feet downstream of Roman Forest Boulevard.	+85	Town of Roman Forest.
	Approximately 425 feet upstream of Roman Forest Boulevard.	+86	
	At the confluence of Caney Creek and Peach Creek	+70	City of Splendora, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County, Village of Patton Village, Village of Woodbranch.
Pole Creek Flooding Effects.	Approximately 15,000 feet upstream of the confluence with Duck Creek and Peach Creek.	+164	
	Approximately 17,000 feet upstream of the confluence with Peach Creek Tributary No. 3 and Peach Creek.	+340	
	Approximately 16,500 feet upstream of the confluence with Peach Creek.	+367	
	At the confluence with Little Lake Creek and Pole Creek	+239	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Sand Branch No. 2 Flooding Effects.	Approximately 10,000 feet upstream of Martha Williams Road.	+297	
	At the confluence with Little Lake Creek and Sand Branch No. 2.	+243	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Silverdale Creek Flooding Effects.	Approximately 18,000 feet upstream of the confluence with Little Lake Creek and Sand Branch No. 2.	+314	
	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jacinto River and Silverdale Creek.	+126	City of Conroe, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Spring Branch Flooding Effects.	Just upstream of Wagers Street	+187	
	At the confluence of Carney Creek and Spring Branch	+95	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Spring Branch No. 2 Flooding Effects.	Approximately 2,600 feet upstream of East Old Highway 105 Road.	+176	
	Approximately 1,500 feet upstream from the confluence with Landrum Creek and Spring Branch No. 2.	+202	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Spring Creek Flooding Effects into Sam Bell Gully Diversion Channel.	Just upstream of Spring Branch Road	+264	
	At the confluence of Spring Creek and Sam Bell Gully	+100	City of Oak Ridge North, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Spring Creek, its Tributaries, intermittent Streams and Flooding Effects for areas north of Spring Creek.	At the confluence of Sam Bell Gully Tributary Diversion Channel and Spring Creek.	+117	
	Approximately 1,150 feet upstream from Woodson Road	+136	
	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jacinto River and Spring Creek.	+67	City of Houston, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
Stewart Creek Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Sam Bell Gully Diversion Channel and Spring Creek.	+100	
	At the confluence of Mill Creek and Spring Creek	+156	
	At the confluence of Walnut Creek and Spring Creek	+169	
	Approximately 330 feet upstream of SH 336	+148	City of Conroe, City of Panorama Village, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Stewarts Creek Tributary No. 1 and Stewarts Creek.	+208	

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Sulphur Branch Flooding Effects.	Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of FM 830 County Highway.	+292	City of Stagecoach, Town of Magnolia, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Walnut Creek and Sulphur Branch	+178	
Threemile Creek Flooding Effects.	Just upstream of Greek Oak Road	+218	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 75 feet downstream from Magnolia Conroe Street.	+273	
Walnut Creek Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Brushy Creek and Threemile Creek	+208	City of Stagecoach, Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 4,300 feet upstream from the confluence of Brushy Creek and Threemile Creek.	+211	
West Fork of Spring Branch Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Spring Creek and Walnut Creek	+168	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	At the confluence of Mink Branch and Walnut Creek	+189	
White Oak Creek Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Log Gully and Walnut Creek	+195	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 3,200 feet upstream from unnamed Tributary	+223	
Woodsons Gully Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of Spring Branch and West Fork of Spring Branch.	+129	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 3,300 feet upstream of Pine Road	+191	
Woodsons Gully Flooding Effects.	Approximately 20,000 feet downstream of unnamed Railroad.	+67	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 5,100 feet downstream of unnamed Railroad	+80	
Woodsons Gully Flooding Effects.	At the confluence of West Fork of San Jancinto River and Woodsons Gully.	+78	Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County.
	Approximately 15,100 feet upstream of Riley Fuzzel Road.	+111	

* National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

Depth in feet above ground.

+ North American Vertical Datum.

^ Mean Sea Level, rounded to the nearest 0.1 meter.

ADDRESSES

City of Conroe

Maps are available for inspection at 300 West Davis, Conroe, TX 77301.

City of Cut 'N Shoot

Maps are available for inspection at 14391 East Highway 105, Cut 'N Shoot, TX 77303.

City of Houston

Maps are available for inspection at 611 Walker Road, Houston, TX 77002.

City of Oak Ridge North

Maps are available for inspection at 27326 Robinson Road, Suite 115, Conroe, TX 77385.

City of Panorama Village

Maps are available for inspection at 98 Hiwon Drive, Panorama Village, TX 77304.

City of Splendora

Maps are available for inspection at 16940 Main Street, Splendora, TX 77372.

City of Stagecoach

Maps are available for inspection at 16022 Westward Ho, Mongolia Texas, TX 77355.

City of Willis

Maps are available for inspection at 200 North Bell Street, Willis, TX 77378.

Town of Magnolia

Maps are available for inspection at 510 Magnolia Boulevard, Magnolia, TX 77356.

Town of Roman Forest

Maps are available for inspection at 2430 Roman Forest Boulevard, New Caney, TX 77357.

Town of Shenandoah

Maps are available for inspection at 29955 I-45 North, Shenandoah, TX 77381.

Unincorporated Areas of Montgomery County

Maps are available for inspection at 301 North Thompson, Suite 210, Conroe, TX 77301.

Village of Patton Village

Maps are available for inspection at 16940 Main Street, Splendora, TX 77372.

Village of Woodbranch

Maps are available for inspection at 58A Woodbranch Drive, New Caney, TX 77357.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: July 11, 2014.

Roy E. Wright,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2013-0087;4500030113]

RIN 1018-AZ11

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for *Physaria globosa* (Short's Bladderpod), *Helianthus verticillatus* (Whorled sunflower), and *Leavenworthia crassa* (Fleshy-Fruit Gladecress)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), determine endangered species status under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, for *Physaria globosa* (Short's bladderpod), *Helianthus verticillatus* (whorled sunflower), and *Leavenworthia crassa* (fleshy-fruit gladecress). Short's bladderpod occurs in Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Whorled sunflower occurs in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Fleshy-fruit gladecress occurs only in Alabama. The effect of this regulation will be to add these species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.

DATES: This rule is effective September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: This final rule is available on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> and <http://www.fws.gov/cookeville>. Comments and materials we received, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing this rule, are available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All of the comments, materials, and documentation that we considered in this rulemaking are available by appointment during normal business hours at: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Ecological Services Field Office, 446 Neal Street, Cookeville, TN

38501; telephone 931-528-6481; facsimile 931-528-7075.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary E. Jennings, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Ecological Services Field Office, (see **ADDRESSES** above). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary

Why we need to publish a rule. Under the Act, a species may warrant protection through listing if it is endangered or threatened throughout all or a significant portion of its range. Listing a species as an endangered or threatened species can only be completed by issuing a rule.

*This rule will finalize the listing of *Physaria globosa* (Short's bladderpod), *Helianthus verticillatus* (whorled sunflower), and *Leavenworthia crassa* (fleshy-fruit gladecress) as endangered species.*

The basis for our action. Under the Act, we can determine that a species is an endangered or threatened species based on any of five factors: (A) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (B) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (C) disease or predation; (D) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (E) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. We have determined that listing is warranted for these species, which are currently at risk throughout all of their respective ranges due to threats related to:

- For Short's bladderpod, potential future construction and ongoing maintenance of transportation rights-of-way; prolonged inundation and soil erosion due to flooding and water level manipulation; overstory shading due to forest succession and shading and competition from invasive, nonnative plant species; and small population sizes.

- For whorled sunflower, mechanical or chemical vegetation management for industrial forestry, right-of-way maintenance, or agriculture; shading and competition resulting from vegetation succession; limited distribution and small population sizes.

- For fleshy-fruit gladecress, loss of habitat due to residential and industrial development; conversion of agricultural sites for use as pasture; maintenance of road rights-of-way via mowing and herbicide treatment prior to seed

production; shading due to natural forest succession; competition from invasive nonnative plants; off-road vehicles and dumping; limited distribution; and small sizes and limited genetic variation of some populations.

Peer review and public comment. We sought comments from independent specialists to ensure that our designation is based on scientifically sound data, assumptions, and analyses. We invited these peer reviewers to comment on our listing proposal. We also considered all comments and information received during the comment period.

Previous Federal Action

Please refer to the proposed listing rule for Short's bladderpod, whorled sunflower, and fleshy-fruit gladecress (78 FR 47109; August 2, 2013) for a detailed description of previous Federal actions concerning this species.

We will also be finalizing critical habitat designations for the Short's bladderpod, whorled sunflower, and fleshy-fruit gladecress under the Act in the near future.

Summary of Comments and Recommendations

In the proposed rule published on August 2, 2013 (78 FR 47109), we requested that all interested parties submit written comments on the proposal by October 1, 2013. We also contacted appropriate Federal and State agencies, scientific experts and organizations, and other interested parties and invited them to comment on the proposal. Newspaper notices inviting general public comment were published in the Cherokee County Herald, The Birmingham News, and The Decatur Daily in Alabama; the Rome News Tribune in Georgia; The Posey County News in Indiana; the Lexington Herald-Leader and The State Journal in Kentucky; and the Jackson County Sentinel, The Tennessean, The Leaf Chronicle, Carthage Courier, and Hartsville Vidette in Tennessee. We did not receive any requests for a public hearing. All substantive information provided during comment periods has either been incorporated directly into this final determination or addressed in our responses to the comments below.

Peer Reviewer Comments

In accordance with our peer review policy published on July 1, 1994 (59 FR 34270), we solicited expert opinion from 15 knowledgeable individuals with scientific expertise that included familiarity with one or more of these species and their habitats, biological needs, and threats. We received