

accounts to ensure the quality and extent of restored habitats are maintained over time.

Because the Habitat Reserve will be surrounded by residential development, the proposed project also includes several design features to minimize the potential for degradation of habitat that is preserved as part of the project. The fuel modification zone was minimized by incorporating fire-resistant features into the project design and will be planted with coastal sage scrub species approved for use by the local fire authority to maintain foraging habitat for coastal California gnatcatchers. Development landscaping will exclude invasive plant species and incorporate primarily drought-tolerant plants to minimize artificial irrigation. Lighting will be shielded and designed to minimize spillover into the Montebello Habitat Reserve. Fencing will prohibit access to the Habitat Reserve by homeowners and their pets, and no-trespassing signs will be posted at likely points of entry.

#### Proposed Action and Alternatives

The proposed action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the proposed HCP, which includes measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to coastal California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo. To comply with the requirements for an HCP under ESA section 10(a), alternatives to the project and the incidental take of coastal California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo were evaluated. Under the No Action Alternative, the project would not be constructed, and no ITP would be issued. The No Action Alternative would not meet the primary goal of the proposed project, which is to construct residential homes within the project area. It would also represent a loss of the value of the infrastructure (roadways, utilities, and storm water facilities) previously constructed to facilitate development of Phase B, including revegetation of 41.85 acres of coastal sage scrub on slopes as part of the Phase A development. Alternatives to the proposed project are constrained by the Phase A development and would necessitate extensive changes to the developed subdivisions in Phase A from a land use, circulation, and utility perspective. There are no other feasible alternatives, based on the description of already installed improvements that would avoid incidental take of coastal California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo.

#### Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the coastal California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo, and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP would be a "low-effect" ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the species and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations, DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A "low-effect" ITP is one that would result in (1) minor or nonsignificant effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

#### Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the permit to the applicant for incidental take of coastal California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo.

#### Public Availability of Comments

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 may 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.

#### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing

regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

**Kristine Petersen,**

*Deputy Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of Five Northeastern Species

**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 reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended, for five northeastern species. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the previous 5-year review for each species.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please submit your written information by February 7, 2024. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** For instructions on how and where to submit information, see Request for New Information and Table 2—Contacts under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*General Information:* Martin Miller, 413–253–8615 (phone), [martin\\_miller@fws.gov](mailto:martin_miller@fws.gov) (email), and via U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

*Species-Specific Information and Submission of Comments:* Contact the appropriate person or office listed in Table 2—Contacts in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating 5-year reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for five northeastern species: the endangered clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*) and northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma rangiana*) and threatened Chittenango ovate amber snail (*Novisuccinea chittenangoensis*), Knieskern’s beaked-rush (*Rhynchospora knieskernii*), and Puritan tiger beetle (*Elliptoptera puritana*).

A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are

requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the most recent status review for each species.

**Why do we conduct 5-year reviews and species status assessments?**

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.11(h) (for wildlife) and 50 CFR 17.12(h) (for plants). Listed wildlife and plants can also be found at [https://ecos.fws.gov/tess\\_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp](https://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp) and [https://ecos.fws.gov/tess\\_public/pub/](https://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/)

*listedPlants.jsp*, respectively. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA 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 species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our fact sheet at <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

**What species are under review?**

We are initiating 5-year status reviews of the species in table 1.

TABLE 1—SPECIES UNDER REVIEW

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Listing date and citation
Clubshell .....	<i>Pleurobema clava</i> .....	Endangered .....	Wherever found	1/22/1993, 58 FR 5638.
Northern riffleshell .....	<i>Epioblasma rangiana</i> .....	Endangered .....	Wherever found	1/22/1993, 58 FR 5638.
Chittenango ovate amber snail ....	<i>Novisuccinea chittenangoensis</i> ...	Threatened .....	Wherever found	7/3/1978, 43 FR 28932.
Knieskern’s beaked-rush .....	<i>Rhynchospora knieskernii</i> .....	Threatened .....	Wherever found	7/18/1991, 56 FR 32978.
Puritan tiger beetle .....	<i>Elliptoptera puritana</i> .....	Threatened .....	Wherever found	8/7/1990, 55 FR 32088.

**What information do we consider in our 5-year reviews and species status assessments?**

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting the review, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the most recent status review. We are seeking new information specifically regarding:

(1) Species biology, including but not limited to life-history and habitat requirements and impact tolerance thresholds;

(2) Historical and current population conditions, including but not limited to population abundance, trends, distribution, demographics, and genetics;

(3) Historical and current habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(4) Historical and current threats, threat trends, and threat projections in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA);

(5) Conservation measures for the species that have been implemented or are planned; and

(6) 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 received will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating ongoing recovery programs for the species.

**Request for New Information**

To ensure that 5-year reviews are based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. 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?**

Please submit your questions, comments, and materials to the appropriate contact in table 2, below.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can request that personal information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Contacts**

New information on the species covered in this notice should be submitted by mail or electronic mail to the appropriate contact shown in table 2, by the deadline provided above in **DATES**.

TABLE 2—CONTACTS

Species	Contact person, email, phone	Contact address
Clubshell .....	Robert Anderson, <a href="mailto:robert_m_anderson@fws.gov">robert_m_anderson@fws.gov</a> , 814–206–7447.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801–7987.
Northern riffleshell .....	Robert Anderson, <a href="mailto:robert_m_anderson@fws.gov">robert_m_anderson@fws.gov</a> , 814–206–7447.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801–7987.
Chittenango ovate amber snail	John Wiley, <a href="mailto:john_wiley@fws.gov">john_wiley@fws.gov</a> , 607–753–9334.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045–9385.
Knieskern’s beaked-rush .....	Rebecca Klee, <a href="mailto:rebecca_klee@fws.gov">rebecca_klee@fws.gov</a> , 609–382–5265.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office, 4 E Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 4, Galloway, NJ 08205.

TABLE 2—CONTACTS—Continued

Species	Contact person, email, phone	Contact address
Puritan tiger beetle .....	Kathleen Cullen, <i>kathleen_cullen@fws.gov</i> , 410-573-4579.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401-7307.

**Authority**

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Wendi Weber,**

*Regional Director, Northeast Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Indian Gaming; Extension of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compacts in California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the extension of the Class III gaming compacts between two Tribes in California and the State of California.

**DATES:** The extension takes effect on January 8, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, *IndianGaming@bia.gov*; (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An extension to an existing Tribal-State Class III gaming compact does not require approval by the Secretary if the extension does not modify any other terms of the compact. 25 CFR 293.5. The following Tribes and the State of California have reached an agreement to extend the expiration date of their existing Tribal-State Class III gaming compacts to December 31, 2024: the Bishop Paiute Tribe; and the Pit River Tribe, California. This publication provides notice of the new expiration date of the compacts.

**Bryan Newland,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the current list of 574 Tribal entities recognized by and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by virtue of their status as Indian Tribes.

**DATES:** The list is updated from the notice published on August 11, 2023 (88 FR 54654).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Genevieve Giaccardo, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Deputy Director, Office of Indian Services, Mail Stop 3645-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone number: (202) 513-7641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of November 2, 1994 (Pub. L. 103-454; 108 Stat. 4791, 4792), in accordance with section 83.6(a) of part 83 of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and in exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9 and 209 DM 8. Published below is an updated list of federally recognized Indian Tribes within the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. Amendments to the list include formatting edits and name changes.

To aid in identifying Tribal name changes, Tribes' previously listed, former names, or also known as (aka) names are included in parentheses after the correct current Tribal name. The BIA will continue to list the Tribe's former or previously listed name for several years before dropping the former or previously listed name from the list.

The listed Indian entities are recognized to have the immunities and privileges available to federally recognized Indian Tribes by virtue of their Government-to-Government

relationship with the United States as well as the responsibilities, powers, limitations, and obligations of such Indian Tribes. The BIA has continued the practice of listing the Alaska Native entities separately for the purpose of facilitating identification of them.

**Bryan Newland,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

**Indian Tribal Entities Within the Contiguous 48 States Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs**

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, California
- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
- Alturas Indian Rancheria, California
- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana
- Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, California
- Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin
- Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, California
- Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California
- Big Lagoon Rancheria, California
- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
- Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California
- Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria, California
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana
- Blue Lake Rancheria, California
- Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California
- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians (*previously* listed as Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, California)
- Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria, California
- Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria
- Cahuilla Band of Indians
- California Valley Miwok Tribe, California
- Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California
- Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California (Barona Group of