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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Findings for 25 Endangered Species Act Petitions

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has completed findings for 25 petitions to list, delist or reclassify animals or plants under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Service finds that two of these petitions (for the Cahaba pebblesnail and the Stephens' kangaroo rat) did not present substantial scientific or commercial information that the petitioned actions may be warranted. The Service will not initiate a status review for these species.

As listed below, the Service is initiating status reviews for 23 petitions that presented substantial information that the species may warrant listing under the ESA. With the publication of this notice, the Service will initiate a review of the status of each species. To ensure that these reviews are comprehensive, the Service is requesting scientific and commercial data and other information for each species. Based on the status reviews, the Service will address whether the petitioned action is warranted.

A summary of all findings in this batch is included below, along with separate docket numbers:

Not-substantial petition findings – no further status review

Species	Range	Docket number	Docket link
Cahaba pebblesnail	AL	FWS-R4-ES-2015-0079	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R4-ES-2015-0079
Stephens' kangaroo rat	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0140	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0140

Substantial petition findings – status review initiated

Species	Range	Docket number	Docket link
Blue Calaminta bee	FL	FWS-R4-ES-2015-0077	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R4-ES-2015-0077
California spotted owl	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0139	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0139
Cascade torrent salamander	WA, OR	FWS-R1-ES-2015-0080	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R1-ES-2015-0080
Columbia torrent salamander	WA, OR	FWS-R1-ES-2015-0083	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R1-ES-2015-0083
Florida pine snake	AL, FL, GA , SC	FWS-R4-ES-2015-0086	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R4-ES-2015-0086
Inyo Mountains salamander	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0092	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0092
Kern Plateau salamander	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0093	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0093
Lesser slender salamander	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0097	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0097
Limestone salamander	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0099	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0099
Northern bog lemming	AK, WA, ID, MT, MN, ME, NH, NY	FWS-R5-ES-2015-0103	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R5-ES-2015-0103
Panamint alligator lizard	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0105	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0105
Peaks of Otter salamander	VA	FWS-R5-ES-2015-0106	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R5-ES-2015-0106
Regal fritillary	KS, AK, NC, MO, NE, ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA, and WV	FWS-R6-ES-2015-0078	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R6-ES-2015-0078
Rusty-patched bumble bee	CT, IL, IN, IA, MD, MA, MN, TN, WI	FWS-R3-ES-2015-0112	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R3-ES-2015-0112
Shasta salamander	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0115	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0115
Short-tailed snake	FL	FWS-R4-ES-2015-0116	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R4-ES-2015-0116
Southern rubber boa	CA	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0119	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0119
Tinian monarch	Tinian, CNMI	FWS-R1-ES-2015-0118	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R1-ES-2015-0118

Tricolored blackbird	CA, OR, WA, MX, NV	FWS-R8-ES-2015-0138	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2015-0138
Tufted puffin	WA, OR, CA	FWS-R1-ES-2015-0108	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R1-ES-2015-0108
Virgin River spinedace	UT, AZ, NV	FWS-R6-ES-2015-0121	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R6-ES-2015-0121
Wood turtle	ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, MD, DE, VA, WV, MN, IA, OH, PA, MI, WI and Canada	FWS-R5-ES-2015-0122	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R5-ES-2015-0122
Yuman desert fringe-toed Lizard	AZ	FWS-R2-ES-2015-0124	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FWS-R2-ES-2015-0124

The notice will publish in the *Federal Register* on September 18, 2015, and also will be available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection> by clicking on the 2015 Notices link under Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. Information can be submitted on species for which a status review is being initiated, using the specified docket number, beginning upon publication in the *Federal Register*, for 60 days until November 17, 2015.

The ESA provides a critical safety net for fish, wildlife and plants and has prevented the extinction of hundreds of imperiled species, as well as promoting the recovery of many others. The Service is actively engaged with conservation partners and the public in the search for improved and innovative ways to conserve and recover imperiled species.

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