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Service Completes 5-Year Review for Western Lily

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) today announced the completion of a 5-year review for Western Lily (*Lilium occidentale*), an endangered plant found in northern California and southern Oregon. We are not recommending a change in status for this species.

This 5-year review was undertaken as required by section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), and was noticed for review on March 5, 2008. The 5-year review constitutes a recommendation by the Service. Any change in the listing status would require a separate rulemaking process.

More information about Western Lily is found online at <http://www.fws.gov/arcata> . A copy of the 5-year review can be found on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/cno/es/five_year_review_lists.html.

Under the Act, the Service maintains a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). The Act also requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years and on the basis of such reviews determine whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened (downlisted) or from threatened to endangered (uplisted). Any change in federal classification requires a separate rulemaking process distinct from the 5-year review.

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