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## **Draft Economic Analysis of Critical Habitat Proposal for San Diego Thornmint Available for Public Review and Comment**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a notice in today's *Federal Register* announcing the availability of the draft economic analysis for the March 14, 2007, proposed rule to designate critical habitat for San Diego thornmint, a federally threatened plant in San Diego County, California. Concurrent with the notice of availability, the Service has revised the March 2007, proposed critical habitat rule. The draft economic analysis reflects the revisions made to the proposed rule.

The draft analysis estimates potential costs associated with conservation activities on land proposed for inclusion in the final critical habitat designation to be \$0.6 to \$2.8 million (undiscounted) over the next 20 years.

Comments and information on the draft economic analysis and revised proposed rule for San Diego thornmint will be accepted until December 27, 2007.

Written comments may be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011, or transmitted by facsimile to 760-431-5901. Electronic comments should be sent to [FW8cfwocomments@fws.gov](mailto:FW8cfwocomments@fws.gov).

Copies of the revised proposed rule and draft economic analysis for San Diego thornmint are available on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/SanDiegoThornmint.htm>.

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