

Pending listing actions with potential to affect Tribes

Species	Listing Action	Publication Date	Tribal Counties
California spotted owl	Substantial 90-day petition finding (Sac FWO lead) 12-month listing status review underway (Sac FWO lead)	September 18, 2015 Expected FY 2019	San Diego Riverside San Bernardino
coastal California gnatcatcher	Not warranted 12-month finding (to delist)	August 31, 2016	All
Hermes copper butterfly	Proposed listing rule/proposed critical habitat rule underway	Expected FY 2017	San Diego
Joshua tree	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway	September 14, 2016 Expected FY 2018	Riverside San Bernardino
Panamint alligator lizard	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway	September 18, 2015 Expected FY 2018	All
Santa Ana sucker	Notice of Availability for Draft Recovery Plan (comment period closed January 23, 2015) Final Recovery Plan	November 24, 2014 Expected FY 2017	Riverside
southwestern willow flycatcher	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month status review underway (to delist)	March 16, 2016 Expected FY 2017	All
southern rubber boa	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway	September 18, 2015 Expected FY 2019	Riverside San Bernardino
tricolored blackbird	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway State of California currently evaluating for listing	September 18, 2015 Expected FY 2018	All
western pond turtle	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway	April 12, 2015 Expected FY 2020	San Diego
western spadefoot toad	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway	July 1, 2015 Expected FY 2020	All
yellow-billed cuckoo (western U.S. pop.)	Proposed critical habitat (reopening of comment period) Revised proposed designation of critical habitat underway	November 12, 2014 Expected FY 2017	Arizona
Monarch butterfly	Substantial 90-day petition finding 12-month listing status review underway , Region 3 is the lead office	December 31, 2014	All

Other Relevant News

- Update on feral pigs: researchers report they are eradicated!
- Other items:

The USFWS has **updated the petition process** for listing, delisting, or reclassifying species. Please visit the following links for more information about this, and other, **regulatory reforms**:

- <http://thehill.com/regulation/energy-environment/297752-rule-changes-petitioning-process-for-animal-protections>
- https://www.fws.gov/endangered/improving_esa/reg_reform.html

- The USFWS and NMFS released a **draft update to the Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook** intended to be more streamlined and user-friendly. It follows the HCP process from start to finish. We encourage all of our partners to review it and provide comments (accepted until August 29, 2016).
- Link to draft revised HCP Handbook - https://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/HCP_Handbook-Draft.pdf
- Link to Federal Register notice announcing availability - <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FWS-HQ-ES-2016-0004-0001>

Announcement of **draft Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compensatory Mitigation Policy** and request public comments.

- SUMMARY: The draft new policy is needed to implement recent Executive Office and Department of the Interior mitigation policies that necessitate a shift from project-by project to landscape-scale approaches to planning and implementing compensatory mitigation.
- Comments are being accepted through October 17, 2016.
- <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-02/pdf/2016-20757.pdf>

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Multiple in-person and one on-line **USA-Tribal infrastructure consultation** sessions will take place in October and November, 2016. Please visit the following link for more information:

http://www.eenews.net/assets/2016/09/23/document_pm_02.pdf

How can Federal agencies better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions, to protect tribal lands, resources, and treaty rights?