

Peer Review Plan for the Species Status Assessment Report for 14 Springsnails in Nevada and Utah

Document Title

Species Status Assessment Report for 14 Springsnails in Nevada.

Document Description

The Species Status Assessment (SSA) for 14 species of springsnails that occur in Nevada and Utah was prepared to complete an in-depth review of the species' biology and threats, an evaluation of its biological status, and an assessment of the resources and conditions needed to maintain long-term viability. The information compiled in the SSA will be used to complete a 12-month status review for the 14 species. It is estimated that the final SSA will be completed prior to and disseminated at the time of the Service's decision released in the 12-month finding published in the Federal Register sometime in September 2017.

Peer Review Process

Peer review will be conducted in accordance with our July 1, 1994 peer review policy (59 FR 34270), the Service's August 22, 2016 Director's Memo on the Peer Review Process, and the Office of Management and Budget's December 16, 2004 Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review. The peer review will occur through individual letters to experts. The Service will select and seek peer review from approximately a dozen or more experts. Peer reviewers sought will have subject matter expertise in one or more topics related to springsnails, springs, aquatic ecology, hydrology, or land and natural resource management. The peer review is anticipated to occur between March 14, 2017 and April 12, 2017.

Public Participation

The Service will request that the public submit information, materials, comments, or questions regarding the 12-month finding and this may include the content of the SSA as it is applied to the 12-month finding. The SSA will be made available for the public to download or inspect when the 12-month finding is published in the Federal Register.

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