

Peer Review Plan Reporting Checklist

About the Document

- Species Status Assessment for La Graciosa thistle (*Cirsium scariosum* var. *loncholepis* [*Cirsium loncholepis*])
- This report summarizes the results of a species status assessment evaluating the viability of La Graciosa thistle (*Cirsium scariosum* var. *loncholepis* [*Cirsium loncholepis*]) in June 2018. To assess viability, we used the three conservation biology principles of resiliency, representation and redundancy. Specifically, we identified the species' needs, current conditions and status, changes in representation, resiliency and redundancy from historical time to the present, and forecast the likely future status of the species under three plausible future scenarios.
- Finalized on September 10, 2018

About the Peer Review Process

- Kind of peer review that will be conducted
 - individual letters
- Anticipated number of reviewers
 - 6
- Reviewer selection method
 - reviewers selected by the Service
- Primary disciplines or expertise needed in the review (describe).
 - Expertise in species ecology, land management where the species occur, the local ecology, and general plant conservation biology
- Estimated start and end dates of peer review
 - January 29 to Feb 28, 2018

About Public Participation

- Opportunities for the public to comment on the work product to be peer reviewed
 - N/A
- Indicate whether the public, including scientific or professional organizations, will be asked to nominate potential peer reviewers.
 - N/A

Contact

- Contact information for one or more staff regarding this peer review.
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