

Peer Review Plan for Five-Year Status Review of McDonald's rock-cress (*Arabis macdonaldiana*)

About the Document

Title: Five-Year Status Review of McDonald's rock-cress (*Arabis macdonaldiana*).

Description: This document will consolidate new information regarding the status of the species since the most recent status update. All functions of the Endangered Species Program from listing actions to Section 7 consultation to recovery planning will refer on this document as a resource for the status of the species.

Estimated Date of the Final Document: August 2020

About the Peer Review Process

Type of review: Letters

Anticipated Number of Reviewers: minimum of three (3)

Reviewer Selection Method: Pacific Southwest Service staff will select Peer reviewers. We will select reviewers who are unlikely to experience personal gain or loss as a result of the Service's decision. Peer reviewers will not be compensated for their time, and Service employees will not be used for this peer review.

Expertise needed in the Peer Review: The Service will solicit reviews and comments from subject area experts who are willing to commit to providing an objective written scientific review of the Five-Year Review within the needed time frame. Selections of peer reviewers will be based on their knowledge and expertise of the species and its habitat, including biology, conservation, and ecology. They will include field biologists and researchers that are familiar with the area where the species occurs.

Estimated Peer Review Timeframe: April 2020 to June 2020

Will the public and/or scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers? No

Are waivers or deferrals being invoked? No

Estimated Start Date of Peer Review: April 2020

About Public Participation

This peer review plan is made available to allow the public to monitor our compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review. The final Five-Year Review is not a decision document requiring public review. However, the final version will be made available to the public through direct mail to interested parties and posts on Service websites.

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