

# HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- 1) On the proposed rule to designate critical habitat for three southern plants, Short's bladderpod, whorled sunflower, and fleshy-fruit gladececrop, which have all been proposed for listing as endangered.
- 2) On the draft economic analysis for the proposed critical habitat.

**Written comments can be submitted by DATE online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)**

**ATTN: Docket Number FWS-R4-ES-2013-0086.**

If you prefer, you can U.S. mail or hand-deliver comments to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R4-ES-2013-0086, Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

All comments received will be posted on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

We must receive your comments by June 30, 2014, for them to be considered. If you submitted comments during the previous open comment period which began August 2, 2013, there is no need to resubmit them. They will be given equal consideration to those received during this present open comment period.

The comments and information you provide to us are important allowing us to use the best and most current scientific and commercial information available regarding the proposed critical habitat designation, and the draft economic analysis.

We are seeking comments regarding:

- (1) Land use designations and current or planned activities in the subject areas and their possible impacts on these species or proposed critical habitats;
- (2) The reasons why any area should or should not be designated as critical habitat;
- (3) Specific information on the amount and distribution of habitat for the these three southern plants, including areas occupied at the time of listing and containing the features essential to the conservation of the species, and areas not occupied at the time of listing that are essential to the conservation of the species and why;
- (4) Information on whether the draft economic analysis identifies all state and local costs and benefits attributable to the proposed critical habitat designation, and information on any costs or benefits that have been inadvertently overlooked;
- (5) Information on whether the draft economic analysis makes appropriate assumptions regarding current practices and likely regulatory changes that would be imposed as a result of designation of critical habitat;
- (6) Information on whether the draft economic analysis correctly assesses the effects on regional costs associated with the designation of critical habitat;

(7) Any foreseeable economic national security or other relevant impacts resulting from the proposed designation and any impacts on small entities; and

(8) Whether our approach to designating critical habitat could be improved or modified in any way to provide for greater public participation and understanding, or to assist us in accommodating public concerns and comments.

The full texts of the proposed rule and the draft economic analysis are available at the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket Number FWS-R4-ES-2013-0086.

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