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Partners Successful Conservation Efforts Help Springsnail

Elongate Mud Meadows springsnail removed from Candidate List

RENO—The elongate Mud Meadows springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis notidicola*), a freshwater snail native to Soldier Meadows in Nevada, is one of three species to be removed from candidate status by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The change in status for the springsnail announced this month as part of a yearly appraisal of the status of plants and animals called a Candidate Notice of Review which considers candidates for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

“The Service placed the springsnail on the Candidate list in 2002, primarily because of concerns over impacts to habitat by growing recreational use of Soldier Meadow, the only know population of the snails,” said Ted Koch, the Service’s Nevada state supervisor. “BLM has implemented numerous management actions that have effectively removed the threats to the species.”

In addition to the efforts by the BLM, three additional populations of the springsnail have been discovered since the species became a candidate for federal listing, making this species less vulnerable to random, naturally occurring events than previously thought.

There are now 192 species recognized by the Service as candidates for ESA protection, the lowest number in more than 12 years.

The complete notice and list of proposed and candidate species appears in the Federal Register and can be found online at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/cnor.html>.

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