

Peer Review Plan for Amargosa niterwort (*Nitrophila mohavensis*) Recovery Plan

About the Document

Title: Amargosa niterwort Species Status Assessment and Recovery Plan

Purpose: The Species Status Assessment (SSA) report will inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's update of a recovery plan for Amargosa niterwort (*Nitrophila mohavensis*), in cooperation with California Botanic Garden. The information in the SSA report is likely to be influential scientific information.

About the Peer Review Process

Estimated Peer Review Timeline: January 2025 – May 2025

Type of Peer Review: The Service will solicit comments on the SSA and draft Recovery Plan from independent scientific reviewers via individual letters. Peer reviewers will submit comments in written form.

Anticipated Number of Reviewers: The Service will request review from at least three individuals.

Reviewer Selection Method: In selecting peer reviewers, we will consider four key factors: expertise, balance, independence, and avoidance of conflict of interest. We are not seeking nominations for peer reviewers from the public.

Necessary Expertise: Peer reviewers will have expertise on Amargosa niterwort or related taxa, the ecosystems in which the species lives, the threats to or management of the species or its habitat, or the analytical methods we used.

Peer reviewers will not be asked to provide recommendations on the listing determination or any other associated rulemaking under the Act. Peer reviewers will be asked to comment specifically on the quality of any information and analyses used or relied on in the document; identify oversights, omissions, and inconsistencies; provide advice on reasonableness of judgments made from the scientific evidence; ensure that scientific uncertainties are clearly identified and characterized, and that potential implications of uncertainties for the technical conclusions drawn are clear; and provide advice on the overall strengths and limitations of the scientific data used in the document.

About public participation

We anticipate making the draft recovery plan available to the public around August 2025 at the [Recovery Plans](#) website. At that time, we will also make the peer review comments on the draft SSA report publicly available on [ServCat](#). We will also provide an opportunity for public comment on the recovery plan.

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

public is invited to submit comments on this peer review plan by contacting the agency person listed below.

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For more information about Amargosa niterwort, see the species' [profile page](#).