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This was an EXCELLENT email. Very clear even to someone (me) who doesn't do this on a daily basis. It was both hopeful in tone and helpful, and I found it very informative.

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[FYI ONLY] NOVEMBER 2020 RECOVERY UPDATES FOR THE MOUNTAIN-PRAIRIE REGION

Hello, Biologists!

In advance of next Thursday's monthly meeting for ESA Practitioners, I wanted to share a few highlights from the Recovery side of the Branch of Classification and Recovery:

Recovery Plans:

- **Goodbye Adobe Flash Player - Implications for the Recovery Plans Module in ECOS:** Adobe Flash Player, a staple of the late early internet, is disappearing from the virtual universe at the end of December. Normally, this would likely go unnoticed, except that the **Actions and Activity Editor** that many of us know and love in the **ECOS Recovery Plans Module**, relies on Adobe Flash, so editing recovery actions will also be unavailable at the start of the Calendar Year (*ECOS, outdated??* ...!).
 - o Although the ECOS developers are working on new solutions, and thankfully general improvements to the Recovery Plans module, it's possible a new system won't be available in time for our next annual report on recovery to Congress, with reporting on recovery actions by the Field Offices due in early **August 2021**. Therefore, HQ recommends that if possible, feel free to proactively update progress on recovery actions and activities before **December 31, 2020**, assuming that you will have any updates by then.
 - o Instructions on how to update your Actions and Activities are available [here](#). Note, this only applies to the **Actions and Activities editor** in the ECOS Recovery Plans module, so the bulk of these instructions would not apply. [**NOTE TO Grand Junction:** I am going to update for Gunnison sage-grouse and will ask you to verify implementation progress.]
 - o Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.
- **A Final Recovery Plan!** The [final recovery plan for the Gunnison sage-grouse](#) was signed by the Regional Director at the end of October. This final plan represents more than two years of hard work, including an SSA report, for the Colorado Field Office in Grand Junction, who worked with a large, diverse group of stakeholders to finalize the plan. It's a superb example of taking an SSA to a (relatively) succinct Recovery Planning and Implementation (RPI) recovery plan, with a clear, detailed recovery strategy and objective and measurable recovery criteria based on the 3Rs. Special thanks to Allison Hearne, now with the NRCS, and biologists in Grand Junction for their incredible dedication to the Gunnison sage-grouse, its habitats, and this recovery plan .
- **National Recovery Plan Workplan:** The finalization of the recovery plan for the Gunnison sage-grouse brings us one plan closer to meeting our agency priority goal (APG) for recovery, which are outlined in the [national recovery plan workplan](#). In FY2020, we struggled to complete our workplan commitments for recovery plans, often due to factors outside of our control, so many of the draft or final recovery plans that were due at the end of FY2020 have been moved to FY2021 (table pasted below). HQ will be updating the national recovery workplans soon, so please take a look at the table below and let me or your project managers know if any of the FY deadlines are problematic or incorrect. Please note that per the APG goal, these recovery plans must be complete no later than **September 30, 2022**, so we are running out of deadline wiggle room and we must continue to do our best to meet these deadlines.
 - o Reminder, draft and final recovery plans must be signed by the Regional Director by **September 30** of each year to meet the APG deadlines.

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Listing Effective Date	Draft Recovery Plan Actual or Target Date	Final Recovery Plan Target Date	Lead Field Office	Phone and Email	Mailing Address	Legacy Region
Shiner, Topeka	<i>Notropis topeka (=tristis)</i>	E	12/15/1998	9/9/2019	2021	Kansas Ecological Services Field Office	785-539-3474	2609 Anderson Avenue Manhattan, Kansas 66502	6
Cactus, San Rafael	<i>Pediocactus despainii</i>	E	9/16/1987	2/29/2016	2021	Utah Ecological Services Field Office	801-975-3330	2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119	6
Cactus, Winkler	<i>Pediocactus winkleri</i>	I	8/20/1998	2/29/2016	2021	Utah Ecological Services Field Office	801-975-3330	2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119	6
cactus, Pariette	<i>Sclerocactus brevispinus</i>	I	9/15/2009	2021	2022	Utah Ecological Services Field Office	801-975-3330	2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119	6
cactus, Uinta Basin hookless	<i>Sclerocactus wetlandicus</i>	I	9/15/2009	2021	2022	Utah Ecological Services Field Office	801-975-3330	2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119	6
beardtongue, Parachute	<i>Penstemon debilis</i>	I	8/26/2011	2021	2022	Western Colorado Ecological Services Field Office	970-243-2778	445 W. Gunnison Ave., Suite 240, Grand Junction, CO 81504	6
Mustard, Penland alpine fen	<i>Eutrema penlandii</i>	I	7/28/1993	2021	2022	Western Colorado Ecological Services Field Office	970-243-2778	445 W. Gunnison Ave., Suite 240, Grand Junction, CO 81504	6
Bladderpod, kodachrome	<i>Lesquerella tumulosa</i>	E	10/6/1993	2021	2022	Utah Ecological Services Field Office	801-975-3330	2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119	6
Cycladenia, Jones	<i>Cycladenia humilis var. jonesii</i>	I	5/5/1986	2021	2022	Utah Ecological Services Field Office	801-975-3330	2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119	6
Skyrocket, Pagosa	<i>Ipomopsis polyantha</i>	E	8/26/2011	2021	2022	Western Colorado Ecological Services Field Office	970-243-2778	445 W. Gunnison Ave., Suite 240, Grand Junction, CO 81504	6
Stonefly, meltwater lednian	<i>Lednia tumana</i>	I	12/23/2019	2021	2022	Montana Ecological Services Field Office	406-449-5225	585 Shepard Way, Suite 1 Helena, MT 59601	6
Stonefly, western glacier	<i>Zapada glacier</i>	I	12/23/2019	2021	2022	Montana Ecological Services Field Office	406-449-5225	585 Shepard Way, Suite 1 Helena, MT 59601	6
Cactus, Colorado hookless	<i>Sclerocactus glaucus</i>	I	10/11/1979	2021	2022	Western Colorado Ecological Services Field Office	970-243-2778	445 W. Gunnison Ave., Suite 240, Grand Junction, CO 81504	6
Phacelia, DeBeque	<i>Phacelia submutica</i>	I	8/26/2011	2021	2022	Western Colorado Ecological Services Field Office	970-243-2778	445 W. Gunnison Ave., Suite 240, Grand Junction, CO 81504	6

5-Year Status Reviews:

- Another round of thanks to all for helping our Region complete 14 5-year status reviews in FY2020. Up next, we are tasked with completing **16** 5-year status reviews in FY2021, according to the APG and the [national workplan for 5-year status reviews](#). The table below is our 5-year status review workplan for FY2021.
 - Reminder, all 5-year status reviews are due **August 30** (NOT September 30) and are recognized complete when they are signed (either by the PL or the Regional Director) and uploaded into ECOS.
 - **16 5-Year Status Reviews are due by August 30, 2021:** Please let your project manager or Craig know as soon as possible if there are any errors or issues with these 5-year status review deadlines.
- Total 5-year status review due in FY21 (August 30, 2021) by Field Office:
- Grand Junction = 3 species
 - Grizz = 1
 - Kansas = 1
 - MO River = 1
 - Utah = 10 species

Category	Species	SSA?	FY Due (according to workplan)	[5-yr review] If applicable, date noticed or to be noticed in FR	Lead FO	Lead FO Biologist	RO Lead (SAT Lead)
5-Year Reviews	North Park phacelia (Phacelia formosula)	SSA	FY21	4/12/2019	CO (GJ)	Broderdorp, Kurt	Kevin Burgess
5-Year Reviews	Colorado hookless Cactus (Sclerocactus glaucus)	SSA	FY21	12/14/2006	CO (GJ)	Aimee Crittendon, Gail Martinez	Craig Hansen
5-Year Reviews	DeBeque phacelia (Phacelia submutica)	SSA	FY21	FY20	CO (GJ)	Aimee Crittendon, Gail Martinez	Craig Hansen
5-Year Reviews	Grizzly Bear	SSA	FY21	1/14/2020	Grizz	Jennifer	Craig Hansen
5-Year Reviews	Topeka shiner (Notropis topeka (=tristis))	SSA	FY21	5/24/2016	KS	Gibran	Justin Shoemaker
5-Year Reviews	Pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus)		FY21	4/12/2019	MO River	????	Craig Hansen
5-Year Reviews	Holmgren milk-vetch (Astragalus holmgreniorum)		FY21	5/27/2016	UT		Joy Gober
5-Year Reviews	Shivwits milk-vetch (Astragalus ampullarioides)		FY21	5/27/2016	UT		Joy Gober
5-Year Reviews	Maguire primrose (Primula maguirei)		FY21	4/12/2019	UT		Kevin Burgess
5-Year Reviews	Jones Cycladenia (Cycladenia humilis var. jonesii)	SBR	FY21	5/6/2014	UT	Jena Lewinsohn	Joy Gober
5-Year Reviews	Kodachrome bladderpod (Lesquerella tumulosa)	SBR	FY21	5/6/2014	UT	Rita Reisor	Joy Gober
5-Year Reviews	Barneby reed-mustard (Schoenocrambe barnebyi)		FY21	10/6/2008	UT		Kevin Burgess
5-Year Reviews	Barneby ridge-cress (Lepidium barnebyanum)		FY21	10/6/2008	UT		Kevin Burgess
5-Year Reviews	Welsh's milkweed (Asclepias welshii)		FY21	6/20/2011	UT		Alex Kasdin
5-Year Reviews	June sucker	No	FY21	10/6/2008	UT	George	Joy Gober
5-Year Reviews	Wild buckwheat, clay-loving	SSA	FY21	4/12/2019	UT	Previously Lara	Kevin Burgess

Recovery Grants:

- **Recovery Challenge:** FY2020 Recovery Challenge is in surname to the Director. FY2021 NOFO for Recovery Challenge also in surname and could be available before the end of November.
- **Recovery Implementation:** NOFO for FY2021 Recovery Implementation is now available on [Grants.Gov](#). Reminder, that unlike the Recovery Challenge, which has appropriated money, the Recovery Implementation grants requires discretionary funding in our offices.
- Please contact Kevin Burgess for any questions about Recovery Grants.

Helpful Recovery Resources and Reminders:

- SSA 100 Course is now open for registration in DOI Talent. Add to your IDP ASAP: [Intro to the SSA @ NCTC: Course Schedule & Registration](#)
- [Recovery Plan and 5-Year Status Reviews examples and guidance](#). I am still planning recovery planning and 5-year status review intensive trainings, likely early in the calendar year, so if you are lead on any of the above packages, some helpful meetings are on their way. However, don't wait, use the link above or contact your project manager or me at any time for assistance.
- **"To Page Number or Not To Page Number, That is the Question?":** Craig recommends that you include page numbers in all of your inline citations, because it's not only helpful to others who might need to reference or work on your document, including the public, but it will make completing any subsequent documents that require page numbers with inline citations, such as recovery plans, rules, or FR notices, that much easier. Thank you .

Thank you for all you do for our trust resources and other natural resources! Please do not hesitate to contact me if the RO can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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