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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors, Regions 1-8

From: Assistant Director - Ecological Services

Subject: Allocation of Fiscal Year 2016 Recovery (1113) Funds to Support
Downlisting and Delisting Actions

As noted in the FY 2016 Ecological Services Allocation Memorandum (DCN 062409), it is important that we continue to demonstrate success of the ESA by completing rule-makings for species that warrant downlisting and delisting. Congressional Report language for the Omnibus Appropriations directs the Service to submit annually with the budget submission a “complete list of all species with completed 5-year reviews recommending a change in listing status upon which the Service has not acted” and to display in the annual budget submissions an estimate of requested appropriations and prior year expenditures for listings versus delistings. Report language also urges the Service to develop recovery plans for all listed species and to include in those plans measurable recovery goals, as well as to report when we determine a recovery plan will not promote conservation of species with justification. There is also language that urges the Service to complete all status reviews of listed species within five years and, on the determination of any species being warranted for down or delisting, to promulgate the associated rulemaking. To meet the directives, it is imperative that we closely track our delisting/downlisting rule-making costs, and make expeditious progress on recovery plans, 5-year status reviews and rulemaking for species that warrant downlisting or delisting.

To encourage prioritization of delisting/downlisting rules this year, the Recovery allocation held back \$4,000,000 for development and publication of proposed and final delisting/downlisting rules. These funds are now being allocated based on the plans submitted from each region for addressing rule-makings for species recommended for delisting or downlisting as identified through completed 5-year reviews or through internal recommendations. Regional funding was not reduced below the amount provided with the initial allocation. Some regions are provided funding without specific packages identified. This funding is for addressing additional 5-year reviews and other associated delisting or downlisting workload. Next year this allocation methodology will

be limited to supporting final rules that were proposed this year or for new proposals only. The table below reflects the Regional allocation.

Region	Allocation
Region 1	\$603,490
Region 2	\$754,363
Region 3	\$150,873
Region 4	\$603,490
Region 5	\$63,379
Region 6	\$1,206,981
Region 7	\$13,933
Region 8	\$603,491
Headquarters	0
TOTAL	\$4,000,000.00

For each action funded, the sponsoring region is required to track costs associated with the rule-making by project code. Headquarters has assigned a unique project code to attribute associated salary and other costs. This specific tracking will be required so that we can report annually on expenditures for delisting/downlisting and ensure sufficient progress is being made on the funded actions.

Region	Species	Action	Estimated Delivery to HQ	Per 5-Yr Review	Cost	Subtotal	WBS Code
R1	Columbian white-tailed deer	Final downlist with 4d	9/30/2016	Yes	\$150,873	\$603,490	FXES111301DN001
R1	Borax Lake Chub	Proposed downlist	9/30/2016	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111301DN002
R1	Hawaiian goose	Proposed downlist with 4d	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111301DN003
R1	Foskett speckled Dace	Proposed delist	2017	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111301DE004
R2	Black-capped vireo	SSA-Proposed down/delisting	7/1/2016	Yes	\$150,873	\$754,363	FXES111302DL005
R2	Hualapai Mexican vole	Final delisting	06/03/2016	NO	\$150,873		FXES111302DE006
R2	Tobusch fishhook cactus	Proposed downlist	07/2016	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111302DN007
R2	Kuenzler's hedgehog cactus	Proposed downlist	09/2016	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111302DN008
R2	Lesser long-nosed bat	Proposed downlist or delist	10/2016	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111302DL009
R3	Kirtland's warbler	Final downlist	2017	Yes	\$150,873	\$150,873	FXES111303DN010
R4	White-haired goldenrod	Final delist	08/2016	NO	\$150,873	\$603,490	FXES111304DE011
R4	West Indian Manatee	Final downlist	01/2017	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111304DN012
R4	Monito Gecko	Proposed delist	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111304DE013
R4	Lepanthes elotoensis	Proposed downlist	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111304DN014
R5	None					\$0	
R6	GYA Grizzly	Final delist	11/2016	NO	\$150,873	\$1,206,981	FXES111306DE015
R6	Deseret milkvetch	Proposed delist	09/2016	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111306DE016
R6	Humpback chub	5YSR/Proposed downlist	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111306DN017
R6	Razorback sucker	5YSR/Proposed downlist	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111306DN018
R6	Colorado pikeminnow	5YSR/Proposed downlist	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111306DN019
R6	June sucker	Proposed downlisting	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111306DN020
R6	Heliotrope milkvetch	Proposed delisting	2017	NO	\$150,873		FXES111306DE021
R6	Water howelia	Proposed delisting	2017	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111306DE022
R7	None					\$0	
R8	San Miguel Island fox	Final delist	2016	NO	\$150,873	\$603,490	FXES111308DE023
R8	Hidden Lake bluecurls	Delist	2016	Yes	\$150,873		FXES111308DE024
R8	Morro sholderband snail	downlist	2017		\$150,873		FXES111308DN025
R8	Chorro sholderband snail	downlist	2017		\$150,873		FXES111308DN026
Total D/DL Packages:						\$3,922,688	

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Don Morgan, Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants at (703) 358-2444.

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