

Peer Review Plan for the Mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) Recovery Plan

About the Document

Title: Mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) Recovery Plan

Description: The Mountain yellow-legged frog recovery plan presents a logical path to recovery of the species based on what we know about the species' biology and life history, and how threats impact the species. The recovery plan helps to provide guidance to the Service, States, and other partners on ways to eliminate or reduce threats to listed species and provides measurable objectives against which to measure progress towards recovery. The recovery plan provides time and cost estimates for achieving recovery of the species. The recovery plans are advisory documents, not regulatory documents, and do not substitute for the determinations and promulgation of regulations required under section 4(a)(1) of the Act.

Estimate Date of the Final Document: June 2020

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Peer review requests will be sent individually to potential peer reviewers, via email.

Anticipated number of reviewers: Responses are anticipated from three peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: Service staff not responsible for developing the recovery plan will select peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter. Peer reviewers will not be compensated for their time. Current Service employees will not be peer reviewers.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the requested species; conservation biology; conservation genetics; or familiarity with similar species.

Estimated start and end dates for peer review: February – March 2020

Will the public and/or scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers? No

Are waivers or deferrals being invoked? No

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About Public Participation

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 draft recovery plan will additionally be made available to the public for review. The final version will be made available to the public on the Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS) website ([Link for ECOS species profile: Mountain yellow-legged frog](#)).

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