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Service to Re-open Public Comment Period for the Western Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Critical Habitat Proposal

Sacramento, CA – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today it will re-open the public comment period on its proposal to designate 546,335 acres of critical habitat for the western population of yellow-billed cuckoo in 80 separate units in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. On Oct. 3, 2014, the Service published a final rule to list the western population of yellow-billed cuckoo as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act and designate critical habitat.

On Aug. 14, 2014, the Service announced a 60-day comment period on the proposal, which closes Oct. 14, 2014. The Service decided to re-open the comment period after receiving requests from members of Congress in the affected states to allow additional time for public review and comment. The Service is now drafting a new notice for publication in the *Federal Register* with additional information about the proposal and comment period extension. The comment period will reopen when the notice is *Federal Register* published in the coming days. In addition to publication in the *Federal Register*, the Service will issue a news release announcing the re-opening of the comment period.

Members of the public who have already submitted comments during the first 60-day comment period (Aug. 14 – Oct. 14, 2014) do not need to resubmit their comments. Comments and information provided online or by mail to the Service during the first 60-day comment period are still valid.

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