

Peer Review Plan for the Bracted Twistflower (*Streptanthus bracteatus*) Species Status Assessment

About the Documents

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- 1) Species Status Assessment for the bracted twistflower (*Streptanthus bracteatus*)

Description of Documents:

The bracted twistflower is an annual herbaceous plant in the mustard family that occurs only along the southeastern edge of the Edwards Plateau of central Texas within juniper-oak woodlands. This species occurs in five counties in central Texas and is restricted to the karstic, porous limestones near the boundary of the Devils River or Edwards formations and Glen Rose formations in central Texas. The primary threats to this species are development, herbivory, and infilling by juniper. These threats are exacerbated by small population sizes.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Individual letters

Number of reviewers: The peer review process will include written requests for peer review from at least three peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: The Service will select peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise that will be sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the bracted twistflower, as well as experts in climate change; habitat management; and other related plant species.

Estimated start date of peer review: September 2019

About Public Participation

Opportunities for the Public: If the 12-month finding results in a proposed rule, it would have a 60-day public comment period. The proposed rule would identify specific information requested from the public. Public comments would be submitted electronically through www.regulations.gov.

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