

Peer Review Plan
for the
Draft revised Recovery Plan for the
New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*
luteus)

About the Document

Title: Draft revised Recovery Plan for the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius luteus*)

Dissemination Date: January 2022

Purpose: This draft recovery plan describes strategies for recovering the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius luteus*) throughout its range. It provides specific criteria for reclassifying the species from endangered to threatened (downlisting), and removal from the Federal List of Endangered Species (delisting), in accordance with section 4(f)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). This draft recovery plan was prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) NMMJM Recovery Team. The plan contains information on the biology and status of the species, recovery goals, recovery actions, time and cost estimates, and objective and measurable criteria necessary for the full recovery of these species.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Influential

Date of Peer Review: Peer review is expected to be completed by March 2022

Reviewers: The Service will solicit external peer review of the scientific background information used in the draft recovery analyses from at least three or more independent scientific reviewers with expertise in mammalogy and conservation biology, with an emphasis on native species in the southwestern United States.

Criteria for Reviewer Selection: Peer reviewers will be selected based on the following criteria:

- **Expertise:** Reviewers should have knowledge in one or more of the following areas: mammalogy, conservation biology, and land management activities.
- **Independence:** Reviewers should not be employed by the Service. Academic and consulting scientists should have sufficient independence from the Service and the Department of the Interior if the government supports their work.

- **Objectivity:** Reviewers should be recognized by their peers as being objective, open-minded, and thoughtful. Reviewers should be comfortable sharing their knowledge and identifying their knowledge gaps.
- **Advocacy:** Reviewers should not be known or recognized for an affiliation with an advocacy position regarding the protection of this species under the Endangered Species Act.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Reviewers should not have any financial or other interest that conflicts with or that could impair their objectivity.

About Public Participation:

This peer review plan is made available on this website to allow the public to monitor our compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review.

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