

## **Peer Review Plan for South Llano springs moss (*Donrichardsia macroneuron*) Species Status Assessment**

### ***About the Documents***

#### **Titles:**

- 1) Species Status Assessment for the South Llano springs moss (*Donrichardsia macroneuron*)

#### **Description of Documents:**

South Llano Springs moss (*Donrichardsia macroneuron*) is an aquatic moss that has only been documented at two sites on the upper South Llano River in west-central Texas. In 1933, A.J. Grout described it as a new species after it was first collected by Whitehouse in 1932, at a large spring in Edwards County. It was most recently documented at this spring in 1979, as documented by R. Wyatt and A. Stoneburner in 1980. This spring is on private property, and we have not received permission to access the site. The species was also documented in 1971 about a mile upstream from Telegraph, in Kimble County, which is about three miles downstream from the Edwards County site. Botanists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department surveyed the Kimble County site in 2017 but did not observe the species.

### ***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 South Llano springs moss, as well as experts in climate change; hydrology; and other moss species.

**Estimated start date of peer review:** January 2018

### ***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](http://www.regulations.gov).

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