

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a draft environmental assessment for a proposed rule under section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act for the Louisiana Pinesnake (*Pituophis ruthveni*).

DATES: Comments will be accepted until October 18, 2018

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, or requests for or more information, by any of the following methods:

- Email: Lafayette@fws.gov. Include "Louisiana Pinesnake EA" in the subject line
- Fax: [ATTN: Joseph Ranson], 337-291-3139
- U.S. Mail: 646 Cajundome Blvd, Suite 400, Lafayette, LA 70506
- In-person drop-off, viewing, or pickup: Call 337-291-3100 to make an appointment (necessary for view/pickup only) during regular business hours at 646 Cajundome Blvd, Suite 400, Lafayette, LA, 70506
- In person viewing: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Offices - Louisiana Ecological Services Field Office, 646 Cajundome Blvd, Suite 400, Lafayette, LA 70506 and Arlington Ecological Services East Texas Sub-Office, 506 Hayter St. Nacogdoches, Texas 75965

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: In addition to requesting a copy of the EA by any of the methods in ADDRESSES, you can view or obtain the EA at our web site:

- <https://www.fws.gov/lafayette/>
- <https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/ArlingtonTexas/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Ranson, Field Supervisor, 337-291-3100 OR David A. Oster, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, 337-291-3121.