

LEMMON FLEABANE
(Erigeron lemmonii)

STATUS: No Federal status

SPECIES DESCRIPTION: A prostrate perennial plant in the sunflower family. Stems and leaves are densely hairy. Stems may reach 60 cm (2 ft) in length, although most are 13-26 cm (5-10 in) long. The lower leaves are linear in shape and 6-12 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ in) long with teeth or shallow lobes. The upper leaves are entire. Flowers look like small delicate daisies, with white to light purple outer petals and yellow inner petals. The plant flowers from August through October.

HABITAT: Lemmon fleabane occurs on vertical cliffs at elevations of 1,829 to 2,118 m (6,000-7,300 ft). Occurs within Madrean evergreen woodland habitat. The one known locality is found in crevices and on ledges of west-, south-, and north-facing cliffs on the vertical faces of large boulders along a single canyon.

RANGE: Current: Found only in Scheelite Canyon, Huachuca Mountains (Cochise County, Arizona) on Fort Huachuca Military Reservation.

Historical: Same as current range.

REASONS FOR DECLINE/VULNERABILITY: Threats to the Lemmon fleabane do not rise to the level of significance that the species is in danger of extinction or likely to become so in the foreseeable future. The potential threat from wildfire is ameliorated by Scheelite Canyon's southeast to northwest aspect on the landscape, its humid, shady, and cool nature, exposed rock outcroppings and the fleabane's distribution throughout the canyon. Other factors such as rock-fall or recreational rappelling have affected a small portion of the fleabane population. Prolonged changes in precipitation or temperature regimes may change the timing and amount of water or pollinator availability that may affect Lemmon fleabane reproduction, recruitment or survivorship. Monitoring indicates the population is stable.

LAND MANAGEMENT/OWNERSHIP: Fort Huachuca Military Reservation

NOTES: Protected by the Arizona Native Plant Law. Removed from the Endangered Species Act's candidate species list on October 3, 2012 ([77 FR 60510](#)).