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## **Public Invited to Comment on Jones cycladenia Draft Recovery Plan**



Jones cycladenia (*Cycladenia humilis* var. *jonesii*), Credit: Daniela Roth, USFWS

**DENVER** — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is announcing the availability of the Jones cycladenia Draft Recovery Plan and is inviting the public to review and comment on this plan no later than 60-days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

The Jones cycladenia is a long-lived herbaceous perennial plant with pink flowers that bloom from mid-April to early June that is endemic to the Colorado Plateau region of Utah and Arizona. This plant grows on steep slopes between 4,000 and 6,660 feet of elevation that are easily degraded and difficult to rehabilitate following disturbance. This species was listed as

Threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1986 due to threats from recreation, mining, and energy development.

The Service seeks to recover listed species by improving their status to the point where protections under the ESA are no longer necessary. A recovery plan is a non-regulatory document that serves as the roadmap to recovering listed species and includes objective, measurable criteria and site-specific management actions essential to recovery.

A biological report prepared by the Service indicates primary threats currently facing the Jones cycladenia include energy and mineral development, and inadequate regulatory mechanisms for conservation. The Draft Recovery Plan for the Jones cycladenia includes the following recovery criteria: maintaining stable or increasing population growth, viable seed production over a 10-year period, maintaining a base range-wide population, addressing habitat loss and degradation through regulatory mechanisms.

The Jones cycladenia Draft Recovery plan is available for review on [ECOS](#). The Notice of Availability for this action will be published tomorrow in the [Federal Register](#) and is available for public inspection today in the [Reading Room](#).

The public may submit comments in writing by e-mail: [laura\\_romin@fws.gov](mailto:laura_romin@fws.gov) or U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services Field Office; 2369 Orton Circle, Suite 50; West Valley City, Utah 84119 within 60 days of publication in the *Federal Register*.

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