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The Service Proposes to Remove the Kanab Ambersnail from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to remove the Kanab ambersnail (Oxyloma haydeni kanabensis) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. This determination is based on a thorough review of the best available scientific information. Our review indicates that Kanab ambersnail is not a valid subspecies and therefore cannot be listed as an endangered entity under the Act. We are seeking information and comments from the public regarding this proposed rule.

The Kanab ambersnail, like other ambersnails, is dependent upon wetland vegetation for food and shelter. It is often found in association with monkeyflower, watercress, sedges and rushes. This subspecies of land snail feeds on plant tissue, bacteria, fungi and algae. It scrapes this food off of plants by means of a radula or rasp tongue.

We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before March 6, 2020. Please note that if you are using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (www.regulations.gov), the deadline for submitting an electronic comment is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. For further information contact Jessica Gwinn, Jessica_Gwinn@fws.gov, 602-242-0210 at by February 20, 2020.

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