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## **Five-Year Reviews Initiated to Assess Status and Conservation Efforts for 36 Southwest Species**

As part of a comprehensive effort to ensure successful conservation and recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is initiating five-year reviews for 36 species in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas by opening a 30-day public comment period.

Five-year reviews are required by the ESA and enable the Service to take a comprehensive look at the information available for a species and evaluate its progress toward recovery. The reviews help identify species conservation needs so that the Service and its partners can better target and prioritize resources for recovery of listed species.

The best available scientific and commercial data on a species is used to determine both the success of conservation efforts and whether a species' status has changed. A 5-year review does not change the status of a species or its protections. Based upon the review, the Service can make one of four recommendations:

- Uplist the species from threatened to endangered;
- Downlist the species from endangered to threatened;
- Delist the species from the ESA; or
- Maintain the species' current classification

Any change to a species' status requires a separate rulemaking that would include a notice in the *Federal Register*, another public comment period, and peer review.

We are requesting submission of any information related to the (1) species biology; (2) habitat conditions; (3) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species; (4) threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and (5) other new information, data, or corrections for each of the species. The public comment period on the 5-year reviews ends on August 26, 2019.

The species in the following table will undergo 5-year status reviews:

ANIMALS						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Current Range	Final listing rule ( <i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Big Bend gambusia	<i>Gambusia gaigei</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	32 FR 4001 3/11/67	Adam Zerrenner, 512-490-0057 (office phone), 512-577-6594 (direct line), or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver	<i>Cicurina vespera</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/00		
Madla's Cave meshweaver	<i>Cicurina madla</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/00		
Austin blind salamander	<i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 51277 8/20/13		
Barton Springs salamander	<i>Eurycea sosorum</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	62 FR 23377 4/30/97		
Chupadera springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis chupaderae</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	77 FR 41088 7/12/12	Susan Millsap, 505-761-4781 (phone) or Susan_Millsap@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Cokendolpher Cave harvestman	<i>Texella cokendolpheri</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/00	Adam Zerrenner, 512-490-0057 (office phone), 512-577-6594 (direct line), or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Diamond tryonia	<i>Pseudotryonia adamantina</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 8096 2/05/13		
Diminutive amphipod	<i>Gammarus hyalleoides</i>	Endangered	New Mexico and Texas (USA)	78 FR 40970 7/09/13		
Gonzales tryonia	<i>Tryonia circumstriata</i> (=stocktonensis)	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 41227 7/09/13		
Helotes mold beetle	<i>Batrissodes venyivi</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/00		
Jemez Mountains salamander	<i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	78 FR 55599 9/10/13	Susan Millsap, 505-761-4781 (phone) or Susan_Millsap@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001

Narrow-headed gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis rufipunctatus</i>	Threatened	Arizona and New Mexico (USA)	79 FR 38677 7/08/14	Jeff Humphrey, 602-242-0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517
Northern Mexican gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis eques megalops</i>	Threatened	Arizona and New Mexico (USA)	79 FR 38677 7/08/14		
Pecos amphipod	<i>Gammarus pecos</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 41227 7/09/13	Adam Zerrenner, 512-490-0057 (office phone), 512-577-6594 (direct line), or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Phantom springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis texana</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 41227 7/09/13		
Phantom tyronia	<i>Tryonia cheatumi</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 41227 7/09/13		
San Bernardino springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis bernardina</i>	Threatened	Arizona (USA)	77 FR 23060 4/17/12	Jeff Humphrey, 602-242-0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517
Sharpnose shiner	<i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	79 FR 45273 8/04/14	Debra Bills, 817-277-1100, ext. 22113 (phone), or Debra_Bills@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Ecological Services Field Office, 2005 NE Green Oaks Blvd, Suite 140, Arlington, TX 76006
Smalleye shiner	<i>Notropis buccula</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	79 FR 45273 8/04/14		
Socorro springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis neomexicana</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	56 FR 49646 9/30/91	Susan Millsap, 505-761-4781 (phone) or Susan_Millsap@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Thick-billed parrot	<i>Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha</i>	Endangered	Mexico	74 FR 33957 7/14/09	Jeff Humphrey, 602-242-0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517
Zuni bluehead sucker	<i>Catostomus discobolus yarrowi</i>	Endangered	Arizona and New Mexico (USA)	79 FR 43131 7/24/14	Susan Millsap, 505-761-4781 (phone) or Susan_Millsap@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico

Koster's springsnail	<i>Juturnia kosteri</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	70 FR 46304 8/09/05		Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Noel's amphipod	<i>Gammarus desperatus</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	70 FR 46304 8/09/05		
Pecos assiminea snail	<i>Assiminea pecos</i>	Endangered	New Mexico and Texas (USA)	70 FR 46304 8/09/05		
Roswell springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis roswellensis</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	70 FR 46304 8/09/05		
Pecos bluntnose shiner	<i>Notropis simus pecosensis</i>	Threatened	New Mexico (USA)	52 FR 5295 2/20/87		
<b>PLANTS</b>						
Acuna cactus	<i>Echinomastus erectocentrus</i> var. <i>acunensis</i>	Endangered	Arizona (USA)	78 FR 60607 10/01/13	Jeff Humphrey, 602-242-0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517
Fickeisen plains cactus	<i>Pediocactus peeblesianus fickeiseniae</i>	Endangered	Arizona (USA)	78 FR 60607 10/01/13		
Gierisch mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea gierischii</i>	Endangered	Arizona and Utah (USA)	78 FR 49149 8/13/13		
Holy ghost ipomopsis	<i>Ipomopsis sancti-spiritus</i>	Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	59 FR 13836 3/23/94	Susan Millsap, 505-761-4781 (phone) or Susan_Millsap@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Kearney's blue-star	<i>Amsonia kearneyana</i>	Endangered	Arizona (USA)	54 FR 2131 1/19/89	Jeff Humphrey, 602-242-0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517
Terlingua Creek cat's-eye	<i>Cryptantha crassipes</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	56 FR 49634 9/30/91	Adam Zerrenner, 512-490-0057 (office phone), 512-577-6594 (direct line), or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Texas golden gladeceess	<i>Leavenworthia texana</i>	Endangered	Texas (USA)	78 FR 56025 9/11/13	Chuck Ardizzone, 281-286-8282 (phone) or Chuck_Ardizzone@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal

						Ecological Services, 17629 El Camino Real, Ste 211, Houston, TX 77058
Zuni fleabane	<i>Erigeron rhizomatus</i>	Threatened	Arizona and New Mexico (USA)	50 FR 16680 4/26/85	Susan Millsap, 505-761-4781 (phone) or Susan_Millsap@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001

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