

Where to Watch for an Announcement About Key Deer

South Florida Ecological Services Office website

<https://www.fws.gov/verobeach/>

Federal Register

<https://www.federalregister.gov/>

How can the public submit comments to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal?

Comments are accepted electronically through an established website and via hard copy submitted by U.S. mail or hand delivered.

The Proposed Rule will provide detailed instructions regarding website address and physical address for submission of comments.

What type of comments are useful?

- Scientific based factual information on Key deer biology, demography, and population status
- Scientific based factual information on climate change and sea level rise (preferably focused on effects to South Florida)

What type of comments are not useful?

- Non-factual or opinionated statements regarding the Service's proposed rule
- Statements related to the appropriateness of the proposed rule without factual/scientific information to support such statements
- Signed petitions that say the Key deer should remain endangered

Reminder, this is not a vote. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will make its final decision based on the biology of the species and the listing/delisting process as specified by the Endangered Species Act. Comments and letters simply stating that you are for or against a change in listing will not influence the decision.

Public Hearing – Date TBD, Location TBD in Florida Keys

Where can I find additional information on the Species Status Assessment framework?

https://www.fws.gov/endangered/improving_esa/ssa.html

Where can I find additional information on the listing and rulemaking process?

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-overview.html>

Where can I see the Service's three-year work plan that includes a recommendation to delist the Key deer?

https://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/3-Year_Downlisting_Delisting_Workplan.pdf

Where can I get more information about the latest revisions to the Endangered Species Act?

https://www.fws.gov/endangered/improving_ESA/regulation-revisions.html