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## USFWS Delays Effective Date of ESA Plant Listing

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced it will delay the date regulations governing the status of two plants, the Umtanum desert buckwheat and the White Bluffs bladderpod, become effective for an additional four weeks.

The action covers the protection of both plants as threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act and the accompanying designation of critical habitat. The rules were scheduled to take effect November 22, 2013. Today's action extends that date until December 20, 2013.

The delay will allow the agency adequate time to fully consider the additional public comments received during an extended public comment period that closed July 22, 2013.

Copies of the rules and related materials may be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Dockets FWS-R1-ES-2012-0017 (for the listing rule) and FWS-R1-ES-2013-0012 (for the critical habitat rule).

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