

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews for 77 Species in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Hawaii

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year status reviews for 77 species in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Hawaii under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information on these species that has become available since the last reviews.

DATES: To ensure consideration in our reviews, we are requesting submission of new information no later than August 24, 2021. However, we will continue to accept new information about any species at any time.

ADDRESSES:

Submitting Information on Species:

- Columbian white-tailed deer:

U.S. Mail: State Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97266; or

Email: fw1ofwo@fws.gov.

- Northern Idaho ground squirrel:

U.S. Mail: State Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 368, Boise, ID 83709; or

Email: ifwo@fws.gov.

- Any of the 75 species occurring in Hawaii:

U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3–122, Honolulu, HI 96850; or

Email: pifwo_admin@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance. For information about the various species, contact the following people.

- *Columbian white-tailed deer:*

Jennifer Siani, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 503–231–6179.

- *Northern Idaho ground squirrel:*

Kathleen Hendricks, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office, 208–378–5243.

- *Any of the 75 species occurring in Hawaii:*

Megan Laut, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 808–792–9400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why do we conduct 5-year status reviews?

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), we maintain lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species (referred to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for wildlife) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. For additional information about 5-year status reviews, refer to our

factsheet at <http://www.fws.gov/angered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What information do we consider in our review?

A 5-year status review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status reviews, such as:

A. Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act); and

E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year status review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for these species.

Which species are under review?

This notice announces our active review of 77 species, including 2 mammals, 6 birds, 7 insects, and 62 plants, as listed in the table below.

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Known range of species occurrence	Final listing rule and publication date
Animals				
<i>Mammals:</i>				
Columbian white-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus leucurus</i>	Threatened ...	Oregon, Washington.	68 FR 43647, 10/17/2016.
Northern Idaho ground squirrel	<i>Urocitellus brunneus</i>	Threatened ...	Idaho	65 FR 17780, 4/5/2000.
<i>Birds:</i>				
liwi	<i>Drepanis coccinea</i>	Threatened ...	Hawaii	82 FR 43873, 9/20/2017.
Molokai thrush	<i>Myadestes lanaiensis rutha</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	35 FR 16047, 10/13/1970.
Small Kauai thrush	<i>Myadestes palmeri</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	32 FR 4001, 3/11/1967.
Crested honeycreeper (Akohekohe)	<i>Palmeria dolei</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	32 FR 4001, 3/11/1967.
Maui parrotbill	<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	32 FR 4001, 3/11/1967.
Newell's Townsend's shearwater	<i>Puffinus auricularis newelli</i>	Threatened ...	Hawaii	40 FR 44149, 9/25/1975.
<i>Insects:</i>				
Hawaiian picture-wing fly	<i>Drosophila differens</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	71 FR 26835, 5/9/2006.
Hawaiian picture-wing fly	<i>Drosophila neoclavisetae</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	71 FR 26835, 5/9/2006.
Crimson Hawaiian damselfly	<i>Megalagrion leptodemas</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	77 FR 57647, 9/18/2012.
Flying earwig Hawaiian damselfly	<i>Megalagrion nesiotis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	75 FR 35990, 6/24/2010.
Blackline Hawaiian damselfly	<i>Megalagrion nigrohamatum nigrolineatum</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	77 FR 57647, 9/18/2012.
Oceanic Hawaiian damselfly	<i>Megalagrion oceanicum</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	77 FR 57647, 9/18/2012.
Pacific Hawaiian damselfly	<i>Megalagrion pacificum</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	75 FR 35990, 6/24/2010.
Plants				
<i>Flowering Plants:</i>				
No common name	<i>Abutilon eremitopetalum</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	56 FR 47686, 9/20/1991.
Kooloaula	<i>Abutilon menziesii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	51 FR 34412, 9/26/1986.

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Ahinahina	<i>Argyroxiphium sandwicense</i> ssp. <i>macrocephalum</i> .	Threatened ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Kookoolau	<i>Bidens micrantha</i> ssp. <i>kalealaha</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Kookoolau	<i>Bidens wiebkei</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Pua ala	<i>Brighamia rockii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Awikiwiki	<i>Canavalia molokaiensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Oha wai	<i>Clermontia oblongifolia</i> ssp. <i>brevipes</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Oha wai	<i>Clermontia oblongifolia</i> ssp. <i>mauiensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Oha wai	<i>Clermontia samuelii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Haha	<i>Cyanea copelandii</i> ssp. <i>haleakalaensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Haha	<i>Cyanea dunbariae</i> (= <i>Cyanea dunbarii</i>)	Endangered ..	Hawaii	61 FR 53130, 10/10/1996.
Haha	<i>Cyanea gibsonii</i> (= <i>Cyanea macrostegia</i> ssp. <i>gibsonii</i>).	Endangered ..	Hawaii	56 FR 47686, 9/20/1991.
Haha	<i>Cyanea glabra</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Haha	<i>Cyanea grimesiana</i> ssp. <i>grimesiana</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	61 FR 53108, 10/10/1996; 78 FR 32013, 5/28/2013.
Haha	<i>Cyanea hamatiflora</i> ssp. <i>hamatiflora</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Haha	<i>Cyanea lobata</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Haha	<i>Cyanea magnicalyx</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	78 FR 32103, 5/28/2013.
Haha	<i>Cyanea mannii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Haha	<i>Cyanea mcelandowneyi</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Haha	<i>Cyanea procera</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Haiwale	<i>Cyrtandra munroi</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Naenae	<i>Dubautia plantaginea</i> ssp. <i>humilis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Nohoanu	<i>Geranium arboreum</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20589, 5/13/1992.
Nohoanu	<i>Geranium multiflorum</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
No common name	<i>Gouania hillebrandii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	49 FR 44753, 11/19/1984.
Kokio keokeo	<i>Hibiscus arnotianus</i> ssp. <i>immaculatus</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Awiwi	<i>Kadua cookiana</i> (= <i>Hedyotis cookiana</i>)	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 9304, 2/25/1994.
Kopa	<i>Kadua cordata</i> ssp. <i>remyi</i> (= <i>Hedyotis schlechtendahlana</i> var. <i>remyi</i>).	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Pilo	<i>Kadua laxiflora</i> (= <i>Hedyotis mannii</i>)	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Cooke's kokio	<i>Kokia cookii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	44 FR 62470, 10/30/1979.
Kamakahala	<i>Labordia tinifolia</i> var. <i>lanaiensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Kamakahala	<i>Labordia triflora</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
No common name	<i>Lysimachia lydgatei</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
No common name	<i>Lysimachia maxima</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	61 FR 53130, 10/10/1996.
Nehe	<i>Melanthera kamolensis</i> (= <i>Lipochaeta kamolensis</i>).	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Alani	<i>Melicope adscendens</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 62346, 12/5/1994.
Alani	<i>Melicope balloui</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 62346, 12/5/1994.
Alani	<i>Melicope knudsenii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 9304, 2/25/1994.
Alani	<i>Melicope mucronulata</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
Alani	<i>Melicope munroi</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	64 FR 48307, 9/3/1999.
Alani	<i>Melicope ovalis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 62346, 12/5/1994.
Alani	<i>Melicope reflexa</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
No common name	<i>Neraudia sericea</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 56333, 11/10/1994.
Carter's panicgrass	<i>Panicum fauriei</i> var. <i>carteri</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	48 FR 46328, 10/12/1983.
No common name	<i>Phyllostegia hispida</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	74 FR 11319, 3/17/2009.
No common name	<i>Phyllostegia mannii</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Loulu	<i>Pritchardia munroi</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Maui remya	<i>Remya mauiensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	56 FR 1450, 1/14/1991.
No common name	<i>Sanicula purpurea</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	61 FR 53108, 10/10/1996.
Lanai sandalwood (=Iliahi)	<i>Santalum haleakalae</i> var. <i>lanaiense</i> (= <i>Santalum freycinetianum</i> var. <i>lanaiense</i>).	Endangered ..	Hawaii	51 FR 3182, 1/24/1986; 78 FR 32013, 5/28/2013.
No common name	<i>Schiedea haleakalensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 20772, 5/15/1992.
No common name	<i>Schiedea hookeri</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	61 FR 53108, 10/10/1996.
No common name	<i>Schiedea lydgatei</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
No common name	<i>Schiedea sarmentosa</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	61 FR 53130, 10/10/1996.
No common name	<i>Silene alexandri</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
No common name	<i>Stenogyne bifida</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
Pamakani	<i>Tetramolopium capillare</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	59 FR 49860, 9/30/1994.
No common name	<i>Tetramolopium renyi</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	56 FR 47686, 9/20/1991.
No common name	<i>Tetramolopium rockii</i>	Threatened ..	Hawaii	57 FR 46325, 10/8/1992.
No common name	<i>Viola lanaiensis</i>	Endangered ..	Hawaii	56 FR 47686, 9/20/1991.
Ferns:				
Ihiihi	<i>Marsilea villosa</i> Marsilea villosa	Endangered ..	Hawaii	57 FR 27863, 6/22/1992.

Request for New Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it

with documentation such as maps, references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

If you wish to provide information for any species listed in the table, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year status reviews addressing species for which our Regional Office has lead responsibility is available at <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/angered/recovery/5year.html>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Hugh R. Morrison,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Environmental Impact Statement for the Yahthumb Solar Project on the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Clark County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency in cooperation with the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians (Moapa Band), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and other agencies, intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will evaluate the development of the Yahthumb Solar Project (Project) on the Moapa River Indian Reservation (Reservation). This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify potential issues related to the EIS. The BIA requests comments concerning the scope of the analysis, and identification of relevant information, studies, and analyses. It also announces that two public scoping meetings will be held virtually to identify potential issues, alternatives, and mitigation to be considered in the EIS.

DATES: All comments must be received July 26, 2021. The draft EIS is scheduled for December 2021 and the final EIS is scheduled for May 2022 with a Record of Decision in June 2022. The dates of the public scoping meetings will be included in notices to be posted in the

Las Vegas Sun, Las Vegas Review-Journal, and Moapa Valley Progress 15 days before the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Mr. Chip Lewis, BIA Western Regional Office, 2600 North Central Avenue, 4th Floor Mailroom, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Comments may also be sent via email to Chip.Lewis@bia.gov or on the Projects website at www.YahthumbSolarProjectEIS.com. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for directions on submitting comments. The public meetings can be joined online through the Projects website at www.YahthumbSolarProjectEIS.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chip Lewis, BIA; telephone: (602) 379-6750; email: Chip.Lewis@bia.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Proposed Federal Action

A. Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed Federal action, taken under 25 U.S.C. 415, is BIA's approval of the solar energy ground lease and related agreements entered into by the Moapa Band with Yahthumb Solar Project, LLC (Applicant). The agreements provide for construction, operation and maintenance (O&M), and decommissioning of a 138-megawatt (MW) alternating current (MWac) solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation facility located entirely on the Reservation and specifically on lands held in trust by the United States for the Moapa Band.

In addition, a transmission generation interconnection (gen-tie) line would be constructed to interconnect the Project to the regional electrical grid. Portions of this line would cross lands managed by BLM within a designated utility corridor on the Reservation and BLM land. The BIA and BLM would approve rights-of-way (ROWs) authorizing the construction and operation of the transmission line.

The purposes of the proposed Project are, among other things, to: (1) Help to provide a long-term, diverse, and viable economic revenue base and job opportunities for the Moapa Band; (2) meet the terms of the existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the output of the Project; (3) help Nevada and neighboring States to meet their State renewable energy needs; and (4)

allow the Moapa Band, in partnership with the Applicant, to optimize the use of the lease site while maximizing the potential economic benefit to the Tribe.

B. Preliminary Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Applicant plans to develop the Yahthumb Solar Project on the Reservation in Clark County, Nevada. The solar project would generate 138 MWs of solar energy generation, using PV technology, and would incorporate a battery energy storage system (BESS).

The proposed Yahthumb solar generating facility would be constructed on up to 1,400 acres within a lease study area of approximately 1,695 acres of Tribal trust land on the Reservation set aside by the Moapa Band for the Project. The solar field and associated facilities would be in parts of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 in Township 15 South, Range 65 East; Section 1 in Township 16 South, Range 64 East; and Section 6 in Township 16 South, Range 65, East Mount Diablo Base Meridian.

Major components of the solar site would include multiple blocks of solar PV panels mounted on single-axis tracking systems, associated inverter and transformer equipment, collection lines, BESS, a Project substation, and O&M facilities. Construction of the Project is expected to take approximately 14 months.

A gen-tie line approximately 8.5 to 10 miles long would interconnect the Project to the regional electrical grid at the existing Reid-Gardner Substation. This line would be built on the Reservation within a designated utility corridor that is managed by BLM, on BLM-managed Federal land, and on private land near the existing substation.

Primary access to the Yahthumb site would be provided via Interstate-15 to the existing Ute Road on the Reservation that would be upgraded as needed. Secondary access would be provided via an existing road within the designated utility corridor that would also be upgraded as needed. The water supply for the Project would be leased from the Moapa Band, drawn from the Band's existing water rights, and delivered to the site via a temporary water pipeline or by truck. Water will be needed during construction for dust control and a minimal amount will be needed during operations for administrative and sanitary water use and panel washings.

The Applicant is expected to operate the energy facility for up to 56 and a half years under the terms of the solar lease with the Moapa Band. The Project is being built to meet the power purchase agreement (PPA) for its output.