

management of funds and other resources for which the Department has responsibility;

4. To provide direction to ensure the Department's compliance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Government Accountability Office (GAO), Department of the Treasury (Treasury), and legislative accounting and financial management requirements; and to strengthen internal accounting and administrative controls to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in Federal programs;

5. To assist in the financial execution of the Department's budget in relation to actual expenditures and to prepare timely performance reports for senior managers;

6. To develop, maintain, and revise an annual plan to bring the financial management systems of the Department into full compliance with established policies and standards and to oversee execution of the plan; and to estimate resource requirements for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for inclusion in the Department's budget requests;

7. To coordinate with the Inspector General to ensure that all Department financial activities are regularly audited, and to ensure that adopted recommendations related to Department financial management issues are promptly implemented;

8. To be responsible for the financial management needs of the Department, to report to the Congress and to external agencies such as OMB, the Treasury and the GAO on financial management performance, Department financial statements, and other information requests required by law and regulation, and to develop and maintain a departmental financial management information system;

9. To provide policy direction and guidance to the designated Comptrollers of principal Department organizational components, including the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), as well as other departmental staff, with respect to financial management policies, standards, and responsibilities;

10. To process and sign Apportionments/Reapportionments Schedules and Advice of Allotments in accordance with applicable OMB Circulars;

11. Where not inconsistent with regulations pertaining to proceedings before administrative judges, to establish and maintain policies and procedures for claims collection and coordinate claims collection activities in the field offices and at Headquarters;

12. To appoint Disbursement and Certifying Officers to approve the disbursal of agency funds;

13. To serve as advisor to the Secretary and to other departmental officials in matters relating to budget formulation and execution, and to advise and assist program offices in their budgetary responsibilities and appraise the effectiveness of these activities; advise on budget and fiscal implications of policy and legislative proposals; and administer the issuance of staff ceilings and monitor staff usage in the Department;

14. To continue to ensure that HUD offices have an adequate system of funds control, including working with such offices to strengthen such controls to prevent or mitigate any potential Anti-deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341 *et seq.*) violations; and

15. To implement and administer the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program within the Emergency Homeowners' Relief Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), in cooperation with HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research and HUD's Office of Housing.

The Secretary may revoke any discretionary authority authorized herein, in whole or part, at any time.

#### Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated in this Notice does not include the authority to sue and be sued. The authority delegated to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer herein does not include the authority to issue and waive regulations.

#### Section C. Authority To Redelegate

The Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Chief Financial Officer are authorized to retain or redelegate authorities delegated under Section A above to the Assistant Chief Financial Officers in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, with the exception of the authority to issue and waive regulations.

#### Section D. Authority Superseded

This delegation supersedes all prior delegations of authority from the Secretary to the Chief Financial Officer and to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

*Authority:* Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: October 29, 2021.

**Marcia L. Fudge,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2021-N185;  
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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of Six Listed Animal and Plant Species

**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 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for three plant and three animal species. 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 such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written information by January 4, 2022. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** For instructions on how to submit information for each species, see the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request information, contact the appropriate person in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section or, for general information, contact Laura Ragan, via email at [laura\\_ragan@fws.gov](mailto:laura_ragan@fws.gov) or by phone at 612-713-5157.

Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are initiating 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for three plant and three animal species. 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 such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

#### Why do we Conduct 5-year reviews?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to

review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>, scroll down to "Learn More about 5-Year Reviews," and click on our factsheet.

**What information do we consider in our review?**

A 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data that have

become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, 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 ESA); 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.

New information will be considered in the 5-year review and ongoing recovery programs for the species.

**What species are under review?**

This notice announces our active 5-year status reviews of the species in the following table.

Common name	Scientific name	Taxonomic group	Listing status	Where listed	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Contact person, email, phone	Contact person's U.S. mail address
Winged mapleleaf ..	<i>Quadrula fragosa</i>	Clam .....	E	AL, AR, MN, MO, OK, TN, WI.	56 FR 28345; June 20, 1991.	Nick Utrup, <i>nick utrup@fws.gov</i> , 952-252-0092, ext. 204.	USFWS, 4101 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425.
Dwarf lake iris .....	<i>Iris lacustris</i> .....	Plant .....	T	MI, WI .....	53 FR 37972; September 28, 1988.	Carrie Tansy, <i>carrie tansy@fws.gov</i> , 517-351-8375.	USFWS, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823.
Fassett's locoweed	<i>Oxytropis campestris</i> var. <i>chartacea</i> .	Plant .....	T	WI .....	53 FR 37970; September 28, 1988.	Jill Utrup, <i>jill utrup@fws.gov</i> , 952-252-0092, ext. 207.	USFWS, 4101 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425.
Tumbling creek cave snail.	<i>Antrobia culveri</i> ...	Snail .....	E	MO .....	67 FR 52879; August 14, 2002.	Iwona Kuczynska, <i>Iwona_Kuczynska@fws.gov</i> , 573-234-5011.	USFWS, 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203.
Mead's milkweed ...	<i>Asclepias meadii</i>	Plant .....	T	IA, IL, IN, KS, MO, WI.	53 FR 33992; September 1, 1988.	Ashley Riedel, <i>ashley_riedel@fws.gov</i> , 573-234-2132, ext. 404.	USFWS, 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65203.
Rusty patched bumble bee.	<i>Bombus affinis</i> ....	Insect .....	E	CT, DC, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, WI, TN, VT, WV.	82 FR 3186; January 11, 2017.	Tamara Smith, <i>tamara_smith@fws.gov</i> , 952-252-0092, ext. 219.	USFWS, 4101 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425.

**Request for Information**

To ensure that a 5-year 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, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

**How do I ask questions or provide information?**

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**Public Availability of Submissions**

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.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Lori Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink, Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comment and information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from VK Avalon Groves LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink incidental to construction in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed