

Common name	Scientific name	Federal status *	State status **
Reptiles (2):			
Southern rubber boa	<i>Charina bottae umbratica</i>		T
Southwestern pond turtle	<i>Emys marmorata pallida</i>		SSC
Birds (6):			
Belding's savannah sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi</i>		E
Burrowing owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	BCC	SSC
Coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Poliopitila californica californica</i>	T	SSC
Least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E	E
Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	E	E
Western yellow-billed cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus occidentalis</i>	T/BCC	E
Mammals (3):			
San Bernardino kangaroo rat	<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>	E	SSC
San Joaquin kit fox	<i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>	E	T
Stephens' kangaroo rat	<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i>	E	T
Plants (22):			
Braunton's milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus brauntonii</i>	E	
California seablite	<i>Suaeda californica</i>	E	
Chorro Creek bog thistle	<i>Cirsium fontinale</i> var. <i>obispoense</i>	E	E
Conejo dudleya	<i>Dudleya abramsii</i> spp. <i>parva</i>	T	
Gambel's water cress	<i>Nasturtium gambelii</i>	E	T
Gaviota tarplant	<i>Deinandra increscens</i> ssp. <i>villosa</i>	E	E
Indian Knob mountainbalm	<i>Eriodictyon altissimum</i>	E	E
Lompoc yerba santa	<i>Eriodictyon capitatum</i>	E	R
Lyon's pentachaeta	<i>Pentachaeta lyonia</i>	E	E
Marcescent dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i> ssp. <i>marcescens</i>	T	R
Morro manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos morroensis</i>	T	
Nevin's barberry	<i>Berberis nevinii</i>	E	E
Nipomo Mesa lupine	<i>Lupinus nipomensis</i>	E	E
Pismo clarkia	<i>Clarkia speciosa</i> ssp. <i>immaculata</i>	E	R
San Fernando Valley spineflower	<i>Chorizanthe parryi</i> var. <i>Fernandina</i>		E
Santa Ana River woollystar	<i>Eriastrum densifolium</i> ssp. <i>sanctorum</i>	E	E
Santa Monica Mountains dudleya	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i> ssp. <i>ovatifolia</i>	T	
Seaside bird's beak	<i>Cordylanthus rigidus</i> ssp. <i>littoralis</i>		E
Slender-horned spineflower	<i>Dodecahema leptoceras</i>	E	E
Vandenberg monkey flower	<i>Diplacus vandenbergensis</i>	E	
Ventura Marsh milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus pycnostachyus</i> var. <i>lanosissimus</i>	E	E
Verity's dudleya	<i>Dudleya verity</i>	T	

* Federal Status: Endangered (E); Threatened (T); Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC).

** State Status: Species of Special Concern (SSC); Threatened (T); Endangered (E); Rare (R).

*** Critical Habitat: Not applicable (N/A); No Critical Habitat Designated or Proposed (NCH).

Background

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits take of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered (16 U.S.C. 1538). By regulation, this take prohibition also applies to certain species listed as threatened. (50 CFR 17.31(a)). Under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(1)(B)), we may issue permits to authorize take of listed fish and wildlife species that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for listed fish and wildlife species are set forth in 50 CFR parts 17.22 and 17.32.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requires Federal agencies to analyze their proposed actions to determine whether the actions may significantly affect the human environment. In these NEPA analyses, the Federal agency will identify direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, as well as possible mitigation for effects on environmental resources that

could occur with implementation of the proposed action and alternatives.

Public Review

If you wish to comment on the draft HCP and draft EA, you may submit comments by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

Any comments we receive will become part of the decision record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We issue this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531

et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R8-ES-2020-NXXX;
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**Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and
Draft Categorical Exclusion for 12
Rancho San Carlos (Ocho West)
Project, Monterey County, California**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and draft categorical exclusion for activities associated with an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The ITP would authorize take of listed species incidental to construction of a single-family residence at 12 Rancho San Carlos (Ocho West). The Applicant developed the draft HCP as part of their application for an ITP. The Service prepared a draft categorical exclusion in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to evaluate the potential effects to the natural and human environment resulting from issuing an ITP to the Applicant. We invite public comment on these documents.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES:

To obtain documents: You may download a copy of the draft HCP and categorical exclusion screening form at <http://www.fws.gov/ventura/>, or you may request copies of the documents by sending U.S. mail to our Ventura office, or by phone (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

To submit written comments: Please send us your written comments using one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail:* Send your comments to: Stephen P. Henry, Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003.
- *Email:* danielle_fagre@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Danielle Fagre, Biologist, by phone at 805-677-3339, or via the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and the associated draft categorical exclusion with an application for an incidental take permit by Andris Uptis (Applicant). The permit would authorize take of the federally threatened Central Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) incidental to activities associated with the construction of a single-family residence at 12 Rancho San Carlos (Ocho West). The Applicant developed

the draft HCP as part of his application for an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Service prepared a draft categorical exclusion in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) to evaluate the potential effects to the natural and human environment resulting from issuing an ITP to the Applicant. We invite public comment on these documents.

Background

The Service listed the Central DPS of the California tiger salamander as threatened on August 4, 2004 (69 FR 47212). The Service listed the California red-legged frog as threatened on May 23, 1996 (61 FR 25813), and critical habitat was designated on March 10, 2010 (75 FR 12816). Federal regulation pursuant to section 4(d) of the ESA prohibits the “take” of certain fish or wildlife species listed as threatened, including the Central DPS of the California tiger salamander and the California red-legged frog, with exceptions for certain ranching activities on private and tribal lands as described in 50 CFR 17.43(c)(3)(i)–(xi) and 50 CFR 17.43(d)(3)(i)–(xi). “Take” is defined under the ESA to include the following activities: “[T]o harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532); however, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. Incidental take is take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened species are in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.32. Issuance of an incidental take permit also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species. The permittee would receive assurances under our “No Surprises” regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

Applicant’s Proposed Activities

The Applicant has applied for a permit for incidental take of the Central DPS of the California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog. The potential take would occur in association with activities necessary for the construction of a single-family home and accessory dwelling unit, improvement of the existing driveway, revegetation of temporarily disturbed areas, and invasive species management on 5.9 acres of habitat occupied by the

covered species. The development would result in impacts to 7.5 acres of California tiger salamander upland habitat. It would result in impacts to 7.6 acres of California red-legged frog habitat, all of which are in California red-legged frog Critical Habitat Unit MNT–2. The 7.5 acres of California tiger salamander habitat overlaps entirely with the 7.6 acres of California red-legged frog habitat.

The HCP includes avoidance and minimization measures for the covered species and mitigation for unavoidable loss of occupied upland and dispersal habitat. The Applicant will provide mitigation either by securing 5.9 acres of otherwise developable habitat in a conservation easement, protected in perpetuity, or through a Service-approved conservation bank or in-lieu fee program.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, draft HCP, and associated documents, you may submit comments by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey for the lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed 30