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Project Name: Shasta County, CA - 2018 CDBG-DR, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and

Reconstruction

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed

project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Please follow the link below to see if your proposed project has the potential to affect other species or their habitats under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service:

http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/protected species/species list/species lists.html

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the

Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan

(http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Sacramento Fish And Wildlife Office

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This project's location is within the jurisdiction of multiple offices. Expect additional species list documents from the following offices, and expect that the species and critical habitats in each document reflect only those that fall in the office's jurisdiction:

Klamath Falls Fish And Wildlife Office

1936 California Avenue Klamath Falls, OR 97601 (541) 885-8481

Yreka Fish And Wildlife Office

1829 South Oregon Street Yreka, CA 96097-3446 (530) 842-5763

This project's location is within the jurisdiction of offices which do not participate in IPaC's automated species list delivery. Please contact the following offices directly for more information:

Red Bluff Fish And Wildlife Office

10950 Tyler Road Red Bluff, CA 96080-7762 (530) 527-3043

Project Summary

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Project Name: Shasta County, CA - 2018 CDBG-DR, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation

and Reconstruction

Project Type: **FIRE**

Project Description: The 2018 CDBG-DR program will provide grants to owner occupied

homeowners to rehabilitate or reconstruct homes damaged or destroyed during the 2018 wildfires that occurred in Butte, Lake, Los Angeles,

Shasta, and Ventura Counties. The Owner Occupied Housing

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (the "program") objective is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the areas affected by the disasters. The program is designed to ensure that the housing needs of very-low, low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and vulnerable populations, including individuals that were made homeless as a result of the disaster, are addressed to the greatest extent feasible. Reconstruction is defined as the rebuilding of a structure on the same site in substantially the same manner. A reconstructed property must not increase the number of dwellings on site, although the number of rooms may increase or decrease. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the lead and responsible agency for administering the CDBG-DR funds allocated to the State of California. This is for the preparation of a Broad Level Tiered Environmental Review (Tier 1),

Shasta County. The number of potential grant applicants is not currently

known.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https:// www.google.com/maps/@40.73514171088733,-122.01794552847757,14z



Counties: Shasta County, California

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 13 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an
office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of
Commerce.

Birds

NAME STATUS

Northern Spotted Owl *Strix occidentalis caurina*Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1123

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus americanus

Population: Western U.S. DPS

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not

available.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3911

Amphibians

NAME STATUS

California Red-legged Frog Rana draytonii

Threatened

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891

Fishes

NAME STATUS

Delta Smelt *Hypomesus transpacificus*

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321

Longfin Smelt Spirinchus thaleichthys

Candidate

Population: San Francisco Bay delta DPS

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9011

Insects

NAME STATUS

Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle *Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7850

Crustaceans

NAME STATUS

Conservancy Fairy Shrimp Branchinecta conservatio

Endangered

There is \mathbf{final} critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8246

Shasta Crayfish Pacifastacus fortis

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8284

Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp *Branchinecta lynchi*

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498

Vernal Pool Tadpole Shrimp Lepidurus packardi

Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2246

Flowering Plants

NAME STATUS

Greene's Tuctoria *Tuctoria greenei*

Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1573

Slender Orcutt Grass Orcuttia tenuis

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1063

Conifers and Cycads

NAME

Whitebark Pine Pinus albicaulis

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1748

STATUS

Proposed

Threatened

Critical habitats

There are 5 critical habitats wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction.

NAME	STATUS
Greene's Tuctoria <i>Tuctoria greenei</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1573#crithab	Final
Northern Spotted Owl <i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1123#crithab	Final
Slender Orcutt Grass <i>Orcuttia tenuis</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1063#crithab	Final
Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta lynchi</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498#crithab	Final
Vernal Pool Tadpole Shrimp <i>Lepidurus packardi</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2246#crithab	Final