

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Endangered Species Act Protections for 165 Petitioned Species Not Warranted**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has made a partial determination regarding a petition to protect 206 species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Service found that the petition submitted by WildEarth Guardians does not contain substantial information that listing may be warranted for 165 of the petitioned species; therefore, the Service will not initiate a further status review for these species. The public is encouraged to provide the Service any new information that becomes available regarding the status of these species or threats to them or their habitat. Two plant species included in the petition were addressed in a petition finding for 475 Southwestern species that published on January 6, 2009. Therefore, only 204 species were reviewed for this determination. A finding regarding the remaining 39 petitioned species will be made at a later date.

The 165 species addressed in this finding are found in Arkansas, Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming and include 4 vertebrates, 71 invertebrates, and 90 plants. A list of the petitioned species can be found in the Federal Register notice published today or at the Service's web site: <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie>

Information contained in the petition regarding the 165 species is broken down as follows:

- The petition provided minimal information for 90 of the species, in some cases no more information than the name of the species.
- Basic information on the range of 25 species was provided, but population size or abundance was rarely quantified.
- Threats for 47 species were described for a general area, but the petition did not link the threats to the species or the habitat occupied by the species.
- The petition cited one or more threats to the remaining 3 species, but did not provide documentation to support significant impacts from the threats.

Petitions are formal requests to give a species Endangered Species Act protection as either threatened or endangered. The Service reviews the information contained in the petition and other scientific information in our files to determine if further analysis is needed.

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### LIST OF 165 SPECIES INCLUDED IN THIS FINDING

CATEGORY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	RANGE	GROUP
A	<u>Ameletus edmundsi</u>	A Mayfly	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Aquilegia grahamii</u>	Graham's Columbine	UT	Plant
A	<u>Aquilegia loriae</u>		UT	Plant
A	<u>Arctia sp. 1</u>	Arctiidae <u>Arctia</u>	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Aschisma kansanum</u>	(Moss)	KS	Plant
A	<u>Blancosoma scaturgo</u>	A Cave Obligate Millipede	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Brachycercus tuberculatus</u>	A Mayfly	CO, UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Caecidotea metcalfi</u>	A Cave Obligate Isopod	KS	Invertebrate
A	<u>Caecidotea tridentate</u>		IL,KS	Invertebrate
A	<u>Camissonia bairdii</u>	Baird's Camissonia	UT	Plant
A	<u>Campylium cardotii</u>	(Moss)	CAN:QC USA:MT	Plant
A	<u>Chaetarhria utahensis</u>	Utah Chaetarhrian Water Scavenger Beetle	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Chiloscyphus gemmiparus</u>	(Liverwort)	AK, CA, OR, UT	Plant
A	<u>Cirsium scapanolepis</u>	Mountainslope Thistle	CO	Plant
A	<u>Cryptobunus cavicolus</u>	A Cave Obligate Harvestman	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Didymodon anserinocapitatus</u>	(Moss)	CO	Plant
A	<u>Draba brachystylis</u>	Wasatch Draba	NV, UT	Plant
A	<u>Draba inexpectata</u>	Uinta Mountains draba	UT	Plant
A	<u>Draba ramulosa</u>	Tushar Mountain Whitlow-grass	UT	Plant
A	<u>Ephemerella apopsis</u>	A Mayfly	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Ericameria lignumviridis</u>	Greenwood's Heath-goldenrod	UT	Plant
A	<u>Erigeron abajoensis</u>	Abajo Daisy	UT	Plant
A	<u>Erigeron awapensis</u>	Awapa Daisy	UT	Plant
A	<u>Erigeron huberi</u>		UT	Plant

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A	<u>Erigeron zothezinus</u>	Alcove Daisy	UT	Plant
A	<u>Eriogonum hylophilum</u>	Gate Canyon Wild Buckwheat	UT	Plant
A	<u>Eriogonum mitophyllum</u>	Lost Creek wild buckwheat	UT	Plant
A	<u>Eriogonum phoeniceum</u>		NV, UT	Plant
A	<u>Hesperonemastoma packardi</u>	A Cave Obligate Harvestmann	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Hygrotus diversipes</u>	Narrow-foot Hygrotus Diving Beetle	WY	Invertebrate
A	<u>Lepidium huberi</u>	Huber's Pepperwort	UT	Plant
A	<u>Lepidium integrifolium</u>	Thickleaf Pepperwort	CO, UT, WY	Plant
A	<u>Leptophlebia konza</u>	Konza Prairie Mayfly	KS	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus missoulae</u>	A Spur-throat Grasshopper	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus sp. 1</u>		MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus sp. 40</u>		CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus sp. 41</u>		CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus sp. 42</u>		UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus sp. 47</u>		UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Melanoplus sp. 49</u>		CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Mentzelia goodrichii</u>	Goodrich's Blazingstar	UT	Plant
A	<u>Micarea ternaria</u>	(Lichen)	MT	Plant
A	<u>Neotrichia downsi</u>	A Caddisfly	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Oenothera murdockii</u>		UT	Plant
A	<u>Ogaridiscus subrupicola</u>	Southern Tightcoil	ID, OR, UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Oncopodura cruciata</u>	A Springtail	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Oreohelix hendersoni</u>	Pallid Mountainsnail	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Oreohelix howardi</u>	Mill Creek Mountainsnail	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Oreohelix parawanensis</u>	Brian Head Mountainsnail	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Ozobryum ogalalense</u>	(Moss)	KS, NE	Plant
A	<u>Packera castoreus</u>	Beaver Mountain Groundsel	UT	Plant
A	<u>Packera malmstenii</u>	Podunk Groundsel	UT	Plant
A	<u>Paraleptophlebia calcarica</u>	A Prongill Mayfly	AR, KS	Invertebrate
A	<u>Phacelia argylensis</u>	Argyle Canyon Phacelia	UT	Plant
A	<u>Phacelia indecora</u>	Drab Phacelia	NN, UT	Plant
A	<u>Pheidole elecebra</u>	An Ant	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Physaria grahamii</u>	Graham's Twinpod	UT	Plant
A	<u>Physaria repanda</u>	Repand Twinpod	UT	Plant
A	<u>Physaria stylosa</u>	Duchesne River Twinpod	UT	Plant
A	<u>Planorbella oregonensis</u>	Lamb Rams-horn	OR, UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Polydesmus cavicola</u>	A Millipede	UT	Invertebrate

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A	<u>Potentilla macounii</u>	Macoun's Cinquefoil	CAN: AB USA: MT	Plant
A	<u>Proctacanthus sp. 1</u>	Robber Fly From Colorado	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Pyrgulopsis chamberlini</u>	Smooth Glenwood Pyrg	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Pyrgulopsis inopinata</u>	Carinate Glenwood Pyrg	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Pyrgulopsis nonaria</u>	Ninemile Pyrg	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Pyrgulopsis plicata</u>	Black Canyon Pyrg	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Ranunculus coloradensis</u>	Colorado Buttercup	CO	Plant
A	<u>Riccia ozarkiana</u>	(Liverwort)	AK, KS, MO	Plant
A	<u>Senecio musiniensis</u>	Musinea Ragwort	UT	Plant
A	<u>Senecio spribillei</u>		MT	Plant
A	<u>Speodesmus aquiliensis</u>	A Cave Obligate Millipede	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Sphaeralcea janeae</u>	Jane's Globemallow	UT	Plant
A	<u>Sphalloplana kansensis</u>	Kansas Planarian (flatworm)	KS	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stagnicola elrodiana</u>	Longmouth Pondsnaail	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus coloradensis</u>	A Cave Obligate Amphipod	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus fontinalis</u>	Spring Amphipod	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus holsingeri</u>	An Amphipod	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus montanensis</u>	A Cave Obligate Amphipod	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus obscurus</u>	A Cave Obligate Amphipod	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus puteanus</u>	A Cave Obligate Amphipod	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus simplex</u>	Simple Amphipod	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus tritus</u>	A Cave Obligate Amphipod	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus utahensis</u>	Utah Amphipod	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Stygobromus wardi</u>	Ward's Amphipod	CO	Invertebrate
A	<u>Suwallia salish</u>	A Stonefly	MT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Sweltsa cristata</u>	A Stonefly	UT	Invertebrate
A	<u>Verrucaria kootenaica</u>	(Lichen)	MT	Plant
A	<u>Vertigo hannai</u>	Hanna's Vertigo	CAN: ON USA: IL, KS	Invertebrate
A	<u>Webbhelix chadwicki</u>	Kaw Whitelip	KS, NE	Plant
B	<u>Allomyia hector</u>	A Caddisfly	CAN:AB USA:MT	Invertebrate
B	<u>Amblyderus weneri</u>	Great Sand Dunes Anthicid Beetle	CO	Invertebrate
B	<u>Cryptomastix sanburni</u>	Kingston Oregonian	ID, MT	Invertebrate
B	<u>Cryptantha compacta</u>	Compact Cat's-eye	UT	Plant
B	<u>Cryptantha johnstonii</u>	Johnston Catseye	UT	Plant
B	<u>Draba kassii</u>	Kass's Rockcress	UT	Plant
B	<u>Erigeron wilkenii</u>	Wilken's Fleabane	CO	Plant

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B	<u>Hackelia gracilentia</u>	Colorado Stickseed	CO	Plant
B	<u>Helisoma newberryi</u>	Great Basin Rams-horn	CA,WY, ID(Extirpated), NV, OR, UT(Extirpated)	Invertebrate
B	<u>Heterocampa rufinans</u>	A Notodontid Moth	CO	Invertebrate
B	<u>Hymenoclea sandersonii</u>	Sanderson's Cheesebush	UT	Plant
B	<u>Hymenoxys lapidicola</u>	Rock Hymenoxys	UT	Plant
B	<u>Mentzelia shultziiorum</u>	Shultz Stickleaf	UT	Plant
B	<u>Oreohelix alpine</u>	Alpine Mountainsnail	MT	Invertebrate
B	<u>Oreohelix pygmaea</u>	Pygmy Mountainsnail	WY	Invertebrate
B	<u>Penstemon franklinii</u>	Ben Franklin's Beardtongue	UT	Plant
B	<u>Penstemon navajoa</u>	Navajo Beardtongue	NN, UT	Plant
B	<u>Physella spelunca</u>	Cave Physa	WY	Invertebrate
B	<u>Physella zionis</u>	Wet-rock Physa	UT	Invertebrate
B	<u>Potentilla cottamii</u>	Cottam's Potentilla	NV, UT	Plant
B	<u>Primula domensis</u>	House Range Primrose	UT	Plant
B	<u>Pyrgulopsis fusca</u>	Otter Creek Pyrg	UT	Invertebrate
B	<u>Sclerocactus blainei</u>	Blaine's Pincushion	NV, UT	Plant
B	<u>Sclerocactus contortus</u>	Canyonland Fishhook Cactus	UT	Plant
B	<u>Talinum thompsonii</u>	Thompson's Talinum	UT	Plant
C	<u>Allium passeyi</u>	Passey's Onion	UT	Plant
C	<u>Arabis falcatoria</u>	Grouse Creek Rockcress	NV, UT	Plant
C	<u>Astragalus avonensis</u>		UT	Plant
C	<u>Astragalus loanus</u>	Glenwood Milk-vetch	UT	Plant
C	<u>Capnia Arapahoe</u>	A Stonefly	CO	Invertebrate
C	<u>Cottus extensus</u>	Bear Lake Sculpin	ID, UT	Vertebrate
C	<u>Cryptantha gypsophila</u>	Gypsum Valley Cateye	CO	Plant
C	<u>Cryptantha ochroleuca</u>	Yellow-white Catseye	UT	Plant
C	<u>Cuscuta plattensis</u>	Wyoming Dodder	WY	Plant
C	<u>Cymopterus minimus</u>	Cedar Breaks Biscuitroot	UT	Plant
C	<u>Descurainia torulosa</u>	Wyoming Tansymustard	WY	Plant
C	<u>Eriogonum cronquistii</u>	Cronquist's Wild Buckwheat	UT	Plant
C	<u>Eriogonum smithii</u>	Smith's Wild Buckwheat	UT	Plant
C	<u>Gilia sedifolia</u>	Stonecrop Gily-flower	CO	Plant
C	<u>Hackelia ibapensis</u>	Deep Creek Stickseed	UT	Plant
C	<u>Lesquerella humilis</u>	Few-seeded Bladderpod or Bitterroot Bladderpod	MT	Plant
C	<u>Lesquerella lesicii</u>	Pryor Mountains Bladderpod or Lesica's Bladderpod	MT	Plant
C	<u>Lygodesmia entrada</u>	Entrada Skeletonplant	UT	Plant

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C	<u>Microcylloepus browni</u>	Brown's Microcylloepus Riffle Beetle	CAN: MB USA: MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Mimulus gemmiparus</u>	Weber's Monkeyflower	CO	Plant
C	<u>Oreohelix elrodi</u>	Carinate Mountainsnail	CAN: MB USA: MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Oreohelix eurekaensis</u>	Eureka Mountainsnail	UT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Oreoxis humilis</u>	Pikes Peak Spring-parsley	CO	Plant
C	<u>Oreoxis trotteri</u>	Trotter's Oreoxis	UT	Plant
C	<u>Oreohelix sp. 5</u>	Brunson Mountainsnail	MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Oreohelix sp. 6</u>	Kintla Lake Mountainsnail	MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Oreohelix sp. 7</u>	Kitchen Creek Mountainsnail	MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Oreohelix sp. 11</u>	Subcarinate Mountainsnail	MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Perityle specuicola</u>	Alcove Rockdaisy	NN, UT	Plant
C	<u>Physaria dornii</u>	Dorn's Twinpod	WY	Plant
C	<u>Physaria pulvinata</u>	Cushion Bladderpod	CO	Plant
C	<u>Potentilla angelliae</u>	Angell Cinquefoil	UT	Plant
C	<u>Prosopium abyssicola</u>	Bear Lake Whitefish	ID, UT	Vertebrate
C	<u>Prosopium gemmifer</u>	Bonneville Cisco	ID, NV(Exotic), UT	Vertebrate
C	<u>Prosopium spilonotus</u>	Bonneville Whitefish	ID, UT	Vertebrate
C	<u>Pyrgulopsis bedfordensis</u>	A Freshwater Snail	MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Stagnicola elrodi</u>	Flathead Pondsail	MT	Invertebrate
C	<u>Thelesperma caespitosum</u>	Green River Greenthread	UT, WY	Plant
C	<u>Thelesperma pubescens</u>	Uinta Greenthread	UT, WY	Plant
C	<u>Townsendia microcephala</u>	Cedar Mountain Easter-daisy	WY	Plant
C	<u>Trifolium barnebyi</u>	Barneby's Clover	WY	Plant
C	<u>Viola clauseniana</u>	Clausen's Violet	UT	Plant
C	<u>Viola frank-smithii</u>	Frank Smith's Violet	UT	Plant
C	<u>Viola lithion</u>	Rock Violet	NV, UT	Plant
C	<u>Xanthoparmelia idahoensis</u>	(Lichen)	CAN:AB USA:CO, ID	Plant
C	<u>Xanthoparmelia neowyomingica</u>	(Lichen)	CO, WY	Plant
C	<u>Xylorhiza cronquistii</u>	Cronquist's Woody-aster	UT	Plant
D	<u>Eriogonum ammophilum</u>	Ibex Wild Buckwheat	UT	Plant
D	<u>Optioservus phaeus</u>	Scott Optioservus Riffle Beetle	KS	Invertebrate
D	<u>Penstemon pinorum</u>	Pinyon Penstemon	UT	Plant