

public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by June 16, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Chief, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions and EPA's technical support document of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

- California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.
- Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District, 43301 Division Street, Suite 206, Lancaster, CA 93539-4409

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Rose, Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1184).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The rules being approved for rescission and the negative declarations being approved for the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District (AVAPCD) portion of the California SIP are listed in the following Table:

SUBMITTED RECISSIONS AND NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

Rule No. and title	Adoption date	Submittal date	Type of revision
1105, Fluid Catalytic Cracking Units—Oxides of Sulfur .....	04-21-98	05-13-99	Recission.
1109, Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Boilers and Process Heaters in Petroleum Refineries.	04-21-98	05-13-99	Negative Declaration.
1112, Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Cement Kilns .....	03-16-99	07-23-99	Negative Declaration.
1115, Motor Vehicle Assembly Line Coating Operations .....	11-18-97	01-12-99	Recission/Negative Declaration.
1117, Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting Furnaces .....	03-16-99	07-23-99	Recission/Negative Declaration.
1123, Refinery Process Turnarounds .....	11-08-97	02-16-99	Recission/Negative Declaration.

The rule rescissions and negative declarations listed above were submitted to EPA by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on the dates indicated. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: May 3, 2000.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**50 CFR Part 17**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Threatened Status for the Plant *Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis***

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), reopen the comment period on the proposal to list the plant

*Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis* (Colorado butterfly plant) as a threatened species. The comment period is extended to accommodate the public notice requirement of the Act and to consider any new scientific information. In addition, reopening of the comment period will allow further opportunity for all interested parties to submit comments on the proposal, which was published on March 24, 1998 (63 FR 14060). We are seeking comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the proposed rule. Comments already submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted as they will be fully considered in the final determination.

**DATES:** The reopened comment period closes June 16, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed rule are available on the World Wide Web at <mountain-prairie.fws.gov/endspp/plants/>. You may also request copies from, and submit comments and materials concerning this proposed rule to, the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4000 Airport Parkway, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Long, Field Supervisor, Wyoming Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section), telephone 307/772-2374; facsimile 307/772-2358.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On March 24, 1998, we published a rule proposing threatened status for *Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis* in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 14060). The original comment period closed on May 26, 1998. Section 4(b)(5)(D) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires us to "publish a summary of the proposed regulation in a newspaper of general circulation in each area of the United States in which the species is believed to occur." Due to an oversight, we failed to complete this requirement. To correct the oversight, we are reopening the comment period for this proposal to list *G.n. ssp. coloradensis* and publishing the required notices. The comment period now closes on June 16, 2000. Written comments should be submitted to the Service (see **ADDRESSES** section).

*Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis* is a short-lived, perennial herb endemic to moist soils in mesic or wet meadows of floodplain areas in southeastern Wyoming, northcentral Colorado, and extreme western Nebraska. This early to mid-seral stage species occurs primarily in habitats created and maintained by streams active within their floodplains, with vegetation that is relatively open and not overly dense or overgrown. The disturbance of riparian areas that contain native grasses by agricultural conversion, water diversions, channelization, and urban development threaten *G.n. ssp. coloradensis* by

changing habitat significantly enough to preclude survival of viable populations.

Comments from the public regarding the accuracy of this proposed rule are sought, especially regarding:

- (1) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to this species;
- (2) The location of any additional populations of this species and the reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat pursuant to section 4 of the Act;
- (3) Additional information concerning the range, distribution, and population size or trend of this species;
- (4) Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on this species;

(5) Biological or physical elements that best describe *Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis* habitat that could be essential for the conservation of the species;

(6) Information regarding genetic differences and similarities within and between populations of *Gaura neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis*;

(7) Possible alternative noxious weed control, grazing, farming, and water management practices that will reduce or eliminate impacts to *Gaura*

*neomexicana* ssp. *coloradensis*; and

(8) Other management strategies that will conserve the species throughout its range.

Comments previously submitted during the first comment period need

not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in the final determination.

Author. The primary author of this document is Mary Jennings of the Wyoming Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 2, 2000.

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*Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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