

Received via email January 31, 2014

Kevin S. Burgess

4:39 PM (14 hours ago)

to me

Hi Jimmy,

I have read through the two proposed rules. I have a few comments for the status of the species but I do not have comments for the Habitat document, given there are others on the review panel that have more expertise in this area, although Table 2 of Garcia 2012 does include a soil analysis of one of the key sites.

Indeed, my biggest concern was to make sure that the recent work accomplished by my graduate student Alicia Garcia (2012) has been incorporated into this document. Although I have a few comments to include regarding this thesis, the rest of the document is accurate and reflects an up-to-date appraisal of the Threatened Status for *Arabis georgiana*.

comments

Page 26 - the citation "Garcia 2012, pp. 76" should be added to the citation list after the sentence "Given the extremely small number....."

Page 26 - the citation "see also Garcia 2012, Chapter 1" should be added to the list of citations on genetic bottlenecks at the end of the sentence "A genetic bottleneck would result in....."

Page 36 - I believe there are several tables and figures from Garcia 2012 that could be included in the proposed rule to address point 5 at the end of this page. In particular, I suggest the inclusion of Figure 10 & 13 and Table 10 to be displayed and cited on/near page 26 of the rule.

Page 37 - Will the references be listed here?

Page 38 - Will the primary authors be listed here?

Let me know if I can be of any further assistance,

Cheers,

Kevin

Kevin S. Burgess, Ph.D.

Associate Professor & Herbarium Curator

Department of Biology, College of Letters & Sciences,

163A LeNoir Hall, Columbus State University,

Columbus, GA, USA 31907-5645

Associated Faculty (Auburn University)

Office: 706-507-8266

email: burgess_kevin@ColumbusState.edu

http://facstaff.columbusstate.edu/burgess_kevin/website/Kevin_S_Burgess_lab.html
