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to me

Hi, Jimmy,

Sorry I didn't comment via the accepted pathways.

I am only familiar with the Georgia rockcress populations in northwest Georgia. At those three locations, the species is imperiled, and at Black's Bluff, would be extirpated without extreme measures having been taken. These include ex-situ propagation and re-planting. The Whitmore Bluff and Resaca populations are weak, and appear to suffer from critically low numbers. Those populations are both threatened by anthropogenic disturbances to their habitat. Much more study is needed to determine threats to the species, before we can feel we are heading in the right direction in its conservation. Until then, I think listing this species is warranted.

Yours,

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