Appendix A. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum to the Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, California



IN REPLY REFER TO: 1-1-00-SP-1576

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Memorandum

To:

Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento, California

MP410 (Mary Marshall)

From:

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California

Subject:

Species List for Battle Creek Watershed in Shasta and Tehama Counties,

California

We are sending the enclosed list in response to your letter dated April 18, 2000, requesting information about endangered and threatened species (Enclosure A). These lists fulfill the requirement of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to provide species lists under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

The Service used the information in your letter to locate the proposed project on a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The animal species on the Enclosure A quad list are those species we believe may occur within, or be affected by projects within, the following USGS quads, where your project is planned: 626C, Lyonsville; 627A, Manton; 627B, Shingletown; 627D, Finley Butte; 628A, Tuscan Buttes NE; and 645D, Hagaman Gulch.

Any plants on the quad list are ones that have actually been observed in that quad. Plants may occur in a quad without having been observed there. Therefore we have included a species list for the whole county in which your project occurs. We recommend that you survey for any relevant plants shown on this list.

Fish and other aquatic species appear on your list if they are in the same watershed as your quad or if water use in your quad might affect them.

6232 37449 If a species has been listed as threatened or endangered by the State of California, but not by us nor by the National Marine Fisheries Service, it will appear on your list as a Species of Concern. However you must contact the California Department of Fish and Game for official information about these species. Call (916) 322-2493 or write Marketing Manager, California Department of Fish and Game, Natural Diversity Data Base, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

Some of the species listed in Attachment A may not be affected by the proposed action. A trained biologist or botanist, familiar with the habitat requirements of the listed species, should determine whether these species or habitats suitable for them may be affected. For plants, we recommend using the enclosed Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Species (Enclosure C).

Some pertinent information concerning the distribution, life history, habitat requirements, and published references for the listed species is available upon request. This information may be helpful in preparing the biological assessment for this project, if one is required. Please see Attachment B for a discussion of the responsibilities Federal agencies have under section 7(c) of the Act and the conditions under which a biological assessment must be prepared by the lead Federal agency or its designated non-Federal representative.

Formal consultation, under 50 CFR § 402.14, should be initiated if you determine that a listed species may be affected by the proposed project. If you determine that a proposed species may be adversely affected, you should consider requesting a conference with our office under 50 CFR § 402.10. Informal consultation may be utilized prior to a written request for formal consultation to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to a listed species. If a biological assessment is required, and it is not initiated within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, you should informally verify the accuracy of this list with our office.

When a species is listed as endangered or threatened, areas of habitat considered essential to its conservation may be designated as *critical habitat*. These areas may require special management considerations or protection. They provide needed space for growth and normal behavior; food, water, air, light, other nutritional or physiological requirements; cover or shelter; and sites for breeding, reproduction, rearing of offspring, germination or seed dispersal. Although critical habitat may be designated on private or State lands, activities on these lands are not restricted unless there is Federal involvement in the activities or direct harm to listed wildlife.

If any species has proposed or designated critical habitat within a quad, this will be noted on the species list. Maps and boundary descriptions of the critical habitat may be found in the *Federal Register*. The information is also reprinted in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (50 CFR 17.95).

Candidate species are being reviewed for possible listing. Contact our office if your biological assessment reveals any candidate species that might be adversely affected. Although they currently have no protection under the Endangered Species Act, one or more of them could be

proposed and listed before your project is completed. By considering them from the beginning, you could avoid problems later.

Your list may contain a section called *Species of Concern*. This term includes former category 2 candidate species and other plants and animals of concern to the Service and other Federal, State and private conservation agencies and organizations. Some of these species may become candidate species in the future.

If the proposed project will impact wetlands, riparian habitat, or other jurisdictional waters as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), a Corps permit will be required, under section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Impacts to wetland habitats require site specific mitigation and monitoring. You may request a copy of the Service's General Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines or submit a detailed description of the proposed impacts for specific comments and recommendations. If you have any questions regarding wetlands, contact Mark Littlefield at (916) 414-6580.

We appreciate your concern for endangered species. Please contact Harry Mossman, Biological Technician, at (916) 414-6650, if you have any questions about the attached list or your responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act. For the fastest response to species list requests, address them to the attention of Mr. Mossman at this address. You may fax requests to him at 414-6712 or 6713.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Miller

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

Endangered and Threatened Species that May Occur in or be Affected by Projects in the Selected Quads Listed Below Reference File No. 1-1-00-SP-1576

EIR/EIS for Battle Creek Restoration, Shasta and Tehama Counties, California

April 26, 2000 QUAD: 626C LYONSVILLE Listed Species Birds bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T) **Amphibians** California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T) Fish delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T) Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T) Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T) Species of Concern Mammals pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC) spotted bat, Euderma maculatum (SC) California wolverine, Gulo gulo luteus (CA) Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare, Lepus americanus tahoensis (SC) Pacific fisher, Martes pennanti pacifica (SC) small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC) long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC) fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC) long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC) Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC) Birds tricolored blackbird, Agelaius tricolor (SC) little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA) American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D) California spotted owl, Strix occidentalis occidentalis (SC) Reptiles

northwestern pond turtle, Clemmys marmorata marmorata (SC)

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Amphibians
        foothill yellow-legged frog, Rana boylii (SC)
   Fish
        green sturgeon, Acipenser medirostris (SC)
       longfin smelt, Spirinchus thaleichthys (SC)
QUAD: 627A
                MANTON
 Listed Species
   Birds
       bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)
   Amphibians
       California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)
   Fish
       delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)
       Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)
       winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
       Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)
       Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)
   Invertebrates
       valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T)
Proposed Species
   Fish
       Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX)
 Candidate Species
   Fish
       Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C)
Species of Concern
  Mammals
      pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC)
      spotted bat, Euderma maçulatum (SC)
      small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC)
      long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC)
      fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC)
      long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC)
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Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC)
     Birds
         tricolored blackbird, Agelaius tricolor (SC)
         little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA)
        American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D)
        white-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi (SC)
    Reptiles
        northwestern pond turtle, Clemmys marmorata marmorata (SC)
    Amphibians
        foothill yellow-legged frog, Rana boylii (SC)
        western spadefoot toad, Scaphiopus hammondii (SC)
    Fish
        green sturgeon, Acipenser medirostris (SC)
        longfin smelt, Spirinchus thaleichthys (SC)
    Plants
       Butte fritillary, Fritillaria eastwoodiae (SC)
       Ahart's whitlow-wort, Paronychia ahartii (SC)
QUAD: 627B
                SHINGLETOWN
 Listed Species
   Birds
       bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)
   Amphibians
       California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)
   Fish
       delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)
       Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)
      winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
       Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)
      Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)
  Invertebrates
      vernal pool fairy shrimp, Branchinecta lynchi (T)
      valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T)
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Proposed Species
 Fish
      Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX)
Candidate Species
 Fish
      Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C)
Species of Concern
 Mammals
     pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC)
     spotted bat, Euderma maculatum (SC)
     small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC)
     long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC)
     fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC)
     long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC)
     Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC)
 Birds
     tricolored blackbird, Agelaius tricolor (SC)
     ferruginous hawk, Buteo regalis (SC)
     little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA)
     American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D)
     white-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi (SC)
 Reptiles
     northwestern pond turtle, Clemmys marmorata marmorata (SC)
Amphibians
     foothill yellow-legged frog, Rana boylii (SC)
     western spadefoot toad, Scaphiopus hammondii (SC)
Fish
     green sturgeon, Acipenser medirostris (SC)
     longfin smelt, Spirinchus thaleichthys (SC)
Invertebrates
     California linderiella fairy shrimp, Linderiella occidentalis (SC)
Plants
     Butte fritillary, Fritillaria eastwoodiae (SC)
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QUAD: 627D
               FINLEY BUTTE
 Listed Species
   Birds
       bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)
   Amphibians
       California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)
   Fish
       delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)
      Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)
     winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
      Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)
      Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)
  Invertebrates
      valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T)
Proposed Species
  Fish
      Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX)
Candidate Species
  Fish
     Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C)
Species of Concern
 Mammals
     pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC)
     spotted bat, Euderma maculatum (SC)
     small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC)
     long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC)
     fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC)
     long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC)
     Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC)
 Birds
    tricolored blackbird, Agelaius tricolor (SC)
    little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA)
    American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D)
     white-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi (SC)
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Reptiles
       northwestern pond turtle, Clemmys marmorata marmorata (SC)
   Amphibians
       foothill yellow-legged frog, Rana boylii (SC)
       western spadefoot toad, Scaphiopus hammondii (SC)
   Fish
       green sturgeon, Acipenser medirostris (SC)
       longfin smelt, Spirinchus thaleichthys (SC)
QUAD: 628A
                TUSCAN BUTTES NE
 Listed Species
   Birds
       Aleutian Canada goose, Branta canadensis leucopareia (T)
       bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)
   Amphibians
       California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)
   Fish
       delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)
       Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)
       winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
       Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)
       Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)
   Invertebrates
       vernal pool fairy shrimp, Branchinecta lynchi (T)
       valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T)
       vernal pool tadpole shrimp, Lepidurus packardi (E)
   Plants
       slender Orcutt grass, Orcuttia tenuis (T)
Proposed Species
   Fish
       Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX)
 Candidate Species
   Fish
       Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C)
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QUAD: 645D
                HAGAMAN GULCH
 Listed Species
   Birds
       bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)
   Amphibians
       California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)
   Fish
       delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)
       Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)
      winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
      Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)
      Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)
  Invertebrates
      vernal pool fairy shrimp, Branchinecta lynchi (T)
      valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T)
Proposed Species
  Fish
      Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX)
Candidate Species
  Fish
      Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C)
Species of Concern
  Mammals
      pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC)
      spotted bat, Euderma maculatum (SC)
      California wolverine, Gulo gulo luteus (CA)
      Pacific fisher, Martes pennanti pacifica (SC)
      small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC)
      long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC)
      fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC)
      long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC)
      Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC)
      Sierra Nevada red fox, Vulpes vulpes necator (CA)
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Birds

ferruginous hawk, Buteo regalis (SC)

little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA)

American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D)

white-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi (SC)

Reptiles

northwestern pond turtle, Clemmys marmorata marmorata (SC)

Amphibians

foothill yellow-legged frog, Rana boylii (SC)

Fish

green sturgeon, Acipenser medirostris (SC)

longfin smelt, Spirinchus thaleichthys (SC)

Invertebrates

California linderiella fairy shrimp, Linderiella occidentalis (SC)

Plants

silky cryptantha, Cryptantha crinita (SC)

Butte fritillary, Fritillaria eastwoodiae (SC)

KEY:

(E)	Endangered	Listed (in the Federal Register) as being in danger of extinction.
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(T) Threatened Listed as likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future.

(P) Proposed Officially proposed (in the Federal Register) for listing as endangered or threatened.

(PX) Proposed Proposed as an area essential to the conservation of the species.

Critical Habitat

(C) Candidate Candidate to become a proposed species.

(SC) Species of Concern May be endangered or threatened. Not enough biological information has been gathered to support listing at this time.

(D) Delisted Delisted. Status to be monitored for 5 years.

(CA) State-Listed Listed as threatened or endangered by the State of California.

(*) Extirpated Possibly extirpated from this quad.

(**) Extinct Possibly extinct.

Attachment B

FEDERAL AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECTIONS 7(a) and (c) OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

SECTION 7(a) Consultation/Conference

Requires: (1) federal agencies to utilize their authorities to carry out programs to conserve endangered and threatened species; (2) Consultation with FWS when a federal action may affect a listed endangered or threatened species to insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by a federal agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. The process is initiated by the federal agency after determining the action may affect a listed species; and (3) Conference with FWS when a Federal action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a proposed species or result in destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat.

SECTION 7(c) Biological Assessment-Major Construction Activity¹

Requires federal agencies or their designees to prepare a Biological Assessment (BA) for major construction activities. The BA analyzes the effects of the action² on listed and proposed species. The process begins with a Federal agency requesting from FWS a list of proposed and listed threatened and endangered species. The BA should be completed within 180 days after its initiation (or within such a time period as is mutually agreeable). If the BA is not initiated within 90 days of receipt of the list, the accuracy of the species list should be informally verified with our Service. No irreversible commitment of resources is to be made during the BA process which would foreclose reasonable and prudent alternatives to protect endangered species. Planning, design, and administrative actions may proceed; however, no construction may begin.

We recommend the following for inclusion in the BA: an on-site inspection of the area affected by the proposal which may include a detailed survey of the area to determine if the species or suitable habitat is present; a review of literature and scientific data to determine species' distribution, habitat needs, and other biological requirement; interviews with experts, including those within FWS, State conservation departments, universities and others who may have data not yet published in scientific literature; an analysis of the effects of the proposal on the species in terms of individuals and populations, including consideration of indirect effects of the proposal on the species and its habitat; an analysis of alternative actions considered. The BA should document the results, including a discussion of study methods used, and problems encountered, and other relevant information. The BA should conclude whether or not a listed or proposed species will be affected. Upon completion, the BA should be forwarded to our office.

¹A construction project (or other undertaking having similar physical impacts) which is a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as referred to in NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)C).

²"Effects of the action" refers to the direct and indirect effects of an action on the species or critical habitat, together with the effects of other activities that are interrelated or interdependent with that action.

Attachment C

GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING AND REPORTING BOTANICAL INVENTORIES FOR FEDERALLY LISTED, PROPOSED AND CANDIDATE PLANTS

(September 23, 1996)

These guidelines describe protocols for conducting botanical inventories for federally listed, proposed and candidate plants, and describe minimum standards for reporting results. The Service will use, in part, the information outlined below in determining whether the project under consideration may affect any listed, proposed or candidate plants, and in determining the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects.

Field inventories should be conducted in a manner that will locate listed, proposed, or candidate species (target species) that may be present. The entire project area requires a botanical inventory, except developed agricultural lands. The field investigator(s) should:

- Conduct inventories at the appropriate times of year when target species are present and
 identifiable. Inventories will include all potential habitats. Multiple site visits during a field season
 may be necessary to make observations during the appropriate phenological stage of all target
 species.
- 2. If available, use a regional or local reference population to obtain a visual image of the target species and associated habitat(s). If access to reference populations(s) is not available, investigators should study specimens from local herbaria.
- 3. List every species observed and compile a comprehensive list of vascular plants for the entire project site. Vascular plants need to be identified to a taxonomic level which allows rarity to be determined.
- 4. Report results of botanical field inventories that include:
 - a. a description of the biological setting, including plant community, topography, soils, potential habitat of target species, and an evaluation of environmental conditions, such as timing or quantity of rainfall, which may influence the performance and expression of target species
 - b. a map of project location showing scale, orientation, project boundaries, parcel size, and map quadrangle name
 - c. survey dates and survey methodology(ies)
 - d. if a reference population is available, provide a written narrative describing the target species reference population(s) used, and date(s) when observations were made
 - e. a comprehensive list of all vascular plants occurring on the project site for each habitat type
 - f. current and historic land uses of the habitat(s) and degree of site alteration

- g. presence of target species off-site on adjacent parcels, if known.
- h. an assessment of the biological significance or ecological quality of the project site in a local and regional context
- 5. If target species is(are) found, report results that additionally include:
 - a. a map showing federally listed, proposed and candidate species distribution as they relate to the proposed project
 - b. if target species is (are) associated with wetlands, a description of the direction and integrity of flow of surface hydrology. If target species is (are) affected by adjacent off-site hydrological influences, describe these factors.
 - c. the target species phenology and microhabitat, an estimate of the number of individuals of each target species per unit area; identify areas of high, medium and low density of target species over the project site, and provide acres of occupied habitat of target species. Investigators could provide color slides, photos or color copies of photos of target species or representative habitats to support information or descriptions contained in reports.
 - d. the degree of impact(s), if any, of the proposed project as it relates to the potential unoccupied habitat of target habitat.
- 6. Document findings of target species by completing California Native Species Field Survey Form(s) and submit form(s) to the Natural Diversity Data Base. Documentation of determinations and/or voucher specimens may be useful in cases of taxonomic ambiguities, habitat or range extensions.
- 7. Report as an addendum to the original survey, any change in abundance and distribution of target plants in subsequent years. Project sites with inventories older than 3 years from the current date of project proposal submission will likely need additional survey. Investigators need to assess whether an additional survey(s) is (are) needed.
- 8. Adverse conditions may prevent investigator(s) from determining presence or identifying some target species in potential habitat(s) of target species. Disease, drought, predation, or herbivory may preclude the presence or identification of target species in any year. An additional botanical inventory(ies) in a subsequent year(s) may be required if adverse conditions occur in a potential habitat(s). Investigator(s) may need to discuss such conditions.
- 9. Guidance from California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) regarding plant and plant community surveys can be found in Guidelines for Assessing the Effects of Proposed Developments on Rare and Endangered Plants and Plant Communities, 1984. Please contact the CDFG Regional Office for questions regarding the CDFG guidelines and for assistance in determining any applicable State regulatory requirements.

Endangered and Threatened Species that May Occur in or be Affected by Projects in the Area of the Following California Counties Reference File No. 1-1-00-sp-1576 April 26, 2000

SHASTA COUNTY

Listed Species

Birds

Aleutian Canada goose, Branta canadensis leucopareia (T)

bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)

Critical habitat, northern spotted owl, Strix occidentalis caurina (T)

northern spotted owl, Strix occidentalis caurina (T)

Amphibians

California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)

Fish

Critical habitat, winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)

winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)

delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)

Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)

Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)

Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)

Invertebrates

vernal pool tadpole shrimp, Lepidurus packardi (E)

Shasta crayfish, Pacifastacus fortis (E)

vernal pool fairy shrimp, Branchinecta lynchi (T)

valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T)

Plants

Greene's tuctoria, Tuctoria greenei (E)

slender Orcutt grass, Orcuttia tenuis (T)

Proposed Species

Fish

Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX) Candidate Species

Fish

McCloud River redband trout, Oncorhynchus (=Salmo) mykiss ssp. (C)

Klamath Mts. Province steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (C)

Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C)

Species of Concern

Mammals

California wolverine, Gulo gulo luteus (CA)

pygmy rabbit, Brachylagus idahoensis (SC) pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC) Pacific western big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii townsendii (SC) spotted bat, Euderma maculatum (SC) Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare, Lepus americanus tahoensis (SC) American (=pine) marten, Martes americana (SC) Pacific fisher, Martes pennanti pacifica (SC) small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC) long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC) fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC) long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC) Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC) San Joaquin pocket mouse, Perognathus inornatus (SC) Birds little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA) greater sandhill crane, Grus canadensis tabida (CA) bank swallow, Riparia riparia (CA) American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D) northern goshawk, Accipiter gentilis (SC) tricolored blackbird, Agelaius tricolor (SC) grasshopper sparrow, Ammodramus savannarum (SC) Bell's sage sparrow, Amphispiza belli belli (SC) short-eared owl, Asio flammeus (SC) western burrowing owl, Athene cunicularia hypugea (SC) American bittern, Botaurus lentiginosus (SC) ferruginous hawk, Buteo regalis (SC) Lawrence's goldfinch, Carduelis lawrencei (SC) Vaux's swift, Chaetura vauxi (SC) black tern, Chlidonias niger (SC) lark sparrow, Chondestes grammacus (SC) olive-sided flycatcher, Contopus cooperi (SC) black swift, Cypseloides niger (SC) hermit warbler, Dendroica occidentalis (SC) common loon, Gavia immer (SC) loggerhead shrike, Lanius Iudovicianus (SC) Lewis' woodpecker, Melanerpes lewis (SC) long-billed curlew, Numenius americanus (SC) white-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi (SC) rufous hummingbird, Selasphorus rufus (SC)

red-breasted sapsucker, Sphyrapicus ruber (SC)

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Brewer's sparrow, Spizella breweri (SC)
      California spotted owl, Strix occidentalis occidentalis (SC)
      Bewick's wren, Thryomanes bewickii (SC)
  Reptiles
     northwestern pond turtle, Clemmys marmorata marmorata (SC)
     California horned lizard, Phrynosoma coronatum frontale (SC)
 Amphibians
     Shasta salamander, Hydromantes shastae (CA)
     tailed frog, Ascaphus truei (SC)
     foothill yellow-legged frog, Rana boylii (SC)
     Cascades frog, Rana cascadae (SC)
     western spadefoot toad, Scaphiopus hammondii (SC)
 Fish
     rough sculpin, Cottus asperrimus (CA)
     green sturgeon, Acipenser medirostris (SC)
     river lamprey, Lampetra ayresi (SC)
     Pit roach, Lavinia symmetricus mitrulus (SC)
     longfin smelt, Spirinchus thaleichthys (SC)
Invertebrates
    Trinity (=California) bristlesnail, Monadenia setosa (CA)
    Antioch Dunes anthicid beetle, Anthicus antiochensis (SC)
    Sacramento anthicid beetle, Anthicus sacramento (SC)
    confusion caddisfly, Cryptochia shasta (SC)
    King's Creek ecclisomyian caddisfly, Ecclisomyia bilera (SC)
    California linderiella fairy shrimp, Linderiella occidentalis (SC)
    Shasta sideband snail, Monadenia troglodytes (SC)
    Siskiyou ground beetle, Nebria gebleri siskiyouensis (SC)
    Trinity Alps ground beetle, Nebria sahlbergii triad (SC)
    King's Creek parapsyche caddisfly, Parapsyche extensa (SC)
    Castle Crags rhyacophilan caddisfly, Rhyacophila lineata (SC)
    bilobed rhyacophilan caddisfly, Rhyacophila mosana (SC)
Plants
    Klamath manzanita, Arctostaphylos klamathensis (SC)
    Suksdorf's milk-vetch, Astragalus pulsiferae var. suksdorfii (SC)
    long-haired star-tulip, Calochortus longebarbatus var. longebarbatus (SC)
    Wilkins' harebell, Campanula wilkinsiana (SC)
   arid northern clarkia, Clarkia borealis ssp. arida (SC)
   silky cryptantha, Cryptantha crinita (SC)
   clustered lady's-slipper, Cypripedium fasciculatum (SC)
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Fish

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Oregon fireweed, Epilobium oreganum (SC)
           Butte fritillary, Fritillaria eastwoodiae (SC)
           Howell's lewisia, Lewisia cotyledon var. howellii (SC)
          Bellinger's meadowfoam, Limnanthes floccosa ssp. bellingeriana (SC)
          Stebbins' madia. Madia stebbinsii (SC)
          The Lassics sandwort, Minuartia decumbens (SC)
          Ahart's whitlow-wort, Paronychia ahartii (SC)
          thread-leaved penstemon, Penstemon filiformis (SC)
          Trinity (Scott Mountain) phacelia, Phacelia dalesiana (SC)
          Devil's Garden pogogyne, Pogogyne floribunda (SC)
          Howell's alkali grass, Puccinellia howellii (SC)
          valley sagittaria, Sagittaria sanfordii (SC)
          Canyon Creek stonecrop, Sedum paradisum (SC)
          Butte County (western) catchfly, Silene occidentalis ssp. longistipitata (SC)
          Mt. Lassen smelowskia, Smelowskia ovalis ssp. congesta (SC)
          Pit River jewelflower, Streptanthus sp. nov. fined. (Shasta Co.) (SC)
TEHAMA COUNTY
  Listed Species
      Birds
          Aleutian Canada goose, Branta canadensis leucopareia (T)
          bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus (T)
         Critical habitat, northern spotted owl, Strix occidentalis caurina (T)
         northern spotted owl, Strix occidentalis caurina (T)
     Reptiles
         giant garter snake, Thamnophis gigas (T)
     Amphibians
          California red-legged frog, Rana aurora draytonii (T)
         Critical habitat, winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
         winter-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (E)
         delta smelt, Hypomesus transpacificus (T)
         Central Valley steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (T)
         Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (T)
         Sacramento splittail, Pogonichthys macrolepidotus (T)
     Invertebrates
         Conservancy fairy shrimp, Branchinecta conservatio (E)
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vernal pool tadpole shrimp, Lepidurus packardi (E) vernal pool fairy shrimp, Branchinecta lynchi (T)

valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Desmocerus californicus dimorphus (T) **Plants** hairy Orcutt grass, Orcuttia pilosa (E) Greene's tuctoria, Tuctoria greenei (E) Hoover's spurge, Chamaesyce hooveri (T) slender Orcutt grass, Orcuttia tenuis (T) **Proposed Species** Fish Critical Habitat, Central Valley spring-run chinook, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (PX) Candidate Species Fish Klamath Mts. Province steelhead, Oncorhynchus mykiss (C) Central Valley fall/late fall-run chinook salmon, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (C) Species of Concern Mammals California wolverine, Gulo gulo luteus (CA) Sierra Nevada red fox, Vulpes vulpes necator (CA) pale Townsend's big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii pallescens (SC) Pacific western big-eared bat, Corynorhinus (=Plecotus) townsendii townsendii (SC) spotted bat, Euderma maculatum (SC) Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare, Lepus americanus tahoensis (SC) Pacific fisher, Martes pennanti pacifica (SC) small-footed myotis bat, Myotis ciliolabrum (SC) long-eared myotis bat, Myotis evotis (SC) fringed myotis bat, Myotis thysanodes (SC) long-legged myotis bat, Myotis volans (SC) Yuma myotis bat, Myotis yumanensis (SC) San Joaquin pocket mouse, Perognathus inornatus (SC) Birds Swainson's hawk, Buteo Swainsoni (CA) little willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii brewsteri (CA) greater sandhill crane, Grus canadensis tabida (CA) bank swallow, Riparia riparia (CA) American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum (D) northern goshawk, Accipiter gentilis (SC) tricolored blackbird, Agelaius tricolor (SC) grasshopper sparrow, Ammodramus savannarum (SC) Bell's sage sparrow, Amphispiza belli belli (SC)

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upswept moonwort, Botrychium ascendens (SC) scalloped moonwort, Botrychium crenulatum (SC)

Wilkins' harebell, Campanula wilkinsiana (SC)

silky cryptantha, Cryptantha crinita (SC)

clustered lady's-slipper, Cypripedium fasciculatum (SC)

Oregon fireweed, Epilobium oreganum (SC)

Brandegee's woolly-star, Eriastrum brandegeae (SC)

Butte fritillary, Fritillaria eastwoodiae (SC)

adobe lily, Fritillaria pluriflora (SC)

Tehama dwarf-flax, Hesperolinon tehamense (SC)

legenere, Legenere limosa (SC)

Mt. Tedoc linanthus, Linanthus nuttallii ssp. howellii (SC)

red-flowered lotus, Lotus rubriflorus (SC)

Anthony Peak lupine, Lupinus antoninus (SC)

Stebbins' madia, Madia stebbinsii (SC)

The Lassics sandwort, Minuartia decumbens (SC)

Ahart's whitlow-wort, Paronychia ahartii (SC)

valley sagittaria, Sagittaria sanfordii (SC)

Tracy's sanicle, Sanicula tracyi (SC)

Butte County (western) catchfly, Silene occidentalis ssp. longistipitata (SC)

KEY:

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Endangered

()	Lindangered	Listed (in the Federal Register) as being in danger of extinction.
(T)	Threatened	Listed as likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future.
(P)	Proposed	Officially proposed (in the Federal Register) for listing as endangered or threatened
(PX)	Proposed	Proposed as an area essential to the conservation of the species.
	Critical Habitat	the conservation of the species.
(C)	Candidate	Candidate to become a present of

(C)	Candidate	Candidate to become a proposed species
(SC)	Species of	Other species of concern to the Service.
	Concern	

(D) Delisted Delisted. Status to be monitored for 5 years.

(CA) State-Listed Listed as threatened or endangered by the State of California.

Extirpated Possibly extirpated from the area.
 Extinct Possibly extinct

Critical Habitat Area essential to the conservation of a species.

Appendix B. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Guidance on Site Assessment and Field Surveys for California Red-Legged Frog

February 18, 1997 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Guidance on Site Assessment and Field Surveys for California Red-legged Frogs

I. Introduction

A final rule determining threatened status for the California red-legged frog under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), was published on May 23, 1996 (61 Federal Register 25813) and became effective on June 24, 1996. Since then the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received numerous requests from private and government entities for guidance in planning for the protection of the California red-legged frog at the sites of proposed developments or of other land use activities. This document provides guidance for two procedures to accurately assess California red-legged frog status in the vicinity of a project site: (1) an assessment of California red-legged frog locality records and potential California red-legged frog habitat in and around the project area; and (2) focused field surveys of aquatic habitats to determine whether California red-legged frogs are present. Both procedures may be recommended because California red-legged frogs are mobile and, during different life history stages or different seasons of the year, may occupy a variety of aquatic and upland habitats. Both procedures should be incorporated into any assessment of the potential effects of projects on California red-legged frogs, unless field surveys are determined to be unnecessary based on the site assessment (see "Interpreting the results of the site assessment" section).

Ongoing contact and discussions with the Service before, during, and after site assessments and field surveys are a crucial element of this guidance. Results of the site assessment and field survey should also be reported to the Service (see "Reporting the results" sections below); however, results of the site assessment should be reported prior to proceeding with field surveys. The addresses and phone numbers of the appropriate field office are provided in section V below.

II. Site Assessment

Careful evaluation of the following information about California red-legged frogs and their habitats in the vicinity of projects or other land use activities is important because this information indicates the likelihood that California red-legged frogs may occur on the project site.

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1. Is the project site within the range of the California red-legged frog?

Because knowledge of the distribution of the California red-legged frog is likely to change as new locality information becomes available, surveyors should contact the appropriate Service field office (see section V below) to determine if a project site is within the range of this species.

2. What are the known localities of California red-legged frogs within the project site and within 8 kilometers (km) (five miles) of the project boundaries?

The surveyor should consult the Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) maintained by the California Department of Fish and Game's Natural Heritage Division to determine known localities of California red-legged frogs. Information on the NDDB is attached to the end of this

document. Other information sources on local occurrences of California red-legged frogs should be consulted. These sources may include, but are not limited to, biological consultants, local residents, amateur herpetologists, resource managers and biologists from municipal, State, and Federal agencies, environmental groups, and herpetologists at museums and universities. The surveyor should report to the Service all known California red-legged frog localities within the project site and within 8 km of the project boundaries.

3. What are the habitats within the project site and within 1.6 km (one mile) of the project boundaries?

Describe the upland and aquatic habitats within the project site and within 1.6 km of the project boundaries. The aquatic habitats should be mapped and characterized (e.g. ponds vs. creeks; pool, riffle, rootball, vegetation) The information provided in section 4 of the attached appendix serves as a guide to the features that will indicate possible California red-legged frog habitat.

Reporting the results of the site assessment. Surveyors should prepare a report that includes the following: photographs of the project site, survey dates and times, names of surveyors, a description of the methods used, and a map of the site showing habitat as requested in section $\Pi(3)$ above. The report should include copies of those portions of the 7.5' topographic quads that contain the site and the area within 1.6 km of its boundaries. A list of California red-legged frog localities as requested in section $\Pi(2)$ above should be included. The report should be provided to the appropriate Service field office (see section V below).

Interpreting the results of site assessment. After completing elements 1-3 of the site assessment above, the appropriate Service field office should be contacted for technical assistance. Based on the information provided from the site assessment, the Service will provide guidance on how California red-legged frogs should be addressed, including whether field surveys are needed or whether incidental take authorization should be obtained through section 7 consultation or a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit pursuant to the Act. A protocol for field surveys is presented below.

III. Field surveys

Frogs can be detected opportunistically in various habitats depending on weather and time of year. Aquatic sampling during the summer months is a reliable method of detecting frogs. Care should be taken to apply a level of effort and to use a style of surveying appropriate to the site. For instance, survey methods may differ according to habitat extent and type (e.g. deep pond, shallow pond, creek). In addition, field work should be conducted according to the best professional judgement of the surveyor (e.g. dogs should not be brought on surveys as they disturb frogs). The Service recommends that surveyors have field experience in the identification of California amphibians. The Service is willing to cooperate with surveyors who have specific needs not addressed by this field survey protocol and who may wish to propose alternative methods.

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Protocol

1. Surveys should be conducted between May 1 and November 1. These sampling dates were selected because they allow surveys to be conducted with minimal disturbance of breeding frogs,

eggs, or tadpoles during a period when frogs can be reliably detected.

- 2. All aquatic habitat identified during the site assessment should be surveyed four times, twice during the day and twice at night. Surveyors should wait at least twenty-four hours and possibly longer, to meet the environmental conditions described in section III(3) below, before repeating surveys at the same site.
- 3. Day-surveys should be conducted on clear, sunny days. Night-surveys should be conducted on warm, still nights between one hour after sunset and 12 midnight. Warm, still nights are preferable for surveying because the probability of observing frogs tends to decrease under cold, windy conditions. In some circumstances where safety issues preclude night-surveys, the Service can provide alternatives to the surveyor on a case-by-case basis to ensure that safe surveys are conducted.
- 4. Surveyors should work along the entire shore (either on the bank or in the water), visually scanning all shoreline areas in all aquatic habitats identified during the site assessment. This methodology should be applied to both day- and night-surveys. In the case of water bodies covered with floating vegetation such as duckweed, both the shoreline and surface of the water should be scanned. When wading, surveyors should take maximum care to avoid disturbing sediments, vegetation, and any visible larvae. When walking on the bank, surveyors should take care to not crush rootballs, overhanging banks, and stream side vegetation that might provide shelter for frogs.
- 5. When conducting night-surveys for eyeshine, flashlights and headlamps that use one 6-volt or four to six D-cell batteries are recommended. High-powered spotlights are prohibited to avoid harming frogs.
- 6. Although not required, photographs of frogs observed during field surveys may aid in verification of species identifications. Surveyors should limit photography to the extent necessary to document the presence of California red-legged frogs and should not attempt to photograph frogs if this is likely to disturb them.

Reporting the results of field surveys. Any information on California red-legged frog distribution resulting from field surveys should be sent to the Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) administered by the Natural Heritage program of the California Department of Fish and Game. Information about the NDDB is attached to the end of this document. Copies of the NDDB form should be mailed immediately to both the Service and CDFG.

Surveyors should also prepare a final report that includes the following: copies of all field notes, data sheets, photographs of the project site and of frogs observed, and a typed summary providing survey dates and times (both begin and end times), names of surveyors, temperature (water and air), wind speed, a description of the methods used, numbers and size classes of all amphibians observed, a map of the site showing survey locations, habitat and frog sightings, a copy of the NDDB form, and a description of possible threats to California red-legged frogs observed at the site. The report should be provided to the appropriate Service field office (see section V below).

Interpreting the results of field surveys. Based on the results of field surveys, the Service will provide guidance on how California red-legged frog should be addressed. If California red-legged

frogs are found, the Service will work with the project proponent through the section 7 or section 10(a)(1)(B) process to determine a further course of action, including the consideration of avoidance or minimization measures and whether incidental take authorization is needed. If frogs are observed but not identified to species, additional survey effort may be recommended. If the Service recommended that field surveys be conducted and if California red-legged frogs were not identified during these field surveys conducted according to this protocol, the Service will consider the California red-legged frog not to be present on the project site and will not recommend any further take avoidance or mitigation measures. The Service may question the results of field surveys conducted under this protocol for any of the following reasons: 1) if the appropriate Service field office was not contacted prior to field surveys being conducted; 2) if field surveys were conducted in a manner inconsistent with this protocol; 3) if field surveys were incomplete; or 4) if the reporting requirements, including submission of NDDB forms, were not fulfilled.

IV. Statement on permitted activities.

This field survey protocol allows for conducting visual surveys for California red-legged frogs. Surveys following this protocol do not require a section 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permit pursuant to the Act. Activities that would require a section 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permit include: 1) any capture or handling of California red-legged frog adults, larvae, or eggs; 2) any activity intended to significantly modify the behavior of California red-legged frogs; 3) any activity that subjects California red-legged frogs to some environmental condition not naturally present (e.g. experiments designed to study a frog's response to heat, moisture, noise) other than low-level illumination for night surveys as described in section III(5); and 4) any survey methods not covered in this field survey protocol if any form of "take" would occur during such activities. All surveyors using this field survey protocol should make all possible efforts to avoid unintentionally disturbing California red-legged frogs or their habitat. Surveyors should direct inquiries about section 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permits to the Service's Regional Office (see section V below).

V. Service Contacts

For project sites and land use activities in Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties outside of the Los Angeles Basin, and portions of Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties east of the Sierra Crest and south of Conway Summit, contact:

Ventura Field Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, California, 93003 (805/644-1766).

For project sites and land use activities in all other areas of the state south of the Transverse Ranges, contact:

Carlsbad Field Office 2730 Loker Avenue West Carlsbad, California, 92008 (619/431-9440). For project sites and land use activities in all other areas of the state, contact:

Sacramento Field Office 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130 Sacramento, California 95821 (916/979-2725).

For information on section 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permits, contact:

Regional Office, Eastside Federal Complex 911 N.E., 11th Avenue Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (503) 231-6241.

Appendix C. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Conservation Guidelines for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130 Sacramento, California 95821-6340

Conservation Guidelines for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle 9 July 1999

The following guidelines have been issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to assist Federal agencies and non-federal project applicants needing incidental take authorization through a section 7 consultation or a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit in developing measures to avoid and minimize adverse effects on the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. The Service will revise these guidelines as needed in the future. The most recently issued version of these guidelines should be used in developing all projects and habitat restoration plans. The survey and monitoring procedures described below are designed to avoid any adverse effects to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. Thus a recovery permit is not needed to survey for the beetle or its habitat or to monitor conservation areas. If you are interested in a recovery permit for research purposes please call the Service's Regional Office at (503) 231-2063.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The valley elderberry longhorn beetle (Desmocerus californicus dimorphus), was listed as a threatened species on August 8, 1980 (Federal Register 45: 52803-52807). This animal is fully protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The valley elderberry longhorn beetle (beetle) is completely dependent on its host plant, elderberry (Sambucus species), which is a common component of the remaining riparian forests and adjacent upland habitats of California's Central Valley. Use of the elderberry by the beetle, a wood borer, is rarely apparent. Frequently, the only exterior evidence of the elderberry's use by the beetle is an exit hole created by the larva just prior to the pupal stage. The life cycle takes one or two years to complete. The animal spends most of its life in the larval stage, living within the stems of an elderberry plant. Adult emergence is from late March through June, about the same time the elderberry produces flowers. The adult stage is short-lived. Further information on the life history, ecology, behavior, and distribution of the beetle can be found in a report by Barr (1991) and the recovery plan for the beetle (USFWS 1984).

SURVEYS

Proposed project sites within the range of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle should be surveyed for the presence of the beetle and its elderberry host plant by a qualified biologist. The beetle's range extends throughout California's Central Valley and associated foothills from about the 3,000-foot elevation contour on the east and the watershed of the Central Valley on the west (Figure 1). All or portions of 31 counties are included: Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba.

If elderberry plants with one or more stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level occur on or adjacent to the proposed project site, or are otherwise located where they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed action, minimization measures which include planting replacement habitat (conservation planting) are required (Table 1).

All elderberry shrubs with one or more stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level that occur on or adjacent to a proposed project site must be thoroughly searched for beetle exit holes (external evidence of beetle presence). In addition, all elderberry stems one inch or greater in diameter at ground level must be tallied by diameter size class (Table 1). As outlined in Table 1, the numbers of elderberry seedlings/cuttings and associated riparian native trees/shrubs to be planted as replacement habitat are determined by stem size class of affected elderberry shrubs, presence or absence of exit holes, and whether a proposed project lies in a riparian or non-riparian area.

Elderberry plants with no stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level are unlikely to be habitat for the beetle because of their small size and/or immaturity. Therefore, no minimization measures are required for removal of elderberry plants with no stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level with no exit holes. Surveys are valid for a period of two years.

AVOID AND PROTECT HABITAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE

Project sites that do not contain beetle habitat are preferred. If suitable habitat for the beetle occurs on the project site, or within close proximity where beetles will be affected by the project, these areas must be designated as avoidance areas and must be protected from disturbance during the construction and operation of the project. When possible, projects should be designed such that avoidance areas are connected with adjacent habitat to prevent fragmentation and isolation of beetle populations. Any beetle habitat that cannot be avoided as described below should be considered impacted and appropriate minimization measures should be proposed as described below.

Avoidance: Establishment and Maintenance of a Buffer Zone

Complete avoidance (i.e., no adverse effects) may be assumed when a 100-foot (or wider) buffer is established and maintained around elderberry plants containing stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level. Firebreaks may not be included in the buffer zone. In buffer areas construction-related disturbance should be minimized, and any damaged area should be promptly restored following construction. The Service must be consulted before any disturbances within the buffer area are considered. In addition, the Service must be provided with a map identifying the avoidance area and written details describing avoidance measures.

Protective Measures

- 1. Fence and flag all areas to be avoided during construction activities. In areas where encroachment on the 100-foot buffer has been approved by the Service, provide a minimum setback of at least 20 feet from the dripline of each elderberry plant.
- 2. Brief contractors on the need to avoid damaging the elderberry plants and the possible penalties for not complying with these requirements.
- 3. Erect signs every 50 feet along the edge of the avoidance area with the following information: "This area is habitat of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, a threatened species, and must

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not be disturbed. This species is protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Violators are subject to prosecution, fines, and imprisonment." The signs should be clearly readable from a distance of 20 feet, and must be maintained for the duration of construction.

4. Instruct work crews about the status of the beetle and the need to protect its elderberry host plant.

Restoration and Maintenance

- 1. Restore any damage done to the buffer area (area within 100 feet of elderberry plants) during construction. Provide erosion control and re-vegetate with appropriate native plants.
- 2. Buffer areas must continue to be protected after construction from adverse effects of the project. Measures such as fencing, signs, weeding, and trash removal are usually appropriate.
- 3. No insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, or other chemicals that might harm the beetle or its host plant should be used in the buffer areas, or within 100 feet of any elderberry plant with one or more stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level.
- 4. The applicant must provide a written description of how the buffer areas are to be restored, protected, and maintained after construction is completed.
- 5. Mowing of grasses/ground cover may occur from July through April to reduce fire hazard. No mowing should occur within five (5) feet of elderberry plant stems. Mowing must be done in a manner that avoids damaging plants (e.g., stripping away bark through careless use of mowing/trimming equipment).

TRANSPLANT ELDERBERRY PLANTS THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED

Elderberry plants must be transplanted if they can not be avoided by the proposed project. All elderberry plants with one or more stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level must be transplanted to a conservation area (see below). At the Service's discretion, a plant that is unlikely to survive transplantation because of poor condition or location, or a plant that would be extremely difficult to move because of access problems, may be exempted from transplantation. In cases where transplantation is not possible the minimization ratios in Table 1 may be increased to offset the additional habitat loss.

Trimming of elderberry plants (e.g., pruning along roadways, bike paths, or trails) with one or more stems 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level, may result in take of beetles. Therefore, trimming is subject to appropriate minimization measures as outlined in Table 1.

1. Monitor. A qualified biologist (monitor) must be on-site for the duration of the transplanting of the elderberry plants to insure that no unauthorized take of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle occurs. If unauthorized take occurs, the monitor must have the authority to stop work until corrective measures have been completed. The monitor must immediately report any unauthorized take of the beetle or its habitat to the Service and to the California Department of Fish and Game.

2. <u>Timing</u>. Transplant elderberry plants when the plants are dormant, approximately November through the first two weeks in February, after they have lost their leaves. Transplanting during the non-growing season will reduce shock to the plant and increase transplantation success.

3. Transplanting Procedure.

- a. Cut the plant back 3 to 6 feet from the ground or to 50 percent of its height (whichever is taller) by removing branches and stems above this height. The trunk and all stems measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level should be replanted. Any leaves remaining on the plant should be removed.
- b. Excavate a hole of adequate size to receive the transplant.
- c. Excavate the plant using a Vemeer spade, backhoe, front end loader, or other suitable equipment, taking as much of the root ball as possible, and replant immediately at the conservation area. Move the plant only by the root ball. If the plant is to be moved and transplanted off site, secure the root ball with wire and wrap it with burlap. Dampen the burlap with water, as necessary, to keep the root ball wet. Do not let the roots dry out. Care should be taken to ensure that the soil is not dislodged from around the roots of the transplant. If the site receiving the transplant does not have adequate soil moisture, pre-wet the soil a day or two before transplantation.
- d. The planting area must be at least 1,800 square feet for each elderberry transplant. The root ball should be planted so that its top is level with the existing ground. Compact the soil sufficiently so that settlement does not occur. As many as five (5) additional elderberry plantings (cuttings or seedlings) and up to five (5) associated native species plantings (see below) may also be planted within the 1,800 square foot area with the transplant. The transplant and each new planting should have its own watering basin measuring at least three (3) feet in diameter. Watering basins should have a continuous berm measuring approximately eight (8) inches wide at the base and six (6) inches high.
- e. Saturate the soil with water. Do not use fertilizers or other supplements or paint the tips of stems with pruning substances, as the effects of these compounds on the beetle are unknown.
- f. Monitor to ascertain if additional watering is necessary. If the soil is sandy and well-drained, plants may need to be watered weekly or twice monthly. If the soil is clayey and poorly-drained, it may not be necessary to water after the initial saturation. However, most transplants require watering through the first summer. A drip watering system and timer is ideal. However, in situations where this is not possible, a water truck or other apparatus may be used.

PLANT ADDITIONAL SEEDLINGS OR CUTTINGS

Each elderberry stem measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level that is adversely affected (i.e., transplanted or destroyed) must be replaced, in the conservation area, with elderberry seedlings or cuttings at a ratio ranging from 1:1 to 8:1 (new plantings to affected stems). Minimization

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ratios are listed and explained in Table 1. Stock of either seedlings or cuttings should be obtained from local sources. Cuttings may be obtained from the plants to be transplanted if the project site is in the vicinity of the conservation area. If the Service determines that the elderberry plants on the proposed project site are unsuitable candidates for transplanting, the Service may allow the applicant to plant seedlings or cuttings at higher than the stated ratios in Table 1 for each elderberry plant that cannot be transplanted.

PLANT ASSOCIATED NATIVE SPECIES

Studies have found that the beetle is more abundant in dense native plant communities with a mature overstory and a mixed understory. Therefore, a mix of native plants associated with the elderberry plants at the project site or similar sites will be planted at ratios ranging from 1:1 to 2:1 [native tree/plant species to each elderberry seedling or cutting (see Table 1)]. These native plantings must be monitored with the same survival criteria used for the elderberry seedlings (see below). Stock of saplings, cuttings, and seedlings should be obtained from local sources. If the parent stock is obtained from a distance greater than one mile from the conservation area, approval by the Service of the native plant donor sites must be obtained prior to initiation of the revegetation work. Planting or seeding the conservation area with native herbaceous species is encouraged. Establishing native grasses and forbs may discourage unwanted non-native species from becoming established or persisting at the conservation area. Only stock from local sources should be used.

Examples

Example 1

The project will adversely affect beetle habitat on a vacant lot on the land side of a river levee. This levee now separates beetle habitat on the vacant lot from extant Great Valley Mixed Riparian Forest (Holland 1986) adjacent to the river. However, it is clear that the beetle habitat located on the vacant lot was part of a more extensive mixed riparian forest ecosystem extending farther from the river's edge prior to agricultural development and levee construction. Therefore, the beetle habitat on site is considered riparian. A total of two elderberry plants with at least one stem measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level will be affected by the proposed action. The two plants have a total of 15 stems measuring over 1.0 inch. No exit holes were found on either plant. Ten of the stems are between 1.0 and 3.0 inches in diameter and five of the stems are greater than 5.0 inches in diameter. The conservation area is suited for riparian forest habitat. Associated natives adjacent to the conservation area are box elder (Acer negundo californica), walnut (Juglans californica var. hindsii), sycamore (Platanus racemosa), cottonwood (Populus fremontii), willow (Salix gooddingii and S. laevigata), white alder (Alnus rhombifolia), ash (Fraxinus latifolia), button willow (Cephalanthus occidentalis), and wild grape (Vitis californica).

Minimization (based on ratios in Table 1):

- Transplant the two elderberry plants that will be affected to the conservation area.
- Plant 40 elderberry rooted cuttings (10 affected stems compensated at 2:1 ratio and 5 affected stems compensated at 4:1 ratio, cuttings planted:stems affected)
- Plant 40 associated native species (ratio of associated natives to elderberry plantings is 1:1 in areas with no exit holes):
 - 5 saplings each of box elder, sycamore, and cottonwood

5 willow seedlings

5 white alder seedlings

5 saplings each of walnut and ash

3 California button willow

2 wild grape vines

Total: 40 associated native species

• Total area required is a minimum of 1,800 sq. ft. for one to five elderberry seedlings and up to 5 associated natives. Since, a total of 80 plants must be planted (40 elderberries and 40 associated natives), a total of 0.33 acre (14,400 square feet) will be required for conservation plantings. The conservation area will be seeded and planted with native grasses and forbs, and closely monitored and maintained throughout the monitoring period.

Example 2

The project will adversely affect beetle habitat in Blue Oak Woodland (Holland 1986). One elderberry plant with at least one stem measuring 1.0 inch or greater in diameter at ground level will be affected by the proposed action. The plant has a total of 10 stems measuring over 1.0 inch. Exit holes were found on the plant. Five of the stems are between 1.0 and 3.0 inches in diameter and five of the stems are between 3.0 and 5.0 inches in diameter. The conservation area is suited for elderberry savanna (non-riparian habitat). Associated natives adjacent to the conservation area are willow (Salix species), blue oak (Quercus douglasii), interior live oak (Q. wislizenii), sycamore, poison oak (Toxicodendron diversilobum), and wild grape.

Minimization (based on ratios in Table 1):

- Transplant the one elderberry plant that will be affected to the conservation area.
- Plant 30 elderberry seedlings (5 affected stems compensated at 2:1 ratio and 5 affected stems compensated at 4:1 ratio, cuttings planted:stems affected)
- Plant 60 associated native species (ratio of associated natives to elderberry plantings is 2:1 in areas with exit holes):

20 saplings of blue oak, 20 saplings of sycamore, and 20 saplings of willow, and seed and plant with a mixture of native grasses and forbs

• Total area required is a minimum of 1,800 sq. ft. for one to five elderberry seedlings and up to 5 associated natives. Since, a total of 90 plants must be planted (30 elderberries and 60 associated natives), a total of 0.37 acre (16,200 square feet) will be required for conservation plantings. The conservation area will be seeded and planted with native grasses and forbs, and closely monitored and maintained throughout the monitoring period.

CONSERVATION AREA—PROVIDE HABITAT FOR THE BEETLE IN PERPETUITY

The conservation area is distinct from the avoidance area (though the two may adjoin), and serves to receive and protect the transplanted elderberry plants and the elderberry and other native plantings. The Service may accept proposals for off-site conservation areas where appropriate.

1. Size. The conservation area must provide at least 1,800 square feet for each transplanted elderberry plant. As many as 10 conservation plantings (i.e., elderberry cuttings or seedlings and/or associated native plants) may be planted within the 1800 square foot area with each transplanted elderberry. An additional 1,800 square feet shall be provided for every additional 10 conservation plants. Each planting should have its own watering basin measuring approximately three feet in diameter. Watering basins should be constructed with a continuous berm measuring approximately eight inches wide at the base and six inches high.

The planting density specified above is primarily for riparian forest habitats or other habitats with naturally dense cover. If the conservation area is an open habitat (i.e., elderberry savanna, oak woodland) more area may be needed for the required plantings. Contact the Service for assistance if the above planting recommendations are not appropriate for the proposed conservation area.

No area to be maintained as a firebreak may be counted as conservation area. Like the avoidance area, the conservation area should connect with adjacent habitat wherever possible, to prevent isolation of beetle populations.

Depending on adjacent land use, a buffer area may also be needed between the conservation area and the adjacent lands. For example, herbicides and pesticides are often used on orchards or vineyards. These chemicals may drift or runoff onto the conservation area if an adequate buffer area is not provided.

2. Long-Term Protection. The conservation area must be protected in perpetuity as habitat for the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. A conservation easement or deed restrictions to protect the conservation area must be arranged. Conservation areas may be transferred to a resource agency or appropriate private organization for long-term management. The Service must be provided with a map and written details identifying the conservation area; and the applicant must receive approval from the Service that the conservation area is acceptable prior to initiating the conservation program. A true, recorded copy of the deed transfer, conservation easement, or deed restrictions protecting the conservation area in perpetuity must be provided to the Service before project implementation.

Adequate funds must be provided to ensure that the conservation area is managed in perpetuity. The applicant must dedicate an endowment fund for this purpose, and designate the party or entity that will be responsible for long-term management of the conservation area. The Service must be provided with written documentation that funding and management of the conservation area (items 3-8 above) will be provided in perpetuity.

- Weed Control. Weeds and other plants that are not native to the conservation area must be removed at least once a year, or at the discretion of the Service and the California Department of Fish and Game. Mechanical means should be used; herbicides are prohibited unless approved by the Service.
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- 4. Pesticide and Toxicant Control. Measures must be taken to insure that no pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, or other chemical agents enter the conservation area. No spraying of these agents must be done within one 100 feet of the area, or if they have the potential to drift, flow, or be washed into the area in the opinion of biologists or law enforcement personnel from the Service or the California Department of Fish and Game.

- 5. <u>Litter Control</u>. No dumping of trash or other material may occur within the conservation area. Any trash or other foreign material found deposited within the conservation area must be removed within 10 working days of discovery.
- Fencing. Permanent fencing must be placed completely around the conservation area to prevent unauthorized entry by off-road vehicles, equestrians, and other parties that might damage or destroy the habitat of the beetle, unless approved by the Service. The applicant of the conservation program. The fence must be maintained in perpetuity, and must be repaired/replaced within 10 working days if it is found to be damaged. Some conservation opportunities with written approval from the Service. In these cases appropriate fencing and signs informing the public of the beetle's threatened status and its natural history and ecology should be used and maintained in perpetuity.
- 7. Signs. A minimum of two prominent signs must be placed and maintained in perpetuity at the conservation area, unless otherwise approved by the Service. The signs should note that the site is habitat of the federally threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle and, if appropriate, by the Service. The signs must be repaired or replaced within 10 working days if they are found to be damaged or destroyed.

MONITORING

The population of valley elderberry longhorn beetles, the general condition of the conservation area, and the condition of the elderberry and associated native plantings in the conservation area must be monitored over a period of either ten (10) consecutive years or for seven (7) years over a 15-year period. The applicant may elect either 10 years of monitoring, with surveys and reports every year; or plan provided by the applicant must state which monitoring schedule will be followed. No change in monitoring schedule will be accepted after the project is initiated. If conservation planting is done in stages (i.e., not all planting is implemented in the same time period), each stage of conservation planting will have a different start date for the required monitoring time.

<u>Surveys</u>. In any survey year, a minimum of two site visits between February 14 and June 30 of each year must be made by a qualified biologist. Surveys must include:

- 1. A population census of the adult beetles, including the number of beetles observed, their condition, behavior, and their precise locations. Visual counts must be used; mark-recapture or other methods involving handling or harassment must not be used.
- 2. A census of beetle exit holes in elderberry stems, noting their precise locations and estimated ages.
- 3. An evaluation of the elderberry plants and associated native plants on the site, and on the conservation area, if disjunct, including the number of plants, their size and

- 4. An evaluation of the adequacy of the fencing, signs, and weed control efforts in the avoidance and conservation areas.
- A general assessment of the habitat, including any real or potential threats to the beetle and its host plants, such as erosion, fire, excessive grazing, off-road vehicle use, vandalism, excessive weed growth, etc.

The materials and methods to be used in the monitoring studies must be reviewed and approved by the Service. All appropriate Federal permits must be obtained prior to initiating the field studies.

Reports. A written report, presenting and analyzing the data from the project monitoring, must be prepared by a qualified biologist in each of the years in which a monitoring survey is required. Copies of the report must be submitted by December 31 of the same year to the Service (Chief of Endangered Species, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office), and the Department of Fish and Game (Supervisor, Environmental Services, Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814; and Staff Zoologist, California Natural Diversity Data Base, Department of Fish and Game, 1220 S Street, Sacramento, California 95814). The report must explicitly address the status and progress of the transplanted and planted elderberry and associated native plants and trees, as well as any failings of the conservation plan and the steps taken to correct them. Any observations of beetles or fresh exit holes must be noted. Copies of original field notes, raw data, and photographs of the conservation area must be included with the report. A vicinity map of the site and maps showing where the individual adult beetles and exit holes were observed must be included. For the elderberry and associated native plants, the survival rate, condition, and size of the plants must be analyzed. Real and likely future threats must be addressed along with suggested remedies and preventative measures (e.g. limiting public access, more frequent removal of invasive non-native vegetation, etc.).

A copy of each monitoring report, along with the original field notes, photographs, correspondence, and all other pertinent material, should be deposited at the California Academy of Sciences (Librarian, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118) by December 31 of the year that monitoring is done and the report is prepared. The Service's Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office should be provided with a copy of the receipt from the Academy library acknowledging receipt of the material, or the library catalog number assigned to it.

Access. Biologists and law enforcement personnel from the California Department of Fish and Game and the Service must be given complete access to the project site to monitor transplanting activities. Personnel from both these agencies must be given complete access to the project and the conservation area to monitor the beetle and its habitat in perpetuity.

SUCCESS CRITERIA .

A minimum survival rate of at least 60 percent of the elderberry plants and 60 percent of the associated native plants must be maintained throughout the monitoring period. Within one year of discovery that survival has dropped below 60 percent, the applicant must replace failed plantings to bring survival above this level. The Service will make any determination as to the applicant's replacement responsibilities arising from circumstances beyond its control, such as plants damaged or killed as a result of severe flooding or vandalism.

SERVICE CONTACT

These guidelines were prepared by the Endangered Species Division of the Service's Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office. If you have questions regarding these guidelines or to request a copy of the most recent guidelines, telephone (916) 414-6600 after August 5, 1999, or write to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605 Sacramento, CA 95825

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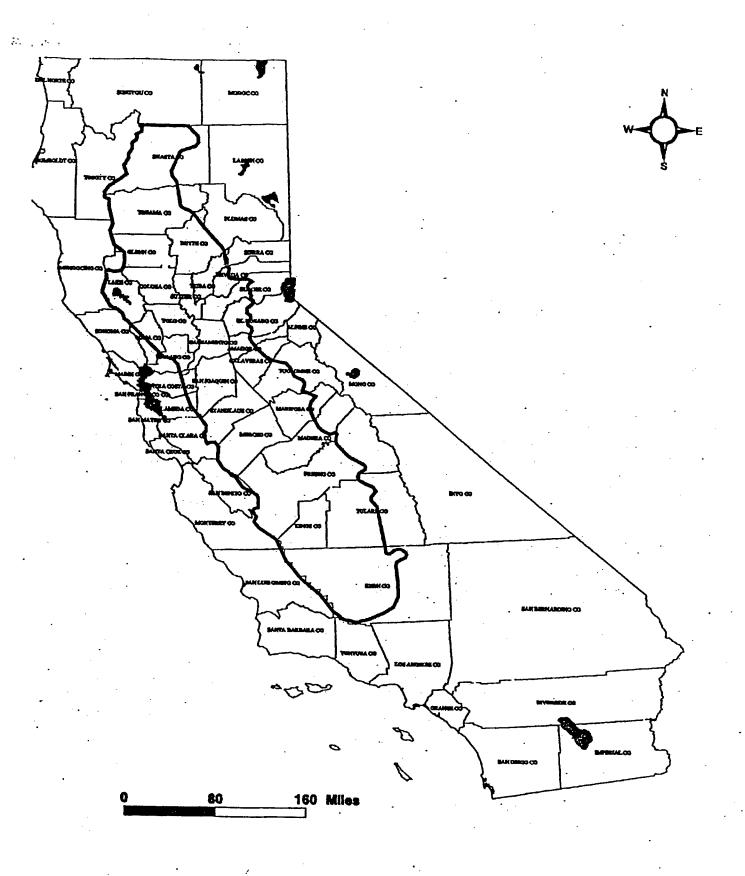


Figure 1: Range of the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle

Table 1: Minimization ratios based on location (riparian vs. non-riparian), stem diameter of affected elderberry plants at ground level, and presence or absence of exit holes.

Location	Stems (maximum diameter at ground level)	Exit Holes Y/N (quantify)	Elderberry Seedling Ratio ¹	Associated Native Plant Ratio ²
non-riparian	stems ≥ 1" & ≤ 3"	No:	1:1	1:1
		Yes:	2:1	2:1
non-riparian	stems > 3" & < 5"	No:	2:1	1:1
		Yes:	4:1	2:1
non-riparian	stems ≥ 5"	No:	3:1	1:1
		Yes:	6:1	2:1
riparian	stems ≥ 1" & ≤.3"	No:	2:1	1:1
		Yes:	4:1	2:1
riparian '	stems > 3" & < 5"	No:	3:1	1:1
		Yes:	6:1	2:1
riparian	stems ≥ 5"	No:	4:1	1:1
		Yes:	8:1	2:1

Ratios in the Elderberry Seedling Ratio column correspond to the number of cuttings or seedlings to be planted per elderberry stem (one inch or greater in diameter at ground level) affected by a project.

Ratios in the Associated Native Plant Ratio column correspond to the number of associated native species to be planted per elderberry (seedling or cutting) planted.

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Elderberry shrub trimming/transplanting windows and compensation ratio multiplication factors

- 1. If pruning or otherwise disturbing elderberry shrubs occurs between February 15 and March 15, a compensation ratio of additional elderberry seedlings and associated native trees or shrubs of two times (2X) the normal amount of compensation would be necessary to minimize adverse effects to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. In turn, this would require additional acreage for compensation.
- 2. Pruning or otherwise disturbing elderberry shrubs <u>cannot</u> occur between March 15 and June 15 under any circumstances.
- 3. If pruning or otherwise disturbing elderberry shrubs occurs between June 15 and August 31, a compensation ratio of additional elderberry seedlings and associated native trees or shrubs of two and one half times (2.5X) the normal amount of compensation would be necessary to minimize adverse effects to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. In turn, this would require additional acreage for compensation.

Appendix D. Avian Species Observed within the Project Area in the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project

Common Name	Scientific Name	North Battle Creek Feeder Diversion Dam	Eagle Canyon Diversion Dam	Wildcat Diversion Dam	Coleman Diversion Dam/Inskip Powerhouse	Penstock Junction Box	Lower Ripley Creek Feeder	Inskip Diversion Dam/South Powerhouse	Soap Creek Feeder	South Diversion Dam
Great blue heron	Ardea herodias		R	R	R			R		R
Green heron	Butorides virescens				R			R		R
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos				S			S		S
Common merganser	Mergus merganser				R			R		R
Turkey vulture	Cathartes aura	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus				S			S		S
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus		R		R					
Sharp-shinned hawk	Accipiter striatus				M			M	M	M
Cooper's hawk	Accipiter cooperi									M
Red-tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Golden eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	R						R	R	R
American kestrel	Falco sparverius				R			R		
California quail	Callipepla californica	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Band-tailed pigeon	Columba fasciata				M		M	M	M	M
Mourning dove	Zenaida macroura	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Greater roadrunner	Geococcyx californicus						R			
Northern pygmy-owl	Glaucidium gnoma									R
Common nighthawk	Chordeiles minor				S					
Vaux's swift	Chaetura vauxi						S			
Anna's hummingbird	Calypte anna	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R
Belted kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	R			R		R	R		R
Acorn woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Nuttall's woodpecker	Picoides nuttallii			R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Downy woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R
Hairy woodpecker	Picoides villosus	R								
Northern flicker	Colaptes auratus	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Western wood-pewee	Contopus sordidulus	S						S		S

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Little willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii brewsteri		M				M			
Pacific-slope flycatcher	Empidonax difficilis	S								
Black phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	R			R			R		R
Ash-throated flycatcher	Myiarchis cinerascens			S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Tree swallow	Tachycineta bicolor		M		M			M		M
Violet-green swallow	Tachycineta thalassina		S	M						
Northern rough-winged swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis				S			S		S
Barn swallow	Hirundo rustica				M			M		M
Steller's jay	Cyanositta stelleri	R							R	R
Western scrub-jay	Aphelocoma californica	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Common raven	Corvus corax	R	R	R	R			R		R
Oak titmouse	Baeolophus inornatus	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Bushtit	Psaltriparus minimus	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Red-breasted nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	M								
White-breasted nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Brown creeper	Certhia americana	R								
Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R
House wren	Troglodytes aedon				S		S	S	S	S
American dipper	Cinclus mexicanus	R	R	R	R			R		R
Golden-crowned kinglet	Regulus satrapa	R								
Western bluebird	Sialia mexicana		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
American robin	Turdus migratorius	R	R		R		R	R		R
Wrentit	Chamaea fasciata									R
Hutton's vireo	Vireo huttoni	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R
Warbling vireo	Vireo gilvus							S		
Orange-crowned warbler	Vermivora celata		S	S	S			S	S	S
Nashville warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla									M

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Yellow warbler	Dendroica petechia				M		M	M		
Black-throated gray warbler	Dendroica nigrescens									M
Macgillivray's warbler	Oporornis tolmiei							M		
Wilson's warbler	Wilsonia pusilla							M		M
Yellow-breasted chat	Icteria virens				S		S	S		
Western tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	S		M	M			S		M
Black-headed grosbeak	Pheuticus melanocephalus	S	S	S	S			S		S
Lazuli bunting	Passerina amoena									S
Spotted towhee	Pipilo maculatus	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R
California towhee	Pipilo crissalis				R	R	R	R	R	R
Lark sparrow	Chondestes grammacus				R	R	R	R		
Song sparrow	Melospiza melodia						R	R		
Golden-crowned sparrow	Zonotrichia atricapilla		M		M				M	M
White-crowned sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys		M		M	M	M	M	M	M
Dark-eyed junco	Junco hyemalis	M								
Western meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta				R		R	R		
Brown-headed cowbird	Molothrus ater	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S
Bullock's oriole	Icterus bullockii				S			S		S
House finch	Carpodacus mexicanus				R			R		
Lesser goldfinch	Carduelis psaltria		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Notes:

R = Year round resident.

S = Summer only.

M = Migrant, only in spring and fall.

Appendix E. Common and Scientific Names for Plant Species Mentioned in the Text in the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project Area

Common Name	Scientific Name
Big-leaf maple	Acer macrophyllum
Needlegrass	Achnatherum sp.
California buckeye	Aesculus californica
Annual agoseris	Agoseris heterophylla
Chinese tree-of-heaven	Ailanthus altissima
Silver hairgrass	Aira caryophyllea
White alder	Alnus rhombifolia
Big manzanita	Arctostaphylos manzanita
Green-leaved manzanita	Arctostaphylos patula
Manzanitas	Arctostaphylos sp.
White-leaved manzanita	Arctostaphylos viscida
Pipevine	Aristolochia californica
Aster	Aster sp.
Depauperate milk-vetch	Astragalus pauperculus
Wild oats	Avena sp.
Yellowcarpet	Blennosperma nanum
Lesser quaking-grass	Briza minor
Ripgut brome	Bromus diandrus
Soft chess	Bromus hordaeaceus
Red brome	Bromus madritensis
Water starwort	Callitriche sp.
Incense cedar	Calocedrus decurrens
Western spicebush	Calycanthus occidentalis
Sedge	Carex sp.
Buckbrush	Ceanothus cuneatus var. cuneatus
Yellow star-thistle	Centaurea solstitialis
Redbud	Cercis occidentalis
Birch-leaved mountain-mahogany	Cercocarpus betuloides
Soaproots	Chlorogalum sp.
Miner's lettuce	Claytonia perfoliata
Dogwood	Cornus sessilis
Hedgehog dogtail	Cynosurus echinatus
Scotch broom	Cytisus scoparius
Orchard grass	Dactylis glomerata
Annual hairgrass	Deschampsia danthoinoides
Blue dicks	Dichelostemma sp.
Lowland shooting star	Dodecatheon clevelandii
Parish's spike-rush	Eleocharis parishii

Eriodictyon californicum

California yerba-santa

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Common Name	Scientific Name
Filarees	Erodium sp.
Coyote thistle	Eryngium castrense
Fig	Ficus carica
Filago	Filago sp.
Woodland strawberry	Fragaria vesca
Oregon ash	Fraxinus latifolia
Checkered fritillary	Fritillaria affinis
Butte County fritillary	Fritillaria eastwoodiae
Brownbells	Fritillaria micrantha
Bedstraws	Galium sp.
Nitgrass	Gastridium ventricosum
Fitch's spikeweed	Hemizonia fitchii
Tarweed	Hemizonia sp.
Toyon	Heteromeles arbutifolia
Mediterranean barley	Hordeum marinum ssp. gussoneanum
Klamath weed	Hypericum perforatum
Wild iris	Iris sp.
Toad rush	Juncus bufonius var. bufonius
Rush	Juncus effusus
Prickly lettuce	Lactuca serriola
Fremont's goldfields	Lasthenia fremontii
Goldfields	Lasthenia sp.
Snub pea	Lathyrus sulphureus
Tidy-tips	Layia fremontii
Long-beaked hawkbit	Leontodon taraxacoides
Woolly meadowfoam	Limnanthes flocossa ssp. flocossa
Italian rye-grass	Lolium multiflorum
Hyssop loosestrife	Lythrum hyssopifolium
Manroot	Marah fabaceus
California melic grass	Melica californica
Q-tips	Micropus californicus
Shield-bracted monkeyflower	Mimulus glaucescens
Monkeyflower	Mimulus guttatus
White mulberry	Morus alba
Marigold navarretia	Navarretia tagetina
Downy navarretia	Navarretia pubescens
Dwarf stonecrop	Parvisedum pumilum
Ponderosa pine	Pinus ponderosa

Pinus sabiniana

Plagiobothrys sp.

Gray pine

Popcorn-flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name
Erect plantain	Plantago erecta
Western sycamore	Platanus racemosa
Puttyroots	Plectritis sp.
Bidwell's knotweed	Polygonum bidwelliae
Sword ferns	Polystichum sp.
Douglas-fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii
Woolly marbles	Psilocarphus sp.
Scrub oak	Quercus berberidifolia
Canyon live oak	Quercus chrysolepis
Blue oak	Quercus douglasii
Black oak	Quercus kelloggii
Valley oak	Quercus lobata
Interior live oak	Quercus wislizenii var. wislizenii
Western buttercup	Ranunculus occidentalis
Redberry	Rhamnus crocea
Coffeeberry	Rhamnus tomentella
Lemonadeberry	Rhus trilobata
Watercress	Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum
Himalayan blackberry	Rubus discolor
Blackberry	Rubus sp.
Curly dock	Rumex crispus
Willows	Salix exigua, S. laevigata, S. lasiolepis
Pacific sanicle	Sanicula crassicaulis
Sanicle	Sanicula sp.
Saxifrage	Saxifraga californica
Indian-pink	Silene californica
Medusa head	Taeniatherum caput-medusae
Pacific yew	Taxus brevifolia
Poison oak	Toxicodendron diversilobum
Cowbag clover	Trifolium depauperatum
White-tipped clover	Trifolium variegatum
Tomcat clover	Trifolium willdenovii
Grass nuts	Triteleia sp.
Narrow-leaved cattail	Typha angustifolia
California bay laurel	Umbellularia californica
Vetch	Vicia sp.
California wild grape	Vitis californica
Annual fescues	Vulpia sp.
Cocklebur	Xanthium strumarium

Appendix F. Common and Scientific Names for Wildlife Species Mentioned in the Text in the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project Area

Common Name	Scientific Names	
Insect		
Valley elderberry longhorn beetle	Desmocerus californicus dimorphus	

Amphibians

California newt Taricha torosa

Sierra Nevada salamander Ensatina eschscholtzi

Foothill yellow-legged frog Rana boylii

Reptiles

Western rattlesnake

Ring-necked snake

Common kingsnake

Common kingsnake

Common kingsnake

Common kingsnake

Common kingsnake

Common kingsnake

Lampropeltis getulus

Pituophis melanoleucus

Northern alligator lizard

Gerrhonotus coeruleus

Western fence lizard

Sceloporus occidentalis

Northwestern pond turtle Clemmys marmorata marmorata
Southwestern pond turtle Clemmys marmorata pallida

Birds

Pied-billed grebe Podilymbus podiceps Great blue heron Ardea herodias Great egret Ardea alba Gadwall Anas strepera American wigeon Anas americana Green heron Butorides virescens Mallard Anas platyrhynchos Cinnamon teal Anas cyanoptera Green-winged teal Anas crecca Ring-necked duck Aythya collaris Common merganser Mergus merganser Turkey vulture Cathartes aura Osprey Pandion haliaetus

Bald eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus

White-tailed kite Elanus leucurus Northern harrier Circus cyaneus Sharp-shinned hawk Accipiter striatus Cooper's hawk Accipiter cooperi Red-tailed hawk Buteo jamaicensis Ferruginous hawk Buteo regalis Rough-legged hawk Buteo lagopus Golden eagle Aquila chrysaetos

Common Name	Scientific Names
American kestrel	Falco sparverius
Merlin	Falco columbarius
Prairie falcon	Falco mexicanus
Mountain quail	Oreortyx pictus
California quail	Callipepla californica
American coot	Fulica americana
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus
Black-necked stilt	Himantopus mexicanus
Greater yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca
Common snipe	Gallinago gallinago
Band-tailed pigeon	Columba fasciata
Mourning dove	Zenaida macroura
Greater roadrunner	Geococcyx californicus
Barn owl	Tyto alba
Great horned owl	Bubo virginianus
Western screech-owl	Otus kennicottii
Northern pygmy-owl	Glaucidium gnoma
Common nighthawk	Chordeiles minor
Common poorwill	Phalaenoptilus nuttallii
Vaux's swift	Chaetura vauxi
Anna's hummingbird	Calypte anna
Belted kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon
Acorn woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus
Red-breasted sapsucker	Sphyrapicus ruber
Nuttall's woodpecker	Picoides nuttallii
Downy woodpecker	Picoides pubescens
Hairy woodpecker	Picoides villosus
Northern flicker	Colaptes auratus
Pileated woodpecker	Drycopus pileatus
Olive-sided flycatcher	Contopus cooperi
Western wood-pewee	Contopus sordidulus
Little willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii brewsteri
Pacific-slope flycatcher	Empidonax difficilis
Black phoebe	Sayornis nigricans
Ash-throated flycatcher	Myiarchis cinerascens
Western kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius ludovicianus
Cassin's vireo	Vireo cassinii
Hutton's vireo	Vireo huttoni
Warbling vireo	Vireo gilvus
Steller's jay	Cyanositta stelleri

Common Name	Scientific Names
Western scrub-jay	Aphelocoma californica
American crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos
Common raven	Corvus corax
Horned lark	Eremophila alpestris
Tree swallow	Tachycineta bicolor
Violet-green swallow	Tachycineta thalassina
Northern rough-winged swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis
Barn swallow	Hirundo rustica
Oak titmouse	Baeolophus inornatus
Bushtit	Psaltriparus minimus
Red-breasted nuthatch	Sitta canadensis
White-breasted nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis
Brown creeper	Certhia americana
Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii
House wren	Troglodytes aedon
Winter wren	Troglodytes troglodytes
American dipper	Cinclus mexicanus
Golden-crowned kinglet	Regulus satrapa
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea
Western bluebird	Sialia mexicana
Hermit thrush	Catharus guttatus
American robin	Turdus migratorius
Wrentit	Chamaea fasciata
California thrasher	Toxostoma redivivum
American pipit	Anthus rubescens
Phainopepla	Phainopepla nitens
Orange-crowned warbler	Vermivora celata
Nashville warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla
Yellow warbler	Dendroica petechia
Black-throated gray warbler	Dendroica nigrescens
Hermit warbler	Dendroica occidentalis
Macgillivray's warbler	Oporornis tolmiei
Wilson's warbler	Wilsonia pusilla
Yellow-breasted chat	Icteria virens
Western tanager	Piranga ludoviciana
Black-headed grosbeak	Pheuticus melanocephalus
Lazuli bunting	Passerina amoena
Spotted towhee	Pipilo maculatus
California towhee	Pipilo crissalis
Rufous-crowned sparrow	Aimophila ruficeps
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Chondestes grammacus

Lark sparrow

Common Name	Scientific Names
Chipping sparrow	Spizella passerina
Vesper sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus
Savannah sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis
Fox sparrow	Passerella iliaca
Song sparrow	Melospiza melodia
Golden-crowned sparrow	Zonotrichia atricapilla
White-crowned sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys
Dark-eyed junco	Junco hyemalis
Western meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta
Brewer's blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus
Brown-headed cowbird	Molothrus ater
Bullock's oriole	Icterus bullockii
Purple finch	Carpodacus purpureus
House finch	Carpodacus mexicanus
Pine siskin	Carduelis pinus
Lesser goldfinch	Carduelis psaltria
Mammals	
Fringed myotis	Myotis thysanodes
Long-eared myotis	Myotis evotis
Small-footed myotis	Myotis ciliolabrum
Long-legged myotis	Myotis volans
Yuma myotis	Myotis yumanensis
Pallid bat	Antrozous pallidus
Townsend's big-eared bat	Plecotus townsendii
Black-tailed hare	Lepus californicus
Brush rabbit	Silvilagus bachmani
California ground squirrel	Spermophylla beecheyi
Western gray squirrel	Sciurus griseus
Deer mouse	Peromyscus maniculatus
Coyote	Canis latrans
Gray fox	Urocyon cinereoargenteus
Ringtail	Bassariscus astutus
Raccoon	Procyon lotor
Bobcat	Lynx rufus
Striped skunk	Mephitis mephitis

Odocoileus hemionus

Black-tailed deer