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These lists provide pre-project planning information. Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act), it is the responsibility of the Federal action agency or its designated representative to determine whether a proposed action "may affect" any listed or proposed species. Section 7 of the Act requires Federal agencies to consult with us should it be determined that their actions (permitting, authorizing, or carrying out) may affect a listed threatened or endangered species. We recommend that adequate species-specific surveys be conducted within suitable habitat during the appropriate flowering/breeding seasons to address project-related impacts on these species. Candidate and species of concern have no legal protection under the Act and are included in this document for planning purposes only. We are concerned and would appreciate receiving any status information that is available or gathered on these species. If any candidates or species of concern decline significantly, they could be listed as endangered or threatened species. Therefore, actions which may contribute to the decline of these species should be avoided. The scope of federally-listed species compliance also includes any other interrelated or interdependent project activities as indicated at 50 CFR, Part 402.02.

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