

consistency with the CAA as amended by SAFETEA-LU and EPA regulations (40 CFR part 93 and 40 CFR 51.390) governing state procedures for general and transportation conformity and interagency consultation, and has concluded that the submittal is consistent with CAA requirements. The EPA is taking action only on the conformity related portions of the March 10, 2016, submittal. The other portions of the submittal are addressed in separate actions.

### III. Proposed Action

EPA is proposing to approve, and incorporate by reference where appropriate, in Alaska's SIP, all revisions requested by Alaska on September 15, 2016 (state effective 8/20/2016) to the following provisions:

- 18 AAC 50.010(4) (Ambient Air Quality Standards)
- 18 AAC 50.020(a) (Baseline Dates and Maximum Allowable Increases)
- 18 AAC 50.035(a)(3) and (a)(7) (Documents, Procedures, and Methods Adopted by Reference)
- 18 AAC 50.040(f) and (h) (Federal Standards Adopted by Reference)
- 18 AAC 50.215(a)(3) (Ambient Air Quality Analysis Methods)
- 18 AAC 50.345(o) (Construction, Minor and Operating Permits: Standard Permit Conditions)
- 18 AAC 50.502(c), (e), (f), (f)(1)(C), (f)(5), (g), (h)(3)(A), and (h)(3)(B) (Minor Permits for Air Quality Protection)
- 18 AAC 50.540 (c)(2)(A) (Minor Permit: Application)
- 18 AAC 50.542(b)(5) and (d)(1) (Minor Permit: Review and Issuance)

*EPA is also proposing to remove from the SIP the following provisions that ADEC has repealed as a matter of state law: 18 AAC 50.055(a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), (b)(4), (b)(6), (f) (Industrial process and Fuel-Burning Equipment) and 18 AAC 50.060 (Pulp Mills).*

Finally, EPA is proposing to approve revisions to 18 AAC 50, Article 7, Transportation Conformity, submitted by Alaska on March 10, 2016; specifically, the revisions to transportation conformity provisions in 18 AAC 50.715, .720, and removal of the general conformity provisions in .735 as discussed in Section II.E above.

We have made the preliminary determination that the submitted SIP revisions are consistent with section 110 and part C of Title I of the CAA.

### IV. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, EPA is proposing to include in a final rule, regulatory text that includes incorporation by

reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is proposing to incorporate by reference the provisions described above in Section III. Also in this rule, EPA is proposing to remove, in a final EPA rule, regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, EPA is proposing to remove the incorporation by reference of provisions of 18 AAC 50.055 and 50.060 as described above in Section II (C.) and 18 AAC 50.735 as described in Section III. EPA has made, and will continue to make, these documents generally available electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and/or in hard copy at the appropriate EPA office (see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble for more information).

### V. Statutory and Executive Orders Review

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the CAA and applicable federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this proposed action merely approves state law as meeting federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this proposed action:

- Is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011);
- does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
- is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);

- does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4);
- does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);

- is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
- is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);

- is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because it does not involve technical standards; and

- does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), nor will it impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

[Docket Nos. FWS-R2-ES-2016-0099, FWS-R2-ES-2016-0100, FWS-R2-ES-2016-0130, FWS-R2-ES-2016-0137, FWS-R2-ES-2016-0119; FXES11130900000C2-167-FF09E32000]

RINs 1018-BA74; 1018-BA75; 1018-BB90; 1018-BB89; 1018-BB87

### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening the Comment Periods for Five Proposed Rules

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rules; reopening comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce that we are reopening the comment periods for our proposed rules to list *Festuca ligulata* (Guadalupe fescue) as an endangered species; to designate *Festuca ligulata* critical habitat; to

reclassify *Sclerocactus brevihamatus* ssp. *tobuschii* (Tobusch fishhook cactus) from endangered to threatened; to reclassify *Echinocereus fendleri* var. *kuenzleri* (Kuenzler hedgehog cactus) from endangered to threatened; and to remove *Eriogonum gypsophilum* (gypsum wild-buckwheat) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants. We are reopening the comment period for each of these proposed rules for 30 days in order to publish a legal notice and to give all interested parties further opportunity to comment on the proposed rules. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully

considered in preparing the final listing determinations.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to consider your comments on the proposed rule, we must receive your comments on or before July 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Written comments:* You may submit comments on the proposed rules by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter the appropriate docket number (see Table 1, below). Then click on the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking

on “Comment Now!” Please ensure that you have found the correct rulemaking before submitting your comment.

- *By U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: [Insert appropriate docket number; see Table 1, below], U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more information).

TABLE 1—LIST OF PROPOSED RULES REOPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed rule title	Federal Register citation	Docket No.
Guadalupe Fescue Endangered Species Status .....	81 FR 62450; September 9, 2016 ....	FWS-R2-ES-2016-0099
Guadalupe Fescue Critical Habitat Designation .....	81 FR 62455; September 9, 2016 ....	FWS-R2-ES-2016-0100
Reclassifying the Tobusch Fishhook Cactus From Endangered to Threatened on the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.	81 FR 95932; December 29, 2016 ...	FWS-R2-ES-2016-0130
Reclassifying <i>Echinocereus fendleri</i> var. <i>kuenzleri</i> From Endangered to Threatened.	82 FR 1677; January 6, 2017 .....	FWS-R2-ES-2016-0137
Removing <i>Eriogonum gypsophilum</i> From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.	82 FR 1657; January 6, 2017 .....	FWS-R2-ES-2016-0119

**Document availability:** Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in

preparing the proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov> under the

appropriate docket number (see Table 1, above).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Proposed rule title	Contact person
Guadalupe Fescue Endangered Species Status .....	Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Rd., Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758; telephone (512) 490–0057.
Guadalupe Fescue Critical Habitat Designation .....	Susan Millsap, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Road NE., Albuquerque, NM 87113–1001; telephone (505) 761–4781.
Reclassifying the Tobusch Fishhook Cactus From Endangered to Threatened on the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.	
Reclassifying <i>Echinocereus fendleri</i> var. <i>kuenzleri</i> From Endangered to Threatened.	
Removing <i>Eriogonum gypsophilum</i> From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.	

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 9, 2016, we published proposed rules to list Guadalupe fescue as an endangered species on the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (81 FR 62450) and to designate its critical habitat (81 FR 62455). We sought information, data and comments from the public regarding the proposal for 60 days, ending November 8, 2016. We are reopening the comment period on the proposed rules for an additional 30 days (see **DATES**). We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period.

In particular, we seek comments concerning the following: (1) New information concerning Guadalupe fescue taxonomic classification and conservation status; (2) new information on Guadalupe fescue historical and current status, range, distribution, and population size, including additional population locations; and (3) new information regarding Guadalupe fescue life history, ecology and habitats. Please refer to the proposed rules for more information on our proposed actions and the specific information we seek.

On December 29, 2016, we published a proposed rule to reclassify Tobusch fishhook cactus from an endangered to a threatened species on the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (81 FR 95932). We sought information,

data and comments from the public regarding the proposal for 60 days, ending February 27, 2017. We are reopening the comment period on the proposed rule for an additional 30 days (see **DATES**). We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period. In particular, we seek comments concerning the following: (1) New information concerning Tobusch fishhook cactus taxonomic classification and conservation status; (2) new information on Tobusch fishhook cactus historical and current status, range, distribution, and population size, including additional population locations; and (3) new information regarding Tobusch fishhook cactus life history, ecology and habitats. Please refer to the proposed

rule for more information on our proposed action and the specific information we seek.

On January 6, 2017, we published a proposed rule to reclassify Kuenzler hedgehog cactus from an endangered to a threatened species on the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (82 FR 1677). We sought information, data and comments from the public regarding the proposal for 60 days, ending March 7, 2017. We are reopening the comment period on the proposed rule for an additional 30 days (see **DATES**). We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period. In particular, we seek comments concerning the following: (1) New information concerning Kuenzler hedgehog cactus taxonomic classification and conservation status; (2) new information on Kuenzler hedgehog cactus historical and current status, range, distribution, and population size, including any additional population locations; and (3) new information regarding Kuenzler hedgehog cactus life history, ecology, and habitats. Please refer to the proposed rule for more information on our proposed action and the specific information we seek.

On January 6, 2017, we published a proposed rule to remove gypsum wild-buckwheat from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (82 FR 1657). We sought information, data and comments from the public regarding the proposal for 60 days,

ending March 7, 2017. We are reopening the comment period on the proposed rule for an additional 30 days (see **DATES**). We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period. In particular, we seek comments concerning the following: (1) New information concerning gypsum wild-buckwheat taxonomic classification and conservation status; (2) new information on gypsum wild-buckwheat historical and current status, range, distribution, and population size, including any additional population locations; and (3) new information regarding gypsum wild-buckwheat life history, ecology, and habitats. Please refer to the proposed rule for more information on our proposed action and the specific information we seek.

You may submit your comments and materials concerning any of the proposed rules by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. All comments and recommendations, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record.

If you submit information via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including any personal

identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you mail or hand-deliver a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. To ensure that the electronic dockets for these rulemakings are complete and all comments we receive are publicly available, we will post all hardcopy submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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#### Authority

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

Dated: March 30, 2017.

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