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CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2077 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), on November 13, 2020, received from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) a five-year status review concerning Milo Baker's lupine (*Lupinus milobakeri*) recommending up-listing the species from threatened to endangered status. This five-year status review is considered the equivalent of a petition with a Department recommendation to accept and consider the petition (Fish and Game Code sections 2072.7 and 2077).

Milo Baker's lupine is endemic to California, and its range is restricted to Round Valley in eastern Mendocino County and Bear Valley in western Colusa County. The natural habitat of this species before roads were constructed through Covelo (Round Valley) is not known. It is presumed, based on the current location of Milo Baker's lupine in wet, roadside ditches, that this species used to be common along streams and in areas of high groundwater in the Covelo area. In the open and grazed grassland habitat of Bear Valley in 1985, Milo Baker's lupine was seen growing near dark soil rich in clay by gullies that were very wet in the springtime. Beyond this, little is definitively known about the habitat necessary for survival of the species.

The Commission formally received the five-year status review at its December 9-10, 2020 meeting via teleconference and webinar. The Commission will consider the five-year status review at its February 10-11, 2021, meeting via teleconference and webinar.

Interested parties may contact Isabel Baer, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Chief, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, telephone (916) 203-3193, or email <u>Isabel.Baer@wildlife.ca.gov</u> for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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