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NOTIFICATION OF STATUS REVIEW FOR LIME RIDGE ERIASTRUM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

To whom it may concern:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has initiated a status review for Lime Ridge eriastrum (*Eriastrum erterae*) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6. The Department is providing this notice pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.4, to solicit data and comments on the petitioned action from interested and affected parties.

The Department has initiated this status review following related action by the Fish and Game Commission. Having provided public notice (Cal. Reg. Notice Register 2022, No. 9-Z, p. 237), Lime Ridge eriastrum is now a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and as such, receives the same legal protection afforded to an endangered or threatened species (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2074.2 & 2085). The listing petition and the Department's petition evaluation report are available at: <https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA#LRE>

As of March 4, 2022, take of this species (hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to do so) is prohibited (Fish & G. Code, §§ 86, 2080, 2085). However, incidental take may be authorized with appropriate permits (Fish & G. Code, §§ 2081(b), 2080.1, 2089.2 et. seq., or 2086). Activities conducted for scientific, educational, or management purposes (including research and restoration) that may result in take of this species can be authorized through permits or memorandums of understanding (Fish & G. Code, § 2081(a)). For more information on take authorizations, visit <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CESA/Permitting> or contact your regional office (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions>).

The Department requests any data or comments on the species' ecology, genetics, life history, distribution, abundance, habitat, the degree and immediacy of threats to its reproduction or survival, the adequacy of existing management, and recommendations for management of the species. Please provide such data or comments to the Department contact, Cherilyn Burton, via email at nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov and include "Lime Ridge eriastrum" in the subject line. Comments may also be submitted by mail to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Native Plant Program, Attn: Cherilyn Burton, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. The Department respectfully requests your data and comments before **August 12, 2022**, to allow sufficient time to evaluate the information for possible incorporation in the Department's final status review report to the Commission.

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The Department has 12 months to review the petition, evaluate the available information, and report back to the Commission whether the petitioned action is warranted (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.6). The written report will indicate, based on the best scientific information available, whether the Department concludes the petitioned action is warranted or not warranted. The Commission will place receipt of the report on the agenda for the next available Commission meeting after delivery. The report will be made available to the public at that meeting. Following receipt of the Department's report, the Commission will allow a 30-day public comment period prior to taking any action on the Department's recommendation.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Department via email at: nativeplants@wildlife.ca.gov.