



CALIFORNIA
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Endangered Species Program
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041

Memorandum: Evaluation of a Petition to List *Lupinus constancei* (Lassics lupine) under the Federal Endangered Species Act

To the Endangered Species Program:

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) has reviewed a petition to list *Lupinus constancei* (Lassics lupine) as Endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA). We provide our recommendation below.

CNPS is a non-profit organization that works to protect California's native plant heritage and preserve it for future generations. CNPS' mission is to increase the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat. Our 10,000 members promote native plant appreciation, research, education, and conservation through our 5 statewide programs and 35 chapters across the state of California, and Baja California, MX.

CNPS has completed a review of this petition for its scientific validity and conservation merits. The CNPS Rare Plant Program Committee has assessed the petition's scientific validity by evaluating the accuracy of information regarding taxonomy, ecology, life history, and demographic data presented herein. The CNPS Conservation Program Committee has assessed the petition's conservation merits by evaluating threats, stressors, and management information applicable to this species.

Based upon our review of these factors, CNPS finds the current status of *Lupinus constancei* to merit consideration for listing as Endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Therefore, the California Native Plant Society endorses this petition and should be considered a co-sponsor of this effort.

Our organization looks forward to working with you to ensure *Lupinus constancei* is provided the protections and management requirements afforded to it through the FESA. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding our review and endorsement.

Sincerely,

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