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Subject: Update of the California-BLM Animal Sensitive Species List

Based on the field office nominations and other information submitted in response to Information Bulletin No. CA-2005-054, the following species are being added to the California-BLM animal sensitive species list:

Mammals

Pygmy rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*)
Owens Valley vole (*Microtus californicus vallicola*)
White-eared pocket mouse (*Perognathus alticola*)
Palm Springs little pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris bangsi*)

Birds

Northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
Mountain plover (*Charadrius montanus*)
Le Conte's thrasher (San Joaquin Population) (*Toxostoma lecontei macmillanorum*)¹

Fish

Wall Canyon sucker (*Catostomus murivallis*)

Invertebrates

Tuolumne sideband snail (*Monadenia tuolumneana*)
Thorne's hairstreak butterfly (*Callophrys thorneii*)

Effective immediately, these species shall be managed pursuant to the policies prescribed in BLM Manual 6840. It is BLM policy under Manual Section 6840.06(E) to provide sensitive species with the same level of protection prescribed for candidate species. BLM Manual Section 6840.06(C) defines that level of protection as follows: "The BLM shall carry out management,

¹ The animal sensitive species list previously included Le Conte's thrasher (*Toxostoma lecontei*) throughout its range in California. Consistent with the treatment in the latest draft of CDFG's Bird Species of Special Concern, the updated California-BLM sensitive species designation applies only to the San Joaquin Valley population (*Toxostoma lecontei macmillanorum*).

consistent with the principles of multiple use, for the conservation of candidate species and their habitats and shall ensure that actions authorized, funded, or carried out do not contribute to the need to list any of these species as threatened or endangered.”

The complete lists of California-BLM sensitive animals and plants, including the additions shown above, may be viewed on the California-BLM Wildlife, Fisheries and Botany webpage <<http://www.ca.blm.gov/pa/biology/index.html>>. A link to BLM Manual Handbook 6840 is also provided on the above website. This update of the California-BLM sensitive species list has been coordinated with the California Department of Fish and Game per the BLM/CDFG Master Memorandum of Understanding.

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