

RespOrgs provide, Somos, the trade association that monitors RespOrg activities, compiled data showing that as of July 1, 2016, there were 23 RespOrgs operational in Canada and 436 RespOrgs operational in the United States, for a total of 459 RespOrgs currently registered with Somos.

B. Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance Requirements

34. This *FNPRM* does not propose any changes to the Commission's current information collection, reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements.

C. Steps Taken To Minimize Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

35. The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its approach, which may include the following four alternatives, among others: (1) The establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements under the rule for small entities; (3) the use of performance, rather than design, standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for small entities.¹²²

36. The *FNPRM* seeks comment regarding: (1) Adopting a new five-tiered flat rate methodology for assessing regulatory fees for terrestrial and satellite international bearer circuits (IBCs), revising the current five-tiered methodology for submarine cable systems, and adopting a new fee category for all holders of section 214 international authority and (2) revising the calculation for cable television "Bulk Rate Customers." The proposals to adopt a flat five-tier methodology for terrestrial and satellite IBCs might provide relief to smaller entities that would fall into the lowest tier. The proposal to revise the calculation for Bulk Rate Customers for cable television, in multiple dwelling units (MDUs), may affect small cable operators who provide service to MDUs. We are seeking comment on this issue so that we can improve the calculation of customers in MDUs.

D. Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the Proposed Rules

37. None.

IV. Ordering Clause

38. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to section 9 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 159, this *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is hereby adopted*.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katura Jackson,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2016-0127; FXES11130900000 167 FF09E42000]

RIN 1018-BB39

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing *Trichostema austromontanum* ssp. *compactum* (Hidden Lake Bluecurls) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce that we are reopening the comment period for the proposed rule to remove the plant *Trichostema austromontanum* ssp. *compactum* (Hidden Lake bluecurls) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants on the basis of recovery. We are reopening the comment period for this proposed rule for 30 days in order to publish a legal notice and to give all interested parties further opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparing the final delisting determination.

DATES: The comment period on the proposed rule that published January 5, 2017 (82 FR 1297), is reopened. We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before December 1, 2017.

ADDRESSES: *Comment submission:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R8-ES-2016-0127, which is

the docket number for this rulemaking. Then click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rules link to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!"

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-deliver to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2016-0127, 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.

Document availability: A copy of the draft post-delisting monitoring plan referenced throughout the proposed rule can be viewed at <http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/profile/speciesProfile?slId=1285>, at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2016-0127, or at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/Carlsbad/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2177 Salk Avenue, Suite 250, Carlsbad, CA 92008; telephone 760-431-9440; facsimile (fax) 760-431-5901. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 5, 2017, we published a proposed rule to remove the plant *Trichostema austromontanum* ssp. *compactum* (Hidden Lake bluecurls) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants on the basis of recovery (82 FR 1297). We sought information, data, and comments from the public regarding the proposal for 60 days, ending March 6, 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. 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 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

¹²² 5 U.S.C. 603(c)(1) through (c)(4).

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 docket for this rulemaking is 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: September 15, 2017.

James W. Kurth,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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