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June 20, 2013

JUNE 24th, 2013 DEADLINE
FOR COUNTIES TO PETITION FOR COMMENTARY EXTENSION TO MAINTAIN STANDING

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Proposed Rulemaking

AT ISSUE:

- 1) E.S.A. Status listing for the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog and the Yosemite Toad
- 2) Critical habitat designations for the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog and the Yosemite Toad

TO THE COUNTIES OF:

ALPINE, AMADOR, EL DORADO, FRESNO, INYO, MADERA, MONO, NEVADA, PLACER,
PLUMAS, SIERRA, TULARE, TUOLUMNE

Dear Clerks of the Boards of Supervisors,

Please find attached the letters I will be sending to request an extension to the public commentary period for the above referenced issues.

I hope you will pass them on to your county supervisors. It doesn't do much good for me to express my concerns as a private citizen, when what is a stake involves so many other counties and their residents who may not know about these issues or have had time to properly address them.

It is my understanding, only the parties who file for the commentary period extension will have legal standing to make comments if the extension is granted.

I urge you to review the issues and make an effort to file a response to the appropriate authorities, postmarked by the June 24th, 2013 deadline.

For no other reasons, I urge you to file for the extension because;

- 1) the deadlines for public review are insufficient for County Authorities to properly review, inform and address the specific concerns of their own counties.
- 2) the future impacts of the proposed rule making are unclear and potentially and permanently harmful to each County's future economic and recreational opportunities.

I am an architect in Fresno, Ca. I have hiked, hunted, fished, camped and skied in the Sierra National Forest for over twenty five years. I would hate to see much of our public lands placed with restrictions that prevent future generations from sharing in the same great experiences I have enjoyed all these years. I see every walk of life in the mountains taking part in the diverse economic and recreational opportunities our public lands and access to our public lands provide.

I found out about this issue June 12th, 2013, when Fresno County Supervisor Phil Larson made a brief mention of the issue on a local radio station. June 19th, 2013, the Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims was able to put together a public hearing. At the hearing last evening, we discovered that only (5) of the (14) affected counties were able to file for a public hearing by the

June 10th, 2013 deadline. And then we find out that the deadline for comments, including the application for a commentary period extension, is June 24th, 2013.

That's this coming Monday!

Thank you for your consideration and I hope all of our Sierra Nevada counties can work together to protect our rights and our futures.

Neil Dau

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Public Comments Processing
Attn: FWS-R8-ES-2012-0874
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive
MS 2042-PDM
Arlington, Va. 22203

REQUEST: Comment Period Extension for Proposed Rule

Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2012-0100; 4500030113 RIN 1018-AZ21
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog and the Northern District Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Threatened Status for the Yosemite Toad.

Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2012-0100; 4500030113 RIN 1018-AY07
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sierra Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern District Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad.

Dear Sirs,

I am requesting a 45 day extension to the comment period for the above referenced proposed rules beyond the originally published commentary submission deadline of June 24, 2013.

I make this request for the following reasons:

- 1) The commentary period is insufficient to address the complexity of the proposed rules.
- 2) The commentary period is insufficient for local governing bodies to assess all unique impacts to its citizens from the proposed rules.
- 3) The commentary period is insufficient to analyze all potential land use, access, and restriction issues of the proposed rules.
- 4) The commentary period is insufficient to analyze the economic impacts which may result from the proposed rules.

I welcome approval of the commentary period extension.

Sincerely,

Neil Dau

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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached my formal request for a 45 day extension of the commentary period of the reference proposed rules.

I do a pretty good job of keeping up with local news. June 12th, 2013 is when I found out about the referenced proposed rules. June 19th, 2013, the County of Fresno was able to hold a public meeting to discuss the referenced proposed rules.

At the meeting last evening we discovered two important points;

- 1) Of the (14) counties affected by the reference proposed rules, only (5) were able to make the June 10th, 2013 deadline to file to hold a public meeting.
- 2) The deadline for counties to file for the commentary period extension and thereby maintain standing is June 24th, 2013.

Clearly, the commentary period as defined is completely insufficient to address the potential impacts of the referenced proposed rules.

Many of the counties affected simply do not have the staffing or the scheduling to consider these impacts in such a short time frame.

I am making this request myself as a private citizen, but I urge you please to grant this extension for all (14) counties as public entities which must protect the interests of their own county residents through disclosure and adequate public review.

Sincerely,

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