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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Public Comments on Proposed Permanent Regulations

The Nevada Division of Forestry will be holding public workshops to solicit comments from interested persons regarding the potential adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapter 527 of the Nevada Administrative Code, specifically the Nevada List of Fully Protected Species of Native Flora (NAC 527.010).

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020, Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, Directive 018 (5/7/2020), Directive 021 (5/28/2020), the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended in order to mitigate the possible exposure or transmission of COVID-19 (Corona Virus). Accordingly, capacity is limited at the Tonopah workshop and there is no physical location for the Carson City workshop. Details on how to participate in the meetings are detailed below.

Tonopah

When: July 15, 2020 at 10:00am

Where: Tonopah Convention Center (301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah)

Maximum in-person capacity: 50 total attendees

Attend virtually: Join the meeting (video and audio): <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/4236997>

Or, call in by phone (audio only): +1 (877) 422-8614, Meeting extension: 4236997#

Carson City

When: July 20, 2020 at 9:00am

Where: Richard H. Bryan Building, Tahoe Hearing Room located on the 2nd floor (901 S. Stewart St., Carson City).

Maximum in-person capacity: None - Virtual attendance only

Attend virtually: Join the meeting (video and audio): <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/4236997>

Or, call in by phone (audio only): +1 (877) 422-8614, Meeting extension: 4236997#

Meeting materials are available on the Nevada Division of Forestry website at:

<http://forestry.nv.gov>

The purpose of the workshops is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following topic that may be addressed in the proposed regulation:

Need for addition of Tiehm buckwheat (Eriogonum tiehmii) to the State List of Fully Protected Species, as allowed for in NRS 527.

Nevada Revised Statutes §527.270 authorizes the State Forester/Firewarden to make a determination that certain species of native flora are threatened with extinction, and consequently add them to the State List of Fully Protected Species.

The public is encouraged to provide written comments prior to the scheduled public workshops, rather than attend in person. Written comments will be placed in the official record. Please send written comments via email: TiehmBuckwheatComment@forestry.nv.gov, or by mail: Attn: John Christopherson, 2478 Fairview Drive, Carson City, NV 89701. Given the interactive nature of these workshops and capacity limits, virtual attendance is strongly encouraged when possible. Please be advised that in-person attendance at the Tonopah facility will be limited to the occupancy listed above in accordance with the State of Nevada's safety restrictions on public gatherings. Again, we are encouraging public comments to be submitted in writing in advance of the public workshops. In addition to controlled and limited public access, to help protect the health and safety of all participants, those who attend in person must follow certain precautions:

- Wear a face covering or mask
- Elevator occupancy will be limited to no more than two people at a time
- Practice social distancing and maintain at least 6 feet of personal space at all times
- Follow CDC health and hygiene guidelines, including washing hands for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer after touching surfaces

Please note that facility occupancy limits and health requirements are tentative and subject to change, given the evolving and fluid circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit ndf.nv.gov or call 775-684-2500 one week prior to the scheduled public workshops for the most up-to-date information.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained online at <http://forestry.nv.gov>, or by contacting Nevada Division of Forestry, 2478 Fairview Drive, Carson City, NV 89701. The agency's small business impact statement is attached.

Notice of this meeting is posted in the following locations:

Nevada Division of Forestry
Website <http://forestry.nv.gov>

Nevada Legislature
Website www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/

Nevada Public Notice
Website – notice.nv.gov

Date: __6/29/2020__

The draft regulation as follows will be considered by the Nevada Division of Forestry:

- Adding the Tiehm's buckwheat (*Eriogonum tiehmii*) to the State List of Fully Protected Species of Native Flora (NAC 527.010)

NAC 527.010 List of fully protected species of native flora. (NRS 527.050, 527.270)

1. The State Forester Firewarden has declared the following species and subspecies of native plants to be critically endangered and threatened with extinction pursuant to [NRS 527.270](#):

<i>Arctomecon californica</i> , Las Vegas bearpoppy	Torrey & Fremont
<i>Astragalus geyeri</i> var. <i>triquetrus</i> , Threecorner milkvetch	(A. Gray) M.E. Jones
<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> Douglas var. <i>sesquimetralis</i> , Sodaville milkvetch	(Rydberg) Barneby
<i>Astragalus phoenix</i> , Ash Meadows milkvetch	Barneby
<i>Astragalus yoder-williamsii</i> , Osgood Mountains milkvetch	Barneby
<i>Castilleja salsuginosa</i> , Monte Neva paintbrush	N. Holmgren
<i>Centaureium namophilum</i> , Spring-loving centaury	Reveal, Broome & Beatley
<i>Cryptantha insolita</i> , Unusual catseye	(MacBride) Payson
<i>Enceliopsis nudicaulis</i> var. <i>corrugata</i> , Ash Meadows sunray	(A. Gray) A. Nelson
<i>Eriogonum argophyllum</i> , Sulphur Springs buckwheat	Reveal
<i>Eriogonum diatomaceum</i> , Churchill Narrows buckwheat	Reveal, J. Reynolds & Picciani
<i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i> var. <i>williamsiae</i> , Steamboat buckwheat	Reveal
<i>Eriogonum tiehmii</i>, Tiehm's buckwheat	Reveal
<i>Eriogonum viscidulum</i> , Sticky buckwheat	J.T. Howell
<i>Frasera gypsicola</i> , Sunnyside green gentian	(Barneby) D.M. Post
<i>Grindelia fraxino-pratensis</i> , Ash Meadows gumplant	Reveal
<i>Ivesia kingii</i> var. <i>eremica</i> , Ash Meadows ivesia	(Coville) Ertter
<i>Ivesia webberi</i> , Webber ivesia	A. Gray
<i>Mentzelia leucophylla</i> , Ash Meadows blazingstar	Brandege
<i>Nitrophila mohavensis</i> , Amargosa niterwort	Munz & Roos
<i>Opuntia whipplei</i> var. <i>multigeniculata</i> , Blue Diamond cholla	(Clokey) Benson
<i>Phacelia inconspicua</i> , Obscure scorpion plant	E.L. Greene
<i>Polycytenium williamsiae</i> , Williams combleaf	Rollins
<i>Rorippa subumbellata</i> , Tahoe yellowcress	Rollins
<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i> , Ute lady's tresses	Sheviak

Note that the List of Fully Protect Species is associated with the following requirement, as written in NRS 527.270

NRS 527.270 List of fully protected species declared to be threatened with extinction; special permit required for removal or destruction. A species or subspecies of native flora shall be regarded as threatened with extinction when the State Forester Firewarden, after consultation with competent authorities, determines that its existence is endangered and its survival requires assistance because of overexploitation, disease or other factors or because its habitat is threatened with destruction, drastic modification or severe curtailment. Any species declared to be threatened with extinction shall be placed on the list of fully protected species, and no member of its kind may be removed or destroyed at any time by any means except under special permit issued by the State Forester Firewarden.