



Spotted frog
Rana luteiventris

Candidate Conservation Agreement

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The future of many declining fish, wildlife, and plant species is wholly or partially dependent on conservation efforts on non-federal lands. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) **CANDIDATE CONSERVATION AGREEMENT PROGRAM** was developed to encourage non-federal landowners (private and state) to conserve sensitive species on their property. The intent of the program is to conserve these declining species and reduce the need for listing under the Endangered Species Act. In exchange for providing these conservation measures, the Service will provide regulatory assurances, under the Endangered Species Act, to participating landowners.

Who might be interested in participating in the Candidate Conservation Agreement program?

Landowners often become concerned that sensitive species may be listed under the Endangered Species Act and that their land use activities may be adversely affected. If landowners are interested in providing voluntary conservation measures for sensitive species, a Candidate Conservation Agreement may be developed between the Service and the landowner. This agreement provides participating landowners the legal assurances that additional conservation measures or land use restrictions will not be required should the species eventually be listed.

By participating in the Candidate Conservation Agreement program, a landowner would be providing conservation benefits that would reduce the need to list the species. Even if the species is eventually listed, disruption of the landowner's land use activities would be minimal.

How does the Service provide these assurances to the landowner?

A federal permit authorizing "take" of the species, should the species eventually be listed under the Endangered Species Act, would be issued as part of the Candidate Conservation Agreement.

What species can be covered under a Candidate Conservation Agreement?

Species that are proposed or candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act or species that may become proposed or candidates for listing in the future.



Christ's paintbrush
Castilleja christii



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Where can landowners get more information about the Candidate Conservation Agreement program?

If you are interested in more information about this program, please contact:

Candidate Conservation Program Coordinator
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Snake River Basin Office
1387 South Vinnell Way, Room 368
Boise, Idaho 83709
(208) 378-5243

The Service can walk you through the process, assist you in determining what species should be covered, help determine what conservation measures might be appropriate for implementation on your lands, and help develop the agreement.

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