

Peer Review Process for Conservation Assessments/Strategies
Region 6 Forest Service and Oregon/Washington BLM

- 1. Conservation Assessment/Strategy team lead contacts interagency Special Status and Sensitive Species (SSSS) Conservation Planning Coordinator (CPC) when initiating drafting of the Assessment/Strategy.**
 - a. Conservation Assessment/Strategy team lead gives final draft document to CPC for review/comments.
 - b. Team lead responds to CPC comments and sends back to CPC when completed.

- 2. CPC shares draft with field and others for “internal” review: 30-day turnaround.**
 - a. Interested field level biologists/botanists.
 - b. OR/WA BLM and FS Region 6 Program Managers (botany or wildlife).
 - c. ODFW/WDFW/WDNR (or ODA), as needed by species.
 - d. USFWS, as needed by species (required for candidate species).
 - e. Selected field managers (Alan Christensen, FS NR Group lead) and Mike Haske (BLM Branch Chief) solicit interest and identify field managers to assist with review; field managers to focus on “management considerations” section of document).

- 3. Comments from reviewers collated by CPC and reviewed with team lead.**
 - a. Lead to address each comment and documents responses.
 - b. Lead sends final document to CPC.

CONSERVATION ASSESSMENTS:

- 4. CPC shares “Management Considerations” section with Alan and Mike for their review/comments**
 - a. If no comments, post on web
 - b. If comments, CPC shares with author/team lead.
 - i. Author/team lead to respond to comments.
 - ii. If needed, bring back to Alan/Mike.
 - iii. Post final Conservation Assessment on web.

CONSERVATION STRATEGIES:

- 5. CPC conducts external peer review (30 days) with professional organizations**
 - a. If comments, CPC shares with author/team lead.
 - i. Author/team lead to respond to comments.
 - b. Document is shared with Alan/Mike.
 - i. Post final Conservation Strategy on web.