

TOM McCLINTOCK  
4TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

434 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2511

8700 AUBURN FOLSOM ROAD, SUITE 100  
GRANITE BAY, CA 95746  
(916) 786-5560

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0504

COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER  
CHAIRMAN  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION  
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

June 28, 2013

The Honorable Daniel M. Ashe  
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Main Interior  
1849 C Street NW, Room 3331  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Re: Request for a public field hearing in Amador County, CA on the impacts of the proposed Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and Yosemite Toad species listings and critical habitat designation.

Dear Director Ashe:

On behalf of the residents of Amador County, the Board of Supervisors requested a public field hearing of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They want to discuss the proposal to list the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog and the northern distinct population segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog as endangered and the Yosemite Toad as threatened species as well as the proposed critical habitat designation associated with these species. The Supervisors have further requested the city of Jackson, CA be used for the hearing.

These listings and the associated critical habitat would impact over half of the land in Amador County. Critical habitat designations would likely cause severe restrictions on land access and could substantially limit or even forbid recreational use as well as productive activities such as timber harvesting, grazing, and mining with devastating impact on the local economy.

Because of the far-reaching and damaging effects these listings and critical habitat designations would have on Amador County, it is imperative that you provide local government leaders, citizens, and business owners the opportunity to hear directly from federal agency representatives and to learn the consequences of your agency's proposals.

Amador County has offered to coordinate all the preparations and logistics for a hearing in Jackson, and I strongly request that you schedule the hearing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Tom McClintock

cc: Jan Knight, Acting Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service