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June 17, 2013

Ms. Jan Knight
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Request: Comment Period Extension for Proposed Rules

References:

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 Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and Threatened Status for the Yosemite Toad

Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2012-0074; 4500030113

RIN 1018-AY07

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad

Dear Ms. Knight,

I am requesting an extension to the comment period for the above referenced Proposed Rules of 45 days beyond the originally published commentary submission deadline of June 24, 2013.

The reasons I am making this request are as follows:

- The comment period is insufficient to fulfill our responsibilities as a local governing body. While the public has a vested interest in commenting on proposed rules and actions, local governments share the unique and additional responsibility of weighing the impacts of any proposal to our citizens' health, safety, and welfare; and to the economic well-being of our County.
- The comment period is insufficient to fully analyze what impacts may occur to land use designations and current and planned activities in the areas that are proposed for designation as critical habitat.

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- Since no Economic Impact Analysis has been provided, and no public comment meetings or hearings held, the allotted commentary period is insufficient to provide accurate commentary as requested in the Federal Register filing.
- My main reason for requesting an extension is that the proposed Rules have so many possible ramifications on the economic stability and quality of life issues within the County district I represent that more time and better information is necessary to help us better inform my constituents on what the rules will mean to them.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Hank Weston
Supervisor, District 4

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