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SUBJECT: Release of an updated version of the SC DNR Rare, Threatened and Endangered Database

Purpose: To transmit the recently updated version of the SC DNR Rare, Threatened and Endangered Database

Effective Date: Begin using this information immediately during the Conservation Planning Process

Background: SC NRCS has utilized a GIS data set obtained from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, as part of the conservation planning process to help make preliminary NEPA decisions related to endangered species and species of concern. This data set helps the planner decide if there are federally listed species or habitat in close proximity to a planning unit. This database is the first tool used by planners to determine if they need additional planning assistance from an NRCS biologist or partner biologist. Federal policies require NRCS to function within the guidance of the Freedom of Information Act of 1996, as amended and The Privacy Act of 1974, USC 552a, as amended. The use of these GIS data is for internal planning purposes only. This information is not to be distributed to others.

In an effort to help planners understand more of the habitat requirements and planning considerations for the federally listed species in the SC DNR database, we have added hyperlinks to the point coverage. These links allow the planner to click on a data point and open a species profile. These profiles are intended to provide a brief description of the species, describe the typical habitat where the species is found and provide general planning considerations to assist you.

Once the dataset is active on a Customer Service Toolkit map, select the hyperlink (lightning bolt) button and click in the center a data point. The file path for a .pdf file should appear, then the species profile should pop open on the screen. These species profiles can be printed once they are opened in .pdf format.

Filing Instructions: The latest version of the SC DNR Rare, Threatened and Endangered database will be loaded onto each service center server. The data will located at F:/geodata/endangered_habitat/SC RTE/ on Service Center servers. Users should add SCDNR Rare Threatened and Endangered Species.lyr to ArcMap to utilize the hyperlinked documents.

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