

3. In § 17.96, amend paragraph (a) by adding an entry for “Family Malvaceae” *Sidalcea keckii* in alphabetical order to read as follows:

§ 17.96 Critical habitat—plants.

(a) * * *

Family Malvaceae: *Sidalcea keckii* (Keck’s checkermallow).

(1) Critical habitat units are depicted for Fresno and Tulare Counties, California, on the maps below.

(2) The primary constituent elements of critical habitat for *Sidalcea keckii* are the habitat components that provide:

(i) Minimally shaded annual grasslands in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains containing open patches in which competing vegetation is relatively sparse; and

(ii) Serpentine soils or other soils that tend to restrict competing vegetation.

(3) Existing features and structures made by people, such as buildings, roads, railroads, airports, other paved areas, lawns, and other urban landscaped areas, do not contain one or more of the primary constituent elements. Federal actions limited to

those areas, therefore, would not trigger a consultation under section 7 of the Act unless they may affect the species and/or primary constituent elements in adjacent critical habitat.

(4) Critical Habitat Map Units

(i) Data layers defining map units were created on a base of USGS 7.5’ quadrangles, and critical habitat units were then mapped using Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates.

(ii) **Note:** Index map follows:

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