

Re: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Lists the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (DSL) as Endangered

To Whom It May Concern:

University Lands is providing this notice as a courtesy reminder to all entities that operate facilities and infrastructure under agreements and leases issued by University Lands.

On May 17, 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the “Service”) announced a final rule listing the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (DSL) as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. A designation of critical habitat was found to be prudent but not determinable at this time by the Service, giving the agency up to one year from the time of listing to propose critical habitat. For additional resources and information refer to: [Federal Register :: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard](#)

If your company determines that its operations could be affected by the listing decision, you may consider whether enrollment in a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) would be appropriate. If your company has enrolled or plans to enroll PUF lands in a CCAA prior to the deadline, please provide notice to Richard Brantley at University Lands.

There are three conservation agreements, which can be utilized; two of these are available for acreage in Texas and one in New Mexico. *Note: University Lands does not hold acreage in New Mexico; however, the New Mexico CCAA is listed for information purposes only.*

- New Mexico: DSL Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances administered by the Center for Environmental Health Monitoring and Management (CEHMM)
Email: Emily.wirth@cehmm.org, Emily Wirth
Phone: (575) 885-3700
Website: www.cehmm.org
- Texas: 2020 CCAA for DSL, administered by Canyon Environmental
Email: Chris@canyonenvironmental.com, Chris Jensen
Phone: (801) 602-6883
- Texas: Texas Conservation Plan, administered by American Conservation Foundation (ACF).
Email: admin@ac-foundation.com
Phone: (254) 242-9745
Website: www.ac-foundation.com

Questions are best addressed by the Service or the CCAA administrators listed above.