

A bluebird is captured in flight against a clear, bright blue sky. The bird is positioned centrally, with its wings spread wide, showing the intricate patterns of its feathers. The lighting is bright, highlighting the vibrant blue of the bird's body and the darker tones of its wings. The overall composition is clean and focused on the bird's movement.

COFFEE AT CDOT

Wildlife

1/7/2020

News:

De-listing of the Colorado butterfly plant

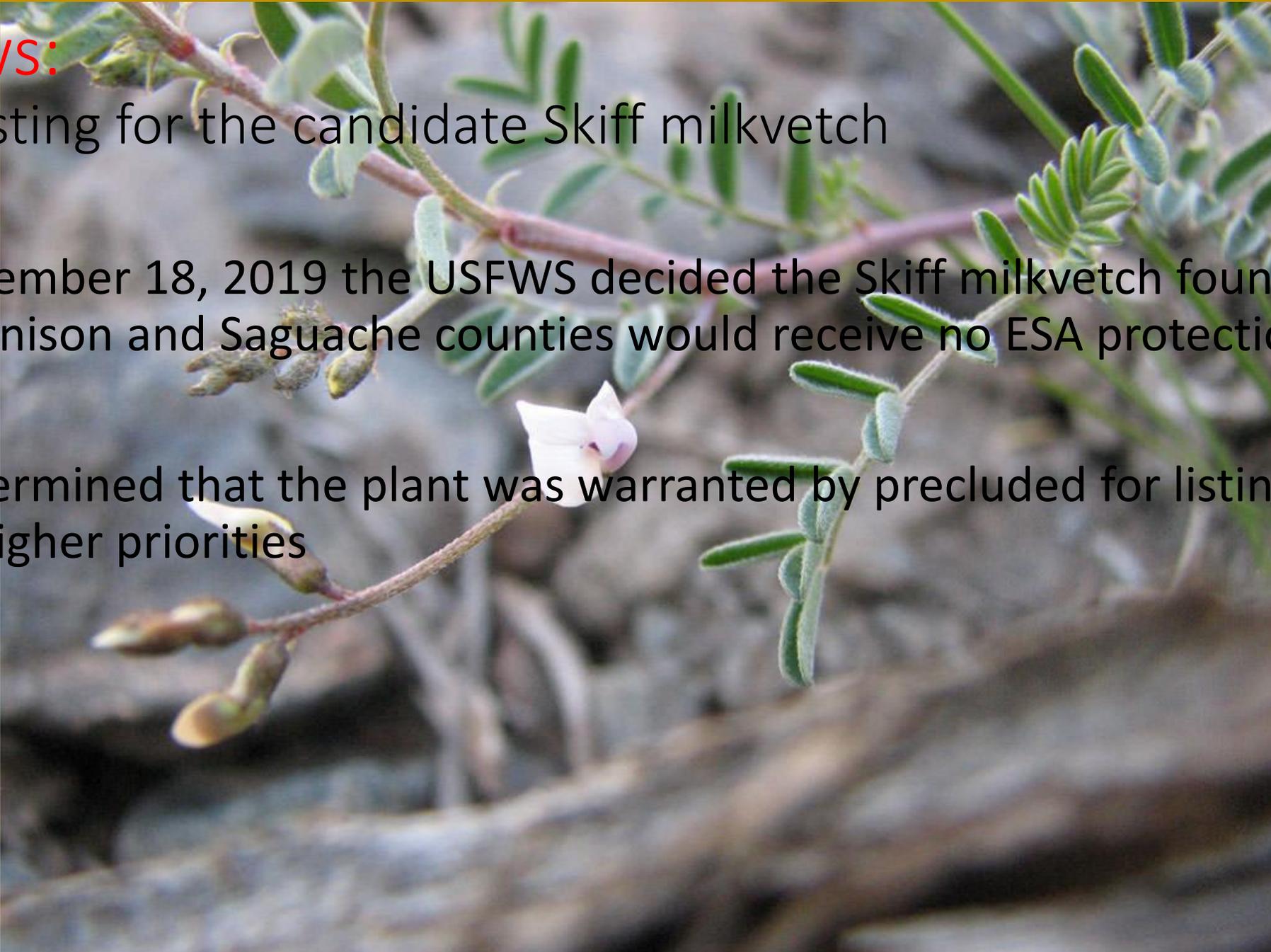
- November 5, 2019 the USFWS announced the de-listing of the Colorado butterfly plant
- Determined that the plant is not facing any imminent or significant threats



News:

No listing for the candidate Skiff milkvetch

- December 18, 2019 the USFWS decided the Skiff milkvetch found in Gunnison and Saguache counties would receive no ESA protection
- Determined that the plant was warranted by precluded for listing due to higher priorities



Update:

South Platte River Depletions

- Water use out of the S. Platte River basin constitute an adverse effect on downstream species
- The programmatic consultation has been extended through 2032
- We received the same annual increment of water totaling 2,200 AF
- Acknowledge the programmatic consultation, but the paperwork will be done at EPB annually



Update

SB40 is being updated to better:

- 1) Define roles of CPW and CDOT
- 2) Outline when SB40 is required and when it's not
- 3) Define timelines
- 4) Clarify general conditions of the programmatic
- 5) Expected to be signed soon (March?)
- 6) Will distribute to attendees, through ACEC and put on the website

Executive Order:



- Enable safe wildlife passage
- Reduce wildlife/vehicle collisions
- Incorporate consideration of big game migration into ALL levels of the planning process
- ID policy, regulatory and/or legislative opportunities to ensure ongoing conservation of big game habitat and migration corridors
- Consider incorporating big game migration and associated conservation measures into planning processes in location where regulatory processes do not currently formally require wildlife mitigation measures
- Seek partners in funding from outside the agency where conservation measures require financial support

Cool Tool: SWIFT on-line

- SWIFT is now available through Google drive
- Less clunky and includes a printable summary sheet
- Requires permission to use
- Will provide permissions to all attendees any biologist who requests it through ACEC
- Please notify me if:
 - An error is found
 - You know of someone who needs permission
 - You thought of a feature that would make it better
 - You would like some training

The SWIFT drive includes:

- Instructions
- SWIFT spreadsheet
- The Biological Assessment and Concurrence
- Range maps
 - Life histories
 - Critical habitat maps
 - State listed species and associated BMPs



Further Discussion or Questions?

