Rare Plant Status Review
Deletion of Carex norvegica
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Background
Carex norvegica is currently on List 2.3 in the CNPS Inventory. Recent review of Carex norvegica indicates that this species does not occur in California. Carex norvegica is known from eastern Canada, Greenland, and Eurasia. This species was previously known from two occurrences in the White Mountains in Mono County. According to Margriet Weatherwax (pers. comm. 2008), evidence now indicates that Carex sp. at those occurrences were misidentified as C. norvegica. Carex at these locations have now been identified as C. albonigra. The treatment of Carex in the Flora of North America (Vol. 23) indicates that C. norvegica is not known from California, and the upcoming revision of The Jepson Manual will not include C. norvegica. Based on the information currently available, the CNPS and CNDDB suggest that Carex norvegica be deleted from List 2.

Recommended Actions
CNPS: Delete Carex norvegica from CNPS List 2.3
CNDDB: Delete Carex norvegica from CNDDB, G5/S1.3?

The current CNPS Inventory record is below. Please respond Yes or No on the proposal to Delete this species from the Inventory and CNDDB, and provide any edits/comments on the proposed change.

Current CNPS Inventory Record

Carex norvegica Retzius
Cyperaceae
List 2.3
Mono
432A [White Mountain Peak/3711863], 450D [Boundary Peak/3711813]
Alpine boulder and rock field, meadows and seeps (mesic); elevation 2900 meters.
Perennial herb (rhizomatous), blooms August
Endangered in OR, and state-listed as Sensitive in WA. See Madroño 37(1):64 (1990) for first CA reports (1986) of this circumboreal species.