Rare Plant Status Review: *Erythronium klamathense*
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*Erythronium klamathense* is a perennial herb in the Liliaceae known in California from Siskiyou and Shasta Counties. This species also occurs in southern Oregon where it is more common. *E. klamathense* has been on CNPS List 4 since the mid 1980s; however, it has only been documented from 4 occurrences (2 in Siskiyou County and 2 in Shasta County) represented by 8 herbarium specimens. *E. klamathense* is present in the Jepson Manual (1993) with a note that it is uncommon. The NatureServe website mentions that this species has a restricted range and that clear-cuts have degraded much of the species habitat.

*E. klamathense* can be distinguished from other *Erythronium* species by its uniformly green leaves and by having a perianth that is white with a yellow base. The yellow base is less than 1/3 the length of the perianth segment. The species tends to occur in montane meadows and forest openings. Due to the small number of documented occurrences and the fact that only 2 of the 4 occurrences have been documented in the last 20 years, we feel that it is appropriate to move *E. klamathense* from CNPS List 4.3 to CNPS List 2.2. Please review the draft Inventory record below and the attached documents, provide any updated information, and comment on this proposed ranking change.

Recommended Actions

**CNPS:** Re-rank from CNPS List 4.3 to CNPS List 2.2  
**CNDDB:** No change to G status (G4); change S status to S2.2

Revised CNPS Inventory record:

*Erythronium klamathense* Applegate
"Klamath fawn lily"  
**List 2.2**
Shasta, Siskiyou; Oregon  
679B [Pondosa/4112126], 680A [Dead Horse Summit/4112127], 682A [Dunsmuir/4112223], 682B [Seven Lakes Basin/4112224]  
Meadows and seeps, upper montane coniferous forest; elevation 1200-1850 meters. Perennial herb (bulbiferous), blooms April-July. Possibly threatened by logging. See *Contributions from the Dudley Herbarium* 1: 151 (1930) for original description, and *Madrono* 3(2): 64 (1935) for taxonomic treatment.

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