

STATUS REPORT

AZTEC GILIA (*ALICIELLA FORMOSA*)

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



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INTRODUCTION

Aliciella formosa (Aztec gilia, aka beautiful gilia) is a rare plant endemic to San Juan County in New Mexico. It is a perennial herb with a branching basal caudex, entire leaves and tubular pink flowers that bloom from late April to early June (Porter 1998). Plants germinate and establish between early April and early June, depending on moisture availability (Floyd-Hanna 1994). Plants flower at 2 – 3 years of age and may live for 10 years or more.

Aliciella formosa is listed Endangered in the state of New Mexico (NMAC 19.21.2). It is also a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sensitive Species and a candidate for listing as endangered on the Navajo Nation (BLM 2008; NESL 2008). The New Mexico Rare Plant Conservation Strategy considers the species under conserved due to its limited range, current and potential threats, and lack of protection from these threats (EMNRD-Forestry Division 2017). NatureServe ranks the species globally and state imperiled (G2/S2). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) evaluated the status of *A. formosa* in 2012 in response to a petition to list the species and determined that the petition did not provide substantial information indicating that a listing may be warranted (77FR 24908). However, the information used for the 90-day finding was largely derived from decades old surveys, dating to the mid-1990s, or older. Field observations have noted the disappearance or decline in plant numbers since 2000.

The total worldwide distribution of this species is limited to an area of approximately 50 miles x 35 miles. Based on past surveys, there are 42 known populations (Element Occurrences) within that area. Only about 10% of known sites have been documented since 1995. No repeat surveys have been done to determine the current status of these populations since the 1990s and clearance surveys for oil & gas development projects have largely been negative. Sensitive plant surveys throughout the Nacimiento Formation in 2015 have documented this species from only a handful of locations, all within the previously known distribution range (Muldavin et al. 2016). The largest site contained 16 plants. No new populations were located in suitable habitat outside the known distribution. All of the known occurrences are on BLM active leased lands for oil and gas development. There are no protected sites for this BLM sensitive and state listed plant. An Area of Critical Environmental Concern set aside to protect the species was rescinded by the BLM in 2003 and turned into an ORV recreation site.

The status of this rare plant has not been assessed for the past two decades. The goal of this survey and status report was to determine the current status of the species to help analyze the degree of endangerment this species faces and to inform any additional management directives needed to protect the species.

DISTRIBUTION AND GENERAL HABITAT

Aliciella formosa occurs predominantly on BLM land, but is also present on New Mexico State Trust Land, Navajo Nation and private lands. It is endemic to San Juan County in New Mexico, with a range extending from about 3 miles south of the Colorado border just west of the Animas River, then west to the vicinity of La Plata, then southeast to the Angel Peak badlands (upper Kutz Canyon), then east to Largo Canyon, then north to the vicinity of Cedar Hill on the Animas River (Figure 1). There is one anomalous collection of this rare plant, from the Los Pinos River valley above Navajo Lake and 1 mile south of the Colorado border (M.J. Porter 1015 SJC)(SEINet 2017). This record is not mapped because the specimen label location coordinates are for a point west of the Animas River, contradicting the location description. The specimen was not seen by the authors of this report for verification of identification.

In general, *A. formosa* occurs on eroding clayey sand soils on soft shaley sandstone strata in the northern badland regions of the Nacimiento Formation. The Nacimiento is well known for its Paleocene mammal fossils (Williamson and Lucas 1992), but very little is published about the surface outcrops of its geologic strata. It is not a marine deposit, but its badlands are extensive, barren depositional shale, mudstone and soft sandstone. Occasional selenite crystals and gypsum crusts are found on the clayey sand soils. These gypseous substrates are most common north of the San Juan River and are classified as gypsum soils in the San Juan County soil survey (USDA-SCS 1980). Habitat elevations range from 1,680 m to 1,940 m (5,500 – 6,360 ft).

Vegetation cover in the badland habitats of *A. formosa* is sparse, but vascular plant species composition is fairly diverse. The plant community consists of widely scattered Utah juniper (*Juniperus osteosperma*), piñon pine (*Pinus edulis*); shrub species such as bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*), Utah serviceberry (*Amelanchier utahensis*), mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus montanus*), rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*), crispleaf buckwheat (*Eriogonum corymbosum*), Mormon tea (*Ephedra viridis*), Bailey's yucca (*Yucca baileyi*), brownspine pricklypear (*Opuntia phaeacantha*) and Clover's hardwall cactus (*Sclerocactus cloverae*). The most frequent herbaceous species are needle and thread grass (*Hesperostipa comata*), galleta (*Pleuraphis jamesii*), Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*), hoary Townsend aster (*Townsendia incana*), yellow catseye (*Oreocarya flava*), sleepdaisy (*Xanthisma grindelioides*), Ives' fournerved daisy (*Tetraneuris ivesiana*), fineleaf hymenopappus (*Hymenopappus filifolius*), sand verbena (*Abronia elliptica*) and Shockley's buckwheat (*Eriogonum shockleyi*), just to name a few. Surprisingly, habitats with apparently gypseous soil lack any of the common gypsophilic species found on other gypsum strata in New Mexico and southwestern Colorado.

LEGACY DATA

We compiled all known locations and associated data for *Aliciella formosa* from museum records and observations in the New Mexico Natural Heritage Program (NMNHP) Biotics database along with survey and monitoring reports provided to us by the BLM. A total of 42 Element Occurrences, containing 173 *A. formosa* locations were assembled (Figure 1; Appendices B, C and D). Thirty-three of these locations were on State or private lands (19%). Most of these locations were mapped pre-GPS technology and had therefore been georeferenced from report maps, narrative descriptions, or TRS conversions. Several locations were especially vague and could not be located during the 2017 field survey (Appendices C & D).

Two previous inventories have been conducted to define the distribution and habitats of *A. formosa*. The first was by botanists from the New Mexico Department of Natural Resources (Knight and Cully 1986) and second was by the New Mexico Natural Heritage Program (DeBruin 1991). Most locations discovered after 1991 were by consultants performing biological assessments for proposed roads, pipelines and well pads associated with oil and gas development in the region. The 1991 NMNHP effort also included establishing 26 monitoring plots within occupied habitats. An additional 4 monitoring plots were established in 1992 and all 30 plots were monitored in 1992, 1993 and 1995 (DeBruin 1995). Relocating and monitoring these plots was a priority for the 2017 status survey. Five additional monitoring plots were established in 1991 by the Lisa Floyd-Hanna within pipeline right-of-ways as a mitigation measure and annually monitored until 1994 (Floyd-Hanna 1994). We also tried to locate these plots in 2017.

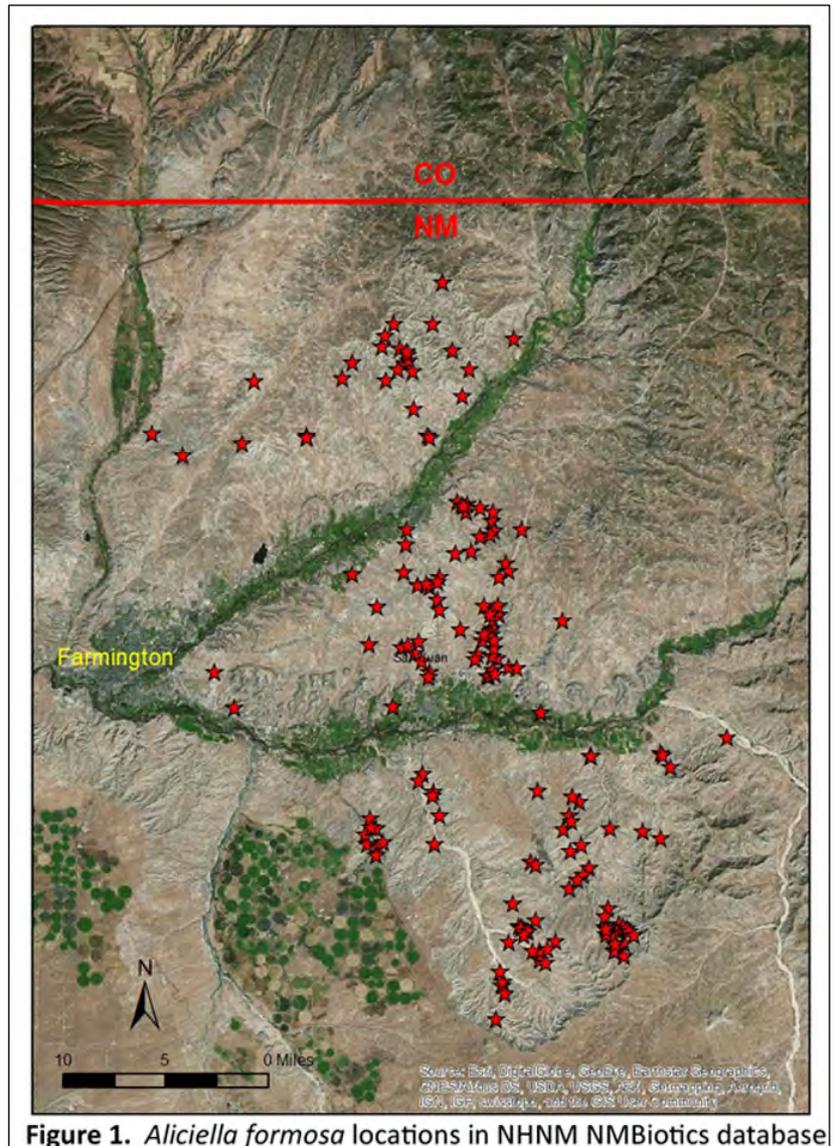


Figure 1. *Aliciella formosa* locations in NHNM NMBiotics database



METHODS

In 2017, general field surveys to locate the previous observations focused on searching suitable habitats in the vicinity of the reported 140 mapped locations on BLM lands. *Aliciella formosa* occurs in small scattered patches of plants that are not suited for walking polygons around occupied habitat. Plant patches were marked with GPS waypoints when encountered, then an estimated 30-meter (ca 125-foot) radius around the point was thoroughly searched and the number of plants recorded. When more plants in adjacent habitat were encountered, additional waypoints and counts were made until no more plants were found in the vicinity. Therefore, a grouping of waypoints indicates the extent of the local population. Any apparent land use impacts, including the presence of invasive plants and livestock, through the occupied habitat and adjacent area were noted. Potential disturbances associated with oil wells, roads, ORV trails, oil & gas pipelines, were analyzed by using ArcMap GIS spatial proximity analysis tools to determine the distance to the nearest disturbance, including a 30-meter buffer area around all waypoints recorded to contain plants. Monitoring plots established in 1991 and 1992 were located using original maps and monitoring reports in combination with photos provided in the initial monitoring report (DeBruin 1991). Plot dimensions were 10x10 m or 5x20 m and the corners were marked with metal rebar or wooden stakes. Whenever plots were found, the boundaries were delineated with metric tape measures, photographed, and mapped using a GPS. All *Aliciella formosa* plants in the plots were counted using three age classes – seedlings (recently germinated), juveniles (small non-flowering), and adult (large and small flowering or large non-flowering). Any apparent land use impacts to the plot or adjacent areas were noted. Areas were surveyed between May 1 and June 14 (1-3 people).

RESULTS

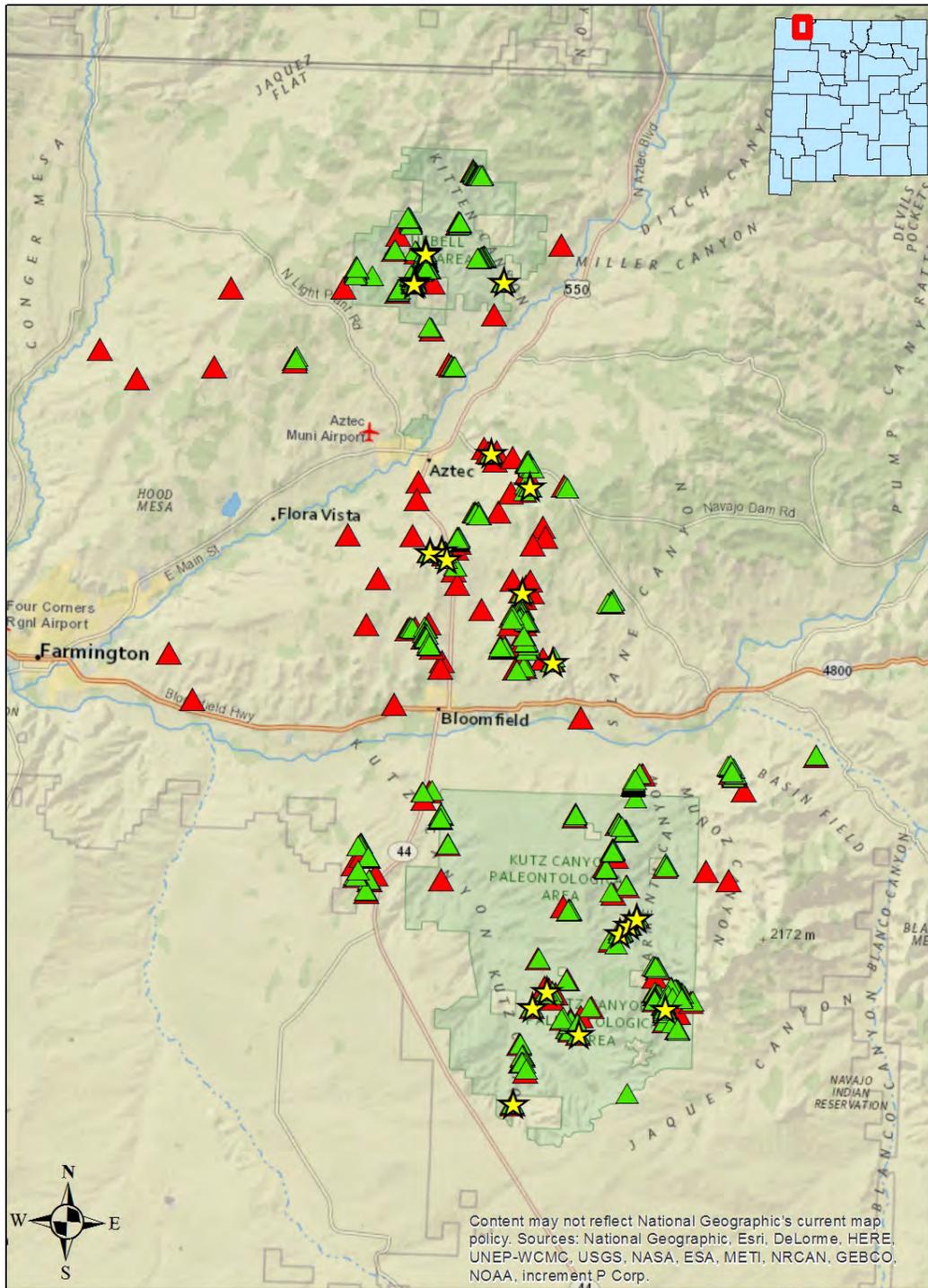
FIELD SURVEYS FOR PREVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

Much of the 2017 field work was devoted to locating the 140 previous observations of *Aliciella formosa* on BLM lands. Thirty-three of the 140 previous records from BLM lands could not be found (Appendix C). Limited data was available on the number of plants for each previously documented site and could not be used for comparisons because we have limited knowledge of the exact location or previous survey extent. In 2017, plants were found at 107 of the previously documented 140 sites on BLM lands (Figure 2, Appendix B). In addition to plants located within the 22 monitoring plots, a total of 13,674 plants were documented from 448 waypoints, ranging from 1 to 375 plants per waypoint. The majority of waypoints had fewer than 50 plants (Appendix B). Five new locations were discovered during the surveys (19 waypoints). The majority of plants were located N/NW of Aztec, west of the Animas River (Figure 2). Significantly fewer plants were found south of the San Juan River. The fewest plants were documented north of the San Juan River and south of Aztec.

Thirty-three of the 140 previous records from BLM lands could not be found. The primary reason for not locating these previously documented sites was due to vague or inaccurate location coordinates or descriptions. These were often obvious because the mapped locations did not have suitable habitats for this rare plant. Two of our targeted points were inaccessible because of locked gates. Seven of the previous record locations where we failed to find *A. formosa* may have originally been misidentifications. Fairly accurate directions occasionally led to sites with marginally suitable *A. formosa* habitats that did have populations of *Aliciella haydenii* (Hayden's gilia), which occurs in similar habitats. This closely related species also has pink flowers and might have been misidentified and reported as *A. formosa* by poorly trained biological consultants. Some previous records that could not be located again in the field despite good directions and good habitat may have had small patches of plants that were missed in the field search, or *A. formosa* had died-out from those areas.

Most of the 2017 field searches of BLM land found patches of *A. formosa* at, or near, the recorded locations of previous observations. Except for the monitoring plots found intact in 2017, most of the original observations were not detailed enough to make comparisons of numbers of plants with the counts performed in 2017. We have little information on the number of plants originally documented, the survey effort, or extent of the surveys, making comparisons unsuitable. A notable exception is the eastern-most occurrence of this species near Largo Canyon. The biological consultant who discovered this site adjacent to a proposed road R-O-W counted 22 *A. formosa* in 2012 and the BLM enclosed the 15x15 m area of habitat with a fence. The 2017 site visit found 55 plants both inside (51) and just outside the fence, indicating an increase over that 5-year period.

However, general observations from the 107 locations surveyed support the declining trend data observed in the monitoring plots. Several of the revisited locations had very sparse patches of plants with many having fewer than 5 plants remaining (Appendix B). Thirty-four of the 173 locations reported originally contained over 100 plants per site (up to many thousands of plants). These locations were scattered over the entire range of the species. In 2017, few sites had several hundred plants (31 of 469 waypoints, including monitoring sites). The majority of plants and the majority of larger sites were located north and northwest of the Animas River.



0 5 10 Miles

- ★ Aliciella formosa Monitoring Plots 2017
- ▲ All Aliciella formosa Locations 2017
- ▲ Original Aliciella formosa Locations

Figure 2. Distribution of *Aliciella formosa* in San Juan County, NM.

MONITORING PLOTS

The permanent *Aliciella formosa* monitoring plots established by the NMNHP and Lisa Floyd-Hanna in 1991 and 1992 had not been revisited since 1995 and offered the best opportunity to assess long-term population trends. Overall, there appeared to be a significant decline in the total number of plants recorded in the 22 monitoring plots that could be located in 2017 (Figure 3; Tables 1 & 2).

Twenty of the original 30 NMNHP plots were found in 2017. The other 10 plots could not be located during the field search, or evidence of vandalism was found (Appendix D). For instance, Plots 13, 14, 15 and 28 were clustered in a small area, but their rebar stakes had been pulled-up and piled nearby.

The total number of plants present in the 20 individual NHNM plots varied widely between years ranging from 0 to 61 in 2017, and from 1 to 689 in 1995 (Table 1). The highest number of plants was found in 1995, when a total of 3,312 plants were found in the monitoring plots (Figure 3). The lowest number of plants was found in 2017, when only 488 plants were found. This represents a decline of 52% over initial counts in 1992 and even larger declines from 1993 (59%) and 1995 (85%) values. The average number of plants found in the 20 monitoring plots was consistently between 50 and 60 plants between 1991 and 1993 (Table 1). This number rose dramatically during the 1995 monitoring season, when an average of 165 plants were found in the 20 monitoring plots. In 2017, the average number of plants in the monitoring plots had declined to only 24 plants. The majority of plants are consistently classified as adults, during all monitoring years, with significantly fewer plant classified as juveniles or seedlings (Figure 3). No age class data was available for 1991.

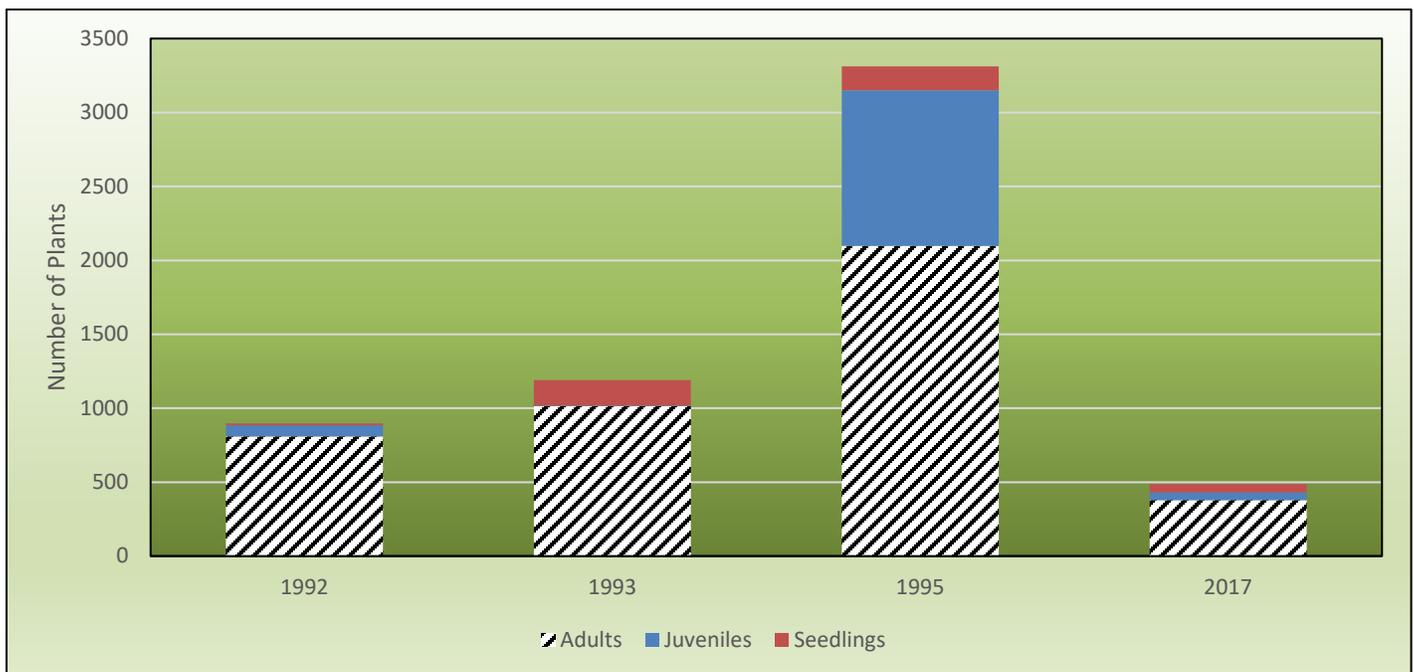


Figure 3. Total number of *Aliciella formosa* plants and their respective life stages between 1992 and 2017 in 20 monitoring plots on BLM lands.

Table 1. Total number of *Aliciella formosa* plants in 20 monitoring plots between 1991 and 2017. *No data was available for plots 27, 29, and 30 in 1991.

| Plot | Location | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1995 | 2017 |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | N Side | 48 | 49 | 53 | 57 | 49 |
| 2 | N Side | 32 | 29 | 69 | 159 | 48 |
| 3 | N Side | 23 | 29 | 74 | 309 | 16 |
| 8 | N Side | 14 | 18 | 32 | 120 | 3 |
| 9 | N Side | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 | N Side | 32 | 42 | 86 | 242 | 57 |
| 26 | N Side | 49 | 36 | 55 | 100 | 11 |
| 4 | S Aztec | 92 | 139 | 135 | 356 | 38 |
| 5 | S Aztec | 51 | 34 | 28 | 133 | 15 |
| 19 | S Aztec | 115 | 106 | 104 | 219 | 5 |
| 20 | S Aztec | 214 | 193 | 203 | 369 | 6 |
| 21 | S Aztec | 66 | 52 | 47 | 82 | 11 |
| 23 | S Aztec | 48 | 37 | 35 | 84 | 15 |
| 25 | S Aztec | 42 | 126 | 127 | 689 | 55 |
| 29 | S Aztec | N/A | 37 | 35 | 159 | 52 |
| 11 | S San Juan | 34 | 25 | 30 | 44 | 61 |
| 12 | S San Juan | 26 | 22 | 17 | 34 | 10 |
| 6 | S San Juan | 19 | 19 | 26 | 95 | 22 |
| 27 | S San Juan | N/A | 9 | 17 | 27 | 4 |
| 30 | S San Juan | N/A | 10 | 17 | 33 | 10 |
| Average | | 53.29 | 50.65 | 59.55 | 165.60 | 24.40 |
| Total | | *906 | 1013 | 1191 | 3312 | 488 |

Only two of the five monitoring plots established by Lisa Floyd-Hanna could be located in 2017 (Floyd-Hanna 1994). The Floyd-Hanna Northwest Pipeline plot location originally had seven plots with combined data, but only three of those were found in 2017 and could not be used for comparison (Appendix D). The El Paso monitoring site could not be located in 2017. No location reference was given for the control site.

The 2 Floyd-Hanna monitoring plots are presented separately because they were originally monitored multiple times a year, in March, for pre-germination/winter mortality counts, in May/June, for germination counts, and again, during September, for summer mortality counts. The 2017 surveys occurred in early June, which may have influenced the number of seedlings and juveniles counted in the monitoring plots. Only juveniles were recorded in June of 2017, no seedlings. Overall, the 2 monitoring plots that could be located in 2017, contained significantly fewer plants than during the previous years (Table 2). Only 45 plants, including 7 juveniles, were found in the two monitoring plots in 2017, which represents a decline of 68% over the initial 1991 counts.

Table 2. Total number of *Aliciella formosa* plants through time, including seedlings in two 10 x 10 m monitoring plots. Seedlings/juveniles in parentheses. No information available on seedlings/juveniles for the initial 1991 counts.

| Plot | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 2017 |
|----------------|------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 2 (Meridian) | 66 | 73 (26) | 64 (7) | 131 (85) | 37 (5) |
| 3 (Manzanares) | 72 | 66 (2) | 61 (2) | 88 (37) | 8 (2) |

STATUS ASSESSMENT

The prevailing and most destructive land use in the habitats of *Aliciella formosa* is exploration and development of oil and natural gas, including oil & gas wells and associated infrastructure such as access roads, storage sites, and pipelines (Figure 4). San Juan is the second largest natural gas-producing and third largest oil producing county in New Mexico (NMEMNRD 2016). Natural gas wells have long been producing from the Nacimiento Formation and the formations directly below the Nacimiento are reservoirs for oil (Engler et al. 2001). The natural gas well fields currently impacting *A. formosa* habitats are relatively old, but new methods such as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing of shale strata are expected to open new opportunities to develop additional wells in areas already highly impacted by single vertical wells. A recent assessment of reasonably foreseeable shale oil well production (Engler et al. 2014) predicts approximately 2,000 additional wells to make natural gas available from the Mancos shale – mostly from the central part of the formation near the Colorado border. This could continue to impact the Bloomfield/Aztec region, which is an area already densely developed by more traditional vertical wells (Engler et al. 2014).

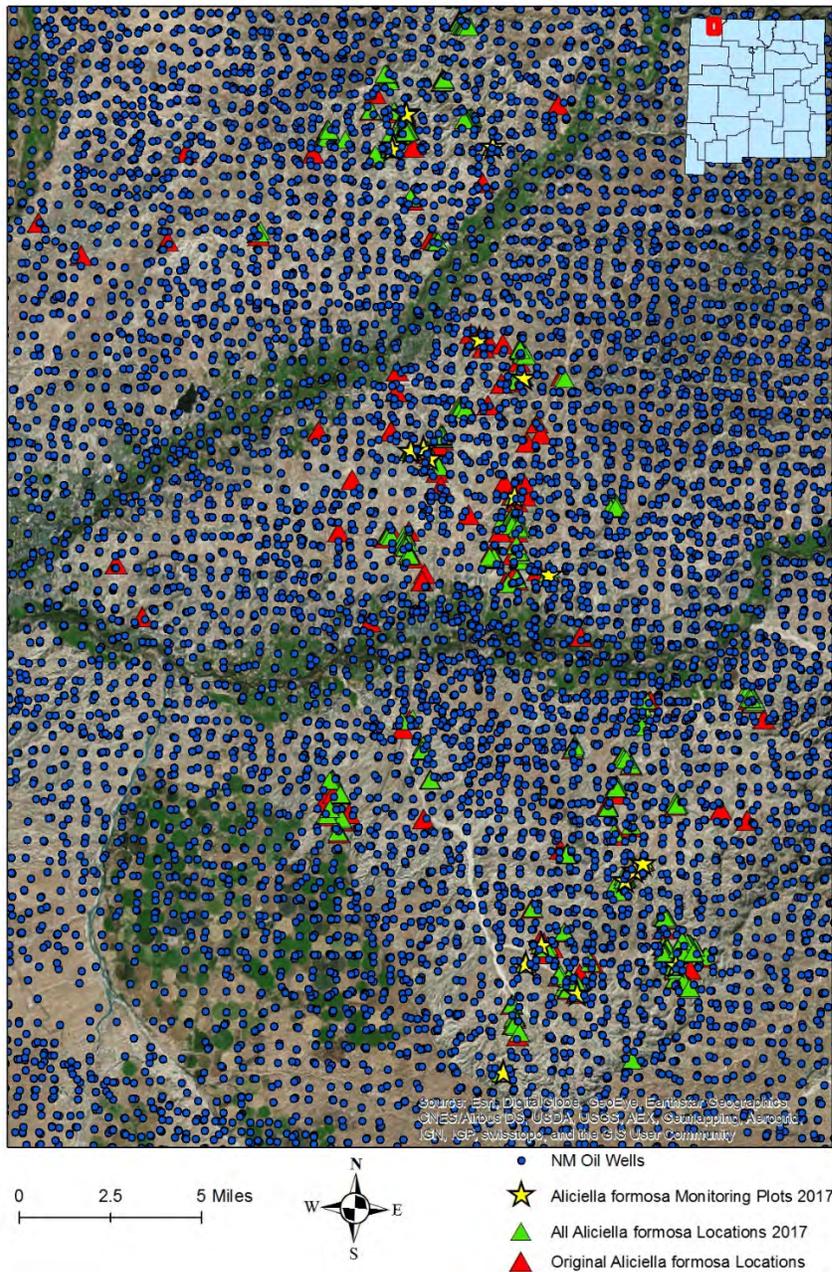


Figure 4. Density of oil & gas wells in the habitat of *Aliciella formosa*.

Gas and oil wells and their associated road and pipeline infrastructure are already established or actively developing throughout all *A. formosa* habitats, regardless of surface ownership. Direct impacts of gas and oil development are mostly associated with the surface activities of creating well pads and connecting them with broad and extensive networks of pipelines and roads. *Aliciella formosa* has occasionally been observed recolonizing well field ground disturbance, if the original surface soils are used for construction (Figure 5). Significant earth movement such as cut and fill for well pads and roads tends to eliminate this species from that part of the habitat (Figure 6).



Figure 5. *Aliciella formosa* (arrow) recolonizing a well pad berm.



Figure 6. *Aliciella formosa* (arrow) grows on an undisturbed edge of this well pad but not on the upper fill slope or pad.

Plants not directly impacted by energy exploration and development can suffer indirect impacts when in close proximity to roads and pipelines including impacts of dust, chemicals, air pollution, invasive species, and impacts on pollinators (FWS 2014). Fugitive dust from vehicles traveling unpaved roads will settle on nearby plants and can reduce photosynthesis and decrease water-use efficiency (Sharifi et al. 1997; Padgett et al. 2007). Dust can interfere with pollination and pollination success, potentially reducing seed set (Waser et al. 2017).

In 2017, 99% of 470 waypoints, including monitoring plots, were located within 1000 ft of a road, primarily dirt roads providing access to oil wells (Tables 3 & 4). 26% of all waypoints were located within 100 ft of a road. 92% of the 470 waypoints were within 1000 ft of an oil well or well pad. ORV trails and pipelines were generally further from waypoints and monitoring sites (>1000ft). ORV trails were largely observed north of the San Juan River.

Table 3. Distance of 470 *Aliciella formosa* waypoints to potential sources of disturbances, including monitoring plots, 2017.

| Distance (ft) | Road | Oil Well | ORV Trail | Pipeline |
|---------------|------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 0 | 53 | 3 | 23 | 3 |
| 1 - 100 | 71 | 25 | 11 | 5 |
| 101 - 150 | 35 | 25 | 5 | 1 |
| 151 - 200 | 39 | 28 | 3 | 0 |
| 201 - 300 | 68 | 43 | 4 | 2 |
| 301 - 500 | 85 | 91 | 5 | 4 |
| 501 - 1000 | 113 | 216 | 7 | 20 |
| >1000 | 6 | 39 | 412 | 435 |

Table 4. Distance of 22 *Aliciella formosa* monitoring plots to potential sources of disturbances, 2017.

| Distance (ft) | Road | Oil Well | ORV Trail | Pipeline |
|---------------|------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 - 100 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 101 - 150 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 151 - 200 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 201 - 300 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 301 -500 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 501 - 1000 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| >1000 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 18 |

Roads and pipelines also fragment habitats into smaller pieces and that potentially creates smaller patches of *A. formosa* from fewer larger patches. Distribution of *A. formosa* is naturally very patchy with distances between patches often exceeding 100 m and some patches containing only a few isolated individuals. Gene flow between patches may be almost entirely mediated by flying insects carrying pollen. Habitat fragmentation by 10 m-wide roads is unlikely to inhibit pollinator movement and gene flow. However, dust deposition may negatively impact pollination and pollination success. Seed dispersal for this species appears to be generally localized around maternal plants, but occasional longer distance dispersal by animal vectors and cyclonic whirlwinds likely occurs. These habitat fragments may, or may not, be as stable as the larger undisturbed patches, but the long-term impacts of habitat fragmentation in well fields have not been studied for plants or their pollinators.

Off-road vehicle (ORV) traffic is an ongoing threat to some patches of *A. formosa* because ORVs run over them and indirectly impact habitat by destruction of fragile soil crusts that may aid germination and establishment, cause soil compaction, contribute to dust deposition, leave deep tracks and ruts that alter drainage patterns and cause erosion. The 2017 survey found significant amounts of soil disturbance from bicycle and motorized ORV traffic on most BLM lands north of the San Juan River in the regions around Bloomfield, Aztec and La Plata, especially along ridges. ORV impacts to habitats in that region were not as severe as the disturbances caused by roads and infrastructure supporting energy development, but were quite noticeable in the northern part of the survey area. Many of these trails are marked by BLM for public use. These trails and associated off-trail diversions only add to the general surface disturbance of oil and gas well fields in this highly impacted region (Figure 7).



Figure 7. ORV tracks meeting pipeline and pipeline access road in the habitat of *Aliciella formosa* (in the foreground).



Figure 8. Cattle track on *A. formosa*.

Land use within the *Aliciella formosa* habitat has historically been livestock grazing and all sites are located within active grazing allotments. Livestock impacts were observed in the vicinity of 58% of the reported waypoints (Figure 8). The majority of livestock impacts were observed in the southern portion of the survey area, south of the San Juan River, portions of which are grazed year-round. Although *A. formosa* may not be palatable to livestock, individuals are easily trampled, which may result in direct death or injury of the plant which in turn will influence the reproductive potential of the population over time. Indirect impacts include dust deposition, increased erosion, soil compaction, and the introduction of invasive species. Invasive species including cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) and Russian thistle (*Salsola kali*) were documented throughout the survey area, especially in the vicinity of disturbed areas, such as roads and well pads. A few sites documented halogeton (*Halogeton glomeratus*), an aggressive invasive plant which has invaded much of the Mancos shale habitats throughout the BLM Farmington District.

DISCUSSION

Aliciella formosa is a rare plant endemic to San Juan County in New Mexico. Although the number of plants in the monitoring plots has fluctuated widely between years over most of its range on BLM lands, the populations appear to have experienced a significant decline throughout its range over early mid-1990s levels. The cause of this decline is unclear. There are no protected sites for this species and it continues to be primarily impacted by oil and gas development, but also ORV recreation activities, livestock, and potentially invasive species throughout its limited range. Despite a few recent years with good rainfall amounts, impacts of prolonged drought and climate change may have already impacted this species, contributing to the overall observed decline. A moth larva may be contributing significantly to the mortality of plants and the observed decline. More likely than not, the decline is a long-term trend caused by the combination of these stressors on the species.

Recruitment is generally associated with good rainfall amounts during the winter and spring months (Floyd-Hanna 1994). Monitoring data documented significant recruitment between 1993 and 1995 (Figure 3, Tables 1 & 2). This increase was largely associated with adult and juvenile plants recorded in 1995 in NMNHP study plots, indicating a likely recruitment event in 1994 (no data available). Floyd-Hanna did report an unprecedented recruitment event during the 1994 monitoring season. However, the increases are not well correlated with local rainfall data collected in nearby Aztec and Bloomfield (WRCC 2017). Annual precipitation for 1994 and 1995 was only average or below average for those years of greatest recruitment (Appendix A). In fact, winter precipitation (November to April 1993/1994) was the lowest of all winters on record since monitoring began. Since 2015 and through the spring of 2017, rainfall amounts in the Aztec and Bloomfield areas were at or above the average rainfall amounts, yet 2017 had the lowest numbers of plants on record. Winter precipitation (2016/2017) was similar (Aztec) or well above (Bloomfield) the amounts received during all other monitoring years, but no large recruitment event was documented (seedlings). It is possible that low population numbers are the results of drought impacts experienced in the early 2000s, and the population is currently recovering from even lower numbers. However, it is likely that factors other than climate and rainfall amounts are contributing to the observed decline of the species.

A study on dust deposition of 4 endangered plant species in California concluded that plants growing within 400 m of disturbed limestone landscape are in degraded habitats, impacting plant productivity (Padgett et al. 2007). Dust particles and pollen grains are similar in size. Therefore, dust can interfere with pollination and pollination success, potentially reducing seed set (Waser et al. 2017). In addition, pollinators may avoid dusty flowers. Dust impacts on plant productivity and pollination success of *Aliciella formosa* have not been studied. However, considering the proximity of less than 400 m of all extant sites to active dirt roads is likely having an impact on the viability of the species and should be further studied.

The propensity of disturbance throughout the range of the species, especially oil wells, roads and pipelines provide seedbeds and travel routes for invasives throughout the range of the species. Although the observed density of invasives was relatively low in 2017, the density of annual invaders can change annually with rainfall amounts which may negatively impact the germination and establishment of *A. formosa*.

The distribution and habitat of *A. formosa* is fairly well understood, but its ecology and life history are not well known. Hawk moths and bee flies have been observed as the primary pollinators of *A. formosa* (Floyd-Hanna 1994). Our 2017 field observations found that when *A. formosa* co-occurs with yellow catseye (*Oreocarya*

flava), which is often, a native bee fly (*Bombilius* sp.) is the principal pollinator of both species. The impacts of habitat fragmentation on these pollinators and pollination success have not been studied.

Porter and Floyd (1993) observed predation by a microlepidopteran moth larvae (Gelechiidae), which bores into the lower woody caudex region of *A. formosa*. The moth larvae caused mortality of at least one entire population of plants over the course of one summer and contributed significantly to the mortality of monitored adult plants over a 4 year period (Floyd-Hanna 1994). In addition to drought related mortalities, this tiny moth may be partly or entirely responsible for the severe decline of *A. formosa* in many of the permanent monitoring plots. No significant numbers of dead adult *A. formosa* were observed in the 2017 field survey, but we were there in the spring and not the heat of summer. Microlepidoptern moth predation may be causing a high level of *A. formosa* mortality that is currently going undocumented. The southwestern climate is predicted to warm, so future droughts will be coincident with higher temperatures (Woodhouse et al. 2010). Warmer winters could increase moth survival and longer summers potentially add another generation to the life cycle of this particular moth species. Increases in moth larvae predation may have contributed to the decline of the species already and should be studied further.

Previous studies found that mortality of plants in undisturbed control plots was significantly lower than mortality recorded in 4 study sites that were immediately adjacent to pipeline right-of-ways (Floyd-Hanna 1994). In the disturbed plots size class distribution was skewed towards smaller plants, with fewer flowers than larger plants, therefore producing fewer seeds. Large size plants can produce up to 40 inflorescences and appear to be largely found in undisturbed sites (Floyd-Hanna 1994). Ongoing disturbances in the habitat of *A. formosa* may skew the life stage distribution of populations towards smaller plants, thereby reducing seedbanks and the reproductive potential over time.

Despite the longevity of this perennial species, population are documented to fluctuate widely from one year to the next and between monitoring plots. Overall the species appears to be in decline for unclear reasons. Additional studies are essential in determining the degree to which this species is endangered and to identify what management actions are needed to keep it from extinction. Continued monitoring is essential in determining population trends. Additional research is needed on potential stressors to the species continued existence, especially reproductive success and recruitment, the impacts of dust deposition on pollination success, and the impacts of moth larval infestation on mortality. Seeds should be collected for ex-situ conservation purposes. Protection of existing populations through the creation of Best Management Practices and designating protected areas for the few areas still containing large healthy populations should be considered by the BLM and added to resource management plans. In addition, it is highly recommended to perform biological clearance surveys for all ground disturbing activities during the appropriate time of year, when plants can be properly identified during the flowering period.

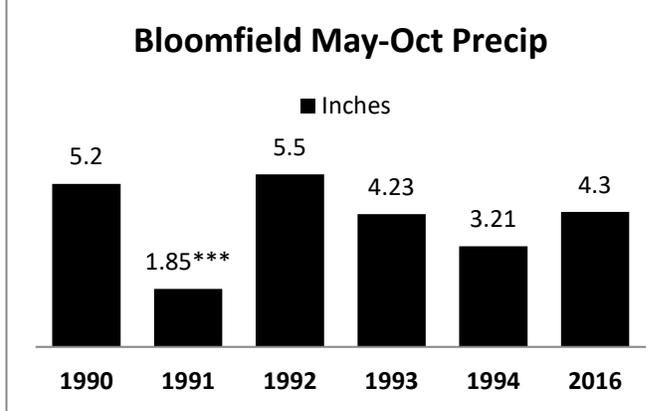
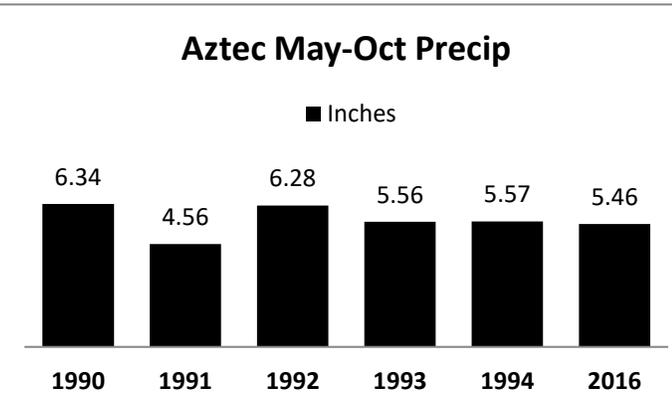
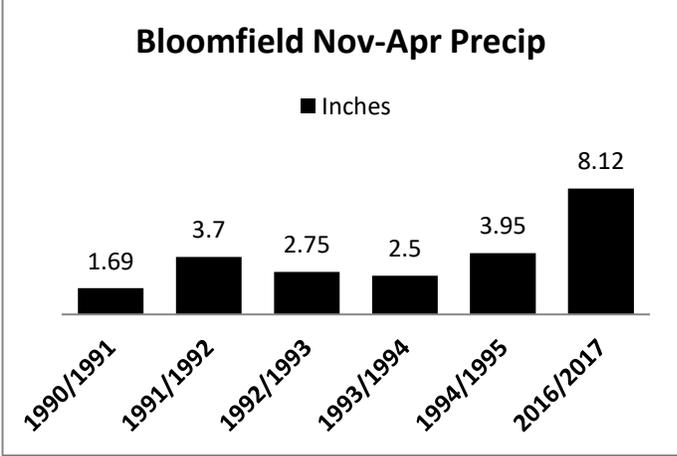
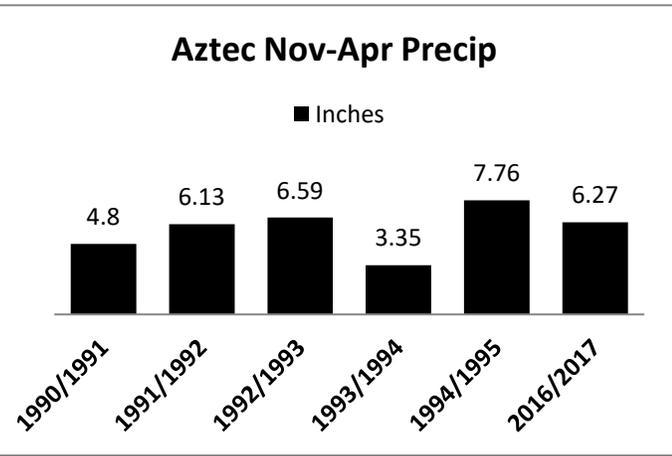
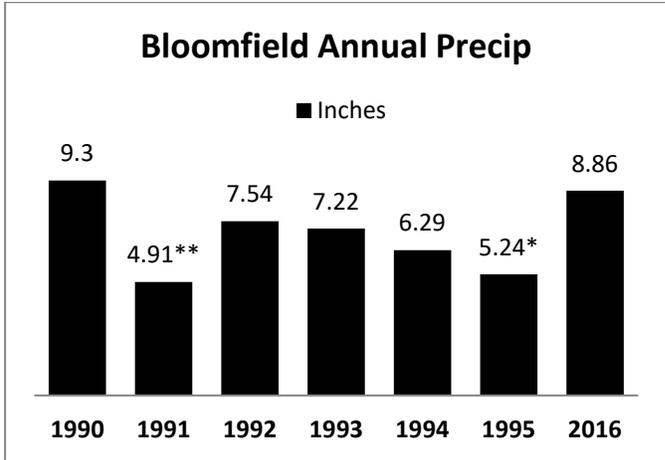
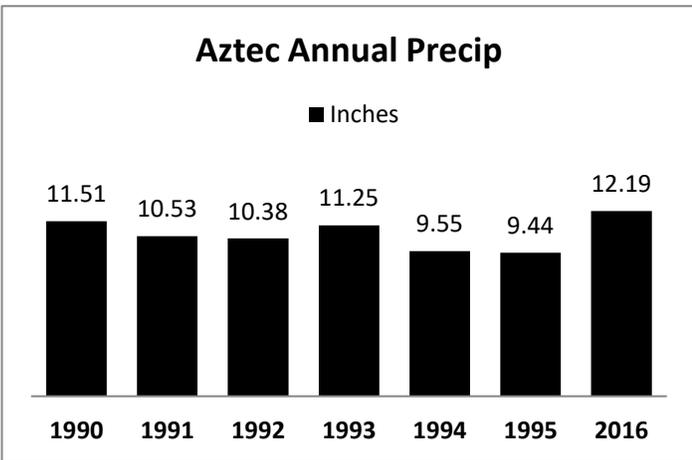
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Appendix B. Number of *Aliciella formosa* plants at each waypoint in 2017.

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| AF44E | 10188 | 4063798.193 | 248183.6679 | 2 |
| AF45 | N of 10186 | 4064016.174 | 248090.4359 | 6 |
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| AF45C | N of 10186 | 4064063.258 | 247932.1604 | 27 |
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| AF45E | N of 10186 | 4064119.211 | 247861.2675 | 60 |
| AF45F | N of 10186 | 4064165.15 | 247802.3345 | 1 |
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| AF46 | 10186 | 4063885.207 | 247962.9656 | 4 |
| AF46B | 10186 | 4063853.587 | 248022.2334 | 13 |
| AF47 | 10142 | 4059295.615 | 244710.3668 | 1 |
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| AF47C | 10142 | 4059163.953 | 244816.5328 | 14 |
| AF47D | 10142 | 4059152.126 | 244773.5785 | 7 |
| AF47E | 10142 | 4059123.166 | 244772.627 | 22 |
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| AF48B | New | 4063096.88 | 243111.3955 | 78 |

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| AF48D | New | 4063196.549 | 243091.4833 | 36 |
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| AF48F | New | 4063248.751 | 243124.8077 | 1 |
| AF48G | New | 4063261.981 | 243079.9377 | 28 |
| AF48H | New | 4063316.444 | 243108.2306 | 22 |
| AF48J | New | 4063381.265 | 243128.1564 | 43 |
| AF48K | New | 4063411.342 | 243110.3618 | 81 |
| AF48L | New | 4063487.004 | 243142.8683 | 13 |
| AF48M | New | 4063470.929 | 243197.4027 | 15 |
| AF49 | 52823 10185 | 4063748.753 | 243381.1555 | 60 |
| AF49B | 52823 10185 | 4063777.138 | 243419.8454 | 50 |
| AF50 | New | 4062576.546 | 243203.4174 | N/A |
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| alifor-202-17 | 10155, 10144, 10146 | 4051483.347 | 244725.9287 | 3 |
| alifor-203-17 | 10155, 10144, 10146 | 4051421.326 | 244678.9382 | 6 |
| alifor-204-17 | 10157 | 4051900.375 | 244647.9303 | 6 |
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| alifor-208-17 | 10157 | 4051970.341 | 244692.9154 | 9 |
| alifor-209-17 | 10157 | 4052017.322 | 244692.8777 | 7 |
| alifor-210-17 | 10157 | 4052030.383 | 244686.9059 | 2 |
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| alifor-213-17 | 10131 | 4052188.384 | 244650.933 | 18 |
| alifor-214-17 | 10131 | 4052245.287 | 244645.9056 | 5 |
| alifor-215-18 | 10131 | 4052275.333 | 244643.932 | 7 |
| alifor-216-17 | 10131 | 4052290.35 | 244631.9277 | 6 |
| alifor-217-17 | 10131 | 4052323.307 | 244632.9069 | 5 |
| alifor-218-17 | 10131 | 4052349.379 | 244618.9023 | 45 |
| alifor-211-17 | 10131 | 4052260.386 | 244619.9303 | 20 |
| alifor-219-17 | 10131 | 4052230.335 | 244610.8863 | 9 |
| alifor-220-17 | 10131 | 4052194.289 | 244612.9502 | 2 |
| alifor-221-17 | 10131 | 4052172.29 | 244631.9131 | 12 |
| alifor-222-17 | 10131 | 4052115.346 | 244615.8894 | 7 |
| alifor-223-17 | 10131 | 4052062.295 | 244625.8682 | 6 |
| alifor-224-17 | 10131 | 4051987.326 | 244625.8802 | 17 |
| alifor-225-17 | 10154 | 4052884.388 | 244162.8761 | 2 |
| alifor-226-17 | 48006 | 4052747.371 | 244213.881 | 12 |
| alifor-227-17 | 48006 | 4052700.314 | 244223.9451 | 9 |
| alifor-228-17 | 10118 | 4052686.37 | 244296.8867 | 8 |
| alifor-229-17 | 10118 | 4052742.36 | 244344.9489 | 13 |
| alifor-230-17 | 10118 | 4052774.367 | 244377.8767 | 4 |
| alifor-231-17 | 10118 | 4052784.376 | 244313.9546 | 13 |

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| alifor-235-17 | 10147 | 4051038.287 | 245314.9023 | 5 |
| alifor-171-17 | 10148 | 4052593 | 244248 | 12 |
| alifor-170-17 | 10148 | 4052572 | 244229 | 8 |
| alifor-169-17 | 10148 | 4052516 | 244216 | 30 |
| alifor-167-17 | 10148 | 4052530 | 244161 | 42 |
| alifor-168-17 | 10148 | 4052465 | 244189 | 1 |
| alifor-060517-2 | 10235 | 4074809.353 | 233736.9412 | 1 |
| alifor-90-17 | New | 4047820.332 | 242783.9402 | 15 |
| alifor-91-27 | 10153 | 4052424.353 | 246057.9224 | 6 |
| alifor-92-17 | 10152 | 4052629.295 | 245519.9463 | 11 |
| alifor-93-17 | 10151 | 4052810.367 | 245559.8809 | 1 |
| alifor-94-17 | 10151 | 4052852.334 | 245432.866 | 2 |
| alifor-95-17 | 10150 | 4052968.343 | 245340.9168 | 10 |
| alifor-96-17 | 10150 | 4052977.363 | 245313.8671 | 11 |
| alifor-97-17 | 10150 | 4052972.291 | 245263.919 | 5 |
| alifor-98-17 | 10150 | 4053003.386 | 245177.874 | 1 |
| alifor-99-17 | 10149 | 4053123.321 | 244979.9141 | 12 |
| alifor-100-17 | 10117 | 4052743.375 | 244833.9284 | 8 |
| alifor-101-17 | 10117 | 4052601.299 | 245036.8819 | 1 |
| alifor-103-17 | 10152 | 4052577.326 | 245500.9415 | 3 |
| alifor-104-17 | 10156 | 4054179.373 | 244092.8991 | 15 |
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| alifor-107-17 | 10156 | 4054101.336 | 244236.9053 | 7 |
| alifor-108-17 | 10156 | 4054097.349 | 244314.8775 | 21 |
| alifor-109-17 | 10156 | 4054109.364 | 244332.8772 | 4 |
| alifor-110-17 | 10156 | 4054077.309 | 244338.9083 | 9 |
| alifor-111-17 | 10156 | 4054146.356 | 244231.8875 | 1 |
| alifor-180-17 | 10208 | 4060246.366 | 233869.9249 | 24 |
| alifor-184-17 | 10180 | 4050798.297 | 240341.9184 | 3 |
| alifor-185-17 | New | 4051065.374 | 239795.8672 | 11 |
| alifor-146-17 | New | 4051052.277 | 239813.9265 | 7 |
| alifor-147-17 | 10168 | 4050979.319 | 239908.9256 | 10 |
| alifor-148-17 | 10168 | 4050954.34 | 239926.8947 | 21 |
| alifor-149-17 | 10168 | 4050969.296 | 239964.8859 | 4 |
| alifor-149-17 | 10120 | 4051300.378 | 239924.9088 | 18 |
| alifor-150-17 | 10169 | 4051421.375 | 239996.9238 | 1 |
| alifor-151-17 | 10169 | 4051467.367 | 239970.9013 | 21 |
| alifor-152-17 | 10170 | 4051631.366 | 239601.9348 | 9 |
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| alifor-153-17 | New | 4051303.31 | 240301.8935 | 19 |

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| alifor-156-17 | 10171 | 4052785.337 | 239042.933 | 68 |
| alifor-157-17 | 10171 | 4052893.349 | 239044.8695 | 8 |
| alifor-158-17 | 10171 | 4052769.289 | 238967.9201 | 7 |
| alifor-160-17 | 10172 | 4053500.316 | 239770.8738 | 6 |
| alifor-161-17 | 10174 | 4054583.284 | 238383.8753 | 4 |
| alifor-165-17 | 49754 | 4061777.314 | 240207.9212 | 33 |
| alifor-166-17 | 49754 | 4061833.324 | 240239.8632 | 5 |
| alifor-166-17 | 49754 | 4061716.317 | 240182.8965 | 21 |
| alifor-167-17 | 49754 | 4061682.369 | 240177.93 | 9 |
| alifor-168-17 | 49754 | 4061640.305 | 240165.9167 | 9 |
| alifor-168-17 | 49754 | 4061724.324 | 240233.8742 | 10 |
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| alifor-2_17 | 10126 | 4058465.791 | 229915.0104 | 5 |
| alifor-3_17 | 10126 | 4058524.712 | 229934.6812 | 5 |
| alifor-4-17 | 10126 | 4057926.54 | 229790.0566 | 17 |
| alifor-5-17 | 10127 | 4057938.184 | 229811.8214 | 3 |
| alifor-6-17 | 10127 | 4057945.971 | 229783.2375 | 1 |
| alifor-7-17 | 10247 | 4060312.61 | 229545.6874 | 1 |
| alifor-8_17 | 10247 | 4060291.609 | 229528.2869 | 1 |
| alifor-9-17 | 10247 | 4060250.146 | 229518.6545 | 1 |
| alifor-10-17 | 10247 | 4060211.954 | 229472.2477 | 2 |
| alifor-11-17 | 10247 | 4060177.976 | 229390.886 | 5 |
| alifor-12-17 | 10247 | 4060202.27 | 229402.4835 | 26 |
| alifor-13-17 | 10248 | 4059586.327 | 229877.88 | 8 |
| alifor-14-17 | 10248 | 4059620.454 | 229877.0753 | 6 |
| alifor-15-17 | 10119 | 4058760.48 | 229274.0815 | 11 |
| alifor-16-17 | 10119 | 4058714.864 | 229234.1462 | 3 |
| alifor-17-17 | 10119 | 4058730.508 | 229224.1658 | 11 |
| alifor-18-17 | 10119 | 4058684.495 | 229302.39 | 8 |
| alifor-19-17 | 10119 | 4058970.259 | 229395.4699 | 11 |
| alifor-20-17 | 10205 | 4062954.338 | 233076.895 | 1 |
| alifor-21-17 | 57265 | 4061739.293 | 233485.9354 | 4 |
| alifor-22-17 | 57265 | 4061782.36 | 233536.9403 | 8 |
| alifor-22_17 | 57266 | 4061521.306 | 233476.9179 | 2 |
| alifor-23-17 | 57266 | 4061542.384 | 233484.9116 | 13 |
| alifor-24-17 | 57266 | 4061581.358 | 233513.955 | 4 |
| alifor-25-17 | 10255 | 4062870.283 | 232580.9014 | 14 |
| alifor-26-17 | 10255 | 4062864.326 | 232600.9372 | 23 |
| alifor-27_17 | 10255 | 4062841.316 | 232597.8924 | 4 |
| alifor-28-17 | 10183 | 4056919.313 | 239889.8723 | 121 |
| alifor-29-17 | 10183 | 4056941.284 | 239908.8918 | 28 |

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| alifor-30-17 | 10183 | 4056973.331 | 239928.9328 | 4 |
| alifor-31-17 | 10183 | 4057000.291 | 239929.9289 | 18 |
| alifor-32-17 | 10183 | 4056945.373 | 239916.8943 | 53 |
| alifor-33-17 | 10183 | 4056934.326 | 239958.907 | 3 |
| alifor-34-17 | 10183 | 4056948.332 | 239976.8792 | 12 |
| alifor-35-17 | 10183 | 4056982.297 | 239951.9449 | 12 |
| alifor-36-17 | 10183 | 4056948.331 | 239877.9491 | 9 |
| alifor-37-17 | 10191 | 4059068.308 | 241689.9258 | 4 |
| alifor-37-17 | 10191 | 4059037.343 | 241714.9497 | 15 |
| alifor-37-17 | 10191 | 4059006.339 | 241722.877 | 43 |
| alifor-38-17 | 10191 | 4059037.389 | 241731.8676 | 4 |
| alifor-39-17 | 10256 | 4059835.361 | 242002.9141 | 8 |
| alifor-39-17 | 10256 | 4059975.292 | 242128.9284 | 17 |
| alifor-40-17 | 10256 | 4059978.355 | 242100.919 | 2 |
| alifor-41-17 | 10256 | 4059962.313 | 242109.923 | 2 |
| alifor-42-17 | 10256 | 4060005.369 | 242114.8875 | 5 |
| alifor-43-17 | 10256 | 4059952.323 | 242094.9452 | 7 |
| alifor-44-17 | 10256 | 4059879.343 | 242098.9249 | 3 |
| alifor-47-17 | 10257 | 4060965.287 | 242714.9474 | 4 |
| alifor-48-17 | 10257 | 4060937.349 | 242753.9294 | 43 |
| alifor-49-17 | 10257 | 4060928.377 | 242730.931 | 9 |
| alifor-50-17 | 10257 | 4060908.376 | 242697.937 | 18 |
| alifor-51-17 | 17488 | 4061284.285 | 242392.9069 | 14 |
| alifor-52-17 | 17488 | 4061291.358 | 242371.9124 | 2 |
| alifor-54-17 | 17488 | 4061175.38 | 242405.9189 | 1 |
| alifor-55-17 | 17488 | 4061127.365 | 242517.94 | 8 |
| alifor-56-17 | 10178 | 4055477.307 | 241972.9207 | 5 |
| alifor-53-17 | New | 4055289.385 | 242227.9359 | 35 |
| alifor-57-17 | 10179 | 4055968.359 | 242452.913 | 14 |
| alifor-58-17 | 10179 | 4056004.354 | 242448.8894 | 12 |
| alifor-96-17 | 10179 | 4056000.29 | 242428.8904 | 12 |
| alifor-59-17 | 10179 | 4055936.312 | 242528.9533 | 8 |
| alifor-60-17 | 10179 | 4055909.363 | 242523.9367 | 2 |
| alifor-61-17 | 10179 | 4055879.351 | 242472.8956 | 5 |
| alifor-62-17 | 10179 | 4055851.303 | 242448.9534 | 8 |
| alifor-63-17 | 10179 | 4055836.303 | 242426.9247 | 5 |
| alifor-64-17 | 10179 | 4055830.283 | 242412.8657 | 5 |
| alifor-64-17 | 10160 | 4056324.321 | 242856.9103 | 18 |
| alifor-67-17 | 10160 | 4056292.304 | 242857.9208 | 22 |
| alifor-68-17 | 10160 | 4056275.382 | 242825.8982 | 18 |
| alifor-69-17 | 10160 | 4056262.372 | 242807.8704 | 28 |
| alifor-70-17 | 10160 | 4056265.29 | 242780.9188 | 29 |
| alifor-73-17 | 10159 | 4056709.298 | 243282.8703 | 3 |

| 2017_ident | Original NHNM SF_ID | y_proj | x_proj | Number of Plants |
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| alifor-75-17 | 10191 | 4058230.283 | 242754.869 | 11 |
| alifor-76_17 | 10190 | 4057896.306 | 241981.9026 | 3 |
| alifor-78-17 | 10246 | 4050298.303 | 237457.927 | 18 |
| alifor-79-17 | 10246 | 4050314.322 | 237489.8661 | 25 |
| alifor-80-17 | 10175 | 4049703.368 | 237633.9462 | 6 |
| alifor-91-17 | 10175 | 4049753.326 | 237612.889 | 2 |
| alifor-81-17 | 10175 | 4049740.296 | 237584.8925 | 15 |
| alifor-82-17 | 10175 | 4049723.314 | 237569.9477 | 4 |
| alifor-83-17 | 57264 | 4049385.38 | 237509.9043 | 29 |
| alifor-84-17 | 57264 | 4049374.29 | 237574.8923 | 2 |
| alifor-85-17 | 57264 | 4049358.309 | 237599.944 | 15 |
| alifor-86-17 | 57264 | 4049324.32 | 237661.9041 | 12 |
| alifor-92-17 | 57264 | 4049380.324 | 237551.8671 | 8 |
| alifor-87-17 | 48005 | 4049051.286 | 237782.8917 | 8 |
| alifor-90-17 | 10182 | 4047334.383 | 237093.9178 | 26 |
| alifor-93-17 | 10182 | 4047290.359 | 237058.8712 | 53 |
| alifor-94-17 | 10182 | 4047267.289 | 237046.8728 | 3 |
| alifor-95-17 | 10182 | 4047267.357 | 237011.9179 | 4 |
| alifor-plot_9_17 | 10244 | 4089807.465 | 232744.2934 | 3 |
| alifor-060617 | 10251 | 4071499.36 | 237032.9395 | 1 |

Appendix C. NHNM *Aliciella formosa* sites on BLM lands, not found in 2017.

| NHNM SF_ID | Comment |
|-------------|--|
| 10140 | No plants found. No suitable habitat - all shale. A few <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> . Perhaps misID. |
| 10142 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 10239 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. Several <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> . Perhaps misID. |
| 10164 | Locked gate - no access. |
| 10184 | Locked gate - no access. |
| 10211 | No plants found. Point in valley bottom. No habitat nearby except at 10226 |
| 10212 | No plants found. Small outcrop of suitable habitat. |
| 10113 | Description too vague. Covers two square miles. |
| 10114 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 10213 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. Only E-facing slope on edge of R-O-W is 180m NE. |
| 10130 | No plants found. No habitat in area of point. |
| 10212 | No plants on BLM - perhaps on adjacent private land. |
| 10201 | No plants found. Marginal habitat. |
| 10122 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 60797 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. Collection narrative does not match point location. |
| 10207 | No plants found. No suitable habitat within 3 miles of point. |
| 10194 | No plants found. Small outcrop of suitable habitat. EO comment accurately describes population at SF_ID 10195. |
| 48007 | No plants found. Suitable habitat present. Several stands of <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> . Perhaps a misID |
| 10249 | No plants found. Large gas pipeline going through mapped location. Also, <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> in area. Possible misID or local extirpation caused by pipeline construction. |
| 10128 | No plants found. Suitable habitat present. <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> present. Perhaps a misID |
| 10205 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 60800 | No plants found. Marginal habitat. |
| 10167 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 10191 | No plants found. Site heavily disturbed. Abandoned well. |
| 17487 | No plants found. Suitable habitat present. <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> present. Perhaps a misID |
| 17488 | No plants found. Suitable habitat present. <i>Aliciella haydenii</i> present. Perhaps a misID |
| 10146 | No plants found. No suitable habitat at mapped location. |
| 10177 | No plants found at mapped location or anywhere near it |
| 10176 | No plants found at mapped location or anywhere near it |
| 60789 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 48008/10116 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 60794 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. |
| 10143 | No plants found. Marginal to good habitat. |

Appendix D. *Aliciella formosa* monitoring plots not found in 2017.

| NHNM SF_ID | Monitoring Plots not found |
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| 10251 | 30PL, 2 of 7 reported plots located. No plants in plots, but just outside plots. Most disturbance at E edge of pipeline. AF31B-FH? alifor-060617. Likely Floyd-Hanna #1 (Northwest Pipeline) |
| 10209 | No plants found. No suitable habitat near point. Closest habitat more 700m E on private property. Likely Floyd Hanna #4 (El Paso site) |
| 10127 | Plots 13, 14, 15, 28. All 4 plots mapped in the same vicinity. All plots vandalized, rebar stakes pulled and left in a pile. Could not determine original boundaries |
| 10158 | Plot 22. On private lands |
| 10183 | Plot 24. Not found. |
| 10234 | Plots 17 & 18. On private lands |
| 10237 | Plot 7. On private lands |
| 10126 | Plot 16. Not found |