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Comments: Listing of Calochochortus elegans selwayensous, not Calochochortus elegans elegans under Potential Species of Concern Rationale. The facts below must be considered before making a decision and before using unknown as rationale, first the species needs further investigation.

Calochortus elegans selwayensous endemic distribution is confined to Missoula, Sanders and Ravalli counties in Montana and distributed into the Bitterroot Mountains of Idaho (Calochortus, Mary Gerritsen ans Ron Parsons). The last observation in the Bitterroot is 2021 (Natureserve, Plants, elegans selwayensous). It has been found in higher elevation burn areas and grassy areas near Lolo Peak. It does NOT extend into N. California, S. Oregon, N. Oregon and Southwestern Washington like Calochochortus elegans ELEGANS. Subspecies selwayensous (not subspecies elegans mentioned under species of concern) is the Calochochortus subspecies that should be studied and listed. Since it is globally imperiled (Source:NatureServe), it should be considered species of concern; Lolo National Forest contains it's endemic habitat and history. This subspecies, selwayensous is globally imperiled (Source:NatureServe) unlike subspecies elegans which is globally secure. Subspecies selwayensous had more endemic habitat needs which are available in the Lolo National Forest wilderness area. Flora of North America data lists them as Montana, Idaho distribution.

Distribution Map, Flora of N. AMERICA SOURCE see attachment.