Climate Change Vulnerability Index

Plant Species Assessment

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Name: Erythronium quinaultense

Index Result: Not Vulnerable / Presumed Stable

Exposure to Climate Change:

- 1) Temperature All occurrences fall within the same temperature category (<3.9° F warmer).
- 2) Moisture All occurrences fall within the same moisture metric category (-0.074 -0.096).

Climate: Indirect

- 1) Exposure to sea level rise Neutral
- 2) Distribution relative to barriers
 - a. Natural barriers Selected 'Somewhat increase' vulnerability due to landscape position in mountains leaves the species little room to migrate.
 - b. Anthropogenic barriers Neutral
- 3) Predicted impact of land use changes resulting from human responses to climate change Neutral

Species-Specific Factors:

- 1) Dispersal and movements Selected 'Somewhat increase' vulnerability on assumption that at least 5% of propagules will be dispersed between 10 and 100 meters, but not further than that.
- 2) Predicted sensitivity to temperature and moisture changes
 - a. Predicted sensitivity to changes in temperature
 - historical thermal niche Selected 'Somewhat increase' vulnerability. Considering the mean seasonal temperature variation for occupied cells, the species has experienced slightly lower than average (47.1 - 57° F/26.3 - 31.8° C) temperature variation in the past 50 years.
 - ii. physiological thermal niche Selected 'Somewhat increase' vulnerability. Species is somewhat (10-50% of occurrences or range) restricted to relatively cool or cold environments that may be lost or reduced in the assessment area as a result of climate change.
 - b. Predicted sensitivity to changes in precipitation, hydrology, or moisture regime
 - i. historical hydrological niche Selected 'Somewhat decrease' vulnerability. Considering the range of mean annual precipitation across occupied cells, the species has experienced greater than average (> 40 inches/1,016 mm) precipitation variation in the past 50 years.
 - ii. physiological hydrological niche Neutral.
 - c. Dependence on a specific disturbance regime likely to be impacted by climate change Neutral
 - d. Dependence on ice, ice-edge, or snow-cover habitats Selected 'Somewhat increase' vulnerability based on assumption that snow-pack has an influence on sites with this species.
- 3) Restriction to uncommon geological features or derivatives Neutral
- 4) Reliance on interspecific interactions
 - a. Dependence on other species to generate habitat Neutral
 - b. Dietary versatility (animals only)
 - c. Pollinator versatility (plants only) Neutral
 - d. Dependence on other species for propagule dispersal Neutral
 - e. Forms part of an interspecific interaction not covered by 4a-d
- 5) Genetic factors
 - a. Measured genetic variation Unknown
 - b. Occurrence of bottlenecks in recent evolutionary history (use only if 5a is "unknown")- Neutral
- 6) Phenological response to changing seasonal temperature and precipitation dynamics Unkown