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Dear CNHP Data Users and Partners:

The Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) is committed to providing accurate, current, comprehensive biological data, information and expertise to a variety of external users. To achieve this mission our program is committed to integrating and applying our data and information in ways that are useful and relevant for both project planning purposes and preservation efforts.

CNHP's Biodiversity Tracking and Conservation System (BIOTICS) for natural heritage elements (occurrences of significant natural communities and rare, threatened or endangered plants and animals) has become the standard reference for consultants, scientists and planners who require accurate science-based data on the location and condition of species and natural communities in Colorado. CNHP maintains this database as an independent non-profit and thus must rely on contract work to make this invaluable resource available. CNHP now has over 22,000 Mapped Locations in our database. As you know, the comprehensive nature of this database leaves CNHP uniquely capable of providing comprehensive data for environmental review of projects throughout Colorado.

To meet the varied needs of our partners, CNHP began our Environmental Review service in 1992 to facilitate distribution of data and information to interested users in both technical and non-technical formats, and to tailor applications of the data relevant to users' individual project needs. Data are available for all scales of planning including site based, regional and statewide and are interpreted from state, national and global perspectives. Today our data are regularly used by a variety of users nationwide ranging from for profit consulting firms to government agencies.

Over the years of offering this service we have made significant developments towards streamlining environmental review services and adding to their utility. In revisiting our services recently we have decided to implement some significant adjustments to this service that we want to make you aware of. We believe that these changes will make pricing more transparent and fair while also enabling CNHP to cover the costs of providing these services. These changes will result in increases for costs of these services in most cases although some requests will cost less under the restructured service. **The Environmental Review revised rate structure effective July 1, 2009 is attached; please see detailed the pricing outline below for more details.**

For spatial data requests the changes this year include an increase in the base fee and a change to how the fees per mapped location are applied. Instead of a flat rate fee per mapped location based on the total number of mapped locations in the data request, the fees are applied in a tiered fashion

with the price per mapped location decreasing for each block of mapped locations. For non-spatial data requests the changes this year include an increase in the base fee and a switch away from the old USGS quadrangle based fee structure. We will now be charging a base fee plus a fee per square mile within the client's geographic area of interest. With the previous pricing model it was possible for a project of only one square mile to be charged for more than one quadrangle when the project area overlapped multiple quadrangles. We think our clients will appreciate this new system that only charges for the actual area being searched (with a one-mile minimum) rather than the arbitrary number of quads the project area happens to overlap with. We would like to thank our clients who provided feedback that helped us to address this issue.

For other products and services available, please visit our website at www.cnhp.colostate.edu.

The Conservation Data Services team at the Colorado Natural Heritage Program remains firmly committed to providing quality service and products to our data users. We welcome your feedback on our new rate structure, and if you should have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Colorado Natural Heritage Program Environmental Review Services

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Below is a detailed description of our new fee structure. CNHP has organized data requests into a tiered system to better track our data requests. Most of our professional consultants will find they typically order Tier II data. If you have any questions on the new rates please contact Michael Menefee. For reference we first provide definitions for key terms.

Element: A global- or state-rare species, infraspecies, or unique natural community tracked by CNHP.

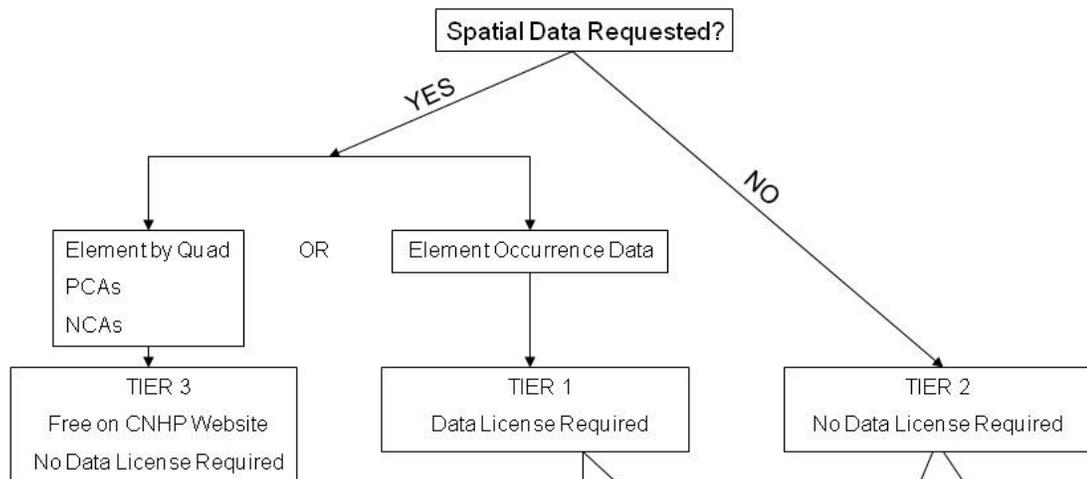
Mapped Location (ML): Locations of CNHP tracked elements initially entered into database. Mapped locations are converted to Element Occurrences through the application of Natural Heritage Methodology.

Element Occurrence (EO): An Element Occurrence represents a location in which an element is, or was, present. An EO has continued (or historic) presence and/or regular recurrence at a given location and has practical conservation value.

Potential Conservation Area (PCA): A PCA represents CNHP's best estimate of the primary area supporting the long-term survival of targeted elements.

Network of Potential Conservation Areas (NCA): A landscape area that encompasses Potential Conservation Areas which share similar species or natural communities as well as ecological processes, or a mostly intact (maintained as natural vegetation), lightly fragmented landscape that supports wide-ranging species and large scale disturbances.

Revised Environmental Review Rate Structure (effective July 1, 2009):



FEES	Requested By Species	Requested By Area	Requested By Species	Requested By Area
Base Fee	X	X	X	X
Fee per # of Mapped Locations	X	X		
Fee per Species			X	
Fee per Square Mile				X

Tier 1 – includes spatial data –requires Data License Agreement

Tier 1 data requests include spatial data and require signature of a Data License Agreement. Requests may be received by species or by geographic area. Spatial data and associated tabular reports for these requests are provided for a base fee (\$350) PLUS fees per mapped location (based on tiered fee schedule) within the client's geographic area of interest. A minimum 2-mile buffer will be applied to linear requests. A \$55 rush fee will be applied to rush orders. A 15% discount will be applied to data requests submitted by non-profit clients and students.

RATES/FEEES

Requests by Species or by Geographic Area

Base Fee

\$350

PLUS Fees per Mapped Location

+ Tiered \$/ML

	# Mapped Locations	\$/ML
First 100	0 – 100	\$6.00
Next 500	101 – 500	\$5.00
Next 500	501 – 1,000	\$4.00
Next 5,000	1,001 – 5,000	\$3.00
Next 5,000	5,001 – 10,000	\$2.50
Next 5,000	10,001 – 15,000	\$2.00
Next 5,000	15,001 – 20,000	\$1.50
Next 5,000	20,000 – 25,000	\$1.00

Example calculation for 685 mapped locations: \$350.00 + (100 * \$6.00) + (500 * \$5.00) + (185 * \$4.00) = \$4,190

Tier 2 – no spatial data – no Data License Agreement necessary

Tier 2 data requests do not include spatial data and, therefore, a Data License Agreement is not required. Requests may be received by species or by geographic area. The tabular reports for requests in this category are provided for a base fee (\$250) PLUS either \$100 /species or \$5/ square mile within the client's geographic area of interest (1-mile minimum charge). A minimum 2-mile buffer will be applied to linear requests. A \$55 rush fee will be applied to rush orders. A 15% discount will be applied to data requests submitted by non-profit clients and students.

RATES/FEEES

Requests by Species

Base Fee

\$250

PLUS # Species

+ \$100/species

Requests by Geographic Area

Base Fee

\$250

PLUS # of square miles

+ \$5/sq. mile

Tier 3 – CNHP Website (<http://www.cnhp.colostate.edu>)

Tier 3 data requests usually do not require input from the Environmental Review Coordinator. The following items may be downloaded from the CNHP website. Please note the spatial data are for non-commercial use only. Commercial users may contact CNHP's environmental review coordinator to schedule an environmental review using more precise data.

ITEM	FORMAT	FEE
Elements by Quad	SHP	Free
Non-sensitive PCAs	SHP	Free
NCAs	SHP	Free
CNHP Element Tracking Lists	XLS	Free
CNHP Field Forms	DOC and PDF	Free
CNHP Technical Reports and Publications	PDF	Free

CNHP Publications

Some CNHP publications are not available on the CNHP website. Requests for these publications will be fulfilled at a rate equal to the printing/copying fee PLUS a CNHP admin fee (\$25.00).

Other Environmental Review Services

Large-format maps can be made for any data products you order (rates will be contingent on the size of the map and the level of cartographic detail that you require). Rates for other types of environmental review services are negotiable on a project-by-project basis.