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## VIRTUAL PARTNERS MEETING

Advancing Western Monarch and  
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# USFWS Assessment of Monarch Status

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Cat is the Classification Coordinator and Species Assessment Team Liaison for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Southwest Region, which includes California and Nevada. Her work centers on at-risk species conservation and supporting the development of Species Status Assessments (SSAs) that provide the scientific foundation for Endangered Species Act decision making. Cat has been part of the Service's team that has been assessing the status of the monarch butterfly since 2015.