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**Subject:** Approval of Updates to list of Species of Conservation Concern

**To:** Neil Bosworth, Forest Supervisor Tonto National Forest

I received your request for my review and concurrence for changes to the Tonto National Forest Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) list. You recommended adding five species and removing four species to the previously concurred upon list based on newly available scientific information. These changes would adjust the total number of SCC from 51 to 52.

With the assistance of the Regional Office staffs for Wildlife/Fish/Rare Plants (WFRP) and Ecosystem Analysis and Planning (EAP), I have reviewed the proposed changes to ensure compliance with the 2012 planning rule and directives governing SCC. Pursuant to Forest Service Handbook 1909.12, Chapter 10, section 12.52b, item 1b, I concur with your recommended changes and determination that the species identified in the enclosed list meet the criteria for SCC for the Tonto National Forest's revised Land Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement.

I recognize that due to the changing nature of the best available scientific information, identification of species of conservation concern is a dynamic process. My staff will continue to work with the Tonto National Forest to evaluate new information and changing conditions to determine if future adjustments are warranted.

Please direct any questions about the SCC requirements and review to either Ron Maes, Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species Program Leader at [ronald.maes@usda.gov](mailto:ronald.maes@usda.gov) or Ariel Leonard, Regional Planner at [ariel.leonard@usda.gov](mailto:ariel.leonard@usda.gov).

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