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Subject: Update to Animal Species of Conservation Concern List for the Manti-La Sal National Forest

To: Ryan Nehl, Forest Supervisor Manti-La Sal National Forest

On April 26, 2017, Nora Rasure, Regional Forester, signed the list identifying animal Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) for the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Since that time, the Forest planning team, acting on new information, has proposed adding the Western Bumble Bee (*Bombus occidentalis*) to its existing animal SCC list. After review of the Forest's species status assessment (see attached) and considering comments received during the scoping process, the Regional Office concurs that the Western Bumble Bee meets the criteria for a SCC on the Manti-La Sal National Forest.

Following 36 CFR 219.7(c)(3), I amend the existing animal SCC list for the Manti-La Sal National Forest to include the Western Bumble Bee. Please use the following updated list of animal SCC to complete the current revision of your Forest plan:

American Pika (*Ochotona princeps*)
Black Rosy-finch (*Leucosticte atrata*)
Bluehead Sucker (*Catostomus discobolus*)
Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (*Onchorhyncus clarkii Utah*)
Boreal Toad (*Anaxyrus boreas*)
Colorado Cutthroat Trout (*Onchorhyncus clarkii pleuriticus*)
Fringed Myotis (*Myotis thysanodes*)
Greater Sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)
Southern Leatherside (*Lepidomeda aliciae*)
Townsend's Big-eared Bat (*Sweltsa cristoto*)
Utah Sallfly (*Sweltsa cristoto*)
Western Bumble Bee (*Bombus occidentalis*)

Because new scientific information may prompt changes in the SCC list over time, the identification of species of conservation concern is a dynamic process. My staff will continue to work with you and your staff to evaluate new information and determine if further changes to the SCC list for the plan area is warranted.



If you have any questions regarding the amended list of animal SCC, the process for identifying SCC, or the requirement for addressing SCC under the 2012 Planning Rule, please contact Lee Jacobson, Regional Threatened and Endangered Species Program Manager at lee.jacobson@usda.gov, or Tova Spector, Regional Botanist at tova.spector@usda.gov.

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Enclosures: Western Bumblebee Species of Conservation Concern Review

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