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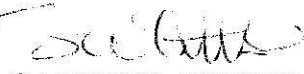
Subject: Approval of Initial List of SCC (Species of Conservation Concern)

To: Forest Supervisor, Tonto National Forest

The Regional Office Staffs for Wildlife/Fish/Rare Plants (WFRP) and Ecosystem Analysis and Planning (EAP) have reviewed the initial list of SCC (see enclosed list) that you have submitted for my concurrence in accordance with the Planning Handbook FSH 1909.12, Chapter 10, Section 12.52b, Item 1b. That section/item allows the following: "*The Responsible Official may provide an initial list of potential species of conservation concern for review by the Regional Forester, who may concur or request modifications.*" The WFRP and EAP Regional staffs have reviewed your list and have found that it is in compliance with the 2012 planning rule and directives sections governing SCC list generation, including public engagement on your list. Therefore I concur with your moving forward with the enclosed list of SCC as you move into revised plan development.

This initial list should be used to develop both coarse and fine filter plan components that address the capability of those species to persist over the long term within the plan area. As you go through the revised plan development process, if new information or changing conditions come to light that indicate adjustments are warranted to that list, please engage with the WFRP and the EAP Regional staffs on those adjustments. As you finalize your revised plan and head into the Objection process for your revised plan, please resubmit your list of SCC, including any adjustments made to the list during your revision process, for my re-review and concurrence.

Any questions regarding how to address your initial list of SCC throughout your planning process, please direct those questions to either Ernie Taylor (505) 842-3267 of the WFRP staff or Matt Turner (505) 842-3214 of the EAP staff.


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Regional Forester

Enclosure

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