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Subject: Approval of updates to 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 your proposal to add seven species and remove fifteen species from the initial Tonto NF SCC list; adjusting your initial list from 59 to 51 SCC. You submitted this proposal for my concurrence in accordance with the Planning Handbook section FSH 1909.12, Chapter 10, Section 12.52b, Item 1 b. 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 proposed additions for compliance with the 2012 planning rule and directives sections governing SCC list generation, including public engagement on your list. I concur with these adjustments in species in the Tonto initial list of SCC.

As you go through the revised plan development process, if new information or changing conditions come to light that indicate further adjustments are warranted to that list, please engage with the WFRP and the EAP Regional staffs on those adjustments. When you finalize your revised plan and prior to the objection process, please resubmit your final list of SCC for my review and concurrence.

Any questions regarding how to address your initial list of SCC throughout your planning process should be directed 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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Enclosures

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