

Appendix G

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Consultation Letters and
Additional Consultation**



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Subject: Forest-wide Noxious Weed Management Program -- Salmon-Challis National
Forest, Idaho -- Species List
File #114.0000 1-4-02-SP-355

Chuck
Dear Mr. Blair:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is providing you with a list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and/or candidate species which may be present in the area of the proposed forest-wide noxious weed management program, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Idaho. You requested this list in a letter dated January 8, 2002, received by this office on January 8, 2002. The list fulfills requirements for a species list under Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. If the project decision has not been made within 180 days of this letter, regulations require that you request an updated list. Please refer to the number shown on the list (Enclosure) in all correspondence and reports.

Section 7 of the Act requires Federal agencies to assure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species. Federal funding, permitting, or land use management decisions are considered to be Federal actions subject to Section 7. If the proposed action may affect a listed species, consultation with the Service is required. Formal consultation must be initiated for any project that is likely to adversely affect a threatened or endangered species. If a project involves a major construction activity and may affect listed species, Federal agencies are required to prepare a Biological Assessment. If a proposed species is likely to be jeopardized by a Federal action, regulations require a conference between the Federal agency and the Service. A Federal agency may designate, in writing, you or another non-Federal entity to represent them in consultation.

If you need any further information, please contact Carol Evans of our office in Chubbuck at (208) 237-6975. Thank you for your continued interest in endangered species conservation.

Sincerely,

for 
Supervisor, Snake River Basin Office

Enclosure

cc: FWS-ES, Chubbuck (Evans)

ENCLOSURE

LISTED AND PROPOSED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED
SPECIES, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES THAT MAY OCCUR
WITHIN THE AREA OF THE FOREST-WIDE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM, SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST, IDAHO
SP #1-4-02-SP-355

LISTED SPECIES

COMMENTS

Grizzly bear (LT)
(*Ursus arctos*)

Management area;
potential linkage corridors

Canada lynx (LT)
(*Lynx canadensis*)

Gray wolf (XN)
(*Canis lupus*)

Experimental/Non-
essential population

Sockeye salmon (LE)
(*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

Under National Marine
Fisheries Service jurisdiction

Chinook salmon (LT)
(*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

Under National Marine
Fisheries Service jurisdiction

Steelhead (LT)
(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Under National Marine
Fisheries Service jurisdiction

Bull trout (LT)
(*Salvelinus confluentus*)

Bald eagle (LT)
(*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

Wintering area/nesting area

Ute ladies'- tresses (LT)
(*Spiranthes diluvialis*)

PROPOSED SPECIES

None

CANDIDATE SPECIES

Yellow-billed cuckoo (C)
(*Coccyzus americanus*)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- LE - Listed endangered
- LT - Listed threatened
- XN- Experimental/Non-essential population
- PT - Proposed threatened
- C - Candidate

GRAY WOLF (*Canis lupus*) is listed as endangered in the coterminous United States, except where it is listed (1) as threatened (Minnesota) or (2) as a nonessential experimental population including Wyoming, and portions of Idaho and Montana. Within the central Idaho area, the nonessential experimental population areas are those portions of Idaho that are south of Interstate Highway 90 and west of Interstate Highway 15, and those portions of Montana south of Interstate Highway 90, Highway 93 and 12 from Missoula, Montana west of Interstate Highway 15. Portions of the Yellowstone Management Area (YMA) in Idaho and Montana are designated as the nonessential experimental population area. The boundaries of the YMA include that portion of Idaho that is east of Interstate Highway 15; that portion of Montana that is east of Interstate Highway 15 and south of the Missouri River from Great Falls, Montana, to the eastern Montana border; and all of Wyoming.

Federal action agencies are required to confer with the Service if their actions are likely to jeopardize the continued existence of gray wolves; or you have the option of conferring with the Service regardless of the determination.

UTE LADIES'-TRESSES (*Spiranthes diluvialis*) has the potential to occur in wetland and riparian areas including springs, wet meadows, and river meanders. The plant is known to occur at sites ranging from 1,500 to 7,000 feet in elevation. This species generally flowers from mid-July through September, and can be identified definitively only at that time. The orchid can remain dormant for several years; therefore, we suggest surveys for the orchid be scheduled for sequential years. The species may be adversely affected by modification of riparian and wetland habitats associated with livestock grazing, vegetation removal, excavation, construction for residential or commercial purposes, stream channelization, hydroelectric development and operation, and actions that alter hydrology.

CANDIDATE SPECIES that appear on the Enclosure have no protection under the Act, but are included for your early planning consideration. Candidate species could be proposed or listed during the project planning period, and would then be covered under Section 7 of the Act. The Service advises an evaluation of potential effects on candidate species that may occur in the project area.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus americanus*) is a candidate species. On July 24, 2001 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published its finding that the yellow-billed cuckoo warrants protection under the Endangered Species Act but is precluded from listing by other priorities. Yellow-billed cuckoos in the West are overwhelmingly associated with relatively expansive stands of mature cottonwood-willow forests. They appear to be dependent on the combination of a dense willow understory for nesting, a cottonwood overstory for foraging and large patches of habitat in excess of 20 ha. The species will occupy a variety of marginal habitats, particularly at the edges of their range, but is not known to use non-native vegetation in the majority of its range. The species should be considered when actions involve habitat that is now, or was historically, suitable for yellow-billed cuckoos.



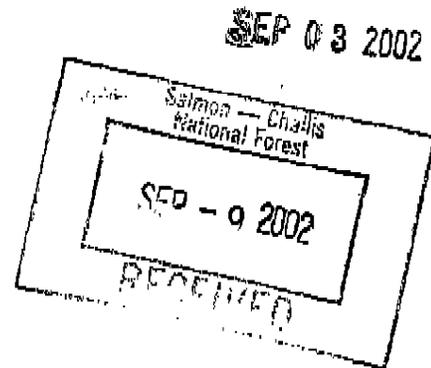
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Subject: 90-Day Species List Update
File #114.0000, 112.0000 1-4-02-SP-908



Dear Mr. Matejko:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is writing to provide you with an updated list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species which may occur on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. We have enclosed the current lists. Please note that the lists are now presented by Ranger District and may have content changes. This letter officially updates species list number 1-4-02-SP-691 of June 24, 2002, and provides you with a new number 1-4-02-SP-908. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation.

The Service has developed biological information and guidance for all of the endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that occur within the jurisdiction of the Snake River Basin Office, and are including them with this letter. These guidelines were designed to assist Federal agencies in evaluating project effects on listed species. Please use this guidance when making effects determinations and preparing Biological Assessments.

Information concerning Federal agency obligations under the Endangered Species Act has been provided to you in the past. If you would like us to send you any of this information again or if you have questions, please contact Kendra Womack of my staff at (208) 685-6955. If you have questions regarding species under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries jurisdiction, please call (208) 756-6472. Carol Evans of my Eastern Idaho sub-office continues to be your primary contact regarding Section 7 issues. She can be reached at (208) 237-6975.

Thank you for your continued interest in endangered species conservation.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, Snake River Basin Office

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- Cobalt Ranger District (Hershey)
- North Fork Ranger District (Bates)
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- Salmon Ranger District (Hershey)
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- Challis and Yankee Fork Ranger District (Mabe)
- Lost River Ranger District (Eckert)
- NMFS, Boise (Brege)
- Wildlife Services, Boise (Collinge)



SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 CHALLIS RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

<u>LISTED SPECIES</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT
Sockeye salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>)	LE - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Spring/summer chinook salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Steelhead trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
<u>PROPOSED SPECIES</u>	
None	
<u>CANDIDATE SPECIES¹</u>	
Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>)	C

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 LEADORE RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
LOST RIVER RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT
Sockeye salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>)	LE - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Spring/summer chinook salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Steelhead trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
PROPOSED SPECIES	
None	
CANDIDATE SPECIES¹	
Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>)	C

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 MIDDLE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT
Sockeye salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>)	LE - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Spring/summer chinook salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Fall chinook salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
Steelhead trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction

PROPOSED SPECIES

None

CANDIDATE SPECIES¹

Yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) C

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 NORTH FORK RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
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None	
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 SALMON/COBALT RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-02-SP-908

<u>LISTED SPECIES</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
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PROPOSED SPECIES

None

CANDIDATE SPECIES¹

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The Fish and Wildlife Service is interested in the following plants and/or animals that may occur within the area of the Salmon-Challis National Forest, and are providing this list for your information. We are concerned about their population status and threats to their long-term viability. These species have no legal status under the Endangered Species Act, therefore you are not obliged to account for them. However, in context with ecosystem-level management, we suggest that you consider these species and their habitats in project planning and review.

Mammals

Wolverine
(*Gulo gulo*)

Pygmy rabbit
(*Brachylagus idahoensis*)

Townsend's big-eared bat
(*Corynorhinus townsendii*)

Spotted bat
(*Euderma maculatum*)

Fringed myotis
(*Myotis thysanodes*)

Fisher
(*Martes pennanti*)

Kit fox
(*Vulpes macrotis*)

Fish

Westslope cutthroat trout
(*Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*)

Wood River sculpin
(*Cottus leiopomus*)

White sturgeon
(*Acipenser transmontanus*)

Birds

Greater sage-grouse
(*Centrocercus urophasianus*)

Birds, continued

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse
(*Tympanuchus phasianellus*)

Northern goshawk
(*Accipiter gentilis*)

Black tern
(*Chlidonias niger*)

Harlequin duck
(*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

Loggerhead shrike
(*Lanius ludovicianus*)

Trumpeter swan
(*Cygnus buccinator*)

Three-toed woodpecker
(*Picoides tridactylus*)

Black-backed woodpecker
(*Picoides arcticus*)

Boreal owl
(*Aegolius funereus*)

Great gray owl
(*Strix nebulosa*)

Flammulated owl
(*Otus flammeolus*)

Birds, continued

Northern pygmy owl
(*Glaucidium gnoma*)

Pygmy nuthatch
(*Sitta pygmaea*)

Amphibians and Reptiles

Western toad / BOREAL TOAD
(*Bufo boreas*)

Northern leopard frog
(*Rana pipiens*)

Columbia spotted frog-Northern population
(*Rana luteiventris*)

Invertebrates

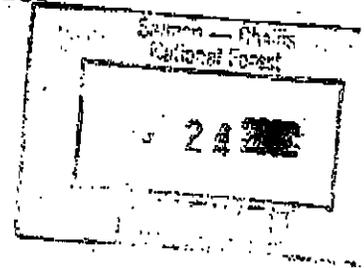
Idaho pointheaded grasshopper
(*Acrophitus punchellus*)



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Subject: 90-Day Species List Update-Revised Version
File #114.0000, 112.0000 1-4-03-SP-030

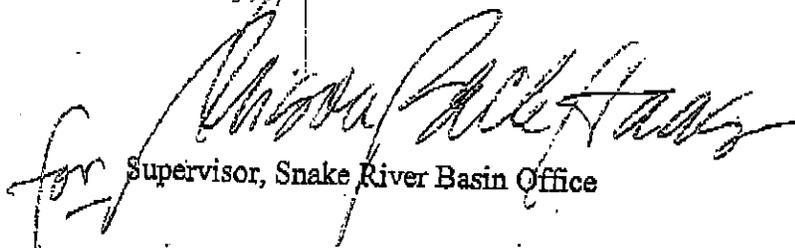
George
Dear Mr. Matejko:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provided you with an updated list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species which may occur on the Salmon-Challis National Forest on September 3, 2002. After discussions with your staff, we have revised the previous version of this list. We have removed fall chinook salmon from the North Fork and Middle Fork Ranger District lists and have removed all anadromous fish species from the Lost River Ranger District list. This letter officially updates species list number 1-4-02-SP-908 of September 3, 2002, and provides you with a new number 1-4-03-SP-030. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation.

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 CHALLIS RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-030

LISTED SPECIES

COMMENTS

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PROPOSED SPECIES

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 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 LEADORE RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-030

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 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 LOST RIVER RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-030

LISTED SPECIES

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 MIDDLE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
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SALMON/COBALT RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-030

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CANDIDATE SPECIES¹

Yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) C

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-030

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT
Sockeye salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>)	LE - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
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Steelhead trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
<u>PROPOSED SPECIES</u>	
None	
<u>CANDIDATE SPECIES¹</u>	
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The Fish and Wildlife Service is interested in the following plants and/or animals that may occur within the area of the Salmon-Challis National Forest, and are providing this list for your information. We are concerned about their population status and threats to their long-term viability. These species have no legal status under the Endangered Species Act, therefore you are not obliged to account for them. However, in context with ecosystem-level management, we suggest that you consider these species and their habitats in project planning and review.

Mammals

Wolverine
(*Gulo gulo*)

Pygmy rabbit
(*Brachylagus idahoensis*)

Townsend's big-eared bat
(*Corynorhinus townsendii*)

Spotted bat
(*Euderma maculatum*)

Fringed myotis
(*Myotis thysanodes*)

Fisher
(*Martes pennanti*)

Kit fox
(*Vulpes macrotis*)

Fish

Westslope cutthroat trout
(*Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*)

Wood River sculpin
(*Cottus leiopomus*)

White sturgeon
(*Acipenser transmontanus*)

Birds

Greater sage-grouse
(*Centrocercus urophasianus*)

Birds, continued

Columbian sharp-tailed grouse
(*Tympanuchus phasianellus*)

Northern goshawk
(*Accipiter gentilis*)

Black tern
(*Chlidonias niger*)

Harlequin duck
(*Histrionicus histrionicus*)

Loggerhead shrike
(*Lanius ludovicianus*)

Trumpeter swan
(*Cygnus buccinator*)

Three-toed woodpecker
(*Picoides tridactylus*)

Black-backed woodpecker
(*Picoides arcticus*)

Boreal owl
(*Aegolius funereus*)

Great gray owl
(*Strix nebulosa*)

Flammulated owl
(*Otus flammeolus*)

Birds, continued

Northern pygmy owl
(*Glaucidium gnoma*)

Pygmy nuthatch
(*Sitta pygmaea*)

Amphibians and Reptiles

Western toad
(*Bufo boreas*)

Northern leopard frog
(*Rana pipiens*)

Columbia spotted frog-Northern population
(*Rana luteiventris*)

Invertebrates

Idaho pointheaded grasshopper
(*Acrophitus punchellus*)



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Salmon-Challis National Forest
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Subject: 90-Day Species List Update
File #114.0000, 112.0000 SP #1-4-03-SP-110

Dear Mr. *George* Matejko,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is writing to provide you with an updated list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species which may occur on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. We have enclosed the current lists. This letter officially updates species list number 1-4-02-SP-908 of September 3, 2002, and provides you with a new number 1-4-03-SP-110. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation. In addition to content changes for individual Ranger District lists, please note the following amendment.

On November 29, 2002, pursuant to Section 4(a)(3) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), the Service proposed critical habitat designations for the Columbia River Basin and Klamath River Basin distinct population segments of bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*). This proposed designation includes approximately 8,958 miles of streams and 205,639 acres of lakes and reservoirs in the State of Idaho, some of which may occur within your jurisdiction. Section 7(a)(4) of the Act requires that Federal agencies confer with the Service on any Federal action that is likely to result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat. If you need more information regarding proposed critical habitat designations, please visit the Service's Region 1 bull trout information website at <http://pacific.fws.gov/bulltrout>.

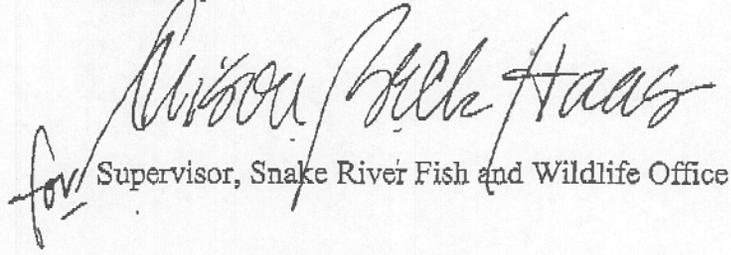
This officially updates species list 1-4-02-SP-908 and provides you with a new number 1-4-03-SP-110. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation.

Information regarding Federal agency obligations under the Act has been provided to you in the past. If you would like us to send you any of this information again or if you have questions please call Kendra Womack at (208) 685-6955, or visit our website at <http://idahoes.fws.gov> for

more information. If you have questions regarding species under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries jurisdiction, please call (208) 756-6472. Carol Evans of my Eastern Idaho Field Office continues to be your primary contact regarding Section 7 issues. She can be reached at (208) 237-6975.

Thank you for your continued interest in endangered species conservation.

Sincerely,


for Supervisor, Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office

- cc: FWS-ES, Chubbuck (Evans)
- USFS-Region 4, Ogden
- Cobalt Ranger District (Hershey)
- North Fork Ranger District (Bates)
- Leadore Ranger District (Ward)
- Salmon Ranger District (Hershey)
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- NMFS, Boise (Brege)
- Wildlife Services, Boise (Collinge)

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
CHALLIS RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

LISTED SPECIES

COMMENTS

Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
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PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT

Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat
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CANDIDATE SPECIES¹

Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>)	C
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
LEADORE RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

LISTED SPECIES	COMMENTS
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
LOST RIVER RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

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Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT
<u>PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT</u>	
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat
<u>CANDIDATE SPECIES¹</u>	
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
MIDDLE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

<u>LISTED SPECIES</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT
Sockeye salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>)	LE - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
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Steelhead trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	LT - NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
<u>PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT</u>	
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat
<u>CANDIDATE SPECIES¹</u>	
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
NORTH FORK RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

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Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
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PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
SALMON/COBALT RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

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Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
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PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT	
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat
CANDIDATE SPECIES¹	
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-110

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PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT

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Subject: 90-Day Species List Update
File #114.0000, 112.0000 1-4-03-SP-279

George
Dear Mr. Matejko:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is writing to provide you with an updated list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species, and proposed critical habitat which may occur on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. We have enclosed the current lists. Please note that the lists are now presented by Ranger District and may have content changes. This letter officially updates species list number 1-4-03-SP-110 of December 4, 2002, and provides you with a new number 1-4-03-SP-279. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation.

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Challis Ranger District (Mabe)
Yankee Fork Ranger District (Mabe)
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NOAA Fisheries, Boise (Brege)
Wildlife Services, Boise (Collinge)



SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
CHALLIS RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-279

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Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
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<u>PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT</u>	
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
LEADORE RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-279

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Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
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PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT	
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
LOST RIVER RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-279

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Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 MIDDLE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-279

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Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
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<u>PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT</u>	
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat

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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
 90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
 NORTH FORK RANGER DISTRICT
 SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-279

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SALMON/COBALT RANGER DISTRICT
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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
90 DAY SPECIES LIST UPDATE
YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIES LIST #1-4-03-SP-279

LISTED SPECIES

COMMENTS

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PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT

Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Proposed critical habitat
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CANDIDATE SPECIES¹

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- White sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*)

Reptiles and Amphibians

- Columbia spotted frog (*Rana luteiventris*)-Northern population



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File #114.0000, 112.0000 1-4-03-SP-629

Dear Mr. Matejko

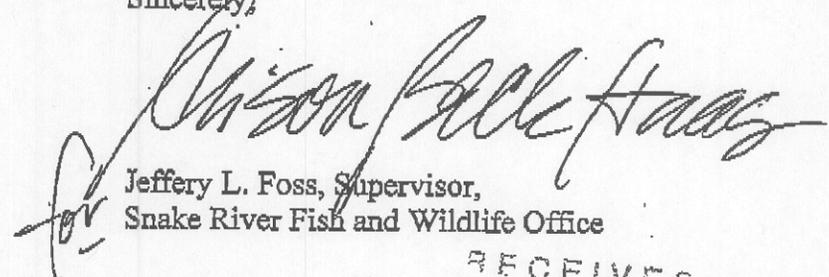
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is writing to update species list 1-4-03-SP-279 of February 26, 2003 for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. There are no changes or additions to the previous list.

This officially updates species list 1-4-03-SP-279 and provides you with a new number 1-4-03-SP-629. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation.

Information concerning Federal agency obligations under the Endangered Species Act has been provided to you in the past. If you would like us to send you any of this information again or if you have questions, please contact Kendra Womack of my staff at (208) 685-6955. If you have questions regarding species under the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) jurisdiction, please call (208) 756-6472. Carol Evans of our Eastern Idaho Field Office continues to be your primary contact regarding section 7 issues. She can be reached at (208) 237-6975.

Thank you for your continued interest in endangered species conservation.

Sincerely,


Jeffery L. Foss, Supervisor,
Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office

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cc: FWS-ES, Chubbuck (Evans)
USFS-Region 4, Ogden
Salmon and Cobalt Ranger Districts (Hershey)
North Fork Ranger District (Bates)
Leadore Ranger District (Hilliard)
Middle Fork Ranger District (Montoya)
Challis Ranger District (Rau)
Yankee Fork Ranger District (Montoya)
Lost River Ranger District (Eckert)
NOAA Fisheries, Boise (Brege)
Wildlife Services, Boise (Collinge)

Appendix G

Additional Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) biologists were contacted and the USFWS Website (Idaho Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species by County) was accessed on September 17 and 18, 2002, as part of continuing Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). ESA regulations require that an updated species list for the proposed project area be requested from the USFWS if a project decision has not been made within 180 days of when the USFWS first issued their species list. The current method for compiling a FWS species list is to access the USFWS Website and examine species' listings for each county within the project area. Review of USFWS species information for Custer, Lemhi, Butte, and Blaine Counties indicated that as of September 18, 2002, no additional endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species for the Salmon-Challis National Forest (S-CNF) project area had been added to the species list (1-4-02-SP-355) contained in the USFWS consultation letter on the proposed project dated January 25, 2002.

A third consultation letter from the USFWS dated October 18, 2002, contained the most recent species lists (1-4-03-SP-030) for each Ranger District of the S-CNF. No additional endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species for the S-CNF project area had been added to the species list contained in the USFWS consultation letter dated January 25, 2002. The October 18, 2002, consultation letter from the USFWS stated that on the S-CNF, the threatened Snake River chinook salmon is represented by spring/summer-run fish and not fall-run fish of this species.

The most recent consultation letters from the USFWS dated December 4, 2002 (1-4-03-SP-110), February 26, 2003 (1-4-03-SP-279), and May 30, 2003 (1-4-03-SP-629), contain the most recent species lists for each Ranger District of the S-CNF. No additional endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species for the S-CNF project area have been added to the species list contained in the USFWS consultation letter dated October 18, 2002, except for proposed critical habitat designations for bull trout in each of the S-CNF Ranger Districts.