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RE: Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 31 Species in the Southwest

Dear Mr. Warriner:

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide information as part of the 5-year status review for 31 species in the Southwest, including Pecos Gambusia, as identified in the January 11th, 2023 Federal Register notice. We provide the following information to assist the Service in review of the status for this species.

The Department leads annual monitoring of Pecos Pupfish *Cyprinodon pecosensis* populations in New Mexico in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Pecos Gambusia are often encountered during this monitoring and these data are submitted annually to the Fish and Wildlife Service. We have included this information from 2018–2022 as part of our response to your request. Details on data collection methods can be found in annual reports that the Department submitted to the USFWS Region 2 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Office.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input regarding this 5-year status review. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Joanna Hatt at 505-500-5001 or joanna.hatt@dgf.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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