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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office
2105 Osuna NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

RE: Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 38 Species in the Southwest

To whom it may concern:

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide information as part of the 5-year status review for 38 species in the Southwest, including Chupadera springsnail *Pyrgulopsis chupaderae* and Gila trout *Oncorhynchus gilae*, as identified in the November 14th, 2024 Federal Register notice. We provide the following information to assist the Service in review of the status for this species.

The Chupadera springsnail occurs entirely on private land. The Department does not have independent access to the private property, however, Turner Enterprises, Inc has access and conducts annual surveys and we have permission to assist with their surveys. These data are reported in our annual Section 6 Grant report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The reports from 2019-2024 are attached with this letter.

The Department actively works towards Gila Trout conservation by monitoring populations, building fish barriers, removing threats from populations, and establishing new populations. In addition, we have improved the Glenwood State Fish hatchery and begun raising Gila trout for recreational angling, an important part of Gila trout conservation and recovery. In addition, we conduct an annual angler survey to evaluate the impact of angling on the recovery of the species. These data are reported in our annual State Wildlife Grant report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The reports from 202-2024 are attached with this letter.

The Department does not have any new information to report for Noel's amphipod *Gammarus desperatus*, Pecos assiminea *Assimineia pecos*, Koster's springsnail *Jutrinia kosteri*, Roswell springsnail *Pyrgulopsis roswellensis*, Pecos bluntnose shiner *Notropis simus pecosensis*, or Socorro springsnail *Pyrgulopsis Neomexicana*.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding this 5-year review for species in the southwest. We look forward to continued partnership with the Service. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 505-231-9616 or jill.wick@dgf.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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