

Biennial Review of New Mexico Threatened and Endangered Wildlife



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BIENNIAL REVIEW

- Conducted every other year to assess the status of all wildlife listed as Threatened or Endangered under the Wildlife Conservation Act.
- During the Biennial Review, status of a species may be changed from Endangered to Threatened (downlist), or Threatened to Endangered (uplist).
- Changes are based solely on biological and ecological factors.
- Wildlife may not be added to nor removed from the list during this process.
- Mandated [17-2-40, NMSA 1978]



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Procedures

- First (3 month) comment period ended June 16th
- No public comments received, minor changes made to correct typographic errors and update nomenclature revisions
- Requested opening of a second, mandated public comment period (August 21-September 4), 14 days
- Incorporate comments into a third draft



Public Comments

■ Silvery Minnow

- added threat of river channel incision

■ Peregrine Falcon

- updated 2008 survey information
- falconry take (collection) issues will be addressed in Department's development of take policy

■ Loach Minnow

- recommendation for uplisting

Additional Procedures

- New data supports uplisting loach minnow
- Additional public comment period 6 Oct. to 10 Nov.
- Comprehensive legal notification by statewide circulation newspapers, New Mexico Record, and extensive email contact list
- No additional comments have been received

Proposed Changes

- **Uplist** Loach Minnow from Threatened to Endangered
- **Uplist** Gray Redhorse from Threatened to Endangered
- **Downlist** Desert Bighorn Sheep from Endangered to Threatened

Suggested Course of Action

- Move to accept the Department's recommendation regarding the 2008 Biennial Review as presented to the Commission, and amend 19.33.6.8 NMAC to reflect these approved changes.