




 USDA Forest Service  
**Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests**

**DRAFT Amphibian & Reptiles Species Lists**

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The Forest Service's draft planning directives (FSH 1909.12) identify the following three groups of species that need to be tracked through the forest plan revision process: federally-listed species, species-of-concern, and species-of-interest. The species-of-concern and species-of-interest are selected based on criteria established within the planning directives (see below). Federally-listed species are identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act. There are no federally-listed amphibian or reptile species in the Blue Mountain Forest Plan revision planning area.

The *draft* amphibian and reptile species lists were developed by Forest Service staff working collaboratively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Lists for other species will be developed soon.

The amphibian and reptile "focal species" that will be used in the forest plan revision will be selected from these lists this winter. Focal species are those that are determined to reflect the habitat requirements and risks for all the other species within that particular habitat group. Using focal species provides Forest Service specialists with a practical approach to analyzing the effects of management activities on desired native plant and animal species diversity within terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, reducing the rate of species endangerment by contributing to species recovery.

While the criteria for the species-of-concern and species-of-interest cannot be changed, input regarding additional species that should be included and some rationale for inclusion would be helpful. If you wish to comment on these lists, please send your comments by October 14, 2005 to:

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<b>FEDERALLY-LISTED AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE SPECIES</b>			
<b>Species</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Federal status</b>	<b>Distribution ***</b>
None			

<b>SPECIES-OF-CONCERN: AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES</b>						
<b>Species</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>ESA Proposed</b>	<b>ESA Candidate</b>	<b>ESA Petitioned</b>	<b>Nature Serve G1-G3</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
Columbia spotted frog	Rana luteiventris	No	Yes	No	G4 (See Species of Interest Table)	Malheur, Umatilla & Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

**Criteria for selection as a Species of Concern (2005 Planning Directives, Chapter 40, pages 21 and 22):**

- ♦ Species identified as candidate and proposed under the Endangered Species Act.
- ♦ Species with Ranking of G1- G3 from NatureServe.
- ♦ Intraspecific taxa with ranks of T1-T3 from NatureServe.
- ♦ Species that have been petitioned for listing under ESA.

<b>SPECIES-OF-INTEREST: AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES</b>					
<b>Species</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>NatureServe S1-S2</b>	<b>State-listed Threatened, Endangered, Candidate, Sensitive or Species of Concern</b>	<b>Species of Provincial or Local Interest*</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
Northern painted turtle	Chrysemys picta	S2 (OR)	Sensitive (OR)	FS (R6)	Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Northern Sagebrush lizard	Sceloporus graciosus graciosus	S2 (WA)	Candidate (WA) Sensitive (OR)	SOC	Umatilla & Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Blotched tiger salamander	Ambystoma tigrinum melanostictum	S2 (OR)	Sensitive (OR)		Unknown
Columbia spotted frog	Rana luteiventris		SOC (ID) Sensitive (OR) Candidate (WA)	FS (R-6)	Malheur, Umatilla, & Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Northern leopard frog	Rana pipiens	S1 (OR) S1 (WA) S3 (ID)	Sensitive (OR) Endangered (WA) SOC (ID)	SOC FS (R1 and R6)	Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Rocky Mountain tailed frog	Ascaphus truei	S2 (OR) Not Ranked (WA)	Sensitive (OR)	SOC	Umatilla & Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Woodhouse's toad	Bufo woodhousii	S2 (OR) S3 (WA) S3 (ID)	Sensitive (OR)		Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Western toad	Bufo boreas	S3 (OR) S3 (WA)	Sensitive (OR) Candidate (WA) SOC (ID)	SOC	Malheur, Umatilla, & Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Night snake	Hypsiglena torquata	S3 (OR) S2 (WA)			Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests
Striped whipsnake	Masticophis taeniatus	S1 (WA)		FS (R6)	Malheur and Umatilla National Forests

**Criteria for selection as a Species of Interest (2005 Planning Directives, Chapter 40, page 22):**

- ♦ Species with ranks of S1-S2 from NatureServe.
- ♦ State-listed threatened and endangered.
- ♦ Birds on Fish and Wildlife Service Birds of Conservation National Priority List.
- ♦ Additional species of regional or local conservation concern (Listed by state as threatened, endangered, or candidate)

**\* Local Criteria:**

- Species with a ranking of S3 from NatureServe (S3).
- Forest Service sensitive species (FS)
- Species of Concern from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (SOC)