

**San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
Resource Management Plan
Wildlife and Threatened and Endangered Species**

Fish, Wildlife, and Special Status Species: The San Pedro watershed supports approximately 400 species of birds, approximately 80 mammal species, more than 60 species of reptiles and amphibians and 4 native fish. All four native fish species in the planning area are special status species. Each wildlife species contributes to biological diversity and ecosystem function. The San Pedro watershed is home to approximately 50 special status species including federally listed, candidate, state listed, and BLM sensitive species.

Resource Management Plan decisions specific to fish and wildlife:

- **Designate priority species and habitats** for significant species based on density, diversity, size, public interest, remnant character, or age.
- **Identify desired future conditions** using BLM strategic plans, state agency strategic plans, and other similar sources.
- Describe **desired habitat conditions and/or populations** for major habitat types that support a wide variety of game, non-game, and migratory bird species.
- Identify **actions and area wide use restrictions** needed to achieve desired population and habitat conditions while maintaining a thriving ecological balance.

Special Status Species: It is a legal mandate to conserve threatened or endangered species and it is BLM's policy to conserve all special status species, therefore land use planning strategies, desired future conditions, and decisions should result in a reasonable conservation strategy for these species.

Resource Management Plan decisions specific to special status species:

- Identify desired outcomes, strategies, restoration opportunities, use restrictions, and management actions to **conserve and recover special status species**.
 - May incorporate goals and objectives from recovery plans and conservation strategies or identify ecologically important areas or scarce, limited habitats.
- Goals and objectives may be **species or habitat specific** and can be established at multiple scales to fully understand the context of the larger landscape.
- May **identify stipulations or criteria** that would be applied to implementation actions.
- **Consistency** with objectives and recommended actions in approved recovery plans, conservation agreements and strategies, MOUs, and applicable biological opinions for threatened and endangered species.

Notices, Consultations, and Hearings:

- **Consult under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act:** Consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is required by the Endangered Species Act for actions that may affect listed species and designated critical habitat, and conferencing is needed if actions are likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a proposed species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat.
 - Possible additional requirements to confer with state wildlife agencies if Federal actions may affect state-listed species or their habitats.