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Dear Secretary Jewell and others:

On April 20, 2010, the Center for Biological Diversity and allies petitioned for Endangered Species Act protection for 404 aquatic, riparian, and wetland species from the southeastern United States including the Chattooga River Crayfish (*Cambarus scotti*) and the Blackbarred Crayfish (*Cambarus unestami*). On September 27, 2011, the Service issued a positive 90-day finding for 374 of the species in the petition including these two crayfishes (76 FR 59836).

I am writing to withdraw the Chattooga River Crayfish and the Blackbarred Crayfish from the petition. A newly published study, Kilburn et al. (2014)¹, determined that these

¹ Kilburn, S.L., C.A. Taylor, and G.A. Schuster. 2014. Conservation assessment and habitat notes for three rare Alabama crayfishes: *Cambarus cracens*, *Cambarus scotti*, and *Cambarus unestami*. *Southeastern Naturalist* 13(1): 108-113.

two species appear to be stable across their ranges. In light of this updated information, we are no longer seeking federal protection for these species.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of all petitioners,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Tierra R. Curry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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