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Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has re-opened public comment period on our August 22, 2012 (77 FR 50768), proposed endangered status for the Georgetown salamander and Salado salamander under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We have re-opened the comment period for the public to provide comments on new information that may influence the listing decision: the City of Georgetown's recently adopted ordinances designed to alleviate threats from urban development on the Georgetown salamander. These ordinances can be found on our website at http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/ESA_Sp_Salamanders.html.

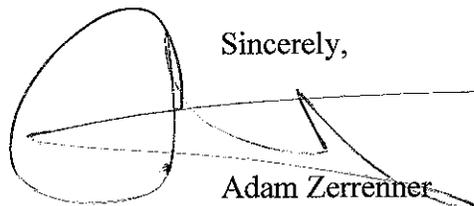
The 15-day comment period is open between January 7, 2014 and January 22, 2014. Comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

- (1) *Electronically*: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2012-0035. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!"
- (2) *By hard copy*: Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R2-ES-2012-0035; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

All submitted comments will be made available to the public at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparation of the final rule. We will submit to the Federal Register a final listing determination for the Georgetown and Salado salamanders no later than February 22, 2014.

For additional information, please contact me via mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Rd, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758, by telephone 512-490-0057 x248 or by fax 512-490-0974. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339. Additional information about the listing process of these salamanders can be found online at http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/ESA_Sp_Salamanders.html.

Sincerely,



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