



"Andy Gluesenkamp"  
<Andy.Gluesenkamp@tpwd.s  
tate.tx.us>

03/15/2010 04:28 PM

To <Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject RE: Candidate Notice of Review

History:  This message has been replied to.

Paige,

A few quick comments:

The Solana Ranch population is close to chisolmensis but Paul Chippindale is still not certain that it is the same species. I am going to visit several sites on the ranch on March 25th. Paul is cranking away on another project right now but we should have definitive word by June 1 at the latest. At this time, I would not name the new locality but mention that the newly discovered population \*may\* represent chisolmensis, pending further study. I have been walking on eggshells with this landowner so please keep it on the down low for now. I know that this information has already been "leaked" but let's keep a lid on it until I resolve identity issues and discuss it with the landowner. I collected specimens in August '09.

Robertson Spring(s) is a known locality (see Chip's description) but they hadn't been collected there in a dozen years or more. The landowners would not likely not have any issue with the presence of sallies at their spring being re-confirmed but I can check with them this weekend. I collected specimens there in Feb and Mar '10.

I've been visiting Robertson and Salado Springs with TXDOT and others almost every week since June/July '09. We conducted intensive searching for months and months and only just recently did we find sallies. Salado Spring (Big Boiling) looks bad and is still getting hammered by misguided attempts to beautify the park. The downstream springs (Big Boiling, Big Bubbly, Critchfield Spring, Happy Daze Fish Camp Spring, Anderson Spring, and ??? spring [aka blue hole]) have received the least attention.

RE naufragia:

I have been doing some sampling in and around Georgetown. I found animals at a few new localities and confirmed their presence at others. I collected a few individuals from a spring near the watershed divide between Berry and Salado creeks so we may have something to say about the new Solana critters after we analyze this material. Meaningful analysis will happen when/if we get section 6 funding for the project Paul and I proposed a few months ago.

Re tonkawae:

Paul is working on the last bit of lab analysis but he is getting some interesting data. He thinks there may be two species here; an on-Plateau species and an off-Plateau species. I just walked in the door from another day of MRC along Bull Creek with Nate Bendik.

Feel free to contact me if you have any more Qs.

Andy

Andy Gluesenkamp, PhD  
Herpetologist  
Nongame & Rare Species

Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, TX 78744  
(512) 389-8722

-----Original Message-----

From: Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov [mailto:Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov]  
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 10:14 AM  
To: Andy Gluesenkamp  
Subject: Candidate Notice of Review

Hey there,

I am working on our annual Candidate Notice of Review - which updates the status for each of our 4 candidate salamander species. I need to make mention of the fact that 2 new sites were discovered for the Salado. Can you refresh my memory - were the Solana Ranch landowners not wanting us to name their property specifically? If so, how do you suggest we describe it so we don't give away the name. What trib was it located on? And in what month of 2009 did you first discover it?

I will mention the Robertson tract if you don't think the landowners would mind.

Can you give me a little information on how often you visit these and other sites looking for salamanders? The "powers that be" like to see that someone is actually looking for these critters.

Do you have any knowledge of anything else going on with the other 3 species that ought to be included? If so, let me know. Of course, I will be contacting others for this information.

I need to talk to you about the City of Austin and a CCAA they are planning to do for the JPS. I told them that I would like to have you involved, if possible. I'll try to give you a call this week about that.

I hope all is well, Andy!

Paige

---

Paige A. Najvar  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758  
512/490 0057 Ext. 229  
512/490 0974 Fax

"Andy  
Gluesenkamp"  
<Andy.Gluesenkamp  
@tpwd.state.tx.us  
>

<Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov>

To

cc

02/26/2010 02:36  
PM

RE: Salado salamander

Subject

E. chisolmensis, naufragia, tonkawae, and waterlooensis? All should be listed as far as I'm concerned.  
AGG

Andy Gluesenkamp, PhD  
Herpetologist  
Nongame & Rare Species  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, TX 78744  
(512) 389-8722

-----Original Message-----

From: Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov [mailto:Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov]  
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 2:06 PM  
To: Andy Gluesenkamp  
Subject: RE: Salado salamander

Oh, I'll do it. I will need your blessing on the 4 candidate salamander species.

---

Paige A. Najvar  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758  
512/490 0057 Ext. 229  
512/490 0974 Fax

"Andy  
Gluesenkamp"  
<Andy.Gluesenkamp  
@tpwd.state.tx.us <Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov>  
>  
02/26/2010 12:31  
PM RE: Salado salamander

To  
cc  
Subject

Awww, shucks. Let me know if I can help in any way.

AGG

Andy Gluesenkamp, PhD  
Herpetologist  
Nongame & Rare Species  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, TX 78744  
(512) 389-8722

-----Original Message-----

From: Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov [mailto:Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov]  
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 12:06 PM  
To: Andy Gluesenkamp  
Subject: Re: Salado salamander

And just in time for our candidate notice of review updates too. How timely. You are a lesson in perserverence to us all, by the way.

---

Paige A. Najvar  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200  
Austin, TX 78758  
512/490 0057 Ext. 229  
512/490 0974 Fax

..... "Andy  
..... Gluesenkamp"  
..... <Andy.Gluesenkamp ..... To  
..... @tpwd.state.tx.us ..... <Paige\_Najvar@fws.gov>  
..... > ..... cc  
.....  
..... 02/26/2010 11:37 ..... Subject  
..... AM ..... Salado salamander

Paige,

Well, it finally happened. After nine months of near-weekly visits, I finally found a salamander in Robertson Spring. That's the large complex immediately upstream of IH-35 in Salado. I'll send pics later.

Andy

Andy Gluesenkamp, PhD  
Herpetologist  
Nongame & Rare Species  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept  
4200 Smith School Road

Austin, TX 78744

(512) 389-8722