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RE: Withdrawal of Petitions for Shinner's Sunflower and Cape Fear Spatterdock

Dear U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

In 2010 the Center for Biological Diversity and allies petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the Shinner's Sunflower (*Helianthus occidentalis ssp. plantagineus*) from Louisiana and Texas and the Cape Fear Spatterdock (*Nuphar sagittifolia*) from North and South Carolina and Virginia under the Endangered Species Act. In 2011 the Service issued a positive 90-day finding for these species (76 FR 59836).

In light of new survey information expanding the number of occurrences of these species, I am writing to withdraw them from the petition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of all petitioners,

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