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STATUS REVIEW OF 10 SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

The status of 10 species of amphibians is being reviewed by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine whether they should be proposed for either the endangered or threatened lists, Keith M. Schreiner, Associate Director, announced today.

Most of the amphibians in this review occur in extremely limited areas in widely scattered parts of the United States. No one factor apparently is contributing to the decline of these species as a group. Each is affected by different threats such as pollution, stream modification, overcollecting, or other types of habitat destruction.

The species being reviewed are the Puerto Rican toad, Amargosa toad, Pine Barrens treefrog, Vegas Valley leopard frog, Neuse River waterdog, San Marcos salamander, Valdina Farms salamander, Larch Mountain salamander, Siskiyou Mountain salamander, and the Honey Creek Cave blind salamander.

Persons with information that may help in determining whether any or all of these species should be listed as threatened or endangered are invited to write the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240. All comments received by November 1, 1977, will be considered.

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