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**RE: Withdrawal of Petitions for 5 Species**

Dear U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

In 2010 the Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the Irons Fork Burrowing Crayfish (*Procambarus reimeri*), the Rough Stemmed Aster (*Symphytotrichum puniceum* var. *scabricaule*), and the Texas Emerald Dragonfly (*Somatochlora margarita*) 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 information on their status, I am writing to withdraw them from the petition.

In 2012 the Center and allies petitioned the Service to protect the Lesser Slender Salamander (*Batrachoseps minor*) and the Inyo Mountains Salamander (*Batrachoseps campii*) under the Endangered Species Act. In 2015 the Service issued a positive 90-day finding for these species (80 FR 37568). In light of new status information, I am writing to withdraw these salamanders from the petition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of all petitioners,

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