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RE: Withdrawal of Petitions for the Rare Skipper (*Problema bulenta*) and Say's Spiketail (*Cordulegaster sayi*)

Dear Secretary Jewell and others:

On April 20, 2010, the Center for Biological Diversity and allies petitioned for Endangered Species Act protection for 404 aquatic, riparian, and wetland species from the southeastern United States including the rare skipper (*Problema bulenta*) and Say's spiketail (*Cordulegaster sayi*). On September 27, 2011, the Service issued a positive 90-day finding for 374 of the species in the petition including these two species (76 FR 59836). The rare skipper is a butterfly from Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Say's skipper is a dragonfly from Florida and Georgia.

In light of new information indicating that these two species are more common than they were previously considered to be, I am writing to withdraw the rare skipper and Say's spiketail from the petition.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

On behalf of all petitioners,



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