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Comments: Hello Ms. Moser-

I see the Catalina Rincon firescape documents have been published to the Forest Service website. A brief glance at the BE shows some misrepresentations about where the lowland leopard frog occurs, saying "it is found in the Tanque Verde, Pantano, Rincon, and Cienega Creek watersheds." (I am not sure if the "Rincon" watershed is the same as the "Rincon group geographic area"). Further, the species account spends a great deal of space on the work of Dale Turner et al. in the Whetstone Mountains, far to the south of the project area. Missing from the synthesis is a large body of work in the Rincon and Catalina mountains such as Don Swann's work at Saguaro National Park or David Hall's survey of the complex (See attached). In addition, there has been a well-attended working group that meets once per year and is devoted to this species in the Rincon and Catalina mountains; I would be happy to provide additional details to you about the group and our work.

This lack of information on the distribution of the species appears to be important because in areas where it occurs, there are stated, special measures taken to protect the species and its habitat. Given that some of the largest populations (in the mountain complex) of the species occurs in Alder, Buehman, and Edgar Canyons, I am concerned that a lack of attention to the species in these and other occupied areas could cause unnecessary harm to these populations. I hope there are additional opportunities to correct this information and for providing you and your team with the necessary information to make the best management decisions.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

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