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Comments: Amphibian populations are declining worldwide, and amphibians are experiencing high extinction rates. Causes include habitat loss, pollutants, pesticides, and the Chytrid fungus. There is a potential for amphibians to occur near the project area, such as along the Boulder River and East Boulder River. In the summary (page S-21) and Section 3.10, please add a discussion of the amphibian existing environment and potential impacts to amphibians from the alternatives.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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