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Comments: Amphibian populations are declining worldwide, and amphibians are experiencing high extinction rates due to habitat loss, chytrid fungus, pollutants, pesticides, invasive species, and climate change. Amphibians are the most threatened class of vertebrates.

Please survey the project area for amphibians in potential habitat such as wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, drainages, and riparian areas. If amphibians are found, re-locate them to a protected area.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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