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Comments: Populations of riparian fauna are declining worldwide due to habitat loss, pollutants, pesticides, invasive species, and climate change. The mountains of the desert southwest are particularly diverse, and host countless endemic and/or threatened species. Many of the species that you would expect to find within the proposed project area are protected under the Endangered Species Act.

Please conduct biological surveys for threatened/endangered riparian and montane species such as the Utah prairie dog, peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, northern leopard frog, American Pika, and boreal toad. It is imperative that this project minimize disturbance of riparian habitats including Summit Creek, Center Creek, Lake Creek, Brown Creek, Benson Creek, Parowan Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, and Dry Lakes Creek.