

forest management activities. The petitioners are concerned that 90 percent of the total range of the southern torrent salamander has undergone rapid and large-scale harvesting of timber or is harvestable, and that there is a lack of protection for the species on those lands, which may place the viability of the species at risk.

The Service has reviewed information in Service files, the petition, and material referenced in the petition. On the basis of the best scientific and commercial information available regarding the present and future threats facing the petitioned species, the Service finds there is substantial information indicating that the listing of the southern torrent salamander may be warranted. This notice initiates a status review for the southern torrent salamander. The Service solicits any additional data, comments, and suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the

scientific community, industry or any other interested party concerning the status of this species. Within 1 year from the date the petition was received, a finding will be made as to whether listing the southern torrent salamander is warranted, as required by section 4(b)(3)(B) of the Act.

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Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

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