

SPECIES: Scientific [common]	<i>Pantosteus discobolus</i> [Bluehead Sucker] Recent taxonomic revisions to the Mountain Sucker clade have been adopted by the American Fisheries Society (Page et al. 2023) and by NatureServe (2025). Bluehead Sucker (formerly <i>Catostomus discobolus</i>) has recently been split into two species based on morphological and genetic evaluations: Bluehead Sucker (<i>Pantosteus discobolus</i>) and the newly recognized Green Sucker (<i>Pantosteus virescens</i>) (Page et al. 2023, Suchomel et al. 2024).
Forest:	Bridger-Teton National Forest
Forest Reviewer:	Patrick M. Barry, Masako Wright
Date of Review:	4/9/2025, 7/7/2025
Forest concurrence (or recommendation if new) for inclusion of species on list of potential SCC: (Enter Yes or No)	No

FOREST REVIEW RESULTS:

1. The Forest concurs or recommends the species for inclusion on the list of potential SCC:
Yes__ No X
2. Rationale for not concurring is based on (check all that apply):
Species is not native to the plan area _____
Species is not known to occur in the plan area X
Species persistence in the plan area is not of substantial concern _____

FOREST REVIEW INFORMATION:

1. Is the Species Native to the Plan Area? Yes X No ___

If no, provide explanation and stop assessment.

2. Is the Species Known to Occur within the Planning Area? Yes ___ No X

If no, stop assessment.

Bluehead Sucker are found in the Colorado River system (Green River Drainage) (Suchomel et al. 2024, Unmack et al. 2014). Bluehead suckers are present in the Big Sandy River below the USFS boundary; however, no records are found on the Plan Area.

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