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| SPECIES: Scientific [common] | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss aguabonita</i> [California Golden Trout] |
| Forest: | Bridger-Teton National Forest |
| Forest Reviewer: | Masako Wright |
| Date of Review: | 6/18/2025 |
| 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 X
 Species is not known to occur in the plan area _____
 Species persistence in the plan area is not of substantial concern _____

FOREST REVIEW INFORMATION:

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

If no, provide explanation and stop assessment.

California golden trout are native to two stream systems on the eastern side of the Kern River: Golden Trout Creek and the South Fork Kern River in Tulare County, California. They are stocked as a sportfish in Montana but do not occur naturally. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department manages 133 high, alpine lakes for golden trout. Most Wyoming golden trout waters are in the Wind River mountains (Lander and Pinedale regions), with others in the Absaroka, Snowy, and Bighorn mountains (Laramie, Cody, and Sheridan regions). In the Cloud Peak Wilderness, on the Cody side (west side) of the Bighorns, there are eleven waters with golden trout and on the Sheridan side (east side) there are four waters with goldens; Elephanthead, Myrtle, Firehole #2, and Frozen #1 (WGFD 2018).

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

If no, stop assessment.

Table 1. All Known Occurrences, Years, and Frequency within the Planning Area

| Year Observed | Number of Individuals | Location of Observations (USFS District, Town, River, Road Intersection, HUC etc.) | Source of Information |
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- a. Are all Species Occurrences Only Accidental or Transient?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, document source for determination and stop assessment.

- b. For species with known occurrences on the Forest since 1990, based on the number of observations and/or year of last observation, can the species be presumed to be established or becoming established in the plan area?

Yes ___ No___

If no, provide explanation and stop assessment

- c. For species with known occurrences on the Forest predating 1990, does the weight of evidence suggest the species still occurs in the plan area?

Yes ___ No___

Provide explanation for determination

If determination is no, stop assessment

Summary and Recommendations

References

Wyoming Game and Fish Department. 2018. Fish Stocking Report. Jackson, WY. Available at:
<https://wgfapps.wyo.gov/FishStock/FishStock>