SALADO SALAMANDER CRITICAL HABITAT
COMMUNITY MEETING
JULY 14, 2020

PURPOSE
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss future actions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding the Salado salamander. The FWS will publish a proposed critical habitat designation in the Federal Register by August 12, 2020.

CURRENT STATUS
- **Aug 2012**: FWS proposed critical habitat for the Salado salamander
- **Feb 2014**: FWS determined Salado salamander as threatened under the ESA
  *Critical habitat designation was never finalized*
- **Jun 2019**: FWS was sued for failure to designate critical habitat for Georgetown and Salado salamanders
- **Feb 2020**: Stipulated Settlement Agreement reached, FWS must propose critical habitat by August 12, 2020
  *Initial proposal complete, moving to publish in Federal Register*

CRITICAL HABITAT TIMELINE
Estimated timeline based on August 12, 2020 start date, and will take a total of **12 months**

- **Aug 12, 2020**: FWS publishes *proposed* designation in Federal Register
- **Includes 60 to 90-day *comment period* and public meeting(s)**
- **Aug 12, 2021**: FWS publishes *final* designation in Federal Register. Effective 30 days later
REVISED RANGE (FWS BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE)

2013

Devitt et al. 2019

PROPOSED CRITICAL HABITAT MAP