

Response Statement - Oregon Forestsnail

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Common Name: Oregon Forestsnail

Scientific Name: *Allogona townsendiana*

Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC): Endangered

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The above assessment confirms the classification of the Oregon Forestsnail which is already on Schedule 1, the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk*. This species will thus remain on the List as Endangered and activities will continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the purposes of, and according to the timelines identified in, the *Species at Risk Act*.

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This large land snail is endemic to western North America. In Canada, it occurs mainly in the Lower Fraser Valley, the most densely populated and highly fragmented region of British Columbia. It also has been found at a single site on Vancouver Island. Habitat loss due to residential and commercial development continues to fragment and isolate remaining populations.

Occurrence: British Columbia

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Conservation activities underway: A recovery strategy for the Oregon Forestsnail is in development.