## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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<td>Area of Critical Environmental Concern</td>
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<td>Aquatic Invasive Species</td>
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<td>BBS</td>
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<td>Corp of Engineers</td>
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Nevada Wildlife Action Plan

NRCS: Natural Resource Conservation Service
NSC: Nevada Sportsman Coalition
NTS: Nevada Test Site
NVSCP: Nevada Springs Conservation Plan
NVWP: Nevada Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan
NWFMWG: Northwest Fresh Mussel Working Group
NWR: National Wildlife Refuge

OHV: Off-Highway Vehicle
ORV: Off-Road Vehicle

PARC: Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation
PARC A & RHMG: Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Amphibian and Reptile Habitat Mgmt Guidelines
PCD: Partners in Conservation & Development
PIF: Partners in Flight

Q1: Question 1 Conservation Bond and Resource Protection Grant Program

REA: Rapid Ecological Assessment
RIT: Recovery Implementation Team
RLF CAS: Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Agreement/Strategy
RLFCT: Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Team
RMEF: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
RMP: Resource Management Plan
RT: Recovery Team

SHA: Safe Harbor Agreement
SMP: Species Management Plan
SNWA: Southern Nevada Water Authority
SWG: State Wildlife Grant
SW PARC: Southwest Chapter of Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation
SWReGAP: Southwest Regap

TMWA: Truckee Meadows Water Authority
TNC: The Nature Conservancy
TPL: Trust for Public Land
TRPA: Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
TSF CAS: Toiyabe Subpopulation Spotted Frog Conservation Agreement/Strategy
TSFTT: Toiyabe Subpopulation Spotted Frog Technical Team
TU: Trout Unlimited
TWG: Tribal Wildlife Grant

UDWR: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
UNR: University of Nevada, Reno
UNLV: University of Nevada, Las Vegas
UPCD: Utah Partners for Conservation & Development
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USBoR: United States Bureau of Reclamation
USDA: United States Department of Agriculture
USFS: United States Forest Service
USFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS: United States Geological Survey
USGS-BRD: United States Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division
VR: Virgin River
VRRMRP: Virgin River Resource Management and Recovery Program
WAP: Wildlife Action Plan
WGA: Western Governor’s Association
WHIN: Wildlife and Habitat Improvement of Nevada
WHIP: Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
WMA: Wildlife Management Area (Nevada Department of Wildlife)
WRP: Wetlands Reserve Program
YCT: Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout
GLOSSARY

alluvial fan: A deposit of rocks, sand, gravel, and finer materials that has been laid down by water as it flows from a mountainous area on to a plain.

AOU (American Ornithologists’ Union): The oldest and largest organization in the New World devoted to the scientific study of birds. The recognized arbiter of lumping, splitting, and naming of bird species in North America.

biogeography: The study of the geographical distributions of organisms, their habitats and the historical and biological factors which produced them.

commensalism: a mutually beneficial relationship between organisms of different species.

edaphic: Influenced by the nature of the soil.

endemic: Native to, and restricted to, particular geographical region.

habitat suitability model: a description of physical factors, often quantified numerically, that describe the habitat preferred by a species.

halophytic: tolerant of saline conditions.

hibernaculum: a shelter occupied during the winter by a dormant animal. Plural: hibernacula.

lentic: pertaining to static or slow moving open water.

lotic: pertaining to fast-moving water habitats, such as streams and rivers.

mesic: characterized by the presence of moderate water.

orographic: pertaining to relief factors such as hills, mountains, plateaux, valleys and slopes.

seral: of, relating to, or constituting an ecological sere (a series of ecological communities formed in ecological succession).

stochasticity: referring to patterns resulting from random factors.

subnivean: the zone in or under snowpack or occurring under the snowpack.

urostyle: a spikelike bone, a downward extension of the vertebral column. Its presence is evidence that primitive frogs probably had tails.

xeric: characterized by aridity.

xerophytic: tolerant of arid conditions.
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