

## PECOS BLUNTNOSE SHINER

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**Nominated ACEC:** Pecos Bluntnose Shiner Habitat ACEC

**Nominated by:** BLM

**Size:** 200 acres

### Fish or Wildlife Resource

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#### ***Relevance***

The Pecos River within the nominated ACEC contains populations of the federally Threatened Pecos bluntnose shiner (*Notropis simus pecosensis*). The designated Critical Habitat for this species is divided into two separate reaches, designated as Upper and Lower Critical Habitat. The lower Critical Habitat reach occurs within the planning area and is a 37-mile segment of the Pecos River extending from Hagerman to Artesia. This area was designated as Critical Habitat because the river has a flow consisting of clean, permanent water; a main river channel with sandy substrate; and low water.

#### ***Importance***

- Has qualities or circumstances that make it fragile, sensitive, rare, irreplaceable, exemplary, unique, endangered, threatened, or vulnerable to adverse change.