



SIERRA NEVADA RED FOX PROPOSED LISTING

Based on the best available scientific information, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined the Sierra Nevada distinct population segment (DPS) of the Sierra Nevada red fox is at risk of extinction due to a variety of factors, including the effects of small population size and continued hybridization with non-native red foxes. These findings prompted the Service to propose listing the Sierra Nevada DPS of Sierra Nevada red fox as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. No critical habitat is proposed for this DPS. The Service is accepting public comments on the proposed listing until March 9, 2020. Additional information can be found online by visiting <https://go.usa.gov/xdTzp> or <https://regulations.gov> and typing in docket number FWS-R8-ES-2019-0006.

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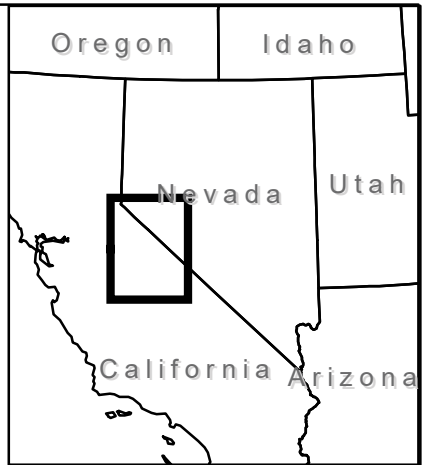


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Quick Facts

- **Description:** The Sierra Nevada red fox is a small subspecies of red fox that is adapted to subalpine habitat, characterized by heavy snow, short growing seasons, and a mixture of open and forested areas.
- **Range:** The Sierra Nevada DPS of the Sierra Nevada red fox occurs only in California's Sierra Nevada, mainly found near Sonora Pass (see map on reverse).
- **Current Population:** The Sierra Nevada DPS is comprised of as few as 10 and no more than 50 adults.
- **Threats:** Small population and hybridization with non-native foxes.
- **Proactive Recovery Efforts Underway:** Collaborative efforts among federal conservation agencies, the Department of Defense, the state of California, universities and the private sector could help the subspecies recover. Together, they are developing conservation management plans to minimize activities that fragment the forest and disturb breeding and denning foxes.
- **Impacts to Mono County:** Listing would be unlikely to noticeably impact local economies or access to recreational opportunities as the foxes are found in designated wilderness areas and at higher elevations than are typical for commercial activities.

**Map of current range of Sierra Nevada
DPS of Sierra Nevada red fox**
(includes sightings and high quality habitat)



Nevada

Alpine
County

Sonora Pass

Tuolumne
County

Mono
County

Mariposa
County

Madera
County

Fresno
County

Inyo
County

