

Significant Portion of the Range (SPR)

The Final SPR Policy

- Final Policy on Interpretation of the Phrase “Significant Portion of Its Range” in the Endangered Species Act's Definitions of “Endangered Species” and “Threatened Species”
- Effective July 31, 2014.



Status Definitions

Endangered Species

a species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a **significant portion of its range**

Threatened Species

any species likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a **significant portion of its range.**

Range

- The general geographical area within which that species can be found at the time of a status determination.
- Lost historical range is relevant to the analysis of the status of the species, but it cannot constitute a significant portion of a species' range.



Significant Portion

“...The portion’s contribution to the viability of the species is so important that, without the members in that portion, the species would be in danger of extinction or likely to become so in the foreseeable future, throughout all of its range.”



When?

“Throughout all...”

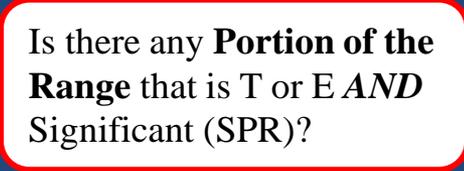


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Or

a SPR...”

NOT WARRANTED



Yes - E in an SPR

Yes - T in an SPR

No - Not T/E in an SPR

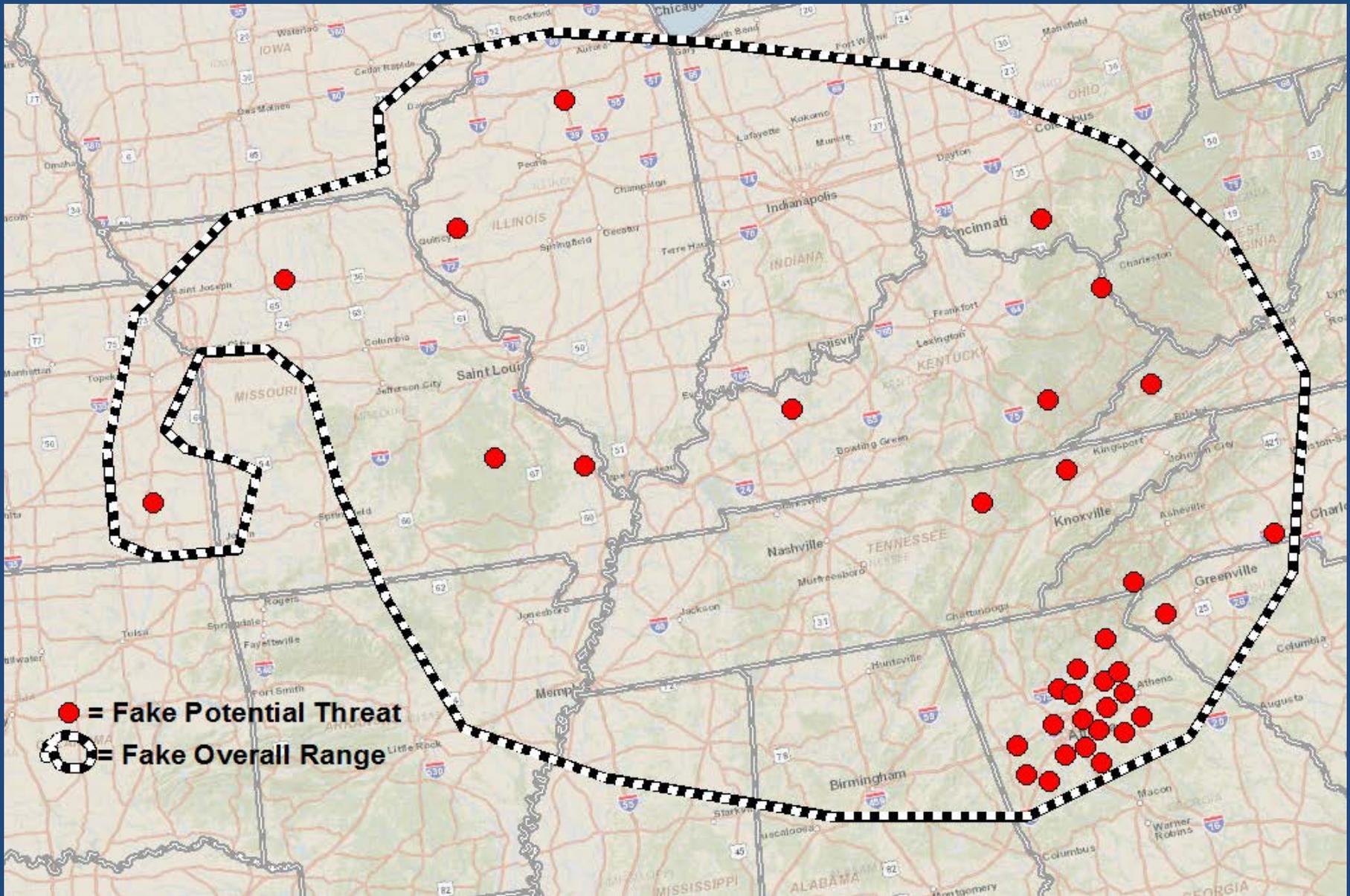
IF SPR = DPS, LIST DPS

List entire as: Endangered species

List entire as: Threatened species

Not warranted - Do not list

Example



Questions



The 2014 SPR policy is available online:

<http://1.usa.gov/1pgQ8Mz>

