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### THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES

for the

### FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION

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In accordance with section 7(c) of the Act, the Service has determined that the following listed species may be present on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS <sup>1</sup>	RANGE – MONTANA
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Endangered, nonessential experimental	Prairie dog complexes; Eastern Montana

<sup>1</sup>ENDANGERED (E) - Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

THREATENED (T) – Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

CANDIDATE (C) – Those taxa for which the Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose to list them as threatened or endangered. We encourage their consideration in environmental planning and partnerships, however, none of the substantive or procedural provisions of the Act apply to candidate species.

EXPERIMENTAL NONESSENTIAL POPULATION (XN) – A population of a listed species reintroduced into a specific more flexible management under the Act.

CRITICAL HABITAT (CH) – The specific area (i) within the geographic area occupied by a listed species, at the time it is listed, on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to conserve the species and (ii) that may require special management considerations or protection; and (iii) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon determination that such areas are essential to conserve the species.