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Subject: Re: 2014 wolverine withdrawal
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Thanks Justin,
The withdrawal said

"We evaluated the current range of the distinct population segment of the North American wolverine to determine if there is any apparent geographic concentration of potential threats for the DPS. We examined potential threats due to human use and disturbance of habitat, trapping, and effects of climate change. We found no concentration of threats that suggests that the DPS of North American wolverine may be in danger of extinction in a portion of its range. We found no portions of the range where potential threats are significantly concentrated or substantially greater than in other portions of the range. Therefore, no portion of the range of the DPS of North American wolverine warrants further consideration of possible endangered or threatened species status under the Act. "

Also, found this comment in there:

(47) Comment: One commenter believed the wolverine does not qualify as a DPS because the population is not discrete, and loss of the subspecies in the contiguous United States would not represent a significant gap in relation to its entire range, which includes areas within the contiguous United States, Canada, and Alaska. The population and habitat area in the lower 48 States represent a small fraction of the entire range; meaning that, for the purposes of the Act, the wolverine is insignificant when compared to the entire North American subspecies.

Our Response: Please refer to our December 14, 2010, 12-month petition

finding (75 FR 78030) and our February 4, 2013, proposed rule to list the North American wolverine (78 FR 7864) for a more robust discussion of our analysis of the wolverine in the contiguous United States and our DPS policy. We recognize that there may be differences of opinion on the definition of “significant.” However, for the reasons detailed in the February 4, 2013, proposed rule, we conclude both that the contiguous U.S. population of the wolverine is discrete and that the loss of that population would result a significant gap in the range of the taxon, in accordance with our DPS policy. However, as described in this document, we have concluded that this DPS does not warrant listing, and we are withdrawing our proposed rule to list the DPS.

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On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 3:22 PM, Shoemaker, Justin <justin_shoemaker@fws.gov> wrote:

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