

DTS #: FR00003749

Please provide a brief description in bullet format.

- This is a final rule to list the Southern Sierra Nevada Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Fisher as an endangered species. This DPS is modified (logical outgrowth) from a previously proposed DPS configuration labeled as the “West Coast Distinct Population Segment of Fisher.”
- Fishers are small, carnivorous mammals within the weasel family (mustelids) that live in large areas of dense/mature coniferous, mixed, and hardwood forests that have specific characteristics for its life history needs (e.g., large-diameter trees, coast downed wood, snags, tree cavities).
- This DPS is found in high elevation forests from the Tuolumne River in Yosemite National Park south to the Kern River Canyon, including Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kern Counties, California.
- There is a court-ordered deadline for this action to be submitted to the *Federal Register* by April 25, 2020.

Controversial: X

- Legal challenges by non-profit environmental organization(s) are likely as a result of our revised DPS analysis, and not listing the NCSO subpopulation area/DPS.

Non-controversial:

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