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Dear Tribal Partner,

Today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the final rule listing the Southern Sierra Nevada distinct population segment (DPS) of fisher as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

In November 2019, the Service published a revised proposed rule to list the West Coast DPS of fisher as threatened. Based on the most recent data, we have determined there are two distinct West Coast populations of fisher: the Southern Sierra Nevada DPS and the Northern California-Southern Oregon DPS. Thanks in part to voluntary conservation efforts by state and private timber owners, the Northern California-Southern Oregon population of fisher appears stable within a large range of suitable habitat and does not warrant the protections of the ESA.

The Southern Sierra Nevada DPS of fisher faces a number of stressors that led the Service to list it as endangered, including wildfire, climate change, tree mortality, predation, toxicants, and collisions with vehicles. The efforts of the Service's partners to retain and restore habitat for the fisher are critical to the recovery of the Southern Sierra Nevada fisher DPS and the continued health of the Northern California-Southern Oregon fisher population.

The final rule to list the Southern Sierra Nevada DPS of fisher is available for public inspection today and will publish in the Federal Register on Friday, May 15.

Please see the attached letter and the news release for additional details on this decision. Our staff is currently working from remote locations, and hard copy letters are not being mailed. Please accept this email and attachments in lieu of a hard copy letter. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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