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Dear County Commissioner:

Today, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced a final determination for the Pacific fisher. The Service announced a final rule to list the Southern Sierra Nevada distinct population segment (DPS) of fisher as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), while the Northern California-Southern Oregon DPS will not be listed. A map of both DPSs is included below.

The species is consistently associated with low- to mid-elevation coniferous and mixed conifer and hardwood forests with characteristics of mid- and late-successional forests. There have been concerted conservation measures by external partners to improve fisher habitat on private and public managed forest lands. Voluntary conservation efforts by state and private timber owners have contributed to the Northern California-Southern Oregon population of fisher appearing stable within a large range of suitable habitat.

The Southern Sierra Nevada DPS of fisher will be listed as endangered based on factors including loss of habitat, small population size and limited distribution within a fragmented habitat. The Northern California-Southern Oregon DPS is not warranted for protection under the ESA due in part to its widespread distribution, resilience and ongoing conservation efforts on public and private timberlands within its range.

The rule is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register on May 15, 2020, and will be available at www.regulations.gov by searching under docket number FWS-R8-ES-2018-0105.

Please see the attached news release for additional information.

Feel free to contact me with additional questions.

Respectfully,

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