



# The Final Significant Portion of the Range (SPR) Policy and the Greater Sage-Grouse Status Review

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# Goals for today

- Understand the Final Significant Portion of the Range (SPR) Policy
- Understand concentrations of threats



# The Final SPR Policy

- Final Policy on Interpretation of the Phrase “Significant Portion of Its Range” in the Endangered Species Act's Definitions of “Endangered Species” and “Threatened Species”
- Effective July 31, 2014.



# Why do we do SPR?

The SPR phrase in the Act's definitions for threatened and endangered provides an *independent basis for listing*:

A species qualifies for listing if:

- It is T/E *throughout all of its range*

**-OR-**

- It is T/E in a *significant portion of its range*

*Consequences* of species being T/E in a SPR:

The *entire species is listed* and protections of the Act apply *to all individuals wherever found*.

# When?

## *"Throughout all..."*

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Endangered or  
Threatened  
**throughout all** its  
range?

Yes

**WARRANTED**

Endangered  
**throughout all** its  
range?

Yes – E  
throughout all

List as an  
**Endangered**  
species

Threatened  
**throughout all** its  
range?

Yes - T  
throughout all

List as a  
**Threatened**  
species

*Or*

No - Not T/E  
throughout all

**NOT  
WARRANTED**

*a SPR..."*

Is there any **Portion of the  
Range** that is T or E **AND**  
Significant (SPR)?

Yes – E in  
an SPR

List entire as:  
**Endangered**  
species

Yes – T in  
an SPR

List entire as:  
**Threatened**  
species

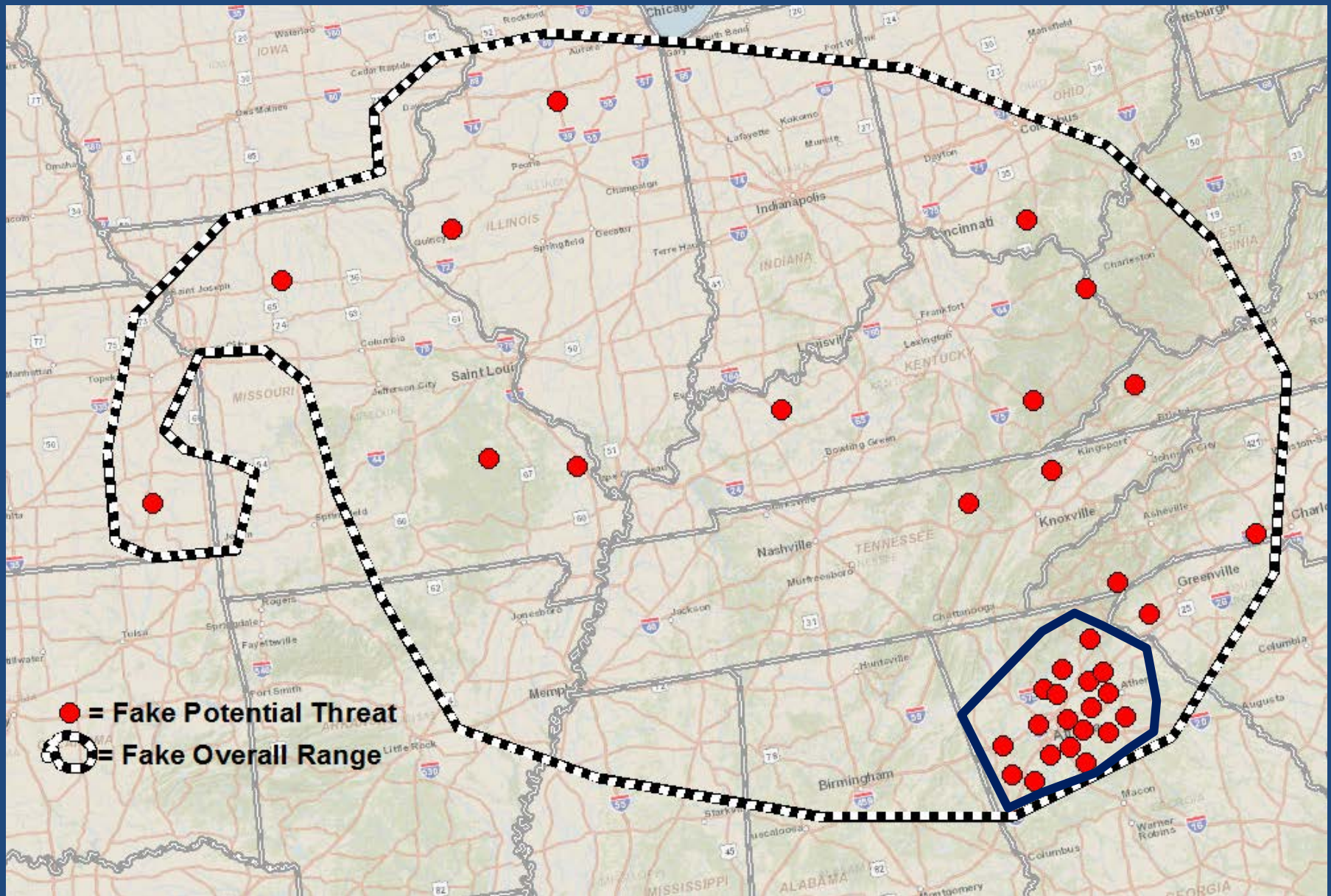
No - Not T/E  
in an SPR

**STATUS REVIEW**  
Threat  
Concentrations

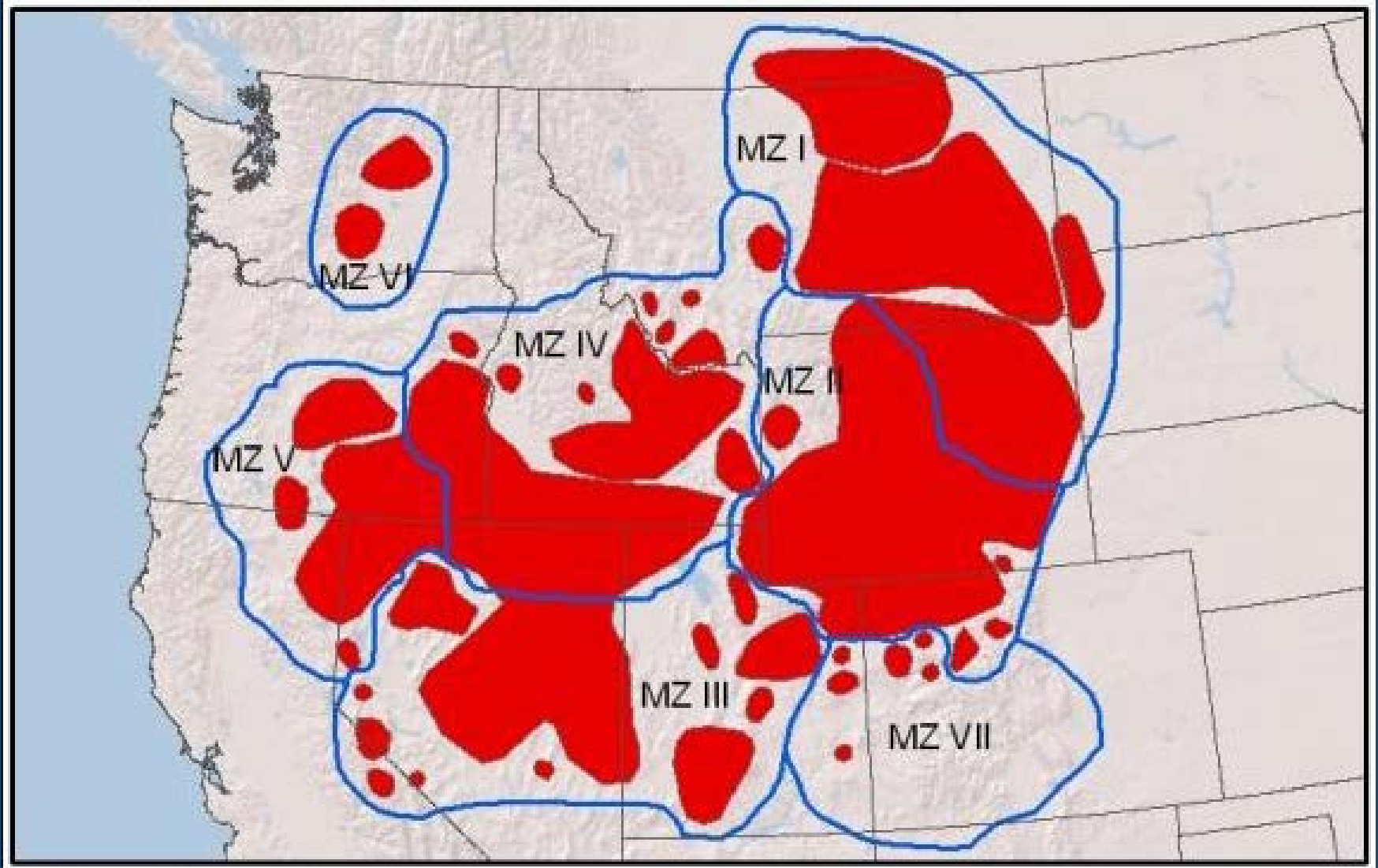
**Not  
warranted -  
Do not list**



# Concentrations of Threats

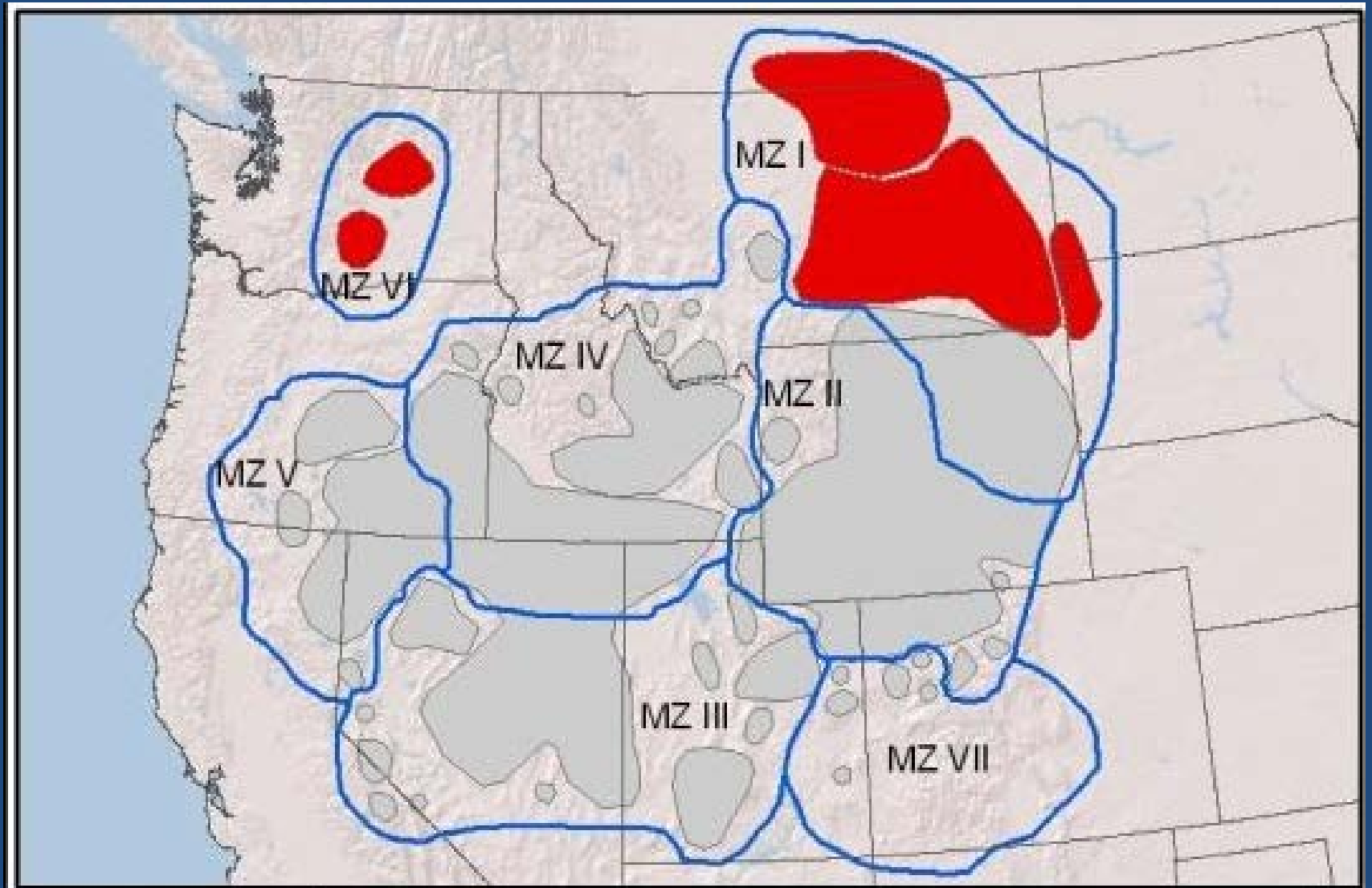


# Concentrations of Threats



Infrastructure

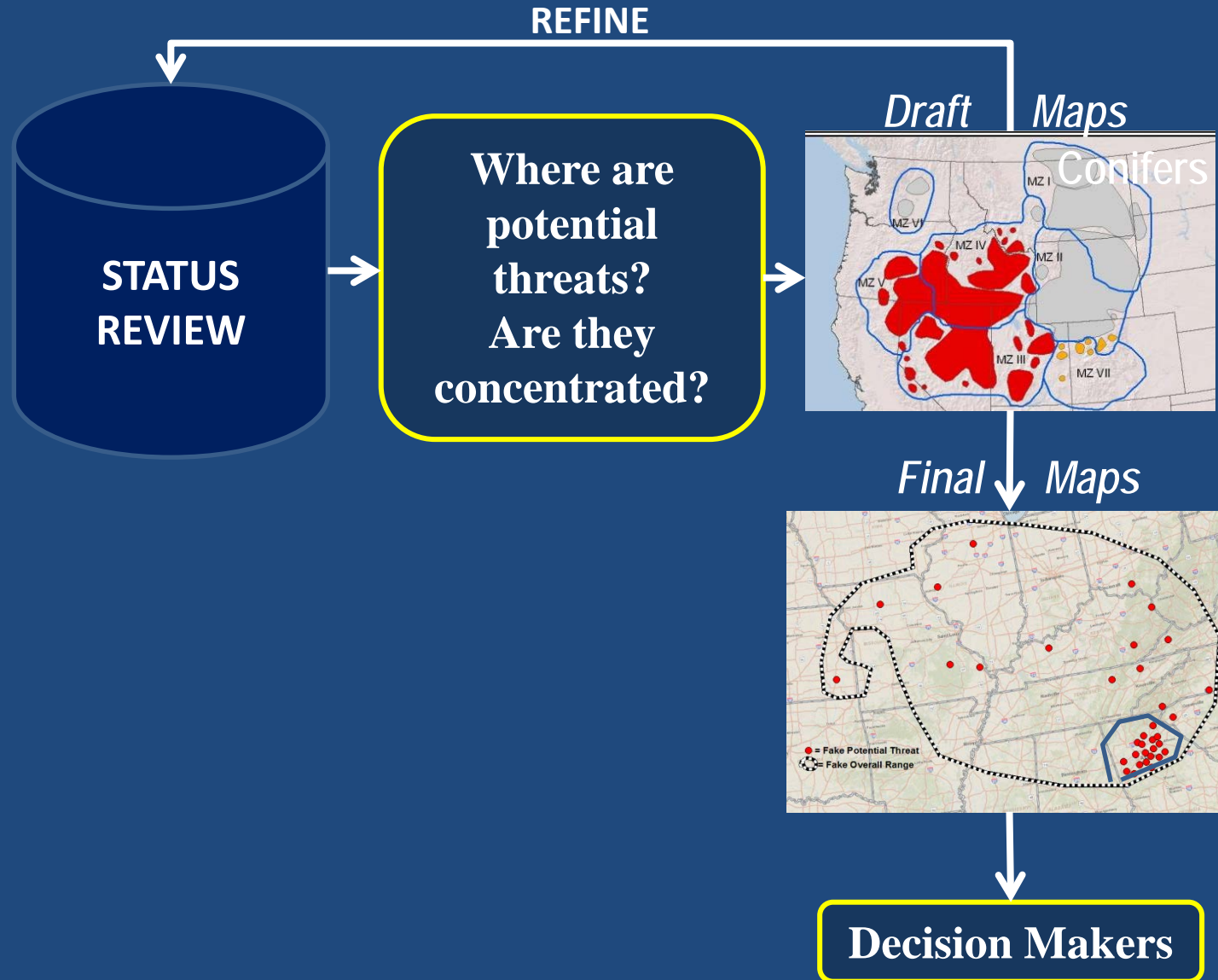
# Concentrations of Threats



Agricultural conversion



# Threat Concentration Framework



# Questions





# SPR's Relationship to DPS

**If SPR = DPS**

**We list the DPS, not the entire taxon**



# Significant=

## *significant portion of its range*

Significant: A portion of the range of a species is 'significant' if the species is not currently endangered or threatened throughout its range, **but** the portion's contribution to the viability of the species is so important that, *without the members in that portion*, the species would be in danger of extinction or likely to become so in the foreseeable future, throughout all of its range.

