



Figure 1. The approximate historic range-wide distribution of the pygmy rabbit (Weiss and Verts 1984; WDFW 1995; T. Katzner, pers. comm., 2002).

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Currently, pygmy rabbits are not distributed continuously across their range, nor were they in the past. Rather, they are found in areas within their

broader distribution where sagebrush cover is sufficiently tall and dense, and soils are sufficiently deep and loose to allow burrowing (Bailey 1936; Green

and Flinders 1980a; Weiss and Verts 1984; WDFW 1995a). The local distribution of these habitat patches, and thus pygmy rabbits, likely shifts