

Species		Historic range	Vertebrate population where endangered or threatened	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
Common name	Scientific name						
MAMMALS							
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Ferret. black-footed	<i>Mustela nigripes</i> ...	Western U.S.A., Western Canada.	Entire, except where listed as an experimental population.	E	1, 3, 433, 545, 546, 582, 646, 703, 737.	NA	NA
Dododo	U.S.A. (specified portions of AZ, CO, MT, SD, UT, and WY, see 17.84(g)(9)).	XN	433, 545, 546, 582, 646, 703, 737.	NA	17.84(g)
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■ 3. Amend § 17.84 by revising paragraphs (g)(1) and (g)(4)(iii) and by adding paragraphs (g)(6)(vii) and (g)(9)(vii) to read as follows, and by adding a map to follow the existing maps at the end of this paragraph (g):

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(g) Black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*).

(1) The black-footed ferret populations identified in paragraph (g)(9)(i) through (vii) of this section are nonessential experimental populations. We will manage each of these populations in accordance with their respective management plans.

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(iii) To relocate a ferret that has moved outside the Little Snake Black-footed Ferret Management Area/Coyote Basin Primary Management Zone or the Rosebud Sioux Reservation Experimental Population Area when

that relocation is necessary to protect the ferret or is requested by an affected landowner or land manager, or whose removal is requested pursuant to paragraph (g)(12) of this section.

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(vii) Report such taking in the Rosebud Sioux Reservation Experimental Population Area to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pierre, South Dakota (telephone 605/224-8693).

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(vii) The Rosebud Sioux Reservation Experimental Population Area is shown on the map of south-central South Dakota at the end of paragraph (g) of this section. The boundaries of the nonessential experimental population area include all of Gregory, Mellette, Todd, and Tripp Counties in South Dakota. Any black-footed ferret found within these four counties will be

considered part of the nonessential experimental population after the first breeding season following the first year of black-footed ferret release. A black-footed ferret occurring outside the nonessential experimental population area in south-central South Dakota will initially be considered as endangered but may be captured for genetic testing. If necessary, disposition of the captured animal may occur in the following ways:

(A) If an animal is genetically determined to have originated from the experimental population, we may return it to the reintroduction area or to a captive-breeding facility.

(B) If an animal is determined to be genetically unrelated to the experimental population, we will place it in captivity under an existing contingency plan. Up to nine black-footed ferrets may be taken for use in the captive-breeding program.

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