

held by State, Federal, local, and nongovernmental organizations and other entities. Nonetheless, those ongoing conservation efforts, while important, are not pivotal to our decision whether or not to list the WCT as either a threatened or an endangered species under the Act. That decision is based mainly on the present-day status of the WCT subspecies, and the occurrence of the numerous extant laws and regulations that work to prevent the adverse effects of land-management and other activities on WCT, particularly on those lands administered by Federal agencies.

On the basis of the best available scientific and commercial information, which has been broadly discussed in this notice and detailed in the documents contained in the Administrative Record for this decision, we conclude that the WCT is not likely to become either a threatened or an endangered species within the foreseeable future. Therefore, listing of the WCT as a threatened or an endangered species under the Act is not warranted at this time.

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