

Status of the Cascade Red Fox in Washington Decision



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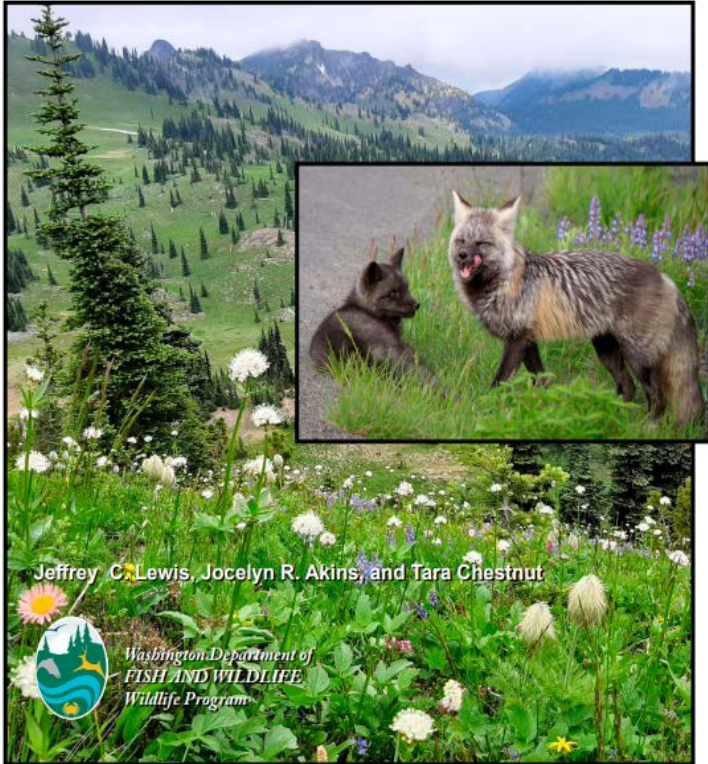


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Recommendation

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Status Report for the Cascade Red Fox



Because of the following threats to the population of Cascade Red Foxes in Washington from:

- 1) $\geq 50\%$ range contraction
- 2) Small population size
- 3) Potential increase in predation and competition from coyotes due to CC
- 4) Climate Change: Increased habitat loss via greater fire frequency, and the anticipated expansion of dense forest cover into occupied fox habitat.
- 5) Potential threat of disease transmission, competition, and hybridization if non-native red foxes invade CRF range.

Staff recommendation that the Cascade Red Fox be listed as a Threatened Species in Washington

Public Comments on draft PSR

- 9 email messages were received from members of the public in response to the status review for the Cascade Red Fox
 - 3 individuals indicated strong support for listing as threatened.
 - 3 individuals indicated support for protection of Cascade red foxes via greater predator control efforts.
 - 1 individual reported that they obtained a photo detection of a red fox. No mention of support for or against listing.
 - 1 individual noted that they would regularly see red foxes many years ago but have not seen one in a very long time. No mention of support for or against listing.
 - 1 individual expressed doubt about the status review findings because of an abundance of red foxes observed in northwestern Oregon (not Washington). No mention of support for or against listing.

Public Hearing Comments

- One individual expressed the need for ecosystem management and that the Cascade Red Fox should be listed as an Endangered Species
- One individual supported the recommendation to make Cascade Red Fox a Threatened or Endangered Species.
- Wildlife Diversity Advisory Council supported listing the Cascade Red Fox as an Endangered Species

Motion Language:

- Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule change as presented by Department staff.

Is there a “second”?