
Cliff Chipmunk

Neotamias dorsalis

Mammalia — Rodentia — Sciuridae

CONSERVATION STATUS / CLASSIFICATION

Rangewide:

Statewide:

ESA:

USFS: Region 1;; Region 4:

BLM:

IDFG:

BASIS FOR INCLUSION

Limited distribution; no population trend data.

TAXONOMY

The subspecies *N. dorsalis grinnelli* or *N. dorsalis utahensis* may occur in Idaho (e.g. Hart 1992), or Idaho populations may represent intergrades between these taxa. Some authorities consider the species to be monotypic.

DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE

This species occurs in scattered localities from northern Mexico to Idaho. In Idaho, populations occur in the southeastern part of the state. The species has been uncommonly encountered at the majority of reported sites.

POPULATION TREND

No data are available to suggest population trend.

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Populations occur at lower and middle elevations in relatively xeric shrub- and conifer-dominated habitat. Large boulders, exposed bedrock, or cliff faces are characteristic of occupied sites (see Hart 1992).

ISSUES

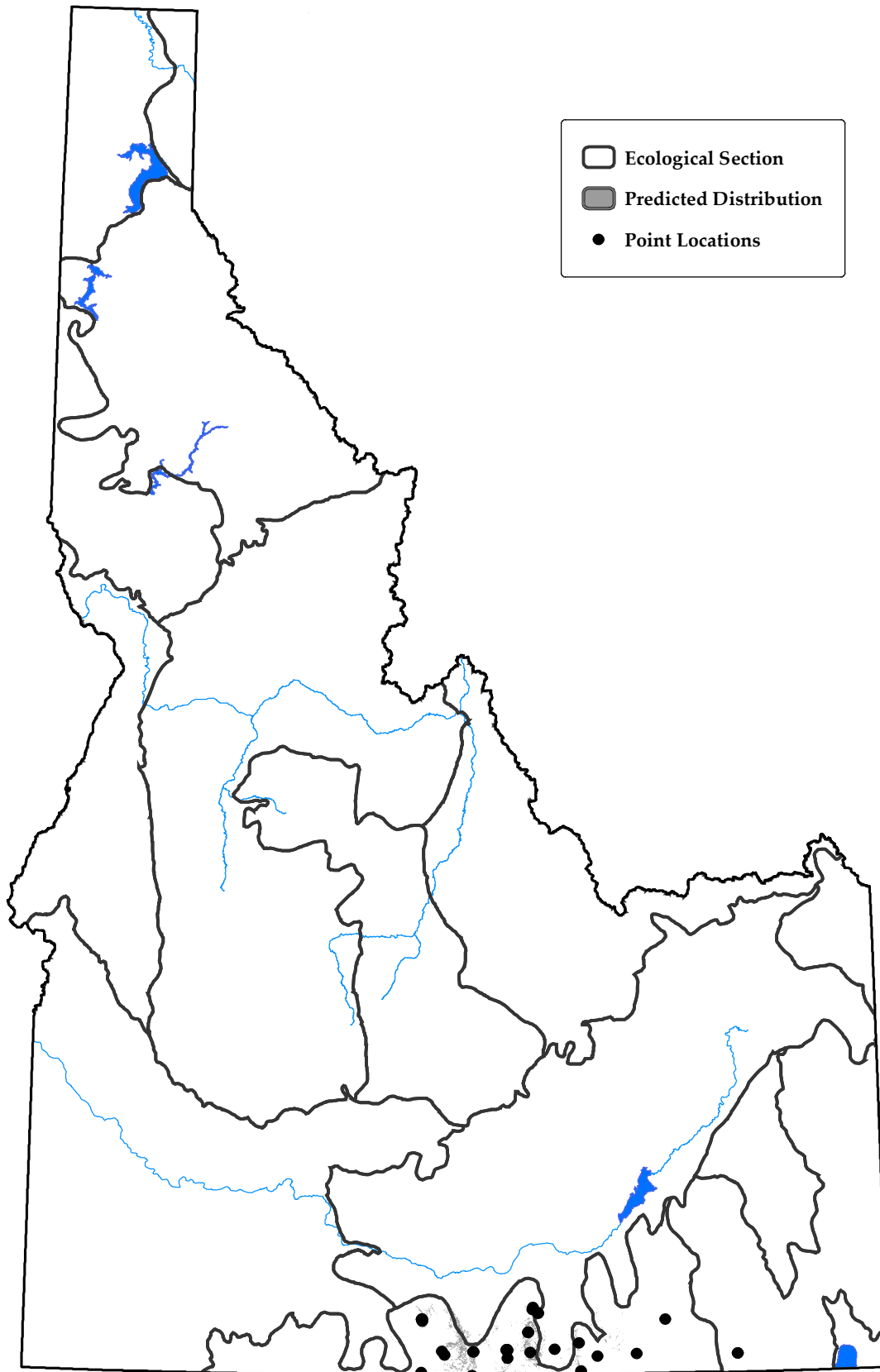
Information is needed to determine the current distribution. No data are available to suggest population trend, and threats to occupied habitat are not known.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Surveys are needed to evaluate distribution and habitat requirements. Efforts are also needed to develop and implement programs to monitor population trend.

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game (2005). Predicted distribution
is from the Wildlife Habitat Relationships Models (WHR),
A Gap Analysis of Idaho: Final Report. Idaho Cooperative Fish
and Wildlife Research Unit, Moscow, ID (Scott et al. 2002).
Predicted distribution is approximate (for more information, go to
http://www.wildlife.uidaho.edu/idgap/idgap_report.asp).

