
Uinta Chipmunk

Neotamias umbrinus

Mammalia — Rodentia — Sciuridae

CONSERVATION STATUS / CLASSIFICATION

Rangewide:

Statewide:

ESA:

USFS: Region 1: ; Region 4:

BLM:

IDFG:

BASIS FOR INCLUSION

Lack of essential information pertaining to status in Idaho; limited population data and threats to habitat.

TAXONOMY

The subspecies *N. umbrinus fremonti* and *N. umbrinus adsitus* occur in Idaho.

DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE

This chipmunk occurs in scattered, disjunct parts of the western U.S., from Colorado and Wyoming, west to California. In Idaho, the species occurs in montane areas of the extreme eastern part of the state.

POPULATION TREND

No data are available to suggest population trend.

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

This species is usually associated with montane conifer forests. In Idaho the species has been found in areas with Douglas-fir, Engelmann spruce, and aspen dominating the overstory vegetation and sagebrush and various forbs and grasses comprising the understory (Keller et al. 1986)

ISSUES

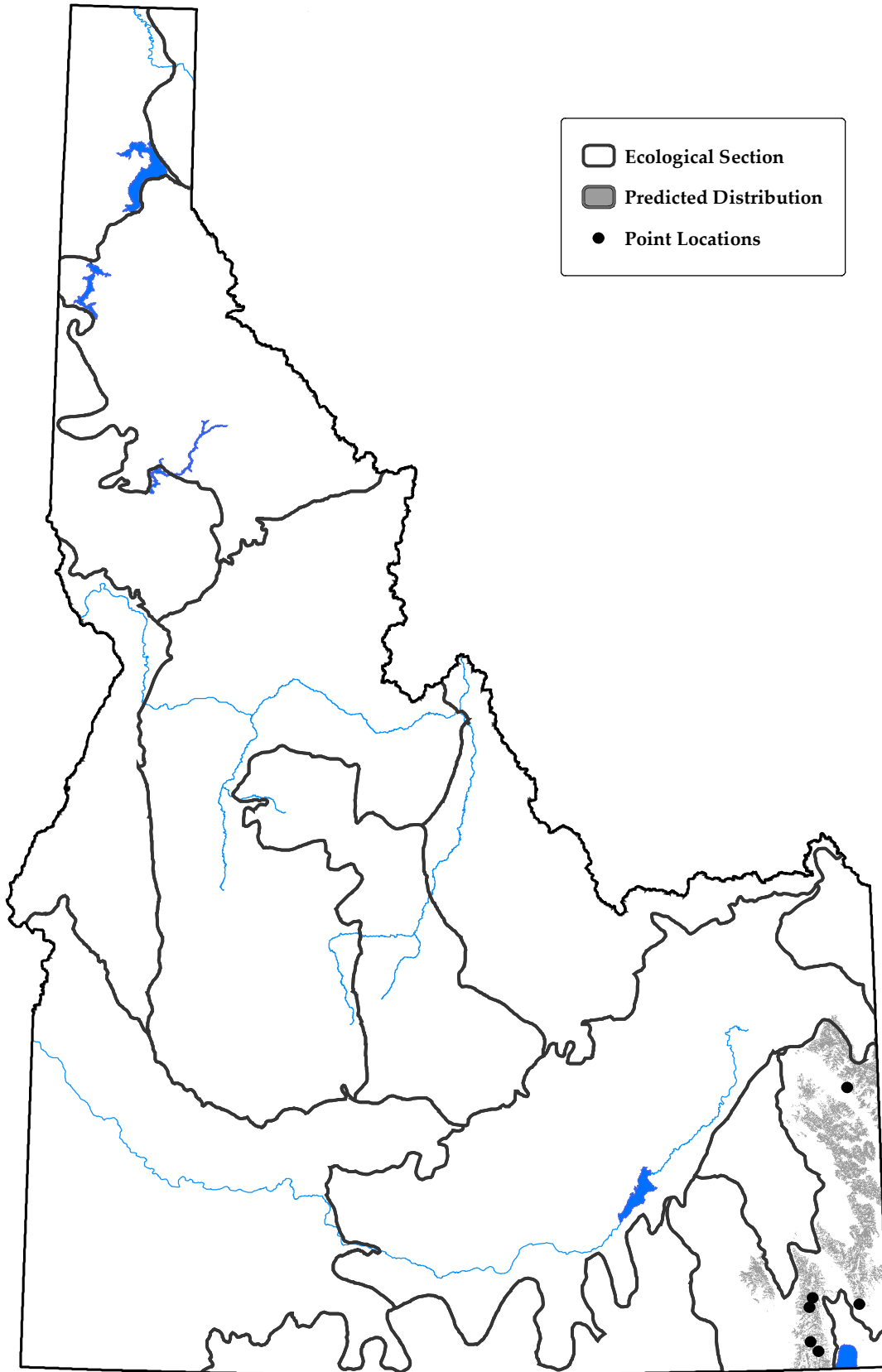
Information is lacking regarding the current status of populations, local distributional patterns, habitat associations, and population trend. Because this species is associated with forested habitat, land uses that affect stand structure and composition could be of importance.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Surveys are needed throughout the Idaho range of this species to evaluate distribution, population size, and habitat requirements. Information is also needed to indicate population trend.

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Sources: Point data are from Idaho Conservation Data Center,
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).

