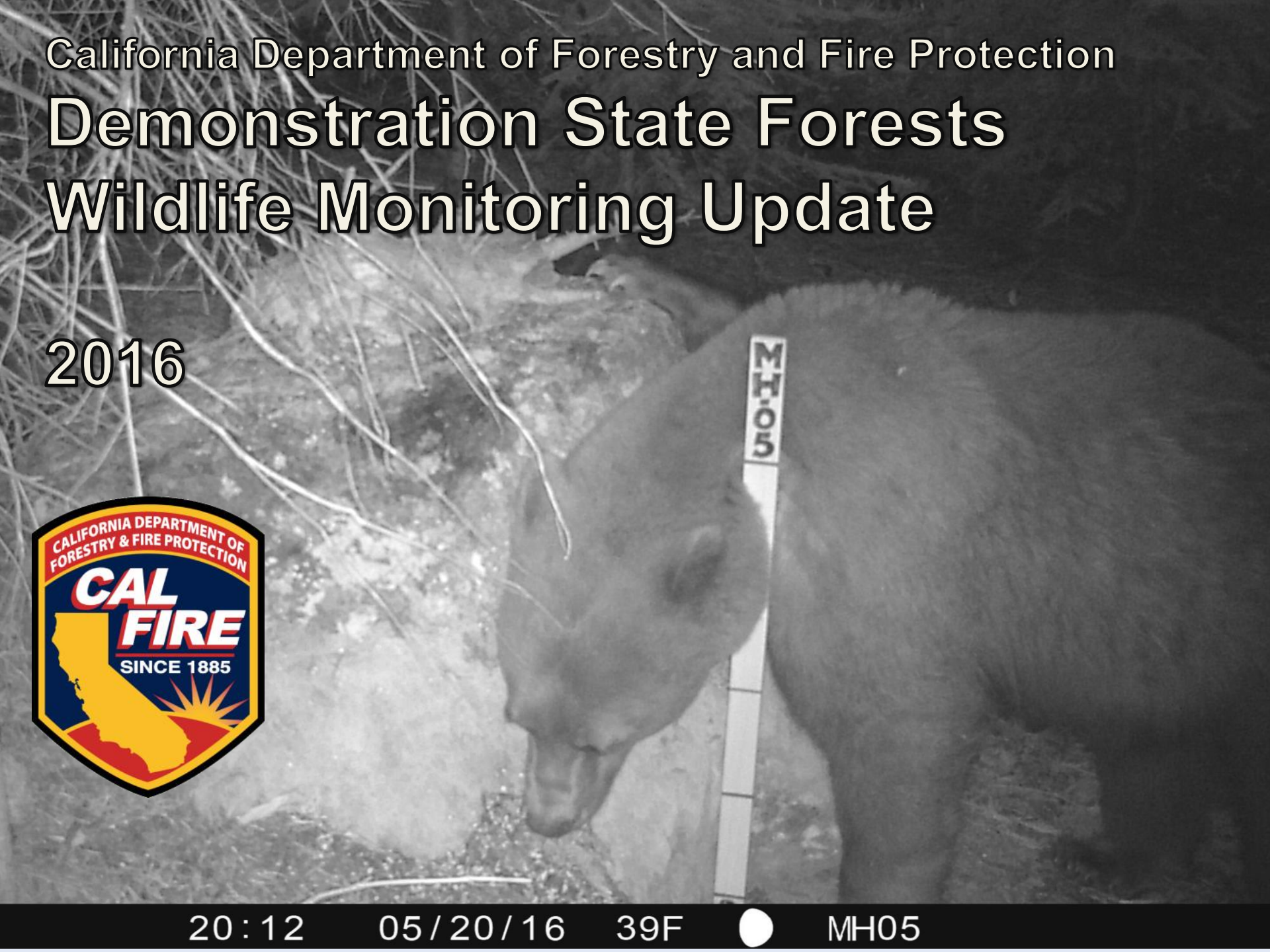
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

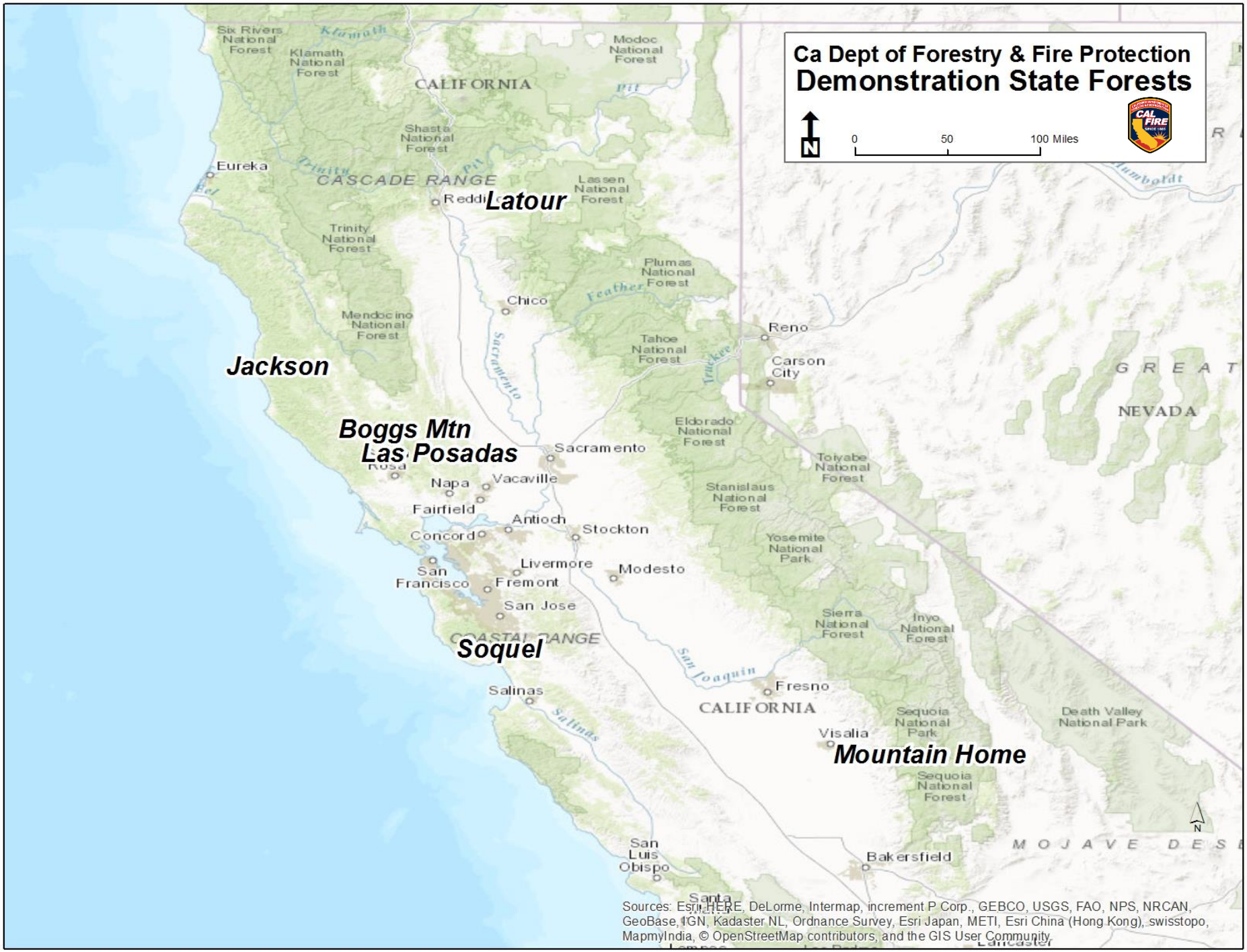
Demonstration State Forests Wildlife Monitoring Update

2016



Objectives

- Establish baseline wildlife data
- Develop long-term trend data
- Provide DSF staff with most current and relevant wildlife data
- Submit species occurrences to CNDDB
- CAL FIRE biologist staff remain current on wildlife monitoring and protocols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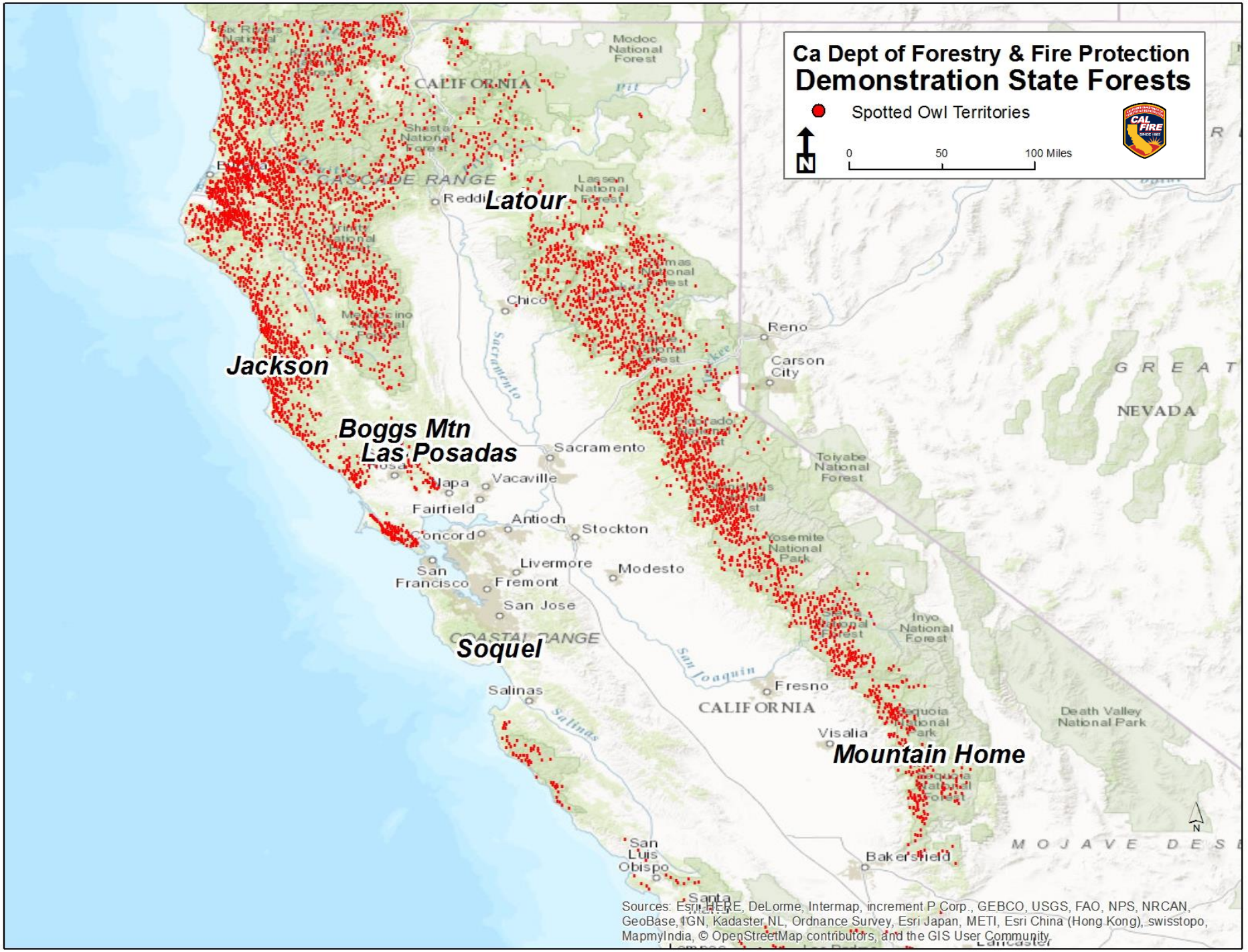
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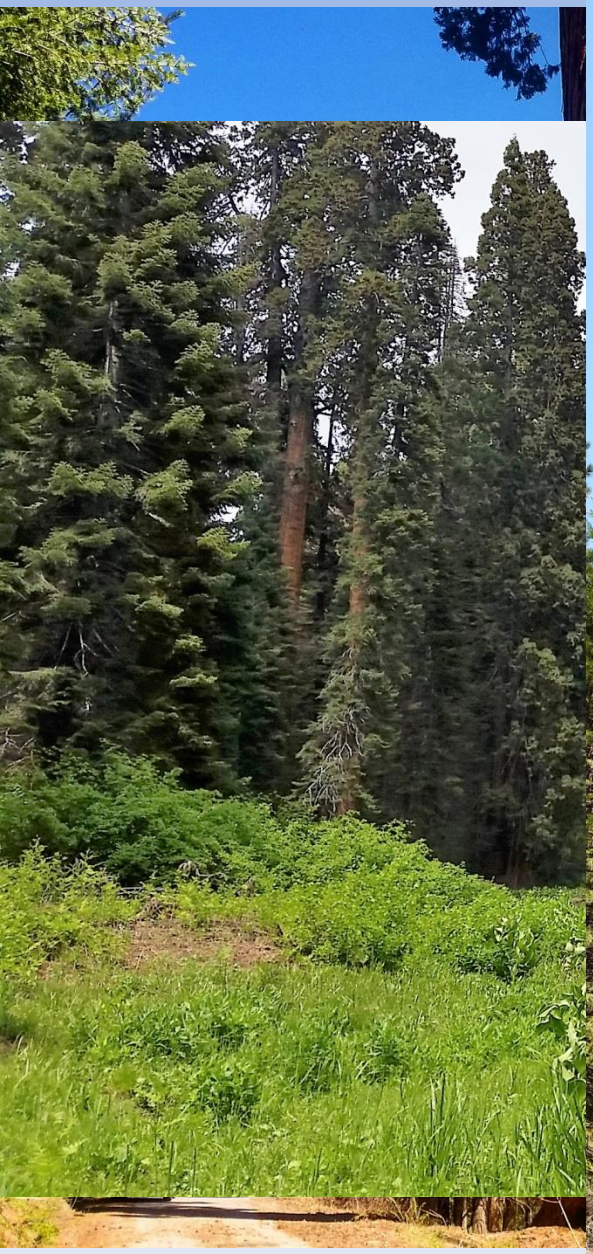
Spotted Owl Surveys

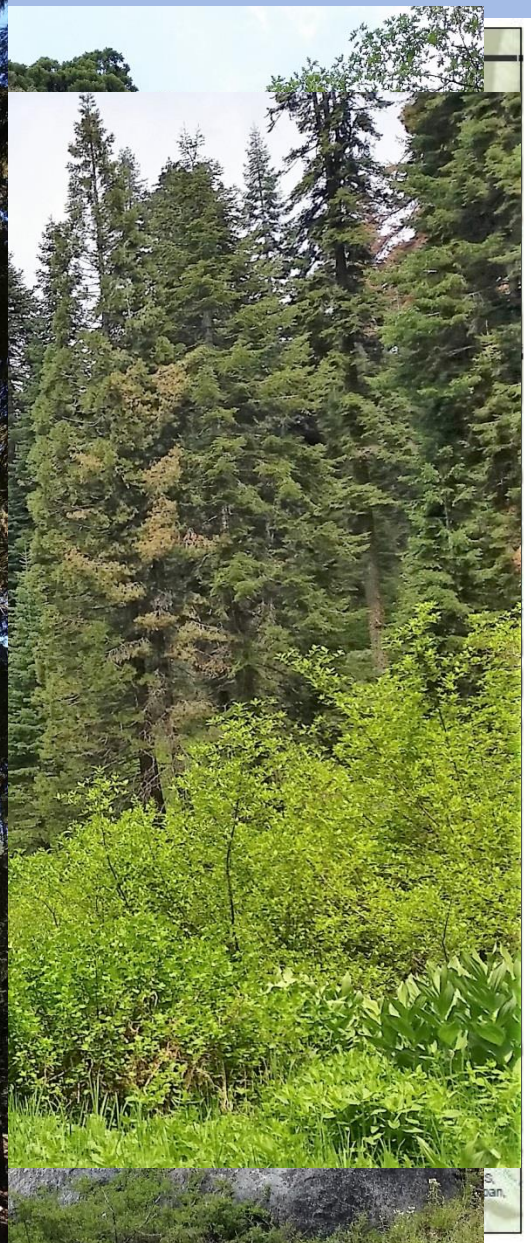
- Boggs Mtn
  - Survey history since 1990
    - Last pair detection 1999 & last detection in 2006
  - Valley Fire 2015
  - Spot Check for NSO 2016 to Abandon the AC
    - Technical Assistance from USFWS Arcata to abandon AC LAK0046
  - No further surveys
- Las Posadas
  - Survey history since 2009
  - Single detection in April 2015
  - Continuing to survey
- Latour
  - Survey history – 1990, 1993, 1994, 2006, 2007
  - Started surveys in 2016
- Mountain Home
  - Survey history – early to mid 1990s and 2004
  - Starting surveys in 2017

Wildlife Cameras

- Latour
  - Running since 2007
- Boggs Mtn
  - Start Fall 2016
- Mountain Home
  - Camera surveys 1992, 1993, 2001
    - Track Plates
  - Spring 2016 surveys
    - 6 Carnivore Stations
    - 2 Vegetarian Stations

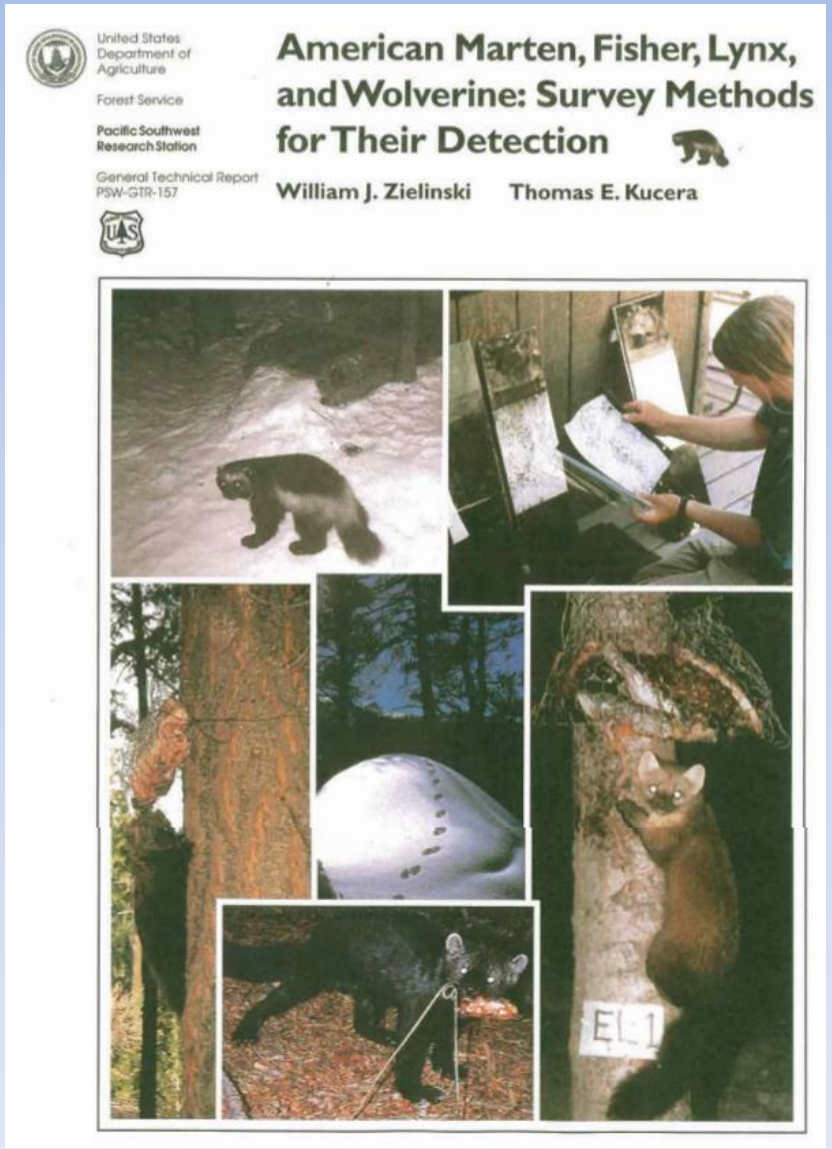
The Setting





The Protocol

- Zielinski and Kucera, 1995
- StealthCam G30
- Cameras at least 1 mile apart
- Run for a minimum of 28 days (baited for 80% of the time)
- 3-foot long “yard stick” with 6-inch increments for scale
- Aviary wire cages to hold bait



The Bait

Friskies
Liver & Chicken Dinner
Classic PATÉ
Springfield
Extra CRUNCHY
PEANUT BUTTER
Special Value
All Natural
Quick Oats
Avena Natural
Quick & Easy
Rápido y Fácil
NET WT 42 OZ (2 LBS 10 OZ) 1.19kg
CONT. NET. 1,19kg
CAVEN'S
QUALITY ANIMAL LURES
"GUSTO"
-Long Distance Call Lure-
Made Only By:

MH06
2016

The Critters

- American black bear *Ursus americanus*
- Gray fox *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*
- Common raven *Corvus corvax*
- Black-tailed deer *Odocoileus hemionus columbianus*
- California chipmunk *Neotamias obscurus*
- Western gray squirrel *Sciurus griseus*
- Douglas squirrel *Tamiasciurus douglasii*
- American marten *Martes americana*
- Fisher *Pekania pennanti*

The Critters

STEALTH CAM
07:28
06/04/16
60F
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Results/Lessons Learned

- Mt. Home is species rich environment
- Mesocarnivores remain present on Mt. Home
- Adjust camera stations to capture full bait station field
- Most cameras not baited for 80% of the time
- Camera straps don’t survive well in prescribed fire settings – use bailing wire

Next Steps

- Develop Mt. Home report summarizing results
- Continue spotted owl calling & operating cameras
- Submit occurrences to CNDDB and Spotted Owl Database
- Pursue grant funding
- Augment studies
  - Hair snares
  - Track plates
- Additional studies
  - Bird Recorders
  - Cavity nesting bird surveys
- Apply for DFW Safe Harbor Agreements
- Coordinate studies
  - Ecosystem Biodiversity Monitoring with DFW
  - Blodgett Forest
- Identify monitoring needs on Soquel

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