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Technical Memorandum Number 8 –Habitat Maps for Wolverine, Fisher, Pine Martin,  
Sierra Nevada Snowshoe Hare and Sierra Nevada Red Fox

Dear Dr. Shewbridge and Mr. Floch:

In order to help evaluate the potential to affect several special-status mammals as a result of Project #184 operations, maps of potential wolverine, pine marten, fisher, Sierra Nevada red fox, and Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat were generated from CalVeg and Wildlife Habitat Relationships (WHR) cover type information obtained from the Eldorado National Forest office in Placerville. Additional vegetation cover type information was obtained from maps presented in the Application for License for the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 184) February 2000, Volume 5, Exhibit E, Appendix W, created by Price Geographic Consulting and Resource Insights. Attached please find the maps and tables showing the approximate acreage of potential habitat within a quarter mile of the project #184 facilities (reservoirs, canal, penstock, powerhouse). This is a preliminary draft. The primary prepares of Technical Memorandum are listed below:

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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this report please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Roy Leidy'.

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# **EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NUMBER 184**

## **HABITAT MAPS FOR WOLVERINE, FISHER, PINE MARTIN, SIERRA NEVADA SNOWSHOE HARE, AND SIERRA NEVADA RED FOX**

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In order to address the concerns of the Eldorado National Forest that several terrestrial species might be affected by FERC project #184 operations, habitat maps of potential wolverine, pine marten, fisher, Sierra Nevada red fox, and Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat were generated from CalVeg and Wildlife Habitat Relationship (WHR) cover type information obtained from the Eldorado National Forest office in Placerville. Additional vegetation cover type information was obtained from maps presented in the Application for License for the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 184) February 2000, Volume 5, Exhibit E, Appendix W, created by Price Geographic Consulting and Resource Insights.

The attached maps show potential habitat for each species found near the Project #184 reservoirs (Caples Lake, Lake Aloha, Silver Lake and Echo Lake), and around the Project #184 canal, penstock and powerhouse. A quarter mile assessment area boundary around these project facilities is also displayed on the maps. An estimation of the acreage of each species habitat within the quarter mile assessment area boundary is presented in the attached tables.

**Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare** habitat within ¼ mile of Eldorado Irrigation District FERC Project #184 facilities (reservoirs, canal, penstock, powerhouse).

<u>Silver Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat	791
Other habitat	22
Barren	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>

<u>Caples Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat	884
Other habitat	14
Barren	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>

<u>Lake Aloha</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat	113
Other habitat	16
Barren	1,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,159</b>

<u>Echo Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat	506
Other habitat	108
Barren	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>772</b>

<u>EID Canal</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada snowshoe hare habitat	4,180
Other habitat	2,857
Barren	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,087</b>

**Fisher/Pine Martin** habitat within ¼ mile of Eldorado Irrigation District FERC Project #184 facilities (reservoirs, canal, penstock, powerhouse).

Silver Lake	Acres
Fisher/Pine Martin habitat	791
Other habitat	22
Barren	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>

Caples Lake	Acres
Fisher/Pine Martin habitat	884
Other habitat	14
Barren	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>

Lake Aloha	Acres
Fisher/Pine Martin habitat	113
Other habitat	16
Barren	1,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,159</b>

Echo Lake	Acres
Fisher/Pine Martin habitat	506
Other habitat	108
Barren	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>772</b>

EID Canal	Acres
Fisher/Pine Martin habitat	2,859
Other habitat	4,178
Barren	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,087</b>

**Sierra Nevada red fox** habitat within ¼ mile of Eldorado Irrigation District FERC Project #184 facilities (reservoirs, canal, penstock, powerhouse).

<u>Silver Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada red fox habitat	811
Other habitat	2
Barren	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>

<u>Caples Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada red fox habitat	898
Other habitat	0
Barren	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>

<u>Lake Aloha</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada red fox habitat	129
Other habitat	0
Barren	1,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,159</b>

<u>Echo Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada red fox habitat	614
Other habitat	0
Barren	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>772</b>

<u>EID Canal</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sierra Nevada red fox habitat	4,060
Other habitat	2,977
Barren	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,087</b>

**Wolverine** habitat within ¼ mile of Eldorado Irrigation District FERC Project #184 facilities (reservoirs, canal, penstock, powerhouse).

<u>Silver Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Wolverine habitat	811
Other habitat	2
Barren	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>993</b>

<u>Caples Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Wolverine habitat	897
Other habitat	1
Barren	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>

<u>Lake Aloha</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Wolverine habitat	124
Other habitat	5
Barren	1,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,159</b>

<u>Echo Lake</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Wolverine habitat	570
Other habitat	44
Barren	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>772</b>

<u>EID Canal</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Wolverine habitat	2,866
Other habitat	4171
Barren	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,087</b>