

Least Shrew Draft Recovery Plan

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N.M. State Game Commission

Virtual Meeting



Least Shrew Habitat & Habits

- **Widespread.**
- **In NM, inhabits various grassland and wetland plant communities.**
- **Insectivorous & primarily nocturnal.**

Smallest mammal in New Mexico (4 grams).

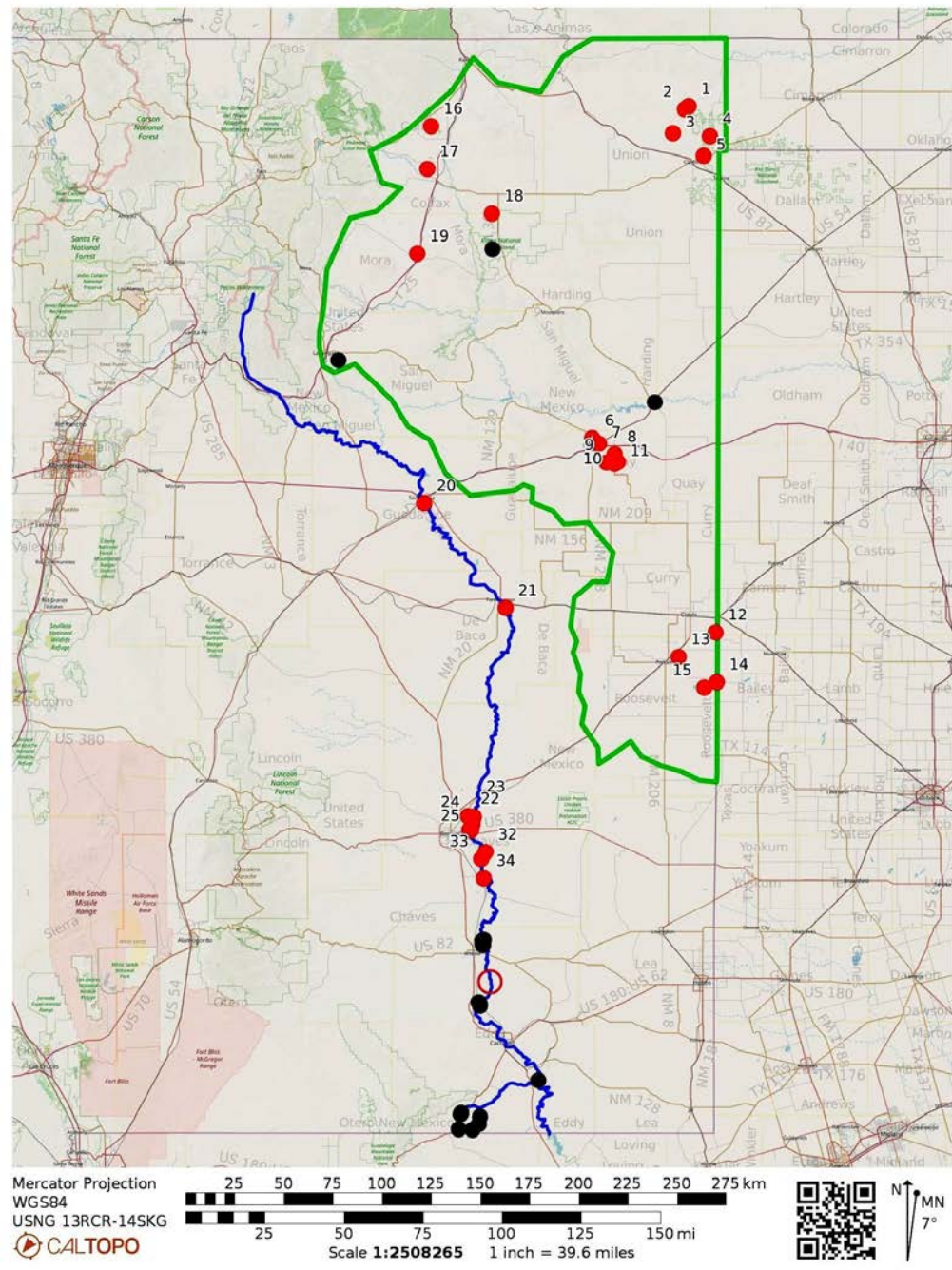


Least Shrew Listing Background

- **Not recorded in NM until 1981.**
- **Listed as threatened under WCA in 1985.**
- **No focused field work was done prior to listing. Known from only 3 sites.**



NM Least Shrew Distribution as known in 2020



Least Shrew Recovery Goal & Plan Contents

Plan Goal:

- To ensure the long-term persistence of robust, representative, and secure populations of Least Shrew in New Mexico's High Plains and Pecos River Valley such that they no longer require protection under the Wildlife Conservation Act and may be delisted.

Plan Contents:

- Natural history summary
- Historic and current distribution and abundance
- Threats to persistence
- Recovery objectives, criteria & tasks.



Public Participation in Recovery Planning for Least Shrew

- Recovery plan development announced on website and via emails.
- Public meetings in Roswell (1 attendee) and Clovis (2 attendees) in December 2019.
- Will request 30-day public comment period on Draft Recovery Plan



Questions?

