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# Wood Frog

## *Rana sylvatica*

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Amphibia — Anura — Ranidae

### CONSERVATION STATUS / CLASSIFICATION

Rangewide: Secure (G5)  
Statewide: Possibly extinct (SH)  
ESA: No status  
USFS: Region 1: No status; Region 4: No status  
BLM: Watch list (Type 5)  
IDFG: Protected nongame

### BASIS FOR INCLUSION

Lack of essential information pertaining to status; possibly extirpated in Idaho.

### TAXONOMY

Subspecies is not currently recognized.

### DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE

The wood frog occurs across much of Canada and the northeastern U.S and at widely scattered localities in the western U.S. In Idaho, the species was found historically at 3 sites in Boundary and Bonner counties. No record has been reported since 1970, and these Idaho populations may have been extirpated.

### POPULATION TREND

No population is known to be extant in Idaho.

### HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Habitat descriptions have not been documented for the Idaho localities. One record was from a stream, the second was from a river, and the third was from a lake. Western populations of wood frogs generally occur in open woodlands, meadows, and riparian areas (i.e. Nussbaum et al 1983). The species breeds communally in permanent lakes and ponds. Adjacent upland habitats are used for foraging. The species hibernates under surface debris or underground.

### ISSUES

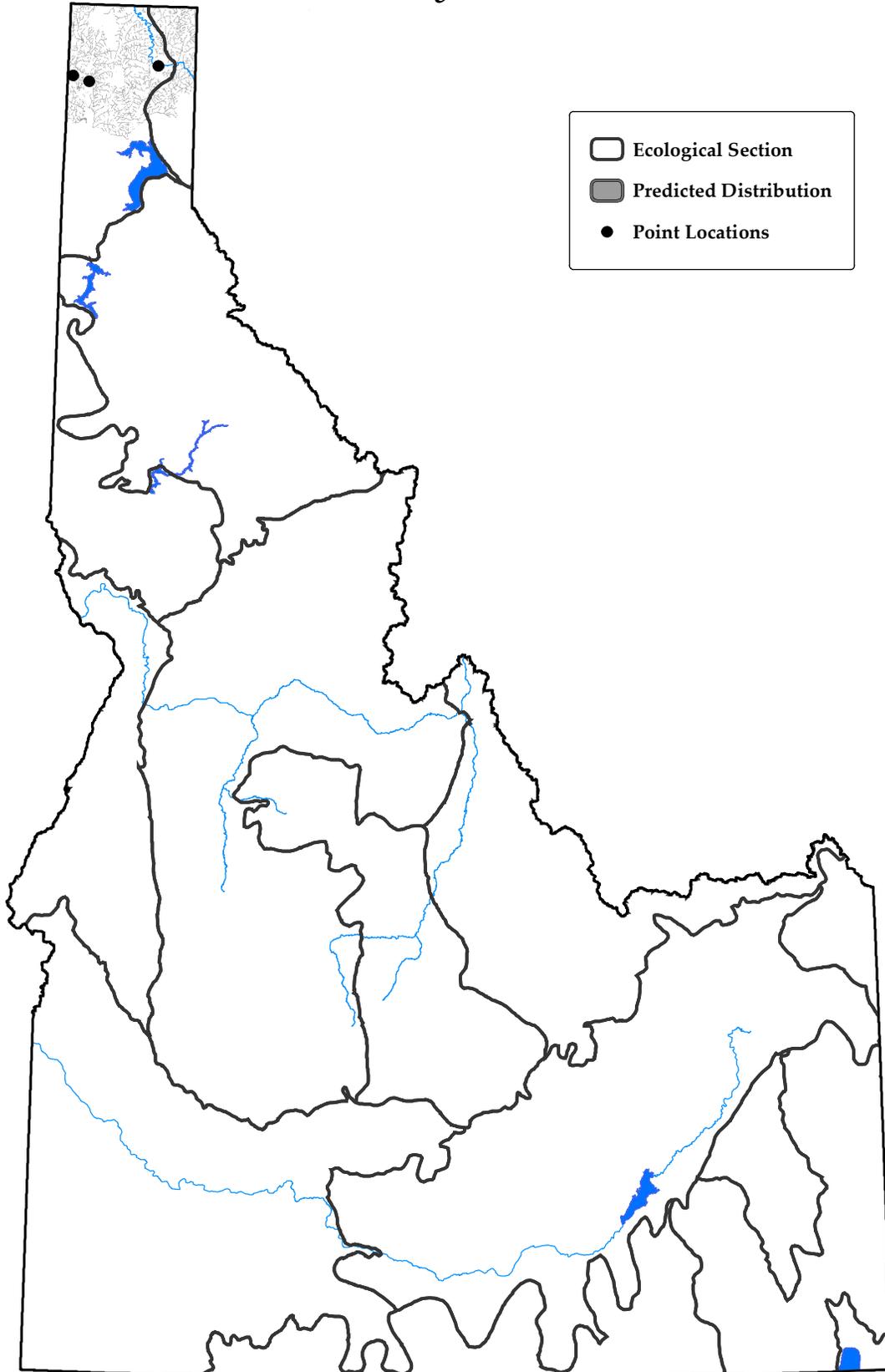
Threats to any populations that may persist in the State are unknown.

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Surveys are needed to determine if the species persists in Idaho. If a population is extant, a habitat protection and monitoring plan should be developed.

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Map created on September 19, 2005  
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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](http://www.wildlife.uidaho.edu/idgap/idgap_report.asp)).

