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»» **Transplanting critters in Northern Sierra**

[Federal](#) and state scientists will move about 40 Pacific fishers into the Northern Sierra where these weasel-like mammals have not been seen in a century. A timber company, Sierra Pacific Industries, is involved with the effort.



The fishers, which will come from the Klamath Mountains in Siskiyou County, will have collars that can be tracked by satellite. Scientists will follow them over the next seven years.

The creature, about the size of a large house cat, is a candidate species for protection under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Fishers disappeared from the Northern Sierra after timber cutting, over-trapping and poor forest management wiped out a lot of their habitat.

But they continue to be found in the Southern Sierra, east of Fresno, though some scientists believe their numbers are dwindling.

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