Cascades Frog

California Native Frog

2003 Series

CASCADES FROG... Rana cascadae

FEDERAL STATUS - Forest Service Sensitive

HABITAT - Occurs in the mountains in open coniferous forests along the sunny, rocky banks of ponds, lakes, streams, and meadow potholes. From 2,600 to 9,000 feet elevation in Cascades, and Trinity Mountains.

IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS - Active in daytime, and often surfaces immediately after jumping in water. Two distinct dorsolateral folds. Tan, olive to orange above with inky black spots on back; yellowish underside of hide legs and groin.

Reference: USDA. 1991. Monitoring frogs and toads on Region 5 National Forests. R-5 Fish Habitat Relationship Technical Bulletin. Number 4. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region.
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