

Response Statement - Woodland Vole

December 8, 2011

Common Name: Woodland Vole

Scientific Name: *Microtus pinetorum*

Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC): Special Concern

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The above assessment confirms the classification of the Woodland Vole which is already on Schedule 1, the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk*. This species will thus remain on the List as Special Concern and activities will continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the purposes, and according to the timelines identified in, the *Species at Risk Act*.

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This small, rare mammal has a Canadian range restricted to highly fragmented areas of southern Ontario and southern Quebec. However, a lack of adequate monitoring effort and quantification of threats made the re-assessment of this species difficult. There is no evidence to suggest its status has changed since it was last assessed. Threats appear to be limited and not imminent or increasing.

Occurrence: Ontario, Quebec

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Conservation activities underway: A management plan has been completed for the Woodland Vole (*Microtus pinetorum*) and has been posted as final on the SAR Public Registry.