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I am a concerned citizen, active with our local land resources comprehensive plan update as a member of Orland Trees and Trails.

Species around the world are going extinct at an unprecedented rate. Factors include population growth, development, resource extraction (oil, water, timber, minerals, etc.), wireless radiation pollution, pesticide and other toxic chemical use, light pollution, over-harvest and exploitation, invasive species, decrease in hydrologic nutrient flows from damming, fragmentation of habitat and habitat loss in terrestrial, riverine and lacustrine systems, ocean noise pollution (ship traffic, military sonar, seismic exploration) and climate change.

Given the threats above, it would be unrealistic to think that the number of federally listed threatened and endangered species will not increase. Any species threatened or endangered at the federal level is in danger of extirpation and deserves state protection as well.