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7. Geolocations for RE records is a centroid for the reserve that it was sighted in.
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 - Taxonomic updates (species name changes or splits)
 - Spatial and other edits undertaken as part of DEWNR quality assurance processes
 - Validation checks which may reject questionable records (and exclude them from distribution)
 - National, State and regional species threat rating updates
 - The recordset ceases to benefit from:
 - Additional data loads
 - Certainty of ongoing conformity with licensing arrangements negotiated with third party data providers. Licensing may have expired or altered since the original data was supplied.
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Further information

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