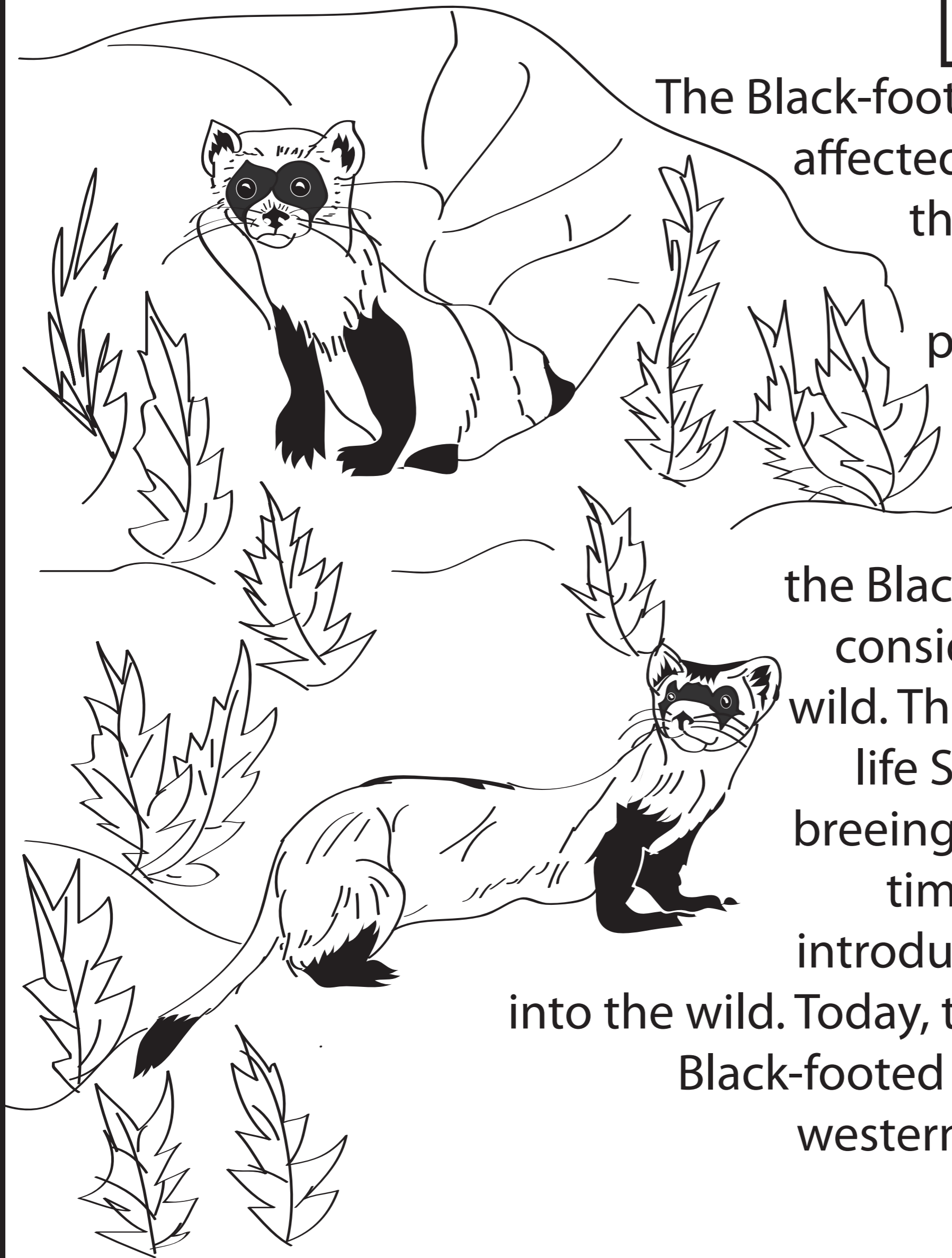
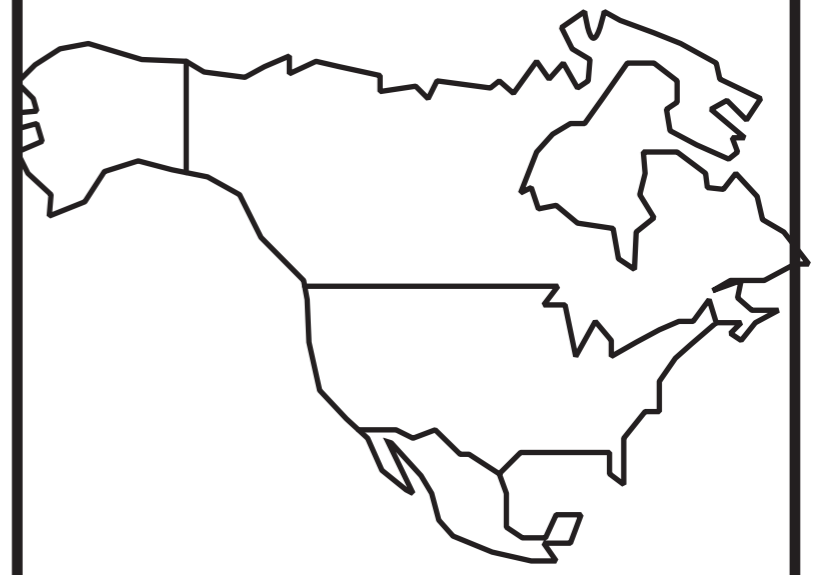


Endangered Species

Black-Footed Ferret

Mustela nigripes

North America



The Black-footed Ferret is directly affected by its food source, the prairie dog. Many prairie dogs are poisoned by farmers because of the damage they do to farm land. In 1987, the Black-footed Ferret was considered extinct in the wild. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service led a captive breeding program, and over time they were able to introduce the species back into the wild. Today, there are over 1,000 Black-footed Ferrets living in the western U.S. and in Mexico.