

Larch Mountain Salamander Detected in the Cedar River Municipal Watershed

May 23, 2011

In late May 23, 2011, a Larch Mountain salamander (*Plethodon larselli*) was documented in the Cedar River Municipal Watershed at approximately 2,700 feet elevation. The site was on the downslope side of a road with second growth forest near talus slopes (Figure 1-3). A repeat visit in late June 2011, documented another individual at the same site. Also present were western red-backed salamanders (*Plethodon vehiculum*) and ensatinas (*Ensatina eschscholtzii*) (Figure 4-9).

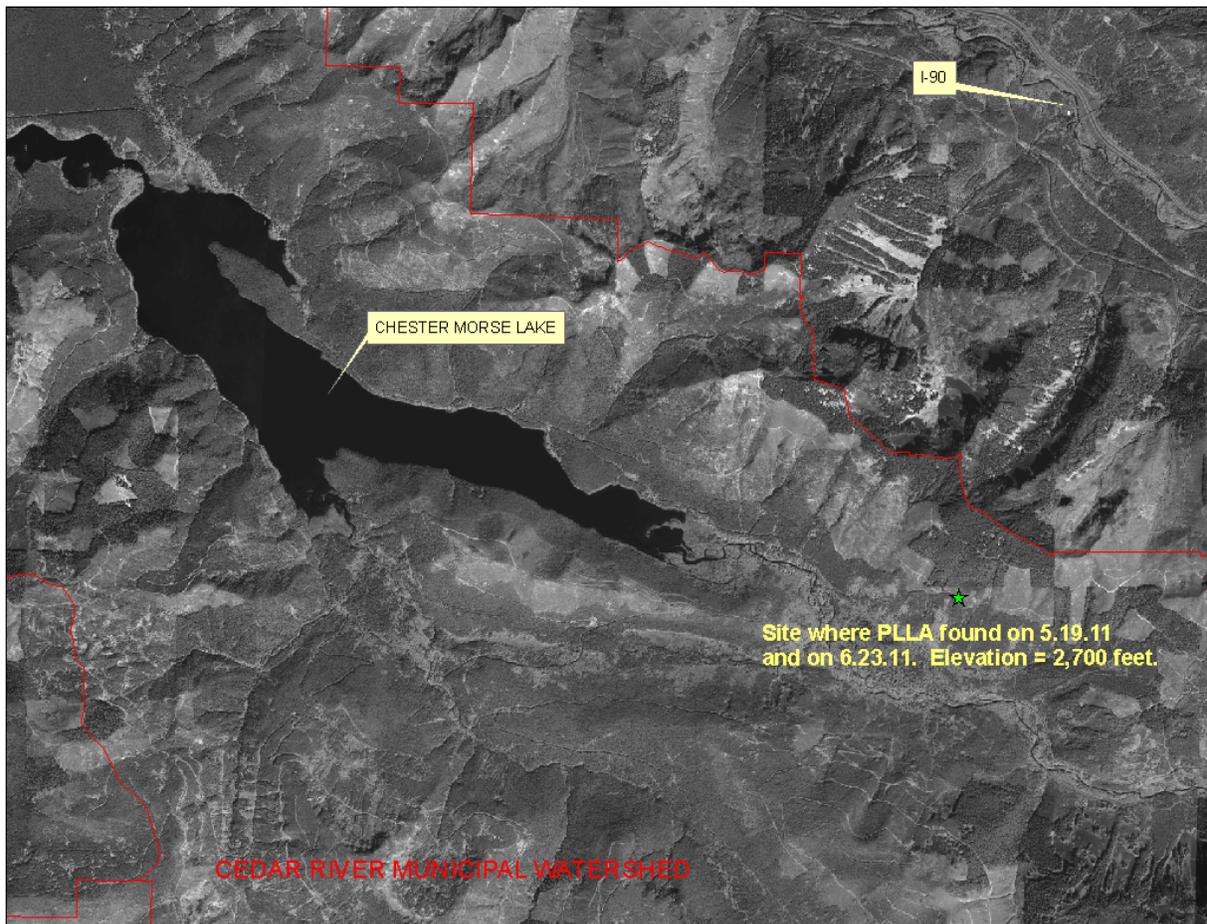


Figure 1. Site where Larch Mountain Salamander was located in the Cedar River Watershed on May 23, 2011.



Figure 2. 121.1 Road at the site where Larch Mountain Salamander was documented on May 23, 2011.



Figure 3. Character of habitat at the site of capture. Lots of loose large cobble to boulder sized rock, moist soils with organic material present.



Figure 4. Larch mountain salamander (displaying defensive curling behavior) and western red-backed salamander (top of photo) were found together.



Figure 5. Larch mountain salamander from Cedar River Watershed.



Figure 6. Larch Mountain salamander from Cedar River Watershed showing shortened hind fifth toe.



Figure 7. Rosy-colored belly of Larch Mountain salamander from Cedar River Watershed.



Figure 8. Larch Mountain Salamander returned to site of capture.



Figure 9. Larch Mountain Salamander returned to site of capture, crawling into rocky soils.