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SISTRURUS CATENATUS EDWARDSII (Desert Massasauga) USA: COLORADO: BACA Co: DOR, Co. Rd. 12, 1.2 mi S jct Co. Rd. JJ (37°26'17.60"N, 102°51'24.25"W). 10 May 1997. University of Northern Colorado Museum of Natural History (UNC-MNH 516). Verified by Hobart M. Smith and David Chiszar. Three additional specimens (AOR, Co. Rd. RR, 0.2 mi E jct., Co. Rd. 12, 13 August 1997; DOR, Co. Rd. 12, 2.4 mi N jct, Co. Rd. MM, 10 September 1997, UNC-MNH 801; AOR, Co. Rd. 12, 2.7 mi S jct Co. Rd. MM, 7 October 1997) were recovered in the same general area, indicating that a small population of Massasaugas still exists in Baca County; these localities represent a range extension of ca. 30 miles. Species is threatened by habitat conversion and persecution in much of its range; the last record of this species from Baca County was in 1882 (see Mackessy et al. 1996. Herpetol. Rev. 27:36). This record is a recent county record (Livo et al. 1996. Herpetological Microbiogeography of Colorado II: Documented and Potential County Records. Publ. Colorado Herpetol. Soc.).

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