

R2 Sensitive Species List Recommendation

Mexican Spadefoot Toad (*Spea multiplicata*)

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Recommendation: Not R2 Sensitive Species; not of concern now

Rationale: The Mexican spadefoot is a widely distributed southwestern species. Its occurrence in R2 is peripheral, limited to southeastern and extreme southwestern Colorado, where it can be locally abundant. The species habitat is plains grassland in southeastern Colorado and basin and floodplain sagebrush and semi-desert shrub habitats in southwestern Colorado. Like other spadefoots, it requires only ephemeral water for breeding. Under current management strategies, habitat does not seem limiting or at risk and populations are apparently stable. Therefore, the species does not appear to warrant special management emphasis by FS.

Note: In addition to the evaluator's references, also referred to biodiversity documentation at Natureserve.com,; distribution data from the Colorado Herpetological Society; and Collins and Collins (1991) *Reptiles and Amphibians of the Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County, Kansas*.