

R2 Sensitive Species List Recommendation

Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum*)

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Recommendation: Not R2 SS, but consider for Other Emphasis Species List

Rationale: This species is widespread across North America and considered to be resilient. It is generally considered secure, especially in the central and Rocky Mountain portions of its range, including R2, with the exception of Wyoming, where it is ranked as vulnerable. One of the primary factors in local extirpations of Rocky Mountain populations has been the introduction of fish where they did not naturally occur.

While it is prudent that the Forest Service consider the impacts and advisability of non-native trout populations in waters on NFS lands, the species appears to be sufficiently secure that there does not appear to be current justification for according it special management status. However, stocking of non-natives can create localized problems for this species. Therefore, we recommend that NFS units identify locations where populations may benefit from a change in local management emphasis.