

## **R2 Sensitive Species (SS)**

### **Recommendations and Evaluations**

**Common Name:** Black Swift

**Scientific Name:** *Cypseloides niger*

**Recommendation:** R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

#### **Recommendation Rationale:**

USFS has very high conservation responsibility for this species. More than 80% of potential nest sites (only 320) in CO are on NFS lands, and CO has been estimated to host 10-20% of the world's breeding population. It is a Partners in Flight high priority species in every FS region in which it occurs. The very small average colony size (about 2 pairs per occupied site), very low reproductive rate (1 egg per year), high site fidelity (many years), potential nest site vulnerability, and highly specialized nest site requirements (cliffs at waterfalls that have summer-long flows) that cannot be provided through management actions, all suggest SS designation is warranted for this species. Recommend SS until effective monitoring demonstrates stable population trends, nest site occupancy rates or security from potential nest site risk factors.