

R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: Boreal Owl

Scientific Name: *Aegolius funereus*

Recommendation: R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

Recommendation Rationale:

Habitat may be affected by R2 management activities. Limited information on population trends in R2, where the species is at the southern periphery of its range. There is evidence of a long-term population decline, patchy distribution in R2, low relative abundance compared to other parts of the range in NA, vulnerability of the preferred habitat (late-seral spruce forests) to FS activities, postulated general downward trend of habitat in R2, and reliance on other species for key habitat components (this is a secondary cavity nester dependant on woodpeckers for nest site construction). These factors seem to support sensitive species designation.