

R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: Ferruginous Hawk

Scientific Name: *Buteo regalis*

Recommendation: R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

Recommendation Rationale:

Occurs on most units in R2 and habitat is directly affected by management activities on NFS lands (e.g., grazing, oil and gas development, OHVs and other recreation, fire suppression). In addition to habitats identified by evaluator, open pinyon-juniper woodlands provide nesting habitat, and these have clearly declined due to fire suppression. Furthermore, this species is very sensitive to disturbance at often exposed nest sites. Industrial and recreational activities on FS lands can have a significant impact on reproductive success. High concern for declining habitat, localized downward population trends, and sensitivity to disturbance at nest sites provides basis for listing as sensitive.