

**Not R2 SS, But Should Be Considered for other
Emphasis Species Lists**

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: Osprey

Scientific Name: *Pandion haliaetus*

Recommendation: **Not R2 SS, be should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists**

Recommendation Rationale:

The Osprey is a circumpolar species ranked by TNC as globally secure, but vulnerable in Wyoming and Colorado, and critically imperiled in South Dakota. Nonetheless, the breeding population of the species has been increasing in Wyoming and Colorado over the past 10-20 years. Foraging habitat is probably reasonably secure, especially on NFS lands. Furthermore, the species readily adapts to artificial nesting structures and demonstrates fairly good tolerance to human presence and activity. Consequently, there do not seem to be demonstrable threats to the species at this time, particularly those that can be managed by the Forest Service. Regardless, this is still a comparatively rare species of high trophic order, with relatively low reproductive potential. For these reasons, we recommend this remain a focal species that continues to be closely monitored to ensure some change in one or more critical factors do not cause a reversal in this trend. Because breeding pairs may be isolated, management actions could extirpate localized breeding activity, individual management units may need to treat this species as one of local management concern.