

R2 Individual Species Recommendations

TAXON	Scientific Name		Common Name		
	<i>Bonasa umbellus incana</i>		Ruffed Grouse		
FWS	FS	BLM			
Grank	CO S Rank	WY S Rank	SD S Rank	NE S Rank	KS S Rank
	CO Status	WY Status	SD Status	NE Status	KS Status
IUCN	PIF – Area Importance		PIF – Population Trend		
FS Experts assigned Species Evaluation			Non-NFS Experts assigned Species Evaluations		
Sensitive Species Recommendation (Please check 1 box below)					
	R2 Sensitive Species (SS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not R2 SS, but should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists		
	Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now		Insufficient Information Available to make a recommendation		
<p>Recommendation Rationale: The species is broadly distributed in N. America and there appeared to be a general lack of glaring concern about abundance and trends of the species in R2 reflected in CO and WY natural heritage rankings and the PIF bird conservation plans for these states. Conversely, local populations appear small, have poor dispersal abilities, are strongly tied to aspen riparian habitats, and there is evidence that the overall R2 population trend has been stable at best and likely downward with variations on this for local populations. Lack of strong field population data in this area complicates the picture. Decline and poor regeneration of aspen riparian habitat is a concern in R2. Local management emphasis is warranted to maintain and restore these important corridors and habitats.</p>					
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