

R9 Risk Evaluation Form (1.10.02)

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National Forest

RFSS Risk Evaluation for: _____ on _____

TNC/ABI Rank: G T N Fed Status: _____ State NHP Status: _____

Select one box for each Risk Factor and rank certainty (1=uncertain, 2=somewhat certain, 3=certain):

Risk Factor:	A High risk	B Moderate risk	C Low risk
<p>Abundance Consider ambiguities, population centers, search effort on National Forests and Grasslands (NF) relative to rangewide</p> <p>Certainty (1-3): _____</p>	Rare, documented occurrence or population estimates on NF are low relative to habitat/range outside NF or NF outside of principle range or rare rangewide	Uncommon on NF	Common on NF
<p>Distribution Consider if range expansion or contraction is due to human or natural causes</p> <p>Certainty (1-3): _____</p>	Very restricted or endemic, disjunct or isolated population or restricted to a rare habitat on NF or majority of occurrences in state or region on NF	Restricted to localized population or NF is at periphery of range	Widespread: NF is well within the range of species
<p>Population Trend Consider source and reliability of monitoring; natural cycles vs. other causes</p> <p>Certainty (1-3): _____</p>	Documented significant decline on NF (i.e., 20% decline in 10 years or 3 generations)	Suspected significant decline on NF	Appears stable, increasing or within natural population fluctuations on NF
<p>Habitat Integrity Consider habitat quality as it relates to presence or absence of management, human impacts and specific biotic and abiotic factors that affect habitat specificity or species adaptability</p> <p>Certainty (1-3): _____</p>	Limited or no specific management focussed on sustaining quality habitat on NF at this time; known natural or human threats may be affecting species	Some management focussed on sustaining quality habitat in place on NF; limited threats to species	Focussed management sustains quality habitat on NF, generally not threatened
<p>Population Vulnerability Consider habitat specificity, reproductive potential, potential to recover, adaptability</p> <p>Certainty (1-3): _____</p>	Fragile; not resilient	Somewhat resilient and adaptable	Resilient and adaptable

Recommendation: Based on Risk Evaluation (choose one): add / retain / do not add / remove from RFSS designation

Rational to list or not list species:

Name: _____ National Forest: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Supporting Risk Evaluation Narrative for: _____ **page** ____ **of** ____

Abundance:

Distribution:

Population Trend:

Habitat Integrity:

Population Vulnerability:

References:

Individuals consulted: