

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Certhia americana/Brown Creeper)

Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	C	High. This species is an uncommon and secretive breeder in all forest habitats above 9000 feet in Colorado, it is uncommon in Wyoming and the Black Hills. It is a common winter resident in forest habitat in South Dakota east of the Black Hills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrews & Righter • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
2 Distribution outside R2	C	High. They breed throughout the U.S., western and central Canada and southeast Alaska. Northern populations winter south to Nicaragua, the remainder winter in the U.S. More than 98 percent of the population for this species occurs outside R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Geographic Society • Ehrlich et al. • Carter et al.
3 Dispersal Capability	C	High. This species readily disperses relatively long distances to suitable summer and winter habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Geographic Society • Ehrlich et al.
4 Abundance in R2	B	High. They are uncommon and secretive, but relatively widely distributed in R2. A high percentage of the population is on NFS lands, particularly in the western part of R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. •
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Low. BBS data is not sufficient to accurately project population trends for this species in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrews & Righter • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
6 Habitat Trend in R2	C	Moderate. Habitat in R2 appears to be relatively stable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • BBS
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	B	Moderate. Forested habitats on NFS lands will be maintained. Forested habitats on private lands may be vulnerable to degradation as a result of development, particularly in the central and western parts of R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • Adams & Morrison

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8 Life History and Demographics	C	Moderate. This species breeds in coniferous forests, mostly spruce-fir, but use other coniferous forest habitat also. They produce 5-6 eggs per nest and may produce more than one brood in a nesting season. They are a rare cowbird host. The male feeds the incubating female.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ehrlich et al.
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National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY (L)¹ to occur:

<u>Colorado NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>Kansas NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>Nebraska NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>South Dakota NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>Wyoming NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely
Arapaho-Roosevelt NF	B		Cimarron NG			Samuel R.McKelvie NF		B	Black Hills NF		B	Shoshone NF	B	
White River NF	B					Halsey NF		B	Buffalo Gap NG		O	Bighorn NF	O	
Routt NF	B					Nebraska NF		O	Ft. Pierre NG		O	Black Hills NF		O
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NF	B					Oglala NG						Medicine Bow NF	B	
San Juan NF	B											Thunder Basin NG		
Rio Grande NF	B													
Pike-San Isabel NF	B													
Comanche NG														
Pawnee NG														

¹ Likely is defined as more likely to occur than not occur on the National Forest or Grassland. This generally can be thought of as having a 50% chance or greater of appearing on NFS lands.

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