

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Vireo vicinior/Gray vireo)			
Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	High. This species is limited to extreme western and southwestern Colorado and one area in southeastern Colorado. It inhabits lightly forested mesas, steep hillsides, canyons, and scattered juniper stands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrews &amp; Righter</li> <li>• Dexter</li> </ul>
2 Distribution outside R2	B	High. This species inhabits chaparral and shrub lands in the southwestern U.S. and winters in a limited area of northwest Mexico. Their breeding range extends from southern California, Nevada, Utah and Northern New Mexico into Colorado. Approximately 50 percent of the global population is outside R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Geographic Society</li> <li>• Ehrlich et al.</li> <li>• Carter et al.</li> </ul>
3 Dispersal Capability	B	Moderate. Species is relatively mobile and capable of moving through suitable habitat between suitable wintering and nesting habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ehrlich et al.</li> <li>• Carter et al.</li> </ul>
4 Abundance in R2	B	Moderate. Partners In Flight analysis indicates that R2 contains approximately 50 percent of global population of this species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carter et al.</li> </ul>
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Low. Limited population trend data are available for this species and consequently the trend is uncertain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carter et al.</li> </ul>
6 Habitat Trend in R2	C	High. The habitat trend for this species is relatively stable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carter et al.</li> </ul>
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	C	High. The dry, lightly forested mesas, hillsides and canyon habitats that this species occupies is primarily open rangeland and presently not under great threats of modification either on NFS or private lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carter et al.</li> <li>• Dexter</li> </ul>

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8 Life History and Demographics	B	High. This species is on the "Partners In Flight" moderate priority watch list. They produce four eggs per nest and produce two broods per nesting season. They are a frequent cowbird host, but have some defenses against nest parasitism. They winter along the northwestern coast of Mexico.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pashley et al.</li> <li>• Ehrlich et al.</li> <li>• Dexter</li> </ul>
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**National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY (L)<sup>1</sup> to occur:**

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

<sup>1</sup> 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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