

ATTACHMENT SS2

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: APHELOCOMA CALIFORNICA (A. COERULESCENS)/WESTERN SCRUB JAY			
Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	B	Habitat within R2 patchy, but contiguous outside of R2. Confidence in Rank High or <u>Medium</u> or Low	Sauer, J. R., J. E. Hines, I. Thomas, J. Fallon, and G. Gough. 2000. The North American Breeding Bird Survey, Results and Analysis 1966 - 1999. Version 98.1, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD
2 Distribution outside R2	C	Range is peripheral to R2. Largest populations outside of R2. Confidence in Rank <u>High</u> or Medium or Low	Colorado Gap website: http://ndis.nrel.colostate.edu/cogap/cogaphome.html
3 Dispersal Capability	C	Uses many types of scrub habitat and common in some human altered landscapes. Confidence in Rank High or <u>Medium</u> or Low	•
4 Abundance in R2	B	Can be locally common in appropriate habitat (south east and south central Colorado- mostly BLM and private land), but generally uncommon in R2. Confidence in Rank <u>High</u> or Medium or Low	•
5 Population Trend in R2	B	Based on BBS analysis, the Southern Rockies and Pinon/Juniper Woodland both show a negative trend between 1966-1999 (% change per year = -8.4% and -2.0 respectively, p < 0.2) Confidence in Rank <u>High</u> or Medium or Low	•
6 Habitat Trend in R2	B	Pinon/Juniper scrub is generally stable in R2. Confidence in Rank <u>High</u> or Medium or Low	•
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	C	Primary land use is cattle grazing. In some areas grazing may reduce the amount of scrubby undergrowth. Confidence in Rank High or <u>Medium</u> or Low	•

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8 Life History and Demographics	C	Moderate reproductive rate 4-6 young/brood. Defends nest. Confidence in Rank High or <u>Medium</u> or Low	•
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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>		<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		Cimmaron NG		Samuel R.McKelvie NF		Black Hills NF		Shoshone NF	
White River NF	Y			Halsey NF		Buffalo Gap NG		Bighorn NF	
Routt NF				Nebraska NF		Ft. Pierre NG		Black Hills NF	
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NF	Y			Ogalala NG				Medicine Bow NF	
San Juan NF	Y							Thunder Basin NG	
Rio Grande NF									
Pike-San Isabel NF	Y								
Comanche NG	Y								

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.