

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Caprimulgus vociferus/Whip-poor Will)

Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	High. R2 is on the western periphery of this species range. They are a casual spring and fall migrant on the eastern plains of Colorado. They are a common summer resident in extreme eastern Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota and a casual visitor in other parts of those states. This species is not likely to breed and likely to only rarely be observed on eastern units of R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busby & Zimmerman • Andrews & Righter • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
2 Distribution outside R2	C	High. Fairly common in places, but declining in eastern deciduous forests and wooded canyons in the southwest. They winter from central America to Panama.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehrlich et al. • National Geographic Society
3 Dispersal Capability	C	High. Disperses relatively long distances between summer and winter ranges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehrlich et al. • National Geographic Society
4 Abundance in R2	A	High. This species is a common summer resident in extreme eastern Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota. They are a casual spring and fall migrant in other parts of the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • BBS • Andrews & Righter • SDOU • Sharpe et al. • Busby & Zimmerman
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Low. No data is available to project population trends for this species in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • BBS
6 Habitat Trend in R2	C	Medium. This species occupies a variety of habitats including open, arid woodlands, riparian and moist woodlands. Habitat appears to be stable in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • BBS
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	C	High. Open, dry woodlands and riparian forests are in abundant supply in R2. Limited threats exist to these habitats on NFS lands. Development on private lands may cause degradation of these habitats there.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • Busby & Zimmerman • Andrews & Righter

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8 Life History and Demographics	B	High. This species nests on the ground in open, arid areas and produces two eggs per nest. Occasionally they produce two broods per nesting season. They are continuing to decline in many parts of their range.	<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>		<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				Oglala NG				Medicine Bow NF	
San Juan NF								Thunder Basin NG	
Rio Grande NF									
Pike-San Isabel NF									
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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