

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Coturnicops noveboracensis/Yellow Rail)

Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	High. This species occurs only rarely in extreme eastern R2. R2 is on the southwestern periphery of the breeding range for this species. They are unlikely to breed on any NFS units in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrews & Righter • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
2 Distribution outside R2	C	High. This species is relatively widely distributed in Canada and northeastern U.S. This species is uncommon and local in suitable habitat. It also winters in the southern U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Geographic Society • Peterson
3 Dispersal Capability	C	Medium. It appears that there is little dispersal opportunity in R2. However this species does travel considerable distances between summer and winter habitats and is readily capable of dispersing to suitable habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehrlich et al.
4 Abundance in R2	A	High. Only one historical record exists for Colorado and only a few for eastern South Dakota. This species is considered a casual visitor to R2 states.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrews & Righter • SDOU • Scott • Sharpe et al.
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Low. No population trend information is available for R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al.
6 Habitat Trend in R2	B	Low. Fresh water marsh and wet meadow habitats on NFS units are not likely to change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. •
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	B	High. If fresh water marsh is altered or destroyed, habitat potential for this species would be lost. This type of habitat on NFS lands is probably protected from major alteration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. •

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8 Life History and Demographics	B	Low. In traditional range, they produce eight or nine eggs per nest. However they have an uncommon and patchy occurrence throughout their range. This species is on the "Partners In Flight" moderately high priority watch list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. • Ehrlich et al. • National Geographic Society • Bookhout & Stenzel • Pashley 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	O	Black Hills NF		Shoshone NF	
White River NF				Halsey NF	O	Buffalo Gap NG		Bighorn NF	
Routt NF				Nebraska NF		Ft. Pierre NG	O	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									

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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