

R2 Individual Species Recommendations

TAXON	Scientific Name			Common Name		
PD	<i>Gutierrezia elegans</i>			Lone Mesa snakeweed		
FWS	FS	BLM				
Grank	CO S Rank	WY S Rank	SD S Rank	NE S Rank	KS S Rank	
G1	S1					
	CO Status	WY Status	SD Status	NE Status	KS Status	
IUCN	PIF – Area Importance		PIF – Population Trend			
FS Species Evaluation Preparer			Non-NFS Species Evaluation Preparer			
Cara MacMillan and Peggy Lyon						
Sensitive Species Recommendation				(Please check 1 box below)		
√	R2 Sensitive Species (SS)		Not R2 SS, but should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists			
	Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now		Insufficient Information Available to make a recommendation			
Recommendation Rationale						
<p>This species was first described in 2008 and is currently known from four occurrences in Dolores County, CO, totaling about 2,500 individuals. At least two of the occurrences are found in Lone Mesa State Park, with other locations found on San Juan National Forest and Bureau of Land Management land adjacent to the State Park, all within a radius of approximately 3 miles of each other. Occurrences are found on barren Mancos shale outcrops, side slopes of shallow washes and in sites with deeper soil over the shale. It is likely that the species grows only in a specific, limited habitat. Threats include water development, road maintenance activities, livestock grazing, and recreational use. The habitat and habitat quality is currently in a downward trend due to human impacts in the area. Due to its rarity and vulnerability to ongoing management activities, sensitive species status is warranted.</p>						
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