

Not R2 SS, But Should Be Considered for other

Emphasis Species Lists

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: soft aster

Scientific Name: *Symphyotrichum molle* (*Aster mollis*)

Recommendation: **Not R2 SS, be should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists**

Recommendation Rationale:

Species is a Wyoming endemic. Thirty-six element occurrences are found in the Bighorn National Forest. Each population is locally abundant, containing several thousand individual plants. Occurs on granitic and sedimentary substrates in montane meadows, which is an abundant habitat on the Bighorns. Recent survey work has discovered additional populations. Though this species is a local endemic, there seems to be little or no threat, but it should be considered by the Bighorn NF.