

R2 Individual Species Recommendations

TAXON	Scientific Name			Common Name		
PD	Mentzelia densa (Nuttallia densa)			Arkansas canyon stickleaf Royal Gorge stickleaf		
FWS	FS		BLM			
Sensitive Canon District						
Grank	CO S Rank	WY S Rank	SD S Rank	NE S Rank	KS S Rank	
G2N2	S2					
	CO Status	WY Status	SD Status	NE Status	KS Status	
IUCN	PIF – Area Importance		PIF – Population Trend			
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FS Experts assigned Species Evaluation			Non-NFS Experts assigned Species Evaluations			
			Janice McKee, Contractor			
Sensitive Species Recommendation (Please check 1 box below)						
<input type="checkbox"/>	R2 Sensitive Species (SS)		<input type="checkbox"/> Not R2 SS, but should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now		<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Information Available to make a recommendation			
Recommendation Rationale						
<p>This species is extremely rare within R2 and it is only found in Colorado. A narrowly endemic species (75 square miles in the Royal Gorge vicinity) known from 16 element occurrences and approximately 10,000 plants. This plant has never been located on USFS lands (San Carlos RD). The elevation ranges from 1770 to 2200 metres, well below USFS managed lands. The primary owner of lands occupied by this species is the BLM, Royal Gorge Resource Area and private lands near Texas Creek and Parkdale. Forest Service administered lands area not in the vicinity of Texas Creek or Parkdale. Other parcels of land where this plant is found are owned by the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners. Due to the fact that this plant has never been found on USFS lands and the elevational requirements indicate that the possibility of occurrences on USFS lands are not a reality, this plant cannot be considered for sensitive listing. However, the BLM needs to provide quality management to keep this plant from being extirpated.</p>						
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