

## R2 Individual Species Recommendations

<b>TAXON</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>		<b>Common Name</b>		
PD	Cirsium foliosum		leafy thistle		
<b>FWS</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>BLM</b>			
<b>Grank</b>	<b>CO S Rank</b>	<b>WY S Rank</b>	<b>SD S Rank</b>	<b>NE S Rank</b>	<b>KS S Rank</b>
G5 N5		S1			
	<b>CO Status</b>	<b>WY Status</b>	<b>SD Status</b>	<b>NE Status</b>	<b>KS Status</b>
<b>IUCN</b>	<b>PIF – Area Importance</b>	<b>PIF – Population Trend</b>			
<b>FS Experts assigned Species Evaluation</b>			<b>Non-NFS Experts assigned Species Evaluations</b>		
			Joy Handley, Bonnie Heidel, and Scott Laursen, WYNDD		
<b>Sensitive Species Recommendation</b> <span style="float: right;">(Please check 1 box below)</span>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	R2 Sensitive Species (SS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not R2 SS, but should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient Information Available to make a recommendation		
<b>Recommendation Rationale</b>					
<p><b>This species is apparently extremely limited in R2 at the southern edge of its range, but widespread to the north into Canada. It is not disjunct in R2, but simply peripheral. These circumstances would not normally lead to a regional viability concern. However, there only two known occurrences in Wyoming, one of which is in R2 on the Bighorn National Forest. Both were last observed in 1971. Habitats for the species include moist areas along roadsides, meadows, and slopes at 8000 feet. These areas are often subject to management actions, including the use of herbicides. Given the common disdain for thistles in general (including native species), and the fact that this species was last observed on the Bighorn NF more than 30 years ago, there is reason for concern. However, we feel that there is insufficient information at this time to determine whether or not there is a regional viability concern, or if the species should simply be considered for local emphasis.</b></p>					
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