

## Region 2 Sensitive Species List

### **Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki virginalis*)**

Recommendation Rationale: **R2 Sensitive Species (SS)**

Dramatic decline over its historic range. Now limited to small isolated populations in the upper Rio Grande drainage in Colorado. Many of those populations are not self-sustaining, and very vulnerable to habitat degradation from a variety of causes, competition from and hybridization with non-natives, over-utilization, and stochastic events. Because populations are isolated as a result of habitat fragmentation, support of declining populations or recolonization is not likely to occur. SS status is warranted.

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