

## Region 2 Other Sensitive Species List

### **Plains Orangethroat Darter (*Etheostoma spectabile*)**

Recommendation Rationale: **Not R2 SS, But Should Be Considered For Other Emphasis Species Lists**

The species is widely distributed in the central U.S. and is generally secure. In R2, species occupation is very limited in the North and South Platte drainages, but remains relatively abundant in the Platte River drainage in Nebraska. The species is generally hardy and adaptable; but habitat and populations have been lost, reduced, and isolated, especially as a consequence of the introduction and establishment of exotic species and water development. The only R2 NFS unit on which it is expected to occur at this time is the Medicine-Bow, where it is found in the Lodgepole Creek drainage. Therefore, we recommend the Medicine-Bow evaluate whether its land management actions could influence the Lodgepole Creek population and if so, consider as a species of local management emphasis.

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