

Region 2 Other Sensitive Species List

Plains Topminnow (*Fundulus sciadicus*)

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

The species is generally widespread and secure across R2, except for Kansas, where it is considered critically imperiled. Does not occur in the Cimarron. (Busby, 2001, personal communication. Although ranked S4 in Colorado, habitat is considered to be in decline in that state. Natural habitats are clear plains streams with sandy substrates, a system type that has been degraded and continues to be degraded in many places. Habitat degradation apparently has isolated many populations. Although the species currently seems to be secure, it is vulnerable to continued habitat degradation and loss on a localized basis. Local isolated populations probably vulnerable to extirpation. Therefore, we recommend that R2 units with current or historical occurrence of this species evaluate population and habitat status and determine the advisability of local management emphasis on those units in which problems are identified.

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