

Region 2 Sensitive Species List

Ottoo Skipper (*Hesperia ottoe*) [Note: Change status to “Sensitive Species”. Will need to be added both to proposed list on web site and on official Word list to be submitted to RF.]

Recommendation Rationale: **R2 Sensitive Species**

Prairie species with lack of abundance on trend data in R2. However, populations are thought to be small and localized, and habitats have been fragmented. The species is ranked as imperiled in Colorado, South Dakota, and Kansas (G3N3 rare). Opler questions long-term security of this species. Habitat conversion, fragmentation, exotics, fire and grazing are existing threats. The species is closely associated with mid to tall grass habitats which are increasingly rare and highly fragmented. NFS grassland units could play a role in the maintenance of this species. Sensitive species status appears warranted.

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