

R2 Individual Species Recommendations

TAXON	Scientific Name			Common Name		
PB	<i>Sphagnum balticum</i>			Baltic sphagnum		
FWS	FS	BLM				
Grank	CO S Rank	WY S Rank	SD S Rank	NE S Rank	KS S Rank	
G2G4	S1					
	CO Status	WY Status	SD Status	NE Status	KS Status	
IUCN	PIF – Area Importance		PIF – Population Trend			
FS Species Evaluation Preparer			Non-NFS Species Evaluation Preparer			
Gay Austin						
Sensitive Species Recommendation (Please check 1 box below)						
√	R2 Sensitive Species (SS)		Not R2 SS, but should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists			
	Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now		Insufficient Information Available to make a recommendation			
Recommendation Rationale						
<p>Circumpolar but very rare, only 2 verified locations exist in Colorado, in iron fens. The number of populations is small due to its very restricted habitat. The CO locations of <i>Sphagnum balticum</i> are in unprotected areas vulnerable to mining and ditching, changes in hydrology or water chemistry, non-point pollution, and grazing. One of the CO sites has evidence of past mining and ditching impacts. This species merits sensitive status due to rarity and threats to its habitat.</p>						
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