

ATTACHMENT SS2

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Scientific Name/Common Name/National Code for Plants – USDA PLANTS) Northern pocket gopher subspecies T. Talpoides agrestis			
Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	Only found in and around San Luis Valley.  Confidence in Rank High	•
2 Distribution outside R2	B	Limited distribution outside R2 (may extend into NM).  Confidence in Rank Medium	•
3 Dispersal Capability	A	Not vagile.  Confidence in Rank High	•
4 Abundance in R2	B	In upland habitat throughout the San Luis Valley, pocket gophers are common, but extensive studies have not been completed to determine if species is T. bottae or T. talpoides; likely T. talpoides.  Confidence in Rank High or Medium or Low	• Personal observation.
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Unknown, but pest control is active in the valley.  Confidence in Rank High	•
6 Habitat Trend in R2	B	Habitat is stable in the Valley.  Confidence in Rank High	•

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<b>7</b> Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	<b>B</b>	Habitat is somewhat vulnerable as areas in Valley become subdivided for development.  Confidence in Rank High	•
<b>8</b> Life History and Demographics	<b>B</b>	Not long-lived, but can have 6 young.  Confidence in Rank High or Medium or Low	•
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**National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY (L)<sup>1</sup> to occur:**

<u>Colorado NF/NG</u>		<u>Kansas NF/NG</u>		<u>Nebraska NF/NG</u>		<u>South Dakota NF/NG</u>		<u>Wyoming NF/NG</u>	
Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely
		Cimarron NG		Samuel R. McKelvie NF		Black Hills NF		Shoshone NF	
White River NF				Halsey NF		Buffalo Gap NG		Bighorn NF	
Routt NF				Nebraska NF		Ft. Pierre NG		Black Hills NF	
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison NF				Ogalala NG				Medicine Bow NF	
San Juan NF								Thunder Basin NG	
Rio Grande NF									
Pike-San Isabel NF									
Comanche NG									
Pawnee NG									

<sup>1</sup> Likely is defined as more likely to occur than not occur on the National Forest or Grassland. This generally can be thought of as having a 50% chance or greater of appearing on NFS lands.