

Region 2 Insufficient Information List

Creeper (*Strophitus undulates*) [Note: Reclassify this species to the “Insufficient Information”]

Recommendation Rationale: **Insufficient Information Available to Make a Recommendation**

This is a species widely distributed east of the Rocky Mountains in the U.S. and Canada. It was formerly found in all R2 states except, possibly, Wyoming. It has (like most other mussel species), apparently, been extirpated from Colorado rivers due to habitat loss from habitat alteration, dewatering and siltation associated with channelization, damming, and irrigation withdrawals. Surveys indicate that the species is now rare in Nebraska and Kansas, where it is considered imperiled. The species is ranked as vulnerable in South Dakota. Although fairly widespread, populations are scattered and invariably small. Damming, channelization, and diversions destroy mussel habitat broadly. At this time it is unknown whether the species now occurs or has historically occurred on any FS units, let alone their status. Consequently, we feel that we should move this species into the insufficient information category, pending collection of appropriate information from our Plains units as to the ability of those units to affect species conservation.

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