

Region 2 Other Emphasis Species List

Plains Pocket Mouse Subspecies (*Perognathus flavescens relictus*)

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

This subspecies is found largely in the xeric shrub communities of the Valley bottom, below NFS lands. Specimens have previously been found in and in the vicinity of the Great Sand Dunes National Park. There is evidence that the subspecies may move in where pinyon-juniper communities are opened up by fire, chaining, etc., allowing development of a xeric grass/shrub community. The evaluator was informed that the Heritage Program has a couple of records from NFS lands in the vicinity. Because there may be some marginal occupation of NFS managed land immediately adjacent to the subspecies's primary habitat, and because the subspecies is a local endemic, we recommend the affected District or Districts consider the subspecies as one of local management concern where FS management discretion may have influence over localized populations. Not R2 SS, but consider for other Emphasis Species Lists (Rio Grande NF).

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