

## Region 2 Other Emphasis Species List

### **Ringtail (*Bassariscus astutus*)**

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

Common in the southwest U.S.; becoming rare in southern Wyoming where the species reaches the northern limits of its range. Although there is some concern over the loss or modification of lower elevation riparian habitats, overall its rocky, canyon habitat remains comparatively stable and range expansion appears to be occurring. Fire could be a problem locally. Although we cannot identify a sound basis for Regional sensitive species status, the localized nature of ringtail populations suggest the advisability of Forests assessing ringtail status on their units and assigning local management emphasis status where warranted to protect Forest viability.

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