

R2 Individual Species Recommendations

TAXON		Scientific Name		Common Name	
PM		VERATRUM TENUIPETALUM		COLORADO FALSE HELLEBORE	
FWS		FS		BLM	
Grank	CO S Rank	WY S Rank	SD S Rank	NE S Rank	KS S Rank
G4	S4	S1			
	CO Status	WY Status	SD Status	NE Status	KS Status
IUCN	PIF – Area Importance		PIF – Population Trend		
FS Experts assigned Species Evaluation			Non-NFS Experts assigned Species Evaluations		
Barry Johnston, Botanist					
Sensitive Species Recommendation (Please check 1 box below)					
<input type="checkbox"/> R2 Sensitive Species (SS)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not R2 SS, but should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now			<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Information Available to make a recommendation		
Recommendation Rationale					

This plant is widespread in Colorado with a nearly continuous distribution throughout the National Forests in the state. It may also occur in the extreme south-central portion of Wyoming. Some taxonomists consider this species to be a synonym of *Veratrum californicum*, but it is accepted as a valid species in the PLANTS database. This plant apparently thrives on disturbance, and would likely decrease in abundance if cattle are eliminated or if Elk herds are drastically reduced. The number of individuals in Colorado is estimated in the millions. As a consequence, this species is recommended as not R2 sensitive, even though its entire range is within R2. However, we recommend it as an emphasis species for other lists on the Medicine Bow National Forest.

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