

ATTACHMENT SS2

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: *Carex incurviformis* / Seaside Sedge [all material in Region 2 is var. *danaensis*] Synonym: *Carex maritima*

Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	BD	<p>Seaside Sedge is known only from the Absaroka and Wind River ranges in Fremont, Park, and Sublette counties, on the Shoshone National Forest. This taxon also occurs in central Colorado, therefore, additional information is needed to determine its status in Region 2.</p> <p>In Wyoming, it is found in alpine and subalpine bogs, wet tundra, on cliffs, talus, and in dry meadows at 10,000-12,240 feet. It is associated with <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>, <i>Juncus castaneus</i>, <i>Carex bipartita</i>, <i>Sedum rhodanthum</i> and <i>Polygonum viviparum</i>.</p> <p>Confidence in Rank High</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorn 2001 • Evert 1982 • Fertig 1998 • Fertig 2000a, b • Fertig et al. 1994 • Jones and Fertig 1999 • Johnston 2001 • Mills and Fertig 1996 • Scott 1997 • Welp et al. 2000
2 Distribution outside R2	BC	<p><i>Carex incurviformis</i> var. <i>danaensis</i> occurs sporadically from central Alberta and British Columbia to northwestern Montana, east central Idaho, and northwestern Wyoming, with disjunct populations in central California and central Colorado.</p> <p>Confidence in Rank Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertig 1999 • Fertig and Jones 1994 • Hermann 1970
3 Dispersal Capability	D	<p>Dispersal vectors are not known.</p> <p>Confidence in Rank Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -
4 Abundance in R2	BD	<p>Population sizes are not known for most occurrences. Seaside sedge is known from 10 records in Wyoming, all of which have been observed or discovered since 1981. Nine of the populations are on the Shoshone National Forest. It is ranked "S2" in Wyoming, and is not ranked in Colorado.</p> <p>Confidence in Rank Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertig 1998 • Fertig 2000 • Jones and Fertig 1999 • Mills and Fertig 1996 • Welp et al. 2000 • WYNDD 2001
5 Population Trend in R2	BD	<p>Populations are presumed to be stable, although hard census and trend data are lacking for all known occurrences.</p> <p>Confidence in Rank Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WYNDD 2001

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6 Habitat Trend in R2	B	Habitat quality of its alpine habitat is stable. Confidence in Rank High	• -
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	C	Threats are probably low due to the remote and rugged alpine habitat. Seven occurrences are found in Bridger-Teton and Shoshone National Forests on land managed as wilderness, 3 occurrences are on land managed for multiple use by the Shoshone National Forest. Confidence in Rank Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evert 1982 • Fertig 1998 • Fertig 1999 • Fertig 2000a, b • Fertig and Jones 1994 • Fertig et al. 1994 • Jones and Fertig 1999 • Mills and Fertig 1996 • Welp et al. 2000
8 Life History and Demographics	D	This perennial sedge spreads by long, woody rhizomes, forming small clumps. Flowering and fruiting occur from July through August. Additional information on the taxon, including life history stages, population structure, longevity, mortality, and seed biology, are not available. Confidence in Rank High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermann 1970 • Scott 1997 • WYND 2001
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National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY(L)¹ to occur:

¹ 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.

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<u>Colorado NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>Kansas NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>Nebraska NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>South Dakota NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely	<u>Wyoming NF/NG</u>	Known	Likely
Arapaho-Roosevelt NF			Cimmaron NG			Samuel R. McKelvie NF			Black Hills NF			Shoshone NF	X	
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						Ogallala NG						Medicine Bow NF		
San Juan NF												Thunder Basin NG		
Rio Grande NF														
Pike-San Isabel NF														
Comanche NG														

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