

ATTACHMENT SS2

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: Snow's Skipper (<i>Paratrytone snowi</i>)			
Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	B1	Found in Colorado in foothills along both sides of Front Range and at one location in Laramie County, Wyoming. Confidence in Rank High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler, P.A. 1999. Field Guide to Western Butterflies. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, Mass. Opler, Stanford, and Pavulaan. 2001. Butterflies of North America. Web site of USGS. Stanford, R.E. 1981. Hesperioidea <i>in</i> Ferris and Brown. 1981. Butterflies of the Rocky Mountain States. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.
2 Distribution outside R2	C	Ranges south of region in New Mexico and Arizona and south into Sierra Madre of Mexico. Confidence in Rank High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler, P.A. 1999. Field Guide to Western Butterflies. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, MA. Opler, Stanford, and Pavulaan. 2001. Butterflies of North America. Web site of USGS. Stanford, R.E. 1981. Hesperioidea <i>in</i> Ferris and Brown. 1981. Butterflies of the Rocky Mountain States. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.
3 Dispersal Capability	B	Adults can fly quite well, and may be efficient at colonizing suitable habitat within short distances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler (personal assessment)
4 Abundance in R2	C	Common enough that persistence in region is not threatened by demographic stochasticity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler (personal assessment)

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5 Population Trend in R2	D	Insufficient information is available upon which to base any sort of estimate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler (personal assessment)
6 Habitat Trend in R2	D	Insufficient information is available upon which to base any sort of estimate. This species is found in moist draws and canyon bottoms where it nectars on penstemons and Monarda. The caterpillar host plant is usually pine drop seed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler (personal assessment) Opler, P.A. 1999. Field Guide to Western Butterflies. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, Mass.
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	B	Alteration of habitats by development, invasive alien weeds, and fire suppression could lead to unfavorable vegetative changes that could result in loss of populations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler (personal assessment)
8 Life History and Demographics	A	This species is dependant on particular types of grasses in forest openings and any alteration of the vegetational composition of these habitats could result in local extirpations of the species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opler (personal assessment)
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National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY(L)¹ to occur:

<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	X		Cimmaron NG			Samuel R.McKelvie NF			Black Hills NF			Shoshone NF		
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		X				Ogalala NG						Medicine Bow NF		X
San Juan NF												Thunder Basin NG		
Rio Grande NF		X												
Pike-San Isabel NF		X												
Comanche NG														

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.