

R2 Sensitive Species List Recommendation

Northern Plateau Lizard (*Sceloporus undulates elongatus*)

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Recommendation: Not R2 SS; not of concern now

Rationale: The northern plateau lizard is one of four subspecies of *undulatus* found in R2. The northern plateau lizard is an intermountain subspecies. The far western edge of R2 constitutes the eastern periphery of its range. Although found in southwestern Wyoming, it is not known to occur on NFS lands. In Colorado, it is known to occur on the GMUG NF and probably occurs on the White River NF. Typical of peripheral occupation, the species is less widely distributed and less common than within the core of its range. At the same time, it is locally abundant in western Colorado. Habitat is sunny cliffs, rocky outcrops, and canyons in open montane forest and woodlands, mountain shrub communities, grassy dunes, prairies.

These habitats are widespread and reasonably secure from extensive modification at this time. Consequently, populations of this subspecies are considered to be generally secure, providing no demonstrable basis for special management status.

Note: In addition to the evaluator's references, also referred to biodiversity documentation at Natureserve.com,; distribution data from the Colorado Herpetological Society; and Collins and Collins (1991) *Reptiles and Amphibians of the Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County, Kansas*.