

R2 Sensitive Species List Recommendation

Rubber Boa (*Charina bottae utahensis*)

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Recommendation: Not R2 SS; not of concern at this time

Rationale: This species is widespread in the northwestern United States and southwestern Canada. In R2 the *utahensis* subspecies occurs in northwestern (Shoshone NF) and north-central (Bighorn NF) Wyoming. Because the species is secretive, little is known about its numbers; but there appears to be no indication that either the species or subspecies is in any trouble. The habitats most frequented by the species in R2 appear to be stable, without any demonstrable threats that would negatively affect population viability. The greatest potential to negatively affect this species on NFS lands appears to be conversion of its woodland habitat and reduction of CWD. Studies done in Oregon suggest the species could be somewhat more plastic in its habitat requirements than previously assumed.