

R2 Sensitive Species List Recommendation

**Ringneck Snake (*Diadophis punctatus*)**

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**Recommendation:** Not R2 SS, not of concern now

**Rationale:** The species is widely distributed throughout much of eastern and southcentral U.S. to central Mexico. It is considered common and secure throughout much of its range. The species is known only from the Comanche National Grasslands and surrounding areas in R2, where it is a peripheral resident. There it can be locally abundant. It is found in mesic micro-sites in rocky grasslands, and rocky, P-J and shrubby canyon bottoms, often near streams. Loss of mesic canyon habitats and riparian cottonwoods could adversely impact the species. However, it seems unlikely that its habitat on the Comanche is at significant risk. Therefore, special management emphasis by the CNG does not seem warranted at this time.

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*.