

ATTACHMENT SS2

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: <i>Leptotyphlops dulcis</i> – Texas blind snake			
Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	Occurs in only two localities in region 2: S section of Comanche and Cimarron NG. Considered State Threatened species in Kansas.  <b>High confidence</b>	•
2 Distribution outside R2	C	Most of the species' distribution occurs south and east of region 2. Reaches northwestern limit of range in Colorado.  <b>High confidence</b>	•
3 Dispersal Capability	A	Diminutive species with poor vision; likely utilizes primarily chemical cues. Unlikely to be able to disperse any significant distance.  <b>High confidence</b>	•
4 Abundance in R2	A	Appears to be rare; however, the habits of this secretive snake are poorly known, and it is apparently common in some parts of its range	•
5 Population Trend in R2	D	No information available.  <b>High confidence</b>	•
6 Habitat Trend in R2	D	No information available.  <b>High confidence</b>	•
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	D	Not enough is known about habitat to evaluate vulnerability status; may be very vulnerable.  <b>High confidence</b>	•

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8 Life History and Demographics	B	Very small species, low reproductive output.  <b>Medium</b> confidence	•
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National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY(L)<sup>1</sup> to occur:

Occurs only on Comanche and Cimarron NG.

<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			Cimarron NG	X		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						Ogalala NG						Medicine Bow NF		
San Juan NF												Thunder Basin NG		
Rio Grande NF														
Pike-San Isabel NF														
Comanche NG	X													
Pawnee NG														

<sup>1</sup> 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.