

Final Interagency Special Status/Sensitive Species List Criteria
Region 6 Forest Service Sensitive Species and OR/WA BLM Special Status Species
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Sensitive Species

- Heritage Ranks: G1-G3 or N1-N3 or T1-T3 or S1-S2 **and** Oregon Heritage List 1 or List 2 (for Oregon) **and/or**
- Heritage Ranks: G1-G3 or N1-N3 or T1-T3 or S1-S2 (for Washington) **and**
- Documented on at least one OR/WA BLM District or Region 6 National Forest.

- All Documented or Suspected Federal Candidates, State Listed T&E, or De-listed Federal species.

- State Director and Regional Forester have the discretion to add or remove species.

Management for Sensitive

- Comply with BLM National Manual and OR/WA State Policy (BLM 6840)
 - Consider in land use plans and analyze effects
 - Decision must not contribute to the need to list
 - Pre-project clearances, monitor, mitigate, manage
- Comply with FS TES policy (FSM 2670)
 - As part of NEPA, prepare BE to review programs and activities to determine potential effects
 - Avoid/minimize impacts
 - Decisions must not result in loss of viability or create significant trends toward Federal listing
 - Establish management objectives in cooperation with States

Strategic Species

- Heritage Ranks: G1-G3 or N1-N3 or T1-T3 or S1-S2 **and** Oregon Heritage List 3 (for Oregon only) **and/or**
- Heritage Ranks: G1-G3 or N1-N3 or T1-T3 or S1-S2 **and** Washington Heritage Review 1 or 2 (for Washington only) **and**
- Documented or Suspected on at least one OR/WA BLM District or Region 6 National Forest.

- Species that are not Federal Candidates, State Listed T&E, or De-listed Federal species that are:
 - Heritage Ranks: G1-G3 or N1-N3 or T1-T3 or S1-S2 **and** Oregon Heritage List 1 or List 2 (for Oregon) **and/or**
 - Heritage Ranks: G1-G3 or N1-N3 or T1-T3 or S1-S2 (for Washington) that:
 - Have uncertain taxonomy (“Q”) or
 - Are undescribed species or
 - Are State Historic(SH), Extirpated or Extinct(SX) or
 - Only suspected on OR/WA BLM Districts and Region 6 National Forests.

- State Director and Regional Forester have the discretion to add or remove species.

Management for Strategic Species

- Sensitive Species policies as described in FSM 2670 and BLM 6840 do not apply
- Analysis in BE/NEPA documents is not required
- Collection of information to remove uncertainties will be coordinated at the RO/SO level (ISSSSP) in coordination with the field.
- If sites are located, field units are required to collect occurrence data and enter into the respective agency corporate database (BLM – GeoBOB; FS – NRIS).