Appendix III. Fungi Work Group
Priority Information and Conservation Gaps

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORK GROUP MEETING
Develop a longer-term, larger-scale strategy to address key information and conservation gaps to assist in managing fungal species in accordance with BLM and FS Special Status and Sensitive Species policies. This will entail the identification of priority tasks, including personnel and monies needed, timelines, and expected products.

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The team held meetings on February 2-3, 2010 in Portland, Oregon.

BRAINSTORMING INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION GAPS:
The team identified important information and conservation gaps that impede FS/BLM ability to manage for or evaluate project effects for these fungal species. Through Structured Brainstorming the Team identified the gaps in knowledge and tasks needed to address those gaps.

1. **Conduct Training to share with field units the variety of tools and information available** on the Interagency Sensitive and Special Status Species (ISSSS) website regarding ISSSS fungi.
2. **Conduct Outreach and Engagement with amateur mycologists and university researchers**, in order to share and acquire additional information about SSS species.
3. **Conduct Outreach and Engagement with Agency Botanists** to become fungi proponents, generate data, fungi projects, and develop contacts with local non-Agency experts.

UPDATE/STATUS OF INFORMATION AND CONSERVATION GAPS
A number of tasks have been initiated (or completed) to address the gaps identified above. Check the ISSSSP website, under the “Fungi-General” section for a listing of tools and other products specific to the gaps above: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/sf/misia/species-index/flora-fungi.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/sf/misia/species-index/flora-fungi.shtml)