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TO: District and Area Managers

FROM: State Director, Colorado

SUBJECT: State Director's Sensitive Species List

Attached is the approved State Director's list of sensitive animal and plant species for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Colorado. This list does **not** include those special status species that are formally designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife **Service** as **federally endangered, threatened, proposed, and/or as** candidates, nor those designated by the Colorado Division of Wildlife as state endangered or threatened. A combined listing of all special status species including the State Director's **sensitive** species will be issued to the Field Offices as soon as possible.

These sensitive species were identified internally through our field offices and externally with those agencies and organizations dealing with management and tracking species of special concern. Early identification of these State Director's sensitive species is very important in management of these vulnerable species to prevent any future federal listing. Bureau policy is that no action should be taken which would contribute to these species becoming listed as candidate species through actions funded, authorized, or implemented by BLM.

The State Director's sensitive species were identified using criteria found in BLM Manual 6840-Special Status Species Management Sensitive Species, and from specific written review comments received and evaluated from BLM Field Offices, Colorado Division of Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service(Region 2), and the Colorado Natural Heritage Program. The following criteria were applied to only those species known to occur on BLM Colorado public lands:

1. Species under status review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
or
2. Species with numbers declining so rapidly that Federal listing may become necessary; or
3. Species with typically small and widely dispersed populations; or
4. Species inhabiting ecological refugia or other specialized or unique habitats.

BLM managers are responsible for collecting and maintaining information on sensitive species to determine if designation as candidates or listed species is warranted, or if special management considerations are needed. Challenge

cost share projects and agreements are an efficient way to conduct biological status surveys, monitoring, habitat **management** studies, and development of electronic data **bases**. The **State** Director's sensitive **species** list will be periodically **reviewed** and amended as appropriate.

We **appreciate** those of you that took the extra time to review and comment on our draft proposed list of sensitive species. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact **Lee** Upham at 303-239-3723.



Attachment: Colorado BLM State Director's **S.ensitive Species List, 'pp.**

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