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# BLM Battle Mountain District Office
# RMP Planning Fact Sheet
# *Special Status Species of the BMDO*

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**The BLM Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) is revising the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the BMDO planning area. The BMDO RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's dual mandate of *multiple use* and *sustained yield*.**

## Federally Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Species for Listing Under the Endangered Act (ESA)

### Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*)

- Federally listed as threatened.
- Main threats include habitat loss/ fragmentation/ degradation and disease.
- Occurs in very southern edge of BMDO, which is the northern-most area of its range.
- Entirely land-dwelling tortoise found primarily in creosote, shadscale , and Joshua tree habitats. Less commonly found in blackbush habitat.

### Railroad Valley Springfish (*Crenicthys nevadae*)

- Federally listed as threatened.
- Main threats include excessive groundwater pumping, water diversion, and introduced fishes.
- Occurs in very limited area of southeastern BMDO.
- 2-inch freshwater fish found in warm spring pools.

### Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkia henshawi*)

- Federally listed as threatened.
- Occurs in limited streams in BMDO but historically occurred more widely.
- Main threats include habitat loss and degradation, and competition with introduced fishes.
- Freshwater fish found in cool streams and lakes.

### Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax trailii extimus*)

- Federally listed as endangered.
- Very limited range and occurrence in BMDO.
- Last observation occurred in 2003 in the Beatty area.

### Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*)

- Candidate for federal listing but further analysis of species status is precluded by other priorities.
- Main threats include habitat loss/ fragmentation/degradation.
- Large bird occurring throughout sagebrush habitat in the BMDO.

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**For more information regarding these species go to: www.fws.gov and www.natureserve.org/explorer

## Federally Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Species for Listing Under the ESA Continued...

### Toiyabe Spotted Frog (*Rana luteiventris*)

- Candidate for federal listing but full analysis of species status is precluded by other priorities.
- Part of the Great Basin population of the Columbia spotted frog.
- Main threats include habitat degradation, exotic species, and drought.
- Occurs in very limited springs and streams in the Toiyabe Range.

### Yellow-Billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus)*

- Candidate for federal listing but full analysis of species status is precluded by other priorities.
- Very limited range and occurrence in BMDO.
- Last observation occurred in 2002 in the Beatty area.

## Species Under Review for Federal ESA Listing

### Multiple Springsnail Species (*Pyrgulopsis* and *Tryonia* spp.)

- Currently under review for listing consideration.
- Nine of the 42 species being considered for listing occur in BMDO.
- All of the species of springsnails are typically found only at specific springs.

### Crescent Dunes Serican Scarab (*Serica ammomensico*) and Crescent Dunes Aphodius Scarab (*Aphodius crescenta*)

- Currently under review for listing consideration.
- Occur in very limited area northeast of Tonopah.
- Both species are invertebrate beetles found only on the isolated and sandy Crescent Dunes.

## BLM NV State Sensitive Species of Special Management Concern

### Golden Eagle *(Aquila chrysaetos*)

- Species of special management concern for BMDO because of federal protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- Declines in the population across the west have increased concern and attention for this species.
- Most of BMDO is considered suitable foraging habitat and areas with rocky outcrops and steep terrain are potential nesting sites.

### Pygmy Rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*)

- Species of special management for BMDO because of its patchy distribution.
- Most commonly found in big sagebrush habitat throughout BMDO.

### Amargosa Toad *(Bufo nelsoni*)

- Species of special management concern for BMDO because of its limited distribution in the Beatty area.
- Typically found near water of desert springs and streams.

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