

**Forest Service Sensitive Species Summary**  
**Designated Sensitive Species (that are not listed or**  
**proposed species under the ESA), as of 31 October, 2005**

Region	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R8	R9	R10	Total
<b>YEAR OF LAST MAJOR REVISION</b> (plants / animals)	2004	2005	1999	1995	1998/ 2003	2004	2001	2003	2002/ 1994	
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FOREST SERVICE SENSITIVE SPECIES</b> (may be fewer than revision number, due to proposed listings or listings under the ESA).	<b>262</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3,250*</b>
PLANT SPECIES	204	88	206	200	338	457	450	444	19	2,198*
ANIMAL SPECIES	58	80	210	25	92	121	332	293	10	1,052*

\*Totals are not the sum of regional totals, due to some species occurrence in more than one region.

**Regional sensitive Species Revisions done since 27 October 2000:**

- R6 – November 28, 2000 (the animal SS list was revised; 87 animals)
- R8 – December 21, 2001 (783 sensitive species – 333 animals, 450 plants)
- R9 – April 26, 2002 (currently 690 sensitive species – 265 animals, 425 plants – as of 30 August 2002)
- R10 – June 4, 2002 (the plant SS list was revised – currently 28 sensitive species; 9 animals, 19 plants)
- R6 – October 31, 2002 (SS list was revised; 473 sensitive species – 89 animals, 384 plants)
- R5 – May 7, 2003 (the animal SS list was revised – 83 animals)
- R9 – October 20, 2003 (SS list was revised – 741 sensitive species, 295 animals, 446 plants)
- R2 – November 3, 2003 (SS list was revised; 166 sensitive species – 79 animals, 87 plants)
- R6 – April 26, 2004 (SS list revised, some S&M species added)
- R4—July 2004 (technical edits—225 sensitive species, 25 animals, 200 plants)
- R1 – October 28, 2004 (SS list revised—262 sensitive species, 58 animals, 204 plants)
- R2—April 29, 2005 (SS list revised—168 sensitive species, 80 animals, 88 plants)
- R3, R5 plants – in prep

**Designation of sensitive species** is delegated to each Regional Forester  
 Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2672.11, 2670.44).

**Forest Service definition of sensitive species:**

2670.5 Definitions, 19.

“Those plant and animal species identified by a Regional Forester for which population viability is a concern, as evidenced by:

- a. Significant current or predicted downward trends in population numbers or density.
- b. Significant current or predicted downward trends in habitat capability that would reduce a species' existing distribution.” (FSM 2670.5)

**Forest Service objectives for designated sensitive species:**

2670.22 Sensitive Species

1. Develop and implement management practices to ensure that species do not become threatened or endangered because of Forest Service actions.
2. Maintain viable populations of all native and desired nonnative wildlife, fish, and plant species in habitats distributed throughout their geographic range on National Forest System lands.

3. Develop and implement management objectives for populations and/or habitat of sensitive species.

Forest Service **policies** for designated sensitive species:

2670.3 - Policy

2670.32 - Sensitive Species

1. Assist States in achieving their goals for conservation of endemic species.
2. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act process, review programs and activities, through a biological evaluation, to determine their potential effect on sensitive species.
3. Avoid or minimize impacts to species whose viability has been identified as a concern.
4. If impacts cannot be avoided, analyze the significance of potential adverse effects on the population or its habitat within the area of concern and on the species as a whole. (The line officer, with project approval authority, makes the decision to allow or disallow impact, but the decision must not result in loss of species viability or create significant trends toward Federal listing.)
5. Establish management objectives in cooperation with the States when projects on National Forest System lands may have a significant effect on sensitive species population numbers or distributions. Establish objectives for Federal candidate species, in cooperation with the FWS or NMFS and the States.

Forest Service **responsibilities** for designated sensitive species:

2670.4 - Responsibility

2670.44 - Regional Foresters. The Regional Foresters:

5. Ensure that specific management objectives and legal and biological requirements for the conservation of endangered, threatened, proposed, and sensitive plants and animals are included in Regional and Forest planning, and ensure that planning for those species common to two or more Forests is coordinated among concerned units.

2670.45 - Forest Supervisors. The Forest Supervisors:

2. Develop quantifiable recovery objectives and develop strategies to effect recovery of threatened and endangered species. Develop quantifiable objectives for managing populations and/or habitat for sensitive species.

Forest Service **Forest Plan Objectives** for designated sensitive species:

2672.32 - Forest Plan Objectives for Sensitive Species. For sensitive species, include objectives in Forest plans to ensure viable populations throughout their geographic ranges. Once the objectives are accomplished and viability is no longer a concern, species shall not have "sensitive" status.

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