



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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**Federal Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate Species and Designated Critical Habitats  
 that Occur in or may be Affected by Projects in SWEETWATER County, Wyoming  
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<b>Species/Critical Habitat</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Habitat</b>
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Endangered	Prairie dog towns
Blowout Penstemon	<i>Penstemon haydenii</i>	Endangered	Sand blowouts or dunes
<u>Colorado River Fish</u> (Bonytail, Colorado Pikeminnow, Humpback Chub, Razorback Sucker)	<i>Gila elegans</i> <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> <i>Gila cypha</i> <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	Endangered Endangered Endangered Endangered	Downstream riverine habitat in the Yampa, Green, and Colorado River systems*
Colorado River Fish Critical Habitat	Designated for Colorado River Fish in Colorado and Utah in downstream riverine habitat in the Yampa, Green, and Colorado River systems*		
Ute Ladies' -tresses	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	Threatened	Seasonally moist soils and wet meadows of drainages below 7,000 ft. elevation
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Western)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Candidate	Riparian areas west of Continental Divide

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) biologists have used the best scientific information available to formulate this list, which is updated annually or soon after listing changes occur. The purpose of a species list is to help provide information on endangered and threatened species that may be present in a project area.

\*If the proposed action may lead to consumptive use of water or have the potential to affect water quality in the Colorado River System, there may be impacts to threatened and endangered species inhabiting the downstream reaches of this river system.

A current version of this species list fulfills the Service's requirement, under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), to provide a list of endangered and threatened species upon request for federal actions and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. Federal agency responsibilities under section 7 of the Act, including an outline of the section 7 consultation process and information needed in a biological assessment may be found at the following link: <http://endangered.fws.gov/consultations>. Non-

Federal entities who believe that their projects or activities may affect listed species may contact

the Service regarding the potential need for a section 10 permit, under the Act.

Candidate species are those species for which the Service has sufficient information to propose for listing as threatened or endangered under the Act. Conservation measures for candidate species are voluntary but recommended. Protection provided to these species now may preclude possible listing in the future. The Service's Wyoming Ecological Services office would appreciate receiving information as to the current status of these species within the proposed project area.

Measures may also be required for the project to protect migratory birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703 and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 668. Wetlands are afforded protection under Executive Orders 11990 (wetland protection) and 11988 (floodplain management), as well as section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Additional information that may be important for project planning concerning other important fish and wildlife resources is available from the Service's Wyoming Ecological Services office.

For additional information, please call the Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office at 307-772-2374.