

Criteria for Determining
Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management
and Forest Service Region 6
Sensitive Species
June 21, 2021

To confer Sensitive status within a state, the following criteria must be met within the state.

Sensitive

1. All US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Candidate species are sensitive within the state where suspected¹ or documented on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or Forest Service (FS).
2. All de-listed USFWS or NOAA species are sensitive within the state where suspected or documented on BLM/FS lands for the longer of five years or the duration of their delisting monitoring plans.
3. All Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife state threatened or endangered species where documented on BLM/FS lands (not suspected only) and which are not state extirpated (SX) or historic (SH) in the state.

For all other taxa, the following four criteria must be met:

1. On the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC) List 1 or 2 or Washington Natural Heritage Program (WNHP) rare species lists except Review Group 1 or 2 (see below for acronyms and lists) with NatureServe ranks of:
 - a. S1, S1S2, S1S3, S2, or S2S3 **or**
 - b. S2S4 or S3 **and** G1-G3, G1Q-G3Q, N1-N3, or T1-T3
2. Sensitive taxa must be documented on at least one FS or BLM unit in the state where status is being evaluated.
3. Sensitive taxa must be fully described with valid scientific names (i.e., no undescribed). In addition, botanical forms (forma) do not qualify as sensitive.
4. To be added as sensitive, lichens, bryophytes, fungi, and invertebrates must have a completed ISSSSP species fact sheet.

¹ Suspected = habitat is expected to occur on FS/BLM lands and surveys have not been thorough or recent enough to determine presence/non-presence.

Acronyms

NatureServe Network Global (G), National (N), and Subnational (State/Province) (S) Ranks

- 1 = Critically imperiled
- 2 = Imperiled
- 3 = Rare and uncommon; vulnerable.
- 4 = Not rare and apparently secure

NatureServe Rank Qualifiers:

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#X# = Range rank – a numeric range rank (e.g., G2G3, G1G3) is used to indicate uncertainty about the exact status of a taxon

Q = Questionable taxonomy

Washington Natural Heritage Program (WNHP) Plant Lists

R1 = Review group 1; plants of potential concern for which current information is insufficient to evaluate conservation status.

R2 = Review group 2; plants of potential concern but with unresolved taxonomic questions.

Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC) List

1 = Taxa are threatened with extinction or presumed to be extinct throughout their entire range.

2 = Taxa are threatened with extirpation or presumed to be extirpated from the state of Oregon; these are often peripheral or disjunct species which are of concern when considering species diversity within Oregon's borders.