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**To:** Forest Supervisor, Custer Gallatin National Forest

After consideration of public input provided for the Custer Gallatin National Forest's proposed action, a careful review of scientific information, and discussions with research scientists and other specialists, I have determined that the species identified in the enclosed list meet the criteria for species of conservation concern as defined by the 2012 Planning Rule and its implementing directives. This constitutes the species of conservation concern list for the Custer Gallatin National Forest's draft revised forest plan and draft environment impact statement (EIS).

The 2012 Planning Rule requires components in your revised forest plan to provide the ecological conditions necessary to maintain a viable population of each SCC within the plan area (36 CFR 219.9(b)(1)). If you determine it is beyond the authority of the Forest Service or not within the inherent capability of the plan area to provide such conditions, you must document the basis for this determination in your decision and include plan components to maintain or restore ecological conditions within the plan area to contribute to maintaining a viable population of the species within its range (36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)).

Please note that the identification of species of conservation concern is a dynamic process. New scientific information may prompt changes in the species of conservation concern list over time. My staff will continue to work with you and your staff to evaluate new information and determine if adding or removing species from the list for the plan area is warranted.

Updated information regarding the evaluation and scientific information used to determine species included and excluded as species of conservation concern for the Custer Gallatin National Forest can be found on the [Northern Region webpage](#). This includes updates to the evaluation process and the evaluation spreadsheets, and a question and answer document addressing questions we've heard regarding species of conservation concern identification for all Northern Region forest plan revision efforts.

I appreciate the expertise and assistance of your staff during this process. I look forward to continuing to work together, along with our stakeholders, to ensure the diversity of species on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

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cc: Julie Schaefers, Erin Swiader, Christopher Savage



## Species of Conservation Concern for the Custer Gallatin National Forest

**Animal SCC**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Greater Sage-grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
White-tailed Prairie Dog	<i>Cynomys leucurus</i>
Western Pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera falcata</i>

**Plant SCC**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Muskroot	<i>Adoxa moschatellina</i>
Oval-leaf milkweed	<i>Asclepias ovalifolia</i>
Narrowleaf milkweed	<i>Asclepias stenophylla</i>
Frenchman's Bluff moonwort	<i>Botrychium gallicomontanum</i>
Peculiar moonwort	<i>Botrychium paradoxum</i>
Annual Indian paintbrush	<i>Castilleja exilis</i>
Heavy sedge	<i>Carex gravida</i> var. <i>gravida</i>
Small yellow lady's-slipper	<i>Cypripedium parviflorum</i>
Dense-leaf draba	<i>Draba densifolia</i>
English sundew	<i>Drosera anglica</i>
Beaked spikerush	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>
Whitestem goldenbush or Discoid goldenweed	<i>Ericameria discoidea</i> var. <i>discoidea</i> ; (Syn: <i>Haplopappus macronema</i> var. <i>macronemo</i> )
Dakota buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum visheri</i>
Hiker's gentian	<i>Gentianopsis simplex</i>
Spiny hopsage	<i>Grayia spinosa</i>
Rockyscree false goldenaster	<i>Heterotheco fulcrato</i>
Nuttall Desert-Parsley	<i>Lomatium nuttollii</i>
Meesia moss	<i>Meesia triquetra</i>
Dwarf purple monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus nanus</i>
Wooly twinpod	<i>Physaria didymocarpo</i> var. <i>lanata</i>
Beartooth large-flowered goldenweed	<i>Pyrrocomo corthamoides</i> var. <i>subsquarrosus</i> (Syn. <i>Haplopappus carthamoides</i> var. <i>subsquarrosus</i> )
Barratt's willow	<i>Salix barrattiana</i>
Shoshonea	<i>Shoshoneo pulvinato</i>
Oregon checker-mallow	<i>Sidalcea oregano</i>
Northwestern thelypody	<i>Thelypodium ponicolotum</i>