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**Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species
 And Their Designated and Proposed Critical Habitat That Occur
 In or May Be Affected by Actions in Fremont County, Wyoming**

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<u>Species/Critical Habitat</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Habitat</u>
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	Endangered	Prairie dog towns
Canada Lynx	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Threatened	Montane forests
Canada Lynx Critical Habitat	Designated areas include boreal forest landscapes within Fremont, Lincoln, Park, Sublette, and Teton Counties of Wyoming (see 50 CFR 17.95(a))		
<u>Colorado River Fish</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Riverine habitat downstream of Wyoming in the Yampa, Green, and Colorado River systems
Colorado River Fish Critical Habitat	Designated for Colorado River Fish in riverine habitat downstream of Wyoming in the Yampa, Green, and Colorado River systems (see 50 CFR 17.95(e))		
Desert Yellowhead	<i>Yermo xanthocephalus</i>	Threatened	Beaver Rim, Fremont County
Desert Yellowhead Critical Habitat	Designated for desert yellowhead in Fremont County, Wyoming and consists of 360 acres of Bureau of Land Management administered lands within portions of Township 31 North, Range 95 West, Sections 27 and 34 (50 CFR 17.96(a))		
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Experimental/ Non-essential	Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	Threatened	Montane forests
<u>Platte River Species</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least Tern (Interior Population), 	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>	Endangered	Riverine habitat downstream of Wyoming in the Platte River system

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallid Sturgeon, • Piping Plover, • Western Prairie Fringed Orchid, • Whooping Crane 	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> <i>Charadrius melodus</i> <i>Platanthera praeclara</i> <i>Grus americana</i>	Endangered Threatened Threatened Endangered	
Platte River Species Critical Habitat	Designated for whooping crane in Nebraska in riverine habitat of the Platte River system (see 50 CFR 17.95(b))		
Ute Ladies'-tresses	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	Threatened	Seasonally moist soils and wet meadows of drainages below 7,000 ft. elevation
Fremont County Rockcress / Small Rockcress	<i>Boechera pusilla</i>	Candidate	Exposed granite-pegmatite outcrops in the foothills of the Wind River Range
Greater Sage-grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	Candidate	Sagebrush communities
North American Wolverine	<i>Gulo gulo luscus</i>	Candidate	Subalpine to alpine
Whitebark Pine	<i>Pinus albicaulis</i>	Candidate	Cold and windy subalpine to alpine sites above 8,000 ft. elevation
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Western)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Candidate	Riparian areas west of Continental Divide

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides this list based on current information about species and updates it annually or soon after listing changes occur. The purpose of a species list is to provide information on endangered and threatened species that may be present in a project area.

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://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/consultations-overview.html>. 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.

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. Other fish and wildlife

resources are considered under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*, and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 742a-742j. Additional information that may be important for project planning concerning our trust resources is available from the Service's Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office.

Candidate species are those species for which the Service has sufficient information to propose for listing as threatened or endangered under the Act, but is precluded from listing by higher priority listing actions. 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 Field Office would appreciate receiving information as to the current status of these species within the proposed project area.

For additional information about the species and referenced authorities, please call the Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office at (307)772-2374.