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## Threatened, Endangered and Candidate Species in Montana Endangered Species Act

**ENDANGERED** ( E ) - Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

**THREATENED** ( T ) - Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

**PROPOSED** ( P ) - Any species that is proposed in the Federal Register to be listed under section 4 of the Act.

**CANDIDATE** ( C ) - Those taxa for which the Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose to list them as threatened or endangered. We encourage their consideration in environmental planning and partnerships, however, none of the substantive or procedural provisions of the Act apply to candidate species.

**NON-ESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION** ( XN ) - A population of a listed species reintroduced into a specific area that receives more flexible management under the Act.

**CRITICAL HABITAT, PROPOSED CRITICAL HABITAT** ( CH, PCH ) - The specific areas (i) within the geographic area occupied by a species, at the time it is listed, on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to conserve the species and (II) that may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon determination that such areas are essential to conserve the species.

**SPECIES OF INTEREST** (SI) – Species that may be of interest due to past, ongoing, or future association with the Act

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Range-Montana	Lead Office/Region	When Listed	Recovery Plan/Outline Date	5 yr Review Status
<a href="#">Black-footed Ferret</a>	Mustela nigripes	E/XN	Prairie dog complexes, Eastern Montana	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	3/11/1967	<a href="#">12/23/2013</a>	<a href="#">12/1/2008</a>
<a href="#">Least Tern</a>	Sterna antillarum	E	Yellowstone, Missouri River Sandbars, beaches; Eastern Montana	<a href="#">Southeast Region (Region 4)</a>	5/28/1985	<a href="#">9/19/1990</a>	<a href="#">10/24/2013</a>
<a href="#">Pallid Sturgeon</a>	Scaphirhynchus albus	E	Bottom dwelling; Missouri, Yellowstone Rivers	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	9/6/1990	<a href="#">3/15/2013</a>	<a href="#">6/13/2007</a>
<a href="#">White Sturgeon (Kootenai River population)</a>	Acipenser transmontanus	E	Bottom dwelling; Kootenai River	<a href="#">Pacific Region (Region 1)</a>	9/6/1994	<a href="#">9/30/1999</a>	<a href="#">8/9/2011</a>

<a href="#">Whooping Crane</a>	Grus americana	E	Wetlands; migrant eastern Montana	<a href="#">Southwest Region (Region 2)</a>	3/11/1967	<a href="#">5/29/2007</a>	<a href="#">2/13/2012</a>
<a href="#">Bull Trout</a>	Salvelinus Confluentus	T	Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai, St Mary and Belly river basins; cold water rivers & Lakes.-----Portions of rivers, streams lakes and reservoirs within Deer Lodge, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln, Mineral Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders Counties	<a href="#">Pacific Region (Region 1)</a>	6/10/1998	<a href="#">9/29/2015</a>	<a href="#">4/25/2008</a>
<a href="#">Canada Lynx</a>	Lynx canadensis	T	Western Montana-montane spruce/fir forest.	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	3/24/2000	<a href="#">9/14/2005</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Grizzly Bear</a>	Ursus arctos horribilis	T	Alpine/subalpine coniferous forest; Western Montana	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	7/28/1975	<a href="#">5/3/2013</a>	<a href="#">9/6/2011</a>
<a href="#">Piping Plover</a>	Charadrius melodus	T	Missouri River sandbars, alkali beaches; Northeastern Montana.-----Alkali lakes in Sheridan County; riverine and reservoir shoreline in Garfield, McCone, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt and Valley Counties	<a href="#">Northeast Region (Region 5)</a>	12/11/1985	<a href="#">5/12/1988</a>	<a href="#">9/29/2009</a>
<a href="#">Spalding's Campion (or "catchfly")</a>	Silene spaldingii	T	Upper Flathead River and Fisher River drainages; Tabacco Valley - open Grasslands with rough fescue or bluebunch wheatgrass.	<a href="#">Pacific Region (Region 1)</a>	10/10/2001	<a href="#">10/12/2007</a>	<a href="#">1/30/2009</a>
<a href="#">Ute ladies'-tresses</a>	Spiranthes diluvialis	T	River meander wetlands; Jefferson, Madison, Beaverhead, Gallatin, Broadwater Counties	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	1/17/1992	<a href="#">9/21/1995</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Water Howellia</a>	Howellia aquatilis	T	Wetlands; Swan Valley, lake and Missoula counties	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	7/14/1994	<a href="#">9/24/1996</a>	<a href="#">8/30/2013</a>
<a href="#">Yellow-billed cuckoo</a>	Coccyzus americanus	T	Population west of the Continental Divide; riparian areas with cottonwoods and willows.	<a href="#">California/Nevada Region (Region 8)</a>	10/3/2014	N/A	N/A

<a href="#">Northern Long-eared Bat</a>	Myotis septentrionalis	T	Eastern Montana; Caves, abandoned mines, roosts in live trees and snags	<a href="#">Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region (Region 3)</a>	4/2/2015	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Red Knot</a>	Calidris canutus rufa	T	Migrant; eastern Montana plains along shorelines	<a href="#">Northeast Region (Region 5)</a>	12/11/2014	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Meltwater Lednian Stonefly</a>	Lednia tumana	C	High elevation meltwater streams, Glacier National Park	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Sprague's Pipit</a>	Anthus spragueii	C	Grasslands habitats with little or no shrub cover east of the Continental Divide.	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Whitebark Pine</a>	Pinus albicaulis	C	Forested areas in central and western Montana, in high-elevation upper mountane habitat newar treeline.	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">North American Wolverine</a>	Gulo gulo luscus	SI	High elevation alpine and boreal forests in areas that are cold and receive enough winter precipitation to reliably maintain deep persistant snow late into the warm season.	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	N/A	<a href="#">2/1/2013</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Arctic Grayling</a>	Thymallus arcticus	SI	Southwestern Montana; Big Hole River, Mussigbord lake, Miner Lake, Madisson River/Ennis Reservoir, Red Rock Lakes.	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Greater sage-grouse</a>	Centrocercus urophasianus	SI	Eastern, central and southwestern Montana in sagebrush, sagebrush-grasslands, and associated agricultural lands.	<a href="#">Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6)</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A