

SPECIAL STATUS ANIMAL SPECIES

Special Status Animal Species and BLM Sensitive Animal Species within the MLP Planning Area include wildlife and fish. It is BLM's responsibility and obligation to provide appropriate management to protect these species' habitats. The habitats of these species and their life requirements have been considered in developing potential stipulations by alternative for oil, gas, and potash leasing and development in the planning area.

Federally-Listed Species

Federally-listed species include any species which is listed, or proposed for listing, as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act. Federally-listed species that are found within the planning area include:

Fish

- Bonytail
(*Gila elegans*) – Endangered
- Colorado pikeminnow
(*Ptychocheilus Lucius*) – Endangered
- Humpback chub
(*Gila cypha*) – Endangered
- Razorback sucker
(*Xyrauchen texanus*) – Endangered

Wildlife

- Mexican spotted owl
(*Strix occidentalis lucida*) – Threatened
- Southwestern willow flycatcher
(*Empidonax traillii extimus*) – Endangered
- Western yellow-billed cuckoo
(*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*) – Threatened
- California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) – Endangered, Experimental

Federally-Protected Species

- Migratory Birds, including raptors
- Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)

BLM Sensitive Species

BLM sensitive species are those that meet the following criteria:

1. Native species found on BLM-administered lands for which BLM has the capability to significantly affect the conservation status of the species through management,
2. Data indicate that the species has recently undergone, is undergoing, or is predicted to undergo a downward trend such that the viability of the species or a distinct population segment of the species is at risk,
3. The species depends on ecological refugia or specialized or unique habitats on BLM-administered lands, and there is evidence that such areas are threatened with alteration so that the continued viability of the species in the area would be at risk, and
4. All Federally designated candidate species, proposed species, and delisted species in the 5 years following their delisting.

Habitat for the following BLM special status animal species is found within the planning area:

Fish

- Colorado River cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus*)
- Bluehead sucker (*Catostomus discobolus*)
- Roundtail chub (*Gila robusta*)
- Flannelmouth sucker (*Catostomus latipinnis*)

Wildlife

- Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
- Ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
- Burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*)
- Long-billed curlew (*Numenius americanus*)
- Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*)
- Big free-tailed bat (*Nyctinomops macrotis*)
- Fringed myotis bat (*Myotis thysanodes*)
- Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*)
- Spotted bat (*Euderma maculatum*)
- Western red bat (*Lasiurus blossevillii*)
- Gunnison sage-grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*)
- Gunnison's prairie dog (*Cynomys gunnisoni*)
- White-tailed prairie dog (*Cynomys leucurus*)
- Kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis*)
- Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*)
- Cornsnake (*Pantherophis guttatus guttatus*)
- Great Plains toad (*Bufo cognatus*)
- Yavapai mountainsnail (*Oreohelix Yavapai*)
- Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
- Mogollon vole (*Microtus mogollonensis*)