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Re: Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Proposed Action and Wilderness Evaluation.

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I am attaching the Montana Plant and Animal Species of Concern lists as appendixes.

My wife, Kristi DuBois submitted a comment requesting that these lists be used during development of the Lolo National Forest Management Plan.

She said:

"The Montana SOC list is developed through a scientific scoring process that looks at population trends, threats, and current range information. It is updated much more often than forest plans, which often lock in certain species for extra management, even after the population changes.

It seems unnecessary for the Lolo NF to maintain its own list of special conservation species. The list of SCC species developed by the Lolo NF seems to be a bit arbitrary in how some species were included, versus excluded. I would like that list to be much more inclusive.

I have yet to see an adequate description of how SCC species would be managed, compared to other non-SCC rare species."

Thanks,

Bert Lindler