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DEDICATION

To the hundreds of plant collectors who have had the energy and patience to collect and preserve the knowledge summarized herein and to future collectors with ambition to improve upon it.

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Endangered and Threatened Plants of Idaho

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INTRODUCTION

Public Law 93205, called the Endangered Species Act of 1973, has provided for protection of endangered and threatened plants. The list of plants proposed for endangered status (Federal Register, June 16, 1976) includes 23 taxa that occur in Idaho. Those plants recommended for threatened status (Federal Register, July 1, 1975) include 45 taxa that occur in Idaho. We have treated herein only the 68 taxa in Idaho that are candidates for endangered or threatened status by the Federal Government through the Office of Endangered Species.

This list of proposed endangered and threatened plants was developed by a limited number of well-known plant taxonomists from various parts of the country. They were called to a workshop at the Smithsonian Institute in September of 1974, where they gave their opinion as to the status of certain species. Other taxonomists were also consulted. Refinements from this input generated the first Endangered and Threatened Plants list (House Document 94-51, 1975). Although these participants included many national leaders in plant taxonomy, it is noteworthy that, insofar as we can determine, not a single Idahoan helped select the species deemed endangered or threatened in Idaho. As a result, none of the authors of this publication contributed to any of the lists thus far published in the Federal Register, or Congressional documents. Yet through several ongoing field studies and various herbarium searches we have accumulated substantial information on a few plants listed herein and have some new data on many others. This information provides a basis for changing the proposed status of some taxa and reinforcing the assigned status of others. Because the Endangered Species Act has a far reaching impact on land management and related activities, we feel that these data, though admittedly sparse in some cases, are timely and will help guide those involved in managing our endangered and threatened plants.

According to criteria in the *Federal Register*, an endangered species is one considered to be in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. Loss or repeated disturbance of habitat, exploitation,

disease, or predation are the common causes of contemporary extinction. Any plant confined to a limited or fragile habitat is usually considered endangered. Threatened species are those likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. This category includes rare species, those that maintain a small population within their range. Rare species may be restricted to a small geographic region or may occur sparsely over a wider area.

We believe that plants whose existence is truly in jeopardy should be protected. But we also know that in Idaho hundreds of less-than-common species exist in remote areas where access is often difficult. These plants should be carefully evaluated before final designation as endangered or threatened is made in the Federal Register.

METHODS

The four authors chose from the list those plants with which each was most familiar. The remaining species were then assigned to whomever was most familiar with the geographic area in question. Joint and specific herbarium searches were conducted, often by mail. Information was then summarized, a rough draft circulated among the authors, and after agreeing on interpretations, the authors prepared this draft. Many people have helped in this undertaking and we hope all are recognized in the acknowledgments inside of the back cover.

We found that the problem of plant distribution was paramount. In many instances locations cannot be pin-pointed from herbarium labels. Information that was speculative or thought to be in error was discarded. As a result of our appraisal of these plant distributions, we were convinced that many taxa on the endangered and threatened lists are merely seldom collected and that further field work will fill gaps in some of these populations and help complete their distribution picture.

The knowledge of the autecology and synecology of these species is very poor. For most, we have repeated and interpreted herbarium label data which are notoriously T2 70.21

brief in ecologic description. Of particular interest is the reaction of these plants to disturbance – fire, grazing, logging and browsing. Again we have tried to interpret label data, but feel that for most species these interpretations are very tentative.

We offer this listing merely as a current display of known facts, punctuated with interpretations by the authors and a modicum of personal observation on certain plants. We hope it will aid all persons interested in some of the rare plants of Idaho.

EXPLANATION OF FORMAT

The data summary for each species follows the outline below. Species summaries are arranged alphabetically by genus.

Scientific Nomenclature

Scientific nomenclature follows Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973). In a few cases, plant names in the Federal Register did not agree with the above reference so we added synonomy that reflects our current usage. A more nearly complete treatment of synonomy is available in Hitchcock et al. (1955, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1969), or in some cases references are cited for a specific taxon.

Location

Locations given reflect summarization of our herbaria search data and field notes. All counties in Idaho are printed in capital letters; those from other states are in lower case. Any taxa noted as endemic are known only from Idaho.

Land Ownership

Land ownership in many instances is an educated guess based on the authors' knowledge of the area. It is quite possible that some of these plants grow on ownerships not listed. It is also possible that the listed ownership is incorrect in some cases.

Vegetation Type

The vegetation type generally denotes the major plant cover, zone or climax tree series for the area.

Habitat

Habitat notations attempt to reflect the actual site requirements of the plant. Many habitat notations are quoted from herbarium labels. Notations out of quotes are either a synopsis of herbaria data or reflect the authors' own experience with that plant.

Hazards

The hazards given are usually the most likely form of disturbance that may jeopardize survival of that particular taxon. In some cases this evaluation was based on actual field examination by the authors or by people known to the authors. In other cases it is merely our best guess based on knowledge of the area and inferences from herbarium labels.

Herbarium Data

Herbarium data show the number of different sites within a county and number of different collections within each herbarium searched. Explanations of the various herbarium acronyms are listed inside the back cover. Plant identifications were generally accepted as correct except for obvious errors or exceptional cases; these exceptions are noted under remarks. It is probable that some misidentifications were inadvertently included, but we feel it is a relatively small percentage.

Remarks

The remarks are generally an elaboration of the compiler's field observations and knowledge of the plant or its habitat.

Recommendations

Recommendations reflect assessments by the authors based on their own experience and available data. The status suggested for each taxon may agree with or differ from that listed in the *Federal Register*. But in either case it reflects the combined opinion of all four authors.

References

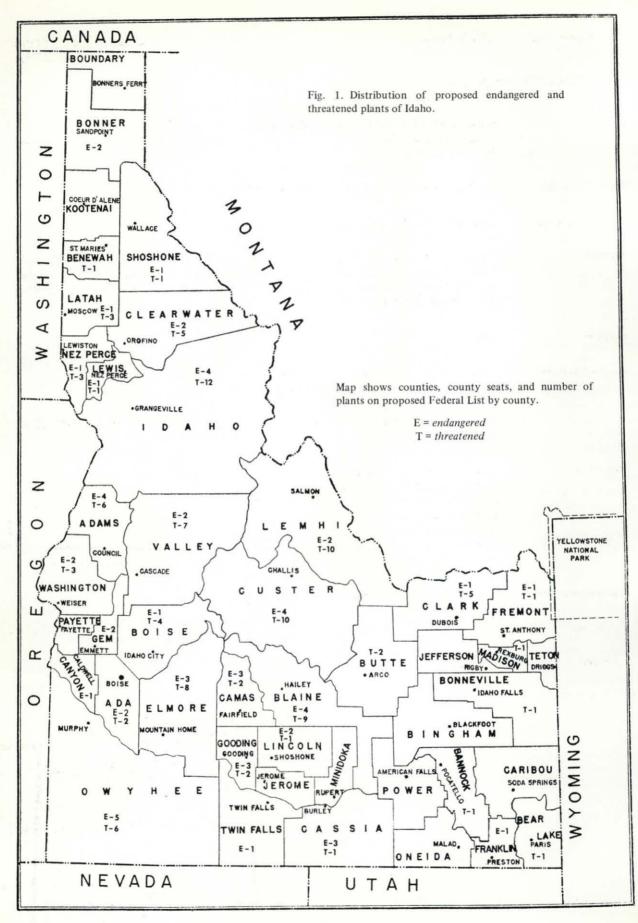
References noted provide specific information that is unavailable in standard floristic treatments (Hitchcock et al. 1955, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1969; Hitchcock and Cronquist 1973; Peck 1961; Davis 1952).

Compiler

The compiler is one of the four authors responsible for data summary and write-up of that particular taxon. In most cases it is the person most familiar with that plant and any specific queries should be sent directly to that individual. Addresses are provided inside the front cover.

Map

The map is deliberately lacking in detail to obscure exact locations of taxa that are truly endangered. Locations are available to qualified individuals upon written request. Usually each dot represents a collection site recorded in an herbarium. In a few cases, sites peripheral to Idaho are mapped, but large populations in adjacent states are not. A county map of Idaho is provided (Fig. 1, page vi) to help orient the reader to areas within the state.



Location

Idaho: CASSIA, CUSTER and LEMHI counties

Nevada: Nye and Elko counties Montana: Ravalli County

Land Ownership

USFS (Challis, Salmon, Sawtooth and Humboldt N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Alpine, 9000 to 11,550 ft

Habitat

Rocky places (on limestone in Lemhi County, Idaho). Seen with *Polemonium viscosum*, *Ivesia gordonii*, *Sibbaldia procumbens*, *Agropyron scribneri*, *Polystichum scopulinum*, and *Haplopappus macronema*. Rocky rim (quartzite and mica schist in Cassia County) above cirque wall (Phillips 1976)

Hazards

Unknown

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CASSIA-1, CUSTER-3, LEMHI-1

Nevada—Nye-1, Elko-1 Montana—Ravalli-4

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, ID-4, IDF-0, IDS-1, MONTU-6,

RENO-5, WS-2

Remarks

This plant appears to be extremely rare although it ranges across three states. Until more is known about possible hazards, or additional stations are encountered, it is recommended that its status remain unchanged.

Recommendations

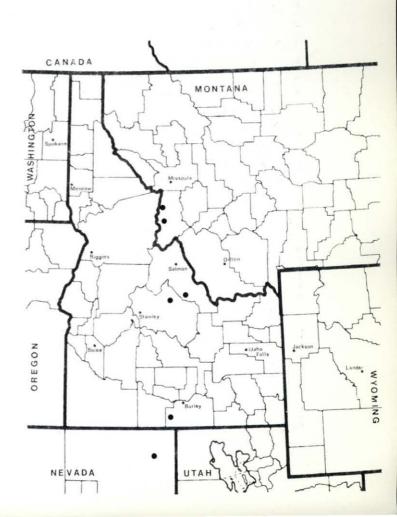
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References

Mathias 1930

Compiler

Henderson



Location

Idaho: OWYHEE County

Oregon: Crook, Jefferson, Wasco and Wheeler counties

Washington: Spokane County

Land Ownership

BLM

Vegetation Type

Sagebrush/grass

Habitat

Fairly good, not clayey, soil at about 5000 ft on ridge tops

Hazards

Range improvement programs

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-OWHYEE-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-1, ID-1, IDF-0, INT-1

Remarks

The Owyhee County population may not be Lomatium hendersonii, and probably is a rare, endangered and endemic species of Lomatium. It is being studied now. Apparently there is only one site known for the Idaho population, but the area is poorly collected. There is another collection reported from western Idaho, probably in the Adams-Washington county area, but it has not been seen by the

compiler.

Recommendations

Wait until Bert Brehm finishes his study of the Idaho population and recommend for endangered list if it is a new species. In the meantime RETAIN ON THREATENED LIST.

References

Mathias 1938

Compiler

Packard



Location

Idaho: IDAHO and NEZ PERCE counties

Oregon: Wallowa County Washington: Asotin County

Land Ownership

USFS (Nezperce, Payette and Wallowa-Whitman N.F.), BLM and private

Vegetation Type

Not firmly established but probably Festuca idahoensis/Agropyron spicatum, and

Agropyron spicatum/Poa sandbergii

Habitat

"Open slopes in and near the canyon"

Hazards

Other than its apparent limited range, it may be affected by grazing

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-IDAHO-1, NEZ PERCE-2

Oregon-Wallowa-3

Washington-Asotin-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, WS-1, WTU-1,

UC-5, (3 additional sites indicated above from communication with OSC)

Remarks

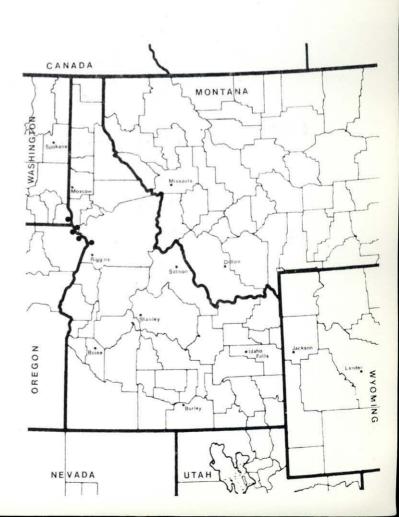
Due to limited number of collections available it is suggested that its present status remain until a better understanding of this taxon can be gained. This species is one of several presently under investigation biosystematically by Schlessman (WTU). He collected this species recently in Asotin County, Washington, where the populations appeared to be in good shape and were composed of numerous individuals.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Compiler

Henderson



Location Idaho: IDAHO

Idaho: IDAHO and NEZ PERCE counties Oregon: Wallowa and Malheur counties

Washington: Asotin County

Mainly Snake River Canyon, Hell's Canyon vicinity

(One reported location in Oregon along Columbia River Gorge)

Land Ownership

USFS (Wallowa-Whitman and Nezperce N.F.), BLM and perhaps some private

Vegetation Type

Agropyron spicatum/Poa sandbergii

Habitat

Mostly basalt talus and rocky outcrops, 1200 to about 7000 ft

Hazards

Uncertain

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-IDAHO-7, NEZ PERCE-2

Oregon-Malheur-1, Wallowa-4

Washington-Asotin-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-3, IDF-0, IDS-1,

RENO-10, UT-1, UTC-1, WS-11, WTU-7

Remarks

From our own investigation and those of Oregon researchers (C. Johnson, USFS, pers. comm.) this species appears to be common along the Snake River in the region of Hell's Canyon, and even abundant in many places. Although it may be subject to grazing, man's present activities do not appear to threaten its existence. Its rocky habitat makes accessibility to grazing animals even somewhat limited. It is therefore recommended this species be removed from the list of threatened

species.

Recommendations

REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

References

Mathias 1938

Compiler

Henderson



Location

Idaho: BLAINE County

Wyoming: southwestern portion, location unknown Nevada: northeastern portion, location unknown

Oregon: Steens Mountain

Land Ownership

BLM

Vegetation Type

Sedge-grass meadow

Habitat

Small, bare or lichen covered spots of soil among grasses, 5250 ft

Hazards

Some grazing trespass occurs on the site but appears to have little impact. Increased

grazing may jeopardize the population.

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho—BLAINE-1 (type locality)

Oregon-Steens Mountain-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-0,

INT-1, RENO-0, UC-0, UTC-2, WS-0, WTU-0

Remarks

Study of how this plant becomes established is needed before protective management

can be applied.

Recommendations

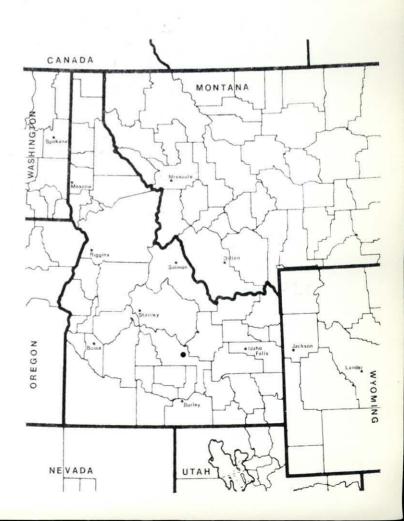
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References

Steele 1975

Compiler

Steele



Location Idaho: BLAINE, CAMAS, ELMORE, GOODING, LINCOLN and OWYHEE counties

Oregon: Malheur County

Land Ownership BLM, private and possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Artemisia tridentata - A. arbuscula mosaics or Juniperus occidentalis/Artemisia tridentata

Habitat Grows with or replaces A. arbuscula in shallow, stony, clayey, often alkaline soil that

receives drainage from surrounding areas, 4500 to 6000 ft

Hazards Grazed by sheep. Range improvement programs

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-1, CAMAS-3, ELMORE-2, GOODING-1,

LINCOLN-1, OWYHEE-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, CIC-2, ID-6, IDF-3, UTC-1, WS-3,

WTU-1

Remarks This plant has a fairly broad

range but a highly discontinuous distribution. It is abundant in one area on the north end of its range but rare and apparently decreasing in Owyhee County (Eidemiller 1976). It is confined to one habitat, making it vulnerable to anything affecting that

habitat.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED

until we know more about its

ecology.

References Eidemiller 1976

Steele 1975

Compiler Packard



7. Aster jessicae Piper

Proposed Federal Status ENDANGERED

ASTERACEAE (Compositae)

Location

Idaho: LATAH County

Washington: Whitman County

Land Ownership

Private

Vegetation Type

No specific data. Assumed in disturbed areas, in Palouse Prairie edges and forest margins.

Habitat

"R.R. bank near Pullman," "gravel on road edge," "roadside," "basalt talus"

Hazards

Limited distribution in an agricultural area

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-LATAH-3

Washington-Whitman-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-3, IDF-1, IDS-0,

WS-3, WTU-0

Remarks

The paucity of collections in an area near two universities, the normal disturbance connected with farming operations, private ownership, and the unknown habitat and suc-

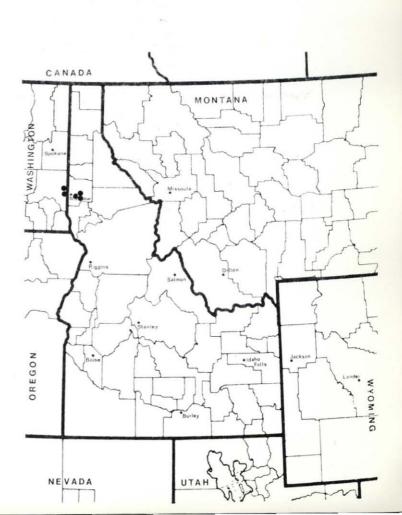
cessional status all dictate that more knowledge is needed before changing status.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

Compiler

Johnson



Location Idaho: BLAINE, BOISE, CUSTER, ELMORE, LEMHI and VALLEY counties

Almost entirely within southern portion of Idaho Batholith. Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Boise, Challis and Sawtooth N.F.), possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Varies from open Pseudotsuga menziesii/Carex geyeri communities to Pinus albicaulis-

Abies lasiocarpa

Habitat Usually on shifting granitic talus

Hazards Because this plant prefers a disturbed unstable site, it faces little danger from man or

his livestock and may be favored by road construction.

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-1, BOISE-2, CUSTER-4, ELMORE-6,

LEMHI-2, VALLEY-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-5, BS-1, CIC-1, ID-8, IDF-0, IDS-1,

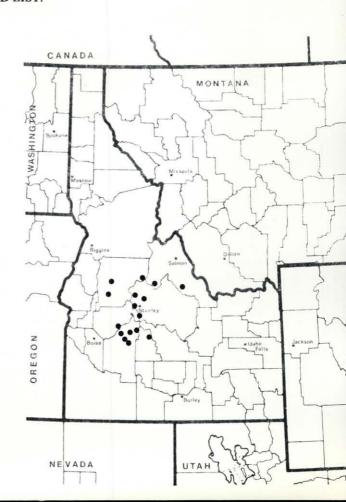
INT-3, RENO-8, UT-1, UTC-5, WS-9, WTU-7

Remarks Wide distribution and adaptability to unstable soils suggest that this species is not in

jeopardy. One site is an old depleted sheep driveway (Phillips 1976).

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

Compiler Steele



9. Cirsium davisii Cronq.

Proposed Federal Status THREATENED

ASTERACEAE (Compositae)

Location Idaho: BANNOCK, BEAR LAKE and BONNEVILLE counties

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Caribou N.F.), University of Idaho, and possibly BLM and private

Vegetation Type Probably in sagebrush/grass communities

Habitat Listed as dry foothills (Davis 1952)

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BANNOCK-1, BEAR LAKE-1, BONNEVILLE-1

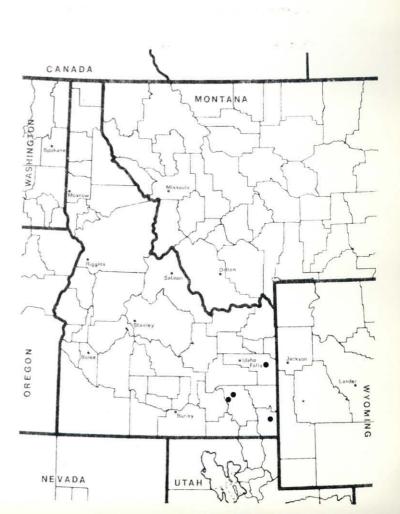
Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-3,

INT-0, RENO-0, UT-0, UTC-1

Remarks Similar to *C. utahense*. This species needs further investigation.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Compiler Steele



Location

Idaho: OWYHEE, possibly CASSIA and TWIN FALLS counties

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership

BLM, possibly private and Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type

Juniperus occidentalis/Artemisia tridentata

Habitat

Rocky soil derived from lava

Hazards

Range improvement programs

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CASSIA-1, OWHYEE-3, TWIN FALLS-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-1, ID-2, IDF-0, RENO-1,

UTC-1, WS-3

Remarks

This has been collected twice for certain. The material deposited at CIC was poorly preserved and although it has the characteristics of the species, identification is uncertain. Some herbaria have a collection of *Erigeron* from Blaine County. This is not *E. latus*. The collections from Cassia and Twin Falls counties have not been verified, but these locations are in keeping with the presently known habitat and range.

Recommendations

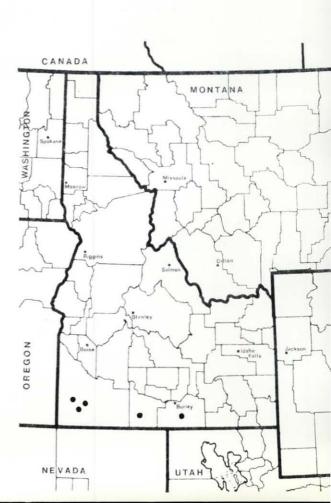
RETAIN AS ENDANGERED until the material from Cassia and Twin Falls counties is verified. If its range is of that extent, it should be reduced to threatened status.

References

Cronquist 1947

Compiler

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Location Idaho: BENEWAH County

Montana: Missoula County

Bipartite endemic. (The type location is KOOTENAI County, on bluffs of the St. Maries River. We assumed the county was wrong and the river was correct and thus in

BENEWAH County.)

Land Ownership Unknown, likely private

Vegetation Type Unknown

Habitat "Dry bluff tops" on the lower St. Maries River, Idaho – thus likely on basalt balds

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BENEWAH-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, ID-0, IDF-0, MONTU-2, WS-0

Remarks Very rare and possibly extinct in Idaho. Gerald Ownbey (1972 pers. comm.) said he

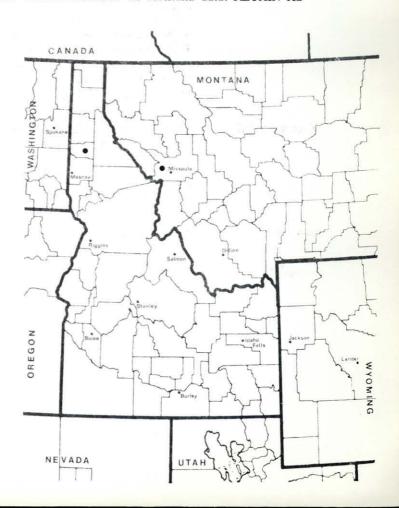
had not seen or heard of an Idaho collection since the type collection. There is an extant

population in western Montana.

Recommendations Search for Idaho population; base recommendations on Montana data. RETAIN AS

THREATENED.

Compiler Johnson



Location Idaho: BLAINE, BOISE and ELMORE counties

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Boise and Sawtooth N.F.)

Vegetation Type Upper Abies lasiocarpa zone

Habitat Rock crevices in granitic outcrops

Hazards Apparently in little danger due to its rock crevice habitat and rather inaccessible location

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-1, BOISE-1, ELMORE-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-1, IDS-2,

INT-0, RENO-2, UC-0, UTC-0, WS-0, WTU-1

Remarks Known distribution is fairly restricted.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED until more sites are found.

Compiler Steele



Location Idaho: LATAH County

Washington: Whitman County

Land Ownership Apparently all private

Vegetation Type Palouse Prairie — Pacific bunchgrass zone

Habitat "Virgin fescue/wheatgrass prairie," "along highway, dry soil," "open areas on the ridge -

top and along upper parts of the slope," "rocky slope"

Hazards Unknown, but the plant is apparently very scarce

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-Idaho-LATAH-6

Washington—Whitman-5

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-6, IDF-0, IDS-0,

WS-5

Remarks The paucity of specimens of an

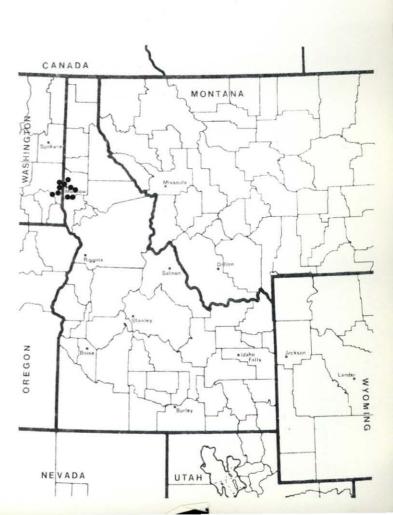
endemic local to Washington State University and University of Idaho is striking. One could suspect the plant not to be very competitive in secondary successions. Of the 11 collection sites, 3 were apparently taken in roadside habitats, 3 were in areas described or implied as undisturbed and 5 were unspecified. St. John (1937) raised H. liatriformis from a subspecies of H. integrifolius to specific status. He states "This plant is treated by Hall as a subspecies of H. integrifolius of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming . . ." Current floras (Hitchcock et al. 1955; Hitchcock and Cronquist 1973) follow St. John's opinion. However, the material at WS was annotated by R.A. Mayes (University of Texas) in 1976 Pyrrocoma liatriformis Greene, thus changing the genus but recognizing the species.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED until successional role is known.

References Lee 1968

Compiler Johnson

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Location Idaho: WASHINGTON County

Oregon: Baker, Malheur and Wallowa counties

"South end of Snake River Canyon in Oregon and Idaho"

Land Ownership Judging from locations and general description, mostly private but some BLM is likely

and USFS (Payette N.F.) possible

Vegetation Type Grasslands or sagebrush/grass communities

Habitat Undetermined, much may have been inundated by Snake River reservoirs

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-WASHINGTON-1

Oregon-Baker-1, Malheur-1, Wallowa-1 (reported)

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-1, ID-1, IDF-0, IDS-0,

WS-1

Remarks The WS and ID material was

filed under *H. carthamoides* var. *maximus* and *H. radiatus*; thus herbaria could be missing this taxon when asked to search for *H. radiatus*. Certainly very uncommon in Idaho, although the type collection was probably made right across the state line

(Snake River) in Oregon.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

References Lee (1968) does not recognize

this taxon.

Compiler Johnson



Location Idaho: CLARK, CUSTER and LEMHI counties

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership Mostly BLM, some USFS (Challis, Salmon and Targhee N.F.), private, and possibly

Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Apparently restricted to sagebrush/grass zone

Habitat Sandy or gravelly areas, washes, and low hills. Scabland sites with Artemisia spinescens,

Oryzopsis hymenoides, Phlox muscoides, and Enceliopsis nudicaulis (Phillips 1976)

Hazards Possibly grazing

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLARK-1, CUSTER-11, LEMHI-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-3, CIC-0, ID-7, IDF-0, RENO-4, WS-5,

WTU-2

Remarks It appears that distribution of

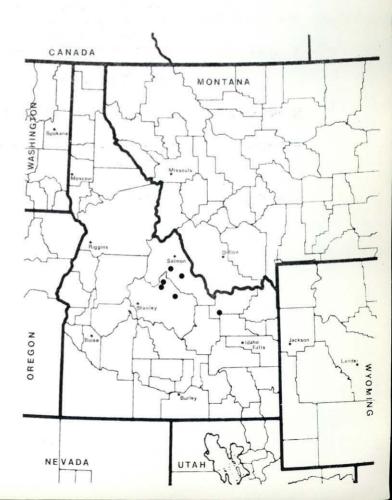
this variety is limited to eastcentral Idaho, and nowhere does it appear to be abundant. It has only recently been encountered in Clark County, and population density there was low. Until more information can be gained about this taxon, it is recommended that its status re-

main unchanged.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

References Turner 1956

Compiler Henderson



Location Idaho: BLAINE, BUTTE, CLARK and CUSTER counties

Montana: Carbon County Oregon: eastern portion California: Tulare County

Land Ownership USFS (Challis, Sawtooth and Targhee N.F.)

Vegetation Type Mainly alpine

Habitat Loose rocky slopes

Hazards Probably very few

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-3, BUTTE-1, CLARK-1, CUSTER-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-1, IDF-0, IDS-0,

INT-0, RENO-4, UTC-3, WS-5, WTU-4

Remarks This taxon is considered synonymous with C. nubigena which ranges from western

Montana to eastern Oregon and south to the Sierra Nevada (Hitchcock et al. 1959). It is probably not threatened. Our distribution map only reflects locations of specimens

filed under C. hypsophila which, even separately, does not appear threatened.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

Compiler Steele



Location Widespread on Snake River Plain and valleys of east-central Idaho, from Oregon to

Montana and Saskatchewan

Land Ownership Mainly BLM, some Idaho Department of Lands, USFS (Salmon, Challis and Targhee

N.F.) and private

Vegetation Type Sagebrush/grass

Habitat Dry, open slopes

Hazards Very few

Herbarium Data None sought

Remarks The basis for this species being on the threatened list apparently results from plants in

the type locality being morphologically and geographically peripheral to the main population. As a result some botanists have made taxonomic separations which delineated *C. interrupta* as a local endemic in northeastern Nevada, the type area. Our current floristic works (Hitchcock et al. 1959, Hitchcock and Cronquist 1973) do not recognize any meaningful differences in this population, combining *C. interrupta* with *C. spiculifera*

Pays.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

Compiler Steele

Map omitted — no data taken on this species

Location Idaho: IDAHO County

Two small population centers. Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Clearwater and Nezperce N.F.)

Vegetation Type Upper Thuja plicata and Abies grandis climax areas and in lower Abies lasiocarpa zone.

(Abies lasiocarpa/Pachistima myrsinites h.t.) 3900 to 4600 ft

Habitat "near springs, edge of brush," "openings in forests." "It occurs in vigorous clumps on

both road cuts and fills in clearcut areas."

Hazards Very limited distribution; attractive flowers for garden enthusiasts

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-IDAHO-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-2, IDF-1, IDS-0,

UTC-2, WS-1

Remarks Occurrence in forest openings marks it as a successional species. However, with such a

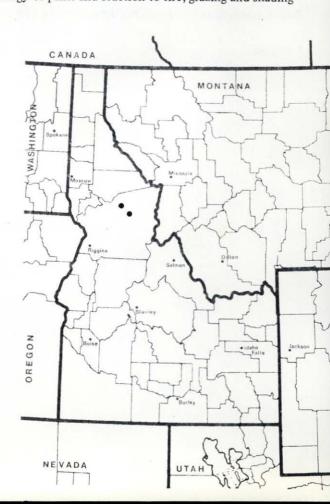
very restricted range, some particularly limiting biological or environmental factor must

be expected.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED - biology of plant and reaction to fire, grazing and shading

must be evaluated.

Compiler Johnson



Location

Idaho: LEMHI County

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership

USFS (Salmon N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Probably Pinus ponderosa zone

Habitat

Moist crevices in limestone cliff. Cliff walls and ledges; associated with Clematis ligustici-

folia, Philadelphus lewisii, and Physocarpus malvaceus (Phillips 1976)

Hazards

Very few because of cliff habitat; widening of adjacent road is probably the main threat

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-LEMHI-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-2, IDF-0, INT-0,

UTC-1, WS-2, WTU-1

Remarks

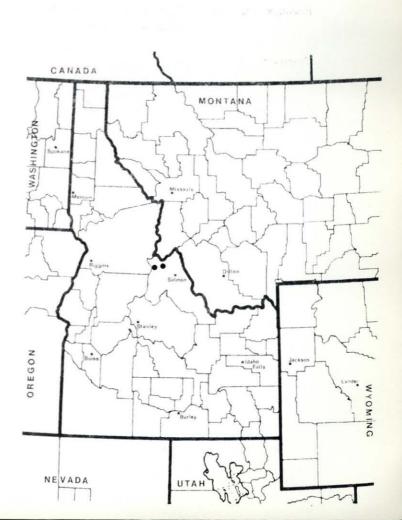
Distribution is very limited.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

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Location Idaho: IDAHO, LEMHI, MADISON and VALLEY counties

Oregon: Baker and Jefferson counties

Washington: Grant County

Land Ownership USFS (Nezperce, Payette, Salmon and Wallowa-Whitman N.F.), Idaho Department of

Lands, and private

Vegetation Type Probably associated with Agropyron spicatum/Poa sandbergii communities

Habitat Basalt talus slopes and other rocky habitats

Hazards Uncertain

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-IDAHO-5, LEMHI-1, MADISON-1, VALLEY-1

Oregon-Baker-1, Jefferson-1

Washington-Grant-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-7, IDF-0, ORE-0, OSC-1,

RENO-9, UTC-3, WILLU-1, WS-7, WTU-2

Remarks This species is relatively widely

distributed and in some places (Snake River Canyon) is abundant. Although the species may be subject to grazing, man's present activities in its habitat do not appear to present problems. It is therefore suggested that this taxon be removed from the list of threatened

species.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM

THREATENED LIST.

Compiler Henderson

CANADA

MONTANA

Monton

Salmon

Salmon

NE VADA

UTAH

Location Idaho: SHOSHONE, CLEARWATER, IDAHO and NEZ PERCE counties

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership Private, some on USFS (Nezperce and Clearwater N.F.) and some likely on USFS (St.

Joe and Coeur d'Alene N.F.), possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Lower elevation Thuja plicata forests

Habitat Apparently in partial shade, open forests, frequently (always?) in moist ground – chiefly

beneath Thuja plicata and associated conifers; "moist wooded creek bottom"

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLEARWATER-8, IDAHO-9, NEZ PERCE-2,

SHOSHONE-6

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-7, IDF-4, IDS-3,

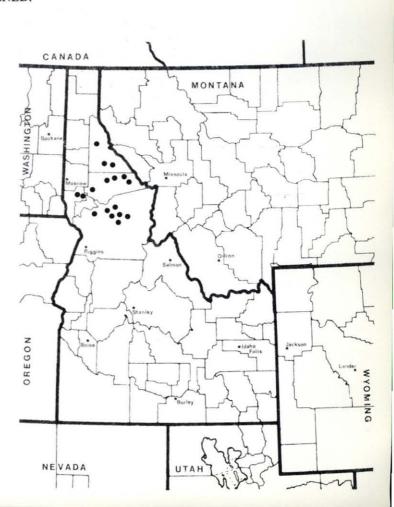
WS-11

Remarks The extent of the population indicates that the species is not endangered. Knowledge

of successional status is needed.

Recommendations CHANGE STATUS TO THREATENED.

Compiler Johnson



22. *Draba apiculata* Hitchc. var. *daviesiae* Hitchc.

BRASSICACEAE (Cruciferae)

Location Montana: Ravalli and Missoula counties in the Bitterroot Mountains

Land Ownership USFS (Bitterroot N.F.)

Vegetation Type Alpine

Habitat Moist meadows to granitic talus, various alpine associations

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Montana-Ravalli-8, Missoula-1 reported

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, ID-0, IDF-0, MONTU-8,

UTC-1, WS-0

Remarks This species is listed for Idaho in the Federal Register but is known only from a few

sites in the Montana Bitterroots. To date, it has not been collected in Idaho, although it is to be expected. Hazards to this alpine plant are not known, but its limited distribu-

tion demands consideration.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Compiler Henderson



Location Idaho: BLAINE, BOISE, CUSTER, ELMORE and VALLEY counties

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Boise, Challis and Sawtooth N.F.)

Vegetation Type Upper subalpine

Habitat In crevices and gravels of granitic rock

Hazards Very few due to type of habitat and inaccessibility

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-3, BOISE-1, CUSTER-2, ELMORE-5,

VALLEY-2

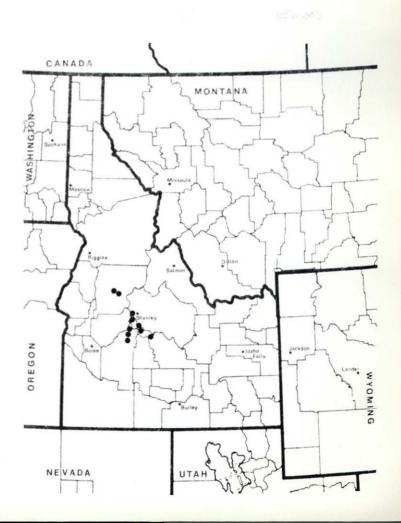
Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-1, ID-2, IDF-0, INT-0,

RENO-8, UTC-7, WS-10, WTU-3

Remarks Relatively wide distribution, threatened status appears unnecessary.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

Compiler Steele



Location Idaho: ADA, CASSIA, CUSTER, ELMORE, GOODING and OWYHEE counties

Oregon: Baker, Grant, Harney, Lane, Malheur and Union counties

Nevada: Clark, Elko, Humboldt, Lauder, Ormsby, Storey, Washoe and White Pine

counties

California: Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas and San Bernardino counties

Washington: Klickitat County

Land Ownership BLM, private and probably Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Artemisia tridentata/Poa sandbergii

Habitat Dry, bare spots where there is little competition from other plants. Soil type may vary

from sand to clay, 4000 to 11,000 ft

Hazards Range improvement programs

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADA-1, CASSIA-1, CUSTER-1, ELMORE-1,

GOODING-1, OWYHEE-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-2, CIC-5, ID-4, IDF-0, INT-1

Remarks Distribution is highly discontinuous but it ranges from southern Washington to San

Bernardino County, California.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

References Hitchcock 1941

Compiler Packard

Location Idaho: BOISE, CUSTER, ELMORE and VALLEY counties

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Boise, Challis and Sawtooth N.F.)

Vegetation Type Mostly subalpine to alpine, one site Pinus ponderosa/Purshia tridentata

Habitat Gravel bars and ridges and talus. Scree slopes on ridges and on sliding debris of Challis

volcanics (Phillips 1976)

Hazards Probably very few because of habitat and location

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BOISE-4, CUSTER-4, ELMORE-2, VALLEY-5

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, BS-0, CIC-2, ID-2, IDF-0, IDS-1,

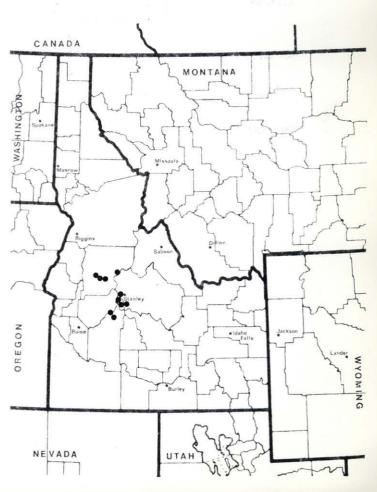
INT-0, RENO-7, UTC-5, WS-9, WTU-12

Remarks This plant has a relatively wide distribution and occupies sites seldom disturbed by man.

Threatened status appears unnecessary.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

Compiler Steele



Location Idaho: LEMHI County, local along Salmon River in north end of county

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership USFS (Salmon N.F.), possibly BLM

Vegetation Type Apparently restricted to Pinus ponderosa/Agropyron spicatum zone

Habitat Talus and gravel along river

Hazards Extremely limited range; possibly grazing

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-LEMHI-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, ID-0, IDF-0, RENO-2, UTC-1,

WS-2, WTU-2

Remarks All specimens are from one relatively small area. Plants are apparently reproducing from

seed but exact capability of regeneration is unknown.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Compiler Henderson



Location Idaho: ADAMS, IDAHO, VALLEY counties, near Little Salmon River

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership USFS (Payette N.F.), BLM, private, and possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Apparently Pinus ponderosa zone

Habitat Talus and gravel banks (some basalt). In ledges above river (Phillips 1976)

Hazards Possibly road maintenance and construction, logging and grazing

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADAMS-2, IDAHO-2, VALLEY-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-1, IDF-1, RENO-3,

WS-1, WTU-4

Remarks Distribution is limited and increased activities could jeopardize the habitat. Plants are

apparently producing seed but extent of regeneration is unknown.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Compiler Henderson



Location Idaho: ELMORE and OWYHEE counties

Oregon: Malheur County

Land Ownership BLM, possibly private and Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Atriplex-Artemisia zone

Habitat Hard bottom playas

Hazards These playas are being used for race tracks, stock watering ponds, and water reservoirs.

Their shape and locations make them very vulnerable to disturbance.

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-ELMORE-1, OWYHEE-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-2, ID-1, IDF-0

Remarks Only three sites are known for this plant even though it ranges from Elmore County,

Idaho, to Malheur County, Oregon. The many highly destructive uses which the habitat receives makes this a very vulnerable species in spite of its range. It is doubtful that more than a few other sites will be found; these will not likely affect the endangered status of

this species.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

References Rollins 1948

Compiler Packard



BRASSICACEAE (Cruciferae)

Location Idaho: BUTTE, CLARK, CUSTER and LEMHI counties

Montana: Granite County Wyoming: Teton County

Land Ownership BLM, USFS (Challis, Salmon, Targhee and Beaverhead N.F.), and probably Idaho

Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Sagebrush/grass to alpine

Habitat Gravelly soils derived from limestone, 6000 to above 10,000 ft

Hazards None apparent (see remarks)

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BUTTE-3, CLARK-2, CUSTER-6, LEMHI-12

Montana—Granite-1 Wyoming—Teton-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-1, ID-(more than 20), IDF-0,

MONTU-2, UTC-1, WS-0, WTU-4

Remarks This plant has been considered

rare, but it grows in a region that until recently received little detailed floristic study. Field investigations in east-central Idaho have shown this plant to be abundant over a wide elevational range, and in several vegetation types. Apparently it is restricted to limestone or related substrates. Sites near its lower elevational limits are frequently grazed, yet this plant appears to be common here and, in some places, even abundant. In the alpine, it is one of the most commonly encountered plants in this region and occurs wherever soils are derived from limestone. It is recommended, there-

fore, that this species be removed from the list of

threatened plants.

Recommendations REMOVE FROM THREATENED LIST.

References Henderson 1977 Lackschewitz 1976

Compiler Henderson

BRASSICACEAE (Cruciferae)

Location

Idaho: LEMHI County

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership

USFS (Salmon N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Unknown

Hazards

Unknown

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-LEMHI-1 (Hitchcock et al. 1964)

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-0,

WS-0

Remarks

This variety appears intergradient with variety didymocarpa near Malad, Idaho and north-central Montana. It is assumed to be the variety listed under P. didymocarpa in

current treatments.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED until hazards can be evaluated.

Compiler



var. purpurea

Syn. P. geyeri (Hook) Gray var. purpurea Rollins

Proposed Federal Status THREATENED

BRASSICACEAE (Cruciferae)

Location

Idaho: CUSTER and LEMHI counties

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership

USFS (Challis N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Pseudotsuga menziesii zone

Habitat

Talus

Hazards

Unknown

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CUSTER-2 (Rollins 1939), LEMHI-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, INT-1

Remarks

This variety is listed under P. geyeri in most references.

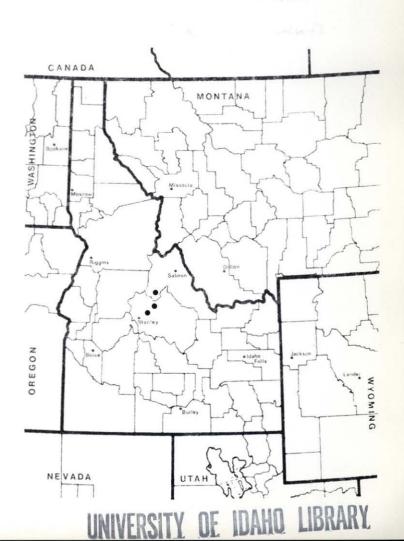
Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED until hazards can be evaluated.

References

Rollins 1939

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BRASSICACEAE (Cruciferae)

Location Idaho: CUSTER County

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership Mostly BLM, possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Sagebrush/grass zone

Habitat Shale banks and talus. Rocky knoll with loose grey soil; associated with Hymenopappus

filifolius var. idahoensis, Oryzopsis hymenoides, Atriplex confertifolia, Artemisia

spinescens, Sarcobatus vermiculatus and Sporobolus cryptandrus (Phillips 1976)

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-CUSTER-4

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-0,

INT-0, RENO-2, UTC-2, WS-2, WTU-5

Remarks Should remain on endangered list because of limited range and unknown hazards.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

Compiler Steele



CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Location Idaho: BLAINE County

Oregon: Harney County also northern Nevada

Land Ownership USFS (Sawtooth N.F.), probably BLM in Oregon and Nevada

Vegetation Type Reported to occur in meadows, sagebrush, and pinyon-juniper

Habitat With Juniperus occidentalis/Artemisia tridentata (in Oregon); deep loam soil with

Artemisia tridentata; meadows and hillsides; 7500 ft and probably lower

Hazards Uncertain, but probably greatest threat is from grazing animals

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-1

Oregon-Harney-2

Nevada—(1 site apparently in northern part of state)

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, RENO-2, WS-0,

WTU-0

Remarks Because of its disjunct distribu-

tion and limited abundance throughout its range, it is suggested that the status remain unchanged. Although the most recent herbarium material seen is dated 1946, Kruckeberg (1961) re-collected one of the Oregon populations. If additional field studies confirm its present distribution and abundance, it may be appropriate to place this taxon on the endangered list.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

References Kruckeberg 1961

Compiler Henderson

MONTANA

Montana

Signal

Missoulis

Silmon

Silmon

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CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Location Idaho: ADAMS (?) and LEWIS counties

Montana: Flathead and Sanders counties

Oregon: Wallowa County

Washington: Spokane and Whitman counties

Land Ownership Private, possibly BLM if plant occurs in lower canyons. If the Adams County, Idaho,

specimen is correctly placed – then possibly USFS (Payette N.F.)

Vegetation Type Pacific bunchgrass and shrub communities - Palouse Prairie: not known from lower

canyons

Habitat "virgin Festuca idahoensis prairie"; "deep grass" (presumably in a meadow in conifer

zone at 5000 ft); "Crataegus/Symphoricarpos thicket"; "fescue/wheatgrass zone – dense herbaceous, dominants Festuca idahoensis, Agropyron spicatum, loessal hills,

locally abundant "

Hazards Probably in jeopardy from farming disturbance

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADAMS (?)-1, LEWIS-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-0,

MONTU-2, RENO-2, WS-7, WTU-1

Remarks Though widespread, this plant

seems very rare. Two collections with good habitat data stress the undisturbed nature of the prairie. There is little undisturbed Palouse Prairie left. A population should be located and assured preservation before considering a change in status. Most of the population appears to be in Washington with some fragments in Montana. The Adams County location is "2 mi. N. of McCall." Since there is no McCall known in Adams County, Washington, and since 2 miles north of McCall, Idaho,

would be in Adams County, I chose to map this location. The habitat, however, is atypic,

being a meadow (deep grass) in Abies grandis forest at 5000 ft.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

Montana and Washington data

are needed.

Compiler Johnson



CYPERACEAE

Location

Idaho: ADAMS County

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership

Private or possibly BLM

Vegetation Type

Sagebrush/grass zone

Habitat

Meadows of dry gumbo soil, wet in spring; 2300 ft

Hazards

Probably subjected to grazing disturbance

Herbarium Data

No data, known only from type collection

Remarks

Species needs field investigation; may be extinct

Recommendations

RETAIN ON ENDANGERED LIST.

Compiler



Location Idaho: CUSTER County, known only from Pass Creek Gorge, Lost River Mountains,

in an area perhaps 0.5 mile square

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Challis N.F.)

Vegetation Type With Pseudotsuga menziesii, Cercocarpus ledifolius, and Artemisia tridentata

Habitat Steep limestone cliffs and talus at base of cliffs. Crevices in cliff wall (Phillips 1976)

Hazards Possibly grazing at base of cliffs

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-CUSTER-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-1, IDF-0, WS-0

Remarks Recent visits to Pass Creek Gorge indicate this species is maintaining its population

(perhaps 40 individual plants were observed near bases of cliffs and more were seen above on vertical cliffs). The plant is being grazed but with no apparent harm. Due to its highly restricted nature, it is strongly recommended that this species remain on the endangered

list.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

References Barneby 1964

Compiler Henderson



Location Idaho: BLAINE, CLARK (?), CAMAS, GOODING, LINCOLN and possibly ELMORE

counties

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership BLM, possibly Idaho Department of Lands and some private

Vegetation Type Sagebrush/grass

Habitat Stony flats moist in the spring

Hazards Range improvement programs; possibly heavy grazing pressure

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-1, CAMAS-1, CLARK-1(?), GOODING-1,

LINCOLN-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-2, ID-1, IDF-1, WS-0

Remarks Plants are abundant in areas where they grow, but the range is fairly restricted. Anything

affecting this one habitat in a restricted area could wipe out this variety. Eidemiller (1976) considers this plant to be seral. One herbarium (IDF) is reported to have a specimen from Clark County, an unlikely location, but the identification has not been verified. More information is needed on ecology and successional relationships. Possibly some

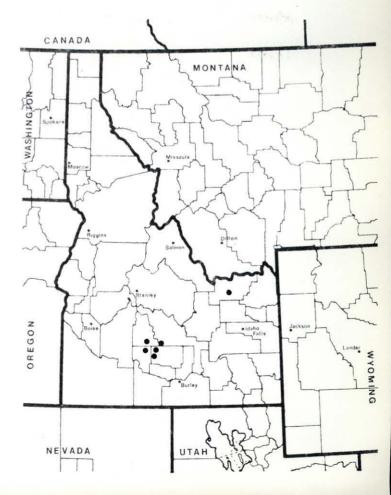
grazing tends to improve the seral conditions reportedly needed by this plant.

Recommendations CHANGE TO THREATENED.

References Barneby 1964

Eidemiller 1976

Compiler Packard



Location

Idaho: CLARK County (?)

Land Ownership

Probably BLM or USFS (Targhee N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Unknown

Habitat

Unknown

Hazards

Unknown

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLARK-1 (?)

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-1

Remarks

This is a variety generally considered endemic to limestone in central Nevada. It is possible, however, for some plants to display an adaptive set of morphological characteristics that become fixed in distant areas and which become formally recognized taxonomically. This may be the situation with the Clark County collection.

Recommendations

Field check the Clark County site for material approaching this variety and have Barneby confirm the identification. Review collections of this species in area herbaria; much of this material has not been updated since this species was revised. Until then RETAIN AS

THREATENED.

References

Barneby 1964

Compiler

Packard



Location Idaho: ADA, BLAINE, OWYHEE and WASHINGTON counties

Oregon: Malheur County

Land Ownership BLM, private and possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Sagebrush/grass

Habitat Grows on old river deposits or in sandy places near rivers, 2000 to 3000 ft

Hazards Housing developments, agriculture

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADA-1, BLAINE-1, OWYHEE-2, WASHINGTON-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-1, ID-2, IDF-0, UTC-3

Remarks This plant is known from a total of six sites in Idaho and Oregon; one site is near Boise

in an area being developed. It is seldom abundant where it occurs and the sites are

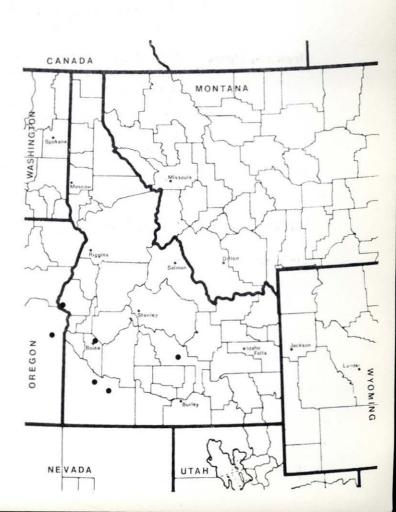
usually very small in area.

Recommendations CHANGE TO ENDANGERED STATUS. It has a fairly broad range but is very

infrequent.

References Barneby 1964

Compiler Packard



Location Idaho: BLAINE, CAMAS, CANYON, ELMORE, GOODING, LINCOLN and OWYHEE

counties

Oregon: Malheur County

Land Ownership BLM, private and possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Artemisia tridentata/Poa sandbergii

Habitat Eroded, dry rocky or sandy river terraces and bluffs or dunes, 2500 to 4000 ft

Hazards Range improvement programs

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-BLAINE-1, CAMAS-1, CANYON-1, ELMORE-3,

GOODING-1, LINCOLN-1, OWYHEE-3 (Barneby 1964)

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-5, ID-2, IDF-0, WS-2

Remarks This variety has a fairly wide

range and is probably of fair abundance in that range. There are four to five forms of A. purshii in this area and only three varietal names available for use which leads to filing herbarium material without varietal identification. Also, since one of the key differences is flower color which fades on drying, one soon learns to leave them all in the field. These situations may account for the

Recommendations One season of collecting should

be adequate for this variety. If possible, Barneby should verify the identifications. Herbaria should be reviewed for unlabeled varieties. This variety is probably NEITHER THREAT-ENED NOR ENDANGERED in spite of the scarcity of her-

sparsity of herbarium data.

barium material.

References Eidemiller 1976

Barneby 1964

Compiler Packard



41. Astragalus sterilis Barneby

Proposed Federal Status ENDANGERED

FABACEAE (Leguminosae)

Location

Idaho: OWYHEE County Oregon: Malheur County

Land Ownership

BLM, possibly private and Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type

Artemisia tridentata/Poa sandbergii and shrubby chenopods

Habitat

Bare clay soil

Hazards

Recreationists with off-road vehicles

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-OWYHEE-1 (Barneby 1964)

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0

Remarks

Barneby collected this species on the western border of Owyhee County but apparently it has not been collected there since. It is very rare in Owyhee County, and it has a discontinuous distribution in adjacent Malheur County, Oregon. The species has a range of about 30 x 15 miles but is quite infrequent even there.

Recommendations

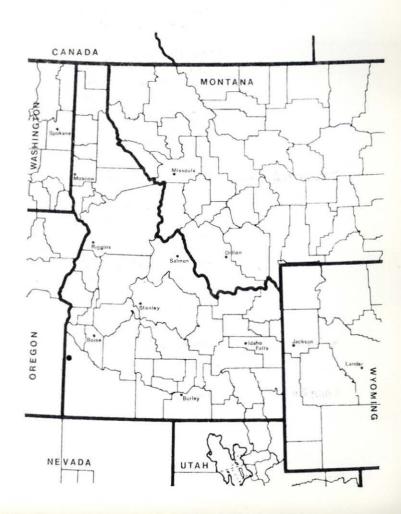
RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

References

Barneby 1964

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Location

Idaho: CUSTER County

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership

USFS (Challis N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Alpine

Habitat

Open stony ridgetops

Hazards

Very few, possibly some mining activity

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CUSTER-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-1,

INT-0, RENO-0, UTC-1, WS-2, WTU-1

Remarks

A collection from Lemhi County (C.L. Hitchcock 25 June 1947, IDS) appears similar

to var. nubilus

Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED because of very limited distribution.

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Location Idaho: IDAHO, NEZ PERCE, LEWIS, CLEARWATER and WASHINGTON counties Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership

Uncertain. Private, primarily, one collection from USFS (Clearwater N.F.), and several peripheral to USFS (Nezperce and Payette N.F.), possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type In middle elevation grasslands (2000 to 4000 ft) and in open Pinus ponderosa forests

Habitat "low places in meadow areas," "dry grassy flat," "dry, open slopes," "open forest with Pinus ponderosa and Symphoricarpos" "Festuca/Agropyron...zone"

Hazards Undetermined, but most of the sites are in areas with a long history of grazing

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLEARWATER-1, IDAHO-3, LEWIS-2, NEZ

PERCE-4, WASHINGTON-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-4, IDF-0, IDS-0, RENO-5, UTC-2, WS-7. (From the above, seven separate collections are from a single area along US 95 in Idaho County.)

Remarks Much more widespread than indicated in Hitchcock et al. (1961) or Hitchcock & Cron-

quist (1973)

Recommendations While not common, the extent

of the population seems to indicate that removal from threatened status would be possible with either a more extensive herbarium search and/or a small amount of field work, particularly to note the impact of grazing. For now, RETAIN

AS THREATENED.

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MONTANA

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FUMARIACEAE

Location Idaho: CLEARWATER, IDAHO, LATAH and SHOSHONE counties

Idaho endemic variety

Clearwater, upper St. Maries and upper Palouse River drainages

Land Ownership Private (Potlatch Corporation, Diamond International likely), USFS (Clearwater and

Nezperce N.F.), Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Primarily Thuja plicata zone — middle elevations. Generally in T. plicata climax forests.

Also in lower Abies lasiocarpa zone.

Habitat Strictly riparian, in small streams or on margins; also near springs and/or lake margins

(rarely). 3000 to 5500 ft

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLEARWATER-8, IDAHO-4, LATAH-1,

SHOSHONE-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-2, IDF-4, IDS-0,

WS-10

Remarks Despite more than a few collection sites this is a rather narrow endemic. In view of its

unknown reaction to disturbance, and unknown autecology, retention as threatened seems justified; however, the large percentage of sites are on small streams where USFS

ownership and reasonable streamside protection exist.

Recommendation RETAIN AS THREATENED.

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GENTIANACEAE

Location

Idaho: ADAMS County Oregon: Wallowa County

Land Ownership

USFS (Payette and Wallowa-Whitman N.F.), possibly Idaho Department of Lands and some private

Vegetation Type

"plains and lower mountains," grassland, and open Pinus ponderosa or Pseudotsuga menziesii forests

Habitat

"basalt scablands" "Pseudotsuga menziesii/Symphoricarpos albus h.t.," "dry, open ponderosa pine forest," "grassy slopes," "open brush-covered slopes just below rocky ridge"

Hazards

Unknown

Herbarium Data

Difficult to judge. ID has 39 sheets of *F. albicaulis* none to variety *idahoensis*, while WTU has only one of this variety.

Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADAMS-10

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-3, BS-0, CIC-1, ID-0, IDF-1, IDS-0,

WS-4, WTU-1

Remarks

Swertia idahoensis was named a new species by St. John (1941). D.M. Post recognized S. idahosubspecies of ensis as a Frasera albicaulis. Hitchcock et al. (1959) reduced idahoensis to a variety. Frasera albicaulis is a widespread taxon in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho and Montana. There are five varieties of F. albicaulis recognized in Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973); two of these (from word descriptions) could overlap with the variety idahoensis populations. Thus the geographic and morphologic limits and intergradations of the three varieties native to Idaho (idahoensis, cusickii and albicaulis) clearly need study.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED. This entire species needs taxonomic study. Ecology and distribution need considerable field work.

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MONTANA

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Location Idaho: ADA, GEM and possibly ELMORE counties - small isolated sites within an

area about 20 miles long and 5 miles wide

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership Almost entirely by private individuals, one site is in a Boise City Park; possibly BLM

and Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Found mainly in a depauperate Purshia/Eriogonum association within sagebrush/grass

zone

Habitat Steep southerly aspects with fine gravel on the surface. Soils of sedimentary origin,

2850 to 4400 ft

Hazards Large animals easily disturb this plant by trampling. Land development is the greatest

threat; much of this Allium's habitat is adjacent to and within suburban areas. Some

sites have been destroyed.

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: ADA-7, ELMORE-1 (resembles A. simillimum), GEM-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-5, BS-3, CIC-8, ID-4, IDF-2, WS-1,

WTU-1

Remarks Plants usually abundant on proper habitat but these sites are very restricted. Plants

produce seed; viability unknown.

Recommendations RETAIN ON ENDANGERED LIST.

References Steele 1975

Compiler Steele



Hazards

Location Idaho: ADAMS, VALLEY and possibly ADA counties

Oregon: Grant, Wallowa, Wheeler and Umatilla counties

Land Ownership USFS (Payette, Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman N.F.), some private land and possibly

Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Conifer forest zones, 4000 to 5500 ft

None evident

Habitat Vernal wet spots in moist meadows near McCall — "gravelly seepy slope"; Blue

Mountains - disturbed soil with annuals on edge of meadow

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADAMS-5, VALLEY-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-2, ID-4, IDF-3, IDS-0,

RENO-0, UTC-1, WS-3, WTU-0

Remarks Abundant in certain wet meadows near McCall, Idaho, some heavily used by sheep

and/or cattle and in one instance heavy use by motor bikes. Also found in soil over-

turned by pocket gophers.

Recommendations If Oregon data corroborate those

of Idaho, then the wide range, numerous collections and apparent resistance to disturbance suggest that with a little more data on distribution and ecology, this species may be removed from the threatened list. Until then, RETAIN AS

THREATENED.

References Ownbey 1950

Steele 1975

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Location

Idaho: ADAMS and IDAHO counties

Collections from north and south end of Seven Devils Mountains - likely at intermediate

points

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership

Primarily USFS (Nezperce and Payette N.F.) - also expected in Hell's Canyon National

Recreation Area (Seven Devils Wilderness)

Vegetation Type

One collection in Idaho County - given as Cercocarpus ledifolius/Agropyron spicatum

community

Habitat

"Rocky, gravelly or clayey soils" - (Hitchcock et al. 1955); "sandy soil along seasonal

watercourses" (Ownbey 1950); "sparse cover." Largely confined to seasonal seep area

in road cut (Phillips 1976).

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-ADAMS-6, IDAHO-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-1, ID-1, IDF-0, IDS-0,

RENO-0, UTC-0, WS-2, WTU-0

Remarks

The variety persimile is a tetraploid (n=21) of A. tolmiei (n=7). The range of the variety persimile overlaps or is immediately adjacent to the more widespread variety platyphyllum; micro-habitat data for the two

varieties are lacking.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Distributional and ecological data needed, as well as a clear

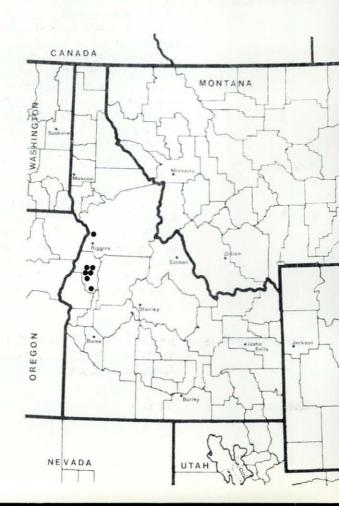
view of taxonomic position.

References

Ownbey 1950

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Location Idaho: LATAH, NEZ PERCE, IDAHO and possibly CLEARWATER counties

"South to Salmon/Clearwater divide (near Grangeville) - west to Seven Devils Moun-

tains near Riggins" (Hitchcock et al. 1955)

Washington: Whitman County

Land Ownership Uncertain. From general distribution and habitat data probably mostly small private

owners. Should be on USFS (Nezperce N.F.) near Seven Devils - possibly BLM in lower

Salmon River Canyon, possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Little data but apparently a grassland plant. Maybe in forest/grassland ecotone

Habitat "Shallow soil over lava," "rocky slope," "open grassy slopes on hillsides," "on rocky

slopes in prairie vegetation"

Hazards Unknown

Herbarium Data Only collections recently annotated by Ownbey are cited and mapped. (See remarks.)

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLEARWATER-1, IDAHO-2, LATAH-2, NEZ

CANADA

PERCE-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: ID-6, WS-6

Remarks Calochortus nitidis is easily con-

fused with C. eurycarpus, C. macrocarpus and possibly other species. Ownbey (1940) reports a wide distribution (Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington) and notes many collection sites. The location described at the top of this page is Ownbey's more recent interpretation - a much more restricted range. Specimens annotated by Ownbey since his 1940 paper are not common. I can give no credence to unannotated specimens. For example, the University of Nevada (Reno) lists 35 collections from five of six states noted in Ownbey's 1940 monograph and thus I must assume follows the 1940

criteria.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

Validated collection and field

data urgently needed.

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MONTANA

Missoula

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Location Idaho: BONNER and VALLEY counties

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership USFS (Kaniksu and Payette N.F.); possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type Bogs in Abies lasiocarpa zone

Habitat On sphagnum moss mats in openings at bog edges

Hazards Unknown. But this type of plant community is slow developing and on a very specialized

habitat. Any activity which would promote drainage or a rise in water level would jeopar-

dize this taxon.

Number of sites by county: Idaho-BONNER-1, VALLEY-1 Herbarium Data

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-1, WS-1

Remarks This plant is a phytogeographic

and taxonomic riddle. Piper collected it first near Priest Lake, Bonner County in 1901. Apparently no one else has collected it until recently when it was found in Valley County north of McCall, Idaho. The more widespread variety montana is found throughout the northern Rockies. Re-collection at the Valley County site revealed that the variety absona and the variety montana are apparently mixed. The pattern of distribution (Valley & Bonner counties) is one which we (Steele & Johnson) have not encountered in studying the ranges of hundreds of disjunct and endemic plants. We expect, even from data this meager, that intermediate stations probably exist.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

> Taxonomic work is needed to validate the varietal status of absona. Obviously more populations should be sought and the ecology of the variety

> > 50

described.

Compiler Johnson



LOASACEAE

Location

Idaho: OWYHEE County

Oregon: Malheur County

Land Ownership

BLM, private, and possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type

Desert shrub

Habitat

Volcanic ash

Hazards

Recreationists with off-road vehicles (ORVs). Range improvement programs

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-OWYHEE-3

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-6, ID-2, IDF-0

Remarks

This plant is very abundant where it occurs, but its habitat is highly restricted and attracts ORV use. Its range is about 30 x 15 miles. It has not been successfully germinated or grown in greenhouse or garden. Range improvement programs have disturbed several sites.

Recommendations

Its small range, restricted habitat and active impact of land use make this plant most

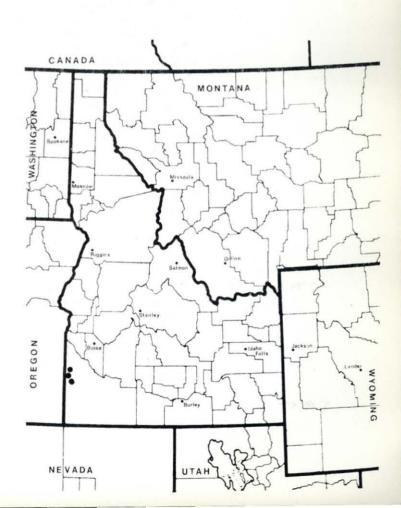
vulnerable. Therefore its status should be CHANGED TO ENDANGERED.

References

Glad 1976

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NYCTAGINACEAE

Location Idaho: IDAHO County

Oregon: Wallowa County Hell's Canyon endemic

"Snake River Canyon and lower Salmon River"

Land Ownership Primarily USFS (Payette and Wallowa N.F.), mainly in Hell's Canyon National Recrea-

tion Area, possibly some BLM in Salmon River Canyon, and some private

Vegetation Type Canyon bottoms, bunchgrass or included shrub communities

Habitat "rocky slopes"

Hazards Unknown but in little jeopardy; it is primarily within Hell's Canyon National Recreation

Area.

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: (Idaho collections only) Idaho-IDAHO-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-1,

RENO-0, UTC-0, WS-0, WTU-0

Remarks Two collections are from

Oregon, but investigation of similar habitat on the Idaho side of the Snake River will likely reveal more of this species. Inaccessibility of the total range makes population projections very uncertain. Constance & Rollins (1936) note that the nearest relative to this species is *M. greenei* of southern Oregon and northern California, located some 350 miles south-

west.

Recommendations RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

Rely heavily on Oregon data. Investigate distribution and habi-

tat requirements.

References Constance & Rollins 1936

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53. Oenothera psammophila Nels. & Macbr. Syn. O. caespitosa Nutt. var. psammophila (Nels. & Macbr.) Munz

Proposed Federal Status ENDANGERED

ONAGRACEAE

Location

Idaho: FREMONT County

Idaho endemic variety

Land Ownership

BLM and possibly Idaho Department of Lands

Vegetation Type

Sagebrush/grass

Habitat

Sand dunes

Hazards

Possibly subjected to grazing disturbance and off-road vehicles

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-FREMONT-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, ID-0, IDF-0, RENO-1, WS-0

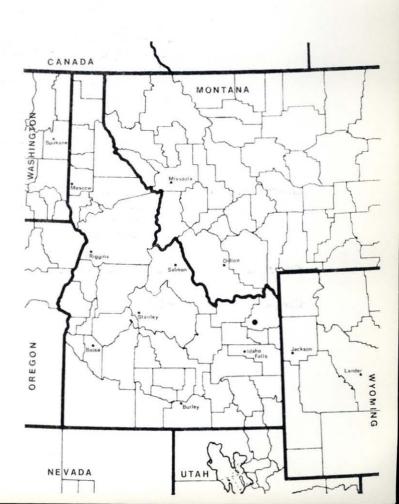
Remarks

Needs field evaluation of susceptibility to disturbance factors.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS ENDANGERED.

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POACEAE (Gramineae)

Location Idaho: IDAHO County

Washington: Wenatchee Mountains

Land Ownership US

USFS (Payette N.F.)

Vegetation Type

Subalpine fir zone

Habitat

Timbered slopes with Carex geyeri

Hazards

Possible conflict with logging activities

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-IDAHO-1, Washington-Wenatchee Mts.-5

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-2, IDS-1,

WS-0, WTU-3

Remarks

The Idaho population may be endangered and should be investigated.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS THREATENED.

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POLEMONIACEAE

Location

Idaho: CLEARWATER County, one meadow of several acres

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership

Potlatch Corporation owns all of the land

Vegetation Type

Thuja plicata climax area

Habitat

Open, cut-over shrub and forb/grass meadow at 3200 ft

Hazards

Possibly very sensitive to grazing

Herbarium Data

Number of sites by county: Idaho-CLEARWATER-1

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-1, IDF-5, IDS-2,

RENO-1, WS-1 (all collections from the same meadow)

Remarks

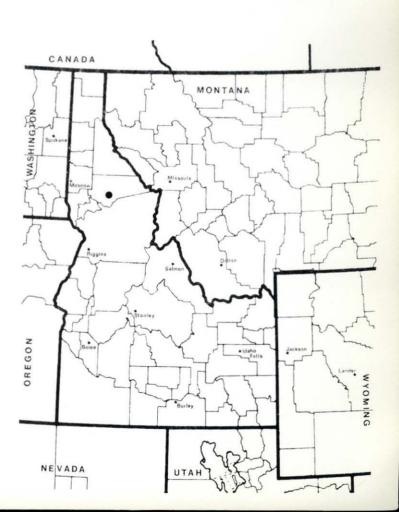
Plants form rhizomatous colonies in openings between shrubs. Some plants are infected by an unknown leaf rust: impact on population is unknown. This meadow was timbered at one time, but now only a few small conifers are present. Grazing by cattle in adjacent meadows is moderate to heavy but in this meadow is very light and occasional. Potlatch Corporation has set aside the major portion of this meadow and has agreed to whatever protection or management is necessary to maintain a healthy population.

Recommendations

RETAIN AS ENDANGERED. Reaction of this plant to fire, grazing and shade must be determined as well as reproductive capacity and other aspects of its autecology. An intensive and systematic survey for additional populations is needed. Evaluation of the nature and impact of the leaf rust is also imperative.

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PORTULACACEAE

Location Idaho: FREMONT County

Idaho endemic

Land Ownership USFS (Targhee N.F.), Idaho Department of Lands, and some private

Vegetation Type Pinus contorta

Habitat Moist meadows

Hazards Possibly grazing disturbance

Herbarium Data Number of sites by county: Idaho-FREMONT-2

Number of collections in herbaria searched: BOIS-0, BS-0, CIC-0, ID-0, IDF-0, IDS-1,

WS-0, WTU-1

Remarks Should investigate possible hazards.

Recommendations RETAIN AS THREATENED.

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