VASCULAR PLANT AND SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES INVENTORY
FOR THE HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS
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INTRODUCTION

The National Forest Management Act of 1976 mandates the protection of biological diversity on National Forest lands. One response to this mandate has been the development of sensitive species programs throughout the national forest system (Reel et al. 1989). Each national forest is required to protect the viability of sensitive species found within its bounds. Numerous plants that are listed as sensitive in the U.S. Forest Service Region One occur in the mountain ranges of southwest Montana (Lesica and Shelly 1991).

The Highland Mountains are a small alpine mountain range in southwest Montana. Much of this range is land administered by Deer Lodge National Forest. In spite of The Highland's proximity to Butte, there has been little botanical exploration of the area. Recently, Klaus Lackschewitz made collections in the area and discovered populations of Carex idahoensis and Erigeron gracilis, but the size and extent of these populations was not reported. The Highland Mountains receive a great deal of use by recreationists as well as having mining, timber harvest and livestock grazing activity. In order to manage the Highland Mountains for the protection of biological diversity, the Forest Service must know which sensitive species are present, what habitats they occur in, and how common they are. The purpose of this study was to survey the Highland Mountains for sensitive plant species and report the size, location and habitat for these species. In addition, a complete list of all vascular plant species encountered during this study was prepared. This list will be useful to managers doing other studies in the area.

STUDY AREA

The Highland Mountains are a small alpine range in southwest Montana, just south of Butte. They lie between the Big Hole River and the Jefferson River on the south and east respectively, and they contain the headwaters of Silver Bow Creek and the Clark Fork River. The main divide ridge of the Highland Range is the Continental Divide. It runs between Red Mountain at 10,070 ft on the north, and Table Mountain at the south end, which is the highest peak at 10,200 ft. Slopes on the north, east and south sides are relatively steep, and streams and glaciers have formed canyons dropping to the main river valleys. On the west side of the divide there is a large plateau that is the headwaters of Moose Creek. Part of this plateau is referred to as Moose Town, while the northwest portion is called Burton Park. Low mountains (7,000-8,000 ft) surround Moose Town and Burton Park on the north, west and south sides. Low mountains on the west are called the Humbug Spires (Fig. 1)
Figure 1. Map of Highland Mountain region and the areas surveyed for sensitive species.
The core of the Highland Mountains is formed of Precambrian basement rock in the south and granite of the Boulder Batholith in the north (Alt and Hyndman 1986). The Humbug Spires are low mountains formed of this granite. A band of calcareous Belt Series sedimentary rock, 5-10 miles wide runs from near the town of Divide west to just east of the Continental Divide (Alt and Hyndman 1986). The crest of the Highland Mountains are argillite on the north near Red Mountain and quartzite and granite in the south around Table Mountain. Soils at 6,000-7,500 ft throughout most of the north portion of the area are derived from granite and are coarse-textured and well-drained. Soils in the south are derived from metamorphosed sedimentary rocks and are more silty or loamy in texture. Calcareous soils occur sporadically in the Moose Town area and just east of the Continental Divide in the Lime Kiln Hill and head of Fish Creek area (Fig. 1). Soils near or above timberline are generally shallow and poorly developed. Small cirques along the main divide suggest that the core of the range was glaciated during Pleistocene times.

Climate of the Highland Mountains is continental-montane with short, cool summers and long, cold winters. Butte, at 5,540 ft on the north side of the Highland Mountains, had mean July maximum and mean January minimum of 80.1 and 3.7°F respectively from 1950 to 1980 (NOAA 1982). During this same period mean annual precipitation was 11.7 inches. Divide, at 5,406 ft on the west side of the study area, had mean July maximum and mean January minimum of 79.4 and 8.5°F respectively from 1950 to 1980 (NOAA 1982). During this same period mean annual precipitation was 12.4 inches. Precipitation in the Highland Mountains is estimated to vary from 16-30 inches per year based on snow course records (USDA-SCS 1981). June is the wettest month. Approximately half of the precipitation falls as snow during the winter.

Vegetation of the Highland Mountains is predominantly coniferous forest dominated by Douglas fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii) and lodgepole pine (Pinus contorta). Spruce (Picea engelmannii) is common along streams and higher cool slopes. Whitebark pine (Pinus albicaulis) dominates subalpine and timberline forests. Limber pine (P. flexilis) is locally common on outcrops of calcareous parent material in the Moose Town and Fish Creek areas. Where granite is the parent material, coniferous forest generally dominates on all aspects (narrow mesas above Hells Canyon Creek are an exception). On soils derived from metasediments, steppe dominated by sagebrush (Artemisia tridentata), rabbit brush (Chrysothamnus spp.), shrubby cinquefoil (Potentilla fruticosa) and Idaho fescue (Festuca idahoensis), occurs on warm slopes. Meadows dominated by tufted hairgrass (Deschampsia cespitosa) and sedges (Carex spp.) are common in Moose Town and Burton Park. Swamp and carr vegetation dominated by bog birch (Betula glandulosa) and willows (Salix spp.) are found along many drainages and in large areas of
Moose Town. Groves of aspen (Populus tremuloides) occur sporadically in the Moose Town area.

The Highland Mountains have been greatly impacted by human use. The area was the scene of a great deal of mining exploration. There are numerous old mines and associated roads in the Moose Town and Fish Creek areas. Concentrations of precious metals are presumably associated with the contact zone between the Belt sediments and the granite batholith. There is an active mining operation near the head of Fish Creek. Wherever steppe or meadows are the predominant vegetation, cattle grazing is a common use of the land. Douglas fir composing much of the forests are short and often deformed, but some areas of lodgepole pine forest have been clearcut. In addition, some trees have been harvested for firewood and lumber during the times when the area was a more active mining district. The Highland Mountains-Moffet Mountain-Moose Town area is a very productive wildlife area. I observed large numbers of elk, moose, deer, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. As a result, the area is heavily used by hunters during the fall. There is a good deal of recreational driving both on and off roads during the summer. The area is undoubtedly used by snowmobilers during the winter.

METHODS

For the purpose of my study, the Highland Mountains are defined as land administered by the U.S. Forest Service and private inholdings above 6,000 ft south of Pipestone Pass and Hwy 10, west of the Jefferson River Valley, and east and north of the Big Hole River Valley. I surveyed the Highland Mountains on June 25-July 6, 1992 and July 31-August 3, 1992. I concentrated my surveys in five areas (Fig. 1): (1) Moose Town/Burton Park - an abundance of wetlands and outcrops of calcareous parent material, (2) Fish Creek/Limekiln Mountain - numerous outcrops of calcareous parent material, (3) Red Mountain/Table Mountain - expansive alpine habitat, (4) Moffet Mountain - expanses of sagebrush steppe and high elevation grasslands, and (5) Hells Canyon Creek - coarse granitic soils and sagebrush steppe. I conducted my surveys by hiking transects through each area, inspecting typical habitat as well as unusual edaphic or topographic features. I recorded all vascular plant species observed and made representative collections of many species. I completed Montana Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) "Plant Species of Special Concern" forms for all species on the most recent MNHP list, and I completed MNHP-modified ECODATA forms for representative plant communities harboring species listed as sensitive in Region One of the U.S. Forest Service (Lesica and Shelly 1991).

Information on nomenclature for sensitive species and "species of special concern" can be found in Lesica and Shelly (1991). Specimens are deposited in the herbarium of the University of Montana (MONTU).

In 1992 I received a separate contract from Deerlodge National Forest to conduct floristic surveys of the Table Mountain area. The results of that study (Lesica 1992) have been included in this report.

RESULTS

I recorded 526 species of vascular plants in 52 families from the Highland Mountains (Appendix A). Of these, seven are listed as sensitive in Region One of the U.S. Forest Service: Arabis fecunda, Carex idahoensis, Juncus hallii, Orobanche corymbosa, Penstemon lemiensis, Saxifraga tempestiva and Thlaspi parviflorum. Five additional species are listed as species of special concern by MNHP: Carex vallicola, Erigeron gracilis, Gentiana aquatica, Haplopappus macronema ssp. linearis and Ranunculus verrucundus. Information on the occurrence of these species in the study area is given below. Additional information can be found in the MNHP element occurrence records in Appendix B. Copies of ECODATA forms for all sensitive species sites can be found in Appendix C.

Element Name: Arabis fecunda Rollins

Common Name: Sapphire rockcress

Range: Endemic to the Sapphire, Pioneer and Highland mountain ranges of Beaverhead, Ravalli and Silver Bow counties, Montana.

Element Rank: G2/S2

Federal Status: USFWS C2, USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: Two populations of A. fecunda occur in the Moose Town area and two were found in the Fish Creek area (Fig. 2,3). Moose Town populations were estimated at 1,000-2,000 plants, while those in the Fish Creek area are larger, with 5,000-10,000 plants. All populations occur in mineral soil derived from metamorphosed calcareous sediments on south- or west-facing slopes. Associated plant communities are sparse Agropyron spicatum grasslands or very open limber pine woodland. Although apparently appropriate habitat occurs on Limekiln Hill, I was unable to locate the species in the area.

Comments: All four populations occur in areas where there has been extensive mining exploration, and the southern Fish Creek
population is within 1 mile of an active mine. Mining is probably the principal threat to *A. fecunda* in the study area. In addition, the northern Moose Town population is in close proximity to a major road and may be threatened by future road construction. Finally, the areas are subject to livestock grazing, but disturbance appears to be moderate at this time and is probably not detrimental to the species. These populations are on the eastern edge of the known range of the species.

Element Name:  
**Carex idaho**a (Bailey)

Common Name:  
Idaho sedge

Range:  
Beaverhead, Madison, Powell and Silver Bow counties, Montana and southeast Idaho

Element Rank:  
G2QS2

Federal Status:  
USFWS 3C, USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence:  
I relocated the population in the Moose Town area and discovered another in the Fish Creek area (Fig. 2,3). Both populations occur in drier ecotonal areas of wet meadows along streams in areas influenced by calcareous parent material. Both populations contain fewer than 100 plants. The associated plant community is *Potentilla fruticosa/Deschampsia cespitosa*.  

Comments:  
This plant is also referred to as *Carex parryana* Dewey ssp. *idaho**a* (Bailey.) Murray. I searched for this plant throughout the study area, but located only these two populations. However, populations are usually small, and I may not have located all of them. Nonetheless, *C. idaho**a* does seem to be rare in the study area. Populations may be threatened by livestock grazing. In addition, the Moose Town population is immediately adjacent to a main road and could be threatened by road construction.

Element Name:  
**Juncus hallii** Engelm.

Common Name:  
Hall's rush

Range:  
Southwest Montana and southern Idaho south to Colorado. In Montana this species is known from Madison, Meagher, Powell and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank:  
G4G5/S2

Federal Status:  
USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence:  
I located one population of *J. hallii* in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2). Unfortunately I was unsure of the
identity of the plant when I collected it and did not take extensive information on the site. It occurs in moist soil on the drier margins of a wet meadow adjacent to an old logging road. Before the area was logged this meadow was in a matrix of moist spruce forest. My impression is that the population was small, probably less than 200 plants.

Comments: At this site *J. hallii* occurs near a population of *J. tenuis*, and the two species can be confused. The logging road through the area may have impacted this population when it was built, and timber harvest undoubtedly altered the hydrologic regime of the site.

Element Name: Orobanche corymbosa (Rydb.) Ferris

Common Name: Flat-topped broomrape

Range: Southern British Columbia to southwest Montana, south to California, Nevada and Utah. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Madison and Ravalli counties.

Element Rank: G4/S2

Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I located one population of *O. corymbosa* in the Hells Canyon Creek area (Fig. 4). Plants occurred in course-textured, granitic soil on gentle slopes of mesas on the northeast side of the canyon. The population consists of three subpopulations, all within 1 mile of each other. I estimated that at least 2,000 plants occur between these three subpopulations. Associated plant community is *Artemisia tridentata/Festuca idahoensis*.

Comments: Although similar habitat exists both north and south of the three subpopulations, I was unable to locate any plants in these areas. Additional populations may occur on BLM or private land to the west and south of the study area.

I am not aware of any threats to this population of *O. corymbosa*.

Element Name: Penstemon lemhiensis (Keck) Keck & Cronq.

Common Name: Lemhi beardtongue

Range: Endemic to Beaverhead, Ravalli and Silver Bow counties, Montana and Lemhi County Idaho

Element Rank: G2/S2

Federal Status: USFWS C2, USFS Region 1 Sensitive
Local Occurrence: I discovered two populations of *P. lemhiensis* in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2). The eastern population consists of two subpopulations on opposite sides of a hill. Both populations occur in relatively sparse vegetation on soil derived from calcareous metasediments. Both populations were estimated to be 100-200 plants. Nearly all plants in the western population had been grazed down to near the base of the plant, probably by deer or elk but possibly by livestock. The associated plant community was *Festuca idahoensis/Agropyron spicatum* grassland. In addition to these two populations, I observed 3-5 plants on a roadcut ca. 1/2 mile south of Fish Creek (T1N R7W S33, NW1/4 of SW1/4). Plant were present only in disturbed soil immediately adjacent to the road so I did not map or document this occurrence.

Comments: *Penstemon lemhiensis* occurs in areas that are subject to both mining activity and livestock grazing. Although *P. lemhiensis* is probably enhanced by low or even moderate levels of disturbance, both mining development and grazing could be a threat to this species. These populations are on the eastern edge of the known range of the species.

Element Name: *Saxifraga tempestiva* Elvander & Denton

Common Name: Storm saxifrage

Range: Endemic to Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite, Ravalli and Silver Bow (?) counties, Montana

Element Rank: G2/S2

Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive

Local Occurrence: I located two subpopulations of *S. tempestiva* on the west flank of Table Mountain (Fig. 5). Both sites were snow cachement areas on relatively gentle terrain. The population was estimated to be fewer than 300 plants. Associated plant community was *Geum rossii* turf.

Comments: Plants at the Table Mountain site appear intermediate between *S. tempestiva* and *S. rhomboidea* and may be a hybrid population (see Lesica 1992 for further discussion). The area is subject to few direct human-caused disturbances. However, grazing by bighorn sheep in the area is intense, and this level of grazing may be having an impact on the vegetation. Bighorn sheep may be overusing this remote part of their range because of intense ORV use of lower, more accessible areas (Lesica 1992).
Element Name: Thlaspi parviflorum A. Nels.
Common Name: Small-flowered pennycress
Range: Endemic to southwest Montana, northwest Wyoming and central Idaho. In Montana this species is known from Beaverhead, Madison, Park and Silver Bow counties.
Element Rank: G3/S2
Federal Status: USFS Region 1 Sensitive
Local Occurrence: I located two populations of T. parviflorum in moist grasslands and meadows on gentle slopes or alluvial terraces in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2). The eastern population occurred in a somewhat drier site and was estimated at 100-1,000 plants. The western site was estimated at 1,000-10,000 plants. Associated plant communities are Potentilla fruticosa/Festuca idahoensis and Potentilla fruticosa/Juncus balticus.
Comments: I searched extensively for this species in the Moose Town area, but in spite of large areas of apparently potential habitat, I located only two populations. However, T. parviflorum is inconspicuous unless it is blooming, and it blooms very early and has completely disappeared by mid-summer. Thus, I may not have located all populations in the study area. Both T. parviflorum sites are subject to livestock grazing. The effects of grazing on the species are not known.

Element Name: Carex vallicola Dewey
Common Name: Valley sedge
Range: Eastern Oregon to southwest Montana and western South Dakota, south to California, Utah and Mexico. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, Madison, Park and Silver Bow counties.
Element Rank: G5/S2
Federal Status: None
Local Occurrence: I located one population of C. vallicola in mesic high-elevation grassland in the Limekiln Hill area (Fig. 3). The population was estimated to be 100-1,000 plants. The associated plant community is Festuca idahoensis/Agropyron caninum.
Comments: This small population of C. vallicola is in an area that has extensive mining exploration. The area is also subject
to livestock grazing. The plant is highly palatable to livestock and decreases with overgrazing (Hermann 1970).

Element Name:  *Erigeron gracilis* Rydb.

Common Name:  Slender fleabane

Range:  Endemic to Southwest Montana, western Wyoming and east-central Idaho. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Park, Silver Bow and Sweetgrass counties.

Element Rank:  G4/S2

Federal Status:  None

Local Occurrence:  I located populations of *E. gracilis* in the Moffet Mountain, Moose Town and Fish Creek/Limekiln Hill areas (Figs. 2,3,6). The plant appeared to be widespread throughout much of the Highland Mountains in silty to loamy soils of mesic to moist steppe and grasslands. Populations were all estimated to be larger than 1,000 plants. Associated plant communities are *Artemisia tridentata/Festuca idahoensis* (Geranium phase) and *Potentilla fruticosa/Festuca idahoensis*.

Comments:  *Erigeron gracilis* was common enough in the study area that I did not purposely look for it but mapped only occurrences that I observed while surveying for other species. It is probably not threatened in the study area.

Element Name:  *Gentiana aquatica* L.

Common Name:  Wet meadow gentian

Range:  Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan south to Colorado; also in Asia. In Montana the species is known from Beaverhead, Madison and Silver Bow counties.

Element Rank:  G4/S2

Federal Status:  USFWS 3C (under synonym of *G. fremontii*)

Local Occurrence:  I located one population of *G. aquatica* in the Fish Creek area, in the same meadow as *Carex idaho* (Fig. 3). The species occurs on shrub-dominated hummocks in an alkaline meadow along a small stream. Associated plant community was *Potentilla fruticosa/Deschampsia cespitosa*. I estimated the population to be greater than 1,000 plants.

Comments:  This meadow is subject to livestock grazing. Trampling of this wet site resulting from overuse by livestock
could degrade the site and negatively impact the *G. aquatica* population.

**Element Name:**  *Haplopappus macronema* Gray ssp. *linearis* (Rydb.) Hall

**Common Name:** Discoid goldenweed

**Range:** The subspecies is endemic to northwest Wyoming and southwest Montana. In Montana it is known from Beaverhead, Madison, Meagher and Silver Bow counties.

**Element Rank:** G4T7/S2

**Federal Status:** None

**Local Occurrence:** I located two populations of *H. macronema linearis* in moist steppe in the Moose Town/Burton Park area (Fig. 7). The Burton Park population was estimated to be fewer than 300 plants, while the Moose Town population was estimated to be 500-1,000 plants. Associated plant communities were *Artemisia tridentata/Festuca idahoensis* and *Potentilla fruticosa/Festuca idahoensis*.

**Comments:** Although there is an abundance of apparently appropriate habitat in the study area, I located only two populations of *H. macronema linearis*. Many of the plants at the Burton Park site had been broken due to livestock trampling. However, the plant seems to respond positively to disturbance at the Moose Town site, being most common near fences and along roads.

**Element Name:** *Ranunculus verecundus* Robins.

**Common Name:** Modest buttercup

**Range:** Alaska south to Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming. In Montana this species is known from Glacier National Park and the Highland and Anaconda ranges in Beaverhead, Deer Lodge and Madison counties.

**Element Rank:** G5/S1

**Federal Status:** None

**Local Occurrence:** I located one population of *R. verecundus* in wet tundra on the west shoulder of Table Mountain (Lesica 1992, Fig. 5). Associated plant community was *Deschampsia cespitosa/Caltha leptosepala*. Population size was estimated to be 200-500 plants.
Comments: Typical *R. verecundus* has deciduous sepals and persistent petals. Plants from the Table Mountain site have persistent sepals and lack petals (Lesica 1992). The area is subject to few direct human-caused disturbances. However, grazing by bighorn sheep in the area is intense, and this level of grazing may be having an impact on the vegetation. Bighorn sheep may be overusing this remote part of their range because of intense ORV use of lower, more accessible areas (Lesica 1992).

**DISCUSSION**

The Moose Town area has a great diversity of parent materials and soils. Coarse-textured sandy soils derived from granite of the Boulder Batholith occur on the northern periphery. The majority of the upland areas have silty or loamy soils derived from metasediments, including outcroppings of calcareous parent material. These soils support Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine forests, limber pine woodland, sagebrush and cinquefoil steppe, and grasslands. The area also has a complex hydrologic geology and supports a vast array of wetland communities including aspen groves, wet spruce forests, willow swamps, fens, marshes and wet meadows. The diversity of plant communities and the extent of the wetlands is exceptional. The area is also important habitat for many species of wildlife including elk, moose and bighorn sheep.

Fives species of vascular plants listed as sensitive in U.S. Forest Service Region One occur in the Moose Town area (Fig. 2): *Arabis fecunda*, *Carex idahoensis*, *Juncus hallii*, *Penstemon lemhiensis* and *Thlaspi parviflorum*. Both *A. fecunda* and *P. lemhiensis* are candidates for listing as threatened or endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and all but *J. hallii* are endemic to small areas of southwest Montana and adjacent Idaho and Wyoming (Lesica and Shelly 1991). In addition, *Erigeron gracilis* and *Haplopappus macronema* ssp. *linearis*, two regional endemics that are MNHP species of special concern, are also found in this area (Fig. 2,7).

The habitat diversity and number of rare plant species make the Moose Town area the most outstanding biological area in the Highland Mountains. Unfortunately, the area has suffered a great deal of human-caused disturbance. It was the site of numerous mines and prospects, and apparently a small community existed there in the past. There are unclaimed tailings heaps and mine shafts as well as water diversion ditches and old cabins. Probably more damaging are the numerous roads and 4-wheel drive trails throughout much of the area. These roads and trails continue to be used for recreation by residents of Butte and the surrounding area. The area is grazed by livestock during July and August, and some of the wetland and upland communities have been degraded as a result. Finally, forests on the north and
west sides of the Moose Town area have been clearcut. All of these disturbances have had and, in some cases, continue to have a negative impact on wildlife, populations of sensitive plants and the integrity of native communities.

Biological values in the Moose Town area could be protected by diminishing and mitigating human-caused disturbances: (1) limiting motorized vehicle traffic to main roads, (2) managing livestock to protect fragile wetland and riparian areas and prevent overgrazing of adjacent uplands, (3) reclamation of mine sites, and (4) limiting timber harvest to protect watershed values and wildlife. Approximately 1,800 acres of the Moose Town area is in private ownership; the rest is public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. A cooperative management plan for the area that addresses these issues is essential for maintaining the ecological integrity and biological diversity of the area.

The Fish Creek/Limekiln Hill area harbors populations of Arabis fecunda and Carex idahoensis, both of which are on the U.S. Forest Service Region One sensitive species list. In addition, there are populations of three MNHP species of special concern in the area (Fig. 3). This area is similar to the Moose Town area in its history of mining and livestock grazing, and there is an active mine along Fish Creek at this time. The topography is steeper, so there are fewer opportunities for off-road vehicle abuse. Although I do not believe that this area has the biological significance of the Moose Town area, developments and livestock management should be regulated to protect populations of rare and sensitive species.
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Appendix B. Element occurrence records for species of special concern occurring in the Highland Mountains.
Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA  
Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS  

Global rank: G2  
State rank: S2  
Federal Status: C2  

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.014  
Element occurrence type:  
Survey site name: FISH CREEK  
EO rank:  
EO rank comments:  

County: SILVER BOW  
USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS  

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note:  
001N007W  28  S2SW4  
Survey date: 1992-06-29  
First observation: 1992-06-29  
Last observation: 1992-06-29  
Elevation: 7080 - 7560  
Slope/aspect: 60% / SOUTHEAST  
Size (acres): 15  

Location:  
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; FROM CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520) TAKE ROAD TO FISH CREEK. ONCE ON THE FISH CREEK ROAD, PROCEED WEST UNTIL ROAD CROSSES TO SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK. PROCEED ANOTHER 0.3 MILES. SITE IS ON NORTH SIDE OF CREEK.  

Element occurrence data:  
2,000 TO 5,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERsal.  

General site description:  
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA, SANDY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA FRIGIDA, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: SENECIO CANUS, ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, CAMPANULA ROTUNDIFOLIA.  

Land owner/manager:  
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT  

Comments:  
EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK/WILDLIFE TRAILS, OLD MINING CLAIMS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL108.  

Information source:  
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.  

Specimens:  
Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA
Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2  Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2  Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.014
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: FISH CREEK
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:
001N007W 28 S2SW4

Survey date: 1992-06-29  Elevation: 7080 - 7560
First observation: 1992-06-29  Slope/aspect: 60% / SOUTHEAST
Last observation: 1992-06-29  Size (acres): 15

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; FROM CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520) TAKE ROAD TO FISH CREEK. ONCE ON THE FISH CREEK ROAD, PROCEED WEST UNTIL ROAD CROSSES TO SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK. PROCEED ANOTHER 0.3 MILES. SITE IS ON NORTH SIDE OF CREEK.

Element occurrence data:
2,000 TO 5,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERAL.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA, SANDY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA FRIGIDA, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: SENECIO CANUS, ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, CAMPANULA ROTUNDIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK/WILDLIFE TRAILS, OLD MINING CLAIMS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL108.

Information source:
 LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA
Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2  Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2  Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.015
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: LIMEKILN HILL
EO rank:  
EO rank comments:  

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range  Section  TRS Note:  
001N007W  27  NW4, NW4SW4; 28 E2SE4NE4

Survey date:  
First observation: 1992-06-29  
Last observation: 1992-06-29  
Elevation: 7320 - 7760  
Slope/aspect: 75% / SOUTHEAST  
Size (acres): 25

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668), TAKE ROAD TO LIMEKILN HILL (FS RD 8492). PROCEED 0.6 MILE; SITE IS ON RIDGE TO THE WEST.

Element occurrence data:
5,000-10,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING. EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON UNDULATING UPPER RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE; DRY AREA, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: PINUS FLEXILIS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM, HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, PENSTEMON ARIDUS.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
DATA GIVEN ARE FOR EAST PORTION OF THE SITE. ECODATA PLOT #92PL110.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA
Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2       Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2       Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.016
Element occurrence type: Survey

Survey site name: TUCKER CREEK
EO rank: 
EO rank comments: 

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range    Section: TRS Note:
001S009W     01      NW4
001N009W     36      S2

Survey date: 1992-06-27       Elevation: 6640 - 6880
First observation: 1992-06-27       Slope/aspect: 35% / SOUTH

Location:
FROM DIVIDE (TOWN), TAKE FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 TO RANCH, THEN TAKE ROAD TO RESERVOIR. SITE IS ON HILL NORTH OF RESERVOIR.

Element occurrence data:
10,000+ INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON UNDULATING SLOPE, DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN MIDSLOPE. SANDY SOIL OF CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: CERCOCARPUS LEDIFOLIUS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM, HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ORYZOPSIS HYMENOIDES, CYMOPTERUS BIPINNATUS.

Land owner/manager:
BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, HEADWATERS RESOURCE AREA
STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED
HUMBUG SPIRES PRIMITIVE AREA

Comments:
ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL105. LITTLE OR NO LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE; DEER SCAT.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA
Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2  Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2  Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.017
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note:
001N008W  31  N2

Survey date: 1992-06-27  Elevation: 6720 - 6980
First observation: 1992-06-27  Slope/aspect: 50% / SOUTHWEST

Location:
FROM DIVIDE (TOWN) TAKE FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 TO RANCH. FOLLOW DIRT ROAD TO NORTHEAST CA. 4 MILES, KEEPING TO RIGHT AT FORKS, TO SITE ON EITHER SIDE OF SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK, CA. 1 MILE NORTHEAST OF RESERVOIR.

Element occurrence data:
10,000+ INDIVIDUALS; FRUITING, SEED DISPERSAL.

General site description:
PARTIALLY SHADED EXPOSURE ON CONVEX SLOPE; DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL LOWER MOUNTAIN SLOPE. SANDY SOIL OF CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: CERCOCARPUS LEDIFOLIUS, JUNIPERUS SCOPULORUM, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS, CYMOPTERUS BIPINNATUS. DEER SCAT PRESENT.

Land owner/manager:
BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, HEADWATERS RESOURCE AREA
HUMBUG SPIRES PRIMITIVE AREA

Comments:
ECODATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL106.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM
Element Occurrence Record

Scientific Name: ARABIS FECUNDA
Common Name: SAPPHIRE ROCKCRESS

Global rank: G2   Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2   Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDBRA06290.018
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOOSE TOWN
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note:
001S008W  03  S2, NW4; 10 N2
001N008W  35  SW4

Survey date: 1992-06-26   Elevation: 6700 - 7000
First observation: 1992-06-26   Slope/aspect: 045% / SOUTH

Location:
FROM HIGHLAND ROAD, TAKE MOOSE TOWN ROAD SOUTHWEST CA. 2 MILES TO MALONEY PARK. SITE IS ON BLUFFS NORTH OF MOOSE CREEK.

Element occurrence data:
1000-5000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERSAL IN LARGEST SUBPOPULATION. ADDITIONAL SUBPOPULATION CA. 1.5 MILES NORTHWEST: 2000 PLANTS, FRUITING, MANY SMALL PLANTS AS EVIDENCE OF REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESS. THIRD SUBPOPULATION CA. 1 MILE NNW: 100-2000 STEMS, FRUITING, MATURE FRUIT AND SMALL PLANTS PRESENT.

General site description:
OPEN TO PARTIALLY SHAD ED EXPOSURE ON UNDULATING AND CONVEX SLOPES. DRY AREAS LOWER TO MIDSLOPE; SANDY SOIL OF CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL AND POSSIBLY DOLOMITE. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: AGROPYRON SPICATUM, PHLOX MUSCOIDES, HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS, POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, PINUS FLEXILIS, JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, DOUGLASIA MONTANA, SENECHO CANUS, ARCTOSTAPHYLOS UVA-URSI, AND SEDUM LANCEOLATUM.

Land owner/manager:
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
LARGEST SUBPOPULATION: ECO DATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL103; MINING CLAIMS. NNE SUBPOPULATION: ECO DATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL101; NO EVIDENCE OF DISTURBANCE. NNW SUBPOPULATION: ECO DATA PLOT NUMBER 92PL102; LIVESTOCK.
ARABIS FECUNDA
OCCURRENCE #018
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Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA,
MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: CAREX IDAHOA
Common Name: IDAHO SEDGE

Global rank: G2Q  Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S1  Federal Status: 3C

Element occurrence code: PMCYP036E0.001

Survey site name: HIGHLAND CITY
EO rank: 
EO rank comments: 

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note: 
001N008W  35  SW4

Survey date: 
First observation: 1981-07-22  Slope/aspect: 5% / WEST
Last observation: 1992-07-11  Size (acres): 1

Location: FROM BUTTE, TAKE STATE HWY 2 TOWARD PIPESTONE PASS; CA. 1.5 MILES BEFORE PASS, GO SOUTHWEST ON FS RD 84 (HIGHLAND ROAD) 10.25 MILES TO 0.1 MILE EAST OF TURNOFF TO MOOSE TOWN. SITE IS BETWEEN ROAD AND CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

General site description:
1992: OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; MOIST BOTTOM IN NARROW VALLEY FLOODPLAIN. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL OR CALCAREOUS PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, DESCHAMPSIA CESPIOSA, JUNCUS BALTIUS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, CAREX PETASATA, FRAGARIA VIRGINIANA, POTENTILLA GRACILIS. 1981: CALCAREOUS WET-MOIST MEADOW SURROUNDED BY WILLOWS AND BOG BIRCH; WITH CAREX SCOPULORUM, PEDICULARIS GROENLANDICA, THALICTRUM SPARSIFLORUM, POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA.

Land owner/manager: DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments: ECODATA PLOT #92PL114. EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE.

Information source: LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Scientific Name: CAREX IDAHOA
Common Name: IDAHO SEDGE

Global rank: G2Q Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S1 Federal Status: 3C

Element occurrence code: PMCYP036E0.007
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: COYOTE HILL
EO rank: 
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range: 001N007W Section: 27  TRS Note: SE4SW4

Survey date: 1992-06-29 Elevation: 6960
First observation: 1992-06-29 Slope/aspect: 2% / SOUTHWEST
Last observation: 1992-06-29 Size (acres): 1

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS, SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668),
GO NORTH ON LIME KILN MOUNTAIN ROAD (FS RD 8492) CA. 100 YARDS. SITE
IS ALONG SMALL SPRING CREEK.

Element occurrence data:
50-100 RAMETS, IMMATURE FRUIT PRESENT.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; MOIST AREA IN BOTTOM ON ALLUVIAL
FLOODPLAIN. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL OR CALCAREOUS PARENT MATERIAL.
ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS BALTIcus,
DESCHAMPSIA CESPItOSA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS,
TARAXACUM OFFICINALE, TRIFOLIUM LONGIPES.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
ECODATA PLOT #92PL109. EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA,
MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: CAREX IDAHOA
Common Name: IDAHO SEDGE

Global rank: G2Q Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S1 Federal Status: 3C

Element occurrence code: PMCYP036E0.008
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:
001N009W 36 NE4

Survey date: Elevation: 6180 -
First observation: 1992-06-27 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1992-06-27 Size (acres): 1

Location:
FROM DIVIDE (TOWN), GO NORTH ON FRONTAGE ROAD CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 CA. 1.5 MILES TO RANCH. TAKE ROAD TO RESERVOIR CA. 1 MILE. INSTEAD OF CONTINUING UPHILL, GO DOWN TO CREEK. SITE IS CA. 0.4 MILE UPSTREAM.

Element occurrence data:
50-100 INDIVIDUALS; IMMATURE FRUIT PRESENT.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; MOIST AREA IN BOTTOM ON FLOODPLAIN TERRACE. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL PARENT MATERIAL. ECOTONE BETWEEN CAREX NEBRASCIENSIS WET MEADOW AND ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA-FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS STEPPE, WITH POA PRATENSIS AND JUNCUS BALTIicus.

Land owner/manager:
STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED

Comments:
LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE EVIDENT.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: CAREX VALLICOLA
Common Name: A SEDGE

Global rank: G5  
State rank: S2  
Forest Service status:  
Federal Status:  

Element occurrence code: PMCYP03EA0.007
Element occurrence type:  

Survey site name: LIMEKILN HILL
EO rank:  
EO rank comments:  

County: SILVER BOW  

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS  

Township/Range  Section:  TRS Note:  
001N007W  22  E2E2  

Survey date: 1992-06-29  Elevation: 7600 - 7650
First observation: 1992-06-29  Slope/aspect: 10% / EAST
Last observation: 1992-06-29  Size (acres): 2  

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; CA. 0.25 MILE DUE EAST OF LIMEKILN SPRING. FROM FISH CREEK TAKE FS RD 8492 TO LIMEKILN HILL. GO NORTH TO THE SADDLE. SITE IS CA. 0.1 MILE NORTH.

Element occurrence data:  
100-1000 INDIVIDUALS, IN FRUIT.

General site description:  
OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONVEX UPPER SLOPE. MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, LUPINUS SERICEUS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: CAREX HOODII, CAREX PETASATA, STIPA OCCIDENTALIS, ERIOGONUM UMBELLATUM.

Land owner/manager:  
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
ROAD RUNS THROUGH POPULATION.

Information source:  
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
**Scientific Name:** CLAYTONIA LANCEOLATA VAR FLAVA  
**Common Name:** YELLOW SPRINGBEAUTY

**Global rank:** G5T5  
**Forest Service status:** SENSITIVE  
**State rank:** S3  
**Federal Status:** C2

**Element occurrence code:** PDPOR03092.005  
**Element occurrence type:**

**Survey site name:** BURTON PARK  
**EO rank:** A  
**EO rank comments:** LARGE, REPRESENTATIVE POPULATION; ALL WHITE-FLOWERED.

**County:** SILVER BOW  
**USGS quadrangle:** MOUNT HUMBUG

**Survey date:** 1989-06-05  
**First observation:** 1988  
**Last observation:** 1989-06-05  
**Elevation:** 6880 -  
**Slope/aspect:** LEVEL  
**Size (acres):** 200

**Location:**  
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS, BURTON PARK AND UPPER NORTH FORK TUCKER CREEK, CA. 12 AIR MILES SSW OF BUTTE; ALONG HIGHLAND ROAD (N.F. ROAD #84).

**Element occurrence data:**  
CA. 60,000 PLANTS IN 11 SUBPOPULATIONS; ONLY WHITE-FLOWERED PLANTS OBSERVED.

**General site description:**  
LARGE, LEVEL MEADOW, WITH POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, DODECATHEON CONJUGENS, POLYGONUM BISTORTOIDES, GEUM TRIFLORUM.

**Land owner/manager:**  
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)  
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

**Comments:**  

**Information source:**  
SCHASSBERGER, L.A. 1989. FIELD SURVEYS OF THE PIONEER MOUNTAINS, 6-9 JUNE.

**Specimens:**
Scientific Name: DRABA DENSIFOLIA
Common Name: DENSE-LEAF WHITLOW-GRASS

Global rank: G5  Forest Service status:
State rank:  S2  Federal Status:

Element occurrence code:  PDBRA110W0.001
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name:  HOMESTAKE REST AREA
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: JEFFERSON

USGS quadrangle:  HOMESTAKE
DELMOE LAKE

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note:
002N006W  20

Survey date:  Elevation: 6300 -
First observation:  1986  Slope/aspect:  - / SOUTH
Last observation:  1986-04-26  Size (acres):  0

Location:
JUST EAST OF REST AREA, OFF INTERSTATE-90, 2 MILES EAST OF HOMESTAKE PASS.

Element occurrence data:
COMMON.

General site description:
IN COARSE, SANDY, GRANITE-DERIVED SOIL OF STEEP SOUTH-FACING BANK, WITH ERYSIMUM ASPERUM AND CHAENACTIS DOUGLASII.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
LABEL READS RANGE 7 WEST; REST AREA IS IN RANGE 6 WEST.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812. (3693). 1986. SPECIMEN # 104255. MONTU.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: ERIGERON GRACILIS
Common Name: SLENDER FLEABANE

Global rank: G4
State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PDAST3M1R0.008
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note: 001N008W 34

Survey date: - -  Elevation: 7300 -
First observation: 1981  Slope/aspect: 
Last observation: 1981-07-22  Size (acres): 0

Location:
BUTTE HIGHLANDS.

Element occurrence data:
WIDELY SCATTERED.

General site description:
SAGEBRUSH PRAIRIE.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLodge NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

Information source:
LACKSCHEWITZ, K.H. (9739). 1981. SPECIMEN #86510. MONTU.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: ERIGERON GRACILIS
Common Name: SLENDER FLEABANE

Global rank: G4  Forest Service status:
State rank: S2  Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDAST3M1R0.010
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: PANDORA MOUNTAIN
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: WICKIUP CREEK

Township/Range  Section  TRS Note:
001S008W  34  NE4

Survey date:  Elevation:  7350 - 7550
First observation: 1992-06-30  Slope/aspect:  5% / EAST
Last observation: 1992-06-30  Size (acres):  40

Location:
FOLLOW CAMP CREEK ROAD SOUTH TO CROSSING OF WICKIUP CREEK. PROCEED 0.2
MILE TO MOFFET MOUNTAIN ROAD. PROCEED WEST AND SOUTH CA. 1 MILE TO
NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY. SITE IS JUST WEST OF FENCE.

Element occurrence data:
1000+ INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE UPPER SLOPE. DRY/MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL
MOUNTAIN SLOPE; SILTY SOIL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA
TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, GERANIUM VISCOSISSIMUM. ADDITIONAL
ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ASTER STENOMERES.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLodge NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK, 4 x 4 ROADS, PROSPECTING. SPECIES MAY BE COMMON
IN THE AREA; LARGE AMOUNT OF UNSURVEYED HABITAT AVAILABLE.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA,
MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: ERIGERON GRACILIS  
Common Name: SLENDER FLEABANE  

Global rank: G4  
State rank: S2  

Element occurrence code: PDAST3M1R0.012  
Element occurrence type: 
Survey site name: PIPESTONE PASS  
EO rank: 
EO rank comments: 

County: SILVER BOW  
USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS  

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:  
001N007W 33  N2NE4NW4; 28 S2S2S2; 27 N2NE4; 22 S2S2SE4  

Survey date:  
First observation: 1992-06-29  
Last observation: 1992-06-29  
Elevation: 7120 - 7650  
Slope/aspect: 2-15% / SOUTH, EAST  
Size (acres): 35  

Location:  
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. TWO SITES: 1) FROM FISH CREEK TAKE ROAD TO LIMEKILN HILL (FS RD 8492), SITE IS CA. 0.2 MILES SOUTH OF SADDLE; 2) TAKE FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668) WEST TO CREEK CROSSING. PROCEED 0.3 MILE TO MEADOWS.  

Element occurrence data:  
1,000 TO 10,000 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING; 2 SUBPOPULATIONS.  

General site description:  
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT SLOPE; DRY-MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPES, SILTY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, POA PRATENSIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: LUPINUS SERICEUS, ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, CERASTIUM ARVENSE, POTENTILLA GRACILIS.  

Land owner/manager:  
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT  
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)  

Comments:  
LIVESTOCK, EXOTICS, AND ROADS IN AREA. ERIGERON GRACILIS PROBABLY OCCURS IN OTHER AREAS IN HIGHLAND CITY AREA; HABITATS NOT SURVEYED.  

Information source:  
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.  

Specimens:  
Scientific Name: GENTIANA AQUATICA
Common Name: WET MEADOW GENTIAN

Global rank: G4  Forest Service status:
State rank: 52S3  Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDGEN06050.012
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: LIMEKILN HILL
EO rank: 
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: PIPESTONE PASS

Township/Range  Section:  TRS Note:
001N007W  27  SE4SW4

Survey date:  Elevation: 6920 - 7000
First observation: 1992-06-29  Slope/aspect: 2% / SOUTH
Last observation: 1992-06-29  Size (acres): 5

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM FISH CREEK ROAD (FS RD 668),
TAKE ROAD TO LIME KILN HILL (FS RD 8492) FOR CA. 100 YARDS. SITE IS
ALONG SMALL SIDE CREEK JUST 100 YARDS UP ROAD.

Element occurrence data:
1000+ INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING AND FRUITING. EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERsal.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT BOTTOM SLOPE. MOIST AREA, SILTY SOIL,
CALCAREOUS ALLUVIUM PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES:
POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS BALtICUS, POA PRATENSIS, DESCHAMPSIA
CESPITOSA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: ANTENNARIA CORYMBOSA.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
LIVESTOCK GRAZING. ANNUAL SPECIES; POPULATION SIZE FLUCTUATES.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA,
MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: HAPLOPAPPUS MACRONEMA VAR LINEARIS
Common Name: LINEAR-LEAVED DISCOID GOLDENWEED

Global rank: G4T?  Forest Service status:
State rank: S2  Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDAST4F0U3.001
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note:
001N008W  35  SW4SW4; 34 SE4SE4
001S008W  03  NE4NE4

Survey date: 1992-08-01  Elevation: 6880 - 6980
First observation: 1992-08-01  Slope/aspect: 10° / SOUTHEAST
Last observation: 1992-08-01  Size (acres): 15

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; TAKE HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) WEST TO TURNOFF TO MOOSE TOWN. GO LEFT AND PROCEED TO FIRST CATTLE GUARD. SITE IS CA. 0.6 MILE SOUTHEAST OF MOOSE CAMP SPRING.

Element occurrence data:
500-1000 INDIVIDUALS; FLOWERING, IN FRUIT AND BUD. EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERAL.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPE; LOAM SOIL, METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, AGROPYRON DASYSTACHYUM, STIPA RICHARDSONII. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, ANTENNARIA MICROPHYLLA, GEUM TRIFLORUM, ERIOGONUM UMBELLATUM.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:
ROAD RUNS THROUGH POPULATION; HEAVY LIVESTOCK USE NEAR CATTLEGUARD. PLANT APPEARS TO BE MOST COMMON IN MOST DISTURBED AREAS.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
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Scientific Name: JUNCUS HALLII  
Common Name: HALL'S RUSH  

Global rank: G4G5  
Forest Service status: SENSITIVE  
State rank: S2  
Federal Status:  

Element occurrence code: PMJUN011E0.010  
Element occurrence type:  
Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG  
EO rank:  
EO rank comments:  
County: SILVER BOW  
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG  

Township/Range: 001N008W  
Section: 36  
TRS Note: SE4NW4  

Survey date:  
First observation: 1992-06-30  
Last observation: 1992-06-30  

Elevation: 7210 - 7280  
Slope/aspect: 5% / NORTH  
Size (acres): 1  

Location:  
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM JUNCTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) AND CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520), TAKE HIGHLAND ROAD WEST CA. 0.5 MILE. TAKE ROAD TO RIGHT AND PROCEED CA. 0.5 MILE TO JUNCTION. STAY LEFT AND PROCEED 0.25-0.50 MILE TO SITE.  

Element occurrence data:  
50+ INDIVIDUALS IN EARLY FRUIT.  

General site description:  
OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE MIDSLOPE; MOIST AREA. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA AND JUNCUS BALTICUS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: ASTRAGALUS ALPINUS, POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS TENUIS.  

Land owner/manager:  
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT  

Comments:  
SITE IS ADJACENT TO ROAD. AREA HAS BEEN LOGGED.  

Information source:  
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.  

Specimens:  
Scientific Name: OROBANCHE CORYMBOSA
Common Name: FLAT-TOPPED BROOMRAPE

Global rank: G4  Forest Service status: WATCH
State rank: S2  Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDOR004040.006
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: HELLS CANYON
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: MADISON

USGS quadrangle: TABLE MOUNTAIN

Township/Range  Section:  TRS Note:
002S006W   7       SW4; SW4SE4
002S007W   12      NE4NE4

Survey date: 1992-07-29  Elevation: 6150 - 6650
First observation: 1992-07-29  Slope/aspect: 5-10% / SOUTH
Last observation: 1992-07-29  Size (acres): 50

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. SITES ARE OFF MAIN HELLS CANYON ROAD. MAIN (CENTROID) POPULATION IS CA. 1.7 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HELLS CANYON FOREST SERVICE STATION.

Element occurrence data:
OVER 2000 INDIVIDUALS, WITH 3 SUBPOPULATIONS. OLD STEMS, SOME FLOWERING PLANTS. ROOTS ARE FULL OF WORMS.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON RIDGE. CONVEX SLOPE SHAPE. DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPES. SANDY SOIL, GRANITE PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: POA SECUNDA, ERIGERON COMPOSITUS, ANTENNARIA MICROPHYLLA.

Land owner/manager:
DEER LODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT
BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, DILLON RESOURCE AREA

Comments:
DISTURBANCE FROM LIVESTOCK EVIDENT. ECODATA PLOT #92PL116, 92PL117.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: PENSTEMON LEMHIENSIS
Common Name: LEMHI BEARDTONGUE

Global rank: G3
State rank: S2

Element occurrence code: PDSCR1L3N0.046
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range  Section  TRS Note:
001S007W  06  NE4
001N007W  32  SW4SW4

Survey date:  First observation: 1992-06-28  Elevation: 7640 - 7880
First Last observation: 1992-06-28  Slope/aspect: 30% / NORTHEAST
Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520)
TAKE ROAD TO FISH CREEK AND HIGHLAND LOOKOUT (FS RD 8514). SITE IS 0.2
MILE BEYOND TURNOFF TO LOOKOUT.

Element occurrence data:
TWO SUBPOPULATIONS, EACH WITH 50-100 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERING.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE MIDSLOPE. DRY AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN
SLOPE; SANDY SOIL, CALCAREOUS METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED
DOMINANT SPECIES: AGROPYRON SPICATUM, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, ASTRAGALUS
MISER. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: PHACELIA HASTATA, DELPHINIUM
BICOLOR, PHLOX LONGIFOLIA, COLLOMIA LINEARIS, BROMUS CARINATUS.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:
OLD MINE PROSPECTS, ROAD, POCKET GOPHERS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL107.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA,
MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: PENSTEMON LEMHIENSIS
Common Name: LEMHI BEARDTONGUE

Global rank: G3  Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2  Federal Status: C2

Element occurrence code: PDSCR1L3N0.047
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range  Section: TRS Note: 001S008W  04  SE4NE4SE4

Survey date:  Elevation: 6920 -
First observation: 1992-07-11  Slope/aspect: 35% / EAST
Last observation: 1992-07-11  Size (acres): 1

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) TAKE ROAD TO MOOSE TOWN (FS RD 8594). FOLLOW ROAD TO MALONEY PARK, CONTINUE WEST 0.2 MILE TO TRACK GOING NORTH ACROSS CREEK AND PROCEED ON TRACK FOR CA. 0.7 MILES. SITE IS JUST EAST OF TRACK, CA. 1.6 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE PEAK OF MOUNT HUMBUG.

Element occurrence data:
100-200 INDIVIDUALS, FLOWERS AND IMMATURE FRUIT. NEARLY ALL INFLORESCENCES EATEN OFF.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON CONCAVE RESIDUAL LOWER SLOPE, DRY AREA, SANDY SOIL, CALC METASEDIMENT PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: CHRYSOTHAMNUS NAUSEOSUS, FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS, AGROPYRON SPICATUM. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: HAPLOPAPPUS ACAULIS, MACHAERANTHERA CANESCENS.

Land owner/manager:
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:
PREDATION PROBABLY CAUSED BY ELK, BUT POSSIBLY DEER OR COWS. ECODATA PLOT #92PL115

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM
Element Occurrence Record

Scientific Name: RANUNCULUS VERECUNDUS
Common Name: TIMBERLINE BUTTERCUP

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: 
State rank: S1 Federal Status: 

Element occurrence code: PDRAN0L2Q0.005
Element occurrence type: 
Survey site name: HELLS CANYON
EO rank: 
EO rank comments: 

County: MADISON
USGS quadrangle: TABLE MOUNTAIN

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 
001S007W 16 S2S2; 21

Survey date: 1992-07-30 Elevation: 9200 - 9300
First observation: 1992 07-30 Slope/aspect: 10% / SOUTH
Last observation: 1992-07-30 Size (acres): 1

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE; CA. 0.6 MILE DUE WEST OF THE PEAK OF TABLE MOUNTAIN. SITE IS ALONG DRAINAGE AT HEAD OF CIRQUE.

Element occurrence data:
200-500 INDIVIDUALS, MAINLY FLOWERING.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON BOTTOM OF MOIST, NARROW ALPINE CIRQUE. WET-ORGANIC SOIL, QUARTZITE PATENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: DESCHAMPSIA CESPIITOSA, CAREX PAYSONIS. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES; VERONICA WORMSKJOLDII, EPILOBIUM ALPINUM, CAREX ALBONIGRA, AGROSTIS HUMILIS.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
SOME BIGHORN OR GOAT GRAZING EVIDENT.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: SAXIFRAGA TEMPESTIVA
Common Name: STORM SAXIFRAGE

Global rank: G2 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDSAX0U1R0.014
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: HELLS CANYON
EO rank: 
EO rank comments:

County: MADISON
USGS quadrangle: TABLE MOUNTAIN

Township/Range Section: TRS Note: 001S007W 16 SW4SE4,W2

Survey date: 1992-07-06 Elevation: 9400 - 9900
First observation: 1992-07-06 Slope/aspect: 10\% / SOUTHWEST
Last observation: 1992-07-06 Size (acres): 1

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE, CA. 0.5 MILE NORTHWEST OF THE PEAK OF TABLE MOUNTAIN, AND CA. 0.25 MILE SOUTHWEST OF THE MADISON-SILVER BOW COUNTY LINE.

Element occurrence data:
100-500 INDIVIDUALS, 2 SUBPOPULATIONS, IN FRUIT.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON UPPER CONCAVE SLOPE. MOIST AREA ON GLACIATED MOUNTAIN SLOPE, GRAVELLY/SILTY SOIL, QUARTZITE PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: GEUM ROSSII, CAREX ELYNOIDES. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: DODECATHEON PULCHELLUM, POLYGONUM BISTORTOIDES.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, JEFFERSON RANGER DISTRICT
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:
ECODATA PLOT #92PL114.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: THLASPI PARVIIFLORUM
Common Name: SMALL-FLOWERED PENNYCRESS

Global rank: G3  Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2  Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDBRA2P050.007
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG
EO rank:
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW
USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:
001S008W 01 W2NW4

Survey date: 1992-06-30  Elevation: 6950 -
First observation: 1992-06-30  Slope/aspect: 5% / NORTHWEST

Location:
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. FROM JUNCTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) AND CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520), TAKE HIGHLAND ROAD WEST CA. 1.2 MILES. SITE IS 0.25 MILES SOUTH ON SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK.

Element occurrence data:
1,000-10,000 INDIVIDUALS, IN FRUIT; EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERsal.

General site description:
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT BOTTOM SLOPE, MOIST AREA ON FLOODPLAIN IN WIDE VALLEY, SILTY SOIL, ALLUVIUM PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, JUNCUS BALTIicus, POA JUNCIFOLIA. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: POA PRATENSIS, TARAXACUM OFFICINALE, POTENTILLA DIVERSIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:
EXOTICS, EVIDENCE OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING. ECODATA PLOT #92PL112.

Information source:
LESICA, P. DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIV. OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:
Scientific Name: THLASPI PARVIFLORUM  
Common Name: SMALL-FLOWERED PENNYCRESS

Global rank: G3 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE
State rank: S2 Federal Status:

Element occurrence code: PDBRA2P050.008
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name: MOUNT HUMBUG  
EO rank:  
EO rank comments:

County: SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT HUMBUG

Township/Range Section: TRS Note:  
001N007W 31 NE4SW4, SE4NW4

Survey date:  
First observation: 1992-06-26  
Last observation: 1992-06-26  
Elevation: 7300 - 7350  
Slope/aspect: 5% / SOUTHEAST  
Size (acres): 3

Location:  
HIGHLAND MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BUTTE. SITE IS AT JUNCTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD (FS RD 84) AND CAMP CREEK ROAD (FS RD 8520) ON WEST EDGE OF LODGEPOLE.

Element occurrence data:  
100-1,000 INDIVIDUALS, FRUITING, EVIDENCE OF SEED DISPERsal.

General site description:  
OPEN EXPOSURE ON STRAIGHT TERRACE; MOIST AREA ON RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN SLOPES, SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIUM PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA, POA PRATENSIS, TARAXACUM OFFICINALE. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED SPECIES: BROMUS CARINATUS, POTENTILLA GRACILIS, ERIGERON GRACILIS.

Land owner/manager:  
DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST, BUTTE RANGER DISTRICT  
PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:  
ROADS, LIVESTOCK AND ABUNDANT GOPHER ACTIVITY. ECODATA PLOT #92PL104.

Information source:  
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MISSOULA, MT 59812.

Specimens:  
Scientific Name:  VIOLA RENIFOLIA  
Common Name:  KIDNEY-LEAF WHITE VIOLET

Global rank:  G5  
Forest Service status:  SENSITIVE

State rank:  S1  
Federal Status:

Element occurrence code:  PDVIO041V0.010  
Element occurrence type:

Survey site name:  SOUTH FORK TUCKER CREEK

EO rank:  
EO rank comments:

County:  SILVER BOW

USGS quadrangle:  TUCKER CREEK

Township/Range    Section:  TRS Note:  
001N008W      31      SW4  
001N009W      36      NW4

Survey date:  
Elevation:  6120 - 6520  
First observation:  1992-06-27  
Slope/aspect:  5% / -  
Last observation:  1992-06-27  
Size (acres):

Location:
FROM DIVIDE (TOWN) TAKE FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH CA. 5 MILES. GO EAST UNDER I-15 TO RANCH. TAKE ROAD TO RESERVOIR CA. 1 MILE, THEN SIDEHILL EAST TO CREEK. SITE IS CA. 1 MILE UPSTREAM ALONG CREEK.

Element occurrence data:  
100+ INDIVIDUALS IN TWO SUBPOPULATIONS; CLEISTOGAMOUS FLOWERS AND MATURE FRUIT.

General site description:  
SHADeD BOTTOM; MOIST AREA IN RESIDUAL MOUNTAIN STREAM VALLEY. SILTY SOIL OF ALLUVIAL PARENT MATERIAL. ASSOCIATED DOMINANT SPECIES: PICEA ENGELMANNII, PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES: ACTAEA RUBRA, RIBES HUDSONIANUM, PYROLA OSARIFOLIA.

Land owner/manager:  
HUMBUG SPIRES PRIMITIVE AREA
BLM: BUTTE DISTRICT, HEADWATERS RESOURCE AREA
STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED

Comments:  
ENTIRE CREEK NOT SURVEYED. STREAM IN FLOOD; SOME LIVESTOCK USE.

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Appendix C. ECODATA plot forms for plant communities associated with populations of sensitive plant species in the Highland Mountains.
Appendix D. Photographs of sensitive species and species of special concern located in the Highland Mountains.