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THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES
 for the
BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST
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ENDANGERED (E) - Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range

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

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

EXPERIMENTAL NONESSENTIAL POPULATION (XN) – A population of a listed species reintroduced into a specific more flexible management under the Act.

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

In accordance with section 7(c) of the Act, the Service has determined that the following listed species may be present on the Bitterroot National Forest:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS	RANGE – MONTANA
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	Forested riparian statewide
Bull trout	<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	Threatened	Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai, St Mary, and Belly river basins; cold water rivers and lakes.
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Experimental Nonessential	Resident, transient; Forests in western Montana
Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	Threatened	Resident, transient; Alpine/subalpine coniferous forest

Canada Lynx	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Threatened	Resident; western Montana – montane spruce/fir forests
Yellow-billed cuckoo (western population)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Candidate	Population west of the Continental Divide; riparian areas with cottonwoods and willows

The Bitterroot National Forest falls within the Central Idaho gray wolf experimental population area, which includes a corner of Montana south of Interstate 90, east of Highway 3 as it runs south of Missoula, south of Highway 12 to Lolo pass and west of Interstate 15. The Service recommends that the Forest analyze the impacts on nonessential experimental populations, along with other populations of fish and wildlife, when complying with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant land management statutes. Any protective measures in addition to those outlined in the final rules for managing the nonessential experimental wolf populations, or additional review procedures, are at the discretion of the Forest Service.