

Wildlife Considerations for the Tenmile–South Helena Project

Wildlife considerations for the Tenmile–South Helena Project are categorized as ‘high priority’, ‘medium priority’, or ‘low priority’ at this stage of the analysis. High priority includes those species or habitats most affected by the proposed project. Medium priority includes species and habitats that may be affected by the proposed project or species for which a consideration is required (i.e. threatened (T) or sensitive (S) that may be present in the project area). Low priority includes those species with a specific designation (i.e. TES, MIS [management indicator species]) that are not expected to be impacted by the project but for which a determination is required due to their designation.

High Priority Habitats and Species

Elk (MIS) - primarily spring, summer, and fall cover and security during the hunting season
Lynx (T) habitat
Wetland/riparian and associated species
Dry, open forested habitats and associated species (i.e. Flammulated owls (S))
Remnant green forests and associated species
Dead wood habitat – and changes over time - and associated species (i.e. pileated, hairy, and black-backed woodpeckers, marten)

Medium Priority Habitats and Species

Grizzly bears (T)
Continental Divide linkage
Goshawk habitat (MIS)
Mule deer (MIS)
Boreal toad (S)
Grasslands
Whitebark pine (S) habitat
Aspen habitat

Low Priority Habitats and Species

Moose
Fisher (S)
Townsend’s big eared bat (S)
Harlequin duck (S)
Northern leopard frog (S)
Plain’s spade foot toad (S)
Bald eagle (S)
Peregrine falcon (S)
Bighorn sheep (S)
Other hunted species
Wolverine (S)
Wolves (S)



