

## **R2 Sensitive Species (SS)**

### **Recommendations and Evaluations**

**Common Name:** Rio Grande Chub

**Scientific Name:** *Gila pandora*

**Recommendation:** R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

#### **Recommendation Rationale:**

This species is an endemic of the Rio Grand Basin. In Colorado (RGNF), it is critically imperiled. Fewer than ten populations remain, several of which are transplants. It is declining in New Mexico ( species of special concern); and only one population remains in Texas. In Colorado (RGNF) remaining populations are disjunct, with little dispersal capability between populations because of habitat fragmentation and establishment if exotics. Remaining habitat continues to be vulnerable to degradation from a variety of management activities, including: grazing, logging, road construction, water development, and others. Very vulnerable to competition, predation, fragmentation, and hybridization with exotics. This species clearly warrants Sensitive Species status.