

Heritage Rank Status Factors

Elcode NFSM000160
Gname RAMARIA SPINULOSA VAR DIMINUTIVA

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Number of Occurrences

A = 1 - 5

Comments There are only 4 records throughout its range. WA (1), OR (1), and CA (2).

Number of Occurrences with Good Viability

B = Very few (1-3) occurrences with good viability

Comments This is a mycorrhizal species associated to late successional forests. Unknow forest management activities in these sites, except for the population in WA which is in a wilderness area that might be protected from logging activities.

Population Size

A = 1-50 individuals

Comments

Range Extent

G = 200,000-2,500,000 km² (about 80,000-1,000,000 square miles)

Comments Endemic to the PNW forests. Range is WA, OR, and northern coastal CA. This species is reported as *R. fumosiavellana* in Marr and Stuntz 1973.

Area of Occupancy

A = <0.4 km² (less than about 100 acres)

LA = <4 km (less than about 2.5 miles)

Comments

Long-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

U = Unknown. Long-term trend in population, range, area occupied, or number or condition of occurrences unknown

Comments

Short-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

U = Unknown. Short-term trend in population, range, area occupied, and number and condition of occurrences unknown.

Comments

Threats

A = Substantial, imminent threat. Threat is moderate to severe and imminent for most (> 60%) of the population, occurrences, or area. Ecological community occurrences are directly impacted over a widespread area, either causing irreversible damage or requiring long term recovery

Scope High Severity High Immediacy High

Comments This is mycorrhizal species associated to late successional forests.

Number of Appropriately Protected and Managed Occurrences

B = Few (1-3) occurrences appropriately protected and managed

Comments The population in WA is in a wilderness area that might be protected from logging activities.

Intrinsic Vulnerability

A = Highly Vulnerable. Species is slow to mature, reproduces infrequently, and/or has low fecundity such that populations are very slow (> 20 years or 5 generations) to recover from decreases in abundance; or species has low dispersal capability such that extirpated populations are unlikely to become reestablished through natural recolonization (unaided by humans). Ecological community occurrences are highly susceptible to changes in composition and structure that rarely if ever are reversed through natural processes even over substantial time periods (> 100 years).

Comments This is a mycorrhizal species and susceptible to logging activities.

Environmental Specificity

B = Narrow. Specialist or community with key requirements common.

Comments Mycorrhizal species

Other Considerations

Nrank=NUT2

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Reasons

There are only 4 records throughout its range with only one occurrence in a protected site. Endemic and rare to late successional in the PNW forests. This mycorrhizal species is susceptible to logging activities. More studies are needed to determine its rarity or abundance in the PNW. Then its ranking should be reconsidered.

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