

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ELKO FIELD OFFICE
BURNED AREA EMERGENCY REHABILITATION TEAM**

**ELKO 21 FIRE COMPLEX
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PLANT RESOURCES ASSESSMENT**

I. ISSUES

- Determine impacts of fire to threatened and endangered plant species and/or habitat.

II. OBSERVATIONS

Research was conducted on species currently listed by the USFWS to verify that no T&E species occurred within the fire area. Contacts were made with local experts to determine if additional sensitive species of concern were potentially affected by the fire and suppression actions.

A. Background

Refer to Vegetation Assessment.

B. Reconnaissance Methodology and Results

The BAER Team Vegetation Specialist met with Sensitive Species Coordinator to obtain baseline information pertaining to known T&E plant species. No T&E plants were known to exist within the fire areas.

The BAER Team Wildlife Biologist initiated emergency consultation with the T & E Coordinator of the Elko Field Office BLM to verify documented T&E plants within the area. At that time it was confirmed that no Threatened and Endangered plant species occur within the 21 fire areas.

Upon consultation with local staff, and after reviewing the burned areas within the fire perimeter, it has been determined that no direct fire impacts have occurred to T & E plant species.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS- NONE

IV. CONSULTATIONS

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V. LITERATURE REVIEWED:

BLM Sensitive Plants in Nevada, Memorandum dated February 27, 1998
