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Dinosaur National Monument contains one of the largest concentrations of rare plants in the state of Colorado. This 211,000-acre unit of the national park system sits on the northeastern edge of both the Uinta Basin and (on a larger scale) the Colorado Plateau. The Uinta Basin is renowned for a high number of substrate-specific endemic plant species. The status of special status plant resources in the Colorado portion of Dinosaur National Monument has not been systematically investigated for more than two decades (1987-1989). The State of Colorado and the NPS would like to update information on high-priority species and make existing data available in more contemporary data formats. This will improve stewardship and communication in the context of general park operations, including fire management operations. Opportunities for collaboration with partner agencies will also be enhanced.