# Major Land Resource Area 010X Central Rocky and Blue Mountain Foothills

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## **Ecological site keys**

### **Fluvial Landforms**

- I. Sites occurring on high elevation fens ... R010XY032OR Meadow Fen 14+ PZ
- II. Not as above
  - A. Sites occurring along the active channel of a perennial or intermittent stream to riparian sites
    - 1 Soil temperature regime is mesic
      - i. Site occupies depositional floodplains and gravel bars ... R010XY010OR Coyote Willow Riparian
      - ii. Site occupies primary terraces ... R010XY011OR Cottonwood-Willow-Riparian
    - 2 Soil temperature regimes is mesic near frigid or cooler
      - i. Depth to alluvial sediments is 60 inches or greater ... R010XY225OR Aspen Riparian 12-18 PZ
      - ii. Not as above
        - a. Soil temperature regime is mesic near frigid to frigid near mesic ... R010XY012OR Booth-Yellow Willow Riparian
        - b. Soil temperature regimes is frigid to cryic ... R010XY013OR Booth-Geyer-Yellow Willow Riparian

## B. Not as above

- 1 Site occurs on floodplains of perennial streams and rivers, near channels occupying primary terraces to meadows
  - i. Soil temperature regime is mesic to frigid near mesic
    - a. Water table is within 12 inches of the soil surface March through July ... R010XY003OR Wet Meadow
    - b. Water table is deeper than 12 inches of the soil surface March through July
      - 1) Soil has sodic properties ... R010XY008OR Sodic Meadow
      - 2) Soil does not have sodic properties ... R010XY004OR Meadow
  - ii. Soil temperature regime is frigid to cryic
    - a. Water table is within 12 inches of the soil surface March through July ... R010XY001OR Cold Wet Meadow
    - b. Water table is deeper than 12 inches of the soil surface March through July
      - 1) Shrub component common, dominated by silver sagebrush ... R010XY002OR Cold Meadow
      - 2) Not as above ... R010XY033OR Cold Moist Meadow
- 2 Not as above
  - i. Site occurs on floodplains of perennial streams and rivers, occupying secondary terraces to bottoms
    - a. Soil temperature regime is mesic to frigid near mesic
      - 1) Soil has sodic properties ... R010XY007OR Sodic Bottom
      - 2) Soil does not have sodic properties
        - i) Soils are sandy in the particle control section ... R010XY009OR Sandy Bottom
        - ii) Soils are not sandy in the particle control section
          - (a) Soils are clayey in the particle control section ... R010XY014OR Clayey Bottom

- (b) Soils are loamy in the particle control section ... R010XY005OR Loamy Bottom
- b. Soil temperature regime is frigid to cryic ... R010XY006OR Mountain Loamy Bottom

#### ii. Not as above

- a. Site occurs adjacent to and on floodplains or ephemeral streams, upper end of drainages to swales
  - 1) Soil temperature regime is mesic to frigid near mesic
    - i) Soil moisture regime is aridic ... R010XY113OR Swale 9-12 PZ
    - ii) Soil moisture regime is xeric ... R010XY116OR Swale 12-16 PZ
  - 2) Soil temperature regime is frigid and mesic near frigid
    - i) Soil moisture regime is aridic ... R010XY114OR Cool Swale 9-12 PZ
    - ii) Soil moisture regime is xeric
      - (a) Sites have higher available water holding capacities (8 to 10 inches). In the reference state, basin wildrye is the dominant grass species and has higher production than the Dry Mountain Swale site ... R010XY117OR Mountain Swale 12-16 PZ
      - (b) Sites have lower plant available water (3 to 6 inches). In the reference state, Idaho fescue is the dominant grass and has lower production than the Mountain Swale sites ... R010XY119OR Dry Mountain Swale 12-16 PZ

#### b. Not as above

- 1) Site occurs on mountain side slopes and plateaus in areas receiving additional subsurface moisture from ephemeral subsurface flows ... R010XY230OR Aspen Upland 12-18 PZ
- 2) Not as above or sites occurring on alluvial fans
  - i) Precipitation 9 to 12 inches, aridic soil moisture regime
    - (a) Soil has sodic properties ... R010XY126OR Sodic Fan 9-12 PZ
    - (b) Soil does not have sodic properties
      - (1) Typically occurring on lower fan toeslope or terrace positions, hydrologically connected to stream networks ... R010XY120OR Loamy Fan 9-12 PZ
      - (2) Not as above
        - (i) Soils are clays with very fine particle size classes ... R010XY121OR Droughty Clayey Fan 9-12 PZ
        - (ii) Soils are typically loamy-skeletal (sometimes fine) particle size classes ... R010XY153OR Droughty Fan 9-12 PZ
  - ii) Precipitation 12 to 16 inches, xeric soil moisture regime ... R010XY125OR Gravelly Fan 12-16 PZ