

Major Land Resource Area 043B

Central Rocky Mountains

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Ecological site keys

Key to the Keys

I. Site of interest is in the southern extent of the MLRA, in the State of Wyoming

A. Searching for Ecological Site Groups - Forested Lands. ... Key 2 – WY 43B PES Groupings

B. Searching for ecological site descriptions (ESDs) - Rangelands generally.

1 Searching for New Provisional and Most Current ESDs Developed.

i. Site is in the foothills east of the Continental Divide.

a. Site is in the lower foothills, 10-14 inch precipitation Zone. ... Key 10 – MLRA 43B Wyoming East Divide Absaroka Lower Foothills Ecological Site Key

b. Site is in the upper foothills, 15-19 inch precipitation Zone.

1) Foothills are on the eastern foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. ... Key 14 – Pre-2010 Zone Key: Ecological Site Key MLRA 43B Zone 13:15-19NP

2) Upper foothills of all other mountain ranges. ... Key 9 – MLRA 43B Wyoming East Divide Absaroka Upper Foothills Ecological Site Key

ii. Site is in the mountains East of the Continental Divide.

a. Site is in Alpine Zone of the Mountains ... Key 7 – MLRA 43B Wyoming East Divide Absaroka Alpine Zone Ecological Site Key

b. Site is in the 20 inch and greater precipitation zone of the Cryic or colder zone of the mountain, above the foothills, but below the alpine zone. ... Key 8 – MLRA 43B Wyoming East Divide Absaroka and Bighorn Subalpine Zone Ecological Site Key

2 Searching for established ESDs, pre-2010.

i. Searching for Foothills and Basins 10-14 inch Precipitation Zone, East of the Continental Divide. ... Key 15 – Pre-2010 Zone Key: Key to Ecological Sites MLRA 32X Zone 7: 10-14 E

ii. Searching for Foothills and Mountains.

a. Site is in the High Mountains with 20 inches of precipitation or Greater. ... Key 11 – Pre-2010 Zone Key: Key to Ecological Sites MLRA 43B Zone 1: 20+ M

b. 15 to 19 inches of precipitation.

1) West of the Continental Divide ... Key 12 – Pre-2010 Zone Key: Key to Ecological Sites MLRA 43B Zone 2: 15-19 W

2) East of the Continental Divide.

a) Eastern flank of the Bighorn Mountains, Northern Plains Region of 43B. ... Key 14 – Pre-2010 Zone Key: Ecological Site Key MLRA 43B Zone 13:15-19NP

b) All other East Divide Foothills. ... Key 13 – Pre-2010 Zone Key: Key to Ecological Sites MLRA 43B Zone 6: 15-19 E

II. Site of interest is in the Northern extent of the MLRA, or in the State of Idaho and Montana.

A. Site of Interest is in Montana

1 Searching for Ecological Site Groups - Forested Lands. ... Key 16 – MT 43B PES GROUPINGS KEY

2 Provisional Rangeland Ecological Site Key for Montana extent of 43B ... Key 5 – MT - Northernmost area of MLRA extent

B. Site of interest is in Idaho

1 Searching for Ecological Site Groups - Forested Lands. ... Key 4 – ID 43B PES Groupings

2 Provisional Rangeland Ecological Site Key for Idaho extent of 43B ... Key 6 – Rangeland Key for 43B Idaho portion