## Major Land Resource Area 220X Alexander Archipelago-Gulf of Alaska Coast

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## **Ecological site keys**

## Subalpine Ecological Sites Key

I. Parent material is alluvium. Site associated with flood plains.

- A. persistent water table throughout the growing season. ... R220XY362AK Subalpine Sedge Wet Flood Plain
- B. drier soils then above. ... R220XY361AK Subalpine Shrub Dry Flood Plain
- II. Parent material not alluvium and landform not associated with flood plain.
  - A. Soils are primarily organic material over bedrock.

1 Dry soils, folistic. ... F220XY338AK - Subalpine Forests Dry Organic Slopes

- 2 Wet soils, histic. ... F220XY204AK Subalpine Forests Organic Wet Slopes
- B. Not as above. Parent material typically colluvium and/or residuum.

1 Soil parent material is calcareous. ... F220XY202AK – Subalpine Woodlands Gravelly Dry Slopes, Limestone

- 2 Soil parent material is not calcareous.
  - i. Site associated with avalanche chutes or soil creep. Alder is typically common and dominant.
    - a. Avalanche chutes. ... R220XY349AK Subalpine Scrub Gravelly Dry Chutes

b. Site associated with soil creep. Soils commonly have buried, mixed, and/or broken soil horizons.

- Soils with thick A-horizons are common. ... R220XY358AK Subalpine Scrub Gravelly Dry Slopes
- ii. Not as above.

a. Well- to moderately-well drained soils. Soils do not have a persistent water table at any depth during the growing season.

1) Occurs at the lowest band of subalpine vegetation. Trees more productive compared to es 350. Krummholz and alpine species less common. ... F220XY200AK – Subalpine Forest Gravelly Dry Slopes

2) Occurs at the highest band of subalpine vegetation. Trees less productive compared to es 200. Krummholz and alpine species more common. ... F220XY350AK – Subalpine Woodland Gravelly Dry Slopes

b. Wetter soils then above. ... F220XY205AK – Subalpine Woodlands Gravelly Moist Slopes