

# Major Land Resource Area 222X

## Southern Alaska Coastal Mountains

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### Ecological site keys

#### MLRA Key - Southern Alaska Coastal Mountains

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- I. Alpine life zone, which is typically  $\geq 3000$  feet. Dwarf shrubs, scattered forbs, and lichen are dominant.
  - A. Soils are primarily organic material over bedrock.
    - 1 Soils are dry with a drainage class ranging from well to moderately-well drained. ... R222XY352AK – Alpine Dwarf Scrub Dry Organic Slopes
    - 2 Soils are wetter than above. ... R222XY360AK – Alpine Herbaceous Wet Organic Depressions
  - B. Not as above. Parent material commonly colluvium and/or residuum.
    - 1 This site occurs on colder and/or concave shaped slopes with deep and persistent snow beds. ... R222XY357AK – Alpine Dwarf Scrub Moist Gravelly Slopes
    - 2 This site occurs on warmer and/or linear to convex shaped slopes with less persistent snow beds. ... R222XY356AK – Alpine Dwarf Scrub Dry Gravelly Slopes
- II. Not as above. Lower elevation, subalpine and maritime plant communities dominated by trees and tall shrubs. This lower elevation vegetation marks the transition to the Alexander Archipelago-Gulf of Alaska Coast Area (MLRA 220).