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Abstract

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The work described in this report was initiated during the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP). The ICBEMP produced a broad-scale scientific assessment of ecological, biophysical, social, and economic conditions for the interior Columbia River basin and portions of the Klamath and Great Basins.

The broad-scale assessment made extensive use of potential vegetation (PV) information. This report (1) discusses certain concepts and terms as related to PV, (2) describes how a PV framework developed for the broad-scale ICBEMP assessment area was stepped down to the level of a single section in the national hierarchy of terrestrial ecological units, (3) describes how fine-scale potential vegetation types (PVTs) identified for the Blue Mountains section were aggregated into the midscale portion of the PV hierarchy, and (4) describes the PVT composition for each of the midscale hierarchical units (physiognomic class, potential vegetation group, plant association group).

Keywords: Potential vegetation, Blue Mountains, potential vegetation hierarchy, plant ecology, potential vegetation type, plant association group, physiognomic class, potential vegetation group.

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Introduction

A distant summer view of the Blue Mountains shows a dark band of coniferous forest occurring above a lighter-colored grassland zone. Each of the two contrasting areas seems to be homogeneous, and the border between them appears sharp (Powell 2000).

A closer view reveals great diversity within each zone and borders that are poorly defined: herbaceous communities and stands of deciduous trees are scattered throughout the coniferous forest, and the species of dominant conifer changes from one site to another (Powell 2000).

At the foot of the Blue Mountains, fingers of forest and stands of tall deciduous shrubs invade the grassland zone for varying distances before becoming progressively less common and eventually disappearing altogether (Powell 2000).

This vegetation pattern demonstrates that the Blue Mountains are actually broken up into a myriad of small units, many of which repeat in an intricate, changing pattern. Making sense of this landscape mosaic is possible by using a concept called potential vegetation (PV) (Powell 2000).

Potential vegetation is defined as the community of plants that would become established if all successional sequences were completed, without interference by humans, under existing environmental conditions including edaphic, topographic, and climatic factors (Hall et al. 1995).¹ Potential vegetation, the theoretical endpoint of plant succession in the absence of disturbance, is used to characterize biophysical settings and their associated potential natural communities (Daubenmire 1968, Zerbe 1998).

This report describes a potential vegetation hierarchical analysis process initiated during the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP). The ICBEMP began in January 1994 when the Chief of the USDA Forest Service (FS) and the Director of the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed a charter; it directed that an ecosystem-based strategy be developed for management of FS and BLM lands within the project area.

The ICBEMP project area includes the U.S. portion of the interior Columbia River basin east of the crest of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and western Montana, along with adjacent parts of Wyoming, Nevada, California, and Utah (some of the adjoining area includes portions of the Klamath and Great Basins). It contains over 145 million acres (58.7 million hectares), about

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¹ Scientific and technical terms are defined in the glossary.

76 million acres (30.8 million hectares) of which are federal lands administered by the FS and BLM (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997, Quigley et al. 1996). At the time it was conducted, it was the largest assessment of its kind in the world (Quigley and Cole 1997).

The ICBEMP produced a framework for ecosystem management (Haynes et al. 1996) and a broad-scale assessment of ecological, biophysical, social, and economic conditions in the project area (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997, Quigley et al. 1996). The broad-scale assessment made extensive use of PV information (Jensen et al. 1997).

This report has four objectives:

- Discuss certain concepts and terms relating to PV—a glossary of terms is provided on page 36.
- Describe how the PV hierarchical framework developed for the ICBEMP broad-scale assessment was stepped down to the level of a single section (the Blue Mountains) in the national hierarchy of terrestrial ecological units.
- Describe how fine-scale potential vegetation types (PVTs) identified for the Blue Mountains section were aggregated into midscale PV hierarchical units.
- Describe the PVT composition for each of the midscale hierarchical units (physiognomic class, potential vegetation group, plant association group) in the Blue Mountains PV hierarchy.

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Ecological Unit Hierarchy

Land and water areas have been classified into broad-scale hierarchies of aquatic and terrestrial ecological units (Bailey 1998, Maxwell et al. 1995). “The primary purpose for delineating ecological units is to identify land and water areas at different levels of resolution that have similar capabilities and potentials for management” (Cleland et al. 1997).

Understanding different levels of resolution (e.g., scales) is central to an understanding of ecological capabilities and potentials because ecosystem components (composition, structure, and function) are scale dependent (Levin 1992).

Eight levels are included in a national hierarchy of terrestrial ecological units, as adopted by the USDA Forest Service: domain, division, province, section, subsection, landtype association (LTA), landtype, and landtype phase (Cleland et al.

1997, McNab and Avers 1994). This report describes how a hierarchical PV process was implemented for a single section in the interior Pacific Northwest (section M332G, the Blue Mountains).

The broad-scale scientific assessment of the interior Columbia River basin and portions of the Klamath and Great Basins (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997, Quigley et al. 1996) included all or part of 7 provinces and 23 sections; only portions of some provinces or sections were included in the ICBEMP assessment area because its boundaries were established by using aquatic rather than terrestrial ecological units (Maxwell et al. 1995, Seaber et al. 1987).

Province M332, “middle Rocky Mountain steppe–coniferous forest–alpine meadow,” is located in the Northwestern United States and includes parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana (Bailey 1998).

In the terrestrial ecological unit hierarchy, province M332 occurs in the “dry” domain and within a mountainous variant of the “temperate steppe” division (specifically, the “temperate steppe regime mountains”) (McNab and Avers 1994).

Section M332G, the Blue Mountains, is the westernmost of seven sections in province M332 (Bailey 1998, McNab and Avers 1994).

At a regional scale, the Blue Mountains section consists of a series of mountain ranges occurring in a southwest to northeast orientation, extending from the Ochoco Mountains in central Oregon, the southwestern portion of the section, to the Seven Devils Mountains in west-central Idaho, the northeastern portion of the section (fig. 1).

This west to east orientation allows the Blue Mountains to function ecologically and floristically as a transverse bridge between the Cascade Mountains province to the west, and the main portion of the middle Rocky Mountains province to the east (Bryce and Omernik 1997, Rydberg 1916).

Naming Conventions

Potential vegetation types are traditionally referenced by using scientific plant names (e.g., *Pseudotsuga menziesii/Spiraea betulifolia*), common plant names (e.g., Douglas-fir/birchleaf spiraea), alphanumeric acronyms (e.g., PSME/SPBE2), and database codes (e.g., CDS634). (See “Species List” for common and scientific names and appendix tables 8 and 9 for potential vegetation types and codes.) When referring to a potential vegetation type in this report, the following naming conventions are used:



Figure 1—The Blue Mountains section. In the context of the national hierarchical framework of terrestrial ecological units (Cleland et al. 1997), the Blue Mountains are classified as section M332G; the Blue Mountains are the westernmost section in province M332: middle Rocky Mountain steppe–coniferous forest–alpine meadow (Bailey 1998, McNab and Avers 1994).

- Species in the same life form are separated with a dash (e.g., subalpine fir–whitebark pine), whereas species in different life forms are separated with a slash (e.g., grand fir/queencup beadlily).
- Alphanumeric acronyms are derived from scientific plant names: the first two letters of the genus name are combined with the first two letters of the species name and capitalized (e.g., ABGR for *Abies grandis*). If more than one species has the same code, then a number is added to differentiate between them (e.g., PIMO3 for *Pinus monticola*). The acronyms associated with the initial Blue Mountains potential vegetation classifications (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987) were generally derived from Garrison et al. (1976).
- Nomenclature for scientific plant names was revised when the U.S. Department of Agriculture adopted a new national taxonomy called the PLANTS database (USDA NRCS 2004). In this report, the PLANTS codes are used for any plant species included in a Blue Mountains potential vegetation classification (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, Wells 2006).

- For compatibility with Blue Mountains classifications published before the PLANTS database, the plant species codes used with the original reports, along with any PLANTS synonyms and synonym codes for these species, are provided in the species list (“R6 code”). Synonyms refer to instances where the PLANTS database has changed the original plant name to a new one. For example, *Stipa occidentalis* was the scientific name for western needlegrass in the original reports (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987), but *Achnatherum occidentale occidentale* is the PLANTS scientific name for this species now (USDA NRCS 2004).
- All common names are shown in lower case letters except for proper names (e.g., Sandberg’s bluegrass; Rocky Mountain maple).
- Ecoclass codes, used for recording PVTs on field forms and in databases, are described in Hall (1998, as supplemented); ecoclass codes for PVTs described in Blue Mountains potential vegetation classifications are provided in appendix tables 8 and 9.

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Potential Vegetation Concepts

The genetic characteristics of a plant species allow it to be adapted to a specific range of environmental conditions, which is called its ecological amplitude (Daubenmire 1968). Ecological amplitude controls how a plant species interacts with physical site factors such as altitude (elevation), aspect, geology, and soil type. Together these factors create the underlying foundation, a geomorphic template, upon which the biological landscape is constructed.

Physical and other abiotic factors govern belowground ecosystem processes (such as nutrient cycling) and create aboveground gradients in productivity, structure, and composition. Does this mean that the abundance or distribution of a potential natural community is controlled exclusively by elevation, rock type, or any other individual factor? In general, the answer to this question is “no.”

Potential vegetation can be thought of as the algebraic sum of all environmental factors influencing the flora of an area (Daubenmire 1976). The physical factors of a plant’s environment interact to form a temperature and moisture regime influenced primarily by gradients of elevation, slope steepness and configuration, aspect, and geologic parent materials and their resulting soils (Kruckeberg 2002, Meurisse et al. 1991, Swanson et al. 1988, Westveld 1951). These site factors interact by complementing or counteracting each other, so any individual factor has limited influence by itself.

The concept of complementary factors is illustrated by the situation where a plant community occurs on different aspects as elevation changes. At a low elevation within its distribution, a plant community may grow on a steep, north-facing slope because this combination of environmental factors results in cooler and moister conditions than are typical for the elevation. At intermediate portions of its elevational range, a plant community tends to be at an optimum and it then occurs on zonal soils and moderate aspects (east- or west-facing exposures). At high elevations, it may be found on a steep, south-facing slope because this combination of environmental factors results in warmer and dryer conditions than typically prevail for the altitude (Blumer 1911, Daubenmire 1952).

This example demonstrates that plant species seldom have the same ecological indicator status wherever they occur. Land managers should be able to interpret the indicator status of the plant species and communities with which they work (Westveld 1951). This skill is particularly important when working with mixed-species communities (Powell 2000).

The presence of ponderosa pine in stands trending toward domination by grand fir, for example, may indicate only that one or more mature ponderosa pines happened to be within seed dissemination distance when the last wildfire or other disturbance event occurred. How would a land manager come to that conclusion?

Shade-intolerant tree species such as ponderosa pine can colonize sites that are moister than they can hold onto when facing competition from shade-tolerant species such as grand fir; ponderosa pine and grand fir occurring together on the grand fir/twinflower plant association is an example of this situation for the Blue Mountains section (Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992).

This species occurrence pattern suggests that varying proportions of ponderosa pine and grand fir may not indicate changes in temperature or moisture relationships (ponderosa pine indicating warm and dry microsites; grand fir indicating cool and moist microsites), but may instead represent an expected progression in a post-disturbance sere where early-seral ponderosa pine is gradually being replaced by late-seral grand fir (Daubenmire 1966).

This example illustrates that the proportion of ponderosa pine in a mixed-conifer stand may have limited indicator value with respect to a site's temperature and moisture status, but it might be useful as an indicator of how much time has passed since the last wildfire or other disturbance event with sufficient intensity to initiate a cohort of early-seral tree species (Daubenmire 1966).

Potential vegetation implies that over long periods and in the absence of disturbance, similar types of plant communities (PVTs) will develop on similar sites. Knowing which PVT will develop is useful because it indicates ecological site potential (Cook 1996, Westveld 1951) and helps predict ecosystem response to disturbance processes such as wildfire (Brown et al. 2004, Crane and Fischer 1986, Franklin and Agee 2003, Hann et al. 2005) and invasive species (Despain et al. 2001, Weaver et al. 2001).

Potential vegetation offers insights about inherent productivity and other vegetation-site relationships (Meurisse et al. 1991), is valuable for projecting plant succession pathways (Beukema et al. 2003, Clausnitzer 1993, Kurz et al. 2000), and helps put the existing vegetation patterns of an area into an ecological context (Daubenmire 1966, 1976).

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Potential Versus Existing Vegetation

The occurrence of ponderosa pine and grand fir in mixed stands demonstrates an important difference between potential vegetation and existing vegetation. Potential vegetation describes the floristic composition produced in a disturbance-free environment and under existing climatic conditions, and it accounts for internal or autogenic changes occurring during plant succession (soil changes, nutrient cycling, etc.).

Classifying vegetation by assuming that disturbance is absent, might seem irrelevant in the interior Columbia River basin where disturbance processes are ubiquitous (Hann et al. 1997, Losensky 1994), but this classification concept identifies the most competitive plant species **in the context of existing climate**, and they can then function as useful indicators of a site's ecological potential (Pfister and Arno 1980).

Because classification describes the plant composition associated with recent historical and existing climate, the composition and distribution of PVTs is expected to change as climate changes. Climate change modeling for the broad-scale scientific assessment of the interior Columbia River basin and portions of the Klamath and Great Basins predicted that with a doubling of atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, the *Thuja plicata/Clintonia uniflora* (western redcedar/queencup beadlily) plant association would occur in the Blue Mountains section even though it does not occur there now (Jensen et al. 1997).

In the pine-fir, mixed-species plant community example described above, ponderosa pine will not ultimately prevail because grand fir is more competitive in the absence of disturbance. When considering the PV concept established by Daubenmire (1968), Pfister and Arno (1980), and many others, this means that

grand fir is a more useful indicator species than ponderosa pine because the classification objective is to identify the dominant composition associated with climate and other abiotic conditions, not with stochastic factors such as disturbance (McCune and Allen 1985a, 1985b). In other words, this concept recognizes that plant associations are distinct entities varying in response to biophysical site factors, not just random groupings of plants brought together by chance (Westveld 1951).

In the interior Pacific Northwest, fire and other disturbance processes usually intervene to prevent development of climax plant communities (Agee 1993, 1998; Habeck and Mutch 1973), but knowledge about life history traits and vital attributes allows us to predict a site's potential floristic composition (Huston and Smith 1987, Noble and Slatyer 1980, Roberts 1996). This is why the concept is referred to as potential vegetation—certain site characteristics (the physical and abiotic environment), in combination with the presence or absence of diagnostic indicator plants, provide clues about the potential composition of an area's vegetation (the climax plant community) (Powell 2000).

Potential vegetation is an indicator of the environmental gradients controlling vegetation dynamics—it reflects how shade-tolerant and shade-intolerant tree species develop and interact in mixed forests (Smith and Huston 1989); the rate at which ecosystems produce and accumulate biomass (Daubenmire 1976); and the potential impact of fire, insects, pathogens, and other disturbance processes on forest composition and structure (McDonald 1991, Powell 2005, Schmitt and Powell 2005, Steele et al. 1996).

The management implications of plant succession, forest growth, and other ecosystem processes are predictable (within limits) because they can be related to PV, and sites with similar PV tend to respond to disturbance processes in a similar way (Cook 1996, Daubenmire 1961). For this reason, the “fire regime condition class” protocol (Hann et al. 2005) and several other assessment or mapping processes (Comer et al. 2003, Küchler 1964) have adopted a PV concept explicitly incorporating natural or historical disturbance.

Existing vegetation differs from PV because it represents conditions as they exist today—what a land manager finds on the ground and deals with on a daily basis (Brohman and Bryant 2005). Historically, natural resource management was based on classifications of existing vegetation (e.g., Eyre 1980, Shiflet 1994). Although maps displaying existing vegetation provide valuable information about current composition and structure, they supply little insight about site productivity and other management implications (Daubenmire 1973, Deitschmann 1973, Westveld 1951).

This means that the two classification approaches—PV and existing vegetation—tend to be used in different ways and for different purposes: existing vegetation is well suited for meeting operational needs because it represents “what is” (current conditions), whereas PV is ideally suited for planning and assessment processes because it represents “what could be” (ecological site potential) (Powell 2000, Westveld 1951).

Potential Vegetation Classification

Ecosystems are complexes of living organisms interacting with each other and their environment. There are many kinds of ecosystems but not an infinite number, and ecologists have learned that similar ecosystems occur repeatedly across the landscape (Klinka and Carter 1980). Vegetation is a readily observed component of an ecosystem. It can be used to characterize floristic communities and to help map aquatic and terrestrial ecological units (Bailey 1996).

The process of delineating and characterizing floristic communities is called vegetation classification. Potential vegetation is classified by using a taxonomic approach of sampling stands with climax or late-successional plant composition. These classifications are based on the concept that a community of plants proceeds through successional pathways to a potential climax association that is typical or characteristic of a particular biophysical environment (Pfister and Arno 1980).

Grouping similar PVTs results in a taxonomic hierarchy. For the Blue Mountains section, PV has been organized as one hierarchy consisting of two integrated portions—the fine-scale hierarchical units are useful for operational or project-level planning (Emmington et al. 2005, Hall 1989), and the midscale hierarchical units are suitable for ecosystem analysis at the watershed scale (REO 1995) and for other strategic purposes (Johnson et al. 1999) (fig. 2).

The midscale taxonomic units have been particularly useful for ecological mapping. Plant association groups resulting from a temperature-moisture classification framework (Jensen et al. 1997, Powell 1998), along with information about geomorphology, geologic rock types, soil complexes, and other abiotic components, were used as the PV component or element when mapping landtype associations (LTAs) for national forests of the Blue Mountains section during 2003 and 2004 (Winthers et al. 2005).

Landtype association is one of the categorical classification units within the national hierarchy of terrestrial ecological units (Cleland et al. 1997, McNab and Avers 1994). The mapping unit for LTAs is based primarily on landforms, surficial geology, and midscale taxonomic units for soils and PV (Winthers et al. 2005).

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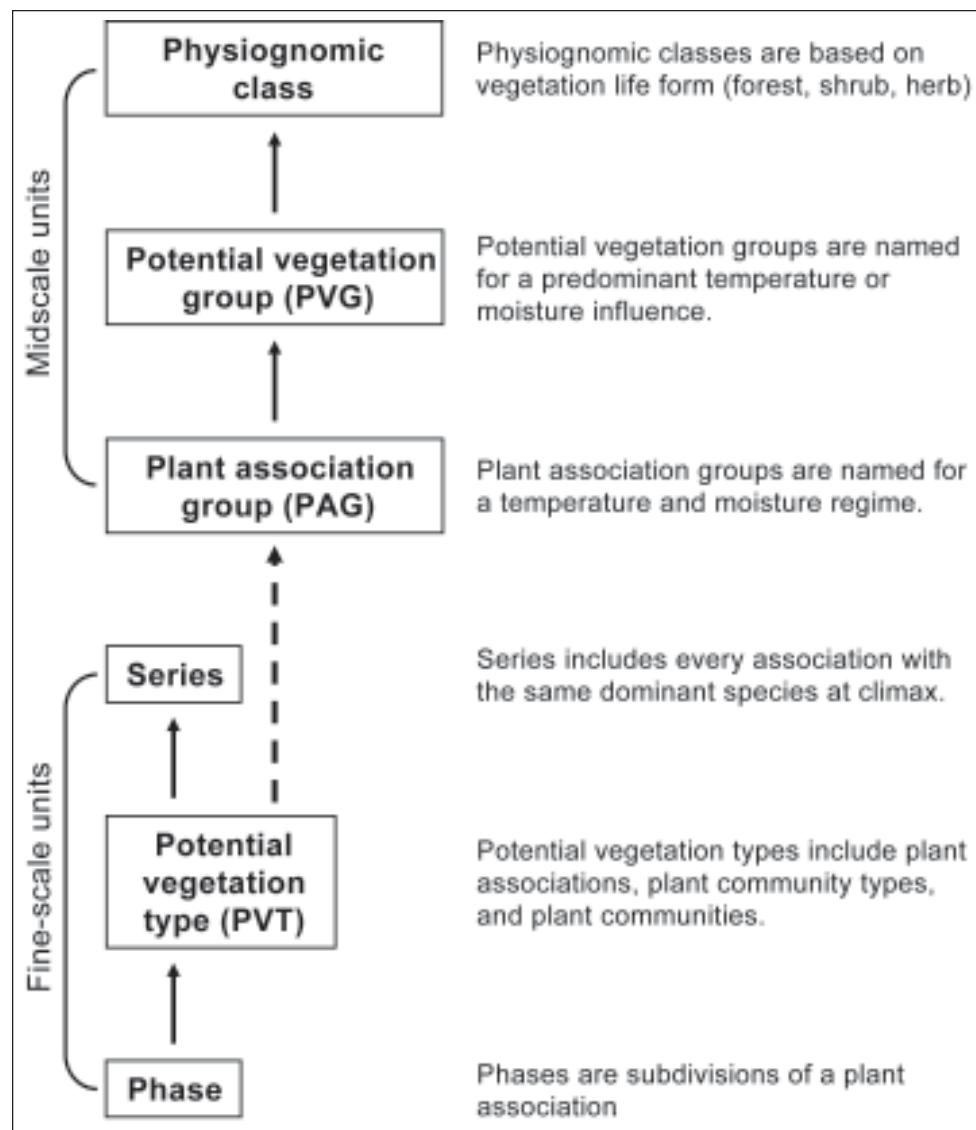


Figure 2—Hierarchy of potential vegetation (PV) for the Blue Mountains section (figure adapted from Powell 2000). The PV taxonomic units have been organized as two integrated portions of a PV hierarchy. The fine-scale hierarchical units are described in PV classification reports and their associated keys (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, and Wells 2006). Potential vegetation types (PVTs) provide a link between the fine-scale and midscale portions of the PV hierarchy because PVTs are aggregated to form plant association groups.

During mapping of LTAs for the Blue Mountains section, it was found that fine-scale PV units (particularly PVTs as defined in this report) were at too fine a scale to be useful, but that midscale units (particularly potential vegetation groups) provided a reasonable level of discrimination when delineating LTA mapping units in the field.

Predictive mapping of PV has many useful applications for ecosystem planning and management (Deitschmann 1973, Kelly et al. 2005). A recent classification-tree modeling project used geographic information system (GIS) layers for topography, slope position, geology and soils, solar radiation, and precipitation and topographic moisture in a map-overlay computer processing environment (Bailey 1996) to predict plant associations, plant association groups, and vegetation series for a large study area in northeastern Oregon. The midscale plant association groups (and the other predicted units) were then mappable in GIS. Note that for this modeling project, all predicted units of PV pertained exclusively to upland types because riparian types function at a different (finer) scale, and it is seldom possible to discriminate between them in a modeling or GIS context (Kelly et al. 2005).

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Potential Vegetation Hierarchy

Fine-Scale Hierarchical Units

Literally thousands of plant species call the Blue Mountains home (Botanical Resources Group 2004, Hanson 2000). The vegetation of a region tends to reflect the types of habitat that are available to it, and the Blue Mountains provide a diversity of habitat owing to variation in landforms, topography, climate, soils, slope exposure, geologic parent materials, and other abiotic factors. The almost limitless combination of these abiotic factors offers a vast array of habitats where plants can become established and grow (Clarke and Bryce 1997).

Each unique combination of abiotic factors results in a slightly different temperature and moisture regime. Ecological amplitude controls how plants interact with abiotic factors. As plant occurrence and distribution are influenced primarily by temperature and moisture, when abiotic factors vary enough to modify the temperature and moisture regime, they cause a change in plant composition (Sampson 1939).

In the Blue Mountains section, temperature and moisture regimes vary somewhat predictably with changes in elevation, aspect, and slope exposure (Kelly et al. 2005). This variation across biophysical settings is consistent with our current

understanding of the environmental tolerances (life history traits and vital attributes) for the dominant plant species (McCook 1994, Powell 2000).

One objective of PV classification is to delineate relatively homogeneous units of biophysical environment. Each biophysical environment is characterized by its potential floristic composition. The biophysical environments of an area are described in PV classifications (e.g., Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, and Wells 2006, for the Blue Mountains section).

The PV classifications not only define the fine-scale PV hierarchical units of an area (Pfister and Arno 1980), but they also provide dichotomous keys to aid in their identification.

Series—

The highest level of the fine-scale portion of the PV hierarchy is based on the dominant climax plant species and is called the series (fig. 2). The subalpine fir series, for example, includes every plant association where subalpine fir is presumed to be the dominant tree species at climax. The series unit of the PV hierarchy is assumed to reflect macroclimatic conditions at the site scale.

Potential vegetation types—

The middle level of the fine-scale portion of the PV hierarchy (fig. 2) is defined by using one or more species from the dominant (overstory) vegetation layer and one or more indicator plants from the subordinate (undergrowth) layer. This hierarchical unit is the PVT. The PVTs include three of the taxonomic units described in PV classifications for the Blue Mountains section: plant associations,² plant community types, and plant communities.

Plant associations—

Plant associations are named for their dominant overstory and undergrowth plants, such as the *Abies grandis/Clintonia uniflora* plant association (abbreviated ABGR/CLUN2).

² For much of the Western United States, the lowest level of the fine-scale portion of the potential vegetation hierarchy is called a “habitat type” instead of a plant association. There is actually little distinction between the two terms because a habitat type refers to the physical environment (land area) having the capability to support a particular plant association; habitat types are named for the climax plant communities (plant associations) they can support. In other words, habitat types are land-mapping units; plant associations can be thought of as their attributes, legend items, or map labels (Alexander 1985).

From an ecological perspective, it is assumed that the dominant (overstory) species of a plant association reflects macroclimate at a site scale, whereas the subordinate indicator plants represent an area's microclimate and soils. For the *Abies grandis/Clintonia uniflora* plant association, *Abies grandis* is assumed to reflect the macroclimatic regime, whereas *Clintonia uniflora* is responding to microclimatic conditions.

The land area capable of supporting a plant association (the habitat type) is considered to be fairly homogeneous in terms of its growing environment, and it integrates site-scale variability in elevation, soil, geology, and other abiotic factors in such a way that the same climax overstory and understory vegetation will eventually be produced (Davis et al. 2001).

Plant community types—

Some late-seral vegetation types persist on the landscape and have been referred to as plant community types in PV classifications (Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992). This taxonomic unit includes vegetation that might be climax but about which there is uncertainty. Plant community types occur repeatedly across the landscape, but they are considered to be successional to one or more plant associations.

Plant community types are named in much the same way as plant associations: they use a binomial name consisting of one or more of the dominant (overstory) species and one or more of the subordinate (undergrowth) plants.

For plant community types, the undergrowth indicator plants are typically assumed to represent the climax composition, whereas the overstory dominants are often early- or midseral species that have not yet been supplanted by late-seral or potential natural community species (Hall et al. 1995).

Early- or midseral tree species can dominate plant community types when their longevity exceeds that of the late-seral, shade-tolerant species, or because they possess a set of life history traits (such as thick bark and low bark resin) (Flint 1925, Starker 1934) rendering them particularly well suited to a stand-maintaining disturbance regime such as frequent surface fire (McCook 1994).

Plant communities—

Some PV classifications also include a taxonomic unit called plant communities. Vegetation types designated as a plant community have no particular successional (seral) status. Generally, plant communities are vegetation types with a limited distribution in the geographical area covered by the classification, or they were described by using such a small number of sample plots that it is not possible to infer their true successional status (Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992).

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Phases—

The lowest level of the fine-scale portion of the PV hierarchy is called a phase, which represents a subdivision of a plant association (fig. 2). Phases reflect minor environmental differences within a plant association and are named for an indicator species, such as the pinegrass phase of the Douglas-fir/birchleaf spiraea plant association (PSME/SPBE2, CARU phase) (Steele et al. 1981).

Although commonly used elsewhere in the Rocky Mountains (Alexander 1985, Pfister and Arno 1980), phases were not included in PV classifications for the Blue Mountains section (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, Wells 2006).

Midscale Hierarchical Units

Once an area has been classified and mapped into PVTs (plant associations, plant community types, plant communities), this fine-scale information can then be aggregated to make it useful for midscale analysis and assessment purposes (Bergeron and Bouchard 1984). Although aggregation has potential pitfalls (oversimplification often does more harm than good), it can provide clarity and foster strategic thinking: “we must learn how to aggregate and simplify, retaining essential information, without getting bogged down in unnecessary detail” (Levin 1992).

Potential vegetation information is useful for a variety of midscale purposes such as these:

- Land and resource management planning (Emmington et al. 2005, Hall 1989)
- Ecosystem analysis at the watershed scale (REO 1995)
- Bioregional assessments such as the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (Johnson et al. 1999)
- Assessing wildland fire susceptibility (Graham et al. 2004, Huff et al. 1995, Peterson et al. 2005, Powell 2005, Schmidt et al. 2002)
- Characterizing suggested tree stocking levels (Cochran et al. 1994, Powell 1999).

To support the strategic needs described above, fine-scale PV information for the Blue Mountains section was aggregated into midscale PV hierarchical units (fig. 2).

Midscale PV information provides an ideal framework for characterizing the dynamic nature of plant succession and for explicitly recognizing the need to manage vegetation at a broad geographical scale. A midscale approach also results in more congruence between inherent patterns of ecological site potential and native disturbance regimes (Everett and Lehmkuhl 1999).

The midscale portion of the PV hierarchy has three levels: physiognomic classes, potential vegetation groups (PVGs), and plant association groups (PAGs). As PVTs (e.g., plant associations, plant community types, plant communities) are aggregated to form PAGs, PVTs provide a link between the fine- and midscale portions of the PV hierarchy (fig. 2).

Temperature-Moisture Approach

At a broad scale, PV varies along an environmental gradient reflecting the interaction of landform, topography, climate, geology, and other macro-scale factors (Daubenmire 1968, 1976). At a fine scale, however, the environmental gradient is controlled by site-level factors such as elevation, slope steepness and configuration (convex, flat, concave), and slope direction (aspect) (Jensen et al. 1997).

In its simplest form, a midscale environmental gradient can be defined by using two characteristics integrating environmental factors: temperature and moisture. This classification framework relies on the premise that physiognomically dominant species, such as those used to define a fine-scale hierarchical unit called the series (see fig. 2), indicate a temperature gradient and that subordinate species, such as shrubs and herbs found on the forest floor in a conifer-dominated community, indicate a moisture gradient.

By using temperature and moisture as a classification framework, PVTs can be arrayed in two-dimensional space, showing not only their relationship to relative gradients of temperature and moisture but also to other PVTs found in the same geographical area.

Physiognomic Classes

Although the temperature-moisture matrix approach is intuitively attractive, it is difficult to adequately represent the vegetation diversity of the Blue Mountains and other large landmasses in a single temperature-moisture matrix. After reaching that conclusion, we refined the temperature-moisture approach for the Blue Mountains section in a three-step process:

The temperature-moisture matrix provides a convenient ecological framework for aggregating fine-scale PVTs into what is termed plant association groups.

1. The vegetation was initially divided into three broad physiognomic classes: forest, shrub, and herb (herb includes both grasses and forbs).³ This division was made to acknowledge that temperature and moisture gradients differ for each class—what is considered warm in a forest setting differs from warm for herb environments.
2. The initial division into three physiognomic classes resulted in too much variation to adequately meet midscale needs, particularly with respect to moisture. Therefore, the initial classes were divided again to better represent their moisture variability. This step established upland and riparian variants for each of the original classes: upland and riparian forest, upland and riparian shrub, and upland and riparian herb.
3. A final division was made to separate a woodland physiognomic class (consisting of western juniper plant associations) from the remainder of the upland forest physiognomic class. This division was made to explicitly recognize that juniper woodlands represent important differences in vegetation structure and function when compared with other PVTs having forest physiognomy.

This process resulted in establishment of seven physiognomic classes, each of which has its own temperature-moisture matrix:

- Upland forest, upland woodland, upland shrub, and upland herb;
- Riparian forest, riparian shrub, and riparian herb.

Temperature-Moisture Matrix (Plant Association Groups)

By delineating multiple categories of temperature, and by doing the same for moisture, a temperature-moisture matrix was developed for use with the physiognomic classes. This matrix framework was initially developed for a broad-scale scientific assessment of the interior Columbia River basin and portions of the Klamath and Great Basins; the matrices were used when characterizing biophysical environments of the basin (Jensen et al. 1997, Reid et al. 1995).

The temperature-moisture matrix provides a convenient ecological framework for aggregating fine-scale PVTs into what is termed plant association groups.⁴ This

³ This stratification into three physiognomic classes was identical to the potential vegetation classification framework developed for the interior Columbia River basin scientific assessment (Jensen et al. 1997, Reid et al. 1995).

⁴ Sometimes, plant association groups (PAGs) are assumed to be equivalent to biophysical environments. This assumption is seldom true because the delineation criteria for biophysical environments typically incorporate physical or abiotic factors such as geology or geomorphology explicitly (Jensen et al. 1997), whereas PAGs are delineated by using potential vegetation types only.

means that each cell in a temperature-moisture matrix represents a unique plant association group. Plant association groups are the lowest level of the midscale portion of the PV hierarchy established for the Blue Mountains section (fig. 2).

For the upland physiognomic classes, a 4-row by 4-column (16-cell) matrix consisting of four categories of temperature (cold, cool, warm, hot) and 4 categories of moisture (wet, very moist, moist, dry) was adopted (table 1).⁵

Assignment of upland PVTs to physiognomic temperature-moisture matrices is presented for the four upland physiognomic classes (table 2).

For the riparian physiognomic classes, three categories of soil moisture were found to be more ecologically relevant than the four classes of ambient (site) moisture used for the upland types (Manning and Engelking 1997). Therefore, the riparian matrices used four categories of temperature (the same ones used for the upland matrices) and three categories of soil moisture.

The three categories of riparian soil moisture were identical to the three “riparian moisture phases” used when developing riparian PV settings for a broad-scale scientific assessment of the interior Columbia River basin and portions of the Klamath and Great Basins (Jensen et al. 1997, Manning and Engelking 1997).

For the riparian physiognomic classes, a 4-row by 3-column (12-cell) matrix consisting of four categories of temperature (cold, cool, warm, hot) and three categories of soil moisture (high, moderate, low) was adopted (table 3).

Table 1—A 16-cell matrix of temperature and moisture categories

Temperature	Moisture			
	Wet	Very moist	Moist	Dry
Cold	Cold wet	Cold very moist	Cold moist	Cold dry
Cool	Cool wet	Cool very moist	Cool moist	Cool dry
Warm	Warm wet	Warm very moist	Warm moist	Warm dry
Hot	Hot wet	Hot very moist	Hot moist	Hot dry

A 4 by 4 temperature-moisture matrix like the one shown here was used for the four physiognomic classes included in table 2: upland forest, upland woodland, upland shrub, and upland herb. The fine-scale potential vegetation types occurring in an upland physiognomic class were assigned to one, and only one, of the class’s matrix cells. Individual matrix cells (warm dry, cool wet, etc.) are used as plant association groups in the midscale portion of the potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

⁵ The temperature and moisture categories are roughly analogous to soil temperature and moisture regimes used for soil taxonomy and classification (Meurisse et al. 1991, USDA NRCS 2003), but they are not directly comparable category to category. Soil temperature and moisture regimes are defined by using criteria that incorporate timing of moisture and temperature with respect to plant growing seasons.

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Cold upland forest	Cold moist	ABLA/MEFE	subalpine fir/rusty menziesia
		ABLA/RHAL2	subalpine fir/white rhododendron
		ABLA-PIEN/LEGL	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Labrador tea
		ABLA-PIEN/MEFE	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/rusty menziesia
		ABLA-PIEN/RHAL2	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/white rhododendron
		ABLA-PIEN/SETR	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/arrowleaf groundsel
	Cold dry	ABGR/ARCO9	grand fir/heartleaf arnica
		ABGR/VASC	grand fir/grouse huckleberry
		ABLA/CAGE2	subalpine fir/elk sedge
		ABLA/FEVI	subalpine fir/green fescue
		ABLA/JUDR	subalpine fir/Drummond's rush
		ABLA/JUPA (avalanche)	subalpine fir/Parry's rush (avalanche)
		ABLA/JUTE	subalpine fir/slender rush
		ABLA/POPH	subalpine fir/alpine fleeceflower
		ABLA/POPUS3	subalpine fir/Jacob's ladder
		ABLA/STOC2	subalpine fir/western needlegrass
		ABLA/VASC	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry
		ABLA/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath
		ABLA/VASC/POPUS3	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry/Jacob's ladder
Cold upland forest	Cold moist	ABLA-PIAL/ARAC2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/prickly sandwort
		ABLA-PIAL/CAGE2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/elk sedge
		ABLA-PIAL/FEVI	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/green fescue
		ABLA-PIAL/JUCO6	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain juniper
		ABLA-PIAL/JUCO6-ARNE	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain juniper-pinemat manzanita
		ABLA-PIAL/JUDR	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Drummond's rush
		ABLA-PIAL/JUPA-STLE2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Parry's rush-Lemmon's needlegrass
		ABLA-PIAL/POPH	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/alpine fleeceflower
		ABLA-PIAL/POPUS3	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Jacob's ladder
		ABLA-PIAL/RIMO2/POPUS3	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder
	Cold dry	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARAC2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/prickly sandwort
		ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARCO9	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/heartleaf arnica
		ABLA-PIAL/VASC/CARO5	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/Ross' sedge
		ABLA-PIAL/VASC/FEVI*	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/green fescue
		ABLA-PIAL/VASC/LECOW2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/Wallowa Lewisia
		ABLA-PIAL/VASC/OREX	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/little ricegrass
		ABLA-PIAL/VASC-PHEM*	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath
		ABLA-PIEN/LUHI4	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/smooth woodrush
		ABLA-PIEN/POPUS3	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Jacob's ladder
		ABLA-PIEN/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath
Cold upland forest	Cold moist	PIAL/ARAC2	whitebark pine/prickly sandwort
		PIAL/CAGE2	whitebark pine/elk sedge
		PIAL/FEVI	whitebark pine/green fescue
		PIAL/JUCO6-ARNE	whitebark pine/mountain juniper-pinemat manzanita
		PIAL/LUAR3	whitebark pine/silvery lupine
	Cold dry	PIAL/RIMO2/POPUS3	whitebark pine/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder
		PIAL/VASC/ARAC2	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/prickly sandwort
		PIAL/VASC/ARCO9	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/heartleaf arnica
		PIAL/VASC/LUHI4	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/smooth woodrush
		PICO(ABGR)/VASC/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/grouse huckleberry/pinegrass

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Cold upland forest	Cold dry	PICO(ABLA)/CAGE2	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/elk sedge
		PICO(ABLA)/STOC2	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/western needlegrass
		PICO(ABLA)/VASC	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/grouse huckleberry
		PICO(ABLA)/VASC/POPU3	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/grouse huckleberry/Jacob's ladder
		PIFL2/JUCO6	limber pine/mountain juniper
		PSME/RIMO2/POPU3	Douglas-fir/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder
		TSME/VAME	mountain hemlock/big huckleberry
		TSME/VASC	mountain hemlock/grouse huckleberry
		ABGR/COOC	grand fir/goldthread
	Cool dry	ABLA/ARNE/ARAC2	subalpine fir/pinemat manzanita/prickly sandwort
		ABLA/CARU	subalpine fir/pinegrass
		ABLA/XETE	subalpine fir/beargrass
		ABLA-PIMO3/CHUM	subalpine fir-western white pine/prince's pine
		PICO/CARU	lodgepole pine/pinegrass
		PICO(ABGR)/ARNE	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/pinemat manzanita
		PICO(ABGR)/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/pinegrass
		ABGR/TABR2/CLUN2*	grand fir/Pacific yew/queencup beadlily
		ABGR/TABR2/LIBO3	grand fir/Pacific yew/twinflower
Moist upland forest	Cool wet	ABLA/STAM2	subalpine fir/claspleaf twistedstalk
		ABGR/GYDR	grand fir/oakfern
		ABGR/POMU-ASCA2	grand fir/swordfern-ginger
		ABGR/TRCA	grand fir/false bugbane
		PICO(ABGR)/ALSI3	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/Sitka alder
	Cool very moist	POTR5/CAGE2	quaking aspen/elk sedge
		ABGR/CLUN2	grand fir/queencup beadlily
		ABGR/LIBO3*	grand fir/twinflower
		ABGR/VAME*	grand fir/big huckleberry
		ABGR/VASC-LIBO3	grand fir/grouse huckleberry-twinflower
	Cool moist	ABGR-CHNO/VAME	grand fir-Alaska yellow cedar/big huckleberry
		ABLA/ARCO9*	subalpine fir/heartleaf arnica
		ABLA/CLUN2*	subalpine fir/queencup beadlily
		ABLA/LIBO3*	subalpine fir/twinflower
		ABLA/TRCA	subalpine fir/false bugbane
		ABLA/VAME*	subalpine fir/big huckleberry
		ABLA-PIEN/ARCO9	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/heartleaf arnica
		ABLA-PIEN/CLUN2	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/queencup beadlily
		ABLA-PIEN/LIBO3	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/twinflower
		ABLA-PIEN/TRCA	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/false bugbane
		PICO(ABGR)/LIBO3	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/twinflower
		PICO(ABGR)/VAME	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry
		PICO(ABGR)/VAME/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass
		PICO(ABGR)/VAME/PTAQ	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/bracken fern
		PICO(ABGR)/VAME-LIBO3	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry-twinflower
		PICO(ABLA)/VAME*	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry
		PICO(ABLA)/VAME/CARU	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Moist upland forest	Warm very moist	ABGR/ACGL*	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple
		ABGR/ACGL-PHMA5 ABGR/BRVU PSME/ACGL-PHMA5 PSME/ACGL-SYOR2 PSME/HODI	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebark grand fir/Columbia brome Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebark Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mountain snowberry Douglas-fir/oceanspray
	Warm moist	ABGR/CAGE2 ABGR/CARU* ABGR/SPBE2* JUSC2/CELE3 PIPO/CAGE2 PIPO/CARU PIPO/CELE3/CAGE2 PIPO/PUTR2/CAGE2 PIPO/PUTR2/CARO5 PIPO/SPBE2 PIPO/SYAL* PIPO/SYOR2 PSME/ARNE/CAGE2 PSME/CAGE2 PSME/CARU* PSME/CELE3/CAGE2 PSME/PHMA5 PSME/SPBE2 PSME/SYAL* PSME/SYOR2* PSME/SYOR2/CAGE2 PSME/VAME* PSME-PIPO-JUOC/FEID	grand fir/elk sedge grand fir/pinegrass grand fir/birchleaf spiraea Rocky Mountain juniper/mountain mahogany ponderosa pine/elk sedge ponderosa pine/pinegrass ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/elk sedge ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/elk sedge ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/Ross' sedge ponderosa pine/birchleaf spiraea ponderosa pine/common snowberry ponderosa pine/mountain snowberry Douglas-fir/pinemat manzanita/elk sedge Douglas-fir/elk sedge Douglas-fir/pinegrass Douglas-fir/mountain mahogany/elk sedge Douglas-fir/mallow ninebark Douglas-fir/birchleaf spiraea Douglas-fir/common snowberry Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry/elk sedge Douglas-fir/big huckleberry Douglas-fir-ponderosa pine-western juniper/Idaho fescue
		PIPO/ARAR8	ponderosa pine/low sagebrush
	Hot moist	PIPO/AGSP* PIPO/ARTRV/CAGE2 PIPO/ARTRV/FEID-AGSP PIPO/CELE3/FEID-AGSP PIPO/CELE3/PONEW PIPO/FEID* PIPO/PERA4 PIPO/PUTR2/AGSP PIPO/PUTR2/AGSP-POSA12 PIPO/PUTR2/FEID-AGSP PIPO/RHGL PIPO-JUOC/CELE3-SYOR2	ponderosa pine/bluebunch wheatgrass ponderosa pine/mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge ponderosa pine/mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/Wheeler's bluegrass ponderosa pine/Idaho fescue ponderosa pine/squaw apple ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass ponderosa pine/smooth sumac ponderosa pine-western juniper/mountain mahogany-mountain snowberry
Dry upland forest	Hot dry		

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Moist upland woodland	Hot moist	JUOC/ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		JUOC/CELE3/CAGE2	western juniper/mountain mahogany/elk sedge
		JUOC/CELE3/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		JUOC/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		JUOC/PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
Dry upland woodland	Hot dry	JUOC/AGSP	western juniper/bluebunch wheatgrass
		JUOC/ARAR8	western juniper/low sagebrush
		JUOC/ARAR8/FEID	western juniper/low sagebrush/Idaho fescue
		JUOC/ARRI2*	western juniper/stiff sagebrush
Cold upland shrub	Cold very moist	ALSI3	Sitka alder snow slides
	Cold moist	ARTRV/CAGE2	mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge
		ARTRV/CAHO5	mountain big sagebrush/Hood's sedge
		ARTRV/FEVI	mountain big sagebrush/green fescue
	Cool dry	ARTRV/ERFL4-PHLOX	mountain big sagebrush/golden buckwheat-phlox
		ARTRV/LINU4	mountain big sagebrush/linanthus
		ARTRV/STOC2	mountain big sagebrush/western needlegrass
	Cool moist	POFR4	shrubby cinquefoil
Moist upland shrub	Warm moist	ARAR8/FEID-AGSP	low sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		ARTRV/BRCA5	mountain big sagebrush/mountain brome
		ARTRV/CAGE2 (MONTANE)	mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge (montane)
		ARTRV/ELCI2	mountain big sagebrush/basin wildrye
		ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		ARTRV/FEID-KOCR	mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass
		ARTRV-PERA4	mountain big sagebrush-squaw apple
		ARTRV-SYOR2	mountain big sagebrush-mountain snowberry
		ARTRV-SYOR2/BRCA5	mountain big sagebrush-mountain snowberry/mountain brome
		CELE3/CAGE2*	mountain mahogany/elk sedge
		CELE3/FEID-AGSP	mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		CELE3-PUTR2/AGSP	mountain mahogany-bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass
		CEVE	snowbrush ceanothus
		JUCO6	mountain juniper
		PHMA5-SYAL*	mallow ninebark-common snowberry
		POFR4/FEID	shrubby cinquefoil/Idaho fescue
		PREM	bitter cherry
		PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		PUTR2-ARTRV/FEID	bitterbrush-mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue
		PUTR2-ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	bitterbrush-mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		SYAL	common snowberry
		SYAL/FEID-AGSP-LUSE4	common snowberry/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-silky lupine
		SYAL/FEID-KOCR	common snowberry/Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass
		SYAL-ROSA5	common snowberry-rose
		SYOR2	mountain snowberry

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Moist upland shrub	Hot very moist	PHLE4 (TALUS)	syringa-bordered talus strips
	Hot moist	ARTRV-PUTR2/FEID CERE2/AGSP PERA4-SYOR2 PUTR2/AGSP	mountain big sagebrush-bitterbrush/Idaho fescue netleaf hackberry/bluebunch wheatgrass squaw apple-mountain snowberry bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass
Dry upland shrub	Warm dry	ARAR8/AGSP ARAR8/POSA12 ARRI2/PEGA ARRI2/POSA12 (SCAB) ARTR4/POSA12-DAUN ARTRV/AGSP-POSA12 BERE/AGSP-APAN2 CELE3 CELE3/AGSP CELE3/PONEW PUTR2/ERDO	low sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass low sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass stiff sagebrush/Gairdner's penstemon stiff sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass (scabland) threetip sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass-onespike oatgrass mountain big sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass creeping Oregongrape/bluebunch wheatgrass-spreading dogbane mountain mahogany mountain mahogany/bluebunch wheatgrass mountain mahogany/Wheeler's bluegrass bitterbrush/Douglas' buckwheat
		GLSPA/AGSP RHGL/AGSP	spiny greasebush/bluebunch wheatgrass smooth sumac/bluebunch wheatgrass
Cold upland herb	Cold moist	FEID (ALPINE) FEVI FEVI-AGCA2 FEVI-CAHO5 FEVI-CARO5 FEVI-CASC12 FEVI-LICA2 FEVI-LULA3 FEVI-PENST FEVI-STOC2 POPH (CORNICES) POPH-FEVI	Idaho fescue (alpine) green fescue green fescue-bearded wheatgrass green fescue-Hood's sedge green fescue-Ross' sedge green fescue-Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge green fescue-Canby's lovage green fescue-spurred lupine green fescue-penstemon green fescue-western needlegrass alpine fleeceflower (cornices) alpine fleeceflower-green fescue
		CAGE2-CARU CAGE2-FEID CAGE2-JUPA CAGE2-PHAU3 CAGE2-POCU CAGE2-STOC2 CAREX-STOC2 FELLFIELD FESC-FEID FEVI-JUPA GRUS	elk sedge-pinegrass elk sedge-Idaho fescue elk sedge-Parry's rush elk sedge-desert phlox elk sedge-Cusick's bluegrass elk sedge-western needlegrass alpine sedges-western needlegrass fellfield rough fescue-Idaho fescue green fescue-Parry's rush grus

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Cold upland herb	Cold dry	JUPA-AGGL	Parry's rush-pale agoseris
		PHLOX-CYTEF	phlox-cymopterus
		PHLOX-IVGO	phlox-Ivesia
		ROCK OUTCROP	rock outcrop
		SCREE	scree
		TURF	turf
	Cool moist	CAHO5	Hood's sedge
		CAHO5-BRCA5*	Hood's sedge-mountain brome
		CAHO5-CAGE2	Hood's sedge-elk sedge
		FEID-AGSP-FRALC2	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Cusick's frasera
		FEID-GETR	Idaho fescue-red avens
		FEID-KOCR*	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass
Moist upland herb	Cool dry	FEID-PESP2	Idaho fescue-Wallowa penstemon
		LEPY2-MAGL2	pygmy Lewisia-cluster tarweed
		LINU4-ARLO6	Nuttall's linanthus-longleaf arnica
		POPR (DEGEN BENCH)	Kentucky bluegrass (degenerated bench)
		PTAQ-CAHO5	bracken fern-Hood's sedge
		RUOC2-MAGL2	western coneflower-cluster tarweed
	Warm very moist	STOC2	western needlegrass
		CAHO5-POGL9	Hood's sedge-sticky cinquefoil
		ERFL4-PECO	golden buckwheat-coiled lousewort
		LINU4-ARLU	linanthus-mountain mugwort
		LINU4-CYTEF	linanthus-cymopterus
		MOOD	mountain balm
Hot very moist	Warm moist	POPH-AGUR-LINU4	alpine fleeceflower-horsemint-linanthus
		POPH-CAGE2-LINU4	alpine fleeceflower-elk sedge-linanthus
		POPH-CARU-CAGE2	alpine fleeceflower-pinegrass-elk sedge
		CACU2 (SEEP)	Cusick's camas (seep)
		FEID-DAIN-CAPE7	Idaho fescue-timber oatgrass-Liddon's sedge
		AGSP-BRCA5	bluebunch wheatgrass-mountain brome
	Hot moist	FEID-AGSP*	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass
		FEID-AGSP-BASA3	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-arrowleaf balsamroot
		FEID-AGSP-LUPIN	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-lupine
		FEID-AGSP-PHCO10	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Snake River phlox
		FEID-AGSP-PHLOX	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-phlox
		FEID-CAGE2	Idaho fescue-elk sedge
Hot moist	Hot very moist	FEID-CAHO5	Idaho fescue-Hood's sedge
		FEID-KOCR (LOW)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (low elevation)
		ELCI2	basin wildrye
		DAUN-LOLE2	onespike oatgrass-slenderfruit lomatium

Table 2—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for upland physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Dry upland herb	Warm dry	FEID-AGSP-CYTEF	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-cymopterus
		FEID-AGSP-PONEW	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Wheeler's bluegrass
		FEID-DAUN	Idaho fescue-onespike oatgrass
		MEBU-STOC2	oniongrass-western needlegrass
		POSA12-SELA	Sandberg's bluegrass-lanceleaf stonecrop
		STOC2-SIHY (ALPINE)	western needlegrass-squirreltail (alpine)
	Hot dry	AGSP-CYTEF	bluebunch wheatgrass-cymopterus
		AGSP-ERHE2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Wyeth's buckwheat
		AGSP-ERUM	bluebunch wheatgrass-sulphurflower buckwheat
		AGSP-POSA12*	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass
		AGSP-POSA12-APAN2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-spreading dogbane
		AGSP-POSA12-ASCU5	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Cusick's milkvetch
		AGSP-POSA12-ASRE5	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Blue Mountain milkvetch
		AGSP-POSA12-BASA3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-arrowleaf balsamroot
		AGSP-POSA12-DAUN	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-onespike oatgrass
		AGSP-POSA12-ERHE2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-creamy buckwheat
		AGSP-POSA12-ERPU2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-shaggy fleabane
		AGSP-POSA12-LUPIN	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-lupine
		AGSP-POSA12-OPPO	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-pricklypear
		AGSP-POSA12-PHCO10	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Snake River phlox
		AGSP-POSA12-SCAN3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-narrowleaf skullcap
		AGSP-POSA12-TRMA3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-bighead clover
		AGSP-SPCR-ARLO3	bluebunch wheatgrass-sand dropseed-red threeawn
		ERDO-POSA12	Douglas' buckwheat-Sandberg's bluegrass
		ERIOG/PHOR2	buckwheat/Oregon bladderpod
		ERST4-POSA12	strict buckwheat/Sandberg's bluegrass
		ERUM (RIDGE)	sulphurflower (ridge)
		LECOW2 (RIM)	Wallowa Lewisia (rim)
		POBU-MAGL2	bulbous bluegrass-cluster tarweed
		POSA12-DAUN	Sandberg's bluegrass-onespike oatgrass
		SPCR (TERRACE)	sand dropseed (terrace)

* The PVT has been described for more than one of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation classifications (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, and Wells 2006) and is listed more than once in appendix tables 8 and 9 (each listing has a different ecoclass code).

Table 3—A 12-cell matrix of temperature and soil moisture categories

Temperature	Soil moisture (SM)		
	High	Moderate	Low
Cold	Cold high SM	Cold moderate SM	Cold low SM
Cool	Cool high SM	Cool moderate SM	Cool low SM
Warm	Warm high SM	Warm moderate SM	Warm low SM
Hot	Hot high SM	Hot moderate SM	Hot low SM

A 4 by 3 temperature-moisture matrix like the one shown here was used for the three physiognomic classes included in table 4: riparian forest, riparian shrub, and riparian herb. The fine-scale potential vegetation types occurring in a riparian physiognomic class were assigned to one, and only one, of the class's matrix cells. Individual matrix cells (cool low SM, etc.) are used as plant association groups in the midscale portion of the potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

Assignment of riparian PVTs to physiognomic temperature-moisture matrices is presented for the three riparian forest physiognomic classes (table 4).

Potential Vegetation Groups

Potential vegetation information was used extensively during the interior Columbia River basin scientific assessment (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997, Quigley et al. 1996). When analyzing such a large area, however, it was found that the level of detail associated with PAGs (e.g., temperature-moisture matrix cells) was at too fine a scale for examining trends across a large assessment area containing portions of seven Western States. Therefore, PAGs were aggregated into a higher level taxonomic unit called potential vegetation groups (PVGs) (Jensen et al. 1997).

For the Blue Mountains section, PVGs are the middle level of the midscale portion of the PV hierarchy (fig. 2). Two or three PVGs were established for each of the seven physiognomic classes. Potential vegetation groups are named for a predominant or controlling temperature or moisture relationship (table 5).

The midscale portion of the PV hierarchy is described in tables 2 and 4; each table shows fine-scale PVTs organized by physiognomic class, PVT aggregations into PAGs (PVTs grouped into temperature-moisture cells), and PAG aggregations into PVGs.

Summary statistics for both portions of the PV hierarchy (e.g., fine-scale and midscale) are presented in table 6.

The appendix shows how 507 fine-scale PVTs described for the Blue Moun-

Potential vegetation groups are named for a predominant or controlling temperature or moisture relationship.

Table 4—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for riparian physiognomic classes

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Cold riparian forest	Cold high soil moisture (SM)	ABLA/ATFI	subalpine fir/ladyfern
		ABLA/CAAQ	subalpine fir/aquatic sedge
		ABLA/CADI6	subalpine fir/softleaf sedge
		ABLA/SETR	subalpine fir/arrowleaf groundsel
		ABLA/VAUL/CASC12	subalpine fir/bog blueberry/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge
		ABLA-PIEN/LEGL (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/Labrador tea (floodplain)
		PICO/CAAQ	lodgepole pine/aquatic sedge
		PICO/CASC12	lodgepole pine/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge
		PIEN/ATFI	Engelmann spruce/ladyfern
		PIEN/CADI6	Engelmann spruce/softleaf sedge
		PIEN/SETR	Engelmann spruce/arrowleaf groundsel
		PIEN-ABLA/CASC12	Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge
		PIEN-ABLA/SETR	Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir/arrowleaf groundsel
		ABLA/CACA4	subalpine fir/bluejoint reedgrass
Cold riparian forest	Cold moderate SM	ABLA/VAME (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir/big huckleberry (floodplain)
		ABLA-PIEN/MEFE (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce (floodplain)
		PICO/ALIN2/MESIC FORB	lodgepole pine/mountain alder/mesic forb
		PICO/CACA4	lodgepole pine/bluejoint reedgrass
		PICO/CALA30	lodgepole pine/woolly sedge
		PICO/DECE	lodgepole pine/tufted hairgrass
		PIEN/CILA2	Engelmann spruce/drooping woodreed
		PIEN/COST4	Engelmann spruce/red osier dogwood
		PIEN/EQAR	Engelmann spruce/common horsetail
		PICO/POPR	lodgepole pine/Kentucky bluegrass
Warm riparian forest	Cold low SM	PIEN/BRVU	Engelmann spruce/Columbia brome
		ABGR/ATFI	grand fir/ladyfern
		ABGR/CALA30	grand fir/woolly sedge
		ABGR/CRDO2/CADE9	grand fir/black hawthorn/Dewey's sedge
		ABGR/TABR2/LIBO3 (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/Pacific yew/twinflower (floodplain)
		ALRU2/ATFI	red alder/ladyfern
		POTR5/CAAQ	quaking aspen/aquatic sedge
		ABGR/ACGL (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple (floodplain)
		ALRU2 (ALLUVIAL BAR)	red alder (alluvial bar)
		ALRU2/COST4	red alder/red osier dogwood
		ALRU2/PEFRP	red alder/sweet coltsfoot
		ALRU2/PHCA11	red alder/Pacific ninebark
		ALRU2/SYAL	red alder/common snowberry
		ALRU2/SYAL/CADE9	red alder/common snowberry/Dewey's sedge
Warm riparian forest	Warm moderate SM	PIMO3/DECE	western white pine/tufted hairgrass
		POTR5/ALIN2-COST4	quaking aspen/mountain alder-red osier dogwood
		POTR5/ALIN2-SYAL	quaking aspen/mountain alder-common snowberry
		POTR5/CACA4	quaking aspen/bluejoint reedgrass
		POTR5/CALA30	quaking aspen/woolly sedge
		POTR5/MESIC FORB	quaking aspen/mesic forb
		POTR15/ACGL	black cottonwood/Rocky Mountain maple
		POTR15/ALIN2-COST4	black cottonwood/mountain alder-red osier dogwood
		PSME/ACGL-PHMA5 (FLOODPLAIN)	Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-ninebark (floodplain)
		PSME/TRCA	Douglas-fir/false bugbane

Table 4—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for riparian physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Warm riparian forest	Hot moderate SM	ALRH2/MESIC SHRUB ALRH2/RUBUS PIPO/CRDO2 POTR15/SALA5 POTR5/SYAL POTR15/SYAL*	white alder/mesic shrub white alder/blackberry ponderosa pine/black hawthorn black cottonwood/Pacific willow quaking aspen/common snowberry black cottonwood/common snowberry
Low SM riparian forest	Warm low SM	ABGR/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN) PSME/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/common snowberry (floodplain) Douglas-fir/common snowberry (floodplain)
	Hot low SM	PIPO/POPR PIPO/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN) POTR5/POPR	ponderosa pine/Kentucky bluegrass ponderosa pine/common snowberry (floodplain) quaking aspen/Kentucky bluegrass
Cold riparian shrub	Cold high SM	KAMI/CANI2 SAAR27 SABO2/CASC12 SABO2/CAVE6 SACO2/CAPR5 SACO2/CASC12 SACO2/CAUT SADR/SETR SAFA/ALVA	alpine laurel/black alpine sedge arctic willow Booth's willow/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge Booth's willow/inflated sedge undergreen willow/clustered field sedge undergreen willow/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge undergreen willow/bladder sedge Drummond's willow/arrowleaf groundsel Farr's willow/Pacific onion
	Cold moderate SM	LEGL/CASC12 PHEM (MOUNDS) POFR4-BEGL	Labrador tea/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge pink mountainheath (mounds) shrubby cinquefoil-bog birch
	Cool high SM	SALIX/CAAQ	willow/aquatic sedge
	Cool moderate SM	SALIX/CACA4	willow/bluejoint reedgrass
Warm riparian shrub	Warm high SM	ALIN2/ATFI ALIN2/CAAM10 ALIN2/CAAQ ALIN2/CAUT ALIN2/GLEL ALIN2/SCMI2 ALSI3/ATFI ALSI3/CILA2 BEOC2/WET SEDGE COST4/ATFI COST4/SAAR13 RIBES/CILA2 RIBES/GLEL SAEA-SATW/CAAQ SALIX/CAUT SASI2/EQAR	mountain alder/ladyfern mountain alder/bigleaf sedge mountain alder/aquatic sedge mountain alder/bladder sedge mountain alder/tall mannagrass mountain alder/smallfruit bulrush Sitka alder/ladyfern Sitka alder/drooping woodreed water birch/wet sedge red osier dogwood/ladyfern Red osier dogwood/brook saxifrage currants/drooping woodreed currants/tall mannagrass Eastwood willow-Tweedy willow/aquatic sedge willow/bladder sedge Sitka willow/common horsetail

Table 4—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for riparian physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Warm riparian shrubs	Warm moderate SM	ALIN2/CACA4	mountain alder/bluejoint reedgrass
		ALIN2/CADE9	mountain alder/Dewey's sedge
		ALIN2/CALA30	mountain alder/woolly sedge
		ALIN2/CALEL	mountain alder/densely tufted sedge
		ALIN2/EQAR	mountain alder/common horsetail
		ALIN2/GYDR	mountain alder/oakfern
		ALIN2/HELA4	mountain alder/common cowparsnip
		ALIN2-COST4/MESIC FORB	mountain alder-red osier dogwood/mesic forb
		ALIN2-RIBES/MESIC FORB	mountain alder-currants/mesic forb
		ALSI3/MESIC FORB	Sitka alder/mesic forb
		BEOC2/MESIC FORB	water birch/mesic forb
		BEOC2/PHAR3	water birch/reed canarygrass
		COST4	red osier dogwood
		LOIN5/ATFI	twinberry honeysuckle/ladyfern
		POFR4/DECE	shrubby cinquefoil/tufted hairgrass
		RHAL/MESIC FORB	alderleaf buckthorn/mesic forb
		RIBES/MESIC FORB	currants/mesic forb
	Hot moderate SM	SAEX	coyote willow
		SALE/MESIC FORB	Lemmon's willow/mesic forb
Low SM riparian shrub	Warm low SM	SALIX/CALA30	willow/woolly sedge
		SALIX/MESIC FORB	willow/mesic forb
		ARCA13/DECE	silver sagebrush/tufted hairgrass
		RUDI2	Himalayan blackberry
		RUPA	thimbleberry
		SARI2	rigid willow
		SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	common snowberry (floodplain)
		ALIN2/CALU7	mountain alder/woodrush sedge
		ALIN2/POPR	mountain alder/Kentucky bluegrass
		ALIN2-SYAL	mountain alder-common snowberry
		PHCA11	Pacific ninebark
		POFR4/POPR	shrubby cinquefoil/Kentucky bluegrass
		SALIX/POPR	willow/Kentucky bluegrass
		SASC/ELGL	Scouler's willow/blue wildrye
	Hot low SM	ACGL	Rocky Mountain maple
		AMAL2	western serviceberry
		ARCA13/POCU3	silver sagebrush/Cusick's bluegrass
		ARCA13/POPR	silver sagebrush/Kentucky bluegrass
		ARTRV/POCU3	mountain big sagebrush/Cusick's bluegrass
		CERE2/BROMU	netleaf hackberry/brome
		CRDO2/MESIC FORB	black hawthorn/mesic forb
		PHLE4/MESIC FORB	Lewis' mockorange/mesic forb
		RUBA	Barton's raspberry

Table 4—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for riparian physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Cold riparian herb	Cold high SM	ALVA	Pacific onion
		ALVA-CASC12	Pacific onion-Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge
		CAEU2	widfruit sedge
		CALA13	smoothstemmed sedge
		CALE9	Sierra hare sedge
		CALI7	mud sedge
		CALU7	woodrush sedge
		CAPR5	clustered field sedge
		CASC10-SAAR13	northern singlespike sedge-brook saxifrage
		CASC12	Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge
		CILA2	drooping woodreed
		ELBE	delicate spikerush
		ELPA6	fewflowered spikerush
		SPAN2	narrowleaf bur-reed
	Cold moderate SM	CANI2	black alpine sedge
Warm riparian herb	Cool high SM	CAAQ	aquatic sedge
		CAUT	bladder sedge
		CAVE6	inflated sedge
		NUPO2	Rocky Mountain pondlily
		SETR-MILE2	arrowleaf groundsel-purple monkeyflower
	Cool moderate SM	CACA4	bluejoint reedgrass
		DECE	tufted hairgrass
	Warm high SM	ADPE	maidenhair fern
		CAAM10	bigleaf sedge
		CACU5	Cusick's sedge
		CALA11	slender sedge
		CASI2	shortbeaked sedge
		CAST5	sawbeak sedge
		GLEL	tall mannagrass
		METR3	buckbean
		PUPA3	weak alkaligrass
		SAAR13	brook saxifrage

Table 4—Potential vegetation groups (PVG), plant association groups (PAG), and potential vegetation type (PVT) codes and common names for riparian physiognomic classes (continued)

PVG	PAG	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name
Warm riparian herb	Warm moderate SM	CACA11	silvery sedge
		CAJO	Jones' sedge
		CALA30	woolly sedge
		CALE8	lakeshore sedge
		CAMI7	smallwing sedge
		CAMU7	star sedge
		CANE2	Nebraska sedge
		CASU6	brown sedge
		EQAR	common horsetail
		HELA4-ELGL	common cowparsnip/blue wildrye
		JUBA	Baltic rush
		RUOC2	western coneflower
		VERAT*	false hellebore
	Hot high SM	CANU5	torrent sedge
		ELPA3	creeping spikerush
		TYLA	common cattail
	Hot moderate SM	CASH	Sheldon's sedge
Low SM riparian herb	Warm low SM	AGDI	thin bentgrass
		ALPR3	meadow foxtail
		ARLU	white sagebrush
		POPR (DRY MEADOW)	Kentucky bluegrass (dry meadow)

Note that PVT codes followed by an asterisk denote instances where a PVT has been described for more than one of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation classifications (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, and Wells 2006) and are listed more than once in appendix tables 8 and 9 (each listing has a different eco-class code).

Table 5—Potential vegetation groups associated with seven physiognomic classes for the Blue Mountains section

Physiognomic class						
Upland forest	Upland shrub	Upland herb	Upland woodland	Riparian forest	Riparian shrub	Riparian herb
Cold upland forest	Cold upland shrub	Cold upland herb		Cold riparian forest	Cold riparian shrub	Cold riparian herb
Moist upland forest	Moist upland shrub	Moist upland herb	Moist upland woodland	Warm riparian forest	Warm riparian shrub	Warm riparian herb
Dry upland forest	Dry upland shrub	Dry upland herb	Dry upland woodland	Low SM riparian forest	Low SM riparian shrub	Low SM riparian herb

SM = soil moisture.

Table 6—Summary statistics pertaining to the mid- and fine-scale portions of the potential vegetation hierarchy for the Blue Mountains section

Potential vegetation unit	Potential units ^a	Actual units ^b
Midscale hierarchical units		
Physiognomic classes	8	7
Potential vegetation groups	21	20
Plant association groups	100	58
Fine-scale hierarchical units		
Series	NA	^c d
Potential vegetation types ^c :	NA	507
Phases	NA	^c d

^a Total number of possible units when based on the classification framework used to develop the midscale portion of the potential vegetation hierarchy (see fig. 2); NA (not applicable) is shown for the fine-scale portion of the hierarchy because at that scale, the number of potential units is a function of vegetation occurrence (i.e., vegetation habitat as determined by biophysical environments) rather than the classification framework itself.

^b The number of hierarchical units actually established for the Blue Mountains section. When the “actual units” value is less than the “potential units” value, it means that one or more framework entities (cells in a temperature-moisture matrix, for example) were empty or not used for the Blue Mountains section.

^c In the context of this report, “potential vegetation types” refers to three taxonomic units described in fine-scale potential vegetation classifications for the Blue Mountains section (plant associations, plant community types, and plant communities as described in Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, and Wells 2006).

^d Neither series nor phases were used for the fine-scale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy.

A step-down process was used to develop the physiognomic classes, PVGs and PAGs.

tains section (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, Wells 2006) were assigned to midscale hierarchical units (PAGs and PVGs). Appendix table 8 organizes this information by PVT code; appendix table 9 organizes it by ecoclass code (Hall 1998, as supplemented).

Step-Down Process for Developing Midscale Hierarchical Units

The interior Columbia River basin scientific assessment area contains all or part of 7 terrestrial ecological provinces and 23 sections (Jensen et al. 1997); the process described below was used to step the broad-scale PV framework down to the hierarchical level of a single section (section M332G, the “Blue Mountains,” in province M332, middle Rocky Mountain steppe–coniferous forest–alpine meadow) (Bailey 1995, 1998; Cleland et al. 1997; McNab and Avers 1994).

The step-down process was used to develop the physiognomic classes, PVGs and PAGs described in the previous section and shown in tables 2 and 4.

1. During preparation of an ecosystem components assessment for the interior Columbia River basin assessment area (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997), each upland PVT described for the Blue Mountains section was assigned to one of four temperature-moisture matrices: upland forest, upland woodland, upland shrub, and upland herb (Reid et al. 1995). The matrices were selected to reflect vegetation physiognomy or life form differences.
2. A Umatilla National Forest PV working group reviewed the upland temperature-moisture matrices developed for the Blue Mountains section and decided to adopt the matrix cells as PAGs (Powell 1998).
3. Eventually, all three Blue Mountains national forests (Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman) agreed to adopt the temperature-moisture matrix approach as a PV framework for meeting midscale assessment needs (USDA Forest Service 2002).
4. The three Blue Mountains national forests then decided how PAGs (temperature-moisture matrix cells) would be aggregated to form the middle level of the midscale portion of the PV hierarchy, PVGs.
5. A Blue Mountains PV working group made initial PVT assignments for the riparian matrices (forest, shrub, herb). For the interior Columbia River basin assessment effort, riparian PVTs had been assigned to a riparian PAG by using three criteria: membership in, or a linkage to, an upland matrix; physiognomy (life form); and riparian moisture phase (low, moderate, or high) (Manning and Engelking 1997). This approach was conceptually inconsistent

- with how the upland matrices had been developed, so the Blue Mountains group decided to use the temperature categories adopted for the upland matrices (cold, cool, warm, hot) and to characterize moisture by using the riparian moisture phases (low, moderate, high) from the interior Columbia River basin riparian classification framework (Manning and Engelking 1997).
6. The final result of this process was two classification frameworks: a 4 by 4 temperature-moisture matrix used for each of four upland physiognomic classes (table 1), and a 4 by 3 temperature-soil moisture matrix used for each of three riparian physiognomic classes (table 3).
 7. After the preliminary results of this process were documented (Powell 1998, USDA Forest Service 2002), the PV hierarchy began to be used for a variety of midscale purposes:

- The PAGs or PVGs are used as biophysical environments when conducting historical range of variability analyses comparing an area's existing and historical proportions of forest structure classes (Blackwood 1998, O'Hara et al. 1996, USDA Forest Service 1995).
- When revising the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Blue Mountains section, PAGs or PVGs were used for ecological stratification (USDA Forest Service 2002) during characterization of terrestrial and aquatic environments, and when modeling disturbance processes with the Vegetation Dynamics Development Tool (Beukema et al. 2003).
- The PAGs were used when deriving fire regimes (table 7) and biophysical settings, a prerequisite before characterizing an area's departure from its historical composition, structure, stand age, canopy cover, and patch configuration (Brown et al. 2004, Franklin and Agee 2003). The degree to which current vegetation conditions depart from historical conditions is referred to as the "fire regime condition class" descriptor (Hann et al. 2005, Morgan et al. 1996, Schmidt et al. 2002).

Concerns About Subjectivity

The matrix approach is based on a relative ranking of the temperature and moisture status represented by each fine-scale PVT. Because the rankings are relative, there may be a tendency to perceive overlap in the temperature-moisture relationships between PVTs, particularly for closely related types. For this reason, it may be difficult to decide which matrix cell is the best fit for types whose temperature or moisture relationships seem too broad to fit a single category.

A perception of temperature or moisture overlap is not surprising and occurs

Table 7—Relationship between plant association groups and fire regimes for the Blue Mountains section

Plant association group^a	Fire regime^b
Cold dry UF	3, 4
Cold dry UH	5
Cold high SM RF	4
Cold high SM RH	4
Cold high SM RS	4
Cold low SM RF	4
Cold moderate SM RF	4
Cold moist UF	4
Cold moist UH	4
Cold moist US	4
Cold very moist US	5
Cool dry UF	3, 4
Cool dry UH	4
Cool dry US	3
Cool moderate SM RH	4
Cool high SM RH	4
Cool moist UF	3, 4
Cool moist UH	2
Cool moist US	4
Cool very moist UF	4
Cool wet UF	4
Hot dry UF	1
Hot dry UH	2
Hot dry US	2
Hot dry UW	3
Hot high SM RH	4
Hot low SM RF	1
Hot low SM RS	1
Hot moderate SM RF	1
Hot moderate SM RH	3
Hot moderate SM RS	3
Hot moist UF	1
Hot moist UH	3
Hot moist US	3
Hot moist UW	3
Hot very moist UH	2
Hot very moist US	2
Warm dry UF	1
Warm dry UH	2
Warm dry US	2
Warm high SM RF	4
Warm high SM RH	4
Warm high SM RS	4
Warm low SM RF	1
Warm low SM RH	2
Warm low SM RS	4

Table 7—Relationship between plant association groups and fire regimes for the Blue Mountains section (continued)

Plant association group ^a	Fire regime ^b
Warm moderate SM RF	4
Warm moderate SM RH	4
Warm moderate SM RS	4
Warm moist UF	3
Warm moist UH	2
Warm moist US	2, 3
Warm very moist UF	3
Warm very moist UH	2

^a Plant association group is the lowest level of the midscale portion of the potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2). Plant association group composition is described in tables 2 and 4.

^b Fire regimes characterize the historical fire frequency and severity under which plant communities evolved (Franklin and Agee 2003, Morgan et al. 1996). Fire regimes, which are classified into five categories (Schmidt et al. 2002), are defined in the glossary.

frequently with ecological classification systems involving some element of interpretation or subjectivity. In some instances, the temperature or moisture overlap may be ecologically valid, in which case the zone of overlap can be thought of as an ecotone.

In many instances, however, perceived overlap in temperature or moisture relationships reflects differences of opinion about which portion of the environmental gradient is represented by a particular PVT (and its diagnostic indicator plants). For example, one practitioner might believe that the PSME/HODI plant association should be assigned to the “warm dry” temperature-moisture matrix cell, whereas another believes it best fits the “warm moist” cell.

Practitioners have different ecological experience and education, and these differences influence their perceptions about the temperature and moisture status of PVTs. This means that some difference of opinion about the environmental indicator status of PVTs is expected.

Even though the classification framework described in this report relies on interpretation (including some element of subjectivity), we believe the temperature-moisture matrix approach best reflects our current understanding of environmental gradients while also providing a conceptually sound process for establishing midscale taxonomic units of PV.

Glossary

abiotic—Nonliving components of the environment that are not currently part of living organisms, such as soils, rocks, water, air, light, and nutrients (Dunster and Dunster 1996).

aquatic—Waters of the United States, including wetlands, that serve as habitat for interrelated and interacting communities and populations of plants and animals (Maxwell et al. 1995).

biophysical environment—Landscape-level unit of vegetation composition and structure, with its associated environmental gradients and processes of change (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997).

biotic—Any living component of an ecosystem, including plants and animals and other organisms (Dunster and Dunster 1996); an entity distinct from abiotic physical and chemical components (Allaby 1998).

classification—The process of grouping similar entities together into named types or classes based on shared characteristics, or the grouping of similar types according to criteria that are considered significant for this purpose (Winthers et al. 2005).

climax—The culminating seral stage in plant succession for any given site where, in the absence of high-severity disturbances, the vegetation has reached a highly stable condition and undergoes change very slowly (Dunster and Dunster 1996). A self-replacing community that is relatively stable over several generations of the dominant plant species, or very persistent in comparison to other seral stages (Kimmins 1997).

coniferous—Trees bearing cones and commonly having needle-shaped leaves usually retained throughout the year; conifers are adapted to moisture deficiency caused by frozen ground or soils that are not moisture retentive (Bailey 1998).

ecological amplitude—The degree to which an organism can tolerate variations in environmental conditions (Dunster and Dunster 1996).

ecological type—A category of land or water having a unique and mappable combination of biotic and abiotic elements differing from other ecological types in its ability to produce vegetation and respond to management practices (Maxwell et al. 1995, Winthers et al. 2005).

ecological unit—A mapped terrestrial or aquatic unit comprising one or more ecological types, and designed to identify land and water areas at different levels of resolution (Maxwell et al. 1995). Map units designed to identify land and water areas at different levels of resolution based on similar capabilities and potentials for response to management and natural disturbance (Winthers et al. 2005).

ecology—The science studying the relationships among living things and their environment (Botkin 1990). This term was first coined in 1866 by Ernst Haeckel (Stauffer 1957). The major theme throughout the history of ecology and the concepts forming its foundation has been the interdependence of living things. An awareness, more philosophical than purely scientific, of this quality is what has generally been meant by an “ecological point of view” (Worster 1996).

ecosystem—A set of interacting species and their local, nonbiological environment, functioning together to sustain life (Botkin 1990). A.G. Tansley first used this term in 1935 to describe a discrete unit consisting of living and nonliving components, interacting to form a stable system (Tansley 1935).

existing vegetation—The plant cover, or floristic composition and vegetation structure, occurring at a given location at the current time (Winthers et al. 2005).

fire regime—A characterization of the historical combination of fire frequency and fire severity under which plant communities evolved and were maintained (Schmidt et al. 2002). Five fire regimes are currently recognized:

fire regime 1 (I): 0- to 35-year fire frequency; low fire severity on dominant overstory vegetation.

fire regime 2 (II): 0- to 35-year fire frequency; stand-replacement fire severity on dominant overstory vegetation.

fire regime 3 (III): 35- to 100+ year fire frequency; mixed fire severity on dominant overstory vegetation.

fire regime 4 (IV): 35- to 100+ year fire frequency; stand-replacement fire severity on dominant overstory vegetation.

fire regime 5 (V): 200+ year fire frequency; stand-replacement fire severity on dominant overstory vegetation.

forb—Any broad-leaved, herbaceous plant other than grasses, sedges, and rushes (Helms 1998).

forb land—Land areas of sufficient size to be delineated as a mapping unit where the predominant vegetation life form consists of forbs.

forest—An ecosystem characterized by more or less dense and extensive tree cover, often consisting of stands varying in characteristics such as species composition, structure, age class and associated processes, and commonly including meadows, streams, fish, and wildlife (Helms 1998).

forest land—Land areas of sufficient size to be delineated as a mapping unit and at least 10 percent stocked by forest trees of any size, including land that formerly had such tree cover and will be naturally or artificially regenerated to trees (Helms 1998).

forest ecology—An understanding of the basic functional and physiological processes of forest ecosystems in order to sustain a wide range of forest conditions and values desired by society (Kimmins 1997).

graminoid—All grasses (Poaceae) and grass-like plants, including sedges (Cyperaceae) and rushes (Juncaceae) (Patterson et al. 1985).

grassland—Land areas of sufficient size to be delineated as a mapping unit where the predominant vegetation life form consists of graminoids.

habitat type—A basic ecological unit for classifying lands based on potential vegetation (Pfister and Arno 1980). It represents, collectively, all parts of the landscape that support, or have the capability to support, the same plant association (Alexander 1985). In effect, habitat types are mapping or land classification units; plant associations are their descriptors or taxonomic labels.

herb land—Land areas of sufficient size to be delineated as a mapping unit where the predominant vegetation life form consists of herbs (a combination of forbs and graminoids).

indicator plant—Plant species conveying information about the ecological nature of a site, such as the nitrogen content of its soil and soil alkalinity or acidity. These plant species have a sufficiently consistent association with a specific environmental condition or with other species such that their presence can be used to indicate or predict the environmental condition or the potential for the other species (Kimmins 1997).

life form—The structure, form, habits, and life history of an organism. In plants, characteristic life forms such as forest (trees), shrubs, and herbs (forbs/graminoids) are based on morphological features (physiognomy or predominant stature) that tend to be associated with different environments (Allaby 1998).

map unit—A collection of features defined and named the same in terms of a unifying theme; each map unit differs in some respect from all others within a geographic extent (Winthers et al. 2005).

phase—A taxonomic unit in a potential vegetation classification system; the lowest level in the fine-scale portion of the potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2). A phase represents minor environmental differences within a plant association or habitat type (Pfister and Arno 1980). A phase is named for an indicator plant species, such as the mallow ninebark phase of the grand fir/mountain maple habitat type in central Idaho (Steele et al. 1981).

physiognomy—The growth form and structure (habit) of vegetation in natural communities (Allaby 1998, Dunster and Dunster 1996). The characteristic feature or appearance of a plant community or vegetation (Winthers et al. 2005).

physiognomic class—Taxonomic categories or hierarchical units based on vegetation of similar physiognomy or life form, such as the upland forest, upland shrub and riparian herb physiognomic classes. Physiognomic class is the highest level in the midscale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

plant association—A taxonomic unit in a potential vegetation classification system (Pfister and Arno 1980). A plant association consists of plant communities with similar physiognomy (form and structure) and floristics; commonly it is a climax community (Allaby 1998). It is believed that (1) the individual species in the association are, to some extent, adapted to each other; (2) the association is made up of species that have similar environmental requirements; and (3) the association has some degree of integration (Kimmens 1997). Plant association is one of three taxonomic units included in the middle level of the fine-scale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (this middle level is called potential vegetation type; fig. 2).

plant association group (PAG)—Groupings of plant associations (and other taxonomic units classified as potential vegetation types; fig. 2) representing similar ecological environments as characterized by temperature and moisture regimes.

Plant association group is the lowest level in the midscale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

plant community—In a potential vegetation classification context, a plant community has no particular successional status. Generally, plant communities represent vegetation types with a restricted geographical distribution or they have such a small number of sample plots that it is not possible to infer their true successional status (Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992). Plant community is one of three taxonomic units included in the middle level of the fine-scale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (this middle level is called potential vegetation type; fig. 2).

plant community type—In a potential vegetation classification context, plant community type is a taxonomic unit with no particular successional status implied (Dunster and Dunster 1996). Plant community type is one of three taxonomic units included in the middle level of the fine-scale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (this middle level is called potential vegetation type; fig. 2).

plant succession—The process by which a series of different plant communities, and their associated animals and microbes, successively occupy and replace each other over time in a particular ecosystem or landscape location following a disturbance event (Kimmens 1997). Succession refers to the process of development of an ecosystem over time (Botkin 1990).

potential natural community (PNC)—The community of plants that would become established if all successional sequences were completed, without interference by people, under existing environmental conditions. Existing environmental conditions includes the current climate and eroded or damaged soils (Hall et al. 1995).

potential vegetation (PV)—The vegetation that would likely develop on a given site if all successional sequences were completed without human influence under present site conditions (USDA Forest Service 1996).

potential vegetation group (PVG)—An aggregation of plant association groups (PAGs) with similar environmental regimes and dominant plant species. Each aggregation (PVG) typically includes PAGs representing a predominant temperature or moisture influence (Powell 2000). Potential vegetation group is the middle level of the midscale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

potential vegetation type (PVT)—In the context of this report, a potential vegetation type is any taxonomic unit (except series) described in fine-scale potential vegetation classifications for the Blue Mountains section (e.g., Crowe and Clausinger 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausinger 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, Wells 2006); PVT includes plant associations, plant community types, and plant communities. Potential vegetation type is the middle level of the fine-scale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

province—In the context of this report, a province is one of eight levels in the national hierarchical framework of terrestrial ecological units. Provinces are climatic subzones controlled primarily by such continental weather patterns as length of dry season and duration of cold temperatures. Provinces are also characterized by similar soil orders. Provinces are typically named by using a binomial system consisting of a geographical location and vegetation type: Bering tundra, California dry steppe, and middle Rocky Mountain steppe–coniferous forest–alpine meadow (Cleland et al. 1997, McNab and Avers 1994).

riparian—Related to, living near, or located in conjunction with a wetland; on the bank of a river or stream but also at the edge of a lake or tidewater. A riparian plant community significantly influences, and is significantly influenced by, the neighboring body of water (Helms 1998).

section—In the context of this report, a section is one of eight levels in the national hierarchical framework of terrestrial ecological units. Sections are broad areas of similar geomorphic process, stratigraphy, geologic origin, drainage networks, topography, and regional climate. Section names generally describe the predominant physiographic feature upon which the ecological unit delineation is based, such as Flint Hills, Appalachian piedmont, and Blue Mountains (Cleland et al. 1997, McNab and Avers 1994).

seral stage—The identifiable stages in the development of a sere, from an initial pioneer stage, through various early-seral and midseral stages, to late-seral, subclimax, and climax stages. The stages are characterized by different plant communities, different ages of the dominant vegetation, and by different microclimatic, soil, and forest conditions (Kimmens 1997). Hall et al. (1995) described four seral stages:

early seral: clear dominance of seral species (such as western larch, ponderosa pine, and lodgepole pine); potential natural community (PNC) species are absent or present in very low numbers.

mid seral: PNC species are increasing in the forest composition as a result of their active colonization of the site; PNC species are approaching equal proportions with seral species.

late seral: PNC species are now dominant, although long-lived seral species (such as ponderosa pine and western larch) may still persist in the plant community.

potential natural community: the biotic community that one presumes would be established and maintained over time under present environmental conditions (climax); early-seral species are scarce or absent in the plant composition.

series—A taxonomic unit in a potential vegetation classification system. A series represents major environmental differences as reflected by a physiognomically dominant plant species at climax. A forest series is named for the projected climax tree species—the grand fir series includes every plant association where grand fir is presumed to be the dominant tree species at climax (Pfister and Arno 1980). Series is the highest level of the fine-scale portion of the Blue Mountains potential vegetation hierarchy (fig. 2).

shrub land—Land areas of sufficient size to be delineated as a mapping unit where the predominant vegetation life form consists of shrubs.

steppe—Open herbaceous vegetation, less than 1 meter high, with the tufts or plants discrete, yet sufficiently close together to dominate the landscape (Bailey 1998).

structure class (stage)—A stage or recognizable condition relating to the physical orientation and arrangement of vegetation; the size and arrangement (both vertical and horizontal) of trees and tree parts (O'Hara et al. 1996, Oliver and Larson 1996).

successional stage—A stage or recognizable condition of a plant community occurring during its development from bare ground to climax; coniferous forests in the Blue Mountains progress through six recognized stages: grass-forb, shrub-seedling, pole-sapling, young, mature, and old growth (Thomas 1979).

taxonomic unit—The basic set of classes or types making up a classification; in this document, potential vegetation taxonomic units are presented in figure 2.

union—A group of plant species used to represent a particular ecological environment or microclimatic condition; a union typically consists of species that are similar in life form, phenology, or stature (Sampson 1939). The union includes a fraction of the total floristic composition for a vegetation type—only the combination of species that is useful for vegetation classification purposes is designated as a union (Daubenmire 1968).

upland—Land that generally has a higher elevation than an adjacent alluvial plain, stream terrace, or riparian zone; or land above the foothill zone for a mountainous continuum (Dunster and Dunster 1996).

zonal—Areas of soil and vegetation largely controlled by the prevailing regional climate. Here climate, not exceptional landforms or rock types, determines the nature of soils and its associated vegetation (Kruckeberg 2002).

Species List

This list provides codes (symbols) and scientific names for plants mentioned in the text or in tables and figures. The Pacific Northwest Region (R6) codes and scientific names provided in the first two columns were taken from published potential vegetation classifications for the Blue Mountains section (e.g., Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, Wells 2006).

Nomenclature for scientific plant names was revised when the U.S. Department of Agriculture adopted a national taxonomy called the PLANTS database. The third column provides the PLANTS database code for each of the plant species (USDA NRCS 2004). For plants whose nomenclature recently changed in the PLANTS database, the suggested synonym and synonym code is also provided as the fourth and fifth columns in the species list.

R6 code	Scientific name	PLANTS code	PLANTS synonym	Synonym code
ABGR	<i>Abies grandis</i> (Dougl.) Lindl.	ABGR		
ABLA2	<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i> (Hook.) Nutt.	ABLA		
ACGL	<i>Acer glabrum</i> Torr.	ACGL		
ADPE	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i> L.	ADPE		
AGCA	<i>Agropyron caninum</i> (L.) Beauv.	AGCA2	<i>Elymus caninus</i> (L.) L.	ELCA11
AGDI	<i>Agrostis diegoensis</i> Vasey	AGDI	<i>Agrostis pallens</i> Trin.	AGPA8
AGGL	<i>Agoseris glauca</i> (Pursh) Raf.	AGGL		
AGSP	<i>Agropyron spicatum</i> (Pursh) Scrib. & Smith	AGSP	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i> (Pursh) A. Löve	PSSPS
AGUR	<i>Agastache urticifolia</i> Kuntze	AGUR		
ALIN	<i>Alnus incana</i> (L.) Moench	ALIN2		
ALPR	<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> L.	ALPR3		
ALRH	<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i> Nutt.	ALRH2		
ALRU	<i>Alnus rubra</i> Bong.	ALRU2		
ALSI	<i>Alnus sinuata</i> (Regel) Rydb.	ALSI3	<i>Alnus viridis sinuata</i> (Regel) A. & D. Löve	ALVIS
ALVA	<i>Allium validum</i> Wats.	ALVA		
AMAL	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> Nutt.	AMAL2		
APAN	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i> L.	APAN2		
ARAC2	<i>Arenaria aculeata</i> Wats.	ARAC2		
ARAR	<i>Artemisia arbuscula</i> Nutt.	ARAR8		
ARCA	<i>Artemisia cana</i> Pursh	ARCA13		
ARCO	<i>Arnica cordifolia</i> Hook.	ARCO9	<i>Aristida purpurea longiseta</i> (Steud.) Vasey	ARPUL
ARLO3	<i>Aristida longiseta</i> Stevc.	ARLO3		
ARLO	<i>Arnica longifolia</i> D.C. Eat.	ARLO6		
ARLU	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i> Nutt.	ARLU		
ARNE	<i>Arctostaphylos nevadensis</i> Gray	ARNE		
ARRI	<i>Artemisia rigida</i> (Nutt.) Gray	ARRI2		
ARTR2	<i>Artemisia tripartita</i> Rydb.	ARTR4		
ARTRV	<i>Artemisia tridentata vaseyana</i> (Rydb.) Beetle	ARTRV		
ASCA3	<i>Asarum caudatum</i> Lindl.	ASCA2		
ASCU4	<i>Astragalus cusickii cusickii</i> Gray	ASCUJC2		
ASRE	<i>Astragalus reventus</i> Gray	ASRE5		
ATFI	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> (L.) Roth.	ATFI		
BASA	<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i> (Pursh) Nutt.	BASA3		
BEGL	<i>Betula glandulosa</i> Michx.	BEGL		
BEOC	<i>Betula occidentalis</i> Hook.	BEOC2		
BERE	<i>Berberis repens</i> Lindl.	BERE	<i>Mahonia repens</i> (Lindl.) G. Don	MARE11
BRCA	<i>Bromus carinatus</i> H. & A.	BRCA5		

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BROMU	BROMU	<i>Bromus L.</i>	BROMU		
BRVU	BRVU	<i>Bromus vulgaris</i> (Hook.) Shear	BRVU		
CAAM	CAAM	<i>Carex amplifolia</i> Boott	CAAM10		
CAAQ	CAAQ	<i>Carex aquatilis</i> Wahl.	CAAQ		
CACA4	CACA4	<i>Carex canescens</i> L.	CACA11		
CACA	CACA	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> (Michx.) Beauv.	CACA4		
CACU	CACU	<i>Camassia cusickii</i> Wats.	CACU2		
CACU2	CACU2	<i>Carex cusickii</i> Mack.	CACU5		
CADE	CADE	<i>Carex deweyana</i> Schw.	CADE9		
CADI	CADI	<i>Carex disperma</i> Dewey	CADI6		
CAEU	CAEU	<i>Carex eurycarpa</i> Holm.	CAEU2	<i>Carex angustata</i> Boott	CAAN15
CAGE	CAGE	<i>Carex geyeri</i> Boott	CAGE2		
CAHO	CAHO	<i>Carex hoodii</i> Boott	CAHO5		
CAJO	CAJO	<i>Carex jonesii</i> L. H. Bailey	CAJO		
CALA4	CALA4	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> Ehrh.	CALA11		
CALA	CALA	<i>Carex laevigulmis</i> Meinsch.	CALA13		
CALA3	CALA3	<i>Carex lanuginosa</i> Michx.	CALA30	<i>Carex pellita</i> Muhl. ex Willd.	CAPE42
CALE5	CALE5	<i>Carex lenticularis</i> Michx.	CALE8		
CALE3	CALE3	<i>Carex leporinella</i> Mack.	CALE9		
CALEL2	CALEL2	<i>Carex lenticularis lenticularis</i> Michx.	CALEL		
CALI	CALI	<i>Carex limosa</i> L.	CALI7		
CALU	CALU	<i>Carex luzulina</i> Olnry	CALU7		
CAMI	CAMI	<i>Carex microptera</i> Mack.	CAMI7		
CAMU2	CAMU2	<i>Carex muricata</i> L.	CAMU7		
CANE	CANE	<i>Carex nebrascensis</i> Dewey	CANE2		
CANI2	CANI2	<i>Carex nigricans</i> C.A. Mey.	CANI2		
CANU4	CANU4	<i>Carex nudata</i> Boott	CANU5		
CAPE	CAPE	<i>Carex petasata</i> Dewey	CAPE7		
CAPR5	CAPR5	<i>Carex praeclarilis</i> Boott	CAPR5		
CAREX	CAREX	<i>Carex L.</i>	CAREX		
CARO	CARO	<i>Carex rossii</i> Boott	CARO5		
CARU	CARU	<i>Calamagrostis rubescens</i> Buckl.	CARU		
CASC3	CASC3	<i>Carex scirpoidea</i> Michx.	CASC10		
CASC5	CASC5	<i>Carex scopulorum</i> Holm	CASC12		
CASH	CASH	<i>Carex sheldonii</i> Mackenzie	CASH		
CAS12	CAS12	<i>Carex simulata</i> Mack.	CAS12		
CAST	CAST	<i>Carex stipata</i> Muhl.	CAST5		
CASU4	CASU4	<i>Carex subfusca</i> Boott	CASU6		

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CAUT	<i>Carex utriculata</i> Boott	CAUT		
CAVE	<i>Carex vesicaria</i> L.	CAVE6		
CELE	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i> Nutt.	CELE3		
CERE2	<i>Celtis reticulata</i> Torr.	CERF2	<i>Celtis laevigata reticulata</i> (Torr.) L. Benson	CELAR
CEVE	<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i> Dougl. ex Hook.	CEVE		
CHNO	<i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</i> (D.Don) Spach	CHNO	<i>Cupressus nootkatensis</i> D. Don	CUNO
CHUM	<i>Chimaphila umbellata</i> (L.) Bart.	CHUM		
CILA2	<i>Cinna latifolia</i> (Trevir.) Griseb.	CILA2		
CLUN	<i>Clintonia uniflora</i> (Schult.) Kunth	CLUN2		
COOC2	<i>Coptis occidentalis</i> (Nutt.) T. & G.	COOC		
COST	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i> Michx.	COST4	<i>Cornus sericea sericea</i> L.	COSES
CRDO	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i> Lindl.	CRDO2		
CYTEF	<i>Cymopterus terebinthinus foeniculaceus</i> (T. & G.) Cronq.	CYTEF	<i>Pteryxia terebinthina foeniculacea</i> (Nutt. ex T. & G.) Mathias	PTTEF
DAIN	<i>Danthonia intermedia</i> Vasey	DAIN		
DAUN	<i>Danthonia unispicata</i> (Thurb.) Munro ex Macoun	DAUN		
DECE	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (L.) Beauv.	DECE	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i> (L.) Beauv.	DECA18
ELBE	<i>Eleocharis bella</i> (Piper) Svenson	ELBE		
ELCI	<i>Elymus cinereus</i> Scribn. & Smith	ELCI2	<i>Leymus cinereus</i> (Scribn. & Merr.) A. Löve	LECI4
ELGL	<i>Elymus glaucus</i> Buckl.	ELGL		
ELPA	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i> (L.) R. & S.	ELPA3	<i>Eleocharis quinqueflora</i> (FX. Hartmann) Schwarz	ELQU2
ELPA2	<i>Eleocharis pauciflora</i> (Lightf.) Link	ELPA6		
EQAR	<i>Equisetum arvense</i> L.	EQAR		
ERDO	<i>Eriogonum douglasii</i> Benth.	ERDO		
ERFL	<i>Eriogonum flavum</i> Nutt.	ERFL4		
ERHE	<i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i> Nutt.	ERHE2		
ERIOG	<i>Eriogonum L.</i>	ERIOG		
ERPU	<i>Erigeron pumilus</i> Nutt.	ERPU2		
ERST2	<i>Eriogonum strictum</i> Benth.	ERST4		
ERUM	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> Torr.	ERUM		
FEID	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i> Elmer	FEID		
FESC	<i>Festuca scabrella</i> Torr. ex Hook. [var. <i>major</i> Vasey]	FESCM	<i>Festuca campestris</i> Rydb.	FECA4
FEVI	<i>Festuca viridula</i> Vasey	FEVI		
FRALC	<i>Frasera albicaulis cusickii</i> C.L. Hitchc.	FRALC2		
GETR	<i>Geum triflorum</i> Pursh	GETR		
GLEL	<i>Glyceria elata</i> (Nash ex Rydb.) M.E. Jones	GLEL	<i>Glyceria striata</i> (Lam.) A.S. Hitchc.	GLST
GLNE	<i>Glossopetalon nevadense</i> Gray	GLNE	<i>Glossopetalon spinescens aridum</i> M.E. Jones	GLSPA
GYDR	<i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i> (L.) Newm.	GYDR		

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HELA	<i>Heracleum lanatum</i> Michx.	HELA4	<i>Heracleum maximum</i> Bart.	HEMA80
HODI	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i> (Pursh) Maxim.	HODI		
IVGO	<i>Ivesia gordonii</i> (Hook.) T. & G.	IVGO		
JUBA	<i>Juncus balticus</i> Willd.	JUBA	<i>Juncus arcticus littoralis</i> (Engelm.) Hultén	JUARL
JUCO4	<i>Juniperus communis</i> L.	JUCO6		
JUDR	<i>Juniperus drummondii</i> E. Mey.	JUDR		
JUOC	<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i> Hook.	JUOC		
JUPA	<i>Juncus parryi</i> Engelm.	JUPA		
JUSC	<i>Juncus scopulorum</i> Sarg.	JUSC2		
JUTE	<i>Juncus tenuis</i> Willd.	JUTE		
KAMI	<i>Kalmia microphylla</i> (Hook.) Heller	KAMI		
KOCR	<i>Koeleria cristata</i> Pers.	KOCR	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i> (Ledeb.) J.A. Schultes	KOMA
LECOW	<i>Lewisia columbiana wallowensis</i> C.L. Hitchc.	LECOW2	<i>Lewisia columbiana wallowensis</i> C.L. Hitchc.	LECOW
LEGL	<i>LEDum glandulosum</i> Nutt.	LEGL		
LEPY	<i>Lewisia pygmaea</i> (Gray) Robins.	LEPY2		
LIBO2	<i>Limnaea borealis</i> L.	LIBO3		
LICA2	<i>Ligusticum canbyi</i> Coulter. & Rose	LICA2		
LINU	<i>Linanthastrum nuttallii</i> (Gray) Ewan	LINU4	<i>Leptosiphon nuttallii nuttallii</i> (Gray) J.M. Porter	LENUN
			& L.A. Johnson	
LOIN	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i> (Rich.) Banks ex Spreng.	LOIN5		
LOLE	<i>Lomatium leptocarpum</i> (T. & G.) Coulter. & Rose	LOLE2	<i>Lomatium bicolor leptocarpum</i> (Torr. & Gray) Schlessman	LOBIL
LUAR3	<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Pursh	LUAR3		
LUHI	<i>Luzula hitchcockii</i> Hämet-Ahti	LUHI4	<i>Luzula glabra</i> (Hämet-Ahti) Dorn	LUGLH
LULA2	<i>Lupinus laxiflorus</i> Dougl. ex Lindl.	LULA3	<i>Lupinus argenteus laxiflorus</i> (Doug. ex Lind.) Dorn	LUARL5
LUPIN	<i>Lupinus</i> L.	LUPIN		
LUSE	<i>Lupinus sericeus</i> Pursh	LUSE4		
MAGL	<i>Malva glomerata</i> Hook.	MAGL2		
MEBU	<i>Melica bulbosa</i> Geyer ex Porter & Coulter	MEBU		
MEFE	<i>Menziesia ferruginea</i> Smith	MEFE		
METR	<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i> L.	METR3		
MILE	<i>Mimulus lewisii</i> Pursh	MILE2		
MOOD	<i>Monardella odoratissima</i> Benth.	MOOD		
NUPO	<i>Nuphar polysepala</i> (Engelm.) E.O. Beal	NUPO2		NULUP
OPPO	<i>Opuntia polyacantha</i> Haw.	OPPO		
OREX	<i>Oryzopsis exigua</i> Thurb.	OREX	<i>Piptatherum exiguum</i> (Thurb.) Dorn	PIEX3
PECO	<i>Pedicularis contorta</i> Benth.	PECO		

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PEFRP	<i>Petasites frigidus palmatus</i> (Ait.) Cronq.	PEFRP		
PEGA	<i>Penstemon gairdneri</i> Hook.	PEGA		
PENST	<i>Penstemon Schmidel</i>	PENST		
PERA3	<i>Peraphyllum ramosissimum</i> Nutt.	PERA4		
PESP2	<i>Penstemon spatulatus</i> Pennell	PESP2		
PHAR	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> L.	PHAR3		
PHAU	<i>Phlox austromontana</i> Cov.	PHAU3		
PHCA3	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i> (Pursh) Kuntze	PHCA11		
PHCO2	<i>Phlox colubrina</i> Wherry & Constance	PHCO10		
PHEM	<i>Phyllodoce empetrifolia</i> (Sm.) D. Don	PHEM		
PHLE2	<i>Phytadelphe lewisii</i> Pursh	PHLE4		
PHLOX	<i>Phlox</i> L.	PHLOX		
PHMA	<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i> (Greene) Kuntze	PHMA5		
PHOR	<i>Physaria oregona</i> S. Wats.	PHOR2		
PIAL	<i>Pinus albicaulis</i> Engelm.	PIAL		
PICO	<i>Pinus contorta</i> Dougl. ex Loud.	PICO		
PIEN	<i>Picea engelmannii</i> Parry ex Engelm.	PIEN		
PIFL	<i>Pinus flexilis</i> James	PIFL2		
PIMO	<i>Pinus monilicola</i> Dougl. ex D. Don	PIMO3		
PIPO	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> Dougl. ex Loud.	PIPO		
POBU	<i>Poa bulbosa</i> L.	POBU		
POCU	<i>Poa cusickii</i> Vasey	POCU3		
POFR	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> L.	POFR4		DAFRF
POGL	<i>Potentilla glandulosa</i> Lindl.	POGL9		
POMU	<i>Polystichum munatum</i> (Kaulf.) Presl.	POMU		
PONEW	<i>Poa nervosa wheeleri</i> (Vasey) C.L. Hitchc.	PONEW		POWH2
POPH	<i>Polygonum phytolaccifolium</i> Meisn. ex Small	POPH		
POPR	<i>Poa pratensis</i> L.	POPR		
POPU	<i>Polemonium pulcherrimum</i> Hook.	POPU3		
POS A3	<i>Poa sandbergii</i> Vasey	POS A12		PPOSE
POTR2	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i> T. & G. ex Hook.	POTR15		POBAT
POTR	<i>Populus tremuloides</i> Michx.	POTR5		
PREM	<i>Prunus emarginata</i> (Dougl.) Walpers	PREM		
PSME	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Mirbel) Franco	PSME		
PTAQ	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> (L.) Kuhn	PTAQ		
PUPA	<i>Puccinellia pauciflora</i> (J. Presl.) Munz	PUPA3		TOPAP3
PUTR	<i>Purshia tridentata</i> (Pursh) DC.	PUTR2		

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RHAL2	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i> L'Hér.	RHAL		
RHAL	<i>Rhododendron albiflorum</i> Hook.	RHAL2		
RHGL	<i>Rhus glabra</i> L.	RHGL		
RIBES	<i>Ribes montigenum</i> McClatchie	RIBES		
RIMO	<i>Rosa</i> L.	RIMO2		
ROSA	<i>Rubus bartonianus</i> Peck	ROSA5		
RUBA	<i>Rubus</i> L.	RUBA		
RUBUS	<i>Rubus discolor</i> Weihe & Nees	RUBUS	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i> Focke	RUAR9
RUDI	<i>Rudbeckia occidentalis</i> Nutt.	RUDI2		
RUOC	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i> Nutt.	RUOC2		
RUPA	<i>Saxifraga arguta</i> D. Don	RUPA		SAOD2
SAAR4	<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i> L.	SAAR13	<i>Saxifraga odontoloma</i> Piper	
SAAR5	<i>Saxifraga bronchialis</i> L.	SAAR27		
SABO2	<i>Salix boottii</i> Donn.	SABO2		
SACO2	<i>Salix commutata</i> Bebb.	SACO2		
SADR	<i>Salix drummondiana</i> Barratt	SADR		
SAEA	<i>Salix eastwoodiae</i> Cockerell ex Heller	SAEA		
SAEX	<i>Salix exigua</i> Nutt.	SAEX		
SAFA	<i>Salix farriae</i> Ball	SAFA		
SALA2	<i>Salix lasiandra</i> Benth.	SALA5	<i>Salix lucida lasiandra</i> (Benth.) E. Murr.	SALUL
SALE	<i>Salix lemmontii</i> Bebb.	SALE		
SALIX	<i>Salix</i> L.	SALIX		SAPR3
SARI	<i>Salix rigida</i> Muhl. [mackenziana (Hook.) Cronq.]	SARIM4	<i>Salix prolixa</i> Anderss.	
SASC	<i>Salix scouleriana</i> Barratt	SASC		
SAS12	<i>Salix sitchensis</i> Sanson	SAS12		
SATW	<i>Salix tweedyi</i> (Bebb.) Ball	SATW		
SCAN	<i>Scutellaria angustifolia</i> Pursh	SCAN3		
SCMI	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i> Presl.	SCMI2		
SELA2	<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i> Torr.	SELA		
SETR	<i>Senecio triangularis</i> Hook.	SETR		
SIHY	<i>Sitanion hystrix</i> (Nutt.) J.G. Sm.	SIHY		ELELE
SPAN	<i>Sparganium angustifolium</i> Michx.	SPAN2		
SPBE	<i>Spiraea betulifolia</i> Pall.	SPBE2		
SPCR	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> (Torr.) Gray	SPCR		

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STAM	<i>Streptopus amplexifolius</i> (L.) DC.	STAM2		
STLE2	<i>Sipa lemmonii</i> (Vasey) Scribn.	STLE2	<i>Achnatherum lemmonii</i> (Vasey) Barkworth	ACLEL
STOC	<i>Sipa occidentalis</i> Thurb. ex Wats.	STOC2	<i>Achnatherum occidentale</i> (Thurb.) Barkworth	ACOCO
SYAL	<i>Symporicarpus albus</i> (L.) Blake	SYAL		
SYOR	<i>Symporicarpus oreophilus</i> Gray	SYOR2		
TABR	<i>Taxus brevifolia</i> Nutt.	TABR2		
TRCA3	<i>Trautvetteria caroliniensis</i> (Walt.) Vail	TRCA		
TRMA	<i>Trifolium macrocephalum</i> (Pursh) Poir.	TRMA3		
TSME	<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i> (Bong.) Carr.	TSME		
TYLA	<i>Typha latifolia</i> L.	TYLA		
VAME	<i>Vaccinium membranaceum</i> Dougl. ex Hook.	VAME		
VASC	<i>Vaccinium scoparium</i> Leib.	VASC		
VAUL	<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> L.	VAUL		
VEAM	<i>Veronica americana</i> Schwein. ex Benth.	VEAM2		
VERAT	<i>Veratrum</i> L.	VERAT		
XETE	<i>Xerophyllum tenax</i> (Pursh) Nutt.	XETE		

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Appendix: Potential Vegetation Types of the Blue Mountains Section

Table 8—Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by potential vegetation type code^a

PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG
Status	Ecoclass	PAG
ABGR/ACGL	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple	PA CWS912 Warm very moist UF
ABGR/ACGL	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple	PA CWS541 Warm very moist UF
ABGR/ACGL (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple (floodplain)	PA CWS543 Warm moderate SM RF
ABGR/ACGL-PHMA5	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebark	PCT CWS412 Warm moist UF
ABGR/ARC09	grand fir/heartleaf arnica	PCT CWF444 Cold dry UF
ABGR/ATFI	grand fir/ladyfern	PA CWF613 Warm high SM RF
ABGR/BRVU	grand fir/Columbia bromé	PA CWG211 Warm moist UF
ABGR/CAGE2	grand fir/elk sedge	PA CWG111 Warm dry UF
ABGR/ICALA30	grand fir/woolly sedge	PC CWM311 Warm high SM RF
ABGR/CARU	grand fir/pinegrass	PA CWG112 Warm dry UF
ABGR/CRD02/CADE9	grand fir/pinegrass	PA CWG113 Warm dry UF
ABGR/CRD02/CALE9	grand fir/queencup beadly	PA CWF421 Cool moist UF
ABGR/CRD02/CLUN2	grand fir/goldthread	PA CWF511 Cool dry UF
ABGR/CRD02/CADE9	grand fir/black hawthorn/Dewey's sedge	PA CWS423 Warm high SM RF
ABGR/GYDR	grand fir/oakfern	PA CWF611 Cool very moist UF
ABGR/LIBO3	grand fir/twinflower	PA CWF311 Cool moist UF
ABGR/LIBO3	grand fir/twinflower	PA CWF312 Cool moist UF
ABGR/POMU-ASCA2	grand fir/swordfern-ginger	PA CWF612 Cool very moist UF
ABGR/SPBE2	grand fir/birchleaf spiraea	PA CWS321 Warm dry UF
ABGR/SPBE2	grand fir/birchleaf spiraea	PA CWS322 Warm dry UF
ABGR/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/common snowberry (floodplain)	PCT CWS314 Warm low SM RF
ABGR/TABR2/CLUN2	grand fir/Pacific yew/queencup beadly	PA CWF422 Cool wet UF
ABGR/TABR2/CLUN2	grand fir/Pacific yew/queencup beadly	PA CWC811 Cool wet UF
ABGR/TABR2/LIBO3	grand fir/Pacific yew/twinflower	PA CWF424 Warm high SM RF
ABGR/TABR2/LIBO3 (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/Pacific yew/twinflower (floodplain)	PA CWF512 Cool very moist UF
ABGR/TRCA	grand fir/false bugbane	PA CWS211 Cool moist UF
ABGR/VNAME	grand fir/big huckleberry	PA CWS212 Cool moist UF
ABGR/VNAME	grand fir/big huckleberry	PA CWS811 Cold dry UF
ABGR/VASC	grand fir/grouse huckleberry	PA CWS812 Cool moist UF
ABGR/VASC-LIBO3	grand fir-Alaska yellow cedar/big huckleberry	PCT CWS232 Cool moist UF
ABGR-CHNOVAME	subalpine fir/heartleaf arnica	PA CEF435 Cool moist UF
ABLA/ARC09	subalpine fir/heartleaf arnica	PCT CEF412 Cool moist UF
ABLA/ARC09	subalpine fir/pinemat manzanita/prickly sandwort	PC CES429 Cool dry UF
ABLA/ARNE/ARAC2	subalpine fir/ladyfern	PA CEF332 Cold high SM RF
ABLA/ATFI	subalpine fir/aquatic sedge	PCT CEM123 Cold high SM RF
ABLA/CAAQ	subalpine fir/bluejoint reedgrass	PA CEM124 Cold moderate SM RF
ABLA/CAC4	subalpine fir/softleaf sedge	PCT CEM122 Cold high SM RF
ABLA/CAD16	subalpine fir/elk sedge	PA CAG111 Cold dry UF
ABLA/CAGE2	subalpine fir/pinegrass	PA CEG312 Cool dry UF
ABLA/CARU	subalpine fir/queencup beadly	PA CES131 Cool moist UF
ABLA/CLUN2		Moist UF

Table 8-Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by potential vegetation type code^a (continued)

PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG
	Status Ecoclass	PAG
ABLA/CLUN2	subalpine fir/queencup beadlily	PA CES314 Cool moist UF
ABLA/FEVI	subalpine fir/green fescue	PC CEG411 Cold dry UF
ABLA/JUDR	subalpine fir/Drummond's rush	PC CEG412 Cold dry UF
ABLA/JUPA (AVALANCHE)	subalpine fir/Parry's rush (avalanche)	PC CEG414 Cold dry UF
ABLA/JUTE	subalpine fir/slender rush	PC CEG413 Cold dry UF
ABLA/LIBO3	subalpine fir/twinflower	PA CEF221 Cool moist UF
ABLA/LIBO3	subalpine fir/twinflower	PA CES414 Cool moist UF
ABLA/MEFE	subalpine fir/rusty menziesia	PA CES221 Cold moist UF
ABLA/POPH	subalpine fir/alpine fleeceflower	PC CEF511 Cold dry UF
ABLA/POPU3	subalpine fir/Jacob's ladder	PA CEF411 Cold dry UF
ABLA/RHAL2	subalpine fir/white rhododendron	PCT CES214 Cold moist UF
ABLA/SETR	subalpine fir/arrowleaf groundsel	PA CEF333 Cold high SM RF
ABLA/STAM2	subalpine fir/claspleaf twistedstalk	PCT CEF311 Cool wet UF
ABLA/STOC2	subalpine fir/western needlegrass	PCT CEG323 Cold dry UF
ABLA/TRCA	subalpine fir/false bugbane	PA CEF331 Cool moist UF
ABLA/NAME	subalpine fir/big huckleberry	PA CES315 Cool moist UF
ABLA/NAME	subalpine fir/big huckleberry	PA CES311 Cool moist UF
ABLA/VASC	subalpine fir/big huckleberry (floodplain)	PA CES316 Cold moderate SM RF
ABLA/VASC/POPU3	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry	PA CES411 Cold dry UF
ABLA/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry/Jacob's ladder	PA CES415 Cold dry UF
ABLA/VAUL/CASC12	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PCT CEM328 Cold dry UF
ABLA/XETE	subalpine fir/bog blueberry	PA CEF111 Cool dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/ARAC2	subalpine fir/whitebark pine/prickly sandwort	PC CAF324 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/CAGE2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/elk sedge	PA CAG133 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/FEVI	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/green fescue	PA CAG222 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/IUCO6	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain juniper	PC CAS424 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/IUCO6-ARNE	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain juniper-pinemat manzanita	PC CAS423 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/JUDR	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Drummond's rush	PCT CAG3 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/JUPA-STLE2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Parry's rush-Lemmon's needlegrass	PA CAG132 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/POPH	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/alpine fleeceflower	PCT CAF2 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/POPU3	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Jacob's ladder	PC CAF0 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/RIMO2/POPU3	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder	PCT CAS611 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARAC2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/prickly sandwort	PCT CAS623 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARCO9	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/heartleaf arnica	PA CAS621 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARO5	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/Ross' sedge	PA CAS622 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/FEVI	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/green fescue	PC CAS625 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/FEVI (AVALANCHE)	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/green fescue (avalanche)	PC CAS629 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/LECOW2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/Wallowa Lewisia	PC CAS627 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC/OREX	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/little ricegrass	PC CAS626 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath	PCT CAS624 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIAL/VASC-PHEM (AVALANCHE)	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath (avalanche)	PC CAS628 Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIEN/ARCO9	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/heartleaf arnica	PA CEF436 Cool moist UF
ABLA-PIEN/CLUN2	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/queencup beadlily	PA CEF437 Cool moist UF
ABLA-PIEN/LEGIL	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Labrador tea	PA CES612 Cold moist UF

Table 8-Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by potential vegetation type code^a (continued)

PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	
	Status	Eco-class	PAG
ABLA-PIEN/LEGL (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Labrador tea (floodplain)	PA CES610	Cold high SM RF
ABLA-PIEN/LIBO3	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/twinflower	PC CEF2	Moist UF
ABLA-PIEN/LUH14	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/smooth woodrush	PC CEG131	Cold UF
ABLA-PIEN/MEFE	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/rusty menziesia	PA CES2	Cold UF
ABLA-PIEN/MEFE (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/rusty menziesia (floodplain)	PA CES710	Cold moderate SM RF
ABLA-PIEN/POP03	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Jacob's ladder	PC CEF426	Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIEN/RHAL2	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/white rhododendron	PC CES215	Cold moist UF
ABLA-PIEN/SETR	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/arrowleaf groundsel	PC CEF336	Cold moist UF
ABLA-PIEN/TRCA	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/false bugbane	PC CEF425	Moist UF
ABLA-PIEN/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath	PC CES427	Cold dry UF
ABLA-PIM03/CHUM	subalpine fir-western white pine/prince's pine	PC CES8	Cold dry UF
ACGL	Rocky Mountain maple	PCT HD01	Hot low SM RS
ADPE	maidenhair fern	PCT FW4213	Warm high SM RH
AGDI	thin bentgrass	PCT MD4111	Low SM RH
AGSP-BRCA5	bluebunch wheatgrass-mountain bromegrass	PCT GB4131	Moist UH
AGSP-CYTEF	bluebunch wheatgrass-turpentine cymopterus	PCT GB4133	Warm moist UH
AGSP-ERHE2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Wyeth's buckwheat	PA GB4111	Hot dry UH
AGSP-ERUM	bluebunch wheatgrass-sulphurflower buckwheat	PCT GB4132	Hot dry UH
AGSP-POSA12	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA GB41	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA GB4121	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12 (BASALT)	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass (basalt)	PA GB4113	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12 (GRANITE)	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass (granite)	PA GB4116	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-APAN2	bluebunch wheatgrass-spreading dogbane	PA GB4127	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-ASCUS5	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Cusick's milkvetch	PA GB4114	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-ASRE5	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Big Mountain milkvetch	PA GB4125	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-BASA3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-arrowleaf balsamroot	PA GB4123	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-DAUN	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-onespike oatgrass	PA GB4911	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-ERHE2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-creamy buckwheat	PA GB4124	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-ERPU2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-shaggy fleabane	PA GB4115	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-LUPIN	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-lupine	PA GB4119	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-OPPO	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-pricklypear	PA GB4118	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-PHCO10	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-River phlox	PA GB4117	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-SCAN3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-narrowleaf skunkcap	PA GB4112	Dry UH
AGSP-POSA12-TRMA3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-bighead clover	PA GB4126	Dry UH
AGSP-SPCR-ARLO3	bluebunch wheatgrass-sand dropseed-red threeawn	PCT GB1911	Hot dry UH
ALIN2/ATFI	mountain alder/ladyfern	PA SW2116	Warm high SM RS
ALIN2/CAA10	mountain alder/bigleaf sedge	PA SW2114	Warm RS
ALIN2/CAAQ	mountain alder/aquatic sedge	PC SW2126	Warm RS
ALIN2/CACA4	mountain alder/bluejoint reedgrass	PA SW2121	Warm moderate SM RS
ALIN2/CADE9	mountain alder/Dewey's sedge	PCT SW2118	Warm moderate SM RS
ALIN2/CALA30	mountain alder/woolly sedge	PA SW2123	Warm RS
ALIN2/CALEL	mountain alder/densely tufted sedge	PC SW2127	Warm moderate SM RS
ALIN2/CALU7	mountain alder/woodrush sedge	PC SW2128	Low SM RS
ALIN2/CAUT	mountain alder/bladder sedge	PA SW2115	Warm RS
ALIN2/EQAR	mountain alder/common horsetail	PA SW2117	Warm RS

Table 8—Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by potential vegetation type code^a (continued)

PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	Status	Ecoclass	PAG	PVG
ALIN2/GLEL	mountain alder/tall manna grass	PA	SW2215	warm high SM RS	warm RS	
ALIN2/GYDR	mountain alder/oakfern	PCT	SW2125	warm moderate SM RS	warm RS	
ALIN2/HELA4	mountain alder/common cowparsnip	PCT	SW2124	warm moderate SM RS	warm RS	
ALIN2/POPR	mountain alder/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	SW2120	warm low SM RS	low SM RS	
ALIN2/SCMI12	mountain alder/smallfruit bulrush	PCT	SW2122	warm high SM RS	warm RS	
ALIN2-COST4/MESIC FORB	mountain alder-red osier dogwood/mesic forb	PA	SW2216	warm moderate SM RS	warm RS	
ALIN2-RIBES/MESIC FORB	mountain alder-currants/mesic forb	PA	SW2217	warm moderate SM RS	warm RS	
ALIN2-SYAL	mountain alder-common snowberry	PA	SW2211	warm low SM RS	low SM RS	
ALPR3	meadow foxtail	PCT	MD2111	warm low SM RH	low SM RH	
ALRH2/MESIC SHRUB	white alder/mesic shrub	PCT	SW2102	hot moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRH2/RUBUS	white alder/blackberry	PCT	SW2101	hot moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2 (ALLUVIAL BAR)	red alder (alluvial bar)	PCT	HAF226	warm moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/ATFI	red alder/ladyfern	PCT	HAF227	warm high SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/COST4	red alder/red osier dogwood	PC	HAS511	warm moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/PERFP	red alder/sweet coltsfoot	PCT	HAF211	warm moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/PHCA11	red alder/Pacific ninebark	PA	HAS211	warm moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/SYAL	red alder/common snowberry	PCT	[none]	warm moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/SYAL/CADE9	red alder/common snowberry/Dewey's sedge	PCT	HAS312	warm moderate SM RF	warm RF	
ALRU2/SYAL	Sitka alder snow slides	PCT	SM20	cold very moist US	cold US	
ALS13	Sitka alder/ladyfern	PA	SW2111	warm high SM RS	warm RS	
ALS13/ATFI	Sitka alder/drooping woodreed	PA	SW2112	warm high SM RS	warm RS	
ALS13/MESIC FORB	Sitka alder/mesic forb	PCT	SW2113	warm moderate SM RS	warm RS	
ALVA	Pacific onion/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	[none]	cold high SM RH	cold RH	
ALVA-CASC12	Pacific onion/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	FW7111	cold high SM RH	cold RH	
AMAL2	western serviceberry	PCT	SW3114	hot low SM RS	low SM RS	
ARAR8/AGSP	low sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD1924	warm dry US	dry US	
ARAR8/FELD-AGSP	low sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD1911	warm moist US	moist US	
ARAR8/POS12	low sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	SD9221	warm dry US	dry US	
ARCA13/DECE	silver sagebrush/tufted hairgrass	PA	SW6111	hot moderate SM RS	warm RS	
ARCA13/POCU3	silver sagebrush/Cusick's bluegrass	PCT	SW6114	hot low SM RS	low SM RS	
ARCA13/POPR	silver sagebrush/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	SW6112	hot low SM RS	low SM RS	
ARLU	white sagebrush	PCT	SD01	warm low SM RH	low SM RH	
ARR2/PEGA	stiff sagebrush/Gairdner's penstemon	PCT	SD9141	warm dry US	dry US	
ARR2/POSA12 (SCAB)	stiff sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass (scabland)	PA	SD9111	warm dry US	dry US	
ARR2/POSA12-DAUN	threetip sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass-onespike oatgrass	PCT	SD2401	warm dry US	dry US	
ARRTRV/AGSP-POSA12	mountain big sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	SD2918	warm dry US	dry US	
ARRTRV/BRCA5	mountain big sagebrush/mountain brome	PCT	SS4914	warm moist US	moist US	
ARRTRV/CAGE2	mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge	PA	SS4911	cold moist US	cold US	
ARRTRV/CAGE2 (MONTANE)	mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge (montane)	PCT	SD2915	warm moist US	moist US	
ARRTRV/CAHO5	mountain big sagebrush/Hood's sedge	PCT	SS4916	cold moist US	cold US	
ARRTRV/ELC12	mountain big sagebrush/basin wildrye	PCT	SD3011	warm moist US	moist US	
ARRTRV/ERFL4-PHLOX	mountain big sagebrush/golden buckwheat-phlox	PC	SS4918	cool dry US	cold US	
ARRTRV/FELD-AGSP	mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD2911	warm moist US	moist US	
ARRTRV/FEV1-KOCR	mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass	PA	SD2929	warm moist US	moist US	
ARRTRV/FEV1	mountain big sagebrush/green fescue	PCT	SS4915	cold moist US	cold US	

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PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG
Status	Ecoclass	PAG
ARTRV/LINU4	mountain big sagebrush/linanthus	PCT SS4917 Cool dry US PA SW6113 Hot low SM RS PC SD2920 Cool dry US PCT SD3010 Warm moist US
ARTRV/POCU3	mountain big sagebrush/Cusick's bluegrass	Cold US Low SM RS Cold US Moist US
ARTRV/STOC2	mountain big sagebrush/western needlegrass	
ARTRV-PERA4	mountain big sagebrush-squaw apple	
ARTRV-PUTR2/FEID	mountain big sagebrush-bitterbrush/Idaho fescue	PCT SD2916 Hot moist US PCT SD2919 Warm moist US
ARTRV-SYOR2	mountain big sagebrush-mountain snowberry	Moist US Moist US
ARTRV-SYOR2/BRCAS5	mountain big sagebrush-mountain snowberry/mountain brome	PCT SD2917 Warm moist US PCT SW3112 Warm moderate SM RS PCT SM41 Warm moderate SM RS PCT SW3113 Warm high SM RS
BEOC2/MESIC FORB	water birch/mesic forb	Warm RS Warm RS
BEOC2/PHAR3	water birch/wet canarygrass	Dry US
BEOC2/WET SEDGE	water birch/wet sedge	Warm RH
BERE/AGSP-APAN2	creeping Oregon grape/bluebunch wheatgrass-spreading dogbane	
CAAM10	bigleaf sedge	
CAAQ	aquatic sedge	PCT MM2914 Cool high SM RH PA MM2918 Warm high SM RH
CACA11	silvery sedge	PA MM2913 Cold high SM RH PA GS3914 Cold dry UH
CACA4	bluejoint reedgrass	PA GM4111 Cool moderate SM RH PCT FW3911 Warm very moist UH
CACU2 (SEEP)	Cusick's canna (seep)	PA GS3912 Cold dry UH PA GS3913 Cold dry UH
CACU5	Cusick's sedge	PA GS3916 Cold dry UH PA GS3915 Cold dry UH
CAEU2	widefruit sedge	PA GS3917 Cold dry UH PCT GS64 Cool moist UH
CAGE2-CARU	elk sedge-pinegrass	PA GS61 Cool moist UH PC GS4012 Cool moist UH
CAGE2-FEID	elk sedge-Idaho fescue	PA GS62 Cool moist UH PC GS63 Cool dry UH
CAGE2-JUPA	elk sedge-Parry's rush	PA GS64 Cool moist UH PC GS61 Cool moist UH
CAGE2-PHAU3	elk sedge-desert phlox	PA GS62 Cool moist UH PC GS63 Cool dry UH
CAGE2-POCU3	elk sedge-Cusick's bluegrass	PA GS64 Cool moist UH PC GS61 Cool moist UH
CAGE2-STOC2	elk sedge-western needlegrass	PA GS62 Cool moist UH PC GS63 Cool dry UH
CAHO5	Hood's sedge	PA GS64 Cool moist UH PA MM2933 Warm moderate SM RH
CAHO5-BRCAS5	Hood's sedge-mountain brome	PA MM2920 Warm high SM RH PC MW2913 Cold high SM RH
CAHO5-BRCAS5 (MEADOW)	Hood's sedge-mountain brome (meadow)	Cold RH
CAHO5-CAGE2	Hood's sedge-elk sedge	PA MM2911 Warm moderate SM RH PA MM2916 Cold high SM RH
CAHO5-POGL9	Hood's sedge-sticky cinquefoil	PCT MM2929 Warm moderate SM RH PCT MS3112 Warm moderate SM RH
CAJO	Jones' sedge	PCT MM2912 Warm moderate SM RH PA MS2111 Cold moderate SM RH
CALA11	slender sedge	PCT MM2922 Hot high SM RH PCT MW2912 Cold high SM RH
CALA13	smoothstemmed sedge	Warm RH Cold RH
CALA30	woolly sedge	PA GS4011 Cold dry UH
CALE8	lakeshore sedge	
CALE9	Sierra hare sedge	
CALI7	mud sedge	
CALU7	woodrush sedge	
CAMI7	smallwing sedge	
CAMU7	star sedge	
CANE2	Nebraska sedge	
CANI2	black alpine sedge	
CANU5	torrent sedge	
CAPR5	clustered field sedge	
CAREX-STOC2	alpine sedges-western needlegrass	

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PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	Status	Ecoclass	PAG	PVG
CASC10-SAAR13	northern singlespike sedge-brook saxifrage	PA	MS2113	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH
CASC12	Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	MS3111	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH
CASH	Sheldon's sedge	PCT	MM2932	Hot moderate SM RH	Warm RH
CAS12	shortbeaked sedge	PCT	MM2915	Warm high SM RH	Warm RH
CAST5	sawbeak sedge	PCT	MW1926	Warm high SM RH	Warm RH
CASU6	brown sedge	PC	MM2930	Warm moderate SM RH	Warm RH
CAUT	bladder sedge	PA	MM2917	Cool high SM RH	Cold RH
CAVE6	inflated sedge	PA	MW1923	Cool high SM RH	Cold RH
CELE3	mountain mahogany	PCT	SD49	Warm dry US	Dry US
CELE3/AGSP	mountain mahogany/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	SD4112	Warm dry US	Dry US
CELE3/CAGE2	mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PC	SD40	Warm moist US	Moist US
CELE3/CAGE2	mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PC	SD4113	Warm moist US	Moist US
CELE3/FEID-AGSP	mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD4111	Warm moist US	Moist US
CELE3/PONEW	mountain mahogany/Wheeler's bluegrass	PCT	SD4114	Warm dry US	Dry US
CELE3-PUTR2/AGSP	mountain mahogany-bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	SD4115	Warm moist US	Moist US
CERE2/AGSP	netleaf hackberry/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD5611	Hot moist US	Moist US
CERE2/BROMU	netleaf hackberry/brome	PCT	SD5612	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
CEVE	snowbrush ceanothus	PC	MW2927	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH
CILA2	drooping woodreed	PA	SW5112	Warm moist US	Moist US
COST4	red osier dogwood/ladyfern	PA	SW4133	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
COST4/ATFL1	red osier dogwood/brook saxifrage	PCT	SW5118	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
COST4/SAAR13	black hawthorn/mesic forb	PCT	SW3111	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
CRDO2/MESIC FORB	onespike oatgrass-slenderfruit lomatium	PA	GB9114	Hot moist UH	Moist UH
DAUN-LOLE2	tufted hairgrass	PA	MM1912	Cool moderate SM RH	Cold RH
DECE	delicate spikerush	PC	MS4111	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH
ELBE	basin wildrye	PCT	GB7111	Hot very moist UH	Moist UH
ELC12	creeping spikerush	PA	MW4912	Hot high SM RH	Warm RH
ELPA3	fewflowered spikerush	PA	MW4911	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH
ELPA6	common horsetail	PCT	FW4212	Warm moderate SM RH	Warm RH
EQAR	Douglas' buckwheat-Sandberg's bluegrass	PC	FM9111	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
ERDO-POSA12	golden buckwheat-coiled lousewort	PC	FS8116	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
ERDO-PECO	buckwheat/Oregon bladderpod	PA	SD9322	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
ERFL4-PHOR2	strict buckwheat/Sandberg's bluegrass	PCT	FM9112	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
ERST4-POSA12	sulphurflower (ridge)	PCT	FM9113	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
ERUM (RIDGE)	Idaho fescue (alpine)	PCT	GS12	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
FEID (ALPINE)	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	GB59	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
FEID-AGSP	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass (ridge)	PCT	GB5915	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
FEID-AGSP (RIDGE)	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-arrowleaf balsamroot	PA	GB5917	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
FEID-AGSP-BASA3	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-cymopterus	PA	GB5925	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
FEID-AGSP-CYTEF	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Cusick's frasera	PA	GB5926	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
FEID-AGSP-FRALC2	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-lupine	PA	GB5916	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
FEID-AGSP-LUPIN	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Snake River phlox	PA	GB5918	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
FEID-AGSP-PHCO10	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-phlox	PA	GB5931	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
FEID-AGSP-PHOX	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Wheeler's bluegrass	PC	GB5927	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
FEID-AGSP-PONEW					

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PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG
		Status Ecoclass PAG
FEID-CAGE2	Idaho fescue-elm sedge	PCT GB5922 Warm moist UH
FEID-CAHO5	Idaho fescue-Hood's sedge	PA GB5921 Warm moist UH
FEID-DAIN-CAPE7	Idaho fescue-timber oatgrass-Liddon's sedge	PA GB5920 Warm very moist UH
FEID-DAUN	Idaho Fescue-onepike oatgrass	PCT GB5932 Warm dry UH
FEID-GETR	Idaho fescue-red avens	PCT GB5923 Cool moist UH
FEID-KOCR (HIGH)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (high elevation)	PA GB5913 Cool moist UH
FEID-KOCR (LOW)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (low elevation)	PA GB5914 Warm moist UH
FEID-KOCR (MOUND)	Idaho fescue-prairie Junegrass (mound)	PA GB5912 Cool moist UH
FEID-KOCR (RIDGE)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (ridge)	PA GB5911 Cool moist UH
FEID-PESP2	Idaho fescue-Wallowa penstemon	PCT GB5924 Cool moist UH
FELLFIELD	fallfield	PC GS60 Cold dry UH
FESC-FEID	rough fescue-Idaho fescue	PC GB6011 Cold dry UH
FEVI	green fescue	PA GS11 Cold moist UH
FEVI-AGCA2	green fescue-bearded wheatgrass	PC GS1118 Cold moist UH
FEVI-CAHO5	green fescue-Hood's sedge	PCT GS1111 Cold moist UH
FEVI-CARO5	green fescue-Ross' sedge	PCT GS1114 Cold moist UH
FEVI-CASC12	green fescue-Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PC GS1119 Cold moist UH
FEVI-JUPA	green fescue-Parry's rush	PA GS1113 Cold dry UH
FEVI-LICA2	green fescue-Canby's lovage	PC GS1117 Cold moist UH
FEVI-LULA3	green fescue-spurred lupine	PA GS1112 Cold moist UH
FEVI-PENST	green fescue-penstemon	PCT GS1115 Cold moist UH
FEVI-STOC2	green fescue-western needlegrass	PCT GS1116 Cold moist UH
GLEL	tall managrass	PA MM2925 Warm high SM RH
GLSPA/AGSP	spiny greasebush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA SD65 Hot dry US
GRUS	grus	PC FS92 Cold dry UH
HELA4-ELGL	common cowparsnip/blue wildrye	PC SW3124 Warm moderate SM RH
JUBA	Baltic rush	PCT MW3912 Warm moderate SM RH
JUCO6	mountain juniper	PC CJC1 Warm moist US
JUOC/AGSP	western juniper/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT CJG113 Hot dry UW
JUOC/ARAR8	western juniper/low sagebrush	PCT CJSI Hot dry UW
JUOC/ARA8/FEID	western juniper/low sagebrush/Idaho fescue	PA CJS112 Hot dry UW
JUOC/ARR12	western juniper/stiff sagebrush	PCT CJS8 Hot dry UW
JUOC/ARR12 (SCAB)	western juniper/stiff sagebrush (scabland)	PCT CJS811 Hot dry UW
JUOC/ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT CJS2 Hot moist UW
JUOC/CELE3/CAGE2	western juniper/mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PCT CJS42 Hot moist UW
JUOC/CELE3/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA CJS41 Hot moist UW
JUOC/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA CJG111 Hot moist UW
JUOC/PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA CJS321 Hot moist UW
JUPA-AGGL	Parry's rush-pale agoseris	PC GS4013 Cold moderate SM RS
JUSC2/CELE3	Rocky Mountain juniper-mountain mahogany	PC CJS5 Warm dry UF
KAMI/CANI2	alpine laurel/black alpine sedge	PA SW901 Cold high SM RS
LECW2 (RIM)	Wallowa Lewisia (rim)	PCT FX4111 Hot dry UH
LEG1/CASC12	Labrador tea/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PC SW0101 Cold moderate SM RS
LEPY2-MAGL2	pygmy Lewisia-cluster tarweed	PC FS8113 Cool moist UH
LINU4-ARLO6	linanthus-longleaf arnica	PC FS8115 Cool moist UH

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PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVT	Ecoclass	PAG	PVG
LJNU4-ARLU	linanthus-white sagebrush	PC	FS80	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
LJNU4-CYTEF	linanthus-cymopteris	PC	FS1113	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
LOIN5/ATFI	twinberry honeysuckle/ladyfern	PC	SW0102	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
MEBU-STOC2	oniongrass-western needlegrass	PCT	GB5011	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
METR3	buckbean	PC	FW6111	Warm high SM RH	Warm RH
MOOD	mountain balm	PC	FS8112	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
NUPO2	Rocky Mountain pondlily	PA	MT10	Cool high SM RH	Cold RH
PERA4-SYOR2	squaw apple-mountain snowberry	PCT	SD30	Hot moist US	Moist US
PHCA11	Pacific ninebark	PC	SM1901	Warm low SM RS	Low SM RS
PHEM (MOUNDS)	pink mountainheath (mounds)	PA	SS1912	Cold moderate SM RS	Cold RS
PHLE4 (TALUS)	syringa-bordered talus strips	PCT	NTS1111	Hot very moist US	Moist US
PHLE4/MESIC FORB	Lewis' mockorange/mesic forb	PCT	SM3001	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
PHLOX-CYTF	phlox-cymopteris	PC	FS8117	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
PHLOX-IVGO	phlox-livesia	PC	FS8118	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
PHMA5-SYAL	mallow ninebark-common snowberry	PCT	SM119	Warm moist US	Moist US
PHMA5-SYAL	mallow ninebark-common snowberry	PCT	SM1111	Warm moist US	Moist US
PIAL/ARAC2	whitebark pine/prickly sandwort	PA	CAG131	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/CAGE2	whitebark pine/elk sedge	PA	CAG221	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/FEVI	whitebark pine/mountain juniper-pinenmat manzanita	PC	CAS422	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/JUC06-ARNE	whitebark pine/silvery lupine	PC	CAS423	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/LUAR3	whitebark pine/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder	PA	CAS512	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/RIMO2/POPU3	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/prickly sandwort	PC	CAS313	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/VASC/ARAC2	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/heartleaf arnica	PC	CAS312	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/VASC/ARC09	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/smooth woodrush	PA	CAS311	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PIAL/VASC/LUHI4	lodgepole pine/grand fir)/Sitka alder	PCT	CLS58	Cool very moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABGR)/ALSI3	lodgepole pine/grand fir)/pinemat manzanita	PCT	CLS57	Cool dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABGR)/CARU	lodgepole pine/grand fir)/pinegrass	PCT	CLG21	Cool dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABGR)/LIBO3	lodgepole pine/grand fir)/(twinflower	PCT	CLF211	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABGR)/VAME	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry	PCT	CLSS513	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABGR)/VAME/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	CLSS512	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABGR)/NAME/PTAQ	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/bracken fern	PCT	CLSS519	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABGR)/NAME-LIBO3	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/twinflower	PCT	CLSS5	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABGR)/VASC/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/grouse huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	CLS417	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABLA)/CAGE2	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/elk sedge	PCT	CLG322	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABLA)/STOC2	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/western needlegrass	PCT	CLG11	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABLA)/VAME	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry	PCT	CLS515	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABLA)/VAME	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	CLS514	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABLA)/VAME/CARU	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	CLS516	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
PICO(ABLA)/VASC	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/grouse huckleberry	PCT	CLS418	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABLA)/VASC/POPU3	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/grouse huckleberry/Jacob's ladder	PCT	CLS415	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
PICO(ABLA)/VASC FORB	lodgepole pine/mountain alder/mesic forb	PC	CLM511	Cold moderate SM RF	Cold RF
PICO(ABLA)/VASC AAQ	lodgepole pine/aquatic sedge	PA	CLM114	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
PICO(CACA4	lodgepole pine/bluejoint reedgrass	PC	CLM117	Cold moderate SM RF	Cold RF
PICO(CALA30	lodgepole pine/woolly sedge	PC	CLM116	Cold moderate SM RF	Cold RF

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PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PAG	PVG
Status	EcoClass	PAG	PVG
PICO/CARU	lodgepole pine/pinegrass	PA	CLS416 Cold UF
PICO/CASC12	lodgepole pine/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PC	CLM118 Cold high SM RF
PICO/DECE	lodgepole pine/tufted hairgrass	PA	CLM115 Cold moderate SM RF
PICO/POPR	lodgepole pine/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	CLM112 Cold low SM RF
PIEN/ATFI	Engelmann spruce/ladyfern	PCT	CEF334 Cold high SM RF
PIEN/BRVU	Engelmann spruce/Columbia bromé	PCT	CEM125 Cold low SM RF
PIEN/CAD16	Engelmann spruce/softleaf sedge	PA	CEM121 Cold high SM RF
PIEN/CIL12	Engelmann spruce/drooping woodreed	PC	CEM126 Cold moderate SM RF
PIEN/COST74	Engelmann spruce/red osier dogwood	PA	CES511 Cold moderate SM RF
PIEN/EQAR	Engelmann spruce/common horsetail	PA	CEM211 Cold moderate SM RF
PIEN/SETR	Engelmann spruce/arrowleaf groundsel	PA	CEF335 Cold high SM RF
PIEN-ABL/A/CASC12	Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	CEG201 Cold high SM RF
PIFL2/JUCO6	limber pine/mountain juniper	PA	CEM201 Cold high SM RF
PIMO3/DECE	western white pine/tufted hairgrass	PCT	CAS511 Cold dry UF
PIPO/AGSP	ponderosa pine/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	CPG132 Hot dry UF
PIPO/ARAR8	ponderosa pine/low sagebrush	PCT	CPG111 Hot dry UF
PIPO/ARTRV/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge	PCT	CPS61 Hot moist UF
PIPO/ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	ponderosa pine/mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	CPS132 Hot dry UF
PIPO/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/elk sedge	PA	CPS131 Hot dry UF
PIPO/CARU	ponderosa pine/pinegrass	PA	CPG222 Warm dry UF
PIPO/CELE3/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PA	CPG221 Warm dry UF
PIPO/CELE3/FEID-AGSP	ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	CPS232 Warm dry UF
PIPO/CELE3/PONEW	ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/Wheeler's bluegrass	PA	CPS234 Hot dry UF
PIPO/CRD02	ponderosa pine/black hawthorn	PA	CPS233 Hot dry UF
PIPO/FEID	ponderosa pine/Idaho fescue	PC	CPS722 Hot moderate SM RF
PIPO/PERA4	ponderosa pine/squaw apple	PA	CPG131 Hot dry UF
PIPO/POPR	ponderosa pine/Kentucky bluegrass	PA	CPG112 Hot dry UF
PIPO/PUTR2/AGSP	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	CPS231 Hot dry UF
PIPO/PUTR2/AGSP-POSA12	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	CPS229 Hot dry UF
PIPO/PUTR2/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/elk sedge	PA	CPS222 Warm dry UF
PIPO/PUTR2/CAR05	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/Ross' sedge	PA	CPS221 Warm dry UF
PIPO/PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	ponderosa pine/smooth sumac	PA	CPS226 Hot dry UF
PIPO/RHGL	ponderosa pine/birchleaf spiraea	PCT	CPS9 Hot dry UF
PIPO/SPBEE2	ponderosa pine/common snowberry	PA	CPS523 Warm dry UF
PIPO/SYAL	ponderosa pine/common snowberry	PA	CPS524 Dry UF
PIPO/SYAL	ponderosa pine/common snowberry (floodplain)	PA	CPS522 Dry UF
PIPO/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	ponderosa pine/mountain snowberry	PA	CPS511 Hot low SM RF
PIPO/SYOR2	ponderosa pine/western juniper/mountain mahogany-mountain snowberry	PA	CPS525 Dry UF
PIPO-JUOC/CELE3-SYOR2	bulbous bluestem-cluster tarweed	PCT	CPC212 Hot dry UF
POBU-MAGL2	shrubby cinquefoil	PCT	GB4411 Hot dry UF
POFR4	shrubby cinquefoil/tufted hairgrass	PC	SS60 Cool moist US
POFR4/DECE	shrubby cinquefoil/Idaho fescue	PA	SW5113 Warm moderate SM RS
POFR4/FEID		PCT	SS4919 Warm moist US

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	Status/Ecoclass	PAG
POFR4/POPR	shrubby cinquefoil/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT SW5114 Warm low SM RS
POFR4-BEGL	shrubby cinquefoil-bog birch	PCT SS6001 Cold moderate SM RS
POPH (CORNICES)	alpine fleeceflower (cornices)	PC FS5916 Cold moist UH
POPH-AGUR-LINU4	alpine fleeceflower-horsemint-linanthus	PC FS5915 Cool dry UH
POPH-CAGE2-LINU4	alpine fleeceflower-elk sedge-linanthus	PC FS5914 Cool dry UH
POPH-CARU-CAGE2	alpine fleeceflower-pinegrass-elk sedge	PC FS5913 Cool dry UH
POPH-FEV1	alpine fleeceflower-green fescue	PC FS5912 Cold moist UH
POPR (DEGEN BENCH)	Kentucky bluegrass (degenerated bench)	PC MD3112 Cool moist UH
POPR (DRY MEADOW)	Kentucky bluegrass (dry meadow)	PCT MD3111 Warm low SM RH
POSA12-DAUN	Sandberg's bluegrass-onespiky oatgrass	PA GB9111 Hot dry UH
POSA12-SELA	Sandberg's bluegrass-lanceleaf stonecrop	PC GB9112 Warm dry UH
POTR15/ACGL	black cottonwood/Rocky Mountain maple	PCT HCS114 Warm moderate SM RF
POTR15/ALIN2-COST4	black cottonwood/mountain alder-red osier dogwood	PA HCS113 Warm moderate SM RF
POTR15/SALA5	black cottonwood/Pacific willow	PA HCS112 Hot moderate SM RF
POTR15/SYAL	black cottonwood/common snowberry	PCT HCS311 Hot moderate SM RF
POTR5/ALIN2-COST4	quaking aspen/mountain alder-red osier dogwood	PCT HCS312 Hot moderate SM RF
POTR5/ALIN2-SYAL	quaking aspen/mountain alder-common snowberry	PCT HQS222 Warm moderate SM RF
POTR5/CAAAQ	quaking aspen/aquatic sedge	PCT HQS223 Warm moderate SM RF
POTR5/CACA4	quaking aspen/bluejoint reedgrass	PCT HQM212 Warm high SM RF
POTR5/CAGE2	quaking aspen/elk sedge	PCT HQM123 Warm moderate SM RF
POTR5/CALA30	quaking aspen/woolly sedge	PC HQG112 Cool very moist UF
POTR5/MESIC FORB	quaking aspen/mesic forb	PA HQM211 Warm moderate SM RF
POTR5/POPR	quaking aspen/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT HQM511 Warm high SM RF
POTR5/SYAL	quaking aspen/common snowberry	PCT HQM122 Hot low SM RF
PREM	bitter cherry	PC SM34 Warm moist US
PSME/ACGL-PHMA5	Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebark	PA CDS722 Warm moist UF
PSME/ACGL-PHMA5 (FLOODPLAIN)	Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebark (floodplain)	PA CDS724 Warm moderate SM RF
PSME/ACGL-SYOR2	Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mountain snowberry	PC CDS725 Warm moist UF
PSME/ARNE/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/pinemat manzanita/elk sedge	PA CDS664 Warm dry UF
PSME/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/elk sedge	PA CDG111 Warm dry UF
PSME/CARU	Douglas-fir/pinegrass	PA CDG121 Warm dry UF
PSME/CELE3/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PA CDG112 Warm dry UF
PSME/HOD1	Douglas-fir/oceanspray	PCT CDS63D Warm dry UF
PSME/PHMA5	Douglas-fir/mallow ninebark	PA CDS611 Warm moist UF
PSME/RIMO2/POPUS3	Douglas-fir/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder	PA CDS711 Warm dry UF
PSME/SPBE2	Douglas-fir/birchleaf spirea	PC CDS911 Cold dry UF
PSME/SYAL	Douglas-fir/common snowberry	PA CDS634 Warm dry UF
PSME/SYAL	Douglas-fir/common snowberry (floodplain)	PA CDS622 Warm dry UF
PSME/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	Douglas-fir/common snowberry (floodplain)	PA CDS624 Warm dry UF
PSME/SYOR2	Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry	PA CDS628 Warm low SM RF
PSME/SYOR2	Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry	PA CDS623 Warm dry UF
PSME/SYOR2/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry/elk sedge	PA CDS625 Warm dry UF
PSME/TRCA	Douglas-fir/false bugbane	PCT CDF313 Warm moderate SM RF

Table 8—Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by potential vegetation type code^a (continued)

PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	
	Status	Ecoclass	PAG
PSME/VAME	Douglas-fir/big huckleberry	PA	CDS812
PSME/VAME	Douglas-fir/big huckleberry	PA	CDS821
PSME-PIPO-JUOC/FEID	Douglas-fir/ponderosa pine-western juniper/Idaho fescue	PC	CDG333
PTAQ-CAHO5	bracken fern-Hood's seige	PC	FS8111
PUPA3	weak alkaligrass	PA	MM2926
PUTR2/AGSP	bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD3112
PUTR2/ERDO	bitterbrush/Douglas' buckwheat	PCT	SD3126
PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD3111
PUTR2-ARTRV/FEID	bitterbrush-mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue	PCT	SD3125
PUTR2-ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	bitterbrush-mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD3124
RHAL/MESIC FORB	alderleaf buckthorn/mesic forb	PCT	SW5117
RHGL/AGSP	smooth sumac/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	SD6121
RIBES/CILA2	currants/drooping woodreed	PCT	SW5111
RIBES/GLEL	currants/tall manna grass	PCT	SW5116
RIBES/MESIC FORB	currants/mesic forb	PCT	SW5115
ROCK OUTCROP	rock outcrop	PC	FS91
RUBA	Barton's raspberry	PC	SM5001
RUDI2	Himalayan blackberry	PC	SM5002
RUOC2	western coneflower	PCT	FS8101
RUOC2-MAGL2	western coneflower-cluster tarweed	PC	FS81
RUPA	thimbleberry	PCT	SM5912
SAAR13	brook saxifrage	PCT	FW6113
SAAR27	arctic willow	PA	SW1133
SABO2/CASC12	Booth's willow/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	SW1138
SABO2/CAVE6	Booth's willow/inflated sedge	PC	SW1139
SACO2/CAPR5	undergreen willow/clustered field sedge	PC	SW1128
SACO2/CASC12	undergreen willow/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	SW1121
SACO2/CAUT	undergreen willow/bladder sedge	PCT	SW1127
SADR/SETR	Drummond's willow/arroyoleaf groundsel	PC	SW1137
SAEA-SATW/CAAQ	Eastwood willow-Tweedy willow/aquatic sedge	PC	SW1129
SAEX	coyote willow	PA	SW1117
SAFA/ALVA	Fair's willow/Pacific onion	PC	SW1134
SALE/MESIC FORB	Lemmon's willow/mesic forb	PCT	SW1135
SALIX/CAAQ	willow/aquatic sedge	PA	SW1114
SALIX/CACA4	willow/bluejoint reedgrass	PA	SW1124
SALIX/CALA30	willow/woolly sedge	PA	SW1112
SALIX/CAUT	willow/bladder sedge	PA	SW1123
SALIX/MESIC FORB	willow/mesic forb	PCT	SW1125
SALIX/POPR	willow/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	SW1111
SARI2	rigid willow	PCT	SW1126
SASC/ELGL	Scouler's willow/blue wildrye	PC	SW1130
SAS12/EQAR	Sitka willow/common horsetail	PC	SW1136
SCMI2	smallfruit bulrush	PA	MM2924
SCREE	scree	PC	FS90

Table 8-Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by potential vegetation type code^a (continued)

PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG
		Status Ecoclass PAG
SETR	arrowleaf groundsel	PA FW4211 Warm high SM RH
SETR-MILE2	arrowleaf groundsel-purple monkeyflower	PA FW4214 Cool high SM RH
SPAN2	narrowleaf bur-reed	PA WL0108 Cold high SM RH
SPCR (TERRACE)	sand dropseed (terrace)	PA GB1211 Hot dry UH
STOC2	western needlegrass	PCT GS10 Cool moist UH
STOC2-SIHY (ALPINE)	western needlegrass-squirretail (alpine)	PCT GS50 Warm dry UH
SYAL	common snowberry	PCT SM31 Warm moist US
SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	common snowberry (floodplain)	PCT SM3110 Hot moderate SM RS
SYAL/FEID-AGSP-LUSE4	common snowberry/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-silky lupine	PCT GB5121 Warm moist US
SYAL/FEID-KOCR	common snowberry/Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass	PCT GB5919 Warm moist US
SYAL-ROSA5	common snowberry-rose	PCT SM3111 Warm moist US
SYOR2	mountain snowberry	PCT SM32 Warm moist US
TSME/VAME	mountain hemlock/big huckleberry	PA CMS231 Cold dry UF
TSME/VASC	mountain hemlock/grouse huckleberry	PA CMS131 Cold dry UF
TURF	turf	PC GS70 Cold dry UH
TYLA	common cattail	PC MT8121 Hot high SM RH
VEAM2	American speedwell	PA FW6112 Warm high SM RH
VERAT	false hellebore	PCT FW51 Warm moderate SM RH
VERAT	false hellebore	PC FW5121 Warm moderate SM RH

^aThis tabular summary is organized alphabetically by PVT code (USDA Forest Service 2002). Column descriptions are:

“PVT code” provides an alphanumerical code for each potential vegetation type; see “naming conventions” section for information about derivation of PVT codes. Note that a PVT code might be listed twice, in which case the same potential vegetation type was included in more than one potential vegetation classification for the Blue Mountains section (Crowe and Clausnitzer 1997, Johnson 2004, Johnson and Clausnitzer 1992, Johnson and Simon 1987, Johnson and Swanson 2005, Wells 2006), but a different ecoclass code was assigned for each instance. PLANTS code (USDA NRCS 2004) is described in the species list section of this report.

“PVT common name” provides a common name for each potential vegetation type; see “naming conventions” section for information about derivation of PVT common names.

“Status” provides the classification status of each potential vegetation type: PA is plant community; PCT is plant community type.

“Ecoclass” codes are used to record potential vegetation type determinations on field forms and in computer databases; see “naming conventions” section for information about derivation of ecoclass codes.

“PAG” (plant association group) and “PVG” (potential vegetation group) are two of the midscale hierarchical units (fig. 2); PAG and PVG codes use the following abbreviations: SM is soil moisture, UF is upland forest physiognomic class, UW is upland woodland physiognomic class, US is upland shrub physiognomic class, UH is upland herb physiognomic class, RF is riparian forest physiognomic class, RS is riparian shrub physiognomic class, and RH is riparian herb physiognomic class.

Table 9—Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by ecoclass code^a

Ecoclass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	Status	PAG
CAF0	ABLA-PIAL/POPU3	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Jacob's ladder	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAF2	ABLA-PIAL/POPH	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/alpine fleeceflower	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAF322	PIAL/ARAC2	whitebark pine/prickly sandwort	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAF323	PIAL/LUAR3	whitebark pine/silvery lupine	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAF324	ABLA-PIAL/ARAC2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/prickly sandwort	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAG111	ABLA/CAGE2	subalpine fir/elk sedge	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAG131	PIAL/CAGE2	whitebark pine/elk sedge	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAG132	ABLA-PIAL/JUPA-STLE2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Parry's rush-Lemmon's needlegrass	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAG133	ABLA-PIAL/CAGE2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/elk sedge	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAG221	PIAL/FEVI	whitebark pine/green fescue	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAG222	ABLA-PIAL/FEVI	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/green fescue	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAG3	ABLA-PIAL/JUDR	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/Drummond's rush	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAS311	PIAL/VASC/LUHT4	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/smooth woodrush	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAS312	PIAL/VASC/ARCO9	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/hearleaf arnica	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS313	PIAL/VASC/ARAC2	whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/prickly sandwort	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS422	PIAL/JUCO6-ARNE	whitebark pine/mountain juniper-pinenmat manzanita	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS423	ABLA-PIAL/JUCO6-ARNE	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain juniper-pinenmat manzanita	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS424	ABLA-PIAL/JUCO6	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain juniper	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS511	PIFL2/JUCO6	limber pine/mountain juniper	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAS512	PIAL/RIMO2/POPU3	whitebark pine/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAS611	ABLA-PIAL/RIMO2/POPU3	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAS621	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARCO9	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/hearleaf arnica	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAS622	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARO5	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/Ross' sedge	PA	Cold dry UF	
CAS623	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/ARAC2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/prickly sandwort	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAS624	ABLA-PIAL/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath	PCT	Cold dry UF	
CAS625	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/FEVI	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/green fesque	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS626	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/OREX	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/little ricegrass	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS627	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/LECOW2	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/Wallowa Lewisia	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS628	ABLA-PIAL/VASC-PHEM (AVALANCHE)	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/pink mountainheath (avalanche)	PC	Cold dry UF	
CAS629	ABLA-PIAL/VASC/FEVI (AVALANCHE)	subalpine fir-whitebark pine/grouse huckleberry/green fesque (avalanche)	PC	Cold dry UF	
CDF313	PSME/TRCA	Douglas-fir/false bugbane	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
CDG111	PSME/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/elk sedge	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDG112	PSME/CARU	Douglas-fir/pinegrass	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDG121	PSME/CARU	Douglas-fir/ponderosa pine-western juniper/Idaho fescue	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDG333	PSME-PIPO-JUOC/FEID	Douglas-fir/oceanspray	PC	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS611	PSME/HODI	Douglas-fir/common snowberry	PA	Warm moist UF	Moist UF
CDS622	PSME/SYAL	Douglas-fir/common snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS623	PSME/SYOR2	Douglas-fir/common snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS624	PSME/SYAL	Douglas-fir/common snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF

Table 9—Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by ecoclass code^a (continued)

EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	Status	PAG
CDS625	PSME/SYOR2	Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS628	PSME/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	Douglas-fir/common snowberry (floodplain)	PA	Warm low SM RF	Low SM RF
CDS634	PSME/SPBE2	Douglas-fir/birchleaf spiraea	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS642	PSME/SYOR2/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/mountain snowberry/elk sedge	PC	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS664	PSME/ARNE/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/pinemat manzanita/elk sedge	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS711	PSME/PHMA5	Douglas-fir/mallow ninebank	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS722	PSME/ACGL-PHMA5 (FLOODPLAIN)	Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebank (floodplain)	PA	Warm moist UF	Moist UF
CDS724	PSME/ACGL-SYOR2	Douglas-fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebank snowberry	PA	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
CDS725	PSME/ACGL-YAME	Douglas-fir/big huckleberry	PC	Warm moist UF	Moist UF
CDS812	PSME/YAME	Douglas-fir/big huckleberry	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS821	PSME/RIMO2/POPU3	Douglas-fir/mountain gooseberry/Jacob's ladder	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CDS911	PSME/CELE3/CAGE2	Douglas-fir/mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CDSD	ABLA/XETE	subalpine fir/beargrass	PCT	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CEF111	ABLA-PIEN/LIBO3	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/twinflower	PA	Cool dry UF	Cold UF
CEF2	ABLA-PIEN/LIBO3	subalpine fir/twinflower	PC	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF221	ABLA/LIBO3	subalpine fir/claspleaf twistedstalk	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF311	ABLA/STAM2	subalpine fir/false bugbane	PA	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEF331	ABLA/TRCA	subalpine fir/ladyfern	PA	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEF332	ABLA/ATFI	subalpine fir/arrowleaf groundsel	PA	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEF333	ABLA/SETR	Engelmann spruce/ladyfern	PCT	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEF334	PIEN/ATFI	Engelmann spruce/arrowleaf groundsel	PA	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEF335	PIEN/SETR	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/arrowleaf groundsel	PC	Cold moist UF	Cold UF
CEF336	ABLA-PIEN/SETR	subalpine fir/Jacob's ladder	PA	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEF411	ABLA/POPU3	subalpine fir/hearleaf arnica	PCT	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF412	ABLA/ARCO9	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/false bugbane	PC	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF425	ABLA-PIEN/CLUN2	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/Jacob's ladder	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEF426	ABLA-PIEN/POPH	subalpine fir/hearleaf arnica	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF435	ABLA/ARCO9	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/queencup beadlily	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF436	ABLA-PIEN/ARCO9	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/hearleaf arnica	PA	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEF437	ABLA-PIEN/CLUN2	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/queencup beadlily	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CEF511	ABLA/POPH	subalpine fir/alpine fleeceflower	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEG131	ABLA-PIEN/LUHI4	subalpine fir/Engelmann spruce/smooth woodrush	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEG201	PIEN-ABLA/CASC12	Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEG312	ABLA/CARU	subalpine fir/pinegrass	PA	Cool dry UF	Cold UF
CEG323	ABLA/STOC2	subalpine fir/western needlegrass	PCT	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEG411	ABLA/FEVI	subalpine fir/green fescue	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEG412	ABLA/JUDR	subalpine fir/Drummond's rush	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEG413	ABLA/JUTE	subalpine fir/slender rush	PC	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CEG414	ABLA/JUPA (AVALANCHE)	subalpine fir/Parry's rush (avalanche)	PC	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEM121	PIEN/CAD16	Engelmann spruce/softleaf sedge	PCT	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEM122	ABLA/CAD16	subalpine fir/softleaf sedge	PA	Cold moderate SM RF	Cold RF
CEM123	ABLA/CAAQ	subalpine fir/bluejoint reedgrass	PCT	Cold high SM RF	Cold RF
CEM124	ABLA/CACA4	Engelmann spruce/Columbia brome	PA	Cold low SM RF	Cold RF
CEM125	PIEN/BRVU		PCT		

Table 9-Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by ecoclass code^a (continued)

EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	Status PAG	PVG
CEM126	PIEN/CILA2	Engelmann spruce/drooping woodreed	PC	Cold moderate SM RF
CEM201	PIEN-ABLA/SETR	Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir/arrowleaf groundsel	PA	Cold high SM RF
CEM211	PIEN/EQAR	Engelmann spruce/common horsetail	PA	Cold moderate SM RF
CEM313	ABLA\NAUL/CASC12	subalpine fir/bog blueberry/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PCT	Cold high SM RF
CES131	ABLA/CLUN2	subalpine fir/queencup beadlily	PA	Moist UF
CES2	ABLA-PIEN/MEFE	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/rusty menziesia	PA	Cold moist UF
CES214	ABLA/RHAL2	subalpine fir/white rhododendron	PCT	Cold UF
CES215	ABLA-PIEN/RHAL2	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/white rhododendron	PC	Cold moist UF
CES221	ABLA/MEFE	subalpine fir/rusty menziesia	PA	Cold moist UF
CES311	ABLA/VAME	subalpine fir/big huckleberry	PA	Moist UF
CES314	ABLA/CLUN2	subalpine fir/queencup beadlily	PA	Moist UF
CES315	ABLA/VAME	subalpine fir/big huckleberry	PA	Moist UF
CES316	ABLA/VAME (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir/big huckleberry (floodplain)	PA	Moist UF
CES411	ABLA/VASC	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry	PA	Cold moderate SM RF
CES414	ABLA/LIBO3	subalpine fir/twinflower	PA	Cold dry UF
CES415	ABLA/VASC/POPU3	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry/Jacob's ladder	PA	Moist UF
CES427	ABLA-PIEN/VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath	PC	Cold dry UF
CES428	ABLA\VASC-PHEM	subalpine fir/grouse huckleberry-pink mountainheath	PA	Cold dry UF
CES429	ABLA\ARNE/ARAC2	subalpine fir/pinemat manzanita/prickly sandwort	PC	Cold dry UF
CES511	PIEN/COST4	Engelmann spruce/red osier dogwood	PA	Cold moderate SM RF
CES610	ABLA-PIEN/LEGL (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Labrador tea (floodplain)	PA	Cold high SM RF
CES612	ABLA-PIEN/LEGL	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/Labrador tea	PA	Cold moist UF
CES710	ABLA-PIEN/MEFE (FLOODPLAIN)	subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce/rusty menziesia (floodplain)	PA	Cold moderate SM RF
CES8	ABLA-PIMO3/CHUM	subalpine fir/western white pine/prince's pine	PC	Cold dry UF
CJCI	JUC06	mountain juniper	PC	Warm moist US
CJG111	JUOC/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist UW
CJG113	JUOC/AGSP	western juniper/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	Dry UW
CJSI	JUOC/ARAR8	western juniper/low sagebrush	PCT	Dry UW
CJS112	JUOC/ARAR8/FEID	western juniper/low sagebrush/Idaho fescue	PA	Dry UW
CJS2	JUOC/ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	Moist UW
CJS321	JUOC/PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist UW
CJS41	JUOC/CELE3/FEID-AGSP	western juniper/mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist UW
CJS42	JUOC/CELE3/CAGE2	western juniper/mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PCT	Moist UW
CJS5	JUSC2/CELE3	Rocky Mountain juniper-mountain mahogany	PC	Moist UW
CJS8	JUOC/ARR12	western juniper/stiff sagebrush	PCT	Dry UW
CJS811	JUOC/ARR12 (SCAB)	western juniper/stiff sagebrush (scabland)	PCT	Dry UW
CLF211	PICO(ABGR)/LIBO3	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/twinflower	PCT	Moist UF
CLG11	PICO(ABL/A)/STOC2	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/western needlegrass	PCT	Cold dry UF
CLG21	PICO(ABGR)/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/pinegrass	PCT	Cold UF
CLG322	PICO(ABL/A)/CAGE2	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/elk sedge	PCT	Cold UF
CLM112	PICO/POPR	lodgepole pine/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	Cold low SM RF
CLM114	PICO/CAAQ	lodgepole pine/aquatic sedge	PA	Cold high SM RF
CLM115	PICO/DECE	lodgepole pine/tufted hairgrass	PA	Cold RF
CLM116	PICO/CALA30	lodgepole pine/woolly sedge	PC	Cold RF

Table 9-Potential vegetation types (PVT) of the Blue Mountains section, organized by ecoclass code^a (continued)

EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	Status PAG
CLM117	PICO/CACAA4	lodgepole pine/bluejoint reedgrass	PC	Cold moderate SM RF
CLM118	PICO/CASC12	lodgepole pine/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PC	Cold high SM RF
CLM511	PICO/ALIN2/MESIC FORB	lodgepole pine/mountain alder/mesic forb	PC	Cold moderate SM RF
CLS415	PICO(ABLA)/VASC/POPU3	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/grouse huckleberry/Jacob's ladder	PCT	Cold dry UF
CLS416	PICO/CARU	lodgepole pine/pinegrass	PA	Cold dry UF
CLS417	PICO(ABGR)/VASC/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/grouse huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	Cold dry UF
CLS418	PICO(ABLA)/VASC	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/grouse huckleberry	PCT	Cold dry UF
CLS55	PICO(ABGR)/VAME-LIBO3	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/twinflower	PCT	Cold moist UF
CLS512	PICO(ABGR)/VAME/CARU	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	Moist UF
CLS513	PICO(ABGR)/VAME	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry	PCT	Moist UF
CLS514	PICO(ABLA)/VAME	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry	PCT	Moist UF
CLS515	PICO(ABLA)/VAME	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry	PCT	Moist UF
CLS516	PICO(ABLA)/VAME/CARU	lodgepole pine(subalpine fir)/big huckleberry/pinegrass	PCT	Moist UF
CLS519	PICO(ABGR)/NAME/PTAQ	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/big huckleberry/bracken fern	PCT	Moist UF
CLS57	PICO(ABGR)/ARNE	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/pinemat manzanita	PCT	Cold UF
CLS58	PICO(ABGR)/ALS13	lodgepole pine(grand fir)/Sitka alder	PCT	Moist UF
CMS131	TSME/VASC	mountain hemlock/grouse huckleberry	PA	Cold UF
CMS231	TSME/NAME	mountain hemlock/big huckleberry	PA	Cold UF
CPC212	PPO-JUOC/CELE3-SYOR2	ponderosa pine-western juniper/mountain mahogany-mountain snowberry	PCT	Dry UF
CPG111	PPO/AGSP	ponderosa pine/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry UF
CPG112	PPO/FEID	ponderosa pine/Idaho fescue	PA	Dry UF
CPG131	PPO/FEID	ponderosa pine/Idaho fescue	PA	Dry UF
CPG132	PPO/AGSP	ponderosa pine/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry UF
CPG221	PPO/CARU	ponderosa pine/pinegrass	PA	Dry UF
CPG222	PPO/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/elk sedge	PA	Dry UF
CPG222	PPO/OPR	ponderosa pine/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	Low SM RF
CPS112	PPO/ARTV/FEID-AGSP	ponderosa pine/mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry UF
CPS131	PPO/ARTV/ICAGE2	ponderosa pine/mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge	PCT	Dry UF
CPS132	PPO/PUTR2/CAR05	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/Ross' sedge	PA	Dry UF
CPS221	PPO/PUTR2/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/elk sedge	PA	Dry UF
CPS222	PPO/PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry UF
CPS226	PPO/PUTR2/AGSP-POSA12	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	Dry UF
CPS229	PPO/PUTR2/AGSP	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	Dry UF
CPS231	PPO/PUTR2/AGSP	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry UF
CPS232	PPO/CELE3/CAGE2	ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PA	Warm dry UF
CPS233	PPO/CELE3/PONEW	ponderosa pine/bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Hot dry UF
CPS234	PPO/CELE3/FEID-AGSP	ponderosa pine/mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Hot dry UF
CPS511	PPO/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	ponderosa pine/common snowberry (floodplain)	PA	Hot low SM RF
CPS522	PPO/SYAL	ponderosa pine/common snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF
CPS523	PPO/SPBE2	ponderosa pine/birchleaf spirea	PCT	Warm dry UF
CPS524	PPO/SYAL	ponderosa pine/common snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF
CPS525	PPO/SYOR2	ponderosa pine/mountain snowberry	PA	Warm dry UF
CPS61	PPO/ARAR8	ponderosa pine/low sagebrush	PCT	Hot moist UF
CPS722	PPO/CRD02	ponderosa pine/black hawthorn	PC	Hot moderate SM RF
CPS8	PPO/PERA4	ponderosa pine/squaw apple	PCT	Hot dry UF

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	Status	PAG
CPS9	PIPO/RHGL	ponderosa pine/smooth sumac	PCT	Hot dry UF	Dry UF
CQM111	PIMO3/DECE	western white pine/tufted hairgrass	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
CWC811	ABGR/TABR2/CLUN2	grand fir/Pacific yew/queencup beadlily	PA	Cool wet UF	Moist UF
CWC812	ABGR/TABR2/LIBO3	grand fir/Pacific yew/twinflower	PA	Cool wet UF	Moist UF
CWF311	ABGR/LIBO3	grand fir/twinflower	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CWF312	ABGR/LIBO3	grand fir/twinflower	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CWF421	ABGR/CLUN2	grand fir/queencup beadlily	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CWF422	ABGR/TABR2/CLUN2	grand fir/Pacific yew/queencup beadlily	PA	Cool wet UF	Moist UF
CWF424	ABGR/TABR2/LIBO3 (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/Pacific yew/twinflower (floodplain)	PA	Warm high SM RF	Warm RF
CWF444	ABGR/ARCO9	grand fir/heartleaf arnica	PCT	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CWF511	ABGR/COOC	grand fir/goldthread	PA	Cold dry UF	Cold UF
CWF512	ABGR/TRCA	grand fir/false bugbane	PA	Cool very moist UF	Moist UF
CWF611	ABGR/GYDR	grand fir/oakfern	PA	Cool very moist UF	Moist UF
CWF612	ABGR/POMU-ASCA2	grand fir/swordfern-ginger	PA	Cool very moist UF	Moist UF
CWF613	ABGR/ATFI	grand fir/ladyfern	PA	Warm high SM RF	Warm RF
CWG111	ABGR/CAGE2	grand fir/elk sedge	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CWG112	ABGR/CARU	grand fir/pinegrass	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CWG113	ABGR/CARU	grand fir/pinegrass	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CWG211	ABGR/BRVU	grand fir/Columbia brone	PA	Warm moist UF	Moist UF
CWM311	ABGR/CALA30	grand fir/woolly sedge	PC	Warm high SM RF	Warm RF
CWS211	ABGR/VAME	grand fir/big huckleberry	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CWS212	ABGR/VAME	grand fir/big huckleberry	PA	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CWS232	ABGR-CHNO/VAME	grand fir-Alaska yellow cedar/big huckleberry	PCT	Cool moist UF	Moist UF
CWS314	ABGR/SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/common snowberry (floodplain)	PCT	Warm low SM RF	Low SM RF
CWS321	ABGR/SPBE2	grand fir/birchleaf spiraea	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CWS322	ABGR/SPBE2	grand fir/birchleaf spiraea	PA	Warm dry UF	Dry UF
CWS412	ABGR/ACGL-PHMA5	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple-mallow ninebark	PCT	Warm moist UF	Moist UF
CWS423	ABGR/CRDQ2/CADE9	grand fir/black hawthorn/Dewey's sedge	PA	Warm high SM RF	Warm RF
CWS531	ABGR/ACGL	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple	PA	Warm very moist UF	Moist UF
CWS532	ABGR/ACGL	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple (floodplain)	PA	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
CWS541	ABGR/ACGL	grand fir/Rocky Mountain maple	PA	Warm very moist UF	Moist UF
CWS543	ABGR/ACGL (FLOODPLAIN)	grand fir/grouse huckleberry-twinflower	PA	Cool dry UF	Cold UF
CWS811	ABGR/VASC	grand fir/grouse huckleberry	PA	Warm very moist UF	Moist UF
CWS812	ABGR/VASC-LIBO3	Douglas' buckwheat-Sandberg's bluegrass	PCT	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
CWS912	ABGR/ACGL	strict buckwheat/Sandberg's bluegrass	PCT	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
FM9111	ERDO-POSA12	sulphurflower (ridge)	PCT	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
FM9112	ERST4-POSA12	linanthus-cymopterus	PC	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
FM9113	ERUM (RIDGE)	alpine fleeceflower-green fescue	PC	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
FS1113	LINU4-CYTEF	alpine fleeceflower-pinegrass-elk sedge	PC	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
FS5912	POPH-FEV1	alpine fleeceflower-elk sedge-linanthus	PC	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
FS5913	POPH-CARU-CAGE2	alpine fleeceflower-horsemint-linanthus	PC	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
FS5914	POPH-CAGE2-LINU4	alpine fleeceflower-cornices	PC	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
FS5915	POPH-AGUR-LINU4	linanthus-white sagebrush	PC	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
FS5916	POPH (CORNICES)	western coneflower-cluster tarweed	PC	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
FS80	LINU4-ARLU				
FS81	RUOC2-MAGL2				

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PAG	PVG
FS8.01	RUOC2	western coneflower	PCT	Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
FS8.111	PTAQ-CAHO5	bracken fern-Hood's sedge	PC	Cool moist UH
FS8.112	MOOD	mountain balm	PC	Cool dry UH
FS8.113	LEPY2-MAGL2	pygmy Lewisia-cluster tarweed	PC	Cold UH
FS8.115	LINU2-ARLO6	linanthus-longleaf arnica	PC	Cool moist UH
FS8.116	ERFL4-PECO	golden buckwheat-coiled lousewort	PC	Cold UH
FS8.117	PHLOX-CYTEF	phlox-cymopteris	PC	Cold UH
FS8.118	PHLOX-IVGO	phlox-Ivesia	PC	Cold UH
FS90	SCREE	serree	PC	Cold dry UH
FS91	ROCK OUTCROP	rock outcrop	PC	Cold dry UH
FS92	GRUS	grus	PC	Cold dry UH
FW3911	CACU2 (SEEP)	Cusick's camas (seep)	PCT	Warm very moist UH
FW4211	SETR	arrowleaf groundsel	PA	Warm high SM RH
FW4212	EQAR	common horsetail	PA	Warm moderate SM RH
FW4213	ADPE	maidenhair fern	PCT	Warm high SM RH
FW4214	SETR-MILE2	arrowleaf groundsel-purple monkeyflower	PA	Moist UH
FW51	VERAT	false heliobore	PCT	Warm RH
FW5121	VERAT	false heliobore	PC	Warm RH
FW6111	METR3	buckbean	PC	Warm RH
FW6112	VEAM2	American speedwell	PA	Warm RH
FW6113	SAAR13	brook saxifrage	PCT	Warm high SM RH
[none]	ALVA	Pacific onion	PC	Warm RH
FW7111	ALVA-CASC12	Pacific onion-Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	Warm RH
FX4111	IECOW2 (RIM)	Wallowa Lewisia (rim)	PCT	Cold high SM RH
GB1211	SPCR (TERRACE)	sand dropseed (terrace)	PA	Cold dry UH
GB1911	AGSP-SPCR-ARLO3	bluebunch wheatgrass-sand dropseed-red threeawn	PCT	Cold RH
GB41	AGSP-POSA12	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	Dry RH
GB4111	AGSP-ERHE2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Wyeth's buckwheat	PA	Dry RH
GB4112	AGSP-POSA12-SCAN3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-narrowleaf skullcap	PA	Dry RH
GB4113	AGSP-POSA12 (BASALT)	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass (basalt)	PA	Dry RH
GB4114	AGSP-POSA12-ASCUS5	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Cusick's milkvetch	PA	Dry RH
GB4115	AGSP-POSA12-ERPU2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-shaggy fleabane	PA	Dry RH
GB4116	AGSP-POSA12 (GRANITE)	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass (granite)	PA	Dry RH
GB4117	AGSP-POSA12-PHCO10	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Snake River phlox	PA	Dry RH
GB4118	AGSP-POSA12-OPPO	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-pricklypear	PA	Dry RH
GB4119	AGSP-POSA12-LUPIN	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-lupine	PA	Dry RH
GB4121	AGSP-POSA12	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	Dry RH
GB4123	AGSP-POSA12-BASA3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-arrowleaf balsamroot	PA	Dry RH
GB4124	AGSP-POSA12-ERHE2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-creamy buckwheat	PA	Dry RH
GB4125	AGSP-POSA12-ASRE5	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-Blue Mountain milkvetch	PA	Dry RH
GB4126	AGSP-POSA12-TRMA3	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-bighead clover	PA	Dry RH
GB4127	AGSP-POSA12-APAN2	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-spreading dogbane	PA	Dry RH
GB4131	AGSP-BRCAS5	bluebunch wheatgrass-mountain bromé	PCT	Moist UH
GB4132	AGSP-ERUM	bluebunch wheatgrass-sulphurflower buckwheat	PCT	Dry UH
GB4133	AGSP-CYTEF	bluebunch wheatgrass-turpentine cymopterus	PCT	Dry UH

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Ecoclass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	Status	PAG	PVG
GB4411	POBU-MAGL2	bulbous bluegrass-cluster tarweed	PCT	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
GB4911	AGSP-POSA12-DAUN	bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass-onespike oatgrass	PA	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
GB4915	BEREAGSP-APAN2	creeping Oregon grape/bluebunch wheatgrass-spreading dogbane	PCT	Warm dry US	Dry US
GB5011	MEBU-STOC2	oniongrass-western needlegrass	PCT	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
GB5121	SYAL/FEID-AGSP-LUSE4	common snowberry/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-silky lupine	PCT	Warm moist US	Moist US
GB59	FEID-AGSP	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Cool moist UH	Moist UH
GB5911	FEID-KOCR (RIDGE)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (ridge)	PA	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GB5912	FEID-KOCR (MOUND)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (mound)	PA	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GB5913	FEID-KOCR (HIGH)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (high elevation)	PA	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GB5914	FEID-KOCR (LOW)	Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass (low elevation)	PA	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5915	FEID-AGSP (RIDGE)	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass (ridge)	PCT	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5916	FEID-AGSP-LUPIN	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-lupine	PA	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5917	FEID-AGSP-BASA3	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-arrowleaf balsamroot	PA	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5918	FEID-AGSP-PHCO10	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Snake River phlox	PA	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5919	SYAL/FEID-KOCR	common snowberry/Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass	PCT	Warm moist US	Moist US
GB5920	FEID-DAIN-CAPE7	Idaho fescue-timber oatgrass-Liddon's sedge	PA	Warm very moist UH	Moist UH
GB5921	FEID-CAHO5	Idaho fescue-Hood's sedge	PA	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5922	FEID-CAGE2	Idaho fescue-elk sedge	PCT	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5923	FEID-GETR	Idaho fescue-red avens	PCT	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GB5924	FEID-PESP2	Idaho fescue-Wallowa penstemon	PCT	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GB5925	FEID-AGSP-CYTEF	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-cymopterus	PA	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
GB5926	FEID-AGSP-FRALC2	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Cusick's frasera	PA	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GB5927	FEID-AGSP-PONEW	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-Wheeler's bluegrass	PC	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
GB5931	FEID-AGSP-PHLOX	Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass-phlox	PA	Warm moist UH	Moist UH
GB5932	FEID-DAUN	Idaho Fescue-onespike oatgrass	PCT	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
GB6011	FESC-FEID	rough fescue-Idaho fescue	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GB7111	ELC12	basin wildrye	PCT	Hot very moist UH	Moist UH
GB9111	POSA12-DAUN	Sandberg's bluegrass-lanceleaf stonecrop	PA	Hot dry UH	Dry UH
GB9112	POSA12-SELA	onespike oatgrass-slenderfruit lomatium	PC	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
GB9114	DAUN-LOLE2	bluejoint reedgrass	PA	Hot moist UH	Moist UH
GM4111	CACA4	western needlegrass	PCT	Cool moderate SM RH	Cold RH
GS10	STOC2	green fescue	PA	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS11	FEVI	green fescue-Hood's sedge	PCT	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1111	FEVI-CAHO5	green fescue-spurred lupine	PA	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1112	FEVI-LULA3	green fescue-Parry's rush	PA	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS1113	FEVI-JUPA	green fescue-Ross' sedge	PCT	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1114	FEVI-CAROS	green fescue-penstemon	PCT	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1115	FEVI-PENST	green fescue-western needlegrass	PCT	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1116	FEVI-STOC2	green fescue-Canby's lovage	PC	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1117	FEVI-LICA2	green fescue-bearded wheatgrass	PC	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1118	FEVI-AGCA2	green fescue-Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PCT	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS1119	FEVI-CASC12	Idaho fescue (alpine)	PC	Cold moist UH	Cold UH
GS12	FEID (ALPINE)	elk sedge-Idaho fescue	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS3912	CAGE2-FEID				

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	Status	PAG	PVG
GS3913	CAGE2-JUPA	elk sedge-Parry's rush	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS3914	CAGE2-CARU	elk sedge-pinegrass	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS3915	CAGE2-POCU3	elk sedge-Cusick's bluegrass	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS3916	CAGE2-PHAU3	elk sedge-desert phlox	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS3917	CAGE2-STOC2	elk sedge-western needlegrass	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS4011	CAREX-STOC2	alpine sedges-western needlegrass	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS4012	CAHO5-BRCA5 (MEADOW)	Hood's sedge-mountain bromé (meadow)	PC	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GS4013	JUPA-AGGL	Parry's rush-pale agoseris	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS50	STOC2-SIHY (ALPINE)	western needlegrass-squilltail (alpine)	PCT	Warm dry UH	Dry UH
GS60	FELFIELD	fellfield	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
GS61	CAHO5-BRCA5	Hood's sedge-mountain bromé	PC	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GS62	CAHO5-CAGE2	Hood's sedge-elk sedge	PC	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GS63	CAHO5-POGL9	Hood's sedge-sticky cinquefoil	PC	Cool dry UH	Cold UH
GS64	CAHO5	Hood's sedge	PCT	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
GS70	TURF	turf	PC	Cold dry UH	Cold UH
HAF211	ALRU2/PEFRP	red alder/sweet coltsfoot	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HAF226	ALRU2 (ALLUVIAL BAR)	red alder (alluvial bar)	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HAF227	ALRU2/ATFI	red alder/ladyfern	PCT	Warm high SM RF	Warm RF
HAS211	ALRU2/PHCA11	red alder/Pacific ninebark	PA	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
[none]	ALRU2/SYAL	red alder/common snowberry	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HAS312	ALRU2/SYAL/CADE9	red alder/common snowberry/Dewey's sedge	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HAS511	ALRU2/COST4	red alder/red osier dogwood	PC	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HCS112	POTR15/SALAS5	black cottonwood/Pacific willow	PA	Hot moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HCS113	POTR15/ALIN2-COST4	black cottonwood/mountain alder-red osier dogwood	PA	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HCS114	POTR15/ACGL	black cottonwood/Rocky Mountain maple	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HCS311	POTR15/SYAL	black cottonwood/common snowberry	PCT	Hot moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HCS312	POTR15/SYAL	black cottonwood/common snowberry	PCT	Hot moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HD01	ACGL	Rocky Mountain maple	PCT	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
HQG112	POTR5/CAGE2	quaking aspen/elk sedge	PC	Cool very moist UF	Moist UF
HQM122	POTR5/POPR	quaking aspen/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	Hot low SM RF	Low SM RH
HQM123	POTR5/CACA4	quaking aspen/bluejoint reedgrass	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HQM211	POTR5/CALA30	quaking aspen/woolly sedge	PA	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HQM212	POTR5/CAAQ	quaking aspen/aquatic sedge	PCT	Warm high SM RF	Warm RF
HQM511	POTR5/MESIC FORB	quaking aspen/mesic forb	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HQS221	POTR5/SYAL	quaking aspen/common snowberry	PCT	Hot moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HQS222	POTR5/ALIN2-COST4	quaking aspen/mountain alder-red osier dogwood	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
HQS223	POTR5/ALIN2-SYAL	quaking aspen/mountain alder-common snowberry	PCT	Warm moderate SM RF	Warm RF
MD2111	ALPR3	meadow foxtail	PCT	Warm low SM RH	Low SM RH
MD3111	POPR (DRY MEADOW)	Kentucky bluegrass (dry meadow)	PCT	Warm low SM RH	Low SM RH
MD3112	POPR (DEGEN BENCH)	Kentucky bluegrass (degenerated bench)	PCT	Cool moist UH	Cold UH
MD4111	AGDI	thin bentgrass	PCT	Warm low SM RH	Low SM RH
MM1912	DECE	tufted hairgrass	PA	Cool moderate SM RH	Cold RH
MM2911	CALA30	woolly sedge	PA	Warm moderate SM RH	Warm RH
MM2912	CANE2	Nebraska sedge	PCT	Warm moderate SM RH	Warm RH
MM2913	CAEU2	widefruit sedge	PA	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG
			Status PAG
MM2914	CAAQ	aquatic sedge	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MM2915	CAS12	shortbeaked sedge	PCT Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2916	CALU7	woodrush sedge	PA Cold high SM RH Cold RH
MM2917	CAUT	bladder sedge	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MM2918	CACU5	Cusick's sedge	PA Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2919	CALE8	lakeshore sedge	PA Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MM2920	CALA11	slender sedge	PA Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2921	CAAM10	bigleaf sedge	PA Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2922	CANU5	torrent sedge	PCT Hot high SM RH Warm RH
MM2924	SCMI2	smallfruit bulrush	PA Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2925	GLEL	tall managrass	PA Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2926	PUPA3	weak alkaligrass	PA Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MM2927	CALE9	Sierra hare sedge	PA Cold high SM RH Cold RH
MM2928	CALI7	mud sedge	PA Cold high SM RH Cold RH
MM2929	CAMI7	smallwing sedge	PCT Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MM2930	CASU6	brown sedge	PC Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MM2932	CASH	Sheldon's sedge	PCT Hot moderate SM RH Warm RH
MM2933	CAJO	Jones' sedge	PC Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MS2111	CANI2	black alpine sedge	PA Cold moderate SM RH Cold RH
MS2113	CASC10-SAAR13	northern singlespike sedge-brook saxifrage	PA Cold high SM RH Cold RH
MS3111	CASC12	Holm's Rocky Mountain Sedge	PA Cold high SM RH Cold RH
MS3112	CAMU7	star sedge	PC Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MS3113	CACA11	silvery sedge	PCT PC Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MS4111	ELBE	delicate spikerush	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MT10	NUPO2	Rocky Mountain pondlily	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MT8121	TYLA	common cattail	PC Hot high SM RH Warm RH
MW1923	CAVE6	inflated sedge	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MW1926	CAST5	sawback sedge	PC Warm high SM RH Warm RH
MW2912	CAPR5	clustered field sedge	PCT PC Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MW2913	CALA13	smoothstemmed sedge	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MW2927	CILA2	drooping woodreed	PC Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MW3912	JUBA	Baltic rush	PCT PC Warm moderate SM RH Warm RH
MW4911	ELPA6	fewflowered spikerush	PA Cool high SM RH Cold RH
MW4912	ELPA3	creeping spikerush	PA Hot high SM RH Warm RH
NTS111	PHLE4 (TALUS)	syringa-bordered talus strips	PCT Hot very moist US
SD01	ARLU	white sagebrush	PCT Warm low SM RH Low SM RH
SD1911	ARAR8/FEID-AGSP	low sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA Warm moist US Moist US
SD1924	ARAR8/AGSP	low sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA Warm dry US Dry US
SD2401	ARTR4/POSA12-DAUN	threetip sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass-onespik oatgrass	PCT Warm dry US Dry US
SD2911	ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA Warm moist US Moist US
SD2915	ARTRV/CAGE2 (MONTANE)	mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge (montane)	PCT Warm moist US Moist US
SD2916	ARTRV-PUTR2/FEID	mountain big sagebrush-bitterbrush/Idaho fescue	PCT Hot moist US
SD2917	ARTRV-SYOR2/BRCAS5	mountain big sagebrush-mountain snowberry/mountain brome	PCT Warm moist US
SD2918	ARTRV/AGSP-POSA12	mountain big sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass-Sandberg's bluegrass	PA Warm dry US Dry US

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PAG	PVG
SD2919	ARTRV-SYOR2	mountain big sagebrush-mountain snowberry	PCT	Moist US
SD2920	ARTRV/STOC2	mountain big sagebrush/western needlegrass	PC	Cold US
SD2929	ARTRV/FEID-KOCR	mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-prairie junegrass	PA	Moist US
SD30	PERA4-SYOR2	squaw apple-mountain snowberry	PCT	Moist US
SD3010	ARTRV-PERA4	mountain big sagebrush-squaw apple	PCT	Moist US
SD3011	ARTRV/ELCI2	mountain big sagebrush/basin wildrye	PCT	Moist US
SD3111	PUTR2/FEID-AGSP	bitterbrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist US
SD3112	PUTR2/AGSP	bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist US
SD3124	PUTR2-ARTRV/FEID-AGSP	bitterbrush-mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist US
SD3125	PUTR2-ARTRV/FEID	bitterbrush-mountain big sagebrush/Idaho fescue	PCT	Moist US
SD3126	PUTR2/ERDO	bitterbrush/Douglas' buckwheat	PCT	Dry US
SD40	CELE3/CAGE2	mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PC	Moist US
SD4111	CELE3/FEID-AGSP	mountain mahogany/Idaho fescue-bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Moist US
SD4112	CELE3/AGSP	mountain mahogany/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	Dry US
SD4113	CELE3/CAGE2	mountain mahogany/elk sedge	PC	Moist US
SD4114	CELE3/PONEW	mountain mahogany/Wheeler's bluegrass	PCT	Dry US
SD4115	CELE3-PUTR2/AGSP	mountain mahogany-bitterbrush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	Moist US
SD49	CELE3	netleaf hackberry/bluebunch wheatgrass	PCT	Moist US
SD5611	CERE2/AGSP	netleaf hackberry/brome	PA	Low SM RS
SD5612	CERE2/BROMU	smooth sumac/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry US
SD6121	RHGL/AGSP	spiny greasebush/bluebunch wheatgrass	PA	Dry US
SD65	GLSPA/AGSP	stiff sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass (scabland)	PA	Dry US
SD9111	ARR12/POSA12 (SCAB)	stiff sagebrush/Gairdner's penstemon	PCT	Dry US
SD9141	ARR12/PEGA	low sagebrush/Sandberg's bluegrass	PA	Dry US
SD9221	ARAR8/POSA12	buckwheat/Oregon bladderpod	PA	Dry UH
SD9322	ERIOP-PHOR2	mallow ninebark-common snowberry	PCT	Moist US
SM1111	PHMA5-SYAL	mallow ninebark-common snowberry	PCT	Moist US
SM19	PHMA5-SYAL	Pacific ninebark	PC	Moist US
SM1901	PHCA11	alder snow slides	PCT	Low SM RS
SM20	ALSI3	Lewis' mockorange/mesic forb	PCT	Cold US
SM3001	PHLE4/MESIC FORB	common snowberry	PCT	Low SM RS
SM31	SYAL	common snowberry (floodplain)	PCT	Moist US
SM3110	SYAL (FLOODPLAIN)	common snowberry-rose	PCT	Warm RS
SM3111	SYAL-ROSA5	mountain snowberry	PCT	Moist US
SM32	SYOR2	snowbrush ceanothus	PCT	Moist US
SM33	CEVE	bitter cherry	PC	Moist US
SM34	PREM	water birch/reed canarygrass	PC	Warm moderate SM RS
SM41	BEOC2/PHAR3	Barton's raspberry	PC	Hot low SM RS
SM5001	RUBA	Himalayan blackberry	PC	Hot moderate SM RS
SM5002	RUD12	thimbleberry	PCT	Hot moderate SM RS
SM5912	RUPA	pink mountainheath (mounds)	PA	Cold moderate SM RS
SS1912	PHEM (MOUNDS)	mountain big sagebrush/elk sedge	PA	Cold moist US
SS4911	ARTRV/CAGE2	mountain big sagebrush/mountain brome	PCT	Moist US
SS4914	ARTRV/BRCA5			

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	PVG	Status PAG
SS4915	ARTRV/FEVI	mountain big sagebrush/green fescue	PCT	Cold moist US
SS4916	ARTRV/CAHO5	mountain big sagebrush/Hood's sedge	PCT	Cold moist US
SS4917	ARTRV/LINU4	mountain big sagebrush/linanthus	PCT	Cold US
SS4918	ARTRV/ERFL4-PHLOX	mountain big sagebrush/golden buckwheat-phlox	PC	Cold US
SS4919	POFR4/FEID	shrubby cinquefoil/Idaho fescue	PCT	Moist US
SS60	POFR4	shrubby cinquefoil	PC	Cool moist US
SS6001	POFR4-BEGL	shrubby cinquefoil-bog birch	PCT	Cold moderate SM RS
SW0101	LEG/LCASC12	Labrador tea/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PC	Cold RS
SW0102	LOIN5/ATFI	twinberry honeysuckle/adyfern	PCT	Warm low SM RS
SW1111	SALIX/POPR	willow/Kentucky bluegrass	PA	Low SM RS
SW1112	SALIX/CALA30	willow/woolly sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW1114	SALIX/CAAQ	willow/aquatic sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW1117	SAEX	coyote willow	PA	Cold RS
SW1121	SACO2/CASC12	undergreen willow/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW1123	SALIX/CAUT	willow/bladder sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW1124	SALIX/CACA4	willow/bluejoint reedgrass	PA	Cold RS
SW1125	SALIX/MESIC FORB	willow/mesic forb	PCT	Warm moderate SM RS
SW1126	SARL2	rigid willow	PCT	Hot moderate SM RS
SW1127	SACO2/CAUT	undergreen willow/bladder sedge	PCT	Warm RS
SW1128	SACO2/CAPR5	undergreen willow/clustered field sedge	PC	Cold high SM RS
SW1129	SAEA-SATW/CAAQ	Eastwood willow-Tweedy willow/aquatic sedge	PC	Cold high SM RS
SW1130	SASC/ELGL	Scouler's willow/blue wildrye	PC	Warm high SM RS
SW1133	SAAR27	arctic willow	PA	Low SM RS
SW1134	SAFA/ALVA	Farr's willow/Pacific onion	PC	Warm low SM RS
SW1135	SALE/MESIC FORB	Lemmon's willow/mesic forb	PC	Warm high SM RS
SW1136	SAS12/EQAR	Sitka willow/common horsetail	PC	Warm RS
SW1137	SADR/SETR	Drummond's willow/arrowleaf groundsel	PA	Cold RS
SW1138	SABO2/CASC12	Booth's willow/Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge	PA	Cold high SM RS
SW1139	SABO2/CAVE6	Booth's willow/inflated sedge	PC	Cold high SM RS
SW2101	ALRH2/RUBBUS	white alder/blackberry	PCT	Cold RS
SW2102	ALRH2/MESIC SHRUB	white alder/mesic shrub	PCT	Hot moderate SM RF
SW2111	ALSI3/ATFI	Sitka alder/drooping woodreed	PA	Warm high SM RS
SW2112	ALSI3/CILA2	Sitka alder/ladyfern	PCT	Warm moderate SM RS
SW2113	ALSI3/MESIC FORB	Sitka alder/mesic forb	PA	Warm RS
SW2114	ALIN2/CAAM10	mountain alder/bigleaf sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW2115	ALIN2/CAUT	mountain alder/bladder sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW2116	ALIN2/ATFI	mountain alder/ladyfern	PA	Warm RS
SW2117	ALIN2/EQAR	mountain alder/common horsetail	PA	Warm RS
SW2118	ALIN2/CADE9	mountain alder/Dewey's sedge	PCT	Warm RS
SW2120	ALIN2/POPR	mountain alder/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	Low SM RS
SW2121	ALIN2/CACA4	mountain alder/bluejoint reedgrass	PA	Warm RS
SW2122	ALIN2/SCMI2	mountain alder/smallfruit bulrush	PCT	Warm RS
SW2123	ALIN2/CALA30	mountain alder/woolly sedge	PA	Warm RS
SW2124	ALIN2/HELA4	mountain alder/common cowparsnip	PCT	Warm RS

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EcoClass	PVT code (PLANTS code)	PVT common name	Status	PAG	PVG
SW2125	ALIN2/GYDR	mountain alder/oakfern	PCT	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW2126	ALIN2/CAAQ	mountain alder/aquatic sedge	PC	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW2127	ALIN2/CALEL	mountain alder/densely tufted sedge	PC	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW2128	ALIN2/CALU7	mountain alder/woodrush sedge	PC	Warm low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW2211	ALIN2-SYAL	mountain alder-common snowberry	PA	Warm low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW2215	ALIN2/GLEL	mountain alder/tall mannagrass	PA	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW2216	ALIN2-COST4/MESIC FORB	mountain alder-red osier dogwood/mesic forb	PA	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW2217	ALIN2-RIBES/MESIC FORB	mountain alder-curraints/mesic forb	PA	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW3111	CRDO2/MESIC FORB	black hawthorn/mesic forb	PCT	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW3112	BEOC2/MESIC FORB	water birch/mesic forb	PCT	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW3113	BEOC2/WET SEDGE	water birch/wet sedge	PCT	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW3114	AMAL2	western serviceberry	PCT	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW3124	HELA4-EL GL	common cowparsnip/blue wildrye	PC	Warm moderate SM RH	Warm RH
SW4133	COST4/ATFI	red osier dogwood/ladyfern	PA	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW5111	RIBES/CILA2	currants/drooping woodreed	PCT	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW5112	COST4	red osier dogwood	PA	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW5113	POFR4/DECE	shrubby cinquefoil/tufted hairgrass	PA	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW5114	POFR4/POPR	shrubby cinquefoil/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	Warm low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW5115	RIBES/MESIC FORB	currants/mesic forb	PCT	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW5116	RIBES/GLEL	currants/tall mannagrass	PCT	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW5117	RHAL/MESIC FORB	alderleaf buckthorn/mesic forb	PCT	Warm moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW5118	COST4/SAAR13	red osier dogwood/brook saxifrage	PCT	Warm high SM RS	Warm RS
SW6111	ARCA13/DECE	silver sagebrush/tufted hairgrass	PA	Hot moderate SM RS	Warm RS
SW6112	ARCA13/POPR	silver sagebrush/Kentucky bluegrass	PCT	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW6113	ARRV/POCU3	mountain big sagebrush/Cusick's bluegrass	PA	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW6114	ARCA13/POCU3	silver sagebrush/Cusick's bluegrass	PCT	Hot low SM RS	Low SM RS
SW901	KAMICAN12	alpine laurel/black alpine sedge	PA	Cold high SM RS	Cold RS
WL0108	SPAN2	narrowleaf bur-reed	PA	Cold high SM RH	Cold RH

^a This tabular summary is organized alphabetically by ecoclass code (USDA Forest Service 2002). Column descriptions are the same as for appendix table 8.

PAG = plant association group, PVG = potential vegetation group.

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