

**CHURN CREEK TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEM MAPPING  
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**Plate 1 Overview of the Fraser River Valley, Empire Valley Ranch**



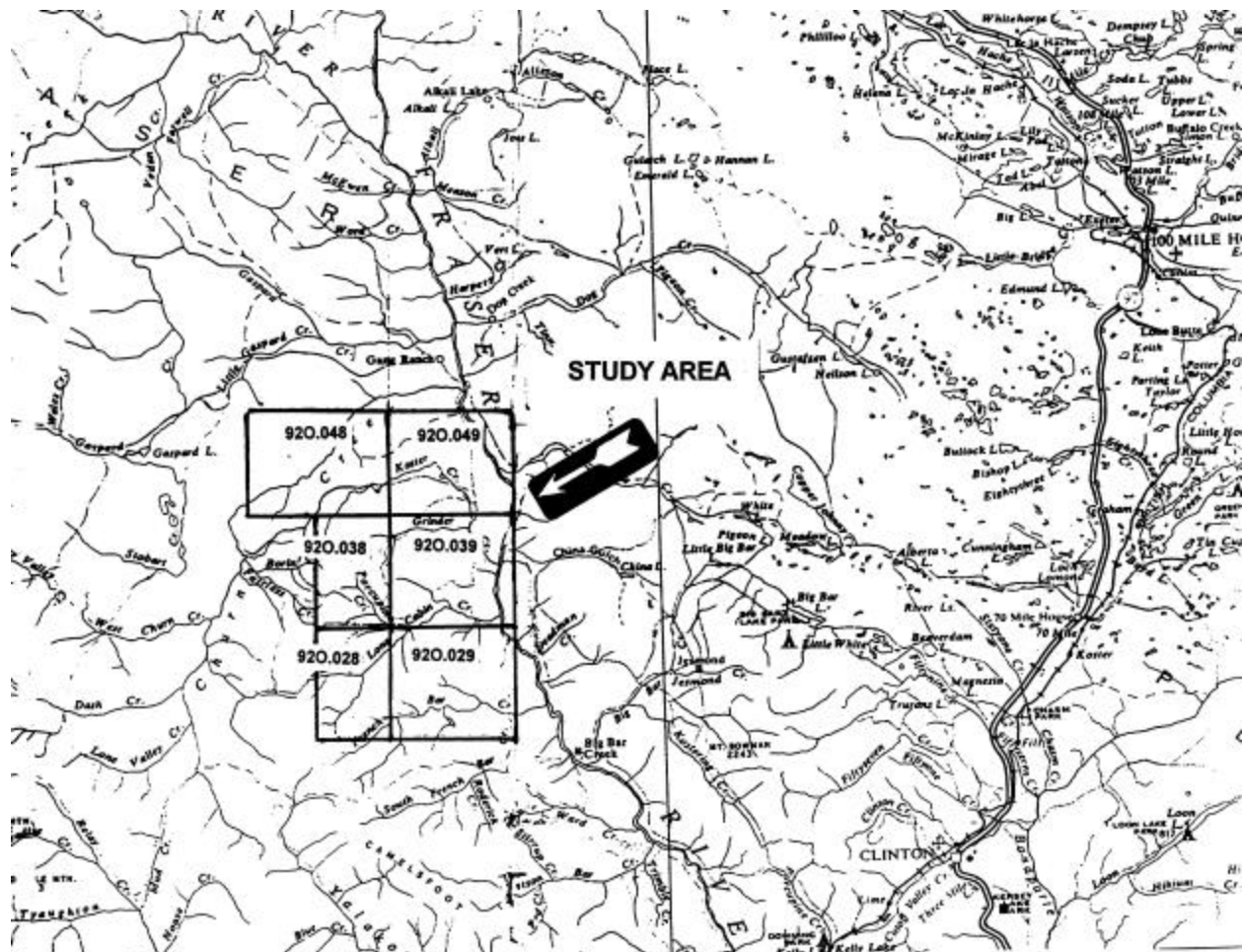
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 1998 the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Cariboo Region, in agreement with Lignum Limited of Williams Lake B.C. issued a contract for Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) with Wildlife Habitat Capability/Suitability interpretations at 1:20,000 scale for the Churn Creek Study Area. (see Map 2) TEM facilitates the development of thematic map overlays and digital wildlife habitat capability/suitability tables to assist resource managers and protected area planners in wildlife habitat, grassland and forest management in the Churn Creek study area. This scale of terrestrial ecosystem mapping allows for accurate evaluation and spatial representation of sensitive and endangered habitats, as well as inventory of Site Series/Ecosystem Units. For 27 assigned wildlife species, habitat use models were developed and suitability ratings generated for use with the Ecosystem Units found in the Churn Creek Study Area.

Previous related studies include the *Regional Mule Deer Winter Range Strategy for the Cariboo-Chilcotin Land Use Plan*, (Mule Deer Winter Range Strategy Committee 1996) and *Churn Creek Bighorn Sheep Study* (Keystone Wildlife Research 1998). *Forest Cover Maps* (B.C. Ministry of Forests Inventory Branch 1996) at 1: 20,000 scale exist for all the mapsheets representing the study area. Adjacent areas with Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping are Dog Creek (Clement 1995) to the north on mapsheets 92O.059, 92O.069 at 1:20,000 scale.

Field sampling for this report was accomplished in June, July and August of 1998. The study utilizes bioterrain pretyping done by Evan McKenzie, Janet Riddell, and Grant Burns (JMJ Holdings Ltd.) and Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping and Wildlife Habitat Capability/Suitability Tables produced by Bruce A. Sinclair, Ursula Lowrey, and Rayanne McKay (JMJ Holdings Ltd., Nelson).

## 1.1 LOCATION

The Churn Creek Study Area is about 100 kilometers northwest of Clinton, B.C. along the Fraser River from Churn Creek to French Bar Creek (Map 1). It includes all of the 1:20,000 mapsheets 92O.029, 92O.039, 92O.048, 92O.049 and the eastern halves of mapsheets 92O.028 and 92O.038 (Map 2). These are T.R.I.M. (Terrain Resource Information Management) maps produced by the B.C. Ministry of Crown Lands, Surveys and Resource Mapping Branch, Victoria.

The Churn Creek Study Area includes the recently created Churn Creek Protected Area, which includes the former Empire Valley Ranch. The nearest services are in the village of Dog Creek, 25 km. to the northeast where there is a store, gasoline, a pay phone, and a first aid station.

## 1.2 BIOPHYSICAL SETTING

### 1.2.1 ECOREGIONAL CLASSIFICATION

The Ecoregional Classification is an hierarchical system based on climatic processes and landforms. It was developed to describe ecological relationships, bring into focus the extent of critical wildlife habitats, their relationship with adjacent areas, and provide a framework for recognizing small scale ecosystems in British Columbia. The Ecoregion Classification stratifies the province's complexity into discrete geographical units at five different levels; Ecodomains and Ecodivisions, which place British Columbia globally, and Ecoprovinces, Ecoregions, and Ecosctions, which are progressively more detailed and relate areas of similar climate, physiography, oceanography, hydrology, vegetation and wildlife potential within the province to one another (Demarchi, 1996).

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Using this classification, the Churn Creek Study Area is located in the Central Interior Ecoprovince. The north and east part of the study area occurs in the Fraser River Plateau Ecoregion, Fraser River Basin (FRB) and Chilcotin Plateau (CHP) Ecoregions. The south and western portion of the study area is in the Chilcotin Ranges Ecoregion, Central Chilcotin Ranges (CCR) Ecoregion. (Map 3).

The Central Interior Ecoprovince “has a typical continental climate: cold winters, warm summers, and a precipitation maximum in late spring or early summer. However, the moderating influences of Pacific air occur throughout the year, as is the case for most of the province south of 57 N. The area lies in a rain shadow leeward of the coast mountains. In summer there is intense surface heating and convective showers, and in winter there are frequent outbreaks of Arctic air (these are less frequent than in the area to the north). The Fraser River Plateau Ecoregion is a broad, rolling plateau that includes several shield volcanoes. The Fraser River Basin (FRB) Ecoregion is the dissected portion of the Chilcotin and Cariboo plateaus and the Fraser ‘badlands’ that lies between them. It has the warmest and driest climate in the Ecoregion. The Chilcotin Plateau (CHP) Ecoregion is a flat upland area, with a rainshadow climate. The Chilcotin Ranges Ecoregion is an area of high, somewhat rounded mountains, located in the rainshadow of the Pacific Ranges. The Central Chilcotin Ranges (CCR) Ecoregion is a dry, rounded mountain area located leeward of the Pacific Ranges. ” (Demarchi, 1996 pg. 19 & 20)

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## Map 3 Churn Creek Study Area Ecoregional Classification



## 1.2.2 GLACIAL HISTORY AND TERRAIN

### TERRAIN AND SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

Physiographically, the Churn Creek study area encompasses a portion of the Fraser Plateau, a subdivision of the Interior Plateau region of British Columbia (Lavkulich and Valentine, 1978). The Fraser River bisects the project area from north to south along the eastern edge of the study area. In addition to the Fraser, there are several major creeks that have incised their way through post-glacial deposits down to the Fraser River. These include, Churn, Koster, Grinder, Porcupine, Lone Cabin, and French Bar Creeks. The elevation of the study area ranges from a low of 300 m, along the Fraser River, up to a height of 2255 m, on the top of Black Dome Mountain in the Camelsfoot Range to the west. At the height of the Fraser Glaciation, the Cordillerian Ice Sheet was approximately 2000 m thick over the montane areas to 1000 m. along major valleys and 600 m. over the plateau (Huntely and Broster, 1997).

### FRASER PLATEAU

The Fraser Plateau extends to the west and east of the Fraser River; however, the West Fraser Plateau, and its associated foothills, constitute the majority of the project area. The rounded ridges and summits of the rolling plateau topography suggest that the Cordilleran Ice-Sheet covered all but the highest peak in the study area, Black Dome Mountain (Huntely and Broster, 1997). Meltwater channels dissect the plateau and long sinuous esker ridges also are evident on the landscape. A compact matrix-supported till, that has an undulating or hummocky surface expression, comprises a large portion of the plateau surficial material. On the plateau, lacustrine and organic veneer and blanket deposits typically occur in depressional sites often associated with shrinking stagnant waterbodies or seasonal ponds (Plate 2). In fact, at localized sites, organic veneers overlie lacustrine or fluvial blanket deposits. This is the case in the vicinity around Schraeder Lake, located south of French Bar Creek. Similar deposits can also be found along the length of Koster Creek, as it has a gentle gradient.

Glaciolacustrine deposits were found on the side slopes of minor valleys within the plateau. These deposits can be linked to post-glacial lakes that formed, in tributary valleys, due to blockage by ice-dams and glaciers in the more significant valleys. Upon down-wasting of the ice, these deposits were down-cut by creeks striving to achieve a new equilibrium with creeks at lower elevations. Thus, narrow glaciolacustrine terraces have been left along some valley side slopes in the project area. Some areas of the plateau have salt precipitates that indicate saline soils and have been classified as a subtype of lacustrine deposits for the purposes of bioterrain mapping (L1).

Isolated grassland pockets occur amongst forested areas throughout the Fraser Plateau. The undulating till deposits in these areas are usually capped with eolian veneers from less than 10 cm thick along convex knolls to greater than 20 cm thick in gentle swales and along forest edges (Plate 2).

### RIVER AND CREEK VALLEYS

Surficial deposits become increasingly complex in the river and creek valleys of the project area, when compared with those deposits of the plateau. Multiple episodes of glaciation (large and small) and subsequent down cutting action by rivers and creeks have resulted in the layering of deposits. These layers combined with ongoing geomorphic activity in these valleys, only adds to the complexity of the deposits.

The upper slopes of the Fraser River and tributary valleys are steep with complex terraced topography below. The surficial deposits are a mixture of colluvial cones and fans, kame terraces, deltas, meltwater

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channels, glaciofluvial and glaciolacustrine terraces, and till deposits (Plate 1). These deposits are often accompanied with a capping of windblown silts (eolian) (Lord and Valentine, 1979). Moderate to very steeply sloping terrain including terraces and gullies and is underlain by gravelly, coarse loamy till deposits and sandy-skeletal mixed fluvial, glaciofluvial and till material. The steeply sloping terrain also includes outcrops of columnar flood basalts and other volcanic origin rocks.

Sandy-skeletal glaciofluvial material occurs on level to moderately sloping terraces that support grassland ecosystems on valley sides and bottoms. These deposits have an eolian capping that ranges in depth from 20 to approximately 50 cm and has a loamy texture (Plate 3). There has been evidence to suggest that the Fraser River was once blocked, and thus, the occurrence of glaciolacustrine terraces and hummocks can be found along the Fraser River within the Churn Creek study area (Huntely and Broster, 1997). These deposits may or may not have an eolian capping and are silty in texture.

### **1.2.3 GEOLOGY**

The major geological feature of the study area is the Fraser Fault, a right-lateral strike-slip fault that juxtaposes Mississippian to Jurassic rocks of the Cache Creek Terrane on the east, against the younger Cretaceous to Eocene rocks of the Methow Terrane on the west. In the southern portion of the study area segments of the Hungry Valley thrust-fault system are present, and generally have an east-west orientation (i.e., strike). South of this fault, in the vicinity of Swan Lake, a pie-shaped portion of rock of Lower Cretaceous age occurs. This rock is part of the Jackass Mountain Group and contains argillite, greywacke, conglomerate and sandstone.

Downcutting in the main Churn Creek valley has exposed outcrops of Late Cretaceous volcanic and sedimentary rocks. Furthermore, older mid-Cretaceous volcanics, yet unnamed, have been correlated with the Spences Bridge Group, which occurs on the east side of the Fraser Fault. Miocene flood basalts belonging to the Chilcotin Group also cover much of the area, and their resulting columnar jointing can be seen along the steep upper slopes of the Fraser River. Normally, these flows are not more than 100 m. thick. They are horizontal, or nearly so, and control the location of the flatlands that typify the Chilcotin ranch country. As an added note, the Fraser Fault cuts the mid-Eocene volcanics, but not the Miocene Chilcotin Group flood basalts or later Eocene plutons, so that constrains movement on the fault to about 45-35 million years ago (pers. com. Mustard).

Localized pockets of Upper Mesozoic and Middle Cenozoic age rocks occur, and reflect sedimentary and volcanic origins respectively. Pleistocene and Recent deposits can be found along the lower terraces of the Fraser River and on the Fraser Plateau south of Churn Creek. These deposits include unconsolidated alluvial, fluvial and glacial deposits. Only a small portion of the project area lies to the east of the Fraser Fault. The Triassic rocks that occur here belong to the Pavilion Group, which contain chert, argillite, tuff, greywacke, limestone, sandstone, and volcanic flows. The flood basalts of the Miocene Chilcotin Group also occur east of the fault (Tipper, 1978).

**Plate 2 The undulating grassland-forest mosaic of the West Fraser Plateau near Koster Lake**



Figure 1 Common soil profiles in the Churn Creek study area. (Agriculture Canada Expert Committee on Soil Survey. 1987)

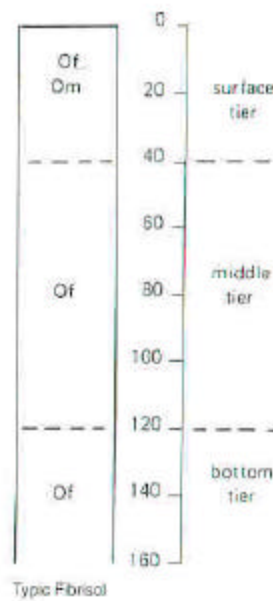
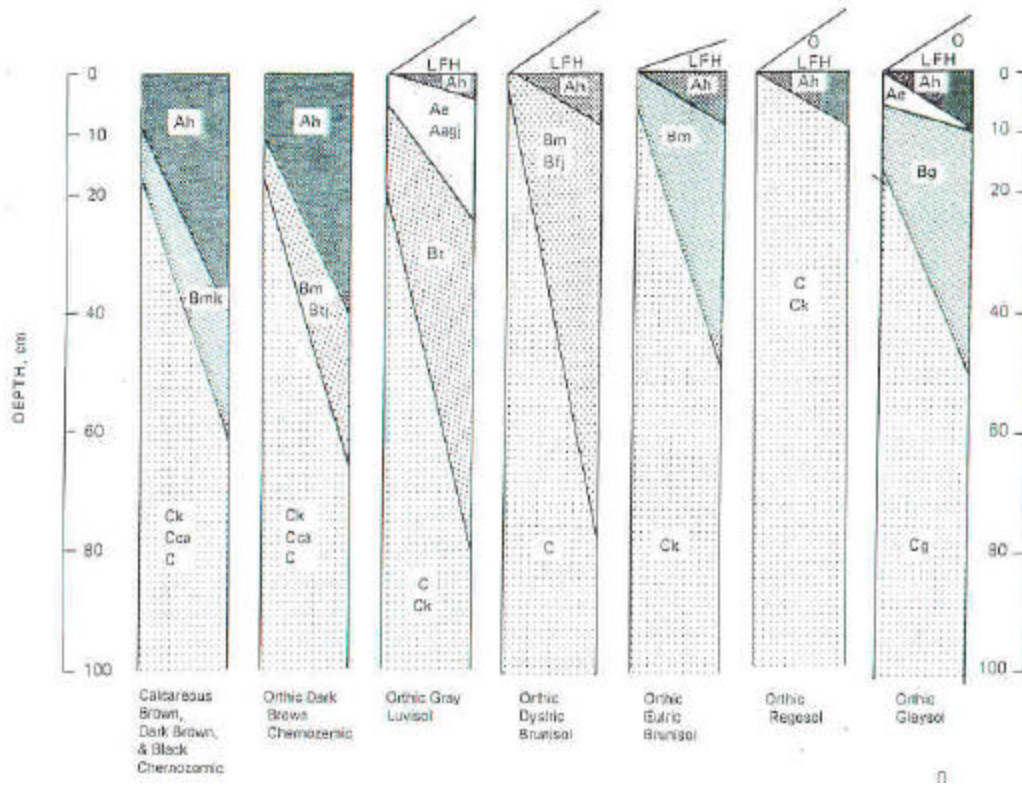


Plate 3 The upper portion of the eolian capping, that overlies glaciofluvial material here, is typically an Orthic Brown Chernozem.



## 1.2.4 SOILS

Soils of the Churn Creek study area have formed under relatively arid conditions that exist on the lee side of the coast mountain range. The majority of the study area is dominated by coniferous forests that overlie a medium to fine textured till material. Lower valley slopes and bottoms within the plateau are comprised of dry forest stands, and have soil textures that range from fine to coarse. The larger tributaries of the plateau, such as Churn and Lone Cabin Creeks support grassland ecosystems, and parent materials associated with these areas have soil textures that range from coarse to fine. The area surrounding Schraeder Lake has extensive Organic soils, generally fibric in texture, that overlie fine to coarse textured lacustrine and fluvial parent materials. Subalpine parkland makes up the smallest portion of the study area, and can be characterized by dwarf shrubby vegetation that overlies rock and coarse textured till material.

Soils belonging to the Chernozemic order are associated with grassland and forb vegetation and a climate that ranges from subarid to subhumid (Lavkulich and Valentine, 1978). Complex terrain found along the steep slopes and terraces of the Fraser River, Churn, Lone Cabin and the lower reach of French Bar Creeks support soils of this order. Chernozemic soils, within the project area, are recognizable by their diagnostic Ah horizon that ranges from 15 to 25 cm thick, and typically has a columnar soil structure (Figure 1). This Ah horizon develops from the decomposition of leaves and roots of grasses and forbs that cover the ground. On the steep to terraced terrain of the mid to lower slopes of the aforementioned valleys, soils are typically rapidly-drained Brown Chernozems (Plate 3). These same soils will also be found on upper slopes of warm aspects. However, on cooler aspects soils are typically well-drained Dark Brown Chernozems. This second subgroup also extends onto the undulating grassland-forest transition zone of the plateau (Valentine et al., 1987). Calcareous Chernozems of the above subgroups also occur within the study area, particularly in the Bunchgrass Subzones.

Luvisolic soils are dominant under the coniferous forest stands that make up a large portion of the plateau. However, in small grassland patches that occur within the forest-grassland mosaic Luvisolic soils often occur that are overlain with thin eolian veneers. Orthic Gray is the most common subgroup and forms over moderately well-drained gravelly loamy to clay loam till material. These soils are characterized by eluviated Ae horizons that are light gray, found overlying enriched B horizons that are gray to graybrown in colour and have pronounced soil structure. The Bt horizon is clay enriched due to the leaching of clay particles from the A to B horizon and is the diagnostic horizon of these soils (Figure 1). Some isolated saline soils were also found associated with Luvisols, as with Chernozems, in shallow depressions. At higher elevations Brunisolic Gray Luvisols occur (Valentine *et al.*, 1987).

Where soils have had less time to form, they show poor to very poor horizon development and are classified as Regosols and Brunisols (Figure 1). These occur in young materials such as river gravels, fresh colluvium and recently deglaciated soils, or in disturbed materials subject to flooding or slope processes. Furthermore, both of these soil types are common at higher elevations under cool, dry climatic conditions which limit the development of the soil from the original parent material. Brunisols can be distinguished from Regosols based on their diagnostic Bm horizon. This horizon exhibits the development of soil structure and removal, by leaching, of soluble salts and carbonates from the A horizon. In the field it is recognizable by its browner to redder colour when compared with the underlying parent material (Lavkulich and Valentine, 1978). Brunisols are commonly found complexed with Luvisols where the plateau gives way to the montane foothills of the Camelsfoot Range. On these moderate to steep slopes, Dystric Brunisols typically form over well-drained gravelly loamy to coarser than loam till deposits. However, on the very steep slopes these same soils develop over both sandy-skeletal colluvial and gravelly loamy till deposits. Poorly developed Regosolic soils occur on the more recent, imperfect to poorly-drained

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floodplain deposits along Koster Creek and support productive riparian ecosystems (Valentine *et al.*, 1987).

Where drainage is imperfect to very poor, Organic and Gleysolic soils have developed. These soils are found at mid-elevations along floodplains where periodic to prolonged saturation occurs. The surface horizons of Organic soils tend to have a fibric texture. Gleysol soils only constitute a small portion of the project area and occur mainly in the vicinity of Schraeder Lake. Isolated pockets of Gleysols also occur at in depressional sites and at toe slopes which receive significant amounts of runoff from the slope above (Figure 1).

### 1.2.5 BIOGEOCLIMATIC SETTING

“The climatic or zonal classification identifies areas (termed biogeoclimatic units) that have a relatively uniform climate (inferred from vegetation, soils, and topography)”. (Steen & Coupe', 1997, pg 2-2) Biogeoclimatic subzones are the basic units, with variants describing geographically homogeneous areas. These have been determined by observing climax vegetation on *zonal* sites. *Zonal* sites have deep, medium-textured soils, mesic moisture regimes, and occur on gentle midslope positions. The zonal climax vegetation is believed to best reflect the regional climatic conditions of the subzone. *Site Series* “include all sites within a biogeoclimatic subzone that are capable of producing the same climax vegetation unit (plant association).” (ibid, pg. 2-7)

Ten biogeoclimatic subzones/variants are represented in the study area. They are described in *A Field Guide to Forest Site Identification for the Cariboo Forest Region Part 1*, (Steen & Coupe', 1997) and *A Guide to Site Identification for the Kamloops Forest Region Part 2.*, (Lloyd et al, 1990 B.C. Ministry of Forests). They are:

- 1) **BGxh3** - The **Bunchgrass Very Dry Hot Subzone Fraser Variant** is located in the hottest part of the bunchgrass zone from the Fraser River at 320 meters along the lower slopes of the Fraser River valley to approximately 680 meters elevation below the BGxw2. Zonal sites are dominated by bluebunch wheatgrass and big sagebrush, depending on the frequency of burning and/or grazing.
- 2) **BGxw2** - The **Bunchgrass Very Dry Warm Subzone Alkali Variant** occurs between the BGxh3 and the IDfxm in the Fraser River and Churn Creek valleys from approximately 680 meters to 850 meters elevation on the valley slopes. Zonal sites are dominated by bluebunch wheatgrass and needle-and-thread grass; however, in the southern half of the study area, big sagebrush becomes increasingly dominant near the BGxh3 transition.
- 3) **IDfxm** - The **Interior Douglas-fir Very Dry Mild Subzone** occurs above the BGxw2 from approximately 850 meters to around 1200 meters below the IDfdk4 in most of the study area and below the IDfdk3 at the south end near French Bar Creek. Zonal sites are dominated by moderately closed forests of Douglas-fir with a sparse to moderate shrub layer and a well-developed grass/herb layer. However, grasslands are quite common on the level to gently sloping mesic plateaus; these “zonal” grasslands are usually dominated by bluebunch wheatgrass and diverse forbs. Short-awned porcupinegrass and spreading needlegrass grassland types, while present, are much less common in the Churn Creek Study Area than farther north.
- 4) **IDfdk3** - The **Interior Douglas-fir Dry Cool Subzone Fraser Variant** occurs at similar elevations as the IDfdk4 in the southern part of the study area, occurring between the IDfxm and the MSxv or

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MSxk from 1200 meters to 1500 meters elevation. Only a small section of IDFd3 occurs in the southeast corner of the Churn Creek study area.

Climax zonal sites of multi-aged Douglas-fir forests are common, with even-aged lodgepole pine dominating younger forests. Grasslands of bluebunch wheatgrass are infrequent, occurring only on steep warm aspects.

5) **IDFd4 - The Interior Douglas-fir Dry Cool Subzone Chilcotin Variant** occupies the Fraser Plateau above the IDFx at about 1150 meters to the MSxk at 1700 meters. In the northwestern corner of the Churn Creek study area, the IDFd4 occurs below the SBPSxc. Zonal sites of multi-aged Douglas-fir forests are common, with even-aged lodgepole pine dominating younger forests. Grasslands of bluebunch wheatgrass occur occasionally on some warm aspects and gentle slopes.

6) **SBPSxc - The Sub-boreal Pine - Spruce Very Dry Cold Subzone** is limited to the northwestern corner of the Churn Creek study area. It forms a narrow zone above the IDFd4 at 1400 meters and below the MSxv or MSxk at approximately 1500 meters (1600 meters on warm aspects). Zonal sites are dominated by even-aged lodgepole pine stands occurring in a patchwork of age classes and densities, depending on fire history. Wetlands such as fens and shrub carrs are quite common along glaciofluvial channels with cold air accumulation. Grasslands occur only rarely on steep warm aspects.

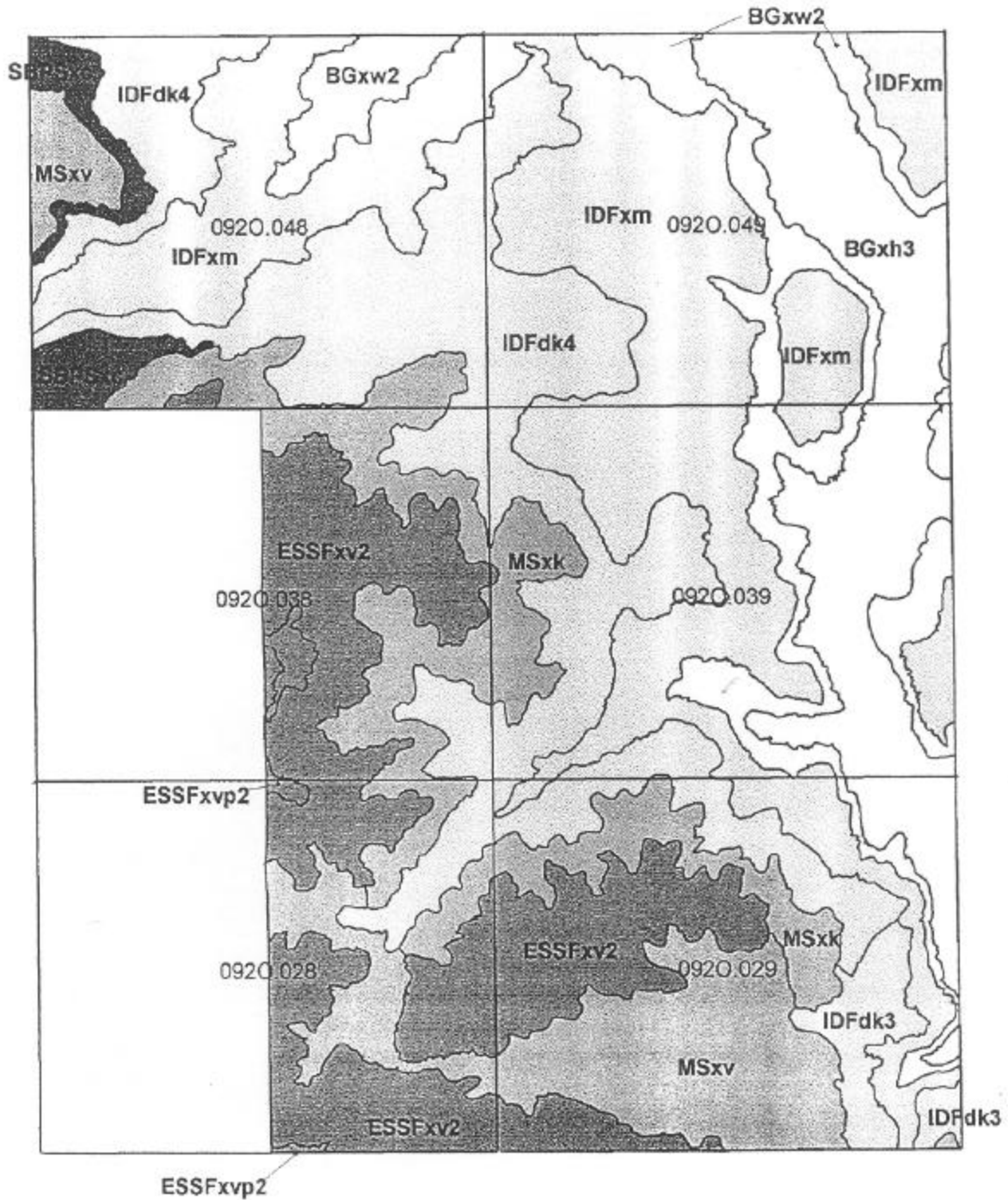
7) **MSxk - The Montane Spruce Very Dry Cool Subzone** occurs above the IDFd4 from 1500 meters to the ESSFxv2 at 1700 meters. Zonal sites are dominated by even-aged lodgepole pine, with scattered hybrid white spruce and subalpine fir in more mature stands.

8) **MSxv - The Montane Spruce Very Dry Very Cold Subzone** occurs above the IDFd3 from 1400 meters and below the ESSFxv2 at 1700 meters in the southern part of the Churn Creek study area. A small section occurs in the northwestern corner of the study area above the SBPSxc at 1500 meters elevation (1600 meters on warm aspects). Zonal sites are dominated by even-aged lodgepole pine, with scattered hybrid white spruce and subalpine fir in more mature stands.

9) **ESSFxv2 - The Engelmann Spruce - Subalpine Fir Very Dry Very Cold Subzone Big Creek Variant** occurs above the MSxk or MSxv from 1700 meters elevation to approximately 2100 meters elevation where it becomes parkland, the ESSFxv2p. In the Churn Creek study area, it forms a broad zone on Blackdome Mountain in the west and at higher elevations of the Central Chilcotin Ranges in the southern section. Zonal sites are characterized by closed stands of even-aged lodgepole pine, with sparse subalpine fir and Engelmann spruce.

10) **ESSFxv2p - The Engelmann Spruce - Subalpine Fir Very Dry Very Cold Parkland Subzone Big Creek Variant** occurs at the highest elevations on Blackdome Mountain and Red Mountain above the ESSFxv2 from 2100 meters up. It is characterized by a mosaic of clumps or individuals of stunted subalpine fir or Engelmann spruce and tundra meadows.

Map 4 Biogeoclimatic Subzones of the Churn Creek Study Area



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## 2.0 OBJECTIVES

Using regular consultation from the appropriate technical experts, the objectives of this study are as follows:

- 1) to prestratify the landscape into bioterrain units on 1:20,000 scale air photos using the methods of Howes and Kenk (1997) according to standards set out by the Resource Inventory Committee (1998).
- 2) to sample to survey intensity level 4 (15 - 25% of polygons are checked in the study area) and to photograph and collect site, vegetation, soil, wildlife and some mensuration data at representative sites using the methods of Luttmerring et al (1990). These plots will be used to describe important habitats, serality, and variability within and between each subzone variant and ecosystems. Inspection ratios of Full Plots : Ground Inspections : Visual Checks will be 5 : 20 : 75.
- 3) to produce a working legend and an abbreviated map legend describing the relationship between terrain, soils, humus forms, directional exposure, and the occurrence of ecosystem units within the landscape in the subzone variants in a format suggested by the R.I.C. TEM Mapping Standards (May 1998).
- 4) to map ecosystem polygons which are congruent with bioterrain polygon boundaries digitized from air photographs and registered to 1:20,000 T.R.I.M. map bases using 1998 R.I.C. methodology and nomenclature
- 5) to produce an EXCEL and ARC INFO database of bioterrain, ecosystem, and spatial data using the R.I.C. TEM Mapping Standards (May 1998) methodology for digital data capture.
- 6) to produce wildlife capability and suitability assumption models and look-up tables by subzone variant, ecosystem unit, and structural stage in conjunction with the Wildlife Correlator and Regional Wildlife personnel for 27 assigned wildlife species: Common Garter Snake, Barrow's Goldeneye, Blue Grouse, Bobolink, Eared Grebe, Flammulated Owl, Great Blue Heron, Green-winged Teal, Lewis' Woodpecker, Long-billed Curlew, Prairie Falcon, Rough-legged Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Short-eared Owl, White-throated Swift, Black Bear, Bobcat, California Bighorn Sheep, Fisher, Marten, Montane Vole, Moose, Mule Deer, Rocky Mountain Elk, Spotted Bat, and Townsend's Big-eared Bat.
- 7) to produce a reliability map, showing numbered plot locations.
- 8) to produce a report describing the study area, objectives, methods, and each ecosystem unit in terms of vegetation, structural stages, topography, surficial materials and important site/soil characteristics in an Expanded Legend and a Map Legend in both hard copy and on disk in a Microsoft WORD 6.0 format.

## 3.0 METHODS

### 3.1 PRESTRATIFICATION OF BIOTERRAIN

"Bioterrain mapping is based on primary terrain and soil mapping standards. It includes any ecologically significant feature which is thought to influence the function on an ecosystem. The bioterrain map forms the primary base for an ecological map." ( R.I.C. 1998)

Terrain was mapped according to the *Terrain Classification System for British Columbia* (Howes and Kenk, 1997) and *Guidelines and Standards for Terrain Mapping in British Columbia* (Ryder, 1994). These surficial units are subdivided by features such as directional exposure, depth to water table, depth

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and form of surficial material, vegetated rock and very thin rubble surfaces, talus, cliffs, and significant changes in bedrock. The features considered important for this study area were agreed upon during the pre-work meeting of technical experts and the consultant's team.

These bioterrain units are mapped as solid lines (dashed or dotted in cases of uncertainty) in ink on air photos using a number 2 size pen. They were then approved by the appropriate technical expert (Larry Lacelle, Wildlife Inventory Section).

### 3.2 SAMPLING

A sampling strategy was developed that would cover the variability within each subzone variant by seral stage, directional exposure, bioterrain, disturbance history, and importance to wildlife. It was based on the pre-typed bioterrain polygons on air photos, the distribution of biogeoclimatic subzones, existing vegetation data, and the limitations of access. Sampling was emphasized in ecosystems such as ESSFv2 lacking correlated site series classification.

The equivalent of 5 full 1:20,000 mapsheets were mapped at survey intensity level "4" (R.I.C. 1998) with 15 % total polygon inspections. Inspection ratios of Full Plots : Ground Inspections : Visual Checks were 7 : 31 : 62.

Ecosystem data was collected for vegetation, site, soil, and wildlife according to standards set forth in Luttmerding et al. (1990), and *Field Manual for Describing Terrestrial Ecosystems* (B.C. Ministry of Forests and B.C. Ministry of Environment, 1998). In Full Plots, all trees, shrubs, herbs, mosses and lichens were tallied by layer and given a percentage rating for cover. Additional field data collection included information on arboreal lichen loading (Armleder et al 1992), wildlife trees, coarse woody debris, tree ages/fire history, and mensuration data in the Douglas-fir forests of the IDFx and BG subzones. Plots were allocated to appropriate MoF site series (Steen and Coupe´ 1997, Lloyd et al 1990, Iverson and Coupe´ 1996) based on floristics and features of terrain, site and soils. In Ground Inspections, percentage cover was estimated for leading species of vegetation by layer, as well as site, soil, and wildlife data collected. Visual checks were made to confirm terrain or ecosystem labels or for wildlife observations in polygons where Full or Ground Inspection Plots were not required, or time and/or access were limited.

### 3.3 LEGEND DEVELOPMENT

A Working Legend (Appendix 1) was developed to insure that most of the variability found was sampled. It forms the basis of the map legend and expanded legend. Subzone boundaries, grassland and forested ecosystems, and subalpine parkland boundaries were correlated with published boundaries and reviewed by Kristi Iverson, Project Ecologist and Ray Coupe´, Regional Ecologist. Ecosystems not described in the Cariboo or Kamloops Forest Region Guides to site classification such as grasslands, riparian areas, wetlands, subalpine parkland, alpine, etc. were characterized from our data and approved by the Regional Ecologists and Project Ecologist.

Sample plots were used to develop the Expanded Legend (see Volume II) which describes the site series and terrestrial ecosystem units found in the study area. Typical plant species found in each ecosystem unit are listed by structural stage and, where applicable, by seral association. Dominants are those species with greater than or equal to 10% cover in greater than or equal to 60% of the plots. Associates have 1-9% cover in greater than or equal to 60% of the plots. Bear forage lists all vegetation greater than 1%. Vegetation of structural stages not sampled was extrapolated based on known seral sequences and plot information from other studies in similar ecosystems: Dog Creek (Clements, 1995), Becher's Prairie (Lowrey et al, 1996), and Chilcotin River Grasslands (Lowrey et al, 1997). These species lists are guidelines only, for wildlife interpretations, and are specific to this study area. Some ecosystem units are

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variable or are not yet well understood. Plant species, especially associates, may vary between different locations, and seasons.

## 3.4 DATA ANALYSIS

Each plot was allocated to an existing site series based on descriptions in the Cariboo and Kamloops Forest Region Guide to Site Series. New site series and ecosystem units were proposed and approved by the Ministry of Forests Regional Ecologists, the Project Ecologist, and Ministry of Environment correlators.

Full Plot site, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and coarse woody debris data were entered into the VENUS format and environment and vegetation summaries were generated (see Appendix 7). The data from Ground Inspection Plots and Visual Checks was entered into a GRAVITI database. These were used to sort plots into groupings with similar physical attributes and ecosystem classifications. The range of environmental conditions, terrain units, and vegetation over which ecosystem units were distributed was obtained from these databases.

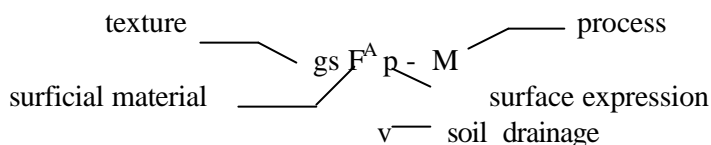
## 3.5 PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Unknown vascular plants, bryophytes and lichens were collected, pressed and labeled in the field. Identification was undertaken in the office by Catherine Littlewood B.Sc. Nomenclature follows *Vascular Plants of British Columbia Parts 1-4* (Douglas, Straley, and Meidinger 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1994) and the Ministry of Forests Provincial Species List ftp site (B.C. Ministry of Forests, 1998). A complete list of plant species observed and/or collected can be found in Appendix 2.

## 3.6 TERRAIN UNIT MAPPING

Terrain units were prestratified on 1:20,000 Air Photos following the standards set forth by the Resource Inventory Committee (1998) and verified in the field sampling (see sections 3.1 Prestratification of Bioterrain and 3.2 Sampling). Symbology follows the system of Howes and Kenk (1997). Terrain descriptions for all polygons mapped can be found in Appendix 8.

**Simple Terrain Units:** eg.



This polygon label would read:

gravelly sandy terrain texture, active Fluvial plain surficial material, with Meandering channels geomorphological process, and very rapid soil drainage.

Two or three letters may be used to describe multiple characteristics, other than surficial material, or letters may be omitted if information is lacking (eg. texture).

### Complex Terrain Units:

Complex polygons can have up to three terrain units within a single polygon. Percentage distribution of terrain units is represented by deciles from 1 through 10 (1=10%....10=100%).

eg: 6 srCbv 4Mbj  
w,m

This polygon label would be read as:

60% sandy, rubbly Colluvial blanket-veneer and 40% Morainal blanket, gently sloping with separate soil drainage classes of well-drained, and moderately well drained

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**Stratigraphic Units:** eg: Mv indicates that Morainal veneer overlies  
Rr ridged Rock

Groups of letters are arranged one above the other, where one or more kinds of surficial material overlie a different material or bedrock.

## 3.6.1 BIOTERRAIN UNIT LETTER NOTATION

**Table 1 Bioterrain Unit Letter Notation (from Howes and Kenk, 1997)**

TEXTURE	SURFICIAL MATERIAL	SURFACE EXPRESSION	GEOLOGICAL PROCESS
a=blocks	A=anthropogenic materials	a=moderate slope	A=avalanches
b=boulders	C=colluvium	b=blanket	B=braiding channel
c=clay	D=weathered bedrock	c=cone	C=cryoturbation
d=mixed fragments	E=eolian sediments	d=depression(s)	D=deflation
f=finer	F=fluvial material	f=fan	E=glacial meltwater channels
g=gravel	F <sup>I</sup> =saline fluvial (salt precipitation)	h=hummocky	F=failing (slow mass movement)
k=cobbles	F <sup>A</sup> =active fluvial materials	j=gentle slope	H=kettled
m=mud	F <sup>G</sup> =glaciofluvial materials	k=moderately steep slope	I=irregular channel
p=pebbles	L=lacustrine sediments	m=rolling	J=anastomosing channel
s=sand	L <sup>I</sup> =saline lacustrine (salt precipitation)	p=plain	K=karst processes
r=rubble	L <sup>G</sup> =glaciolacustrine sediments	r=ridges	L=surface seepage
x=angular fragments	M=morainal materials (till)	s=steep slope(s)	M=meandering channel
z=silt	N=not mapped (water bodies)	t=terrace(s)	N=nivation
<b>ORGANIC</b>	O=organic material	u=undulating	P=pipng
e-fibric	R=bedrock	v=veneer	R=rapid mass movement
u=mesic	U=undifferentiated material	w=mantle of variable thickness	S=solifluction
h=humic		x=thin veneer	U=inundation
			V=gully erosion
			W=washing
			X=permafrost
			Z=periglacial processes

### QUALIFIER CODES

A	Active
I	Inactive

### SOIL DRAINAGE CLASSES

x	very rapidly drained
r	rapidly drained
w	well drained
m	moderately well drained



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i	imperfectly drained
p	poorly drained
v	very poorly drained

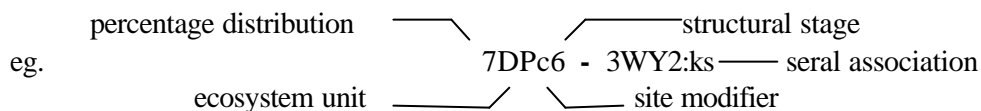
## 3.7 SITE SERIES (ECOSYSTEM UNIT) MAPPING

Site series (ecosystem units) were mapped according to the standards set forth in *Standard for Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping in British Columbia* (Ecosystem Working Group 1998). Ecosystem units were mapped within the boundaries of the bioterrain polygons using a two letter code (see Section 3.8 for correlation of Ecosystem Units to Site Series). These polygons were split when vegetation indicated two strongly contrasting seral stages, aspects, or other significant ecosystem attributes. Bioterrain polygons were also subdivided by Ecosection or Biogeoclimatic boundaries. Consequently there are more ecosystem polygons indicated on the map than bioterrain polygons originally inked on the air photos during the prestratification phase.

Sample plots were keyed out to site series using the keys and other identification tools in *A Field Guide to Forest Site Identification and Interpretation for the Cariboo Forest Region* (Steen and Coupe', 1997), *Draft Progress Report for Grassland Site Series for BGxh3, BGxw2, and IDFxm* (B.C. Ministry of Forests, 1996) and *A Guide to Site Identification for the Kamloops Forest Region Part 2* (Lloyd et al, 1990). Site Series were identified for each polygon based on the terrain unit, sample plots that occurred within the polygon, air photo interpretation, and age class information from forest cover maps. Where the ecosystem was not described in the Field Guides (wetland, riparian, grassland, parkland, and alpine types), new units were developed in coordination with the regional ecologists, project ecologist, and MoE correlator (see Section 3.8).

Site modifying codes were used with each ecosystem designation to help improve the accuracy of ecosystem descriptions. (see Section 3.7.1) Up to two site modifiers may be present (in lower case) that represent different site conditions from the typical defined for the site series. "Typical" ecosystem units have no modifiers. These are defined in *Provincial Site Series Mapping Codes and Typical Environmental Conditions* (Resources Inventory Committee 1997). Two letter codes are followed by structural stage designations 1 (non-vegetated) through to 7 (old forest) (see Section 3.7.2). When specific features of the site in a particular structural stage or modified unit altered the nature of the floristics significantly, that portion of the ecosystem unit received a separate description in the expanded legend.

Up to three ecosystems and/or structural stages were noted for each polygon. Percentage distribution of habitat units was represented by deciles from 1 to 10 (1=10% ... 10=100%). See Appendix 8 for the Ecosystem Database structure.



This polygon label would read:

70% Douglas-fir - Pinegrass - Feathermoss; coarse-textured soil ecosystem unit; mature forest (structural stage 6)

30% Bluebunch wheatgrass - Yarrow; typic ecosystem unit; herb climax (structural stage 2) : Kentucky bluegrass - Salsify seral association

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## 3.7.1 SITE MODIFIERS

**Table 2 Site Modifiers**

a	active floodplain
c	coarse-textured soils (Sand and loamy sand with 0+ coarse fragments. Sandy loam, loam, and sandy clay loam matrix with >70% coarse fragments)
d	deep soil (>100 cm to bedrock)
f	fine-textured soil (Silty loam and silt with < 20% coarse fragments. Clay, silty clay, silty clay loam, clay loam, sandy clay, heavy clay with <35% coarse fragments)
g	gullying occurring
h	hummocky terrain
j	gentle to moderate slope (<25%)
k	cool, northerly or easterly aspect (25% - 100% slope, 285° - 135° aspect)
m	medium-textured soils (Sandy loam, loam, and sandy clay loam with <70% coarse fragments. Silt and silt loam with >20% coarse fragments. Clay, silty clay, silty clay loam, clay loam, sandy clay, heavy clay with >35% coarse fragments)
n	fan (glaciofluvial, fluvial, or colluvial fans) or cone
p	peaty material
q	very steep cool aspect (>100% slope, 285° - 135°)
r	ridged
s	shallow soil ( 20 - 100cm to bedrock)
t	terrace
v	very shallow soil (<20 cm. to bedrock)
w	warm,southerly or westerly aspect (>25% slope, 135° - 285°)
y	wetter than average (used primarily for ecosystems receiving runoff from adjacent irrigated areas)
z	very steep warm aspect (>100% slope, 135° - 285°)

## 3.7.2 STRUCTURAL STAGES

(from Field Manual for Describing Terrestrial Ecosystems 1998)

**Table 3 Structural Stages**

Structural Stage		Definition	Age Criteria <sup>a</sup>
1	Non-vegetated/ sparsely vegetated	Initial stages in primary or secondary succession. Little or no residual vegetation except for bryophytes and lichens. <10% cover of vascular plants. Not normally used for forested ecosystems.	<20 yrs. for normal forest succession. May be >100 yrs. for rocky, bouldery, and other severe non-forested sites.
2	Herb <sup>d</sup>	Early successional stage, or climax / disclimax communities (eg. grasslands, wetlands, alpine meadows) dominated by herbaceous vegetation. Tree cover <10%, shrub cover <20%, herbaceous cover >20% or ≥33% of total cover. Not normally used for forested ecosystems.	<20 yrs. for normal forest succession. Climax / disclimax communities, up to 100+ yrs. or much older.
2a	Forb-dominated	dominated by non-graminoid herbs and ferns	
2b	Graminoid - dominated	dominated by grasses , sedges, reed and rushes	
2c	Aquatic	dominated by floating or submerged vegetation	
2d	Dwarf shrub -	dominated by dwarf woody species	

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Structural Stage		Definition	Age Criteria <sup>a</sup>
	dominated		
3	Shrub/Herb	Early successional stage of forested types dominated by shrubby vegetation <10 m. tall. Tree cover <10%, shrub cover >20% or ≥ 33% of total cover.	<20 yrs. for normal forest succession.
3a	Low Shrub	Climax / disclimax communities dominated by shrubby vegetation < 2 m. tall. Tree cover <10 %, shrub cover >20% or ≥ 33% of total cover	
3b	Tall Shrub	Climax / disclimax communities dominated by shrubby vegetation > 2 m. but < 10 m. tall. Tree cover <10 %, shrub cover >20% or ≥ 33 % of total cover	
4	Pole/Sapling	Trees > 10 m. tall, have overtopped shrub and herb layers. Stands are typically dense and vigorous. Persists until self-thinning and canopy differentiation becomes evident.	20 - 40 yrs. for normal forest succession. Up to 100+ yrs. for dense (>5000 stems/ha) stagnant stands
5	Young Forest	Self-thinning has become evident with canopy differentiation begun into distinct layers (dominant, co-dominant, and suppressed). Vigorous growth and more open stand than pole-sapling stage.	40 - 80 yrs.
6	Mature Forest	Trees that were established after the last disturbance have matured and a second cycle of shade tolerant trees may be established. Understories become well developed as the canopy opens up.	80 - 140 yrs. for Subzones in Group A <sup>b</sup>  80 - 250 yrs. for Subzones in Group B <sup>c</sup>
7	Old Forest	Old, structurally complex stands comprised mainly of climax tree species, although older seral remnants may still be present in the upper canopy. Standing snags & rotting logs on the ground are typical & understories patchy.	> 140 yrs. for Subzones in Group A <sup>b</sup>  > 250 yrs. for Subzones in Group B <sup>c</sup>

Age only applies to ecosystem units that will succeed to trees with “normal” rates of succession. Stand structure is emphasized rather than stand age. Deciduous stands will generally be younger than coniferous stands in the same structural stage. Stages 2 and 3a or 3b may represent permanent climax/disclimax communities (grasslands, shrubby grasslands (big sagebrush), wetlands, riparian, tundra) or stunted forests on extreme edaphic conditions. Stages 3-6 are successional forest communities; structural stage 7 is climax forest. (R.I.C. 1998) In the Bunchgrass zones, tree growth may be considerably slower and stands may not develop the structure typical of old and mature forests.

<sup>b</sup>Group A in this study includes MSxk, MSxv, and SBPSxc.

<sup>c</sup>Group B for this study includes all other subzones.

<sup>d</sup> Grasslands and wetlands in the herb structural stage are generally graminoid-dominated; hence “2b” structural stage should be assumed. Occasionally over-grazed pastures may be forb-dominated (“2a”), but these may be difficult to distinguish on air photos.

### 3.7.3 MODIFIERS FOR STAND COMPOSITION

(Structural stages 3-7 only)

**Table 4 Modifiers for Stand Composition**

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C	coniferous (> 75% total tree cover)
B	broadleaf (>75% total tree cover)
M	mixed (neither coniferous nor broadleaf account for >75% of total tree cover)

### 3.7.4 MODIFIERS FOR STAND STRUCTURE

(Structural Stages 4 -7 only)

**Table 5 Modifiers for Stand Structure**

s	single-storied	closed forest stand dominated by overstory crown class; intermediate and suppressed trees <20% all crown classes
t	two-storied	Closed forest stands co-dominated by distinct overstory and intermediate crown classes; suppressed trees <20% all crown classes
m	multistoried	closed forest stand with all crown classes well-represented; each of intermediate and suppressed classes >20% all crown classes combined
i	irregular*	very open overstory and intermediate crown classes (<30% cover); well developed suppressed crown class
h	shelterwood	very open overstory (<20% cover) with well-developed suppressed crown class. Intermediate crown class generally absent

\* Irregular stand structure is also used in the dry open Douglas-fir forests of the Bunchgrass and Interior Douglas-fir zones where the suppressed crown class may be sparse or lacking.

### 3.7.5 SERAL ASSOCIATIONS

Seral Associations are represented following the Structural Stage of the Ecosystem Unit by a small case two letter code beginning with a colon (eg. :kb).

“Seral Associations are non-climax plant associations, differentiated using a diagnostic combination of species, and belonging to the successional sequence of ecosystems within one or more site series.”  
(Ecosystems Working Group 1995)

In the Churn Creek Ecosystem Mapping Project, Seral Associations are used to designate two types of plant communities:

- 1) Grazed grasslands where livestock has significantly altered vegetation composition and covers. The introduction of Kentucky bluegrass on moister grassland site series creates distinctive plant associations which may or may not be permanent. Eg. WY2:kb, NR2:bb
- 2) Where there has been recent tree invasion onto established grassland ecosystems. These are always Structural Stage 3 of the forested ecosystem unit (usually the zonal site series). The young trees may be up to 10 meters tall and should exhibit over 10% cover. The Seral Association has the same name and two letter code (small case) as the grassland ecosystem which the forest is replacing. Eg. DP3:wy

### 3.8 ECOSYSTEM UNITS AND MINISTRY OF FORESTS SITE SERIES CORRELATION

“Within each biogeoclimatic subzone or variant, a recurring pattern of sites reflects the variation in soil and physiographic properties. **Site series...** include all sites within a biogeoclimatic subzone that are capable

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of producing the same climax vegetation unit (plant association).” (Steen & Coupe’ 1997) Each forested site series within a subzone/variant is given a two digit numeric code by the Ministry of Forests, with ‘01’ being the zonal or mesic site and the rest ranked from the driest ‘02’ to the wettest (eg. 08+).

**Site phase** is represented with a small letter following the site series number. It differentiates sites that are in the same site series, but with site or soil properties different enough to have management implications. (*ibid* pg. 2-7) Different site phases are represented with different two letter codes for the ecosystem unit.

“The **ecosystem unit** incorporates **site series**, **site modifiers**, and **structural stage** (and **seral association**). . . An ecosystem map unit should have a limited range of characteristics that allow it to be interpreted and treated uniformly” (Resources Inventory Committee. 1996 pg. 13, pg. 10). The site series is represented in the ecosystem unit with a two letter symbol unique for that subzone/variant. The name of the site series, based on common names of leading species, remains the same. Letters are used for ecosystem map units to avoid confusion with structural stage numbers and percentage distribution deciles.

The list of Ecosystem Units with corresponding Site Series found in the Churn Creek Study Area is in Section 4.3 of this report.

In the Expanded Legend (Volume II), the two letter code is separated from the corresponding site series number with a slash (eg. DP /01). Ecosystem units that have no site series number because they are new or undescribed are assigned ‘00’ for a site series. Non-vegetated and anthropogenic units are represented with two letter codes, but have no site series numbers.

## 4.0 RESULTS

### 4.1 PLOT DATABASE

Databases describing the attributes of each sample plot were developed in VENUS for Full Plots and in GRAVITI for Ground Inspections and Visual Checks. VENUS provides Biogeoclimatic Unit (BEC Subzone/Variant) summaries and vegetation lists for all Full Plots (see Appendix 7).

### 4.2 VEGETATION LIST

A list of all plants observed in the study area is provided in Appendix 2.

### 4.3 WILDLIFE LIST

A list of all vertebrate wildlife species that were actually observed, or for which sign (sound, tracks, feeding sign, excrement, etc.) was detected, may be found in Appendix 4.

4.4 LIST OF SITE SERIES AND MAP ECOSYSTEM UNITS

Table 6 List of Site Series and Map Ecosystem Units

Subzone	Map Code	Site Series #	Ecosystem Unit Name	Assumed Modifiers	Typical Conditions	Moisture Regime	Mapped Modifiers
BGxh3	BR	53	Water birch - Prairie Rose	d, g, m	riparian gullies, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	k
BGxh3	BU	00	Great Bulrush Marsh	d, f, j	permanently inundated deep marsh, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
BGxh3	CM	00	Common Spike-rush Marsh	d, f, j	permanently inundated shallow or deep marsh, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
BGxh3	CW	06	Black cottonwood - Sandbar willow - Dogbane	a, c, d, j	very active floodplains, deep coarse-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	
BGxh3	DJ	02	Big sagebrush - Prickly pear cactus	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	c, cg, g, gs, j, t
BGxh3	DM	04	Fd - Wood Rose - Saskatoon	d, j, m	lower gentle slope receiving moisture, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	a, g
BGxh3	DR	84	Sand dropseed - Indian ricegrass	c, d, j	gentle slope, deep coarse-textured soil, dune deposits	submesic	k
BGxh3	JR	00	Rocky Mtn. juniper - Rabbitbrush	k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, medium-textured calcareous soil, eroding surface	subxeric - submesic	g, gs, w
BGxh3	NC	85	Needle-and-threadgrass - Cladonia cariosa	c, d, j	gentle slope, deep coarse-textured soil, eolian deposits	submesic - mesic	g, gt, ht, r, t
BGxh3	PP	88	Short-awned porcupinegrass - Small-flowered penstemon	j, m	depressions, deep medium-textured soils	subhygric	
BGxh3	RS	51	Prairie Rose - Snowberry	j, m	broad shallow basins, gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
BGxh3	SC	80	Big Sagebrush - Prickly pear cactus	j, s	gentle slope, shallow soils over bedrock	very xeric - subxeric	g, h, k, q, r, w, z
BGxh3	SDk	81a	Saskatoon - Fd; cool phase	c	significant slope, talus, coarse-textured soil	xeric - subxeric	k
BGxh3	SDw	81b	Saskatoon - Fd; warm phase	c	significant slope, talus, coarse-textured soil	xeric - subxeric	w
BGxh3	SJ	86	Snowberry - Juniper	d, m	lower slope, receiving position, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - subhygric	c, g
BGxh3	SS	82	Big sagebrush - Sand dropseed	c, w	significant slope, warm aspect, eroding surface, coarse-textured soil	xeric - subxeric	g, gj, gy, j, m, n, s, y, z

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BGxh3	SW	01	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Big sagebrush	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	c, ck, cn, ct, g, gn, gt, h, ht, k, n, nt, q, r, rs, rt, s, t, w, y
BGxh3	SW:ns	01	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Big sagebrush: Needlegrass - Sand dropseed seral association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	r, t
BGxh3	WA	87	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Round-leaved alumroot	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - subhygic	c, g, n
BGxh3	WD	83b	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Pasture sage; eroded phase	c, w	significant slope, warm aspect, coarse-textured eroding soils	subxeric - submesic	g, gm, m
BGxh3	WS	83a	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Pasture sage; stable phase	c, w	significant slope, warm aspect, coarse-textured stable soils	subxeric - submesic	g, m, r
BGxh3	WW	50	Wolf-willow - Giant wildrye	m	significant slope, deep medium-textured soil, seepage and erosion	subhygic	w
BGxw2	AM	32	Awned sedge Marsh	d, f, j	seasonally or permanently inundated, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hygic - hydric	
BGxw2	AR	00	At - Rose - Sarsaparilla	d, j, m	moisture receiving sites adjacent to intermittent streams, deep medium-textured soil	subhygic	
BGxw2	AS	06	At - Snowberry	d, j, m	gentle slopes to depressions, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygic - hygic	
BGxw2	CR	07	Ac - Wild rose - Snowberry	a, c, d, j	moderately active floodplains, deep coarse-textured soil	subhygic	
BGxw2	CW	00	Ac - Sandbar willow - Dogbane	a, c, d, j	very active floodplains, deep coarse-textured soil	subhygic	
BGxw2	DB	00	Red-osier dogwood Common burdock Riparian	d, j, m	occasionally flooded riparian, deep medium-textured soil	subhygic - hygic	
BGxw2	DG	02	Fd - Spike-like goldenrod - Pelt lichen	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	c, g, gj, gs, h, j, jt, n, qs, s, t, w

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BGxw2	DG:wn	02	Fd - Spike-like goldenrod - Pelt lichen:Bluebunch wheatgrass - Needle-and-threadgrass Seral Assoc.	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	j, w
BGxw2	DJ	03	Fd - Rocky Mtn. juniper - Bluebunch wheatgrass	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	c, cg, g, gs, j, v
BGxw2	DM	05	Fd - At - Douglas maple	d, j, m	gentle slopes, moisture receiving sites along permanent or intermittent streams, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	g
BGxw2	NB	88a	Spreading needlegrass - Northern bedstraw	d, j, m	gentle lower slope to depression, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
BGxw2	NB:kb	88b	Spreading needlegrass - Northern bedstraw: Kentucky bluegrass - N. bedstraw Seral Assoc.	d, j, m	gentle lower slope to depression, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
BGxw2	ND	84	Needle-and-threadgrass - Sand dropseed	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - submesic	g
BGxw2	PL	87	Short-awned porcupinegrass - Lemonweed	d, j, m	lower slope to depression, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - subhygric	
BGxw2	PW	83	Pasture sage - Bluebunch wheatgrass	w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured eroding soil	xeric - subxeric	g, h, j, k, ks, n, q, r, s, y, z
BGxw2	RF	61	Baltic Rush - Field Sedge Moist Meadow	d, j, m	moist meadow rarely inundated, lower toe slope, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	
BGxw2	RL	82	Small-flowered ricegrass - Lichen		sparsely vegetated talus slopes	subxeric - submesic	nw
BGxw2	RM	30	Baltic rush Marsh	d, f, j	inundated most of year, depression, deep fine-textured soil	subhydric - hydric	
BGxw2	SP	81	Big sagebrush - Pasture sage	s, w	significant slope, warm aspect, shallow soil over bedrock	xeric	g, k, q, v, z
BGxw2	SS	80	Saskatoon - Pasture sage	v	significant slope, very shallow soil	very xeric - xeric	g, k, q, z
BGxw2	TS	50	Tall willow - Kentucky bluegrass	d, j, m	soils saturated, deep medium-textured soil	hygric to hydric	



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BGxw2	WN	01	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Needle-and-threadgrass	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	c, cg, g, gh, gt, h, hr, ht, k, ks, n, nt, ny, r, rt, t, tw, w, y
BGxw2	WN:pp	01	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Needle-and-threadgrass: Prickly pear cactus - Pussytoes Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	ht
BGxw2	WN:sd	01	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Needle-and-threadgrass: Pasture sage - Sand dropseed Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	gh
BGxw2	WO	86	Bluebunch wheatgrass - Nodding onion	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - subhygric	c, g, gs, h, n, r, s
IDFxm	AM	00	Trembling aspen - Douglas maple	d, j, m	gentle slopes in moist draws and deep cool gullies along permanent or intermittent streams, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - subhygric	k,w
IDFxm	AR	00	At - Prickly rose	d, j, m	moist receiving depressions, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	g
IDFxm	BU	00	Great Bulrush Marsh	d, f, j	permanently inundated, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
IDFxm	CM	00	Common Spike-rush Marsh	d, f, j	inundated most of year, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
IDFxm	CR	00	Black Cottonwood - Prairie Rose - Mountain Alder	a, c, d, j	moderately active floodplain, deep coarse-textured soil	subhygric	
IDFxm	CT	00	Cattail Marsh	d, f, j	permanently inundated, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
IDFxm	DJ	03	Fd - Juniper - Cladonia	c, d, j	gentle slope, deep coarse-textured soil	subxeric - submesic	r
IDFxm	DM	05	Fd - Feathermoss - Stepmoss	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	c, cq, cs, g, gs, h, q, qs, qv, r, rs, s, t

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IDFxm	DP	01	Fd - Pinegrass - Feather moss	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	c, ck, cn, f, g, gs, gt, h, ht, k, ks, n, r, rs, s, t, w
IDFxm	DP:na	01	Fd - Pinegrass - Feather moss : Spreading needlegrass - Cut-leaved anemone Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	
IDFxm	DP:np	01	Fd - Pinegrass - Feather moss : Spreading needlegrass - Pussytoes Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	
IDFxm	DP:pp	01	Fd - Pinegrass - Feather moss : Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Pussytoes Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	k
IDFxm	DP:wy	01	Fd - Pinegrass - Feather moss : Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Yarrow Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	g, h, k, n, t, w
IDFxm	DR	06	Fd - Ricegrass - Feathermoss	d, m	lower slope and depressions, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	c, g
IDFxm	DS	04	Douglas-fir - Bluebunch wheatgrass - Pasture sage	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - submesic	c, ck, cs, g, h, j, k, n, q, r, s, t, z
IDFxm	DW	02	Douglas-fir - Bluebunch wheatgrass - Penstemon	s,w	significant slope, warm aspect, shallow medium-textured soil	xeric - subxeric	c, g, gk, h, j, k, q, qv, r, rv, v, vz, z
IDFxm	NA	36	Spreading Needlegrass - Cut-leaved Anemone	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - mesic	g
IDFxm	NM	00	Northern Mannagrass Marsh	d, f, j	inundated most of year, depression, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
IDFxm	NP	35	Spreading Needlegrass - Pussytoes	d, j, m	gentle slopes, lee aspects deep medium-textured soil	mesic	
IDFxm	NR	38	Spreading Needlegrass - Baltic Rush	d, j, m	gentle slopes, depressions, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	

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IDFxm	NR:bb	38a	Spreading Needlegrass - Baltic Rush : Kentucky Bluegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slopes, depressions, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
IDFxm	PP	34	Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Pussytoes	d, j, m	level to gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	h, t
IDFxm	PP:ks	34	Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Pussytoes : Kentucky Bluegrass - Short-awned Porcupinegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	level to gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	
IDFxm	PP:sj	34	Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Pussytoes : Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Junegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	level to gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	
IDFxm	RF	00	Baltic Rush - Field Sedge Moist Meadow	d, j, m	moist meadow rarely inundated, lower toe slope and depression, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	
IDFxm	RM	00	Baltic Rush Marsh	d, f, j	shallow marsh inundated most of year, depression, deep fine-textured soil	subhydric - hydric	
IDFxm	RS	07	Douglas-fir - Prickly rose - Sarsaparilla	d, m	lower slope and depressions, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	ac, g, k, w
IDFxm	SH	09	Hybrid white spruce - Horsetail - Glowmoss	d, f, j	lower slope and depressions, deep fine-textured soil	hygric	
IDFxm	SM	00	Beaked Sedge - Water Sedge Marsh	d, f, j	seasonally inundated shallow marsh, deep fine-textured soil	subhydric - hydric	
IDFxm	SS	08	Hybrid white spruce - Snowberry - Prickly Rose	d, j, m	lower slope, toe near intermittent or permanent streams, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	g
IDFxm	TS	00	Tall Willow - Sedge Swamp	d, j, m	shrub swamps with subsurface water flow, deep medium-textured soil	hygric - subhydric	
IDFxm	WP	32	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pasture Sage	c, w	significant slope, warm aspect, eroding coarse-textured soil	subxeric - xeric	g, k, m, n, nt, r, s, z

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IDFxm	WT	31	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pussytoes	j, s	gentle slope, shallow soil over bedrock	subxeric - xeric	g, h, k, q, qv, r, v, w, z
IDFxm	WY	33	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Yarrow	j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	g, gh, h, ht, k, ky, n, nt, r, rt, t, w, y
IDFxm	WY:ks	33	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Yarrow : Kentucky Bluegrass - Salsify Seral Association	j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	
IDFxm	WY:pj	33	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Yarrow : Pussytoes - Junegrass Seral Association	j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	g, h, w
IDFdk3	DJ	03	Douglas-fir - Common Juniper - Peltigera	r, s	crest , shallow soil over bedrock	xeric	v, vw, vz
IDFdk3	DK	02	Fd - Juniper - Kinnikinnick	c, d, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep coarse-textured soil	xeric	
IDFdk3	DM	05	Douglas-fir - Feathermoss - Stepmoss	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - submesic	s, rs
IDFdk3	DP	06	Douglas-fir - Pinegrass - Aster	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic	s
IDFdk3	DW	04	Douglas-fir - Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Needlegrass	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - submesic	c, s
IDFdk3	LP	01	Fd Pl - Pinegrass - Feathermoss	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	ch, k, ks, s, w
IDFdk3	NR	00	Spreading Needlegrass - Baltic Rush	d, j, m	depressions, toe moisture receiving sites	subhygric	
IDFdk3	NR:bb	00	Spreading Needlegrass - Baltic Rush : Kentucky Bluegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	depressions, toe moisture receiving sites	subhygric	
IDFdk3	RS	00	Baltic Rush - Field Sedge Moist Meadow	d, j, m	seasonally wet, lower toe slope and depression, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	
IDFdk3	SH	09	Hybrid white spruce - Horsetail - Glowmoss	d, m	level, deep medium-textured soil, high water table	hygric	a
IDFdk3	SR	07	Hybrid white spruce - Douglas-fir - Prickly Rose - Sedge	d, j, m	gentle lower slope, receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	

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IDFdk3	SS	08	Hybrid white spruce - Douglas-fir - Prickly Rose - Sarsaparilla	d, j, m	gentle lower slope, receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
IDFdk3	WY	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Yarrow	j, m	gentle warm slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	s, w
IDFdk4	AF	00	Nuttall's Alkaligrass - Foxtail Barley Wet Meadow	d, j, m	saline wet meadow, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
IDFdk4	AR	00	Trembling aspen - Prairie rose	d, j, m	gentle slopes, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	a, f, t
IDFdk4	BU	00	Great Bulrush Marsh	d, f, j	deep marsh permanently inundated, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
IDFdk4	CM	00	Common Spike-rush Marsh	d, f, j	inundated most of year, deep fine-textured soil	hydric	
IDFdk4	DJ	03	Douglas-fir - Juniper - Saskatoon	c, d, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep coarse-textured soil	xeric	s
IDFdk4	DM	07	Douglas-fir - Feathermoss - Stepmoss	d, k, m	significant slope, cool aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic	c, cs, g, hs, j, qs, r, s, v
IDFdk4	DS	04	Douglas-fir - Juniper - Pasture Sage	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric	c, g, j, js, ks, s, v
IDFdk4	DW	05	Douglas-fir - Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pinegrass	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - subxeric	c, g, h, hs, j, js, r, s
IDFdk4	DW:wb	05	Douglas-fir - Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pinegrass : Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Balsamroot Seral Assoc.	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - subxeric	j, s
IDFdk4	JP	02	Douglas-fir - Juniper - Peltigera	j, r, s	gentle slope, crest, shallow soil over bedrock	xeric	v, vw, w, z
IDFdk4	LC	06	Lodgepole Pine - Kinnikinnick - Cladonia	c, d, j	gentle slope to level, deep coarse-textured soil	submesic	t
IDFdk4	LP	01	Douglas-fir - Lodgepole Pine - Pinegrass - Feathermoss	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	a, c, ct, f, g, h, hs, k, ks, n, nw, s, t, w

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IDFdk4	LP:wb	01	Douglas-fir - Lodgepole Pine - Pinegrass - Feathermoss : Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Balsamroot Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	s
IDFdk4	NM	00	Northern Mannagrass Marsh	d, f, j	freshwater marsh inundated most of year, deep fine-textured soil	hydic	
IDFdk4	NR	00	Spreading Needlegrass - Baltic Rush	d, j, m	depressions, toe slopes, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
IDFdk4	NR:bb	00	Spreading Needlegrass - Baltic Rush : Kentucky Bluegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	depressions, toe slopes, moisture receiving sites, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	f
IDFdk4	PP	00	Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Pussytoes	d, j, m	gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	
IDFdk4	PP:pj	00	Short-awned Porcupinegrass - Pussytoes : Pussytoes - Junegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	
IDFdk4	RF	00	Baltic Rush - Field Sedge Moist Meadow	d, j, m	moist meadow rarely inundated, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	
IDFdk4	SF	09	Hybrid white spruce - Feathermoss - Brachythecium	c, d	lower and toe slopes bordering streams, deep coarse-textured soil	subhygric	a, g, k, t, w
IDFdk4	SH	10	Hybrid white spruce - Horsetail - Glowmoss	d, j, m	toe slopes and depressions, deep medium-textured soil	hygric - subhydic	a
IDFdk4	SM	00	Beaked sedge - Water sedge Fen	p	seasonally inundated, organic soils	subhydic - hydic	a
IDFdk4	SS	08	Hybrid White Spruce - Scrub Birch - Feathermoss	c, d	lower and toe slopes, deep coarse-textured soil	subhygric	a, f, k
IDFdk4	TS	00	Tall Willow - Sedge Swamp	d, j, m	riparian, deep medium-textured soil	hygric - hydic	a, p
IDFdk4	WB	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Balsamroot	d, j, m	gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	cs, f, h, s, v
IDFdk4	WB:pj	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Balsamroot : Pussytoes - Junegrass Seral Association	d, j, m	gentle slopes, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	f, s

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IDFdK4	WP	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pasture Sage	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - xeric	c, hs, s, v
IDFdK4	WT	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pussytoes	j, s	gentle slope, shallow soil over bedrock	subxeric - xeric	v, vw, w
SBPSxc	BS	00	Sedge - Grass Fen	j, p	graminoid wetland, organic soil	subhydic - hydric	
SBPSxc	LC	02	Lodgepole Pine - Kinnikinnick - Cladonia	c, d, j	gentle slope, deep coarse-textured soils	submesic - subxeric	ks, ms, s, sw, t, v, vw, vz, w
SBPSxc	LK	01	Lodgepole Pine - Kinnikinnick - Feathermoss	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soils	mesic	g, gs, h, k, ks, s, sw, w
SBPSxc	SB	03	Hybrid White Spruce - Scrub Birch - Fen Moss	d, j, m	gentle slope, lower slope receiving sites, deep medium-textured soils	subhygric	
SBPSxc	SF	04	Hybrid White Spruce - Scrub Birch - Feathermoss	j, m	gentle slope, lower slope receiving sites, deep medium-textured soils	subhygric	
SBPSxc	SH	05	Hybrid White Spruce - Horsetail - Glow Moss	j, m	gentle slope, lower slope receiving sites, deep medium-textured soils	subhygric - hygric	p
SBPSxc	SM	06	Hybrid White Spruce - Horsetail - Meadowrue	d, j, m	gentle slope, adjacent to stream channels, deep medium-textured soils	hygric - subhygric	g
SBPSxc	WB	00	Shrub Carr	d, j, m	shrub carr, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	
SBPSxc	WP	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pasture Sage	d, c, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep eroding coarse-textured soil	subxeric - xeric	s
SBPSxc	WT	00	Willow - Sedge Fen	d, j, p	shrubby wetland, deep organic soil	subhydic - hydric	
MSxk	DA	05	Douglas-fir - Lodgepole Pine - Pinegrass - Arnica	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	c, hs, hv, j, js, k, ks, rs, s, v
MSxk	DJ	02	Douglas-fir - Juniper - Grouseberry	s, w	significant slope, warm aspect, shallow soil	very xeric - subxeric	k, r, v
MSxk	JK	00	Juniper - Kinnikinnick	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - xeric	hs, ks, rs, s, v
MSxk	LL	01	Lodgepole Pine - Pinegrass - Lupine	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	c, ch, h, hs, k, ks, s, sw, t, w
MSxk	SG	08	Hybrid White Spruce - Gooseberry - Grouseberry	j, m	gentle lower slope receiving moisture, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric - hygric	a, g, gk, k, ks, s
MSxk	SH	09	Hybrid White Spruce - Horsetail - Leafy Moss	m	lower slope to flat receiving sites, medium-textured soil	hygric	a, p

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MSxk	SM	00	Sedge - Glow Moss Fen	d, j, p	graminoid wetland, deep organic soil	subhydic - hydric	a
MSxk	WB	00	Willow - Scrub Birch - Sedge Fen	d, j, p	shrubby wetland, deep organic soil	subhydic - hydric	a, ks, m
MSxk	WJ	03	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Junegrass	d, j, m, r	gentle slope, crests, deep medium-textured soil	xeric - subxeric	ks, s, sw, v, vw, w
MSxv	BS	00	Sedge - Grass Fen	d, j, p	graminoid wetland, organic soil	subhydic - hydric	
MSxv	GK	04	Lodgepole Pine - Grouseberry - Kinnikinnick	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	submesic	gs, k, s, sw, s, w
MSxv	JK	00	Juniper - Kinnikinnick	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - xeric	hs, ks, r, s, t, v
MSxv	LG	01	Lodgepole Pine - Grouseberry - Feathermoss	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic	c, cw, gk, h, hs, ht, k, ks, n, s, sw, t, w
MSxv	LK	03	Lodgepole Pine - Kinnikinnick - Cladonia	j, m, r, s	gentle slope, crests, shallow soil over bedrock	xeric - subxeric	k, v, vw, w
MSxv	PK	00	Lodgepole Pine - Pinegrass - Kinnikinnick	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	submesic	h, hs, ht, k, ks, kv, s, sw, t, vw, w
MSxv	SC	06	Hybrid White Spruce - Crowberry - Knight's Plume	d, j, m	gentle lower slope, receiving position, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	a, g, k, t
MSxv	SG	07	Hybrid White Spruce - Crowberry - Glow Moss	j	gentle lower or toe slopes and depressions, deep medium-textured soil with persistent seepage	subhygric	a, k
MSxv	SH	08	Hybrid White Spruce - Horsetail - Crowberry	d, m	toe slope or depression around wetland, deep medium-textured soil, high water table	hygric - subhydic	a, t
MSxv	SW	00	Hybrid White Spruce - Willow - Scrub Birch	d, j, p	gentle lower slope or depression, organic soil	hygric - subhydic	a, t
MSxv	WJ	00	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Junegrass	d, j, m, r	gentle slope, crests, deep medium-textured soil	xeric - subxeric	sw, v, vw, w
MSxv	WS	00	Willow - Scrub Birch - Sedge Fen	d, j, p	shrubby wetland, deep organic soil	subhydic - hydric	a, f
ESSFxv2	FA	01	Subalpine Fir - Arnica - Cladonia	d, j, m	gentle slope, deep medium-textured soil	mesic - submesic	a, c, ch, ct, h, hs, k, ks, s, sh, sw, w
ESSFxv2	FH	00	Subalpine Fir - Horsetail	d, f, j	level or depression, deep fine-textured soil	hygric	a, k



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Subzone	Map Code	Site Series #	Ecosystem Unit Name	Assumed Modifiers	Typical Conditions	Moisture Regime	Mapped Modifiers
ESSFxv2	FL	00	Subalpine Fir - Bracted Lousewort - Glowmoss	d, j, m	gentle mid to lower slopes, deep medium-textured soil	subhygric	g, k, w
ESSFxv2	FP	00	Subalpine Fir - Brachythecium - Peltigera	c, d, k	significant slope, cool aspects above 1800 m., deep coarse-textured soil	submesic - subxeric	h, hs, j, js, jv, m, q, s
ESSFxv2	FR	00	Subalpine Fir - White-flowered Rhododendron - Restem Feathermoss	d, m, k	significant slope, cool aspects below 1800 m., deep medium-textured soil	submesic - mesic	h, hs, j, js, q, s, v
ESSFxv2	JK	00	Juniper - Kinnikinnick	d, m, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep medium-textured soil	subxeric - xeric	hs, hv, js, jv, ks, rv, s, v
ESSFxv2	LJ	00	Lodgepole Pine - Juniper - Cladonia	j, s	gentle slopes on crests, shallow soil over bedrock	very xeric - subxeric	cw, h, hv, k, kv, rv, v, vw, w
ESSFxv2	LP	00	Lodgepole Pine - Pinegrass - Kinnikinnick	c, d, w	significant slope, warm aspect, deep coarse-textured soil	subxeric - submesic	hs, hv, j, js, jv, k, ks, kv, r, rs, s, t, v
ESSFxv2	SG	00	Sedge - Glow Moss	d, j, p	moist depressions, organic soil	subhydric - hydric	m
ESSFxv2	SW	00	Englemann Spruce - Willow - Scrub Birch	d, j, p	gentle seepage tracks, level or depression, high water table, organic soil	hygric - subhydric	a, m, w
ESSFxv2	WB	00	Willow - Scrub Birch Fen	d, j, p	shrubby wetland, level and depression, organic soil	subhydric - hydric	a, c, km, m
ESSFxv2	WP	00	Old Man's Whiskers - Small-flowered Penstemon	d, f, j	toe slopes and level, cold air accumulation sites, deep fine-textured soil	subhygric	m
ESSFxp2	AH	00	Mountain Avens - Heather	j, v	dry meadow on gentle slope, very shallow soil	very xeric - xeric	h, k, w
ESSFxp2	FL	00	Lodgepole Pine - Subalpine Fir - Arctic Lupine	s	significant slope, shallow soil, forested sites	submesic - subxeric	d, k, v
ESSFxp2	KC	00	Kinnikinnick - Cladonia	s, w	significant slope, warm aspect, shallow soil, dwarf shrub-dominated tundra	subxeric	dj, h, j, jv, k, v
ALL	BF		Blockfields		moderate to large angular boulders resulting from weathering in place	xeric	k
ALL	CF		Cultivated Field		gentle slope, nonforested open areas subject to human agricultural practices	variable	n, t

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Subzone	Map Code	Site Series #	Ecosystem Unit Name	Assumed Modifiers	Typical Conditions	Moisture Regime	Mapped Modifiers
ALL	CL		Cliff		steep, vertical, or overhanging rock face	variable	g, q, v
ALL	DU		Dune		non-vegetated active sand dunes	subxeric - xeric	
ALL	ES		Exposed Soil		exposed soil in areas of recent disturbance	variable	g, k, q, r, w, z
ALL	GB		Gravel Bar		primarily non-vegetated, coarse-textured fluvial material on active floodplains	variable	
ALL	LA		Lake		lake > 2 m. deep, > 50 ha.	n/a	
ALL	MI		Mine		nonvegetated area used for mineral extraction	variable	
ALL	MS		Rubbly Mine Spoils		discarded overburden or waste rock from a mining operation	variable	w
ALL	OW		Shallow Open Water		permanent shallow open water < 2 m. deep, lacking extensive emergent plant cover	n/a	
ALL	PD		Pond		pond > 2 m. deep, <50 ha.	n/a	
ALL	RI		River		a watercourse flowing perennially or intermittantly between continuous, definable banks	n/a	
ALL	RM		Reclaimed Mine		a revegetated, formerly mined area	variable	w
ALL	RO		Rock Outcrop		primarily nonvegetated bedrock, gentle slope	variable	h, k, w
ALL	RP		Road Surface		non-vegetated roads	variable	
ALL	RR		Rural		nonurban residences and human development (farms and ranches)	variable	
ALL	RU		Rubble		unsorted weathered rock fragments	variable	k, w
ALL	TA		Talus		angular rock fragments accumulating due to successive rock falls (colluvium)	variable	k, kn, nq, q, w

### 4.5 RARE ELEMENTS

The B.C. Conservation Data Centre maintains Tracking Lists for rare vascular plants, plant communities and vertebrates for all Forest Districts in the province. The Tracking Lists for the Williams Lake and Lillooet Forest Districts, in which the Churn Creek study area is located, may be found in Appendix 5a. The B.C. Conservation Data Centre Rare Element Occurrences Report for the Churn Creek Study Area may also be found in Appendix 5b.

#### Rare Vertebrates

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Rare vertebrates which have been previously observed in the Churn Creek Study Area are detailed in the B.C. Conservation Data Centre Rare Element Occurrences Report for the Churn Creek Study Area, which may be found in Appendix 5c.

Rare vertebrate observations made in the course of the Churn Creek TEM Study are detailed in Appendix 5d.

### **Rare Vascular Plants**

Rare vascular plants which have been previously observed in the Churn Creek Study Area are detailed in the B.C. Conservation Data Centre Rare Element Occurrences Report for the Churn Creek Study Area, which may be found in Appendix 5e.

Rare vascular plant observations made in the course of the Churn Creek TEM Study are detailed in Appendix 5f.

### **Rare Plant Communities**

There are no previous observations of rare plant communities on record with the B.C. Conservation Data Centre.

Rare plant communities observed in the course of the Churn Creek TEM study are detailed in Appendix 5g.

## **4.6 MENSURATION**

In order to better understand the uneven-aged Douglas-fir stands, mensuration data was collected for forested Full Plots in Douglas-fir stands in the IDF and BG zones. All living and dead trees over 10 cm. were tallied by 10 cm. diameter classes. The average height by canopy layer, and age, height and diameter of four “top height trees” ie. best trees was measured (see DEIF 1998 for actual criteria for top height trees). A prism sweep (with prism number chosen to get a minimum of 8 trees per plot) with species, mortality, and diameter were recorded and basal area was determined from this data for the stand. A summary of the mensuration data collected can be found in Appendix 3.

## **4.7 WILDLIFE HABITAT SUITABILITY/CAPABILITY RATINGS TABLES**

Wildlife habitat suitability was rated for the following 27 assigned species of wildlife, for the listed seasons and life requisites.

### **B.C. Wildlife Branch Status**

red = endangered and/or threatened

blue = sensitive and/or vulnerable

yellow = actively managed by the Wildlife Branch

### **Life Requisites**

FD = feeding

SH = security cover

ST = security/thermal cover

TH = thermal cover

CO = courtship/mating

DE = denning/roosting

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LI = living

MS = migrating seasonally

RB - reproducing (birthing)

RE = reproducing (eggs)

**Table 7 Rating Criteria by Species for Churn Creek Study Area**

Species	Status	Seasons	Life Requisites
Common Garter Snake	yellow	winter, growing	HI, LI
Barrow's Goldeneye	yellow	growing	LI, RE
Blue Grouse	yellow	winter, growing	LI, RE
Bobolink	blue	growing	LI, RE
Eared Grebe	yellow	all	LI, RE
Flammulated Owl	blue	growing	LI, RE
Great Blue Heron	blue	all	LI, RE
Green-winged Teal	yellow	growing	LI, RE
Lewis' Woodpecker	blue	growing	LI, RE
Long-billed Curlew	blue	growing	LI, RE
Prairie Falcon	red	all	LI, RE
Rough-legged Hawk	yellow	winter	LI
Sandhill Crane	blue	growing	LI, RE
Sharp-tailed Grouse	blue	winter, growing	LI, RE
Short-eared Owl	blue	all	LI, RE
White-throated Swift	blue	growing	LI, RE
Black Bear	yellow	winter, spring, summer, fall	HI, FD, ST
Bobcat	yellow	winter, growing	FD, ST, RB
California Bighorn Sheep	blue	winter, spring, summer, fall	FD, ST, RB
Fisher	blue	winter, growing	FD, ST, RB
Marten	yellow	winter, growing	FD, ST, RB
Montane Vole	yellow	all	LI
Moose	yellow	winter, spring, summer, fall	FD, ST
Mule Deer	yellow	winter, spring, summer, fall	FD, ST
Rocky Mountain Elk	yellow	winter, spring, summer, fall	FD, ST
Spotted Bat	blue	winter, growing	DE, FD, RB
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	blue	winter, growing	DE, FD, RB

### 4.7.1 WILDLIFE HABITAT MODELS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Wildlife habitat models and assumptions were developed in order to assign suitability ratings to the ecosystem units in the study area for each of the 27 assigned wildlife species. These can be found in Appendix 6.

Based on the assumptions in these models, algorithms were formulated in Microsoft EXCEL 5.0 using the Visual BASIC programming language for the complete range at existing and all potential structural stages occurring in the study area. The algorithms establish suitability ratings for each ecosystem unit for that species' life requisites (activities) for the applicable seasons. Habitat capability can be inferred from the highest suitability rating, ie. when optimal conditions for that species that exists in that particular

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ecosystem. The wildlife habitat models and assumptions for the 27 assigned species, the ratings tables, as well as an explanation on how to use the algorithms, are found as “look-up tables” in digital format.

Because of the sheer volume of ecosystem units, related modifiers, and their compliment of structural stages, computer based programs were developed to aid in the evaluation of wildlife habitat. Using the assumptions outlined in the models, computer based algorithms (macros) were formulated in Microsoft EXCEL 5.0 using the Visual BASIC programming language. The algorithms establish suitability ratings for each ecosystem unit for a specific species’ life requisites (activities) for the applicable season(s). The following table is an sample portion of the Microsoft EXCEL worksheet used in assigning suitability to wildlife habitat (The complete table would contain a list of all of the ecosystem units in the study area, their modifiers, and all associated structural stages).

Table 8 Example of Wildlife Suitability Ratings Table used in this study.

Spotted Bat: MEUMA

ECO_SEC	BGC_ZONE	BGC_SUBZO	BGC_VRT	BGC_PHASE	SITE_S	SITEMC_S	SITE_MA	SITE_MB	STRCT_S	STRCT_M	SERAL	MEUMA_DE	MEUMA_FDC	MEUMA_RB		
FRB	BG	xh	3		53	BR			3	a		N	M	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		53	BR			3	b		N	M	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		53	BR	k		3	a		N	M	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		53	BR	k		3	b		N	M	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		00	BU			2			N	L	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3			CF			2			N	L	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3			CF	t		2			N	L	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3			CL	q		1			H	L	L		
FRB	BG	xh	3			CL	z		1			H	L	H		
FRB	BG	xh	3		00	CM			2			N	L	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		06	CW			2			N	L	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		06	CW			3			N	M	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		06	CW			4			N	H	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		06	CW			5			N	H	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		06	CW			6			N	H	N		
FRB	BG	xh	3		06	CW			7			N	H	N		

This worksheet is in a format consistent with the *Standards for Wildlife Habitat Capability/Suitability Ratings in British Columbia- Review Draft revised May 28, 1997* (Wildlife Interpretations Subcommittee, Ecosystems Working Group, Terrestrial Ecosystems Task Force, R.I.C. 1997) with the ecological information running down the left columns and the activities and seasons to be rated running across the top row. The VISUAL BASIC algorithms uses the Ecosection, Biogeoclimatic Zone and Subzone, Ecosystem Unit, site modifiers, and structural stage information to evaluate each ecosystem unit as potential habitat for each specific season and activity; assigning a suitability rating to it. The codes and rationale behind the suitability ratings, activities and seasons are explained in the following sections.

**Rating Scheme**

(From B.C. Wildlife Habitat Ratings standards Review Draft April 1998, *Wildlife Interpretations Subcommittee, Resource Inventory Committee*)

Since our ability to assign capability and suitability ratings accurately is dependent on knowledge, and because our knowledge of species' habitat use varies dramatically between species, more than one rating scheme is required. Differences in the level of detail that ecosystem classes are shown on maps of various scales may also limit the detail in which habitat use values can be interpreted and rated.

Three rating schemes have been developed to reflect these knowledge levels of habitat use (see following Table). The appropriate rating scheme is the one that reflects our knowledge of a given species' habitat use and the scale at which that knowledge is applied. The highest provincial rating is assigned to habitats of greatest concentration or importance to each species, based on previous measures or estimates in benchmark areas. All other habitats are evaluated in comparison to these benchmark habitats.

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Habitat capability and suitability rating schemes for three levels of knowledge about a species' use of habitat. Ratings are based on the habitat's potential under optimal conditions to support a particular species and reflect the animal's use of the best habitat in the province. Species use is evaluated as the expected use of a habitat and is based on the measure of the number of animals that may use the habitat during a specified time period for a specified area of habitat (# animals/unit time/unit area).

**Table 9 Habitat capability and suitability rating schemes**

% of Provincial Best	Substantial Knowledge of Habitat Use (6-class)		Intermediate Knowledge of Habitat Use (4-class)		Limited Knowledge of Habitat Use (2-class)	
	Rating	Code	Rating	Code	Rating	Code
100 - 76%	High	1	High	H	Habitat Useable	U
75 - 51%	Moderately High	2	Moderate	M		
50 - 26%	Moderate	3				
25 - 6%	Low	4	Low	L	Likely No Value	X
5 - 1%	Very Low	5				
0%	Nil	6	Nil	N		

### Six-Class Scheme -- Detailed Knowledge of Species' Habitat Use

This scheme uses ratings of high (1), moderately high (2), moderate (3), low (4), very low (5) and nil (6) for defined seasons and habitat uses. This rating system is most useful at medium map scales (1:50,000 - 1:100,000) where seasonal habitat use can be readily depicted, and at large map scales (1:5,000 - 1:20,000) for many species where specific habitat uses can be identified.

### Four-Class Scheme -- Intermediate Knowledge of Species' Habitat Use

This scheme employs high (H), moderate (M), low (L) and nil (N) ratings for defined seasons and habitat uses. The four-class approach is most effective at medium (1:50,000 - 1:100,000) to small (1:250,000 - 1:500,000) map scales where seasonal information is available.

### Two-Class Scheme -- Limited Knowledge of Species' Habitat Use

The two-class scheme is used for species for which there is little information. Species in this category are assigned capability or suitability ratings of "habitat useable" (U) or "likely no value" (X). This scheme can be applied in most areas for almost any species even with very limited information on habitat attributes, although the range of values is so broad that it is of limited value for species that we can map at greater detail.

## Seasons

(From B.C. Wildlife Habitat Ratings Standards Review Draft April 1998, *Wildlife Interpretations Subcommittee, Resource Inventory Committee*)

How an animal uses habitat is closely associated with the season or time of year and the specific activity or life requisite. Habitats providing food and cover in the winter season may be quite different from habitats used for food and cover in the spring, summer or fall (or growing season). Habitats used for reproductive activities may be important in the fall (courting/ mating), spring (e.g. birthing), or summer

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(rearing). Often the “season” required for each seasonal activity will vary from one species to another, from low to high elevations, and from southern to northern parts of the province

Seasons can be described at three levels of detail (see following table): one-season, two-season, four-season and five-season. With larger map scales and a more detailed knowledge level of the species, seasonal use of habitats can be described in greater detail. A four-season rating is then the minimum required. The five-season rating subdivides winter into early and late periods, a level of detail that was only utilized for evaluating caribou habitat in this study.

Three levels for describing seasons of habitat use. Season of use must be included in the habitat capability and suitability ratings.

**Table 10 Three levels for describing seasons of habitat use**

Level	Code	Description	Application
2-season	D G	Dormant Growing (spring, summer, fall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>when seasonal habitat use can only be roughly differentiated</li> <li>small map scales</li> </ul>
4-season	W P S F	Winter* Spring Summer Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>when four distinct seasons of habitat use can be differentiated (medium to large map scales)</li> <li>species for which there is an intermediate or substantial knowledge level</li> <li>when species occur in B.C. only part of the year (migratory species - only 3 of the 4 seasons rated)</li> </ul>
5-season	EW LW P S F	Early Winter Late Winter Spring Summer Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IF</b> distinguishing detailed seasons for black bear and ungulates</li> </ul>

\*Winter can be used for either a 2-season or a 4-season rating; in both cases, it is the same period of time (as defined in the Chart of Seasons *in* B.C. Wildlife Habitat Ratings standards Review Draft April 1998 Appendix B).

Not all seasons in the year have to be rated. A four-season rating may be used for a migratory species that breeds in the province, but obviously “winter” will not be rated because the animal does not occur in B.C. at that time.

An ecological approach has been developed for describing seasons of habitat use because the duration of each season and the time when one season changes to the next depends on where you are in the province. In the Churn Creek study area winter is found to occur from November - April; Spring from May - June; Summer in July and August and Fall in September and October.

### Habitat Use: Activity

(From B.C. Wildlife Habitat Ratings standards Review Draft May 28 1997, *Wildlife Interpretations Subcommittee, Ecosystems Working Group, Terrestrial Ecosystems Task Force, Resource Inventory Committee*)



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Habitat use activities are the key life requisites and requirements of an animal for sustaining and perpetuating the species. These requirements are supplied by the species' habitat and include food, cover, reproduction, migration, hibernation, etc. For the purposes of developing habitat suitability ratings, life requisites have been divided into two categories: 1) Mandatory activities such as food and cover or life requirements and, 2) optional activities such as birthing, hibernating and denning. The definitions and codes for these habitat use activities are described in the following table.

**Table 11 Activities and codes for describing habitat use.**

Life Requisite	Code	Definition
<b><i>Mandatory Activities</i></b>		
Living	LI	habitat used for security, food, thermal, protection and general living
Food	FD	habitat used for consuming food items, including searching for and consuming food simultaneously (such as done by grazers, browsers, flying insectivores, ducks, etc.)
Security	SH	habitat used for protection or hiding from predators
Security/Thermal	ST	habitat used for security and/or thermal values (this category used when differentiation between thermal and security values is difficult or impossible)
Thermal	TH	habitat used for protection from heat, cold, precipitation or wind
<b><i>Optional Activities</i></b>		
Reproducing (birthing)	BI	habitat used specifically for giving birth to live young (mammals); may or may not include courtship/mating, depending on the animal species
Courtship/Mating	CO	habitat used for courting , pair-bonding or mating (when separate from reproducing habitat)
Denning/Roosting	DE	habitat used for sleeping or hiding in a cavity, crevice, cave, or burrow; does not include dens used solely for hibernating (HI) or birthing (RB)
Feeding: green up	FG	habitat used for feeding on early spring green up
Feeding: salmon	FS	habitat used for feeding on spawning salmon
Hibernating	HI	habitat used for hibernating
Migrating (seasonally)	MS	habitat used for regular, annual travel (e.g., habitat used by elk for spring and fall migrations)
Reproducing (eggs)	RP	habitat used for building a nest, laying eggs, incubation, hatching and feeding non-mobile young (amphibians, birds and reptiles); may or may not include courtship/mating, depending on the animal species
Staging	SG	habitat used for staging during spring and fall migrations

Generally an animal spends most of its time feeding or using cover for resting or protection from predators and the elements. Thus the default activity for rating habitats is feeding and/or cover; combined these are generally referred to as living activities. All habitats must be rated for either general living, feeding or cover for a specified season.

All other habitat use activities (reproducing, migrating, hibernating, etc.) have a specific habitat and time of the year associated with them. These *specific habitat use activities* do not require a season to be

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identified in the ratings (but due to the set up the macros they are rated by specific season), because it is implied by the particular activity (however, the time of year when a specific life requisite occurs for any one species must be clearly defined in the species account section of the species-habitat model).

Note that the habitat use activity called “general living” is an exception because it has elements of both food/cover and specific life requisites. This particular description has been devised to: 1) provide a general category for projects that do not require detailed food and cover ratings, and 2) describe the periods in a year when other specific habitat use activities do not occur. “Living” includes general activities that are mostly comprised of feeding, using cover and moving between the habitats required for these activities<sup>1</sup>. As with the food/cover activities, “living” requires a season to be explicitly identified in the ratings.

### Rating Habitat Use

(From B.C. Wildlife Habitat Ratings standards Review Draft April 1998, *Wildlife Interpretations Subcommittee, Resource Inventory Committee*)

Suitability ratings are used in conjunction with seasons and habitat use activities to provide a more precise description of the value of a habitat to a particular species. Thus for each species, a habitat is evaluated according to the season in which it is being used and the type of use it receives (feeding, reproducing, etc.). *All suitability ratings are expressed as a value for a particular season and habitat use activity for the species of concern, compared to the best habitat in the province used for the same season and life requisite for that species.* For example, spring feeding habitats for mule deer are rated in comparison to the best mule deer spring feeding habitat in the province.

The combination of seasons and life requisites used for suitability ratings as well as the detail at which they are applied, will vary depending on: 1) the particular requirements of each animal species, 2) the map scale, and 3) the objectives of the habitat mapping project..

### 4.8 BIOTERRAIN AND ECOSYSTEM DATABASE

An EXCEL spread sheet was used to develop data bases for bioterrain and ecosystem attributes for each polygon. This was done according to *Standard for Digital Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) Data Capture in British Columbia Version 2.0* (Ecological Data Committee 1998). Each row describes a polygon number with up to three differing terrain and ecosystem components whose deciles must add up to 10. The content of each column follows the format suggested by the technical coordinator. Bioterrain and ecosystem databases are found in Appendix 8.

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<sup>1</sup> “Living” may also have aspects of other specified life requisites (for example, reproduction: generally habitat used for rearing young cannot be separated from the habitat used for “living” by adults; “living” thus includes the rearing component of reproduction).

#### **4.9 SPATIAL DATA AND MAP GENERATION**

Polygon spatial data captured by controlled monorestitution was converted to ARCINFO format according to the Digital Data Capture Standards for TEM, October 1998. Polygon databases were converted into ARCINFO format according to those standards and 1:20,000 hard copy maps depicting ecosection, biogeoclimatic subzone variant, site series, and structural stage were generated. G.I.S. files and map digital files are located on the C.D. submitted with the Report, Expanded Legend, and Appendices.

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**Appendix 1 - Working Legend**

<b>MSxv</b>					
<b>BIOTERRAIN</b>		<b>SITE FEATURES</b>	<b>SITE SERIES</b>	<b>ECO-UNIT</b>	<b>PLOTS</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE POSITION</b>	<b>SURFICIAL MATERIAL</b>				
<b>LEVEL</b>	Fluvial		00	SWa	C343, C843
			00	WSa	C839
			08	SHa	C848
	Glaciofluvial		01	LG	C631
			00	WS	C632
	Moraine		00	WS	C407, C899
			00	WS	C407
			01	LG	C897, 98047
			07	SG	98142, 98MR012
	Organic		00	BS	98334, C328
			00	SW	98148
			00	WS	C333,
<b>DEPRESSION</b>	all				
<b>GENTLE-SLOPES</b>	Moraine		00	PK	98140
			01	LG	C408, C409, C832, C837, C844, C847, C896, C898, 98336, 98MD014, 98MD015
			03	LK	98141
			04	GK	
			05	LT	
			06	SC	C405, C406, C901, 98333
			07	SG	C902
			08	SH	
	Colluvium		00	PK	98226, 98241
	Fluvial				
	Glaciofluvial		01	LG	C841
<b>UPPER SLOPES</b>	all		00	JK	
			00	WJ	
			03	LK	91MK067, 98243
			04	GK	
			05	LT	C625
<b>CRESTS</b>			00	JK	
			03	LK	C904, 98242
<b>TOE SLOPES</b>	all				
<b>GULLIES</b>	all				
<b>WARM ASPECTS</b>	ANY OF :		00	JK	
	Morainal		00	PK	91MK066
	Colluvium		00	WJw	C334, C335
	Glaciofluvial		01	LGw	
			03	LKw	98MD001
		04	GKw		
<b>COOL ASPECTS</b>	ANY OF :		00	JK	
	Morainal		00	PK	C331
	Colluvium		01	LGk	98046, 98143
	Glaciofluvial		03	LKk	
			04	GKk	
		06	SCK	9800903	

Appendix 2 - Vegetation List

	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>
<b><u>TREES</u></b>		
	<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i>	subalpine fir
	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	paper birch
	<i>Picea engelmannii</i>	Engelmann spruce
	<i>Picea engelmannii x glauca</i>	hybrid white spruce
	<i>Pinus albicaulis</i>	whitebark pine
	<i>Pinus contorta</i>	lodgepole pine
	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	ponderosa pine
	<i>Populus balsamifera</i>	balsam poplar
	<i>Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa</i>	black cottonwood
	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	trembling aspen
	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas-fir
<b><u>SHRUBS</u></b>		
	<i>Acer glabrum</i>	Douglas maple
	<i>Alnus crispa</i>	green alder
	<i>Alnus crispa ssp. sinuata</i>	Sitka alder
	<i>Alnus sp.</i>	alder
	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	saskatoon
	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	big sage
	<i>Betula glandulosa</i>	scrub birch
	<i>Betula occidentalis</i>	water birch
	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	rabbit-brush
	<i>Clematis occidentalis</i>	Columbia clematis
	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	red-osier dogwood
	<i>Eleagnus commutata</i>	silverberry
	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	common juniper
	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	creeping juniper
	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Rocky Mountain juniper
	<i>Juniperus sp.</i>	juniper
	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	black twinberry
	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	choke cherry
	<i>Rhododendron albiflorum</i>	white-flowered rhododendron
	<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	black gooseberry
	<i>Ribes oxycanthoides</i>	northern gooseberry
	<i>Rosa acicularis</i>	prickly rose
	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	baldhip rose
	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Nootka rose
	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	prairie rose
	<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	red raspberry
	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	thimbleberry
	<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb's willow
	<i>Salix candida</i>	hoary willow

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	<i>Salix geyeriana</i>	Geyer's willow
	<i>Salix glauca</i>	grey-leaved willow
	<i>Salix glauca var. villosa</i>	grey-leaved willow
	<i>Salix maccalliana</i>	MacCall's willow
	<i>Salix myrtillofolia var. cordata</i>	bilberry willow
	<i>Salix planifolia</i>	tea-leaved willow
	<i>Salix planifolia ssp. planifolia</i>	tea-leaved willow
	<i>Salix psuedomonticola</i>	mountain willow
	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow
	<i>Salix sp.</i>	willow
	<i>Shepherdia canadensis</i>	soopolallie
	<i>Spiraea betulifolia</i>	birch-leaved spirea
	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	common snowberry
	<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>	western snowberry
	<i>Vaccinium membranaceum</i>	black huckleberry
	<i>Viburnum edule</i>	highbush-cranberry
<b><u>HERBS</u></b>		
	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow
	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	baneberry
	<i>Agoseris glauca</i>	short-beaked agoseris
	<i>Agoseris glauca var. dasycephala</i>	short-beaked agoseris
	<i>Agoseris sp.</i>	
	<i>Agropyron cristatum</i>	crested wheatgrass
	<i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	redtop
	<i>Agrostis scabra</i>	hair bentgrass
	<i>Agrostis sp.</i>	bentgrass
	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	nodding onion
	<i>Androsace septentrionalis</i>	northern fairy-candelabra
	<i>Anemone multifida</i>	cut-leaved anemone
	<i>Anemone sp.</i>	anemone
	<i>Antennaria dimorpha</i>	low pussytoes
	<i>Antennaria microphylla</i>	rosy pussytoes
	<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>	field pussytoes
	<i>Antennaria pulcherrima</i>	showy pussytoes
	<i>Antennaria racemosa</i>	racemose pussytoes
	<i>Antennaria sp.</i>	pussytoes
	<i>Antennaria umbrinella</i>	umber pussytoes
	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	spreading dogbane
	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	red columbine
	<i>Arabis holboellii</i>	Holboell's rockcress
	<i>Arabis sp.</i>	
	<i>Aralia nudicaulis</i>	wild sarsaparilla
	<i>Arctium lappa</i>	great burdock
	<i>Arctium minus</i>	common burdock

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	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	kinnikinnick
	<i>Arenaria capillaris</i>	thread-leaved sandwort
	<i>Arenaria sp.</i>	sandwort
	<i>Arnica angustifolia</i>	alpine arnica
	<i>Arnica cordifolia</i>	heart-leaved arnica
	<i>Arnica fulgens</i>	orange arnica
	<i>Arnica latifolia</i>	mountain arnica
	<i>Arnica rydbergii</i>	Rydberg's arnica
	<i>Arnica sp.</i>	arnica
	<i>Artemisia campestris</i>	northern wormwood
	<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	tarragon
	<i>Artemisia frigida</i>	pasture sage
	<i>Artemisia michauxiana</i>	Michaux's mugwort
	<i>Artemisia norvegica</i>	mountain sagewort
	<i>Artemisia sp.</i>	
	<i>Aster ciliolatus</i>	Lindley's aster
	<i>Aster conspicuus</i>	showy aster
	<i>Aster foliaceus</i>	leafy aster
	<i>Aster modestus</i>	great northern aster
	<i>Aster sp.</i>	aster
	<i>Astragalus miser</i>	timber milk-vetch
	<i>Astragalus sp.</i>	
	<i>Astragalus tenellus</i>	pulse milk-vetch
	<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	arrow-leaved balsamroot
	<i>Beckmannia sp.</i>	
	<i>Brassica campestris</i>	field mustard
	<i>Brassica kaber</i>	charlock
	<i>Bromus sp.</i>	brome
	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheatgrass
	<i>Bromus vulgaris</i>	Columbia brome
	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	bluejoint
	<i>Calamagrostis purpurascens</i>	purple reedgrass
	<i>Calamagrostis rubescens</i>	pinegrass
	<i>Calochortus macrocarpus</i>	sagebrush mariposa lily
	<i>Caltha leptosepala</i>	white marsh-marigold
	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	common harebell
	<i>Carex albonigra</i>	two-toned sedge
	<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	water sedge
	<i>Carex canescens</i>	grey sedge
	<i>Carex concinna</i>	low northern sedge
	<i>Carex concinnoides</i>	northwestern sedge
	<i>Carex exsuccata</i>	inflated sedge
	<i>Carex hoodii</i>	Hood's sedge
	<i>Carex media</i>	Scandinavian sedge
	<i>Carex obtusata</i>	blunt sedge

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	<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	field sedge
	<i>Carex praticola</i>	meadow sedge
	<i>Carex pyrenaica</i>	Pyrenean sedge
	<i>Carex richardsonii</i>	Richardson's sedge
	<i>Carex rossii</i>	Ross' sedge
	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>	Sartwell's sedge
	<i>Carex sp.</i>	sedge
	<i>Carex utriculata</i>	beaked sedge
	<i>Carex xerantica</i>	dry-land sedge
	<i>Caryophyllaceae</i>	
	<i>Cassiope mertensiana</i>	white mountain-heather
	<i>Castilleja miniata</i>	scarlet paintbrush
	<i>Castilleja rhexifolia</i>	alpine paintbrush
	<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	field chickweed
	<i>Cerastium sp.</i>	
	<i>Chamaerhodos erecta</i>	American chamaerhodos
	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	lamb's quarters
	<i>Chenopodium rubrum</i>	red goosefoot
	<i>Cinna latifolia</i>	nodding wood-reed
	<i>Circaea alpina</i>	enchanter's-nightshade
	<i>Cirsium edule</i>	edible thistle
	<i>Cirsium sp.</i>	thistle
	<i>Cirsium undulatum</i>	wavy-leaved thistle
	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle
	<i>Comandra umbellata</i>	California comandra
	<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	bunchberry
	<i>Crepis atrabarba</i>	slender hawksbeard
	<i>Crepis runcinata</i>	dandelion hawksbeard
	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	common hound's tongue
	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	orchardgrass
	<i>Danthonia intermedia</i>	timber oatgrass
	<i>Danthonia sp.</i>	oatgrass
	<i>Delphinium glaucum</i>	tall larkspur
	<i>Disporum hookeri</i>	Hooker's fairybells
	<i>Disporum trachycarpum</i>	rough-fruited fairybells
	<i>Draba cana</i>	lance-leaved draba
	<i>Draba oligosperma</i>	few-seeded draba
	<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	entire-leaved mountain-avens
	<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	white mountain-avens
	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	common spike-rush
	<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	blue wildrye
	<i>Elymus repens</i>	quackgrass
	<i>Elymus sp.</i>	wildrye
	<i>Elymus spicatus</i>	bluebunch wheatgrass
	<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>	slender wheatgrass



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	<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	crowberry
	<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>	fireweed
	<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	purple-leaved willowherb
	<i>Epilobium minutum</i>	small-flowered willowherb
	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	common horsetail
	<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	scouring-rush
	<i>Equisetum pratense</i>	meadow horsetail
	<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	dwarf scouring-rush
	<i>Erigeron compositus</i>	cut-leaved daisy
	<i>Erigeron filifolius</i>	thread-leaved fleabane
	<i>Erigeron flagellaris</i>	trailing fleabane
	<i>Erigeron linearis</i>	line-leaved daisy
	<i>Erigeron peregrinus</i>	subalpine daisy
	<i>Erigeron peregrinus ssp. callianthemus</i>	subalpine daisy
	<i>Erigeron pumilus</i>	shaggy fleabane
	<i>Erigeron sp.</i>	fleabane
	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	showy daisy
	<i>Erigeron subtrinervis</i>	triple-nerved fleabane
	<i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i>	parsnip-flowered buckwheat
	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	sulphur buckwheat
	<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	narrow-leaved cotton-grass
	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	tall fescue
	<i>Festuca brachyphylla</i>	alpine fescue
	<i>Festuca occidentalis</i>	western fescue
	<i>Festuca saximontana</i>	Rocky Mountain fescue
	<i>Festuca sp.</i>	fescue
	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	wood strawberry
	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	wild strawberry
	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	brown-eyed Susan
	<i>Galium boreale</i>	northern bedstraw
	<i>Galium trifidum</i>	small bedstraw
	<i>Galium triflorum</i>	sweet-scented bedstraw
	<i>Gentiana douglasiana</i>	swamp gentian
	<i>Geocaulon lividum</i>	bastard toadflax
	<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	sticky purple geranium
	<i>Geum macrophyllum</i>	large-leaved avens
	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	old man's whiskers
	<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	reed mannagrass
	<i>Goodyera oblongifolia</i>	rattlesnake-plantain
	<i>Goodyera repens</i>	dwarf rattlesnake orchid
	<i>Hackelia deflexa</i>	nodding stickseed
	<i>Hedysarum sp.</i>	
	<i>Heracleum lantatum</i>	cow-parsnip
	<i>Heracleum sp.</i>	cow-parsnip
	<i>Heuchera chlorantha</i>	meadow alumroot

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	<i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>	round-leaved alumroot
	<i>Hieracium albiflorum</i>	white hawkweed
	<i>Hieracium gracile</i>	slender hawkweed
	<i>Hieracium sp.</i>	hawkweed
	<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic rush
	<i>Kobresia myosuroides</i>	Bellard's kobresia
	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	summer-cypress
	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	junegrass
	<i>Lappula redowski</i>	western stickseed
	<i>Lathyrus nevadensis</i>	purple peavine
	<i>Lathyrus ochroleucus</i>	creamy peavine
	<i>Lemna sp.</i>	
	<i>Leptarrhena pyrolifolia</i>	leatherleaf saxifrage
	<i>Leymus cinereus</i>	giant wildrye
	<i>Linnaea borealis</i>	twinflower
	<i>Linum perenne</i>	western blue flax
	<i>Lithospermum incisum</i>	yellow gromwell
	<i>Lithospermum ruderae</i>	lemonweed gromwell
	<i>Lomatium macrocarpum</i>	large-fruited desert-parsley
	<i>Lupinus arcticus</i>	arctic lupine
	<i>Lupinus lyallii</i>	dwarf mountain lupine
	<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>	silky lupine
	<i>Luzula parviflora</i>	small-flowered woodrush
	<i>Luzula piperi</i>	Piper's woodrush
	<i>Lycopodium annotinum</i>	stiff clubmoss
	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	black medic
	<i>Medicago sativa</i>	alfalfa
	<i>Melampyrum lineare</i>	cow-wheat
	<i>Melica bulbosa</i>	oniongrass
	<i>Melilotus alba</i>	white sweet-clover
	<i>Melilotus sp.</i>	
	<i>Mitella nuda</i>	common mitrewort
	<i>Moneses uniflora</i>	single delight
	<i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</i>	mat muhly
	<i>Nassella viridula</i>	green needlegrass
	<i>Onobrychis vicifolia</i>	sainfoin
	<i>Opuntia fragilis</i>	brittle prickly-pear cactus
	<i>Orobanche fasciculata</i>	clustered broomrape
	<i>Orthilia secunda</i>	one-sided wintergreen
	<i>Orthocarpus luteus</i>	yellow owl-clover
	<i>Osmorhiza depauperata</i>	blunt-fruited sweet-cicely
	<i>Osmorhiza chilensis</i>	mountain sweet-cicely
	<i>Oxytropis sericea</i>	silky locoweed
	<i>Oxytropis sp.</i>	
	<i>Pedicularis bracteosa</i>	bracted lousewort

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<i>Pedicularis racemosa</i>	sickle-top lousewort
<i>Penstemon fruticosus</i>	shrubby penstemon
<i>Petasites frigidus</i>	sweet coltsfoot
<i>Petasites frigidus var. palmatus</i>	palmate-leaved coltsfoot
<i>Petasites sagittatus</i>	arrow-leaved coltsfoot
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass
<i>Phleum alpinum</i>	alpine timothy
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	common timothy
<i>Phyllodoce empetrifolia</i>	pink mountain-heather
<i>Plantago patagonica</i>	wooly plantain
<i>Platanthera obtusata</i>	one-leaved rein orchid
<i>Platanthera sp.</i>	orchid
<i>Poa alpina</i>	alpine bluegrass
<i>Poa glauca</i>	glaucous bluegrass
<i>Poa palustris</i>	fowl bluegrass
<i>Poa paucispicula</i>	western bluegrass
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky bluegrass
<i>Poa pratensis ssp. pratensis</i>	Kentucky bluegrass
<i>Poa secunda</i>	Sandberg's bluegrass
<i>Poa secunda ssp. juncifolia</i>	Nevada bluegrass
<i>Poa secunda ssp. secunda</i>	Sandberg's bluegrass
<i>Poa wheeleri</i>	Wheeler's bluegrass
<i>Poa sp.</i>	bluegrass
<i>Polemonium pulcherrimum</i>	showy Jacob's-ladder
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	silverweed
<i>Potentilla diversifolia</i>	diverse-leaved cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla gracilis</i>	graceful cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla hippiana</i>	wooly cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvanian cinquefoil
<i>Potentilla sp.</i>	
<i>Potentilla uniflora</i>	one-flowered cinquefoil
<i>Pyrola asarifolia</i>	pink wintergreen
<i>Pyrola chlorantha</i>	green wintergreen
<i>Pyrola sp.</i>	wintergreen
<i>Ranunculus sp.</i>	buttercup
<i>Rubus arcticus</i>	nagoonberry
<i>Rumex sp.</i>	
<i>Salix reticulata ssp. nivalis</i>	dwarf snow willow
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Russian thistle
<i>Saxifraga bronchialis</i>	spotted saxifrage
<i>Scirpus americanus</i>	American bulrush
<i>Scirpus sp.</i>	
<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i>	lance-leaved stonecrop
<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>	broad-leaved stonecrop
<i>Selaginella densa</i>	compact selaginella

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	<i>Selaginella sp.</i>	
	<i>Senecio pseud aureus</i>	streambank butterweed
	<i>Senecio sp.</i>	
	<i>Senecio streptanthifolius</i>	Rocky Mountain butterweed
	<i>Senecio triangularis</i>	arrow-leaved groundsel
	<i>Sibbaldia procumbens</i>	sibbaldia
	<i>Silene alba</i>	white cockle
	<i>Silene drummondii</i>	Drummond's campion
	<i>Silene noctiflora</i>	night-flowering catchfly
	<i>Silene parryi</i>	Parry's campion
	<i>Silene sp.</i>	
	<i>Sisymbrium sp.</i>	
	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	false Solomon's-seal
	<i>Smilacina stellata</i>	star-flowered false Solomon's-seal
	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod
	<i>Solidago multiradiata</i>	northern goldenrod
	<i>Solidago sp.</i>	
	<i>Solidago spathulata</i>	spike-like goldenrod
	<i>Sparganium nutans</i>	small burr-reed
	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	sand dropseed
	<i>Stellaria longipes</i>	long-stalked starwort
	<i>Stenanthium sp.</i>	
	<i>Stipa comata</i>	needle-and-thread grass
	<i>Stipa curtiseta</i>	short-awned porcupinegrass
	<i>Stipa hymenoides</i>	Indian ricegrass
	<i>Stipa nelsonii</i>	Columbian needlegrass
	<i>Stipa nelsonii var. dorei</i>	Columbian needlegrass
	<i>Stipa occidentalis</i>	stiff needlegrass
	<i>Stipa richardsonii</i>	spreading needlegrass
	<i>Streptopus amplexifolius</i>	clasping twistedstalk
	<i>Suaeda sp.</i>	
	<i>Taraxacum ceratophorum</i>	horned dandelion
	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	common dandelion
	<i>Thalictrum occidentale</i>	western meadowrue
	<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	yellow salsify
	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	white clover
	<i>Trisetum sp.</i>	
	<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>	spike trisetum
	<i>Trollius laxus</i>	globeflower
	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	stinging nettle
	<i>Vaccinium caespitosum</i>	dwarf blueberry
	<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	low bilberry
	<i>Vaccinium scoparium</i>	grouseberry
	<i>Veronica wormskjoldii</i>	alpine speedwell
	<i>Vicia americana</i>	American vetch

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	<i>Vicia sp.</i>	
	<i>Viola adunca</i>	early blue violet
	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canada violet
	<i>Viola glabella</i>	stream violet
	<i>Viola orbiculata</i>	rounded-leaved violet
	<i>Viola sp.</i>	violet
	<i>Woodsia oregana</i>	western cliff fern
	<i>Xanthium sp.</i>	cocklebur
	<i>Zigadenus elegans</i>	mountain death-camas
	<i>Zigadenus venenosus</i>	meadow death-camas
<b>MOSESSES &amp; LIVER-WORTS</b>		
	<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	wiry fern moss
	<i>Aulacomnium palustre</i>	glow moss
	<i>Barbilophozia hatcheri</i>	
	<i>Barbilophozia sp.</i>	
	<i>Brachythecium albicans</i>	lawn moss
	<i>Brachythecium sp.</i>	
	<i>Bryum sp.</i>	
	<i>Calliergon sp.</i>	
	<i>Ceratodon purpureus</i>	fire moss
	<i>Dicranella palustris</i>	
	<i>Dicranum acutifolium</i>	
	<i>Dicranum fuscescens</i>	curly heron's-bill moss
	<i>Dicranum polysetum</i>	wavy-leaved moss
	<i>Dicranum scoparium</i>	broom moss
	<i>Dicranum sp.</i>	
	<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	
	<i>Drepanocladus uncinatus</i>	sickle moss
	<i>Grimmia sp.</i>	
	<i>Homalothecium aeneum</i>	
	<i>Homalothecium sp.</i>	
	<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	step moss
	<i>Hypnum pallescens</i>	
	<i>Hypnum revolutum</i>	
	<i>Hypnum sp.</i>	
	<i>Hypnum vaucheri</i>	
	<i>Lophozia sp.</i>	
	<i>Mnium sp.</i>	leafy moss
	<i>Plagiochila sp.</i>	
	<i>Plagiomnium drummondii</i>	Drummond's leafy moss
	<i>Plagiomnium venustum</i>	
	<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>	red-stemmed feathermoss
	<i>Pohlia nutans</i>	
	<i>Polytrichum alpinum</i>	stiff-leaved haircap moss

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	<i>Polytrichum juniperinum</i>	juniper haircap moss
	<i>Polytrichum piliferum</i>	awned haircap moss
	<i>Polytrichum sp.</i>	
	<i>Polytrichum strictum</i>	bog haircap moss
	<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	
	<i>Ptilium crista-castrensis</i>	knight's plume
	<i>Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus</i>	electrified cat's-tail
	<i>Rhytidiopsis robusta</i>	pipecleaner moss
	<i>Rhytidium rugosum</i>	crumpled-leaf moss
	<i>Sphagnum sp.</i>	
	<i>Timmia austriaca</i>	false-polytrichum
	<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	golden fuzzy fen moss
	<i>Tortula ruralis</i>	sidewalk moss
<b>LICHENS</b>		
	<i>Acarospora schleicheri</i>	
	<i>Alectoria sarmentosa</i>	common witch's hair
	<i>Alectoria sp.</i>	
	<i>Aspicilia reptans</i>	
	<i>Bryoria fuscescens</i>	speckled horsehair
	<i>Bryoria sp.</i>	
	<i>Buellia elegans</i>	
	<i>Caloplaca sp.</i>	caloplaca
	<i>Catapyrenium sp.</i>	stipplescale lichens
	<i>Cetraria aculeata</i>	spiny heath
	<i>Cetraria ericetorum</i>	icelandmoss
	<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	icelandmoss
	<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	icelandmoss lichens
	<i>Cladina arbuscula</i>	
	<i>Cladina arbuscula ssp. mitis</i>	
	<i>Cladina rangiferina</i>	grey reindeer lichen
	<i>Cladina sp.</i>	
	<i>Cladonia chlorophaea</i>	peppered pixie-cup
	<i>Cladonia cariosa</i>	ribbed pixie
	<i>Cladonia carneola</i>	royal pixie-cup
	<i>Cladonia coccifera</i>	
	<i>Cladonia coniocraea</i>	
	<i>Cladonia cornuta</i>	greater pixie-stick
	<i>Cladonia ecmocyna</i>	orange-footed pixie
	<i>Cladonia fimbriata</i>	powdered pixie-cup
	<i>Cladonia gracilis</i>	
	<i>Cladonia macilenta</i>	
	<i>Cladonia macrophyllodes</i>	
	<i>Cladonia multiformis</i>	slotted pixie-cup
	<i>Cladonia phyllophora</i>	black-stemmed pixie

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	<i>Cladonia pyxidata</i>	brown pixie cup
	<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	
	<i>Cladonia squamosa</i>	
	<i>Cladonia sulphurina</i>	sulphur cladonia
	<i>Cladonia symphocarpia</i>	
	<i>Collema sp.</i>	tarpaper lichens
	<i>Diploschistes muscorum</i>	cow pie
	<i>Diploschistes sp.</i>	
	<i>Flavocetraria nivalis</i>	ragged snow
	<i>Fulgensia bracteata</i>	
	<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i>	monk's hood
	<i>Icmadophila sp.</i>	
	<i>Letharia vulpina</i>	common wolf lichen
	<i>Parmelia sulcata</i>	waxpaper
	<i>Peltigera aphthosa</i>	freckle pelt
	<i>Peltigera canina</i>	dog pelt
	<i>Peltigera lepidophora</i>	butterfly pelt
	<i>Peltigera malacea</i>	apple pelt
	<i>Peltigera membranacea</i>	greater dog pelt
	<i>Peltigera polydactylon</i>	frog pelt
	<i>Peltigera rufescens</i>	felt pelt
	<i>Peltigera sp.</i>	pelt lichens
	<i>Physconia muscigena</i>	ground frost
	<i>Psora cerebriformis</i>	brain scale
	<i>Psora sp.</i>	scale lichens
	<i>Stereocaulon paschale</i>	cottontail coral
	<i>Stereocaulon sp.</i>	
	<i>Stereocaulon tomentosum</i>	wooly coral
	<i>Toninia sedifolia</i>	
	<i>Toninia sp.</i>	
	<i>Usnea sp.</i>	
	<i>Xanthoparmelia coloradoensis</i>	Colorado rockfrog
	<i>Xanthoparmelia sp.</i>	rockfrog lichens
	<i>Xanthoparmelia wyomingica</i>	variable rockfrog
	<i>Xanthoria candelaria</i>	shrubby orange

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**Appendix 4 - Wildlife List**

**CHURN CREEK TEM STUDY - WILDLIFE SPECIES LIST**

The following wildlife species, or signs of them, were observed in the course of the Churn Creek TEM Study:

<b>BIRDS-CODE</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>
<b>B-AMCO</b>	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
<b>B-AMCR</b>	American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
<b>B-AMKE</b>	American kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
<b>B-AMRO</b>	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
<b>B-AMWI</b>	American wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>
<b>B-BAGO</b>	Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>
<b>B-BBMA</b>	Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
<b>B-BHGR</b>	Black-headed Gosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
<b>B-CHSP</b>	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
<b>B-CHUK</b>	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
<b>B-CLNU</b>	Clark's Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga columbiana</i>
<b>B-COHA</b>	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
<b>B-CONI</b>	Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
<b>B-CORA</b>	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
<b>B-DEJU</b>	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
<b>B-EAKI</b>	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>
<b>B-GCKI</b>	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
<b>B-GOEA</b>	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
<b>B-GRJA</b>	Gray Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>
<b>B-HETH</b>	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
<b>B-KILL</b>	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
<b>B-LESC</b>	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
<b>B-LEYE</b>	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
<b>B-MALL</b>	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
<b>B-MOBL</b>	Mountain Bluebird	<i>Sialia currucoides</i>
<b>B-MOCH</b>	Mountain Chickadee	<i>Parus gambeli</i>
<b>B-NOFL</b>	Northern Flicker	<i>Coraptes auratus</i>
<b>B-NOHA</b>	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
<b>B-OSFL</b>	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus borealis</i>
<b>B-PISI</b>	Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>
<b>B-PIWO</b>	Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Drycopus pileatus</i>
<b>B-RBNU</b>	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>
<b>B-ROHA</b>	Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
<b>B-RTHA</b>	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
<b>B-RUGR</b>	Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>
<b>B-RUHU</b>	Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>
<b>B-RWBL</b>	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
<b>B-SOSP</b>	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
<b>B-SPGR</b>	Spruce Grouse	<i>Dendragapus canadensis</i>
<b>B-SPPI</b>	Sprague's Pipit	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>
<b>B-SWTH</b>	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
<b>B-UFLY</b>	Unspecified Flycatcher	-
<b>B-UGRU</b>	Unspecified Grouse	-

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<b>BIRDS- CODE</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>
<b>B-UHAW</b>	Unspecified Hawk	-
<b>B-UHUM</b>	Unspecified Hummingbird	-
<b>B-UWAX</b>	Unspecified Waxwing	-
<b>B-UWOO</b>	Unspecified Woodpecker	-
<b>B-VESP</b>	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
<b>B-WEME</b>	Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
<b>B-WETA</b>	Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
<b>B-YEWA</b>	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>

<b>MAMMALS &amp; REPTILES - CODE</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>
<b>M-ALAL</b>	<i>Alces alces</i>	<i>Moose</i>
<b>M-BOTA</b>	<i>Bos taurus</i>	<i>Domestic Cow</i>
<b>M-CACA</b>	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	<i>Beaver</i>
<b>M-CALA</b>	<i>Canis latrans</i>	<i>Coyote</i>
<b>M-EQCA</b>	<i>Equus caballus</i>	<i>Domestic Horse</i>
<b>M-ERDO</b>	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	<i>Porcupine</i>
<b>M-FECO</b>	<i>Felis concolor</i>	<i>Cougar</i>
<b>M-LEAM</b>	<i>Lepus americanus</i>	<i>Snowshoe Hare</i>
<b>M-MIMO</b>	<i>Microtus montanus</i>	<i>Montane Vole</i>
<b>M-ODHH</b>	<i>Odocoileus hemionus hemionus</i>	<i>Interior Mule Deer</i>
<b>M-ORAM</b>	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>	<i>Mountain Goat (Plot No. C270)</i>
<b>M-OVCC</b>	<i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>	<i>California Bighorn Sheep</i>
<b>M-TAHU</b>	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	<i>Red Squirrel</i>
<b>M-UBEA</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Bear</i>
<b>M-UCHP</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Chipmunk</i>
<b>M-UDEE</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Deer</i>
<b>M-URAM</b>	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	<i>Black Bear</i>
<b>M-UROD</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Rodent</i>
<b>M-UUNG</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Ungulate</i>
<b>M-UVOL</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Vole</i>
<b>M-VUVU</b>	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	<i>Red Fox</i>
<b>R-PIME</b>	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus</i>	<i>Gopher Snake</i>
<b>R-USNA</b>	-	<i>Unspecified Snake</i>

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## Appendix 5a - B.C. Conservation Data Centre: Rare Elements Lists for Lillooet and Williams Lake Forest District

### B.C. Conservation Data Centre: Rare Vertebrate Animal Tracking List Lillooet Forest District November 1, 1998

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	PROVINCIAL RANK	PROVINCIAL LIST
<b>*** AMPHIBIANS</b>				
ASCAPHUS TRUEI COASTAL POP	TAILED FROG COASTAL POP	G4	S3S4	BLUE
<b>*** BIRDS</b>				
AERONAUTES SAXATALIS	WHITE-THROATED SWIFT	G5	S3S4B	BLUE
ARDEA HERODIAS	GREAT BLUE HERON	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
ASIO FLAMMEUS	SHORT-EARED OWL	G5	S2N,S3B	BLUE
BOTAURUS LENTIGINOSUS	AMERICAN BITTERN	G4	S3B,SZN	BLUE
BUTEO LAGOPUS	ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	G5	S2S3N	YELLOW
BUTEO SWAINSONI	SWAINSON'S HAWK	G5	S2B,SZN	RED
FALCO MEXICANUS	PRAIRIE FALCON	G5	S2B,SZN	RED
HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS	BALD EAGLE	G4	S4	YELLOW
MELANERPES LEWIS	LEWIS' WOODPECKER	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
NUMENIUS AMERICANUS	LONG-BILLED CURLEW	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
OTUS FLAMMEOLUS	FLAMMULATED OWL	G4	S3S4B,SZN	BLUE
OTUS KENNICOTTII MACFARLANEI	WESTERN SCREECH-OWL, MACFARLANEI SUBSPECIES	G5T?	S2	RED
SPHYRAPICUS THYROIDEUS	WILLIAMSON'S SAPSUCKER, THYROIDEUS SUBSPECIES	G5TU	S3B,SZN	BLUE
SPIZELLA BREWERI BREWERI	BREWER'S SPARROW, BREWERI SUBSPECIES	G5T4	S2B	RED
STRIX OCCIDENTALIS	SPOTTED OWL	G3	S1	RED
<b>*** FRESHWATER FISH</b>				
ACIPENSER TRANSMONTANUS POP 4	WHITE STURGEON (FRASER RIVER POPULATION)	G4T2Q	S2	RED
SALVELINUS CONFLUENTUS	BULL TROUT	G3	S3	BLUE
<b>*** MAMMALS</b>				
ANTROZOUS PALLIDUS	PALLID BAT	G5	S1	RED
EUDERMA MACULATUM	SPOTTED BAT	G4	S3	BLUE
GULO GULO LUSCUS	WOLVERINE, LUSCUS SUBSPECIES	G4T4	S3	BLUE
MARTES PENNANTI	FISHER	G5	S3	BLUE
MYOTIS CILIOLABRUM	WESTERN SMALL-FOOTED MYOTIS	G5	S2S3	BLUE
MYOTIS THYSANODES	FRINGED MYOTIS	G5	S2S3	BLUE
OVIS CANADENSIS CALIFORNIANA	CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP	G4G5T4	S3	BLUE
OVIS CANADENSIS CANADENSIS	ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP	G4G5T4T5	S3	BLUE
TAXIDEA TAXUS	BADGER	G5	S2	RED
URSUS ARCTOS	GRIZZLY BEAR	G4	S3	BLUE
<b>*** REPTILES</b>				
CHARINA BOTTAE	RUBBER BOA	G5	S3S4	BLUE
COLUBER CONSTRICTOR	RACER	G5	S3S4	BLUE
CROTALUS VIRIDIS	WESTERN RATTLESNAKE	G5	S3	BLUE
PITUOPHIS CATENIFER	GOPHER SNAKE, DESERTICOLA SUBSPECIES	G5T5	S3	BLUE

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## B.C. Conservation Data Centre: Rare Vertebrate Animal Tracking List Williams Lake Forest District November 1, 1998

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	PROVINCIAL RANK	PROVINCIAL LIST
<b>*** AMPHIBIANS</b>				
SPEA INTERMONTANA	GREAT BASIN SPADEFOOT	G5	S3	BLUE
<b>*** BIRDS</b>				
AECHMOPHORUS OCCIDENTALIS	WESTERN GREBE	G5	S1B,S3N	RED
AERONAUTES SAXATALIS	WHITE-THROATED SWIFT	G5	S3S4B	BLUE
ARDEA HERODIAS	GREAT BLUE HERON	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
ASIO FLAMMEUS	SHORT-EARED OWL	G5	S2N,S3B	BLUE
BARTRAMIA LONGICAUDA	UPLAND SANDPIPER	G5	S1S3B,SZN	RED
BOTAURUS LENTIGINOSUS	AMERICAN BITTERN	G4	S3B,SZN	BLUE
BUTEO SWAINSONI	SWAINSON'S HAWK	G5	S2B,SZN	RED
DOLICHONYX ORYZIVORUS	BOBOLINK	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
FALCO MEXICANUS	PRAIRIE FALCON	G5	S2B,SZN	RED
FALCO PEREGRINUS ANATUM	AMERICAN PEREGRINE FALCON	G4T3	S2B,SZN	RED
GRUS CANADENSIS	SANDHILL CRANE	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS	BALD EAGLE	G4	S4	YELLOW
MELANERPES LEWIS	LEWIS' WOODPECKER	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
NUMENIUS AMERICANUS	LONG-BILLED CURLEW	G5	S3B,SZN	BLUE
OTUS FLAMMEOLUS	FLAMMULATED OWL	G4	S3S4B,SZN	BLUE
SPIZELLA BREWERI BREWERI	BREWER'S SPARROW, BREWERI SUBSPECIES	G5T4	S2B	RED
TYMPANUCHUS PHASIANELLUS COLUMBIANUS	SHARP-TAILED GROUSE, COLUMBIANUS SUBSPECIES	G4T3	S3	BLUE
<b>*** FRESHWATER FISH</b>				
ACIPENSER TRANSMONTANUS POP 4	WHITE STURGEON (FRASER RIVER POPULATION)	G4T2Q	S2	RED
PROSOPIUM SP 2	GIANT PYGMY WHITEFISH	G1	S1	RED
SALVELINUS CONFLUENTUS	BULL TROUT	G3	S3	BLUE
<b>*** MAMMALS</b>				
ANTROZOUS PALLIDUS	PALLID BAT	G5	S1	RED
CORYNORHINUS TOWNSENDII	TOWNSEND'S BIG-EARED BAT	G4	S2S3	BLUE
EUDERMA MACULATUM	SPOTTED BAT	G4	S3	BLUE
GULO GULO LUSCUS	WOLVERINE, LUSCUS SUBSPECIES	G4T4	S3	BLUE
MARTES PENNANTI	FISHER	G5	S3	BLUE
MYOTIS CILIOLABRUM	WESTERN SMALL-FOOTED MYOTIS	G5	S2S3	BLUE
MYOTIS THYSANODES	FRINGED MYOTIS	G5	S2S3	BLUE
OCHOTONA PRINCEPS SEPTENTRIONALIS	COMMON PIKA, SEPTENTRIONALIS SUBSPECIES	g5t2	S2	RED
OVIS CANADENSIS CALIFORNIANA	CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP	G4G5T4	S3	BLUE
TAXIDEA TAXUS	BADGER	G5	S2	RED
URSUS ARCTOS	GRIZZLY BEAR	G4	S3	BLUE
<b>*** REPTILES</b>				
CHARINA BOTTAE	RUBBER BOA	G5	S3S4	BLUE

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## B.C. Conservation Data Centre: Rare Plant Community Tracking List Lillooet Forest District March 16, 1998

The plant community tracking list is incomplete, especially with respect to wetland, alpine and grassland plant communities. Some of the plant communities tracked by the CDC are common in secondary successional stages (e.g. *Pseudotsuga menziesii* - *Gaultheria shallon*) or in degraded conditions (e.g. *Elymus spicatus* - *Koeleria macrantha*), but undisturbed (e.g. climax) occurrences of these plant community types are rare. The ranks reflect the rarity of plant community occurrences that are relatively undisturbed by humans or domestic animals. Please contact the CDC Ecologist for information on rating the condition of individual plant community occurrences.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	POTENTIAL* HABITATS	PROV RANK	PROV LIST
ABIES LASIOCARPA - PINUS ALBICAULIS - JUNIPERUS	SUBALPINE FIR/WHITEBARK PINE - JUNIPER	ESSFdv/03	S3?	BLUE
ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA - ELYMUS SPICATUS	BIG SAGE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS	BGxh1/01 PPxh2/05 BGxh2/01 BGxw1/04	S2	RED
ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA - ELYMUS SPICATUS - BALSAMORHIZA SAGITTATA	BIG SAGE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - BALSAMROOT	IDFxb1a/92 PPxh1/03 IDFxb1a/94 IDFdm1/00	S2	RED
ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA - STIPA COMATA	BIG SAGE - NEEDLE-AND-THREAD GRASS	BGxh1/01MS BGxh2/05	S3	BLUE
ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA SSP VASEYANA - CALAMAGROSTIS RUBESCENS	VASEY'S BIG SAGE - PINEGRASS	MSxk/04 ESSFxc/04	S1S2	RED
CAREX LANUGINOSA - JUNCUS ARCTICUS	WOOLY SEDGE - ARCTIC RUSH	BGxh2/08	S2	RED
ELYMUS SPICATUS - BALSAMORHIZA SAGITTATA	BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - BALSAMROOT	IDFxb1a/93 PPxh1/00K	S2S3	BLUE
ELYMUS SPICATUS - KOELERIA	BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - JUNEGRASS	BGxh1/00 BGxw1/01 IDFdk1a/92 IDFxb2a/00 MSxk/03 IDFxb2a/92 IDFdm1/02	S2	RED
ELYMUS SPICATUS - PULSATILLA OCCIDENTALIS	BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - PASQUEFLOWER	ESSFxc/03	S1	RED
FESTUCA CAMPESTRIS - ELYMUS SPICATUS	ROUGH FESCUE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS	BGxh2/06 BGxw1/06 PPdh2/00	S2	RED
FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS - ELYMUS SPICATUS	FESCUE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS	IDFxb1a/91	S2	RED
JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS - ELYMUS SPICATUS	JUNIPER - BUNCHGRASS	ESSFdc2/02 MSdm2/02	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - EQUISETUM MNIMUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - HORSETAIL - LEAFY MOSS	MSdm2/07 MSxk/09	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - PAXISTIMA - PLEUROZIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - FALSEBOX - FEATHERMOSS	MSdm1/01 MSdm2/01	S3?	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - RIBES LACUSTRE - VACCINIUM SCOPARIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - GOOSEBERRY - GROUSEBERRY	MSdm2/05 MSxk/08	S3	BLUE
PICEA GLAUCA - CYPRIPIEDIUM	SPRUCE - ORCHID	IDFxb2/00?	S1	RED



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PINUS ALBICAULIS - KOELARIA MACRANTHA	WHITEBARK PINE - JUNEGRASS	ESSFdv/02	S2S3	BLUE
PINUS PONDEROSA - ARISTIDA LONGISETA	PONDEROSA PINE - RED THREE-AWN	BGxh2/03 PPxh1/02 BGxh1/04	S3	BLUE
PINUS PONDEROSA - ELYMUS SPICATUS	PONDEROSA PINE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS	BGxh2/04 BGxw1/03 PPxh2/03 PPxh2/04	S2S3	BLUE
PINUS PONDEROSA - ELYMUS SPICATUS - FESTUCA CAMPESTRIS	PONDEROSA PINE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - ROUGH FESCUE	BGxw1/05 PPxh2/01 PPxh1/05	S2S3	BLUE
POPULUS BALSAMIFERA SSP TRICHOCARPA - BETULA OCCIDENTALIS	BLACK COTTONWOOD - WATER BIRCH	BGxh1/07	S1	RED
POPULUS BALSAMIFERA SSP. TRICHOCARPA - SYMPHORICARPOS ALBUS - CORNUS SERICEA	COTTONWOOD - SNOWBERRY - DOGWOOD	BGxh2/07	S1S2	RED
POPULUS TREMULOIDES - SYMPHORICARPOS ALBUS - POA PRATENSIS	TREMBLING ASPEN - SNOWBERRY - KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS	BGxw1/08 IDFxb1a/98 IDFxb2a/95 IDFdk1a/94	S2	RED
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - BETULA PAPYRIFERA - ACER GLABRUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE/DOUGLAS-FIR - DOUGLAS MAPLE - DOGWOOD	IDFxb1/08	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - PINUS PONDEROSA - CEANOTHUS VELUTINUS	DOUGLAS-FIR - PONDEROSA PINE - SNOWBRUSH - PINEGRASS	IDFxb1/04	S3?	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - PINUS PONDEROSA - ELYMUS SPICATUS	DOUGLAS-FIR - PONDEROSA PINE - BLUE BUNCH WHEATGRASS - BALSAMROOT	IDFxb1/02 IDFxb2/03 IDFxb1/03 IDFdm1/03 IDFdk2/02 IDFuu/00 IDFxb2/04 IDFxb2/02	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - PINUS PONDEROSA - FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS	DOUGLAS-FIR - PONDEROSA PINE - PINEGRASS - IDAHO FESCUE	IDFxb1/05	S3?	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA/THUJA PLICATA - ACER CIRCINATUM	WESTERN REDCEDAR/DOUGLAS-FIR - VINE MAPLE	IDFww/05	S3?	BLUE
ROSA WOODSII - FESTUCA IDAHOENSIS	PRAIRIE ROSE - IDAHO FESCUE	IDFxb1a/97	S2S3	BLUE
STIPA RICHARDSONII	SPREADING NEEDLEGRASS	IDFdk1a/93	S2	RED
30 COMMUNITIES LISTED				

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The plant community tracking list is incomplete, especially with respect to wetland, alpine and grassland plant communities. Some of the plant communities tracked by the CDC are common in secondary successional stages (e.g. *Pseudotsuga menziesii* - *Gaultheria shallon*) or in degraded conditions (e.g. *Elymus spicatus* - *Koeleria macrantha*), but undisturbed (e.g. climax) occurrences of these plant community types are rare. The ranks reflect the rarity of plant community occurrences that are relatively undisturbed by humans or domestic animals. Please contact the CDC Ecologist for information on rating the condition of individual plant community occurrences.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	POTENTIAL* HABITATS	PROV RANK	PROV LIST
ALNUS - ATHYRIUM	ALDER - LADY FERN	ESSFwk1/00	S2?	RED
ARTEMISIA TRIDENTATA - ELYMUS SPICATUS	BIG SAGE - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS	BGxh3/01 BGxw2/00	S2	RED
BETULA GLANDULOSA - RIBES OXYACANTHOIDES	SCRUB BIRCH - NORTHERN GOOSEBERRY	BGxh3/00 BGxw2/00	S2	RED
CAREX ATHERODES FEN - MARSH	AWNED SEDGE FEN - MARSH	IDFdK3/W8	S3	BLUE
CAREX LASIOCARPA - DREPANOCALADUS ADUNCUS	SLENDER SEDGE - MOSS	IDFdK3/W10	S3	BLUE
DISTICHLIS STRICTA - PUCCINELLIA NUTTALLIANA	SALTGRASS - ALKALIGRASS IDFdK3/W1	SBPSxc/W1	S3	BLUE
ELYMUS SPICATUS - BALSAMHORIZA SAGITTATA	BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - BALSAMROOT	IDFxm/00	S2S3	BLUE
ELYMUS SPICATUS - KOELERIA	BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - JUNEGRASS	IDFdK3/00 BGxh3/00 BGxw2/01 IDFxm/00	S2	RED
GLYCERIA BOREALIS FEN	NORTHERN MANNAGRASS FEN	SBPSxc/W10	S3	BLUE
JUNCUS BALTICUS - POTENTILLA ANSERINA	BALTIC RUSH - SILVERWEED	BGxw2/00 IDFxm/00	S2	RED
LEDUM GROENLANDICUM - SPHAGNUM SPP.	LABRADOR TEA - SPHAGNUM	SBPSxc/W9	S2S3	BLUE
MENYANTHES TRIFOLIATA - CAREX LASIOCARPA	BUCKBEAN - SLENDER SEDGE	IDFdK3/W11	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - CALAMA- GROSTIS RUBESCENS - HYLOCOMIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE/DOUGLAS-FIR - STEPMOSS	SBPSmk/05	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - EQUISETUM - MNIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - HORSETAIL - LEAFY MOSS	MSxk/09	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - MATTEUCCIA	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - OSTRICH FERN	SBSmh/08	S2	RED
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - OPLOPANAX - HYLOCOMIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - DEVIL'S CLUB - STEP MOSS	SBSmc1/07	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - PLEUROZIUM - BRACHYTHECIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - FEATHERMOSS - BRACHYTHECIUM	IDFdK4/09	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - RIBES LACUSTRE - VACCINIUM SCOPARIUM	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - GOOSEBERRY - GROUSEBERRY	MSxk/08	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - ROSA ACICULARIS - ARALIA NUDICAULIS	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - PRICKLY ROSE - SARSAPARILLA	IDFdK3/08	S3	BLUE
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - ROSA	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - PRICKLY	IDFdK3/07	S3	BLUE

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ACICULARIS - CAREX (RXC)	ROSE - SEDGE			
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - ROSA ACICULARIS - PETASITES	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - PRICKLY ROSE - COLTSFOOT	IDFxw/07 IDFxm/08	S2	RED
PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - STEREOCAULON SPP.	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE - CORAL LICHENS	SBSdw2/00	S2	RED
PINUS CONTORTA - FESTUCA ALTAICA - STEREOCAULON	LODGEPOLE PINE - FESCUE - STEREOCAULON	MSxv/02	S3	BLUE
PINUS CONTORTA - LEDUM GLANDULOSUM - EMPETRUM	LODGEPOLE PINE - TRAPPER'S TEA - CROWBERRY	MSxv/05	S2	RED
POPULUS TREMULOIDES - STIPA TREMBLING RICHARDSONII - GEUM TRIFLORUM	ASPEN - SPREADING NEEDLEGRASS - OLD MAN'S WHISKERS	BGxw2/00 IDFxm/00	S2	RED
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - ACER - GLABRUM HYLOCOMIUM	DOUGLAS-FIR - DOUGLAS MAPLE - STEP MOSS	SBSmh/04	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - ELYMUS SPICATUS - CALAMAGROSTIS RUBESCENS	DOUGLAS-FIR - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - PINEGRASS	IDFdk4/05	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - ELYMUS SPICATUS - STIPA OCCIDENTALIS	DOUGLAS-FIR - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - NEEDLEGRASS	IDFdk3/04	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS - ARCTOSTAPHYLOS	DOUGLAS-FIR - COMMON JUNIPER - KINNIKINNICK	IDFdk3/02	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS - CLADONIA	DOUGLAS-FIR - COMMON JUNIPER - CLADONIA	IDFxm/03	S2	RED
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - JUNIPERUS COMMUNIS	DOUGLAS-FIR - COMMON JUNIPER - PENSTEMON PELTIGERA	IDFxm/02 IDFdk3/03 IDFdk4/02	S2S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - JUNIPERUS SCOPULORUM - ARTEMISIA FRIGIDA	DOUGLAS-FIR - ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER - PASTURE SAGE	IDFxm/04 IDFdk4/04 IDFdk4/03	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - PICEA ENGELMANII X GLAUCA - RUBUS PARVIFLORUS	HYBRID WHITE SPRUCE/DOUGLAS-FIR - THIMBLEBERRY	SBSdw1/06 SBSmh/01 SBSmh/06 SBSmh/05	S3?	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - PLEUROZIUM - HYLOCOMIUM	DOUGLAS-FIR - FEATHERMOSS - STEPMOSS	IDFdk4/07 IDFdk3/05 IDFxm/05 IDFxm/06	S3	BLUE
PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII - ROSA WOODSII - ARALIA NUDICAULIS	DOUGLAS-FIR - PRICKLY ROSE - SARSAPARILLA	IDFxm/07	S2S3	BLUE
SALIX SSP. - CAREX SARTWELLI	TALL WILLOW - SARTWELL'S SEDGE	IDFdk3/W6	S3	BLUE
SCIRPUS LACUSTRIS MARSH	BULRUSH MARSH	SBPSxc/W15 SBPSdc/W15 SBPSmc/W15 IDFdk3/W14	S3	BLUE
SELAGINELLA Densa - ELYMUS SPICATUS - CLADONIA	SELAGINELLA - BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS - CLADONIA	IDFdk4/00	S3	BLUE
SPOROBOLUS CRYPTANDRUS - STIPA COMATA	SAND DROPSEED - NEEDLE-AND-THREAD GRASS	BGxh3/00 BGxw2/00 IDFxm/00 IDFxw/00	S2	RED
STIPA CURTISETA - ARTEMISIA CAMPESTRIS	SHORT-AWNED PORCUPINE GRASS - PACIFIC SAGEBRUSH	IDFxm/00	S2	RED
STIPA RICHARDSONII	SPREADING NEEDLEGRASS	BGxw2/00	S2	RED

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IDFd4/00  
IDFxm/00

TRIGLOCHIN MARITIMUM MARSH

ARROWGRASS MARSH

IDFd3/W12

S2S3

BLUE

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SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GLOBAL RANK	PROVINCIAL RANK	PROVINCIAL LIST
ALLIUM GEYERI VAR GEYERI RED	GEYER'S ONION	G4G5T4	S2	
ALLIUM GEYERI VAR TENERUM RED	GEYER'S ONION	G4G5T?	S2	
ANAGALLIS MINIMA BLUE	CHAFFWEED	G5	S2S3	
APOCYNUM MEDIUM BLUE	WESTERN DOGBANE	G5?	S2S3	
ASTRAGALUS LENTIGINOSUS RED	FRECKLED MILK-VETCH	G5	S2	
BOUTELOUA GRACILIS RED	BLUE GRAMA	G5	S1	
CAREX HYSTERICINA BLUE	PORCUPINE SEDGE	G5	S1?	
CAREX MARITIMA BLUE	CURVED-SPIKED SEDGE	G4G5	S2S3	
CAREX VALLICOLA RED	VALLEY SEDGE	G5	S1	
CASTILLEJA RUPICOLA BLUE	CLIFF PAINTBRUSH	G2G3	S1?	
CHENOPODIUM DESICCATUM RED	NARROW-LEAVED GOOSEFOOT	G5	S2	
CREPIS ATRIBARBA SSP ATRIBARBA RED	SLENDER HAWKSBEARD	G5T5	S1	
CREPIS MODOCENSIS SSP RED	LOW HAWKSBEARD	G4G5T4	S1	
MODOCENSIS RED				
CREPIS MODOCENSIS SSP ROSTRATA RED	LOW HAWKSBEARD	G4G5T?	S1	
CREPIS OCCIDENTALIS SSP PUMILA RED	WESTERN HAWKSBEARD	G5T5	S1	
DRABA GLABELLA VAR GLABELLA BLUE	SMOOTH DRABA	G4G5T4	S2S3	
EUPHORBIA SERPYLLIFOLIA BLUE	THYME-LEAVED SPURGE	G5	S2S3	
GLYCYRRHIZA LEPIDOTA VAR RED	WILD LICORICE	G5T?	S1	
LEPIDOTA				
HACKELIA DIFFUSA BLUE	SPREADING STICKSEED	G4	S1?	
HUTCHINSIA PROCUMBENS RED	HUTCHINSIA	G5	S1	
HYDROPHYLLUM FENDLERI VAR BLUE	FENDLER'S WATERLEAF	G4G5T?	S2S3	
ALBIFRONS				
IPOMOPSIS MINUTIFLORA RED	SMALL-FLOWERED IPOMOPSIS	G2G3	S2	
JUNCUS ALBESCENS BLUE	WHITISH RUSH	G5	S2S3	
LOTUS NEVADENSIS VAR DOUGLASII RED	NEVADA BIRDS-FOOT TREFOIL	G5T?	S1	
MECONELLA OREGANA RED	WHITE MECONELLA	G2	S2	
MELICA BULBOSA BLUE	ONIONGRASS	G5	S1?	

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MELICA SPECTABILIS BLUE	PURPLE ONIONGRASS	G5	S2S3
MUHLENBERGIA RACEMOSA RED	SATIN GRASS	G5	S1
MYOSURUS APETALUS VAR BOREALIS RED	MOUSETAIL	G5T?	S1
NEMOPHILA BREVIFLORA BLUE	GREAT BASIN NEMOPHILA	G5	S2S3
NICOTIANA ATTENUATA RED	COYOTE TOBACCO	G4	S1
PECTOCARYA PENICILLATA RED	WINGED COMBSEED	G5	S1
PHLOX HOODII BLUE	HOOD'S PHLOX	G5	S1?
POA ABBREVIATA SSP PATTERSONII BLUE	ABBREVIATED BLUEGRASS	G5T5	S1?
POLEMONIUM CAERULEUM SSP BLUE	TALL JACOB'S-LADDER	G?T?	S1?
AMYGDALINUM POLEMONIUM ELEGANS BLUE	ELEGANT JACOB'S-LADDER	G4	S2S3
POLYGONUM POLYGALOIDES SSP BLUE	KELLOGG'S KNOTWEED	G4G5T?	S1?
KELLOGGII POLYSTICHUM KRUCKEBERGII BLUE	KRUCKEBERG'S SWORD FERN	G4	S2S3
POTENTILLA DIVERSIFOLIA VAR BLUE	DIVERSE-LEAVED CINQUEFOIL	G5T4	S2S3
PERDISSECTA POTENTILLA NIVEA VAR BLUE	FIVE-LEAVED CINQUEFOIL	G5T4	S2S3
PENTAPHYLLA POTENTILLA PARADOXA RED	BUSHY CINQUEFOIL	G5	S1
RANUNCULUS PEDATIFIDUS BLUE	BIRDFOOT BUTTERCUP	G5	S2S3
SALIX BOOTHII BLUE	BOOTH'S WILLOW	G5	S2S3

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ALLIUM GEYERI VAR GEYERI RED	GEYER'S ONION	G4G5T4	S2	
APOCYNUM SIBIRICUM VAR BLUE	CLASPING-LEAVED DOGBANE	G5?T?	S1?	
SALIGNUM				
ARABIS HOLBOELLII VAR BLUE	HOLBOELL'S ROCKCRESS	G5T?	S1?	
PINETORUM				
ARNICA CHAMISSONIS SSP INCANA BLUE	MEADOW ARNICA	G5T?	S1?	
ATRIPLEX ARGENTEA SSP ARGENTEA RED	SILVERY ORACHE	G5T5	S1	
CAREX HYSTERICINA BLUE	PORCUPINE SEDGE	G5	S1?	
CAREX SAXIMONTANA BLUE	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEDGE	G5	S2S3	
CAREX SIMULATA BLUE	SHORT-BEAKED SEDGE	G5	S2S3	
CAREX XERANTICA BLUE	DRY-LAND SEDGE	G5	S2S3	
CASTILLEJA TENUIS RED	HAIRY OWL-CLOVER	G5	S1	
CHAMAERHODOS ERECTA SSP BLUE	AMERICAN CHAMAERHODOS	G5T5	S2S3	
NUTTALLII				
CHENOPODIUM DESICCATUM RED	NARROW-LEAVED GOOSEFOOT	G5	S2	
CREPIS ATRIBARBA SSP ATRIBARBA RED	SLENDER HAWKSBEARD	G5T5	S1	
DRABA REPTANS RED	CAROLINA DRABA	G5	S1	
EPILOBIUM CILIATUM SSP BLUE	PURPLE-LEAVED WILLOWHERB	G5T?	S2S3	
WATSONII				
EPILOBIUM LEPTOCARPUM BLUE	SMALL-FLOWERED WILLOWHERB	G5	S2S3	
EUPHORBIA SERPYLLIFOLIA BLUE	THYME-LEAVED SPURGE	G5	S2S3	
GLYCERIA PULCHELLA BLUE	SLENDER MANNAGRASS	G5	S2S3	
JUNCUS REGELII BLUE	REGEL'S RUSH	G5	S2S3	
PELLAEA ATROPURPUREA BLUE	PURPLE CLIFF-BRAKE	G5	S1?	
POTENTILLA NIVEA VAR BLUE	FIVE-LEAVED CINQUEFOIL	G5T4	S2S3	
PENTAPHYLLA				
PYROLA ELLIPTICA BLUE	WHITE WINTERGREEN	G5	S1?	
RANUNCULUS PEDATIFIDUS BLUE	BIRDFOOT BUTTERCUP	G5	S2S3	
SALIX BOOTHII BLUE	BOOTH'S WILLOW	G5	S2S3	

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SALIX SERISSIMA BLUE	AUTUMN WILLOW	G4	S2S3
SCOLOCHLOA FESTUCACEA BLUE	SPRANGLE-TOP	G5	S2S3
SILENE DRUMMONDII VAR BLUE	DRUMMOND'S CAMPION	G5T5	S1?
DRUMMONDII			
STIPA SPARTEA RED	PORCUPINE-GRASS	G5	S1

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**Appendix 5b - B.C. Conservation Data Centre: Rare Elements Occurrences  
in the Churn Creek Study Area**

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**Appendix 5c - Rare Vertebrates Previously Observed in Churn Creek Study Area as Detailed by B.C. Conservation Data Centre**

The following rare vertebrates have previously been observed in the Churn Creek Study Area, as detailed in the B.C. Conservation Data Centre Rare Element Occurrences Report, which is also found in Appendix 5b.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Prov. List	Location	Sub-zone	UTM NAD 83 East/North
Townsend's big-eared bat	<i>Plecotus townsendii</i>	Blue	outlet from Brown L.; 0.7 km S. of lake on Empire Valley Ranch	BGxw2	10 550004 5696206
Townsend's big-eared bat	<i>Plecotus townsendii</i>	Blue	contact MELP Regional Endangered Species Specialist	BGxw2	DATA PROTECTED
Spotted bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	Blue	North side of Churn Cr.; 19 km from Fraser R.; second bench above Churn Cr.	IDFxm	10 534902 5700306
Spotted bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	Blue	Fraser R., 6 km S. of Canoe Cr.	BGxh3	10 553902 5694406
Spotted bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	Blue	Confluence of Higginbottom Cr. with Lone cabin Cr.	BGxw2	10 548003 5686105
Lewis' woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewisii</i>	Blue	Grinder Cr./ Fraser R., MacGee Flats	BGxh3	10 551503 5688505
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>	Blue	Empire Valley, outlet from Brown L.; 0.7 km S. of lake on Empire Valley Ranch site	BGxw2	10 550103 5693105
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>	Blue	N. side of Churn Cr.; 19 km from Fraser R.; second bench above creek	IDFxm	10 534902 5700306
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>	Blue	6km N. of Canoe Cr. Ranch headquarters along Dog Cr. road	BGxh3	10 553103 5702205

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<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Prov. List</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sub-zone</b>	<b>UTM NAD 83 East/North</b>
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>	Blue	contact MELP Regional Endangered Species Specialist	BGxw2	DATA PROTECTED
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>	Blue	Pond near confluence of Higginbottom and Lone Cabin Creeks	BGxw2	10 548003 5686105
Fringed myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Blue	contact MELP Regional Endangered Species Specialist	BGxw2	DATA PROTECTED
Fringed myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Blue	4km S. of Empire Valley Ranch buildings	IDFxm	10 550402 5689605
Fringed myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Blue	Pond near confluence of Higginbottom and Lone Cabin Creeks	BGxw2	10 548003 5686105
Flammulated owl	<i>Otus flammeolus</i>	Blue	In forested slope above Empire Valley; take track S. of Empire Valley Ranch Buildings for 3km; hike up hill to forest edge	IDFxm	10 549402 5690706

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**Appendix 5d - Rare Vertebrate Observations in Churn Creek TEM Study**

The following rare vertebrate observations were made during the course of the Churn Creek TEM Study

SPECIES	PLOT NO.	TYPE OF OBSERVATION		SUBZONE/ SITE SERIES	ECO-UNIT	MAP NO./ GENERAL LOCATION
		Sighting - quantity	Sign - type			
Swainson's Hawk - <i>Buteo swainsonii</i> (RED-LISTED)	C63	2 indiv.		IDFxm	-	92O.049 N. of Koster Cr.
Bald Eagle - <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> (YELLOW-LISTED)	C138		RE (1 nest)	BGxh	CL	92O.039 cliff in gully next to Fraser R.
	C390	1 indiv.		BGxh3	-	92O.029
	C392	1 indiv.		BGxh3	-	92O.039
	C647	1 indiv.		BGxh3	-	92O.049 gravel bar on Fraser R.
California bighorn sheep <i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i> (BLUE-LISTED)	C36		TP	BGxh3	ES	92O.039 E. of Empire Ranch- sheep trails criss-cross this site
	C51	2 ewes & 1 lamb		BGxh3	-	92O.039
	C91		TP	BGxh3	ES	92O.049 Fraser R. across from Kenworthy Cr.
	C133	30 indiv.		BGxh3	-	92O.039
	C346	5 adults		BGxh3	-	92O.039
	C391	13 indiv.		BGxh3	-	92O.039

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SPECIES	PLOT NO.	TYPE OF OBSERVATION		SUBZONE/ SITE SERIES	ECO-UNIT	MAP NO./ GENERAL LOCATION
		Sighting - quantity	Sign - type			
	98004 10		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	Empire Ranch, below calving barn by Fraser R.
	98004 14		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	MacGee Flats, Empire Ranch
	98004 44		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	Fraser R., directly across from Empire Valley
California bighorn sheep <i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>	C139		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.039 Extremely high winter use - pellets cover 60% of ground
	C575		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.039
	C605		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.049
	C606		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.049
	C608		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.029
	C615		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.029
	C686		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.049
	C709		EX	BGxh3/01	SW	920.049
	C698		EX	BGxh3/02	DJ	920.049
	C614		EX	BGxh3/80	SC	920.029
	C45		TP	BGxh3/87	WA	920.039 E. of Empire Ranch
	C146		EX	BGxh3/87	WA	920.039
	C616		TP	BGxh3/87	WA	920.029 old burn
	98000 34		EX	BGxw2/01	WN	E. of Empire Ranch
	C582		EX	BGxw2/01	WN	920.039
	C44	13 ewes & juveniles; 2 lambs		BGxw2/01	WN	920.039
	C59	10 rams		BGxw2/01	WN	920.049 Empire Ranch - off main road to ranch, N. of calving barn
	98004		EX	BGxw2/86	WO	N. of MacGee Flats.

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SPECIES	PLOT NO.	TYPE OF OBSERVATION		SUBZONE/SITE SERIES	ECO-UNIT	MAP NO./ GENERAL LOCATION
		Sighting - quantity	Sign - type			
	13					Empire Ranch
	C702		EX	BGxw2/87	PL	92O.049
	C562	4 indiv.		IDFxm/00	CR	92O.048
	98004 50		EX	IDFxm/31	WT	92O.039 Sheep Point, grassland by fence
	C623		EX	IDFxm/31	WT	92O.039
	C670		EX	IDFxm/31	WT	92O.039
	98004 56		EX	IDFxm/32	WP	92O.039 SE-facing slope off flats above Grinder Cr.
	98004 41		EX	IDFxm/33	WY	92O.048 Churn Flats
California bighorn sheep <i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>	98004 54		EX	IDFxm/33	WY	92O.039 grassland above Grinder Cr.
	C548		EX	IDFxm/33	WY	92O.048
	C557		EX	IDFxm/33	WY	92O.048

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**Appendix 5e - Rare Vascular Plants Previously Observed in Churn Creek Study Area as Detailed by B.C. Conservation Data Centre**

The following rare vascular plants were previously observed in the Churn Creek Study Area, as detailed in the B.C. Conservation Data Centre Rare Elements Occurrence Report, which may be found in Appendix 5b.

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Prov. List</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sub-zone</b>	<b>UTM NAD 83 East/North</b>
American chamaerhodos	<i>Chamaerhodos erecta ssp. nuttallii</i>	Blue	opposite Crows Bar Creek on Fraser River	BGxw2	10 554003 5681505
slender hawksbeard	<i>Crepis atrabarba ssp. atrabarba</i>	Red	Churn Cr.	BGxw2	10 540603 5705806
thyme-leaved spurge	<i>Euphorbia serpyllifolia</i>	Blue	Canoe Cr. IR 1, 4.8 km west-southwest of	BGxh3	10 555302 5700106
Drummond's campion	<i>Silene drummondii var. drummondii</i>	Blue	2.25 km east of Churn Cr.	IDFxm	10 534702 5703806

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**Appendix 5f - Rare Vascular Plant Observations in Churn Creek Study Area**

The following rare vascular plant observations were made during the course of the Churn Creek TEM Study:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	PROV. LIST	PLOT NO.	SUBZONE/SITE SERIES	ECO-UNIT	MAP NO./GENERAL LOCATION
dry-land sedge	<i>Carex xerantica</i>	Blue	980031	IDFxm/33	WY	92O.039 5.5 km S. of Empire Ranch of Lone Cabin Rd.
Drummond's campion	<i>Silene drummondii</i> <i>var. drummondii</i>	Blue	C624	IDFxm/01	DP	92O.029
Drummond's campion	<i>Silene drummondii</i> <i>var. drummondii</i>	Blue	C263	IDFdk4/00	WB	92O.038
American chamaerhodos	<i>Chamaerodos</i> <i>erecta ssp.</i> <i>nuttallii</i>	Blue	C46	IDFxm/31	WT	92O.039 Sheep Point Rd.



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**Appendix 5g - Rare Plant Community Observations in Churn Creek TEM Study**

The following rare plant communities were observed during the course of the Churn creek TEM study:

<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>	<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>SITE SERIES</b>	<b>PROV. LIST</b>
<i>Artemisia tridentata - Elymus spicatus</i>	Big Sage - Bluebunch Wheatgrass	BGxh3/01 BGxw2/00	red
<i>Elymus spicatus - Koeleria</i>	Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Junegrass	BGxh3/00 BGxw2/01 IDFxm/00 IDFdk3/00	red
<i>Juncus balticus - Potentilla anserina</i>	Baltic Rush - Silverweed	BGxw2/00 IDFxm/00	red
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii - Juniperus communis - Cladonia</i>	Douglas-Fir - Common Juniper - Cladonia	IDFxm/03	red
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii - Rosa woodsii - Aralia nudicaulis</i>	Douglas-Fir - Prickly Rose - Sarsaparilla	IDFxm/07	blue
<i>Picea engelmannii x glauca - Rosa acicularis - Petasites</i>	Hybrid White Spruce - Prickly Rose - Coltsfoot	IDFxm/08	red
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii - Juniperus communis - Penstemon</i>	Douglas-Fir - Common Juniper - Penstemon	IDFxm/02 IDFdk3/03 IDFdk4/02	blue
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii - Juniperus scopulorum - Artemisia frigida</i>	Douglas-Fir - Rocky Mountain Juniper - Pasture Sage	IDFxm/04 IDFdk4/04 IDFdk4/03	blue
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii - Pleurozium - Hylocomium</i>	Douglas-Fir - Feathermoss - Step Moss	IDFxm/05 IDFxm/06 IDFdk3/05 IDFdk4/07	blue
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii - Elymus spicatus - Calamagrostis rubescens</i>	Douglas-Fir - Bluebunch Wheatgrass - Pinegrass	IDFdk4/05	blue
<i>Picea engelmannii x glauca - Pleurozium - Brachythecium</i>	Hybrid White Spruce - Feathermoss - Brachythecium	IDFdk4/09	blue
<i>Pinus contorta - Ledum glandulosum - Empetrum</i>	Lodgepole Pine - Trapper's Tea - Crowberry	MSxv/05	red
<i>Picea engelmannii x glauca - Equisetum - Mnium</i>	Hybrid White Spruce - Horsetail - Leafy Moss	MSxk/09	blue
<i>Picea engelmannii x glauca - Ribes lacustre - Vaccinium scoparium</i>	Hybrid White Spruce - Gooseberry - Grouseberry	MSxk/08	blue

**Appendix 6 - Wildlife Habitat Models & Assumptions**

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**Appendix 7a - Venus and Gravity Data - Vegetation**

(chr\_ap7a.xls)

**Appendix 7b - Venus and Gravity Data - Environmental**

(chr\_ap7b.xls)

**Appendix 7c - Kamloops Forest Region Plot Data**

**Appendix 8 - Bioterrain and Eco Database**

(lpro\_chr.csv, lecp\_chr.csv, lusr\_chr.csv)

**Appendix 9 - Wildlife Ratings Tables**

(lrat\_chr.csv)