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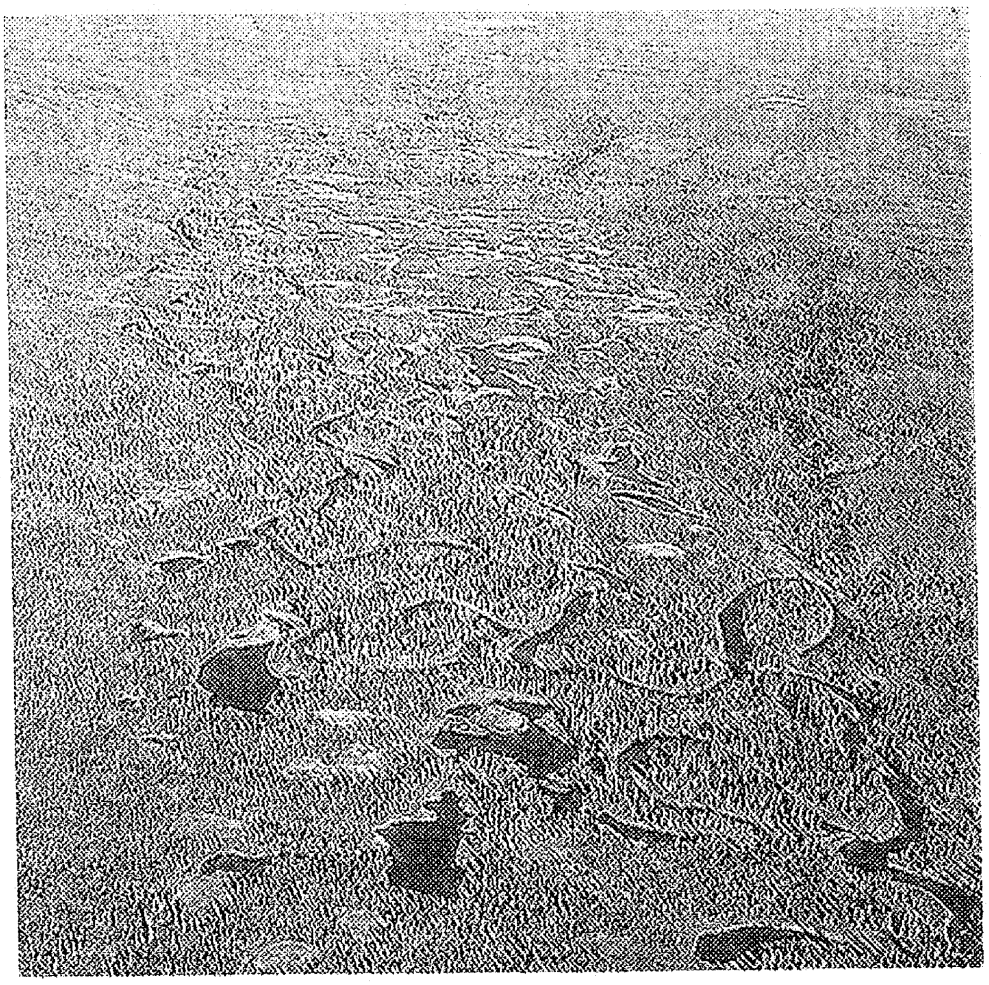
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# Soil and Vegetation Survey of Gulkana River Area, Alaska

# Introduction

The Gulkana River area is located in the northern Copper River Basin in Southcentral Alaska, approximately 190 miles (304 km) northeast of Anchorage (Figure 1). Lands adjacent to the river are public lands administered by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Primary land uses include recreation and fish and wildlife habitat. In 1980, the Gulkana River was designated as a "wild river" under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542.

The Gulkana River area includes approximately 92,700 acres (37,544 ha) within a corridor one to two miles (1.6 to 3.2 km) wide along portions of the Main Stem, Middle Fork, and West Fork tributaries (Figure 1). The Main Stem runs from the outlet of Paxson Lake south to Sourdough. The Middle Fork begins at Dickey Lake and joins the Main Stem about two air miles (3.2 km) below the outlet of Paxson Lake. The West Fork consists of the North and South Branches at the upper end and the lower West Fork. The West Fork begins at the confluence of the North and South Branches and joins the Main Stem about five air miles (8 km) northwest of Sourdough.

## Survey Purpose

The primary purpose of the survey was to describe and map the soils and vegetation of the Gulkana River area. Area soils and vegetation were mapped at a scale of 1:24,000 and detailed descriptions of the map units, soil types, and vegetation cover types were developed.

As an aid to understanding the detailed soil and vegetation information and to provide a more general description and maps of area resources, the detailed soil map was integrated into a multi-level ecological stratification of the area based on National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (ECOMAP 1993). Subsection level units were mapped at a scale of 1:200,000. Landtype Association units were mapped at a scale of 1:100,000. Detailed descriptions of the Subsections and Landtype Associations were developed. Higher levels in the system were mapped and described as part of Alaska statewide (*Nowacki and Brock 1995*) and national efforts (*McNab and Avers 1994*; *Bailey et al. 1994*). The classification and mapping hierarchy for the Gulkana River area is described in Appendix A of this report.

## Report Format

For ease of use, this report was published in two volumes. Volume 1 includes:

- Map unit descriptions for the Subsection and Landtype Association maps
- Map unit descriptions for the soil and vegetation maps
- Interpretations for recreation and wildlife habitat
- Descriptions of soil properties and selected interpretative groups
- Descriptions of the soils and vegetation cover types
- Non-technical descriptions of area ecological sites

The four sets of resource maps are bound separately in volume 2. Volume 2 map sets include:

- 1:200,000 Subsection map
- 1:100,000 Landtype Association map
- 1:24,000 soil map
- 1:24,000 vegetation map

The 1:24,000 soil and vegetation maps are printed on an orthophoto background. Orthophotography was

developed by the BLM from color infrared (CIR) aerial photography taken in July 1989.

## Other Products

All data, maps, orthophotography, and this report have been produced and maintained in a digital format. Electronic copies of this report, including plates and figures, map data, and metadata, can be obtained either through the BLM District Manager in Glennallen or the BLM State Director in Anchorage. Soils and vegetation field data and composite data for the soil map units can be obtained through the NRCS State Conservationist in Anchorage.

Initial soil and vegetation mapping was done on mylar overlays to color infrared aerial photography. Original overlays are on file in the Mapping Division, BLM, Anchorage.

This survey was a cooperative effort of the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). NRCS was responsible for survey design and methodology, data collection and analysis, and this report. Fieldwork was completed in July, August, and early September of 1992, '94, and '95. Soil names and descriptions were approved in 1996. Unless indicated otherwise, maps and supporting documentation in this report refer to conditions in the survey area in 1995

# Part 1—General Nature of the Area

## The Gulkana River

The Gulkana River is a non-glacial, clear-water tributary of the Copper River. The Main Stem and the Middle Fork originate in the Gulkana Uplands physiographic region (*Wahrhaftig 1965*). The Main Stem begins above Summit Lake, about 10 miles (16 km) north of Paxson Lake, at an elevation of about 4,000 feet (1,219 m). The Middle Fork begins in a small group of lakes in the uplands southwest of Dickey Lake at about 3,300 feet (1,006 m) elevation. The North and South Branches of the West Fork originate in the lakes and hills of the Lake Louise Plateau physiographic region (*Wahrhaftig 1965*) about 20 miles (32 km) north of Lake Louise at about 2,400 feet (732 m) elevation (Figure 1).

Within the Gulkana River area, much of the river is entrenched in fine grained glaciolacustrine sediments. At Canyon Rapids on the Main Stem and along the upper Middle Fork, bedrock canyon walls confine the channel. Most reaches of the river consist of meandering, single thread, low gradient channels. Moderate gradient reaches occur on the Main Stem from the outlet of Paxson Lake to the confluence with the Middle Fork, and from Canyon Rapids downstream for a distance of about 7 miles (11.2 km). The gradient of the upper Middle Fork, for a distance of about 6 miles (10 km) below Dickey Lake, also is moderate.

Channel width and discharge varies tremendously at different points within the system. For example, channel width ranges from about 10 feet (3 m) in places along the upper North Branch to as much as 225 feet (68.6 m) at Sourdough. Mean August discharge on the North Branch at the confluence with the South Branch is 140 $ft^3/s$ (3.9 $m^3/s$); and at Sourdough, it is 1,330 $ft^3/s$ (37.2 $m^3/s$). Shelby et al. (*1990*) describe channel characteristics and flow rates.

The Gulkana River exhibits considerable variation in stream flow during the warm summer months. Water level can rise markedly and rapidly during and after intensive or long duration storms. In July 1995, a particularly intense storm resulted in an increase in the water depth along the upper North Branch of approximately 3 feet (0.9 m) in a 24-hour period. However, peak flows tend to be moderated to a large degree by the lack of integrated drainage networks and the high storage capacity of the drainage basin. Extensive bogs, lakes, and other wetlands in the drainage basin have the capacity to store water and release it to the river system at a slow, steady rate over the summer and fall. Ingram and Carrick (*1983*) describe, in greater detail, the influence of climate, physiography, and permafrost on the hydrology of the Gulkana River.

## Climate

The climate of the northern Copper River Basin is subarctic continental, characterized by long, cold winters and short, warm summers. Mean January temperature is 1°F (-17.2°C) at Paxson (north end of Paxson Lake outside the survey area), and -2°F (-19.1°C) at Sourdough (Table 1 and Table 2). Daily low temperatures of -50°F (-46°C) or less occur frequently during the winter. Two week or longer periods of severe cold weather are common. Mean July temperature is 53°F (11.8°C) at Paxson and 54°F (12.3°C) at Sourdough. Daily high temperatures in summer occasionally exceed 80°F (27°C). Daily minimum temperatures in summer are generally between 37° to 42°F (2.8° to 5.6°C); however, freezing temperatures have been recorded in every month.

Mean annual precipitation is 21.2 inches (53.8 cm) at Paxson and 15.6 inches (39.6 cm) at Sourdough (Table 1 and Table 2). Average annual snowfall is 102.2 inches (259.6 cm) at Paxson and 54.4 inches (138.2 cm) at Sourdough.

## Physiography

Elevation is 2,553 feet (778 m) at Paxson Lake and approximately 1,850 feet (564 m) at Sourdough. Dickey Lake, the highest point on the river within the survey area, has an elevation of 2,870 feet (875 m). At the upper ends of the North and South Branches,

the elevation reaches approximately 2,600 feet (792 m) and 2,400 feet (732 m), respectively. The highest elevation in the area, on the mountain slopes just west of the confluence of the Main Stem and Middle Fork, is approximately 3,575 feet (1,090 m).

Immediately adjacent to the majority of the river channel, the landscape consists of a complex of nearly level to moderately sloping flood plains and stream terraces. Other common flood plain features include point bars, cutoff meanders, and backswamps. Oxbow lakes and small lakes and ponds in depressions are present on many stream terraces. Steep escarpments and bluffs as much as 200 feet (61 m) high parallel the river corridor in many places.

Uplands in the northern and northwestern portion of the survey area consist of strongly sloping to steep glacial hills and glacial and bedrock cored mountains at higher elevations. Undulating glaciolacustrine terraces and pitted outwash plains are at lower elevations. In the southern and southwestern portion of the area, the landscape consists of broad, nearly level to undulating lacustrine terraces, which extend for several miles on each side of the river. Loamy and clayey lacustrine sediments were deposited approximately 35,000 to 9,000 years ago in a large glacial lake that covered much of the central Copper River Basin (*Ferrians, Nichols, and Williams 1983*). Other features associated with the terraces include scattered areas of gravelly and sandy glaciofluvial deposits and glaciolacustrine strandline deposits.

Many upland landforms are mantled with a thin, discontinuous layer of silty loess. Most loess was deposited rapidly following drainage of the glacial lake, when exposed lakebed and flood plains were more extensive and nearby glaciers created strong proglacial winds. At present, the principal source of loess in the Copper River Basin is the braided, mostly barren flood plains of the Copper River and its tributaries. Within the survey area, the loess mantle is relatively thin and often intermittent due to the fairly long distance from these source areas. The thickest deposits of loess are on hills, mountains, pitted outwash plains, and strandline deposits.

Peat and other organic deposits mantle extensive areas on glaciolacustrine terraces and stream terraces. These range from surface organic mats 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm) thick to peat deposits many feet thick in bogs, fens, and wet meadows. Elevated peat mounds are present on stream terraces near the confluence of the Middle Fork and Main Stem and along the margins of ponds and lakes throughout the area.

## Permafrost

The mean annual air temperature in the Copper River Basin is less than 26°F (less than -3.3°C), and permafrost, perennially frozen ground, underlies most of the Basin. In the Gulkana River survey area, shallow permafrost is generally absent on flood plains. With increasing terrace height and age and distance from the river channel, permafrost within the soil profile is common, often at a relatively shallow depth. Shallow permafrost is extensive on the highest and oldest stream terraces and in the uplands.

The depth at which permafrost occurs and the ice content vary widely. In most places, permafrost results in small ice crystals disseminated throughout the soil. On glaciolacustrine terraces, a perched water table and saturated conditions are common above the permafrost during the summer due to restricted drainage. Peat mounds (palsen) typically have shallow permafrost and a core of massive ice. The surface peat is usually well drained and relatively dry.

Wildfires, which are common in the boreal forest zone of the Copper River Basin, can have a profound impact on the distribution and depth of permafrost. Concurrent with vegetation succession on stream terrace and upland soils is the development of a thick, insulating layer of moss and organic material on the soil surface. Partial to complete incineration of this moss-organic layer reduces the insulating capacity of the soil and allows increased heat transfer into the soil during the summer. In addition, the lower albedo of the blackened surface following a burn absorbs more solar radiation.

The short-term impact following most wildfires is thawing of the permafrost and an increase in the thickness of the surface active layer. As permafrost thaws, a large volume of water is liberated and either accumulates in depressions or runs off through surface or subsurface drainage outlets. Differential subsidence of the soil surface and slumping on steeper slopes can occur, depending on the ice content of the permafrost and the rate of thawing. Gradually, in the absence of additional fires or disturbances, the moss-organic layer re-develops and the permafrost level returns to the pre-fire condition (*Foote 1976; Viereck 1973*).

## Wildlife

Approximately 33 species of mammals are known to inhabit the survey area (*Rucks 1977*). The area is within the winter range and calving grounds of the Nelchina caribou herd. Moose are common at higher elevations in the summer and fall and concentrate along the river during winter. Both black and grizzly bears inhabit the area—black bears intensively utilize the flood plains and stream terraces; grizzly bears are present throughout the uplands and concentrate along the river when spawning salmon are present. Among the more important furbearers in the area are coyote, wolf, red fox, marten, mink, lynx, river otter, muskrat, and beaver. Snowshoe hare and porcupine are common and cause considerable damage to trees.

Approximately 135 species of birds are summer residents of Interior Alaska; another three dozen or so are spring-fall migrants or occasional visitors to the region (*Armstrong 1980*). A variety of waterfowl, including Tundra Swans, nest in the survey area and utilize local lakes and ponds for rearing young. Along the river, bald eagles nest and fish and, prior to migration in August, swans are common in many places. Spruce grouse frequent spruce forests throughout the area.

Albin (*1977*) identified 11 fish species known to inhabit or migrate through the area. Chinook and sockeye salmon and steelhead return to the Gulkana River to spawn. Arctic grayling and rainbow trout are year-round residents. Other fish species include lake trout, whitefish, burbot, sucker, sculpin, and lamprey.

## Recreation

Due to the small amount of development in the area, the Gulkana River is largely a wilderness river that provides excellent remote and backcountry recreational opportunities, including flat water and white water boating, camping, moose and caribou hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and hiking. Within the survey area, most of the Gulkana River is flat water and Class I-II white water. Depending on water levels, moderate gradient reaches on the upper Middle Fork and Main Stem are Class III-IV white water. Inexperienced boaters may find it necessary to portage around Class III-IV rapids and reaches. At low water levels, boats may need to be dragged or carried through some reaches in the upper sections of the Middle and West Forks and below Paxson Lake on the Main Stem. Lack of adequate water in the channel in the dry summer of 1994 forced survey crews to drag boats down most of the South Branch.

The Main Stem of the Gulkana River is one of the most popular recreational rivers in Southcentral Alaska, and one of only a handful of Alaskan rivers with put-in and take-out access from the highway. The Main Stem is accessible from the Richardson highway at Paxson Lake, Sourdough, and Gulkana (ca. 18 miles [29 km] south of Sourdough). Ice breakup on Paxson Lake usually occurs in mid to late May and the floating season extends into September in most years.

The Main Stem has experienced a tremendous increase in user days and related impacts in the past 15 years. As recently as 1982, only a few choice locations had frequently used camp sites and fire rings. Today, most suitable sites show some evidence of use. Availability of firewood in frequently used camping areas is limited and increasing damage to live standing trees is apparent. Pit toilets are available at only three locations between Paxson Lake and Sourdough, and human waste and refuse is a noticeable problem in some areas. Associated with the increased use has been an increase in fishing pressure and, in all likelihood, a reduction in the numbers and size of grayling and rainbow trout.

The West Fork and Middle Fork provide recreational opportunities similar to the Main Stem; however, these tributaries do not have direct put-in access from the highway. Both forks are accessible by float plane into headwater lakes or by a combination of lake paddling and portaging. The Middle Fork is also accessible via ATV trails to Dickey Lake. Jet boats can run up the lower Main Stem and West Fork, from Sourdough, in high water. Use on the Middle Fork and West Fork is insignificant except during hunting season. Survey crews encountered other river users on only two occasions in nearly 60 days of field work on these tributaries. Established campsites along the river and ATV trails are few, and where present, there is little evidence of use.

# Part 2—Resource Descriptions

## SUBSECTION AND LANDTYPE ASSOCIATION MAPS

Subsections and Landtype Associations of the Gulkana River area are based on the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (*ECOMAP 1993*). The seven levels of the hierarchy, beginning with the highest and most general level, are Domain, Division, Province, Section, Subsection, Landtype Association, Landtype, and Landtype Phase. A description of hierarchy as applied to the Gulkana River area is included in Appendix A.

The descriptions in this section refer to the 1:200,000 Subsection map and 1:100,000 Landtype Association map in Volume 2 of this report. The soil map units and the 1:24,000 soil map, also described in Part 2 of this report, are equivalent to the Landtype level of the hierarchy. Table 3 lists the complete hierarchy for the Gulkana River area, from the Domain through the Soil Map Unit (Landtype) levels.

The Subsection and Landtype Association levels for the Gulkana River area are defined as follows:

**Subsections.** Subsections are aggregations of Landtype Associations based on similarities in surficial geology, geomorphic processes, soil groups, and potential vegetation.

**Landtype Associations.** Landtype Associations are aggregations of soil map units and represent land areas having a distinctive pattern of landforms, soil types, relief, drainage, vegetation cover types, and channel characteristics. Soil map units making up one Landtype Association can occur in other units but in a different pattern and composition.

The Subsection and Landtype Association maps and descriptions provide a general overview and understanding of the pattern and distribution of Gulkana River area landform, soil, and vegetation resources. The Subsection and Landtype Association maps and descriptions can be used to help assimilate, understand, and apply the more detailed resource information associated with the soil and vegetation maps. Resource information at the Subsection and Landtype Association levels is directly relevant to statewide and area-wide planning, modeling, and management activities.

### 135A1—Gulkana River Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Subsection

This Subsection includes the gently sloping flood plains, stream terraces and associated oxbow lakes, backswamps, levees, and point bars adjacent to the Gulkana River. Also included are alluvial fans and fan terraces emerging from the uplands into the river corridor. Soils formed in sandy and gravelly alluvium or stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium. On fan terraces, these deposits are mantled with a thin layer of loess. Permafrost is generally absent on low to mid level flood plains and discontinuous on high flood plains and stream terraces. Potential vegetation is alder (*Alnus spp.*) and willow (*Salix spp.*) scrub on low flood plains, productive white spruce (*Picea glauca*) forest on high flood plains, and moderate to low productive spruce (*Picea* spp.) woodland on terraces and fans.

The Gulkana River is a young, low to moderate gradient, perennial river system and one of the few non-glacial, clear water rivers in the Copper River Basin. Along most reaches, the river cut a narrow valley through glaciolacustrine and glaciofluvial deposits. Down-cutting incised the river valley as much as 200 feet (61 m) in places. The channel ranges from straight to highly sinuous. Lateral channel movement widened the valley bottom to a mile or more in some downstream locations. Compared with glacial rivers, the Gulkana River experiences considerably greater variation in seasonal stream flow. However, to a large degree, poorly developed tributary drainage networks and several large lakes within the drainage system tend to buffer peak flows (*Shelby et al. 1990*). Many lakes and ponds in the watershed are not part of integrated surface drainage networks.

*Extent within the Gulkana River area:* 21,901 acres (8,867 ha); 23.8 percent of the survey area

### Major Geomorphic and Soil Processes

**Flood plains:**

*Fluvial processes*—periodic erosion and deposition of sediments—are the overriding processes on these landforms.

Other active processes are: *hydromorphism*—a process associated with saturated soil conditions; *alkalinization*—a process in which deposition of base rich alluvium and further concentration of carbonates and nutrients in surface layers occur due to a combination of hydrologic processes and evapotranspiration; and *acidification*—the removal of soil bases by plant use and percolation of precipitation.

**Stream terraces and alluvial fan terraces:**

The processes associated with stream terraces and alluvial fan terraces differ from flood plains, as these terraces rarely flood and fire disturbance is common. Two major soil groups are found on terraces in this Subsection. The first includes soils formed in sandy and gravelly alluvium where permafrost is generally absent. Major processes in these soils include *acidification* (previously described) and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals*—the weathering and downward translocation of soil minerals in the soil profile.

The second group includes soils formed in thick stratified loamy alluvial deposits with shallow, ice-rich permafrost and poorly drained conditions. Important processes in these soils are *acidification*, *hydromorphism,* and *cryoturbation*. *Cryoturbation* is the churning of surface and subsoil layers by frost action.

*Alkalinization* is an active process in both coarse texture and loamy texture soil groups where spruce (*Picea spp.*) forest vegetation is present and where fire has recently occurred. This process differs from that previously described for flood plains. On stream terraces and alluvial fan terraces, *alkalinization* is initiated by the deposition of nutrient rich ash on the soil surface by wildfire.

*A more detailed description of soil and geomorphic processes is included in Appendix B.*

### Vegetation Patterns

Flood plains in the Gulkana River area are divided into two distinct zones based on differences in major seral plant species and cover types. In the "alder" zone, early succession is dominated by *Alnus tenuifolia* and *Salix alexensis*, which form pure and mixed scrub communities on low and mid flood plains. *Populus balsamifera,* and mixed *P. balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* forest with *A. tenuifolia* dominated understory, are on mid and high flood plains. This zone includes most of the lower reaches of the river south of Canyon Rapids on the Main Stem, the lower reaches of the North and South Branches, and the West Fork. The alder zone encompasses Landtype Associations 135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces and 135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces.

The "willow" zone is characterized by *Salix planifolia*, *S. barclayi*, and *S. monticola* scrub on low and mid flood plains; and *Picea glauca* forest with willow understory on mid and high flood plains. *Populus balsamifera* is rare, occurring only as occasional isolated trees or small stands. This zone includes that area north of Canyon Rapids on the Main Stem and Middle Fork, and the upper reaches of the North and South Branches. The willow zone encompasses Landtype Associations 135A1.V1—Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains, 135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains, 135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces, and 135A1.V7—South Branch Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces.

In both the alder and willow zones, vegetation on stream terraces is dominated by mixed spruce (*Picea glauca* and *Picea mariana*) woodland with wet meadows and low scrub in cutoff meanders, depressions, and on the shores of lakes and ponds.

Vegetation patterns and potential are closely correlated with the height of the flood plains and terraces above the river channel and related flooding frequency and duration, landform position, apparent surface age, and soil characteristics. Generalized topo and chronosequence of landforms, soils, and cover types are represented in Figures 4 and 5 in the alder zone and Figures 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 in the willow zone.

## 135A1.V1—Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains Landtype Association

(Figures 2 and 3; Plates 2—upper photo and 3)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* along the Main Stem between the outlet of Paxson Lake and the Middle Fork confluence, the Middle Fork for about 5 miles (8 km) below Dickey Lake, the upper 2 miles (3.2 km) of the North Branch, and on the Keg Creek flood plain on the North Branch

*Approximate extent:* 1,199 acres (485 ha); 1.4 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet
Loamy flood plains, wet
Loamy riverbanks
Escarpments (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

FP1—Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded
FP12—Tangoe, wet, complex
FP13—Swedna, high elevation-Hisna complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
FP21—Swedna, high elevation, complex
ST12—Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam

### Physiography

*Landforms:* low flood plains and small areas of high flood plains; low stream terraces in scattered locations

*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,900 feet (716 to 884 m)

*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent

*River channel:* straight to occasionally slightly sinuous; unconfined to occasionally entrenched (Middle Fork canyon)

*Channel gradient:* 30 to 38 feet/mile (5.7 to 7.2 m/km) (*Ingram and Carrick 1983*)

*Terrace height:* low flood plains 0 to about 3 feet (0 to about 1 m) above the height of the channel

*Flooding frequency:* frequent to occasional

### Dominant Soils

Tangoe, frequently flooded
Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded
Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded
Swedna, high elevation
Hisna

*Soil notes:*

Dominant soil materials include stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium. The soils are somewhat poorly to very poorly drained with a very shallow to moderately deep water table, which fluctuates in response to changing river levels. Ponding is common in depressions during periods of high stream flow.

*Soils of minor extent:* Ogtna

Ogtna soils formed in stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium on discontinuous, small stream terraces.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Flood plains and low stream terraces:*

Low willow/herb scrub
Low willow/water sedge scrub (areas with very shallow water table or long duration ponding)
Sedge-grass riparian meadow (adjacent to the channel and areas with season-long ponding)
Tall feltleaf willow scrub (adjacent to the channel)

*Vegetation notes:*

In many places with better soil drainage, in particular along the upper Main Stem and Keg Creek, white spruce saplings and seedlings and scattered trees are common in Low willow/herb scrub. Small stands of White spruce/willow open forest are on scattered high flood plains and stream terraces.

### Wildlife Habitat Notes

Extensive, often heavy, moose browsing is evident throughout most of this Landtype Association. Willow hedging ranges from slight to severe; in some locations, the stand above 4 to 5 feet (1.2 to 1.5 m) consists primarily of dead, broken stems. The upper level of live growth may also indicate average winter snow depth.

Beaver activity is extensive along the upper Middle Fork. Dams, ponds, and interconnecting channels appear to be maintained by beavers. The shallow water table in the soils, and surface ponding in places, can be at least partly attributed to beaver activity.

## 135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association

(Figure 4; Plate 2—lower photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* along the upper Middle Fork, the Main Stem between the Middle Fork confluence and Canyon Rapids, and the upper North Branch
*Approximate extent:* 2,420 acres (980 ha); 2.7 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Loamy flood plains, moderately wet
Loamy high flood plains
Stream terraces, frozen
Wet depressions (minor occurrence)
Loamy flood plains, wet (minor occurrence)
Loamy riverbanks (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

FP2—Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes
FP22—Dackey, cool-Swedna, high elevation-Kluna complex
ST1—Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes
ST11—Klute-Tangoe, occasionally flooded, complex
ST13—Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes
ST2—Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
ST21—Kuslinad peat
ST31—Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes
ST441—Kuslinad-Dackey, cool, complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* low to high flood plains; stream terraces that occur as discontinuous, small segments within channel meanders
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,600 feet (716 to 792 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 8 percent; occasionally to 15 percent or greater
*River channel:* mostly moderately sinuous; occasionally to frequently confined by glaciolacustrine uplands
*Channel gradient:* 7 to 25 feet/mile (1.3 to 4.7 m/km) (*Ingram and Carrick 1983*)
*Terrace height:* 0 to 8 feet (0 to 2.4 m) above the height of the channel
*Flooding frequency:* frequent to rare

### Dominant Soils

*Flood plains:*
Swedna
Klute
Dackey, cool
*High flood plains and stream terraces:*
Hogan, cool
Kuslinad

*Soil notes:*
Swedna, Klute, and Dackey, cool, soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium of varying thickness over sandy and gravelly alluvium. Depth to water table varies from very shallow to deep depending on terrace height and proximity to the channel. Hogan, cool, and Kuslinad soils formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium and are shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Kuslinad soils have a water table perched on the permafrost.

*Soils of minor extent:* Hufman and Pergelic Cryohemists

The very poorly drained Hufman soils formed in thick organic deposits along the margins of lakes and ponds in depressions and abandoned channels. The very poorly to poorly drained Pergelic Cryohemists soils formed in thick organic deposits on stream terraces.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Low flood plains:*
Low willow/herb scrub
*High flood plains:*
White spruce/willow open forest (occasionally on stream terraces)
*Stream terraces:*
Spruce/shrub birch woodland

*Vegetation notes:*
Sedge-grass riparian meadow occurs along the permanently wetted banks of the river channel. Sedge wet meadow occurs in sloughs and abandoned channels.

## 135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association

(Figure 5; Plate 11)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* along the Main Stem from Canyon Rapids south for about 10 miles (16 km) and along the lower North and South Branches and the upper West Fork

*Approximate extent:* 4,736 acres (1,917 ha); 5.4 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Stream terraces, frozen
Loamy flood plains
Stream terraces
Terraces, wet (minor occurrence)
Loamy high flood plains, frozen (minor occurrence)
Escarpments (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

ST21—Kuslinad peat
ST3—Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes
ST41—Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
ST411—Maclaren-Kuslinad complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* low to high flood plains and stream terraces

*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,400 feet (610 to 732 m)

*Slope:* mostly 0 to 3 percent; up to 35 percent or more on side slopes of dissected terraces

*River channel:* moderately sinuous with occasional to common short, straight reaches along the North and South Branches and West Fork; alternating short straight drops and sinuous segments in the Main Stem canyon; occasionally confined to entrenched (Main Stem canyon)

*Channel gradient:* about 16 feet/mile (3.0 m/km) along the North and South Branches and the West Fork; about 50 feet/mile (19m/km) in the Middle Fork canyon (*Ingram and Carrick 1983*)

*Terrace height:* less than 1 to more than 12 feet (less than 0.2 to more than 3.7 m) above the height of the channel

*Flooding frequency:* frequent to none

*Physiography notes:*

This Landtype Association is bordered along much of its length by very steep, discontinuous bluffs and escarpments up to 200 feet (61 m) or more in height.

### Dominant Soils

*Low and mid flood plains:*
Dackey
Klute

*High flood plains:*
Hogan

*Stream terraces:*
Maclaren
Sinona
Kuslinad

*Soil notes:*

Dackey, Klute, Maclaren, and Sinona soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium of varying thickness over sandy and gravelly alluvium. Hogan and Kuslinad soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium and are very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Depth to seasonally high water table in Dackey and Klute soils varies from very shallow to deep depending on terrace height and proximity to the river channel. In Kuslinad soils, a water table perched on permafrost occurs at a very shallow or shallow depth. The soils range from very poorly drained to well drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Hufman and Swedna

The very poorly drained Hufman soils formed in thick organic deposits along the margins of lakes and ponds in depressions and abandoned channels. The very poorly drained Swedna soils formed in stratified loamy over sandy and gravelly alluvium on low flood plains.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Flood plains:*
Tall feltleaf willow scrub
Tall thinleaf alder scrub
Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest
Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest (highest and oldest flood plains)

*Stream terraces:*
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest
Spruce/shrub birch woodland

*Vegetation notes:*

Sedge wet meadow occurs in sloughs and abandoned channels and along the shores of lakes and ponds.

## 135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association

(Figure 6; Plates 5, 6, and 10—upper photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* along the lower Main Stem south of the canyon and the mid and lower West Fork to Sourdough
*Approximate extent:* 8,771 acres (3,551 ha); 9.7 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Loamy flood plains
Loamy high flood plains, frozen
Stream terraces, frozen
Terraces, wet
Wet depressions (minor occurrence)
Escarpments (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

FP3—Dackey-Klute, moderately wet, complex, occasionally flooded
FP31—Kluna, deep-Hogan-Kluna, frequently flooded, complex
FP32—Dackey-Hogan-Klute, moderately wet, complex
FP4—Dackey-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex
MK1—Hufman peat
ST2—Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
ST21—Kuslinad peat
ST24—Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex
ST24B—Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet-Kusdry complex
ST3—Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes
ST5—Haggard peat, 0 to 4 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* flood plains and stream terraces and associated sloughs, oxbow lakes, and abandoned channels
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,200 feet (564 to 671 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent
*River channel:* moderately to highly sinuous; unconfined to occasionally confined
*Channel gradient:* 5 to 15 feet/mile (0.9 to 2.8 m/km) (*Ingram and Carrick 1983*)
*Terrace height:* less than 1 foot to 20 feet (less than 0 to 6.1 m) or more above the level of the channel
*Flooding frequency:* frequent to none

*Physiography notes:*
Prominent high bluffs and escarpments form an abrupt transition between the river corridor and uplands in many places.

### Dominant Soils

*Flood plains:*
Kluna
Klute, moderately wet
Dackey
Hogan
*Stream terraces:*
Kuslinad

*Soil notes:*
Kluna; Klute, moderately wet; and Dackey soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium of varying thickness over gravelly and sandy alluvium. Hogan and Kuslinad soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium and are shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Depth to seasonally high water table in Klute, Kluna, and Dackey soils varies from shallow to deep depending on terrace height and proximity to the channel. In Kuslinad soils, a water table occurs at very shallow or shallow depths and is perched on the permafrost. The soils range from very poorly drained to well drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Hufman, Haggard, and Kusdry

The very poorly drained Hufman soils formed in thick organic deposits over loamy alluvium along the margins of lakes and ponds in depressions and abandoned channels. The very poorly drained Haggard soils on stream terraces formed in thick organic deposits and are shallow or moderately deep over permafrost. The somewhat poorly drained Kusdry soils formed in stratified loamy over sandy and gravelly alluvium on stream terraces.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Flood plains:*
Tall feltleaf willow scrub
Tall thinleaf alder scrub
Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest
Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest (highest and oldest flood plains)
*Stream terraces:*
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest

*Vegetation notes:*
Sedge wet meadow occurs in sloughs and abandoned channels and along the shores of ponds and lakes.

## 135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association

(Figure 7; Plate 4)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* along the lower Middle Fork and the Main Stem for about one mile (1.6 km) below the Middle Fork confluence
*Approximate extent:* 2,107 acres (853 ha); 2.5 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Loamy high flood plains
Loamy flood plains, moderately wet
Stream terraces, frozen
Stream terraces
Wet depressions (minor occurrence)
Peat mounds (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

FP23—Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
MK1—Hufman peat
ST21—Kuslinad peat
ST22—Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* narrow, high flood plains and broad, dissected stream terraces
*Elevation:* about 2,475 feet (754 m); elevation difference between the upper and lower ends of this unit —less than 100 feet (less than 30 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 20 percent
*River channel:* highly sinuous with well developed point bars on the insides of meanders; occasionally confined
*Channel gradient:* about 1 foot/mile (0.2 m/km) (*Ingram and Carrick 1983*)
*Terrace height:* 3 to 10 feet (1.0 to 3.1 m) or more with a narrow, steep, abrupt bank bordering much of the channel; 10 to 25 feet (3 to 7.6 m) on dissected terraces
*Flooding frequency:* frequent to none

*Physiography notes:*
Ponds and oxbow lakes in depressions and abandoned channels are extensive throughout the dissected terraces. Local relief between the terrace surfaces and the depressions ranges from 5 to 25 feet (1.5 to 7.6 m).

### Dominant Soils

*Flood plains:*
Sankluna
Hogan, cool
*Stream terraces:*
Ganhona

*Soil notes:*
All soils formed in thick deposits of stratified sandy and loamy alluvium. Hogan, cool, and Kuslinad are very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Hogan, cool, and Ganhona are well drained; Sankluna soils are moderately well drained with a deep water table; and Kuslinad soils are very poorly to poorly drained with a water table perched on the permafrost.

*Soils of minor extent:* Aquatna, Hufman, and Pergelic Cryohemists

The very poorly drained Aquatna soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium on steep river banks. The very poorly drained Hufman soils formed in thick organic deposits along the margins of lakes and ponds in depressions and abandoned channels. The very poorly drained to poorly drained Pergelic Cryohemists formed in thick organic deposits underlain by permafrost on stream terraces.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Flood plains:*
Low willow/herb2 scrub
White spruce/willow open forest
*Stream terraces:*
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Low shrub birch scrub

*Vegetation notes:*
Sedge-grass riparian meadow occurs on the edges of river banks adjacent to the channel, and Sedge wet meadow is present along the margins of lakes and ponds.

## 135A1.V6—Gravelly and Loamy Alluvial Fans and Fan Terraces Landtype Association

(Figure 8; Plate 1)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* upper and middle reaches of the Middle Fork
*Approximate extent:* 710 acres (287 ha); 0.9 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Gravelly and sandy terraces
Loamy high flood plains (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

AF1—Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes
ST13—Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* cone shaped alluvial fans and fan terraces
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,700 feet (747 to 823 m)
*Slope:* 2 to 10 percent

*Physiography notes:*
The alluvial fan portion of this complex consists of high gradient flood plains along low volume streams, abandoned channels, and flood plain splays. The fan terrace portion consists of stable interfluves or terraces between active stream channels. The fans and terraces, which are bounded along their upper edges by moderately high escarpments, issue from small creeks or streams, which have cut deep gullies through the escarpments. Poorly defined flood plains border the creek or stream where it crosses the fans.

### Dominant Soils

*Fan terraces:*
Clarena
Pippod
*Alluvial fans:*
Tangoe
Klute, cool

*Soil notes:*
All soils formed in stratified loamy alluvium of varying thickness over gravelly alluvium. Pippod and Clarena soils, which are not flooded, have a thin mantle of loess on the surface. Tangoe and Klute soils are occasionally flooded. Tangoe soils have moderately deep water tables and are somewhat poorly drained. Clarena and Pippod soils are well drained to somewhat excessively drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Cryaquepts and Hufman

The very poorly to poorly drained Cryaquepts formed in variable texture alluvium on alluvial fan aprons and lack permafrost. The very poorly drained Hufman soils formed in thick organic deposits along pond margins in depressions.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Outer margins of alluvial fans and fan terraces:*
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Low shrub birch scrub
*Flood plains on fans:*
White spruce/willow forest

*Vegetation notes:*
Evidence of recent wildfires is visible in most stands on fan terraces. On flood plains, tree height and apparent productivity decreases markedly with increasing distance from the creek or streambed.

## 135A1.V7—South Branch Deep Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association

(Figure 9)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* narrow riparian zone along the upper South Branch for about 4 miles (6.4 km) below Mud Lake
*Approximate extent:* 325 acres (132 ha); 0.5 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Loamy riverbanks
Stream terraces, frozen
Terraces, wet
Loamy flood plains, moderately wet
Loamy high flood plains

### Principal Soil Map Units

FP6—Aquatna, frequently flooded-Hogan, cool, complex
ST24—Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex
ST31—Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* flood plains and stream terraces
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,425 feet (716 to 739 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent
*River channel:* moderately to highly sinuous; confined by glaciolacustrine uplands
*Channel gradient:* about 2 feet/mile (0.4 m/km) (*Ingram and Carrick 1983*)
*Terrace height:* less than 1 to about 4 feet (less than 0.3 to about 1.2 m) above the level of the channel
*Flooding frequency:* frequent to none

### Dominant Soils

*Flood plains:*
Aquatna
Hogan, cool
*Stream terraces:*
Kuslinad

*Soil notes:*
All soils formed in thick deposits of stratified loamy alluvium. Aquatna soils occur adjacent to the channel, have a water table at very shallow to shallow depth, and are very poorly drained. Hogan and Kuslinad are very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Kuslinad soils have a water table perched on the permafrost and are very poorly to poorly drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Hufman

The very poorly drained Hufman soils formed in thick organic deposits along the margins of lakes and ponds in depressions and abandoned channels.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Flood plains:*
Sedge-grass riparian meadow
Low willow/herb scrub
*Stream terraces:*
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland

*Vegetation notes:*
Depending on terrace height, depth to water table, and duration of flooding, sedge-grass riparian meadows vary from nearly pure stands of *Carex aquatilis* and other tall sedges to nearly pure stands of *Calamagrostis canadensis.*

## 135A2—Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection

This Subsection includes the gently sloping to moderately steep glaciolacustrine terraces and hills above the Gulkana River corridor. North of the North Branch and West Fork, the Glaciofluvial Plains and Hills Subsection and Low Mountains Subsection bound this Subsection at upper elevations. To the south, the Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection continues for many miles.

Soils formed in medium and fine textured glaciolacustrine materials, which were deposited in an extensive proglacial lake that covered much of the Copper River Basin during the late Pleistocene (*Ferrians, Nichols, and Williams 1983*). Loamy lacustrine near-shore deposits are common above about 2,000 feet (610 m) elevation. At lower elevations, lacustrine deposits are generally clayey and often calcareous. Coarse textured outwash and strandline deposits and deep organic deposits occur in scattered locations throughout this Subsection. Discontinuous, shallow to moderately deep permafrost is common in clayey and loamy soils and in many areas of organic soils. Permafrost is generally absent in coarse textured soils and in areas impacted by wildfires. Potential vegetation is primarily boreal spruce woodland with wet meadows and scrub in bogs and depressions.

*Extent within the Gulkana River area:* 60,471 acres (24,482 ha); 65.7 percent of the survey area

### Major Geomorphic and Soil Processes

Most of the soils in this Subsection are underlain by shallow permafrost, and large areas of these soils cycle between a poorly drained, permafrost rich condition and a well drained, permafrost free state. Wildfires are common in spruce (*Picea spp*) woodland and initiate change by disturbing the insulating organic mat and encouraging melting and subsidence of permafrost and lowering of the associated perched water table. Return to the pre-burn state is likely as post-fire vegetation succession progresses and the

organic mat reestablishes. Specific soil processes are associated with each part of this cycle.

In areas recently impacted by fire, *alkalinization* occurs as a result of the incineration of the organic mat and deposition of nutrient rich ash on the soil surface. In years following fire, a gradual *acidification*—removal of soil bases from surface layers by downward percolation of precipitation—occurs and is often associated with reestablishment and thickening of the organic mat. Over time, this mat becomes thick enough to insulate soils and prevent the annual frost layer from melting during summer. Permafrost forms, and *hydromorphism*—a process associated with saturated soil conditions—and *cryoturbation*—the churning of soil layers by frost action—occur within the annual thaw zone above the permafrost.

Somewhat excessively drained soils, formed in sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits, are scattered throughout this Subsection. Processes associated with these soils include *acidification* (previously described) and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals*—the weathering and downward translocation of soil minerals in the soil profile.

*A more detailed description of soil and geomorphic processes is included in Appendix B.*

### Vegetation Patterns

Recurring wildfires have burned extensive areas of this Subsection, impacting soil and site properties, vegetation succession, and associated vegetation patterns. Glaciolacustrine terraces that have remained unburned for an extended period typically have shallow permafrost, restricted soil drainage, and stunted, low productivity woodland dominated by *Picea mariana* and *P. glauca*. In recently burned areas, permafrost is usually absent and the well drained soils support more productive scrub and young *Picea* woodland. Landform, soils, and vegetation patterns in this Subsection are represented in Figures 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Following wildfires, long-term vegetation succession typically leads to a thick and highly insulating moss and organic mat on the soil surface. This mat helps maintain low soil temperatures throughout the year and promotes the development of permafrost within the soil profile. Nutrient mineralization, availability, and cycling become progressively reduced with advancing succession. Site productivity also decreases.

## 135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association

(Figure 10; Plates 8—upper photo, 9, and 10—lower photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* throughout the area except above the lower Main Stem and West Fork and upper South Branch.
*Approximate extent:* 36,395 acres (14,734 ha); 40.3 percent of the survey area—the most extensive Landtype Association in the area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen
Glaciolacustrine uplands
Shallow drainages
Terraces, wet (minor occurrence)
Gravelly and sandy terraces (minor occurrence)
Wet depressions (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

AT1—Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes
LL1—Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes
LL12—Chelina loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes
LL2—Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
LL41—Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
LL411—Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
MK2—Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils
TS1—Cryaquepts, 4 to 25 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces and hills and terrace escarpments; small, isolated areas of glacial outwash plains and strandlines in scattered locations
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 3,050 feet (610 to 930 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 20 percent

*Physiography notes:*
Permafrost is discontinuous throughout this unit.

### Dominant Soils

Mendna
Chelina
Pergelic Cryohemists
Cryofibrists

*Soil notes:*

Mendna and Chelina soils formed in loamy glaciolacustrine deposits. The very poorly to poorly drained Mendna soils have a moderately thick surface organic mat and are very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. The well drained Chelina soils have a thin organic mat and lack permafrost. Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists formed in thick organic materials in bogs, depressions, and drainages. These soils are underlain by discontinuous permafrost and are very poorly drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Ewan, Cryaquepts, Cryochrepts, Cryorthents, Pippod, and Chistna

The very poorly drained Ewan soils formed in loamy glaciolacustrine deposits in drainages and lack permafrost. The very poorly to poorly drained Cryaquepts soils formed in variable texture materials on toeslopes of hills and escarpments and have intermittent permafrost. The well drained Cryochrepts and Cryorthents formed in variable texture material on escarpments and have intermittent permafrost. The somewhat excessively drained Pippod and well drained Chistna soils are on strandlines and outwash plains and lack permafrost.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Glaciolacustrine terraces and hills:*

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Low shrub birch scrub (recently burned areas)

*Outwash plains and strandline deposits:*

Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Spruce/lichen woodland
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest

*Vegetation notes:*

Organic soils in bogs, depressions, and drainages support Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland, Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub, and Sedge wet meadow.

## 135A2.U2—Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association

(Figure 11; Plates 7—lower photo and 8—lower photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* above the lower reaches of the Main Stem and West Fork to Sourdough

*Approximate extent:* 15,863 acres (6,422 ha); 17.3 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Glaciolacustrine uplands
Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen
Terraces, wet
Wet depressions

### Principal Soil Map Units

AT1—Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes
LC1—Klasi peat, 0 to 10 percent slopes
LC2—Gadona silty clay, 0 to 10 percent slopes
LC5—Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes
MK2—Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils
TS14—Cryaquepts and Cryaquepts, very wet, soils, 4 to 25 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces and hills and terrace escarpments immediately adjacent to the Gulkana River corridor; small, isolated areas of glacial outwash plains and strandlines in scattered locations
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,200 feet (579 to 671 m)
*Slope:* mostly 0 to 14 percent, occasionally to 25 percent

*Physiography notes:*

Permafrost is discontinuous throughout this unit.

### Dominant Soils

Klasi
Gadona
Pergelic Cryohemists
Cryofibrists

*Soil notes:*

Klasi and Gadona soils formed in clayey glaciolacustrine deposits. Klasi soils have a moderately thick surface organic mat, are shallow to moderately deep over permafrost, and are very poorly drained. Gadona soils have only a thin organic mat, lack permafrost, and are well drained. Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists formed in organic materials in bogs, depressions, and drainages. These soils are very poorly to poorly drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Chistna, Cryaquepts, Cryorthents, Cryochrepts, and Pippod

The well drained Chistna and somewhat excessively drained Pippod soils formed in sandy and gravelly glaciofluvial deposits on strandlines and outwash plains and lack permafrost. The well drained Cryochrepts and Cryorthents formed in variable texture materials on escarpments and have intermittent permafrost. The very poorly drained Cryaquepts formed in variable texture materials on toeslopes of hills and escarpments and have intermittent permafrost.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Glaciolacustrine terraces and hills:*
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Low shrub birch scrub (recently burned areas)
*Outwash plains and strandline deposits:*
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Spruce/lichen woodland
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest

*Vegetation notes:*
Organic soils support Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland, Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub, and Sedge wet meadow.

## 135A2.U3—Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association

(Figure 12; Plate 7—upper photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* above the upper reaches of the South Branch
*Approximate extent:* 4,226 acres (1710 ha); 6.2 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic
Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen
Terraces, wet
Peat mounds (minor occurrence)
Wet depressions (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

LC5—Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes
LC6—Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
LL41—Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces and low hills
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,525 feet (747 to 770 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent

*Physiography notes:*
Extensive areas on terraces have frost boils with summits about 1 foot (0.3 m) high and intermound spacing of 10 to 12 feet (3.0 to 3.7 m). Frost boils are the result of ice lens formation and frost heaving in saturated, fine textured materials. Permafrost is discontinuous throughout this unit.

### Dominant Soils

Klasi
Swillna
Pergelic Cryohemists
Cryofibrists

*Soil notes:*
Klasi soils occur on plain and convex positions on terraces throughout this Subsection. Swillna and Swillna, thin surface, soils occur in areas of frost boils, with Swillna soils occupying the intermound depressions and Swillna, thin surface, on the mound summits. Klasi and Swillna soils formed in silty and clayey glaciolacustrine deposits, have a moderately thick surface organic mat, are very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost, and have a water table at very shallow or shallow depths. Swillna, thin surface, soils also formed in silty and clayey deposits but have only a thin organic mat and are moderately deep over permafrost. All soils are poorly or very poorly drained.

Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, soils occur on ice cored mounds and palsen. Cryofibrists soils occur in depressions and along pond fringes. Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils formed in thick organic materials, have discontinuous permafrost, and are poorly or very poorly drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Cryochrepts, Cryorthents, and Cryaquepts

The well drained Cryochrepts and Cryorthents soils formed in variable texture materials, occur on escarpments, and have intermittent permafrost. The very poorly to poorly drained Cryaquepts soils formed in variable texture material, occur on toeslopes of hills and escarpments, and have intermittent permafrost.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Glaciolacustrine terraces and hills:*
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

*Vegetation notes:*
Vegetation cover on the summits of frost mounds is often sparse with common areas of bare soil. Localized areas of peat mounds and intervening depressions support Low shrub birch scrub and Sedge wet meadow.

## 135A2.U4—Loamy Depressional Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association

(Figure 13; Plate 10—lower photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* limited occurrence along the upper North Branch
*Approximate extent:* 2,726 acres (1104 ha); 2.9 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Peat mounds
Terraces, wet
Wet depressions

### Principal Soil Map Units

LL41—Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
LL411—Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces with multiple ice-cored peat mounds, depressions, and shallow drainages
*Elevation:* 2,550 to 2,650 feet (777 to 808 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent

*Physiography notes:*
Local relief between the terraces, mounds, and depressions is 5 to 15 feet (1.5 to 4.6 m) or more. Ponds fill many of the depressions.

### Dominant Soils

Mendna
Pergelic Cryohemists, dry
Cryofibrists

*Soils notes:*
Mendna soils formed in loamy glaciolacustrine deposits, have a moderately thick surface organic mat, and are very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, and Cryofibrists formed in thick organic deposits. Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, occur on peat mounds and in drainages and have shallow, ice-rich permafrost and a shallow water table. Cryohemists occur in depressions and along pond margins, have a very shallow to ponded water table, and lack permafrost. All soils are very poorly drained.

*Soils of minor extent:* Cryochrepts and Cryorthents

These soils formed in variable texture materials on escarpments, have intermittent permafrost, and are well drained.

### Dominant Vegetation

*Glaciolacustrine terraces:*
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland (concave microsites)
Spruce/shrub birch woodland (convex microsites)
*Peat mounds:*
Low shrub birch scrub
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
*Drainages:*
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Spruce/water sedge woodland
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub
*Depressions and pond margins:*
Sedge wet meadow

## 135A3—Glaciofluvial Plains and Hills Subsection

This Subsection includes the pitted glacial outwash plains and hills in the uplands at the upper end of the Middle Fork and for many miles to the north and west of the survey area. Soils formed in a thin layer of silty loess over deep deposits of glacial drift. The glacial drift, which is primarily sandy and gravelly glacial outwash, was deposited above about 2,600 feet (792 m) elevation by glaciers from surrounding mountains

during the Pleistocene. Permafrost is generally absent. Potential vegetation is primarily shrub birch scrub with willow scrub and sedge-grass meadows in drainages.

*Extent within the Gulkana River area:* 1,895 acres (767 ha); 2.1 percent of the survey area

### Major Geomorphic and Soil Processes

Most soils in this Subsection are somewhat excessively drained and formed in porous sandy and gravelly outwash. Major processes include *acidification*—the removal of soil bases from surface layers by plant use and percolation of precipitation—and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals*—the weathering and downward translocation of soil minerals in the soil profile.

*A more detailed description of soil and geomorphic processes is included in Appendix B.*

### Vegetation Patterns

The rolling topography and coarse textured soil materials in this Subsection result in marked differences in the vegetation, depending on slope position. All soils have low water holding capacity, which in conjunction with relatively low summer precipitation, results in xeric growing conditions. The dry conditions are particularly evident on crests and shoulders of hills and other convex slopes, where vegetation is sparse and gravelly and cobbly outwash is exposed at the surface in many places. Sandy blowouts also are barren of vegetation. Shrub birch scrub occurs on backslopes and lower slopes. Fruticose lichens, patches of moss, and herbs characteristic of dry sites usually dominate the ground layer. This Subsection generally occurs above treeline in the Gulkana River survey area, although spruce woodland is at lower elevations. Landforms, soils, and vegetation patterns in this Subsection are represented in Figure 14.

Because of the generally sparse vegetation, particularly on the ground surface, this Subsection is only moderately susceptible to burning. Post-fire succession leads almost directly to vegetation similar to the pre-burn condition.

## 135A3.G1—Gravelly and Sandy Glaciofluvial Uplands Landtype Association

(Figure 14; Plate 12—upper photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* limited to the uplands in the vicinity of Dickey Lake on the Middle Fork
*Approximate extent:* 1,688 acres (683 ha); 1.8 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Gravelly and sandy hills

### Principal Soil Map Units

GO1—Pippod and Chistna soils, high elevation, 0 to 30 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* pitted glacial outwash plains and hills
*Elevation:* 2,750 to 3,000 feet (838 to 914 m)
*Slope:* 0 to 30 percent

*Physiography notes:*
Local relief ranges from 5 to 100 feet (1.5 to 33 m) or more.

### Dominant Soils

Pippod, high elevation
Chistna, high elevation

*Soil notes:*
Pippod, high elevation, and Chistna, high elevation, are somewhat excessively drained and well drained soils formed in a thin mantle of silty loess over gravelly and sandy glacial outwash. On the summits of hills and other convex microsites, soils are sandy and gravelly to the surface. Sandy blowouts are common in many places. The water holding capacity of these soils is low.

*Soils of minor extent:* Cryochrepts and Cryorthents

These well drained to excessively drained soils formed in sandy and gravelly material on escarpments and lack permafrost.

### Dominant Vegetation

Low shrub birch scrub
Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
Spruce/shrub birch woodland (moist microsites at lower elevations)
Low willow/herb scrub (flood plains and other drainages)

## 135A4—Low Mountains Subsection

This Subsection consists of rounded, bedrock-cored mountains at mid elevations within the Copper River Basin. At lower elevations, where this Subsection adjoins the Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection, gravelly glacial till and loamy lacustrine near-shore deposits from Pleistocene glaciations mantle most of the landscape. Bedrock colluvium and rock outcrops are intermixed in these glacial deposits on steeper mountain footslopes.

In the Gulkana River area, this Subsection occurs in scattered locations along the lower Middle Fork and upper Main Stem. Elsewhere in the Copper River Basin, the Low Mountains Subsection is extensive.

Soils formed in silty loess, loamy glaciolacustrine deposits, loamy glacial till, and bedrock residuum. Unconsolidated bedrock is very shallow to shallow on upper mountain slopes and very deep on lower slopes. Permafrost is discontinuous and generally confined to lower elevation glaciolacustrine footslopes. Potential vegetation is boreal spruce woodland. In the Gulkana River area, most of the woodland cover of this Subsection was destroyed by wildfire. Potential vegetation at higher elevations is various subalpine and alpine scrub and dwarf scrub communities.

*Extent within the Gulkana River area:* 7,689 acres (2,150 ha); 8.4 percent of the survey area

### Major Geomorphic and Soil Processes

**Lower mountain slopes:**
Most of the soils in this part of the Subsection are underlain by shallow permafrost, and large areas of these soils cycle between a poorly drained, permafrost rich condition and a well drained, permafrost free state. Wildfires are common in spruce (*Picea spp*) woodland and initiate change by disturbing the insulating organic mat and encouraging melting and subsidence of permafrost and lowering of the associated perched water table. Return to the pre-burn state is likely as post-fire vegetation succession progresses and the organic mat reestablishes. Specific soil processes are associated with each part of this cycle.

In areas recently impacted by fire, *alkalinization* occurs as a result of the incineration of the organic mat and deposition of nutrient rich ash on the soil surface. In years following fire, a gradual *acidification*—removal of soil bases from surface layers by downward percolation of precipitation—occurs and is often associated with reestablishment and thickening of the organic mat. Over time, this mat becomes thick enough to insulate soils and prevent the annual frost layer from melting during summer. Permafrost forms, and *hydromorphism*—a process associated with saturated soil conditions—and *cryoturbation*—the churning of soil layers by frost action—occur within the annual thaw zone above the permafrost.

**Upper Mountain Slopes:**
Important processes on upper mountain slopes include *acidification* (described above), *alteration* and *translocation*—the downward percolation of mobilized soil minerals in the soil solution, and *colluvial processes*. *Colluvial processes* include transportation and/or deposition by direct gravitational action and are primarily associated with areas of steep slopes within this Subsection.

*A more detailed description of soil and geomorphic processes is included in Appendix B.*

### Vegetation Patterns

This Subsection extends from the upper limits of tree growth into the subalpine. However, due to the widespread occurrence of past wildfires, treeline is not readily apparent. In most places, the scrub vegetation is dominated by *Betula glandulosa*. Except at the highest elevations, the common occurrence of *Picea glauca* seedlings and small trees, relic trees, and snags and charred downfall indicates that most of this Subsection within the Gulkana River area is below treeline with Spruce woodland potential. On upper mountain slopes, vegetation potential is low; dwarf alpine scrub and herbaceous and cryptogam vegetation are the dominant plant life. Landforms, soils, and vegetation patterns in this Subsection are represented in Figure 15.

## 135A4.M1—Northern Low Mountains Landtype Association

(Figure 15; Plate 12—lower photo)

### Geographic Setting

*Distribution:* primarily above the lower Middle Fork and Main Stem-Middle Fork confluence and in scattered locations above the Main Stem canyon
*Approximate extent:* 7,689 acres (3,113 ha); 8.4 percent of the survey area

### Principal Ecological Sites

Upper mountain slopes, shallow
Mountain slopes, shallow
Loamy backslopes (minor occurrence)
Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (minor occurrence)
Glaciolacustrine uplands (minor occurrence)

### Principal Soil Map Units

AL1—Cobblank, cool-Rock outcrop complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes
AL2—Cobblank and Telay soils, 2 to 16 percent slopes
BR1—Cobblank silt loam, 5 to 25 percent slopes
LL1—Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes
SA1—Nickolna silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes
SA3—Goodview-Rock outcrop complex, 20 to 50 percent slopes
TS12—Chelina and Mendna soils, 6 to 20 percent slopes

### Physiography

*Landforms:* low mountains
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 3,700 feet (716 to 1128 m)
*Slope:* 4 to 50 percent

*Physiography notes:*

In most places, the landscape is smeared with various glaciolacustrine and glacial drift deposits. The underlying bedrock controls the shape and character of the landscape. Bedrock outcrops are common at higher elevations and on steep slopes.

### Dominant Soils

*Mountain backslopes, shoulders, and summits:*
Telay
Cobblank
Goodview
Nickolna
*Mountain footslope:*
Mendna
Chelina

*Soil notes:*

Telay, Cobblank, and Goodview soils formed in a thin layer of silty loess over loamy glacial till. Cobblank and Goodview soils are shallow to very shallow over unconsolidated bedrock. Nickolna soils, which occupy the transition zone between the bedrock controlled mountain slopes and the lower glaciolacustrine deposits, are deep soils formed in loess over mixed glaciolacustrine deposits and colluvium. These soils are all well drained. Mendna and Chelina soils formed in loamy glaciolacustrine deposits.

Mendna soils are very poorly to poorly drained and very shallow to moderately deep over permafrost. Chelina soils are well drained and lack permafrost.

### Dominant Vegetation

Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Low shrub birch scrub
Tall green alder scrub
Spruce/alder woodland

*Vegetation notes:*

Wildfires have destroyed most of the woodland cover, although scattered small spruce, saplings, and seedlings are common throughout the scrub vegetation. Tall green alder scrub and Spruce/alder woodland are generally restricted to the glaciolacustrine terrace-bedrock upland transition zone on Nickolna soils. These types, together with Spruce/shrub birch woodland and Low shrub birch scrub, form a prominent band on mid mountain slopes at lower elevations in this Landtype Association.

# SOIL RESOURCES

Delineations on the soil map in Volume 2 represent the soil map units of the Gulkana River area. Survey methods used to make this map are described in Appendix C. The map unit descriptions in this section, along with the maps, can be used to determine the suitability and potential of a unit for specific uses, and to plan the management needed for those uses. More information about each map unit is provided in the section "Use and Management of the Soils."

Each delineation on the detailed soil maps has a *map unit symbol* to indicate the map unit and to link it to the corresponding map unit description on the following pages. Each delineation on the map represents an area on the landscape and consists of one or more soils or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils or miscellaneous areas. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils and miscellaneous areas are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some "included" areas that belong to other taxonomic classes.

Most included soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, inclusions. They may or may not be mentioned in the map unit description. Other included soils and miscellaneous areas, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, inclusions. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. The included areas of contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are mentioned in the map unit descriptions. A few included areas may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of included areas in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such landscape segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans, but if intensive use of small areas is planned, on-site investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives the principal hazards and limitations to be considered in planning for specific uses.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer or of the underlying layers. They also can differ in slope, stoniness, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Kuslinad, very wet, is a phase of the Kuslinad series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, consociations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat

similar in all areas. AF1—Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes, is an example.

In a *consociation,* delineated areas are dominated by a single soil taxon (or miscellaneous area) and similar soils. As a rule, at least one half of the pedons in each delineation of a soil consociation are of the same taxonomic unit and provide the name for the map unit. MK1—Hufman peat is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. TS12—Chelina and Mendna soils, 6 to 20 percent slopes, is an undifferentiated group in this survey area.

This survey includes *miscellaneous areas.* Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Table 4 gives the acreage and proportionate extent of each map unit. Table 5 lists the one to three most frequently occurring vegetation cover types found on each map unit component. Table 6 lists the ecological site correlated to each map unit component. Other tables ("Summary of Tables") give properties of the soils and the limitations, capabilities, and potentials for many uses. The Glossary defines many of the terms used in describing the soils or miscellaneous areas.

## Soil Map Unit Descriptions

Appendix D gives the description of the soils, Appendix E gives the description of vegetation cover types, and Appendix F gives the detailed descriptions of ecological sites listed in the following map unit descriptions.

### AF1—Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes

(Figure 8; Plate 1—upper photo)

#### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V6
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,700 feet (747 to 823 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is dissected by ephemeral stream channels 8 to 12 feet (2.4 to 3.7 m) deep. Permafrost is generally absent from this unit.

#### Composition

**Major components:**
Pippod and similar soils: 45 to 70 percent
Clarena and similar soils: 20 to 45 percent
**Minor components:**
Tangoe soils along stream channels: 0 to 5 percent
Aquatna soils on fan aprons: 0 to 5 percent
Klute soils along stream channels: 0 to 5 percent

#### Major Component Description

**Pippod**
*Landforms:* fan terraces
*Position on landforms:* interfluves
*Slope:* 2 to 10 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 500 to 2,500 feet (152 to 762 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2.2 inches (5.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland)

*Note:*
Pippod soils have surface micro-relief of up to 10 inches (25 cm). Height above ephemeral channels ranges from 8 to 12 feet (2.4 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 8 inches (20 cm) of silty loess—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Clarena**
*Landforms:* fan terraces
*Position on landforms:* interfluves
*Micro-relief:* earth hummocks
*Slope:* 2 to 10 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 500 to 2,500 feet (152 to 762 m)

*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland)

*Note:*
Earth hummocks have micro-relief of up to 20 inches (up to 50 cm); spacing between hummocks ranges from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3 m). Height above ephemeral channels ranges from 8 to 12 feet (2.4 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 4 inches (10 cm) of fibrous organic material over 3 inches (8 cm) of silty loess—below this, loamy alluvium 15 inches (38 cm) thick underlain by very gravelly and extremely gravelly coarse sand to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## AL1—Cobblank, cool-Rock outcrop complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes

(Figure 15)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A4.M1
*Elevation:* 2,900 to 3,900 feet (884 to 1,189 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this unit.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Cobblank, cool, and similar soils: 65 to 90 percent
Rock outcrop: 10 to 30 percent
**Minor components:**
Cryaquepts soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Cobblank, cool**
*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* shoulders and summits
*Slope:* 0 to 30 percent, plane or convex
*Slope length:* 300 to 1,200 feet (91 to 366 m)
*Depth class:* shallow—10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) to unweathered bedrock
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over gravelly till
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2.5 inches (6.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Upper mountain slopes, shallow (Low shrub birch scrub)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (2.5 cm) of fibrous organic materials over 1 inch (2.5 cm) of silty loess, underlain by gravelly glacial till and colluvium to 18 inches (46 cm)—below this, consolidated bedrock.

**Rock outcrop**
*Definition:* exposures of unvegetated bedrock
*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* shoulders and summits
*Slope:* 0 to 30 percent

## AL2—Cobblank and Telay soils, 2 to 16 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A4.M1
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,900 feet (701 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
Charred trees and stumps indicate that this unit is burned periodically by wildfire. Permafrost is generally absent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Cobblank and similar soils: 0 to 90 percent
Telay and similar soils: 0 to 90 percent
**Minor components:**
Ewan soils in drainages: 0 to 5 percent
Mendna soils on toeslopes: 0 to 5 percent
Bedrock outcrops: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Cobblank**
*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* shoulders and summits
*Slope:* 2 to 16 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 300 to 1,200 feet (91 to 366 cm)
*Depth class:* shallow—10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) to unweathered bedrock
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over gravelly till
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2.5 inches (6.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Mountain slopes, shallow (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (2.5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (2.5 cm) of silty loess, underlain by gravelly and cobbly glacial till to 18 inches (46 cm)—below this, consolidated bedrock

**Telay**
*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* shoulders and summits
*Slope:* 2 to 16 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 300 to 1,200 feet (91 to 366 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over till
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.6 inches (12 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 2 inches (5 cm) of silty loess—below this, very gravelly glacial till to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## AT1—Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the eastern and southeastern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1 and 135A2.U2
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,600 feet (579 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit occurs on upper-most terrace positions adjacent to the river valleys. Permafrost is generally absent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Chistna and similar soils: 0 to 90 percent
Pippod and similar soils: 0 to 90 percent
**Minor components:**
Mendna soils on glaciolacustrine terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Chistna**
*Landforms:* stream terraces and outwash plains
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 14 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 20 to 200 feet (6 to 61 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over sandy glaciofluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.2 inches (8 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (3 cm) of silty loess—below this, loamy glacial outwash 3 inches (8 cm) thick over sandy glacial outwash to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Pippod**
*Landforms:* stream terraces and outwash plains
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 14 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 20 to 200 feet (6 to 61 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over gravelly glaciofluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2.2 inches (5.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 8 inches (20 cm) of silty loess—below this, sandy and gravelly glacial outwash to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## BR1—Cobblank silt loam, 5 to 25 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A4.M1
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,700 feet (701 to 823 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
Charred trees and stumps indicate that this unit is burned periodically by wildfire. Permafrost is generally absent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Cobblank and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Mendna soils on footslopes: 0 to 10 percent
Chelina and Telay soils on similar positions: 0 to 5 percent
Bedrock outcrops: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* backslopes and shoulders
*Slope:* 5 to 25 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 300 to 1,200 feet (91 to 366 m)
*Depth class:* shallow—10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) to unweathered bedrock
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over gravelly till
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2.5 inches (6.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Mountain slopes, shallow (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (3 cm) of silty loess, underlain by gravelly glacial till to 18 inches (46 cm)—below this, consolidated bedrock

## ESC1—Cryorthents and Cryochrepts soils, 20 to 80 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands throughout the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1, 135A2.U2, 135A2.U3, 135A2.U4, and 135A3.G1
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit occurs on steep escarpments, which separate the river valleys from uplands. Permafrost is discontinuous.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Cryorthents and similar soils: 0 to 90 percent
Cryochrepts and similar soils: 0 to 90 percent
**Minor components:**
Ewan soils in drainages: 0 to 5 percent
Slumps and barren ground: 0 to 5 percent
Bedrock outcrops: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Cryorthents**
*Landforms:* escarpments
*Position on landforms:* backslopes, shoulders, and footslopes
*Slope:* 20 to 80 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained to somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* colluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)

*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.8 inches (17.3 cm)
*Ecological site:* Escarpments

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (3 cm) of loamy material of mixed origin—below this, variable loamy and gravelly material of mixed origin to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Cryochrepts**
*Landforms:* escarpments
*Position on landforms:* backslopes, shoulders, and footslopes
*Slope:* 20 to 80 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained to somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* colluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.6 inches (16.8 cm)
*Ecological site:* Escarpments

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (3 cm) of loamy surface material of mixed origin—below this, variable texture loamy and gravelly material of mixed origin to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP1—Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded

(Figure 3)

### Setting

*Location:* along the Main Stem from Paxson Lake to the confluence of the Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V1
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,600 feet (747 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along straight river channels; channel gradient is about 38 feet/mile (7.2 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tangoe and similar soils: 80 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Tangoe, wet, soils in channels and depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Klute soils on forested terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Tangoe, occasionally flooded, soils: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3 feet (0.5 to 0.9 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2 inches (5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 0.9 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over extremely gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP2—Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes

(Figure 4)

### Setting

*Location:* along the Main Stem from the Middle Fork confluence to Canyon Rapids—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V2
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,600 feet (594 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river reaches; channel gradient is 7 to 25 feet/mile (1.3 to 4.7 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey, cool, and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
Swedna and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
Swedna, very poorly drained, and similar soils: 5 to 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Klute and Kluna soils on terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar interiors
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the river channel ranges from 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Swedna**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors
*Slope:* 0 to 8 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the river channel ranges from 1.5 to 4 feet (0.5 to 1.2 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Swedna, very poorly drained**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors and low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 8 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the river channel ranges from 0 to 1.5 feet (0 to 0.2 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP3—Dackey-Klute, moderately wet, complex, occasionally flooded

(Figure 5)

### Setting

*Location:* along the Main Stem south of Canyon Rapids and along the lower West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,800 to 2,400 feet (549 to 732 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is 5 to 15 feet/mile (0.9 to 2.8 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey and similar soils: 50 to 70 percent
Klute, moderately wet, and similar soils: 15 to 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Swedna soils on point bar exteriors and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 2 to 5 feet (0.6 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Klute, moderately wet**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar interiors and high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* moderately well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.3 inches (10.9 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m). Vegetation often grades from Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest on mid level flood plains to Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest on high flood plains.

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP4—Dackey-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex

### Setting

*Location:* along the lower reaches of the West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,975 to 2,050 feet (602 to 625 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This narrow riparian unit, which is typically 20 to 50 feet (6 to 15 m) wide, occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is 5 to 15 feet/mile (0.9 to 2.8 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey and similar soils: 50 to 70 percent
Swedna, very wet, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Hogan soils on low stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent

*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Swedna, very poorly drained**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 0 to 2 feet (0 to 0.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP6—Aquatna, frequently flooded-Hogan, cool, complex

(Figure 9)

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper South Branch—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V8
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,450 feet (716 to 747 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along narrow meandering river channels; channel gradient is about 2 feet/mile (0.4 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Aquatna and similar soils: 45 to 65 percent
Hogan, cool, and similar soils: 25 to 45 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Aquatna**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.2 inches (13.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 0 to 2.5 feet (0 to 0.8 m).

*Representative pedon:* stratified loamy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Hogan, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)

*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 12 feet (1.5 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## FP12—Tangoe, wet, complex

(Plate 3—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V1
*Elevation:* 2,550 to 2,850 feet (777 to 869 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along straight river channels; channel gradient is about 38 feet/mile (7.2 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded, and similar soils: 50 to 70 percent
Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded, and similar soils: 20 to 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Ogtna soils on terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1 to 2 feet (0.3 to 0.6 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 1.2 inches (3 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is 1.5 to 3 feet (0.5 to 0.9 m). Small areas of barren gravelly alluvium occur throughout this component.

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 1.2 inches (3 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 0 to 1.5 feet (0 to 0.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* very gravelly and very cobbly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP13—Swedna, high elevation-Hisna complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V1
*Elevation:* 2,550 to 2,800 feet (777 to 853 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along straight river channels; channel gradient is about 38 feet/mile (7.2 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Swedna, high elevation, and similar soils: 50 to 75 percent
Hisna and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Tangoe, wet, soils in channels and depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Steep soils on escarpments: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Swedna, high elevation**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 0.5 to 3 feet (0.2 to 0.9 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Hisna**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* very poorly to poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1.5 feet (0 to 0.5 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 1 to 5 feet (0.3 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 12 inches (30 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 21 inches (53 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, gravelly and cobbly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP21—Swedna, high elevation, complex

(Figure 2; Plate 2—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V1
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,900 feet (747 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is about 30 feet/mile (5.7 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Swedna, high elevation, and similar soils: 40 to 60 percent
Swedna, very poorly drained, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Beaver ponds: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Pippod and Clarena soils on fans: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Swedna, high elevation**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m)

*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 1.5 to 5 feet (0.5 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Swedna, very poorly drained**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 0 to 2 feet (0 to 0.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP22—Dackey, cool-Swedna, high elevation-Kluna complex

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V2
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,900 feet (716 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is about 25 feet/mile (4.7 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey, cool, and similar soils: 25 to 45 percent
Swedna, high elevation, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Kluna and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar interiors
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 3 to 4 feet (0.9 to 1.2 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Swedna, high elevation**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 1.5 to 4 feet (0.5 to 1.2 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 31 inches (79 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Kluna**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* deep—40 to 60 inches (102 to 152 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* moderately well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.8 inches (14.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 33 inches (84 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP23—Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

(Figure 7; Plate 4—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* along the lower Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V5
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,550 feet (747 to 777 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is about 1 foot/mile (0.2 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Hogan, cool, and similar soils: 55 to 75 percent
Sankluna and similar soils: 15 to 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Ganhona soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Hogan, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 8 to 15 feet (2.4 to 4.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Sankluna**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent, convex
*Slope length:* 2 to 12 feet (0.6 to 3.7 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* moderately well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified sandy alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.8 inches (12.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 3 to 12 feet (0.9 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 11 inches (28 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over stratified sandy alluvium to 43 inches (109 cm)—below this, stratified loamy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP31—Kluna, deep-Hogan-Kluna, frequently flooded, complex

(Figure 6)

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,975 to 2,050 feet (602 to 625 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along tortuous river channels; channel gradient is generally less than about 16 feet/mile (less than about 3.0 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kluna, deep, and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
Hogan and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Kluna, frequently flooded, and similar soils: 15 to 30 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Kluna, deep**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar interiors and high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.8 inches (14.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over stratified loamy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Hogan**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3.0 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (63.5 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Kluna, frequently flooded**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors and low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* moderately well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* frequent
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.8 inches (14.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 3 to 5 feet (0.9 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* stratified loamy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## FP32—Dackey-Hogan-Klute, moderately wet, complex

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,200 feet (610 to 671 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along tortuous river channels; channel gradient is generally less than about 16 feet/mile (less than about 3.0 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey and similar soils: 30 to 60 percent
Hogan and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Klute, moderately wet, and similar soils: 15 to 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 3 to 5 feet (0.9 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Hogan**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 12 feet (1.5 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Klute, moderately wet**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* point bar exteriors and low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* moderately well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.3 inches (10.9 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 0.9 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## GO1—Pippod and Chistna soils, high elevation, 0 to 30 percent slopes

(Figure 14; Plate 12—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northwestern part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.G1
*Elevation:* 2,750 to 3,000 feet (838 to 914 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this subalpine unit.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Pippod, high elevation, and similar soils: 40 to 65 percent
Chistna, high elevation, and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
**Minor components:**
Sandy blowouts: 0 to 10 percent
Barren gravelly material: 0 to 10 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent
Chelina soils on glaciolacustrine terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Pippod, high elevation**
*Landforms:* hills and pitted outwash plains
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 30 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 20 to 200 feet (6 to 61 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over gravelly glaciofluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 7 inches (17.8 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly and sandy hills (Low shrub birch/lichen scrub)

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 2 inches (5 cm) of silty loess—below this, sandy and gravelly glacial outwash to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Chistna, high elevation**
*Landforms:* hills and pitted outwash plains
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 30 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 20 to 200 feet (6 to 61 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over sandy glaciofluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.2 inches (8.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Gravelly and sandy hills (Low shrub birch/lichen scrub)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (3 cm) of silty loess—below this, 3 inches (8 cm) of loamy glacial outwash over sandy glacial outwash to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LC1—Klasi peat, 0 to 10 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the southeastern and south-central part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U2
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,500 feet (564 to 762 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by continuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Klasi and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Gadona soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 10 percent, plane or undulating
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)

*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.3 inches (13.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 23 inches (58 cm) of clayey glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

## LC2—Gadona silty clay, 0 to 10 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the southeastern and south-central part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U2
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,650 feet (564 to 808 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this unit. Permafrost is common in adjoining units.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Gadona and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Klasi soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 10 percent, plane or undulating
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over clayey glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LC5—Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes

(Figure 11)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the western part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U3
*Elevation:* 2,375 to 2,500 feet (724 to 762 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by continuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Klasi and similar soils: 30 to 60 percent
Klasi, very wet, and similar soils: 30 to 60 percent
**Minor components:**
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Klasi**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 12 percent, plane or convex
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched

*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.3 inches (13.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 23 inches (58 cm) of clayey glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

**Klasi, very wet**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 0 to 5 percent, plane or concave
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.3 inches (13.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 23 inches (58 cm) of clayey glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

## LC6—Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

(Figure 12; Plate 7—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the western part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U3
*Elevation:* 2,375 to 2,500 feet (724 to 762 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by continuous permafrost. Micro-relief includes frost-heaved mounds up to 2.5 feet (0.8 m) high; spacing between mound summits is about 12 feet (3.7 m) apart.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Swillna, thin surface, and similar soils: 40 to 60 percent
Swillna and similar soils: 25 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Swillna thin surface**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* summits of frost boils
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent, convex
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 0.9 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 7.6 inches (19.3 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
This component consists of frost-heaved mounds, the summits of which are often nearly barren of vegetation.

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 40 inches (102 cm) of clayey glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

**Swillna**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* depressions between frost boils
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent, concave
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly to poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1.5 feet (0 to 0.5 m), perched

*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.8 inches (14.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
This component consists of intermound depressions.

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous organic material over 12 inches (31 cm) of clayey glaciolacustrine materials—below this, permafrost.

## LL1—Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes

(Figures 10 and 15)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northeastern and south-central portions of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A4.M1 and 135A2.U1
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,950 feet (610 to 899 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Mendna and similar soils: 0 to 70 percent
Chelina and similar soils: 0 to 70 percent
**Minor components:**
Ewan soils in drainages: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Mendna**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 10 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 7.7 inches (19.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 39 inches (99 cm) of loamy glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

**Chelina**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 10 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6 inches (15.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over loamy glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LL2—Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes

(Plate 8—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northeastern and south-central portions of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U1
*Elevation:* 2,150 to 2,900 feet (655 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Mendna and similar soils: 60 to 85 percent

Ewan and similar soils: 10 to 20 percent
**Minor components:**
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Chelina soils: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Mendna**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane or undulating
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 7.7 inches (19.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 39 inches (99 cm) of loamy glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

**Ewan**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* drainages
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane or concave
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly to poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1.5 feet (0 to 0.5 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.1 inches (15.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Shallow drainages (Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub)

*Note:*
This component occurs as narrow stringers along depressions and drainages.

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 4 inches (10 cm) of silty glaciolacustrine material—below this, loamy glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LL3—Gadona silty clay, 5 to 20 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the southern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U3
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,650 feet (732 to 808 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this unit, but is common in adjacent units.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Gadona and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Klasi soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 5 to 20 percent
*Slope length:* 100 to 400 feet (30 to 122 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* clayey glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4.2 inches (10.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over clayey glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LL12—Chelina loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northeastern and south-

central portions of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A4.M1 and 135A2.U1
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,850 feet (579 to 869 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this unit, but is common in adjoining units.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Chelina and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Mendna soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 10 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 100 to 500 feet (30 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6 inches (15.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over loamy glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LL13—Chelina loam, 7 to 25 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northeastern and south-central portions of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A4.M1 and 135A2.U1
*Elevation:* 2,700 to 2,800 feet (823 to 853 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this unit but is common in adjoining units.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Chelina and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Mendna soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* hills
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 7 to 25 percent, all shapes
*Slope length:* 100 to 400 feet (30 to 122 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6 inches (15.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous material over loamy glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## LL41—Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

(Figure 13; Plates 9—lower photo and 10—lower photo)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northeastern and south-central portions of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1, 135A2.U2, 135A2.U3, and 135A2.U4
*Elevation:* 2,150 to 2,850 feet (655 to 869 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days

*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, and similar soils: 40 to 65 percent
Cryofibrists and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Mendna soils on glaciolacustrine terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Chelina soils on glaciolacustrine terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Pergelic Cryohemists, dry**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* palsen and peat mounds
*Slope:* 0 to 14 percent, plane or convex
*Slope length:* 10 to 40 feet (3 to 12 m)
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable frozen materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 8.8 inches (22.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Peat mounds (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
This component occurs on permafrost-cored mounds and ridges surrounding ponds.

*Representative pedon:* about 27 inches (69 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over permafrost

**Cryofibrists**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* depressions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, concave
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m)
*Ponding:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 9.4 inches (23.9 cm)
*Ecological site:* Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow)

*Note:*
This component occurs in depressions and along pond margins.

*Representative pedon:* about 29 inches (74 cm) of fibrous organic material over water, peat, or clayey or loamy mineral soil

## LL411—Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

(Plate 10—lower photo)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the western portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1, 135A2.U2, 135A2.U3, and 135A2.U4
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 2,650 feet (762 to 808 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Pergelic Cryohemists and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
Mendna, very wet, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Cryofibrists and similar soils: 5 to 20 percent
**Minor components:**
Water: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent
Pergelic Cryohemists soils on mounds: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Pergelic Cryohemists**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks and hummocks
*Slope:* 0 to 14 percent, plane or concave
*Slope length:* 50 to 200 feet (15 to 61 m)

*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable frozen materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 8.8 inches (22.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks and hummocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 27 inches (69 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over permafrost

**Mendna, very wet**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 0 to 14 percent
*Slope length:* 50 to 200 feet (15 to 61 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.2 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 7.7 inches (19.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 39 inches (99 cm) of loamy glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

**Cryofibrists**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* depressions
*Slope:* 0 to 1 percent, plane or concave
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m)
*Ponding:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 9.4 inches (23.9 cm)
*Ecological site:* Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow)

*Representative pedon:* about 29 inches (74 cm) of fibrous organic material over water, peat, or clayey or loamy mineral soil to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## MK1—Hufman peat

(Plate 10—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* river valleys throughout the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V2, 135A1.V3, 135A1.V4, 135A1.V5, 135A1.V6, and 135A1.V7
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,600 feet (564 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This unit often occurs on pond margins. Permafrost is generally absent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Hufman and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Oxbow lakes and ponds: 0 to 5 percent
Ice cored mounds: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* depressions
*Slope:* 0 to 1 percent, concave
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m)

*Ponding:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 10.7 inches (26.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow)

*Note:*
This component often occurs along pond margins.

*Representative pedon:* about 26 inches (66 cm) of fibrous organic material over 8 inches (20 cm) of silty alluvium—below this, stratified loamy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## MK2—Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils

(Figures 10 and 11)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands throughout the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1, 135A2.U2, 135A2.U3, and 135A2.U4
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,600 feet (579 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Pergelic Cryohemists and similar soils: 0 to 80 percent
Cryofibrists and similar soils: 0 to 80 percent
**Minor components:**
Well drained mineral soils on microhighs: 0 to 5 percent
Ponds: 0 to 10 percent

### Major Component Description

**Pergelic Cryohemists**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks and hummocks
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or concave
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 8.8 inches (22.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks and hummocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 27 inches (69 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over permafrost

**Cryofibrists**
*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* depressions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, concave
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m)
*Ponding:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 9.4 inches (23.9 cm)
*Ecological site:* Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow)

*Note:*
This component occurs in depressions and along pond margins.

*Representative pedon:* about 29 inches (74 cm) of fibrous organic material over water, peat, or clayey or loamy mineral soil to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## SA1—Nickolna silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes

(Figure 15)

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northeastern part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A4.M1
*Elevation:* 2,600 to 2,900 feet (792 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days

*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this subalpine unit. Differences in micro-climate and fire history contribute to patchiness in the vegetation.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Nickolna and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Mendna soils: 0 to 5 percent
Cobblank soils: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* backslopes, shoulders, and summits
*Slope:* 4 to 16 percent, plane or convex
*Slope length:* 300 to 1,200 feet (91 to 366 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.3 inches (16 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy backslopes

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 8 inches (20 cm) of silty loess—below this, loamy glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## SA3—Goodview-Rock outcrop complex, 20 to 50 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the northern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A4.M1
*Elevation:* 3,000 to 3,300 feet (914 to 1,006 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
Permafrost is generally absent from this subalpine unit.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Goodview and similar soils: 50 to 75 percent
Rock outcrop: 15 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Poorly drained soils on footslopes: 0 to 5 percent
Chelina soils on toeslopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Goodview**
*Landforms:* mountains
*Position on landforms:* backslopes and footslopes
*Slope:* 20 to 50 percent, plane, northeast aspect
*Slope length:* 500 to 2,500 feet (152 to 762 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow and shallow—less than 20 inches (less than 51 cm) to unweathered bedrock
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over residuum
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 1.5 inches (3.8 cm)
*Ecological site:* Upper mountain slopes, shallow (Low shrub birch scrub)

*Representative pedon:* about 5 inches (13 cm) of fibrous organic material over 6 inches (15 cm) of silty loess—below this, consolidated bedrock

**Rock outcrop**
*Definition:* exposures of unvegetated bedrock
*Landforms:* mountains
*Position on landforms:* backslopes and footslopes

## ST1—Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes

(Figure 4)

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the Middle Fork and middle and upper reaches of the Main Stem—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V2
*Elevation:* 2,100 to 2,700 feet (640 to 823 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river

channels; channel gradient is 16 to 50 feet/mile (3.0 to 9.5 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Klute and similar soils: 0 to 85 percent
Kluna and similar soils: 0 to 85 percent
**Minor components:**
Swedna soils on low flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Klute**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.1 inches (13 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 33 inches (84 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Kluna**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* low stream terrace positions
*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent, plane
*Depth class:* deep—40 to 60 inches (102 to 152 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* moderately well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.8 inches (14.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 12 feet (1.2 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 45 inches (114 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sand and gravel to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST2—Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle and lower reaches of the Main Stem—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V2 and 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,450 feet (564 to 747 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kuslinad and similar soils: 30 to 55 percent
Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Hufman and similar soils: 10 to 25 percent
**Minor components:**
Ponds: 0 to 10 percent
Klute and Kluna soils: 0 to 10 percent

### Major Component Description

**Kuslinad**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 8 to 15 feet (2.4 to 4.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Pergelic Cryohemists, dry**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* palsen and peat mounds
*Slope:* 0 to 14 percent, plane or convex
*Slope length:* 10 to 40 feet (3 to 12 m)
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over variable frozen materials
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 8.8 inches (22.4 cm)
*Ecological site:* Peat mounds (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
This component consists of permafrost cored peat mounds and ridges. Height above the adjacent wet meadows and ponds ranges from 10 to 35 feet (3 to 11 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 27 inches (69 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over permafrost

**Hufman**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* backswamps, cutoff meanders, and depressions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or concave
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m)
*Ponding:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 10.7 inches (27.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 8 to 12 feet (2.4 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 26 inches (66 cm) of fibrous organic material over 8 inches (20 cm) of silty alluvium—below this, stratified loamy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST3—Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes

(Plate 11—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the Main Stem—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V3 and 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,500 feet (579 to 762 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is 16 to 50 feet/mile (3.0 to 9.5 m/km). Permafrost is continuous.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey and similar soils: 45 to 65 percent
Hogan and similar soils: 25 to 45 percent
**Minor components:**
Swedna soils on low flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)

*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 1.5 to 5 feet (0.5 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Hogan**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 12 feet (1.5 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## ST4—Hogan fine sandy loam

### Setting

*Location:* along the lower reaches of the Main Stem—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,500 feet (564 to 762 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This riparian unit is underlain by continuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Hogan and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent
Dackey soils on flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## ST5—Haggard peat, 0 to 4 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* along the lower reaches of the Main Stem and middle and lower reaches of the West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,050 feet (564 to 625 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by continuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Haggard and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Kuslinad soils: 0 to 5 percent
Ponds and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* organic material over loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 8 inches (20.3 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 20 feet (1.5 to 6.1 m). Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 24 inches (61 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over permafrost

## ST11—Klute-Tangoe, occasionally flooded, complex

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V2
*Elevation:* 2,475 to 2,600 feet (754 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is 7 to 25 feet/mile (1.3 to 4.7 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Klute and similar soils: 40 to 60 percent
Tangoe, occasionally flooded, and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent

**Minor components:**
Tangoe, frequently flooded, soils on low flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Swedna soils on flood plains: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Klute**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* low stream terrace positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.1 inches (13 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 6 feet (1.2 to 1.8 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Tangoe, occasionally flooded**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* low stream terrace positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 2 to 3.5 feet (0.6 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 1.8 inches (4.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 3 inches (8 cm) of silty alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST12—Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V1
*Elevation:* 2,800 to 2,900 feet (853 to 884 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This unit is of very limited distribution and extent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Ogtna and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Dackey soils: 0 to 5 percent
Clarena and Pippod soils on fans: 0 to 10 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5 inches (12.7 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 12 feet (1.8 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 6 inches (15 cm) of fibrous and decomposed organic material over 13 inches (33 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST13—Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes

(Figure 8)

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V2 and 135A1.V6
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 2,700 feet (762 to 823 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit includes flood plains on the main river channel and nearby alluvial fans. On flood plains, the channel is typically meandering; channel gradient is 7 to 25 feet/mile (1.3 to 4.7 m/km).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tangoe, occasionally flooded, and similar soils: 40 to 60 percent
Klute, occasionally flooded, and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
**Minor components:**
Gravelly alluvial areas: 0 to 10 percent
Dackey soils: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Tangoe, occasionally flooded**
*Landforms:* flood plains and alluvial fans
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 2 to 7 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 2 to 3.5 feet (0.6 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 1.8 inches (4.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 2 to 5 feet (0.6 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 3 inches (8 cm) of silty alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Klute, occasionally flooded**
*Landforms:* flood plains and alluvial fans
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 2 to 7 percent, plane
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.1 inches (13 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 8 feet (1.5 to 2.3 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 33 inches (84 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST21—Kuslinad peat
(Figure 4; Plate 11—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle and lower reaches of the Main Stem, Middle Fork, and West Fork—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V2, 135A1.V3, 135A1.V4, and 135A1.V5
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,500 feet (564 to 762 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by continuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kuslinad and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Kuslinad, very wet soils, in cottongrass tussocks: 0 to 10 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 10 percent
Hogan soils on high flood plains: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 18 feet (1.5 to 5.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## ST22—Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes
(Figure 7; Plate 4—upper photo)

### Setting

*Location:* along the lower reaches of the Middle Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V5
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,600 feet (701 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kuslinad and similar soils: 40 to 60 percent
Ganhona and similar soils: 30 to 50 percent
**Minor components:**
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 10 percent

Ponds and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Hogan soils on low stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Kuslinad**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 6 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 10 to 20 feet (3 to 6.1 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Ganhona**
*Landforms:* hills and ridges
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 2 to 20 percent, convex
*Slope length:* 10 to 50 feet (3 to 15 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.9 inches (15 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
Height of hills and ridges above the nonvegetated river channel ranges from 10 to 20 feet (3.0 to 6.1 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 7 inches (18 cm) of fibrous organic material over 2 inches (5 cm) of silty loess—below this, 50 inches (127 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium over stratified sandy alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST24—Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper South Branch and the lower reaches of the Main Stem and West Fork—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V4 and 135A1.V7
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,450 feet (564 to 746 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit receives significant additions of water as run-in for the adjacent uplands. Permafrost is continuous.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kuslinad and similar soils: 35 to 55 percent
Kuslinad, very wet, and similar soils: 35 to 55 percent
**Minor components:**
Organic soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Kusdry soils: 0 to 5 percent
Hogan soils on low stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Kuslinad**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 8 to 25 feet (2.4 to 7.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material

over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Kuslinad, very wet**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or concave
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 20 feet (1.8 to 6.1 m). Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## ST24B—Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet-Kusdry complex

### Setting

*Location:* along the lower reaches of the West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V4
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,100 feet (594 to 640 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kuslinad and similar soils: 25 to 45 percent
Kuslinad, very wet, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Kusdry and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent

**Minor components:**
Organic soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Hogan soils on low stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Kuslinad**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 12 feet (1.8 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Kuslinad, very wet**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or concave
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 12 feet (1.8 to 3.7 m). Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Kusdry**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane
*Depth class:* deep—40 to 60 inches (102 to 152 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3 feet (0.5 to 0.9 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.3 inches (13.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 12 feet (1.8 to 3.7 m). Wildfire in this unit has reduced the thickness of the organic mat, contributing to an increase in the depth to permafrost and the water table.

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 42 inches (107 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST31—Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* along the upper reaches of the South Branch, North Branch, and Main Stem—Landtype Association Map Units 135A1.V2 and 135A1.V7
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,550 feet (716 to 777 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is 16 to 50 feet/mile (3 to 9.5 m/km). Permafrost is discontinuous.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Dackey, cool, and similar soils: 45 to 65 percent
Hogan, cool, and similar soils: 25 to 45 percent

**Minor components:**
Swedna soils on low flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Kuslinad soils on stream terraces: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Dackey, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* low flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 1.5 to 5 feet (0.5 to 1.5 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Hogan, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* high flood plain positions
*Slope:* 0 to 4 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* rare
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 5 to 12 feet (1.5 to 3.7 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 25 inches (64 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## ST41—Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

(Figure 5)

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the Main Stem—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V3
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,450 feet (594 to 747 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is dissected in places with shallow channels 4 to 10 feet (1.2 to 3 m) deep. Permafrost is generally absent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Maclaren and similar soils: 50 to 70 percent
Sinona and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Cryaquepts soils on escarpments: 0 to 5 percent
Klute soils on flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Steeper soils: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Maclaren**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 10 percent, plane or dissected
*Slope length:* 5 to 20 feet (1.5 to 6.1 m)
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 15 feet (1.8 to 4.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 18 inches (46 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Sinona**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent, plane or dissected
*Slope length:* 5 to 20 feet (1.5 to 6.1 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow—less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 2.7 inches (6.9 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 8 to 25 feet (2.4 to 7.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 2 inches (5 cm) of fibrous organic material over 9 inches (23 cm) of loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## ST411—Maclaren-Kuslinad complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the West Fork—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V3
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,450 feet (610 to 747 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This unit is dissected in places with channels 4 to 20 feet (1.2 to 6.1 m) deep. Permafrost is discontinuous.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Maclaren and similar soils: 30 to 45 percent
Kuslinad, very wet, and similar soils: 20 to 40 percent
Kuslinad and similar soils: 15 to 35 percent

**Minor components:**
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent
Ponds and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Maclaren**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent, plane or dissected
*Slope length:* 5 to 20 feet (1.5 to 6.1 m)
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 3.6 inches (9.1 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 20 feet (1.8 to 6.1 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 3 inches (8 cm) of fibrous organic material over 18 inches (46 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy, gravelly, and cobbly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Kuslinad, very wet**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 0 to 5 percent, plane or dissected
*Slope length:* 5 to 20 feet (1.5 to 6.1 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 12 to 20 feet (3.7 to 6.1 m). Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Kuslinad**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 5 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 20 feet (1.8 to 6.1 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

## ST441—Kuslinad-Dackey, cool, complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* along the middle reaches of the North Branch—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A1.V2
*Elevation:* 2,475 to 2,600 feet (754 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* complex

*Note:*
This riparian unit occurs along meandering river channels; channel gradient is about 16 feet/mile (3.0 m/km). Permafrost is discontinuous.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Kuslinad and similar soils: 40 to 65 percent
Dackey, cool, and similar soils: 15 to 30 percent

**Minor components:**
Hogan soils on high flood plains: 0 to 5 percent
Hufman soils in depressions and oxbows: 0 to 5 percent
Swedna, very poorly drained, soils on flood plains: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Kuslinad**
*Landforms:* stream terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy alluvium
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 6 to 25 feet (1.8 to 7.6 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 8 inches (20 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, permafrost

**Dackey, cool**
*Landforms:* flood plains
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent, plane or convex
*Depth class:* shallow and moderately deep—10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) to sand and gravel
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* stratified loamy over gravelly alluvium
*Flooding:* occasional
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 1.5 to 3.5 feet (0.5 to 1.1 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 4 inches (10.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub)

*Note:*
Terrace height above the mean summer channel level ranges from 2 to 4.5 feet (0.6 to 1.4 m).

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of stratified loamy alluvium—below this, sandy and gravelly alluvium to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## TS1—Cryaquepts, 4 to 25 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands throughout the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1, 135A2.U2, 135A2.U3, and 135A4.M1
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,800 feet (564 to 853 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Cryaquepts and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent
Cryaquepts, very wet, soils: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* footslopes and toeslopes
*Slope:* 4 to 25 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 150 to 500 feet (46 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* shallow to very deep—more than 10 inches (more than 25 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* variable materials including lacustrine, alluvial, and colluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.3 inches (16 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 4 inches (10 cm) of fibrous organic material over variable loamy and gravelly material of mixed origin to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## TS3—Mankomen peat, 0 to 15 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the southern part of the area—Landtype Association Map Unit 135A2.U1
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,100 feet (579 to 640 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* consociation

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Mankomen and similar soils: 85 to 95 percent
**Minor components:**
Klasi soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

*Landforms:* glaciolacustrine terraces
*Position on landforms:* all positions
*Slope:* 0 to 15 percent, plane
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* sandy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.9 inches (17.5 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 15 inches (38 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 27 inches (69 cm) of sandy glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

## TS12—Chelina and Mendna soils, 6 to 20 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands throughout the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A4.M1 and 135A2.U1
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,800 feet (579 to 853 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Chelina and similar soils: 15 to 80 percent
Mendna and similar soils: 15 to 80 percent
**Minor components:**
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent
Pippod soils: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Chelina**
*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* footslopes and toeslopes
*Slope:* 6 to 20 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 400 to 1,200 feet (122 to 366 m)
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Dominant parent material:* loess over loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m)
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6 inches (15.2 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland)

*Representative pedon:* about 1 inch (3 cm) of fibrous organic material over 1 inch (3 cm) of silty loess—below this, loamy glaciolacustrine material to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Mendna**
*Landforms:* hills and mountains
*Position on landforms:* footslopes and toeslopes
*Slope:* 6 to 20 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 400 to 1,200 feet (122 to 366 m)
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—less than 40 inches (less than 102 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* loamy glaciolacustrine deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched

*Available water capacity:* mainly 7.7 inches (19.6 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 9 inches (23 cm) of fibrous and partially decomposed organic material over 39 inches (99 cm) of loamy glaciolacustrine material—below this, permafrost

## TS14—Cryaquepts and Cryaquepts, very wet, soils, 4 to 25 percent slopes

### Setting

*Location:* uplands in the southern portion of the area—Landtype Association Map Units 135A2.U1 and 135A2.U2
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,600 feet (579 to 792 m)
*Mean annual precipitation:* 15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
*Frost-free period:* 60 to 80 days
*Map unit type:* undifferentiated group

*Note:*
This unit is underlain by discontinuous permafrost.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Cryaquepts and similar soils: 20 to 80 percent
Cryaquepts, very wet, and similar soils: 20 to 80 percent
**Minor components:**
Soils on steeper slopes: 0 to 5 percent
Organic soils in depressions: 0 to 5 percent
Rock outcrops and occasional surface boulders: 0 to 5 percent

### Major Component Description

**Cryaquepts**
*Landforms:* escarpments
*Position on landforms:* footslopes and toeslopes
*Slope:* 4 to 25 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 150 to 500 feet (46 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* shallow to very deep—more than 10 inches (more than 25 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* variable materials including lacustrine, alluvial, and colluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0.5 foot to 1.5 feet (0.2 to 0.5 m), perched
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.3 inches (16 cm)
*Ecological site:* Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest)

*Representative pedon:* about 4 inches (10 cm) of fibrous organic material over variable loamy and gravelly material of mixed origin to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

**Cryaquepts, very wet**
*Landforms:* escarpments
*Position on landforms:* footslopes and toeslopes
*Micro-relief:* tussocks
*Slope:* 4 to 25 percent, plane
*Slope length:* 150 to 500 feet (46 to 152 m)
*Depth class:* shallow to very deep—more than 10 inches (more than 25 cm) to permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Dominant parent material:* variable materials including lacustrine, alluvial, and colluvial deposits
*Flooding:* none
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 0.5 foot (0 to 0.2 m), perched
*Ponding:* 0 to 1 foot (0 to 0.3 m), long
*Available water capacity:* mainly 6.3 inches (16 cm)
*Ecological site:* Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland)

*Note:*
Ponding occurs in depressions between tussocks.

*Representative pedon:* about 7 inches (18 cm) of fibrous organic material over variable loamy and gravelly material of mixed origin to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

## W--Water

### Setting

*Location:* throughout the survey area.

*Note:*
This unit represents water bodies greater than 10 acres (greater than 4 ha).

### Composition

**Major components:**
Water and similar soils: 90 percent
**Minor components:**
Ponded soils with emergent vegetation: 0 to 10 percent

# VEGETATION RESOURCES

Delineations on the vegetation map in Volume 2 represent the vegetation map units of the Gulkana River area. A vegetation map unit is an area, or collective areas, on the landscape with a defined composition and pattern of vegetation cover types. Each map unit consists of one or more cover type components and differs in some respect from all other map units. A map unit component includes all areas (stands) within the map unit that fit the general range in characteristics of a specific vegetation cover type. Survey methods used to make the vegetation map are described in Appendix C.

Each delineation on the vegetation map has a **map unit symbol** to indicate the map unit and to link it to the corresponding map unit description on the following pages. Map unit symbols consist of a string of two letters and a number. The letters were assigned to indicate the general location and character of the map unit as follows:

**EE(0-2)**—escarpments characterized by steep slopes and areas of mass wasting; vegetation is highly variable depending on site properties such as aspect, slope gradient, and slope shape and position

**FA(0-3)**—flood plains in the alder zone; primarily the lower North and South Branches, the West Fork, and the Main Stem south of Canyon Rapids

**FW(0-9)**—flood plains in the willow zone; primarily north of Canyon Rapids on the Main Stem and the Middle Fork and the upper reaches of the North and South Branches

**MM(0-3)**—stream terrace and upland areas dominated by sedge wet meadow; common ponds and small lakes in areas occupied by these units

**ST(0-7)**—spruce woodland on stream terraces in both the alder and willow zones; permafrost and poorly drained soils prevalent

**UB(0-3)**—upland spruce woodland dominated by *Betula glandulosa* understory types; generally, extensive evidence of recent wildfire

**UM(0-3)**—upland spruce woodland dominated by *Carex lugens* understory types; permafrost and poorly drained soils prevalent

**US(0-6)**—dry cover types on uplands in which *Betula glandulosa* dominates the shrub layer and lichen and various xerophytic herbs dominate the ground layer; coarse textured soils prevalent; generally, extensive evidence of recent wildfires

**UT(0-3)**—upland spruce woodland and scrub dominated by *Eriophorum brachyantherum* understory types; permafrost and poorly drained soils prevalent

**UW(0-1)**—drainages in the uplands in which *Salix planifolia* is a dominant species; forest and scrub cover types

The map unit descriptions that follow identify both the **major components** (dominant cover types occurring in all delineations) and **minor components** (subordinate cover types not occurring in every delineation). Similar inclusions, cover types similar enough to be managed as part of the component, also are identified; however, they are generally of minor extent and represent only a small portion of the component. **Incidental occurrence** lists other cover types observed within the map unit, which are of limited extent or incidental occurrence and usually dissimilar to the named components. Average percent composition across the entire range of the map unit is given for each component. For any specific delineation, actual composition may vary somewhat from the average.

Vegetation map units of the Gulkana River area, including the symbol, map unit name, and approximate acreage, are listed in Table 7. Common soils in each major component are listed in Table 8.

## Vegetation Map Unit Descriptions

Cover types listed under "Major components" and "Minor components" are described in Appendix E.

### EE0—Escarpments

**Setting**

*Location:* primarily along the Main Stem beginning just north of the canyon to Sourdough
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,500 feet (579 to 762 m)

*Note:*

This unit includes the north-south trending escarpments characteristic of the Main Stem. Slope aspect and gradient are highly variable and change frequently over relatively short distances, resulting in a wide range of growing conditions. Mass wasting is common on escarpments. Most escarpments are in the transition zone between the river corridor and the uplands.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 35 percent
Sparsely vegetated escarpments: 20 percent
White spruce forest: 15 percent
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Spruce/alder woodland: 10 percent
Low shrub birch scrub: 5 percent

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
**Sparsely vegetated escarpments**
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
*Other:* This component occurs on steep and very steep, unstable slopes. Nearly barren areas with evidence of periodic mass wasting are included within this component.
**White spruce forest**
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
*Other:* This component typically occurs on lower slope positions.
**Quaking aspen-white spruce forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Quaking aspen forest
*Principal soils:* Cryochrepts
*Other:* This component occurs on steep, convex slope shoulder and southerly aspects.
**Spruce/alder woodland**
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts

## EE1—Escarpments (2)

### Setting

*Location:* primarily along the Middle Fork, the lower North Branch, and the West Fork
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,500 feet (610 to 762 m)

*Note:*

This unit includes the east-west trending, north facing escarpments characteristic of the Middle and West Forks. Slope aspects are primarily northeast, north, and northwest. Slope gradient is highly variable. Areas of mass wasting are uncommon in this unit compared with the other escarpment units. Most escarpments are in the transition zone between the river corridor and the uplands.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 55 percent
Low shrub birch scrub: 30 percent
**Minor components:**
Spruce/alder woodland: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Sparsely vegetated escarpments
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Structure and composition:* Tall *Salix* spp. are common to well-represented in most stands of this component.
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
*Other:* This component is more prevalent at higher elevations.
**Spruce/alder woodland**
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts

## EE2—Escarpments (3)

### Setting

*Location:* primarily along the Middle Fork, the lower North Branch, and the West Fork
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,500 feet (610 to 762 m)

*Note:*

This unit includes the east-west trending, south facing escarpments characteristic of the Middle and West Forks. Slope aspects are primarily southeast, south, and southwest. Slope gradient is highly variable. Mass wasting is common in this unit. Most escarpments are in the transition zone between the river corridor and the uplands.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 35 percent
Sparsely vegetated escarpments: 30 percent
Spruce/lichen woodland: 15 percent
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest: 15 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Spruce/alder woodland
White spruce forest

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch scrub
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
**Sparsely vegetated escarpments**
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
*Other:* This component occurs on steep and very steep, unstable slopes. Nearly barren areas with evidence of periodic mass wasting are included in this component.
**Spruce/lichen woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts
**Quaking aspen-white spruce forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Quaking aspen forest
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts

## FA0—Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub : Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest : White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

### Setting

*Location:* along the Main Stem from the canyon to Sourdough and along the mid portion of the West Fork
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)

*Note:*
This unit is one of the most extensive units within the river corridor. This unit occurs on low and high flood plains and stands of each component are generally of small extent and intermixed with the other components.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub: 20 percent
Tall thinleaf alder scrub: 15 percent
Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest: 15 percent
White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest: 10 percent
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest: 10 percent
Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub: 8 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 7 percent
Sedge-grass riparian meadow
Sedge wet meadow
Sparsely vegetated alluvium
Low willow/herb scrub

### Component Notes

**Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* This component occurs adjacent to the channel on the low flood plains. Terrace height generally ranges from 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) above the channel.
**Tall thinleaf alder scrub**
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* This component typically occurs between the Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub and the Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder forest components.
**Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Principal soils:* Kluna, deep; Klute, moderately wet; and Dackey
*Other:* This component occurs above the alder-willow zone on slightly higher flood plains. Terrace height generally ranges from 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m) above the channel.
**White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Principal soils:* Hogan
*Other:* This component occurs on high flood plains generally from 5 to 8 feet (1.5 to 2.4 m) above the channel.
**Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Soils:* Kluna, deep; Klute, moderately wet; and Dackey
*Other:* This component occurs intermixed with the Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder forest component.
**White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland
*Principal soils:* Hogan
*Other:* This component typically occurs above the White spruce/thinleaf alder forest component as a narrow transition between high flood plains and stream terraces. Terrace height ranges from 6 to 10 feet (1.8 to 3 m) above the channel.
**Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Tall feltleaf willow scrub
*Principal soils:* Dackey and Kluna, frequently flooded

*Other:* This component typically occurs below the Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub component on the lowest flood plains between 1 to 3 feet (0.3 to 0.9 m) above the channel.

## FA1—White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

### Setting

*Location:* high flood plains along the Main Stem from the canyon south to Sourdough
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest: 70 percent
Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest: 28 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 2 percent
Sedge wet meadow

### Component Notes

**White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Soils:* Hogan
*Other:* This component occurs on flood plains 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m) above the channel.
**Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest
*Soils:* Klute, moderately wet
*Other:* This component usually occurs on the edges of the flood plains closest to the channel.

## FA2—Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub : White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest : Sedge-grass riparian meadow

### Setting

*Location:* high flood plains along the lower West Fork from about Fish Lake to the confluence with the Main Stem
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,000 feet (579 to 610 m)

*Note:*
The flood plains in this unit are very narrow, rapidly giving way to the adjoining stream terraces. The channel is relatively deeply incised; low flood plains are generally discontinuous and of small extent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub: 30 percent
White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest: 20 percent
Sedge-grass riparian meadow: 20 percent
**Minor components:**
Tall thinleaf alder scrub: 15 percent
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
Sparsely vegetated alluvium

### Component Notes

**Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* This component occurs adjacent to the channel on low flood plains from 1 to 4 feet (0.3 to 1.2 m) above the channel.
**White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Principal soils:* Hogan
*Other:* This vegetation occurs on high flood plains generally from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m) above the channel.
**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**
*Principal soils:* Swedna, very poorly drained
*Other:* This component occurs on low flood plains and steep river banks immediately adjacent to the channel.
**Tall thinleaf alder scrub**
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* This component occurs intermixed with the Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub component.
**White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland
*Principal soils:* Hogan
*Other:* This component typically occurs above the White spruce/thinleaf alder forest component as a narrow transition between high flood plains and stream terraces. Terrace height ranges from 6 to 10 feet (1.8 to 3 m) above the channel.

## FA3—Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub : White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest

### Setting

*Location:* complex of low and high flood plains along the lower North and South Branches and the upper West Fork
*Elevation:* 2,150 to 2,400 feet (655 to 732 m)

*Note:*
Low flood plains in this unit are generally of small extent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub: 40 percent
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest: 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest: 8 percent
Tall thinleaf alder scrub: 7 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub
Low willow/water sedge scrub
Sedge-grass riparian meadow
Sparsely vegetated alluvium

### Component Notes

**Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* This component occurs adjacent to the channel on the low flood plains. Terrace height generally ranges from 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) above the channel.
**White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland and Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Principal soils:* Hogan and Maclaren
*Other:* This component occurs on high flood plains generally from 5 to 15 feet (1.5 to 4.6 m) above the channel.
**Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* Stands of this component are generally of small extent.
**Tall thinleaf alder scrub**
*Principal soils:* Dackey
*Other:* Stands of this component are generally of small extent.

## FW0—White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb scrub

### Setting

*Location:* complex of low and high flood plains along the Middle Fork in the vicinity of Hungry Hollow Creek and along the Main Stem from the Middle Fork confluence to the canyon
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,500 feet (732 to 762 m)

*Note:*
Stands of each component are generally of small extent and intermixed with stands of the other components.

### Composition

**Major components:**
White spruce/willow open forest: 50 percent
Low willow/herb scrub: 27 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge-grass riparian meadow: 10 percent
Tall feltleaf willow scrub: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 3 percent
Sedge wet meadow
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest

### Component Notes

**White spruce/willow open forest**
*Principal soils:* Kluna; Klute; Hogan, cool; and Dackey, cool
*Other:* This component occurs on the high flood plains. The soils usually have a thicker layer of fine textured alluvium and a deeper water table than those in the Low willow/herb scrub and Sedge-grass riparian meadow components.
**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* Dackey, cool, and Swedna
*Other:* This component typically occurs on lower flood plains than the White spruce/willow component.
**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**
*Principal soils:* Swedna, very poorly drained
*Other:* This component occurs primarily along the continuously wetted margin of the main channel. It also occurs in backwater areas and ephemeral channels.

**Tall feltleaf willow scrub**
*Principal soils:* Dackey, cool, and Swedna
*Other:* Stands of this component are generally of small extent and found in association with the Low willow/herb scrub component.

## FW1—White spruce/willow open forest

### Setting

*Location:* high flood plains and alluvial fans beginning just below the canyon along the Middle Fork to Canyon Rapids on the Main Stem
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,550 feet (731 to 799 m)

*Note:*
This unit typically occurs on high flood plains 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m) above the channel and above the willow zone.

### Composition

**Major components:**
White spruce/willow open forest: 80 percent
**Minor components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 10 percent
Low willow/herb scrub: 5 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Sedge-grass riparian meadow
Sedge wet meadow
White spruce/moss forest

### Component Notes

**White spruce/willow open forest**
*Structure and composition: Populus balsamifera* occasionally is common, particularly in stands along the Middle Fork and near the confluence of the Middle Fork and Main Stem.
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/willow woodland
*Principal soils:* Klute; Kluna; and Klute, occasionally flooded
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Structure and composition:* In this component, tall *Picea glauca* trees, which are beginning to die out, are being replaced by slower growing *Picea mariana* and *Picea glauca.*
*Principal soils:* Klute, cool, and Kluna
*Other:* This component occurs on the interior of high flood plains.
**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* Klute; Kluna; Klute, occasionally flooded; and Tangoe
*Other:* This component usually occurs on lower flood plain positions.

## FW2—White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb2 scrub

### Setting

*Location:* complex of low and high flood plains along the mid and lower portions of the Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,500 feet (747 to 762 m)

*Note:*
In most places within this unit, the channel is deeply incised with steep banks; within 50 feet (15 m) or less of the channel, the high flood plains are from 5 to 15 feet (1.5 to 4.6 m) above the channel.

### Composition

**Major components:**
White spruce/willow open forest: 50 percent
Low willow/herb2 scrub: 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge-grass riparian meadow: 6 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 4 percent
Tall feltleaf willow scrub

### Component Notes

**White spruce/willow open forest**
*Principal soils:* Hogan, cool
*Other:* This component occurs on high flood plain positions and the interiors of meanders.
**Low willow/herb2 scrub**
*Principal soils:* Sankluna
*Other:* This component occurs on flood plain positions including the exterior of meanders and on point bars.
**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**
*Principal soils:* Swedna, very poorly drained
*Other:* This component is restricted to the lower margins of the steep stream banks and grades rapidly into the Low willow/herb scrub component.

## FW3—Low willow/herb scrub : White spruce/willow open forest

### Setting

*Location:* flood plains along the Middle Fork near Swede and Hungry Hollow Creeks and along Keg Creek on the North Branch.
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,550 feet (716 to 777 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low willow/herb scrub: 40 percent
White spruce/willow open forest: 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Tall feltleaf willow scrub: 13 percent
Sparsely vegetated alluvium: 5 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 2 percent
Sedge-grass riparian meadow

### Component Notes

**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, frequently flooded
*Other:* This component usually occurs immediately adjacent to the channel on low flood plains.
**White spruce/willow open forest**
*Structure and composition:* Stands of this component tend to be relatively young with medium height and diameter trees.
*Principal soils:* Klute, occasionally flooded, and Tangoe, occasionally flooded
*Other:* This vegetation generally occurs on the interior of meander bends on slightly higher flood plain positions than the associated Low willow/herb scrub component.
**Tall feltleaf willow scrub**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, frequently flooded
*Other:* This component usually occurs as small stands immediately adjacent to the channel on flood plains.
**Sparsely vegetated alluvium**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, wet
*Other:* This component usually occurs on low terraces and ridges on the flood plains.

## FW4—White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb scrub (2)

### Setting

*Location:* the alluvial fan of Hungry Hollow Creek on the Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 2,575 feet (762 to 785 m)

*Note:*
Charred stumps, downed trees, and snags indicate the vegetation of this unit was burned by wildfire in the not too distant past. The lower edge of the fan is wetter from run-in and subsurface drainage.

### Composition

**Major components:**
White spruce/willow open forest: 67 percent
Low willow/herb scrub: 33 percent

### Component Notes

**White spruce/willow open forest**
*Structure and composition:* Stands of this component usually have a woodland canopy (less than 25 percent tree cover) with common to well-represented small saplings and seedlings in the understory. The lower edge of the fan is wetter from subsurface drainage and run-in; *Carex aquatilis* is well-represented in the understory.
*Principal soils:* Klute and Kluna
**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Structure and composition:* Seedlings and small saplings are well-represented to abundant.
*Principal soils:* Klute and Kluna

## FW5—Willow scrub complex

### Setting

*Location:* low flood plains along the upper Middle Fork and upper North Branch
*Elevation:* 2,550 to 2,875 feet (777 to 876 m)

*Note:*
Along the Middle Fork, this unit is relatively wide. Beaver activity has created a network of channels and ponds and apparently raised the water table throughout much of the area. Along the North Branch, this unit is very narrow, occurring immediately adjacent to the channel.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low willow/water sedge scrub: 50 percent
Low willow/herb scrub: 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge-grass riparian meadow: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
White spruce/willow open forest
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds

### Component Notes

**Low willow/water sedge scrub**
*Structure and composition:* The water sedge layer of this component is very similar to Sedge-grass riparian meadow. In places where the willow layer

becomes sparse, the distinction between this vegetation and Sedge-grass riparian meadow becomes arbitrary and transitional.

*Principal soils:* Swedna, high elevation

**Low willow/herb scrub**

*Principal soils:* Swedna, high elevation

*Other:* This vegetation occurs on somewhat higher microsites than the Low willow/water sedge scrub component. Moose browsing in many places has resulted in severe hedging and a browse line at 4 to 5 feet (1.2 to 1.5 m). Above this level, dead stems protrude to 7 feet (2.1 m) or more. The height of the browse line may also indicate average snow depth in winter.

**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**

*Principal soils:* Swedna, very poorly drained

*Other:* Even during the dry summer of 1994, ponded water covered the surface across most areas of this vegetation. Ponds and channels are frequent throughout.

## FW6—Sedge-grass riparian meadow : Low willow/herb scrub

### Setting

*Location:* low flood plains and isolated segments of high flood plains along the upper South Branch for about 3 miles (4.8 km) below Mud Lake

*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,350 feet (701 to 716 m)

*Note:*

This unit occupies the narrow riparian zone adjacent to the channel. Much of the flood plain is less than 2 feet (less than 0.6 m) above the channel, and ponding or a water table near the surface is common in the Sedge-grass riparian meadow and Low willow/herb scrub components during the growing season.

### Composition

**Major components:**

Sedge-grass riparian meadow: 45 percent

Low willow/herb scrub: 41 percent

**Minor components:**

White spruce/willow open forest: 14 percent

### Component Notes

**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**

*Structure and composition:* This component includes both typical Sedge-grass riparian meadow dominated by *Carex aquatilis* and grassy meadow dominated by *Calamagrostis canadensis.*

*Principal soils:* Aquatna

**Low willow/herb scrub**

*Principal soils:* Aquatna

*Other:* This component usually occurs on slightly higher microsites and further back from the channel than the Sedge-grass riparian meadow component.

**White spruce/willow open forest**

*Principal soils:* Hogan, cool

*Other:* This type occurs on high flood plain positions.

## FW7—Low willow/water sedge scrub

### Setting

*Location:* low flood plains bordering the main channel and major side drainages along the upper Middle Fork

*Elevation:* 2,600 to 2,800 feet (792 to 853 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**

Low willow/water sedge scrub: 60 percent

Low willow/herb scrub: 25 percent

**Minor components:**

White spruce/willow open forest: 13 percent

**Incidental occurrence:** 2 percent

Tall feltleaf willow scrub

Sedge-grass riparian meadow

### Component Notes

**Low willow/water sedge scrub**

*Structure and composition:* The water sedge layer of this type is similar to the Sedge-grass riparian meadow type. In places where the willow layer becomes sparse, the distinction between this vegetation and Sedge-grass riparian meadow becomes arbitrary and transitional.

*Principal soils:* Swedna, high elevation, and Hisna

**Low willow/herb scrub**

*Principal soils:* Swedna, high elevation, and Hisna

*Other:* This type occurs on slightly higher microsites than the Low willow/water sedge scrub component.

**White spruce/willow open forest**

*Principal soils:* Hogan, cool

*Other:* This type occurs on high flood plain positions.

## FW8—Willow scrub complex (2)

### Setting

*Location:* low flood plains bordering the main channel below Dickey Lake and the flood plain on the alluvial fan of Hungry Hollow Creek
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 2,900 feet (762 to 884 m)

*Note:*
The gradient of the stream channel within this unit generally is relatively steep and nearly barren. Cobbly alluvium is exposed across much of the surface.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low willow/herb scrub: 40 percent
Tall feltleaf willow scrub: 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Sparsely vegetated alluvium: 12 percent
Sedge-grass riparian meadow: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 3 percent
Low willow/water sedge scrub
White spruce/willow open forest

### Component Notes

**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded
*Other:* Much of the willow is slightly to severely hedged from moose browsing.
**Tall feltleaf willow scrub**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, wet
*Other:* This vegetation usually occurs as small stands immediately adjacent to the main channel. The feltleaf willow is moderately to severely hedged from moose browsing; other willows are slightly to moderately hedged.
**Sparsely vegetated alluvium**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, wet
*Other:* This component usually occurs on low terraces and ridges on the flood plains. The available water in the upper portions of the soils is extremely limited, except during periods of flooding, due to the lack of fines in the soil, excessive soil drainage, and a slightly elevated position.
**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded
*Other:* This vegetation typically forms small stands and narrow stringers adjacent to the main channel, in sloughs and abandoned channels, and elsewhere where ponding and a shallow water table persists much of the growing season. Sedge cover usually is sparse and mosses more abundant in depressions on the flood plain.

## FW9—Low willow/herb scrub

### Setting

*Location:* low flood plains along the Main Stem from the outlet of Paxson Lake to the Middle Fork confluence
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,550 feet (747 to 777 m)

*Note:*
The gradient of the stream channel within this unit is generally relatively steep, and boulders and cobbly alluvium are common adjacent to and within the main channel. Ponded areas and narrow, shallow channels back from the main channel are common near the confluence of the Main Stem and Middle Fork.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low willow/herb scrub: 70 percent
**Minor components:**
Low willow/water sedge scrub: 10 percent
Tall feltleaf willow scrub: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
White spruce/willow open forest
Sedge-grass riparian meadow

### Component Notes

**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Structure and composition:* White spruce trees and seedlings are common in many places at the lower end of this unit near the confluence of the Main Stem and Middle Fork.
*Principal soils:* Tangoe
**Low willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe, wet
*Other:* This type occurs primarily along the margins of channels and ponded areas.
**Tall feltleaf willow scrub**
*Principal soils:* Tangoe and Tangoe, wet
*Other:* Stands of this type are generally of small extent and limited to gravel bars and other sites adjacent to the main channel.

## MM0—Sedge wet meadow

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces, till plains, and stream terraces throughout the survey area
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,700 feet (579 to 823 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs in topographic depressions and drainages, along the margins of ponds and lakes, and in sloughs and abandoned channels.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 95 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds

### Component Notes

**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Hufman and Cryofibrists

## MM1—Sedge wet meadow : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces, till plains, and stream terraces throughout the survey area
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,600 feet (594 to 792 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs in topographic depressions and drainages, sloughs, and abandoned channels.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 60 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 35 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds

### Component Notes

**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists and Hufman
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists

## MM2—Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Sedge wet meadow : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces and occasionally till plains throughout the survey area
*Elevation:* 2,100 to 2,900 feet (640 to 884 m)

*Note:*
This unit includes a complex of topographic depressions, interconnecting channels, and low ridges and mounds.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 52 percent
Sedge wet meadow: 26 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 7 percent

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/lichen woodland and Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists, Mendna, and Klasi
*Other:* This component occurs on low ridges and mounds.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs in topographic depressions between ridges and mounds.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/water sedge woodland
*Principal soils:* Ewan and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs in shallow, gently sloping drainages between topographic depressions.
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists, Mendna, and Klasi
*Other:* This component occurs on higher microsites in drainages and on ridges and mounds.

## MM3—Low shrub birch scrub : Sedge wet meadow

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces along the upper South Branch and North Branch and, rarely, on till plains along the Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,650 feet (732 to 808 m)

*Note:*
This unit consists of relatively high ridges and mounds and intervening basins and depressions. Local relief between ridges and depressions ranges from 10 to 25 feet (3 to 7.6 m) or more. Small lakes and ponds occupy many of the basins and these are often interconnected with shallow, gently sloping drainages.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 63 percent
Sedge wet meadow: 20 percent
**Minor components:**
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 15 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 2 percent
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists, dry
*Other:* This component occurs on the ridges and mounds.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists and Hufman
*Other:* This component occurs in basins and along the margins of ponds and lakes.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Ewan and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages and on higher microsites within basins.

## ST0—Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland : Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Sedge wet meadow

### Setting

*Location:* stream terraces along the Main Stem south of the canyon and along the lower North and South Branches and the West Fork
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,500 feet (564 to 762 m)

*Note:*
In many locations, this map unit is associated with run-in areas from adjacent lacustrine terraces, escarpments, and alluvial fans.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 50 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 30 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 8 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 8 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 4 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
White spruce/thinleaf alder forest
Spruce/willow woodland

### Component Notes

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet, and Haggard
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest and White spruce/ericaceous shrub woodland
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad and Kusdry
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Hufman
*Other:* This component occurs in depressions and shallow drainages. Stands of Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub often occur in association with Sedge wet meadow.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Hufman and Haggard
*Other:* This component occurs in shallow drainages.

## ST1—Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Setting

*Location:* stream terraces throughout most of the river corridor
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,500 feet (564 to 762 m)

*Note:*
Delineations of this unit are generally of relatively small extent.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 65 percent
**Minor components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 12 percent
White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest: 8 percent
Low shrub birch scrub: 6 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 9 percent
White spruce/thinleaf alder forest
Spruce/willow woodland

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest and Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad and Maclaren
**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet, and Mendna, very wet
*Other:* This component typically occurs on slightly wetter microsites than the Spruce/shrub birch woodland component.
**White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest**
*Principal soils:* Hogan, Kusdry, Kuslinad, and Maclaren
*Other:* This component usually occurs along the transition between stream terraces and the slightly lower high flood plains.
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/spruce muskeg sedge scrub
*Principal soils:* Maclaren and Kuslinad
*Other:* In most places, this component appears to be a burned stage of the Spruce/shrub birch woodland component.

## ST2—Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Sedge wet meadow

### Setting

*Location:* stream terraces along the Main Stem south of the canyon and along the lower West Fork to Sourdough
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,100 feet (564 to 640 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 60 percent
Sedge wet meadow: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 10 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 5 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
Spruce/willow woodland
White spruce/thinleaf alder forest
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest and White spruce/ericaceous shrub woodland
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad
*Other:* This component occurs on terraces generally ranging from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3 m) above the channel.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Hufman
*Other:* This component occurs in depressional areas and drainages.
**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet
*Other:* This component typically occurs in wetter microsites than the Spruce/shrub birch woodland component.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Hufman
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages in association with the Sedge wet meadow component.

## ST3—Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Low shrub birch scrub : Sedge wet meadow

### Setting

*Location:* high stream terraces along the lower Middle Fork to just below the confluence with the Main Stem
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,500 feet (747 to 762 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs on stream terraces ranging from 10 to 20 feet (3 to 6.1 m) or more above the main channel. Ponds and small lakes are common throughout the area. Local relief between the terraces and ponds ranges from 5 to 20 feet (1.5 to 6.1 m) or more.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 45 percent
Low shrub birch scrub: 18 percent
Sedge wet meadow: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 12 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 5 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds
Spruce/water sedge woodland

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Principal soils:* Ganhona and Kuslinad
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/spruce muskeg sedge scrub
*Principal soils:* Ganhona and Kuslinad
*Other:* In most places, this component appears to be a burned stage of the Spruce/shrub birch woodland component.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Hufman
*Other:* This component typically occurs along the margins of ponds and small lakes and in depressions and shallow drainages.
**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad and Pergelic Cryohemists
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists and Hufman
*Other:* This component typically occurs in association with Sedge wet meadow in shallow drainages.

## ST4—Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland : Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Spruce/lichen woodland

### Setting

*Location:* stream terraces along the North Branch beginning at about Keg Creek to Fish Lake on the West Fork
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,400 feet (610 to 732 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 35 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 30 percent
Spruce/lichen woodland: 20 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 7 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 5 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 3 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
Spruce/willow woodland

### Component Notes

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest and White spruce/ericaceous shrub woodland
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, Maclaren, and Kusdry
**Spruce/lichen woodland**
*Principal soils:* Maclaren
*Other:* This component usually occurs on higher terrace remnants and ridges.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Hufman
*Other:* This component occurs in depressions and shallow drainages.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet, and Hufman
*Other:* This component occurs in shallow drainages. Stands of Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub are often found in association with Sedge wet meadow.

## ST5—Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Low willow/herb scrub

### Setting

*Location:* stream terraces and adjacent flood plains along the North Branch above Keg Creek
*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,550 feet (716 to 777 m)

*Note:*
The channel through this unit is deeply incised, and most terraces range from 4 to 15 feet (1.2 to 4.6 m) or more above the channel. The upper portion of

this unit is very narrow and stream sinuosity is high. Terrace segments are generally small and flood plains are nearly absent. The lower portion of this unit is considerably wider and channel sinuosity is less. Both the terraces and flood plains are more extensive.

#### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 50 percent
Low willow/herb scrub: 40 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Low shrub birch scrub
Sedge-grass riparian meadow

#### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest, Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest, and Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Hogan, cool, and Maclaren
**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* Dackey, cool
*Other:* This component is restricted to the flood plains and steep stream banks.

### ST6—Low willow/herb scrub (2)

#### Setting

*Location:* low stream terraces along the upper Middle Fork for about 2 miles (3.2 km) immediately below Dickey Lake
*Elevation:* 2,800 to 2,870 feet (853 to 875 m)

#### Composition

**Major components:**
Low willow/herb scrub: 96 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 4 percent
Sedge-grass riparian meadow
Low shrub birch scrub

#### Component Notes

**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Structure and composition:* Compared with Low willow/herb scrub elsewhere, this unit has fewer species and relatively sparse cover in the understory.
*Principal soils:* Ogtna
*Other:* In many places, moose browsing has resulted in severe hedging and a browse line at 3 to 3.5 feet (0.9 to 1.1 m). Above this level, dead stems protrude to 7 feet (2.1 m) or more. The height of the browse line may also indicate the average snow depth in winter.

### ST7—Low shrub birch scrub

#### Setting

*Location:* stream terraces on the upper Middle Fork immediately below Dickey Lake and at the upper end of the North Branch
*Elevation:* 2,600 to 2,900 feet (792 to 884 m)

*Note:*
This unit is of limited distribution and extent, and delineations are generally small in size.

#### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 96 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 4percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

#### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
*Principal soils:* Ogtna and Chelina

### UB0—Spruce/shrub birch woodland (2)

#### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces, till plains and hills, and mountain slopes—primarily in the northern and western portions of the survey area
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,850 feet (610 to 867 m)

#### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 85 percent
**Minor components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 10 percent
Spruce/willow woodland: 5 percent

#### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open

forest and Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Chelina, Mendna, Gadona, Klasi, Cryaquepts, and Cryochrepts
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/spruce muskeg sedge scrub and Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
*Principal soils:* Chelina, Mendna, and Cryaquepts
**Spruce/willow woodland**
*Principal soils:* Mendna, Klasi, Cryaquepts

## UB1—Spruce woodland : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces and occasionally hill slopes and toeslopes above the Main Stem
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,850 feet (594 to 869 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs primarily in broadly concave and gently sloping areas with weakly developed drainage patterns.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 40 percent
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest: 20 percent
Spruce/willow woodland: 15 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 5 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland

### Component Notes

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Mendna, Cryaquepts, Chelina, and Gadona
*Other:* This component occurs on low ridges and mounds between shallow drainages.
**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**
*Principal soils:* Mendna, Cryaquepts, Chelina, and Gadona
*Other:* This component occurs on low ridges and mounds between shallow drainages.
**Spruce/willow woodland**
*Principal soils:* Cryaquepts, Ewan, and Mendna
*Other:* This component occurs on the toeslopes of low ridges and mounds and elevated microsites within drainages.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Ewan
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Ewan
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages.

## UB2—Spruce woodland : Tall alder scrub

### Setting

*Location:* mountain slopes in scattered locations above the Main Stem between the Middle Fork confluence and the canyon
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 3,100 feet (762 to 945 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs on steeper slopes, generally in the transition between the lower elevation lacustrine deposits and the higher till deposits.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Tall alder scrub: 45 percent
Spruce/willow woodland: 25 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 25 percent
**Minor components:**
Rock outcrops: 5 percent

### Component Notes

**Tall alder scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/alder woodland
*Principal soils:* Nickolna
**Spruce/willow woodland**
*Principal soils:* Nickolna
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Nickolna

## UB3—Spruce/willow woodland : Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Setting

*Location:* steeper mountain slopes and toeslopes above the Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 2,700 feet (762 to 823 m)

*Note:*
This unit is of limited distribution and extent and is restricted to what appear to be discontinuous ground water seepage areas from adjacent uplands.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/willow woodland: 50 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 45 percent
**Minor components:**
Low willow/herb scrub: 5 percent

### Component Notes

**Spruce/willow woodland**
*Principal soils:* Humic Cryaquepts
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Cryaquepts
**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* Humic Cryaquepts

## UM0—Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces and occasionally till plains and hills, mountain slopes, and escarpments; above the North Branch, South Branch, and West Fork
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,600 feet (610 to 792 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest: 50 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 25 percent
**Minor components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 10 percent
Low shrub birch scrub: 10 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 5 percent

### Component Notes

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**
*Principal soils:* Mendna, Cryaquepts, Chelina, and Klasi
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Mendna, Chelina, and Cryaquepts
**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Swillna; Cryaquepts, very wet; and Mendna, very wet
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Principal soils:* Mendna, Chelina, and Cryaquepts
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch scrub and Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
*Principal soils:* Swillna, Mendna, Cryaquepts, Chelina, and Klasi

## UM1—Spruce woodland complex

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces, till plains, and mountains slopes in the uplands and toeslopes adjacent to the river corridor; primarily above the Middle Fork, Main Stem, and lower West Fork
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,850 feet (594 to 869 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest: 45 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Spruce/willow woodland: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland

### Component Notes

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**
*Principal soils:* Klasi and Cryaquepts
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Gadona, Mendna, Chelina, Cryaquepts, and Klasi
**Spruce/willow woodland**
*Principal soils:* Klasi, Cryaquepts, Gadona, and Chelina
*Other:* This component occurs primarily on toeslopes and in wetter microsites elsewhere.

## UM2—Low shrub birch scrub : Spruce woodland

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces, and often mountain slopes, escarpments, and till plains and hills; primarily along the Middle Fork, Main Stem, and lower West Fork

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,800 feet (579 to 853 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 45 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 30 percent
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest: 20 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Quaking aspen forest

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/lichen scrub and Low shrub birch/spruce muskeg sedge scrub
*Principal soils:* Klasi, Gadona, Chelina, and Cobblank
*Other:* Charred snags, stumps, and woody debris indicate that this component has been burned by wildfire.
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/lichen woodland
*Principal soils:* Klasi, Gadona, Chelina, and Cobblank
**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**
*Principal soils:* Klasi, Gadona, Chelina, and Cobblank

## US0—Low shrub birch scrub : Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces, till plains and hills, and mountain slopes; primarily in the northern and western portions of the survey area
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 3,000 feet (732 to 914 m)

*Note:*
Well-represented to abundant charred snags, stumps, and woody debris indicate that the majority of this unit has been burned by wildfire.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 60 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 40 percent

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
*Principal soils:* Chelina, Cobblank, and Mendna
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Chelina, Cobblank, and Mendna
*Other:* This component includes unburned areas within the unit and areas of advanced woodland regeneration.

## US1—Low shrub birch/lichen scrub : Sparsely vegetated outwash

### Setting

*Location:* pitted glacial outwash plains and hills in the uplands around Dickey Lake
*Elevation:* 2,800 to 3,000 feet (854 to 915 m)

*Note:*
This unit continues for some miles to the west beyond the survey area.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch/lichen scrub: 80 percent
Sparsely vegetated outwash: 15 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Barren, sandy blowouts
Grassy meadows

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch/lichen scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch scrub
*Principal soils:* Pippod, high elevation, and Chistna, high elevation
*Other:* The coarse textured, well to excessively drained soils associated with this component are well suited to shrub growth and lichens. Grasses and forbs are of minor occurrence except in depressions and drainages.
**Sparsely vegetated outwash**
*Structure and composition:* This component consists of patches of lichen and moss with scattered dwarf shrubs and herbs. Nearly barren areas of outwash comprise 40 to 75 percent of the ground surface. Plant species are generally the same as those found in Low shrub birch/lichen scrub.
*Principal soils:* Pippod, high elevation
*Other:* This component occurs on dry, coarse textured, convex microsites on the crests and shoulders of short slopes.

## US2—Low shrub birch/lichen scrub

### Setting

*Location:* pitted glacial outwash plains and hills in the uplands around Dickey Lake, and mountain slopes above the confluence of the Middle Fork and Main Stem
*Elevation:* 2,800 to 3,500 feet (854 to 1,067 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch/lichen scrub: 75 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 20 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Sparsely vegetated outwash
Grassy meadows

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch/lichen scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch scrub
*Principal soils:* Pippod, high elevation; Chistna, high elevation; and Cobblank, cool
*Other:* The coarse textured, well to excessively drained soils associated with this component are well suited to shrub growth and lichens. Grasses and forbs are of minor occurrence except in depressions and drainages.
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Pippod, high elevation; Chistna, high elevation; and Cobblank
*Other:* This component occurs primarily at lower elevations along the edge of the unit.

## US3—Quaking aspen-white spruce forest : Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Setting

*Location:* outwash and strandline remnants on lacustrine terraces above the lower West Fork and Main Stem to Sourdough
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,450 feet (579 to 747 m)

*Note:*
Delineations of this unit typically occur as isolated, scattered areas of small extent. Stumps, snags, and charred downfall indicate most delineations have been burned by wildfire.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest: 45 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Spruce/lichen woodland: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 5 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
Spruce/alder woodland

### Component Notes

**Quaking aspen-white spruce forest**
*Principal soils:* Chistna, Pippod, and Mendna
*Other:* Stands of this component appear to have developed directly following burning.
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Structure and composition:* Quaking aspen snags and downfall are common in many stands of this component.
*Principal soils:* Chistna, Pippod, and Mendna
**Spruce/lichen woodland**
*Principal soils:* Chistna, Pippod, and Mendna

## US4—Spruce woodland complex (2)

### Setting

*Location:* outwash and strandline remnants on lacustrine terraces and high stream terraces along the upper Main Stem and mid West Fork
*Elevation:* 2,200 to 2,600 feet (671 to 792 m)

*Note:*
Delineations of this unit are generally of small to moderate extent in scattered locations.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/lichen woodland: 50 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 30 percent
Low shrub birch/lichen scrub: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Quaking aspen-white spruce forest: 5 percent

### Component Notes

**Spruce/lichen woodland**
*Principal soils:* Chistna
*Other:* Most lichen growth, except where protected by dense shrub cover, appears to be moderately to

occasionally heavily grazed by caribou. Caribou pellet groups are common to well-represented throughout most stands of this component.

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Chistna

**Low shrub birch/lichen scrub**
*Principal soils:* Chistna

**Quaking aspen-white spruce forest**
*Principal soils:* Chistna, Pippod, and Mendna
*Other:* Stands of this component appear to have developed directly following burning.

## US5—Low shrub birch/lichen scrub (2)

### Setting

*Location:* alluvial fans in the vicinity of Swede Creek and Hungry Hollow Creek on the Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,700 feet (747 to 823 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs primarily on the lower, outer portions of the fans.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch/lichen scrub: 65 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 25 percent
**Minor components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 10 percent

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch/lichen scrub**
*Principal soils:* Pippod and Clarena

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Pippod and Clarena

**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Principal soils:* Pippod and Clarena

## US6—Spruce woodland complex (3)

### Setting

*Location:* alluvial fans in the vicinity of Swede Creek and Hungry Hollow Creek on the Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,700 feet (747 to 823 m)

*Note:*
This unit generally occurs on the upper and inner portions of the fans.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Spruce/lichen woodland: 50 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 40 percent
**Minor components:**
Low shrub birch/lichen scrub: 10 percent

### Component Notes

**Spruce/lichen woodland**
*Principal soils:* Pippod and Clarena

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Principal soils:* Pippod and Clarena

**Low shrub birch/lichen scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch scrub
*Principal soils:* Pippod and Clarena

## UT0—Spruce woodland : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub (2)

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces above the West Fork and lower Main Stem
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs primarily in broadly concave areas with weakly developed drainage patterns.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 45 percent
Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest: 35 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 10 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 7 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 3 percent
Spruce/willow woodland

### Component Notes

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Klasi, very wet; Pergelic Cryohemists; and Mendna, very wet
*Other:* This component occurs on gently sloping to slightly concave plains.

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland
*Principal soils:* Klasi, Mendna, and Cryaquepts
*Other:* This component occurs on low ridges and mounds.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Ewan and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/water sedge woodland
*Principal soils:* Ewan and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages.

## UT1—Spruce woodland : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub (3)

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces adjacent to the main channel along upper North Branch
*Elevation:* 2,500 to 2,650 feet (762 to 808 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs on nearly level areas with undulating micro-topography and weakly developed drainage patterns. Ponds and small lakes are common throughout the area.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 45 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 20 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 20 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 7 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 8 percent
Low shrub birch scrub
Aquatic herbaceous in ponds

### Component Notes

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Mendna, very wet, and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs on nearly level to slightly concave plains.
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Principal soils:* Mendna
*Other:* This component occurs on low ridges and mounds.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists, Ewan, and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* This component occurs in drainages.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists
*Other:* This component occurs in depressions and along the margins of ponds and lakes.

## UT2—Spruce woodland complex (4)

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces and occasionally stream terraces above the South Branch
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,450 feet (732 to 747 m)

*Note:*
The primary micro-relief within this unit is the result of frost action that has created frost mounds up to 30 inches (76 cm) high and about 12 feet (3.7 m) between summits.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 60 percent
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 30 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
Sedge wet meadow
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

### Component Notes

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Swillna; Klasi, very wet; and Kuslinad, very wet
*Other:* This component occurs on and between frost mounds.
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Principal soils:* Swillna, thin surface; Klasi; and Kuslinad
*Other:* This component occurs primarily on the summits and sides of frost boils.

## UT3—Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland : Sedge wet meadow

### Setting

*Location:* lacustrine terraces in scattered, isolated locations above the West Fork and Middle Fork
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,750 feet (610 to 838 m)

*Note:*
This unit occurs in broadly concave and level areas with peat mounds. Local relief between peat mounds and depressions ranges from 1 to 5 feet (0.3 to 1.5 m) or more.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland: 70 percent
Sedge wet meadow: 15 percent
**Minor components:**
Spruce/shrub birch woodland: 10 percent
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 5 percent

### Component Notes

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists, dry
*Other:* This component occurs on elevated peat mounds.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists
*Other:* This component occurs in depressions and drainages between mounds and on the margins of ponds.
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**
*Similar inclusions:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Principal soils:* Mendna
*Other:* This component occurs on low ridges and mounds primarily on mineral soils.
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists
*Other:* This component occurs in depressions and drainages between mounds.

## UW0—White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb scrub (3)

### Setting

*Location:* narrow flood plains in upland drainages throughout the survey area
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,700 feet (579 to 823 m)

*Note:*
This unit includes small side streams and drainages that cross upland areas and drain onto stream terraces or into the main channel.

### Composition

**Major components:**
White spruce/willow open forest: 50 percent
Low willow/herb scrub: 30 percent
**Minor components:**
Low shrub birch scrub: 10 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
Tall feltleaf willow scrub
Riparian meadow
Low willow/water sedge scrub

### Component Notes

**White spruce/willow open forest**
*Principal soils:* not described
*Other:* This component occurs on flood plains.
**Low willow/herb scrub**
*Principal soils:* not described
*Other:* This component occurs on flood plains.
**Low shrub birch scrub**
*Principal soils:* not described
*Other:* This component occurs on stream terraces.

## UW1—Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

### Setting

*Location:* narrow, shallow drainages on lacustrine terraces and occasionally high stream terraces throughout the survey area
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,800 feet (579 to 853 m)

*Note:*
This unit includes small side streams and drainages that cross upland areas and drain onto wet meadows, lakes and ponds, and occasionally onto stream terraces or into the main channel.

### Composition

**Major components:**
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub: 75 percent
Sedge wet meadow: 15 percent
**Incidental occurrence:** 10 percent
Low willow/herb scrub
Low shrub birch scrub

### Component Notes

**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**
*Principal soils:* Ewan and Pergelic Cryohemists
*Other:* Ponded water usually covers much of the ground surface; slow moving water occurs in poorly defined drainage channels.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists
*Other:* This component occurs in depressions and drainages on the margins of small ponds.

## W—Open water : Aquatic herbaceous

### Setting

*Location:* throughout the survey area
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,900 feet (579 to 884 m)

### Composition

**Major components:**
Open water: 65 percent
Aquatic herbaceous: 25 percent
**Minor components:**
Sedge wet meadow: 10 percent

### Component Notes

**Open water**
*Other:* Open water consists of deep water areas in ponds and lakes without significant submerged or emergent vegetation.
**Aquatic Herbaceous**
*Structure and composition:* This component includes a variety of aquatic plant communities including Pondlily, Burreed, and Fresh Pondweed (*Viereck et al. 1992*), and possibly other fresh water herbaceous and marsh types growing in shallow water ponds and the near-shore areas of larger lakes.
*Principal soils:* not described
*Other:* This component occurs in shallow, near-shore areas.
**Sedge wet meadow**
*Principal soils:* Cryofibrists
*Other:* This component occurs in narrow bands along the shores of ponds and lakes.

# Part 3—Use and Management

## INTRODUCTION

This section provides soil interpretations for recreational uses, and suitability ratings of major vegetation cover types for selected wildlife species and habitat elements. Soil properties and interpretive soil groups that may be useful in developing additional land use interpretations also are included.

## RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Table 9 lists limitations that affect the suitability of soils for recreational uses. Guidelines for interpreting data for "All terrain vehicles" and "Paths and trails" are based on standard criteria provided in the National Soil Survey Handbook (*Soil Survey Staff 1996c*). Local criteria were developed to provide interpretations for "Camp areas (primitive)." Ratings are based on restrictive soil features such as wetness, slope, and texture of the surface layer. Susceptibility to flooding also is considered. Although important in evaluating a site, location and accessibility of the area; the size and shape of the area and its scenic quality; vegetation and the ability of the soil to support vegetation; and access to water were not considered in the ratings. In planning developed recreation facilities, on-site assessment of the height, duration, intensity, and frequency of flooding is essential. However, soils subject to flooding generally do not affect primitive recreational use along the Gulkana.

In Table 9, the degree of soil limitation is expressed as *slight*, *moderate*, or *severe*. *Slight* means that the soil properties are generally favorable and that limitations are minor and easily overcome. *Moderate* means that limitations can be overcome or alleviated by planning, design, or special maintenance. *Severe* means that soil properties are unfavorable and that limitation can be offset only by costly soil reclamation, special design, intensive maintenance, limited use, or by a combination of these measures.

Primitive camp areas require little site preparation other than clearing brush and selecting level tent sites. Heavily used areas may require the installation of pit toilets to reduce waste impacts. Camp areas are subject to heavy foot traffic. The best soils for primitive camp areas have mild slopes and are not wet. The surface has few or no stones or boulders, absorbs rainfall readily but remains firm, and is not dusty when dry. Favorable soils for pit toilet sites are well drained, permafrost free, have moderate or moderately rapid percolation rates, and are not frequently flooded.

All terrain vehicle trails and paths and trails for hiking and horseback riding are trails across the natural soil surface. They are not vegetated or artifically surfaced, and they should require little or no cutting and filling. Soils are rated based on the properties that influence erodibility, revegetation, trafficability, and dustiness. The best soils have gentle or moderate slopes, few or no rock fragments on the surface, are not wet, remain firm after rain, are not dusty when dry, and are not subject to flooding more than once a year during the period the use.

## WILDLIFE HABITAT

Wildlife habitat encompasses the entire complex of physical, biological, and environmental features of the landscape. Habitat elements can consist of plant communities, specific sites, water types, and a

multitude of other landscape features. Specific habitat requisites usually are related to the seasonal or life-cycle requirements of a particular species—for example, moose winter range or waterfowl nesting areas.

Within a limited geographic area or range of landscape and environmental factors, the diversity and quality of wildlife habitat are determined, in part, by the kinds and interspersion of vegetation cover types. Vegetation provides food for herbivores and omnivores, thermal and hiding cover, nesting and denning sites and materials, and other specific habitat features. In many cases, a single vegetation cover type provides specific habitat requisites. Generally, however, a mosaic of geographically associated cover types provides the best habitat requisite.

Important characteristics of vegetation cover types include species composition and age class distribution, vertical and horizontal structure and cover, and the occurrence of features such as snags or rotting logs.

Suitability ratings for selected wildlife species and habitat elements are listed in Table 10. Ratings are assigned to the vegetation cover types based on plant species composition and structure and Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) values developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Regardless of the suitability of the vegetation, non-vegetative habitat requisites can affect the suitability of the habitat. Many habitat features not related to vegetation are described in, or can be inferred from, the "Ecological Site Descriptions" in Appendix F. Successional pathways and relationships between vegetation cover types, potential progressive and retrogressive changes in site properties, and landform and soil characteristics also are described in the ecological site descriptions. This information, in conjunction with the habitat suitability ratings, digital vegetation and soils maps, and associated attribute data, can be used to develop more complex interpretations and models concerning long- and short-term changes and trends in wildlife habitat resulting from vegetation succession, drastic disturbances, or management activities.

# SOIL PROPERTIES AND INTERPRETIVE GROUPS

## Engineering Index Properties

Table 11 gives estimates of the engineering classification and of the range of index properties for the major layers of each soil in the survey area. Most soils have layers of contrasting properties within the upper 5 feet (1.5 m).

*Depth* to the upper and lower boundaries of each layer is indicated. The range in depth and information on other properties of each layer are given for each soil series under the heading "Soil Series, Higher Taxa, and Their Morphology."

*Texture* is given in the standard terms used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These terms are defined according to percentages of sand, silt, and clay in the fraction of the soil that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. "Loam," for example, is soil that is 7 to 27 percent clay, 28 to 50 percent silt, and less than 52 percent sand. If the content of particles coarser than sand is as much as 15 percent, an appropriate modifier is added, for example, "gravelly." Textural terms are defined in the Glossary.

*Classification* of the soils is determined according to the Unified soil classification system (*American Society for Testing and Materials 1993*), and the system adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) (*1970*).

The Unified system classifies soils according to properties that affect their use as construction material. Soils are classified according to grain-size distribution of the fraction less than 3 inches (less than 8 cm) in diameter and according to plasticity index, liquid limit, and organic matter content. Sandy and gravelly soils are identified as GW, GP, GM, GC, SW, SP, SM, and SC; silty and clayey soils as ML, CL, OL, MH, CH, and OH; and highly organic soils as PT. Soils exhibiting engineering properties of two groups can have a dual classification, for example, SP-SM.

The AASHTO system classifies soils according to those properties that affect roadway construction and maintenance. In this system, the fraction of a mineral soil that is less than 3 inches (less than 8 cm) in diameter is classified in one of seven groups (from

A-1 through A-7) on the basis of grain-size distribution, liquid limit, and plasticity index. Soils in group A-1 are coarse grained and low in content of fines (silt and clay). At the other extreme, soils in group A-7 are fine grained. Highly organic soils are classified in group A-8 on the basis of visual inspection.

*Rock fragments* larger than 10 inches (25 cm) in diameter and 3 to 10 inches (8 to 25 cm) in diameter are indicated as a percentage of the total soil on a dry-weight basis. The percentages are estimates determined mainly by converting volume percentage in the field to weight percentage.

*Percentage (of soil particles) passing designated sieves* is the percentage of the soil fraction less than 3 inches (less than 8 cm) in diameter based on an ovendry weight. The sieves, numbers 4, 10, 40, and 200 (USA Standard Series), have openings of 4.76, 2.00, 0.420, and 0.074 millimeters, respectively. Estimates are based on laboratory tests of soils sampled in the survey area and in nearby areas and on estimates made in the field.

*Liquid limit* and *plasticity index* (Atterberg limits) indicate the plasticity characteristics of a soil. The estimates are based on test data from the survey area or from nearby areas and on field examination.

The estimates of grain-size distribution, liquid limit, and plasticity index are generally rounded to the nearest 5 percent. Thus, if the ranges of gradation and Atterberg limits extend a marginal amount (1 or 2 percentage points) across classification boundaries, the classification in the marginal zone is omitted in the table.

## Physical and Chemical Properties

Table 12 shows estimates of some characteristics and features that affect soil behavior. These estimates are given for the major layers of each soil in the study area. The estimates are based on field observation and on test data from similar soils.

*Depth* to the upper and lower boundaries of each layer is indicated. The range in depth and information on other properties of each layer are given in the series descriptions in this survey.

*Clay* as a soil separate, or component, consists of mineral soil particles that are less than 0.002 millimeter in diameter. The estimated clay content of each major soil layer is given as a percentage, by weight, of the soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter.

The amount and kind of clay greatly affect the fertility and physical condition of the soil. They determine the ability of the soil to adsorb cations and to retain moisture. They influence shrink-swell potential, permeability, plasticity, the ease of soil dispersion, and other soil properties. The amount and kind of clay in a soil also affect tillage and earth-moving operations.

*Moist bulk density* is the weight of soil (ovendry) per unit volume. Volume is measured when the soil is at field moisture capacity, that is, the moisture content at 1/3-bar moisture tension. Weight is determined after drying the soil at 105°C. In Table 12, the estimated moist bulk density of each major soil horizon is expressed in grams per cubic centimeter of soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. Bulk density data are used to compute shrink-swell potential, available water capacity, total pore space, and other soil properties. The moist bulk density of a soil indicates the pore space available for water and roots. A bulk density of more than 1.6 can restrict water storage and root penetration. Moist bulk density is influenced by texture, kind of clay, content of organic matter, and soil structure.

*Permeability* refers to the ability of a soil to transmit water or air. The estimates presented indicate the rate of downward movement of water when the soil is saturated. They are based on soil characteristics observed in the field, particularly structure, porosity, and texture.

*Available water capacity* refers to the quantity of water that the soil is capable of storing for use by plants. The capacity for water storage is given in inches of water per inch of soil for each major soil layer. The capacity varies, depending on soil properties that affect the retention of water and the depth of the root zone. The most important properties that influence available water capacity include the content of organic matter, soil texture, bulk density, and soil structure. Available water capacity is an important factor in the choice of plants for wildlife habitat. Available water capacity is not an estimate of the quantity of water actually available to plants at any given time.

*Soil reaction* is a measure of acidity or alkalinity and is expressed as a range in pH values. The range in pH of each major horizon is based on field tests.

*Shrink-swell potential* is the potential for volume change in a soil with a loss or gain in moisture.

Volume change occurs mainly when clay minerals interact with water, and varies with the amount and type of clay minerals in the soil. The size of the load on the soil and the magnitude of the change in soil moisture content influence the amount of swelling of soils in place. Laboratory measurements of swelling of undisturbed clods were made for many soils. For others, swelling was estimated on the basis of the kind and amount of clay minerals in the soil and on measurements of similar soils.

If the shrink-swell potential is rated moderate to very high, shrinking and swelling can cause damage to buildings, roads, and other structures. Special design is often needed.

*Erosion factor K* indicates the susceptibility of a soil to sheet and rill erosion by water. Factor K is one of six factors used in the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) to predict the average annual rate of soil loss by sheet and rill erosion in tons per acre per year. The estimates are based primarily on percentage of silt, sand, and organic matter and on soil structure and permeability. Values of K are 0.05 to 0.69. The higher the value, the more susceptible the soil is to sheet and rill erosion by water.

*Erosion factor T* is an estimate of the maximum average rate of soil erosion by wind or water that can occur without affecting crop productivity over a sustained period. The rate is in tons per acre per year.

*Wind erodibility groups* are made up of soils that have similar properties affecting their resistance to wind erosion in cleared areas. The groups indicate the susceptibility of soil to wind erosion. Soils are grouped according to the following distinctions:

Group 1 : 1 to 9 percent dry soil aggregates. These soils are very highly erodible.

Group 2 : 10 to 24 percent dry soil aggregates. These soils are highly erodible.

Groups 3 and 4 : 25 to 40 percent dry soil aggregates. These soils are moderately erodible.

Group 5 : 41 to 44 percent dry soil aggregates. These soils are moderately erodible.

Group 6 : 45 to 50 percent dry soil aggregates. These soils are slightly erodible.

Group 7 : more than 50 percent dry soil aggregates and fibric material. These soils are slightly erodible.

Group 8 : wet or stony soils not normally subject to wind erosion. Grouping is based on soil properties (i.e. armor) not management.

*Organic matter* is the plant and animal residue in the soil at various stages of decomposition. In Table 12 the estimated content of organic matter is expressed as a percentage, by weight, of the soil material that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter.

## Physical and Chemical Analysis of Selected Soils

The results of physical and chemical analysis of several typical pedons in the survey area are given in Tables 13 and 14. The data are for soils sampled at carefully selected sites. Unless otherwise indicated, the pedons are representative of the taxonomic class; however, the horizon designations may differ slightly from the typical soil profile described in the section "Soil Series, Higher Taxa, and Their Morphology." The National Soil Survey Laboratory in Lincoln, Nebraska analyzed soil samples.

Most determinations, except those for grain-size analysis and bulk density, were made on soil material smaller than 2 millimeters in diameter. Measurements reported as percent or quantity of unit weight were calculated on an ovendry basis. The methods used in obtaining the data are indicated in the lists that follow. The codes in parentheses refer to published methods in the Soil Survey Laboratory Methods Manual (*Soil Survey Staff 1996a*).

**Table 13 procedures:**

Sand=(0.05-2.0 milimeters fraction) weight percentages of material less than 2 millimeters (3A1)

Silt=(0.002-0.05 millimeter fraction) pipette extraction, weight percentages of all material less than 2 millimeters (3A1)

Clay=(fraction less than 0.002 millimeter) pipette extraction, weight percentages of material less than 2 millimeers (3A1)

Water retained=pressure extraction, percentage of ovendry weight of less than 2 millimeters material; 1/3 bar (4B1), 15 bars (4B2)

Water retention difference=between 1/3 and 15 bars for whole soil (4C1)

Bulk density=of less than 2 millimeters material,

saran-coated clods field moist (4A1a), 1/3 bar (4A1d), ovendry (4A1h)

**Table 14 procedures:**

Cation-exchange capacity=sum of cations (5A3a)

Cation-exchange capacity=ammonium acetate, pH 7.0, steam distillation (5A8b)

Reaction (pH)=1:1 water dilution (8C1f)

Reaction (pH)=calcium chloride (8C1f)

Organic carbon=wet combustion; Walkley-Black modified acid-dichromate, ferric sulfate titration (6A1c)

Total nitrogen=Kjeldahl (6B3)

Extractable acidity=barium chloride-triethanolamine IV (6H5a)

Extractable cations (bases)=ammonium acetate pH 7.0, atomic absorption; calcium (6N2e), magnesium (6O2d), sodium (6P2b), potassium (6Q2b)

# Soil Features, Hydric Soils, and Water Features

Tables 15, 16, and 17 give estimates of various soil and water features. The estimates are used in land use planning that involves engineering considerations.

## Soil Features

In Table 15, *depth to bedrock* is given if bedrock is within a depth of 60 inches. The depth is based on many soil borings and on observations during soil mapping. The rock is specified as either soft or hard. If the rock is soft or fractured, excavations can be made with trenching machines, backhoes, or small rippers. If the rock is hard or massive, blasting or special equipment generally is needed for excavation.

*Subsidence* is the settlement of organic soils or of saturated mineral soils of very low density. Subsidence generally results from desiccation, shrinkage, and oxidation of organic material following drainage. Subsidence takes place gradually, usually over a period of several years. Table 15 shows the expected initial subsidence, which usually is a result of drainage, and annual subsidence, which usually is a result of oxidation.

*Potential frost action* is the likelihood of upward or lateral expansion of the soil caused by the formation of segregated ice lenses (frost heave) and the subsequent collapse of the soil and loss of strength on thawing. Temperature, texture, density, permeability, content of organic matter, and depth to the water table are the most important factors considered in evaluating the potential for frost action. It is assumed that the soil is not insulated by vegetation or snow and is not artificially drained. Silty soils that have a high water table in winter are the most susceptible to frost action. Well drained or very sandy soils are the least susceptible. Frost heave and low soil strength during thawing cause damage to pavements and other rigid structures.

A *low* potential for frost action indicates that the soil is rarely susceptible to the formation of ice lenses; a *moderate* potential indicates that the soil is susceptible to formation of ice lenses, resulting in frost heave and the subsequent loss of soil strength; and a *high* potential indicates that the soil is highly susceptible to formation of ice lenses, resulting in frost heave and the subsequent loss of soil strength.

*Risk of corrosion* pertains to potential soil-induced electrochemical or chemical action that dissolves or weakens uncoated steel or concrete. The rate of corrosion of uncoated steel is related to such factors as soil moisture, particle-size distribution, acidity, and electrical conductivity of the soil. The rate of corrosion of concrete is based mainly on the sulfate and sodium content, texture, moisture content, and acidity of the soil.

Special site examination and design may be needed if the combination of factors results in a severe hazard of corrosion. The steel in installations that intersect soil boundaries or soil layers is more susceptible to corrosion than steel in installations that are entirely within one kind of soil or within one soil layer.

For uncoated steel, the risk of corrosion, expressed as *low, moderate,* or *high*, is based on soil drainage class, total acidity, electrical resistivity near field capacity, and electrical conductivity of the saturation extract.

For concrete, the risk of corrosion is also expressed as *low, moderate,* or *high*. It is based on soil texture, acidity, and amount of sulfates in the saturation extract.

## Hydric Soils

The three essential characteristics of wetlands are hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology (*Cowardin et al. 1979; Environmental Laboratory 1987; National Research Council 1995; Tiner 1985*). Criteria for each of the characteristics must be met for areas to be identified as wetlands. Undrained hydric soils that have natural vegetation should support a dominant population of ecological wetland plant species. Hydric soils that have been converted to other uses should be capable of being restored to wetlands.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (*Federal Register 1994*). These soils are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. However, in order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Criteria which identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (*Federal Register 1995*). These criteria are used to identify a phase of a soil series that normally is associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (*Soil Survey Staff 1975, 1996b*) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (*Soil Survey Division Staff 1993*).

If soils are wet for a long enough period to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators that can be used to make on-site determinations of hydric soils in the Gulkana Soil-Vegetation Survey Area are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (*U.S. Department of Agriculture 1996*).

Hydric soils are identified by examining and describing the soil to a depth of about 20 inches (51 cm). This depth may be greater if determination of an appropriate indicator so requires. It is always recommended that soils be excavated and described as deep as necessary to understand the redoximorphic processes. Then, using the completed soil description, soil scientists can compare the soil features required by each indicator and specify which indicators have been matched with the conditions observed in the soil. The soil can be identified as a hydric soil if one or more of the approved indicators is present.

This survey can be used to locate probable areas of hydric soils. Table 16 indicates the hydric soil status for each map unit. Each dominant soil component, as well as each inclusion, is rated. The criteria used to rate each soil component and inclusion is also given. This information can help in planning land uses; however, on-site investigation is recommended to determine the hydric soils on a specific site.

## Water Features

*Hydrologic soil groups* are used to estimate runoff from precipitation. The soil properties that affect runoff are those that influence the minimum rate of infiltration in a bare soil after prolonged wetting and when the soil is not frozen. These properties include the depth to a seasonally high water table, intake rate, permeability after prolonged wetting, and depth to a very slowly permeable layer. Soils not protected by vegetation are assigned to one of four groups. They are grouped according to the intake of water when the soils are thoroughly wet and receive precipitation from long-duration storms.

In the definitions of the hydrologic soil groups, the infiltration rate is the rate at which water enters the soil at the surface and is controlled by surface conditions. The transmission rate is the rate at which water moves through the soil and is controlled by properties of the soil layers.

In Table 17, the four hydrologic soil groups are:

Group A : Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.

Group B : Soils having a moderate infiltration rate (moderately low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of moderately deep to deep, moderately well to well drained soils with moderately fine to moderately coarse textures and moderately slow to moderately rapid rates of water transmission.

Group C : Soils having a slow infiltration rate (moderately high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of soils with a layer that impedes downward movement of water, soils with moderately fine to fine texture, soils with slow infiltration due to salts or alkali, or soils with moderate water tables.

Group D : Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a permanently high water table, soils that have a clay pan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

*Flooding*, the temporary inundation of an area, is caused by overflowing streams or by runoff from adjacent slopes. Water standing for short periods after rainfall or snowmelt is not considered flooding, nor is water in swamps and marshes.

Frequency, duration, and probable dates of occurrence given in Table 17 are estimated. Frequency is expressed as *none, rare, occasional*, and *frequent*. *None* means that flooding is not probable; rare that it is unlikely but possible under unusual conditions; *occasional* that it occurs, on the average, once or less in 2 years; and *frequent* that it occurs, on the average, more than once in 2 years. Duration is expressed as *very brief* if less than 2 days, *brief* if 2 to 7 days, and *long* if more than 7 days. Probable dates are expressed in months—April-June, for example, means that flooding can occur during April, May, or June.

The information on flooding is based on evidence in the soil profile and local information about the extent and level of flooding and the relationship of each soil on the landscape to historic floods. Information on the extent of flooding based on soil data is less specific than that provided by detailed engineering surveys that delineate flood-prone areas at specific flood frequency levels.

*High water table* is the highest level of a saturated zone in the soil in most years. These estimates are based mainly on the evidence of a saturated zone, namely grayish colors or mottles in the soil and thick organic soil material. Table 17 indicates the depth to the seasonally high water table; the kind of water table—apparent or perched; and the months of the year that the water table commonly is high (Jan.-Dec. indicates a high water table year round). A water table that is high for less than one month per year is not indicated in Table 17.

Only saturated zones within a depth of 5 feet are indicated. Two numbers in the column showing depth to the water table indicate the normal range in depth to a saturated zone. A plus sign preceding the range in depth indicates that the water table is above the surface of the soil and a ponded condition is expected. The first numeral in the range indicates how high the water table rises above the surface. The second numeral indicates the depth below the surface that the water table is expected to range.

An *apparent* water table is indicated by the level at which water stands in a freshly dug, unlined borehole after adequate time for adjustments in the surrounding soil. A *perched* water table is one that is above an unsaturated zone in the soil. The basis for determining that a water table is perched may be general knowledge of the area. The water table is proven to be perched if the water level in a borehole is observed to fall when the borehole is extended.

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# GLOSSARY

**AC soil.** A soil having only an A and a C horizon. Commonly, such soil formed in recent alluvium or on steep rocky slopes.

**Acidification.** The process in which excess basic metal cations are removed from the soil profile by leaching or plant use. Acidification is normally accompanied by a lowering in soil reaction (pH).

**Active layer.** The top layer of ground subject to annual thawing and freezing in areas underlain by permafrost.

**Aerobic.** A condition in which molecular oxygen is present in the soils.

**Aggregate, soil.** Many fine particles held in a single mass or cluster. Natural soil aggregates, such as granules, blocks, or prisms, are called peds. Clods are aggregates produced by tillage or logging.

**Alkalinization.** The accumulation of basic soil metals such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium in soil layers. Common products of alkalinization include the accumulation of calcareous calcium and magnesium carbonate compounds.

**Alluvial fan.** A body of alluvium, with overflow of water and debris flow deposits, whose surface forms a segment of a cone that radiates down-slope from the point where the stream emerges from a narrow valley onto a less sloping surface. Source uplands range in relief and areal extent from mountains to gullied terrains on hill slopes.

**Alluvium.** Material, such as sand, silt, or clay, deposited on land by streams.

**Alpine.** Land and related resources occurring above the upper elevational limit of trees (treeline).

**Anaerobic.** A condition in which molecular oxygen is absent from the soil.

**Aspect.** 1) The direction in which a slope faces. 2) The general physical appearance of a vegetation cover type.

**Association, soil.** A group of soils or miscellaneous areas geographically associated in a characteristic repeating pattern and defined and delineated as a single map unit.

**Available water capacity (available moisture capacity).** The capacity of soils to hold water available for use by most plants. It is commonly defined as the difference between the amount of soil water at field moisture capacity and the amount at wilting point. It is commonly expressed as inches of water per inch of soil. The capacity in a 60-inch profile or to a limiting layer is expressed as:

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| Very low | 0 to 3 inches |
| Low | 3 to 6 inches |
| Moderate | 6 to 9 inches |
| High | 9 to 12 inches |
| Very high | More than 12 inches |

**Basal area.** For trees, the area of the cross section of a single tree or of all trees in a stand, usually measured at breast height (see breast height), expressed in $ft^2$/acre or $m^2$/ha. For herbs and shrubs, the area or proportion of the ground surface covered by the stem or stems of plants at about ground level, expressed in $ft^2$/acre, $m^2$/acre, or percent.

**Base saturation.** The degree to which material having cation-exchange properties is saturated with exchangeable bases (sum of Ca, Mg, Na, and K), expressed as a percentage of the total cation-exchange capacity.

**Bedrock.** The solid rock that underlies the soil and other unconsolidated material or that is exposed at the surface.

**Bog.** A peat-forming ecosystem influenced solely by water, which falls directly on to it as rain or snow. Bog vegetation is predominately herbs, shrubs, and stunted trees. *Sphagnum* spp. usually dominates the moss layer.

**Breast height.** A standard height for measurement of tree diameter and age; 4.5 feet (1.37 m) above the average ground level.

**Calcareous soil.** A soil containing enough calcium carbonate (commonly combined with magnesium carbonate) to effervesce visibly when treated with cold, dilute hydrochloric acid.

**Canopy.** The cover of leaves and branches formed by the tops or crowns of plants as viewed from above.

**Canopy cover.** The proportion of the ground area covered by the vertical projections of the canopy, express as a percent.

**Capillary water.** Water held as a film around soil particles and in tiny spaces between particles. Surface tension is the adhesive force that holds capillary water in the soil.

**Cation.** An ion carrying a positive charge of electricity. The common soil cations are calcium, potassium, magnesium, sodium, and hydrogen.

**Cation-exchange capacity.** The total amount of exchangeable cations that can be held by the soil,

expressed in terms of milliequivalents per 100 grams of soil at neutrality (pH 7.0) or at some other stated pH value. The term, as applied to soils, is synonymous with base-exchange capacity but is more precise in meaning.

**Clay.** As a soil separate, the mineral soil particles less than 0.002 millimeter in diameter. As a soil textural class, soil material that is 40 percent or more clay, less than 45 percent sand, and less than 40 percent silt.

**Clayey soil.** Silty clay, sandy clay, or clay.

**Coarse fragments.** Mineral or rock particles larger than 2 millimeters in diameter.

**Coarse textured soil.** Sand or loamy sand.

**Cobble (or cobblestone).** A rounded or partly rounded fragment of rock 3 to 10 inches (7.6 to 25 cm) in diameter.

**Codominant trees.** Trees whose crowns form the general level of the forest canopy and that receive full light from above but comparatively little from the sides.

**Colluvial processes.** Processes associated with transportation and/or deposition by mass movement (direct gravitational action) and local, unconcentrated runoff on sideslopes and/or at the base of slopes.

**Colluvium.** Soil material, rock fragments, or both, moved by creep, slide, or local wash and deposited at the base of steep slopes.

**Complex, soil.** A map unit of two or more kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or so small in area that it is not practical to map them separately at the selected scale of mapping. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas.

**Consistence, soil.** The feel of the soil and the ease with which a lump can be crushed by the fingers. Terms commonly used to describe consistence are:

*Loose*—Noncoherent when dry or moist; does not hold together in a mass.

*Friable*—When moist, crushes easily under gentle pressure between thumb and forefinger and can be pressed together into a lump.

*Firm*—When moist, crushes under moderate pressure between thumb and forefinger, but resistance is distinctly noticeable.

*Plastic*—Readily deformed by moderate pressure but can be pressed into a lump; will form a "wire" when rolled between thumb and forefinger.

*Sticky*—Adheres to other material and tends to stretch somewhat and pull apart rather than to pull free from other material.

*Hard*—When dry, moderately resistant to pressure; can be broken with difficulty between thumb and forefinger.

*Soft*—When dry, breaks into powder or individual grains under very slight pressure.

*Cemented*—hard; little affected by moistening

**Cover type.** A unit of vegetation essentially similar in composition and development throughout its extent. Synonyms: community type, vegetation type.

**Crown.** The upper part of a tree or shrub, including the living branches and their foliage.

**Cryoturbation (frost churning).** The churning of soil materials by frost action, resulting in disrupted or broken horizons, incorporation of material from other horizons, organic matter accumulation on the permafrost table, and oriented rock fragments.

**Deep soil.** A soil that is 40 to 60 inches (102 to 152 cm) deep over bedrock or to other material that restricts the penetration of plant roots.

**Depth, soil.** Generally, the thickness of soil over bedrock. Very deep soils are more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm) deep over bedrock; deep soils, 40 to 60 inches (102 to 152 cm); moderately deep, 20 to 40 inches (51 to 102 cm); shallow, 10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm); and very shallow, less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm).

**Depth to rock** (in tables). Bedrock is too near the surface for the specified use.

**Diffusion.** Movement from a zone of high concentration to one of lower concentration.

**Dominant trees.** Trees whose crowns form the general level of the forest canopy and that receive full light from above and from the sides.

**Drainage class (natural).** Refers to the frequency and duration of periods of saturation or partial saturation during soil formation, as opposed to altered drainage, which is commonly the result of artificial drainage or irrigation but may be caused by the sudden deepening of channels or the blocking of drainage outlets. Seven classes of natural soil drainage are recognized:

*Excessively drained*—Water is removed from the soil very rapidly. Excessively drained soils are commonly very coarse textured, rocky, or shallow. Some are steep. All are free of the mottling related to wetness.

*Somewhat excessively drained*—Water is removed from the soil rapidly. Many somewhat excessively drained soils are sandy and rapidly pervious. Some are shallow. Some are so steep that much of the water they receive is lost as runoff. All are free of the mottling related to wetness.

*Well drained*—Water is removed from the soil readily, but not rapidly. It is available to plants throughout most of the growing season, and

wetness does not inhibit growth of roots for significant periods during most growing seasons. Well drained soils are commonly medium textured. They are mainly free of mottling.

*Moderately well drained*—Water is removed from the soil somewhat slowly during some periods. Moderately well drained soils are wet for only a short time during the growing season, but periodically they are wet long enough that most mesophytic crops are affected. They commonly have a slowly pervious layer within or directly below the solum, or periodically receive high rainfall, or both.

*Somewhat poorly drained*—Water is removed slowly enough that the soil is wet for significant periods during the growing season. Wetness markedly restricts the growth of mesophytic crops unless artificial drainage is provided. Somewhat poorly drained soils commonly have a slowly pervious layer, a high water table, additional water from seepage, nearly continuous rainfall, or a combination of these.

*Poorly drained*—Water is removed so slowly that the soil is saturated periodically during the growing season or remains wet for long periods. Free water is commonly at or near the surface for long enough during the growing season that most mesophytic crops cannot be grown unless the soil is artificially drained. The soil is not continuously saturated in layers directly below plow depth. Poor drainage results from a high water table, a slowly pervious layer within the profile, seepage, nearly continuous rainfall, or a combination of these.

*Very poorly drained*—Water is removed from the soil so slowly that free water remains at or on the surface during most of the growing season. Unless the soil is artificially drained, most mesophytic crops cannot be grown. Very poorly drained soils are commonly level or depressed and are frequently ponded. Yet, where rainfall is high and nearly continuous, they can have moderate or high slope gradients.

**Effervescence.** A bubbling reaction upon addition of dilute hydrochloric acid.

**Ephemeral stream.** A stream, or reach of a stream, that flows only in direct response to precipitation. It receives no long-continued supply from melting snow or other source, and its channel is above the water table at all times.

**Ericaceous.** Refers primarily to the Heath family, Ericaceae—for example, Labrador-tea (*Ledum* spp.), but usually includes the Crowberry family, Empetraceae.

**Erosion.** The wearing away of the land surface by water, wind, ice, or other geologic agents and by such processes as gravitational creep.

*Erosion* (geologic)—Erosion caused by geologic processes acting over long geologic periods and resulting in the wearing away of mountains and the building up of such landscape features as flood plains and coastal plains—synonym: natural erosion.

*Erosion* (accelerated)—Erosion much more rapid than geologic erosion, mainly as a result of human or animal activities or of a catastrophe in nature—for example, fire that exposes the surface.

**Escarpment.** A relatively continuous and steep slope or cliff breaking the general continuity of more gently sloping land surfaces and resulting from erosion or faulting. The term is more often applied to cliffs resulting from differential erosion.

**Esker.** A long, narrow, sinuous, steep-sided ridge composed of irregularly stratified sand and gravel that were deposited by a subsurface stream flowing between ice walls or through ice tunnels of a retreating glacier, and that were left behind when the ice melted. Eskers range from less than a mile to more than 100 miles (more than 160 km) in length and from 10 to 100 feet (3 to 30 m) in height.

**Evapotranspiration.** The combined loss of water from a given area and during a specific period of time by evaporation from the soil surface and by transpiration from plants

**Fibric soil material (peat).** The least decomposed of all organic soil material. Peat contains a large amount of well preserved fiber that is readily identifiable according to botanical origin. Peat has the lowest bulk density and the highest water content at saturation of all organic soil material.

**Fine textured soil.** Sandy clay, silty clay, or clay.

**Flood plain.** A nearly level alluvial plain that borders a stream and is subject to inundation under flood-stage conditions unless protected artificially. It is usually a constructional landform built of sediment deposited during overflow and lateral migration of the stream.

**Flood plain splay.** A fan-shaped deposit or other outspread deposit formed where an overloaded stream breaks through a levee and deposits its material on the flood plain or fan.

**Fluvial.** Of or pertaining to rivers; produced by river action, as a fluvial plain.

**Footslope.** The geomorphic component that forms the inner, gently inclined surface at the base of a hill slope. The surface profile is dominantly concave. In terms of gradational processes, a

footslope is a transition zone between an upslope site of erosion (backslope) and a downslope site of deposition (toeslope).

**Forb.** Any herbaceous plant not a grass or a sedge.

**Forest cover.** All trees and other woody plants (underbrush) covering the ground in a forest.

**Forest type.** A unit of forest vegetation essentially similar in composition and development throughout its extent.

**Frost boil.** A small mound of fresh soil material formed by frost action. A type of nonsorted circle commonly found in fine-grained sediment underlain by permafrost.

**Genesis, soil.** The mode of origin of the soil. Refers especially to the processes or soil-forming factors responsible for the formation of the solum, or true soil, from the unconsolidated parent material.

**Geomorphic processes.** Natural processes that form the landscape and surficial sediments i.e. colluvial processes, deposition, and erosion.

**Glacial drift** (geology). Pulverized and other rock material transported by glacial ice and then deposited. Also, the sorted and unsorted material deposited by streams flowing from glaciers.

**Glacial outwash** (geology). Gravel, sand, and silt, commonly stratified, deposited by glacial meltwater.

**Glacial till** (geology). Unsorted, nonstratified glacial drift consisting of clay, silt, sand, and boulders transported and deposited by glacial ice.

**Glaciated uplands.** Land areas that were previously covered by continental or alpine glaciers and that are at a higher elevation than the flood plain.

**Glaciofluvial deposits** (geology). Material moved by glaciers and subsequently sorted and deposited by streams flowing from the melting ice. The deposits are stratified and occur as kames, eskers, deltas, and outwash plains.

**Glaciolacustrine deposits.** Material ranging from fine clay to sand derived from glaciers and deposited in glacial lakes mainly by glacial meltwater. Many deposits are interbedded or laminated.

**Gleyed soil.** Soil that formed under poor drainage, resulting in the reduction of iron and other elements in the profile and in gray colors and mottles.

**Gravel.** Rounded or angular fragments of rock as much as 3 inches (2 millimeters to 7.6 cm) in diameter. An individual piece is a pebble.

**Gravelly soil material.** Material that is 15 to 50 percent, by volume, rounded or angular rock fragments, not prominently flattened, as much as 3 inches (7.6 cm) in diameter.

**Ground water** (geology). Water filling all the unblocked pores of underlying material below the water table.

**Hard bedrock.** Bedrock that cannot be excavated except by blasting or by the use of special equipment that is not commonly used in construction.

**Hemic soil material (mucky peat).** Organic soil material intermediate in degree of decomposition between the less decomposed fibric material and the more decomposed sapric material.

**Herb.** Grasses, sedges, forbs, and any other non-woody herbaceous plants.

**Hill.** A natural elevation of the land surface, rising as much as 1,000 feet (305 m) above surrounding lowlands, commonly of limited summit area and having a well defined outline; hillsides generally have slopes of more than 8 percent. The distinction between a hill and a mountain is arbitrary and is dependent on local usage.

**Horizon, soil.** A layer of soil, approximately parallel to the surface, having distinct characteristics produced by soil-forming processes. In the identification of soil horizons, an uppercase letter represents the major horizons. Numbers or lowercase letters that follow represent subdivisions of the major horizons. The major horizons of mineral soil are as follows:

*O horizon*—An organic layer of fresh and decaying plant residue.

*A horizon*—The mineral horizon at or near the surface in which an accumulation of humified organic matter is mixed with the mineral material. Also, a plowed surface horizon, most of which was originally part of a B horizon.

*B horizon*—The mineral horizon below an A horizon. The B horizon is in part a layer of transition from the overlying A to the underlying C horizon. The B horizon also has distinctive characteristics, such as (1) accumulation of clay, sesquioxides, humus, or a combination of these; (2) prismatic or blocky structure; (3) redder or browner colors than those in the A horizon; or (4) a combination of these.

*E horizon*—The mineral horizon in which the main feature is loss of silicate clay, iron, aluminum, or some combination of these.

*C horizon*—The mineral horizon or layer, excluding indurated bedrock, that is little affected by soil-forming processes and does not have the properties typical of the overlying soil material. The material of a C horizon may be either like or unlike that in which the solum formed. If the material is known to differ from that in the solum, the number 2 precedes the letter C.

*Cr horizon*—Sedimentary beds of consolidated sandstone and semiconsolidated and consolidated shale. Generally, roots can

penetrate this horizon only along fracture planes.

*R layer*—Hard, consolidated bedrock beneath the soil. The bedrock commonly underlies a C horizon but can be directly below an A or a B horizon.

**Hummock.** A rounded or conical mound or other small elevation. Also, a slight rise of ground above a level surface.

**Humus.** The well decomposed, more or less stable, part of the organic matter in mineral soils.

**Hydrologic soil groups.** Refers to soils grouped according to their runoff-producing characteristics. The chief consideration is the inherent capacity of soil bare of vegetation to permit infiltration. The slope and the kind of plant cover are not considered but are separate factors in predicting runoff. Soils are assigned to four groups. Group A soils have a high infiltration rate when thoroughly wet and have a low runoff potential. They are mainly deep, well drained, and sandy or gravelly. Group D soils, at the other extreme, have a very slow infiltration rate and thus a high runoff potential. They have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, have a permanent high water table, or are shallow over nearly impervious bedrock or other material. A soil is assigned to two hydrologic groups if part of the acreage is artificially drained and part is undrained.

**Hydromorphism.** The chemical reduction of soil minerals and the accumulation of organic materials. This process is normally associated with saturated conditions. Evidence of this process includes the presence of abundant redoximorphic features and/or the accumulation of a thick surface organic mat.

**Infiltration.** The downward entry of water into the immediate surface of soil or other material, as contrasted with percolation, which is movement of water through soil layers or material.

**Infiltration rate.** The rate at which water penetrates the surface of the soil at any given instant, usually expressed in inches per hour. The rate can be limited by the infiltration capacity of the soil or the rate at which water is applied at the surface.

**Intake rate.** The average rate of water entering the soil under irrigation. Most soils have a fast initial rate; the rate decreases with application time. Therefore, intake rate for a designed purpose is not a constant but is a variable depending on the net irrigation application. The rate of water intake, in inches per hour, is expressed as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Very low | Less than 0.2 |
| Low | 0.2 to 0.4 |
| Moderately low | 0.4 to 0.75 |
| Moderate | 0.75 to 1.25 |
| Moderately high | 1.25 to 1.75 |
| High | 1.75 to 2.5 |
| Very high | More than 2.5 |

**Interstitial (ice cyrstals).** Ice formation in voids between soil particles.

**Lacustrine deposit** (geology). Material deposited in lake water and exposed when the water level is lowered or the elevation of the land is raised.

**Large stones** (in tables). Rock fragments 3 inches (7.6 cm) or more across. Large stones adversely affect the specified use of the soil.

**Leaching.** The removal of soluble material from soil or other material by percolating water.

**Loam.** Soil material that is 7 to 27 percent clay particles, 28 to 50 percent silt particles, and less than 52 percent sand particles.

**Loamy soil.** Coarse sandy loam, sandy loam, fine sandy loam, very fine sandy loam, loam, silt loam, silt, clay loam, sandy clay loam, or silty clay loam.

**Loess.** Fine grained material, dominantly of silt-sized particles, deposited by wind.

**Medium textured soil.** Very fine sandy loam, loam, silt loam, or silt.

**Metamorphic rock.** Rock of any origin altered in mineralogical composition, chemical composition, or structure by heat, pressure, and movement. Nearly all such rocks are crystalline.

**Microhigh.** An area that is 2 to 12 inches (5 to 30 cm) higher than the adjacent microlow.

**Microlow.** An area that is 2 to 12 inches (5 to 30 cm) lower than the adjacent microhigh.

**Mineral soil.** Soil that is mainly mineral material and low in organic material. Its bulk density is more than that of organic soil.

**Minor components.** A component of limited extent that may not be present.

**Miscellaneous area.** An area that has little or no natural soil and supports little or no vegetation.

**Moderately deep soil.** A soil that is 20 to 40 inches (51 to 102 cm) deep over bedrock or to other material that restricts the penetration of plant roots.

**Morphology, soil.** The physical makeup of the soil, including the texture, structure, porosity, consistence, color, and other physical, mineral, and biological properties of the various horizons, and the thickness and arrangement of those horizons in the soil profile.

**Mottling, soil.** Irregular spots of different colors that vary in number and size. Mottling generally indicates poor aeration and impeded drainage. Descriptive terms are as follows: abundance—*few, common,* and *many*; size—*fine, medium,* and *coarse*; and contrast—*faint, distinct,* and

*prominent*. The size measurements are of the diameter along the greatest dimension. *Fine* indicates less than 5 millimeters (about 0.2 inch); *medium*, from 5 to 15 millimeters (about 0.2 to 0.6 inch); and *coarse*, more than 15 millimeters (more than 0.6 inch).

**Mountain.** A natural elevation of the land surface, rising more than 1,000 feet (more than 305 m) above surrounding lowlands, commonly of limited summit area and generally having steep sides (slopes greater than 25 percent) and considerable bare-rock surface. A mountain can occur as a single, isolated mass or in a group forming a chain or range. Mountains are primarily formed by deep-seated earth movements or volcanic action and secondarily by differential erosion.

**Muck.** Dark, finely divided, well decomposed organic soil material. (See sapric soil material.)

**Munsell notation.** A designation of color by degrees of three simple variables—hue, value, and chroma. For example, a notation of 10YR 6/4 is a color with hue of 10YR, value of 6, and chroma of 4.

**Neutral soil.** A soil having a pH value between 6.6 and 7.3. (See reaction, soil.)

**Nutrient, plant.** Any element taken in by a plant essential to its growth. Plant nutrients are mainly nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, iron, manganese, copper, boron, and zinc obtained from the soil; and carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen obtained from the air and water.

**Observed rooting depth.** Depth to which roots have been observed to penetrate.

**Organic matter.** Plant and animal residue in the soil in various stages of decomposition.

**Outwash plain.** An extensive area of glaciofluvial material that was deposited by meltwater streams.

**Overstory.** The trees in a forest that form the upper canopy layer or layers.

**Oxbow.** The horseshoe-shaped channel of a former meander, remaining after the stream formed a cutoff across a narrow meander neck.

**Oxidation.** Combination with oxygen; addition of oxygen or other atom or group; removal of hydrogen or other atom or group.

**Palsa.** (plural palsen) An elliptical dome-like permafrost mound containing alternating layers of ice lenses and peat or mineral soil, commonly 10 to 34 feet (3 to 10 m) high and 7 to 82 feet (2 to 25 m) long, occurring in subarctic bogs and often surrounded by water.

**Parent material.** The unconsolidated organic and mineral material in which soil forms.

**Peat.** Unconsolidated material, largely undecomposed organic matter, that has accumulated under excess moisture. (See fibric soil material.)

**Pedon.** The smallest volume that can be called "a soil." A pedon is three dimensional and large enough to permit study of all horizons. Its area ranges from 10 to 100 square feet (1 square meter to 10 square meters), depending on the variability of the soil.

**Permafrost.** Ground, soil, or rock that remains at or below 0°C for at least two years. It is defined on the basis of temperature and is not necessarily frozen.

**Permafrost free soil.** Permafrost is absent in the upper 60 inches (152 cm) of soil.

**Permeability.** The quality of the soil that enables water to move downward through the profile. Permeability is measured as the number of inches per hour that water moves downward through the saturated soil. Terms describing permeability are:

| | |
|---|---|
| Very slow | Less than 0.06 inch (0.2 cm) |
| Slow | 0.06 to 0.2 inch (0.2 to 0.5 cm) |
| Moderately slow | 0.2 to 0.6 inch (0.5 to 1.5 cm) |
| Moderate | 0.6 inch to 2.0 inches (1.5 to 5.1 cm) |
| Moderately rapid | 2.0 to 6.0 inches (5.1 to 15.2 cm) |
| Rapid | 6.0 to 20 inches (15.2 to 51.0 cm) |
| Very rapid | More than 20 inches (51.0 cm) |

**Phase, soil.** A subdivision of a soil series based on features that affect its use and management. For example, slope, stoniness, and thickness.

**pH value.** A numerical designation of acidity and alkalinity in soil. (See reaction, soil.)

**Physiochemical.** Related to physical and chemical soil properties.

**Plasticity index.** The numerical difference between the liquid limit and the plastic limit; the range of moisture content within which the soil remains plastic.

**Plastic limit.** The moisture content at which a soil changes from semisolid to plastic.

**Ponding.** Standing water on soils in closed depressions. Only percolation or evapotranspiration can remove the water.

**Poorly graded.** Refers to a coarse grained soil or soil material consisting mainly of particles of nearly the same size. Because there is little difference in size of the particles, density can be increased only slightly by compaction.

**Potential natural community.** The assemblage of plants that most nearly achieves a long-term steady state of productivity, structure, and composition on a site. Synonyms: potential plant community, climax plant community, and plant association.

**Profile, soil.** A vertical section of the soil extending

through all its horizons and into the parent material.

**Reaction, soil.** A measure of acidity or alkalinity of a soil, expressed in pH values. A soil that tests to pH 7.0 is described as precisely neutral in reaction because it is neither acid nor alkaline. The degrees of acidity or alkalinity, expressed as pH values, are:

| | |
|---|---|
| Ultra acid | Below 3.5 |
| Extremely acid | 3.5 to 4.5 |
| Very strongly acid | 4.6 to 5.0 |
| Strongly acid | 5.1 to 5.5 |
| Moderately acid | 5.6 to 6.0 |
| Slightly acid | 6.1 to 6.5 |
| Neutral | 6.6 to 7.3 |
| Slightly alkaline | 7.4 to 7.8 |
| Moderately alkaline | 7.9 to 8.4 |
| Strongly alkaline | 8.5 to 9.0 |
| Very strongly alkaline | 9.1 and higher |

**Redox concentrations.** Bodies of apparent accumulation of iron-manganese oxides.

**Redox depletions.** Bodies of low chroma (≤) having values of 4 or more where iron-manganese oxides alone have been stripped out or where both iron-manganese oxides and clay have been stripped out.

**Redoximorphic features.** Patches of contrasting colors and low chroma colors formed by the processes of reduction, translocation, and oxidation of iron and manganese oxides.

**Regeneration.** The new growth of a natural plant community, developing from seed.

**Relief.** The elevations or inequalities of a land surface, considered collectively.

**Rhizosphere.** A thin zone of soil adjacent to a root or pore.

**Riparian association.** A cover type representing the latest successional stage attainable on a specific hydrologically influenced riparian zone site.

**Riparian or Riparian zone.** Land in close proximity to a water course, lake, or spring and influenced by surface and ground water during all or part of the year.

**Riverine.** Associated with a river system; active river channel, and land adjacent to the river that is inundated when stream discharge exceeds channel capacity.

**Riverwash.** Unstable areas of sandy, silty, clayey, or gravelly sediments. These areas are flooded, washed, and reworked by rivers so frequently that they support little or no vegetation.

**Rock fragments.** Rock or mineral fragments having a diameter of 2 millimeters or more; for example, pebbles, cobbles, stones, and boulders.

**Rock outcrop.** Exposures of bare bedrock other than lava flows and rock-lined pits.

**Root zone.** The part of the soil that can be penetrated by plant roots.

**Runoff.** The precipitation discharged into stream channels from an area. The water that flows off the surface of the land without sinking into the soil is called surface runoff. Water that enters the soil before reaching surface streams is called ground-water runoff or seepage flow from ground water.

**Sand.** As a soil separate, individual rock or mineral fragments from 0.05 millimeter to 2.0 millimeters in diameter. Most sand grains consist of quartz. As a soil textural class, a soil that is 85 percent or more sand and not more than 10 percent clay.

**Sandy soil.** Sand or loamy sand.

**Sapric soil material (muck).** The most highly decomposed of all organic soil material. Muck has the least amount of plant fiber, the highest bulk density, and the lowest water content at saturation of all organic soil material.

**Saturation.** Wetness characterized by zero or positive pressure of the soil water. Under conditions of saturation, the water will flow from the soil matrix into an unlined auger hole.

**Series, soil.** A group of soils that have profiles that are almost alike, except for differences in texture of the surface layer or of the underlying material. All the soils of a series have horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

**Shallow soil.** A soil that is 10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) deep over bedrock or to other material that restricts the penetration of plant roots.

**Shoulder slope.** The uppermost inclined surface at the top of a hillside. It is the transition zone from the backslope to the summit of a hill or mountain. The surface is dominantly convex in profile and erosional in origin.

**Shrink-swell** (in tables). The shrinking of soil when dry and the swelling when wet. Shrinking and swelling can damage roads, dams, building foundations, and other structures. It can also damage plant roots.

**Silt.** As a soil separate, individual mineral particles that range in diameter from the upper limit of clay (0.002 millimeter) to the lower limit of very fine sand (0.05 millimeter). As a soil textural class, soil that is 80 percent or more silt and less than 12 percent clay.

**Similar soils.** Soils that share limits of diagnostic criteria, behave and perform in a similar manner, and have similar conservation needs or management requirements for the major land uses in the survey area.

**Slope.** The inclination of the land surface from the

horizontal. Percentage of slope is the vertical distance divided by horizontal distance, then multiplied by 100. Thus, a slope of 20 percent is a drop of 20 feet (6 m) in 100 feet (30 m) of horizontal distance. In this survey the following slope classes are recognized:

| | |
|---|---|
| Nearly level | 0 to 2 percent |
| Gently sloping | 2 to 4 percent |
| Moderately sloping | 4 to 8 percent |
| Strongly sloping | 8 to 15 percent |
| Moderately steep | 15 to 25 percent |
| Steep | 25 to 45 percent |
| Very steep | More than 45 percent |

**Slope** (in tables). Slope is great enough that special practices are required to ensure satisfactory performance of the soil for a specific use.

**Slow intake** (in tables). The slow movement of water into the soil.

**Small stones** (in tables). Rock fragments less than 3 inches (less than 7.6 cm) in diameter. Small stones adversely affect the specified use of the soil.

**Soil.** A natural, three-dimensional body at the earth's surface. It is capable of supporting plants and has properties resulting from the integrated effect of climate and living matter acting on earthy parent material, as conditioned by relief over periods of time.

**Soil group.** A collection of soils that form under the influence of similar soil and geomorphic processes and share similar chemical and physical properties.

**Soil process.** A physical or chemical change in soil brought about by exterior influences.

**Soil separates.** Mineral particles less than 2 millimeters in equivalent diameter and ranging between specified size limits. The names and sizes, in millimeters, of separates recognized in the United States are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Very coarse sand | 2.0 to 1.0 |
| Coarse sand | 1.0 to 0.5 |
| Medium sand | 0.5 to 0.25 |
| Fine sand | 0.25 to 0.10 |
| Very fine sand | 0.10 to 0.05 |
| Silt | 0.05 to 0.002 |
| Clay | Less than 0.002 |

**Solum.** The upper part of a soil profile, above the C horizon, in which the processes of soil formation are active. The solum in soil consists of the A, E, and B horizons. Generally, the characteristics of the material in these horizons are unlike those of the underlying material. The living roots and plant and animal activities are largely confined to the solum.

**Species.** A single, distinct kind of plant or animal having certain distinguishing characteristics.

**Stone line.** A concentration of coarse fragments in a soil. Generally, it is indicative of an old weathered surface. In a cross section, the line may be one fragment or more thick. It generally overlies material that weathered in place and is overlain by recent sediment of variable thickness.

**Stones.** Rock fragments 10 to 24 inches (25 to 61 cm) in diameter if rounded or 6 to 15 inches (15 to 38 cm) in length if flat.

**Strandline.** A former shoreline now elevated above the present water level. In the Copper River Basin these are more specifically shorelines of a former proglacial lake.

**Stream channel.** The hollow bed where a natural stream of surface water flows or may flow; the deepest or central part of the bed, formed by the main current and covered more or less continuously by water.

**Stream terrace.** One of a series of platforms in a stream valley, flanking and more or less parallel to the stream channel. It originally formed near the level of the stream and is the dissected remnants of an abandoned flood plain, streambed, or valley floor that were produced during a former stage of erosion or deposition.

**Structure, soil.** The arrangement of primary soil particles into compound particles or aggregates. The principal forms of soil structure are: *platy* (laminated), *prismatic* (vertical axis of aggregates longer than horizontal), *columnar* (prisms with rounded tops), *blocky* (angular or subangular), and *granular*. *Structureless* soils are either *single grain* (each grain by itself, as in dune sand) or *massive* (the particles adhering without any regular cleavage, as in many hardpans).

**Subsoil.** Technically, the B horizon; roughly, the part of the solum below plow depth.

**Substratum.** The part of the soil below the solum.

**Subsurface layer.** Any soil horizon (A, E, AB, or EB) below the surface layer.

**Summit.** A general term for the top, or highest level, of an upland feature, such as a hill or mountain. It commonly refers to a higher area that has a gentle slope and is flanked by steeper slopes.

**Surface layer.** The soil ordinarily moved in tillage, or its equivalent in uncultivated soil, ranging in depth from 4 to 10 inches (10 to 25 cm). Frequently designated as the "plow layer," or the "Ap horizon."

**Surface soil.** The A, E, AB, and EB horizons. It includes all subdivisions of these horizons.

**Talus.** Rock fragments of any size or shape, commonly coarse and angular, derived from and

lying at the base of a cliff or very steep rock slope. The accumulated mass of such loose, broken rock formed chiefly by falling, rolling, or sliding.

**Terrace** (geologic). An old alluvial plain, ordinarily flat or undulating, bordering a river, lake, or the sea.

**Texture, soil.** The relative proportions of sand, silt, and clay particles in a mass of soil. The basic textural classes, in order of increasing proportion of fine particles, are *sand, loamy sand, sandy loam, loam, silt loam, silt, sandy clay loam, clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay,* and *clay*. The sand, loamy sand, and sandy loam classes may be further divided by specifying "coarse," "fine," or "very fine."

**Thermal conductivity.** A measure of heat transfer through soil.

**Thermokarst.** Subsidence of the ground surface due to melting of ice masses.

**Till plain.** An extensive, nearly level to gently rolling or moderately sloping area that is underlain by or consists of till, and that has a slope of 0 to 8 percent.

**Toeslope.** The outermost inclined surface at the base of a hill. Toeslopes are commonly gentle and linear in profile.

**Tussock.** A pedestal or rounded mound or other small elevation consisting of sedge and sedge detritus.

**Understory.** Any plants in a forest or scrub community that grow below and are partially shaded by the tree or shrub overstory.

**Upland** (geology). Land at a higher elevation, in general, than the alluvial plain or stream terrace; land above the lowlands along streams.

**Valley.** An elongated depressional area primarily developed by stream action.

**Variegation.** Refers to patterns of contrasting colors assumed to be inherited from the parent material rather than to be the result of poor drainage.

**Very deep soil.** A soil that is more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm) deep over bedrock or to other material that restricts the penetration of plant roots.

**Very shallow soil.** A soil that is less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) deep over bedrock or to other material that restricts the penetration of plant roots.

**Well graded.** Refers to soil material consisting of coarse grained particles that are well distributed over a wide range in size or diameter. Such soil normally can be easily increased in density and bearing properties by compaction. Contrasts with poorly graded soil.

**Xeric (xerophytic).** A group of plants adapted to surviving periods of prolonged moisture deficiency.

# Part 5—Figures, Plates, and Tables

## FIGURES

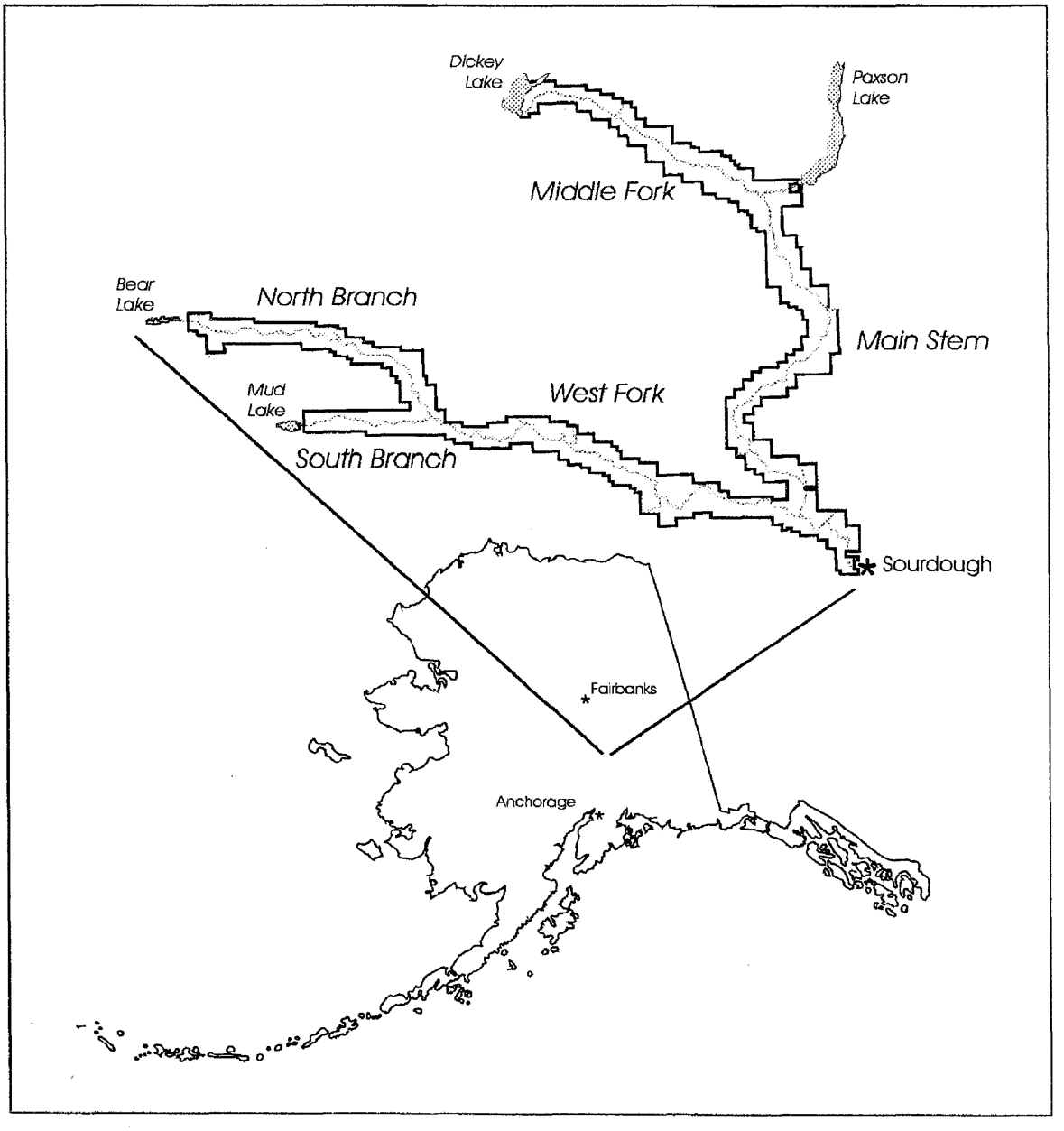



Figure 1. Location of Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

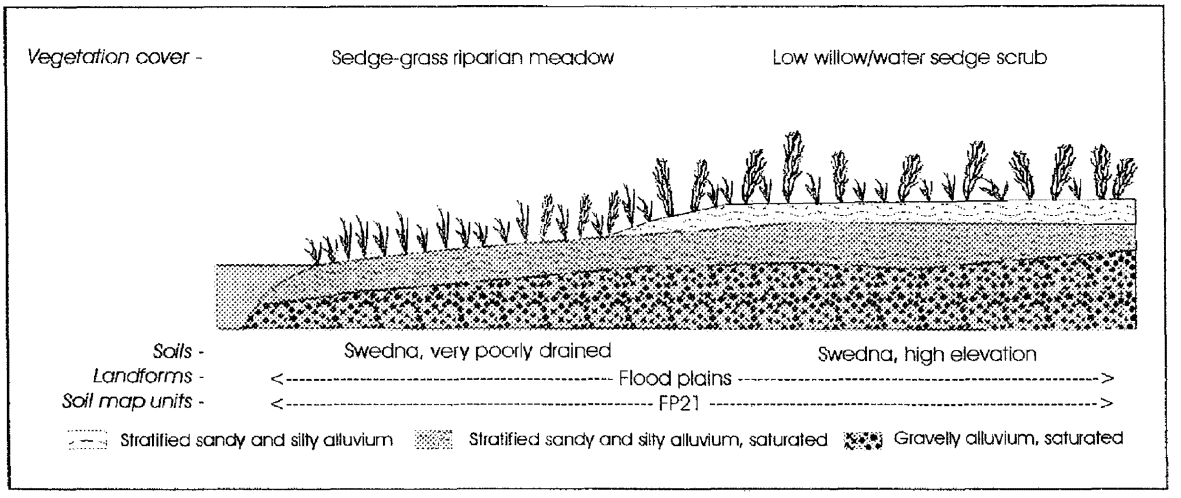



Figure 2. Representative cross section of Landtype Association 135A1.V1 - Loamy and Gravelly Flood Plains along the upper Middle Fork.

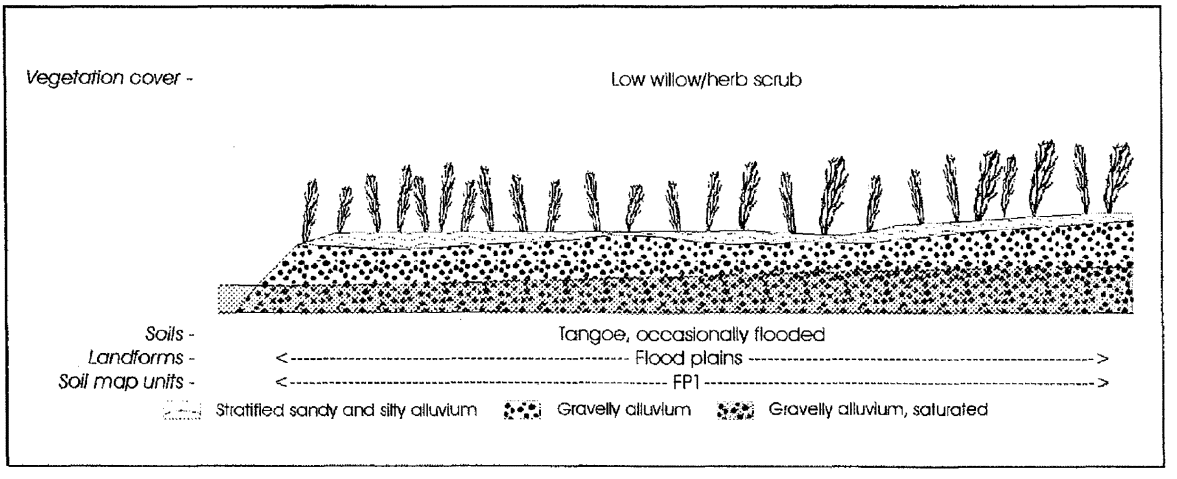



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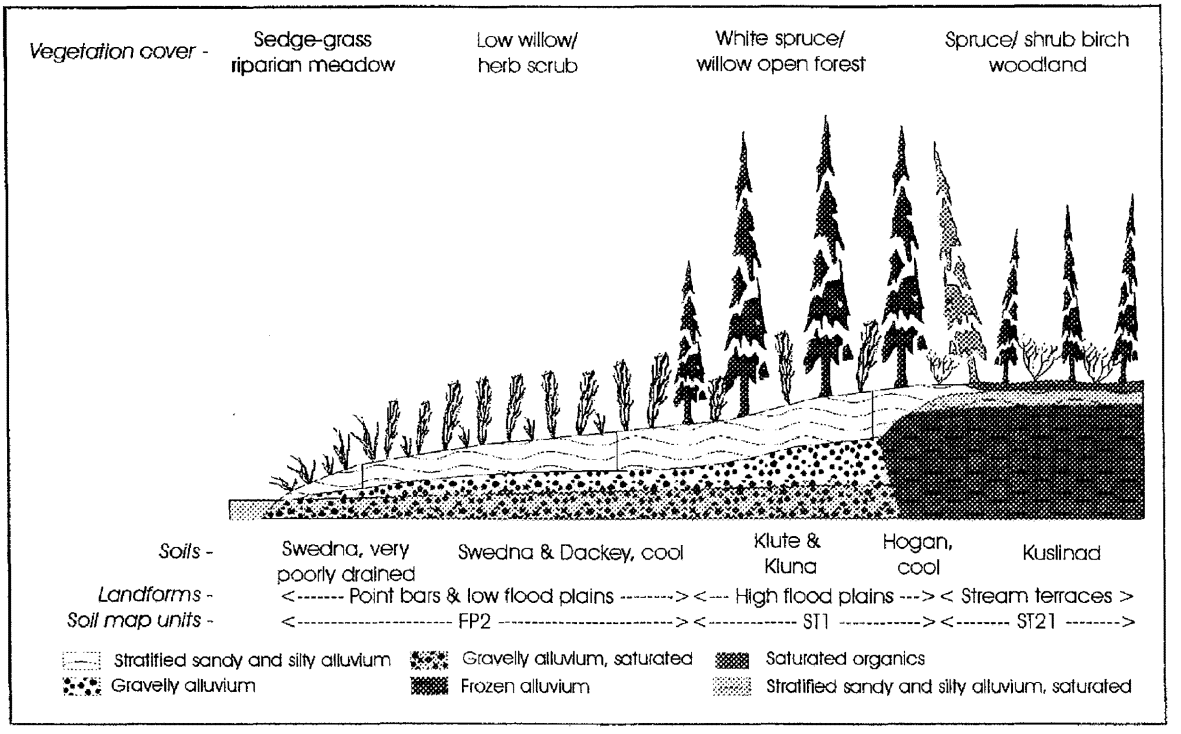



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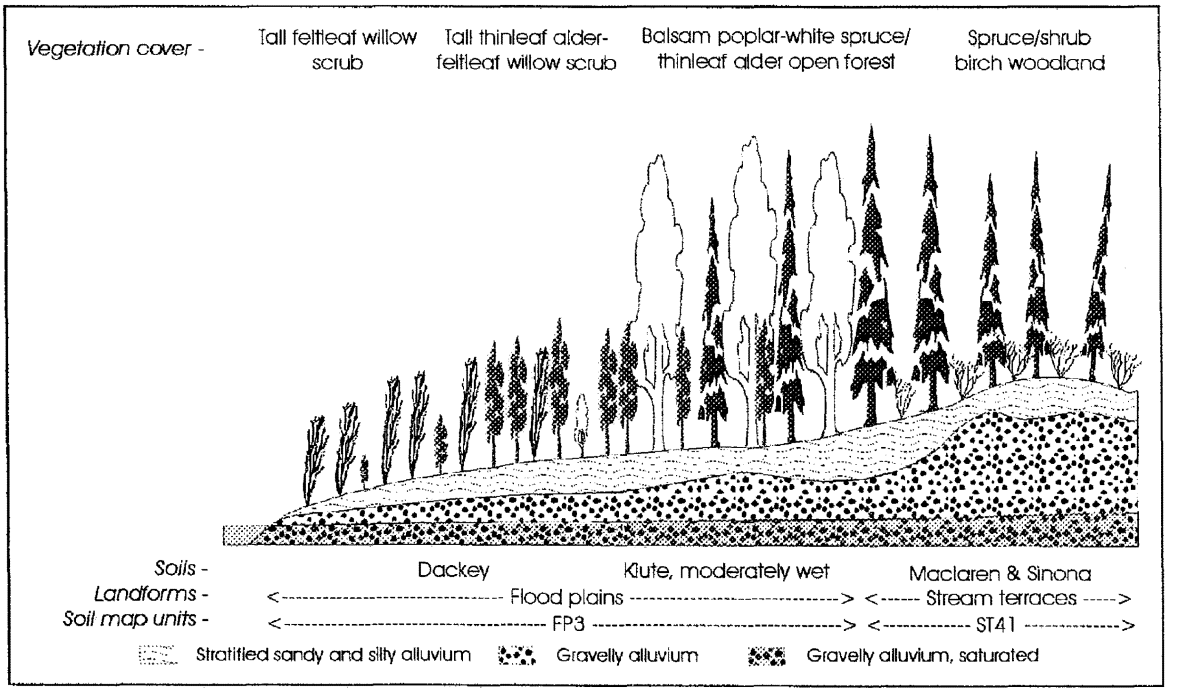



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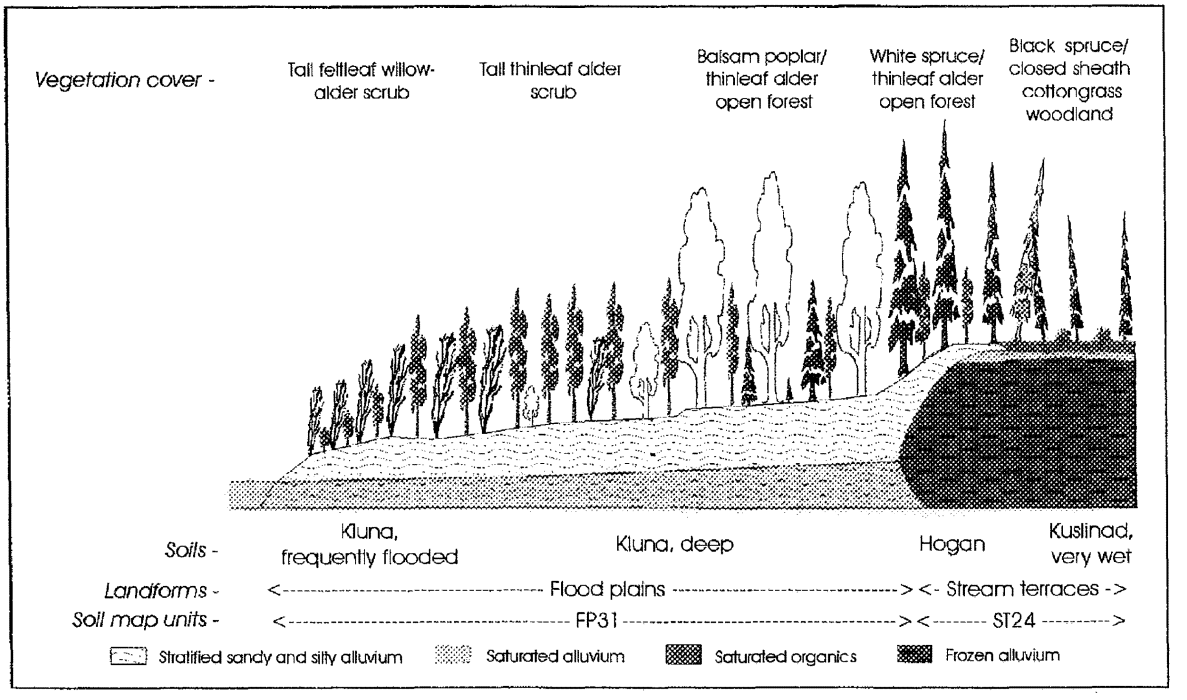



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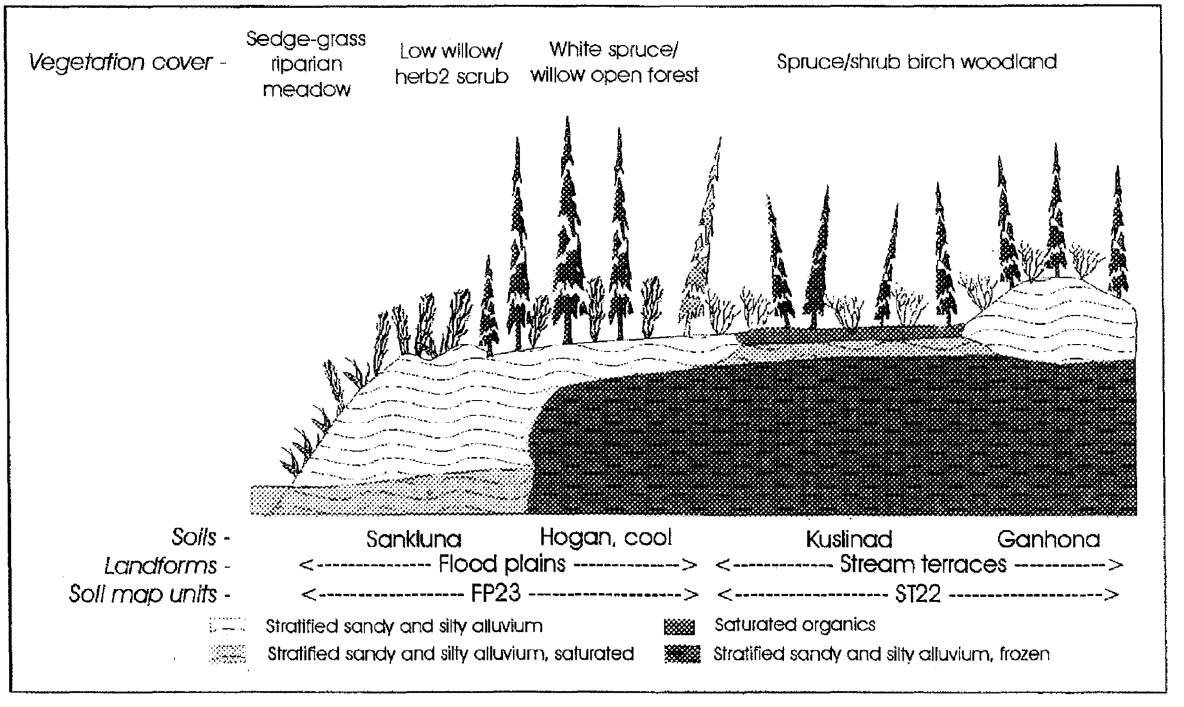



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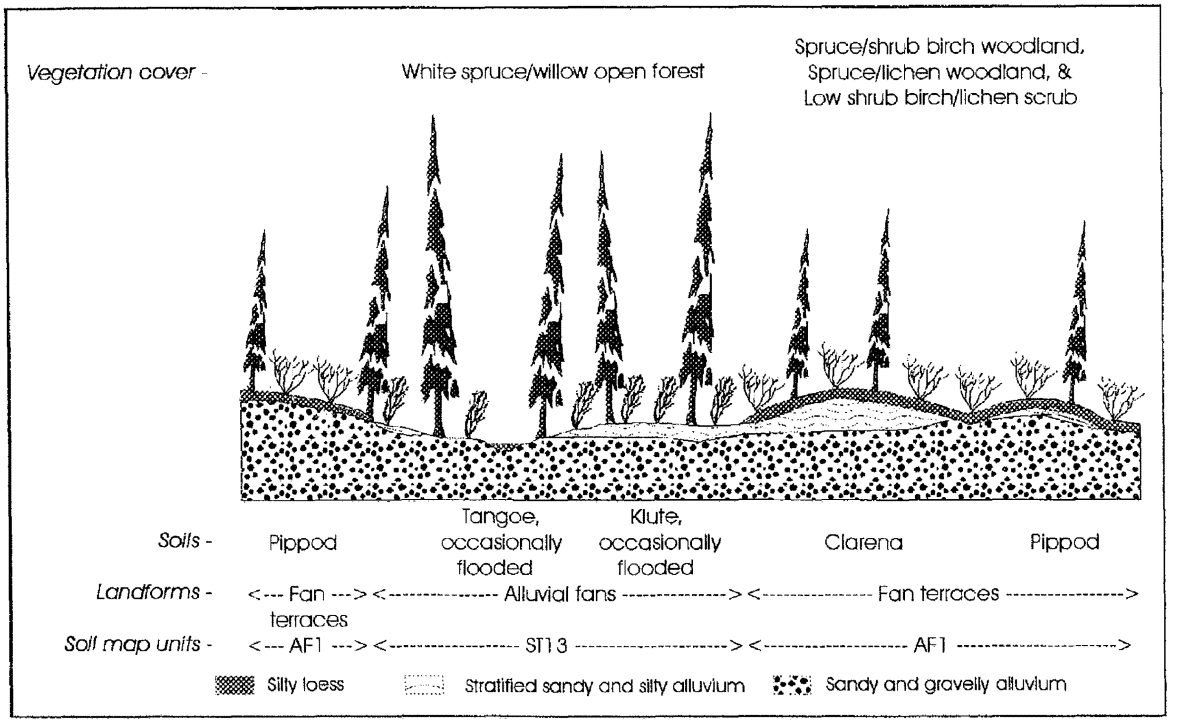



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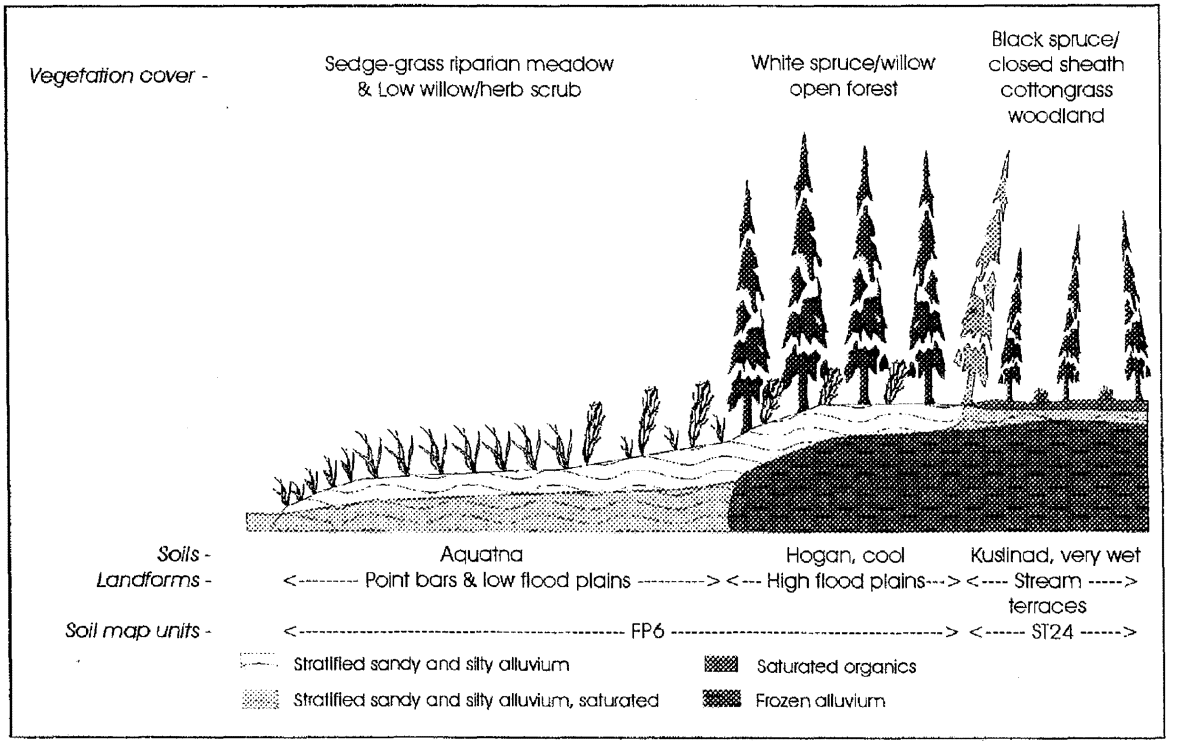



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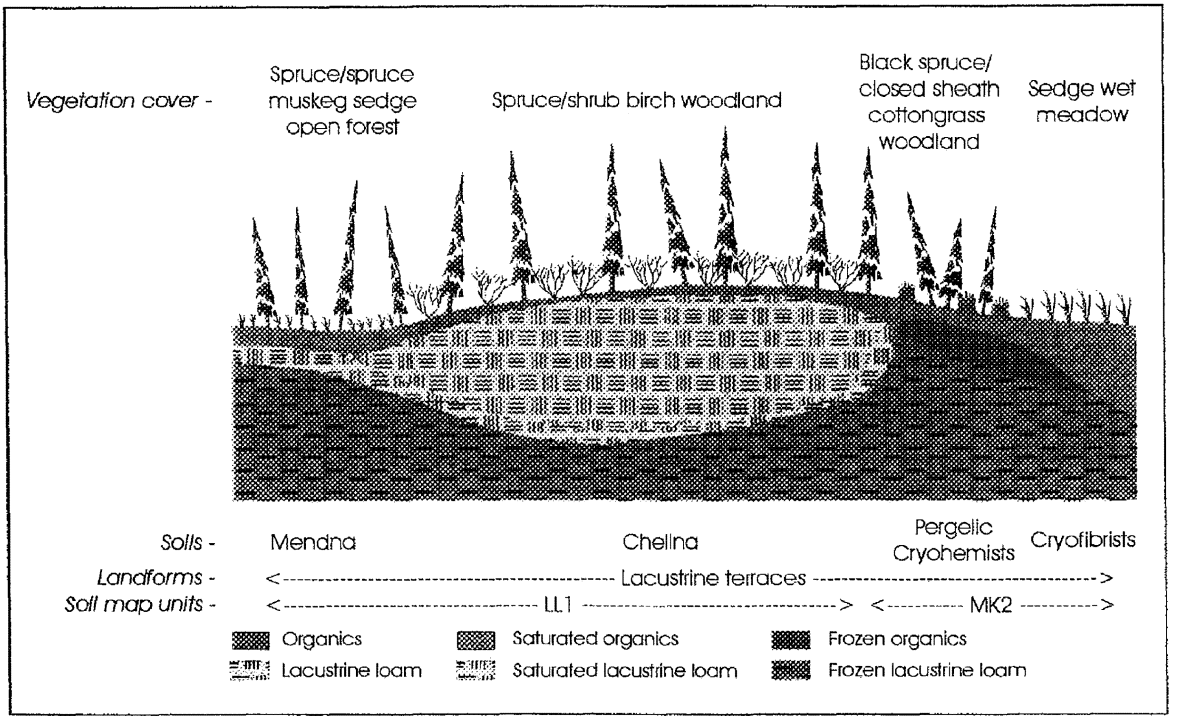



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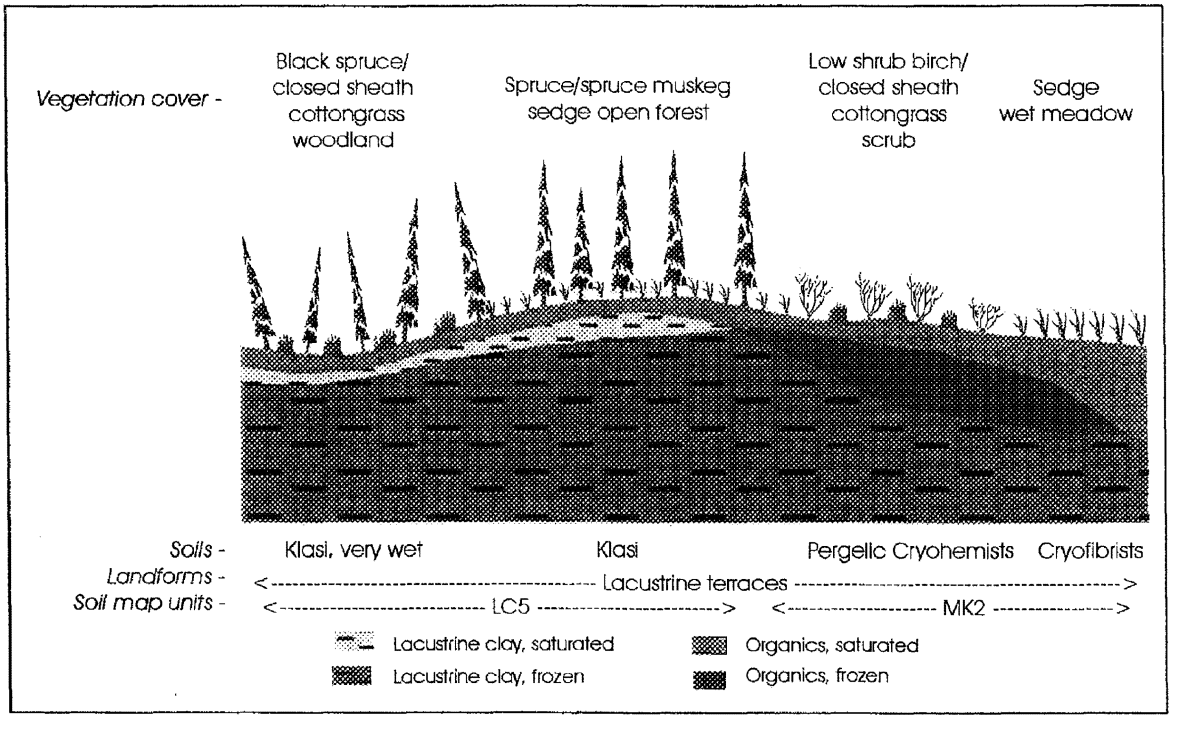



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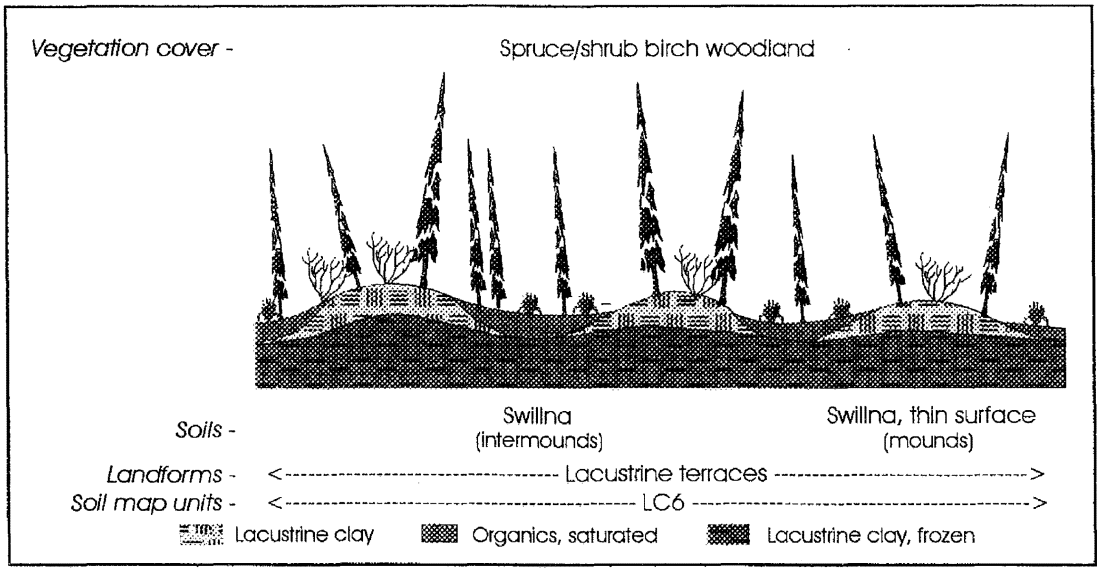



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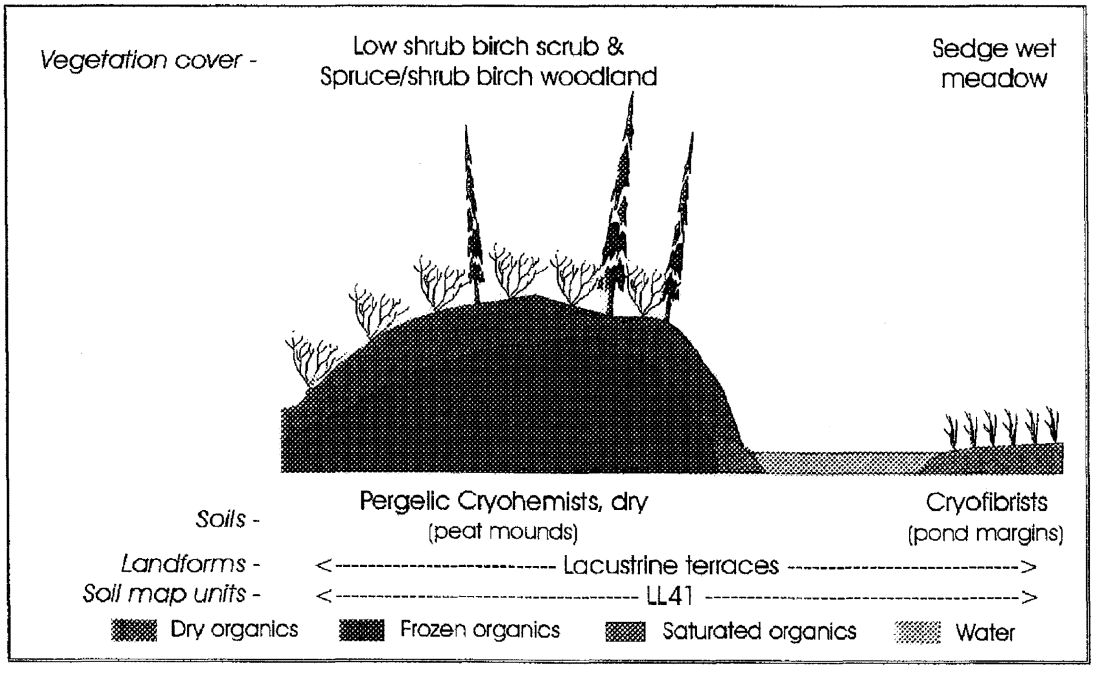



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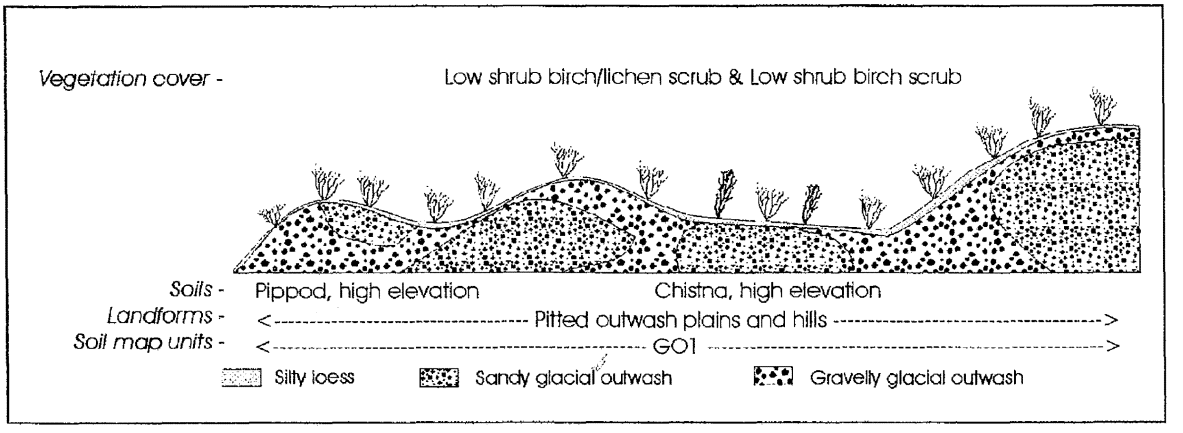



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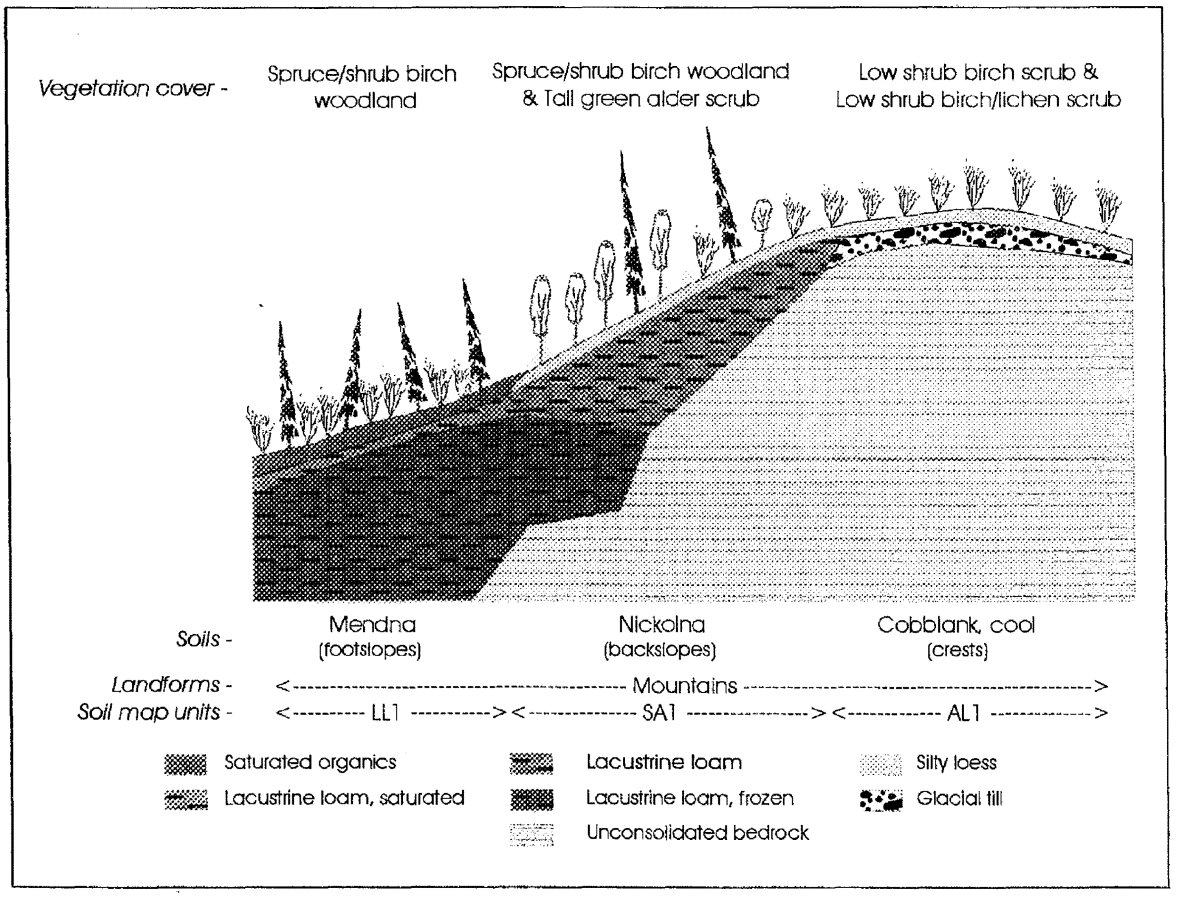
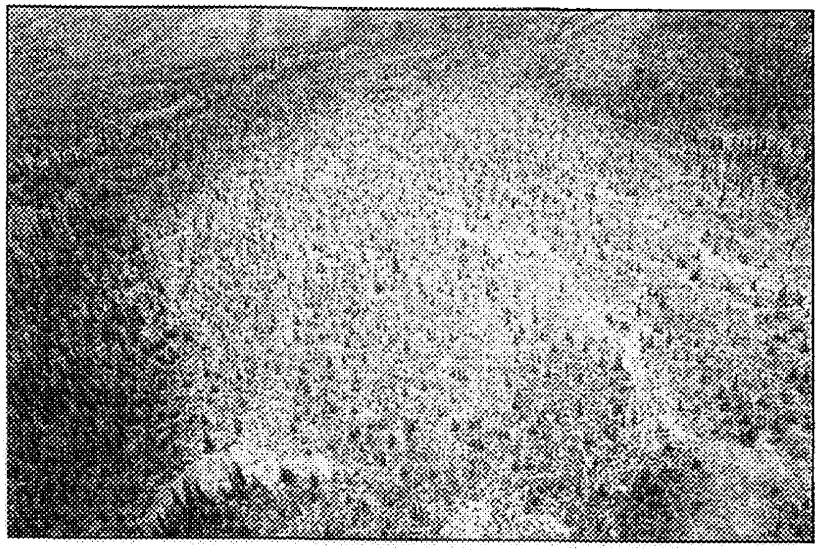



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# PLATES

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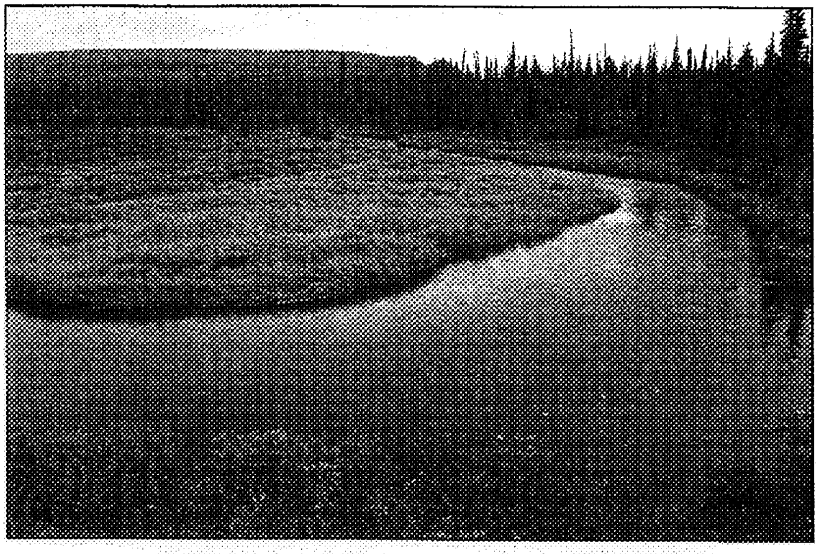


*Upper:* The outer portions of the fan support Spruce/lichen woodland and Low shrub birch/lichen scrub on Pippod and Clarena soils. Typical setting of soil map unit AF1—Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes.

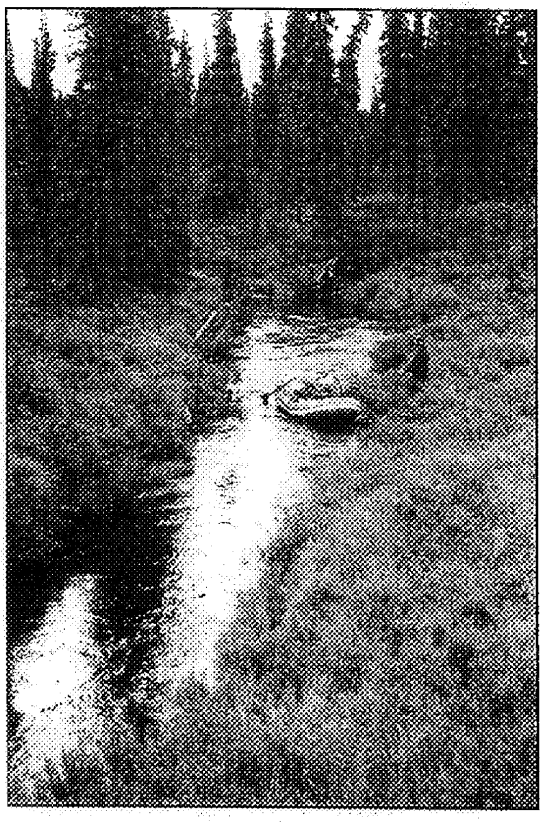


*Lower:* Clarena soil with Low shrub birch/lichen scrub on a fan terrace.

Plate 2. Soils and vegetation on flood plains and stream terraces on the upper North Branch.

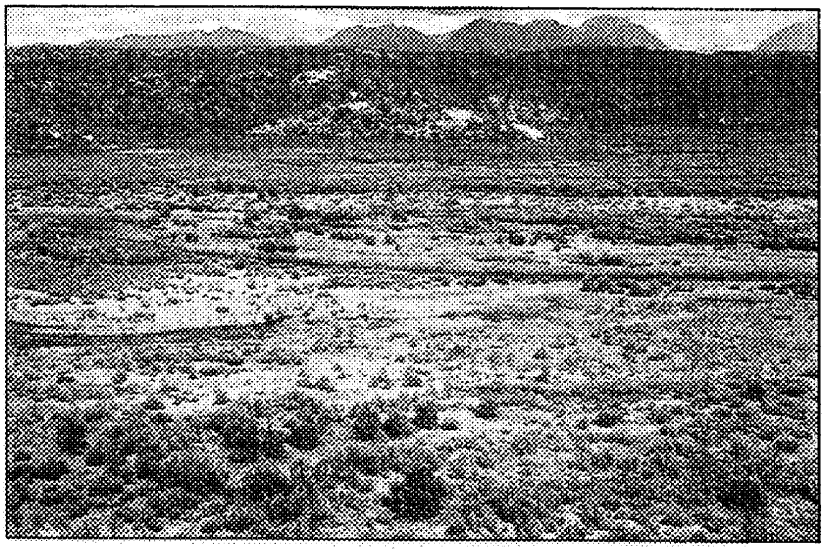


*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map unit FP21—Swedna, high elevation, complex. Adjacent to the channel, Swedna, very poorly drained, soils support Sedge-grass riparian meadow. Swedna, high elevation, soils and Low willow/water sedge scrub are on point bars.



*Lower:* Typical setting of soil map unit ST441—Kuslinad-Dackey, cool, complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes, along the upper North Branch. Dackey, cool, soils and Low willow/herb scrub are adjacent to the channel. Kuslinad soils on stream terraces support Spruce/shrub birch woodland in most places.

Plate 3. Soils and vegetation on flood plains and stream terraces on the upper Middle Fork.

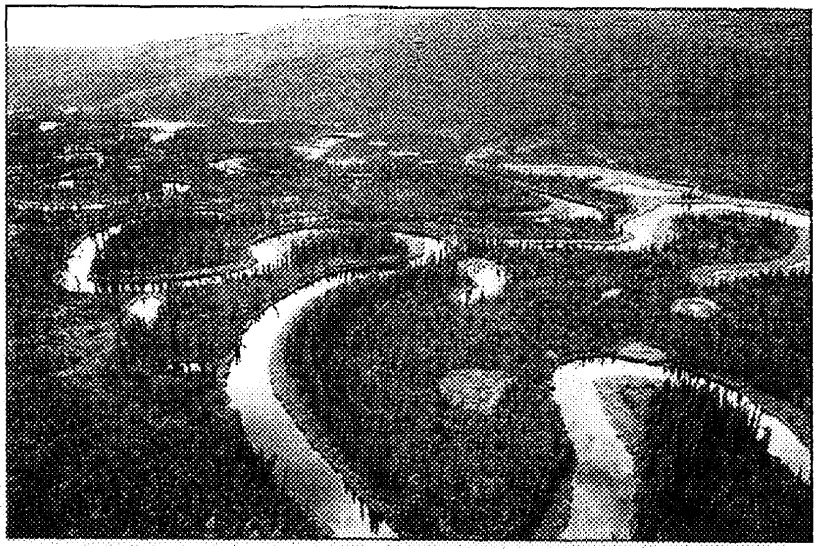


*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map unit FP12—Tangoe, wet, complex about one river mile (1.6 km) below Dickey Lake. Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded, soils on low flood plains adjacent to the channel support Sedge-grass riparian meadow and Tall feltleaf willow scrub. Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded, soils and Low willow/herb scrub interspersed with areas of sparsely vegetated alluvium are on slightly higher flood plains.



*Lower:* Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded, soils and Low willow/water sedge scrub on a low flood plain. Cobbly alluvium is visible below 8 inches (20 cm) in the soil wedge.

Plate 4. Soils and vegetation on flood plains and stream terraces on the lower Middle Fork.



*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map units FP23—Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes, and ST22—Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes. Low willow/herb2 scrub on Sankluna soils and productive White spruce/willow open forest on Hogan soils are on point bars and flood plains in a narrow strip adjacent to the channel. Less productive Spruce/shrub birch woodland on Kuslinad and Ganhona soils is on stream terraces back from the river.



*Lower:* Low willow/herb2 scrub on Sankluna soils on a high flood plain.

Plate 5. Soils and vegetation on flood plains on the West Fork.

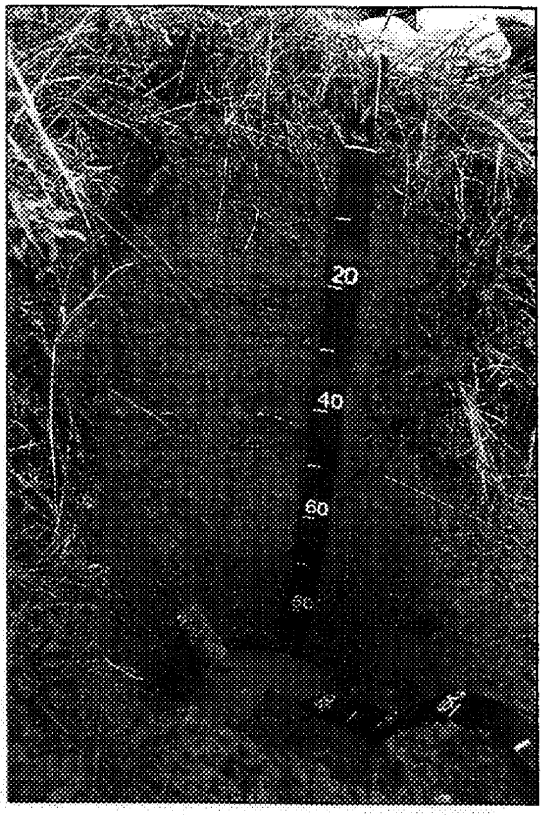


*Upper:* Klute, moderately wet, soils on a high flood plain. Contact between gravelly substratum and the stratified loamy alluvium is visible at 100 cm (39 inches).

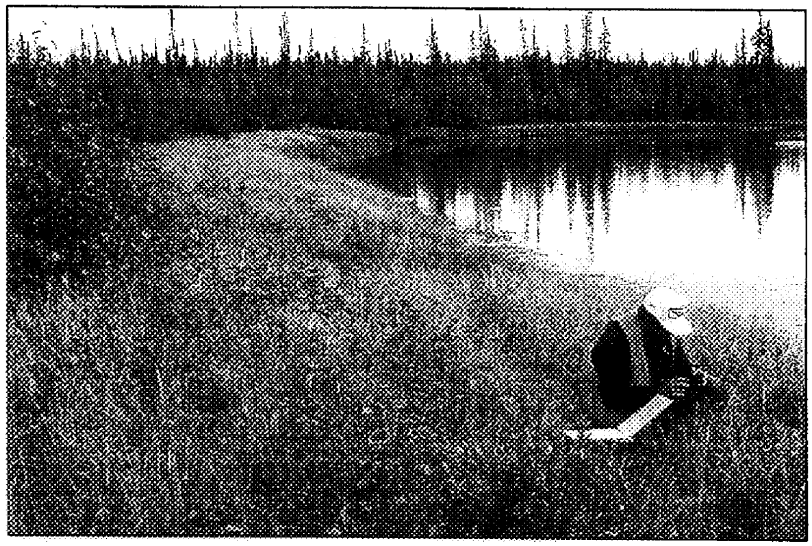


*Lower:* Typical succession on loamy flood plains. Sparsely vegetated alluvium and young stands of Tall feltleaf willow scrub are found on Dackey soils on low flood plains near the channel. Point bars and higher flood plains support Tall thinleaf alder scrub and Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest on Klute, moderately wet, soils.

Plate 6. Soils and vegetation in the riparian zone on the West Fork.




*Upper:* Swedna, very poorly drained, soils on a low flood plain adjacent to the channel. Bluish coloration below 50 cm (20 inches) is the result of continuous saturation and hydromorphism.



*Lower:* Typical setting of Sedge-grass riparian meadow and Swedna, very poorly drained, soils.

Plate 7. Soils and vegetation on glaciolacustrine terraces.

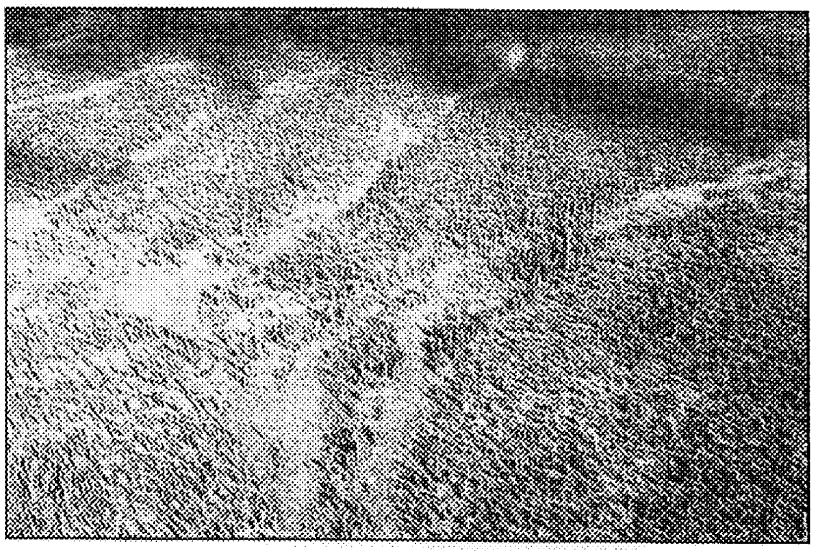


*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map unit LC6—Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes. Swillna, thin surface, soils on the frost boils have sparse ground vegetation and considerable bare soil. Swillna soils in intermound depressions have shallow, ice-rich permafrost and a perched water table.



*Lower:* Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland is a common vegetation cover type on glaciolacustrine uplands and older stream terraces.

Plate 8. Soils and vegetation on glaciolacustrine terraces.

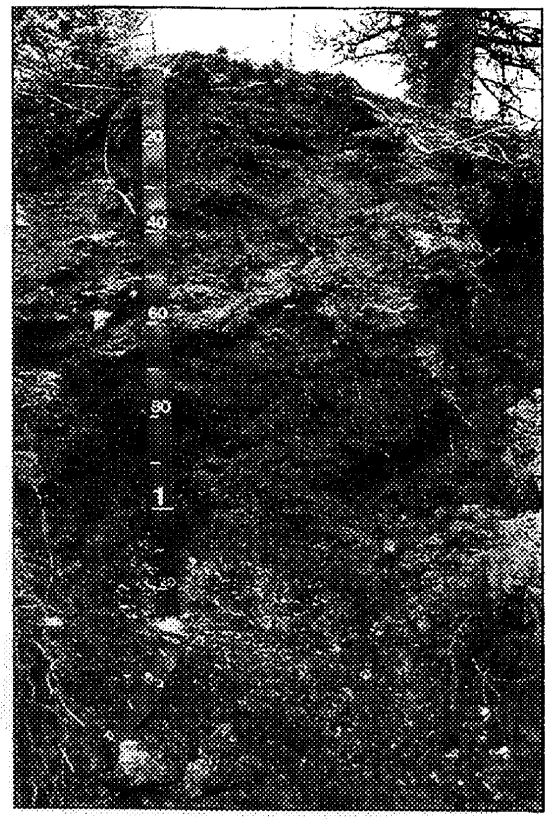


*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map unit LL2—Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes. The vegetation is primarily Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest on Mendna soils, with Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub in drainages and depressions on Ewan soils.

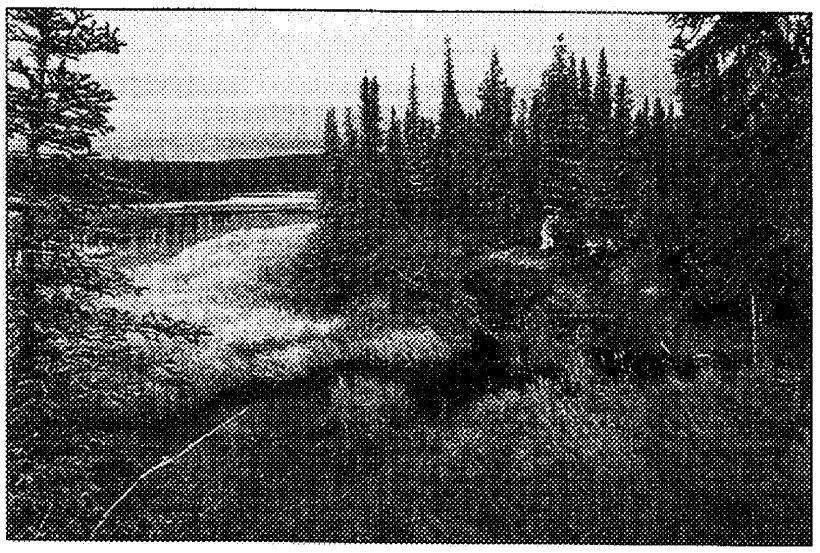


*Lower:* Klasi soils with a thick organic mat over clayey glaciolacustrine sediments, permafrost, and a perched water table.

Plate 9. Palsa and wet meadow complex on the North Branch.



*Upper:* Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, soils on a peat mound. The slightly decomposed *Sphagnum*, sedge, and ericaceous shrub peat is frozen at about 100 cm (39 inches). Ice lenses are visible in the lower profile.

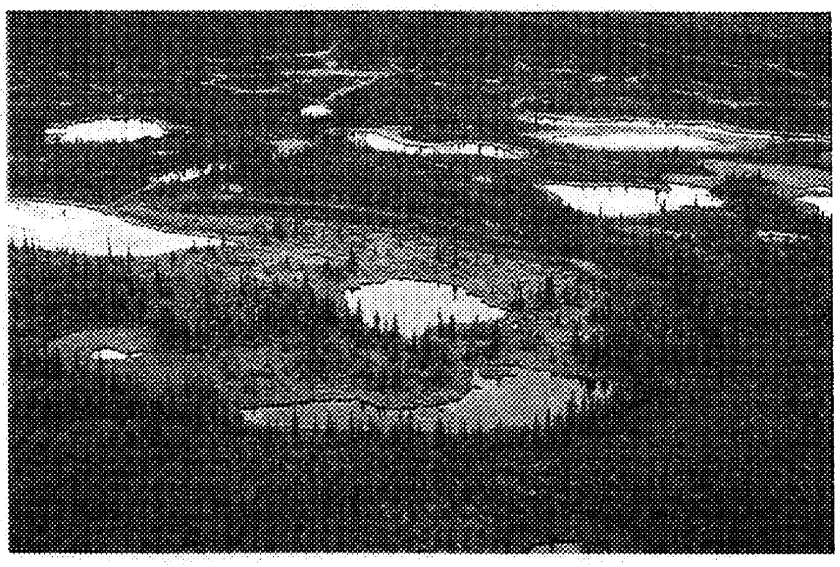


*Lower:* Typical setting of soil map unit LL41—Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes. The well developed peat mound is elevated about 15 feet (4.6 m) above the adjacent wet meadow-pond complex.

Plate 10. Pond and wet meadow complex on older stream terraces.

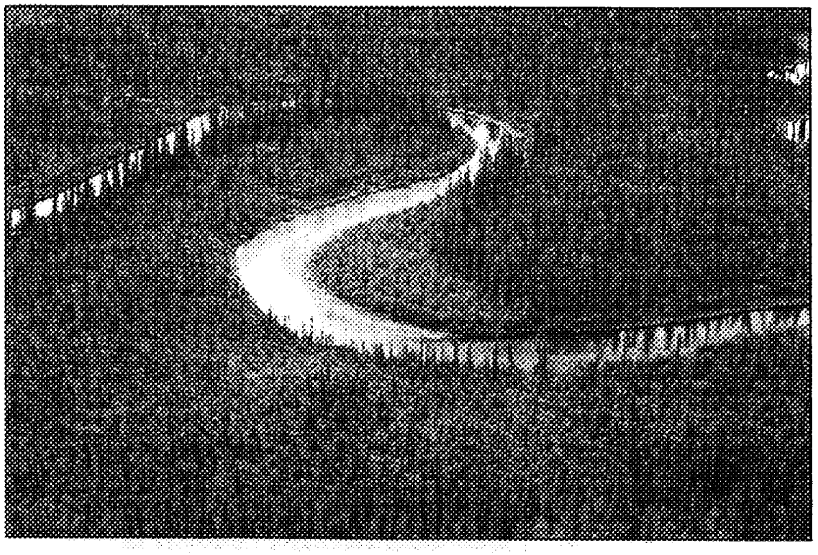


*Upper:* Hufman soils and Sedge wet meadow in a cutoff meander on the Main Stem. Typical setting of soil map unit MK1—Hufman peat.

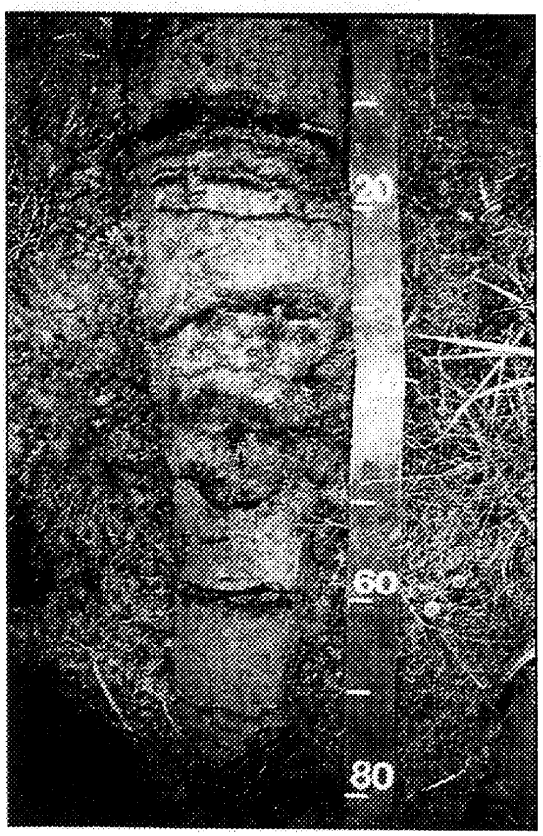


*Lower:* Representative areas of soil map units LL411—Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes and LL41—Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes on the upper North Branch.

Plate 11. Soils and vegetation on stream terraces on the lower North Branch and West Fork.

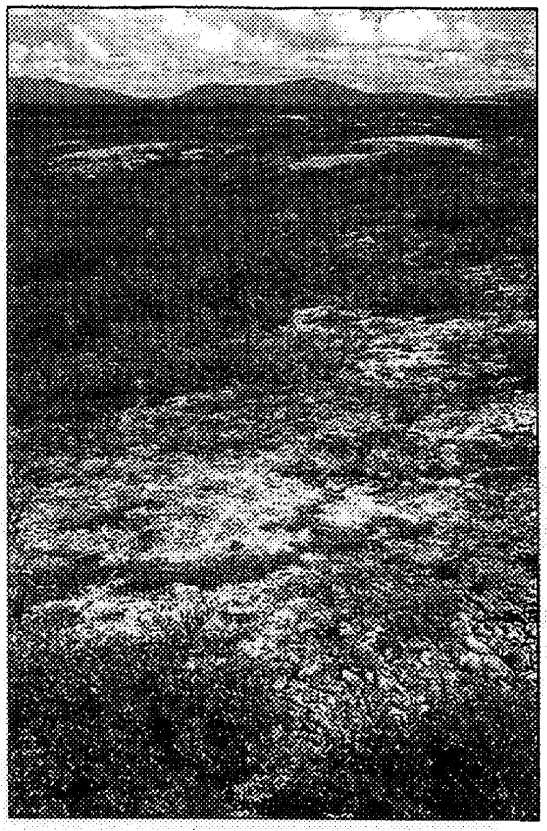


*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map units ST3—Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes and ST21—Kuslinad peat on the North Branch. Dackey soils and Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub are on point bars adjacent to the channel. A narrow zone of Hogan soils and productive White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest quickly gives way to less productive Kuslinad soils and Spruce/shrub birch woodland on the stream terraces.




*Lower:* Stratified loamy alluvium and organic layers in Hogan soils on a low stream terrace on the West Fork.

Plate 12. Pitted outwash plains and low mountains at higher elevations.



*Upper:* Typical setting of soil map unit GO1—Pippod and Chistna soils, high elevation, 0 to 30 percent slopes, on pitted outwash plains in the vicinity of Dickey Lake. Sparsely vegetated outwash is found on crests, shoulders, and other convex slopes. Elsewhere, Low shrub birch scrub and Low shrub birch/lichen scrub predominate.



*Lower:* Low mountains are found along the edge of the Gulkana River area in a few places. Lower slopes are typically mantled in glacial till and lacustrine deposits.

# TABLES

## Table 1. Temperature and Precipitation for Paxson, Alaska

(For period 1975-1987; Source: *AEIDC 1989*)

| Month | Temperature | | | Precip-itation | Snow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean daily maximum | Mean daily minimum | Monthly mean | Mean monthly total | Mean monthly total |
| | °F | °F | °F | inches | inches |
| January | 10.9 | -8.4 | 1.3 | 0.92 | 13.7 |
| February | 15.1 | -6.5 | 4.3 | 0.62 | 9.5 |
| March | 27.6 | 2.0 | 14.9 | 0.84 | 12.1 |
| April | 35.4 | 11.4 | 23.5 | 0.48 | 7.3 |
| May | 50.6 | 28.1 | 39.3 | 0.85 | 1.2 |
| June | 61.5 | 37.0 | 49.3 | 2.91 | 1.5 |
| July | 64.3 | 42.1 | 53.2 | 3.83 | 0.0 |
| August | 60.4 | 37.5 | 49.0 | 3.19 | 0.0 |
| September | 49.5 | 29.6 | 39.6 | 2.76 | 4.8 |
| October | 33.5 | 16.9 | 25.2 | 2.50 | 19.3 |
| November | 17.2 | -0.8 | 8.6 | 1.07 | 15.9 |
| December | 9.5 | -8.3 | 1.1 | 1.20 | 17.0 |
| Yearly mean | 36.3 | 15.1 | 25.8 | -- | -- |
| Yearly total | -- | -- | -- | 21.17 | 102.3 |
| Extreme Month/Year | 83.0 06/83 | -46.0 01/84 | -- | -- | -- |

## Table 2. Temperature and Precipitation for Sourdough, Alaska

(For period 1971-1987; Source: *AEIDC 1989*)

| Month | Temperature | | | Precip-itation | Snow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mean daily maximum | Mean daily minimum | Monthly mean | Mean monthly total | Mean monthly total |
| | °F | °F | °F | inches | inches |
| January | 6.5 | -12.0 | -2.3 | 0.65 | 6.0 |
| February | 16.5 | -9.6 | 4.0 | 0.74 | 8.2 |
| March | 28.3 | -2.3 | 13.0 | 0.64 | 5.9 |
| April | 39.5 | 14.1 | 26.8 | 0.54 | 3.6 |
| May | 53.4 | 27.9 | 40.7 | 0.66 | 1.1 |
| June | 61.7 | 36.9 | 49.3 | 2.11 | 0.4 |
| July | 66.3 | 41.9 | 54.1 | 3.06 | 0.0 |
| August | 63.1 | 36.7 | 49.9 | 2.11 | 0.0 |
| September | 52.1 | 28.0 | 40.1 | 1.56 | 1.1 |
| October | 34.7 | 15.2 | 24.8 | 1.46 | 11.1 |
| November | 15.4 | -4.8 | 5.3 | 0.70 | 7.3 |
| December | 4.4 | -12.5 | -4.0 | 0.98 | 9.7 |
| Yearly mean | 36.8 | 13.3 | 25.1 | -- | -- |
| Yearly total | -- | -- | -- | 15.21 | 54.4 |
| Extreme Month/Year | 90.0 07/72 | -62.0 01/73 | -- | -- | -- |

## Table 3. Hierarchy of Ecological Units

(Source for Domain, Division, Province, and Section Levels: *Nowacki and Brock 1995*)

100 - Polar Domain

130 - Subarctic Division

135 - Alaska Range Taiga Province

135A - Copper River Basin Section

135A1 - Gulkana River Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Subsection

135A1.V1 - Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains Landtype Association
- 135A1.V1.FP1 - Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded
- 135A1.V1.FP12 - Tangoe, wet, complex
- 135A1.V1.FP13 - Swedna, high elevation-Hisna complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
- 135A1.V1.ST12 - Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam

135A1.V2 - Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association
- 135A1.V2.FP2 - Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes
- 135A1.V2.FP22 - Dackey, cool-Swedna, high elevation-Kluna complex
- 135A1.V2.ST1 - Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes
- 135A1.V2.ST2 - Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
- 135A1.V2.ST11 - Klute-Tangoe, occasionally flooded, complex
- 135A1.V2.ST13 - Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes
- 135A1.V2.ST21 - Kuslinad peat
- 135A1.V2.ST31 - Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes
- 135A1.V2.ST441- Kuslinad-Dackey, cool, complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes

135A1.V3 - Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association
- 135A1.V3.ST3 - Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes
- 135A1.V3.ST21 - Kuslinad peat
- 135A1.V3.ST41 - Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
- 135A1.V3.ST411- Maclaren-Kuslinad complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

135A1.V4 - Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association
- 135A1.V4.FP3 - Dackey-Klute, moderately wet, complex, occasionally flooded
- 135A1.V4.FP4 - Dackey-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex
- 135A1.V4.FP31 - Kluna, deep-Hogan-Kluna, frequently flooded, complex
- 135A1.V4.FP32 - Dackey-Hogan-Klute, moderately wet, complex
- 135A1.V4.ST2 - Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
- 135A1.V4.ST3 - Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes
- 135A1.V4.ST5 - Haggard peat, 0 to 4 percent slopes
- 135A1.V4.ST21 - Kuslinad peat
- 135A1.V4.ST24 - Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex
- 135A1.V4.ST24B- Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet-Kusdry complex

135A1.V5 - Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association
- 135A1.V5.FP23 - Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
- 135A1.V5.MK1 - Hufman peat
- 135A1.V5.ST21 - Kuslinad peat
- 135A1.V5.ST22 - Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes

135A1.V6 - Gravelly and Loamy Alluvial Fans and Fan Terraces Landtype Association
- 135A1.V6.AF1 - Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes
- 135A1.V6.ST13 - Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes

135A1.V7 - South Branch Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Landtype Association
- 135A1.V7.FP6 - Aquatna, frequently flooded-Hogan, cool, complex
- 135A1.V7.ST24 - Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex
- 135A1.V7.ST31 - Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes

Table 3. Hierarchy of Ecological Units (continued)

135A2 - Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection

135A2.U1 - Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association
- 135A2.U1.AT1 - Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes
- 135A2.U1.LL1 - Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes
- 135A2.U1.LL2 - Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
- 135A2.U1.LL12 - Chelina loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes
- 135A2.U1.MK2 - Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils
- 135A2.U1.TS1 - Cryaquepts, 4 to 25 percent slopes

135A2.U2 - Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association
- 135A2.U2.AT1 - Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes
- 135A2.U2.LC1 - Klasi peat, 0 to 10 percent slopes
- 135A2.U2.LC2 - Gadona silty clay, 0 to 10 percent slopes
- 135A2.U2.LC5 - Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes
- 135A2.U2.MK2 - Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils
- 135A2.U2.TS14 - Cryaquepts and Cryaquepts, very wet, soils, 4 to 25 percent slopes

135A2.U3 - Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association
- 135A2.U3.LC5 - Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes
- 135A2.U3.LC6 - Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
- 135A2.U3.LL41 - Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

135A2.U4 - Loamy Depressional Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association
- 135A2.U4.LL41 - Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes
- 135A2.U4.LL411- Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes

135A3 - Glaciofluvial Plains and Hills Subsection

135A3.G1 - Gravelly and Sandy Glaciofluvial Uplands Landtype Association
- 135A3.G1.G01 - Pippod and Chistna soils, high elevation, 0 to 30 percent slopes

135A4 - Low Mountains Subsection

135A4.M1 - Northern Low Mountains Landtype Association
- 135A4.M1.AL1 - Cobblank, cool-Rock outcrop complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes
- 135A4.M1.AL2 - Cobblank and Telay soils, 2 to 16 percent slopes
- 135A4.M1.BR1 - Cobblank silt loam, 5 to 25 percent slopes
- 135A4.M1.LL1 - Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes
- 135A4.M1.SA1 - Nickolna silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes
- 135A4.M1.SA3 - Goodview-Rock outcrop complex, 20 to 50 percent slopes
- 135A4.M1.TS12 - Chelina and Mendna soils, 6 to 20 percent slopes

## Table 4. Soil Map Unit Legend and Acreage

| Symbol | Soil map unit name | Acres | Ha. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AF1 | Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes | 463 | 188 | 0.5 |
| AL1 | Cobblank, cool-Rock outcrop complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes | 26 | 11 | 0.0 |
| AL2 | Cobblank and Telay soils, 2 to 16 percent slopes | 2116 | 857 | 2.3 |
| AT1 | Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes | 1341 | 543 | 1.5 |
| BR1 | Cobblank silt loam, 5 to 25 percent slopes | 1505 | 610 | 1.6 |
| ESC1 | Cryorthents and Cryochrepts soils, 20 to 80 percent slopes | 4966 | 2011 | 5.4 |
| FP1* | Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | 203 | 82 | 0.2 |
| FP2* | Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes | 119 | 48 | 0.1 |
| FP3* | Dackey-Klute, moderately wet, complex, occasionally flooded | 728 | 295 | 0.8 |
| FP4* | Dackey-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex | 15 | 6 | 0.0 |
| FP6* | Aquatna, frequently flooded-Hogan, cool, complex | 8 | 3 | 0.0 |
| FP12 | Tangoe, wet, complex | 125 | 51 | 0.1 |
| FP13* | Swedna, high elevation-Hisna complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes | 196 | 79 | 0.2 |
| FP21* | Swedna, high elevation, complex | 740 | 300 | 0.8 |
| FP22* | Dackey, cool-Swedna, high elevation-Kluna complex | 166 | 67 | 0.2 |
| FP23 | Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | 434 | 176 | 0.5 |
| FP31 | Kluna, deep-Hogan-Kluna, frequently flooded, complex | 493 | 200 | 0.5 |
| FP32 | Dackey-Hogan-Klute, moderately wet, complex | 951 | 385 | 1.0 |
| GO1 | Pippod and Chistna soils, high elevation, 0 to 30 percent slopes | 1460 | 591 | 1.6 |
| LC1 | Klasi peat, 0 to 10 percent slopes | 10296 | 4170 | 11.2 |
| LC2 | Gadona silty clay, 0 to 10 percent slopes | 1070 | 433 | 1.2 |
| LC5 | Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes | 1003 | 406 | 1.1 |
| LC6 | Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | 2849 | 1154 | 3.1 |
| LL1 | Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes | 15325 | 6207 | 16.7 |
| LL2 | Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes | 9109 | 3689 | 9.9 |
| LL3 | Gadona silty clay, 5 to 20 percent slopes | 252 | 102 | 0.3 |
| LL12 | Chelina loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes | 2282 | 924 | 2.5 |
| LL13 | Chelina loam, 7 to 25 percent slopes | 687 | 278 | 0.7 |
| LL41 | Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes | 738 | 299 | 0.8 |
| LL411 | Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes | 2287 | 926 | 2.5 |
| MK1 | Hufman peat | 683 | 276 | 0.7 |
| MK2 | Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils | 1260 | 510 | 1.4 |
| SA1 | Nickolna silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes | 593 | 240 | 0.6 |
| SA3 | Goodview-Rock outcrop complex, 20 to 50 percent slopes | 174 | 70 | 0.2 |
| ST1 | Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes | 453 | 183 | 0.5 |
| ST2 | Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes | 612 | 248 | 0.7 |
| ST3* | Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes | 1221 | 495 | 1.3 |
| ST4 | Hogan fine sandy loam | 341 | 138 | 0.4 |
| ST5 | Haggard peat, 0 to 4 percent slopes | 1159 | 469 | 1.3 |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 4. Soil Map Unit Legend and Acreage (Continued)

| Symbol | Soil map unit name | Acres | Ha. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ST11 | Klute-Tangoe, occasionally flooded, complex | 68 | 27 | 0.1 |
| ST12 | Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | 137 | 55 | 0.1 |
| ST13* | Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes | 336 | 136 | 0.4 |
| ST21 | Kuslinad peat | 2212 | 896 | 2.4 |
| ST22 | Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes | 763 | 309 | 0.8 |
| ST24 | Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex | 3274 | 1326 | 3.6 |
| ST24B | Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet-Kusdry complex | 985 | 399 | 1.1 |
| ST31* | Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes | 156 | 63 | 0.2 |
| ST41 | Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | 642 | 260 | 0.7 |
| ST411 | Maclaren-Kuslinad complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | 1699 | 688 | 1.8 |
| ST441 | Kuslinad-Dackey, cool, complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes | 424 | 172 | 0.5 |
| TS1 | Cryaquepts, 4 to 25 percent slopes | 3158 | 1279 | 3.4 |
| TS3 | Mankomen peat, 0 to 15 percent slopes | 373 | 151 | 0.4 |
| TS12 | Chelina and Mendna soils, 6 to 20 percent slopes | 3902 | 1580 | 4.2 |
| TS14 | Cryaquepts and Cryaquepts, very wet, soils, 4 to 25 percent slopes | 1527 | 619 | 1.7 |
| W | Water | 3881 | 1572 | 4.2 |
| | Total area | 91986 | 37252 | 100.0 |

* These units can occur as narrow riparian strips and are often represented on the soil maps with line symbols, not polygons. Because line symbols where not included in acreage calculations, actual acreage of these units is slightly greater than reported in the table.

## Table 5. Common Vegetation Cover Types Found on Soils

| Map unit symbol: Map unit component | Common cover types |
|---|---|
| AF1: | |
| Pippod | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Clarena | Spruce/lichen woodland<br>Low shrub birch/lichen scrub |
| AL1: | |
| Cobblank, cool | Low shrub birch scrub<br>Low shrub birch/lichen scrub |
| Rock outcrop. | --- |
| AL2: | |
| Cobblank | Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Telay | Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| AT1: | |
| Chistna | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/lichen woodland<br>Quaking aspen-white spruce forest |
| Pippod | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/lichen woodland<br>Quaking aspen-white spruce forest |
| BR1: | |
| Cobblank | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Tall green alder scrub |
| ESC1: | |
| Cryorthents | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Quaking aspen-white spruce forest<br>White spruce forest |
| Cryochrepts | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Quaking aspen-white spruce forest<br>White spruce forest |
| FP1: | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | Low willow/herb scrub<br>White spruce/willow open forest<br>Tall feltleaf willow scrub |
| FP2: | |
| Dackey, cool | Low willow/herb scrub<br>White spruce/willow open forest |
| Swedna | Low willow/herb scrub<br>Tall feltleaf willow scrub |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Sedge-grass riparian meadow<br>Low willow/water sedge scrub |
| FP3: | |
| Dackey | Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub<br>Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest<br>Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub |
| Klute, moderately wet | Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest<br>Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest |

Table 5. Common Vegetation Cover Types Found on Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Map unit component | Common cover types |
|---|---|
| FP4: | |
| Dackey | Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub<br>Tall thinleaf alder scrub |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Sedge-grass riparian meadow |
| FP6: | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded | Low willow/herb scrub<br>Sedge-grass riparian meadow |
| Hogan, cool | White spruce/willow open forest |
| FP12: | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | Low willow/herb scrub<br>Tall feltleaf willow scrub<br>Sparsely vegetated alluvium |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | Low willow/herb scrub<br>Tall feltleaf willow scrub<br>Sedge-grass riparian meadow |
| FP13: | |
| Swedna, high elevation | Low willow/water sedge scrub<br>Low willow/herb scrub<br>Tall feltleaf willow scrub |
| Hisna | Low willow/water sedge scrub<br>Low willow/herb scrub |
| FP21: | |
| Swedna, high elevation | Low willow/water sedge scrub<br>Low willow/herb scrub |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Sedge-grass riparian meadow<br>Low willow/herb scrub |
| FP22: | |
| Dackey, cool | Low willow/herb scrub<br>White spruce/willow open forest<br>Tall feltleaf willow scrub |
| Swedna, high elevation | Low willow/water sedge scrub<br>Low willow/herb scrub |
| Kluna | White spruce/willow open forest |
| FP23: | |
| Hogan, cool | White spruce/willow open forest |
| Sankluna | Low willow/herb2 scrub |
| FP31: | |
| Kluna, deep | Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest<br>Tall thinleaf alder scrub<br>Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest |
| Hogan | White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest<br>White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest |
| Kluna, frequently flooded | Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub<br>Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub |

Table 5. Common Vegetation Cover Types Found on Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Map unit component | Common cover types |
|---|---|
| FP32: | |
| Dackey | Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub<br>Tall thinleaf alder scrub<br>Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub |
| Hogan | White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest<br>White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest |
| Klute, moderately wet | Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest<br>Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest<br>White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest |
| GO1: | |
| Pippod, high elevation | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| Chistna, high elevation | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| LC1: | |
| Klasi peat | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland |
| LC2: | |
| Gadona silty clay | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| LC5: | |
| Klasi | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Klasi, very wet | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland |
| LC6: | |
| Swillna, thin surface | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/lichen woodland<br>Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland |
| Swillna | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| LL1: | |
| Mendna | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Chelina | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Low shrub birch scrub<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| LL2: | |
| Mendna | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| Ewan | Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub<br>Spruce/water sedge woodland<br>Spruce/willow woodland |

Table 5. Common Vegetation Cover Types Found on Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Map unit component | Common cover types |
|---|---|
| LL3: | |
| Gadona silty clay | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/lichen woodland |
| LL12: | |
| Chelina loam | Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| LL13: | |
| Chelina loam | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| LL41: | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | Black spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| Cryofibrists | Sedge wet meadow |
| LL411: | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| Mendna, very wet | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Low shrub birch scrub<br>Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland |
| Cryofibrists | Sedge wet meadow<br>Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub |
| MK1: | |
| Hufman peat | Sedge wet meadow<br>Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub |
| MK2: | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| Cryofibrists | Sedge wet meadow<br>Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub |
| SA1: | |
| Nickolna silt loam | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/willow woodland<br>Tall green alder scrub |
| SA3: | |
| Goodview | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| Rock outcrop. | --- |
| ST1: | |
| Klute | White spruce/willow open forest<br>Low willow/herb scrub<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Kluna | White spruce/willow open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| ST2: | |
| Kuslinad | Spruce/shrub birch woodland |

Table 5. Common Vegetation Cover Types Found on Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Map unit component | Common cover types |
|---|---|
| ST2: (cont'd) | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-------- | Low shrub birch scrub<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Hufman---------- | Sedge wet meadow |
| ST3: | |
| Dackey---------- | Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub<br>Tall thinleaf alder scrub<br>Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest |
| Hogan---------- | White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest<br>White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest |
| ST4: | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam---------- | White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest<br>White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest |
| ST5: | |
| Haggard peat---------- | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub |
| ST11: | |
| Klute---------- | White spruce/willow open forest |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded----- | White spruce/willow open forest |
| ST12: | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam------ | Low willow/herb scrub<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| ST13: | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded----- | White spruce/willow open forest |
| Klute, occasionally flooded------ | White spruce/willow open forest |
| ST21: | |
| Kuslinad peat---------- | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| ST22: | |
| Kuslinad---------- | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| Ganhona---------- | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/lichen woodland |
| ST24: | |
| Kuslinad---------- | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| Kuslinad, very wet---------- | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub |
| ST248: | |
| Kuslinad---------- | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| Kuslinad, very wet---------- | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub |

Table 5. Common Vegetation Cover Types Found on Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Map unit component | Common cover types |
|---|---|
| ST24B: (cont'd) | |
| Kusdry | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland |
| ST31: | |
| Dackey, cool | Tall feltleaf willow scrub<br>Low willow/herb scrub |
| Hogan, cool | White spruce/willow open forest |
| ST41: | |
| Maclaren | Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Sinona | Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| ST411: | |
| Maclaren | Spruce/lichen woodland<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland |
| Kuslinad | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/lichen woodland |
| ST441: | |
| Kuslinad | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Low shrub birch scrub |
| Dackey, cool | Low willow/herb scrub |
| TS1: | |
| Cryaquepts | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Spruce/willow woodland |
| TS3: | |
| Mankomen peat | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| TS12: | |
| Chelina | Spruce/shrub birch woodland<br>Low shrub birch scrub<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| Mendna | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| TS14: | |
| Cryaquepts | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest<br>Spruce/shrub birch woodland |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland<br>Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |
| W: | |
| Water | Aquatic herbaceous |

## Table 6. Ecological Sites Correlated to Soils

| Map unit symbol: Map unit component | Site name (Potential natural plant community) |
|---|---|
| AF1: | |
| Pippod | Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland) |
| Clarena | Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland) |
| AL1: | |
| Cobblank, cool | Upper mountain slopes, shallow (Low shrub birch scrub) |
| Rock outcrop. | |
| AL2: | |
| Cobblank | Mountain slopes, shallow (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Telay | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| AT1: | |
| Chistna | Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland) |
| Pippod | Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland) |
| BR1: | |
| Cobblank | Mountain slopes, shallow (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| ESC1: | |
| Cryorthents | Escarpments |
| Cryochrepts | Escarpments |
| FP1: | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| FP2: | |
| Dackey, cool | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| Swedna | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow) |
| FP3: | |
| Dackey | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Klute, moderately wet | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| FP4: | |
| Dackey | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow) |
| FP6: | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded | Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow) |
| Hogan, cool | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| FP12: | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub) |
| FP13: | |
| Swedna, high elevation | Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub) |
| Hisna | Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub) |

Table 6. Ecological Sites Correlated to Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Map unit component | Site name (Potential natural plant community) |
|---|---|
| FP21: | |
| Swedna, high elevation | Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub) |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow) |
| FP22: | |
| Dackey, cool | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| Swedna, high elevation | Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub) |
| Kluna | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| FP23: | |
| Hogan, cool | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| Sankluna | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| FP31: | |
| Kluna, deep | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Hogan | Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Kluna, frequently flooded | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| FP32: | |
| Dackey | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Hogan | Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Klute, moderately wet | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| GO1: | |
| Pippod, high elevation | Gravelly and sandy hills (Low shrub birch/lichen scrub) |
| Chistna, high elevation | Gravelly and sandy hills (Low shrub birch/lichen scrub) |
| LC1: | |
| Klasi peat | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| LC2: | |
| Gadona silty clay | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| LC5: | |
| Klasi | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Klasi, very wet | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| LC6: | |
| Swillna, thin surface | Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Swillna | Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| LL1: | |
| Mendna | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Chelina | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| LL2: | |
| Mendna | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Ewan | Shallow drainages (Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub) |

Table 6. Ecological Sites Correlated to Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Map unit component | Site name (Potential natural plant community) |
|---|---|
| LL3: | |
| Gadona silty clay | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| LL12: | |
| Chelina loam | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| LL13: | |
| Chelina loam | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| LL41: | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | Peat mounds (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Cryofibrists | Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow) |
| LL411: | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| Mendna, very wet | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| Cryofibrists | Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow) |
| MK1: | |
| Hufman peat | Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow) |
| MK2: | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| Cryofibrists | Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow) |
| SA1: | |
| Nickolna silt loam | Loamy backslopes |
| SA3: | |
| Goodview | Upper mountain slopes, shallow (Low shrub birch scrub) |
| Rock outcrop. | |
| ST1: | |
| Klute | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| Kluna | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| ST2: | |
| Kuslinad | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | Peat mounds (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Hufman | Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow) |
| ST3: | |
| Dackey | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| Hogan | Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| ST4: | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam | Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| ST5: | |
| Haggard peat | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |

Table 6. Ecological Sites Correlated to Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Map unit component | Site name (Potential natural plant community) |
|---|---|
| ST11: | |
| Klute | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| ST12: | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| ST13: | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| Klute, occasionally flooded | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| ST21: | |
| Kuslinad peat | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| ST22: | |
| Kuslinad | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Ganhona | Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| ST24: | |
| Kuslinad | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| ST24B: | |
| Kuslinad | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| Kusdry | Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| ST31: | |
| Dackey, cool | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| Hogan, cool | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| ST41: | |
| Maclaren | Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Sinona | Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| ST411: | |
| Maclaren | Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| Kuslinad | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| ST441: | |
| Kuslinad | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Dackey, cool | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| TS1: | |
| Cryaquepts | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| TS3: | |
| Mankomen peat | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest |

Table 6. Ecological Sites Correlated to Soils (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Map unit component | Site name (Potential natural plant community) |
|---|---|
| TS12: | |
| Chelina | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| Mendna | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| TS14: | |
| Cryaquepts | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |

## Table 7. Vegetation Map Unit Legend and Acreage

| Symbol | Vegetation map unit name | Acres | Ha. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EE0 | Escarpments | 1631 | 661 | 1.8 |
| EE1 | Escarpments (2) | 1345 | 545 | 1.5 |
| EE2 | Escarpments (3) | 2304 | 933 | 2.5 |
| FA0 | Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub : Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest : White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | 2303 | 933 | 2.5 |
| FA1 | White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | 106 | 43 | 0.1 |
| FA2 | Tall thinleaf alder-willow scrub : White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest : Sedge-grass riparian meadow | 160 | 65 | 0.2 |
| FA3 | Tall thinleaf alder-willow scrub : White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest | 931 | 377 | 1.0 |
| FW0 | White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb scrub | 394 | 159 | 0.4 |
| FW1 | White spruce/willow open forest | 519 | 210 | 0.6 |
| FW2 | White spruce/willow forest : Low willow/herb2 scrub | 366 | 148 | 0.4 |
| FW3 | Low willow/herb scrub : White spruce/willow open forest | 122 | 49 | 0.1 |
| FW4 | White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb scrub (2) | 123 | 50 | 0.1 |
| FW5 | Willow scrub complex | 508 | 206 | 0.6 |
| FW6 | Sedge-grass riparian meadow : Low willow/herb scrub | 55 | 22 | 0.1 |
| FW7 | Low willow/water sedge scrub | 174 | 70 | 0.2 |
| FW8 | Willow scrub complex (2) | 208 | 84 | 0.2 |
| FW9 | Low willow/herb scrub | 57 | 23 | 0.1 |
| MM0 | Sedge wet meadow | 532 | 215 | 0.6 |
| MM1 | Sedge wet meadow : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | 454 | 184 | 0.5 |
| MM2 | Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Sedge wet meadow : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | 801 | 325 | 0.9 |
| MM3 | Low shrub birch scrub : Sedge wet meadow | 263 | 107 | 0.3 |
| ST0 | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland : Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Sedge wet meadow | 4562 | 1848 | 5.0 |
| ST1 | Spruce/shrub birch woodland | 2472 | 1001 | 2.7 |
| ST2 | Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Sedge wet meadow | 1257 | 509 | 1.4 |
| ST3 | Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Low shrub birch scrub : Sedge wet meadow | 1271 | 515 | 1.4 |
| ST4 | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland : Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Spruce/lichen woodland | 1907 | 772 | 2.1 |
| ST5 | Spruce/shrub birch woodland : Low willow/herb scrub | 416 | 168 | 0.5 |
| ST6 | Low willow/herb scrub (2) | 103 | 42 | 0.1 |
| ST7 | Low shrub birch scrub | 61 | 25 | 0.1 |
| UB0 | Spruce/shrub birch woodland (2) | 11386 | 4611 | 12.4 |
| UB1 | Spruce woodland : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | 5547 | 2246 | 6.0 |
| UB2 | Spruce woodland : Tall alder scrub | 1750 | 709 | 1.9 |
| UB3 | Spruce/willow woodland : Spruce/shrub birch woodland | 213 | 86 | 0.2 |
| UM0 | Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge woodland | 13788 | 5584 | 15.0 |
| UM1 | Spruce woodland complex | 10114 | 4096 | 11.0 |
| UM2 | Low shrub birch scrub : Spruce woodland | 2494 | 1010 | 2.7 |
| US0 | Low shrub birch scrub : Spruce/shrub birch woodland | 2813 | 1139 | 3.0 |
| US1 | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub : Sparsely vegetated outwash | 1142 | 462 | 1.2 |
| US2 | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub | 577 | 234 | 0.6 |
| US3 | Quaking aspen-spruce forest : Spruce/shrub birch woodland | 421 | 170 | 0.4 |
| US4 | Spruce woodland complex (2) | 826 | 335 | 0.9 |
| US5 | Low shrub birch/lichen scrub (2) | 97 | 39 | 0.1 |

Table 7. Vegetation Map Unit Legend and Acreage (Continued)

| Symbol | Vegetation map unit name | Acres | Ha. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| US6 | Spruce woodland complex (3)---------- | 272 | 110 | 0.3 |
| UT0 | Spruce woodland : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub (2)------ | 7084 | 2869 | 7.7 |
| UT1 | Spruce woodland : Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub (3)------ | 1225 | 496 | 1.3 |
| UT2 | Spruce woodland complex (4)---------- | 1252 | 507 | 1.3 |
| UT3 | Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland : Sedge wet meadow-- | 637 | 258 | 0.7 |
| UW0 | White spruce/willow open forest : Low willow/herb scrub (3)--------- | 151 | 61 | 0.2 |
| UW1 | Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub---------- | 173 | 70 | 0.2 |
| W | Open water : Aquatic herbaceous---------- | 4513 | 1828 | 4.9 |
| | Total Area | 91880 | 37209 | 100.0 |

## Table 8. Common Soils in Vegetation Map Units

| Map unit symbol:<br>Major components | Common soils |
|---|---|
| EE0: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| White spruce forest | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| Quaking aspen-white spruce forest | Cryochrepts |
| EE1: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| Low shrub birch scrub | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| EE2: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| Spruce/lichen woodland | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| Quaking aspen-white spruce forest | Cryorthents<br>Cryochrepts |
| FA0: | |
| Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub | Dackey |
| Tall thinleaf alder scrub | Dackey |
| Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest | Kluna, deep<br>Klute, moderately wet<br>Dackey |
| Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | Kluna, deep<br>Klute, moderately wet<br>Dackey |
| White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | Hogan |
| FA1: | |
| White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | Hogan |
| FA2: | |
| Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub | Dackey |
| White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | Hogan |
| Sedge-grass riparian meadow | Swedna, very poorly drained |
| FA3: | |
| Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub | Dackey |
| White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest | Hogan<br>Maclaren |
| FW0: | |
| White spruce/willow open forest | Kluna<br>Klute<br>Hogan |

Table 8. Common Soils in Vegetation Map Units (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Common soils |
|---|---|
| FW0: (cont'd) | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Dackey, cool<br>Swedna |
| FW1: | |
| White spruce/willow open forest | Klute<br>Kluna<br>Klute, occasionally flooded |
| FW2: | |
| White spruce/willow open forest | Hogan, cool |
| Low willow/herb2 scrub | Sankluna |
| FW3: | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Tangoe, frequently flooded |
| White spruce/willow open forest | Tangoe, occasionally flooded<br>Klute, occasionally flooded |
| FW4: | |
| White spruce/willow open forest | Klute<br>Kluna |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Klute<br>Kluna |
| FW5: | |
| Sedge-grass riparian meadow | Swedna, very poorly drained |
| Low willow/water sedge scrub | Swedna, high elevation |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Swedna, high elevation |
| FW6: | |
| Sedge-grass riparian meadow | Aquatna |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Aquatna |
| FW7: | |
| Low willow/water sedge scrub | Swedna, high elevation<br>Hisna |
| FW8: | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded |
| Tall feltleaf willow scrub | Tangoe, wet, soils |
| Sparsely vegetated alluvium | Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded |
| FW9: | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Tangoe |
| MM0: | |
| Sedge wet meadow | Hufman<br>Cryofibrists |
| MM1: | |
| Sedge wet meadow | Cryofibrists<br>Hufman |

Table 8. Common Soils in Vegetation Map Units (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Major components | Common soils |
|---|---|
| MM1: (cont'd) | |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub--------- | Pergelic Cryohemists<br>Cryofibrists |
| MM2: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Pergelic Cryohemists<br>Mendna<br>Klasi |
| Sedge wet meadow---------- | Cryohemists |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub--------- | Ewan<br>Pergelic Cryohemists |
| MM3: | |
| Low shrub birch scrub---------- | Pergelic Cryohemists, dry |
| Sedge wet meadow---------- | Cryofibrists<br>Hufman |
| ST0: | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland-- | Kuslinad, very wet<br>Haggard |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Kuslinad<br>Kusdry |
| Sedge wet meadow---------- | Hufman |
| ST1: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Kuslinad<br>Maclaren |
| ST2: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Kuslinad |
| Sedge wet meadow---------- | Hufman |
| ST3: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Ganhona<br>Kuslinad |
| Low shrub birch scrub---------- | Ganhona<br>Kuslinad |
| Sedge wet meadow---------- | Hufman |
| ST4: | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland-- | Kuslinad, very wet |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Kuslinad<br>Maclaren<br>Kusdry |
| Spruce/lichen woodland---------- | Maclaren |
| ST5: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | Hogan, cool<br>Maclaren |
| Low willow/herb scrub---------- | Dackey, cool |

Table 8. Common Soils in Vegetation Map Units (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Common soils |
|---|---|
| ST6: | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | Ogtna |
| ST7: | |
| Low shrub birch scrub | Ogtna<br>Chelina |
| UB0: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Chelina<br>Mendna<br>Gadona<br>Klasi<br>Cryaquepts<br>Cryochrepts |
| UB1: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Mendna<br>Cryaquepts<br>Chelina<br>Gadona |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest | Mendna<br>Cryaquepts<br>Chelina<br>Gadona |
| Spruce/willow woodland | Cryaquepts<br>Ewan<br>Mendna |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | Ewan |
| UB2: | |
| Spruce/willow woodland | Nickolna |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Nickolna |
| Tall green alder scrub | Nickolna |
| UB3: | |
| Spruce/willow woodland | Cryaquepts |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Cryaquepts |
| UM0: | |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest | Mendna<br>Cryaquepts<br>Chelina<br>Klasi |
| UM1: | |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest | Klasi<br>Cryaquepts |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Gadona<br>Mendna<br>Chelina<br>Cryaquepts<br>Klasi |

Table 8. Common Soils in Vegetation Map Units (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Major components | Common soils |
|---|---|
| UM2: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Klasi<br>Gadona<br>Chelina<br>Cobblank |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest | Klasi<br>Gadona<br>Chelina<br>Cobblank |
| Low shrub birch scrub | Klasi<br>Gadona<br>Chelina<br>Cobblank |
| US0: | |
| Low shrub birch scrub | Chelina<br>Cobblank<br>Mendna |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Chelina<br>Cobblank<br>Mendna |
| US1: | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub | Pippod, high elevation<br>Chistna, high elevation |
| Sparsely vegetated outwash | Pippod, high elevation |
| US2: | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub | Pippod, high elevation<br>Chistna, high elevation<br>Cobblank, cool |
| US3: | |
| Quaking aspen-white spruce forest | Chistna<br>Pippod<br>Mendna |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Chistna<br>Pippod<br>Mendna |
| US4: | |
| Spruce/lichen woodland | Chistna |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Chistna |
| US5: | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub | Pippod<br>Clarena |
| US6: | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Pippod<br>Clarena |
| Spruce/lichen woodland | Pippod<br>Clarena |

Table 8. Common Soils in Vegetation Map Units (Continued)

| Map unit symbol:<br>Major components | Common soils |
|---|---|
| US6: (cont'd) | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub | Pippod<br>Clarena |
| UT0: | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland | Klasi, very wet<br>Pergelic Cryohemists<br>Mendna, very wet |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest | Klasi<br>Mendna<br>Cryaquepts |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | Ewan<br>Pergelic Cryohemists |
| UT1: | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland | Mendna, very wet<br>Pergelic Cryohemists |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Mendna |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | Cryohemists<br>Ewan<br>Pergelic Cryohemists |
| UT2: | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass | Swillna<br>Klasi, very wet<br>Kuslinad, very wet |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | Swillna, thin surface<br>Klasi<br>Kuslinad |
| UT3: | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland | Pergelic Cryohemists |
| Sedge wet meadow | Cryofibrists |
| UW0: | |
| White spruce/willow open forest | (not described) |
| Low willow/herb scrub | (not described) |
| UW1: | |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | Ewan<br>Pergelic Cryohemists |
| W: | |
| Open water | (not described) |
| Aquatic herbaceous | (not described) |

## Table 9. Recreational Development of Soils

(Some terms that describe restrictive soil features are defined in the Glossary. See text for definitions of "slight," "moderate," and "severe." Absence of an entry indicates that the soil was not rated. Criteria used to rate primitive camp areas is included in the text.)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| AF1*: | | | |
| Pippod | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Clarena | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| AL1*: | | | |
| Cobblank, cool | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. | Moderate: slope. |
| Rock outcrop. | | | |
| AL2*: | | | |
| Cobblank | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Telay | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| AT1*: | | | |
| Chistna | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Pippod | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| BR1: | | | |
| Cobblank | Severe: slope. | Moderate: slope. | Moderate: slope. |
| ESC1*: | | | |
| Cryorthents | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. |
| Cryochrepts | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. |
| FP1: | | | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | Moderate: too cobbly. | Moderate: too cobbly. | Moderate: too cobbly |
| FP2*: | | | |
| Dackey, cool | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Swedna | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| FP3*: | | | |
| Dackey | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Klute, moderately wet | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| FP4*: | | | |
| Dackey | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 9. Recreational Development (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| FP6*: | | | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded----- | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| Hogan, cool---------- | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| FP12*: | | | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded- | Moderate: too cobbly. | Moderate: too cobbly. | Moderate: too cobbly. |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded- | Severe: wetness. | Moderate: too cobbly. | Moderate: too cobbly. |
| FP13*: | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation---------- | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. |
| Hisna---------- | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| FP21*: | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation---------- | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. |
| Swedna, very poorly drained----- | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| FP22*: | | | |
| Dackey, cool---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- |
| Swedna, high elevation---------- | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. | Moderate: wetness. |
| Kluna---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- |
| FP23*: | | | |
| Hogan, cool---------- | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| Sankluna---------- | Moderate: slope. | Severe: too sandy. | Severe: too sandy. |
| FP31*: | | | |
| Kluna, deep---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- |
| Hogan---------- | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| Kluna, frequently flooded------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- |
| FP32*: | | | |
| Dackey---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- |
| Hogan---------- | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| Klute, moderately wet---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- | Slight---------- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 9. Recreational Development (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| GO1*: | | | |
| Pippod, high elevation | Severe: slope. | Moderate: slope. | Moderate: slope. |
| Chistna, high elevation | Severe: slope. | Moderate: slope. | Moderate: slope. |
| LC1: | | | |
| Klasi peat | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. |
| LC2: | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | Moderate: too clayey. | Moderate: too clayey. | Moderate: too clayey. |
| LC5*: | | | |
| Klasi | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. |
| Klasi, very wet | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. |
| LC6*: | | | |
| Swillna, thin surface | Moderate: too clayey, permafrost. | Moderate: too clayey, permafrost. | Moderate: too clayey, permafrost. |
| Swillna | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, slope, excess humus. |
| LL1*: | | | |
| Mendna | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. |
| Chelina | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| LL2*: | | | |
| Mendna | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. |
| Ewan | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| LL3: | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | Moderate: too clayey, slope. | Moderate: too clayey, slope. | Moderate: slope, too clayey. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 9. Recreational Development (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| LL12: | | | |
| Chelina loam | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| LL13: | | | |
| Chelina loam | Severe: slope. | Moderate: slope. | Moderate: slope. |
| LL41*: | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | Severe: permafrost, wetness, thermokarst. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus, thermokarst. | Severe: permafrost, slope, excess humus, thermokarst. |
| Cryofibrists | Severe: wetness, excess humus. | Severe: wetness, excess humus. | Severe: excess humus, wetness. |
| LL411*: | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, slope, excess humus. |
| Mendna, very wet | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, slope, excess humus. |
| Cryofibrists | Severe: wetness, excess humus. | Severe: wetness, excess humus. | Severe: excess humus, wetness. |
| MK1: | | | |
| Hufman peat | Severe: ponding. | Severe: ponding, excess humus. | Severe: excess humus, ponding. |
| MK2*: | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus |
| Cryofibrists | Severe: wetness, excess humus. | Severe: wetness, excess humus. | Severe: excess humus, wetness. |
| SA1: | | | |
| Nickolna silt loam | Moderate: slope. | Slight | Slight |
| SA3*: | | | |
| Goodview | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. | Severe: slope. |
| Rock outcrop. | | | |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 9. Recreational Development (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| ST1*: | | | |
| Klute | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Kluna | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| ST2*: | | | |
| Kuslinad | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | Severe: permafrost, wetness, thermokarst. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus, thermokarst. | Severe: permafrost, slope, excess humus, thermokarst. |
| Hufman | Severe: ponding, excess humus. | Severe: ponding, excess humus. | Severe: excess humus, ponding. |
| ST3*: | | | |
| Dackey | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Hogan | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| ST4: | | | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| ST5: | | | |
| Haggard peat | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| ST11*: | | | |
| Klute | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| ST12: | | | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| ST13*: | | | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Klute, occasionally flooded | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| ST21: | | | |
| Kuslinad peat | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 9. Recreational Development (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| ST22*: | | | |
| Kuslinad | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Ganhona | Severe: slope. | Moderate: slope. | Moderate: slope. |
| ST24*: | | | |
| Kuslinad | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| ST24B*: | | | |
| Kuslinad | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Kusdry | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| ST31*: | | | |
| Dackey, cool | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Hogan, cool | Moderate: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. | Severe: permafrost. |
| ST41*: | | | |
| Maclaren | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Sinona | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| ST411*: | | | |
| Maclaren | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| Kuslinad, very wet | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Kuslinad | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 9. Recreational Development (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Camp areas (primitive) | All terrain vehicles | Paths and trails |
|---|---|---|---|
| ST441*: | | | |
| Kuslinad | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, excess humus, wetness. |
| Dackey, cool | Slight | Slight | Slight |
| TS1: | | | |
| Cryaquepts | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| TS3: | | | |
| Mankomen peat | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, slope, excess humus. |
| TS12*: | | | |
| Chelina | Moderate: slope. | Moderate: slope. | Slight |
| Mendna | Severe: permafrost, wetness. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. | Severe: permafrost, wetness, excess humus. |
| TS14*: | | | |
| Cryaquepts | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. | Severe: wetness. |

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

## Table 10. Habitat Suitability Ratings for Selected Wildlife Species and Habitat Elements

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Moose | | | Caribou | | | Grizzly bear | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Summer | Winter | Reproduction | Summer | Winter | Calving | Spring-summer | Summer-fall | Den sites |
| EE0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| White spruce forest | some | some | some | none | some | none | some | some | high |
| Quaking aspen-white spruce forest | medium | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| EE1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Low shrub birch scrub | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | none |
| EE2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/lichen woodland | some | some | medium | medium | medium | some | some | some | some |
| Quaking aspen-white spruce forest | medium | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| FA0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| Tall thinleaf alder scrub | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | some |
| Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | some | none | high | none | some | none | medium | some | high |
| White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FA1: | | | | | | | | | |
| White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FA2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| Sedge-grass riparian meadow | high | some | medium | some | some | some | medium | medium | none |
| FA3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest | some | some | some | none | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FW0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| White spruce/willow open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FW1: | | | | | | | | | |
| White spruce/willow open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FW2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb2 scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| White spruce/willow open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |

Table 10. Habitat Suitability Ratings for Selected Wildlife Species and Habitat Elements (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Moose | | | Caribou | | | Grizzly bear | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Summer | Winter | Reproduction | Summer | Winter | Calving | Spring-summer | Summer-fall | Den sites |
| FW3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| White spruce/willow open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FW4: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| White spruce/willow open forest | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| FW5: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge-grass riparian meadow | high | some | medium | some | some | some | medium | medium | none |
| Low willow/water sedge scrub | high | some | some | some | some | some | some | some | none |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| FW6: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge-grass riparian meadow | high | some | medium | some | some | some | medium | medium | none |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| FW7: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/water sedge scrub | high | some | some | some | some | some | some | some | none |
| FW8: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| Tall feltleaf willow scrub | medium | some | medium | none | none | none | some | some | none |
| Sparsely vegetated alluvium | some | none | some | some | none | none | medium | medium | none |
| FW9: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| MM0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| MM1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub- | high | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | none |
| MM2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub- | high | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | none |
| MM3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| Low shrub birch scrub | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | none |
| ST0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland | some | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |

Table 10. Habitat Suitability Ratings for Selected Wildlife Species and Habitat Elements (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Moose | | | Caribou | | | Grizzly bear | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Summer | Winter | Reproduction | Summer | Winter | Calving | Spring-summer | Summer-fall | Den sites |
| ST0: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| ST1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| ST2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| ST3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Low shrub birch scrub | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | none |
| Sedge wet meadow | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| ST4: | | | | | | | | | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland | some | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/lichen woodland | some | some | medium | medium | medium | some | some | some | some |
| ST5: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | Some |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | None |
| ST6: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low willow/herb scrub | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | None |
| ST7: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch scrub | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | None |
| UB0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | Some |
| UB1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | Some |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | None |
| Spruce/willow woodland | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | some | some | Some |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub | high | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | None |
| UB2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/willow woodland | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Tall green alder scrub | medium | some | medium | none | none | none | some | some | none |
| UB3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/willow woodland | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |

Table 10. Habitat Suitability Ratings for Selected Wildlife Species and Habitat Elements (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Moose | | | Caribou | | | Grizzly bear | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Summer | Winter | Reproduction | Summer | Winter | Calving | Spring-summer | Summer-fall | Den sites |
| UM0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest--- | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| UM1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest--- | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| UM2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest--- | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| Low shrub birch scrub---------- | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | none |
| US0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch scrub---------- | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | none |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| US1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub---------- | some | some | none | medium | high | medium | medium | medium | some |
| Sparsely vegetated outwash---------- | some | none | none | some | some | none | some | some | none |
| US2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub---------- | some | some | none | medium | high | medium | medium | medium | some |
| US3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Quaking aspen-white spruce forest-------- | medium | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| US4: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/lichen woodland---------- | some | some | medium | medium | medium | some | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| US5: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch/lichen scrub---------- | some | some | none | medium | high | medium | medium | medium | some |
| US6: | | | | | | | | | |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/lichen woodland---------- | some | some | medium | medium | medium | some | some | some | some |
| Low shrub birch scrub---------- | medium | medium | medium | some | some | none | medium | medium | none |
| UT0: | | | | | | | | | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland---------- | some | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest--- | medium | some | medium | none | some | none | some | some | none |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub- | high | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | none |
| UT1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland---------- | some | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |

Table 10. Habitat Suitability Ratings for Selected Wildlife Species and Habitat Elements (Continued)

| Map unit symbol: Major components | Moose | | | Caribou | | | Grizzly bear | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Summer | Winter | Repro-duction | Summer | Winter | Calving | Spring-summer | Summer-fall | Den sites |
| UT1: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub- | high | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | none |
| UT2: | | | | | | | | | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland---------- | some | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Spruce/shrub birch woodland---------- | medium | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| UT3: | | | | | | | | | |
| Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland---------- | some | some | some | some | some | none | some | some | some |
| Sedge wet meadow---------- | high | some | medium | medium | some | medium | some | some | none |
| UW0: | | | | | | | | | |
| White spruce/willow open forest---------- | some | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | medium |
| Low willow/herb scrub---------- | medium | medium | some | medium | medium | some | some | some | none |
| UW1: | | | | | | | | | |
| Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub- | high | some | medium | some | some | none | some | some | none |
| W: | | | | | | | | | |
| Open water---------- | some | none | none | none | none | none | none | none | none |
| Aquatic herbaceous---------- | medium | some | some | none | some | none | medium | medium | Some |

## Table 11. Engineering Index Properties of Soils

(The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Absence of an entry indicates that data were not estimated.)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| AF1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pippod------ | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 55-75 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-8 | Fine sandy loam. | SM, ML | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-10 | 85-100 | 80-100 | 50-70 | 20-40 | --- | NP |
| | 8-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM | A-1 | 0 | 15-30 | 40-50 | 20-45 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Clarena----- | 0-3 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-5 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-90 | 40-50 | NP-5 |
| | 3-18 | Fine sandy loam, loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 18-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly sand, extremely cobbly coarse sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| AL1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank, cool | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 95-100 | 70-90 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-10 | Gravelly sandy loam, cobbly sandy loam, gravelly loam. | SM, GM | A-1, A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-35 | 65-95 | 55-70 | 35-65 | 20-50 | 20-25 | NP-5 |
| | 10-18 | Very gravelly loam, very channery sandy loam, very cobbly sandy loam. | GM, SM | A-1, A-2, A-4 | 0-5 | 10-60 | 65-95 | 20-50 | 20-45 | 15-45 | 20-25 | NP-5 |
| | 18-22 | Unweathered bedrock. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL2*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank---- | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 95-100 | 70-90 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-10 | Gravelly sandy loam, cobbly sandy loam, gravelly loam. | SM, GM | A-1, A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-35 | 65-95 | 55-70 | 35-65 | 20-50 | 20-25 | NP-5 |
| | 10-18 | Very gravelly loam, very channery sandy loam, very cobbly sandy loam. | GM, SM | A-1, A-2, A-4 | 0-5 | 10-60 | 65-95 | 20-50 | 20-45 | 15-45 | 20-25 | NP-5 |
| | 18-22 | Unweathered bedrock. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| AL2*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telay------- | 0-2 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 95-100 | 70-90 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 2-11 | Loam, gravelly loam, gravelly sandy loam. | SM, ML, CL-ML | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-15 | 70-100 | 55-90 | 35-80 | 25-55 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 11-60 | Very gravelly sandy loam, very gravelly loam, very cobbly loam. | GM, SM | A-2, A-1 | 0 | 0-30 | 50-70 | 35-60 | 20-45 | 15-35 | --- | NP |
| AT1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chistna----- | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 70-85 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-4 | Fine sandy loam, sandy loam. | SM, ML | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 50-80 | 25-55 | --- | NP |
| | 4-60 | Loamy fine sand, sand. | SM | A-2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 60-80 | 15-25 | --- | NP |
| Pippod------ | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 55-75 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-8 | Fine sandy loam. | SM, ML | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-10 | 85-100 | 80-100 | 50-70 | 20-40 | --- | NP |
| | 8-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM | A-1 | 0 | 15-30 | 40-50 | 20-45 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| BR1: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank---- | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 95-100 | 70-90 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-10 | Gravelly sandy loam, cobbly sandy loam, gravelly loam. | SM, GM | A-1, A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-35 | 65-95 | 55-70 | 35-65 | 20-50 | 20-25 | NP-5 |
| | 10-18 | Very gravelly loam, very channery sandy loam, very cobbly sandy loam. | GM, SM | A-1, A-2, A-4 | 0-5 | 10-60 | 65-95 | 20-50 | 20-45 | 15-45 | 20-25 | NP-5 |
| | 18-22 | Unweathered bedrock. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ESC1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryorthents- | 0-1 | Loam------------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 50-65 | 30-50 | NP-20 |
| | 1-60 | Variable--------- | --- | --- | 0 | 0-25 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cryochrepts- | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 30-50 | NP-20 |
| | 1-60 | Variable--------- | --- | --- | 0 | 0-25 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FP1: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | 0-1 | Sandy loam------- | SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-85 | 35-50 | --- | --- |
| | 1-8 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 75-85 | 35-50 | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Fragments > 10 inches | Fragments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plasticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| FP1: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded (cont'd) | 8-60 | Extremely gravelly coarse sand, very gravelly sand, very cobbly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| FP2*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Swedna------ | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| FP3*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey------ | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Klute, moderately wet | 0-3 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 3-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| FP3*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klute, moderately wet (cont'd) | 25-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| FP4*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey------ | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| FP6*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded | 0-6 | Loam---------- | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 6-60 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| Hogan, cool- | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| FP12*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | 0-7 | Very gravelly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0 | 0 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| | 7-60 | Extremely gravelly coarse sand, very gravelly sand, very cobbly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | 0-7 | Very gravelly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0 | 0 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| | 7-60 | Extremely gravelly coarse sand, very gravelly sand, very cobbly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Fragments > 10 inches | Fragments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plasticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| FP13*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Hisna------- | 0-12 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 12-21 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | --- | NP |
| | 21-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly coarse sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| FP21*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| FP22*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Swedna, high elevation | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 1-31 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| FP22*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation (cont'd) | 31-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Kluna------- | 0-3 | Silt loam-------- | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 85-100 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 3-45 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 45-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| FP23*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hogan, cool- | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sankluna---- | 0-11 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 65-85 | 40-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 11-43 | Stratified fine sand to sand. | SM, SP-SM | A-2 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 60-75 | 10-25 | --- | --- |
| | 43-60 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 95-100 | 65-85 | 30-50 | --- | NP |
| FP31*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kluna, deep- | 0-3 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 75-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 3-60 | Stratified silt to sand. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| Hogan------- | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Kluna, frequently flooded | 0-2 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 85-100 | 45-65 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 2-60 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| FP32*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey------ | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Fragments > 10 inches | Fragments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plasticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| FP32*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hogan------- | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Klute, moderately wet | 0-3 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 3-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| GO1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pippod, high elevation | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 55-75 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-8 | Fine sandy loam. | SM, ML | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0-10 | 85-100 | 80-100 | 50-70 | 20-40 | --- | NP |
| | 8-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM | A-1 | 0 | 15-30 | 40-50 | 20-45 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Chistna, high elevation | 0-1 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 70-85 | 25-30 | NP-5 |
| | 1-4 | Fine sandy loam, sandy loam. | SM, ML | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 50-80 | 25-55 | --- | NP |
| | 4-60 | Loamy fine sand, sand. | SM | A-2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 60-80 | 15-25 | --- | NP |
| LC1: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klasi peat-- | 0-9 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-11 | Silty clay loam, silty clay, clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-10 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 60-85 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 11-32 | Silty clay, clay, cobbly clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 60-85 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 32-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LC2: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | 0-11 | Silty clay------- | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 70-100 | 65-95 | 60-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 11-60 | Silty clay, silty clay loam, cobbly clay. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 70-100 | 65-95 | 60-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| LC5*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klasi------- | 0-9 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-11 | Silty clay loam, silty clay, clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-10 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 60-85 | 30-50 | 15-35 |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| LC5*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klasi------- (cont'd) | 11-32 | Silty clay, clay, cobbly clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 60-85 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 32-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Klasi, very wet | 0-9 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-11 | Silty clay loam, silty clay, clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-10 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 60-85 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 11-32 | Silty clay, clay, cobbly clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 60-85 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 32-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LC6*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swillna, thin surface | 0-6 | Silty clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-10 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 75-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 6-38 | Silty clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-10 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 75-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| Swillna----- | 0-9 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-18 | Silty clay loam. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-10 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 80-95 | 75-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 18-21 | Mucky peat------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 21-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LL1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mendna------ | 0-9 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-20 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 20-48 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 48-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Chelina----- | 0-1 | Loam---------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-5 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 1-60 | Gravelly clay loam, loam, sandy clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| LL2*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mendna------ | 0-9 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-20 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 20-48 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 48-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Fragments > 10 inches | Fragments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plasticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| LL2*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ewan-------- | 0-4 | Silt loam-------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-15 | 95-100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 75-90 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 4-60 | Silty clay loam, loam, gravelly clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-15 | 75-100 | 70-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| LL3: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | 0-11 | Silty clay------- | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 70-100 | 65-95 | 60-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| | 11-60 | Silty clay, silty clay loam, cobbly clay. | CL | A-6, A-7 | 0 | 0-15 | 90-100 | 70-100 | 65-95 | 60-90 | 30-50 | 15-35 |
| LL12, LL13: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chelina loam | 0-1 | Loam------------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-5 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 1-60 | Gravelly clay loam, loam, sandy clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| LL41*, LL411*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | 0-27 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mendna, very wet | 0-9 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-20 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 20-48 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 48-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cryofibrists | 0-29 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 29-60 | Variable--------- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| MK1: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hufman peat- | 0-26 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 26-60 | Stratified fine sand to silt. | ML, SM | A-4 | --- | 0-5 | 100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| MK2*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | 0-27 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cryofibrists | 0-29 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 29-60 | Variable--------- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SA1: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nickolna silt loam | 0-8 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-5 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-90 | 40-50 | NP-5 |
| | 8-60 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, cobbly clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| SA3*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goodview---- | 0-2 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-5 | 0 | 0-5 | 100 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-90 | 25-35 | NP-5 |
| | 2-7 | Silt loam, gravelly silt loam. | SM, ML, GP | A-4 | --- | 0-10 | 70-90 | 60-85 | 40-60 | 40-60 | 20-30 | NP-10 |
| | 7-60 | Unweathered bedrock. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ST1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klute------- | 0-5 | Very fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 85-100 | 60-75 | 20-30 | NP-10 |
| | 5-33 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 33-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| Kluna------- | 0-3 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 85-100 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 3-45 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 45-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| ST2*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad---- | 0-8 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | 0-27 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hufman------ | 0-26 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | NP |
| | 26-60 | Stratified fine sand to silt. | ML, SM | A-4 | --- | 0-5 | 100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| ST3*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey------ | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Fragments > 10 inches | Fragments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plasticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| ST3*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey------ (cont'd) | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Hogan------- | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST4: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST5: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haggard peat | 0-24 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 24-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST11*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klute------- | 0-5 | Very fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 85-100 | 60-75 | 20-30 | NP-10 |
| | 5-33 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 33-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | 0-3 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 85-95 | 55-70 | --- | --- |
| | 3-60 | Extremely gravelly coarse sand, very gravelly sand, very cobbly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| ST12: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | 0-4 | Mucky fine sandy loam. | SM, ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 85-100 | 40-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 4-13 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 13-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| ST13*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | 0-1 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-85 | 35-50 | --- | --- |
| | 1-8 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 75-85 | 35-50 | --- | --- |
| | 8-60 | Extremely gravelly coarse sand, very gravelly sand, very cobbly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| Klute, occasionally flooded | 0-5 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 85-100 | 60-75 | 20-30 | NP-10 |
| | 5-33 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 100 | 95-100 | 80-95 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 33-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| ST21: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad peat | 0-8 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST22*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad---- | 0-8 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ganhona----- | 0-2 | Silt loam-------- | ML | A-5 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-90 | 40-50 | NP-5 |
| | 2-52 | Stratified sand to silt. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 52-60 | Stratified fine sand to sand. | SM, SP-SM | A-2 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 60-75 | 10-25 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| ST24*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad---- | 0-8 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Fragments > 10 inches | Fragments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plasticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| ST24*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad, very wet | 0-8 | Peat | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST24B*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad---- | 0-8 | Peat | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Kuslinad, very wet | 0-8 | Peat | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Kusdry------ | 0-6 | Fine sandy loam. | SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 75-85 | 35-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 6-43 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 75-85 | 35-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 43-60 | Extremely gravelly coarse sand, very gravelly sand, very cobbly coarse sand. | GP, SP | A-1 | 0-5 | 0-35 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | --- |
| ST31*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| Hogan, cool- | 0-9 | Fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 75-95 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-25 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 25-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| ST41*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren---- | 0-4 | Silt loam-------- | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 75-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 4-18 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 18-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly sand, extremely cobbly coarse sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| Sinona------ | 0-3 | Loam------------- | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 75-90 | 50-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 3-9 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 9-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly sand, extremely cobbly sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| ST411*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren---- | 0-4 | Silt loam-------- | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 95-100 | 75-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 4-18 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 70-85 | 45-60 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 18-60 | Very gravelly sand, extremely gravelly sand, extremely cobbly coarse sand. | GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-10 | 10-50 | 35-60 | 25-45 | 15-35 | 5-10 | --- | NP |
| Kuslinad, very wet | 0-8 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Kuslinad---- | 0-8 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ST441*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad---- | 0-8 | Peat------------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 8-17 | Silt loam, very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam. | ML | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 85-100 | 50-70 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 17-27 | Stratified silt to sand. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0-5 | 95-100 | 90-100 | 65-80 | 40-60 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 11. Engineering Index Properties (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | USDA texture | Classification | | Frag-ments > 10 inches | Frag-ments 3-10 inches | Percentage passing sieve number- | | | | Liquid limit | Plas-ticity index |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Unified | AASHTO | | | 4 | 10 | 40 | 200 | | |
| | In | | | | Pct | Pct | | | | | Pct | |
| ST441*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | 0-7 | Fine sandy loam. | ML, SM | A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 45-65 | 15-20 | NP-5 |
| | 7-27 | Stratified sand to silt. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 80-90 | 30-50 | 10-15 | NP-5 |
| | 27-60 | Very gravelly coarse sand, extremely gravelly coarse sand, very cobbly sand. | GP, GP-GM, SP-SM | A-1 | 0-5 | 15-25 | 50-65 | 25-50 | 10-25 | 0-5 | --- | NP |
| TS1*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts-- | 0-9 | Loam---------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 9-60 | Loam, clay loam, cobbly silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| TS3: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mankomen peat | 0-15 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 15-20 | Loamy fine sand, loamy sand. | SM | A-2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 60-80 | 25-45 | --- | NP |
| | 20-42 | Loamy sand, sand. | SM | A-2, A-4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 90-100 | 65-85 | 20-40 | --- | NP |
| | 42-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| TS12*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chelina----- | 0-1 | Loam---------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-5 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 1-60 | Gravelly clay loam, loam, sandy clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| Mendna------ | 0-9 | Peat---------- | PT | A-8 | 0 | 0-10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 9-20 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 20-48 | Clay loam, gravelly loam, silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 48-60 | Ice or frozen soil. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| TS14*: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts-- | 0-9 | Loam---------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 9-60 | Loam, clay loam, cobbly silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | 0-9 | Loam---------- | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |
| | 9-60 | Loam, clay loam, cobbly silty clay loam. | CL | A-6 | 0 | 0-25 | 75-100 | 65-95 | 60-85 | 55-75 | 30-35 | 10-15 |

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

## Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils

(The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Entries under "Erosion factors--T" apply to the entire profile. Entries under "Wind erodibility group" and "Organic matter" apply only to the surface layer. Absence of an entry indicates that data were not available or were not estimated.)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| AF1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pippod---------- | 0-1 | 5-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 2-4 |
| | 1-8 | 0-5 | 1.25-1.35 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 8-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| Clarena---------- | 0-3 | 0-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-5.5 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 2 | 1 | 2-8 |
| | 3-18 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 18-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| AL1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank, cool-- | 0-1 | 5-10 | 0.90-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-5.5 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 1 | 1 | 3-6 |
| | 1-10 | 5-10 | 1.40-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 10-18 | 5-15 | 1.50-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.12-0.14 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 18-22 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL2*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank-------- | 0-1 | 5-10 | 0.90-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-5.5 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 1 | 1 | 3-6 |
| | 1-10 | 5-10 | 1.40-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 10-18 | 5-15 | 1.50-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.12-0.14 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 18-22 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Telay---------- | 0-2 | 5-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-5.5 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 3-6 |
| | 2-11 | 5-10 | 1.30-1.40 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.12-0.15 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.28 | | | |
| | 11-60 | 0-10 | 1.50-1.70 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.09-0.12 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.17 | | | |
| AT1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chistna---------- | 0-1 | 0-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.21-0.23 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 3-6 |
| | 1-4 | 0-5 | 1.25-1.35 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 4-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.55 | 6.0-20 | 0.06-0.08 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Pippod---------- | 0-1 | 5-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 2-4 |
| | 1-8 | 0-5 | 1.25-1.35 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 8-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| BR1: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank-------- | 0-1 | 5-10 | 0.90-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-5.5 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 1 | 1 | 3-6 |
| | 1-10 | 5-10 | 1.40-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 10-18 | 5-15 | 1.50-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.12-0.14 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 18-22 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ESC1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryorthents----- | 0-1 | 0-25 | 1.10-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.20 | 5.6-6.5 | ---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 1 | 2-8 |
| | 1-60 | 0-60 | --- | 0.06-20 | 0.06-0.28 | 6.1-8.4 | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Cryochrepts----- | 0-1 | 0-25 | 1.10-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.20 | 5.6-6.5 | ---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 1 | 2-8 |
| | 1-60 | 0-50 | 1.20-1.80 | 0.06-20 | 0.05-0.28 | 6.6-8.4 | ---------- | ---- | | | |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| FP1: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | 0-1 | 0-10 | 0.90-1.00 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 3 | 0-2 |
| | 1-8 | 0-10 | 0.90-1.00 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 8-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| FP2*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool---- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Swedna---------- | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| FP3*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey---------- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Klute, moderately wet | 0-3 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 3-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| FP4*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey---------- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| FP6*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded | 0-6 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 6-60 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| Hogan, cool----- | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| FP12*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | 0-7 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | 5 | 8 | 0-2 |
| | 7-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | 0-7 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | 5 | 8 | 0-2 |
| | 7-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| FP13*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |

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Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| FP13*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hisna---------- | 0-12 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 6.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 1 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 12-21 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 21-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 7.4-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| FP21*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| FP22*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool---- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | 0-1 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 2-5 |
| | 1-31 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 31-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Kluna---------- | 0-3 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 3 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 3-45 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.37 | | | |
| | 45-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| FP23*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hogan, cool----- | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Sankluna-------- | 0-11 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 3 | 3 | 2-4 |
| | 11-43 | 0-10 | 1.20-1.40 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.08-0.14 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.20 | | | |
| | 43-60 | 0-5 | 1.20-1.40 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.11-0.14 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| FP31*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kluna, deep----- | 0-3 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 5.6-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 3-60 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.37 | | | |
| Hogan---------- | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Kluna, frequently flooded | 0-2 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 3 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 2-60 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 7.4-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.37 | | | |
| FP32*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey---------- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Hogan---------- | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |

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Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| FP32*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klute, moderately wet | 0-3 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 3-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| GO1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pippod, high elevation | 0-1 | 5-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 4.5-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 2-4 |
| | 1-8 | 0-5 | 1.25-1.35 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 8-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| Chistna, high elevation | 0-1 | 0-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.21-0.23 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 3-6 |
| | 1-4 | 0-5 | 1.25-1.35 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 4-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.55 | 6.0-20 | 0.06-0.08 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| LC1: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klasi peat------ | 0-9 | --- | 0.05-0.10 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-90 |
| | 9-11 | 30-40 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.18-0.22 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 11-32 | 35-60 | 1.40-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.06-0.12 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 32-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| LC2: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | 0-11 | 25-35 | 1.35-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.12-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | 5 | 4 | 0-2 |
| | 11-60 | 35-55 | 1.35-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.06-0.12 | 6.1-8.4 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| LC5*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klasi---------- | 0-9 | --- | 0.05-0.10 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-90 |
| | 9-11 | 30-40 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.18-0.22 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 11-32 | 35-60 | 1.40-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.06-0.12 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 32-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Klasi, very wet- | 0-9 | --- | 0.05-0.10 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-90 |
| | 9-11 | 30-40 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.18-0.22 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 11-32 | 35-60 | 1.40-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.06-0.12 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 32-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| LC6*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swillna, thin surface | 0-6 | 30-40 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.2-0.6 | 0.18-0.22 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | 3 | 4 | 1-3 |
| | 6-38 | 30-40 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.2-0.6 | 0.18-0.22 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| Swillna---------- | 0-9 | --- | 0.05-0.10 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 1 | 8 | 65-90 |
| | 9-18 | 30-40 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.2-0.6 | 0.18-0.22 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| | 18-21 | --- | 0.05-0.10 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.05 | | | |
| | 21-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| LL1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mendna---------- | 0-9 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 3 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 9-20 | 20-35 | 1.20-1.40 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 20-48 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 48-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Chelina---------- | 0-1 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | 5 | 6 | 1-3 |
| | 1-60 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.6-8.4 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| LL2*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mendna---------- | 0-9 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 3 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 9-20 | 20-35 | 1.20-1.40 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 20-48 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 48-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Ewan---------- | 0-4 | 20-35 | 1.20-1.40 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.15-0.18 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | 5 | 6 | 2-8 |
| | 4-60 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| LL3: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | 0-11 | 25-35 | 1.35-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.12-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | 5 | 4 | 0-2 |
| | 11-60 | 35-55 | 1.35-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.06-0.12 | 6.1-8.4 | Moderate----- | 0.17 | | | |
| LL12, LL13: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chelina loam---- | 0-1 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | 5 | 6 | 1-3 |
| | 1-60 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.6-8.4 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| LL41*, LL411*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | 0-27 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.20 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.30-0.35 | 4.5-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 80-99 |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Mendna, very wet | 0-9 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 3 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 9-20 | 20-35 | 1.20-1.40 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 20-48 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 48-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Cryofibrists---- | 0-29 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.20 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.30-0.35 | 4.5-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 5 | 8 | 80-99 |
| | 29-60 | --- | --- | 0.6-2.0 | --- | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | ---- | | | |
| MK1: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hufman peat----- | 0-26 | 0-3 | 0.10-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 70-90 |
| | 26-60 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| MK2*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | 0-27 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.20 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.30-0.35 | 4.5-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 80-99 |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Cryofibrists---- | 0-29 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.20 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.30-0.35 | 4.5-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 5 | 8 | 80-99 |
| | 29-60 | --- | --- | 0.6-2.0 | --- | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | ---- | | | |
| SA1: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nickolna silt loam | 0-8 | 0-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 6-10 |
| | 8-60 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| SA3*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goodview-------- | 0-2 | 0-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.26-0.28 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 1 | 2 | 6-10 |
| | 2-7 | 0-5 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.19-0.21 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 7-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ST1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klute---------- | 0-5 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 5-33 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 33-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| ST1*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kluna---------- | 0-3 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 3 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 3-45 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.37 | | | |
| | 45-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| ST2*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad-------- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | 0-27 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.20 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.30-0.35 | 4.5-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 80-99 |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Hufman---------- | 0-26 | 0-3 | 0.10-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 70-90 |
| | 26-60 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| ST3*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey---------- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Hogan---------- | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST4: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST5: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haggard peat---- | 0-24 | --- | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 24-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST11*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klute---------- | 0-5 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 5-33 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 33-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | 0-3 | 0-10 | 0.90-1.00 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.22-0.26 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 3 | 2-4 |
| | 3-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| ST12: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | 0-4 | 0-10 | 1.00-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.30-0.34 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 1 | 6 | 8-12 |
| | 4-13 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.26-0.30 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 13-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| ST13*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | 0-1 | 0-10 | 0.90-1.00 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 3 | 0-2 |
| | 1-8 | 0-10 | 0.90-1.00 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 8-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| Klute, occasionally flooded | 0-5 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 5-33 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 33-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| ST21: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad peat--- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST22*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad-------- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Ganhona--------- | 0-2 | 0-10 | 0.95-1.15 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.17-0.20 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.37 | 5 | 1 | 2-8 |
| | 2-52 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 52-60 | 0-5 | 1.20-1.40 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.08-0.14 | 5.6-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.20 | | | |
| ST24*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad-------- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Kuslinad, very wet | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST24B*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad-------- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Kuslinad, very wet | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Kusdry---------- | 0-6 | 0-10 | 0.90-1.00 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 3 | 3 | 0-2 |
| | 6-43 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 43-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | >20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.02 | | | |
| ST31*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool---- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Hogan, cool----- | 0-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 9-25 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 25-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST41*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren-------- | 0-4 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 1 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 4-18 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 18-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |

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Table 12. Physical and Chemical Properties of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Depth | Clay | Moist bulk density | Permeability | Available water capacity | Soil reaction | Shrink-swell potential | Erosion factors | | Wind erodibility group | Organic matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | K | T | | |
| | In | Pct | G/cc | In/hr | In/in | pH | | | | | Pct |
| ST41*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sinona---------- | 0-3 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 3-9 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 9-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| ST411*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren-------- | 0-4 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 1 | 3 | 3-6 |
| | 4-18 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.20 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 18-60 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.03-0.06 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| Kuslinad, very wet | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Kuslinad-------- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| ST441*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad-------- | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 2 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 8-17 | 5-10 | 1.10-1.25 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.18 | 5.6-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 17-27 | 0-10 | 1.25-1.45 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.13-0.16 | 6.1-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| Dackey, cool---- | 0-7 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.18 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 2 | 2 | 2-5 |
| | 7-27 | 0-10 | 1.10-1.30 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.10-0.15 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.24 | | | |
| | 27-60 | 0-5 | 1.50-1.60 | 6.0-20 | 0.02-0.04 | 6.6-8.4 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| TS1*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts------ | 0-9 | 10-35 | 1.20-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.20 | 5.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 4 | 2-6 |
| | 9-60 | 10-35 | 1.30-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| TS3: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mankomen peat--- | 0-15 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.5 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 1 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 15-20 | 0-5 | 1.30-1.50 | 6.0-20 | 0.08-0.12 | 5.6-7.3 | Low---------- | 0.15 | | | |
| | 20-42 | 0-5 | 1.40-1.55 | 6.0-20 | 0.06-0.08 | 6.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.10 | | | |
| | 42-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| TS12*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chelina--------- | 0-1 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.3 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | 5 | 6 | 1-3 |
| | 1-60 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.6-8.4 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| Mendna---------- | 0-9 | 0-3 | 0.05-0.15 | 2.0-6.0 | 0.32-0.35 | 5.1-6.0 | Low---------- | 0.05 | 3 | 8 | 65-85 |
| | 9-20 | 20-35 | 1.20-1.40 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 20-48 | 20-35 | 1.30-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 6.1-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| | 48-60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---------- | ---- | | | |
| TS14*: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts------ | 0-9 | 10-35 | 1.20-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.20 | 5.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 4 | 2-6 |
| | 9-60 | 10-35 | 1.30-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | 0-9 | 10-35 | 1.20-1.50 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.16-0.20 | 5.1-7.8 | Low---------- | 0.32 | 5 | 4 | 2-6 |
| | 9-60 | 10-35 | 1.30-1.60 | 0.6-2.0 | 0.14-0.16 | 5.6-7.8 | Moderate----- | 0.32 | | | |

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

# Table 13. Physical Analyses of Selected Soils

(A dash indicates that the material was not detected. A blank indicates that a determination was not made. TR indicates a trace amount of the element.)

| Soil name and sample number | Horizon | Depth | Particle-size distribution | | | | | | | | Water content | | | Bulk density | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sand | | | | | | Silt (0.05-0.002 mm) | Clay (<0.002 mm) | 1/3 bar | 15 bar | Water retention | 1/3 bar | Oven-dry |
| | | | Very coarse (2.0-1.0 mm) | Coarse (1.0-0.5 mm) | Medium (0.5-0.25 mm) | Fine (0.25-0.1 mm) | Very fine (0.1-0.05 mm) | Total (2.0-0.05 mm) | | | | | | | |
| | | In | Pct | | | | | | | | Pct(wt) | | | g/cc | |
| Chelina (LL12) | Oi | 2-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S92AK-261-002 | AC | 0-6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 15.6 | 57.5 | 26.9 | | 12.7 | | | |
| 62° 46'36''N lat. | C1 | 6-14 | TR | 0.2 | 0.9 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 17.9 | 52.9 | 29.2 | 23.8 | 12.5 | 0.18 | 1.55 | 1.70 |
| 145° 37'22''W long. | C2 | 14-29 | TR | TR | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 65.4 | 34.0 | 30.5 | 15.5 | 0.20 | 1.32 | 1.46 |
| | C3 | 29-49 | TR | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 47.5 | 50.7 | | 20.0 | | | |
| | C4 | 49-60 | TR | 0.1 | TR | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 68.3 | 30.9 | | 12.6 | | | |
| Haggard (ST5) | Oi | 0-7 | | | | | | | | | | 146.9 | | | |
| S92AK-261-007 | Oe | 7-12 | | | | | | | | | | 115.6 | | | |
| 62°33'09''N lat. | Oe/C | 12-20 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 22.9 | 22.8 | 49.5 | 43.5 | 7.0 | | 19.2 | | | |
| 145°31'11''W long. | Oe | 20-24 | | | | | | | | | | 68.7 | | | |
| | Cgf | 24-49 | TR | -- | 0.3 | 8.9 | 34.9 | 44.1 | 48.5 | 7.4 | 24.6 | 9.8 | 0.22 | 1.47 | 1.47 |
| Hogan (ST4) | AC/Oe | 0-3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 12.0 | 26.9 | 40.2 | 52.5 | 7.3 | 60.6 | 25.7 | 0.23 | 0.59 | 0.70 |
| S92AK-261-004 | AC | 3-12 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 28.7 | 32.6 | 57.0 | 10.4 | 21.4 | 9.8 | 0.14 | 1.21 | 1.23 |
| 62° 37'30''N lat. | Cg | 12-20 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 24.1 | 29.4 | 58.7 | 35.7 | 5.6 | | 5.3 | | | |
| 145° 40'42''W long. | C | 20-25 | 2.9 | 6.3 | 14.5 | 29.4 | 23.6 | 76.7 | 19.5 | 3.8 | | 3.8 | | | |
| Klasi (LC1) | Oa | 3-0 | | | | | | | | | | 61.7 | | | |
| S92AK-261-005 | Cg/Oa | 0-3 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 26.7 | 46.1 | 27.2 | | 16.4 | | | |
| 62° 37'24''N lat. | Cg | 3-10 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 9.5 | 10.8 | 29.4 | 39.2 | 31.4 | 22.0 | 16.7 | 0.07 | 1.57 | 1.71 |
| 135° 40'21''W long. | C | 10-23 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 27.7 | 36.5 | 35.8 | | 15.3 | | | |
| Kluna (ST1) | Oi | 2-0 | | | | | | | | | | 101.3 | | | |
| S92AK-261-001 | AC | 0-3 | -- | 0.1 | 0.8 | 5.2 | 20.9 | 27.0 | 61.7 | 11.3 | | 13.5 | | | |
| 62° 51'N lat. | C1 | 3-14 | TR | 0.1 | 7.5 | 57.5 | 20.0 | 85.1 | 10.5 | 4.4 | | 4.6 | | | |
| 145° 40'W long. | C/Oa | 14-19 | TR | 0.1 | 0.7 | 27.9 | 36.9 | 65.6 | 27.0 | 7.4 | | 6.4 | | | |
| | C2 | 19-40 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 29.7 | 32.9 | 64.4 | 29.0 | 6.6 | | 4.7 | | | |
| | Cg | 40-45 | TR | 0.1 | 0.3 | 14.2 | 39.7 | 54.3 | 37.6 | 8.1 | | 6.0 | | | |
| Mankomen (TS3) | Oa | 3-0 | | | | | | | | | | 79.6 | | | |
| S92AK-261-006 | C | 0-10 | TR | 0.7 | 22.2 | 64.2 | 9.2 | 96.3 | 3.0 | 0.7 | | 1.7 | | | |
| 62°34'01''N lat. | Cg2 | 10-28 | TR | 0.3 | 26.7 | 60.6 | 8.0 | 95.6 | 3.3 | 1.1 | | 2.0 | | | |
| 145°32'05''W long. | Cg3 | 28-37 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 22.7 | 58.6 | 10.3 | 91.9 | 5.9 | 2.2 | | 4.0 | | | |
| | Cg4 | 37-47 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 10.6 | 35.3 | 23.8 | 70.2 | 26.6 | 3.2 | | 3.8 | | | |

Table 13. Physical Analyses of Selected Soils (Continued)

| Soil name and sample number | Horizon | Depth | Particle-size distribution | | | | | | | | Water content | | | Bulk density | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sand | | | | | | Silt (0.05-0.002 mm) | Clay (<0.002 mm) | 1/3 bar | 15 bar | Water retention | 1/3 bar | Oven-dry |
| | | | Very coarse (2.0-1.0 mm) | Coarse (1.0-0.5 mm) | Medium (0.5-0.25 mm) | Fine (0.25-0.1 mm) | Very fine (0.1-0.05 mm) | Total (2.0-0.05 mm) | | | | | | | |
| | | In | ----------Pct---------- | | | | | | | | ----Pct(wt)---- | | | ---g/cc--- | |
| Pippod (AT1) | E/A | 0-1 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 6.7 | 11.8 | 20.0 | 41.8 | 53.6 | 4.6 | | 24.1 | | | |
| S92AK-261-003 | Bs | 1-5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 14.8 | 25.3 | 69.0 | 5.7 | | 13.0 | | | |
| 62° 43'42''N lat. | BC | 5-8 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 6.6 | 20.9 | 32.0 | 63.2 | 4.8 | | 4.9 | | | |
| 145° 33'48''W long. | 2BC | 8-14 | 54.5 | 24.7 | 7.8 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 91.5 | 5.2 | 3.3 | | 3.5 | | | |
| | 2C | 14-16 | 30.1 | 27.7 | 13.4 | 10.2 | 5.3 | 86.7 | 12.9 | 0.4 | | 2.4 | | | |

## Table 14. Chemical Analyses of Selected Soils

(A dash indicates that the material was not detected. A blank indicates that a determination was not made. TR indicates a trace amount of the element. Extractable calcium is not reported when calcium carbonate is detected in the horizon.)

| Soil name and sample number | Horizon | Depth | Cation-exchange capacity | | pH CaCl 0.01M | | Organic carbon | Total nitrogen | Extractable acidity | Extractable bases | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sum of cations | Ammonium acetate | (1:2) | (1:1) | | | | Ca | Mg | K | Na |
| | | In | ---Meg/100 g--- | | | | ------Pct------ | | ----------Meg/100 g---------- | | | | |
| Chelina (LL12) | Oi | 2-0 | 118.2 | 101.4 | | | 41.29 | 1.587 | 63.4 | 44.6 | 7.6 | 2.3 | 0.3 |
| S92AK-261-002 | AC | 0-6 | 25.6 | 22.1 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 1.97 | | 8.0 | 12.7 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 62°46'36''N lat. | C1 | 6-14 | 25.0 | 21.0 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 0.93 | | 6.5 | 13.7 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 145°37'22''W long. | C2 | 14-29 | | 18.2 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 0.32 | | | | 3.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| | C3 | 29-49 | | 21.7 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 0.37 | | -- | | 5.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| | C4 | 49-60 | | 14.4 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 0.29 | | -- | | 3.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Haggard (ST5) | Oi | 0-7 | 52.4 | 28.8 | | | 45.10 | 1.187 | 20.0 | 24.1 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| S92AK-261-007 | Oe | 7-12 | 205.2 | 177.0 | | | 45.04 | 1.846 | 30.2 | 44.0 | 30.1 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| 62°33'09''N lat. | Oe/C | 12-20 | 49.1 | 35.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 13.23 | 0.808 | 15.5 | 26.3 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| 145°31'11''W long. | Oe | 20-24 | 66.1 | 66.1 | | | 49.21 | 2.172 | 29.7 | 27.9 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| | Cgf | 24-49 | | 10.5 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 1.41 | | 0.5 | | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Hogan (ST4) | AC/Oe | 0-3 | 73.5 | 54.7 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 12.28 | | 19.5 | 41.2 | 12.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| S92AK-261-004 | AC | 3-12 | 29.0 | 19.2 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 2.25 | | 5.9 | 18.2 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 62°37'30''N lat. | Cg | 12-20 | 14.1 | 9.6 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 0.66 | | 2.2 | 9.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 145°40'42''W long. | C | 20-25 | 8.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 0.35 | | 0.9 | 5.6 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Klasi (LC1) | Oa | 3-0 | 204.7 | 134.8 | | | 30.70 | 1.240 | 49.4 | 25.1 | 29.0 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| S92AK-261-005 | Cg/Oa | 0-3 | 60.2 | 41.4 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.25 | | 14.4 | 35.2 | 10.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 62°37'24''N lat. | Cg | 3-10 | 27.2 | 23.4 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 1.24 | | 5.8 | 15.0 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 135°40'21''W long. | C | 10-23 | 36.2 | 23.6 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 0.65 | | 14.1 | 15.1 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Kluna (ST1) | Oi | 2-0 | 120.1 | 94.9 | | | 42.74 | 1.925 | 63.4 | 38.5 | 14.0 | 4.2 | -- |
| S92AK-261-001 | AC | 0-3 | 26.8 | 23.9 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.69 | | 18.6 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| 62°51'N lat. | C1 | 3-14 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 0.69 | | 3.4 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 145°40'W long. | C/Oa | 14-19 | 15.9 | 12.2 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 1.63 | | 7.3 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| | C2 | 19-40 | 11.3 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 0.88 | | 4.4 | 5.2 | 1.4 | -- | 0.3 |
| | Cg | 40-45 | 13.6 | 10.3 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 0.84 | | 5.2 | 6.5 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Mankomen (TS3) | Oa | 3-0 | 192.2 | 141.2 | | | 39.53 | 1.955 | 79.0 | 96.8 | 15.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| S92AK-261-006 | C | 0-10 | 43.9 | 56.0 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 0.24 | | 2.1 | 35.5 | 5.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 62°34'01''N lat. | Cg2 | 10-28 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 0.17 | | 2.0 | 3.9 | 0.8 | TR | 0.2 |
| 145°32'05''W long. | Cg3 | 28-37 | 11.3 | 9.3 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 1.01 | | 2.0 | 7.6 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| | Cg4 | 37-47 | 11.5 | 8.3 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 0.74 | | 3.0 | 6.8 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

Table 14. Chemical Analyses of Selected Soils (Continued)

| Soil name and sample number | Hori-zon | Depth | Cation-exchange capacity | | pH CaCl 0.01M | | Organic carbon | Total nitro-gen | Extrac-table acidity | Extractable bases | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sum of cations | Ammo-nium acetate | (1:2) | (1:1) | | | | Ca | Mg | K | Na |
| | | In | ---Meg/100 g--- | | | | ------Pct------ | | ----------Meg/100 g---------- | | | | |
| Pippod (AT1) | E/A | 0-1 | 58.7 | 46.6 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 16.16 | | 52.3 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| S92AK-261-003 | Bs | 1-5 | 47.5 | 30.4 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.81 | | 44.9 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 62°43'42''N lat. | BC | 5-8 | 13.7 | 8.7 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 0.89 | | 12.1 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 145°33'48''W long. | 2BC | 8-14 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 0.31 | | | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| | 2C | 14-16 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 0.12 | | 1.2 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

## Table 15. Soil Features

(The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Absence of an entry indicates that the feature is not a concern or that data were not estimated.)

| Map symbol and soil name | Bedrock | | Subsidence | | Potential frost action | Risk of corrosion | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Depth | Hardness | Initial | Total | | Uncoated steel | Concrete |
| | In | | In | In | | | |
| AF1*: | | | | | | | |
| Pippod | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | High | High. |
| Clarena | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| AL1*: | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank, cool | 10-20 | Hard | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | |
| AL2*: | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank | 10-20 | Hard | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Telay | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | High | High. |
| AT1*: | | | | | | | |
| Chistna | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Pippod | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | High | High. |
| BR1: | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank | 10-20 | Hard | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ESC1*: | | | | | | | |
| Cryorthents | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | High | Moderate. |
| Cryochrepts | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | High | Moderate. |
| FP1: | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP2*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Swedna | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP3*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Klute, moderately wet | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP4*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP6*: | | | | | | | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Low. |
| Hogan, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 15. Soil Features (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Bedrock | | Subsidence | | Potential frost action | Risk of corrosion | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Depth | Hardness | Initial | Total | | Uncoated steel | Concrete |
| | In | | In | In | | | |
| FP12*: | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP13*: | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Hisna | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP21*: | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP22*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Swedna, high elevation | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kluna | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP23*: | | | | | | | |
| Hogan, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Sankluna | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| FP31*: | | | | | | | |
| Kluna, deep | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Hogan | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kluna, frequently flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | High | Moderate. |
| FP32*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Hogan | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Klute, moderately wet | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| GO1*: | | | | | | | |
| Pippod, high elevation | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | High | High. |
| Chistna, high elevation | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LC1: | | | | | | | |
| Klasi peat | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Low. |
| LC2: | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LC5*: | | | | | | | |
| Klasi | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Low. |
| Klasi, very wet | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Low. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 15. Soil Features (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Bedrock | | Subsidence | | Potential frost action | Risk of corrosion | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Depth | Hardness | Initial | Total | | Uncoated steel | Concrete |
| | In | | In | In | | | |
| LC6*: | | | | | | | |
| Swillna, thin surface | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-72 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Swillna | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-72 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LL1*: | | | | | | | |
| Mendna | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | High | Moderate. |
| Chelina | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LL2*: | | | | | | | |
| Mendna | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | High | Moderate. |
| Ewan | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LL3: | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LL12, LL13: | | | | | | | |
| Chelina loam | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| LL41*, LL411*: | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | >60 | --- | 5-20 | 15-40 | High | High | High. |
| Mendna, very wet | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | High | Moderate. |
| Cryofibrists | >60 | --- | 5-20 | 15-40 | High | High | High. |
| MK1: | | | | | | | |
| Hufman peat | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| MK2*: | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | >60 | --- | 5-20 | 15-40 | High | High | High. |
| Cryofibrists | >60 | --- | 5-20 | 15-40 | High | High | High. |
| SA1: | | | | | | | |
| Nickolna silt loam | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| SA3*: | | | | | | | |
| Goodview | 4-10 | Hard | 0-0 | --- | High | High | High. |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | |
| ST1*: | | | | | | | |
| Klute | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kluna | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST2*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | >60 | --- | 5-20 | 15-40 | High | High | High. |
| Hufman | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 15. Soil Features (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Bedrock | | Subsidence | | Potential frost action | Risk of corrosion | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Depth | Hardness | Initial | Total | | Uncoated steel | Concrete |
| | In | | In | In | | | |
| ST3*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Hogan | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST4: | | | | | | | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST5: | | | | | | | |
| Haggard peat | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST11*: | | | | | | | |
| Klute | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST12: | | | | | | | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST13*: | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Klute, occasionally flooded | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST21: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad peat | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST22*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Ganhona | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST24*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kuslinad, very wet | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST24B*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kuslinad, very wet | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kusdry | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Low. |
| ST31*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| Hogan, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST41*: | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Sinona | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST411*: | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Low | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Kuslinad, very wet | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 15. Soil Features (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Bedrock | | Subsidence | | Potential frost action | Risk of corrosion | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Depth | Hardness | Initial | Total | | Uncoated steel | Concrete |
| | In | | In | In | | | |
| ST411*: (cont'd) | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| ST441*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Dackey, cool | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Low. |
| TS1*: | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| TS3: | | | | | | | |
| Mankomen peat | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| TS12*: | | | | | | | |
| Chelina | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Mendna | >60 | --- | 0-6 | 6-12 | High | High | Moderate. |
| TS14*: | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | >60 | --- | 0-0 | --- | High | Moderate | Moderate. |

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

## Table 16. Comprehensive Hydric Soils List

All map units are displayed regardless of hydric status and are listed in alpha-numeric order by map unit symbol. The "Hydric soils criteria" columns indicate the conditions that caused the map unit component to be classified as "Hydric" or "Non-Hydric". These criteria are defined in "Hydric Soils of the United States" (USDA Miscellaneous Publication No. 1491, June, 1991). See the "Criteria for Hydric Soils" endnote to determine the meaning of these columns. Spot symbols are footnoted at the end of the table. Soils of minor extent are not included in this list.

| Map symbol<br>Map unit name | Component | Hydric | Hydric soils criteria | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Hydric criteria code* | Meets saturation criteria | Meets flooding criteria | Meets ponding criteria |
| AF1:<br>Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes | Pippod | No | | | | |
| | Clarena | No | | | | |
| AL1:<br>Cobblank, cool-Rock outcrop complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes | Cobblank, cool | No | | | | |
| | Rock outcrop | No | | | | |
| AL2:<br>Cobblank and Telay soils, 2 to 16 percent slopes | Cobblank | No | | | | |
| | Telay | No | | | | |
| AT1:<br>Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes | Chistna | No | | | | |
| | Pippod | No | | | | |
| BR1:<br>Cobblank silt loam, 5 to 25 percent slopes | Cobblank | No | | | | |
| ESC1:<br>Cryorthents and Cryochrepts soils, 20 to 80 percent slopes | Cryorthents | No | | | | |
| | Cryochrepts | No | | | | |
| FP1:<br>Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | No | | | | |
| FP2:<br>Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes | Dackey, cool | No | | | | |
| | Swedna | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Swedna, very poorly drained | Yes | 2b3,4 | Yes | Yes | No |
| FP3:<br>Dackey-Klute, moderately wet, complex, occasionally flooded | Dackey | No | | | | |
| | Klute, moderately wet | No | | | | |
| FP4:<br>Dackey-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex | Dackey | No | | | | |
| | Swedna, very poorly drained | Yes | 2b3,4 | Yes | Yes | No |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 16. Comprehensive Hydric Soils List (Continued)

| Map symbol<br>Map unit name | Component | Hydric | Hydric soils criteria | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Hydric criteria code* | Meets saturation criteria | Meets flooding criteria | Meets ponding criteria |
| FP6:<br>Aquatna, frequently flooded-Hogan, cool, complex | Aquatna, frequently flooded | Yes | 2b3,4 | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Hogan, cool | No | | | | |
| FP12:<br>Tangoe, wet, complex | Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | No | | | | |
| | Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | Yes | 2B1,4 | Yes | Yes | No |
| FP13:<br>Swedna, high elevation-Hisna complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes | Swedna, high elevation | Yes | 2B3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Hisna | Yes | 2B3 | Yes | No | No |
| FP21:<br>Swedna, high elevation, complex | Swedna, high elevation | Yes | 2b3,4 | Yes | No | No |
| | Swedna, very poorly drained | Yes | 2b3,4 | Yes | Yes | No |
| FP22:<br>Dackey, cool-Swedna, high elevation-Kluna complex | Dackey, cool | No | | | | |
| | Swedna, high elevation | Yes | 2b3,4 | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Kluna | No | | | | |
| FP23:<br>Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | Hogan, cool | No | | | | |
| | Sankluna | No | | | | |
| FP31:<br>Kluna, deep-Hogan-Kluna, frequently flooded, complex | Kluna, deep | No | | | | |
| | Hogan | No | | | | |
| | Kluna, frequently flooded | No | | | | |
| FP32:<br>Dackey-Hogan-Klute, moderately wet, complex | Dackey | No | | | | |
| | Hogan | No | | | | |
| | Klute, moderately wet | No | | | | |
| GO1:<br>Pippod and Chistna soils, high elevation, 0 to 30 percent slopes percent slopes | Pippod, high elevation | No | | | | |
| | Chistna, high elevation | No | | | | |
| LC1:<br>Klasi peat, 0 to 10 percent slopes | Klasi peat | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 16. Comprehensive Hydric Soils List (Continued)

| Map symbol Map unit name | Component | Hydric | Hydric soils criteria | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Hydric criteria code* | Meets saturation criteria | Meets flooding criteria | Meets ponding criteria |
| LC2: Gadona silty clay, 0 to 10 percent slopes | Gadona silty clay | No | | | | |
| LC5: Klasi-Klasi, very wet, complex, 0 to 12 percent slopes | Klasi | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Klasi, very wet | Yes | 2b3,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| LC6: Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | Swillna, thin surface | No | | | | |
| | Swillna | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| LL1: Mendna and Chelina soils, 0 to 10 percent slopes | Mendna | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Chelina | No | | | | |
| LL2: Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes | Mendna | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Ewan | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| LL3: Gadona silty clay, 5 to 20 percent slopes | Gadona silty clay | No | | | | |
| LL12: Chelina loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes | Chelina loam | No | | | | |
| LL13: Chelina loam, 7 to 25 percent slopes | Chelina loam | No | | | | |
| LL41: Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes | Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | No | | | | |
| | Cryofibrists | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| LL411: Pergelic Cryohemists-Mendna, very wet-Cryofibrists complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes | Pergelic Cryohemists | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Mendna, very wet | Yes | 2b3,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Cryofibrists | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| MK1: Hufman peat | Hufman peat | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| MK2: Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils | Pergelic Cryohemists | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Cryofibrists | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 16. Comprehensive Hydric Soils List (Continued)

| Map symbol Map unit name | Component | Hydric | Hydric soils criteria | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Hydric criteria code* | Meets saturation criteria | Meets flooding criteria | Meets ponding criteria |
| SA1: Nickolna silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes | Nickolna silt loam | No | | | | |
| SA3: Goodview-Rock outcrop complex, 20 to 50 percent slopes | Goodview | No | | | | |
| | Rock outcrop | No | | | | |
| ST1: Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes | Klute | No | | | | |
| | Kluna | No | | | | |
| ST2: Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 14 percent slopes | Kuslinad | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | No | | No | No | No |
| | Hufman | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| ST3: Dackey-Hogan complex, 0 to 4 percent slopes | Dackey | No | | | | |
| | Hogan | No | | | | |
| ST4: Hogan fine sandy loam | Hogan fine sandy loam | No | | | | |
| ST5: Haggard peat, 0 to 4 percent slopes | Haggard peat | Yes | 1,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| ST11: Klute-Tangoe, occasionally flooded, complex | Klute | No | | | | |
| | Tangoe, occasionally flooded | No | | | | |
| ST12: Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | No | | | | |
| ST13: Tangoe, occasionally flooded-Klute, occasionally flooded, complex, 2 to 7 percent slopes | Tangoe, occasionally flooded | No | | | | |
| | Klute, occasionally flooded | No | | | | |
| ST21: Kuslinad peat | Kuslinad peat | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| ST22: Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes | Kuslinad | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Ganhona | No | | | | |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 16. Comprehensive Hydric Soils List (Continued)

| Map symbol Map unit name | Component | Hydric | Hydric soils criteria | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Hydric criteria code* | Meets saturation criteria | Meets flooding criteria | Meets ponding criteria |
| ST24: Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet, complex | Kuslinad | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Kuslinad, very wet | Yes | 2b3,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| ST24B: Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet-Kusdry complex | Kuslinad | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Kuslinad, very wet | Yes | 2b3,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Kusdry | No | | | | |
| ST31: Dackey, cool-Hogan, cool, complex 0 to 4 percent slopes | Dackey, cool | No | | | | |
| | Hogan, cool | No | | | | |
| ST41: Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | Maclaren | No | | | | |
| | Sinona | No | | | | |
| ST411: Maclaren-Kuslinad complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes | Maclaren | No | | | | |
| | Kuslinad, very wet | Yes | 2b3,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Kuslinad | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| ST441: Kuslinad-Dackey, cool, complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes | Kuslinad | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Dackey, cool | No | | | | |
| TS1: Cryaquepts, 4 to 25 percent slopes | Cryaquepts | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| TS3: Mankomen peat, 0 to 15 percent slopes | Mankomen peat | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| TS12: Chelina and Mendna soils, 6 to 20 percent slopes | Chelina | No | | | | |
| | Mendna | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| TS14: Cryaquepts and Cryaquepts, very wet, soils, 4 to 25 percent slopes | Cryaquepts | Yes | 2b3 | Yes | No | No |
| | Cryaquepts, very wet | Yes | 2b3,3 | Yes | No | Yes |
| W: Water | Water | Unranked | | | | |

FOOTNOTE: There may be small areas of included soils or miscellaneous areas that are significant to use and management of the soil, yet are too small to delineate on the soil map at the map's original scale. These may be designated as spot symbols and are defined in the published Soil Survey Report or the USDA-NRCS Technical Guide, Part II.

Hydric soils criteria codes and definitions:

1. All Histosols, except Folists, or
2. Soils in Aquic suborder, Aquic subgroup, Albolls suborder, Salorthids great group, Pell great group of Vertisols, Pachic subgroup, or Cumulic subgroups that are:
   a. somewhat poorly drained and have a frequently occurring water table less than 0.5 feet from the surface for a significant period (usually 14 consecutive days or more) during the growing season, or
   b. poorly drained or very poorly drained and have either:
      (1) a frequently occurring water table less than 0.5 feet from the surface for a significant period (usually 14 consecutive days or more) during the growing season if textures are coarse sand, sand, or fine sand in all layers within 20 inches, or for other soils,
      (2) a frequently occurring water table less than 1.0 feet from the surface for a significant period (usually 14 consecutive days or more) during the growing season if permeability is equal to or greater than 6.0 in/hr in all layers within 20 inches, or
      (3) a frequently occurring water table less than 1.5 feet from the surface for a significant period (usually 14 consecutive days or more) during the growing season if permeability is less than 6.0 in/hr in any layers within 20 inches, or
3. Soils that are frequently ponded for long or very long duration during the growing season, or
4. Soils that are frequently flooded for long or very long duration during the growing season.

## Table 17. Water Features of Soils

("Flooding" and "water table" and terms such as "rare," "brief," "apparent," and "perched" are explained in the text. The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Absence of an entry indicates that the feature is not a concern or that data were not estimated. A plus sign preceding the range in depth indicates that the water table is above the surface of the soil. The first numeral in the range indicates how high the water rises above the surface. The second numeral indicates the depth below the surface.)

| Map symbol and soil name | Hydrologic group | Flooding | | | High water table | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Frequency | Duration | Months | Depth | Kind | Months |
| | | | | | Ft | | |
| AF1*: | | | | | | | |
| Pippod | A | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Clarena | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| AL1*: | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank, cool | D | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | |
| AL2*: | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank | D | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Telay | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| AT1*: | | | | | | | |
| Chistna | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Pippod | A | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| BR1: | | | | | | | |
| Cobblank | D | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ESC1*: | | | | | | | |
| Cryorthents | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Cryochrepts | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| FP1: | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded | C | Frequent | Brief to long | May-Sep | 1.5-3.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP2*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Swedna | D | Frequent | Brief to long | May-Sep | 0.5-1.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | D | Frequent | Long | May-Sep | 0.-0.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP3*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Klute, moderately wet- | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 4.0-6.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP4*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | D | Frequent | Long | May-Sep | 0.-0.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 17. Water Features of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Hydrologic group | Flooding | | | High water table | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Frequency | Duration | Months | Depth | Kind | Months |
| | | | | | Ft | | |
| FP6*: | | | | | | | |
| Aquatna, frequently flooded | D | Frequent | Long | May-Sep | 0.-1.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Hogan, cool | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| FP12*: | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded | C | Occasional | Brief to long | May-Sep | 1-2.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded | C | Frequent | Long | May-Sep | 0-1.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP13*: | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | D | Occasional | Brief to long | May-Sep | 0.5-1.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Hisna | D | Occasional | Brief to long | May-Sep | 0.-1.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP21*: | | | | | | | |
| Swedna, high elevation | D | Occasional | Brief to long | May-Sep | 0.5-1.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Swedna, very poorly drained | D | Frequent | Long | May-Sep | 0.-0.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP22*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Swedna, high elevation | D | Frequent | Brief to long | May-Sep | 0.5-1.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Kluna | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 4.0-6.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP23*: | | | | | | | |
| Hogan, cool | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Sankluna | B | Occasional | Brief to long | May-Sep | 4.0-6.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP31*: | | | | | | | |
| Kluna, deep | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Hogan | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Kluna, frequently flooded | B | Frequent | Brief to long | May-Sep | 4.0-6.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| FP32*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Hogan | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Klute, moderately wet- | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 4.0-6.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| GO1*: | | | | | | | |
| Pippod, high elevation | A | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Chistna, high elevation | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| LC1: | | | | | | | |
| Klasi peat | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 17. Water Features of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Hydrologic group | Flooding | | | High water table | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Frequency | Duration | Months | Depth | Kind | Months |
| | | | | | Ft | | |
| LC2: | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay----- | B | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| LC5*: | | | | | | | |
| Klasi----------------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Klasi, very wet------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.0-0.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| LC6*: | | | | | | | |
| Swillna, thin surface- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | 2.0-3.0 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Swillna--------------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | 0.-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| LL1*: | | | | | | | |
| Mendna---------------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Chelina--------------- | B | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| LL2*: | | | | | | | |
| Mendna---------------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Ewan------------------ | D | Occasional------ | Brief--------- | May-Sep | 0.-1.5 | Apparent | Jan-Dec |
| LL3: | | | | | | | |
| Gadona silty clay----- | B | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| LL12, LL13: | | | | | | | |
| Chelina loam---------- | B | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| LL41*: | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry------------------ | C | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Cryofibrists---------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.5-1.0 | Apparent | Jan-Dec |
| LL411*: | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists-- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.0-1.0 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Mendna, very wet------ | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.0-0.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Cryofibrists---------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.5-1.0 | Apparent | Jan-Dec |
| MK1: | | | | | | | |
| Hufman peat----------- | D | Rare---------- | --- | --- | +1.5-0.5 | Apparent | Jan-Dec |
| MK2*: | | | | | | | |
| Pergelic Cryohemists-- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.0-1.0 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Cryofibrists---------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | +1.5-1.0 | Apparent | Jan-Dec |
| SA1: | | | | | | | |
| Nickolna silt loam---- | B | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| SA3*: | | | | | | | |
| Goodview-------------- | D | None---------- | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Rock outcrop. | | | | | | | |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 17. Water Features of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Hydrologic group | Flooding | | | High water table | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Frequency | Duration | Months | Depth | Kind | Months |
| | | | | | Ft | | |
| ST1*: | | | | | | | |
| Klute | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Kluna | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 4.0-6.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| ST2*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Pergelic Cryohemists, dry | C | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Hufman | D | Rare | --- | --- | +1.5-0.5 | Apparent | Jan-Dec |
| ST3*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Hogan | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST4: | | | | | | | |
| Hogan fine sandy loam | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST5: | | | | | | | |
| Haggard peat | D | None | --- | --- | +1.0-1.0 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| ST11*: | | | | | | | |
| Klute | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 2.0-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| ST12: | | | | | | | |
| Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST13*: | | | | | | | |
| Tangoe, occasionally flooded | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 2.0-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Klute, occasionally flooded | B | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST21: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad peat | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| ST22*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Ganhona | C | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST24*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Kuslinad, very wet | D | None | --- | --- | +1.0-0.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |

* See footnote at end of table.

Table 17. Water Features of Soils (Continued)

| Map symbol and soil name | Hydrologic group | Flooding | | | High water table | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Frequency | Duration | Months | Depth | Kind | Months |
| | | | | | Ft | | |
| ST24B*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Kuslinad, very wet | D | None | --- | --- | +1.0-0.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Kusdry | C | None | --- | --- | 1.5-3.0 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| ST31*: | | | | | | | |
| Dackey, cool | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| Hogan, cool | C | Rare | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST41*: | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Sinona | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| ST411*: | | | | | | | |
| Maclaren | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Kuslinad, very wet | D | None | --- | --- | +1.0-0.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Kuslinad | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| ST441*: | | | | | | | |
| Kuslinad | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Dackey, cool | C | Occasional | Brief | May-Sep | 1.5-3.5 | Apparent | May-Sep |
| TS1*: | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| TS3: | | | | | | | |
| Mankomen peat | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| TS12*: | | | | | | | |
| Chelina | B | None | --- | --- | >6.0 | --- | --- |
| Mendna | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| TS14*: | | | | | | | |
| Cryaquepts | D | None | --- | --- | 0.5-1.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |
| Cryaquepts, very wet | D | None | --- | --- | +1.0-0.5 | Perched | Jan-Dec |

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

## Table 18. Classification of Soils

| Soil series | Classification |
|---|---|
| Aquatna | Coarse-loamy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryaquents |
| Chelina | Fine-loamy, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |
| Chistna | Sandy, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |
| Clarena | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Haplocryods |
| Cobblank | Loamy-skeletal, mixed Lithic Cryochrepts |
| Cryaquepts | Cryaquepts |
| Cryochrepts | Cryochrepts |
| Cryofibrists | Cryofibrists |
| Cryorthents | Cryorthents |
| Dackey | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Oxyaquic Cryofluvents |
| Ewan | Fine-loamy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryaquepts |
| Gadona | Fine, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |
| Ganhona | Coarse-loamy, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |
| Goodview | Loamy, mixed Lithic Cryumbrepts |
| Haggard | Loamy, mixed, euic Pergelic Cryohemists |
| Hisna | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Histic Cryaquepts |
| Hogan | Loamy, mixed, nonacid Pergelic Cryorthents |
| Hufman | Loamy, mixed, euic Terric Cryofibrists |
| Klasi | Clayey, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts |
| Kluna | Coarse-loamy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryofluvents |
| Klute | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryofluvents |
| Kusdry | Coarse-loamy, mixed Aquic Cryochrepts |
| Kuslinad | Loamy, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts |
| Maclaren | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |
| Mankomen | Sandy, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts |
| Mendna | Loamy, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts |
| Nickolna | Fine-loamy, mixed Entic Cryumbrepts |
| Ogtna | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Entic Cryumbrepts |
| Pergelic Cryohemists | Pergelic Cryohemists |
| Pippod | Sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Haplocryods |
| Sankluna | Sandy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryofluvents |
| Sinona | Sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |
| Swedna | Coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryaquents |
| Swillna | Clayey, mixed, nonacid Pergelic Ruptic-Histic Cryaquepts |
| Tangoe | Sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Oxyaquic Cryorthents |
| Telay | Loamy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryochrepts |

## Table 19. Vegetation Cover Type Classification

Aquatic herbaceous

Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest
*Populus balsamifera/Alnus tenuifolia* open forest
POBA2/ALTE2

Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
*Populus balsamifera-Picea glauca/Alnus tenuifolia* open forest
POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2

Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
*Picea mariana/Eriophorum brachyantherum* woodland
PIMA/ERBR6

Low shrub birch scrub
*Betula glandulosa* scrub
BEGL

Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
*Betula glandulosa/Eriophorum brachyantherum* scrub
BEGL/ERBR6

Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
*Betula glandulosa*/lichen scrub
BEGL/lichen

Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub
*Betula glandulosa-Salix* spp./*Carex aquatilis* scrub
BEGL-SAPL2/CAAQ

Low willow/herb scrub
*Salix* spp./herb scrub
SALIX/herb

Low willow/herb2 scrub
*Salix* spp./herb2 scrub
SALIX/herb2

Low willow/water sedge scrub
*Salix* spp./*Carex aquatilis* scrub
SALIX/CAAQ

Quaking aspen forest
*Populus tremuloides* forest
POTR5

Quaking aspen-white spruce forest
*Populus tremuloides-Picea glauca* forest
POTR5-PIGL

Sedge wet meadow
*Carex* spp. wet meadow
CAREX

Sedge-grass riparian meadow
*Carex aquatilis-Calamagrostis canadensis* riparian meadow
riparian

Sparsely vegetated alluvium

Sparsely vegetated escarpments

Sparsely vegetated outwash

Table 19. Vegetation Cover Type Classification (Continued)

Spruce/alder woodland
*Picea* spp./*Alnus* spp. woodland
PICEA/ALNUS

Spruce/lichen woodland
*Picea* spp./lichen woodland
PICEA/lichen

Spruce/shrub birch woodland
*Picea* spp./*Betula glandulosa* woodland
PICEA/BEGL

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
*Picea* spp./*Carex lugens* open forest
PICEA/CALU2

Spruce/water sedge woodland
*Picea* spp./*Carex aquatilis* woodland
PICEA/CAAQ

Spruce/willow woodland
*Picea* spp./*Salix* spp. woodland
PICEA/SAPL2

Tall feltleaf willow scrub
*Salix alaxensis* scrub
SAAL

Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub
*Salix alaxensis/Alnus tenuifolia* scrub
SAAL2

Tall green alder scrub
*Alnus crispa* scrub
ALNUS

Tall thinleaf alder scrub
*Alnus tenuifolia* scrub
ALTE2

Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub
*Alnus tenuifolia-Salix alaxensis* scrub
ALTE2-SAAL

Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub
*Alnus tenuifolia/Salix* spp. scrub
ALTE2/SALIX

White spruce forest
*Picea glauca* forest
PIGL

White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest
*Picea glauca*/ericaceous shrub open forest
PIGL/erica

White spruce/moss forest
*Picea glauca*/moss forest

White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
*Picea glauca/Alnus tenuifolia* open forest
PIGL/ALTE2

White spruce/willow open forest
*Picea glauca/Salix* spp. open forest
PIGL/SALIX

## Table 20. Checklist of Vascular Plants

Only plants observed or tentatively identified during field work are listed. Scientific nomenclature follows Hultén (*1968*), Viereck and Little (*1972*), and Welsh (*1974*). MISCELLANEOUS CODES includes ADP symbols for plant groups and layers in stand descriptions.

| Symbol | Scientific name | Common name |
|---|---|---|
| *** TREES *** | | |
| BEPA | Betula papyrifera Marsh. | paper birch |
| PICEA | Picea A. Dietr. | spruce |
| PIGL | Picea glauca (Moench) Voss | white spruce |
| PIMA | Picea mariana (P. Mill.) B.S.P. | black spruce |
| POBA2 | Populus balsamifera L. | balsam poplar |
| POTR5 | Populus tremuloides Michx. | quaking aspen |
| *** SHRUBS *** | | |
| ALCR6 | Alnus crispa (Ait.) Pursh | green alder |
| ALTE2 | Alnus tenuifolia Nutt. | thinleaf alder |
| ANPO | Andromeda polifolia L. | bog rosemary |
| ARAL2 | Arctostaphylos alpina (L.) Spreng. | alpine bearberry |
| ARRU | Arctostaphylos rubra (Rehd. & Wilson) Fern. | red bearberry |
| ARUV | Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (L.) Spreng. | kinnikinnick |
| ARAR9 | Artemisia arctica Less. | boreal sagebrush |
| BETULX | Betula (hybrids) | shrub birch (hybrid) |
| BEGL | Betula glandulosa Michx. | shrub birch |
| BENA | Betula nana L. | shrub birch |
| CATE11 | Cassiope tetragona (L.) D. Don | arctic mountain-heather |
| CHCA2 | Chamaedaphne calyculata (L.) Moench | leatherleaf |
| EMNI | Empetrum nigrum L. | black crowberry |
| JUCON8 | Juniperus communis ssp. nana (Willd.) Syme | common juniper |
| LEDUM | Ledum L. | Labrador-tea |
| LEDE5 | Ledum decumbens (Ait.) Lodd. ex Steud. | Labrador-tea |
| LEGR | Ledum groenlandicum Oeder | Labrador-tea |
| MYGA | Myrica gale L. | sweetgale |
| OXMI3 | Oxycoccus microcarpos Turcz. ex Rupr. | small cranberry |
| POFR4 | Potentilla fruticosa auct. non L. | shrubby cinquefoil |
| RIBES | Ribes L. | currant |
| RIBR | Ribes bracteosum Dougl. ex Hook. | stink currant |
| RIHU | Ribes hudsonianum Richards. | northern black currant |
| RITR | Ribes triste Pallas | swamp red currant |
| ROAC | Rosa acicularis Lindl. | prickly rose |
| SALIX | Salix L. | willow |
| SAAL | Salix alaxensis (Anderss.) Coville | feltleaf willow |
| SAAR3 | Salix arbusculoides Anderss. | little tree willow |
| SABA3 | Salix barclayi Anderss. | Barclay willow |
| SABE2 | Salix bebbiana Sarg. | gray willow |
| SAFU | Salix fuscescens Anderss. | Alaska bog willow |
| SAGL | Salix glauca L. | grayleaf willow |
| SAMO2 | Salix monticola Bebb | park willow |
| SAMY | Salix myrtillifolia Anderss. | blueberry willow |
| SANO2 | Salix novae-angliae auct. non Anderss. | tall blueberry willow |
| SAPL2 | Salix planifolia Pursh | diamondleaf willow |
| SARE2 | Salix reticulata L. | net vein willow |
| SARI4 | Salix richardsonii Hook. | wooly willow |
| SASC | Salix scouleriana Barratt ex Hook. | Scouler willow |
| SHCA | Shepherdia canadensis (L.) Nutt. | russet buffalo-berry |

Table 20. Checklist of Vascular Plants (Continued)

| SYMBOL | Scientific name | Common name |
|---|---|---|
| ***SHRUBS (continued) *** | | |
| SPBE | Spiraea beauverdiana auct. non Schneid. | Beauverd spiraea |
| VAOV | Vaccinium ovalifolium Sm. | oval-leaf blueberry |
| VAUL | Vaccinium uliginosum L. | bog blueberry |
| VAVI | Vaccinium vitis-idaea L. | lowbush cranberry |
| VIED | Viburnum edule (Michx.) Raf. | highbush cranberry |
| *** FORBS *** | | |
| ACMI2 | Achillea millefolium L. | common yarrow |
| ACDE2 | Aconitum delphiniifolium DC. | larkspur-leaf monkshood |
| ALSC | Allium schoenoprasum L. | wild chives |
| AMRO | Amerorchis rotundifolia (Banks ex Pursh) Hluten | roundleaf orchid |
| ANEMO | Anemone L. | anemone |
| ANRI | Anemone richardsonii Hook. | yellow thimbleweed |
| ANTEN | Antennaria Gaertn. | pussytoes |
| ANRO2 | Antennaria rosea Greene | rosy pussytoes |
| ARNIC | Arnica L. | arnica |
| ARTEM | Artemisia L. | wormwood |
| ARTI | Artemisia tilesii Ledeb. | Tilesius' wormwood |
| ASSI | Aster sibiricus L. | arctic aster |
| ASTRA | Astragalus L. | milk-vetch |
| ASAM3 | Astragalus americanus (Hook.) M.E. Jones | American milk-vetch |
| ASBO | Astragalus bodinii Sheldon | Bodin's milk-vetch |
| BORO | Boschniakia rossica (Cham. & Schlecht.) Fedtsch. | northern groundcone |
| CALTH | Caltha L. | marsh-marigold |
| CALA7 | Campanula lasiocarpa Cham. | Alaska bellflower |
| CAPRA | Cardamine pratensis var. angustifolia Hook. | cuckoo flower |
| CASTI2 | Castilleja Mutis ex L. f. | Indian-paintbrush |
| CAUN4 | Castilleja unalaschcensis (Cham. & Schlecht.) Malte | Alaska Indian-paintbrush |
| CHTE3 | Chrysosplenium tetrandrum (Lund) Th. Fries | northern golden-saxifrage |
| CIMA | Cicuta mackenzieana Raup | Mackenzie's water hemlock |
| CLSA2 | Claytonia sarmentosa C.A. Mey. | Alaska springbeauty |
| COTR3 | Corallorrhiza trifida Chatelain | coral root |
| COCA13 | Cornus canadensis L. | Canadian bunchberry |
| CYMO2 | Cypripedium montanum Dougl. ex Lindl. | mountain lady's slipper |
| DEGL3 | Delphinium glaucum S. Wats. | tall larkspur |
| DOFR | Dodecatheon frigidum Cham. & Schlecht. | western arctic shootingstar |
| DRAN | Drosera anglica Huds. | English sundew |
| EPILO | Epilobium L. | willowherb |
| EPAN2 | Epilobium angustifolium L. | common fireweed |
| EPDA | Epilobium davuricum Fisch. ex Hornem. | willowherb |
| EPLA | Epilobium latifolium L. | dwarf fireweed |
| EPPA | Epilobium palustre L. | marsh willowherb |
| ERIGE2 | Erigeron L. | fleabane |
| ERAC2 | Erigeron acris L. | fleabane |
| FRVI | Fragaria virginiana Duchesne | Virginia strawberry |
| GABO2 | Galium boreale L. | northern bedstraw |
| GAKA | Galium kamtschaticum Steller ex J.A. & J.H. Schultes | boreal bedstraw |
| GATR2 | Galium trifidum L. | three-petal bedstraw |
| GENTI | Gentiana L. | gentian |
| GEPR7 | Gentiana propinqua Richards. | dwarf-gentian |
| GELI2 | Geocaulon lividum (Richards.) Fern. | northern commandra |
| GEMA4 | Geum macrophyllum Willd. | large-leaf avens |

Table 20. Checklist of Vascular Plants (Continued)

| SYMBOL | Scientific name | Common name |
|---|---|---|
| *** FORBS (continued) *** | | |
| HEAL | Hedysarum alpinum L. | alpine sweet-vetch |
| HEMA | Hedysarum mackenziei Richards. | boreal sweet-vetch |
| HIVU2 | Hippurus vulgaris L. | common mare's-tail |
| LIBO3 | Linnaea borealis L. | American twinflower |
| LUAR2 | Lupinus arcticus S. Wats. | arctic lupine |
| METR3 | Menyanthes trifoliata L. | buckbean |
| MEPA | Mertensia paniculata (Ait.) G. Don | tall bluebells |
| MOLA6 | Moehringia lateriflora (L.) Fenzl | bluntleaf sandword |
| MOUN2 | Moneses uniflora (L.) Gray | single delight |
| NUPHA | Nuphar polysepalum Engelm. | yellow pondlily |
| PAPA8 | Parnassia palustris L. | marsh grass-of-parnassus |
| PEDIC | Pedicularis L. | lousewort |
| PELA | Pedicularis labradorica Wirsing | Labrador lousewort |
| PEFR5 | Petasites frigidus (L.) Fries | arctic sweet coltsfoot |
| PEHY5 | Petasites hyperboreus Rydb. | arctic sweet coltsfoot |
| PESA5 | Petasites sagittatus (Banks ex Pursh) Gray | arrowleaf sweet coltsfoot |
| PIVU | Pinguicula vulgaris L. | hairy butterwort |
| PLATA2 | Platanthera L.C. Rich. | bog orchid |
| PLHY2 | Platanthera hyperborea (L.) Lindl. | northern green orchid |
| POAC | Polemonium acutiflorum Willd. ex Roemer & J.A. Schultes | tall Jacob's-ladder |
| POLYG4 | Polygonum L. | bistort |
| POBI5 | Polygonum bistorta L. | meadow bistort |
| POVI3 | Polygonum viviparum L. | serpent-grass |
| POTAM | Potamogeton L. | pondweed |
| POPA14 | Potentilla palustris (L.) Scop. | marsh cinquefoil |
| PYROL | Pyrola L. | wintergreen |
| PYAS | Pyrola asarifolia Michx. | pink wintergreen |
| PYMI | Pyrola minor L. | snowline wintergreen |
| PYSE | Pyrola secunda L. | one-sided wintergreen |
| RANUN | Ranunculus L. | buttercup |
| RAAQ | Ranunculus aquatilis L. | whitewater crowfoot |
| ROHI2 | Rorippa hispida (Desv.) Britt. | bog yellowcress |
| RUAR | Rubus arcticus L. | northern blackberry |
| RUCH | Rubus chamaemorus L. | cloudberry |
| RUMEX | Rumex L. | dock |
| RUAR6 | Rumex arcticus Trautv. | arctic dock |
| SAST11 | Sanguisorba stipulata Raf. | Sitka burnet |
| SAAN3 | Saussurea angustifolia (Willd.) DC. | narrow-leaf saw-wort |
| SEROI3 | Sedum rosea ssp. integrifolium (Raf.) Hulten | stonecrop |
| SENEC | Senecio L. | ragwort |
| SEAT2 | Senecio atropurpureus (Ledeb.) Fedtsch. | dark-purple ragwort |
| SELU | Senecio lugens Richards. | small black-tip ragwort |
| SPARG | Sparganium L. | burreed |
| SPRO | Spiranthes romanzoffiana Cham. | hooded ladies'-tresses |
| STELL | Stellaria L. | starwort |
| SWPE | Swertia perennis L. | felwort |
| TAOF | Taraxacum officinale G.H. Weber | common dandelion |
| THSP | Thalictrum sparsiflorum Turcz. ex Fisch. & C.A. Mey. | few-flower meadowrue |
| TOCO | Tofieldia coccinea Richards. | northern false asphodel |
| TREU | Trientalis europaea L. | arctic starflower |

Table 20. Checklist of Vascular Plants (Continued)

| SYMBOL | Scientific name | Common name |
|---|---|---|
| *** FORBS (continued) *** | | |
| TRMA4 | Triglochin maritimum L. | seaside arrowgrass |
| VALER | Valeriana L. | valerian |
| VACA3 | Valeriana capitata Pallas ex Link | clustered valerian |
| VASI | Valeriana sitchensis Bong. | Sitka valerian |
| VERON | Veronica L. | speedwell |
| VIOLA | Viola L. | violet |
| *** FERNS *** | | |
| BOLU | Botrychium lunaria (L.) Sw. | common moonwort |
| CYFR2 | Cystopteris fragilis (L.) Bernh. | brittle bladderfern |
| *** HORSETAILS *** | | |
| EQUIS | Equisetum L. | horsetail |
| EQAR | Equisetum arvense L. | field horsetail |
| EQFL | Equisetum fluviatile L. | water horsetail |
| EQHY | Equisetum hyemale L. | tall scouring-rush |
| EQPA | Equisetum palustre L. | marsh horsetail |
| EQPR | Equisetum pratense Ehrh. | meadow horsetail |
| EQSC | Equisetum scirpoides Michx. | dwarf scouring-rush |
| EQSY | Equisetum sylvaticum L. | woodland horsetail |
| EQVA | Equisetum variegatum Schleich. ex F. Weber & D.M.H. Mohr | variegated scouring-rush |
| *** CLUBMOSSES *** | | |
| LYCOP2 | Lycopodium L. | clubmoss |
| LYAN2 | Lycopodium annotinum L. | stiff clubmoss |
| LYCO3 | Lycopodium complanatum L. | clubmoss |
| LYSE | Lycopodium selago L. | fir clubmoss |
| *** GRASSES *** | | |
| AGROP2 | Agropyron Gaertn. | wheatgrass |
| AGTR | Agropyron trachycaulum (Link) Malte ex H.F. Lewis | slender wheatgrass |
| AGSC5 | Agrostis scabra Willd. | rough bent |
| ALAE | Alopecurus aequalis Sobol. | short-awn foxtail |
| ARLA2 | Arctagrostis latifolia (R. Br.) Griseb. | polar grass |
| ARFU2 | Arctophila fulva (Trin.) Anderss. | pendent grass |
| BESY | Beckmannia syzigachne (Steud.) Fern. | American slough grass |
| CALAM | Calamagrostis Adans. | reedgrass |
| CACA4 | Calamagrostis canadensis (Michx.) Beauv. | bluejoint reedgrass |
| CAIN | Calamagrostis inexpansa Gray | reedgrass |
| CAPU | Calamagrostis purpurascens R. Br. | purple reedgrass |
| ELYMU | Elymus L. | wild rye |
| FESTU | Festuca L. | fescue |
| FEAL | Festuca altaica Trin. | rough fescue |
| HIAL3 | Hierochloe alpina (Sw. ex Willd.) Roemer & J.A. Schultes | alpine sweet grass |
| HIOD | Hierochloe odorata (L.) Beauv. | vanilla grass |
| MELIC | Melica L. | melic grass |
| POA | Poa L. | blue grass |
| PUAN2 | Puccinellia angustata Swallen | northern alkali grass |
| TRSP2 | Trisetum spicatum (L.) Richter | narrow false oat |
| *** SEDGES & RUSHES *** | | |
| CAREX | Carex L. | sedge |
| CAAQ | Carex aquatilis Wahlenb. | water sedge |
| CAAU3 | Carex aurea Nutt. | golden-fruit sedge |
| CADIG | Carex dioica L. | northern bog sedge |
| CALA13 | Carex laeviculmis Meinsh | smooth-stem sedge |

Table 20. Checklist of Vascular Plants (Continued)

| SYMBOL | Scientific name | Common name |
|---|---|---|
| *** SEDGES & RUSHES (continued) *** | | |
| CALE10 | Carex leptalea Wahlenb. | bristly-stalk sedge |
| CALU2 | Carex lugens Holm | spruce muskeg sedge |
| CAME4 | Carex membranacea Hook. | fragile seed sedge |
| CARH3 | Carex rhynchosphysa Fisch., C.A. Mey. & Ave-Lall. | Northwest Territory sedge |
| CARO6 | Carex rostrata Stokes | swollen-beaked sedge |
| CASA10 | Carex saxatilis L. | russet sedge |
| ELEOC | Eleocharis R. Br. | spike-rush |
| ERIOP | Eriophorum L. | cottongrass |
| ERAN6 | Eriophorum angustifolium Honckeny | tall cottongrass |
| ERBR6 | Eriophorum brachyantherum Trautv. & C.A. Mey. | closed-sheath cottongrass |
| ERGR8 | Eriophorum gracile W.D.J. Koch | slender cottongrass |
| ERSC2 | Eriophorum scheuchzeri Hoope | white cottongrass |
| JUNCU | Juncus L. | rush |
| JUAR2 | Juncus arcticus Willd. | arctic rush |
| LUZUL | Luzula DC. | wood-rush |
| LUMU2 | Luzula multiflora (Ehrh.) Lej. | common wood-rush |
| LUPA4 | Luzula parviflora (Ehrh.) Desv. | small-flower wood-rush |
| TRAL7 | Trichophorum alpinum [L]Pers. | alpine cottongrass |
| TRCE3 | Trichophorum cespitosum (L.) Hartm. | tufted bullrush |
| *** MISCELANEOUS CODES *** | | |
| FORBS | All forbs | All forbs |
| GRASSES | All grasses | All grasses |
| SEDGES | All sedges and rushes | All sedges and rushes |
| SOIL | Bare soil | Bare soil |
| CRYPTHT | Height, cryptogam layer | Height, cryptogam layer |
| HERBHT | Height, herb layer | Height, herb layer |
| SHRUBHT2 | Height, lower shrub layer | Height, lower shrub layer |
| TREEHT2 | Height, lower tree layer | Height, lower tree layer |
| SHRUBHT | Height, shrub layer | Height, shrub layer |
| TREEHT | Height, tree layer | Height, tree layer |
| LICHEN | Lichen layer | Lichen layer |
| LITTER | Litter and mulch | Litter and mulch |
| MOSS | Moss layer | Moss layer |
| ROCK | Rock fragments | Rock fragments |
| WATER | Surface water | Surface water |
| ZZFORB | Unknown forb | Unknown forb |
| ZZGRASS | Unknown grass | Unknown grass |
| LITTER2 | Woody litter (>1" dia.) | Woody litter (>1" dia.) |

## Table 21. Ecological Sites

| Site number | Site name (plant name) |
|---|---|
| 172Xy100AK | Loamy flood plains (Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| 172Xy101AK | Loamy high flood plains (White spruce/willow open forest) |
| 172Xy102AK | Loamy high flood plains, frozen (White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) |
| 172Xy103AK | Stream terraces, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| 172Xy104AK | Stream terraces (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| 172Xy105AK | Terraces, wet (Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) |
| 172Xy106AK | Glaciolacustrine uplands (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| 172Xy107AK | Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen (Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) |
| 172Xy108AK | Gravelly and sandy terraces (Spruce/lichen woodland) |
| 172Xy109AK | Mountain slopes, shallow (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| 172Xy110AK | Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| 172Xy111AK | Peat mounds (Spruce/shrub birch woodland) |
| 172Xy200AK | Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| 172Xy201AK | Loamy flood plains, moderately wet (Low willow/herb scrub) |
| 172Xy202AK | Shallow drainages (Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub) |
| 172Xy203AK | Upper mountain slopes, shallow (Low shrub birch scrub) |
| 172Xy204AK | Gravelly and sandy hills (Low shrub birch/lichen scrub) |
| 172Xy205AK | Loamy flood plains, wet (Low willow/water sedge scrub) |
| 172Xy500AK | Loamy riverbanks (Sedge-grass riparian meadow) |
| 172XY501AK | Wet depressions (Sedge wet meadow) |
| 172Xy800AK | Escarpments |
| 172Xy801AK | Loamy backslopes |

## Table 22. Soil Components of Ecological Sites

| Site number - Name<br>(Potential natural plant community) | Soil name |
|---|---|
| 172Xy100AK - Loamy flood plains<br>(Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) | Dackey<br>Kluna, deep<br>Kluna, frequently flooded<br>Klute, moderately wet |
| 172Xy101AK - Loamy high flood plains<br>(White spruce/willow open forest) | Hogan, cool<br>Kluna<br>Klute<br>Klute, occasionally flooded<br>Tangoe, occasionally flooded |
| 172Xy102AK - Loamy high flood plains, frozen<br>(White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest) | Hogan |
| 172Xy103AK - Stream terraces, frozen<br>(Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) | Kuslinad |
| 172Xy104AK - Stream terraces<br>(Spruce/shrub birch woodland) | Ganhona<br>Kusdry<br>Maclaren<br>Sinona |
| 172Xy105AK - Terraces, wet<br>(Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland) | Cryaquepts, very wet<br>Haggard<br>Klasi, very wet<br>Kuslinad, very wet<br>Mendna, very wet<br>Pergelic Cryohemists |
| 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine uplands<br>(Spruce/shrub birch woodland) | Chelina<br>Gadona<br>Telay |
| 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen<br>(Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest) | Cryaquepts<br>Klasi<br>Mankomen<br>Mendna |
| 172Xy108AK - Gravelly and sandy terraces<br>(Spruce/lichen woodland) | Chistna<br>Clarena<br>Pippod |
| 172Xy109AK - Mountain slopes, shallow<br>(Spruce/shrub birch woodland) | Cobblank |
| 172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic<br>(Spruce/shrub birch woodland) | Swillna<br>Swillna, thin surface |
| 172Xy111AK - Peat mounds<br>(Spruce/shrub birch woodland) | Pergelic Cryohemists, dry |
| 172Xy200AK - Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet<br>(Low willow/herb scrub) | Tangoe<br>Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded |
| 172Xy201AK - Loamy flood plains, moderately wet<br>(Low willow/herb scrub) | Dackey, cool<br>Ogtna<br>Sankluna<br>Swedna |
| 172Xy202AK - Shallow drainages<br>(Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub) | Ewan |

Table 22. Soil Components of Ecological Sites (Continued)

| Site number - Name<br>(Potential natural plant community) | Soil name |
|---|---|
| 172Xy203AK - Upper mountain slopes, shallow<br>(Low shrub birch scrub) | Cobblank, cool<br>Goodview |
| 172Xy204AK - Gravelly and sandy hills<br>(Low shrub birch/lichen scrub) | Chistna, high elevation<br>Pippod, high elevation |
| 172Xy205AK - Loamy flood plains, wet<br>(Low willow/water sedge scrub) | Hisna<br>Swedna, high elevation<br>Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded |
| 172Xy500AK - Loamy riverbanks<br>(Sedge-grass riparian meadow) | Aquatna<br>Swedna, very poorly drained |
| 172Xy501AK - Wet depressions<br>(Sedge wet meadow) | Cryofibrists<br>Hufman |
| 172Xy800AK - Escarpments | Cryochrepts<br>Cryorthents |
| 172Xy801AK - Loamy backslopes | Nickolna |

# Part 6—Appendixes

## APPENDIX A—MAPPING AND CLASSIFICATION HIERARCHIES

### Ecological Mapping Hierarchy

Three levels of ecological mapping were developed during this survey representing the Subsection, Landtype Association, and Landtype levels of the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (*ECOMAP 1993*). Table 3 illustrates the hierarchy of ecological units for the project area. The Subsection and Landtype Association levels are described in the section "Subsection and Landtype Association Maps." The soil map and soil map units are equivalent to the Landtype level described in the Hierarchy. "Soil map" and "soil map unit" are used in place of Landtype in reference to the Landtype level throughout this survey report. The soil map units are described in the section "Soil Resources."

National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units is a "...system for stratifying the Earth into progressively smaller areas of increasingly uniform ecological potentials" (*ECOMAP 1993*). The hierarchy consists of seven levels of ecological units from the Domain, which is the highest and most general level, to the Landtype Phase. A map of the upper four levels (Domain, Division, Province, and Section), developed using a top-down approach of progressively subdividing the land surface into smaller segments, was developed for Alaska by Nowacki and Brock (*1995*). Descriptions and other data for the Section level are included in McNab and Avers (*1994*) and Bailey et al. (*1994*).

For the Gulkana River area, the Subsection, Landtype Association, and Soil Map Unit levels were developed using a bottom-up approach by aggregating detailed units into more generalized units. Soil map units with similar geomorphic and ecological processes, landform and soil complexes, stream types, wetlands, and vegetation complexes were grouped into Landtype Associations. Landtype Associations were grouped into Subsections based on surficial geology and lithology, geomorphic and ecological processes, soils groups, and potential vegetation.

Most soil map units in the Gulkana River area survey are complexes and undifferentiated groups. Complexes and undifferentiated groups are map units consisting of two or more soil components, which are mapped together in a single unit either because of a repeating geographical association or because their use and management are essentially the same (see "Soil Resources" section).

National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units provides a basis for assessing resource conditions at multiple scales and levels of information resolution. The Subsection and Landtype Association levels developed during this survey are applicable to area-wide planning, modeling, and management activities. The Soil Map Unit level is applicable to project and management unit and sub-unit planning and modeling.

### Ecological Classification Hierarchy

This survey makes use of two levels of ecological classification—ecological site classification and soil classification. An ecological site, which is the more general level of ecological classification, is a basic unit of ecological land classification and represents a type of land with a distinctive combination of potential natural plant communities, soils, landforms, hydrology, climate, and ecological properties and processes. Ecological Sites of the Gulkana River area are described in Appendix F.

Soils are the building blocks of ecological sites. Usually, soils have a more narrowly defined range of morphological, physical, and chemical properties than an ecological site. One or more soils that have similar vegetative and ecological potentials and processes are grouped together to define an ecological site. Soils of the Gulkana River area are described in Appendix D.

**Ecological Site Soil Correlation.** To effectively build an ecological site classification from the soil

classification, a high degree of correlation between soils, vegetation, and ecological potential is necessary. To establish the relationships and maintain correlation, vegetative characteristics and ecological patterns and processes observed in the field are used in conjunction with soil characteristics and other criteria specified in "Soil Taxonomy" and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (*Soil Survey Staff 1975; 1996b*). Gulkana River area soils are classified to the series, subgroup, and great group levels (see "Classification of the Soils"). Soil phases (*Soil Survey Staff 1996c*) are defined if the range in properties for a soil is too broad to maintain the correlation with the vegetative and other ecological properties. Phases are applied at any level of the soil classification. When a soil is split into multiple soil phases, phase name modifiers are added to the soil name to identify the phases.

Ecological site 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet, is an example of how soils are defined and grouped into an ecological site. Swedna; Dackey, cool; and Sankluna soils formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium, on nearly level flood plains. Terrace height typically is from 1.5 to 4 feet (0.5 to 1.2 m) above the river channel, and the seasonally high water table during the growing season is 0.5 to 4 feet (0.2 to 1.3 m) below the surface.

The primary difference between these three soils is the thickness of the stratified sandy and silty layer over the gravelly and cobbly substratum. This difference does not affect vegetative and ecological potentials. The latest successional stage of vegetation on all three soils is Low willow/herb scrub (vegetation cover types of the Gulkana River area are described in Appendix E). Swedna; Dackey, cool; and Sankluna soils, as a group, form ecological site Loamy flood plains, moderately wet.

The three phases of the Swedna series illustrate the concept and use of soil phases. Swedna soils formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium on low flood plains between 1,850 and 2,900 feet (564 and 884 m) elevation. The first (unnamed) phase of Swedna soils is on terraces from 1.5 to 4 feet (0.5 to 1.2 m) above the river channel, has a seasonally high water table during the growing season at 0.5 to 1.5 feet (0.15 to 0.5 m) below the surface, and in most places supports Low willow/herb scrub vegetation. Scattered *Picea glauca* seedlings, saplings, and occasional small trees are in many stands. This phase is referred to simply as Swedna soils, without any phase name modifier, and is included as part of ecological site 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet.

The high elevation phase of Swedna soils is on terraces 0.5 to 3 feet (0.15 to 0.9 m) above the river channel, has a seasonally high water table during the growing season at 0.5 to 1.5 feet (0.15 to 0.5 m) below the surface, and supports Low willow/water sedge scrub vegetation. These soils are ponded following spring snowmelt and during periods of high stream flow and are generally too wet for tree growth. Swedna, high elevation, soils are included as part of ecological site 172Xy205AK—Loamy flood plains, wet.

The third phase of Swedna soils, Swedna, very poorly drained, occurs primarily as a narrow strip immediately adjacent to the river channel on terraces less than 1.5 feet (less than 0.5 m) above the river channel. These soils have a seasonally high water table throughout much of the growing season at 0 to 0.5 feet (0 to 0.15 m) below the surface and support Sedge-grass riparian meadow vegetation. Swedna, very poorly drained, soils are included in ecological site 172Xy500AK—Loamy riverbanks.

While all three phases of the Swedna series have a similar sequence and morphology of soil horizons, other site and soil properties result in different vegetative and ecological properties and potentials. Phase distinctions maintain the one-to-one correlation with ecological sites.

## Relationship Between Ecological Classifications and Mapping

As previously noted, three levels of ecological mapping—Subsections, Landtype Associations, and Soil Map Units—were developed during this survey. Subsections represent aggregations of Landtype Associations, which are aggregations of Soil Map Units. The soils themselves are components or building blocks of the Soil Map Units. A Soil Map Unit represents an area on the landscape and consists of one or more soils or miscellaneous areas (see "Soil Resources" section). For example, soil map unit FP2—Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes, represents a segment of the landscape made up of a mosaic of three dominant soils. The proportion of each soil, where it occurs within the unit, and other characteristics of the unit are described in the map unit description.

Because each soil phase is correlated to an ecological site, an ecological site map can be derived from the soils map. In soil map unit FP2, Dackey, cool, and Swedna soils are included in ecological site 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet. Swedna, very poorly drained, soils are correlated with ecological site 172Xy500AK—Loamy riverbanks. In an ecological site map, soil map unit FP2 would be included in an ecological site map unit named Loamy flood plains, moderately wet-Loamy riverbanks complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes.

A derived ecological site map would result in a number of instances where more than one soil map unit would be combined into a single ecological site map unit. For example, Pippod, Clarena, and Chistna soils are correlated to ecological site Gravelly and sandy terraces. As a result, soil map units AF1—Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes, and AT1—Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes, are combined in the same ecological site map unit, Gravelly and sandy terraces. A derived ecological site map would fall somewhere between the Soil Map Unit and Landtype Association levels of the ecological mapping hierarchy.

## Vegetation Classification and Mapping

Vegetation cover types are a basic unit of vegetation classification based only on the structure and species composition of the existing vegetation cover. No specific ecological relationship or status is incorporated into the cover type classification. As such, vegetation cover types and the vegetation map are not elements of the ecological classifications and mapping.

Criteria established in The Alaska Vegetation Classification ( *Viereck et al. 1992*) provides selected general breaks between cover types. The final classification for the Gulkana River area is based on ranges in characteristics and natural breaks observed in the field and established by the field data. The vegetation cover types of the Gulkana River area are described in Appendix E.

In the ecological site descriptions (Appendix F), one vegetation cover type is identified as the baseline potential natural plant community (PNC) for the site. Other vegetation cover types on each site also are identified.

The vegetation map was developed independently of the ecological mapping. Vegetation map units are similar to the soil map units in that each represents a segment of the landscape and is composed of one or more dominant vegetation cover types. Detailed descriptions of vegetation map units are included in the section "Vegetation Resources".

Because of the natural correlation between the vegetation and soils, the location of vegetation map unit boundaries in many places is closely coincident with soil map unit boundaries. Because both vegetation and soils are natural phenomena and have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena, consistent, coincident breaks between vegetation features and soils features seldom occur in nature. No adjustments were made in line placements for the sake of coincidence.

# APPENDIX B—DISCUSSION OF SOIL AND GEOMORPHIC PROCESSES

Soil is the unconsolidated mineral and organic material on the surface of the earth that serves as the natural medium for the growth of land plants (*Soil Survey Division Staff 1993*). Because soil has been subjected to and influenced by numerous weathering processes, it differs from the material from which it was derived in many physical, chemical, and morphological properties and characteristics. Environmental factors such as climate, topography, parent material, and living organisms, all acting over time, influence soil and geomorphic processes. The influence of any one of these factors and resulting processes varies from place to place, but the interaction of all of them determines the kind of soil that forms. The exact combination of physiochemical and biological reactions that transforms materials into the soil horizons of a specific soil can not be determined with certainty. However, many useful generalizations have guided the efforts to organize the available knowledge of soils. Combinations of elementary processes occur in the development of soils. These processes are described on the following pages by Subsection (see Subsection and Landtype Association Maps in Volume 2 for geographic reference).

## Gulkana River Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Subsection

This Subsection includes the gently sloping flood plains, stream terraces, and associated oxbow lakes, backswamps, levees, and point bars adjacent to the Gulkana River. Alluvial fans and fan terraces emerging from the uplands into the river corridor also are included in this Subsection. Soils formed in sandy and gravelly alluvium mantled by loamy alluvium of variable thickness. On fan terraces, these deposits are capped with a thin layer of loess. Permafrost is generally absent on low to mid level flood plains and discontinuous on high flood plains and stream terraces. Potential vegetation is willow (*Salix spp.*) and alder (*Alnus spp.*) shrub on low flood plains, productive white spruce (*Picea glauca*) forest on high flood plains, and moderate to low productive spruce (*Picea spp.*) woodland on terraces and fans.

**Flood plains:**

*Fluvial processes, hydromorphism, alkalinization and acidification* are processes that occur on flood plains.

*Fluvial processes* include erosion, transportation, and deposition of alluvium by water. Stream velocity, or gradient, and flow volume determine the degree of importance of each process along a particular river reach. Historic and contemporary fluvial processes establish the character of a river valley including degree of entrenchment, valley width, stream gradient and sinuosity. Thornbury (*1969*), Ruhe (*1975*), and others describe in detail general river valley characteristics associated with fluvial processes. On flood plains along low gradient, meandering reaches of the Gulkana River, low velocity floodwaters deposit thick stratified layers of silty and sandy alluvium as over-bank deposits (Figure 6). On high gradient and straighter reaches, high velocity floodwaters deposit gravelly and cobbly alluvium as channel deposits (Figure 3). Surface evidence of fluvial processes along the Gulkana River includes the presence of barren or sparsely vegetated gravel bars, channels, and alluvial flats adjacent to active river channels, as well as debris and water marks on vegetation. Vegetation indicators of fluvial disturbance include the presence of young stands of willow (*Salix spp.*) and alder (*Alnus spp.*) shrub-balsam poplar (*Populus balsamifera*) forest types adjacent to stream channels (Plate 5—lower photo). Soil indicators include stratification of coarse and fine texture sediments and buried organic layers (Plate 11—lower photo).

*Hydromorphism* is a key process occurring in soils with near-surface water tables. Landscape features associated with this process include oxbows, cutoff meanders, and river margins. Hydromorphism includes the chemical reduction, mobilization, and movement of soluble minerals under saturated conditions. Local water tables that underlay valley bottoms and connect with the riverine system create saturated soil conditions (Figures 1 through 7 and Figure 9). Plant roots and soil microbes deplete the soil oxygen in these saturated mineral soils, causing anaerobic conditions. Subsequently, iron and manganese, the primary pigments in soils, are converted to reduced forms. These reduced compounds are mobile in the soil solution and are easily stripped from the soil by the water table. Soils stripped of mineral pigments in this way take on a

neutral gray through bluish color (Plate 6—upper photo). Soil morphological features indicative of this process are described as the "Cg" horizon in Swedna soils (see "Description of the Soils"). Mobilized minerals are transported through the soil by way of ground water to an oxidized zone. Here, mineral oxidation and precipitation occur, imparting a yellowish through reddish color to the soil. Where the water table fluctuates near the surface, the soil environment commonly alternates between reduced and oxidized states, and soils frequently display a complex mottled pattern of both reddish-oxidized and grayish-reduced colors. Soil morphological features indicative of this zone are described as the "ACg" horizon in the surface layer of Aquatna soils (see "Description of the Soils"). Thick organic deposits characteristic of permanently saturated soils in oxbows and cutoff meanders also indicate active hydromorphic processes (Plate 10—upper photo). The accumulation and stability of organic deposits in these soils is attributed to prolonged saturation and the associated anaerobic environment. Thick organic horizons are described as "Oi1" and "Oi2" horizons in Hufman soils (see "Description of the Soils").

*Alkalinization* is a key process in frequently flooded soils on low flood plains, and includes the saturation or accumulation of basic soil metals such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium in surface soil layers. This process includes both the deposition of base rich sediments by flooding and the concentration of bases in the upper soil profile by upward diffusion of base-rich water from a near-surface water table to the drier soil surface during periods of dry, warm weather. Alkalinization affects the accumulation of calcareous calcium and magnesium carbonate compounds. Soils with excessive carbonates effervesce when dilute hydrochloric acid is added. Effervescence is often observed in the upper layers of Aquatna and Swedna soils. In low flood plains soils in the Gulkana River area, soil reaction (pH) of 7.6 or more in surface mineral layers also is a general indication of alkalinization.

Marion, Van Cleve, and Dyrness (*1993*), in studies along the Tanana River in Interior Alaska, observed high levels of calcium carbonate in flood plains soils. A high percentage of the initial carbonate content was attributed to the silt fraction; however, the source area for the carbonate rich alluvium was not determined. Along the Gulkana River, the origin of carbonates in low flood plains soils also appeared to be related to the silt fraction, but the source area was determined to be the calcareous glaciolacustrine deposits extensive in uplands along all tributaries. Movement of carbonate rich alluvium from uplands into the riverine system appears to occur through natural erosion processes and discharge of calcareous ground water, although this has not been documented.

In Aquatna and Swedna soils on low flood plains, further concentration of carbonates in surface soil layers has been observed and is attributed to a combination of hydrologic processes and evapotranspiration. Soil surfaces are readily warmed and surface evaporation is high where there is a lack of an organic mat to shade and insulate the soil surfaces from solar radiation. The dry mineral surface layer promotes upward diffusion of water from the underlying shallow water table. This process generally occurs during late spring and early summer when long spells of warm, clear weather are common. Sedge-wet meadow vegetation, which is rooted in some of these soils, also removes water from surface layers, further contributing to the moisture gradient and causing additional diffusion of water toward the surface. The combined affect of surface evaporation and plant respiration concentrates carbonate rich materials in the surface layers. Van Cleve, Viereck, and Marion (*1993*) documented similar observations in soils of the Tanana River flood plain near Fairbanks.

Soil *acidification* is a moderately active process on mid to high flood plains in this Subsection. This process includes the removal of excess basic metal cations from the soil through leaching and plant use, and is normally accompanied by a lowering in soil reaction (pH). Organic acids, important weathering agents dissolved from litter, and organic mats contribute to acidification of soils. Evidence of acidification on mid to high flood plains positions includes the presence of a continuous surface organic mat, the absence of free carbonates in surface layers, and soil reaction levels that are more acidic in surface layers than in underlying layers. A gradual increase in soil reaction with depth is shown in the descriptions of Klute, Kluna, and Dackey soils (see "Description of the Soils").

A variety of site characteristics contribute to acidification in soils on mid to high flood plains. On higher positions, flooding is less frequent. The resulting increase in surface stability favors the development of a continuous surface organic mat that helps lower surface soil temperature and evaporation. Additionally, the increased depth to water table to levels well below the root zone minimizes the upward diffusion of water to the surface. Organic acids produced in the organic mat percolate downward through the mineral soil acidifying the upper soil

profile. A significant change in vegetation also occurs on mid to high flood plains. Alder (*Alnus* spp.), a strong soil acidifier (*Crocker and Major 1955*), and white spruce (*Picea glauca*) are more common on mid to high flood plains and contribute to surface acidification of Dackey; Klute, moderately wet; and Kluna, deep, soils.

*Permafrost* is soil or geologic material that is continuously at or below 0°C (*National Research Council of Canada 1988*). Permafrost is generally absent on low to mid level flood plains throughout this Subsection due to hydrologic factors. The rapid exchange of the relatively warm, mobile waters of the riverine system with the shallow water tables of the riparian system contributes to the lack of permafrost. In addition, mid-summer soil temperatures at 20 inches (51 cm) depth range from 6° to 10°C in Swedna and Dackey soils on low to mid flood plains. Shallow permafrost is not present. The first occurrence of permafrost on flood plains positions in this Subsection is in Hogan soils on high flood plains.

The formation of permafrost depends on a number of factors. Natural stream entrenchment lowers the riverine associated water table and removes a vital warming mechanism from the soil. In addition, natural incision of the stream reduces flooding and provides more stable surface conditions for the establishment of continuous organic mats. Significant areas of soils with shallow permafrost only occur where terrace heights exceed 5 to 12 feet (1.5 to 3.7 m) above the mean summer channel (see Hogan series in "Description of the Soils").

Permafrost formation also requires the presence of a loamy alluvial mantle 20 inches (51 cm) or more thick. This requisite is explained in terms of soil thermal conductivity properties. Thermal conductivity values quantify how rapidly heat is conducted through soil. These values are relatively low in moist organic materials and moist mineral soils with loamy or finer textures, compared with coarse texture soils (*Jury, Gardner, and Gardner 1991, 180-181*). Low conductivity favors slow warming of soils and overall low summer soil temperatures (0° to 3°C in Hogan soils)—conditions favorable to permafrost formation. In soils formed in coarse texture alluvium, higher thermal conductivity transfers heat more efficiently from the atmosphere during summer, resulting in rapid warming and relatively high mid summer soil temperatures (4° to 7°C in Sinona soils)—conditions that prevent permafrost formation.

Permafrost in Hogan soils commonly occurs as fine ice crystals between individual soil grains. The overall ice content is low. Sediments show little thermokarst subsidence following disturbance, and melting of the permafrost and cryoturbation are rarely observed. Overlying loamy alluvial sediments are moist but rarely saturated, except immediately above the ice contact.

**Stream terraces and alluvial fan terraces:**

Stream terraces and fan terraces rarely if ever flood, and processes associated with these relatively stable surfaces differ from the flood plains. The two soil groups recognized on stream terraces are those without permafrost and those with permafrost.

Soils in which permafrost is generally absent formed in sandy and gravelly material. Sinona, Maclaren, Clarena, and Pippod soils represent these conditions. These soils have relatively warm mid summer soil temperatures ranging from 4° to 7°C at 20 inches (51 cm) depth. Major processes associated with these well or somewhat excessively drained soils include *acidification* and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals.* Soil indicators of *acidification* (previously described) include the presence of a continuous surface organic layer, and soil reaction measurably lower in the near-surface mineral layers than subsurface layers (see Sinona and Maclaren soils in "Description of the Soils"). A process associated with more extreme acidification is *alteration and translocation of soil minerals*—the downward percolation of precipitation through permeable soils that mobilizes soil minerals and leaches them down into the soil profile. Indicators of *alteration and translocation* on terraces include a continuous surface organic layer, soil reaction measurably lower in the near-surface mineral layers than subsurface layers, and a yellowish or reddish subsurface mineral layer where mobilized products have accumulated (see the "Bw" horizons in Sinona and Maclaren soils in "Description of the Soils").

Soils with permafrost have thick loamy alluvial mantles, and either have shallow ice-rich permafrost or have been recently burned and lack permafrost (see Kuslinad and Kusdry soils in "Description of the Soils"). The permafrost consists primarily of interstitial ice crystals, filaments, and lenses with only slight or moderate thermokarst subsidence following fire or other surface disturbances. Kuslinad soils, the most extensive permafrost-affected soils in this Subsection, probably cycle between a poorly drained permafrost rich condition and a well drained permafrost free state. Wildfire initiates change by disturbing the insulating organic mat and encouraging melting and subsidence of permafrost and lowering of the associated perched water table. Return to the

pre-burn state depends, in part, on the depth of the organic layer consumed by the fire and the rate of revegetation (*Viereck and Dyrness 1979*). The pre-burn state returns as post-fire vegetation succession progresses and the organic mat reestablishes. Dyrness (*1982*) reported that, 4 years after burning in the black spruce type, thaw layer thickness increased 3 fold when one-half of the organic mat was consumed by the fire and 5 fold when the entire surface was consumed and mineral soil exposed. Foote (*1976*) and Viereck (*1973*) agree that, in the black spruce type in Interior Alaska, the forest canopy, forest floor, and active layer thickness return to their original state within 50 to 70 years following fire. Specific soil processes are associated with each part of this cycle.

Abundant nutrients, normally tied up in vegetation, are released to the soil surface following fire. This enrichment, called *alkalinization,* was previously described as it relates to soils on flood plains. On uplands impacted by fire, the origin of nutrients differs significantly. The saturation or accumulation of basic soil metals and nutrients, such as calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, and nitrates, in surface soil layers originates from the ash residue left behind after fire. The ash layer typically effervesces when dilute hydrochloric acid is added; this reaction can often be observed in the remaining surface organic layer of soils for a year or more following fire. Associated with effervescence is a soil reaction (pH) of 8 to 8.2. Other changes in nutrient status following fire, such as improved phosphorus and nitrate status of soils, are usually related to this increase in pH (*Heilman 1966*). Heilman reports that the removal of low-density and low-nitrogen containing layers of moss by fire maximizes nitrogen content of soils at the surface. This restoration of the bulk of the soil nitrogen to the warmest portion of the soil profile explains the substantial improvement in productivity and nitrogen availability following burning.

*Acidification* is associated with the aerobic, well drained, permafrost free portion of this cycle. As conditions become more acid and organic mats thicken, rates of biological decomposition slow and litter and moss tend to accumulate on the soil surface (see Kusdry series in "Description of the Soils"). Nutrients for plant growth become less available. Thickening of the organic mat is important in terms of nutrient cycling. Without a corresponding increase in the quantity of available nutrients, the quantity of available nutrients in the upper portion of the soil is considerably diminished. As succession proceeds, elements that are at low levels and potentially limited, such as N, P, and K, are cycled by the vegetation and dispersed throughout the increasingly thick organic layer (*Heilman 1966, 1968*). This gradual thickening of the surface organic mat is accompanied by a lowering of soil temperatures in underlying soils. In areas with a loamy alluvial mantle 20 inches (51 cm) or more thick, permafrost may begin to form due to the low thermal conductivity properties associated with the loamy mantle. As previously described, thermal conductivity values quantify how rapidly heat is conducted through soil. These values are relatively low in moist organic materials and moist mineral soils with loamy or finer textures, compared with coarse texture soils (*Jury, Gardner, and Gardner 1991, 180-181*). Low conductivity favors slow warming of soils and overall low summer soil temperatures—conditions favorable to permafrost formation. In soils formed in sandy and gravelly alluvium, higher thermal conductivity transfers heat more efficiently from the atmosphere during summer, resulting in rapid warming and relatively high summer soil temperatures (4° to 8°C in Sinona soils)—conditions that prevent permafrost formation.

With the gradual formation of ice-rich permafrost, downward water movement is impeded. Water collects and saturates the thin unfrozen zone above the permafrost during summer months initiating *hydromorphism* (previously described). Indicators of hydromorphism, including organic accumulation and neutral colors, are described in the respective "O" and "Cg" horizons in Kuslinad soil (see Kuslinad series in "Description of the Soils").

*Cryoturbation,* the churning of surface and subsoil layers by frost action, is best expressed within the thin, annually thawed zone in soils underlain with permafrost. Indicators of cryoturbation include disrupted and broken soil horizons, mixing of materials from different horizons, and mechanical sorting of materials (*Agriculture Canada Expert Committee on Soil Survey 1987*). Cryoturbation is most evident in soils with abundant soil moisture, high rates of cooling (affected by vegetation and snow cover), and frequent freeze-thaw cycles (*Embleton and King 1968*). Tussocks and hummocks provide surface evidence of cryoturbation in underlying soils. On stream terraces, tussocks in Haggard and Kuslinad, very wet, soils are up to 24 inches (61 cm) high and 18 inches (46 cm) across; and hummocks in Kuslinad soils are up to 24 inches (61 cm) high and 72 inches (183 cm) across. Embleton and King (*1968*) note that ice segregation and differential ground heaving produce tussocks and hummocks. Sigafoos and Hopkins (*1951*) believe that differential freezing initiates the process of hummock formation. Deeper frost penetration in microlow positions causes

lateral thrusting or squeezing, often injecting mineral and organic material into or beneath the microhighs, resulting in hummock growth. MacKay (*1980*) provided a flow pattern of hummock growth illustrating the direction of material movement. Fractured soil topography indicative of cryoturbation is described in the "Oe/Cg" horizon in Haggard soils (see "Description of the Soils").

*Palsa*, or ice mounded topography, occurs to a limited extent on stream terraces (see soil map unit ST2—Kuslinad-Pergelic Cryohemists, dry-Hufman complex, 0 to 1 percent slopes) and is often associated with swarms of small ponds. Palsen are believed to form where permafrost is underlain by an aquifer from which water flows to the ice mound site (*Leffingwell 1919*). As the ice lenses grow, surface organic and mineral materials are pushed upward forming a dome or ridge many feet high (see Pergelic Cryohemists, dry in "Description of the Soils"). Permafrost under palsen consists of large ice masses and lenses. These features are highly susceptible to thermokarst subsidence when disturbed. Soils on these landforms have mid summer soil temperatures that are at or slightly above 0°C at 20 inches (51 cm) depth.

## Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection

This Subsection includes the gently sloping to moderately steep glaciolacustrine terraces and hills above the Gulkana River corridor. Soils formed in medium and fine textured glaciolacustrine materials, which were deposited in an extensive proglacial lake that covered much of the Copper River Basin during the late Pleistocene (*Ferrians, Nichols, and Williams 1983*). Loamy lacustrine near-shore deposits are common above 2,000 feet (610 m) elevation. At lower elevations, lacustrine deposits are generally clayey and often calcareous at depth. Coarse textured outwash and strandline deposits and deep organic deposits occur in scattered locations throughout this Subsection. Discontinuous, shallow to moderately deep permafrost is common in clayey and loamy soils and in many areas of organic soils. Permafrost is generally absent in coarse textured soils and in areas impacted by wildfires. Potential vegetation is primarily boreal spruce woodland with wet meadows and scrub in bogs and depressions.

Processes associated with permafrost-affected soils include *acidification, hydromorphism,* and *cryoturbation.* Processes associated with coarse texture soils not influenced by shallow permafrost include *acidification* and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals.*

On the landscapes in this Subsection, permafrost distribution is related to variations in environmental factors such as air temperature, slope, exposure, hydrology, soil parent materials, organic mat thickness, and fire history. Permafrost is discontinuous at higher elevations, above 2,200 feet (671 m)—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association; compared with a more continuous distribution in lower lying areas, below 2,200 feet (671 m) elevation—Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association and Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association. During winter, dense, cold, stable air associated with high pressure settles into low-lying areas. Higher elevations remain in warmer air above the inversion (especially the northern part of the Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Association). In addition, higher winter snow cover insulates soils from radiant heat loss and affects higher winter air and soil temperatures (compare Tables 1 and 2). Mid summer soil temperatures in poorly drained, permafrost rich soils, such as Mendna, are 0°C, or slightly above, at 20 inches (51 cm) depth.

In the loamy Mendna and clayey Klasi soils in this Subsection, permafrost consists of interstitial ice and small ice filaments and lenses. Nichols (*1956*) measured ice content in clayey glaciolacustrine materials in the Glennallen area at 30 to 60 percent of the soil dry weight. Minimal to moderate thermokarst subsidence has been observed in these soils. Permafrost in Swillna and Pergelic Cryohemists, dry, soils consists of interstitial ice, ice filaments, ice lenses, and large ice masses. These soils are highly subject to thermokarst subsidence following disturbance.

Due to wildfire and post fire succession, the extensive Mendna and Klasi soils probably cycle between a poorly drained, permafrost rich condition and well drained, permafrost free state (similar to the Kuslinad soils of the previous Subsection). An explanation of the various phases of this permafrost cycle; processes associated with each phase, including alkalinization, acidification, hydromorphism, cryoturbation, and nutrient cycling; and an estimated time frame for return to pre-burn conditions are discussed in the Gulkana River Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Subsection. This information applies to this Subsection as well.

Cryoturbation features in this Subsection include tussocks and hummocks (described in the previous

Subsection), and frost boils or nonsorted circles. Frost boils are unique features found in the western part of this Subsection. Swillna and Swillna, thin surface, soils formed in frost boils up to 24 inches (61 cm) high and 120 inches (305 cm) across, on landscapes underlain by continuous permafrost. The summits of the boils are usually barren and well drained, and the depressions between boils have thick organic mats and are very poorly drained. Depth to permafrost ranges from shallow to moderately deep and is generally deeper beneath frost boil summits. Soil horizons are fractured and churned, with obvious patches of buried organic materials along the permafrost table contact and scattered lenses of organic matter elsewhere in the mineral matrix. Washburn (*1973*) describes the formation of frost boils or nonsorted circles as a phenomenon caused by the melting of large buried ice lenses (low density) surrounded by a matrix of soil materials (high density). The density gradient causes this bulb of water and surrounding supersaturated soil to rise to the surface, spilling out and forming the frost boil (Plate 7—upper photo and Figure 12). Fractured soil topography indicative of cryoturbation is described in the buried "Oib" and "Oab" horizons in Swillna soils (see section on "Description of the Soils").

## Glaciofluvial Plains and Hills Subsection

This Subsection includes the pitted glacial outwash plains and hills in the uplands at the upper end of the Middle Fork and for many miles to the north and west of the survey area (Plate 12—upper photo). Soils formed in a thin layer of silty loess over deep deposits of glacial drift. The glacial drift, which was deposited above 2,600 feet (792 m) elevation by glaciers from surrounding mountains during the Pleistocene, is primarily sandy and gravelly glacial outwash. Permafrost is generally absent. Potential vegetation is primarily shrub birch scrub with willow scrub and sedge-grass meadows in drainages.

Important soil processes in this Subsection include *acidification* and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals*. Soil *acidification* (previously described) is well expressed in Pippod and Chistna soils (see "Description of the Soils"). Extremely acid soil reaction levels (pH of 4.8 or less) in surface layers of Pippod, high elevation, and Chistna, high elevation, soils are among the most acid in the area. Also previously discussed, and well expressed in soils in this Subsection, is *alteration and translocation of soil minerals*. Leaching of minerals from surface layers leaves a thin, bleached, grayish mineral layer represented by the "E/A" horizon in Pippod, high elevation, soil (see "Description of the Soils"). Underlying this gray layer are reddish color zones of mineral accumulation, primarily organic matter, and iron and aluminum oxides represented by the "Bs" horizon. Environmental variables that favor these processes are diverse and include relatively high precipitation, loess surface materials that are readily weathered, uninhibited drainage, and highly permeable coarse texture substratum materials. Warm mid summer soil temperatures, 6° to 10°C at 20 inches (51 cm) depth, initiate relatively high biological activity that also enhances weathering rates in soils.

Permafrost is generally absent in this Subsection due to a variety of climatic, site, and soil characteristics. During winter, dense, cold, stable air associated with high pressure cells settles into low-lying areas while this Subsection remains in warmer air above the inversion. In addition, higher winter snow cover across this Subsection insulates soils from radiant heat loss, causing higher winter air and soil temperatures (compare Tables 1 and 2). The coarse texture materials that make up the majority of the soils in this Subsection also have higher expected thermal conductivity and diffusivity values than the finer texture soils of the adjacent Subsection (*Jury, Gardner, and Gardner 1991, 180-181*), and thus warm more rapidly during spring and summer. For example, Pippod and Chistna soils in this Subsection have mid summer temperatures that range from 6° to 10°C at 20 inches (51 cm) depth, compared with about 4°C for the well drained loamy Chelina soils of the adjacent Low Mountains Subsection.

## Low Mountains Subsection

This Subsection consists of rounded, bedrock cored mountains at mid elevations within the Copper River Basin. At lower elevations, where this Subsection adjoins the Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection, gravelly glacial till and loamy lacustrine near-shore deposits from Pleistocene glaciations mantle most of the landscape. On steeper mountain footslopes, bedrock colluvium and rock outcrops are intermixed in these glacial deposits.

In the Gulkana River area, the Low Mountains Subsection occurs in scattered locations along the lower Middle Fork and upper Main Stem. This Subsection is extensive elsewhere in the Copper River Basin.

Soils formed in silty loess, loamy glaciolacustrine deposits, loamy glacial till, cobbly and gravelly colluvium, and bedrock residuum. Unconsolidated

bedrock is very shallow to shallow on upper mountain slopes and very deep on lower slopes. Permafrost is discontinuous and generally confined to lower elevation glaciolacustrine footslopes. Potential vegetation is boreal spruce woodland. Wildfires have burned across most of the middle and upper parts of this Subsection within the Gulkana River area, destroying most of the woodland cover. Potential vegetation at higher elevations includes various subalpine and alpine scrub and dwarf scrub community types.

Processes associated with permafrost-affected soils on lower mountain slopes include *acidification*, *hydromorphism,* and *cryoturbation.* Processes associated with coarse texture soils not influenced by shallow permafrost include *acidification* and *alteration and translocation of soil minerals.*

**Lower mountain slopes:**

Regional differences in permafrost distribution are related to variations in environmental factors such as air temperature, slope, exposure, hydrology, soil parent materials, organic mat thickness, and fire history. Permafrost is discontinuous within this part of the Subsection, compared with a more continuous distribution in lower lying Subsections of the area. During winter, dense, cold, stable air associated with high pressure cells settles into low-lying areas while this Subsection remains in warmer air above the inversion. Higher winter snow cover insulates soils from radiant heat loss, favoring higher winter air and soil temperatures (compare Tables 1 and 2). Mid summer soil temperatures in poorly drained, permafrost rich soils such as Mendna are 0°C, to slightly above zero, at 20 inches (51 cm) depth.

Wildfire has significant impacts on the presence of shallow permafrost, drainage, and vegetation within this part of the Subsection. Charred stumps and charcoal within the surface organic layers are greater here than in many of the more low-lying Subsections. In areas impacted by fire, permafrost and water tables have been observed to subside; however, soil color patterns, typically associated with hydromorphic processes and cryoturbation, normally persist. Midsummer temperatures in thawed soils such as Chelina range from 4° to 7°C at 20 inches (51 cm) depth—significantly higher than in frozen soils such as Mendna where the range is 0° to 3°C.

Areas of soils formed in loamy lacustrine materials within this part of the Subsection probably cycle between poorly drained, permafrost rich conditions and well drained, permafrost free states (similar to those of the Glaciolacustrine Terraces and Hills Subsection). An explanation of the various phases of this permafrost cycle; processes associated with each phase, including alkalinization, acidification, hydromorphism, cryoturbation, and nutrient cycling; and an estimated time frame for return to pre-burn conditions are discussed in the Gulkana River Flood Plains and Stream Terraces Subsection. This information applies to this Subsection as well. The lower distribution of soils with permafrost is probably the result of warmer winter air temperatures and higher snow pack, which favor warmer annual soil temperatures.

**Upper mountain slopes:**

On upper mountain slopes, key processes include *acidification, alteration and translocation of soil minerals*, and *colluvial processes.*

Soil *acidification* is an active process on upper mountain slopes and is described in detail in previous Subsections. Alder (Alnus spp.), a strong soil acidifier, contributes significantly to this process in soils of the subalpine zone (*Crocker and Major 1955*). Alder (*Alnus* spp.) occurs at 2,600 to 2,900 feet (792 to 884 m) elevation on Nickolna soils and contributes to the surface acidification of these soils.

Also previously discussed, and well expressed in soils in this part of the Subsection, is *alteration and translocation of soil minerals.* Leaching of minerals from surface layers leaves a thin, bleached, grayish mineral layer, represented by the "AE" and "A/E" horizons in Telay and Cobblank soils (see section on "Description of the Soils"). Below the surface layers is a yellowish or reddish subsurface layer where mobilized products accumulate, represented by the "2Bw" horizons in both soils.

*Colluvial processes* are associated with transportation and/or deposition by direct gravitational action, and are primarily limited to steeper slopes within this Subsection. Surface evidence of these processes includes active slumps, active talus, and debris fields interspersed with stable slopes (see Cobblank series in "Description of the Soils").

# APPENDIX C—SURVEY METHODS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) developed inventory objectives and procedures in conjunction with potential users within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Color infrared aerial photography, dated July 1989, and orthophoto quads covering the entire survey area were provided by BLM and prepared for field use and mapping. Prior to field work, the photography was studied in detail to determine general soil-landform and soil-vegetation relationships. Relevant literature and other information on the climate, geology, geomorphology, hydrology, and vegetation of the area were assembled and reviewed.

Two levels of mapping intensity were used for both the soils and vegetation maps. The complex of flood plains and stream terraces immediately adjacent to the river channel, which receives the highest intensity of recreational use and provides the most productive and diverse wildlife habitat, was of greatest concern and interest to BLM biologists and land managers. Within this area, minimum polygon size is about 10 acres. Important riparian areas that generally were too narrow to delineate with polygons are shown with labeled line symbols. Approximately 85 percent of the delineations were visited during field work. Delineation boundaries were located from field observation and stereoscopic photo-interpretation. Approximately 22,000 acres (24 percent of the survey area) were mapped at this higher level of intensity.

The remaining 71,000 acres of uplands (76 percent of the area), with a lower intensity of land use and a lesser quality of wildlife habitat, were mapped at a lower level of intensity. In these areas, between six and seven representative delineations of each map unit were visited in the field to determine general characteristics. Polygon boundaries were located using a combination of stereoscopic photo-interpretation and established landform, soil, and vegetation relations. Average polygon size in the uplands is substantially larger and line symbols were used infrequently.

Soils and vegetation field data were collected by transecting tentative soil map units and making observations at predetermined intervals. A transect consisted of one to ten or more stops depending on the size and complexity of the unit. Corresponding soils and vegetation data and notes were linked using common transect and stop numbers. All transect and stop locations were plotted on the aerial photographs and USGS 1:63,360 topographic maps for permanent record and later reference during map preparation and data analysis.

Field data were entered into the Alaska Soil Survey Field Database (SSFDD) for data management and analysis. Results of data analysis were entered into the standard NRCS Map Unit Interpretation Record (MUIR) database.

## Soils

Soil survey procedures can be grouped into two categories—map making and field documentation.

The following general steps were used to complete the soils map:

1. Tentative soil map unit boundaries (polygons and line symbols) were drawn on mylar overlays to the aerial photographs using stereoscopic photo interpretation. Landform signatures and vegetation patterns provided a basis for initial boundary locations.

2. This was followed by field evaluation of polygon boundaries during which soils data were collected and tentative assignment of map units made.

3. An office evaluation of the data and review of field notes was completed and followed by adjustment of polygon boundaries and assessment of map unit assignments. A detailed description for each map unit was then prepared identifying the setting and major and minor components in the unit.

4. Soil map unit boundaries were transferred from the color infrared photographs to black and white orthophoto quads. Each polygon and line symbol was labeled with an appropriate symbol identifying the map unit.

Field documentation was collected and recorded on the Alaska Soil Data Form AK-232. This form consists of location, site, and horizon fields. The location field provides geo-reference information for each transect. Included are the legal location of each transect, map unit assignment, field photo number, and 1:63,360 scale quadrangle name. The site data field includes information on landscape properties and

soil classification. Some data elements included in this field are slope, aspect, depth to water table, depth to permafrost, and estimated flooding frequency. Soil properties such as soil horizons, texture, rock fragments, and reaction observed at each stop are recorded in the horizon data field. These data provide the basic documentation from which soil map unit descriptions and interpretations are based.

During field work, samples of some of the soils in the area were collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Laboratory and engineering data, together with the observed soil characteristics and properties, were used to predict the expected behavior of the soils under different land uses. Some interpretations, such as primitive campsites, were modified to meet local needs.

Soil, vegetation, site characteristics, and projected level of management were used as the basis for map units. Soil components within each map unit consist of soils with similar soil properties, site characteristics, and potential vegetation. In valleys, subtle differences in flooding regime, soils, or vegetation are important in terms of riparian management. Map units were setup to account for these slight differences in properties. In uplands, a less diverse set of site, soil, and vegetation characteristics is apparent. Subtle differences in soils often have little effect on management of the unit and a more broadly defined unit is sufficient. Component characteristics are described in the soil map unit descriptions.

## Vegetation

Two general categories of vegetation data were collected during field work—ground truth data and stand descriptions. The ground truth data were used to associate photo signatures with vegetation patterns during photo interpretation and mapping and to support vegetation map unit design and composition. Stand descriptions were used to develop the final vegetation cover type and ecological site classifications and descriptions.

Ground truth data consisted primarily of field classification of the vegetation at every transect stop. Field classification was based on the structure and composition of a stand and included a separate call for each major stratum (up to 5 strata) in a stand. The call for a stratum included ADP codes for height class, canopy closure, and dominant species. Tree strata height classes (code) were tall (T1), medium (T2), stunted (TX), and regeneration (T3). Shrub height classes were tall (S2), medium (SM), low (S3), and dwarf (S4). Herbaceous and cryptogam height classes were tall (T), low (L), and dwarf (D). Canopy closure classes were closed (C; 75-100 percent cover), moderately closed (MC; 60-75 percent), moderately open (MO; 45-60 percent), open (O; 25-45 percent), and woodland (W; 10-25 percent). On occasions, canopy closure was coded W- (less than 10 percent) to note the occurrence of minor strata. ADP codes for plant species were taken from the Alaska Plants Database, a subset of PLANTS Database (*U.S. Department of Agriculture 1994*). Lower level strata could include mixed shrub and herbaceous species as stratum dominants. The following are examples of coded multi-strata field classifications.

—T2 MC PICEA I SM MC BEGL I S3 MO LEGR-VAUL I D C MOSS-LICHEN
—T1 C PIGL I S3 C SAPL2 I T O CACA4-FORBS

Detailed stand descriptions were done at one or more selected stops on each transect. Stands were selected subjectively to be representative of the vegetation structure and composition observed along the transect. In most cases, at least one stand of each major type of vegetation on a transect was described. A plotless, reconnaissance technique was used to describe the vegetation. Data were collected within an area of the stand approximately centered on the representative soil pit. Sample area size was variable but encompassed an area large enough to encounter all species in the stand and adequately represent the variability within the stand.

In each sample stand, canopy cover by species of vascular plants and total moss and total lichen cover were estimated to the nearest 5 percent (nearest 1 percent when cover was less than 7 percent). Each species was also assigned to a representative stratum. Unknown species were collected for later possible identification. Cover of persistent and non-persistent litter, bare soil, rock fragments, and ponded water and the approximate height of each major strata also were recorded. In many stands in woodland and forest vegetation, the diameter, age, and total height of selected trees and tree basal area were measured to further characterize the structure and productivity of the stand.

In addition to the ground truth data and stand descriptions, coded entries and notes about fire history, successional status, wildlife use, landscape and successional relationships, variability within and between stands, and unusual communities and inclusions were recorded on each transect.

The major tasks following field work were to

develop final vegetation type and ecological site classifications and descriptions, to complete the vegetation map and map unit descriptions, and to develop interpretations for recreation and wildlife habitat. The following general steps were used to develop the final vegetation cover type and ecological site classifications:

1. Stand data were stratified by a combination of field classification of the vegetation; soil, site, and landform properties; and soil map unit. Preliminary association tables for tentative vegetation cover types were generated from the database to verify field classification and establish initial soil, site, and vegetation relationships and patterns.

2. Vegetation classification codes were refined and reassigned, and new association tables generated in a series of iterations, to group stands with the greatest degree of vegetative similarities. Soil, site, and landform properties for each stand included in a cover type were compiled and printed with each successive table to track and define site relationships. Successional relationships between different vegetation types on similar sites were established. Final association tables were then generated for each vegetation cover type.

3. Ecological site codes were assigned to the data and final association tables were generated for the apparent potential natural plant community (PNC), or riparian plant association, and for each successional stage in an ecological site.

4. Frequency of occurrence, average canopy cover, and range in canopy cover for each species were calculated for each vegetation type and PNC. Ranges in soil and site properties were compiled for each ecological site.

5. The final classification of both vegetation types and ecological sites was based on vegetation structure and composition, apparent successional relationships, landscape properties, and potential use and management. A description was prepared for each vegetation cover type and each ecological site.

The following general steps were used to complete the vegetation map:

1. Vegetation map unit delineations (polygons and line symbols) were drawn on mylar overlays to the aerial photographs (field sheets) using stereoscopic photo interpretation. Recurring vegetation signature patterns, ground truth data, and preliminary boundaries identified during field work provided a basis for boundary locations. Each delineation was assigned to a preliminary map unit.

2. During the course of map preparation, ground truth data were compiled to establish map unit composition and other properties. In a number of instances, two or more preliminary map units were determined to be similar and were combined (correlated) into a single map unit. A map unit description was prepared for each unit on the final legend.

3. Vegetation map unit boundaries and symbols were transferred from the field sheets to black-and-white orthophoto quads using a zoom transfer scope.

# APPENDIX D—SOIL SERIES, HIGHER TAXA, AND THEIR MORPHOLOGY

In this section, each soil series recognized in the survey area is described; characteristics of the soil and the material in which it formed are identified; and a pedon, a small three-dimensional area of soil that is typical of the series in the survey area, is described. The detailed description of each soil horizon follows standards in the "Soil Survey Manual" (*Soil Survey Division Staff 1993*). Many of the technical terms used in the descriptions are defined in "Soil Taxonomy" and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (*Soil Survey Staff 1975; 1996b*). Unless otherwise stated, colors in the descriptions are for moist soil. The range of important characteristics of the soils in the series follows the pedon description.

The map units of each soil series are described in the section "Detailed Soil Map Units".

## Classification of the Soils

The system of soil classification used by the National Cooperative Soil Survey has six categories (*Soil Survey Staff 1975*). Beginning with the broadest, these categories are the order, suborder, great group, subgroup, family, and series. Classification is based on soil properties observed in the field, or inferred from those observations, or from laboratory measurements. The categories are defined in the following paragraphs.

**Order.** Eleven soil orders are recognized. The differences among orders reflect the dominant soil-forming processes and the degree of soil formation. Each order is identified by a word ending in *sol*. An example is Inceptisol.

**Suborder.** Each order is divided into suborders, primarily on the basis of properties that influence soil genesis and are important to plant growth, or properties that reflect the most important variables within the orders. The last syllable in the name of a suborder indicates the order. An example is Ochrept (*Ochr*, meaning pale, plus *ept*, from Inceptisol).

**Great Group.** Each suborder is divided into great groups on the basis of close similarities in kind, arrangement, and degree of development of pedogenic horizons; soil moisture and temperature regimes; and base status. Each great group is identified by the name of a suborder and by a prefix that indicates a property of the soil. An example is Cryaquepts (*Cry*, meaning cold, plus *aquept*, the suborder of the Inceptisols that has an aquic moisture regime).

**Subgroup.** Each great group has a typic subgroup. Other subgroups are intergrades or extragrades. The typic is the central concept of the great group; it is not necessarily the most extensive. Intergrades are transitions to other orders, suborders, or great groups. Extragrades have some properties that are not representative of the great group but do not indicate transitions to any other known kind of soil. Each subgroup is identified by one or more adjectives preceding the name of the great group. The adjective *Typic* identifies the subgroup that typifies the great group. An example is Typic Cryaquepts.

**Family.** Families are established within a subgroup on the basis of physical and chemical properties and other characteristics that affect management. Generally, the properties are those of horizons below plow depth where there is much biological activity. Among the properties and characteristics considered are particle-size class, mineral content, temperature regime, thickness of the root zone, consistence, moisture equivalent, slope, and permanent cracks. A family name consists of the name of a subgroup preceded by terms that indicate soil properties. An example is coarse-loamy, mixed, Typic Cryaquepts.

**Series.** The series consists of soils that have similar horizons in their profile. The horizons are similar in color, texture, structure, reaction, consistence, mineral and chemical composition, and arrangement in the profile. The texture of the surface layer or of the substratum can differ within a series.

The classification of the soils of the Gulkana River area is given in Table 18.

# Descriptions of the Soils

## Aquatna Series
(Figure 9)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryaquents
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* flood plains
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 6 percent
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,550 feet (701 to 777 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Aquatna loam—on a level slope under sedge and bluejoint grass at 2,400 feet (731 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

A—0 to 6 inches (0 to 15 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; neutral (pH 6.8); clear smooth boundary
ACg—6 to 11 inches (15 to 28 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many large prominent strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) redox concentrations along rhizospheres and throughout the matrix; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual smooth boundary
Cg1—11 to 18 inches (28 to 46 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many large prominent dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) redox concentrations along root margins and throughout the matrix; common very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary
Cg2—18 to 51 inches (46 to 130 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 7.1); slightly effervescent; gradual smooth boundary
Cg3—51 to 60 inches (130 to 152 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine roots; neutral (pH 7.2); slightly effervescent

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* FP6—Aquatna, frequently flooded-Hogan, cool, complex
*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) north of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 20, T.13N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm)

*A and AC horizons:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y
Texture—loam, silt loam, and fine sandy loam
Reaction—slightly acid or neutral
Effervescence—none or slight

*ACg and Cg horizons:*
Color—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5GY, 5G, or 5BG; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials throughout these horizons—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR, chroma moist of 1 or 2;
common or many redox concentrations present in upper Cg horizons—hue of 7.5YR, 5YR, or 2.5YR, value moist of 3 or 4, chroma moist of 4 through 6
Texture—stratified sand through silt;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials— texture of muck or mucky peat;
composite texture—fine sandy loam or loam
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

## Chelina Series
(Figure 10)

*Taxonomic class:* fine-loamy, mixed Typic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* loamy lacustrine deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 25 percent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,950 feet (579 to 899 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

**Typical Pedon**

Chelina loam—on a 6 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,250 feet (686 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oe—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); mucky peat; partially decomposed moss and forest litter; abrupt smooth boundary
ABw—0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm); very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) loam; strong medium granular structure; friable, sticky and plastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.8); clear smooth boundary
Bw—2 to 15 inches (5 to 38 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loam; moderate coarse subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky and plastic; 5 percent gravel; few very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.6); clear wavy boundary
C1—15 to 18 inches (38 to 46 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; firm, sticky and plastic; 5 percent gravel; slightly alkaline (pH 7.4); gradual wavy boundary
C2—18 to 60 inches (46 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; firm, sticky and plastic; 5 percent gravel; slightly alkaline (pH 7.6)

**Typical Pedon Location**

*Map unit in which located:* LL12—Chelina loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) northwest of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 1, T.10N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

**Range in Characteristics**

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 5 inches (3 to 13 cm)

*A and ABw horizons:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3; color striations common
Texture—silt loam, loam, clay loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 30 percent gravel and cobbles
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

*Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 2 to 4
Texture—silt loam, loam, sandy loam, clay loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 30 percent (0 to 30 percent gravel, 0 to 10 percent cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—loam, sandy loam, clay loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 30 percent (0 to 30 percent gravel, 0 to 10 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid to mildly alkaline
Effervescence—none to strong

## Chistna Series

(Figure 14)

*Taxonomic class:* sandy, mixed Typic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Permeability:* in the silty loess mantle—moderate; in the fine sandy loam subsoil—moderately rapid; below this—rapid
*Position on landscape:* pitted outwash plains, fan terraces, and lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* thin loess mantle over sandy glaciofluvial and glaciolacustrine material
*Slope range:* 0 to 55 percent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 3,000 feet (579 to 914 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

**Typical Pedon**

Chistna silt loam—on a 3 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,300 feet (701 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); peat; dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) fibrous roots, moss, and twigs; abrupt wavy boundary
A—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silt loam; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many roots of all sizes; strongly acid (pH 5.4); clear irregular boundary
Bw—1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm) strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) and dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4) fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very

fine and fine roots; strongly acid (pH 5.4); clear irregular boundary
2C/2Bw—4 to 9 inches (10 to 23 cm); light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) loamy fine sand; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; moderately acid (pH 5.8); diffuse irregular boundary
2C1—9 to 18 inches (23 to 46 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loamy fine sand; massive; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; moderately acid (pH 6.0); gradual wavy boundary
2C2—18 to 60 inches (46 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loamy fine sand; massive grain; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; 15 percent subrounded gravel and occasional cobbles; neutral (pH 7.2)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* AT1—Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 11 miles (18 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 6, T.10N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Depth to fine sandy loam material:* 1 to 7 inches (3 to 18 cm)
*Depth to sandy glacial outwash:* 3 to 15 inches (8 to 38 cm)
*Thickness of solum:* 3 to 17 inches (8 to 43 cm)

*A horizon (absent in some pedons):*
Color—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Reaction—strongly or moderately acid

*Bw or 2Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 to 6
Texture—silt loam, fine sandy loam, or sandy loam
Rock fragments—0 to 5 percent gravel
Reaction—strongly or moderately acid

*2C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 0 to 3
Rock fragments—0 to 10 percent gravel
Reaction—moderately or slightly acid

## Clarena Series

(Figure 8; Plate 1—lower photo)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Haplocryods
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* in the silty loess mantle and the stratified sand and silt—moderate; below this—rapid
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* silty loess over stratified sandy and silty alluvium underlain by sandy and gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 12 percent
*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,700 feet (747 to 823 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Clarena silt loam—on a 6 percent slope under white spruce woodland at 2,500 feet (762 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—4 inches to 0 (10 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; many roots of all sizes; abrupt wavy boundary
A/Bs—0 to 3 inches (0 to 8 cm); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) with intermittent areas of yellowish red (5YR 5/6) occupying about 40 percent of the horizon; silt loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many roots of all sizes; very strongly acid (pH 4.7); abrupt irregular boundary
2Bs1—3 to 6 inches (8 to 15 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4) fine sandy loam; moderate fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; strongly acid (pH 5.4); clear smooth boundary
2Bs2—6 to 8 inches (15 to 20 cm); strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); clear smooth boundary
2E/2Bsb—8 to 12 inches (20 to 30 cm); brown (10YR 4/3) and dark brown (7.5YR 4/4) occupying about 45 percent of the horizon; stratified fine sand through silt with a composite texture of fine sandy

loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); abrupt irregular boundary

2Bsb—12 to 14 inches (30 to 36 cm); strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); clear smooth boundary

2BC—14 to 18 inches (36 to 46 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) stratified fine sand through silt; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); clear smooth boundary

3C1—18 to 23 inches (46 to 58 cm); dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) very gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 45 percent rounded gravel and 10 percent rounded cobbles; slightly acid (pH 6.2); clear smooth boundary

3C2—23 to 60 inches (58 to 152 cm); variegated extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 45 percent rounded gravel and 15 percent rounded cobbles; neutral (pH 6.6)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* AF1—Pippod-Clarena complex, 2 to 10 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) southwest of Paxson in the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of sec. 19, T.13N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)

*Thickness of the loess mantle:* 1 to 5 inches (3 to 13 cm)

*Depth to sand and gravel:* 10 to 31 inches (25 to 79 cm)

*A/Bs horizon (absent in many pedons):*

A part—Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3

Bs part—Color—hue of 2.5YR, 5YR, or 7.5YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 to 6

Texture—silt loam or very fine sandy loam

Reaction—very strongly acid to moderately acid

*2Bs horizon:*

Color—hue of 2.5YR, 5YR, or 7.5YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 to 6

Texture—stratified coarse sand, fine sand, sandy loam, and silt loam

Reaction—strongly acid to slightly acid

*2E horizon and 2E part of the 2E/2Bs horizon:*

Color—hue of 2.5YR, 5YR, or 7.5YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 to 6

Reaction—strongly acid to slightly acid

*3C horizon:*

Color—variegated

Texture—loamy sand, sand, or coarse sand

Rock fragments—40 to 75 percent (35 to 70 percent gravel, 5 to 15 percent cobbles)

Reaction—slightly acid or neutral

## Cobblank Series

(Figure 15)

*Taxonomic class:* loamy-skeletal, mixed Lithic Cryochrepts

*Depth class:* shallow—10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) over consolidated bedrock

*Drainage class:* well drained

*Permeability:* above the bedrock—moderate; below this—impermeable

*Position on landscape:* hills

*Parent material:* thin mantle of loess over gravelly glacial till and colluvium underlain by consolidated bedrock

*Slope range:* 0 to 30 percent

*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,800 feet (701 to 853 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*

precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)

air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Cobblank silt loam—on an 18 percent slope under open white spruce forest and bog birch vegetation at 2,600 feet (792 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) peat; fibrous moss, twigs, and root fibers; abrupt smooth boundary

A/E—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) and dark gray (10YR 4/2) silt loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many roots of all sizes; very strongly acid (pH 4.8); abrupt wavy boundary

2Bw1—1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm); dark brown (7.5YR 4/4) gravelly sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; 15 percent subangular and subrounded gravel and 5 percent subangular cobbles; strongly acid (pH 5.4); gradual wavy boundary

2Bw2—4 to 10 inches (10 to 25 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) very cobbly sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine roots; 20 percent subangular and subrounded gravel and 20 percent subangular cobbles; strongly acid (pH 5.4); gradual wavy boundary

2C—10 to 18 inches (25 to 46 cm); dark brown (10YR 4/3) very cobbly sandy loam; massive; friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; 20 percent subangular and subrounded gravel and 20 percent subangular cobbles; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt irregular boundary

3R—18 inches (46 cm); consolidated greenstone bedrock

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* BR1—Cobblank silt loam, 5 to 25 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) north of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 27, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 5 inches (3 to 13 cm)

*Thickness of the loess mantle:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)

*Thickness of solum:* 4 to 8 inches (10 to 21 cm)

*A/E or A horizon:*

A part—Color—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3

E part—Color—value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 2 or 3

Texture—mucky silt loam, silt loam, or loam

Reaction—very strongly or strongly acid

*2Bw horizon:*

Color—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 4 to 6

Texture—loam or sandy loam

Rock fragments—15 to 45 percent (15 to 45 percent gravel, 0 to 30 percent cobbles)

Reaction—strongly to moderately acid

*2C horizon:*

Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 2 or 3

Texture—loam or sandy loam

Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (25 to 60 percent gravel, 10 to 40 percent cobbles)

Reaction—moderately or slightly acid

## Cryaquepts

*Taxonomic class:* Cryaquepts

*Depth class:* shallow to very deep—10 to more than 60 inches (25 to more than 152 cm) to permafrost

*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained

*Permeability:* variable

*Position on landscape:* terrace escarpments and toeslopes and footslopes on hills

*Parent material:* lacustrine loamy, clayey, and sandy deposits; loamy alluvial deposits; and gravelly glacial till deposits

*Slope range:* 0 to 28 percent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,850 feet (564 to 869 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*

precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)

air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Sample Pedon

Cryaquepts—on a 16 percent slope under black spruce forest at 2,400 feet (732 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—4 inches to 0 (10 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) peat; many roots of all sizes; abrupt smooth boundary

Cg1—0 to 9 inches (0 to 23 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) cobbly silty clay loam; massive; friable, sticky and plastic; common medium faint dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) redox depletions and common medium distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redox concentrations; 20 percent subangular and rounded cobbles and 20 percent subangular and rounded gravel; few very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual wavy boundary

Cg2—9 to 31 inches (23 to 79 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) clay loam; massive; friable, sticky and plastic; few fine faint (5GY 4/1) redox depletions; 10 percent subangular and rounded gravel; neutral (pH 6.6); gradual wavy boundary

Cg3—31 to 60 inches (79 to 152 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) clay loam; massive; friable, sticky and plastic; 10 percent subangular and rounded gravel; neutral (pH 6.6)

### Sample Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* TS1—Cryaquepts, 4 to 25 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 15 miles (24 km) north of Sourdough in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 10, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 2 to 15 inches (5 to 38 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 7 to more than 60 inches (18 to more than 152 cm) below the mineral soil surface

*Ag and ACg horizons (present in many pedons):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 0 to 2
Texture—loam, clay loam, sandy loam, silt loam, and silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 40 percent (0 to 30 percent subangular or rounded gravel, 0 to 20 percent subangular or rounded cobbles)
Reaction—strongly acid to slightly alkaline

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, 5Y or 5GY; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 0 to 3
Texture—loam, clay loam, sandy loam, silt loam, silty clay, and silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 40 percent (0 to 30 percent subangular or rounded gravel, 0 to 10 percent subangular or rounded cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to slightly alkaline
Other—depleted matrices and/or common to many redox concentrations and depletions; when present,
redox concentrations—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; chroma moist of 4 to 6;
depleted matrices and redox depletions—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5G, or 5GY; chroma moist of 0 to 2)

*C horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—loam, clay loam, sandy loam, silt loam, silty clay, and silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 30 percent (0 to 30 percent subangular or rounded gravel, 0 to 10 percent subangular or rounded cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to slightly alkaline

## Cryochrepts

*Taxonomic class:* Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* deep or very deep—40 to greater than 60 inches (102 to greater than 152 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained to excessively drained
*Permeability:* above the permafrost—moderately slow to moderately rapid; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* terrace escarpments
*Parent material:* loamy and clayey lacustrine materials, sandy and gravelly alluvium, loamy and gravelly glacial till, and gravelly and cobbly colluvium
*Slope range:* 20 to 80 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Sample Pedon

Cryochrepts—on a 58 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,300 feet (701 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) peat; undecomposed moss, twigs, and root fibers; many roots of all sizes; abrupt wavy boundary
A—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silt loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many roots of all sizes; moderately acid (pH 5.6); clear wavy boundary
Bw—1 to 3 inches (3 to 8 cm); dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium and few coarse roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); clear wavy boundary
C1—3 to 14 inches (8 to 35 cm); very dark brown (10YR 3/2) fine sand; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine and fine roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); gradual wavy boundary
C2—14 to 60 inches (35 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2) fine sand; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4)

### Sample Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ESC1—Cryorthents and Cryochrepts, 20 to 80 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 11 miles northwest of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 31, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Mineral surface texture:* silt loam, fine sandy loam, or loam
*Depth to permafrost:* 40 to over 60 inches (102 to over 152 cm)

*Subsurface and substratum texture:* silt loam, loam, fine sand, sand, sandy loam, clay loam, silty clay loam, silty clay, or clay
*Rock fragments:* 0 to 40 percent (0 to 40 percent gravel, 0 to 15 percent cobbles)
*Reaction:* in the solum—strongly to slightly acid; in the substratum—neutral to moderately alkaline

## Cryofibrists

(Figures 10, 11, and 13)

*Taxonomic class:* Cryofibrists
*Depth class:* very deep—over 60 inches (over 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Permeability:* on the organic mat—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil (when present)—moderate or moderately slow
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces
*Microtopography:* depressions
*Parent material:* organic materials over loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits and stratified alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 4 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,850 feet (564 to 869 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Sample Pedon

Cryofibrists—on a level slope under ericaceous shrubs and sedges at 2,050 feet (625 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi1—0 to 12 inches (0 to 30 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) squeezed peat consisting of undecomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 95 percent fibers unrubbed, 85 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); gradual wavy boundary
Oi2—12 to 25 inches (30 to 64 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) squeezed peat consisting of undecomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 90 percent fibers unrubbed, 80 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); gradual smooth boundary
Oe—25 to 29 inches (64 to 74 cm); black (10YR 2/1) squeezed mucky peat consisting of partially decomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 75 percent fibers unrubbed, 40 percent fibers rubbed; common very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); abrupt wavy boundary
Cg/Oe—29 to 37 inches (74 to 94 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) silty clay and black (10YR 2/1) mucky peat consisting of partially decomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 70 percent fibers unrubbed, 40 percent fibers rubbed; massive; friable, very sticky and very plastic; depleted matrix; neutral (pH 6.8); abrupt smooth boundary
Cg—37 to 60 inches (94 to 152 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) clay; massive; friable, very sticky and very plastic; depleted matrix; neutral (pH 6.8)

### Sample Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* MK2—Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists
*Location in survey area:* about 5 miles (8 km) northwest of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 4, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 16 to over 60 inches (41 to over 152 cm)

*O horizon:*
Color—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 6
Reaction—very strongly acid to neutral

*Cg horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, 5Y, 5GY, or 5G; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 4
Texture—fine sandy loam, loam, clay, silty clay, silty clay loam, or clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent cobbles and gravel
Reaction—slightly acid to moderately alkaline

## Cryorthents

*Taxonomic class:* Cryorthents
*Depth class:* shallow to very deep—11 to more than 60 inches (28 to more than 152 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained to excessively drained
*Permeability:* moderately slow to rapid
*Position on landscape:* escarpments
*Parent material:* gravelly alluvium, loamy and clayey lacustrine material, or loamy glacial till
*Slope range:* 20 to 80 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Sample Pedon

Cryorthents—on a 23 percent slope under black spruce forest at 2,050 feet (625 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—3 inches to 0 (8 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) peat; fibrous litter, roots, and moss; abrupt wavy boundary

A—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) silt loam; strong fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual wavy boundary

C1—1 to 8 inches (3 to 20 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) clay loam; strong fine subangular blocky structure; firm, sticky and plastic; 10 percent subangular gravel; few very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary

C2—8 to 29 inches (20 to 74 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) clay loam; massive; firm, sticky and plastic; 10 percent subangular gravel; mildly alkaline (pH 7.6); gradual wavy boundary

C3—29 to 60 inches (74 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) gravelly sandy clay loam; strong fine subangular blocky structure; firm, sticky and plastic; 20 percent subangular gravel; mildly alkaline (pH 7.8)

### Sample Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ESC1—Cryorthents and Cryochrepts, 20 to 80 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 6 miles (10 km) northwest of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 29, T.10N., R.2E., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Surface mineral texture:* silt loam, fine sandy loam, or loam

*Depth to permafrost:* 11 to over 60 inches (28 to over 152 cm)

*Substratum texture:* sand, sandy loam, loam, silt loam, clay loam, silty clay loam, or clay

*Rock fragments:* 0 to 60 percent (0 to 60 percent gravel, 0 to 15 percent cobbles)

*Reaction:* moderately acid to moderately alkaline

## Dackey Series

(Figure 5)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Oxyaquic Cryofluvents

*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)

*Drainage class:* well drained

*Permeability:* in the stratified sandy and silty material—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid

*Position on landscape:* flood plains

*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium

*Slope range:* 0 to 2 percent

*Elevation:* 1,800 to 2,600 feet (549 to 792 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Dackey fine sandy loam—on a 0 percent slope under white spruce forest at 1,950 feet (594 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

AC/Oe—0 to 7 inches (0 to 18 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) fine sandy loam; weak medium platy structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual smooth boundary

C1—7 to 18 inches (18 to 46 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand, fine sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam with composite texture of sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few medium distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redox concentrations and dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) redox depletions; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); clear smooth boundary

C2—18 to 27 inches (46 to 69 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) stratified sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam with composite texture of sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; neutral (pH 6.8); abrupt smooth boundary

2C—27 to 60 inches (69 to 152 cm); variegated extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 50 percent gravel and 15 percent cobbles; neutral (pH 7.0)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* FP3—Dackey-Klute, moderately wet, complex, occasionally flooded

*Location in survey area:* about 5 miles (8 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 4, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm)

*AC and AC/O horizons:*
AC part—Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam, or silt loam
O part—Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—muck or mucky peat
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR to 5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam or sandy loam;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight
Other—redoximorphic features range from none to common; when present,
redox concentrations—hue of 5YR to 10YR, value moist of 3 or 4, chroma moist of 4 to 6;
redox depletions—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y, chroma moist of 1 or 2

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (20 to 60 percent gravel, 5 to 30 percent cobbles)
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

## Ewan Series

*Taxonomic class:* fine-loamy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* lacustrine terraces
*Microtopography:* small drainages and depressions
*Parent material:* loamy lacustrine deposits and alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 8 percent
*Elevation:* 2,200 to 2,900 feet (671 to 884 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Ewan silt loam—on a 4 percent slope under low willow shrub at 2,600 feet (792 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) peat; many very fine, fine, and medium, and few coarse roots; gradual smooth boundary
Ag—0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm); very dark gray (10YR 3/1) silt loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.8); gradual wavy boundary
Cg1—4 to 22 inches (10 to 56 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common large distinct dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) mottles; 5 percent subangular and rounded gravel; common very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.1); gradual wavy boundary
Cg2—22 to 49 inches (56 to 124 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) loam; massive; friable, sticky and plastic; many large distinct dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) mottles; 5 percent subangular and rounded gravel; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary
Cg3—49 to 60 inches (124 to 152 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1 and 5G 4/1) gravelly clay loam; massive; friable, sticky and plastic; 15 percent subangular and rounded gravel; neutral (pH 6.8)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* LL2—Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 21 miles (34 km) north of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of sec. 8, T.12N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 6 inches (3 to 15 cm)

*Ag and ACg horizons:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 0 to 2
Texture—loam, silt loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent (0 to 15 percent subangular or rounded gravel, 0 to 10 percent subangular or rounded cobbles)

Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 0 to 3
Texture—silt loam, loam, silty clay loam, and sandy clay loam with strata of fine sand and sand common
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent (0 to 15 percent subangular or rounded gravel, 0 to 10 percent subangular or rounded cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral
Other—depleted matrix and/or common or many mottles; when present,
oxidation mottles—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; chroma moist of 4 to 6;
reduction mottles—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5G, or 5GY; chroma moist of 0 to 2

*C horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—silt loam, loam, silty clay loam, and sandy clay loam with strata of fine sand and sand common
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent (0 to 15 percent subangular or rounded gravel, 0 to 10 percent subangular or rounded cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

## Gadona Series

*Taxonomic class:* fine, mixed Typic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* clayey lacustrine deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 25 percent
*Elevation:* 2,000 to 2,650 feet (610 to 808 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Gadona silty clay—on a 7 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,475 feet (754 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); peat; undecomposed mat of moss, roots, leaves, and other litter; abrupt smooth boundary

Bw1—0 to 11 inches (0 to 28 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay; strong coarse granular structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; few fine distinct dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) redox depletions and few fine distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redox concentrations; few very fine and fine roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); clear smooth boundary
Bw2—11 to 43 inches (28 to 109 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay; strong coarse granular structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual smooth boundary
C—43 to 60 inches (109 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay; strong fine subangular blocky structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; slightly effervescent, increasing with depth; mildly alkaline (pH 7.6)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* LC2—Gadona silty clay, 0 to 10 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 16 miles (26 km) north of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 4, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of organic mat:* 1 to 5 inches (2 to 13 cm)
*Reaction:* moderately acid to moderately alkaline

*A or AC horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 2 or 3—colors often occurring in horizontal and convoluted streaks and patches
Texture—silty clay loam, silty clay, or clay loam
Reaction—moderately acid or slightly acid

*Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—silty clay loam, silty clay, or clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 10 percent gravel and cobbles
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral
Other—strong granular or strong blocky structure

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—silty clay loam, silty clay, or clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 15 percent (0 to 15 percent gravel, 0 to 10 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

## Ganhona Series

(Figure 7)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy, mixed Typic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* silty loess over stratified sandy and silty alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 25 percent
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,600 feet (701 to 793 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Ganhona silt loam—on a 15 percent slope under white spruce woodland at 2,475 feet (747 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—7 inches to 0 inch (18 cm to 0); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; many roots of all sizes; abrupt wavy boundary
Bw—0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 4/4) silt loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; strongly acid (pH 5.5); abrupt irregular boundary
2C1—2 to 7 inches (5 to 18 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) fine sandy loam; moderate medium platy structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine and fine roots; moderately acid (pH 5.9); gradual wavy boundary
2C2—7 to 52 inches (18 to 132 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) stratified sand, fine sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam with a composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual wavy boundary
2C3—52 to 60 inches (132 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) sand; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; neutral (pH 6.6)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST22—Kuslinad-Ganhona complex, 0 to 20 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 13 miles (21 km) southwest of Paxson in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 28, T.13N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 2 to 7 inches (5 to 18 cm)
*Depth to stratified loamy material:* 1 to 3 inches (3 to 8 cm)

*A horizon (when present):*
Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*Bw or 2Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 4 to 6
Texture—silt loam, very fine sandy loam, loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*2C horizons:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—stratified sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

## Goodview Series

*Taxonomic class:* loamy, mixed Lithic Cryumbrepts
*Depth class:* very shallow or shallow—4 to 15 inches (10 to 38 cm) over consolidated bedrock
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* above the bedrock—moderate; below this—variable
*Position on landscape:* mountains
*Parent material:* thin mantle of loess over consolidated bedrock
*Slope range:* 0 to 70 percent
*Elevation:* 3,000 to 3,300 feet (914 to 1,006 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Goodview silt loam—on a 32 percent slope under alder and bog birch scrub at 3,250 feet (990 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—5 inches to 0 (13 cm to 0); very dusky red (2.5YR 2.5/2) peat consisting of fibrous moss and alder litter; clear wavy boundary
A1—0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm); very dusky red (10R 2.5/2) and dark brown (10YR 3/3) silt loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium

roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); clear wavy boundary

A2—4 to 6 inches (10 to 15 cm); very dusky red (10R 2.5/2) and dark brown (10YR 3/3) silt loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); abrupt wavy boundary

2R—6 inches (15 cm); consolidated metamorphic bedrock

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* SA3—Goodview-Rock outcrop complex, 20 to 50 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 15 miles southwest of Paxson in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 4, T.12N., R3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 3 to 7 inches (8 to 18 cm)

*Depth to bedrock:* 4 to 15 inches (10 to 38 cm)

*Thickness of solum:* 4 to 15 inches (10 to 38 cm)

*A horizon:*

Color—hue of 10R, 2.5YR, 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3

Reaction—strongly acid to slightly acid

## Haggard Series

*Taxonomic class:* loamy, mixed Euic Pergelic Cryohemists

*Depth class:* shallow or moderately deep—11 to 38 inches (28 to 97 cm) to permafrost

*Drainage class:* very poorly drained

*Permeability:* in the organic layers—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil—moderate; in the permafrost—impermeable

*Position on landscape:* stream terraces

*Parent material:* organic materials over stratified alluvium

*Slope range:* 0 to 5 percent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*

precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)

air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Haggard peat—on a 3 percent slope under ericaceous shrub and eriophorum tussocks at 1,900 feet (579 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—0 to 7 inches (0 to 18 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4, squeezed) peat; slightly decomposed organic fibers; about 95 percent fibers unrubbed, 90 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); abrupt wavy boundary

Oe—7 to 12 inches (18 to 30 cm); black (10YR 2/1, squeezed) mucky peat; partially decomposed organic fibers; about 85 percent fibers unrubbed, 35 percent fibers rubbed; few very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); abrupt wavy boundary

Oe/Cg—12 to 20 inches (30 to 50 cm); very dark brown mucky peat and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) loamy fine sand; organic portion has about 85 percent fibers unrubbed, 35 percent fibers rubbed; massive; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4); abrupt smooth boundary

Oeb—20 to 24 inches (50 to 61 cm); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) mucky peat; about 85 percent fibers unrubbed, 70 percent fibers rubbed; slightly acid (pH 6.4)

Cgf—24 to 34 inches (61 to 86 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) stratified sand, fine sand, and silt loam; neutral (pH 6.8)—frozen on September 13, 1992

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST5—Haggard peat, 0 to 4 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 2 miles (3 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 23, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 16 to 34 inches (41 to 86 cm)

*Depth to permafrost:* 11 to 38 inches (28 to 97 cm) below the organic surface

*Reaction:* strongly acid to slightly alkaline

*O horizon and O part of O/C horizon:*

Color—hue of 2.5YR, 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 6

Reaction—strongly acid to neutral

*Cg1 horizon and Cg part of O/Cg horizon (when present):*

Color—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5GY, or 5G; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2

Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline

## Hisna Series

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Histic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the stratified sandy and silty material—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid
*Position on landscape:* flood plains
*Parent material:* organic material over stratified sandy and silty alluvium underlain by gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 6 percent
*Elevation:* 2,550 to 2,800 feet (777 to 853 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Hisna peat—on a 1 percent slope under low willow scrub vegetation at 2,800 feet (853 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi1—12 to 3 inches (30 to 8 cm); black (10YR 2/2) peat with occasional lenses and strata of very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sand and silt; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly alkaline (pH 7.8); clear smooth boundary
Oi2—3 inches to 0 (8 cm to 0); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) mucky peat; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly alkaline (pH 7.8); clear wavy boundary
Ag—0 to 3 inches (0 to 8 cm); dark greenish gray (5G 4/1 and 5GY 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt with a composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately alkaline (pH 8.0); slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary
Cg—3 to 21 inches (8 to 53 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) stratified sand through silt with a composite texture of sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; moderately alkaline (pH 8.0); slightly effervescent; abrupt wavy boundary
2Cg—21 to 25 inches (53 to 64 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) extremely cobbly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine and fine roots; moderately alkaline (pH 8.0); slightly effervescent; gradual smooth boundary
2C—25 to 60 inches (64 to 152 cm); variegated extremely cobbly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 40 percent rounded gravel and 20 percent rounded cobbles; moderately alkaline (pH 8.0); slightly effervescent

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* FP13—Swedna, high elevation-Hisna complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 21 miles (34 km) southwest of Paxson in the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 5, T.13N., R.4W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 7 to 12 inches (18 to 30 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 10 to 22 inches (25 to 56 cm)

*Ag horizon:*
Color—hue of 5Y, 5GY, 5G, or 5BG; value moist of 4 or 5
Texture—stratified silt through sand with a composite texture of fine sandy loam, sandy loam, or loam; occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none to slight
Other—depleted matrix

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 5Y, 5GY, 5G or 5BG; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand through silt with a composite texture of fine sandy loam, sandy loam, or loam
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none to slight
Other—depleted matrix

*2Cg horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 5Y, 5GY, 5G or 5BG; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (35 to 70 percent gravel, 0 to 30 percent cobbles)
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none to slight
Other—depleted matrix

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (35 to 70 percent gravel, 0 to 30 percent cobbles)
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none to slight
Other—common pockets and strata of sand and silt

## Hogan Series

(Figures 4, 6, 7, and 9; Plate 11—lower photo)

*Taxonomic class:* loamy, mixed, nonacid Pergelic Cryorthents
*Depth class:* shallow or moderately deep—14 to 37 inches (36 to 94 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* above the sand and gravel—moderate; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 8 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,650 feet (564 to 808 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Hogan fine sandy loam—on a level slope under white spruce forest at 1,850 feet (564 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—3 inches to 0 (8 cm to 0); dark brown (10YR 4/3) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; many roots of all sizes; gradual smooth boundary
AC/Oe—0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) fine sandy loam and black (10YR 2/1) mucky peat; weak medium granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt smooth boundary
C/Oa—4 to 9 inches (10 to 23 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) fine sandy loam and black (10YR 2/1) muck; weak medium platy structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); clear smooth boundary
C—9 to 25 inches (23 to 64 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few fine faint olive brown (2.5YR 4/4) mottles; few very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.6); abrupt smooth boundary
Cf—25 to 35 inches (64 to 89 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam—frozen on August 29, 1992

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST4—Hogan fine sandy loam
*Location in survey area:* about 2 miles (3 km) northwest of Sourdough in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 14, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 2 to 9 inches (5 to 23 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 14 to 37 inches (36 to 94 cm)

*AC/Oe and C/Oa horizons:*
AC or C part—Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam, or silt loam
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3;
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam and sandy loam; occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none to slight
Other—few to common mottles in some pedons; when present,
oxidation mottles—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; chroma moist of 4 to 6;
reduction mottles—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y; chroma moist of 1 or 2

## Hufman

(Plate 10—upper photo)

*Taxonomic class:* loamy, mixed Euic Terric Cryofibrists
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the organic layers—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil—moderate
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Microtopography:* cutoff meanders and depressions
*Parent material:* organic materials over stratified alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 1 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,600 feet (564 to 792 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Cryaquepts—on a level slope under Sedge wet meadow vegetation at 1,900 feet (579 m) elevation (colors for organic layers are for squeezed soils; mineral layer colors are for saturated soil)

Oi1—0 to 9 inches (0 to 23 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6, squeezed) fibrous sedge peat; slightly decomposed sedge fibers; about 95 percent fibers unrubbed, 85 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); gradual wavy boundary

Oi2—9 to 26 inches (23 to 66 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4, squeezed) fibrous sedge peat; slightly decomposed sedge fibers; about 90 percent fibers unrubbed, 80 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); abrupt smooth boundary

Cg1—26 to 34 inches (66 to 86 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) silt loam; massive; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual wavy boundary

Cg2—34 to 60 inches (86 to 152 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt loam; massive; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* MK1—Hufman peat
*Location in survey area:* about 2 miles (3 km) northwest of Sourdough in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 23, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 16 to 40 inches (41 to 52 cm)
*Reaction:* strongly acid to neutral

*O horizon:*
Color—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 2.5 or 3; chroma moist of 3 to 6
Reaction—strongly acid or slightly acid

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5GY, or 5G; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Reaction—slightly acid or neutral

## Klasi Series

(Figure 11; Plate 8—lower photo)

*Taxonomic class:* clayey, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* shallow to moderately deep—4 to 38 inches (10 to 97 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the organic mat—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil—moderate; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* clayey lacustrine deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 12 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,550 feet (564 to 777 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Klasi peat—on a 2 percent slope under black spruce forest at 2,050 feet (625 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—8 to 3 inches (20 to 8 cm); very dusky red (2.5YR 2.5/2) peat; slightly decomposed moss and root fibers; abrupt irregular boundary

Oe—3 inches to 0 (8 cm to 0); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) mucky peat; partially decomposed moss and root fibers; abrupt irregular boundary

A—0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) silty clay loam; strong very fine granular structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; many very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.6); clear irregular boundary

C1—2 to 16 inches (5 to 41 cm); dark grayish (2.5YR 4/2) silty clay; strong fine subangular blocky structure; firm, very sticky and very plastic; 5 percent cobbles and 5 percent gravel; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary

C2—16 to 23 inches (41 to 58 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) clay; strong fine subangular blocky structure; firm, very sticky and very plastic; 5 percent cobbles and 5 percent gravel; mildly alkaline (pH 7.4); abrupt wavy boundary

Cf—23 to 33 inches (58 to 84 cm); dark grayish brown (5Y 4/2) silty clay; mildly alkaline (pH 7.4)—frozen on July 31, 1992

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* LC1—Klasi peat, 0 to 10 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 8 miles (13 km) northwest of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 19, T.10N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 4 to 38 inches (10 to 97 cm) below the mineral surface

*O horizon:*
Reaction—strongly acid to slightly acid

*A or AC horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—silty clay loam, silty clay, or clay
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline

*Cg horizon (absent in many profiles):*
Color—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—clay, silty clay, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent (0 to 10 percent cobbles, 0 to 15 percent gravel)
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Other—common pockets and lenses of organic material

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—clay, silty clay, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent (0 to 10 percent cobbles, 0 to 15 percent gravel)
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence: none or slight

## Kluna Series

(Figures 4 and 6)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryofluvents
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well or moderately well drained
*Permeability:* in the stratified loamy material—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid
*Position on landscape:* flood plains and low stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 7 percent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,700 feet (579 to 823 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Kluna fine sandy loam—on a 0 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,450 feet (747 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—2 inches to 0 (5 cm to 0); dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; abrupt smooth boundary
AC—0 to 3 inches (0 to 8 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) fine sandy loam; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many roots of all sizes; moderately acid (pH 5.6); clear smooth boundary
C1—3 to 14 inches (8 to 36 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few fine faint dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt smooth boundary
C/Oa—14 to 19 inches (36 to 48 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; occasional strata of black (10YR 2/1) mucky peat; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few fine faint dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; few very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); clear smooth boundary
C2—19 to 42 inches (48 to 107 cm); dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; moderately acid (pH 6.0); clear smooth boundary
Cg—42 to 45 inches (107 to 114 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many medium prominent dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4) mottles; moderately acid (pH 6.0); abrupt smooth boundary
2C—45 to 60 inches (114 to 152 cm); variegated very gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.2)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST1—Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 21 miles (32 km) north of Sourdough in the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 6, T.12N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 40 to over 60 inches (102 to over 152 cm)

*A or AC horizon (absent in many pedons):*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam, or silt loam
Reaction—moderately acid to slightly alkaline

*C and Cg horizons:*
Color—hue of 10YR to 5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam, sandy loam, or loam;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat
Textures often become coarser with depth, with fine sand, loamy fine sand, and sand textures common in lower horizons.
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight
Other—common to many mottles in the lower horizons in many pedons; when present,
oxidation mottles—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; chroma moist of 4 to 6;
reduction mottles—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y; chroma moist of 1 or 2

*2C horizon (absent in many pedons):*
Color—variegated or hues of 10YR and 2.5Y; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—40 to 75 percent (25 to 65 percent gravel, 0 to 20 percent cobbles)
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

## Klute Series

(Figures 4, 5, and 8; Plate 5—upper photo)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryofluvents
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* moderately well or well drained
*Permeability:* above the sand and gravel—moderate; below this—rapid
*Position on landscape:* flood plains and stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 7 percent
*Elevation:* 1,800 to 2,700 feet (547 to 823 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Klute fine sandy loam, cool—on a 0 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,450 feet (747 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); black (10YR 2/1) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; abrupt smooth boundary
C1—0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) very fine sandy loam; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt smooth boundary
Oe/Cb—2 to 5 inches (5 to 13 cm); black (10YR 2/1) and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) mucky peat and fine sandy loam; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few common distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt smooth boundary
C2—5 to 9 inches (13 to 23 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.8); gradual smooth boundary
C3—9 to 33 inches (23 to 84 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; moderate thick platy structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common medium distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) and dark gray (5Y 4/1) mottles; few very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); abrupt smooth boundary
2C—33 to 60 inches (84 to 152 cm); variegated extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 60 percent gravel; slightly acid (pH 6.8)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST1—Klute and Kluna soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 20 miles (32 km) north of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 19, T.12N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 12 to 40 inches (30 to 102 cm)

*A or AC horizon (absent in many pedons):*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam, or silt loam
Reaction—moderately acid to slightly acid

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam or fine sandy loam;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat
Reaction—slightly acid to neutral
Effervescence—none or slight
Other—few to common mottles in some pedons; when present,
oxidation mottles—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; chroma moist of 4 to 6;
reduction mottles—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y; chroma moist of 1 or 2

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated or hues of 10YR and 2.5Y; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—40 to 75 percent (25 to 65 percent gravel, 0 to 20 percent cobbles)
Reaction—neutral to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

## Kusdry Series

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy, mixed Aquic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* somewhat poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the stratified sandy and silty material—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 2 percent
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,250 feet (594 to 686 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Kusdry sandy loam—on a 2 percent slope under dwarf white and black spruce forest at 1,950 feet (593 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); black (10YR 2/2) peat consisting of raw fibrous moss, twigs, and root fibers; clear smooth boundary
Bw1—0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm); strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); gradual smooth boundary
Bw2—2 to 6 inches (5 to 15 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); clear smooth boundary
Cg—6 to 43 inches (15 to 109 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) and dark gray (5Y 4/1) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; common medium distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) redox concentrations; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual smooth boundary
2C—43 to 60 inches (109 to 152 cm); variegated extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 65 percent rounded gravel; neutral (pH 7.2)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST24B—Kuslinad-Kuslinad, very wet-Kusdry complex
*Location in survey area:* about 5 miles (8 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 5, T.9N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 5 inches (3 to 13 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 40 to 60 inches (102 to 152 cm)

*A horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—sandy loam, loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—moderately acid or slightly acid

*Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 4 to 6
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of loam, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—moderately acid or slightly acid
Other—common pockets and strata of organic materials

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of loam, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—neutral or slightly alkaline
Other—redox concentrations—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; redox depletions—hue of 5Y, 5GY, or 5BG

*C horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 2 or 3
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of loam, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—neutral or slightly alkaline
Other—effervescence ranges from none to slight

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—40 to 70 percent (25 to 60 percent gravel, 0 to 30 percent cobbles)
Reaction—neutral or slightly alkaline
Other—effervescence ranges from none to slight

## Kuslinad Series

(Figures 4, 6, 7, and 9)

*Taxonomic class:* loamy, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—4 to 32 inches (10 to 81 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the organic mat—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil—moderate; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 6 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,500 feet (564 to 762 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Kuslinad peat—on a level slope under black spruce forest at 1,900 feet (579 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—8 to 4 inches (20 to 10 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) peat; raw fibrous moss, twigs, and root fibers; clear smooth boundary
Oe—4 inches to 0 (10 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 2.5/2) mucky peat; partially decomposed moss, twigs, and root fibers; abrupt wavy boundary
Cg1—0 to 9 inches (0 to 23 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) very fine sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many large prominent dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); gradual wavy boundary
Cg2—9 to 12 inches (23 to 30 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified fine sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common medium distinct dark gray (5Y 4/1) and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; slightly acid (pH 6.4); abrupt wavy boundary
Cf—12 to 22 inches (30 to 56 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified fine sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam—frozen on August 2, 1992

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST21—Kuslinad peat
*Location in survey area:* about 3 miles (5 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 16, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 8 to 16 inches (20 to 40 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 4 to 35 inches (10 to 89 cm) below the mineral surface

*O horizon:*
Reaction—strongly acid to moderately acid

*A or ACg horizon (absent in many pedons):*
Color—value moist of 1 or 2; chroma moist of 2 or 3
Texture—silt loam, very fine sandy loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—moderately acid or slightly acid

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand, fine sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam
Mottles—redox concentrations—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR and chroma moist of 4 to 6; redox depletions—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY and chroma moist of 0 to 2
Rock fragments—0 to 5 percent gravel
Reaction—slightly acid or neutral

## Maclaren Series

(Figure 5)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* above the sand and gravel—moderate; below this—rapid
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 20 percent
*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,450 feet (594 to 747 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Maclaren silt loam—on a level slope under white spruce forest at 2,250 feet (686 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—3 inches to 0 (8 cm to 0); very dusky red (2.5YR 2.5/2) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; many roots of all sizes; abrupt smooth boundary
A—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) silt loam; weak fine platy structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many roots of all sizes; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt wavy boundary
Bw—1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm); dark brown (7.5YR 4/4) and strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; moderately acid (pH 5.6); diffuse irregular boundary
Bw/C—4 to 8 inches (10 to 20 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.8); diffuse irregular boundary
C—8 to 18 inches (20 to 46 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common medium distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; moderately acid (pH 6.0); abrupt wavy boundary
2C—18 to 60 inches (46 to 152 cm); variegated extremely cobbly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 35 percent gravel and 25 percent cobbles; slightly acid (pH 6.4)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST41—Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 32, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 10 to 37 inches (25 to 94 cm)

*A horizon (absent in many pedons):*
Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—silt loam, loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 7.5YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 or 4
Texture—stratified coarse sand, fine sand, sandy loam, and silt loam
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 2 or 3
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of loam, fine sandy loam, or sandy loam
Reaction—slightly acid or neutral

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—40 to 75 percent (20 to 60 percent gravel, 0 to 25 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline

## Mankomen Series

*Taxonomic class:* sandy, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* very shallow to moderately deep—4 to 32 inches (10 to 81 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the organic mat and mineral soil—moderately rapid; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* sandy strandline deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 10 percent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,000 feet (579 to 610 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Mankomen peat—on a 5 percent slope under dwarf black spruce forest at 1,900 feet (579 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—15 to 8 inches (38 to 20 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) peat; raw fibrous moss, twigs, and root fibers; gradual smooth boundary
Oe—8 inches to 0 (20 cm to 0); black (10YR 2/1) mucky peat; partially decomposed moss, twigs, and root fibers; diffuse irregular boundary
Cg/Oa—0 to 5 inches (0 to 13 cm); very dark gray (5Y 3/1) loamy sand and black (10YR 2/1) muck; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); diffuse wavy boundary
Cg—5 to 24 inches (13 to 61 cm); dark olive gray (5Y 3/2) and olive (5Y 4/4) sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; common medium faint dark gray (5Y 4/1) mottles; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual wavy boundary
C—24 to 27 inches (61 to 69 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loamy sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual wavy boundary
Cf—27 to 37 inches (69 to 94 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loamy sand; slightly acid (pH 6.4)—frozen on August 29, 1992

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* TS3—Mankomen peat, 0 to 15 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 3 miles (5 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 11, T.9N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 8 to 16 inches (20 to 40 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 3 to 35 inches (8 to 89 cm) below the mineral surface

*O horizon:*
Reaction—moderately acid to slightly acid

*Cg and Cg/O horizons:*
Cg part—Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—fine sandy loam, loamy sand, or sand
O part—Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—muck or mucky peat
Redox depletions (when present)— hue of 5Y or 5GY; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent gravel
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—fine sand, loamy fine sandy, loamy sand, and sand
Rock fragments—0 to 5 percent gravel
Reaction—slightly acid to mildly alkaline

## Mendna Series

(Figures 10 and 15)

*Taxonomic class:* loamy, mixed, nonacid Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* shallow to moderately deep—2 to 39 inches (5 to 99 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the organic mat—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil—moderate; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces and hills
*Parent material:* loamy lacustrine deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 20 percent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,950 feet (579 to 899 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

**Typical Pedon**

Mendna peat—on a 4 percent slope under black spruce forest at 2,400 feet (732 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—9 to 5 inches (23 to 13 cm); very dusky red (2.5YR 2.5/2) peat; raw fibrous moss and root fibers; gradual smooth boundary
Oe—5 inches to 0 (13 cm to 0); black (10YR 2/1) mucky peat; partially decomposed moss and root fibers; diffuse irregular boundary
Cg1—0 to 11 inches (0 to 28 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky and plastic; many large prominent dark brown (7.5YR 4/4) redox concentrations; 10 percent gravel; common very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.6); gradual wavy boundary
Cg2—11 to 21 inches (28 to 53 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky and plastic; many large prominent strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) redox concentrations; 10 percent gravel; few very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary
C—21 to 39 inches (53 to 99 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) gravelly clay loam; 15 percent gravel and 5 percent cobbles; mildly alkaline (pH 7.4); abrupt smooth boundary
Cf—39 to 49 inches (99 to 125 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) gravelly clay loam; 15 percent gravel and 5 percent cobbles; mildly alkaline (pH 7.4); abrupt smooth boundary—frozen on August 13, 1992

**Typical Pedon Location**

*Map unit in which located:* LL2—Mendna-Ewan complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 14 miles (8 km) north of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 10, T11N., R2W., Copper River Meridian

**Range in Characteristics**

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 8 to 15 inches (20 to 38 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 2 to 39 inches (5 to 99 cm) below the mineral surface

*O horizon:*
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, 5Y, or 5GY; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Redox concentrations—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—loam, clay loam, silt loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 30 percent (0 to 30 percent gravel, 0 to 10 percent cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to slightly alkaline

*C horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—loam, clay loam, silt loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 30 percent (0 to 30 percent gravel, 0 to 10 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

## Nickolna Series

(Figure 15)

*Taxonomic class:* fine-loamy, mixed Typic Cryumbrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* mountains, hills, and lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* thin silty loess mantle over loamy lacustrine deposits
*Slope range:* 4 to 16 percent
*Elevation:* 2,600 to 2,900 feet (792 to 884 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

**Typical Pedon**

Nickolna silt loam—on a 14 percent slope under open white spruce forest and glandular birch scrub at 2,650 feet (808 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—2 inches to 0 (5 cm to 0); peat; fibrous moss and forest litter; clear wavy boundary
A—0 to 8 inches (0 to 20 cm); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silt loam; moderate coarse granular structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; many roots of all sizes; moderately acid (pH 5.6); gradual wavy boundary

2C1—8 to 11 inches (20 to 28 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) loam; moderate coarse granular structure; friable, sticky and plastic; 5 percent subangular and subrounded gravel; common very fine and fine roots: moderately acid (pH 5.8); diffuse irregular boundary
2C2—11 to 44 inches (28 to 112 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) clay loam; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky and plastic; 5 percent gravel and 5 percent cobbles; moderately acid (pH 6.0); gradual wavy boundary
2C3—44 to 60 inches (112 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) cobbly clay loam; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky and plastic; 10 percent subrounded and subangular gravel and 10 percent subangular and subrounded cobbles; neutral (pH 6.6)

**Typical Pedon Location**

*Map unit in which located:* SA1—Nickolna silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 19 miles (30 km) north of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of sec. 20, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

**Range in Characteristics**

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)
*Thickness of the loess mantle:* 1 to 8 inches (3 to 13 cm)
*Reaction:* strongly acid to neutral

*A and 2A horizons:*
Color— value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—silt loam, loam, or clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 5 percent gravel and cobbles
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*2C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—loam, clay loam, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 25 percent (0 to 25 percent gravel, 0 to 15 percent cobbles)
Reaction—moderately acid to neutral

## Ogtna Series

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed Entic Cryumbrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* in the stratified sand and silt—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid
*Position on landscape:* stream terraces
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 9 percent
*Elevation:* 2,800 to 2,950 feet (853 to 899 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

**Typical Pedon**

Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam—on a level slope under white spruce forest at 2,850 feet (869 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—6 to 2 inches (15 to 5 cm); dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/1) peat consisting of fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; many very fine roots; clear smooth boundary
Oa—2 inches to 0 (5 cm to 0); black (10YR 2/1) muck consisting of decomposed moss, roots, and twigs; many very fine roots; clear smooth boundary
A/Oa1—0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) and 40 percent black (10YR 2/1) occurring in a stratified pattern; stratified sand, fine sand, very fine sand, silt, and muck with a composite texture of mucky fine sandy loam; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine roots; strongly acid (pH 5.4); clear smooth boundary
A/Oa2—4 to 13 inches (10 to 33 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) and 25 percent black (10YR 2/1) occurring in a stratified pattern; stratified sand, fine sand, very fine sand, silt, and muck with a composite texture of sandy loam; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine roots; moderately acid (pH 6.0); abrupt smooth boundary
2C—13 to 60 inches (33 to 152 cm); variegated extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 65 percent gravel; moderately acid (pH 6.0)

**Typical Pedon Location**

*Map unit in which located:* ST12—Ogtna mucky fine sandy loam
*Location in survey area:* about 25 miles (40 km) southwest of Paxson in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 1, T.13N., R.5W., Copper River Meridian

**Range in Characteristics**

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 6 inches (3 to 15 cm)

*Depth to sand and gravel:* 13 to 27 inches (33 to 69 cm)

*A/Oa or A/Oe horizon :*
Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—stratified very fine sandy loam, fine sandy loam, silt loam, muck, and mucky peat, with a composite texture of loam, fine sandy loam, or sandy loam
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—coarse sand or sand
Reaction—neutral
Rock fragments—40 to 75 percent (35 to 65 percent rounded gravel, 0 to 20 percent rounded cobbles)

## Pergelic Cryohemists

(Figures 10, 11, and 13; Plate 9—upper photo)

*Taxonomic class:* Pergelic Cryohemists
*Depth class:* shallow to moderately deep—19 to over 40 inches (48 to over 102 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* well drained or very poorly drained
*Permeability:* on the organic mat—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil (when present)—variable; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces and stream terraces
*Microtopography:* palsen and peat mounds
*Parent material:* organic materials of varying thickness over loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits and stratified sandy and silty alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 14 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,850 feet (564 to 869 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Sample Pedon

Pergelic Cryohemists—on a 2 percent slope under ericaceous shrubs and sedges at 2,050 feet (625 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—0 to 9 inches (0 to 23 cm); black (10YR 2/1) squeezed peat consisting of undecomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 90 percent fibers unrubbed, 80 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary
Oe1—9 to 20 inches (23 to 51 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 2.5/2) squeezed mucky peat consisting of undecomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 80 percent fibers unrubbed, 50 percent fibers rubbed; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual smooth boundary
Oe2—20 to 29 inches (51 to 74 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) squeezed mucky peat consisting of partially decomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 60 percent fibers unrubbed, 35 percent fibers rubbed; common very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); abrupt wavy boundary
Oef—29 to 39 inches (74 to 99 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) squeezed frozen mucky peat consisting of partially decomposed sedges, roots, and ericaceous shrub fibers; 60 percent fibers unrubbed, 35 percent fibers rubbed; slightly acid (pH 6.2)—frozen August 1, 1992

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* MK2—Pergelic Cryohemists and Cryofibrists soils
*Location in survey area:* about 7 miles (11 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 29, T.10N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 16 to over 60 inches (41 to over 152 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* 19 to over 60 inches (48 to over 152 cm) below the organic surface

*O horizon:*
Color—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 6
Reaction—very strongly acid to neutral

*C or Cg horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5GY, or 5G; value moist of 3 to 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—fine sandy loam, loam, clay, silty clay, silty clay loam, or clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent cobbles and gravel
Reaction—neutral or mildly alkaline

## Pippod Series

(Figures 8 and 14)

*Taxonomic class:* sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Haplocryods
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained
*Permeability:* in the silty loess mantle—moderate; below this—rapid

*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces and glacial outwash plains
*Parent material:* thin silty loess mantle over gravelly and cobbly glacial outwash deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 30 percent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 3,000 feet (579 to 914 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Pippod silt loam—on a 2 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,500 feet (762 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—2 inches to 0 (5 cm to 0); dark brown (7.5YR 3/2) peat; fibrous roots, twigs, and leaf litter; clear smooth boundary
E/A—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) and very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silt loam; weak coarse granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium and few coarse roots; strongly acid (pH 5.2); abrupt wavy boundary
Bs—1 to 5 inches (3 to 13 cm); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4 and 7.5YR 4/4) fine sandy loam; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; strongly acid (pH 5.4); clear wavy boundary
BC—5 to 8 inches (13 to 20 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) fine sandy loam; very friable; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.8); clear wavy boundary
2BC—8 to 14 inches (20 to 36 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) very gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 40 percent rounded pebbles and 15 percent rounded cobbles; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual irregular boundary
2C—14 to 60 inches (36 to 152 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 45 percent rounded pebbles and 20 percent rounded cobbles; slightly acid (pH 6.4)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* AT1—Chistna and Pippod soils, 0 to 14 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 13 miles (21 km) north of Sourdough in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 22, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 2 inches (3 to 5 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 1 to 8 inches (3 to 20 cm)
*Thickness of solum:* 3 to 9 inches (8 to 23 cm)

*A/E or E horizon:*
Color—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—silt loam or fine sandy loam
Reaction—very strongly or strongly acid

*Bs horizon:*
Color—hue of 5YR, 7.5YR, or 10YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 to 6
Texture—silt loam or fine sandy loam
Rock fragments—0 to 25 percent gravel and cobbles
Reaction—strongly to moderately acid

*BC and 2BC horizons:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 4 to 6
Texture—coarse sand, loamy coarse sand, sand, loamy sand, or fine sandy loam
Rock fragments—0 to 70 percent (30 to 70 percent gravel, 0 to 25 percent cobbles)
Reaction—strongly or moderately acid

*2C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—coarse sand, loamy coarse sand, sand, or loamy sand
Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (30 to 70 percent gravel, 0 to 25 percent cobbles)
Reaction—moderately or slightly acid

## Sankluna Series

(Figure 7)

*Taxonomic class:* sandy, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryofluvents
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* moderately rapid
*Position on landscape:* flood plains
*Parent material:* stratified sandy alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 15 percent
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,600 feet (732 to 792 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Sankluna fine sandy loam—on a level slope under bluejoint grass and willow shrub at 2,450 feet (747 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

AC—0 to 11 inches (0 to 28 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) fine sandy loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.5); gradual smooth boundary

C1—11 to 17 inches (28 to 43 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) stratified fine sand and sand; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); gradual smooth boundary

C2—17 to 43 inches (43 to 109 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) stratified fine sand and sand; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); clear smooth boundary

C3—43 to 60 inches (109 to 152 cm); very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) stratified sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* FP23—Hogan, cool-Sankluna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes

*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) north of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of sec. 20, T.13N., R.3W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm)

*AC horizon:*

Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3

Texture—fine sandy loam, loamy fine sand, and fine sand

Reaction—slightly acid or neutral

*C horizon:*

Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 2 or 3;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials— hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; chroma moist of 1 or 2

Texture—stratified sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam;
occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat;
composite texture—loamy sand, loamy fine sand, fine sand, or sand

Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline

## Sinona Series

(Figure 5)

*Taxonomic class:* sandy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryochrepts

*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)

*Drainage class:* somewhat excessively drained

*Permeability:* above the sand and gravel—moderate; below this—rapid

*Position on landscape:* stream terraces

*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium

*Slope range:* 0 to 20 percent

*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,250 feet (594 to 686 m)

*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Sinona silt loam—on a 0 percent slope under white spruce forest at 2,250 feet (686 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi—2 inches to 0 (5 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) peat; fibrous moss, roots, and twigs; many roots of all sizes; abrupt smooth boundary

Bw—0 to 3 inches (0 to 8 cm); strong brown (7.5YR 4/6) loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; moderately acid (pH 5.6); clear wavy boundary

BC—3 to 9 inches (8 to 23 cm); olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) stratified sand, fine sandy loam, and silt loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few very fine roots; moderately acid (pH 5.8); abrupt irregular boundary

2C—9 to 60 inches (23 to 152 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/3) very cobbly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 35 percent rounded gravel and 20 percent rounded cobbles; slightly acid (pH 6.2)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* ST41—Maclaren-Sinona complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 12 miles (19 km) northwest of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 32, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 2 to 10 inches (5 to 25 cm)

*A horizon (absent in many pedons):*
Color—value moist of 2 or 3; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—silt loam, loam, or fine sandy loam
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR, 7.5YR, or 5YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 3 to 6
Texture—loam, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent gravel and cobbles
Reaction—strongly acid or moderately acid

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—40 to 75 percent (20 to 60 percent gravel, 0 to 25 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid or neutral

## Swedna Series

(Figures 2 and 4; Plate 6—upper photo)

*Taxonomic class:* coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Typic Cryaquents
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the stratified sandy and silty material—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid
*Position on landscape:* flood plains
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 8 percent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 21 inches (38 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Swedna fine sandy loam—on a 2 percent slope under low willow shrub vegetation at 2,475 feet (754 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oi/C—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) peat with lenses of very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) fine sandy loam; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; neutral (pH 6.6); abrupt smooth boundary
AC—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) fine sandy loam; weak thick platy structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; neutral (pH 6.6); clear smooth boundary
C—1 to 8 inches (3 to 20 cm); dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.6); clear smooth boundary
Cg1—8 to 27 inches (20 to 69 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified fine sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many medium prominent yellowish red (5YR 4/6) redox concentrations and dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) redox depletions; common very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.8); gradual wavy boundary
Cg2—27 to 31 inches (69 to 79 cm); dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many medium prominent dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/4) redox concentrations; common very fine and fine roots; neutral (pH 6.8); clear smooth boundary
2C—31 to 60 inches (79 to 152 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) very gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; 40 percent rounded gravel, 10 percent rounded cobbles; neutral (pH 7.0)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* FP2—Dackey, cool-Swedna-Swedna, very poorly drained, complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 19 miles (30 km) north of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of sec. 29, T.12N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 10 to 37 inches (25 to 94 cm)

*Depth to redoximorphic features:* 0 to 10 inches (0 to 25 cm)

*AC or ACg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—fine sandy loam, sandy loam, or fine sand
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—stratified sand through silt, with composite texture of fine sandy loam or sandy loam; occasional pockets and strata of organic materials—texture of muck or mucky peat
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight
Other—common pockets and strata of organic materials

*Cg horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR to 5BG; value moist of 2.5 to 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of fine sandy loam or sandy loam
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Effervescence—none or slight
Other—when present, redox concentrations—hue of 5YR to 10YR and chroma moist of 4 to 6; redox depletions—hue of 2.5Y to 5GY and chroma moist of 1 or 2

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (25 to 60 percent gravel, 0 to 30 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid or neutral
Effervescence—none or slight
Other—common pockets and strata of sand and silt

## Swillna Series

(Figure 12)

*Taxonomic class:* clayey, mixed, nonacid Pergelic Ruptic-Histic Cryaquepts
*Depth class:* shallow to deep—8 to 60 inches (20 to 152 cm) over permafrost
*Drainage class:* very poorly or poorly drained
*Permeability:* in the organic mat—moderately rapid; in the mineral soil—moderate; in the permafrost—impermeable
*Position on landscape:* broad lacustrine terraces
*Parent material:* clayey lacustrine deposits
*Slope range:* 0 to 15 percent
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 2,500 feet (701 to 762 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—15 to 19 inches (38 to 48 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Swillna peat—on a 1 percent slope under black and white spruce forest with an understory of cottongrass tussocks at 2,400 feet (732 m) elevation
Note—This profile is separated into two parts: the first part is in an inter-mound area between frost boils; the second part is from within the mound or boil. Mound-inter-mound topography consists of about 60 percent inter-mounds and 40 percent mounds. One complete cycle of mound-inter-mound occurs about every 12 feet (3.7 m).

**Part I—Inter-mounds**
Oi1—9 to 3 inches (23 to 9 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) peat; slightly decomposed eriophorum stems and root fibers; abrupt irregular boundary
Oi2—3 inches to 0 (9 cm to 0); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) peat; slightly decomposed eriophorum stems and root fibers; abrupt wavy boundary
Bg—0 to 9 inches (0 to 23 cm); dark gray (5Y 4/1) and 40 percent olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) silty clay loam; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; few very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.1); abrupt wavy boundary
Oib—9 to 12 inches (23 to 30 cm); very dark brown (10YR 2/2) and 20 percent dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) slightly decomposed fibrous eriophorum stems and roots; slightly acid (pH 6.1); abrupt wavy boundary
Cf—12 to 22 inches (30 to 56 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay loam; slightly acid (pH 6.2)—frozen on August 12, 1994

**Part II—Mounds**
Oi—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0 ); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) peat; slightly decomposed eriophorum stems and root fibers; abrupt wavy boundary
Bw1—0 to 6 inches (0 to 15 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay loam; strong coarse granular structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; many very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.4); abrupt wavy boundary
Bw2—6 to 16 inches (15 to 41 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay loam; strong fine subangular blocky structure; friable, very sticky and very plastic; common very fine and fine roots;

slightly acid (pH 6.4); abrupt irregular boundary
C—16 to 39 inches (41 to 99 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay loam; massive; friable, very sticky and very plastic; slightly acid (pH 6.4) abrupt irregular boundary
Oab—39 to 40 inches (99 to 102 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) muck; slightly acid (pH 6.2); abrupt irregular boundary
Cf—40 to 50 inches (102 to 127 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) silty clay loam; slightly acid (pH 6.2)—frozen on August 12, 1994

**Typical Pedon Location**

*Map unit in which located:* LC6—Swillna, thin surface-Swillna complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 32 miles (51 km) west of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of sec. 8, T.10N., R.6W., Copper River Meridian

**Range in Characteristics**

*Thickness of the organic mat:* in mounds—0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm); in inter-mounds—8 to 14 inches (20 to 36 cm)
*Depth to permafrost:* in mounds—23 to 60 inches (58 to 152 cm) below the mineral surface; in inter-mounds—18 to 33 inches (46 to 84 cm) below the mineral surface

*O horizon:*
Reaction—moderately acid or slightly acid

*AC horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline

*Bg horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 2.5Y, 5Y, 5G, or 5GY; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 0 to 2
Texture—clay, silty clay, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 20 percent (0 to 10 percent cobbles, 0 to 15 percent gravel)
Reaction—slightly acid to mildly alkaline
Other—common pockets and lenses of organic material

*Bw horizon (when present):*
Color—hue of 10YR, 2.5Y, or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—clay, silty clay, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 5 percent cobbles and gravel
Reaction—slightly acid to mildly alkaline
Other—common pockets and lenses of organic material

*C horizon:*
Color—hue of 2.5Y or 5Y; value moist of 4 or 5; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—clay, silty clay, or silty clay loam
Rock fragments—0 to 5 percent cobbles and gravel
Reaction—slightly acid to mildly alkaline
Effervescence—none to strong; disseminated lime more prevalent with depth

## Tangoe Series

(Figures 3 and 8; Plate 3—lower photo)

*Taxonomic class:* sandy-skeletal, mixed, nonacid Oxyaquic Cryorthents
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* very poorly, poorly, or somewhat poorly drained; saturated conditions (oxyaquic) at 2 to 40 inches (5 to 102 cm)
*Permeability:* in the stratified sandy and silty material—moderate; in the sand and gravel—rapid
*Position on landscape:* flood plains
*Parent material:* stratified sandy and silty alluvium over gravelly alluvium
*Slope range:* 0 to 8 percent
*Elevation:* 2,400 to 2,900 feet (732 to 884 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

**Typical Pedon**

Tangoe sandy loam—on a level slope under willow shrub vegetation at 2,500 feet (762 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oe—1 inch to 0 (3 cm to 0); black (10YR 2/1) peat; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; moderately acid (pH 5.6); abrupt smooth boundary
AC1—0 to 1 inch (0 to 3 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; mottles; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); clear smooth boundary
AC2—1 to 8 inches (3 to 20 cm); very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) stratified sand through silt with a composite texture of sandy loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; few fine distinct olive gray (5Y 4/2) redox depletions and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redox concentrations; common very fine and fine roots; slightly acid (pH 6.2); clear wavy boundary

2C1—8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; 45 percent rounded gravel and 15 percent rounded cobbles; slightly acid (pH 6.2); gradual wavy boundary
2C2—16 to 60 inches (41 to 152 cm); dark brown (10YR 3/3) extremely gravelly coarse sand; single grain; loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; common very fine and fine roots; 45 percent rounded gravel and 15 percent rounded cobbles; neutral (pH 6.6)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* FP1—Tangoe sandy loam, frequently flooded
*Location in survey area:* about 22 miles (35 km) north of Sourdough in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of sec. 6, T.12N., R.2E., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm)
*Depth to sand and gravel:* 1 to 10 inches (3 to 25 cm)

*A or AC horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 2 to 4; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—stratified sand through silt with composite texture of sandy loam or fine sandy loam
Reaction—slightly acid to slightly alkaline
Other—few redox concentrations and depletions in some pedons

*2C horizon:*
Color—variegated
Texture—sand or coarse sand
Rock fragments—35 to 70 percent (30 to 50 percent gravel, 5 to 20 percent cobbles)
Reaction—slightly acid to moderately alkaline
Effervescence—none to slight
Other—common pockets and strata of sand and silt

## Telay Series

*Taxonomic class:* loamy-skeletal, mixed Typic Cryochrepts
*Depth class:* very deep—more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)
*Drainage class:* well drained
*Permeability:* moderate
*Position on landscape:* hills and mountains
*Microtopography:* backslopes and summits
*Parent material:* thin mantle of loess over gravelly glacial till
*Slope range:* 0 to 25 percent
*Elevation:* 2,300 to 3,000 feet (701 to 914 m)
*Climatic data (average annual):*
precipitation—18 to 21 inches (46 to 53 cm)
air temperature—24° to 26°F (-4° to -3°C)

### Typical Pedon

Telay silt loam—on a 8 percent slope under glandular birch scrub at 2,900 feet (884 m) elevation (all colors for moist soil)

Oe—2 inches to 0 (5 cm to 0); dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) mucky peat; partially decomposed moss, twigs, and root fibers; abrupt smooth boundary
AE—0 to 2 inches (0 to 5 cm); dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) silt loam; weak fine granular structure; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; many very fine, fine, and medium roots; very strongly acid (pH 5.0); clear smooth boundary
2Bw—2 to 11 inches (5 to 28 cm); dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) gravelly loam; weak medium subangular blocky structure; friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common roots of all sizes; strongly acid (pH 5.2); abrupt smooth boundary
2C1—11 to 26 inches (28 to 66 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) very gravelly loam; weak coarse subangular blocky structure; friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; 30 percent subangular gravel and 5 percent subangular cobbles; moderately acid (pH 5.8); gradual irregular boundary
2C2—26 to 60 inches (66 to 152 cm); dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) very gravelly loam; massive; firm, nonsticky and nonplastic; 35 percent subangular gravel and 5 percent subangular cobbles; moderately acid (pH 6.0)

### Typical Pedon Location

*Map unit in which located:* AL2—Cobblank and Telay soils, 2 to 16 percent slopes
*Location in survey area:* about 13 miles (21 km) north of Sourdough in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of sec. 28, T.11N., R.2W., Copper River Meridian

### Range in Characteristics

*Thickness of the organic mat:* 1 to 4 inches (3 to 10 cm)
*Thickness of the loess mantel:* 1 to 3 inches (3 to 8 cm)
*Thickness of solum:* 3 to 11 inches (8 to 28 cm)

*AE, E, or A horizon:*
Color—value moist of 2 to 5; chroma moist of 1 to 3
Texture—silt loam, very fine sandy loam, or loam
Reaction—very strongly acid or strongly acid

*2Bw horizon:*
Color—hue of 7.5YR or 10YR; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 4 to 6
Texture—loam or sandy loam
Rock fragments—5 to 35 percent (5 to 35 percent gravel, 0 to 10 percent cobbles)
Reaction—strongly or moderately acid

*2C horizon:*
Color—hue of 10YR or 2.5Y; value moist of 3 or 4; chroma moist of 1 or 2
Texture—loam or sandy loam; occasional horizons of clay loam and silty clay loam in some pedons
Rock fragments—35 to 50 percent (30 to 50 percent gravel, 0 to 20 percent cobbles)
Reaction—moderately or slightly acid

# APPENDIX E—VEGETATION COVER TYPES

A vegetation cover type is a basic unit of vegetation classification and represents a type of vegetation with relatively uniform structure and floristic composition. Each cover type is distinguished by the dominant and codominant plant species in the major strata (horizontal layers) in the existing vegetation. No particular ecological or seral status is intended or implied. Major categories of cover types in the Gulkana River area are:

**Forest.** Greater than about 25 percent canopy cover of trees. In mature stands, trees range in height from 15 to 50 feet (4.6 to 15.2 m) or more. Forest cover types are primarily on productive high flood plains but also occur on stream terraces, lacustrine terraces, and escarpments.

**Woodland.** Generally 10 to 25 percent canopy cover of trees but occasionally greater. In most stands, trees range in height from 12 to 35 feet (3.6 to 10.7 m). Woodland cover types occur primarily on less productive sites, often with shallow permafrost or restricted drainage, and on sites burned by wildfire.

**Scrub.** Generally less than 10 percent canopy cover of trees greater than 12 feet (greater than 3.6 m) tall, and greater than 25 percent canopy cover of shrubs and/or tree regeneration. Scrub cover types occur on a wide variety of soil and site conditions.

**Meadow.** Vegetation dominated by tall sedges and grasses, which usually form the tallest stratum. Combined canopy cover of trees and low, medium, and tall shrubs is less than 25 percent—typically less than 15 percent. Meadow cover types are restricted to poorly drained, wetland sites.

Cover type names are derived from the one or two most important species in the dominant or tallest stratum and, for most forest, woodland, and scrub types, the one or two most important species or a plant group in a defining lower stratum. Cover type names uniquely differentiate the type from all others and provide a link to the cover type descriptions. Names are not intended to completely characterize important strata and species in the cover type; not all important strata and species are included in the names.

Four miscellaneous cover types of restricted distribution and extent also are described. Three of these types represent early seral or pioneering plant communities. Vegetation cover is usually sparse and highly variable, and most stands have considerable bare soil. The fourth miscellaneous cover type encompasses the variety of emergent and submerged plant communities in shallow water in ponds and lakes.

Vegetation cover types in the Gulkana River area are listed in Table 19. In the following descriptions, the common name of the cover type is given on the first line and, if applicable, the scientific name and database code on the second and third lines.

## Terminology in Cover Type Descriptions

### Canopy Closure:

**Closed:** 75–100 percent canopy cover
**Moderately closed:** 60–75 percent canopy cover
**Moderately open:** 45–60 percent canopy cover
**Open:** 25–45 percent canopy cover
**Woodland:** 10–25 percent canopy cover; tree strata
**Sparse:** 10–25 percent canopy cover; shrub and herb strata

### Species Summary Tables:

**Scientific name.** Scientific name of taxon or descriptive name of entry. Only taxa with greater than 10 to 15 percent constancy (see below), depending on the number of sample stands, are listed in the tables. Common

names of plants are given in Table 20.

**Stratum.** Horizontal layer in which the taxon or entry occurs. Shrubs often cross strata boundaries. The stratum given in the summary tables is that which is most representative of the species in the cover type.

| | |
|---|---|
| **T1** | Tall trees; mature trees generally greater than 35 feet (10.7 m) tall |
| **T2** | Medium trees; trees generally from 12 to 35 feet (3.6 to 10.7 m ) tall |
| **TX** | Stunted, multi-strata trees; shorter stands of trees of mixed age classes and height growth with no discernible stratification; usually on less productive sites |
| **T3** | Tree regeneration; tree seedlings and small saplings usually less than 5 feet (1.2 m) tall |
| **S2** | Tall shrubs; shrubs that are 6 to 20 feet (1.8 to 6.1 m) tall or more with normal multiple stem growth form |
| **SM** | Medium shrubs; shrubs that are approximately 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m) tall |
| **S3** | Low shrubs; shrubs that are approximately 1 to 3 feet (30 to 91 cm) tall |
| **S4** | Dwarf shrubs; shrubs that are less than about 1 foot (30 cm) tall |
| **F** | Forbs; broad-leaved flowering plants, ferns, clubmoss, horsetails, and similar plants |
| **G** | Graminoids; grasses, sedges, and rushes |
| **M** | Mosses; total bryophytes |
| **L** | Lichens; total foliose and fruticose lichens |
| **B** | Barren; litter, bare soil and rock, and ponded water |
| **T** | Tree height; approximate height in feet of dominant tree layer |
| **S** | Shrub height; approximate height in feet of dominant or other indicated shrub layer |
| **H** | Herb height; approximate height in feet of herb layer |

**Con.** Percent constancy; relative consistency of occurrence of a taxon. Calculated as:

$$\frac{\text{number of stands in which a taxon occurred}}{\text{total number of stands}} * 100$$

**Avg.** Average canopy cover in those stands in which a taxon occurred. Calculated as:

$$\frac{\text{sum of COVER across stands}}{\text{number of stands in which a taxon occurred}} * 100$$

**Min.** Minimum canopy cover; minimum COVER across stands.

**Max.** Maximum canopy cover; maximum COVER across stands.

**Imp.** Importance of taxon in cover type. Importance values are useful primarily for comparing taxa within a cover type. Calculated as:

$$\text{square root of (Con * Avg)}$$

# Cover Type Descriptions

## Aquatic herbaceous

### Description

Aquatic herbaceous includes a number of aquatic plant communities growing in shallow water ponds and near-shore areas of larger lakes. The vegetation is characterized by aquatic plants growing entirely under the surface of the water or with leaves that float on the surface. The major community types include Pondlily, Burreed, and Fresh Pondweed (*Viereck et al. 1992*). Common species include *Nuphar polysepalum*, *Potamogeton* spp., *Sparganium* spp., *Equisetum fluviatile*, and *Hippuris vulgaris*. Aquatic buttercup communities (*Viereck et al. 1992*) are in backwater areas along the main river channel. Other fresh water Aquatic herbaceous types may also occur.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* throughout the survey area; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 3,200 feet (564 to 975 m)

*Landforms:* lakes and ponds in depressions on lacustrine terraces and till plains; oxbow lakes and other bodies of water on stream terraces and flood plains ponds

### Successional Status

Communities within the Aquatic herbaceous type are generally considered to be early successional stages that will be replaced by marshes and wet meadows as the organic substrate builds up, the pond fills, and succession progresses (*Viereck et al. 1992*).

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine rooted vascular aquatic bed, permanently flooded (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); riparian

## Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest

***Populus balsamifera / Alnus tenuifolia* open forest**

**POBA2/ALTE2**

(Figure 6; Plate 5—lower photo)

### Description

Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest consists of woodland to moderately open stands of *Populus balsamifera*. *Picea glauca* is common in the overstory in many stands and is often well-represented as a secondary tree layer. Tree canopy cover generally ranges from 15 to 60 percent. Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest includes mature stands with trees 35 to 65 feet (10.7 to 19.8 m) in height and 7 to 11 inches (18 to 28 cm) in diameter at breast height. Larger diameter trees are in many stands. Younger stands of shorter, smaller trees and advanced regeneration also are included. Tree basal area in mature stands ranges from 160 to 275 feet$^2$/acre (36.7 to 63.1 m$^2$/ha). In all stands, regardless of age, *Populus balsamifera* trees tend to be poorly formed with broken, irregular, partially dead crowns. Most trees show evidence of heart rot and decay.

The forest understory is characterized by a sparse to closed layer of *Alnus tenuifolia* 6 to 20 feet (1.8 to 6.1 m) in height. Alder canopy cover ranges from 15 to 85 percent. In general, alder canopy cover decreases as the forest canopy cover increases. *Salix alaxensis*, a tall shrub remnant from earlier successional stages, is common in some stands. Most stands have a sparse to moderately open low shrub layer. Important low shrubs include *Rosa acicularis*, *Viburnum edule*, *Ribes* spp., and *Salix* spp.

The herb layer is highly variable in Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest. Herb canopy cover ranges from sparse to closed and includes a wide variety of low to tall grasses and forbs. Important herbs include *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Equisetum* spp. *Artemisia tilesii*, *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Aster sibiricus*, and *Hedysarum alpinum*. Leaf litter and mulch cover most of the soil surface in most stands. Woody litter from beaver felled *Populus balsamifera* and decadent willows is well-represented to abundant in many stands.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* Main Stem from Canyon Rapids south, lower North and South Branches, and the West Fork; to Sourdough; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,400 feet (579 to 732 m)

*Landforms:* level to gently undulating flood plains; terrace height generally ranges from around 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m)

*Principal soils:* Dackey; Kluna, deep; and Klute, moderately wet

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* mostly 30 to 60 inches (76 to 152 cm) or more

*Flooding frequency:* occasional

### Successional Status

Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest is a mid seral stage of flood plain succession that develops from the thinleaf alder scrub types.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Riparian

# Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest

## *Populus balsamifera / Alnus tenuifolia* open forest

**POBA2/ALTE2**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 24 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 95 | 31 | 10 | 70 | 55 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 76 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 43 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 100 | 52 | 15 | 85 | 72 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Ribes triste | S3 | 29 | 18 | 1 | 50 | 22 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 67 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 24 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 52 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 26 |
| Salix arbusculoides | S2 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 38 | 11 | 1 | 45 | 20 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 29 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Viburnum edule | S3 | 29 | 20 | 2 | 35 | 24 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 14 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 67 | 8 | 1 | 35 | 23 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 76 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 14 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 67 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 20 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 76 | 19 | 1 | 70 | 38 |
| Galium boreale | F | 14 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 67 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 24 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 19 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 52 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 19 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Sanguisorba stipulata | F | 14 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 19 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 62 | 16 | 1 | 85 | 31 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 24 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Poa spp. | G | 38 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| Lichen layer | L | 76 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Bare soil | B | 62 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 65 | 1 | 95 | 80 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 81 | 10 | 4 | 30 | 29 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 21.
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## Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

***Populus balsamifera-Picea glauca / Alnus tenuifolia* open forest**

**POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2**

(Figure 5)

### Description

Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest consists of open to moderately open stands of mixed *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca*. Tree canopy cover generally ranges from around 30 to 60 percent. Occasional woodland stands (10-25 percent forest canopy cover) also occur. Tree heights and diameters vary widely in Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder forest. Included are stands dominated by tall, medium diameter *Populus balsamifera* in which *Picea glauca* form a somewhat lower, secondary layer. At the other extreme are stands dominated by *Picea glauca* 45 to 65 feet (13.7 to 19.8 m) in height and 8 to 14 inches (20 to 36 cm) in diameter at breast height, in which the shorter, subdominant *Populus balsamifera* are beginning to die off in the stand. In all stands, *Populus balsamifera* trees tend to be poorly formed with broken, irregular, partially dead crowns. Tree basal area in two sample stands was 210 and 275 feet$^2$/acre (48.2 and 63.1 m$^2$/ha).

The forest understory is characterized by a sparse to closed layer of *Alnus tenuifolia* 7 to 20 feet (2.1 to 6.1 m) in height. Alder canopy cover ranges from 15 to 85 percent. In general, alder canopy cover decreases as the forest canopy cover increases. *Salix alaxensis*, a tall shrub remnant from earlier successional stages, is common in some stands. Most stands have a sparse to moderately open low shrub layer. Important low shrubs include *Rosa acicularis*, *Viburnum edule*, *Ribes* spp., and *Salix* spp.

The herb layer is highly variable in Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest. Herb canopy cover ranges from sparse to closed and includes a wide variety of low to tall grasses and forbs. Important herbs include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Equisetum* spp. *Artemisia tilesii*, *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Aster sibiricus*, and *Hedysarum alpinum*. Leaf litter and mulch cover most of the soil surface in most stands. Woody litter from beaver felled *Populus balsamifera* and decadent willows are well-represented to abundant in many stands.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* Main Stem from Canyon Rapids south, lower North and South Branches, and the West Fork; to Sourdough; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,400 feet (579 to 732 m)

*Landforms:* level to gently undulating flood plains; terrace height generally from around 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m)

*Principal soils:* Dackey; Kluna, deep; and Klute, moderately wet

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* mostly 30 to 60 inches (76 to 152 cm) or more

*Flooding frequency:* occasional

### Successional Status

Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest is a mid to late seral stage of flood plain succession. This type develops from the Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

Classification: riparian

# Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

***Populus balsamifera-Picea glauca / Alnus tenuifolia* open forest**

**POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 92 | 21 | 5 | 40 | 44 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 92 | 24 | 7 | 45 | 47 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 33 | 12 | 2 | 15 | 20 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 67 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 100 | 39 | 15 | 85 | 63 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 58 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Ribes triste | S3 | 50 | 24 | 1 | 50 | 35 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 83 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 25 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 42 | 8 | 5 | 15 | 18 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 58 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 21 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 33 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 33 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 25 | 14 | 1 | 40 | 19 |
| Viburnum edule | S3 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 17 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 58 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 19 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 58 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 58 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 83 | 8 | 1 | 40 | 26 |
| Galium boreale | F | 42 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 17 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 67 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 67 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 17 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 10 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 17 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 67 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 17 |
| Ranunculus spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 42 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 50 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 50 | 14 | 1 | 60 | 26 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 17 | 3 | 65 | 41 |
| Lichen layer | L | 92 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 60 | 3 | 90 | 78 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 92 | 16 | 7 | 35 | 38 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX, SANO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 12

ctsumtab

## Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland

***Picea mariana / Eriophorum brachyantherum* woodland**

**PIMA/ERBR6**

(Figures 6, 9, 10, and 11; Plate 7—lower photo)

### Description

Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland consists of woodland to open stands of stunted, small diameter *Picea mariana*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 10 to occasionally 45 percent. In most stands, trees are 10 to 18 feet (3.0 to 5.5 m) in height and 1.5 to 4 inches (4 to 10 cm) in diameter at ground level. Occasional trees up to 35 feet (10.7 m) in height and 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter are in most stands. Tree basal area in Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland ranges from 5 to 60 feet$^2$/acre (1.1 to 13.8 m$^2$/ha) based on 13 sample stands.

*Eriophorum brachyantherum* tussocks, intermixed with a variety of sedges and low and dwarf shrubs, characterize the understory. In areas of strong tussock development, tussocks range from 9 to 24 inches (23 to 61 cm) in height with spacing between of 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm), and shrubs and other herbs are uncommon. Where tussock development is weaker, low and dwarf shrubs and other sedges codominate. The most frequently occurring sedges are *Carex aquatilis* in wetter microsites and *C. lugens* on higher microsites. Important low and dwarf shrubs include *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Betula glandulosa*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Salix planifolia*, and *Empetrum nigrum*. Except for *Rubus chamaemorus* and *Petasites frigidus*, other herbs are uncommon. *R. chamaemorus* forms a moderately open cover in occasional stands. Throughout Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland, mosses, and in particular *Sphagnum*, cover much of the soil surface and ponded water and saturated conditions are common between the tussocks.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands and River corridor; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 3,000 feet (564 to 914 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to occasionally moderately sloping lacustrine terraces and level stream terraces

*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet; Klasi, very wet; Mendna, very wet; Pergelic Cryohemists; and Haggard (The thickness of the surface organic mat ranges from 8 to 25 inches [20 to 64 cm] in most stands.)

*Depth to permafrost:* variable; ranges from near the surface to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from within the organic mat to 60 inches (152 cm) or more; usually perched on the permafrost.

### Successional Status

Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland is late seral vegetation on nearly level to concave sites that have remained undisturbed by wildfire for an extended period of time. This type is usually in association with Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub. These two cover types are transitional with one another and often the break between them is arbitrary.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen scrub-shrub, saturated, organic (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

# Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland

***Picea mariana* / *Eriophorum brachyantherum* woodland**

**PIMA/ERBR6**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea mariana | T2 | 51 | 16 | 10 | 45 | 29 |
| Picea mariana | TX | 34 | 20 | 10 | 35 | 26 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 47 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 21 |
| Andromeda polifolia | S4 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 36 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Betula glandulosa | S3 | 99 | 16 | 1 | 65 | 40 |
| Chamaedaphne calyculata | S4 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 72 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 100 | 20 | 2 | 45 | 44 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | S4 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Salix glauca | S3 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 30 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 75 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 99 | 13 | 1 | 55 | 35 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 96 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 25 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 74 | 4 | 1 | 35 | 17 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 79 | 9 | 1 | 40 | 27 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 64 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 22 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Carex lugens | G | 39 | 10 | 1 | 55 | 20 |
| Carex spp. | G | 18 | 6 | 1 | 30 | 11 |
| Eriophorum brachyantherum | G | 97 | 41 | 1 | 80 | 63 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 50 | 20 | 100 | 71 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 12 | 1 | 40 | 35 |
| Bare soil | B | 28 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 19 | 1 | 50 | 44 |
| Surface water | B | 84 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 18 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 92 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 12 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAPL2
Number of stands = 76
ctsumtab

## Low shrub birch scrub

***Betula glandulosa* scrub**

**BEGL**

(Figures 13, 14, and 15; Plate 12—upper photo)

### Description

Low shrub birch scrub consists of moderately open to closed stands of medium and low shrubs dominated by *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., and *Vaccinium uliginosum*. Dwarf shrub, primarily *Vaccinium vitis-idaea* and *Empetrum nigrum*, also are usually abundant. *B. glandulosa* is typically 4.5 to 7 feet (1.4 to 2.1 m) in height and forms an irregular, broken upper shrub layer. Other shrubs are usually about 3 feet (0.9 m) in height or less and fill in the spaces between and below the birch. In many stands, *Picea glauca* and/or *P. mariana* saplings, small trees, and relic trees are common to well-represented. Canopy cover of the upper shrub layer ranges from 25 to 70 percent. Total shrub canopy cover is usually between 50 and 90 percent.

In most stands, the herb layer is sparse to open. The number of different herb species is usually fairly high; however, no species are particularly abundant. Important herbs include *Equisetum* spp., *Petasites frigidus*, *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Calamagrostis canadensis*. A mosaic of feathermoss, lichen, and litter covers the ground surface. In some stands on more mesic sites, *Carex lugens* is abundant to very abundant, and lichen is usually considerably more abundant. Most stands show evidence of recent burns, and snags and woody litter are common to well-represented.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands; extensive

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 3,500 feet (579 to 1,067 m)

*Landforms:* primarily level to moderately steep stream terraces, lacustrine terraces, and hill slopes; steep mountain slopes; all aspects

*Principal soils:* various (This type occurs on most mineral upland and stream terrace soils in the area and occasionally on organic soils.)

*Depth to permafrost:* permafrost usually absent; where present, ranges from 0 to 50 inches (0 to 127 cm) or more below the mineral surface

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* usually greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm); many stands with water table at 0 to 40 inches (0 to 102 cm) or deeper

### Successional Status

In most places, Low shrub birch scrub appears to be an early, post-fire seral stage leading to Spruce/shrub birch woodland or Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest. Most stands have common to well-represented scattered trees and unburned woodland to reseed the stand, and *Picea glauca* and *P. mariana* seedlings and saplings are common. At higher elevations and on steep slopes, seed trees and seedlings are generally absent to uncommon, suggesting that progression toward the woodland stages in these stands may take a long time. Above about 2,700 feet (823 m), Low shrub birch scrub, where present, is probably the potential vegetation.

The *Carex lugens* understory phase described above appears to be a condition associated with crown fires in which the woodland understory was essentially unburned or only lightly burned. These are the stands which more than likely have permafrost and a water table present in the soil profile.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* usually upland; occasionally Palustrine broad-leaved deciduous scrub-shrub, saturated, mineral and organic (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

# Low shrub birch scrub
## *Betula glandulosa* scrub
**BEGL**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 30 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 42 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Picea mariana | T2 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 8 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 53 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 21 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 37 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 97 | 46 | 3 | 90 | 67 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 77 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 98 | 24 | 1 | 75 | 48 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Salix glauca | SM | 42 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 32 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 77 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 19 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 7 |
| Spiraea beauverdiana | S3 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 100 | 21 | 1 | 60 | 46 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 93 | 7 | 1 | 50 | 26 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 27 | 8 | 1 | 65 | 14 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 57 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 35 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 57 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 22 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 9 |
| Carex lugens | G | 50 | 30 | 1 | 85 | 39 |
| Carex spp. | G | 18 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Eriophorum brachyantherum | G | 13 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Festuca altaica | G | 22 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 41 | 5 | 85 | 64 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 15 | 1 | 70 | 39 |
| Bare soil | B | 55 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 93 | 15 | 1 | 60 | 37 |
| Rock fragments | B | 17 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 6 |
| Surface water | B | 25 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 58 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 12 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 60
ctsumtab

## Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub

***Betula glandulosa* / *Eriophorum brachyantherum* scrub**

**BEGL/ERBR6**

(Figure 11)

### Description

Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub is dominated by moderately dense to dense *Eriophorum brachyantherum* tussocks, with an open to moderately closed overstory of low and dwarf shrubs and scattered stunted trees and tree regeneration. Tussock cover ranges from 25 to 85 percent. In areas of the best development, tussocks range from 9 to 30 inches (23 to 76 cm) in height with spacing between tussocks of 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm). Where tussock development is weaker, other sedges are common among the tussocks. The most frequently occurring sedges are *Carex aquatilis* and *C. lugens*.

Canopy cover of the scrub layer typically ranges from 20 to 60 percent. In some stands with weak tussock development, scrub cover occasionally exceeds 75 percent. Important low and dwarf shrubs include *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Salix planifolia*, and *Andromeda polifolia* in some stands. *Picea mariana*, and to a lesser extent *P. glauca*, are common in most stands. Trees are usually less than 15 feet (less than 4.6 m) in height and form less than 10 percent canopy cover. Tree regeneration is well-represented in some stands.

Except for *Rubus chamaemorus*, *Petasites frigidus*, and *Arctagrostis latifolia*, other herbs are uncommon in Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub. *R. chamaemorus* forms a moderately open cover in occasional stands. Throughout Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub, mosses, in particular *Sphagnum*, cover much of the soil surface, and ponded water and saturated conditions are common between the tussocks.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands and river corridor; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 3,000 feet (564 to 914 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to occasionally moderately sloping lacustrine terraces and level stream terraces

*Principal soils:* Kuslinad, very wet; Mendna, very wet; Pergelic Cryohemists; and Haggard (The thickness of the surface organic mat ranges from 8 to as much as 60 inches (20 to as much as 152 cm) in most stands.)

*Depth to permafrost:* variable; ranges from near the surface to 60 inches (152 cm) or more

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from just below the surface to 60 inches (152 cm) or more; usually perched on the permafrost

### Successional Status

Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub is probably late seral vegetation on nearly level and concave sites that have remained undisturbed by wildfire for an extended period of time. In many places, this type is a seral stage leading to Black spruce/ closed sheath cottongrass woodland. Both types are often in association with one another on the same landforms and soils. These two cover types are transitional with one another and often the break between them is arbitrary.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen scrub-shrub, saturated, organic (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

## Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub

***Betula glandulosa* / *Eriophorum brachyantherum* scrub**

**BEGL/ERBR6**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| Picea mariana | T2 | 36 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 10 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 56 | 14 | 1 | 35 | 28 |
| Picea spp. | T3 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Andromeda polifolia | S4 | 25 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 15 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | SS | 33 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Betula glandulosa | S3 | 100 | 24 | 2 | 90 | 49 |
| Chamaedaphne calyculata | S4 | 22 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 44 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 97 | 18 | 4 | 55 | 42 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | S4 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 28 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 72 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S4 | 100 | 11 | 1 | 30 | 33 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 89 | 6 | 1 | 65 | 23 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 47 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 13 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 86 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 20 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 44 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 31 | 13 | 1 | 40 | 20 |
| Carex lugens | G | 22 | 10 | 1 | 35 | 15 |
| Carex spp. | G | 22 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 13 |
| Eriophorum brachyantherum | G | 92 | 49 | 3 | 85 | 67 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 36 | 5 | 70 | 60 |
| Lichen layer | L | 92 | 12 | 1 | 35 | 33 |
| Bare soil | B | 33 | 4 | 1 | 35 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 22 | 1 | 60 | 47 |
| Surface water | B | 64 | 7 | 1 | 35 | 21 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 78 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAPL2
Eriophorum branchyantherum includes E. vaginatum
Number of stands = 36
ctsumtab

## Low shrub birch/lichen scrub

***Betula glandulosa* / lichen scrub**

**BEGL/lichen**

(Figures 8, 14, and 15; Plates 1, and 12—upper photo)

### Description

Low shrub birch/lichen scrub consists of moderately open to closed stands of medium and low shrubs dominated by *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, and *Salix* spp., with abundant to very abundant fruticose lichens in the ground layer. Dwarf shrub, primarily *Vaccinium vitis-idaea* and *Empetrum nigrum*, are also usually well-represented to abundant. *B. glandulosa* is typically 3.5 to 5.5 feet (1.1 to 1.8 m) in height and forms a nearly continuous open to moderately closed upper shrub layer. Other shrubs are usually about 3 feet (0.9 m) in height or less and fill in the spaces between and below the birch. In many stands, *Picea glauca* and/or *P. mariana* saplings, small trees, and relic trees are common to well-represented. Total shrub canopy cover is usually between 50 and 90 percent.

Abundant to very abundant lichen cover, patches of mosses, and litter characterize the aspect of the ground layer. In most stands, the herb layer is sparse to occasionally open and the number of herb species is low. An important herb in many stands is *Festuca altaica*. Other frequently occurring herbs include *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Pedicularis labradorica*, *Senecio* spp., *Petasites frigidus*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Calamagrostis canadensis*. Most stands show evidence of recent burns, and snags and woody litter are common to well-represented.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands, primarily at higher elevations; moderately extensive

*Elevation:* 2,300 to 3,500 feet (701 to 1,067 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to steep hill slopes, alluvial fans, and pitted outwash plains; occasionally on lacustrine terraces and stream terraces; all aspects

*Principal soils:* Pippod; Chistna; Chelina; Cobblank, cool; Goodview; and Maclaren (This type occurs mostly on coarse textured, well drained to excessively well drained soils with less than 5 inches [less than 13 cm] of surface organic mat.)

*Depth to permafrost:* permafrost almost always absent

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

### Successional Status

In most places, Low shrub birch scrub is an early, post-fire seral stage leading to Spruce/lichen woodland and Spruce/shrub birch woodland. It appears to develop only on relatively xeric sites or other sites that have been moderately to severely burned. Most stands have common to well-represented scattered trees and unburned woodland to reseed the stand. *Picea glauca* and *P. mariana* seedlings and saplings are common in most stands. On pitted outwash plains and hills in the vicinity of Dickey Lake and at higher elevations in the subalpine zone, this type probably is late seral or potential vegetation.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

# Low shrub birch/lichen scrub

## *Betula glandulosa* / lichen scrub

**BEGL/lichen**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 77 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 100 | 56 | 10 | 85 | 75 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 81 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 85 | 22 | 1 | 60 | 43 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Salix glauca | SM | 42 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 7 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 81 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 19 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 88 | 12 | 1 | 40 | 33 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 92 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 23 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Artemisia arctica | F | 19 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 23 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 19 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Lupinus arcticus | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Lycopodium spp. | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 35 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 23 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 27 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 31 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 23 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Carex spp. | G | 50 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| Festuca altaica | G | 38 | 10 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Poa spp. | G | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 27 | 5 | 55 | 52 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 43 | 5 | 70 | 65 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 32 |
| Rock fragments | B | 31 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 42 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 11 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAPL2
Number of stands = 26
ctsumtab

## Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

***Betula glandulosa-Salix* spp. / *Carex aquatilis* scrub**

**BEGL-SAPL2/CAAQ**

(Plate 8—upper photo)

### Description

Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub consists of open to occasionally closed stands of mixed *Betula glandulosa* and *Salix planifolia* 2 to 6 feet (0.6 to 1.8 m) in height. In many stands, either *B. glandulosa* or *S. planifolia* is rare to absent. Other occasional to frequent low willows and shrubs include *Potentilla fruticosa*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Ledum* spp., and *Chamaedaphne calyculata*. Scattered dwarf shrubs, including *S. reticulata*, *S. fuscescens*, *Empetrum nigrum* and *Arctostaphylos rubra*, are common in most stands. Low shrub canopy cover ranges from 40 to occasionally 90 percent. In many stands, particularly along the edges with adjacent types, *Picea glauca* and, to a lesser degree, *P. mariana* are common, often forming a stunted woodland overstory.

Below the shrub layer, *Carex aquatilis* and other tall, bright green *Carex* spp. and *Calamagrostis canadensis* dominate the aspect of this type. *C. canadensis* is usually as tall as, and intermixed with, the shrub layer while the *Carex* spp. are generally somewhat shorter. *Eriophorum angustifolium* and *E. brachyantherum* are common to well-represented in some stands. Except for *Equisetum* spp. and *Potentilla palustris*, other herbs are generally of relatively minor importance. Mosses are abundant in most stands and slowly flowing and standing water covers a large portion of the ground surface, particularly early in the growing season.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands and river corridor; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 3,000 feet (579 to 915 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to moderately sloping, weakly developed drainage networks and margins of depressions on broadly concave lacustrine terraces; frequently in depressions and old channels on stream terraces

*Principal soils:* Ewan, Mendna, and Pergelic Cryohemists

*Depth to permafrost:* usually greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm); occasionally from 16 to 60 inches (41 to 152 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* ponded in spring and early summer; 0 to 6 inches (0 to 15 cm) in summer and fall

### Successional Status

Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub appears to be late seral or potential vegetation in areas with slow moving or aerated water. This type usually occurs adjacent to, or intermixed with, Sedge wet meadow and Spruce/water sedge woodland, with which it shares many vegetative characteristics and site properties.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine broad-leaved deciduous scrub-shrub, semi-permanently flooded, mineral and organic (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

# Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

***Betula glandulosa-Salix* spp. / *Carex aquatilis* scrub**

**BEGL-SAPL2/CAAQ**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 88 | 17 | 1 | 55 | 39 |
| Chamaedaphne calyculata | S3 | 20 | 11 | 1 | 45 | 15 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | S4 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Salix fuscescens | S4 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 24 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 13 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 96 | 24 | 1 | 65 | 48 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 52 | 7 | 1 | 30 | 19 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 16 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Equisetum fluviatile | F | 16 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 40 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 12 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 28 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 28 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 56 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 23 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 36 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Rumex arcticus | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Stellaria spp. | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Viola spp. | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 16 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 40 | 10 | 1 | 40 | 20 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 76 | 54 | 10 | 90 | 64 |
| Carex spp. | G | 40 | 23 | 1 | 55 | 30 |
| Eriophorum spp. | G | 24 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 37 | 1 | 75 | 61 |
| Lichen layer | L | 64 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Bare soil | B | 28 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 1 | 70 | 42 |
| Surface water | B | 88 | 22 | 1 | 95 | 44 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 48 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 25

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## Low willow/herb scrub

***Salix* spp. / herb scrub**

**SALIX/herb**

(Figures 3, 4, and 9; Plates 2—lower photo and 3—upper photo)

### Description

Low willow/herb scrub consists of moderately open to closed willow 2 to 7 feet (0.6 to 2.1 m) in height with a moderately closed to closed herb layer. Low shrub canopy cover ranges from 40 to 95 percent. Dominant shrubs include *Salix planifolia*, *S. barclayi*, and often *S. monticola*. *S. alaxensis* forms an open tall shrub layer in some stands. Other low shrubs are relatively unimportant except for *Potentilla fruticosa* and *Vaccinium uliginosum*. In most stands, the herb layer is composed of a rich variety of species. Herb and dwarf shrub canopy cover is typically greater than 80 percent. Occasionally the herb layer is only sparse to open. Important herbs include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Equisetum* spp., *Mertensia paniculata*, *Polemonium acutiflorum*, *Swertia perennis*, and often *Carex aquatilis*. *Rubus arcticus* and *Salix reticulata* are common dwarf shrubs in many stands. The ground surface is covered with feathermoss patches and herbaceous and woody litter.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor throughout the survey area; primarily the Middle Fork, Main Stem north of Canyon Rapids, and the upper reaches of the North and South Branches; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,900 feet (594 to 884 m)

*Landforms:* level to occasionally moderately sloping flood plains and low stream terraces; terrace height usually less than about 4 feet (less than about 1.2 m)

*Principal soils:* Dackey, cool; Tangoe; Swedna, high elevation; Swedna; and Ogtna

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; mostly 10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm)

*Flooding frequency:* frequent to occasional

### Successional Status

Low willow/herb scrub occurs from above treeline down into the forest zone, and successional status varies from potential to early seral vegetation depending on the site. Within the forest zone, most stands have uncommon to common *Picea glauca* and often *Populus balsamifera* seedlings, saplings, and small trees. With forest development, terrace height usually increases from channel migration and down-cutting. Flooding frequency decreases and the soils become better drained. Along the Middle Fork immediately below Dickey Lake, Low willow/herb scrub is potential vegetation or possibly seral to Low shrub birch scrub, which replaces the willow on stream terraces as terrace height increases and periodic flooding ceases.

In many places, Low willow/herb scrub occurs in close proximity with, and is transitional to, Low willow/water sedge scrub. Flooding is less frequent and of shorter duration in Low willow/herb scrub compared with Low willow/water sedge scrub. Also, surface ponding is less prevalent in Low willow/herb scrub.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* mostly Palustrine scrub-shrub, seasonally flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); riparian

## Low willow/herb scrub
### *Salix* spp. / herb scrub
**SALIX/herb**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 50 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Betula glandulosa | S3 | 26 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 86 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 24 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 29 | 11 | 3 | 35 | 17 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 33 | 10 | 1 | 40 | 18 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 100 | 75 | 40 | 95 | 87 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 50 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 21 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 17 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 26 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 31 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 13 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 19 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 60 | 5 | 1 | 45 | 18 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 50 | 11 | 1 | 75 | 23 |
| Galium boreale | F | 36 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 33 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 24 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 55 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 24 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 67 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Polygonum viviparum | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 79 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 16 |
| Sanguisorba stipulata | F | 26 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 10 |
| Swertia perennis | F | 52 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 26 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Viola spp. | F | 31 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 45 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 79 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 25 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 36 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| Carex spp. | G | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Poa spp. | G | 29 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Moss layer | M | 98 | 30 | 1 | 85 | 54 |
| Lichen layer | L | 71 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| Bare soil | B | 60 | 7 | 1 | 70 | 21 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 32 | 1 | 85 | 56 |
| Rock fragments | B | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Surface water | B | 14 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 42
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## Low willow/herb2 scrub

***Salix* spp. / herb2 scrub**

**SALIX/herb2**

(Figure 7; Plate 4)

### Description

Low willow/herb2 scrub consists of open to moderately closed willow, usually 3 to 5 feet (0.9 to 1.5 m) in height over a moderately closed to closed layer of herbs. Low shrub canopy cover ranges from 25 to 65 percent, and the shrubs tend to be irregularly distributed in thickets and patches. *Salix alaxensis* is the most important shrub, although *S. barclayi* and *S. planifolia* are common in many stands. Shrubs other than willows are rare to absent. The herb layer is composed of a rich variety of grasses and large forbs. Herb canopy cover is usually 90 percent or more. The most important herbs include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Agropyron trachycaulum*, *Mertensia paniculata*, *Equisetum* spp., *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Poa* spp., and *Artemisia tilesii*. Litter is abundant on the ground surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* restricted to the lower Middle Fork; minor extent

*Elevation:* 2,450 to 2,500 feet (747 to 762 m)

*Landforms:* exteriors of point bars on nearly level flood plains; terrace height from 3 to 12 feet (0.9 to 3.7 m); abrupt, steep drop of the river bank to the channel, in most places

*Principal soils:* Sankluna

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 48 to 60 inches (123 to 152 cm) or more

*Flooding frequency:* occasional; frequent adjacent to the channel

### Successional Status

The successional status of Low willow/herb2 scrub, relative to the adjacent White spruce/willow open forest on higher flood plains, is uncertain. In the forest understory, the dominant willows include *Salix planifolia* and *S. Barclayi,* while *S. alaxensis* is rare to absent—opposite to that occurring in the willow scrub vegetation. The forested soils also have permafrost within about 30 inches (76 cm) of the surface. On those point bars observed during field work, the transition between the low willow scrub and white spruce forest usually occurred over a distance of less than 10 feet (less than 3 m) and, except for an increase in *S. barclayi* in some stands, intermediate seral stages (and soil conditions) were not observed.

Along the edge with the river channel, Low willow/herb2 scrub is often transitional to Sedge-grass riparian meadow. The point bars rise rapidly from the channel edge so that the permanently wetted zone suitable for the riparian meadow type is usually very narrow.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* riparian

## Low willow/herb2 scrub

### *Salix* spp. / herb2 scrub

**SALIX/herb2**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T3 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Salix alaxensis | S3 | 100 | 38 | 25 | 60 | 62 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 80 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 23 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| Delphinium glaucum | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 100 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 23 |
| Epilobium palustre | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum fluviatile | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 100 | 12 | 3 | 20 | 34 |
| Galium boreale | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 40 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 100 | 16 | 4 | 40 | 40 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 60 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| Rorippa hispida | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 60 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Rumex arcticus | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Sanguisorba stipulata | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Stellaria spp. | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Thalictrum sparsiflorum | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Veronica spp. | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Agropyron spp. | G | 80 | 11 | 1 | 20 | 30 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 20 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 12 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 80 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| Alopecurus aequalis | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 60 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 80 | 39 | 15 | 60 | 56 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Carex spp. | G | 80 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 80 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 22 |
| Juncus spp. | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Melica spp. | G | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Poa spp. | G | 80 | 15 | 3 | 50 | 34 |
| Trisetum spicatum | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Moss layer | M | 60 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 50 | 5 | 85 | 71 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 5
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## Low willow/water sedge scrub

***Salix* spp. / *Carex aquatilis* scrub**

**SALIX/CAAQ**

(Figure 2; Plates 2—upper photo and 3—lower photo)

### Description

Low willow/water sedge scrub consists of occasionally open to closed willow 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) in height, with a moderately open to closed layer of water sedge in the understory. Ponded water is common to well-represented on the ground surface.

Shrub canopy cover typically ranges from 50 to 90 percent, although it is frequently less in stands transitional to the sedge-grass riparian meadow cover type. Dominant willows include *Salix planifolia* and *S. barclayi*. Other shrubs are relatively unimportant except for *Potential fruticosa*, which is common in most stands. Canopy cover of the herbaceous layer is variable but usually ranges from 50 to over 75 percent. *Carex aquatilis* is the dominant herb; other herbs are usually of minor importance. Frequently occurring species include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Potential palustris*, and *Salix reticulata* and *Rubus arcticus* on slightly elevated microsites. Aquatic mosses are usually abundant in low microsites.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor; primarily the upper Middle Fork, occasional on the lower Middle Fork and Main Stem north of Canyon Rapids; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,900 feet (716 to 884 m)

*Landforms:* level to occasionally moderately sloping flood plains; terrace height generally less than about 5 feet (less than about 1.5 m)

*Principal soils:* Swedna, high elevation; Hisna; and Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 20 inches (0 to 51 cm); extensive ponding during much of the growing season

*Flooding frequency:* frequent to occasional

### Successional Status

Low willow/water sedge scrub is generally too wet for tree growth. Where it occurs, this cover type is presumably potential vegetation.

Towards the wet extreme of the type, Low willow/water sedge is transitional to Sedge-grass riparian meadow. Willow canopy cover drops to as little as 25 percent and the distinction between the scrub and meadow types becomes arbitrary.

In many places, site conditions favorable to Low willow/water sedge scrub appear to be maintained by beaver activity. Elsewhere, conditions are maintained by proximity to the river channel. A change in beaver activity or down-cutting or migration of the channel improves drainage and could cause a succession of the vegetation toward Low willow/herb scrub.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine scrub-shrub, semi-permanently flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); riparian

## Low willow/water sedge scrub

***Salix* spp. / *Carex aquatilis* scrub**

**SALIX/CAAQ**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 27 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | SS | 13 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 12 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | SS | 13 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Betula glandulosa | SS | 20 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | SS | 93 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | SS | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Salix reticulata | SS | 60 | 20 | 3 | 60 | 34 |
| Salix spp. | SS | 100 | 66 | 25 | 90 | 81 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | SS | 60 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 20 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 47 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 80 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Rumex arcticus | F | 33 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 12 |
| Sedum rosea ssp. integrifolium | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Swertia perennis | F | 53 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Viola spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 40 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 67 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 87 | 35 | 7 | 80 | 55 |
| Carex spp. | G | 33 | 15 | 1 | 60 | 23 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 13 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Juncus spp. | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Poa spp. | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 44 | 10 | 90 | 66 |
| Lichen layer | L | 93 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Bare soil | B | 53 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 32 | 1 | 70 | 57 |
| Rock fragments | B | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Surface water | B | 80 | 10 | 1 | 35 | 28 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 47 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 15

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## Quaking aspen forest
***Populus tremuloides* forest**
**POTR5**

### Description

Quaking aspen forest consists of moderately open to closed stands of *Populus tremuloides* and common *Picea glauca* and/or *P. mariana*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 50 to 80 percent. *Populus tremuloides* trees are often relatively short and poorly formed with open, sparsely limbed crowns. On steep escarpments, the lower bole is frequently crooked or bowed from soil creep.

The understory varies considerably but in most stands is dominated by scattered shrubs and sparse herbs. Frequently occurring shrubs include *Shepherdia canadensis*, *Rosa acicularis*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, and *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*. Many stands have common tall and medium *Salix* spp. Herbs are generally sparse; frequently occurring species include *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Geocaulon lividum*, *Linnaea borealis*, and *Festuca altaica*. Woody debris and other litter and small, scattered patches of moss and lichen cover the ground surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* scattered locations on the Main Stem and West Fork; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,500 feet (579 to 762 m)
*Landforms:* moderately sloping to very steep escarpments and hill slopes; outwash and strandline deposits
*Principal soils:* Chistna and Cryochrepts (The surface organic mat is usually less than one inch [less than 2.5 cm]. Coarse soil texture, steep slopes, and/or convex slope shape result in dry growing conditions.)
*Depth to permafrost:* greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

### Successional Status

Where present, quaking aspen appears to be a mid to late seral stage. On escarpments and other very steep slopes, this type is usually on upper, convex positions and may be the potential for these sites. Elsewhere, continued succession may lead to either a *Picea glauca* or *P. mariana* dominated stand or mixed stands of *Picea* spp. and *Populus tremuloides*. Recurring wildfires probably destroy the stands before succession can advance to a later spruce stage.

### Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

# Quaking aspen forest
## *Populus tremuloides* forest
**POTR5**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Picea mariana | T1 | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| Populus tremuloides | T1 | 100 | 55 | 45 | 65 | 74 |
| Populus tremuloides | T3 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | S4 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 100 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 28 |
| Salix glauca | S2 | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Salix planifolia | S3 | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 50 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 50 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Lupinus arcticus | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Lycopodium spp. | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Carex spp. | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Elymus spp. | G | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Festuca altaica | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Poa spp. | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 33 | 5 | 60 | 57 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |

Number of stands = 2

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## Quaking aspen-white spruce forest
***Populus tremuloides-Picea glauca* forest**
**POTR5-PIGL**

### Description

Quaking aspen-white spruce forest consists of moderately open to closed stands of mixed *Populus tremuloides* and *Picea glauca*. In many stands, *Picea glauca* is primarily a subdominant tree in the lower canopy layer. *Picea mariana* is the dominant spruce in occasional stands. Tree canopy cover ranges from 40 to 80 percent.

The understory of Quaking aspen-white spruce forest varies considerably but in most stands is dominated by scattered shrubs and sparse herbs. Frequently occurring shrubs include *Shepherdia canadensis*, *Rosa acicularis*, *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, and *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*. Many stands have common tall *Salix bebbiana* and *S. glauca*.

Herb cover is generally sparse; commonly occurring species include *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Geocaulon lividum*, *Linnaea borealis*, and *Festuca altaica*. Woody debris and other litter and small, scattered patches of moss and lichen cover the ground surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* scattered locations on the Main Stem and West Fork; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,500 feet (579 to 762 m)
*Landforms:* moderately sloping to very steep escarpments and hill slopes; outwash and strandline deposits
*Principal soils:* Chistna, Pippod, Cryochrepts, and Cryorthents (The thickness of the surface organic mat is usually 2 inches [5 cm] or less. Coarse soil texture, steep slopes, and/or convex slope shape result in dry growing conditions.)
*Depth to permafrost:* greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

### Successional Status

Where present, Quaking aspen-white spruce forest is a persistent, mid to late seral stage. On escarpments and other very steep slopes, this type is usually on upper, convex positions. The presence of both *Populus tremuloides* and *Picea glauca* regeneration suggests that mixed stands are probably the potential. On outwash and strandline deposits, the potential is uncertain. Recurring wildfires probably destroy stands before succession can advance to a later spruce stage.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

# Quaking aspen-white spruce forest

***Populus tremuloides-Picea glauca* forest**

**POTR5-PIGL**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 100 | 24 | 1 | 35 | 49 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Populus tremuloides | T1 | 100 | 35 | 15 | 70 | 59 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 56 | 11 | 1 | 15 | 25 |
| Picea spp. | T2 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 56 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| Picea spp. | T3 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Populus tremuloides | T3 | 67 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | S4 | 67 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 26 |
| Betula glandulosa | S3 | 22 | 17 | 4 | 30 | 19 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 78 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 22 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 67 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Ribes triste | S3 | 11 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 17 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 89 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| Salix bebbiana | S2 | 33 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Salix glauca | S2 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 33 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 89 | 13 | 1 | 60 | 34 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 56 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 89 | 15 | 5 | 20 | 37 |
| Viburnum edule | S3 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 33 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 33 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 100 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 24 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 56 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| Lupinus arcticus | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Lycopodium spp. | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Calamagrostis purpurascens | G | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Festuca altaica | G | 56 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Poa spp. | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 22 | 1 | 40 | 47 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 12 | 1 | 45 | 35 |
| Bare soil | B | 89 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 58 | 35 | 80 | 76 |
| Rock fragments | B | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 12 | 2 | 20 | 35 |

Number of stands = 9

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## Sedge wet meadow

**_Carex_ spp. wet meadow**

**CAREX**

(Figures 10, 11, and 13; Plate 10—upper photo)

### Description

Sedge wet meadow consists of a mosaic of subarctic lowland sedge wet meadows, sedge bog meadows, and sedge-moss bog meadows (*Viereck et al. 1992*). Sedge wet meadow is in depressions and adjacent to ponds and lakes. Zonal patterns are evident in many meadows with bog meadows occupying the wetter, central portions and wet meadows occurring along the higher, less wet outer areas. Upper margins and other drier microsites often support bluejoint meadow (*Viereck et al. 1992*).

Wet meadow areas typically consist of relatively dense stands of tall, coarse sedges and often cottongrass. Common sedges include *Carex aquatilis, C. rostrata, C. saxatilis, and C. membranacea. Eriophorum angustifolium* is the most common cottongrass. Low growing, slender sedges and cottongrass growing out of a wet peat substrate typically dominate bog meadows. Common species include *Carex aurea, C. leptalea, C. dioica, Trichophorum alpinum,* and *T. cespitosum. Sphagnum* and other mosses are common to abundant in bog meadows. Bluejoint meadows consists of a dense sward of *Calamagrostis canadensis* and occasional herbs.

Except for *Potentilla palustris* and occasionally *Menyanthes trifoliata*, broad-leaved forbs generally are uncommon in Sedge wet meadow. Shrubs are rare to absent in most stands and are generally restricted to mounds and other elevated microsites. Various low willows, primarily *Salix planifolia* and *Betula glandulosa,* are common to well-represented along the edges of Sedge wet meadow where the type is transitional to adjacent forest and scrub communities.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands and on stream terraces; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 3,000 feet (579 to 914 m)

*Landforms:* depressions and nearly level drainages on stream terraces, lacustrine terraces, and till plains; margins and near-shore areas of lakes and ponds

*Principal soils:* Hufman, Cryofibrists, and Pergelic Cryohemists (The thickness of the surface organic mat usually ranges from 18 to 60 inches [46 to 152 cm] or more.)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* almost always less than 6 inches (less than 15 cm) below the surface; most areas have ponding up to 6 inches (15 cm) deep especially early in the growing season

*Occurrence of permafrost:* none

### Successional Status

Sedge wet meadow is probably a stable plant community on most sites. In sloughs and abandoned channels on flood plains, siltation may enable gradual succession toward Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub and similar plant communities.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine persistent emergent, permanently flooded to saturated, organic (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); riparian

# Sedge wet meadow
## *Carex* spp. wet meadow
### CAREX

**Species Summary Table**

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Betula glandulosa | SS | 47 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| Chamaedaphne calyculata | SS | 17 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Ledum spp. | SS | 20 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Salix fuscescens | SS | 17 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 9 |
| Salix spp. | SS | 50 | 7 | 1 | 65 | 18 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | SS | 23 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 20 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Menyanthes trifoliata | F | 23 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 13 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 17 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 27 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 67 | 7 | 1 | 40 | 22 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 17 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 30 | 18 | 1 | 50 | 23 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 73 | 59 | 15 | 95 | 66 |
| Carex spp. | G | 53 | 20 | 1 | 95 | 33 |
| Eriophorum spp. | G | 20 | 18 | 1 | 80 | 19 |
| Moss layer | M | 93 | 37 | 1 | 100 | 59 |
| Lichen layer | L | 23 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Bare soil | B | 23 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 10 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 97 | 20 | 1 | 75 | 44 |
| Surface water | B | 90 | 31 | 1 | 95 | 53 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 30 | 7 | 1 | 50 | 14 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 30
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## Sedge-grass riparian meadow

***Carex aquatilis-Calamagrostis canadensis* riparian meadow**

**riparian**

(Figures 2, 4, 7, and 9; Plates 2—upper photo, 3—lower photo, and 6—lower photo)

### Description

Sedge-grass riparian meadow consists of closed, dense stands of mixed sedge, grass, and other herbs growing primarily along the river banks and low flood plains. Composition varies from stands of *Carex aquatilis,* to mixed stands, to stands predominantly of *Calamagrostis canadensis* and/or *Arctagrostis latifolia.* Other common sedges tentatively identified include *Carex rostrata* and *C. rhynchosphysa.* Low willows (*Salix barclayi, S. monticola, S. planifolia*) are common to well-represented in many stands, particularly along the edge with adjacent willow scrub cover types. *Potentilla palustris, Equisetum* spp., and other forbs are common in most stands.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* throughout the survey area; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,870 feet (594 to 875 m)

*Landforms:* level flood plains immediately adjacent to the channel, depressions on flood plains, and the lower edge of steep stream banks; terrace height ranges from 0 to 2 feet (0 to .6 m)

*Principal soils:* Swedna, very poorly drained, and Aquatna

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 0 to 10 inches (0 to 25 cm) (Edges of stands adjacent to the channel may be ponded much of the growing season; elsewhere ponding is common during periods of high run off.)

*Flooding frequency:* frequent

### Successional Status

Sedge-grass riparian meadow is restricted to continuously saturated margins of river channels. Sedge-grass riparian meadow is similar to Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub, which is present in shallow, low gradient drainages on stream terraces and lacustrine terraces. Both types appear to be restricted to sites associated with flowing water.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine persistent emergent, semi-permanently flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); riparian

# Sedge-grass riparian meadow

## *Carex aquatilis-Calamagrostis canadensis* riparian meadow

**riparian**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alnus tenuifolia | SS | 22 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | SS | 33 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Salix alaxensis | SS | 33 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 17 |
| Salix spp. | SS | 78 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Cardamine pratensis var. angustifolia | F | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Chrysosplenium tetrandrum | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 33 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Epilobium palustre | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Equisetum fluviatile | F | 33 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Equisetum palustre | F | 22 | 40 | 30 | 50 | 30 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 22 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Erigeron acris | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Galium boreale | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Galium trifidum | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Geum macrophyllum | F | 22 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 56 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Platanthera hyperborea | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 22 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 56 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Rorippa hispida | F | 22 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rumex arcticus | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Sanguisorba stipulata | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Agropyron spp. | G | 11 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 44 | 24 | 10 | 55 | 32 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 56 | 27 | 1 | 70 | 39 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 67 | 47 | 10 | 80 | 56 |
| Carex spp. | G | 78 | 16 | 1 | 50 | 35 |
| Eriophorum spp. | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 33 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Juncus spp. | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Poa spp. | G | 44 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Moss layer | M | 78 | 18 | 1 | 35 | 38 |
| Lichen layer | L | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Bare soil | B | 78 | 30 | 2 | 90 | 48 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 1 | 50 | 42 |
| Surface water | B | 89 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 32 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 9
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## Sparsely vegetated alluvium

(Plates 3—upper photo and 5—lower photo)

### Description

Sparsely vegetated alluvium consists of sparse stands of pioneering species on areas of recently deposited or exposed alluvium. Vegetative cover in these stands is generally low, ranging from less than 20 percent to 45 percent, or occasionally more. A wide variety of plant species in various combinations are in these stands. Common species on areas of Sparsely vegetated alluvium are listed in the Species Summary List.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* throughout the survey area; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,875 feet (579 to 876 m)
*Landforms:* low flood plains immediately adjacent to the channel; terrace height is usually less than 2 feet (less than 0.6 m)
*Flooding frequency:* frequent

### Successional Status

Sparsely vegetated alluvium is a pioneering stage of flood plain succession in both the willow and alder zones. All species in the Sparsely vegetated alluvium type appear to share several key adaptive traits—the ability to rapidly invade disturbed sites and exposed alluvium, and the ability to tolerate annual flooding and repeated siltation. Many of these pioneering species are dominants in later stages of vegetative progression. Examples include *Salix alaxensis*, *Alnus tenuifolia*, *Populus balsamifera*, and *Picea glauca*. Others are apparently intolerant of competition and soon become rare or absent as vegetation development progresses. Examples include *Epilobium latifolium*, *Achillea millefolium*, *Fragaria virginiana*, and *Erigeron* spp.

### Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine vegetated unconsolidated shore, Palustrine persistent emergent, Palustrine broad-leaved deciduous scrub-shrub (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); water regime ranges from temporarily to intermittently flooded; soils are mineral; usually riparian

## Sparsely vegetated alluvium

### Species Summary List

Tree seedlings/shrubs
---
Alnus tenuifolia
Picea glauca
Populus balsamifera
Rosa acicularis
Salix alaxensis
Salix barclayi
Salix planifolia

Grasses
---
Agropyron trachycaulum
Agrostis scabra
Calamagrostis inexpansa
Hierochloe alpina
Poa spp.
Trisetum spicatum

Forbs
---
Achillea millefolium
Artemisia tilesii
Astragalus spp.
Astragalus sibiricus
Castilleja spp.
Erigeron spp.
Epilobium angustifolium
Epilobium latifolium
Fragaria virginiana
Galium boreale
Hedysarum alpinum
Taraxacum officinale

## Sparsely vegetated escarpments

### Description

Sparsely vegetated escarpments consists of sparse, discontinuous stands of small trees and tree regeneration, shrubs, and herbs on steep and very steep escarpments. Mass wasting and accelerated erosion is evident in most stands. The vegetation cover includes recently established plants as well as clumps of vegetation on soil materials that have broken off and moved down from higher up on the slope. In places where the slope has stabilized, fairly dense vegetation cover often develops.

Frequently occurring woody species include *Populus balsamifera* and *P. tremuloides*, *Shepherdia canadensis*, *Alnus crispa*, *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., and various *Salix* spp. Frequent herbs include *Achillea millefolium*, *Agropyron trachycaulum*, *Agrostis scabra*, *Aster sibiricus*, *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Epilobium angustifolium* and *E. latifolium*, *Equisetum* spp., *Hedysarum alpinum*, and other pioneering species occurring on flood plains and uplands.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widespread, particularly along the mid and lower Main Stem and mid West Fork; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,700 feet (579 to 823 m)
*Landforms:* steep and very steep, unstable escarpments
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryorthods

### Successional Status

Sparsely vegetated escarpments is early seral, pioneering cover restricted to areas of mass wasting and erosion on escarpments. Continued vegetation succession appears dependent on a lessening of the slope gradient and increased stability to allow the development of continuous vegetative cover.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

## Sparsely vegetated outwash

(Plate 12—upper photo)

### Description

Sparsely vegetated outwash consists of patches of mosses and lichen and scattered dwarf shrub and herbs on gravelly and cobbly outwash deposits. Moss and lichen cover is generally less than 50 percent and vascular plant cover is less than 20 percent. Frequently occurring species identified on areas of Sparsely vegetated outwash include *Arctostaphylos alpina*, *Artemisia arctica*, *Betula glandulosa*, *Empetrum nigrum*, *Festuca altaica*, *Hierochloe alpina*, *Ledum decumbens*, *Pedicularis labradorica*, and *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* uplands in the vicinity of Dickey Lake; minor extent

*Elevation:* 2,800 to 3,000 feet (854 to 915 m)

*Landforms:* pitted glacial outwash plains and hills; usually convex positions on slope shoulders and crests

*Principal soils:* Pippod, high elevation

### Successional Status

Although Sparsely vegetated outwash is best described as pioneering vegetation on fresh outwash deposits, this type is likely the potential under existing site conditions and soil development.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

## Spruce/alder woodland

***Picea* spp. / *Alnus* spp. woodland**

**PICEA/ALNUS**

### Description

Spruce/alder woodland consists of woodland, open, and occasionally moderately open, stands of *Picea glauca*, *P. mariana*, and mixed *P. glauca* and *P. mariana*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 20 to 45 percent. Tree size within most stands is variable, ranging from medium to tall, 20 to 55 feet (6.1 to 16.8 m) in height.

The understory is characterized by a sparse to moderately closed tall shrub layer dominated by *Alnus crispa* (occasionally *A. tenuifolia*). *Salix glauca* is a common to well-represented tall shrub in many stands. Tall shrubs range from 10 to 65 percent canopy cover and 7 to 15 feet (2.1 to 4.6 m) in height. Medium and low shrubs form an open to occasionally closed secondary shrub layer 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m) in height. Important medium and low shrubs include *Betula glandulosa*, *Salix planifolia*, *Ledum* spp., and *Vaccinium uliginosum*. Dwarf shrubs, primarily *V. vitis-idaea* and *Empetrum nigrum*, are common in many stands.

Except for *Equisetum* spp., which is abundant in many stands, herbs are generally only a minor component in Spruce/alder woodland. Patches of moss and leaf litter cover the ground surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed in scattered locations on uplands and escarpments; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,950 to 2,600 feet (594 to 792 m)

*Landforms:* moderately steep to very steep hill slopes and escarpments, occasionally on strongly sloping lacustrine terraces; usually in drainages and areas of ground water seepage

*Principal soils:* Cryorthents, Cryaquepts, Klasi, and Mendna (The thickness of the surface organic mat is typically 5 to 16 inches [12.7 to 41 cm].)

*Depth to permafrost:* usually greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm), occasionally as shallow as 24 inches (61 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from within the organic mat to more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm) below mineral surface

### Successional Status

Spruce/alder woodland appears to be restricted to cool and moist sites such as north aspects and ephemeral drainages and seepage areas on escarpments and steep slopes. This cover type is probably stable on these sites.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland and Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen forested, intermittently flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); occasionally riparian

# Spruce/alder woodland

## *Picea* spp. / *Alnus* spp. woodland

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**PICEA/ALNUS**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 33 | 18 | 5 | 30 | 24 |
| Picea mariana | T1 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Picea spp. | T1 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 18 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 33 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 20 |
| Picea mariana | T2 | 33 | 35 | 25 | 45 | 34 |
| Betula papyrifera | T3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Alnus crispa | S2 | 67 | 25 | 10 | 50 | 41 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 33 | 18 | 10 | 25 | 24 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 67 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 83 | 14 | 5 | 30 | 35 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 67 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 25 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 100 | 18 | 10 | 30 | 43 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 67 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Salix glauca | SM | 50 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 23 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 50 | 15 | 4 | 30 | 27 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Spiraea beauverdiana | S3 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 100 | 13 | 7 | 20 | 37 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 100 | 8 | 4 | 15 | 28 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum scirpoides | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 67 | 25 | 1 | 55 | 40 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 67 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| Polygonum bistorta | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 33 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Tofieldia coccinea | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Calamagrostis purpurascens | G | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| Carex lugens | G | 17 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Carex spp. | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 53 | 35 | 85 | 72 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 11 | 1 | 20 | 32 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 14 | 1 | 50 | 38 |
| Rock fragments | B | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Surface water | B | 33 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |

Salix spp. includes: SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 6
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## Spruce/lichen woodland

***Picea* spp. / lichen woodland**

**PICEA/lichen**

(Figure 8; Plate 1—upper photo)

### Description

Spruce/lichen woodland consists of woodland to moderately open stands of *Picea glauca* and *P. mariana*. Where both species occur, the tallest trees are typically *P. glauca,* while *P. mariana* is mixed with the *P. glauca* in lower tree layers. In some stands, *P. mariana* is dominant in all tree layers. Tree canopy cover ranges from 15 to 60 percent. In most stands, tree size varies from regeneration to medium height. The tallest trees in a stand are generally 15 to 45 feet (4.5 to 13.8 m) in height and 4 to 6.5 inches (10 to 16.5 cm) in diameter at ground level. Tree basal area in 5 sample stands ranged from 44 to 85 feet$^2$/acre (10.1 to 19.5 m$^2$/ha).

Although medium, low, and dwarf shrubs form a nearly continuous, open to closed shrub layer, the overall aspect of the understory is dominated by a patchy to nearly continuous cover of mixed fruticose lichens and mosses on the ground surface. Common lichen generally include *Cladina*, *Cladonia*, and *Stereocaulon*. Common mosses include *Tomentypnum*, *Ptilium*, and *Polytrichum*. Lichen cover ranges from 30 to 65 percent and moss cover from 5 to 40 percent.

Shrub cover ranges from 35 to 65 percent and from 1 to 8 feet (0.3 to 2.4 m) in height. Important medium and low shrubs are *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Salix planifolia*, and *Empetrum nigrum*. Herbs are sparse to common in most stands of Spruce/lichen woodland.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor and uplands throughout the survey area; moderately extensive

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,800 feet (579 to 853 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to occasionally steep stream terraces, lacustrine terraces, outwash plains, alluvial fans, and hill slopes

*Principal soils:* Chistna, Chelina, Maclaren, and Clarena (This type occurs mostly on coarse textured, well drained to excessively well drained soils with an organic mat of less than 4 inches [less than 10 cm].)

*Depth to permafrost:* almost always greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* almost always greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

### Successional Status

Spruce/lichen woodland is best described as mid to late seral. This type develops from Low shrub birch/lichen scrub on coarse textured soils following severe wildfires. Spruce/lichen woodland is probably potential vegetation on sites with a short fire return interval. Elsewhere, and on finer textured soils, continued succession may lead to Spruce/shrub birch woodland or Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest.

Spruce/lichen woodland is similar in structure and composition to Spruce/shrub birch woodland. Lichen cover is lower and moss cover higher in Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

## Spruce/shrub birch woodland

***Picea* spp. / *Betula glandulosa* woodland**

**PICEA/BEGL**

(Figures 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 15; Plates 2—lower photo, 4—upper photo, 7—upper photo, and 11—upper photo)

### Description

Spruce/shrub birch woodland consists of woodland to occasionally moderately open stands of spruce. Overstory composition varies from *Picea glauca* to mixed *P. glauca* and *P. mariana*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 10 to 55 percent. Trees are typically 15 to 35 feet (4.6 to 10.7 m) in height and 4 to 6.5 inches (10 to 16.5 cm) in diameter at ground level. Trees and small stands to 60 feet (18.3 m) in height occasionally occur. Basal area of trees varies considerably between stands, ranging from 23 to 130 $feet^2$/acre (5.3 to 29.8 $m^2$/ha) in 18 sample stands. Snags and charred boles and downfall are well-represented in burned stands.

The understory is dominated by abundant to very abundant medium, low, and dwarf shrubs. There are usually two relatively distinct shrub layers. The upper layer is approximately 4.5 to 6 feet ( 1.4 to 1.8 m) in height. The overall dominant medium shrub is *Betula glandulosa*; however, *Salix planifolia* is common in most stands. *S. glauca* and other tall willows are common to well-represented in many stands. The lower shrub layer is composed of a number of low and dwarf ericaceous shrub 0.5 to 3.5 feet (0.2 to 1.1 m) in height. Common to abundant species include *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Empetrum nigrum*, and *Arctostaphylos rubra*. Total shrub canopy cover ranges from around 45 to 90 percent or more.

Herbs generally are of minor importance in Spruce/shrub birch woodland. Commonly occurring species include *Petasites frigidus*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Equisetum* spp., *Rubus chamaemorus*, and *Carex lugens*. Mosses and lichens on the ground surface range from sparse, scattered patches to nearly continuous, luxuriant cover, depending on fire history and stand age.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor and uplands; one of the most extensive and widely distributed cover types in the survey area

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 3,000 feet (564 to 914 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level stream terraces; nearly level to strongly sloping lacustrine terraces; and moderately steep to steep hill slopes, escarpments, and alluvial fans

*Principal soils:* all mineral soils on stream terraces and uplands in the survey area; organic mat thickness ranges from 0 to 10 inches (0 to 25 cm)

*Depth to permafrost:* primarily greater than 40 inches (greater than 102 cm); occasionally from 0 to 40 inches (0 to 102 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* primarily greater than 40 inches (greater than 102 cm) below the mineral surface; frequently from within the organic mat to 40 inches (102 cm)

### Successional Status

Spruce/shrub birch woodland is best described as mid to late seral. This type develops on a wide variety of sites following fire, either from Low shrub birch scrub or Low shrub birch/lichen scrub. On sandy and gravelly soils on stream terraces, outwash plains, and strandline deposits, and other sites with a short fire return interval, Spruce/shrub birch woodland is probably the potential. Elsewhere, continued succession may lead to Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest and possibly Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* almost always upland; occasionally Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen scrub-shrub and forested (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

## Spruce/shrub birch woodland

***Picea* spp. / *Betula glandulosa* woodland**

**PICEA/BEGL**

(Figures 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 15; Plates 2—lower photo, 4—upper photo, 7—upper photo, and 11—upper photo)

### Description

Spruce/shrub birch woodland consists of woodland to occasionally moderately open stands of spruce. Overstory composition varies from *Picea glauca* to mixed *P. glauca* and *P. mariana*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 10 to 55 percent. Trees are typically 15 to 35 feet (4.6 to 10.7 m) in height and 4 to 6.5 inches (10 to 16.5 cm) in diameter at ground level. Trees and small stands to 60 feet (18.3 m) in height occasionally occur. Basal area of trees varies considerably between stands, ranging from 23 to 130 $feet^2$/acre (5.3 to 29.8 $m^2$/ha) in 18 sample stands. Snags and charred boles and downfall are well-represented in burned stands.

The understory is dominated by abundant to very abundant medium, low, and dwarf shrubs. There are usually two relatively distinct shrub layers. The upper layer is approximately 4.5 to 6 feet ( 1.4 to 1.8 m) in height. The overall dominant medium shrub is *Betula glandulosa*; however, *Salix planifolia* is common in most stands. *S. glauca* and other tall willows are common to well-represented in many stands. The lower shrub layer is composed of a number of low and dwarf ericaceous shrub 0.5 to 3.5 feet (0.2 to 1.1 m) in height. Common to abundant species include *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Empetrum nigrum*, and *Arctostaphylos rubra*. Total shrub canopy cover ranges from around 45 to 90 percent or more.

Herbs generally are of minor importance in Spruce/shrub birch woodland. Commonly occurring species include *Petasites frigidus*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Equisetum* spp., *Rubus chamaemorus*, and *Carex lugens*. Mosses and lichens on the ground surface range from sparse, scattered patches to nearly continuous, luxuriant cover, depending on fire history and stand age.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor and uplands; one of the most extensive and widely distributed cover types in the survey area

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 3,000 feet (564 to 914 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level stream terraces; nearly level to strongly sloping lacustrine terraces; and moderately steep to steep hill slopes, escarpments, and alluvial fans

*Principal soils:* all mineral soils on stream terraces and uplands in the survey area; organic mat thickness ranges from 0 to 10 inches (0 to 25 cm)

*Depth to permafrost:* primarily greater than 40 inches (greater than 102 cm); occasionally from 0 to 40 inches (0 to 102 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* primarily greater than 40 inches (greater than 102 cm) below the mineral surface; frequently from within the organic mat to 40 inches (102 cm)

### Successional Status

Spruce/shrub birch woodland is best described as mid to late seral. This type develops on a wide variety of sites following fire, either from Low shrub birch scrub or Low shrub birch/lichen scrub. On sandy and gravelly soils on stream terraces, outwash plains, and strandline deposits, and other sites with a short fire return interval, Spruce/shrub birch woodland is probably the potential. Elsewhere, continued succession may lead to Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest and possibly Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* almost always upland; occasionally Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen scrub-shrub and forested (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

# Spruce/shrub birch woodland

## *Picea* spp. / *Betula glandulosa* woodland

**PICEA/BEGL**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 12 | 22 | 5 | 50 | 16 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 43 | 17 | 10 | 45 | 27 |
| Picea mariana | T2 | 26 | 22 | 7 | 45 | 24 |
| Picea spp. | T2 | 15 | 23 | 10 | 40 | 19 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 23 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 14 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 39 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 14 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 88 | 26 | 1 | 70 | 47 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 84 | 6 | 1 | 35 | 21 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 99 | 23 | 1 | 60 | 48 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 8 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| Salix glauca | SM | 43 | 10 | 1 | 65 | 20 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 33 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 79 | 8 | 1 | 40 | 25 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 97 | 19 | 4 | 45 | 42 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 97 | 8 | 1 | 40 | 28 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 24 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 55 | 11 | 1 | 70 | 25 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 73 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 32 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 16 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 73 | 3 | 1 | 35 | 15 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 18 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 7 |
| Carex lugens | G | 30 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Carex spp. | G | 34 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 11 |
| Eriophorum brachyantherum | G | 13 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Eriophorum spp. | G | 13 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 52 | 5 | 95 | 72 |
| Lichen layer | L | 99 | 16 | 1 | 60 | 40 |
| Bare soil | B | 39 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 98 | 13 | 1 | 50 | 36 |
| Surface water | B | 23 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 68 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 16 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 168
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## Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest

***Picea* spp. / *Carex lugens* open forest**

**PICEA/CALU2**

(Figures 10 and 11; Plate 8—upper photo)

### Description

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest consists of open to moderately open stands of spruce, with occasional woodland and moderately closed stands. Overstory composition varies from *Picea mariana* to mixed *P. mariana* and *P. glauca*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 10 to 55 percent. Trees are typically 15 to 35 feet (4.6 to 10.7 m) in height and 4.0 to 6.5 inches (10.0 to 16.5 cm) in diameter at ground level. Trees and small stands to 60 feet (18 m) in height occasionally occur. Basal area of trees varies considerably between stands, ranging from 30 to 125 feet$^2$/acre (6.9 to 28.7 m$^2$/ha) in 13 sample stands.

Compared to Spruce/shrub birch woodland and Spruce/lichen woodland, herbs are abundant to very abundant in the ground layer of Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest. *Carex lugens* typically ranges from 15 to occasionally over 70 percent canopy cover. Other important herbs include *Petasites frigidus*, *Equisetum* spp., *Rubus chamaemorus*, *Eriophorum brachyantherum*, and *Arctagrostis latifolia*. Mosses and lichens are well-represented to more commonly abundant on the soil surface.

Like other spruce cover types, medium, low, and dwarf shrubs are also important in Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest. Total shrub canopy cover ranges from around 30 to 70 percent or more. *Betula glandulosa* approximately 4.5 to 6 feet (0.4 to 1.8 m) in height and *Ledum* spp. and *Vaccinium uliginosum* 2 to 3.5 feet (0.6 to 1.1 m) in height are the most important shrubs. In most stands, *Salix planifolia* also is a common medium shrub. *S. glauca* and other tall willows are common to well-represented in many stands. Common low shrubs include *V. vitis-idaea*, *Empetrum nigrum*, *Arctostaphylos rubra*, and *S. myrtillifolia*.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor and uplands throughout the survey area; extensive

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 3,000 feet (564 to 914 m)

*Landforms:* mostly nearly level to strongly sloping lacustrine terraces and stream terraces; also moderately steep hill slopes

*Principal soils:* Klasi, Mendna, Cryaquepts, Kuslinad, and Chelina (Organic mat thickness mostly ranges from 2 to 15 inches [5 to 38 cm].)

*Depth to permafrost:* variable; ranges from the mineral surface to greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; generally either less than 6 inches (less than 15 cm) or greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

### Successional Status

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest represents late seral to potential vegetation on sites where it occurs. Sites that have remained undisturbed by wildfire for a long period generally have shallow permafrost and a perched water table. This type develops from Low shrub birch scrub and Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* varies from upland to Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen scrub-shrub and forested (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

# Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest

## *Picea* spp. / *Carex lugens* open forest

**PICEA/CALU2**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea mariana | T2 | 43 | 21 | 10 | 50 | 30 |
| Picea spp. | T2 | 22 | 22 | 10 | 45 | 22 |
| Picea mariana | TX | 20 | 30 | 20 | 40 | 25 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 40 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 18 |
| Picea spp. | T3 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 76 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 90 | 16 | 1 | 60 | 38 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 87 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 100 | 22 | 3 | 55 | 47 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | S4 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| Salix bebbiana | S2 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Salix glauca | S2 | 47 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 20 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 57 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 83 | 7 | 1 | 35 | 25 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 100 | 15 | 5 | 35 | 39 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 96 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 25 |
| Equisetum scirpoides | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 37 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| Pedicularis labradorica | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 96 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 48 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 15 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 73 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Carex lugens | G | 100 | 40 | 7 | 80 | 63 |
| Eriophorum brachyantherum | G | 45 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 58 | 5 | 90 | 76 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 20 | 2 | 55 | 45 |
| Bare soil | B | 35 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 1 | 50 | 42 |
| Surface water | B | 49 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 93 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 17 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2, SARI4

Number of stands = 83

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## Spruce/water sedge woodland

***Picea* spp. / *Carex aquatilis* woodland**

**PICEA/CAAQ**

### Description

Spruce/water sedge woodland consists of woodland to occasionally open stands of *Picea mariana* and *P. glauca* 9 to 20 feet (2.7 to 6.1 m) in height. Tree canopy ranges from around 10 to 30 percent. Tree basal area is generally low. In a representative stand, total basal area was 17 feet$^2$/acre (3.9 m$^2$/ha).

The woodland understory consists of an open to occasionally moderately closed layer of low shrubs 2 to 5 feet (0.6 to 1.5 m) in height. Important low shrubs include *Salix planifolia*, *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., and *Vaccinium uliginosum*. Shrub canopy cover ranges from 20 to 70 percent. Slightly below to intermixed with the shrub layer is an open to moderately closed layer of *Carex aquatilis* and other medium, bright green *Carex* spp. Other important herbs in many stands include *Eriophorum angustifolium* and *E. brachyantherum*, *Equisetum* spp. *Petasites frigidus*, and *Potentilla palustris*. Other herbs are generally of relatively minor importance. Mosses are abundant in most stands, and slowly flowing and standing water covers a large portion of the ground surface, particularly early in the growing season.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed throughout the uplands and river corridor; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 3,000 feet (579 to 915 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to moderately sloping, weakly developed drainage networks and margins of depressions on broadly concave lacustrine terraces; frequently in depressions and old channels on stream terraces

*Principal soils:* Ewan, Klasi, and Kuslinad

*Depth to permafrost:* variable; ranges from occasionally less than 20 to greater than 60 inches (less than 51 to greater than 152 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* ponded in spring and early summer; generally between 0 and 30 inches (0 to 76 cm) the remainder of the summer and fall; perched on permafrost

### Successional Status

The successional status of Spruce/water sedge woodland is uncertain. This type occurs on margins and elevated microsites in areas with slow moving or aerated water (areas usually occupied by Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub) and is likely late seral or potential vegetation. Compared with the Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub, Spruce/water sedge woodland occurs on soils with generally thinner organic mats.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine broad-leaved deciduous and needle-leafed evergreen scrub-shrub, seasonally flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

## Spruce/water sedge woodland
### *Picea* spp. / *Carex aquatilis* woodland
**PICEA/CAAQ**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea mariana | T1 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Picea mariana | T2 | 25 | 18 | 10 | 25 | 21 |
| Picea spp. | T2 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 30 | 25 |
| Picea glauca | TX | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Picea mariana | TX | 25 | 20 | 15 | 25 | 22 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 38 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 15 |
| Andromeda polifolia | S4 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 50 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| Betula glandulosa | S3 | 100 | 17 | 3 | 40 | 41 |
| Chamaedaphne calyculata | S4 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 75 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 88 | 11 | 1 | 25 | 31 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | S4 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 50 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Salix arbusculoides | SM | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 38 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 13 |
| Salix planifolia | S3 | 88 | 15 | 1 | 40 | 37 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 100 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 26 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 75 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 15 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Caltha spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Chrysosplenium tetrandrum | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Epilobium palustre | F | 13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Equisetum scirpoides | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 63 | 10 | 1 | 41 | 24 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 88 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Polygonum spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 25 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 13 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 75 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Rumex arcticus | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Stellaria spp. | F | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 63 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 100 | 44 | 15 | 60 | 67 |
| Carex saxatilis | G | 13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Carex spp. | G | 50 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 20 |
| Eriophorum angustifolium | G | 25 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 18 |
| Eriophorum brachyantherum | G | 38 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 17 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 39 | 5 | 55 | 63 |
| Lichen layer | L | 75 | 15 | 1 | 45 | 33 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 13 | 1 | 35 | 36 |
| Surface water | B | 75 | 25 | 1 | 50 | 44 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 63 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 |

Number of stands = 8
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## Spruce/willow woodland

***Picea* spp. / *Salix* spp. woodland**

**PICEA/SAPL2**

### Description

Spruce/willow woodland consists of woodland to occasionally moderately open stands of spruce. *Picea glauca* is the dominant tree in most stands, although mixed stands of *P. glauca* and *P. mariana* are also common. Tree canopy cover ranges from 15 to 45 percent. Trees are typically 15 to 35 feet (4.6 to 10.7 m) in height; trees and small stands to 55 feet (16.8 m) in height occasionally occur. Trees in mature stands are typically 4.0 to 7.5 inches (10.0 to 19.1 cm) in diameter at ground level.

The understory is dominated by a medium to low layer of *Salix planifolia*, *S. barclayi*, and often *S. monticola* 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m) in height. *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Empetrum nigrum*, and *S. reticulata* also are important low and dwarf shrubs in many stands. Total shrub canopy cover ranges from around 45 to 90 percent or more.

In general, herbs are of minor importance in Spruce/willow woodland. Commonly occurring species include *Petasites frigidus*, *Equisetum* spp., *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Carex lugens*. Mosses are usually abundant on the ground surface, and ponded water is occasional in low microsites.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* primarily the lower Middle Fork and upper Main Stem, occasional elsewhere; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,800 feet (564 to 853 m)

*Landforms:* nearly level to strongly sloping hill slopes and lacustrine terraces; occasionally on stream terraces

*Principal soils:* various (Organic mat thickness ranges from 0 to 10 inches [0 to 25 cm].)

*Depth to permafrost:* primarily greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm); occasionally from 10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from 0 to 60 inches (0 to 152 cm) or more

### Successional Status

The successional status of Spruce/willow woodland is uncertain. It appears to be a later seral on toeslopes, depressions, and other moist sites that have been undisturbed by wildfire for an extended period of time.

Spruce/willow woodland is similar to White spruce/willow open forest. Spruce/willow woodland generally does not occur on high flood plains and stream terraces. Spruce/willow woodland also is less productive. *P. glauca* in Spruce/willow woodland are usually less than 35 feet (less than 10.7 m) in height, while in mature stands of White spruce/willow open forest *P. glauca* are frequently 55 feet or greater (16.8 m or greater) in height.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* most stands are probably Palustrine needle-leafed evergreen forested and scrub-shrub (*Cowardin et al. 1979*)

## Spruce/willow woodland

### *Picea* spp. / *Salix* spp. woodland

**PICEA/SAPL2**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 30 | 24 | 7 | 30 | 27 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 50 | 18 | 10 | 35 | 30 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 30 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 85 | 12 | 1 | 25 | 31 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 80 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 95 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| Oxycoccus microcarpos | S4 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 50 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 35 | 11 | 3 | 35 | 20 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 100 | 46 | 25 | 80 | 68 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 20 | 10 | 3 | 25 | 14 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 100 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 30 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 90 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 30 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 85 | 21 | 1 | 92 | 42 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 15 | 13 | 2 | 30 | 14 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 70 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 16 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 30 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 20 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Swertia perennis | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 70 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 35 | 9 | 1 | 30 | 18 |
| Carex spp. | G | 65 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 48 | 10 | 90 | 69 |
| Lichen layer | L | 80 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| Bare soil | B | 60 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Surface water | B | 45 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 30 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 20

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## Tall feltleaf willow scrub

***Salix alaxensis* scrub**

**SAAL**

(Figure 5; Plates 3—upper photo and 5—lower photo)

### Description

Tall feltleaf willow scrub consists of open to moderately closed willow 7 to 15 feet (2.1 to 4.6 m) in height. Lower layers include a sparse to moderately closed low willow layer and an open to moderately closed herb layer.

The tall willow is composed entirely of *Salix alaxensis*—canopy cover ranges from 25 to 70 percent. The low shrub layer ranges from 10 to 70 percent canopy cover and is composed primarily of *S. barclayi* and *S. planifolia*. *Potentilla fruticosa* and *Vaccinium uliginosum* are present in most stands, but other shrubs are generally of minor importance. The composition and abundance of the herb layer is variable, depending on stand location relative to the river channel and the frequency and duration of flooding. Herb cover ranges from 30 to 60 percent in most stands. Important herbs include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Equisetum* spp., *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Hedysarum alpinum*, *Parnassia palustris*, and *Rubus arcticus*. Leaf litter, woody debris, and small patches of moss cover most of the soil surface. *Picea glauca* and *Populus balsamifera* seedlings are occasional to common in many stands.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor throughout the survey area; minor extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,900 feet (579 to 884 m)

*Landforms:* level flood plains; frequently immediately adjacent to the river channel; terrace height is usually less than 4 feet (less than 1.2 m)

*Principal soils:* Tangoe and Dackey

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from 10 to 60 inches (25 to 152 cm)

*Flooding frequency:* frequent to occasional

### Successional Status

*Salix alaxensis* is a rapidly growing pioneering species on flood plains, and well adapted to frequent flooding and siltation. This species also appears to be relatively short lived and intolerant of canopy competition.

Tall feltleaf willow scrub is an early seral stage of flood plain succession in both the alder and willow zones. Within the willow zone, this cover type typically occurs as stands of small extent on gravelly and silty bars immediately adjacent to the channel. Within the alder zone, Tall feltleaf willow scrub along with Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub occur spatially and successionally between Sparsely vegetated alluvium and the Thinleaf alder scrub cover types.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine scrub-shrub, seasonally flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al. 1979*); riparian

# Tall feltleaf willow scrub
## *Salix alaxensis* scrub
**SAAL**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 22 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 56 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 100 | 41 | 20 | 70 | 64 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 89 | 40 | 10 | 70 | 60 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 56 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 78 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Astragalus americanus | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Astragalus bodinii | F | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 22 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 67 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Epilobium latifolium | F | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Equisetum hyemale | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 89 | 20 | 1 | 60 | 42 |
| Erigeron acris | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Galium boreale | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 78 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 67 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 33 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 78 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Sanguisorba stipulata | F | 33 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Swertia perennis | F | 22 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 12 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Viola spp. | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 33 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 78 | 14 | 2 | 40 | 33 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Carex spp. | G | 44 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Festuca spp. | G | 22 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 22 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Poa spp. | G | 33 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 21 | 1 | 50 | 46 |
| Lichen layer | L | 56 | 10 | 1 | 40 | 23 |
| Bare soil | B | 67 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 26 | 1 | 80 | 51 |
| Rock fragments | B | 33 | 20 | 1 | 60 | 26 |
| Surface water | B | 22 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 44 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAPL2
Number of stands = 9
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## Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub

***Salix alaxensis / Alnus tenuifolia* scrub**

**SAAL2**

(Figure 6)

### Description

Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub consists of sparse to moderately closed willow 3 to 10 feet (0.9 to 3.0 m) in height. Lower layers include a sparse to open layer of low willows and alder and an open to moderately closed herb layer.

The tall willow layer is composed primarily of *Salix alaxensis*; canopy cover is highly variable, ranging from less than 15 percent in some stands to as much as 90 percent in others. The low shrub layer ranges from 10 to 30 percent canopy cover and is composed of small *Alnus tenuifolia* and a variety of willows, primarily *S. barclayi*, *S. planifolia*, and *S. monticola*. Most stands also have common *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* seedlings. Other shrubs are generally of minor importance. The composition and abundance of the herb layer is variable, depending in part on the canopy closure of the shrub layers. Herb cover ranges from 30 to 65 percent in most stands. Important herbs include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Agropyron trachycaulum*, *Hedysarum alpinum*, *Aster sibiricus*, *Artemisia tilesii*, and *Astragalus* spp. Bare soil dominates the ground surface with only occasional small patches of moss and scattered leaf litter.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor within the alder zone; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)
*Landforms:* level point bars on flood plains; terrace height ranges from 1 to 5 feet (0.3 to 1.5 m)
*Principal soils:* Dackey and Kluna, frequently flooded
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from 24 to 50 inches (61 to 127 cm)
*Flooding frequency:* frequent

### Successional Status

Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub appears in most places to have developed from Sparsely vegetated alluvium. *Alnus tenuifolia* apparently invades or establishes in the stand somewhat later than *Salix alaxensis*. Over time the taller, but slower growing and longer lived, alder will overtop and replace the willow in abundance. This type is an early seral stage of flood plain succession in the alder zone only. Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub occurs spatially and successionally between Sparsely vegetated alluvium and the thinleaf alder scrub types.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* Palustrine scrub-shrub, seasonally flooded, mineral (*Cowardin et al.* 1979); riparian

# Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub

***Salix alaxensis / Alnus tenuifolia* scrub**

**SAAL2**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T3 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 57 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 26 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S3 | 100 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 26 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 100 | 47 | 10 | 90 | 69 |
| Salix arbusculoides | S2 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Salix bebbiana | S2 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 86 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 26 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 71 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 100 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 20 |
| Astragalus bodinii | F | 29 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 13 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 57 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 19 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 57 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| Epilobium latifolium | F | 29 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Epilobium palustre | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum fluviatile | F | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Equisetum palustre | F | 43 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 43 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Erigeron acris | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 86 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 86 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Platanthera hyperborea | F | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 14 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 43 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Viola spp. | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 71 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 57 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 43 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 24 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 57 | 13 | 3 | 40 | 27 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Carex lugens | G | 14 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Carex spp. | G | 14 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 |
| Festuca spp. | G | 29 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 29 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Juncus spp. | G | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Poa spp. | G | 71 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Trisetum spicatum | G | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Moss layer | M | 86 | 10 | 1 | 20 | 30 |
| Lichen layer | L | 14 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 64 | 30 | 80 | 80 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 25 | 5 | 55 | 50 |
| Rock fragments | B | 43 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Surface water | B | 14 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 7

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## Tall green alder scrub

***Alnus crispa* scrub**

**ALNUS**

(Figure 15)

### Description

Tall green alder scrub consists of scattered tall and medium *Picea glauca* (occasionally *P. mariana*) protruding through an open to moderately closed tall shrub layer dominated by *Alnus crispa* (occasionally *A. tenuifolia*). *Salix glauca* also is a common to well-represented tall shrub in many stands. The tall shrub layer ranges from 25 to 70 percent canopy cover and 7 to 12 feet (2.1 to 3.7 m) in height. Trees are usually less than 10 percent canopy cover and range in height from less than 20 to 40 feet (less than 6.1 to 12.2 m).

Medium and low shrubs form an open to closed secondary shrub layer 3 to 6 feet (0.9 to 1.8 m) in height. Important medium and low shrubs include *Betula glandulosa*, *Salix planifolia*, *Ledum* spp., and *Vaccinium uliginosum*. Dwarf shrubs, primarily *V. vitis-idaea*, also are common in many stands.

Except for *Equisetum* spp., which is abundant in many stands, herbs are generally only a minor component in Tall green alder scrub. Mosses, litter, and woody debris cover much of the ground surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* scattered locations at middle and higher elevations in the uplands; minor extent

*Elevation:* 2,200 to 3,400 feet (671 to 1,036 m)

*Landforms:* moderately steep to very steep hill slopes; usually in the transition zone between lower elevation lacustrine terraces and till plains and higher bedrock controlled mountains (Rock outcrops are common in many areas occupied by this cover type.)

*Principal soils:* Nickolna and Cobblank; organic mat thickness typically about 5 inches (12.7 cm) or less

*Depth to permafrost:* typically more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm)

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* typically more than 60 inches (more than 152 cm) below mineral surface

### Successional Status

Tall alder scrub is restricted to a relatively narrow zone on hill and mountain slopes, sites that probably are subject to some degree of downslope movement and mass wasting. This type occurs in complex with Spruce/shrub birch woodland and Low shrub birch scrub. This complex of cover types appears to be the potential on these sites.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

# Tall green alder scrub
## *Alnus crispa* scrub
**ALNUS**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 100 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| Alnus crispa | S2 | 100 | 33 | 15 | 70 | 57 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 100 | 36 | 5 | 70 | 60 |
| Cassiope tetragona | S4 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 100 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 19 |
| Juniperus communis ssp. nana | S4 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 100 | 20 | 10 | 35 | 45 |
| Ribes spp. | S3 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Salix glauca | SM | 50 | 19 | 7 | 30 | 30 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 100 | 12 | 2 | 20 | 34 |
| Spiraea beauverdiana | S3 | 50 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 100 | 20 | 15 | 30 | 45 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 100 | 8 | 5 | 15 | 28 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Boschniakia rossica | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Claytonia sarmentosa | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 50 | 12 | 3 | 20 | 24 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 50 | 14 | 2 | 25 | 26 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Lycopodium spp. | F | 50 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Polygonum bistorta | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Stellaria spp. | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Carex lugens | G | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Carex spp. | G | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Juncus spp. | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 61 | 25 | 90 | 78 |
| Lichen layer | L | 75 | 9 | 1 | 15 | 25 |
| Bare soil | B | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 14 | 1 | 45 | 37 |
| Rock fragments | B | 75 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 14 |
| Surface water | B | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 22 |

Salix spp. includes: SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 4
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## Tall thinleaf alder scrub

***Alnus tenuifolia* scrub**

**ALTE2**

(Figure 6; Plate 5—lower photo)

### Description

Tall thinleaf alder scrub consists of occasionally open to closed alder 10 to 20 feet (3.0 to 6.1 m) in height. Lower layers include an open to moderately open low shrub layer in most stands and a moderately open to closed herb layer.

Canopy cover of the tall alder layer typically ranges from 55 to 90 percent, although more open stands are frequently encountered. This layer is dominated by *Alnus tenuifolia*, and *Salix alaxensis* is common in many stands. Canopy cover of the low shrub layer generally ranges from 20 to 50 percent. Important species include *Salix barclayi*, *S. monticola*, and *Rosa acicularis*. *Potentilla fruticosa* is common in some stands. *Calamagrostis canadensis* and *Arctagrostis latifolia*, which dominate the herb layer, are generally about as tall as and intermixed with the low shrub layer. Other important tall herbs include *Epilobium latifolium* and *Artemisia tilesii*. *Equisetum* spp. are abundant medium herbs in most stands. Herb canopy cover generally ranges from around 40 to more than 90 percent. Seedlings of *Picea glauca* and *Populus balsamifera* are common to well-represented in the herb layer in most stands. The ground surface is covered with leaf litter and grass mulch.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor within the alder zone; moderate extent
*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)
*Landforms:* nearly level flood plains; terrace height from 2 to 6 feet (0.6 to 1.8 m)
*Principal soils:* Dackey and Kluna, deep
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from occasionally less than 20 inches to 60 inches (less than 51 to 152 cm)
*Flooding frequency:* occasional

### Successional Status

Tall thinleaf alder scrub is an early seral stage in flood plain succession in the alder zone. Compared with Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub and Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub, in Tall thinleaf alder scrub *Alnus tenuifolia* has over topped the willows and *Salix alaxensis* is showing signs of dying out. Seedlings and saplings of later forest stages are developing in the alder understory. Along the edges with adjacent forest types, small *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* trees are common.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* riparian

# Tall thinleaf alder scrub

***Alnus tenuifolia* scrub**

**ALTE2**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 100 | 67 | 20 | 95 | 82 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 31 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 54 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 77 | 10 | 4 | 15 | 28 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 62 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 62 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 62 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 92 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 92 | 10 | 1 | 40 | 30 |
| Galium boreale | F | 31 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 31 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 12 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 23 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 23 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 23 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 23 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 17 |
| Unknown forb | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 46 | 10 | 2 | 30 | 21 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 46 | 34 | 5 | 70 | 40 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 15 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| Carex lugens | G | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| Poa spp. | G | 38 | 50 | 1 | 85 | 44 |
| Moss layer | M | 92 | 16 | 1 | 70 | 39 |
| Lichen layer | L | 54 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Bare soil | B | 54 | 8 | 1 | 45 | 21 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 55 | 1 | 95 | 74 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 77 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 22 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 13

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## Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub

***Alnus tenuifolia-Salix alaxensis* scrub**

**ALTE2-SAAL**

(Figure 5; Plate 11—upper photo)

### Description

Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub consists of moderately open to closed stands of mixed *Alnus tenuifolia* and *Salix alaxensis* 10 to 20 feet (3.0 to 6.1 m) in height. Lower layers include a sparse to occasionally open low shrub layer and a sparse to moderately open herb layer.

Canopy cover of the *Alnus tenuifolia-Salix alaxensis* layer ranges from 25 to more than 90 percent. Low shrub canopy cover is usually fairly sparse, ranging from around 10 percent to occasionally as much as 25 percent. Important low shrubs include *Salix barclayi, S. monticola, Potentilla fruticosa,* and *Rosa acicularis.* The herb layer is dominated by *Calamagrostis canadensis* and *Arctagrostis latifolia,* which are generally as tall or taller than, and intermixed with, the low shrubs. Other important herbs include *Epilobium angustifolium, Agropyron trachycaulum, Artemisia tilesii, Polemonium acutiflorum, Equisetum* spp., *Aster sibiricus,* and *Hedysarum alpinum.* Seedling and saplings of *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* are common in most stands. Leaf litter and herb mulch cover much of the soil surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor throughout the alder zone; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,400 feet (579 to 732 m)

*Landforms:* level to nearly level flood plains; terrace height from 2 to 7 feet (0.6 to 2.1 m)

*Principal soils:* Dackey and Kluna

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from less than 20 to greater than 60 inches (less than 51 to greater than 152 cm)

*Flooding frequency:* frequent to occasional

### Successional Status

Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub is an early seral stage of flood plain succession in the alder zone. It appears to develop directly from the Tall feltleaf willow and Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub types. In Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub, *Alnus tenuifolia* and *Salix alaxensis* occupy approximately the same shrub canopy level. Over time, the alder will continue to increase in height and the willow will begin to die out, leading to Tall thinleaf alder scrub. Seedlings and saplings of *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* are already present in the Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub stage.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* riparian

# Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub

***Alnus tenuifolia-Salix alaxensis* scrub**

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**ALTE2-SAAL**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| Populus balsamifera | T2 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 41 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 18 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 100 | 44 | 15 | 70 | 66 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 36 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 32 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 100 | 37 | 10 | 75 | 61 |
| Salix arbusculoides | S2 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 11 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 55 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Viburnum edule | S3 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 77 | 9 | 1 | 30 | 26 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 73 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 64 | 11 | 2 | 40 | 27 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 45 | 13 | 1 | 40 | 24 |
| Galium boreale | F | 23 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 59 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 18 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 36 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 32 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 14 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 18 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Sanguisorba stipulata | F | 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Unknown forb | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Viola spp. | F | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Agropyron spp. | G | 23 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 32 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Agrostis scabra | G | 18 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 32 | 14 | 1 | 55 | 21 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 55 | 29 | 1 | 85 | 40 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 23 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Poa spp. | G | 68 | 7 | 1 | 35 | 21 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 26 |
| Lichen layer | L | 73 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Bare soil | B | 73 | 13 | 1 | 85 | 30 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 95 | 44 | 1 | 95 | 64 |
| Rock fragments | B | 18 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 64 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 20 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 22
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## Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub

***Alnus tenuifolia / Salix* spp. scrub**

**ALTE2/SALIX**

### Description

Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub consists of open to closed stands of mixed *Alnus tenuifolia* 8 to 15 feet (2.4 to 4.6 m) in height, and somewhat shorter *Salix* spp., with an open to moderately closed herb layer below.

Canopy cover of the alder/willow layer ranges from 25 to more than 90 percent. Important willows include *Salix barclayi*, *S. planifolia*, and *S. monticola*. In most stands, *Potentilla fruticosa* and *Rosa acicularis* are common low shrubs, and seedlings and saplings of *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* are common. *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and other tall and medium herbs dominate the herb layer. Other important herbs include *Equisetum* spp., *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Artemisia tilesii*, *Aster sibiricus*, *Hedysarum alpinum*, *Poa* spp., and *Rubus arcticus*. In depressions and other wet microsites, *Carex aquatilis* often is well-represented to abundant. Leaf litter and herb mulch cover much of the soil surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* river corridor throughout the alder zone; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,400 feet (579 to 732 m)

*Landforms:* level to nearly level point bars on flood plains; range in terrace height—generally from 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m)

*Principal soils:* Dackey

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* variable; ranges from less than 20 to greater than 60 inches (less than 51 to greater than 152 cm)

*Flooding frequency:* occasional to frequent in many places

### Successional Status

Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub is an early seral stage of flood plain succession in the alder zone. It appears to develop directly from Low willow/herb scrub. Over time, the alder will continue to increase in height and relative canopy cover and the willow will decease in abundance, leading to Tall thinleaf alder scrub. Seedlings and saplings of *Populus balsamifera* and *Picea glauca* are already present in Tall thinleaf alder-willow scrub.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* riparian

# Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub

***Alnus tenuifolia / Salix* spp. scrub**

**ALTE2/SALIX**

## Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T2 | 21 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Populus balsamifera | T2 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 58 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 50 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 100 | 64 | 20 | 90 | 80 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 58 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 46 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 63 | 15 | 5 | 50 | 30 |
| Salix arbusculoides | S2 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Salix bebbiana | S2 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 11 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 100 | 44 | 15 | 85 | 66 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 63 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 50 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 75 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 13 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 88 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 67 | 12 | 2 | 40 | 28 |
| Galium boreale | F | 33 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Gentiana spp. | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 54 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 54 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Potentilla palustris | F | 13 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 67 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 21 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Viola spp. | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Agropyron trachycaulum | G | 25 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 79 | 11 | 1 | 70 | 30 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 50 | 24 | 2 | 70 | 35 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 29 | 19 | 1 | 45 | 24 |
| Carex lugens | G | 21 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 10 |
| Hierochloe odorata | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Poa spp. | G | 29 | 9 | 1 | 45 | 16 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 14 | 1 | 55 | 37 |
| Lichen layer | L | 75 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Bare soil | B | 67 | 7 | 1 | 40 | 22 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 70 | 30 | 95 | 83 |
| Surface water | B | 13 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 96 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 24 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2, SAPL2

Number of stands = 24

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## White spruce forest
***Picea glauca* forest**
**PIGL**

### Description

White spruce forest primarily consists of open to moderately closed stands of *Picea glauca* with occasional *Populus balsamifera*, *P. tremuloides*, and, in a few locations, *Betula papyrifera*. Forest canopy cover ranges from 25 to 65 percent. Trees range in height from 25 to 60 feet (7.6 to 18.3 m) or more. Tree basal area in one sample stand was 160 $feet^2$/acre (36.7 $m^2$/ha).

Understory composition and structure varies considerably in White spruce forest. Most stands have a sparse to open low shrub layer dominated by *Ledum* spp. and *Vaccinium uliginosum*. In other stands, *Rosa acicularis* or *Shepherdia canadensis* are the most important low shrubs. *Salix bebbiana* and other willows form a prominent tall shrub layer in some stands. The ground layer consists of sparse to well-represented dwarfs shrubs and herbs in a nearly continuous cover of feathermoss. Important dwarf shrubs and herbs include *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *Empetrum nigrum*, *Epilobium angustifolium*, *Geocaulon lividum*, and *Linnaea borealis*.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* widely distributed in scattered locations within the lower the river corridor; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,500 feet (579 to 762 m)
*Landforms:* moderately steep to very steep escarpments
*Principal soils:* Cryorthents and Cryochrepts; surface organic mat—usually less than 5 inches (less than 13 cm) thick
*Depth to permafrost:* typically greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)
*Depth to seasonally high water table:* greater than 60 inches (greater than 152 cm)

### Successional Status

White spruce forest is probably late seral vegetation on stable, moist escarpments. This type has greater abundance and cover of shrubs and herbs, but otherwise is similar to White spruce/moss on stream terraces.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

# White spruce forest
## *Picea glauca* forest
**PIGL**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Betula papyrifera | T1 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Picea glauca | T1 | 80 | 40 | 15 | 65 | 57 |
| Picea spp. | T1 | 20 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 30 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 60 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Populus tremuloides | T1 | 20 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 40 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Picea mariana | T3 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Picea spp. | T3 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Alnus crispa | S2 | 20 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 60 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 16 |
| Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | S4 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 80 | 10 | 2 | 25 | 28 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 60 | 13 | 3 | 20 | 28 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 40 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 17 |
| Ribes triste | S3 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| Salix arbusculoides | SM | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Salix bebbiana | S2 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 |
| Salix glauca | S2 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 80 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 19 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 60 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 22 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 100 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 80 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 25 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 100 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 32 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 40 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Astragalus bodinii | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Boschniakia rossica | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Corallorrhiza trifida | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 80 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| Equisetum scirpoides | F | 20 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 60 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 60 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 60 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 23 |
| Lupinus arcticus | F | 20 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Moneses uniflora | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 20 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Carex spp. | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 74 | 55 | 90 | 86 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 27 |
| Bare soil | B | 60 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 3 | 24 | 32 |
| Rock fragments | B | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 60 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 18 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAPL2
Number of stands = 5
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## White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest

***Picea glauca* / ericaceous shrub open forest**

**PIGL/erica**

### Description

White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest consists of a woodland to open tall tree layer of mostly decadent *Picea glauca* and a lower woodland to open tree layer of younger, slower growing *P. glauca*. *P. mariana* codominates the lower tree layer in some stands. Trees range from 40 to 70 feet (12.2 to 21.3 m) in height in the upper layer and from 20 to 35 feet (6.1 to 10.7 m) in height in the secondary layer. Total tree canopy cover ranges from 20 to 55 percent in most stands, and up to 70 percent on occasion. Tree basal area in 15 sample stands ranged from 62 to 200 feet$^2$/acre (14.2 to 45.9 m$^2$/ha).

The aspect of the understory is dominated by an open to moderately closed layer of low ericaceous shrubs. *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Ledum* spp., *Empetrum nigrum*, and *Arctostaphylos rubra* are all common to abundant. In many stands, *Rosa acicularis*, *Betula glandulosa*, and *Salix* spp. also are important. Low shrub canopy cover generally ranges from 30 to 65 percent. Height of the low shrub layer is typically between 2 and 4 feet (0.6 and 1.2 m).

The ground layer is dominated by mosses and lichen characteristic of boreal spruce forests. Herbs are generally only common to occasionally abundant. Important herbs include *Equisetum* spp., *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Petasites frigidus*. Herbaceous litter and mulch is common, and in places woody litter consisting of medium and large diameter boles of fallen trees is abundant.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* primarily along the Main Stem south of Canyon Rapids and the West Fork, occasional elsewhere within the river corridor; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,600 feet (579 to 792 m)

*Landforms:* level to occasionally moderately sloping stream terraces; terrace height—generally from 4 to 15 feet (1.2 to 4.6 m)

*Principal soils:* Hogan; occasionally Maclaren and other soils on stream terraces

*Occurrence of permafrost:* present in most stands from 10 to 60 inches (25 to 152 cm) below the mineral surface; occasionally absent

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* water table usually absent; occasionally a thin layer of saturated soil occurs at the permafrost contact

*Flooding frequency:* none to rare

### Successional Status

White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest represents a transitional stage between White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest (and occasionally White spruce/willow open forest)—the late seral stage of flood plain succession, and Spruce/shrub birch woodland—the major cover type on adjacent stream terraces. In White spruce/ericaceous open forest, the productive *Picea glauca* overstory is dying out and being replaced by a less productive stand of mixed *P. glauca* and *P. mariana*. Flood plain understory species are decreased in abundance while ericaceous shrub, mosses, and other upland species are increased. Changes in the vegetation are likely the effects of the development of permafrost within the soil profile.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

# White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest

## *Picea glauca* / ericaceous shrub open forest

**PIGL/erica**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 97 | 28 | 10 | 65 | 52 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 35 | 19 | 3 | 40 | 26 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 56 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Populus balsamifera | T3 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 59 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 38 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 15 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 100 | 11 | 1 | 35 | 34 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 88 | 20 | 1 | 45 | 42 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 59 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 62 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 32 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 13 |
| Salix arbusculoides | S2 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Salix glauca | S2 | 44 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 18 |
| Salix myrtillifolia | S4 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Salix reticulata | S4 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 82 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 97 | 23 | 2 | 55 | 48 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 100 | 14 | 1 | 45 | 37 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Equisetum scirpoides | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 79 | 7 | 1 | 45 | 23 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 32 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 41 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 62 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 21 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 24 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 71 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 47 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Carex lugens | G | 21 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Carex spp. | G | 21 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 66 | 20 | 85 | 81 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 10 | 1 | 40 | 31 |
| Bare soil | B | 32 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 15 | 1 | 55 | 38 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 91 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 24 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 34
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## White spruce/moss forest
***Picea glauca* / moss forest**

### Description

White spruce/moss forest consists of moderately open to moderately closed *Picea glauca,* with an understory dominated by a nearly continuous carpet of feathermoss. Forest canopy cover ranges from 40 to 65 percent. The predominant kinds of feathermoss are *Hylocomium splendens, Pleurozium schreberi,* and *Tomentypnum nitens.* Understory shrubs and herbs generally are sparse. Common species often include *Rosa acicularis, Vaccinium vitis-idaea, Shepherdia canadensis, Linnaea borealis,* and *Geocaulon lividum.*

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* Main Stem below the canyon and lower West Fork; minor extent
*Elevation:* 1,900 to 2,200 feet (579 to 671 m)
*Landforms:* nearly level high flood plains and low stream terraces
*Soils:* not described
*Flooding frequency:* rare to none

### Successional Status

White spruce/moss forest represents a late seral stage of succession on flood plains. This type apparently only develops under a dense *Picea glauca* canopy, and where flooding is rare.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* upland

## White spruce/moss forest
### *Picea glauca* / moss forest

**Species Summary for a Representative Stand**

| Trees | Cover |
|---|---|
| Picea glauca | 60 |
| Populus balsamifera | tr |
| Populus tremuloides | tr |
| **Tree seedlings/shrubs** | |
| Alnus spp. | tr |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | 2 |
| Arctostaphylos uva-ursi | tr |
| Empetrum nigrum | 2 |
| Ledum groenlandicum | tr |
| Picea glauca | 3 |
| Populus balsamifera | tr |
| Ribes spp. | tr |
| Rosa acicularis | 2 |
| Salix spp. | 7 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | 5 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | 3 |
| Viburnum edule | 2 |
| **Herbs** | |
| Calamagrostis spp. | tr |
| Cornus canadensis | tr |
| Equisetum spp. | 2 |
| Equisetum scirpoides | 1 |
| Geocaulon lividum | 7 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | 3 |
| Linnaea borealis | 9 |
| Lupinus arcticus | 4 |
| Mertensia paniculata | tr |
| Pyrola spp. | 1 |
| **Ground layer** | |
| feathermoss | 80 |
| lichen | 8 |
| litter | 18 |

## White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

***Picea glauca / Alnus tenuifolia* open forest**

**PIGL/ALTE2**

(Figure 6; Plate 11—upper photo)

### Description

White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest consists of open to occasionally moderately closed stands of *Picea glauca*. Many stands also have scattered *Populus balsamifera*. Tree canopy cover ranges from 25 to 70 percent. Occasional woodland stands (10 to 25 percent tree canopy cover) also occur. In the most productive stands, mature white spruce trees are typically 60 to 75 feet (18 to 23 m) in height and 10 to 15 inches (25 to 38 cm) in diameter at breast height. Occasional trees over 80 feet (24 m) in height and 17.5 inches (45 cm) in diameter occur in some stands. Tree basal area ranges from around 132 to 303 feet$^2$/acre (30.3 to 69.5 m$^2$/ha) in 6 sample stands.

A sparse to occasionally moderately closed layer of *Alnus tenuifolia* (*Alnus crispa* in some places) 12 to 20 feet (3.7 to 6.1 m) in height characterizes the forest understory. Alder canopy cover ranges from 15 to 70 percent. Most stands have a low and dwarf shrub layer below the alder layer. Important species in this layer include *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Rosa acicularis*, *Salix* spp., *Ledum* spp., and *Empetrum nigrum*.

The herb layer in White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest generally is sparse to moderately open. Important herbs in most stands include *Equisetum* spp., *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Petasites frigidus*. The ground surface typically has an open to moderately closed layer of feathermoss. Herbaceous and woody litter cover most of the remainder of the ground surface.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* Main Stem south of Canyon Rapids, lower North and South Branches, and the West Fork; to Sourdough; moderate extent

*Elevation:* 1,850 to 2,400 feet (564 to 732 m)

*Landforms:* level to occasionally moderately sloping high flood plains and low stream terraces; terrace height—generally from 4 to 10 feet (1.2 to 3.0 m)

*Principal soils:* Hogan; Klute, moderately wet; and Kluna, deep

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* 24 to 60 inches (61 to 152 cm) or more

*Flooding frequency:* occasional to rare

*Occurrence of permafrost:* absent in most stands; occasionally from 15 to 60 inches (38 to 152 cm) below the mineral surface

### Successional Status

White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest is the end point of succession on flood plains. On stream terraces and other sites where permafrost is beginning to form in the soil, this type represents a preliminary stand condition leading to White spruce/ericaceous shrub woodland. With permafrost development, existing *Picea glauca* begin to die out and are replaced by slower growing *P. glauca* and *P. mariana*. *Alnus tenuifolia* and other species characteristic of flood plains succession begin to be replaced by ericaceous shrubs, feathermoss, and other species characteristic of upland spruce woodland.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* riparian

# White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
## *Picea glauca / Alnus tenuifolia* open forest
**PIGL/ALTE2**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 95 | 38 | 10 | 75 | 60 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 23 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 36 | 17 | 1 | 35 | 25 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Alnus crispa | S2 | 18 | 19 | 10 | 25 | 18 |
| Alnus tenuifolia | S2 | 86 | 35 | 1 | 70 | 55 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Betula glandulosa | S3 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 77 | 10 | 1 | 65 | 28 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 59 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 23 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Ribes triste | S3 | 18 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 100 | 11 | 1 | 30 | 33 |
| Salix arbusculoides | SM | 14 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Salix bebbiana | S2 | 14 | 13 | 3 | 30 | 13 |
| Salix glauca | S2 | 23 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 11 |
| Salix spp. | S3 | 59 | 8 | 1 | 35 | 22 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 68 | 11 | 1 | 50 | 27 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 86 | 9 | 2 | 45 | 28 |
| Viburnum edule | S3 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 12 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Aster sibiricus | F | 23 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 45 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 100 | 20 | 1 | 60 | 45 |
| Galium boreale | F | 14 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Geocaulon lividum | F | 23 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 45 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 13 |
| Linnaea borealis | F | 41 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 27 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 50 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 55 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 68 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 18 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 41 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Carex lugens | G | 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Carex spp. | G | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 60 | 10 | 95 | 78 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| Bare soil | B | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 26 | 5 | 85 | 51 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 95 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 29 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 22
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## White spruce/willow open forest

***Picea glauca / Salix* spp. open forest**

**PIGL/SALIX**

(Figures 4, 7, 8, and 9; Plate 4—upper photo)

### Description

White spruce/willow open forest consists primarily of open to moderately open stands of *Picea glauca*. In a few locations, stands of mixed *Picea glauca* and *Populus balsamifera* also occur. Tree canopy cover generally ranges from 35 to 60 percent. Woodland stands (10 to 25 percent canopy cover) occur in a few places, particularly along the upper Middle Fork and Main Stem. Trees are typically 35 to 65 feet (10.7 to 19.8 m) in height and 9 to 14 inches (23 to 36 cm) in diameter at breast height. Tree basal area ranges from 50 to 150 feet$^2$/acre (11.5 to 34.4 m$^2$/ha).

An open to closed layer of willow, mostly 3 to 5 feet (0.9 to 1.5 m) in height, characterizes the forest understory. Many stands also have a sparse to open layer of taller willow as much as 10 feet (3 m) in height. Total shrub cover ranges from 35 to 95 percent. Major low willows include *Salix planifolia*, *S. monticola*, and *S. barclayi*. The most important tall willow is *S. alaxensis*. Other low and dwarf shrubs common in many stands include various ericaceous shrubs, *Potentilla fruticosa*, and *Rosa acicularis*.

Herbs are usually abundant in White spruce/willow open forest. Intermixed with the low shrub layer are well-represented *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Epilobium angustifolia*. Important medium and low herbs include *Equisetum* spp., *Petasites frigidus*, and *Hedysarum alpinum*. Patches of moss are well-represented, otherwise the ground surface is covered with a nearly continuous layer of leaf litter and mulch.

### Setting

*Distribution and extent:* Main Stem north of Canyon Rapids, the Middle Fork, and the upper reaches of the North and South Branches; extensive

*Elevation:* 2,350 to 2,700 feet (716 to 823 m)

*Landforms:* level to occasionally moderately sloping high flood plains along the river channel, and occasionally on alluvial fans; terrace height—mostly from 4 to 8 feet (1.2 to 2.4 m) above the channel; often on both lower and higher flood plain surfaces

*Principal soils:* various—primarily Klute; Kluna; and Hogan, cool

*Depth to seasonally high water table:* usually greater than 40 inches (greater than 102 cm)

*Flooding frequency:* occasional to rare

### Successional Status

White spruce/willow open forest represents the late seral stage of succession on flood plains within the willow zone. It develops directly from Low willow/herb scrub.

### Riparian-Wetland Status

*Classification:* riparian

## White spruce/willow open forest
### *Picea glauca / Salix* spp. open forest
**PIGL/SALIX**

### Species Summary Table

| Scientific name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Picea glauca | T1 | 74 | 29 | 7 | 65 | 46 |
| Populus balsamifera | T1 | 15 | 16 | 5 | 30 | 15 |
| Picea glauca | T2 | 53 | 27 | 3 | 60 | 38 |
| Picea glauca | T3 | 59 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Arctostaphylos rubra | S4 | 29 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Betula glandulosa | SM | 29 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Empetrum nigrum | S4 | 59 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Ledum spp. | S3 | 41 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| Potentilla fruticosa | S3 | 62 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| Rosa acicularis | S3 | 24 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Salix alaxensis | S2 | 35 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| Salix spp. | SM | 100 | 41 | 6 | 80 | 64 |
| Shepherdia canadensis | S3 | 35 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Vaccinium uliginosum | S3 | 85 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 27 |
| Vaccinium vitis-idaea | S4 | 68 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Aconitum delphiniifolium | F | 56 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Anemone spp. | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Artemisia tilesii | F | 35 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Astragalus spp. | F | 24 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Cornus canadensis | F | 35 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Epilobium angustifolium | F | 71 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Equisetum spp. | F | 85 | 31 | 1 | 85 | 52 |
| Galium boreale | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Hedysarum alpinum | F | 50 | 4 | 1 | 35 | 14 |
| Mertensia paniculata | F | 62 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Moneses uniflora | F | 35 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Parnassia palustris | F | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Petasites frigidus | F | 56 | 6 | 1 | 30 | 19 |
| Polemonium acutiflorum | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Pyrola spp. | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Rubus arcticus | F | 68 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Rubus chamaemorus | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Senecio spp. | F | 26 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Swertia perennis | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Valeriana spp. | F | 41 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Arctagrostis latifolia | G | 68 | 8 | 1 | 45 | 24 |
| Calamagrostis canadensis | G | 47 | 9 | 1 | 45 | 21 |
| Carex aquatilis | G | 15 | 7 | 1 | 30 | 10 |
| Carex spp. | G | 21 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Festuca altaica | G | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Poa spp. | G | 21 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 8 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 51 | 1 | 85 | 71 |
| Lichen layer | L | 88 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| Bare soil | B | 29 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 16 | 1 | 60 | 40 |
| Surface water | B | 12 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 56 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 17 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2, SAPL2
Number of stands = 34
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# APPENDIX F—ECOLOGICAL SITES

An ecological site is a basic unit of ecological land classification and represents a type of land with a distinctive combination of potential natural plant communities, soils, landforms, hydrology, climate, and ecological properties and processes. Examples of ecological properties and processes include vegetation succession, nutrient cycling, and productivity. Ecological site classification is not oriented to any type of land or land use and is applicable to forest and rangeland, wetlands, and uplands. The relationship among climate, landforms, soils, and vegetation, and the ability to discern differences in the cumulative effect of these factors from one site to another, is the basis for ecological site classification. The ecological sites of the Gulkana River area are listed in Table 21.

The primary emphasis of ecological site classification is usually the vegetation on a site. Vegetation is considered to be an indicator of the integrated factors of the environment. Productivity, the response of the vegetation to various types of disturbances, and use and management of the vegetation are principal concerns to land owners and managers.

A secondary but equally important emphasis of site classification is landform and soil relationships. In general, the relationships between landforms and soils across the landscape are fairly predictable. Natural disturbances by wildfire, wind, and flooding, to name a few, result in considerable variation in vegetation. Landforms and soils provide a stable resource base by which ecological sites can be determined regardless of existing vegetative conditions. In addition, inferences can be made regarding site dynamics and stability, soil processes, and appropriate management systems based on landform and soil types.

While abrupt or distinct breaks between landforms, soils, and vegetation occasionally occur, more often than not the transition is gradual and indistinct. In addition, precipitation, temperature, and other climatic patterns, as well as microclimatic variables such as elevation, change gradually across the landscape. An ecological site classification, therefore, should be viewed as a landscape model. The boundaries between ecological sites are sometimes arbitrary and approximate. On the ground, the characteristics and properties within and between ecological sites are complex and variable, and usually overlap to some degree.

Ecological site classification provides a useful framework for correlating and compiling data and interpretations on multiple resources and landscape processes. Site classification is also a valuable framework for organizing, applying, and monitoring resource conservation systems for various land uses.

**Potential Natural Plant Community.**

By definition, an ecological site is characterized by a single potential natural plant community (PNC). The PNC is the assemblage of plant species that most nearly achieves a long-term steady state of productivity, structure, and composition on a site (*Tueller 1973*, cited by *National Research Council 1994*). The occurrence of a single potential plant community is based on the notion that over time, and in the absence of disturbances to the vegetation and changes in the site, succession (or the gradual and successive replacement of one plant community by another) eventually leads to a single plant community which best reflects the integrated factors of the environment. While this theory has been questioned on both theoretical and practical grounds (*National Research Council 1994*), the PNC provides a benchmark from which long and short term responses of the vegetation to disturbances, and pathways and processes of succession, can be related.

**Site Progression.**

Site progression refers to gradual and progressive changes over time to the physical and environmental conditions of the site that result in a different PNC. In riparian systems and permafrost environments, there is a high potential for progressive changes due to geomorphic and soil forming processes and climatic influences and potentials. Vegetation succession on sites undergoing gradual site progression generally does not lead to a true PNC. Changes in the site are occurring concurrently with succession such that a "long-term steady state of productivity, structure, and composition" is never achieved.

Along rivers, a low flood plain is gradually elevated to the height of a stream terrace in response to flooding, channel migration and down-cutting, and the deposition of alluvium by flood waters. As the height of the land surface above the channel increases, flooding frequency and duration decrease and the

depth to water table increases. Site changes of this nature usually occur gradually over the life cycle of valley formation.

Primary vegetation succession may occur concurrently with flood plain-stream terrace site progression. In Alaska, the sequence is typically from low stature herb and shrub communities on recently exposed alluvium to tall forest communities on stream terraces. The latest successional stage attainable on a specific hydrologically influenced surface is referred to as a riparian association (*Hansen 1989* cited by *Gebhardt et al. 1990*). For ecological sites in a riparian zone, the PNC is frequently a riparian association.

In permafrost environments, post-fire vegetation succession on most boreal forest sites is accompanied by a gradual increase in the abundance and thickness of the moss-organic layer on the soil surface. As the insulating capacity of the moss-organic layer increases, soil warming during summer is reduced and overall soil temperature decreases. Eventually, the permafrost table forms or rises within the soil profile and the soil drainage is restricted, often to the degree that a shallow water table is perched on the permafrost surface. Nutrient cycling and availability decreases markedly, as does site productivity, along with the changes in the soil environment. Productive hardwood and spruce forests gradually are replaced by unproductive mixed spruce woodland and scrub bogs.

The time frame and transition dynamics for site progression from a relatively warm, well drained, permafrost free condition to a cold, poorly drained, shallow permafrost condition are not well understood. For purposes of site classification, a reasonable hypothesis is that the duration of the well drained, permafrost free, productive condition persists for at least the life cycle of the initial spruce stand. Separate ecological sites are described for productive, well drained, permafrost free sites and poorly drained, shallow permafrost ones. The PNC is then defined as the latest successional stage observed on the site. On the permafrost free sites the PNC often is not a "long-term steady state of productivity, structure, and composition."

**Site Retrogression.**

Wildfire, a common recurring disturbance factor in the boreal forest, can interrupt or retard site progression or, as is often the case, cause a retrogression from a shallow permafrost, poorly drained condition to a well drained, permafrost free condition. In addition to destroying the existing dominant vegetation, wildfire consumes the insulating moss-organic mat to varying degrees and blackens the soil surface, which leads to significant soil warming during summer. On sites with shallow permafrost, this results in thawing and an increase in the depth to permafrost, improved soil drainage, enhanced nutrient cycling and availability, and a dramatic increase in site productivity. Depending on initial site and vegetative conditions and the severity of the fire, site retrogression of this degree can occur within a few years following burning.

Not all wildfire, however, leads to site retrogression. Vegetation on permafrost free sites is equally susceptible to wildfire. Often, fire destroys the existing vegetation before the later point of site progression is reached. In this situation, wildfire results in renewed secondary succession of the vegetation and nutrient release to the ground surface, but has little effect on other soil and site properties.

In addition to identifying the latest successional stage as the PNC, ecological site classification provides a framework for recognizing and describing progression-retrogression dynamics and relationships.

## Soil-Site Correlation

An ecological site consists of a group of one or more soils that have similar vegetative and ecological potentials and processes. While a number of different soils may be grouped together into an ecological site, any individual soil may be included in only a single site. To establish soil-site relationships and maintain the one-to-one correlation, vegetative characteristics and ecological patterns and processes are used in conjunction with soil characteristics and other criteria specified in "Soil Taxonomy" and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (*Soil Survey Staff 1975; 1996b*) to develop the soil classification.

Because of the one-to-one correlation between a soil and an ecological site, the ecological site can be determined by knowing the soil. This is particularly useful when the vegetation is not a definitive indicator of the site—for example, when vegetation has been altered by disturbance or management or when vegetation on two sites is similar in composition and structure. The one-to-one correlation means that an ecological site map can be derived from the soils map. The soil components correlated to the Gulkana River area ecological sites are listed in Table 22.

# Ecological Site Descriptions

## 172Xy100AK—Loamy flood plains

### Vegetation Name

Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along the Main Stem south of canyon rapids, the lower North and South Branches, and the West Fork; to Sourdough.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Dackey; Klute, moderately wet; Kluna, frequently flooded; and Kluna, deep

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to gently sloping flood plains formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically 2 to 8 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m), and the site is occasionally to frequently flooded. Elevation is generally below about 2,400 feet (732 m).

*Soils:*

Soils on this site have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 10 to 60 inches (25 to 152 cm) thick over very gravelly alluvium. Most have a thin, discontinuous surface organic layer. Soils are somewhat poorly drained. Aquic conditions include a seasonally high water table that ranges from 18 to more than 72 inches (46 to more than 183 cm), and redoximorphic features, including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix, are present at depths of 18 to more than 60 inches (46 to more than 152 cm) below the soil surface.

*Vegetation:*

Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest is the correlated PNC on this site. This PNC is best characterized as a riparian association, which develops under a regime of intermittent fluvial disturbance.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site spans the range of flood plain-stream terrace development from frequently flooded, low flood plains to occasionally flooded, mid flood plains. Through a combination of channel migration, down-cutting, and deposition of alluvium, the flood plain surface is gradually elevated above the level of the river channel. As the terrace level is elevated, there is a progressive increase in the thickness of loamy alluvium over underlying sandy skeletal alluvium and build up of organic material on the soil surface, and an increase in the depth to the water table. The lowest flood plain positions usually support the earlier seral stages of vegetation succession. By the time the surface is elevated to the level of mid flood plains, later seral stages have developed on the site. Seral stages commonly found on this site, in approximate order of succession, include Tall feltleaf willow/thinleaf alder scrub, Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub and Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub, Tall thinleaf alder scrub, and Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest.

Over time, as the elevation of the flood plain surface is raised further, periodic flooding and new accretions of alluvium, for the most part, cease. This transition corresponds with site progression to ecological sites 172Xy102AK—Loamy high flood plains, frozen and 172Xy103AK—Stream terraces, frozen. Permafrost is frequently within the soil profile on high flood plains and stream terraces.

## 172Xy101AK—Loamy high flood plains

### Vegetation Name

White spruce/willow open forest

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V7—South Branch Deep Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site is common along the Middle Fork, the Main Stem north of canyon rapids, and the upper reaches of the North and South Branches. It also occurs along major side streams and drainages above the river corridor.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Klute; Klute, occasionally flooded; Kluna; Tangoe, occasionally flooded; and Hogan, cool

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to moderately sloping high flood plains formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically 3 to 10 feet (0.9 to 3.0 m), and the site is occasionally to rarely flooded. Elevation is generally 2,300 to 2,600 feet (701 to 792 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 12 to over 60 inches (30 to over 152 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Rarely, the sandy and silty layer is less than 12 inches (less than 30 cm)—Tangoe soils. Depth to a seasonally high water table ranges from 40 to over 60 inches (102 to over 152 cm) and the soils are moderately well to well drained. Aquic conditions, including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix, occur on occasions below 40 inches (below 102 cm). On some of the older, higher flood plain positions, permafrost occurs between 20 to more than 60 inches (51 to more than 152 cm)—Hogan, cool soils. Permafrost soils usually do not have a perched water table on the permafrost surface.

*Vegetation:*

White spruce/willow open forest is the correlated PNC on this site. This PNC is best characterized as a riparian plant association and may only exist during the life span of the initial generation of trees.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site appears to be an intermediate stage of flood plain-stream terrace development. As channel migration, down-cutting, and deposition of alluvium gradually increase the elevation of the flood plain above the river channel, this site develops from ecological sites 172Xy200AK—Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet and 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet. In some places, a short, steep escarpment separates adjacent flood plain levels. Elsewhere, on islands and in areas of high channel sinuosity, a gradual increase in terrace height away from the channel is evident. As the level of the flood plain increases, the low willow scrub vegetation on the lower flood plains gradually is replaced by White spruce/willow open forest on the higher positions.

On the highest flood plain positions, flooding is rare. Without the periodic deposition of new alluvium associated with flooding, ericaceous shrubs gradually replace the willow understory, and the organic mat on the soil surface accumulates and thickens. Continued development and thickening of the organic mat results in a gradual decrease in soil temperatures and reduction in nutrient availability and cycling. Over the life span of the initial *Picea glauca* stand, permafrost develops within the soil profile and site productivity apparently decreases markedly. Continued vegetation succession and progressive changes in site and soil properties eventually lead to ecological sites 172Xy104AK—Stream terraces and 172Xy103AK—Stream terraces, frozen. The White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest vegetation type usually indicates the transition. This cover type consists of a decadent stand of tall, large diameter *Picea glauca*, many of which have already died and are beginning to fall over. Below the deteriorating overstory is a younger, smaller stand of mixed *Picea glauca* and *Picea mariana*. Trees within this layer often appear poorly formed, slow growing, and have yellowish green foliage—characteristics of cold, low productivity sites. By this point, ericaceous shrubs are prominent in the understory.

## 172Xy102AK—Loamy high flood plains, frozen

### Vegetation Name

White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along the Main Stem south of canyon rapids and along the lower North and South Branches and the West Fork; to Sourdough.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Hogan

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to moderately sloping, high flood plains formed in stratified loamy alluvium over very gravelly alluvium. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level typically ranges from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3.0 m) and the site is rarely flooded. The surface organic mat is moderately thick and permafrost is usually present within the soil profile. Elevation is generally below about 2,400 feet (732 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 12 to more than 60 inches (30 to more than 152 cm) thick over very gravelly alluvium. The organic mat ranges from 2 to 9 inches (5 to 23 cm) thick, and permafrost is usually present at a depth of 14 to 37 inches (36 to 94 cm). Except for a thin saturated zone in spring and early summer, no perched water table occurs at the permafrost contact and the soils are well drained.

*Vegetation:*

White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest is the correlated PNC on this site.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site appears to be an intermediate stage of flood plain-stream terrace development. As additional accretions of alluvium, channel migration, down-cutting, or a combination of these processes increase the height of the terrace surface and decrease the frequency and duration of flooding, this site develops from ecological site 172Xy100AK—Loamy flood plains. As the height of the flood plain above the channel increases, the earlier successional stages are gradually replaced by White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest.

Eventually, periodic flooding all but ceases because of increased terrace height. Without the periodic deposition of new alluvium associated with flooding, the alder understory is gradually replaced by ericaceous shrubs and the organic layer on the surface thickens. Continued development and thickening of the organic mat results in a decrease in soil temperatures and a reduction in nutrient availability and cycling. Eventually, permafrost develops within the soil profile and site productivity apparently decreases markedly. Continued vegetation succession and progressive changes in site and soil conditions lead to ecological site 172Xy103AK—Stream terraces, frozen or 172Xy104AK—Stream terraces. The White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest cover type usually indicates the transition. This type develops as growing conditions on the site continue to deteriorate and the original *Picea glauca* forest on the flood plains begins to die off and be replaced by less productive white and black spruce characteristic of stream terraces. Tall *Picea glauca* snags and large diameter downfall are frequent in these stands. Ericaceous shrubs, which are well adapted to the nutrient poor sites, begin to increase in abundance and dominate the understory.

## 172Xy103AK—Stream terraces, frozen

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V7—South Branch Deep Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along all reaches of the river except for the upper Middle Fork.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Kuslinad

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to moderately sloping, poorly drained stream terraces with shallow to very shallow permafrost. Elevation is generally 1,850 to 2,600 feet (564 to 792 m).

*Soils:*

Soils on this site are very poorly or poorly drained and very shallow or shallow to permafrost. They typically have an organic mat 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm) thick over stratified sandy and silty alluvium. Depth to permafrost ranges from 4 to 32 inches (10 to 81 cm) below the mineral soil surface. A water table

is perched on the impermeable permafrost; depth to the top of the water table ranges from within the organic mat to about 12 inches (15 cm) below the mineral surface. A reduced matrix or common reduction mottles are present above the permafrost in most profiles.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest is the correlated PNC on this site. Many areas support late seral Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site represents the end point of flood plain-stream terrace development, the point at which the terrace has been elevated above the level of flooding and alluvium deposition. Vegetation succession also has progressed to the point where the soil has a thick, insulating moss-organic layer on the surface and permafrost has risen to within the soil profile. Preceding stages of this site progression include ecological sites 172Xy101AK—Loamy high flood plains; 172Xy102AK—Loamy high flood plains, frozen; and 172Xy104AK—Stream terraces. Disturbance by wildfire, which destroys the existing vegetation and moss-organic layer, blackens the soil surface, and causes the permafrost layer to drop to below the soil profile, may result in site retrogression toward ecological site 172Xy104AK—Stream terraces.

## 172Xy104AK—Stream terraces

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs primarily along the lower Middle Fork, in the canyon of the Main Stem, and along the North Branch, lower South Branch, and upper West Fork.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Ganhona, Kusdry, Maclaren, and Sinona

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to gently sloping stream terraces and nearly level to moderately steep dissected stream terraces formed in a thin to moderately thick layer of stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly alluvium. Permafrost is generally absent on this site. Elevation is from 1,950 to 2,600 feet (594 to 792 m).

*Soils:*

The moderately well developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 2 to 31 inches (5 to 79 cm) thick over very gravelly alluvium. The surface organic mat ranges from 1 to 6 inches (2.5 to 15 cm) thick. Depth to a seasonally high water table is more than 6 feet (more than 1.8 m) and the soils are well drained.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site. In some places, this site supports Spruce/lichen woodland, which may be a persistent and relatively stable plant community on soils that are shallow to sandy and gravelly alluvium and on drier microsites, such as shoulders and crests of low ridges and other convex slopes.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

In many places, this site represents a retrogressive stage of ecological site 172Xy103AK—Loamy stream terraces, frozen, in which wildfire has indirectly caused the permafrost to thaw and retreat deep into the soil or possibly disappear completely. Elsewhere, particularly on dissected terrace remnants with only a thin surface layer of finer textured alluvium, the potential for permafrost probably is limited, and this site appears to represents the end point of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces. This portion of the site is also where Spruce/lichen woodland is usually found.

## 172Xy105AK—Terraces, wet

### Vegetation Name

Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

135A1.V7—South Branch Deep Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U2—Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U3—Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U4—Loamy Depressional Glaciolacustrine Uplands

In the Gulkana River area, this site is wide spread along the entire length of the West Fork and along the lower reaches of the Main Stem.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Klasi ,very wet; Kuslinad, very wet; Mendna, very wet; Haggard; Pergelic Cryohemists; and Cryaquepts, very wet

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on nearly level and broadly concave stream terraces and lacustrine terraces, and on toeslopes on lacustrine terrace escarpments. The surface is mantled in moderately thick to thick organic deposits. Surface microtopography is strongly hummocky. Most areas of this site appear to receive a surplus of water as surface run-in and ground water discharge from the adjacent uplands. Ponding or wet conditions near the surface during much of the summer appear to be the most important characteristic of this site.

*Soils:*

The soils on this site formed in moderately thick to thick organic materials over loamy alluvium and lacustrine deposits. The surface organic mat typically ranges from 7 to 34 inches (18 to 86 cm) thick in the inter-hummock depressions and from 16 to over 40 inches (41 to 102 cm) within the hummocks. The seasonally high water table ranges from as much as 10 inches (25 cm) of ponding to a depth of 10 inches (25 cm) below the surface, and the soils are very poorly drained. Depth to permafrost ranges from within the organic material to 38 inches (97 cm) below the mineral surface. Aquic conditions, including reduced matrices and saturation, are present within 10 inches (25 cm) of the surface.

*Vegetation:*

Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland is the correlated PNC on this site. The characteristic feature of this vegetation is the closely-spaced turf hummocks or tussocks formed by the *Eriophorum brachyantherum*.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site is not known to represent a progressive stage of similar or adjoining sites; however, areas with site, soil, and vegetative properties transitional to ecological sites 172Xy103AK—Stream terraces, frozen and 172Xy107AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen are common.

Because the soil surface is mantled with a moderately thick to thick layer of organic material throughout this site, dramatic changes in the characteristics of this site might be expected following severe wildfire during extremely dry years. The surface organic material could become highly susceptible to burning if there was a significant drop in the level of the water table during prolonged dry conditions. Ground fires under such conditions could burn into the organic mat to a considerable degree and conceivably result in a lowering of the base elevation of the surface. Later, when the water table once again rose to more normal levels, conditions may be suitable for the development of Sedge wet meadow vegetation and site characteristics more typical of ecological site 172Xy501AK—Wet depressions. Whether changes of this magnitude as a result of wildfire have in fact ever occurred is not known.

## 172Xy106AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U2—Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands

This site occurs throughout the uplands in the Gulkana River area. It occurs intermittently on the same landscapes with other ecological sites with shallow permafrost.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Chelina, Gadona, and Telay

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and hills formed in loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits and gravelly and loamy glacial till. Permafrost is generally absent. Slopes in most

places range from 0 to 20 percent. Elevation is from 1,900 to 2,800 feet (579 to 853 m).

*Soils:*

The poorly developed soils on this site formed in gravelly glacial till and fine-grained lacustrine deposits. The organic mat is generally less than 6 inches (less than 15 cm) thick. Some soils have a surface mantle of silty eolian material up to 8 inches (20 cm) thick. In most places there is no water table present within the soil profile and the soils are well drained.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site. Seral Low shrub birch scrub and Spruce/lichen woodland occur in many places.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

Snags and charred downfall; a thin, weakly developed moss-organic mat; and other evidence of past wildfire are common in most stands, suggesting that this site is subject to recurring wildfires. Additional evidence includes scattered spruce trees and clumps of trees in stands of seral Low shrub birch scrub. In places, this site occurs side-by-side on the same landform with ecological site 172Xy107AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen, suggesting that 172Xy106AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands is a retrogressive stage of 172Xy107AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen that develops following wildfire. Prominent fire lines are evident between areas of the two sites.

Absence of fire for an extended period of time in 172Xy106AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands would allow the moss-organic layer to thicken and insulate the soils, favoring the development of permafrost and restricted soil drainage. Continued development of the moss-organic layer, and soil permafrost and vegetation succession, would lead to site progression toward ecological site 172Xy107AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen.

## 172Xy107AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands, frozen

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest

### Landtype Associations

135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U2—Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U3—Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands

This site occurs throughout the uplands in the Gulkana River area and, intermittently, on the same landscapes with other ecological sites that lack shallow permafrost.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Klasi, Mankomen, Mendna, and Cryaquepts

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and hills formed in loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits and gravelly and loamy glacial till. The soil surface has a moderately thick organic mat, and permafrost is generally present within 60 inches (152 cm) of the mineral surface. Slope ranges from 0 to 25 percent but is generally less than 10 percent. Elevation is from 1,900 to 2,800 feet (579 to 853 m).

*Soils:*

The poorly developed soils on this site formed in gravelly glacial till and fine-grained lacustrine deposits. Some soils have mantles of silty eolian material up to 2 inches thick. In the absence of wildfire, an organic mat 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm) thick develops on the soil surface, and in most places permafrost is present above 60 inches (152 cm). A water table is usually perched on the permafrost, and the soils are poorly to very poorly drained.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest is the correlated PNC on this site. Late seral Spruce/shrub birch woodland occurs in many places.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

Wildfire on this site could be expected to impact both the structure and composition of the vegetation and the characteristics of the site. Moderate to severe burns, in which the moss-organic layer on the soil surface is blackened and partially to completely destroyed, would favor a rapid and long-term warming of the soil profile. Over a relatively short period, the permafrost level would drop and soil drainage should improve. In this situation, the site would be expected to retrogress to ecological site 172Xy106AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands.

## 172Xy108AK—Gravelly and sandy terraces

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/lichen woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V6—Gravelly and Loamy Alluvial Fans and Fan Terraces
135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs as scattered, relatively small areas of strandline deposits throughout most of the uplands, with the exception of the South Branch. It occurs on high terraces immediately above the river corridor and on nearby lacustrine terraces, as well as on fan terraces along the Middle Fork.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Chistna, Clarena, and Pippod

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of isolated strandline deposits on glaciolacustrine uplands and alluvial fans within the river corridor. The landscape is formed in deep, sandy and gravelly materials, often overlain by a thin mantle of eolian silts. Slopes generally range from 0 to about 12 percent. Occasional short slopes up to 25 percent also occur. Elevation is from 1,900 to 2,700 feet (579 to 823 m).

*Soils:*

The moderately well developed soils on this site have a thin mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 8 inches (2.5 to 20 cm) thick over very gravelly or sandy glaciofluvial materials. Most have a thin organic mat up to about 3 inches (8 cm) thick. Permeability is rapid and the soils are somewhat excessively drained. Depth to a seasonally high water table is greater than 6 feet (greater than 1.8 m). Because of the coarse textures and low water holding capacity, these soils are relatively dry throughout the growing season.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/lichen woodland is the correlated PNC on this site. In many places, this PNC probably is best described as a fire climax (dependent on being burned at rather regular intervals). Microsites that have remained unburned for an extended period, and cooler and moister microsites such as northerly aspects and concave slopes, often support Spruce/shrub birch woodland. Early seral Low shrub birch/lichen scrub and mid to late seral Quaking aspen forest and Quaking aspen-white spruce forest occur in many places.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site. Because soils on this site are coarse textured with low water holding capacity, the potential for development of a thick, insulating moss-organic layer on the soil surface and permafrost within the soil profile probably is limited.

## 172Xy109AK—Mountain slopes, shallow

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A4.M1—Northern Low Mountains

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of minor occurrence in a few scattered locations above the Middle Fork and upper Main Stem.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Cobblank

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on bedrock cored mountain slopes and summits below about 2,900 feet (884 m) elevation. Most areas have been smeared with a thin mantle of loamy till and lacustrine deposits. Slopes range from 8 to 35 percent.

*Soils:*

The moderately well developed soils on this site have a mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 4 inches (2 to 10 cm) thick over very gravelly and very cobbly loamy till and loamy lacustrine material. Bedrock is at depths of 10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) in most places. The soils are well drained.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/shrub birch scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. Seral Low shrub birch scrub is present in most places.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

## 172Xy110AK—Glaciolacustrine uplands, ruptic

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A2.U3—Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of limited extent and found only on lacustrine terraces above the upper South Branch.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Swillna and Swillna, thin surface

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on glaciolacustrine terraces formed in clayey lacustrine deposits. This site is characterized by surface microtopography consisting of a complex of sparsely vegetated, ice-cored frost boils and intervening swales and troughs. In most places, the frost boils are about 24 inches (61 cm) high and 9 feet (3 m) across. The landscape is underlain by permafrost, including ice-rich soil material, ice lenses, vein ice, and probably occasional ice wedges. Slopes generally range from 0 to 8 percent. Elevation is 2,300 to 2,500 feet (701 to 762 m).

*Soils:*

Soils on this site formed in clayey lacustrine deposits. On frost boils, the soil is sparsely vegetated, the organic mat ranges from 0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm) thick, and bare mineral soil is exposed across much of the surface. Soils on frost boils are moderately deep over permafrost and somewhat poorly drained. In inter-mound swales and troughs, the soils have an organic mat 8 to 14 inches (20 to 36 cm) thick, permafrost is shallow to moderately deep, and the soils are very poorly drained. Soil horizons are mixed by cryoturbation; buried, distorted, and fractured horizons are present in most places. Redoximorphic features indicative of wetness are evident in troughs but less evident in boils.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site, although dramatic differences in understory composition are evident on the frost boils versus the inter-mound swales and troughs. On frost boils, sparse shrubs, herbs, and patches of moss with extensive bare soil characterize the understory in mature stands. In the swales and troughs, the understory generally has common to abundant low shrubs and a luxuriant moss layer. In many places, the vegetation is similar to the understory of Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

## 172Xy111AK—Peat mounds

### Vegetation Name

Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A2.U3—Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U4—Loamy Depressional Glaciolacustrine Uplands

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs in scattered locations, usually of small extent, on lacustrine terraces above the North Branch, West Fork, and Main Stem. This site occasionally occurs on stream terraces near the confluence of the Middle Fork and the Main Stem.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Pergelic Cryohemists, dry

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on frozen peat mounds (also called palsen) adjacent to ponds, lakes, and wet meadows on glaciolacustrine uplands and occasionally on stream terraces. The rounded to flat-topped mounds and ridges are elevated 2 to 30 feet

(0.6 to 9.1 m) above the adjacent landscape. Frozen peat, often with thin ice lenses and large ice masses, usually is encountered within 40 inches (102 cm) of the surface, and most mounds have a core of massive ice at varying depths. Slopes range from 0 to 100 percent. Elevation is 1,900 to 2,500 feet (579 to 762 m).

*Soils:*

The soils on this site formed in slightly to moderately decomposed organic materials derived from *Sphagnum* spp., *Carex* spp., and ericaceous shrubs. Mineral lenses and horizons are present in some soils. In most places, the soils are shallow or moderately deep over permafrost. Most soils do not have a water table perched on the permafrost, and are well drained.

*Vegetation:*

Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site. In many places, particularly on lower relief mounds, cover of stunted trees is less than 10 percent and Low shrub birch scrub may be the potential or, at the least, a persistent late seral stage.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

In most places, this site occurs in complex with ecological site 172Xy501AK—Wet depressions and sedge wet meadow vegetation. In many situations, the peat mounds are believed to have developed from the wet meadows. Initial stages of peat mound development probably are due to an unusually thin cover of snow (*Williams and Smith 1989*), which allows for deep frost penetration and frost heaving. Heaving ground often forms discrete, irregularly spaced bumps several inches in height. The drier peat near the surface of these slightly elevated areas increases the overall insulating qualities of the peat, maintaining frozen soil conditions throughout the summer and promoting the formation of ice crystals and masses. Abundant water from the adjacent wet meadows and ponds feeds the developing ice core of the mound. Free water in contact with the frozen core freezes, increasing the size and extent of the frozen core. Peat mounds are usually formed as the core of massive ice enlarges and pushes the surface up and above the surrounding landscape.

All stages of mound development can be observed in the Gulkana River area, from low, small diameter mounds dispersed throughout areas of wet meadow to high, steep sided mounds elevated as much as 30 feet (9.1 m) above adjacent wet sedge meadows and lakes.

The impact of wildfire on ecological site 172Xy111AK—Peat mounds depends to a large degree on its effects on the thermal balance of the mound and is likely to range from slight to devastating. Following a very light burn, vegetation succession should lead directly and rather quickly to Low shrub birch scrub vegetation and the mound would likely remain otherwise undisturbed. Moderate to severe burning, on the other hand, could lead to complete destruction of the mound. Blackening and partial combustion of the surface organic layers by fire could dramatically effect the insulating capacity of the organic surface and disrupt the thermal balance of the mound. During particularly dry conditions, the fire could possibly consume the organic material to a considerable depth. The blackened surface, in combination with the loss of the surface vegetation, would result in a significant increase in the amount of solar energy hitting and being absorbed at the mound surface. In the most extreme case, the ice core would melt sufficiently for the peat mound to collapse. In this situation, a portion, if not all, of the mound would likely retrogress to ecological site 172Xy501AK—Wet depressions or to a pond.

## 172Xy200AK—Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet

### Vegetation Name

Low willow/herb scrub

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V1—Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains

In the Gulkana River area, this site primarily occurs along the Middle Fork, along the Main Stem from the outlet of Paxson Lake to the Middle Fork confluence, and along Keg Creek on the North Branch. It also occurs in small, isolated areas throughout the remainder of the River corridor.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Tangoe and Tangoe, wet, occasionally flooded

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to gently sloping flood plains formed in a very thin mantle of stratified alluvium over gravelly and cobbly alluvium along clear water rivers and streams. Terrace height above

the mean summer channel level is typically 3 feet (0.6 m) or less and the site is frequently to occasionally flooded. In some places, the site is cut with shallow, narrow ephemeral and perennial channels. Elevation is generally from 2,500 to 2,850 feet (762 to 869 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium less than 8 inches (less than 20 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. The surface organic mat ranges from 0 to 1 inch (0 to 2.5 cm) thick. Depth to a seasonally high water table ranges from 12 to 40 inches (30 to 102 cm) and the soils are somewhat poorly drained. During periods of peak snowmelt and runoff, the water table is at or near the soil surface. On the lowest flood plain positions, the water table may remain near the surface most of the growing season.

*Vegetation:*

Low willow/herb scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. In most places, this PNC is best characterized as a riparian association, which develops and persists under a regime of intermittent fluvial disturbance. In the Gulkana River area, the upper elevational limit of this site, which corresponds with the upper elevational limit of the survey area within the river corridor, may be above the limit of tree growth. In this situation, the PNC probably represents the long term vegetative potential.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

In most places, this site represents an early stage of flood plain-stream terrace development along moderate to steep gradient stream channels. Down-cutting by the channel and continued surface deposition of alluvium will, over time, raise the terrace height, increase the thickness of the fine textured alluvium on the soil surface, and cause other changes in site and soil properties. Site progression appears to lead to 172Xy101AK—Loamy high flood plains. At higher elevations, where the potential for trees is probably limited to occasional scattered trees and clumps of trees on favorable microsites, site progression appears to lead to 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet.

## 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet

### Vegetation Name

Low willow/herb scrub

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V7—South Branch Deep Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along the Middle Fork, the upper North and South Branches, and the Main Stem from the confluence of the Middle Fork to canyon rapids. It also occurs in small, scattered locations along the other reaches of the river.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Dackey, cool; Ogtna; Sankluna; and Swedna

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of level to occasionally strongly sloping flood plains formed in stratified silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium along clear water rivers and streams. The site occurs on point bars and outer margins of meanders. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically from 2 to 8 feet (0.6 to 2.4 m) and the site is frequently to occasionally flooded. Elevation is generally from 2,350 to 2,900 feet (716 to 884 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 10 to 37 inches (25 to 94 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Depth to a seasonally high water table ranges from 14 to 48 inches (36 to 122 cm) and the soils are poorly to moderately well drained. During most years, the water table is at or near the surface during periods of snowmelt and peak runoff. Aquic conditions, including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix, are present within 20 inches (51 cm) of the soil surface.

*Vegetation:*

The correlated PNC on this site is low willow scrub. Within the Gulkana River area, two vegetation type are included in the PNC—Low willow/herb scrub and Low willow/herb2 scrub. These vegetation types are best characterized as riparian associations, which persist under a regime of intermittent fluvial disturbance. The upper elevational limit of this site in the Gulkana River area may be above tree line. In

this situation, the PNC probably represents the long term vegetative potential.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*
This site represents an early stage of flood plain-stream terrace development along low to moderate gradient stream channels. Down-cutting and deposition of alluvium will, over time, raise the terrace height, increase the thickness of the fine textured alluvium on the soil surface, and cause other changes in site and soil properties. Site progression appears to lead to 172Xy101AK—Loamy high flood plains.

## 172Xy202AK—Shallow drainages

### Vegetation Name

Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub

### Landtype Associations

135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands

This site is of minor occurrence throughout the Gulkana River area, primarily on glaciolacustrine uplands and occasionally as an inclusion on older stream terraces.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Ewan

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*
This site consists of shallow, poorly defined drainages and upper margins of topographic depressions on glaciolacustrine uplands and occasionally on stream terraces. Slopes range from 0 to 8 percent. Elevation is generally 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m). Landscape position and soil hydrology and wetness appear to be the most important landscape features effecting this site.

*Soils:*
In most places, the soils on this site formed in loamy lacustrine deposits and alluvium. Surface organic mat ranges from 1 to 9 inches (2 to 23 cm). Standing and slow flowing water on the surface persists most of the growing season, and the soils are poorly to very poorly drained. A reduced matrix and reduction mottles occur throughout the mineral portion of the soil to 60 inches (152 cm) or more.

*Vegetation:*
Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. In many stands, stunted *Picea mariana* and *Picea glauca* trees and clumps of trees are common.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*
No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

## 172Xy203AK—Upper mountain slopes, shallow

### Vegetation Name

Low shrub birch scrub

### Landtype Associations

135A4.M1—Northern Low Mountains

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of minor occurrence in a few scattered locations above the Middle Fork and upper Main Stem.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Cobblank, cool, and Goodview

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*
This site occurs on bedrock cored mountain slopes and summits above about 2,700 feet (823 m) elevation. Most areas have been smeared with a thin mantle of loamy till and lacustrine deposits. Slopes range from 0 to 30 percent.

*Soils:*
The moderately well developed soils on this site have a mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 4 inches (2 to 10 cm) thick over very gravelly and very cobbly loamy till and loamy lacustrine material. Bedrock is at depths of 10 to 20 inches (25 to 51 cm) in most places. The soils are well drained.

*Vegetation:*
Low shrub birch scrub is the correlated PNC on this site.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*
No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

## 172Xy204AK—Gravelly and sandy hills

### Vegetation Name

Low shrub birch/lichen scrub

### Landtype Associations

135A3.G1—Gravelly and Sandy Glaciofluvial Uplands

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of minor occurrence in the uplands around Dickey Lake. It does continue, however, for a number of miles to the west beyond the survey area.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Chistna, high elevation, and Pippod, high elevation

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on pitted outwash plains and hills formed in deep, sandy and gravelly glacial outwash. Sandy blowouts are common in some areas. Slopes range from 0 to 30 percent. Elevation is 2,750 to 3,000 feet (838 to 914 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly to moderately well developed soils on this site have a mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 8 inches (2 to 20 cm) thick over very gravelly or sandy glaciofluvial material. The soils have low moisture holding capacity and are somewhat excessively drained.

*Vegetation:*

Low shrub birch/lichen scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. On convex shoulders and summits of hills, Sparsely vegetated outwash appears to be the potential.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

## 172Xy205AK—Loamy flood plains, wet

### Vegetation Name

Low willow/water sedge scrub

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V1—Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains
135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs primarily along the upper Middle Fork, and in scattered locations along the Main Stem between Paxson Lake and the Middle Fork confluence and along the upper North Branch.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Hisna; Swedna, high elevation; and Tangoe, wet, frequently flooded

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists primarily of level to slightly sloping flood plains formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium along clear water rivers and streams. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically 3 feet (0.9 m) or less and the site is frequently to occasionally flooded. Throughout most of the growing season, the water table remains at or near the surface; ponded areas are common. Elevation is generally from 2,400 to 2,900 feet (732 to 884 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly developed soils on this site have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium less than 10 to as much as 37 inches (less than 25 to as much as 94 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. The surface organic mat ranges from 0 to occasionally as much as 13 inches ( 0 to occasionally as much as 33 cm). Depth to a seasonally high water table ranges from 0 to 18 inches (0 to 46 cm) and the soils are poorly to very poorly drained. During most years, the water table is at or near the surface during much of the growing season, and ponded areas are common. Aquic conditions, including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix, are present within 10 inches (25 cm) of the mineral surface.

*Vegetation:*

Low willow/water sedge scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. This PNC is best characterized as a riparian association that develops and persists under a regime of nearly continuous fluvial disturbance. Microsites on slightly higher terrace positions and/or with better soil drainage support Low willow/herb scrub.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site represents an early stage of flood plain-stream terrace development along low to moderate gradient stream channels. Channel migration and down-cutting, continued deposition of alluvium, or changes in subsurface drainage regimes will raise the effective height of the flood plain and reduce site wetness. Site progression would be expected to lead to 172Xy200AK—Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet or 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet. As the terrace level relative to the stream channel continues to increase, site progression would eventually lead to ecological site 172Xy101AK—Loamy high flood plains.

Beaver activity is extensive on this site. In many places, the shallow water table and ponded conditions appear to be partly if not entirely attributed to dam building. Often, the beaver dams form the escarpment breaks between different terrace levels. Reduced beaver activity, to the extent that dams and water levels could not be maintained, could lead to site progression of this site toward ecological sites 172Xy200AK—Gravelly flood plains, moderately wet or 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet, even without appreciable changes in terrace height. Conversely, increased beaver activity that increases the degree or extent of ponding and soil moisture, could cause site retrogression toward ecological site 172Xy500AK—Loamy riverbanks.

## 172Xy500AK—Loamy riverbanks

### Vegetation Name

Sedge-grass riparian meadow

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V1—Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains
135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V7—South Branch Deep Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

This site occurs throughout the Gulkana River area but is most prevalent along the Middle Fork, the Main Stem north of canyon rapids, the upper reaches of the North and South Branches, and the lower reaches of the West Fork.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Aquatna and Swedna, very poorly drained

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs along the continuously wetted banks of low to moderate gradient, clear water rivers and streams. Areas occupied by this site are typically 2 to 40 feet (0.6 to 12 m) wide along the edges of the channel and sloughs. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically less than 2 feet (less than 0.6 m). During periods of peak runoff, most or all of this site is under water. As the water level drops during the course of the summer, the site becomes progressively more exposed. However, the water table remains at or near the surface throughout the growing season. Soil slope ranges from nearly level on top of the flood plain or terrace to moderately steep at the edge of the channel. Elevation is 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m).

*Soils:*

The weakly developed soils on this site typically formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Depth to gravel and cobbles ranges from occasionally less than 10 inches (less than 25 cm) to 60 inches (152 cm) or more. Depth to a seasonally high water table ranges from 4 inches (10 cm) above the surface during peak runoff to an average of about 12 inches (30 cm) below the surface during most of the remainder of the growing season. The soils are very poorly drained. Aquic conditions, including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix, are present within 10 inches (25 cm) of the soil surface.

*Vegetation:*

Sedge-grass riparian meadow is the correlated PNC on this site. Scattered willows are present in many stands. This vegetation is best described as a riparian association, which develops and persists under a regime of annual flooding and continuous wetness. Microsites on slightly higher terrace positions and/or with better soil drainage support low willow scrub.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

This site typically is restricted to the immediate margin of channels and sloughs and is subject to nearly continuous flooding by flowing water during the growing season. Over time, channel migration or down-cutting that leads to reduced duration of flooding, lowering of the water table, or an increase in terrace height could result in a progression of the site toward 172Xy205AK—Loamy flood plains, wet; 172Xy201AK—Loamy flood plains, moderately wet; or 172Xy200AK—Gravelly flood plains.

## 172Xy501AK—Wet depressions

### Vegetation Name

Sedge wet meadow

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V2—Northcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V5—Lower Middle Fork Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A2.U1—Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U2—Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U3—Ruptic Glaciolacustrine Uplands
135A2.U4—Loamy Depressional Glaciolacustrine Uplands

This site occurs throughout the Gulkana River area on glaciolacustrine uplands and stream terraces.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Cryofibrists and Hufman

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on moderately thick to very thick accumulations of peat in shallow depressions; along the shores of ponds and lakes; and in abandoned channels and sloughs on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and stream terraces. Most areas of this site are ponded throughout the growing season. Source of water is surface and subsurface drainage from surrounding uplands and flooding on low stream terraces. The depth and duration of ponding increases toward the central, lower positions of the depressions and sloughs, as does the thickness of the organic materials. Slopes are 0 to 3 percent. Elevation is generally 1,900 to 3,000 feet (579 to 914 m).

*Soils:*

The organic soils on this site consist of fibrous or partially decomposed organic matter 16 to more than 60 inches (41 to more than 162 cm) thick over stratified sandy and silty alluvium and loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits. Depth to a seasonally high water table ranges from about 4 inches (10 cm) or more above to 12 inches (30 cm) below the soil surface, and the soils are typically very poorly drained. Aquic conditions include a histic epipedon, saturated conditions to the surface, and a reduced matrix where mineral layers are present.

*Vegetation:*

Sedge wet meadow is the correlated PNC on this site. In many places, the vegetation on this site exhibits zonal patterns with sedge-moss bog meadow occupying the wetter, central portions; sedge wet meadow occurring on somewhat higher positions; and mixed sedge-grass and grass meadows, often with scattered willows and shrub birch, along the upper margins and higher microsites.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

In many upland areas this site occurs in complex with ecological site 172Xy111AK—Peat Mounds, with the ice-cored peat mounds and ridges protruding from 2 to 30 feet (0.6 to 9.1 m) above the surrounding saturated, permafrost free sedge wet meadows. The peat mounds are believed to have developed from the wet meadows. Initial stages of peat mound development are probably due to an unusually thin cover of snow (*Williams and Smith 1989*), which allows deep frost penetration and frost heaving in winter. Heaving ground often forms discrete, irregularly spaced bumps several inches in height. The drier peat near the surface of these slightly elevated areas increases the overall insulating qualities of the overlying organic material, maintaining frozen soil conditions throughout the summer months and promoting the formation of ice crystals and masses. Abundant water from the adjoining wet meadows and ponds feeds the developing ice core of the mound.

As the surface is gradually elevated, changes in the plant community also occur on the peat mounds. Williams and Smith (*1989*) noted that *Carex* spp. and *Eriophorum* spp. died, as did Sphagnum moss during the first season. Shrubs, primarily bog birch and lichens, eventually replaced these communities. Peat mounds in the Gulkana River area support Low shrub birch scrub and Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

## 172Xy800AK—Escarpments

### Landtype Associations

135A1.V1—Gravelly and Loamy Flood Plains
135A1.V3—Southcentral Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces
135A1.V4—Southern Loamy Flood Plains and Stream Terraces

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along all reaches of the River. The best development is within the canyon on the Main Stem, along the mid

portions of the West Fork, and near the West Fork-Main Stem confluence.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Cryorthents and Cryochrepts

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site consists of moderately steep to very steep escarpments and bluffs formed by mass wasting and accelerated erosion during down-cutting by rivers through thick glacial and glaciolacustrine deposits. Thermokarst features are evident on these sites where the river has undercut slopes and exposed permafrost. Slopes range from 20 to 80 percent. Slope aspect and gradient are the most influential characteristics on soil formation and present vegetation. Permafrost is often found within 60 inches of the surface on more northerly exposures and is generally absent on other aspects. Areas of mass wasting and accelerated erosion are extensive on the steepest slopes. Elevation is from 1,850 to 2,900 feet (564 to 884 m).

*Soils:*

The soils on this site formed in coarse grained alluvium, gravelly glacial till, and fine-grained glaciolacustrine deposits. Some soils have a mantle of silty eolian material up to 2 inches (5 cm) thick. Other characteristics range from poorly to moderately well developed, shallow to very deep over permafrost, and well to somewhat excessively drained.

*Vegetation:*

Vegetation on Escarpments varies widely. Very steep, unstable slopes subject to on-going mass wasting and accelerated soil erosion are barren to occasionally sparsely vegetated with scattered shrubs and herbs (cover type—Sparsely vegetated escarpments). In a few locations along the West Fork, dense herbaceous vegetation has developed and apparently stabilized the slope. On more stable slopes, Escarpments supports open to closed forest and scrub. Depending on such factors as aspect, slope, soil materials, and fire history, vegetation cover includes Quaking aspen forest, Quaking aspen-white spruce forest, White spruce forest, Spruce/alder woodland, Spruce/shrub birch woodland, and Low shrub birch scrub.

Moderately closed White spruce forest apparently is the most successionally advanced and stable vegetation type found on warm aspects and moderately steep and steep slopes. Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the latest successional stage on cooler, northerly aspects.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

## 172Xy801AK—Loamy backslopes

### Landtype Associations

135A4.M1—Northern Low Mountains

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs on mid mountain slopes above the lower Middle Fork and the Main Stem north of the canyon.

### Soils Grouped Into This Site

Nickolna

### Description of the Site

*Landscape:*

This site occurs on lower and mid elevation mountains in what appears to be a transition between lower lacustrine and glacial landscapes and higher elevation bedrock controlled mountains. Seeps and groundwater discharge areas are present in some places. Slopes range from 4 to 50 percent. Elevation is 2,600 to 2,900 feet (792 to 884 m).

*Soils:*

The moderately well developed soils on this site formed in mixed gravelly glacial till and loamy glaciolacustrine deposits. Most have a thin mantle of silty loess. Cobbles and stones derived from local bedrock occur near and on the surface in some places. Bedrock is present below 6 inches (15 cm) in some soils, primarily at higher elevations. In most places, soils on this site are well drained.

*Vegetation:*

The potential vegetation on this site is best described as a complex of Spruce/alder woodland, Spruce/shrub birch woodland, and Low shrub birch scrub. The cover types occur in a patchy mosaic with no obvious site or successional relationships.

*Site Progression-Retrogression:*

No progressive or retrogressive relationships or conditions are known to occur on this site.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172XY100AK
Site Name: Loamy Flood Plains
Plant Name: POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2
Date: Jan 1993
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. **Geographic Location:**

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: NE 1/4; NW 1/4; NE 1/4; Sec. 01 T. 10N R. 03W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Flood plains
(b) Specific: low & mid, bordering the channel,
(c) Microrelief: plane, convex,
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1850 / ALL High 2400 / ALL
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 2 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 2. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 3. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 4. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 5. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____._

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 19 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp.
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .65 | .74 | .64 | .54 | .66 | 2.11 | 3.06 | 2.11 | 1.56 | 1.46 | .70 | .98 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 6.5 | 16.5 | 28.3 | 39.5 | 53.4 | 61.7 | 66.3 | 63.1 | 52.1 | 34.7 | 15.4 | 4.4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2.3 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 26.8 | 40.7 | 49.3 | 54.1 | 49.9 | 40.1 | 24.8 | 5.3 | -4.0 | |
| LOW | -12.0 | -9.6 | -2.3 | 14.1 | 27.9 | 36.9 | 41.9 | 36.7 | 28.0 | 15.2 | -4.8 | -12.5 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough, AK
(2) Station Number: 508625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Oxyaquic Cryofluvents | Coarse loamy over sandy or sandy skeletal, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | Typic Cryofluvents | |
| (3) | Typic Cryofluvents | Coarse loamy, mixed, nonacid |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): (Proglacial Lake Deposits), _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 2 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low Ø | High 1 | Boulders | Low Ø | High Ø |
| Cobbles | Low Ø | High Ø | Channers | Low Ø | High Ø |
| Stones | Low Ø | High Ø | Flagstone | Low Ø | High Ø |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: OCHRIC Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 11 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: FSL, VFSL, SIL, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 24 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .10 High .15 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 7 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: 27 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness 25 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 3 | 5.6 | 7.3 |
| Layers: | 3 | 25 | 5.6 | 7.3 |
| All Other Layers: | 25 | 60 | 6.6 | 8.4 |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0- 4" | F | → | → | → | M | → | → | → | → | F | → | → |
| 4-10" | F | → | → | → | M | → | → | → | → | → | F | → |
| 10-20" | F | → | → | → | M | → | → | → | → | → | → | F |
| 20-40" | M | → | → | → | W | → | → | → | → | → | M | → |
| 40-60" | W | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 2 (Ft) Maximum 5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: Apparent
(3) Month(s): APR to SEP

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: OCCAS - FREQ
(2) Duration: BRIEF
(3) Months: APR to OCT

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 30 - 60 | 45 - 65 |
| Shrubs | 40 - 60 | 10 - 20 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 0 - 10 | 2 - 5 |
| Cryptogams | ____ - ____ | ____ - ____ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 50 - 90 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 5 - 35 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 210 - 275 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | | 50-67 | -- | 10-35 | -- | |
| POBAL | | -- | -- | 15-40 | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: PIGL - 100yr breastheight age; Farr 1967

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | | | 1-15 | -- | -- | |
| POBAL | | | 1-10 | -- | -- | |
| ALTE2 | | | 15-85 | -- | -- | |
| SALIX | | | 5-35 | -- | -- | |
| ROAC | | | 1-20 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... -- NTE ea

POFR4 _____

RITR _____

SHCA _____

VIED _____

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CACA4 | | | 1-40 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

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(c) Forbs ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARTI | | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ASSI | | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPAN2 | | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EQUIS | | | 1-40 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| HEAL | | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

| | |
|---|---|
| MEPA | |
| PYROL | |
| LIBO3 | |
| RUAR | |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | | 0 - 10 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

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_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | | 5 - 65 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 11 |
| Late (Good) | | 20 |
| Mid (Fair) | | 32 |
| Early (Poor) | | 25 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FP3 | Dackey |
| | FP32 | |
| | FP4 | |
| | ST3 | |
| | FP3 | Klute moderately wet |
| | FP32 | |
| | FP31 | Kluna frequently flooded |
| | ↓ | Kluna deep |

**172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains**

**Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**

## Part A: Description of the Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to gently sloping flood plains formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically 2 to 8 feet (0.6 to 1.2 m) and the site is occasionally to frequently flooded. Elevation is generally below about 2400 feet (732 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site is found along the Main Stem south of canyon rapids, the lower North and South Branches, and the West Fork; to Sourdough. This site undoubtedly occurs along other low to moderate gradient reaches of other rivers and streams elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 19 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* Soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 10 to 40 inches (25 to 102 cm) thick over very gravelly alluvium. Depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 32 to 60 inches (81 to 152 cm) and the soils are somewhat poorly or moderately well drained. Aquic conditions including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix are present at depths of 18 to more than 60 inches (46 to more than 152 cm) below the soil surface.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest is the correlated PNC on this site. This PNC is best characterized as a riparian association, which develops under a regime of intermittent fluvial disturbance.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* This site is utilized by a wide variety of wildlife. Migrating caribou frequently pass through areas of this site. Limited observations suggest that caribou generally pass through areas closely adjacent to both the river channel and the lacustrine uplands, apparently avoiding extensive dense tall shrub and forest vegetation. Moose find quality browse from the *Salix alexensis* and other willows that are common to abundant in early and mid successional stages; light to moderate hedging is observed in most stands. *Hedysarum alpinum* roots in these same stages are excellent bear forage; shallow pits and other evidence of grubbing are common in open areas. This site also provides a staging area for bears fishing for salmon in summer and fall. Bald Eagles use tall *Populus balsamifera* and occasionally *Picea glauca* for nest trees; both trees are utilized for perches. Beaver activity is common throughout this site (see *Community Dynamics*).

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* This site is susceptible to wild fires, which are commonly recurring events in the Copper River basin. Both *Picea glauca* and *Populus balsamifera* are readily killed by fire and even burns of moderate intensity would likely be stand replacing. *Populus balsamifera* and most shrubs common in the PNC sprout

from root crowns following fires. Post-fire vegetative succession would be expected to pass through a short lived herb-shrub sprout stage, a tall alder-willow-balsam poplar scrub stage, and a balsam poplar forest stage before returning to the Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest characteristic of the PNC. The early stages often will have abundant woody debris on the ground surface as fire killed trees and shrubs fall. Larger diameter debris will persist into later stages. The length of time between burning and a return to the PNC is not known. Once established, *Picea glauca* grow to 45 to 60 feet tall within about 50 to 70 years.

Community dynamics also are impacted by beavers. Most stands of the PNC have common beaver-felled *Populus balsamifera* throughout the forest understory. In some stands, stumps and damaged trees indicate that most trees are cut down or killed by beavers before the PNC stage is reached and that *Populus balsamifera* composition is significantly less than it would be otherwise.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen: typically slightly higher flood plain position and rare flooding; well drained soils but with permafrost at depths less than 60 inches; White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest PNC.

**172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains**

**Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**

## Part B: Interpretation for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

(1) *Aggradation:* Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site is an intermediate stage of site progression and vegetative succession on flood plains. Site progression on flood plains begins when channel migration or down-cutting exposes fresh alluvium. Over time as flooding continues to deposit additional layers of alluvium, terraces height above the channel increases, the depth to water table generally increases, and frequency and duration of flooding decreases. Eventually, the flood plain is elevated above the level of normal periodic flooding, new accretions of alluvium for the most part cease, and the site becomes a stream terrace. Permafrost is frequently found within the soil profile on stream terraces.

Typical vegetation succession associated with the progression of site characteristics includes the following sequence of cover types on this site: Sparsely vegetated alluvium, Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub, Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub, Tall thinleaf alder scrub, Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest, and Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest. Continued site and vegetation progression leads to White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest on site 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen and Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest on site 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen.

*1.e. Insects and Disease Pests and Animal Damage:* All *Populus balsamifera* trees have discoloration and heart rot from unknown pathogen. Evidence visible even in smallest trees and saplings. Crowns of larger trees usually with dead tops and other dead areas.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* Sparsely vegetated point bars and low flood plains provide good primitive camp sites; marginal quality firewood often available in later successional stages.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 11
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 100 | 24 | 7 | 45 | 49 |
| white spruce | T1 | 91 | 20 | 5 | 40 | 43 |
| white spruce | T2 | 36 | 12 | 2 | 15 | 21 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| white spruce | T3 | 64 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| black crowberry | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 27 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 36 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 18 |
| highbush cranberry | SS | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| prickly rose | SS | 82 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 25 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 27 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 64 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| swamp red currant | SS | 55 | 24 | 1 | 50 | 36 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 39 | 15 | 85 | 62 |
| willow | SS | 64 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 22 |
| American twinflower | F | 73 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 64 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 64 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| anemone | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| arctic aster | F | 64 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 18 |
| buttercup | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| cloudberry | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| common fireweed | F | 55 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| horsetail | F | 82 | 9 | 1 | 40 | 27 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| milk-vetch | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 45 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| northern blackberry | F | 45 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| northern commandra | F | 18 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| tall Jacob's-ladder | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| tall bluebells | F | 18 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 11 |
| wintergreen | F | 73 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 18 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 55 | 14 | 1 | 60 | 27 |
| polar grass | G | 45 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 16 | 3 | 65 | 40 |
| Lichen layer | L | 91 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Bare soil | B | 55 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 60 | 3 | 90 | 77 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 91 | 16 | 7 | 35 | 38 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX SANO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest
Seral status: late
Number of stands: 20
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 95 | 32 | 10 | 70 | 55 |
| white spruce | T1 | 25 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| white spruce | T2 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 11 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 45 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| white spruce | T3 | 75 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 55 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 27 |
| highbush cranberry | SS | 25 | 19 | 2 | 35 | 22 |
| little tree willow | SS | 20 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 12 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| prickly rose | SS | 65 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 23 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 30 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 25 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| swamp red currant | SS | 30 | 18 | 1 | 50 | 23 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 52 | 15 | 85 | 72 |
| willow | SS | 40 | 11 | 1 | 45 | 21 |
| American twinflower | F | 25 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 65 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 24 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 70 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| arctic aster | F | 75 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| common fireweed | F | 70 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 21 |
| horsetail | F | 75 | 19 | 1 | 70 | 38 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 30 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| milk-vetch | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| northern blackberry | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 20 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| wintergreen | F | 50 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| blue grass | G | 35 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| polar grass | G | 65 | 16 | 1 | 85 | 32 |
| slender wheatgrass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| Lichen layer | L | 75 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Bare soil | B | 60 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 64 | 1 | 95 | 80 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 80 | 10 | 4 | 30 | 28 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAMO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Tall thinleaf alder scrub
Seral status: mid
Number of stands: 11
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq.root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T3 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| white spruce | T3 | 55 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 82 | 10 | 4 | 15 | 28 |
| prickly rose | SS | 64 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 72 | 40 | 95 | 85 |
| willow | SS | 55 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 73 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Unknown forb | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic aster | F | 55 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| horsetail | F | 91 | 11 | 1 | 40 | 31 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 27 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| northern blackberry | F | 27 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 19 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| tall bluebells | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| blue grass | G | 36 | 60 | 1 | 85 | 47 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 55 | 34 | 5 | 70 | 43 |
| polar grass | G | 36 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 16 |
| rough bent | G | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| water sedge | G | 18 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Moss layer | M | 91 | 10 | 1 | 25 | 31 |
| Lichen layer | L | 45 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Bare soil | B | 55 | 9 | 1 | 45 | 22 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 62 | 1 | 95 | 79 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 73 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 22 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAMO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Tall thinleaf alder/willow scrub
Seral status: mid
Number of stands: 20
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T2 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| white spruce | T2 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 55 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 |
| white spruce | T3 | 70 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 55 | 16 | 5 | 50 | 29 |
| gray willow | SS | 15 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 12 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 60 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 14 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 68 | 40 | 90 | 82 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 46 | 15 | 85 | 68 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 55 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 45 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| anemone | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| arctic aster | F | 75 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| common fireweed | F | 85 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| horsetail | F | 65 | 10 | 2 | 35 | 26 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 55 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| milk-vetch | F | 15 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 30 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| northern blackberry | F | 70 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| tall bluebells | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| valerian | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| wintergreen | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| blue grass | G | 20 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 60 | 24 | 2 | 70 | 38 |
| polar grass | G | 75 | 13 | 1 | 70 | 31 |
| slender wheatgrass | G | 15 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 20 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 10 |
| water sedge | G | 25 | 16 | 1 | 35 | 20 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 11 | 1 | 25 | 33 |
| Lichen layer | L | 70 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Bare soil | B | 65 | 7 | 1 | 40 | 22 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 73 | 30 | 95 | 85 |
| Surface water | B | 15 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 95 | 6 | 1 | 20 | 24 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAMO2 SANO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub
Seral status: early-mid
Number of stands: 21
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T2 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| white spruce | T2 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 43 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 18 |
| white spruce | T3 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 36 | 10 | 75 | 60 |
| highbush cranberry | SS | 19 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| little tree willow | SS | 19 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 12 |
| prickly rose | SS | 33 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 24 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 38 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 45 | 15 | 70 | 67 |
| willow | SS | 52 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 17 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 81 | 9 | 1 | 30 | 27 |
| Unknown forb | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 57 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| arctic aster | F | 71 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 67 | 11 | 2 | 40 | 27 |
| horsetail | F | 43 | 14 | 2 | 40 | 24 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 24 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| northern blackberry | F | 19 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 33 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| tall bluebells | F | 19 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| violet | F | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| wintergreen | F | 14 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| blue grass | G | 67 | 7 | 1 | 35 | 22 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 57 | 29 | 1 | 85 | 41 |
| polar grass | G | 29 | 15 | 1 | 55 | 21 |
| rough bent | G | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| slender wheatgrass | G | 29 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| vanilla grass | G | 19 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| wheatgrass | G | 24 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 26 |
| Lichen layer | L | 71 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Bare soil | B | 71 | 8 | 1 | 75 | 24 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 95 | 45 | 1 | 95 | 66 |
| Rock fragments | B | 19 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 62 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 21 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAMO2 SANO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub
Seral status: early
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

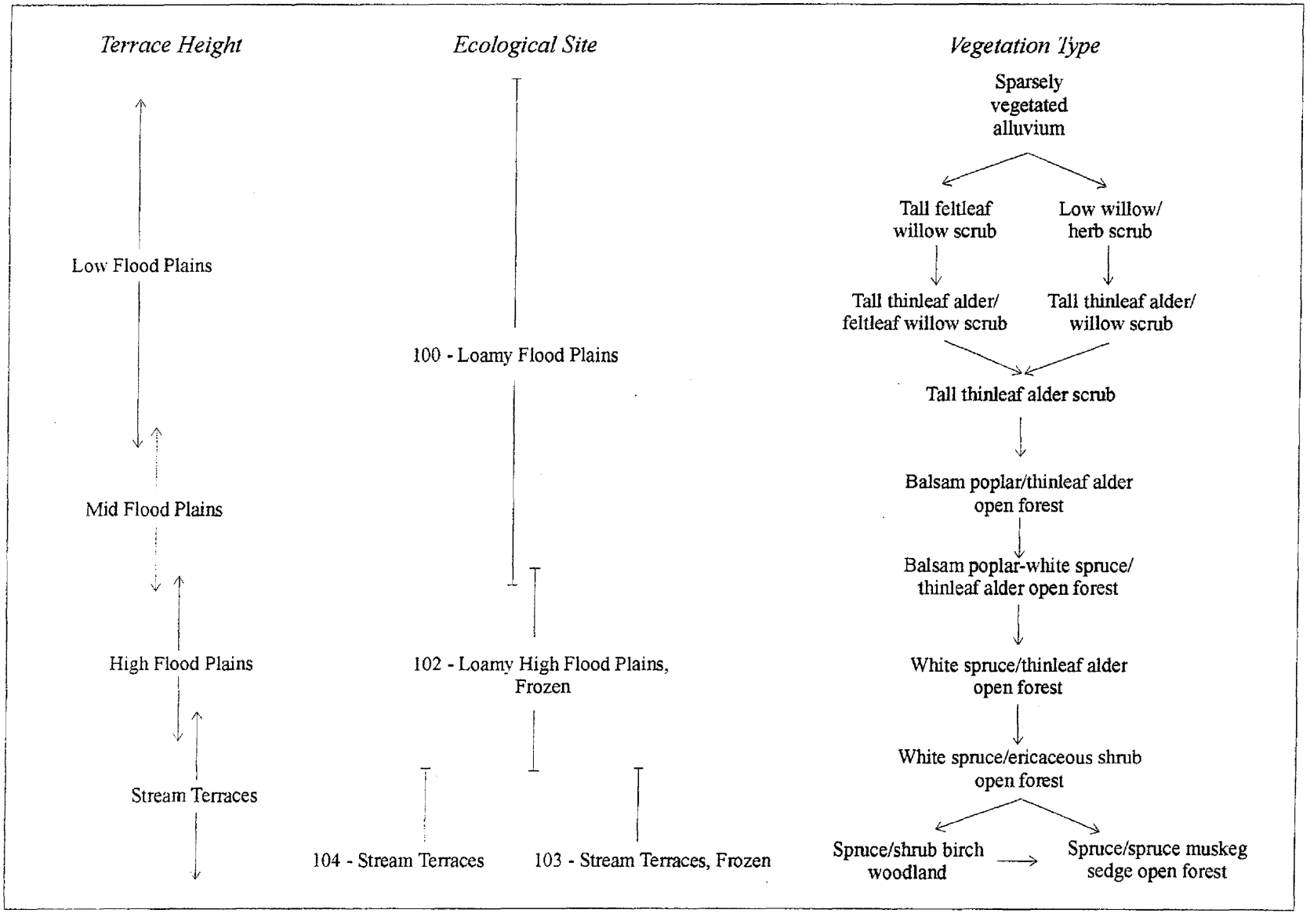
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T3 | 80 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 31 |
| white spruce | T3 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 49 | 10 | 90 | 70 |
| little tree willow | SS | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 24 |
| willow | SS | 80 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 20 |
| Bodin's milkvetch | F | 40 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 15 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 80 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 21 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| arctic aster | F | 100 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 22 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bog yellowcress | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 80 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| dwarf fireweed | F | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| fleabane | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| gentian | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| horsetail | F | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| marsh horsetail | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| marsh willowherb | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| milk-vetch | F | 40 | 11 | 2 | 20 | 21 |
| northern blackberry | F | 20 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| northern green orchid | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| ragwort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| blue grass | G | 80 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 15 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 80 | 13 | 3 | 40 | 32 |
| fescue | G | 40 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| narrow false oat | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| polar grass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| rough bent | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| rush | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| slender wheatgrass | G | 80 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 21 |
| vanilla grass | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 80 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 68 | 45 | 80 | 82 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 25 | 5 | 55 | 50 |
| Rock fragments | B | 60 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAMO2 SANO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains
Cover type: Low willow/herb scrub
Seral status: early
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T2 | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| little tree willow | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| sweetgale | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 92 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| northern blackberry | F | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| violet | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 92 |
| Rock fragments | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3




General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the alder zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

Selected physical properties for typical stages of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces in the alder zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

| Ecological Site (stage) | Cover Type(s) | Terrace Height avg(rge) | Flooding Frequency | Depth to SSK avg(rge) | Thickness of OM avg(rge) | Depth to Water Table | | Depth to Permafrost | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (early) | SAAL<br>SAAL/ALTE2 | 3 (1-6) | freq | 20 (4-48) | 0 (0-1) | 94 | 37 (22-58) | 0 | - |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (mid) | ALTE2<br>ALTE2-SAAL<br>ALTE2/SALIX | 3 (1-7) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-2) | 83 | 34 (12-58) | 0 | - |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (late) | POBA2/ALTE2<br>POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2 | 4 (2-8) | occas | 26 (8-60) | 1 (0-2) | 62 | 42 (23-55) | 0 | - |
| 102 - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen (PNC) | PIGL/ALTE2 | 6 (4-12) | occas-rare | 31 (17-60) | 3 (0-7) | 26 | 40 (24-55) | 61 | 32 (14-55) |
| 102 - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 5 (2-8) | 15 | 40 (30-50) | 65 | 31 (12-52) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

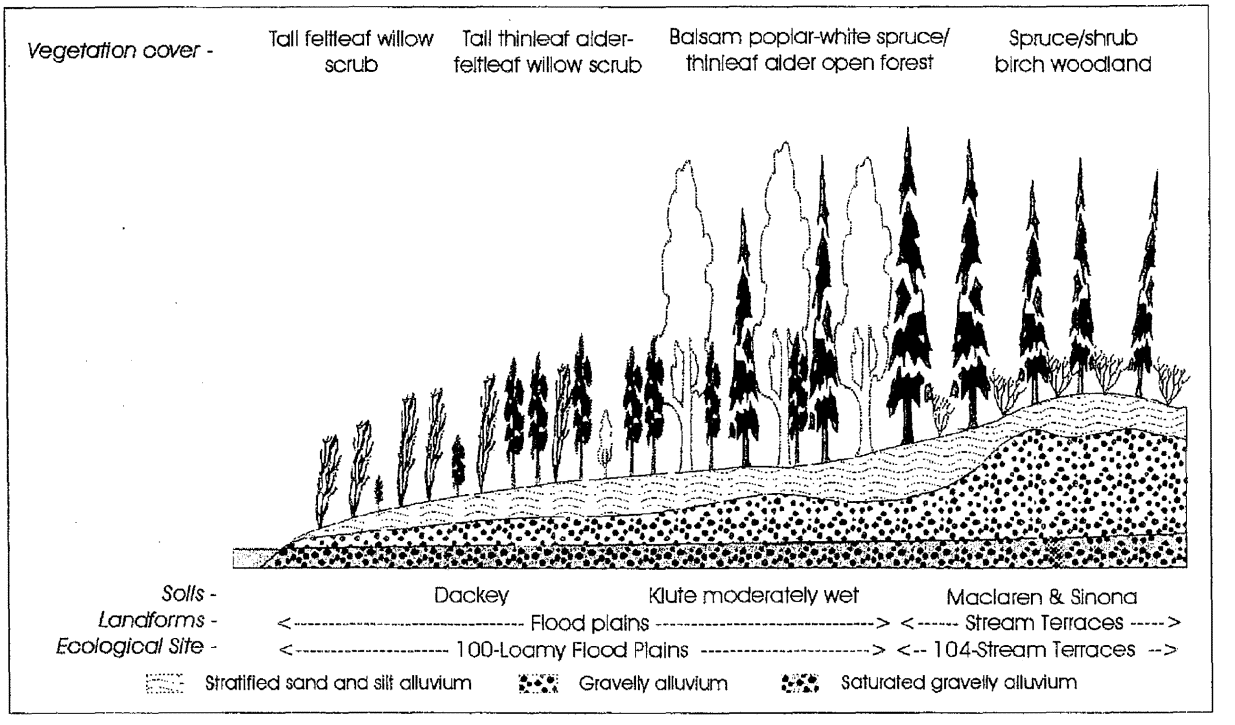
Notes:

Terrace height - estimated height of flood plain or stream terrace surface above the mid summer channel level.

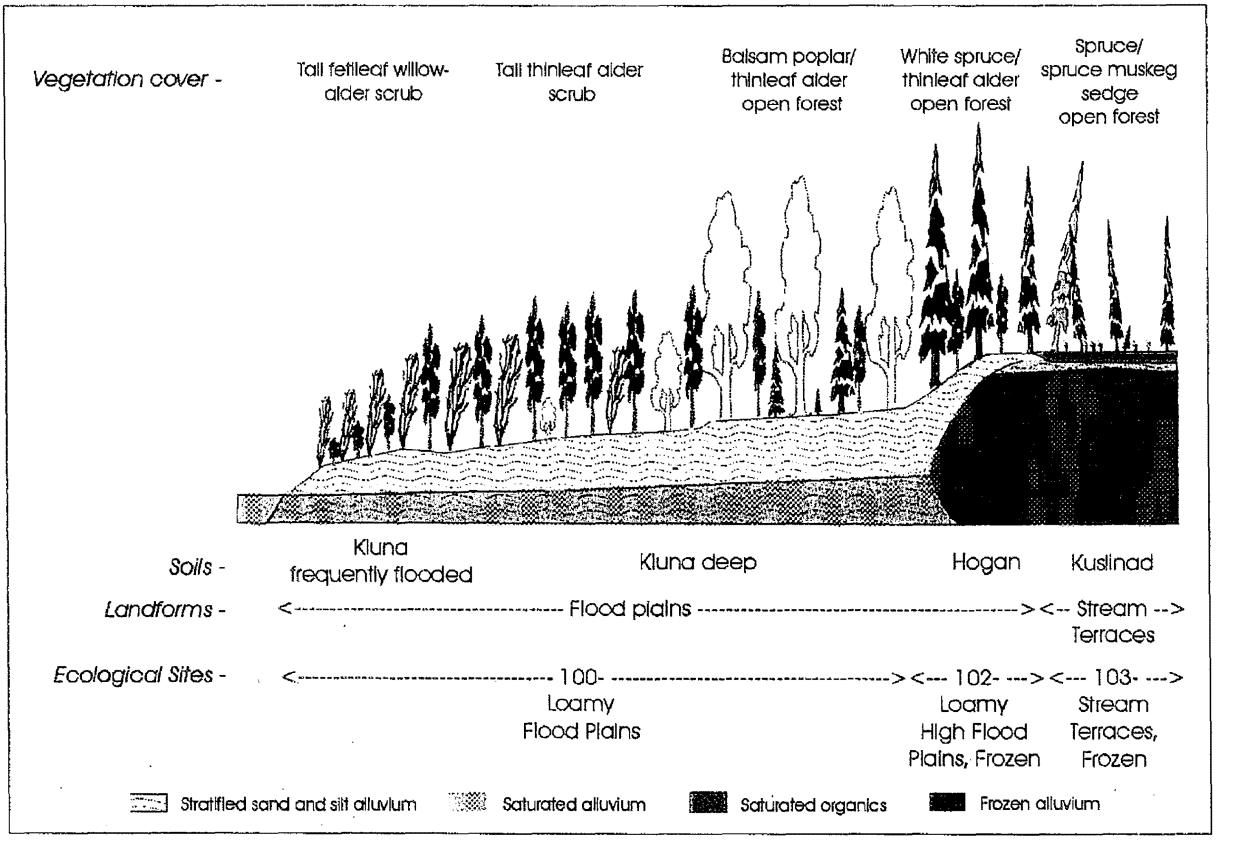
Depth to SSK - depth to sandy skeletal alluvium below the mineral soil surface in pedons without permafrost or in which the permafrost level was below the SSK contact; measured in the soil pit.

Thickness of OM - thickness of the surface organic mat; measured in the soil pit.

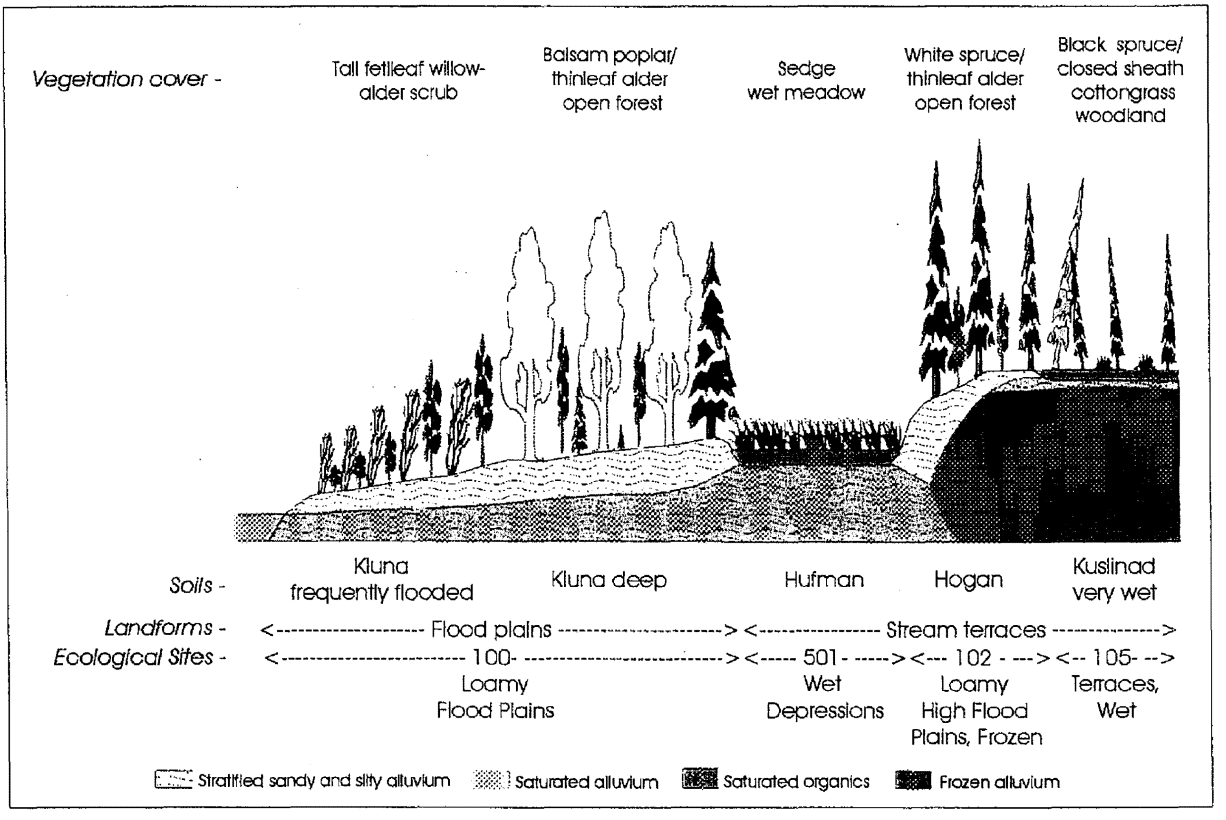
Depth to Water Table and Permafrost - Pedons w/ <60": pedons in which a water table or permafrost was present within 60 inches below the mineral surface. Depth when <60": depth below the mineral surface when present; measured in the soil pit.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the Main Stem below Canyon Rapids.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the middle West Fork.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the middle West Fork.



Early vegetation succession on ecological site 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains. Immediately adjacent to the channel is Sedge-grass riparian meadow. Next is Tall feltleaf willow/alder scrub. Tall thinleaf alder scrub in back would have common balsam poplar seedlings and small saplings and probably some white spruce seedlings in the understory.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy101AK
Site Name: Loamy High Flood Plains
Plant Name: PIGL/SALIX
Date: 1/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA-NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: NE 1/4; NW 1\4; NE 1\4; Sec. 07 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: flood plains
(b) Specific: High, _____,
(c) Microrelief: plane, _____,
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 2300 / All High 2600 / All
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 10 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 2. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 3. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 4. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 5. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____
(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____ ._

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp.)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson Alaska
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryofluvents | CL/SorSSK, mixed, non acid |
| (2) | " | CL, mixed, non acid |
| (3) | Pergelic Cryorthents | L, mixed, nonacid |
| | Oxyaquic Cryorthents | SSK, mixed, non acid |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 4 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: VFSL, FSL, SiL, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 19 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .13 High .16 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 12 (inches) Maximum 760 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: >50 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 12 (inches) Maximum >60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness >50 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 9 | 5.6 | 7.8 |
| Layers: | 9 | 33 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| All Other Layers: | 33 | 60 | 6.6 | 8.4 |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 40-60" | M | M | M | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 3 (Ft) Maximum >5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: apparent
(3) Month(s): May to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: rare - occasional
(2) Duration: brief
(3) Months: Apr to Sep

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 20 - 60 | 40 - 65 |
| Shrubs | 35 - 90 | 3.5 - 6 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 30 - 85 | 1 - 2.5 |
| Cryptogams | 15 - 85 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 15 - 60 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 10 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 50 - 160 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | 50-68 | -- | 15-65 | -- | |
| POBAZ | balsam poplar | -- | -- | 0-20 | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: Farr (1967)

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | | 0-25 | -- | -- | |
| * SALIX | willow | | 10-75 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 0-20 | -- | -- | |
| POFR4 | shrubby cinquefoil | | 0-15 | -- | -- | |
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | | 0-10 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... -- NTE ___ ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SARE2 | net vein willow | 0-20 |
| ROAC | prickly rose | 0-10 |
| EMNI | black crowberry | 0-5 |
| | | |

* includes SAPL2, SABA3, and SAMO2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARLAZ | polar grass | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACAA | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 0-30 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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|---|---|
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| | |

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 1-80 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFRS | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 0-30 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| COCAI3 | bunchberry dogwood | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| MEPA | tall bluebells | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUAR | northern blackberry | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| EPANZ | common fireweed | 0-6 |
| HEAL | alpine sweet-vetch | 0-7 |
| | | |
| | | |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 15 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total moss | 15 - 85 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 25 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | |
| Decadent, part climax | | 3 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FP22 | Kluna |
| | FP23 | Hogen cool |
| | FP6 | " |
| | ST1 | Klute |
| | " | Kluna |
| | ST11 | Klute |
| | " | Tangoe occasionally flooded |
| | ST13 | " |
| | " | Klute occasionally flooded |
| | ST31 | Hogen cool |

**172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains**

**White spruce/willow open forest**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to moderately sloping high flood plains formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically 3 to 10 feet (0.9 to 3.0 m) and the site is occasionally to rarely flooded. In many areas, particularly on the highest flood plains positions, permafrost is present within the soil profile. Elevation is generally 2300 to 2600 feet (701 to 792 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site is common along the Middle Fork, the Main Stem north of canyon rapids, and the upper reaches of the North and South Branches. It also occurs along major side streams and drainages above the river corridor. This site undoubtedly occurs along the other rivers and streams in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is 1 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 12 to over 60 inches (30 to 152 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Rarely, the sandy and silty layer is less than 12 inches (30 cm; Tangoe soils). The depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 40 to over 60 inches (102 to 152 cm) and the soils are moderately well to well drained. Aquic conditions, including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix are found on occasions below 40 inches (102 cm). On some of the older terraces, permafrost is found between about 20 to more than 60 inches (102 to 152 cm). Permafrost soils usually do not have a perched water table on the permafrost surface.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* White spruce/willow open forest is the correlated PNC on this site. This PNC is best characterized as a riparian plant association and may only exist during the life span of the initial generation of trees.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* This site is utilized by a wide variety of wildlife. Dense *Salix* spp. in the understory provides abundant moose browse; moderate to severe hedging is observed in most stands. This site also provides staging areas for bears fishing for salmon in summer and fall. Bald Eagles use tall *Picea glauca* and the occasional *Populus balsamifera* for perches and occasionally for nesting, particularly those trees close to the river channel. Beaver activity is common throughout and adjacent to areas of this site.

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* This site is susceptible to wild fire, which are commonly recurring events in the Copper River basin. Because of its thin bark, *Picea glauca* is poorly adapted to survive wild fire and most trees are usually killed when a stand burns. The *Salix* spp. that dominant the forest understory readily sprout after burning and post-fire succession would be expected to pass through a short herb-shrub

sprout stage to a dense low willow scrub stage. If suitable seed trees remain in or adjacent to the burned stand, *Picea glauca* should eventually re-establish itself. The presence of *Picea mariana* in the pre-fire stand or in nearby unburned stands could lead to a black spruce or mixed spruce stage in the post-fire succession.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet

172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

**172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains**
**White spruce/willow open forest**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(1) Aggradation:* Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site appears to develop from 172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet or 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet. In some places, a short steep escarpment separates adjacent flood plain levels. The higher flood plains support White spruce/willow forest characteristic of site 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains while Low willow/herb scrub is found on the low flood plains characteristic of sites 172Xy200AK and 172Xy201AK. In a many places on islands and in areas of high channel sinuosity, a gradual increase in terrace height away from the channel is evident. The transition to site 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains and White spruce/willow open forest on the higher positions usually includes a relatively narrow zone dominated by white spruce saplings and small trees protruding through the dense willow scrub.

Site 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains is the end point of site progression and vegetative succession on flood plains. Over the life of the initial white spruce stand, the willow understory gradually is replaced by ericaceous shrubs and the organic mat on the soil surface accumulates and thickens. Continued development and thickening of the organic mat results in a gradual decrease in soil temperatures and depth to permafrost and a reduction in nutrient availability and cycling. Observations in the Gulkana River area suggest that, without some degree of disturbance, which delays or retards succession, permafrost develops within the soil profile and site productivity decreases markedly towards the end of the life span of the original forest stand. Without disturbance, site progression and vegetative succession would lead to site 172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces and Spruce/shrub birch woodland and in some places possibly even 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen and Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest.

The transition between 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains and 172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces is usually indicated by the White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest vegetation type. This type consists of decadent stand of tall, large diameter white spruce, many of which have already died and fallen partly to completely over. Below the deteriorating overstory is a younger, smaller stand of mixed white and black spruce. Trees within this layer often appear poorly formed, slow growing, and have yellowish green foliage characteristics of cold, low productivity sites. Ericaceous shrubs are prominent in the understory by this point.

*1.e. Insect and Disease Pests and Animal Damage:* Most stands experience seasonally heavy browsing by moose and the willow is often moderately to severely hedged. Beaver cut willow stems are common in many places.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* Deteriorating spruce stands in the transitional zone between high flood plains and stream terraces often contain abundant downfall suitable for firewood. Standing dead trees will provide a future source of firewood.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains
Cover type: White spruce/willow open forest
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 25
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

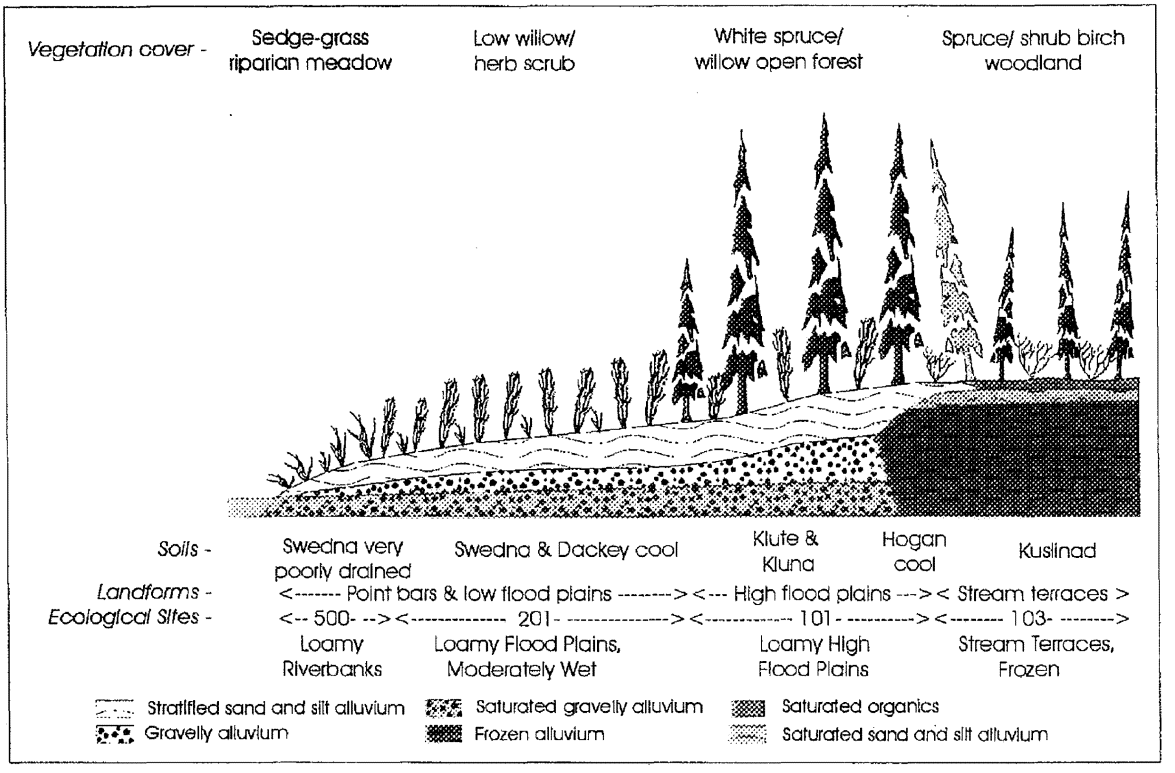
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 16 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 14 |
| white spruce | T1 | 80 | 29 | 7 | 65 | 48 |
| white spruce | T2 | 48 | 30 | 10 | 60 | 38 |
| white spruce | T3 | 64 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 40 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| black crowberry | SS | 64 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 92 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 26 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 28 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 80 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| net vein willow | SS | 12 | 12 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| prickly rose | SS | 28 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| red bearberry | SS | 24 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| shrub birch | SS | 40 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 60 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 40 | 7 | 75 | 63 |
| American twinflower | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 44 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 48 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| anemone | F | 16 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| arctic aster | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 68 | 7 | 1 | 30 | 21 |
| boreal sagebrush | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| cloudberry | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 68 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 11 |
| felwort | F | 16 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 92 | 32 | 2 | 80 | 54 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 76 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| milk-vetch | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 36 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| northern blackberry | F | 76 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| ragwort | F | 36 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| serpent-grass | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| single delight | F | 32 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| starwort | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| stonecrop | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 48 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| tall bluebells | F | 72 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 13 |
| valerian | F | 56 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| western arctic shootingstar | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| wintergreen | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| blue grass | G | 28 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 44 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| polar grass | G | 72 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 22 |
| rough fescue | G | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| sedge | G | 20 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| water sedge | G | 12 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 11 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 58 | 15 | 85 | 76 |
| Lichen layer | L | 92 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| Bare soil | B | 24 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 14 | 1 | 60 | 38 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 60 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAMO2 SAPL2

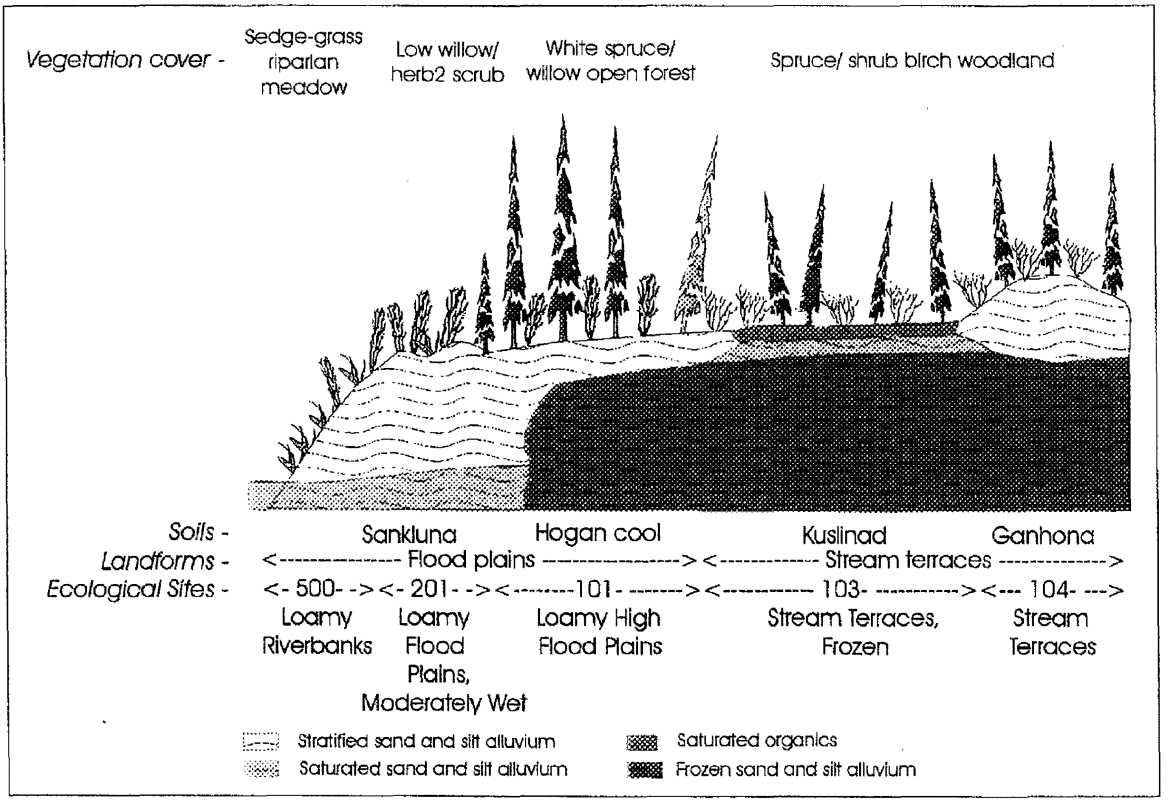
Ecological Site: 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains
Cover type: White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest
Seral status: post-PNC
Number of stands: 3
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 100 | 58 | 45 | 65 | 76 |
| white spruce | T3 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 19 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 18 | 10 | 25 | 43 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 67 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 17 | 1 | 30 | 41 |
| prickly rose | SS | 33 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| red bearberry | SS | 67 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 67 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| stink currant | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 27 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 67 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 17 |
| arctic lupine | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 17 | 5 | 30 | 41 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| milk-vetch | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| northern blackberry | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| serpent-grass | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| single delight | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall bluebells | F | 67 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 13 |
| valerian | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| violet | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| wintergreen | F | 67 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 13 |
| blue grass | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 67 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| polar grass | G | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| rough fescue | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 73 | 65 | 85 | 86 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 21 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 15 | 5 | 25 | 39 |
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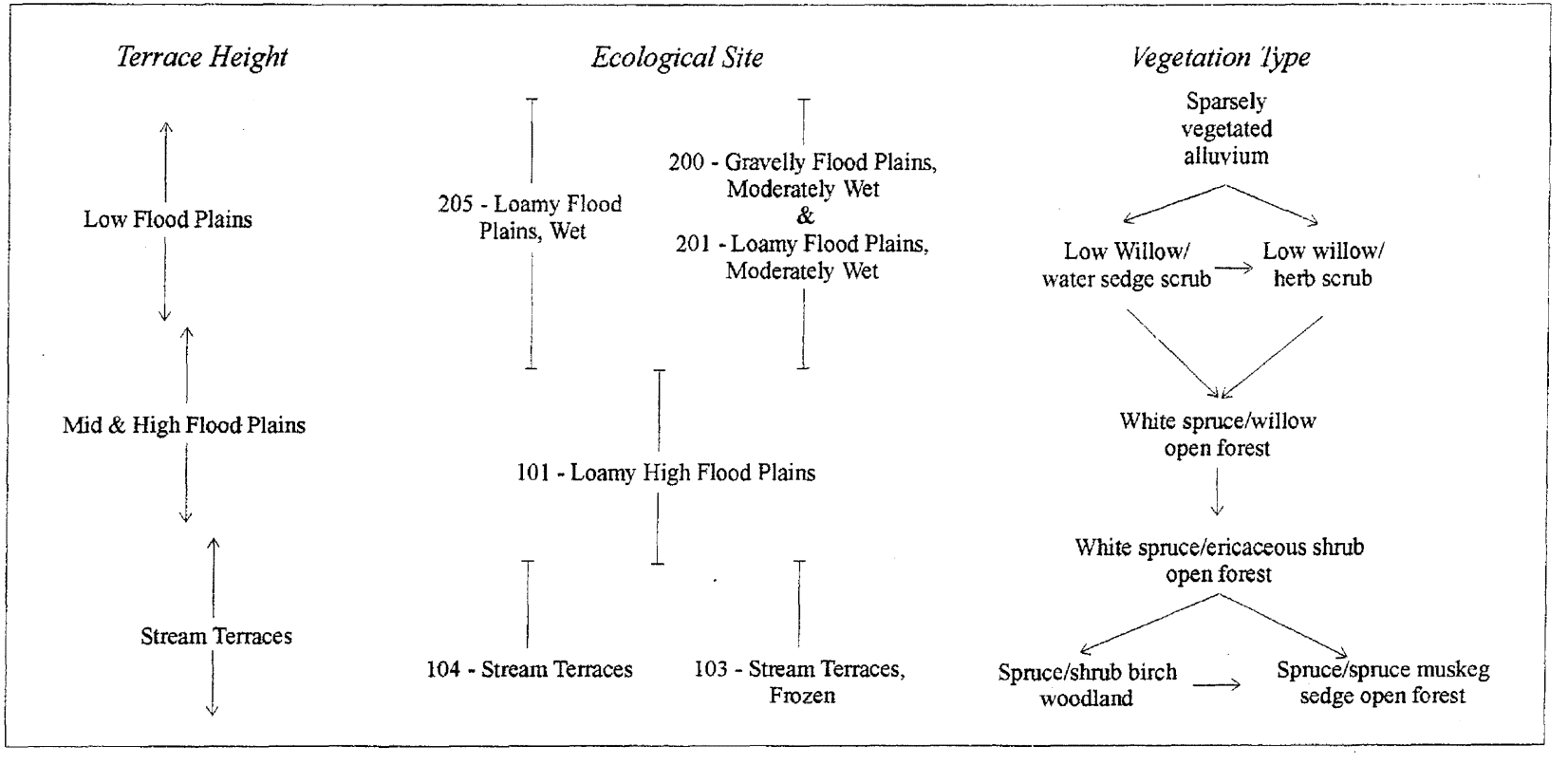
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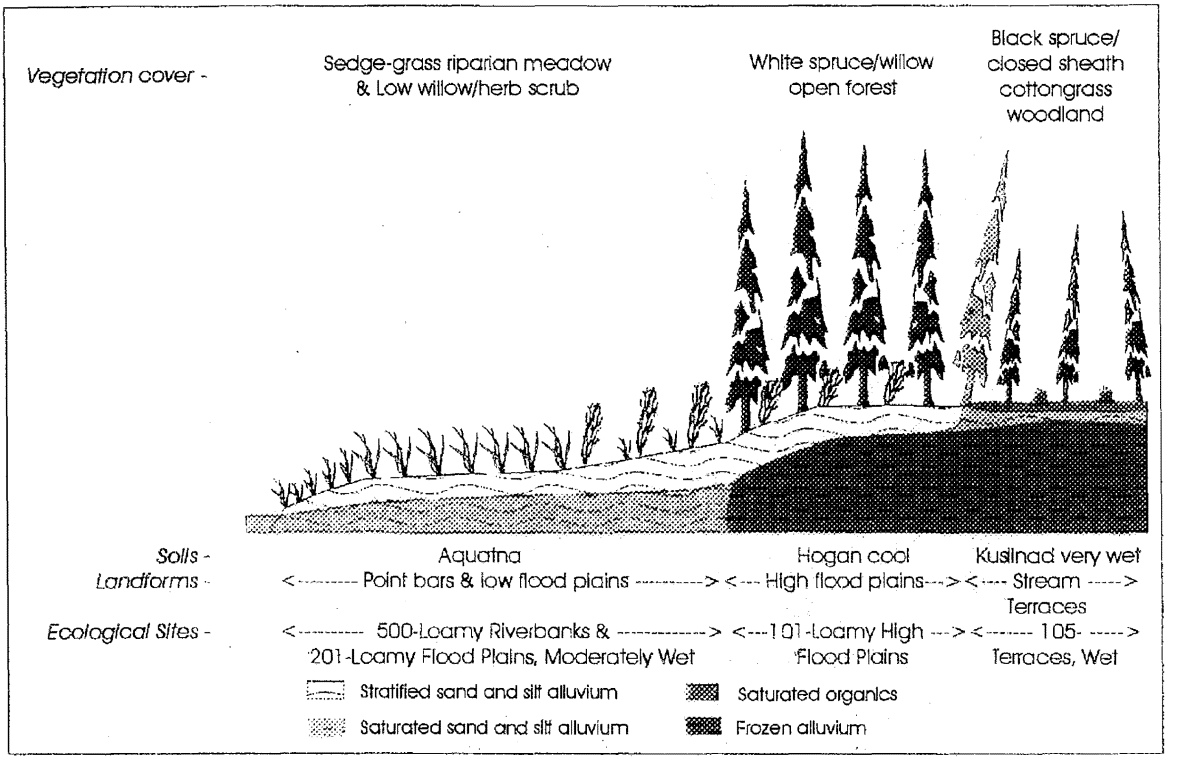

Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper Main Stem.



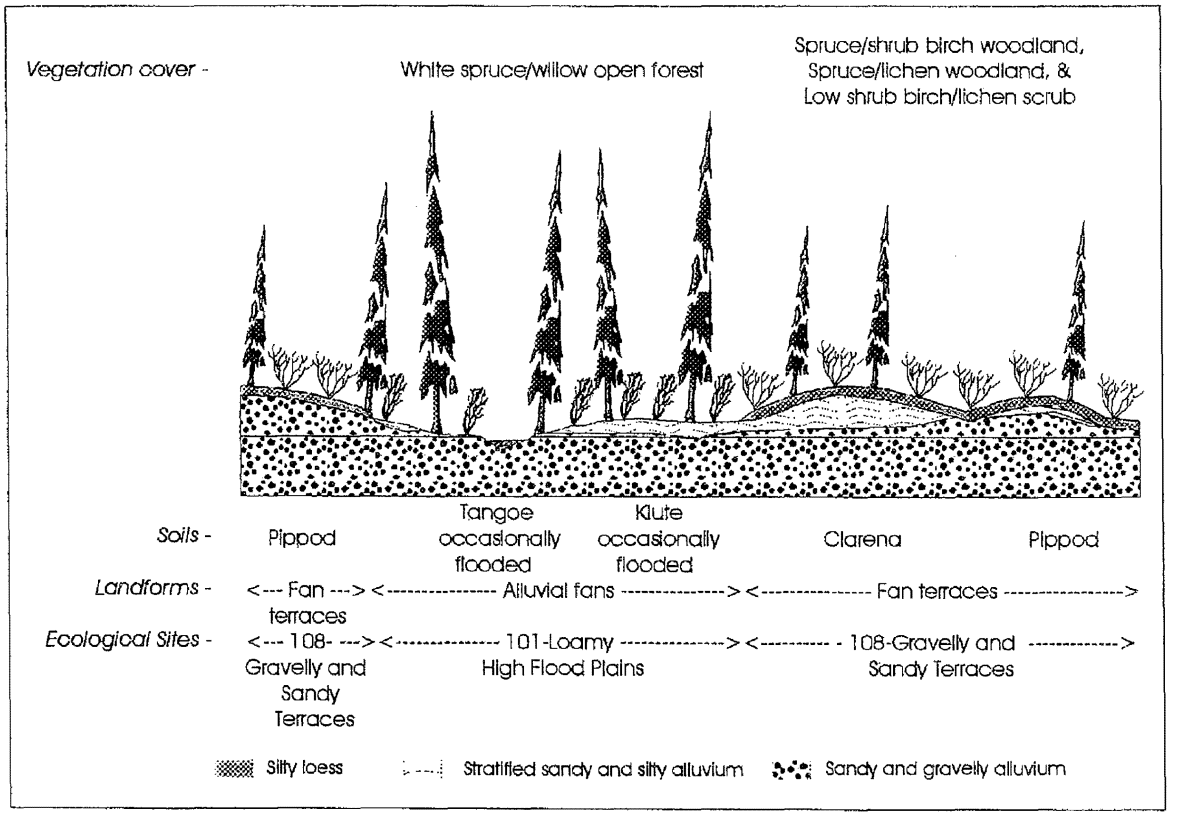

Representative cross section in the willow zone along the lower Middle Fork.




General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper South Branch.




Representative cross section across an alluvial fan along the upper Middle Fork.



Representative stand of White spruce/willow open forest on ecological site 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains. Scarring on the boles of white spruce is caused by ice jams on the adjacent river channel.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 17Rxy102AK
Site Name: Loamy High Flood Plains
Plant Name: PIGL/ALTE2
Date: Jan 1998
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: SW 1/4; SE 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 14 T. 09N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

[1] O

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Flood plains
(b) Specific: mid & high, _____,
(c) Microrelief: plane, convex,
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1850 / All _____ High 2400 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 6 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ |
| 2. | _____ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ |
| 3. | _____ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ |
| 4. | _____ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ |
| 5. | _____ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ | ___._ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____
(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____ ._

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Pergelic _____, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 19 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 90 (days) (23 °F base temp.)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .65 | .74 | .64 | .54 | .66 | 2.11 | 3.06 | 2.11 | 1.56 | 1.46 | .70 | .98 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 6.5 | 16.5 | 29.3 | 39.5 | 53.4 | 61.7 | 66.3 | 63.1 | 52.1 | 34.7 | 16.4 | 4.4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2.3 | 4.0 | 13.0 | 26.8 | 40.7 | 49.3 | 54.1 | 49.9 | 40.1 | 24.8 | 5.3 | -4.0 | |
| LOW | -12.0 | -3.6 | -2.3 | 14.1 | 27.9 | 36.9 | 41.9 | 36.7 | 28.0 | 15.2 | -4.3 | -12.5 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough
(2) Station Number: 509625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Pergelic Cryorthents | loamy, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 3 (inches)
(b) Type E

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: OCHRIC Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: VFSL, FSL, SIL, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 14 (inches) Maximum 37 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 12 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .13 High .16 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____ (inches) Maximum _____ (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 2 | 9 | 5.6 | 6.5 |
| Layers: | 14 | 27 | 6.1 | 7.9 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0- 4" | F | F | F | M | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | | | | F | | | | | | M | M | |
| 10-20" | | | | | F | | | | | | F | |
| 20-40" | | | | | | F | F | F | F | F | | |
| 40-60" | | | | | | | | | | | | |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 3 (Ft) Maximum >5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: Apparent
(3) Month(s): Apr to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: Rare
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 25 - 75 | 15 - 70 |
| Shrubs | 30 - 90 | 10 - 20 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 40 - 80 | 1 - 3 |
| Cryptogams | 50 - 80 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N - R | 15 - 30 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 1 - 20 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 130 - 300 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | White spruce | 50-80 | -- | 25-75 | -- | |
| POBAZ | Balsam poplar | -- | -- | 0-10 | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: Farr 1967

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | White spruce | | 1-5 | -- | -- | |
| * ALTE | thinleaf alder | | 10-20 | -- | -- | |
| ROAC | prickly rose | | 1-20 | -- | -- | |
| LEDUM | Labrador-tea | | 1-30 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 1-30 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... -- NTE ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SALIX | willow | 0-15 |
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | 1-10 |
| EMNI | black crowberry | 1-30 |
| | | |

* includes ALCRG

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CALA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 1-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

| | |
|---|---|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

(c) Forbs ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 1-40 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| MESA | tall bluebells | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| COCA12 | bunchberry dogwood | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PYSE6 | wintergreen | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFR6 | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| HEAL | alpine meadow wild | 0-4 |
| ART | Tilesius wormwood | 0-5 |
| EPAN2 | Common fireweed | 0-2 |
| LIBO3 | American twinflower | 0-15 |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 1 - 10 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total moss | 50 - 90 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 17 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |
| Determining (potential) | | 18 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FP3I | Hogan |
| | FP3Z | Hogan |
| | ST3 | Hogan |
| | ST4 | Hogan |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

## 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen
### White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest

### Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to moderately sloping, high flood plains formed in stratified loamy alluvium over very gravelly alluvium. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level typically ranges from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3.0 m) and the site is rarely flooded. The surface organic mat is moderately thick and permafrost is usually present within the soil profile. Elevation is generally below about 2400 feet (732 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site is found along the Main Stem south of canyon rapids and along the lower North and South Branches and the West Fork; to Sourdough. This site undoubtedly occurs along the other low and moderate gradient rivers and streams elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 19 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 12 to more than 60 inches (30 to 152 cm) thick over very gravelly alluvium. The organic mat ranges from 2 to 9 inches (5 to 23 cm) thick and permafrost is usually present at a depth of 14 to 37 inches (36 to 94 cm). Except for a thin saturated zone in spring and early summer, no perched water table is found at the permafrost contact and the soils are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest is the correlated PNC on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* This site is utilized by a wide variety of wildlife. Migrating caribou frequently pass through areas of this site. Limited observations suggest that caribou generally pass through areas closely adjacent to both the river channel and the lacustrine uplands, apparently avoiding extensive dense tall shrub and forest vegetation. *Salix alexensis* and other willows are occasional to common in many stands and provide limited moose browse. Mature stands of *Picea glauca* provide habitat for marten and weasels, particularly areas with abundant woody debris on the forest floor. Bald Eagles use tall *Populus balsamifera* and occasionally *Picea glauca* for nest trees; both trees are utilized for perches. The spruce forest provides high quality Spruce Grouse habitat.

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* This site is susceptible to wild fires, which are commonly recurring events in the Copper River basin. In most instances, fire would kill the *Picea glauca* trees and destroy much, if not all, of the existing forest overstory and burn most of the understory back to ground level. Fire also would blacken and at least partially destroy the moss-organic layer on the soil surface, leading to soil warming, a drop in the permafrost level, and increased nutrient availability. It is unlikely, however,

that post fire vegetative succession would pass through same seral stages characteristic of flood plain succession that led to the original White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest. The flooding regime, soil moisture patterns, and growing conditions associated with flood plain succession not longer exist. In all probability, vegetative succession would pass through a sequence of scrub and woodland seral stages leading to mixed spruce with *Betula glandulosa* and ericaceous shrubs in the understory and a well-developed moss-organic layer on the soil surface similar to Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains: typically slightly lower flood plain position and occasional flooding; soils without permafrost; Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest vegetative potential.

**172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen**
**White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(1) Aggradation*: Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site is the end point of site progression and vegetative succession on flood plains within the alder zone. This site develops from site 172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains as additional accretions of alluvium, channel migration, channel down-cutting, or a combination of these processes increase the height of the terrace surface and decrease the frequency and duration of flooding. White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest on this site is a later successional stage of Balsam poplar-white spruce/thinleaf alder open forest and represents the end point of succession on flood plains.

Eventually periodic flooding all but ceases because of increased terrace height. Continued development and thickening of the organic mat results in a decrease in soil temperatures, a rise in the level of the pemafrost, and a reduction in nutrient availability and cycling. White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest represents a transitional cover type in the flood plain-stream terrace site progression. This type develops as growing conditions on the site continues to deteriorate and the original white spruce forest on the flood plains begins to die off and be replaced by less productive white and black spruce characteristic of stream terraces. Tall white spruce snags and large diameter downfall are frequent in these stands. Labrador tea, bog blueberry, and other ericaceous shrub and willow, which are well adapted to the nutrient poor sites and begin to increase in abundance and dominate the understory.

Ultimately, site progression and vegetation succession would lead to site 172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces and Spruce/shrub birch woodland and/or 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen and Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest.

*1.e. Insects and Disease Pests and Animal Damage:* Porcupine damage to smaller spruce trees is evident in occasional stands. In most observed instances, damage is not extensive enough to kill the trees.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* Deteriorating spruce stands in the transitional zone between high flood plains and stream terraces often contain abundant downfall suitable for firewood. Standing dead trees will provide a future source of firewood.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen
Cover type: White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 17
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

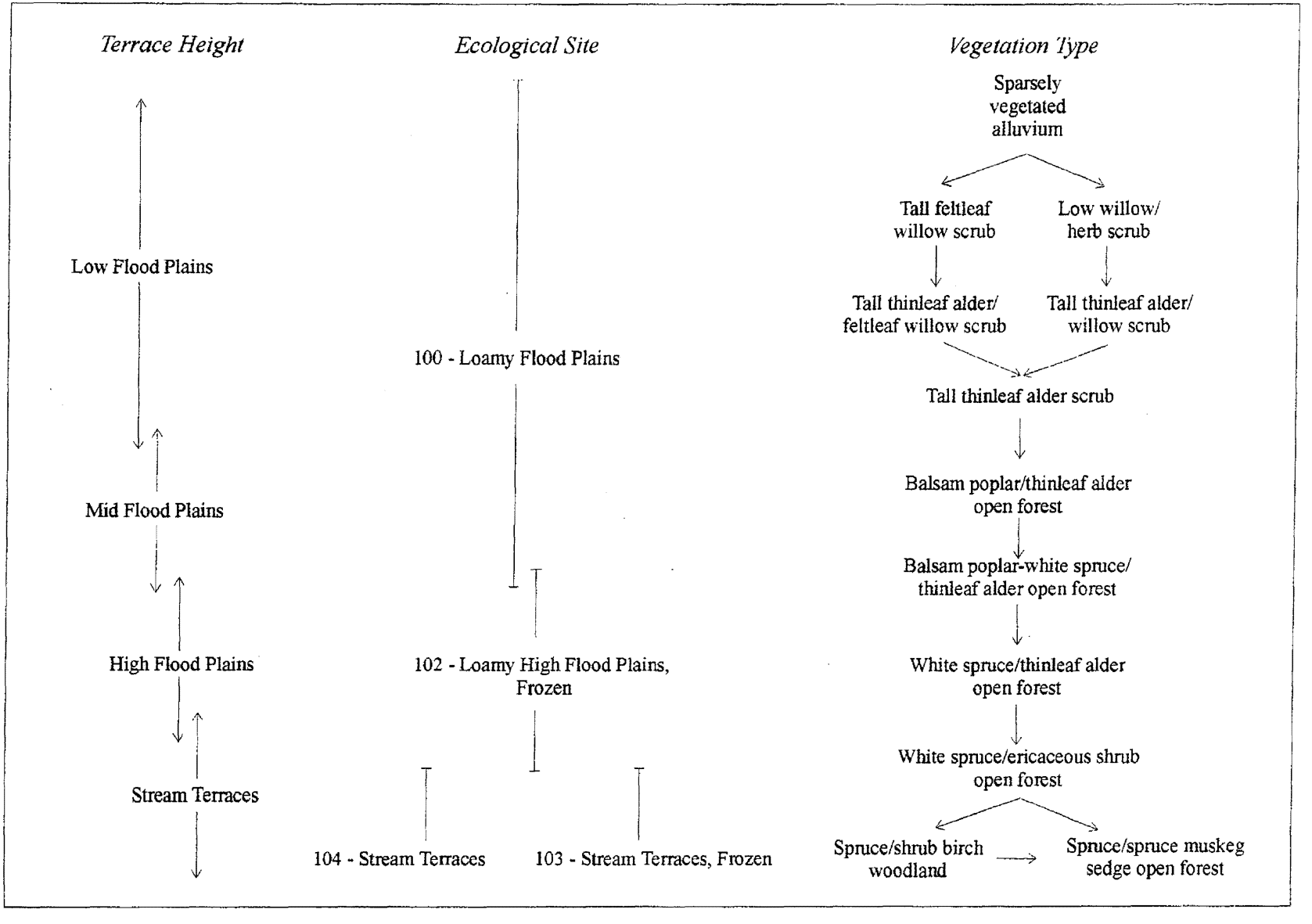
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 29 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| white spruce | T1 | 94 | 41 | 10 | 75 | 62 |
| white spruce | T2 | 47 | 17 | 1 | 35 | 28 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| quaking aspen | T3 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| white spruce | T3 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 59 | 8 | 1 | 35 | 22 |
| black crowberry | SS | 82 | 11 | 1 | 65 | 30 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 65 | 10 | 1 | 50 | 26 |
| gray willow | SS | 12 | 17 | 3 | 30 | 14 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 24 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 10 |
| green alder | SS | 18 | 17 | 10 | 25 | 17 |
| highbush cranberry | SS | 24 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 13 |
| little tree willow | SS | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 82 | 10 | 2 | 45 | 28 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 34 |
| red bearberry | SS | 12 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 29 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| shrub birch | SS | 12 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 10 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| swamp red currant | SS | 18 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 88 | 35 | 1 | 70 | 56 |
| willow | SS | 53 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 18 |
| American twinflower | F | 47 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 12 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 47 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 47 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| anemone | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic aster | F | 29 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 41 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| cloudberry | F | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| common fireweed | F | 47 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| gentian | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 22 | 1 | 60 | 47 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| milk-vetch | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 12 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| northern blackberry | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| northern commandra | F | 24 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| tall bluebells | F | 29 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| valerian | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| wintergreen | F | 59 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 12 |
| blue grass | G | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 47 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| polar grass | G | 65 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 12 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 64 | 10 | 95 | 80 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| Bare soil | B | 29 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 26 | 5 | 85 | 51 |
| Rock fragments | B | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 27 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAMO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen
Cover type: White spruce/ericaceous shrub open forest
Seral status: post-PNC
Number of stands: 18
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| white spruce | T1 | 94 | 25 | 10 | 45 | 48 |
| white spruce | T2 | 44 | 21 | 5 | 40 | 30 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| white spruce | T3 | 50 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 94 | 18 | 1 | 35 | 41 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 15 | 4 | 35 | 38 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 28 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 94 | 27 | 2 | 55 | 50 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 50 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 16 |
| gray willow | SS | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 39 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 17 |
| green alder | SS | 17 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| little tree willow | SS | 11 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 15 | 5 | 45 | 38 |
| net vein willow | SS | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| prickly rose | SS | 56 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 33 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| shrub birch | SS | 33 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 15 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| swamp red currant | SS | 11 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 22 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| willow | SS | 78 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 21 |
| American twinflower | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Bodin's milkvetch | F | 11 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 33 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| arctic aster | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| cloudberry | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| horsetail | F | 83 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| northern blackberry | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| northern commandra | F | 39 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall bluebells | F | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| valerian | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| wintergreen | F | 17 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| polar grass | G | 67 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| rough fescue | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| sedge | G | 33 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 28 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 71 | 60 | 85 | 84 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 28 |
| Bare soil | B | 22 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 16 | 3 | 40 | 39 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 94 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 24 |

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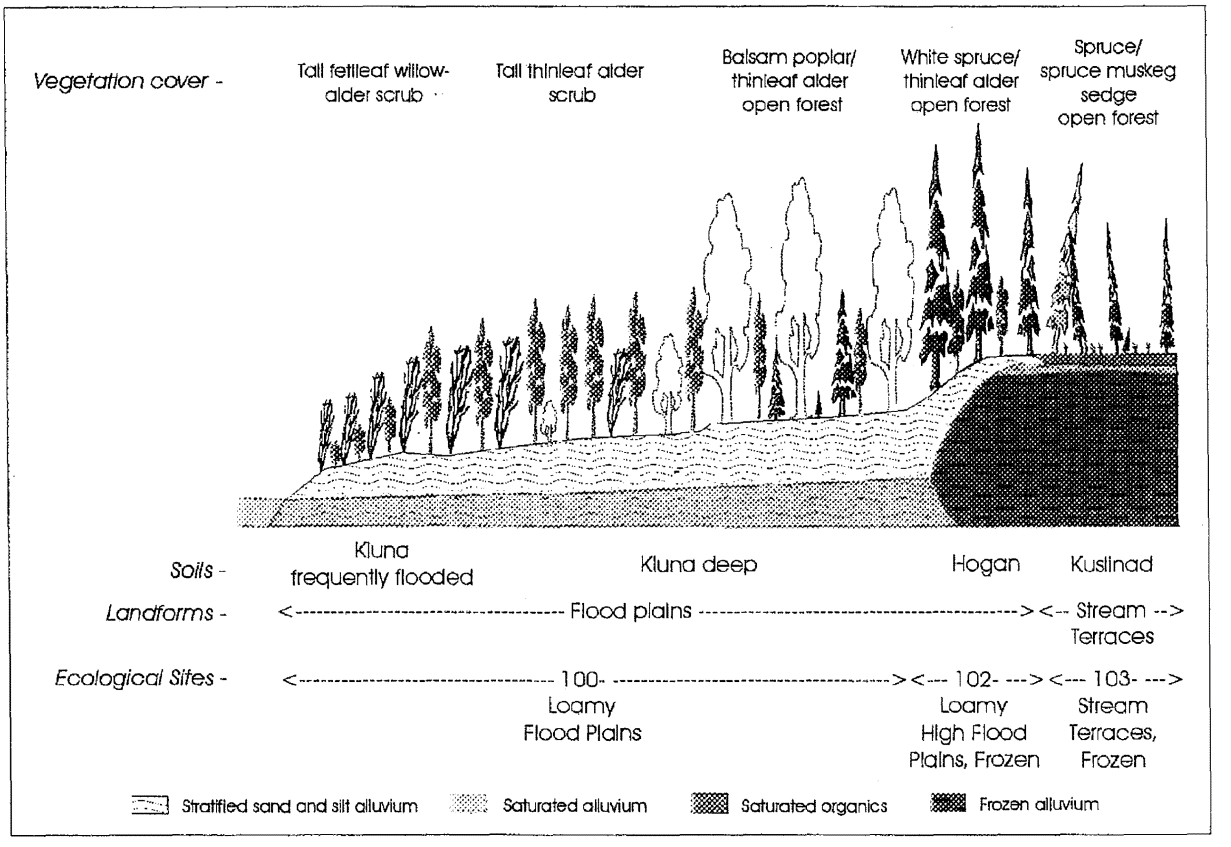



General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the alder zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

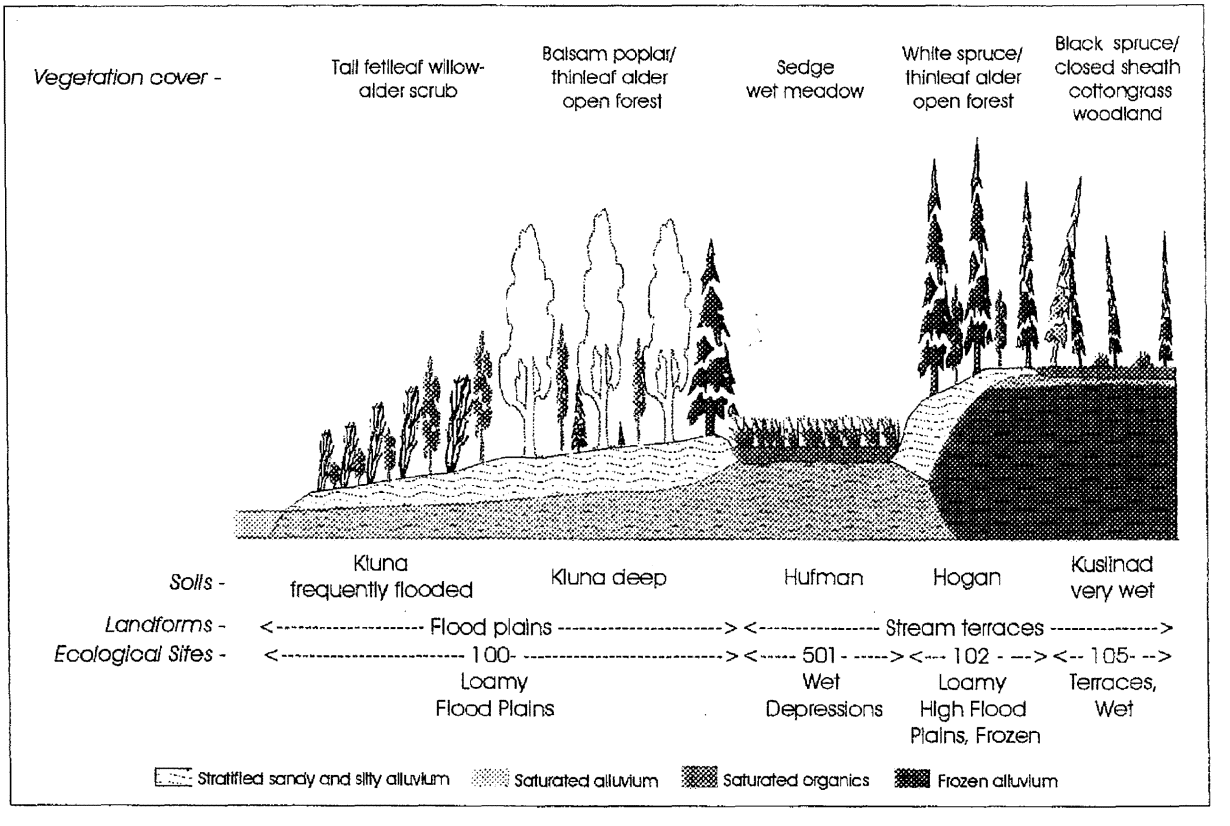
Selected physical properties for typical stages of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces in the alder zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

| Ecological Site (stage) | Cover Type(s) | Terrace Height avg(rge) | Flooding Frequency | Depth to SSK avg(rge) | Thickness of OM avg(rge) | Depth to Water Table | | Depth to Permafrost | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (early) | SAAL<br>SAAL/ALTE2 | 3 (1-6) | freq | 20 (4-48) | 0 (0-1) | 94 | 37 (22-58) | 0 | - |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (mid) | ALTE2<br>ALTE2-SAAL<br>ALTE2/SALIX | 3 (1-7) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-2) | 83 | 34 (12-58) | 0 | - |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (late) | POBA2/ALTE2<br>POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2 | 4 (2-8) | occas | 26 (8-60) | 1 (0-2) | 62 | 42 (23-55) | 0 | - |
| 102 - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen (PNC) | PIGL/ALTE2 | 6 (4-12) | occas-rare | 31 (17-60) | 3 (0-7) | 26 | 40 (24-55) | 61 | 32 (14-55) |
| 102 - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 5 (2-8) | 15 | 40 (30-50) | 65 | 31 (12-52) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

Notes:
Terrace height - estimated height of flood plain or stream terrace surface above the mid summer channel level.
Depth to SSK - depth to sandy skeletal alluvium below the mineral soil surface in pedons without permafrost or in which the permafrost level was below the SSK contact; measured in the soil pit.
Thickness of OM - thickness of the surface organic mat; measured in the soil pit.
Depth to Water Table and Permafrost - Pedons w/ <60": pedons in which a water table or permafrost was present within 60 inches below the mineral surface. Depth when <60": depth below the mineral surface when present; measured in the soil pit.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the middle West Fork.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the middle West Fork.



Vegetation succession and site progression between ecological site 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen and 172Xy103AK - Stream terraces, Frozen is characterized by die-off of the productive white spruce overstory and replacement by less productive white and black spruce. Tall thinleaf alder and other understory species common on high flood plains are gradually replaced by ericaceous shrubs, shrub birch, and other species more typical of spruce woodlands.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy103AK
Site Name: Stream Terraces, Frozen
Plant Name: PICEA/BEGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): MHC, DRK/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: NE 1/4; SE 1\4; NW 1\4; Sec. 29 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: River Valleys
(b) Specific: stream terraces, _____
(c) Microrelief: plane, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1850 / All _____ High 2600 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 5 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |
| 2. | _____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |
| 3. | _____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |
| 4. | _____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |
| 5. | _____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Pergelic, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .2 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson Alaska
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Histic Perselic Cryaquepts | loamy, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: alluvium, _____

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 8 (inches) Maximum 16 (inches)
(b) Type E & A

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Histic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 8 (inches) Maximum 16 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: Peat, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 32 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 16 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .16 High .35 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____ (inches) Maximum _____ (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 8 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| Layers: | 8 | 27 | 5.6 | 7.3 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | W | W | W | W | W | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | | | | F | | | | | | W | | |
| 10-20" | | | | | F | | | | | F | | |
| 20-40" | | | | | | F | F | F | F | | | |
| 40-60" | | | | | | | | | | | | |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (Ft) Maximum 1 (Ft)
(2) Kind: Perched
(3) Month(s): Apr to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: rare to none
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 10 - 30 | 12 - 40 |
| Shrubs | 35 - 75 | 1.5 - 4 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 20 - 45 | 1 - 1.5 |
| Cryptogams | 60 - 80 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 10 - 40 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 1 - 5 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 20 - 125 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | ___-___ | ___-___ | 10-30 | 100-100 | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEGL | shrub birch | _____ | 8-60 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | _____ | 15-35 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 10-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| * SALIX | willow | _____ | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| ** SAPL2 | diamondleaf willow | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

VAVI lowbush cranberry 1-10

ARRU red bearberry 0-20

SAMY blueberry willow 0-15

POFR4 shrubby cinquefoil 0-4

* includes tall willows SAGL ; SABE2

** includes tall willows SAGL ; SABE2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CALU2 | spruce muskeg | sedge | 20-45 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 1-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAAQ | water sedge | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERBR6 | closed sheath | cottongrass | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PEFR5 | arctic sweet | coltsfoot | 1-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUCH | cloudberry | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| HEAL | alpine sweet-vetch | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichens | 10 - 25 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total bryophytes | 30 - 80 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 6 |
| Late (Good) | | 18 |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | 6 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | | | | |
| | | | | |

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | ST2 | Kuslined |
| | ST21 | |
| | ST22 | |
| | ST24 | |
| | ST24B | |
| | ST411 | |
| | ST441 | |

**172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen**

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to moderately sloping, poorly drained stream terraces with shallow to very shallow permafrost. Elevation is generally 1850 to 2600 feet (564 to 792 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along all reaches of the River except for the upper Middle Fork. This site is probably widespread on stream terraces at mid elevations throughout the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* Soils on this site are very poorly or poorly drained and very shallow or shallow to permafrost. They typically have an organic mat 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm) thick over stratified sandy and silty alluvium. Depth to permafrost ranges from 4 to 32 inches (10 to 81 cm) below the mineral soil surface. A water table is perched on the impermeable permafrost; depth to the top of the water table ranges from within the organic mat to about 12 inches (15 cm) below the mineral surface. A reduced matrix or common reduction mottles are present above the permafrost in most profiles.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest is the correlated Potential Natural Plant Community on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wild fire impacts on this site are complex and difficult to predict. In most instances, fire would kill the spruce trees and destroy much if not all of the woodland overstory. Following fires of moderate severity, sprouting from root crowns and other underground plant parts should initially produce scrub vegetation similar to the understory of the potential natural plant community. A severe burn, one in which the moss-organic layer was consumed to mineral soil, would allow for the establishment of pioneering lichens, mosses, and herbs on the soil surface. With the insulating moss-organic layer burned off, the soil temperatures would be expected to increase, resulting in melting of the permafrost and a drop in the water table. Site productivity should improve markedly at this point and then gradually decrease once again as the moss-organic layer re-establishes and thickens. Stand replacement will depend to a large degree on proximity of seed sources, the severity of burn, and suitability of the seed bed. In the boreal forest zone, repeated fires generally favors the establishment of *Picea mariana* over *Picea glauca*.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains

172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains

172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces: slightly elevated ridges and other microsites on similar stream terrace positions or areas burned by wild fire in the not to distant past; well drained soils without permafrost; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential with Spruce/lichen woodland present in many places.

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet: slightly lower and concave microsites on similar stream terrace positions; hummocky micro-topography; very poorly drained soils with very shallow permafrost and a perched water table often within the surface organic mat; Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland vegetative potential.

**172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen**

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progression*

*(1) Aggradation:* Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site is the end point of flood plain-stream terrace site progression and vegetation succession. As the terrace is elevated above the level of flooding by down-cutting of the channel and sediment accretion, this site develops from 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains and 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen. As the surface moss layer and organic mat continues to develop and permafrost rises within the soil profile, the original *Picea glauca* stand dies-off and is replaced by less productive *P. glauca* and *P. mariana*. The understory changes from *Salix* spp. dominance on site 172Xy101AK or *Alnus tenuifolia* on site 172Xy102AK to dominance by *Betula glandulosa*, various ericaceous shrubs, and feathermosses. Apparently, *Carex lugens* becomes abundant in the herb layer only in places that have remained undisturbed by wild fire for an extended period of time. Prior to this point, vegetation on this site consists primarily of Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* Deteriorating stands of *Picea glauca* in the transitional zone between high flood plains and frozen stream terraces often contain abundant downfall suitable for firewood. Standing dead trees will provide a future source of firewood.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen
Cover type: Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 6
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 50 | 22 | 15 | 30 | 33 |
| spruce | T2 | 33 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| black spruce | TX | 17 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 22 |
| spruce | TX | 17 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 20 |
| black spruce | T3 | 33 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 18 |
| spruce | T3 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 25 | 15 | 35 | 50 |
| black crowberry | SS | 83 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 50 | 8 | 3 | 15 | 20 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 14 | 10 | 20 | 38 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| gray willow | SS | 17 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 33 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 16 |
| leatherleaf | SS | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| net vein willow | SS | 33 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| red bearberry | SS | 83 | 9 | 1 | 20 | 27 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 28 | 8 | 60 | 53 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 67 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| small cranberry | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| willow | SS | 83 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 22 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 17 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| arctic aster | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic dock | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 18 |
| cloudberry | F | 50 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| gentian | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| horsetail | F | 67 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| narrow-leaf saw-wort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| northern blackberry | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| northern false asphodel | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ragwort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| serpent-grass | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 50 | 11 | 3 | 15 | 23 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| rush | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| sedge | G | 33 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 100 | 33 | 20 | 45 | 57 |
| water sedge | G | 50 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 20 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 60 | 30 | 80 | 77 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 18 | 10 | 25 | 42 |
| Bare soil | B | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 10 | 40 | 43 |
| Surface water | B | 50 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 83 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2 SARI4

Ecological Site: 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: mid-late
Number of stands: 18
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

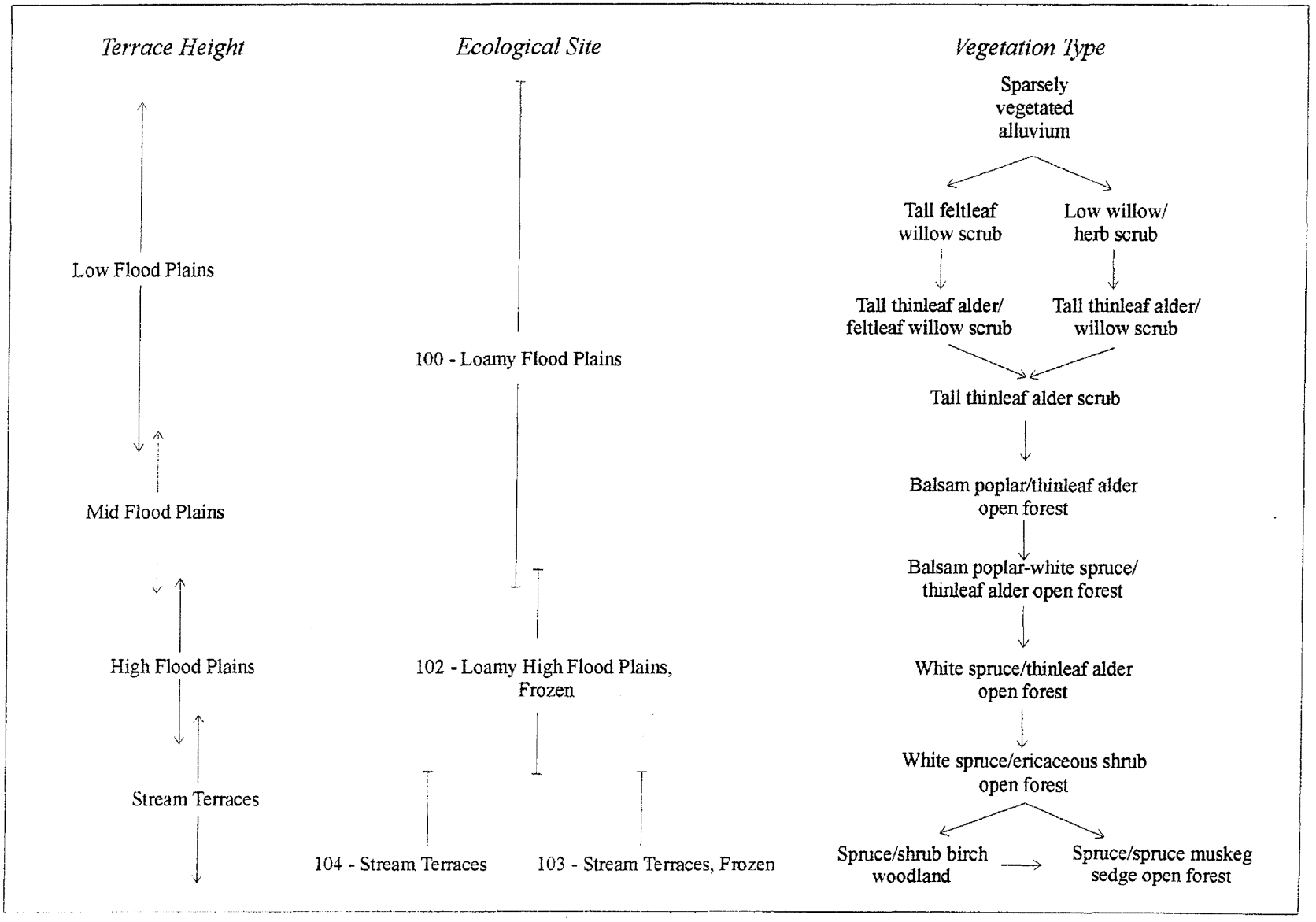
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 56 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 33 |
| spruce | T2 | 22 | 20 | 15 | 30 | 21 |
| white spruce | T2 | 17 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 14 |
| black spruce | T3 | 28 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| white spruce | T3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 24 | 3 | 60 | 49 |
| black crowberry | SS | 78 | 6 | 1 | 18 | 21 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 83 | 18 | 4 | 40 | 39 |
| gray willow | SS | 11 | 10 | 4 | 15 | 10 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 22 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 94 | 10 | 2 | 30 | 31 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| red bearberry | SS | 33 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 11 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| shrub birch | SS | 83 | 16 | 2 | 50 | 37 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 17 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 12 |
| willow | SS | 78 | 7 | 2 | 25 | 23 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 94 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 21 |
| cloudberry | F | 61 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| common fireweed | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| horsetail | F | 28 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| northern blackberry | F | 17 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| tall bluebells | F | 11 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 17 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 22 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| cottongrass | G | 28 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| polar grass | G | 78 | 6 | 1 | 35 | 21 |
| sedge | G | 28 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 17 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 59 | 30 | 80 | 77 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 10 | 1 | 35 | 32 |
| Bare soil | B | 22 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 1 | 25 | 32 |
| Surface water | B | 33 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 61 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: early-mid
Number of stands: 6
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 33 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 |
| black spruce | T2 | 33 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 16 |
| white spruce | T2 | 33 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 16 |
| black spruce | T3 | 67 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 18 |
| white spruce | T3 | 67 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 20 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 45 |
| black crowberry | SS | 83 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 20 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 50 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 21 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 24 | 10 | 35 | 49 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| gray willow | SS | 17 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 33 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 4 | 15 | 28 |
| net vein willow | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| prickly rose | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 19 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 35 | 6 | 75 | 59 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 33 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 17 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| willow | SS | 67 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 67 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| cloudberry | F | 67 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| felwort | F | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| horsetail | F | 33 | 18 | 1 | 35 | 24 |
| ragwort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| cottongrass | G | 17 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| polar grass | G | 67 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| sedge | G | 17 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 67 | 33 | 15 | 70 | 47 |
| tall cottongrass | G | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 49 | 20 | 70 | 70 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 23 | 1 | 70 | 48 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 4 | 35 | 43 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 16 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2



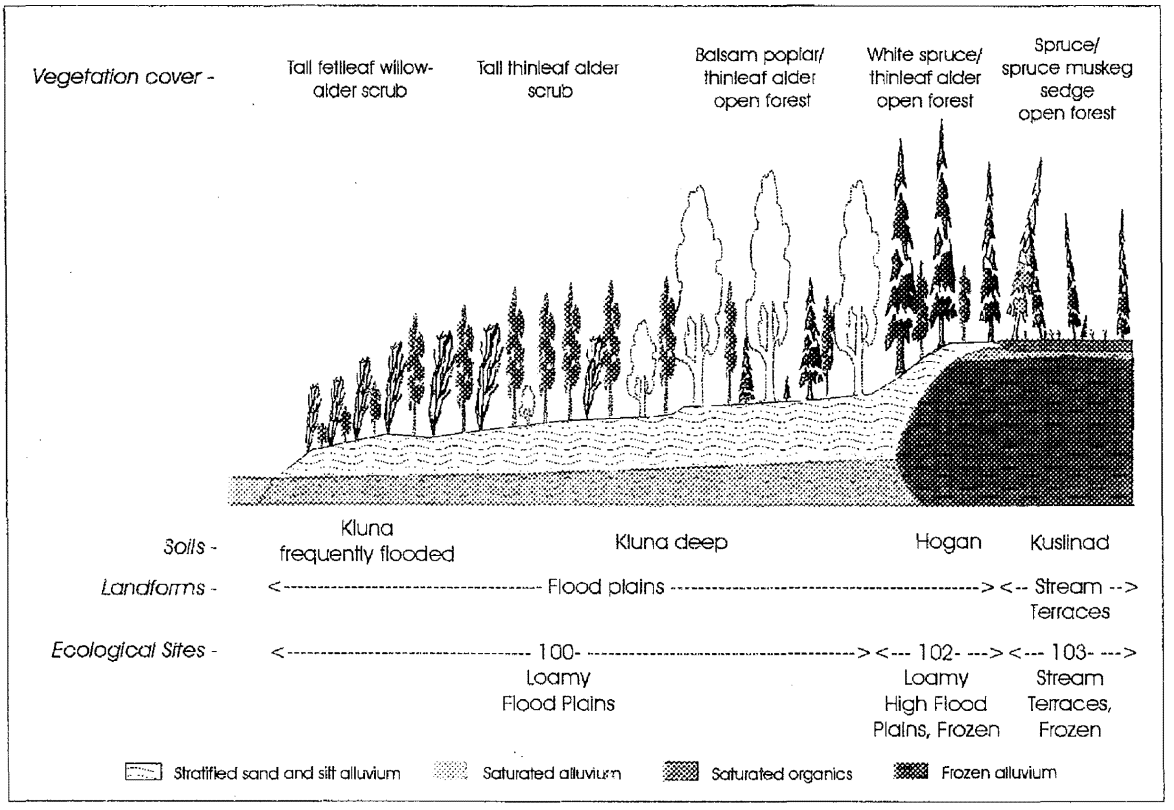

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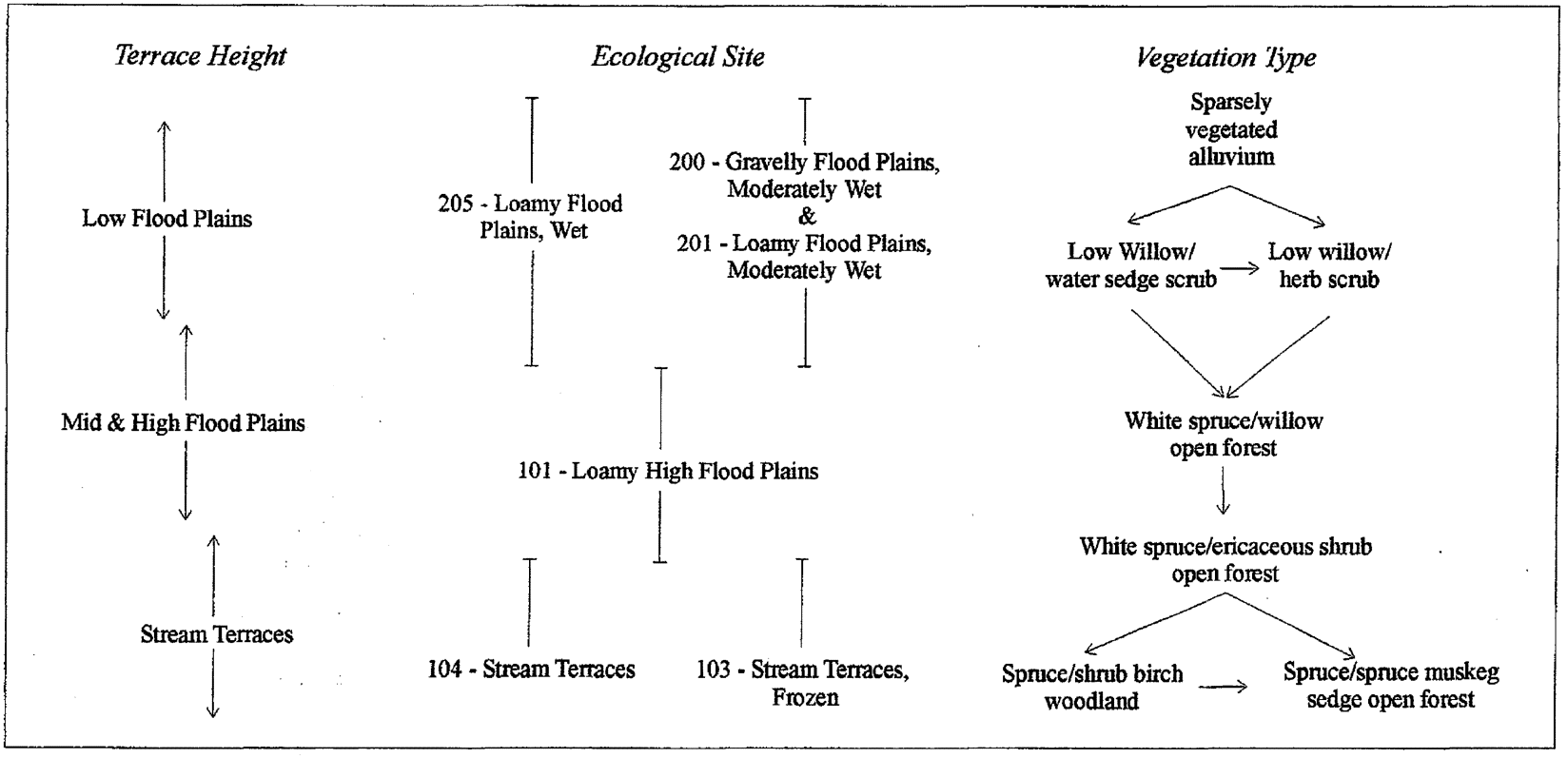
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (early) | SAAL<br>SAAL/ALTE2 | 3 (1-6) | freq | 20 (4-48) | 0 (0-1) | 94 | 37 (22-58) | 0 | - |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (mid) | ALTE2<br>ALTE2-SAAL<br>ALTE2/SALIX | 3 (1-7) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-2) | 83 | 34 (12-58) | 0 | - |
| 100 - Loamy Flood Plains (late) | POBA2/ALTE2<br>POBA2-PIGL/ALTE2 | 4 (2-8) | occas | 26 (8-60) | 1 (0-2) | 62 | 42 (23-55) | 0 | - |
| 102 - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen (PNC) | PIGL/ALTE2 | 6 (4-12) | occas-rare | 31 (17-60) | 3 (0-7) | 26 | 40 (24-55) | 61 | 32 (14-55) |
| 102 - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 5 (2-8) | 15 | 40 (30-50) | 65 | 31 (12-52) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

Notes:
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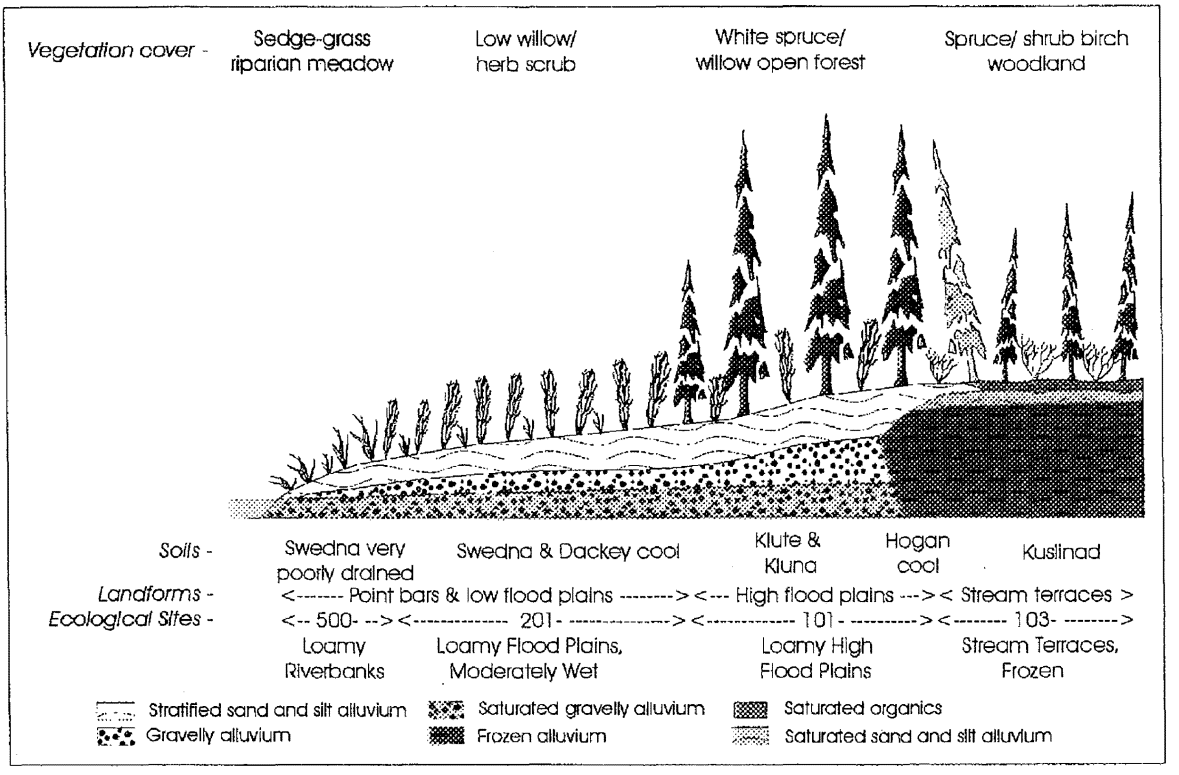



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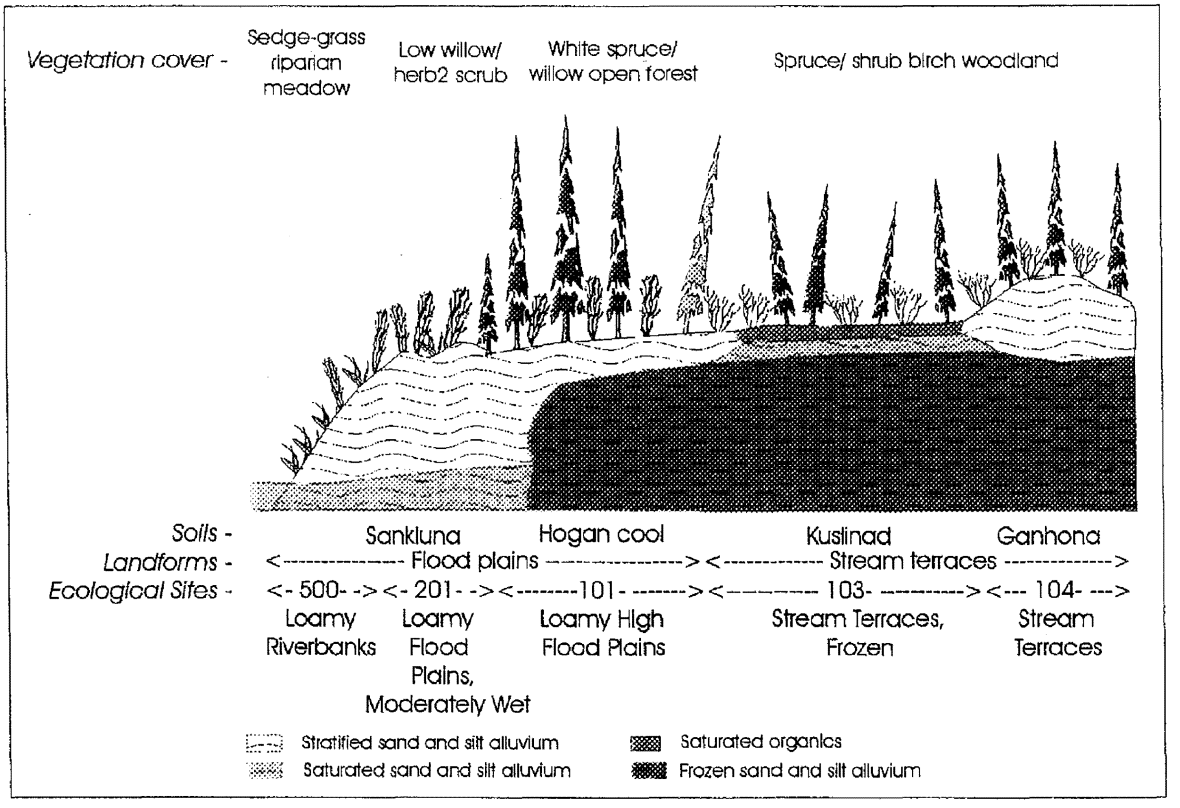
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Pedons w/ <60" | Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 205 - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet | SALIX/CAAQ | 2 (1-5) | freq-occas | 17 (0-42) | 4 (1-10) | 100 | 13 (0-30) | 0 | - |
| 200 - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (2-4) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-3) | 100 | 28 (12-44) | 0 | - |
| 201 - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (1-8) | occas-freq | 25 (9-50) | 1 (0-6) | 79 | 36 (32-45) | 0 | - |
| | SALIX/herb2 | 7 (4-12) | occas | 60 (58-60) | 1 (0-1) | 12 | 46 (46-60) | 0 | |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (PNC) | PIGL/SALIX | 6 (3-15) | occas-rare | 27 (3-60) | 2 (0-7) | 39 | 40 (31-58) | 24 | 33 (17-49) |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 4 (0-10) | 21 | 35 (8-50) | 54 | 29 (6-52) |
| 104 - Stream Terraces (mid to late seral) | PICEA/BEGL | 11(6-25) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 4 (1-9) | 9 | 31 (16-40) | 27 | 36 (18-55) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

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Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the lower Middle Fork.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 1728y 104 AK
Site Name: Stream Terraces
Plant Name: PICEA/BEGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

      (1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
      (2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____
      _____

      (3) Typical Location:

      Legal: NE 1/4; SW 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 31 T. 11N R. 03W Meridian Copper River
      Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      UTM Coordinate: _____

   b. Physiography:

      (1) Landform:
         (a) Broad: Stream Terraces
         (b) Specific: medium, high
         (c) Microrelief: plane, convex
      (2) Elevation/Aspect:
         Low 1950 / All High 2600 / All
      (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 20 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

      (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

         (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

         _____ _____ _____
         _____ _____ _____

         Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

         (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
         (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Containment Ratio of floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____,
_____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 19 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | .7 | 1.0 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 7 | 17 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 49 | 54 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 5 | -4 | |
| LOW | -12 | -10 | -2 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 28 | 15 | -5 | -13 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough, AK
(2) Station Number: 508625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryoboralfs | coarse loamy over sandy or sandy skeletal, mixed |
| (2) | " | coarse loamy, mixed |
| (3) | " | sandy skeletal, mixed |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: alluvium, _____

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 6 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 2 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL, L, FSL, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 13 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .13 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 31 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: 47 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 31 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness 40 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 6 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| Layers: | 6 | 31 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| All Other Layers: | 31 | 60 | 6.1 | 7.8 |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | M | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M |
| 40-60" | M | M | M | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 6 (Ft) Maximum 6 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: none to rare
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 15 - 45 | 25 - 50 |
| Shrubs | 50 - 90 | 2.5 - 4.5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 7 - 60 | .5 - 1.5 |
| Cryptogams | 60 - 90 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 1 - 40 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 5 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 25 - 130 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | 35-60 | -- | 15-45 | 100-100 | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: Farr 1967

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 0-65 | -- | -- | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 5-35 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 5-40 | -- | -- | |
| SAPLR | diamond leaf willow | | 2-15 | -- | -- | |
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | | 1-25 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... -- NTE ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| EMNI | black crowberry | 0-10 |
| PIMA | black spruce | 0-15 |
| SAMY | blueberry willow | 0-5 |
| | | |

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CALA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0-60 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFRS | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| COCA13 | bunchberry dogwood | | 0-4 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| GELI2 | northern commandra | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 5 - 25 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| Other | | | ____-____ | NTE____ea |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total moss | 40 - 90 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| Other | | | ____-____ | NTE____ea |

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 10 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | ST22 | Gankona |
| | ST24B | Kusdry |
| | ST41 | MacTaren |
| | ↓ | Sinona |
| ↓ | ST411 | Maclaren |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces**

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to gently sloping stream terraces and nearly level to moderately steep dissected stream terraces formed in a thin to moderately thick layer of stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly alluvium. Permafrost is generally absent on this site. Elevation is from about 1950 to 2600 feet (594 to 792 m).

This site occurs along all reaches of the Gulkana River and is probably widespread on stream terraces elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 19 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The moderately well developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 2 to 31 inches (5 to 79 cm) thick over very gravelly alluvium. The surface organic mat ranges from 1 to 6 inches (2.5 to 15 cm) thick. Depth to seasonal high water table is more than 6 feet (1.8 m) and the soils are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated Potential Natural Plant Community on this site. In some places this site supports Spruce/lichen woodland, which may be a persistent and relatively stable plant community on soils that are shallow to sandy and gravelly alluvium and on drier microsites such as shoulders and crests of low ridges and other convex slopes.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wild fire impacts on the vegetation on this site are complex. In most instances, fire would kill the spruce trees and destroy much if not all of the woodland overstory. Following fires of moderate severity, sprouting from root crowns and other underground organs should initially produce Low shrub birch scrub and Low shrub birch/lichen scrub vegetation similar to the understory of the potential natural plant community. A severe burn, one in which the moss-organic layer was consumed to mineral soil, would allow for the establishment of pioneering lichens, mosses, and herbs on the soil surface. Site productivity would likely improve somewhat following a burn, but not the extent that it might on a site with shallow permafrost. Eventual stand replacement will depend to a large degree on nearby seed sources, the severity of burn, and the suitability of the seed bed. In the boreal forest zone, repeated fires generally favors the establishment of *Picea mariana* over *Picea glauca*.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172X103AK - Loamy Stream Terraces, Frozen: similar stream terraces positions, usually not on low ridges or other convex slopes; soil with permafrost within 4 to 32 inches below mineral surface; Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest vegetative potential but in most places Spruce/shrub birch woodland is present; usually with somewhat shorter trees and with lower abundance of lichens on the ground surface.

**172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part B. Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progression*

*(2) Degradation:* Observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area suggest that in many places this site represents a retrogressive stage of site 172Xy103AK - Loamy Stream Terraces, Frozen, in which wild fire has indirectly caused the permafrost to thaw and retreat deep into the soil or possibly disappear completely.

Elsewhere, particularly on dissected terrace remnants with only a thin surface layer of finer textured alluvium, the potential for permafrost probably is limited and this site appears to represents the end point of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces. This portion of the site is also where Spruce/lichen woodland is usually found.

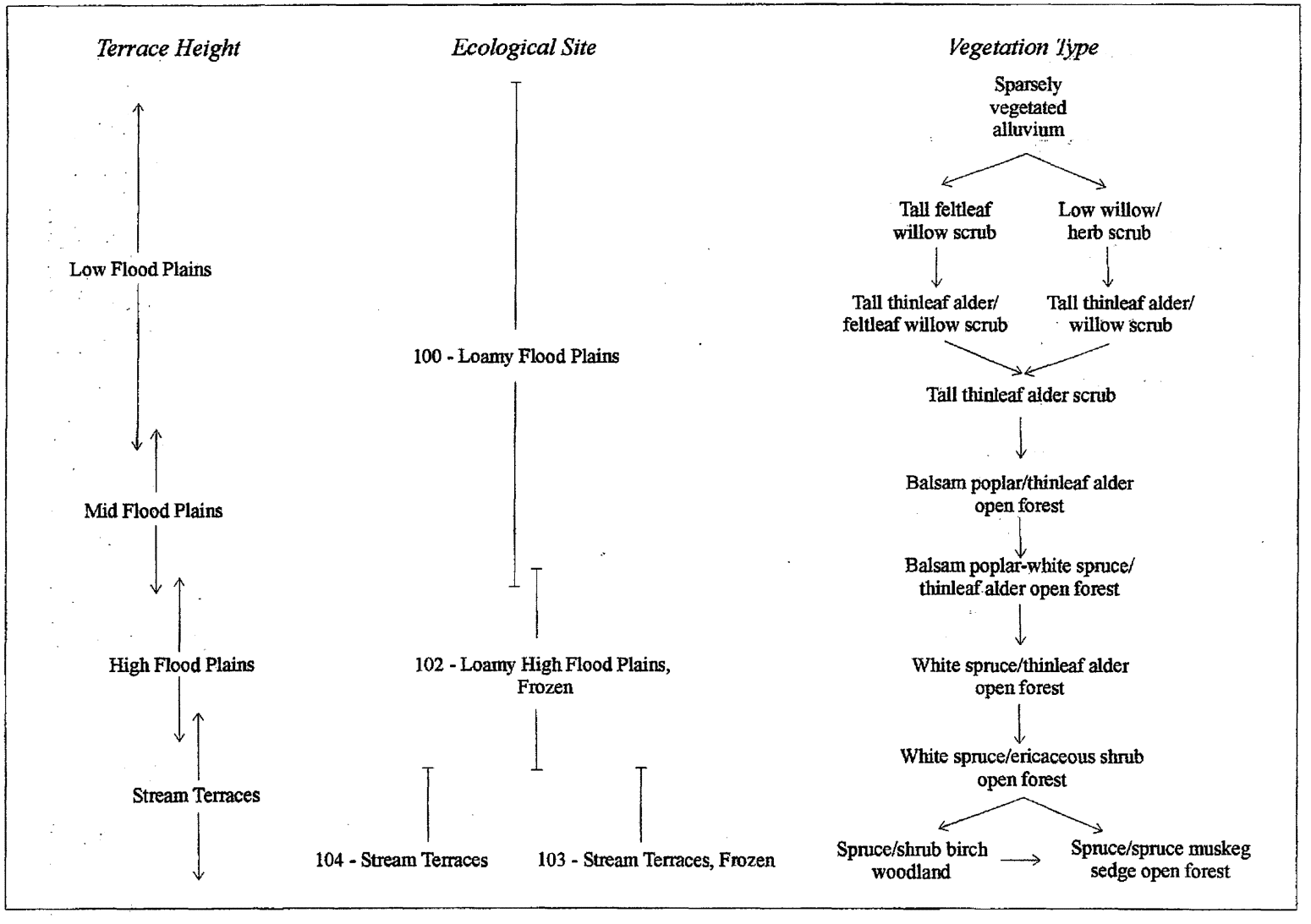
*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* Deteriorating stands of *Picea glauca* in the transitional zone between high flood plains and stream terraces often contain abundant downfall suitable for firewood. Standing dead trees will provide a future source of firewood.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

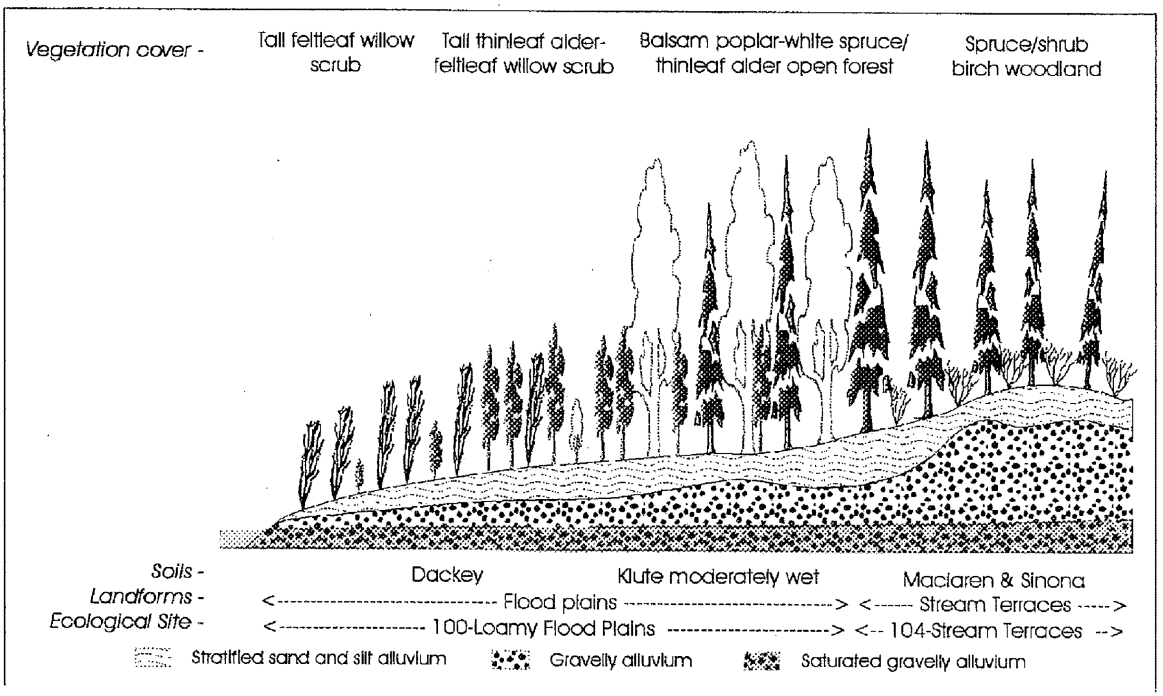
Selected physical properties for typical stages of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

| Ecological Site (stage) | Cover Type(s) | Terrace Height avg(rge) | Flooding Frequency | Depth to SSK avg(rge) | Thickness of OM avg(rge) | Depth to Water Table: Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Water Table: Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Depth to Permafrost: Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Permafrost: Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 205 - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet | SALIX/CAAQ | 2 (1-5) | freq-occas | 17 (0-42) | 4 (1-10) | 100 | 13 (0-30) | 0 | - |
| 200 - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (2-4) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-3) | 100 | 28 (12-44) | 0 | - |
| 201 - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (1-8) | occas-freq | 25 (9-50) | 1 (0-6) | 79 | 36 (32-45) | 0 | - |
| | SALIX/herb2 | 7 (4-12) | occas | 60 (58-60) | 1 (0-1) | 12 | 46 (46-60) | 0 | |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (PNC) | PIGL/SALIX | 6 (3-15) | occas-rare | 27 (3-60) | 2 (0-7) | 39 | 40 (31-58) | 24 | 33 (17-49) |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 4 (0-10) | 21 | 35 (8-50) | 54 | 29 (6-52) |
| 104 - Stream Terraces (mid to late seral) | PICEA/BEGL | 11(6-25) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 4 (1-9) | 9 | 31 (16-40) | 27 | 36 (18-55) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

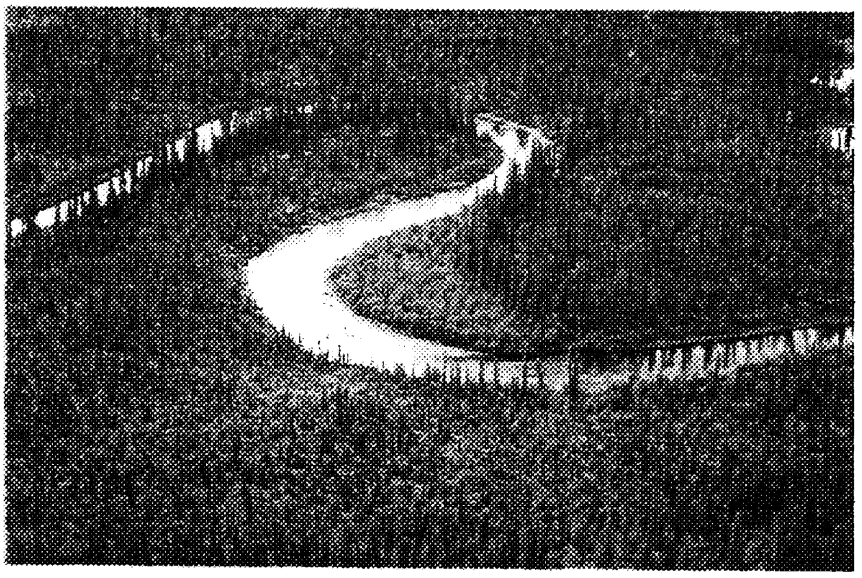
Notes:
Terrace height - estimated height of flood plain or stream terrace surface above the mid summer channel level.
Depth to SSK - depth to sandy skeletal alluvium below the mineral soil surface in pedons without permafrost or in which the permafrost level was below the SSK contact; measured in the soil pit.
Thickness of OM - thickness of the surface organic mat; measured in the soil pit.
Depth to Water Table and Permafrost - Pedons w/ <60": pedons in which a water table or permafrost was present within 60 inches below the mineral surface. Depth when <60": depth below the mineral surface when present; measured in the soil pit.



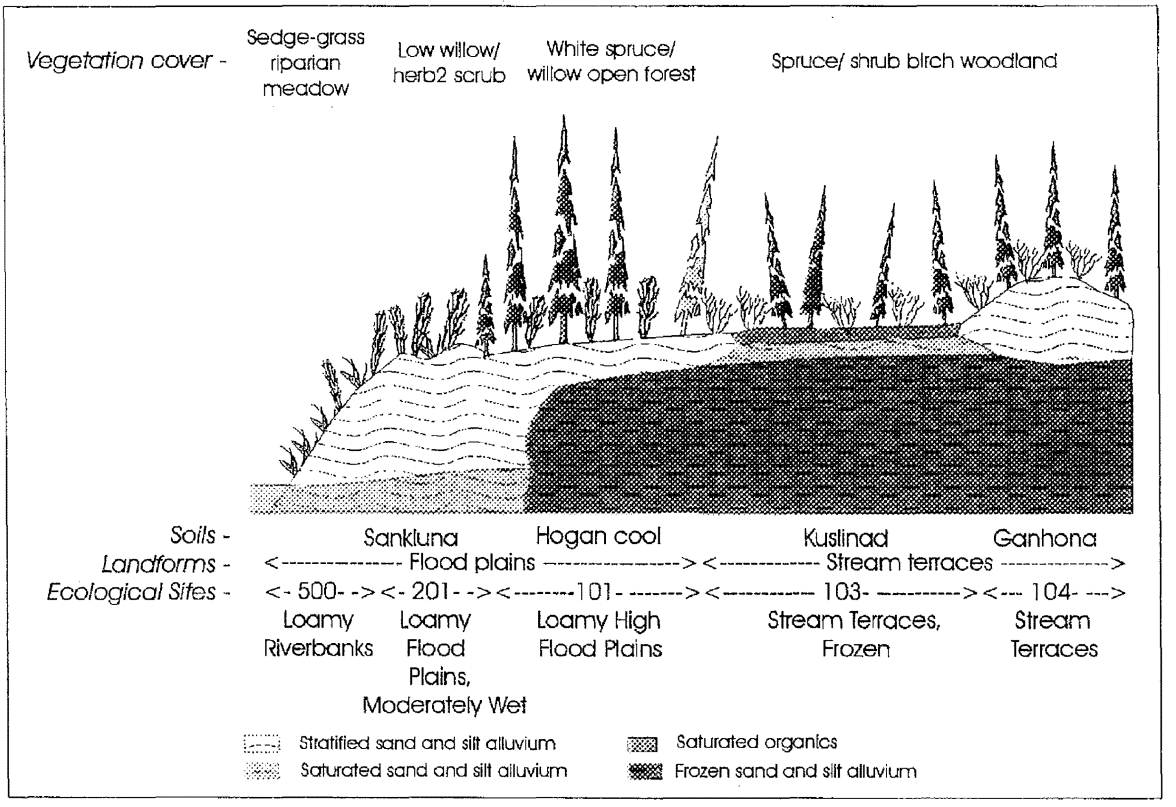

General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the alder zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the Main Stem below Canyon Rapids.



Representative setting of ecological site 172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces and Spruce/shrub birch woodland in the alder zone along the lower North Branch of the Gulkana River. On flood plains and point bars immediately adjacent to the river channel is ecological site 172Xy100 - Loamy Flood Plains with Tall thinleaf alder-feltleaf willow scrub and Balsam poplar/thinleaf alder open forest and ecological site 172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen with tall White spruce/thinleaf alder open forest.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the lower Middle Fork.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy105AK
Site Name: Terraces, Wet
Plant Name: PIMA/ERBR6
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

   (1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
   (2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____
   _____

   (3) Typical Location:

   Legal: ____ 1/4; SW 1\4: NW 1\4: Sec. 11 T. 10N R. 03W Meridian Copper River
   Latitude: Deg. ____ Min. ____ Sec. ____
   Longitude: Deg. ____ Min. ____ Sec. ____
   UTM Coordinate: _____

1) Spe

   b. Physiography:

   (1) Landform:
   (a) Broad: _____
   (b) Specific: High stream terraces, Lacustrine terraces
   (c) Microrelief: broadly concave, hummocky
   (2) Elevation/Aspect:
   Low 1900 / All _____ High 2500 / All _____
   (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 8 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

   (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

   (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

   _____ _____ _____
   _____ _____ _____

   Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

   (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
   (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Containment Ratio of floodplain width/bankfull width |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5)
B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5)
C) Unconfined (2.5+)
D) Not Determined

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____
(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: pergelic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 19 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | .7 | 1.0 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 7 | 17 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 49 | 54 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 5 | -4 | |
| LOW | -12 | -10 | -2 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 28 | 15 | -5 | -13 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough AK
(2) Station Number: 508825

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Cryaquepts | |
| (2) | Cryofibrists | |
| (3) | Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts<br>Pergelic Cryohemists | clayey & loamy, mixed, nonacid<br>loamy, mixed, euic |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____
(2) Parent material: organic matter over lacustrine deposits or alluvium

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(b) Type E, A

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Histic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: PEAT, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 38 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 25 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .14 High .35 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____ (inches) Maximum _____ (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (Ph) Low | High | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 9 | 5.1 | 6.5 | |
| Layers: | 9 | 27 | 4.5 | 7.3 | |
| All Other Layers: | 27 | 60 | ___ | ___ | (frozen) |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (mmhos/cm) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | _____ | _____ | ___ | ___ |
| Layers: | _____ | _____ | ___ | ___ |
| All Other Layers: | _____ | _____ | ___ | ___ |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (SAR) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | _____ | _____ | ___ | ___ |
| Layers: | _____ | _____ | ___ | ___ |
| All Other Layers: | _____ | _____ | ___ | ___ |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | W | W | W | W | W | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | F | F | F | F | ↓ |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (Ft) Maximum 1 (Ft)
(2) Kind: perched
(3) Month(s): May to Oct

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 Maximum 1 (ft)
(2) Duration: long
(3) Month(s): May to Oct

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 10 - 45 | 7 - 18 |
| Shrubs | 25 - 70 | 1 - 2.5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 15 - 75 | .5 - 1.5 |
| Cryptogams | 50 - 90 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 2 - 50 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 5 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 5 - 60 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIMA | black spruce | -- | -- | 10-45 | 100-100 | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: _____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIMA | blackspruce | | 0-15 | -- | -- | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 5-40 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 3-55 | -- | -- | |
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 0-45 | -- | -- | |
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | | 2-20 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... - NTE ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| * SALIX | willow | 0-15 |
| EMNI | black crowberry | 0-8 |
| ARRU | red bearberry | 0-10 |
| | | |

* includes SABAS & SAPL2 & SAGL

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| * ERBR6 | closed sheath cottongrass | | 15-70 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CALU2 | spruce marsh sedge | | 0-50 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAAQ | water sedge | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-6 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | |
|---|---|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

* probably includes E. vaginatum in some stands

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RUCH | cloudberry | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFR5 | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PELA | Labrador lousewort | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | |
|---|---|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 1-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total bryophytes | 25-75 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 29 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | 21 |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | LC5 | Klasi Very wet |
| | LL411 | Pergelic Cryohemists |
| | " | Mendna Very Wet |
| | MK2 | Pergelic Cryohemists |
| | ST24 | Kuslinad Very Wet |
| | ST24B | " |
| | ST411 | " |
| | ST5 | Haggard |
| | TS14 | Cryaquepts Very Wet |

**172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet**

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on nearly level and broadly concave stream terraces and lacustrine terraces and on toeslopes on lacustrine terrace escarpments. The surface is mantled in moderately thick to thick organic deposits. Surface microtopography is strongly hummocky. Most areas of this site appear to receive a surplus of water as surface runin and ground water discharge from the adjacent uplands. Ponding or wet conditions near the surface during much of the summer appear to be the most important characteristic of this site.

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of moderate extent. It occurs along the entire length of the West Fork and along the lower reaches of the Main Stem. This site probably occurs elsewhere in the Copper River basin also.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Subsection

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 19 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The soils on this site are formed in moderately thick to thick organic materials over loamy alluvium and lacustrine deposits. The surface organic mat typically ranges from about 7 to 34 inches (18 to 86 cm) thick in the inter-hummock depressions and from 16 to over 40 inches (41 to 102 cm) within the hummocks. The seasonal high water table ranges from as much as 10 inches (25 cm) of ponding to a depth of 10 inches (25 cm) below the surface and the soils are very poorly drained. Depth to permafrost ranges from within the organic material to 38 inches (97 cm) below the mineral surface. Aquic conditions including reduced matrices and saturation are present within 10 inches (25 cm) of the surface.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland is the correlated PNC on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wild fire impacts and post-fire succession on this site are complex and difficult to predict. Because of the landscape position and moisture status of the site, the vegetation probably would be susceptible to burning only during extended dry periods. Because this site receives a surplus of water as surface run-in and ground water discharge from the adjacent uplands, it should always be considerably wetter that surrounding areas. Although an increase in the depth to permafrost could occur following a fire, soil drainage probably would poor because of topography and permafrost and the site would remain wet.

Cottongrass tussocks would be expected to most impacted by fire. The degree to which *Eriophorum brachyantherum* can survive severe burning is not known. Soil and site characteristics in areas with the best tussock development suggests that their

development requires a degree of site stability. A best guess is that burning would favor an increase in sedges and dwarf shrubs and a decrease in cottongrass tussocks for an indeterminate period of time. Following light to moderate burning, Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub would develop on this site. Tree regeneration, primarily *Picea mariana*, would be expected to occur slowly.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen: similar position on stream terraces but usually greater slope or plane to slightly convex shape; hummocky microtopography weakly developed to lacking; less than 16 inches (41 cm) of surface organic material; water table from 0 to 18 inches (0 to 46 cm) below the mineral surface; Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest vegetative potential.

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen: similar position on lacustrine but usually greater slope or plane to slightly convex shape; hummocky microtopography weakly developed to lacking; less than 16 inches (41 cm) of surface organic material; water table from 0 to 18 inches (0 to 46 cm) below the mineral surface; Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest vegetative potential.

**172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet**

**Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1. a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1. b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progression:*

*(1) Aggradation:* This site is not known to represent a progressive stage of similar or adjoining sites, in particular ecological sites 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen and 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen. Transitional area between these sites and ecological site 172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet are common, however, throughout the Gulkana River Area.

*(2) Degradation:* Given that the soil surface is mantled with a moderately thick to thick layer of organic material throughout this site, dramatic changes in the characteristics of this site might be expected following severe wild fire during extremely dry years. The surface organic material could become highly susceptible to burning if there was a significant drop in the level of the water table during prolonged dry conditions. Ground fires under such conditions could burn into the organic mat to a considerable degree and conceivably result in a lowering of the base elevation of the surface. Later, when the water table once again rose to more normal levels, conditions may be suitable for the development of sedge wet meadow vegetation and site characteristics more typical of ecological site 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions. Whether changes of this magnitude as a result of wild fire have in fact ever occurred is not known.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* The hummocky microtopography and wet characteristics of this site makes for extremely difficult walking when crossing areas of this site. Soil conditions result in severe limitations for trails.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet
Cover type: Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 29
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 52 | 20 | 10 | 45 | 32 |
| black spruce | TX | 34 | 18 | 10 | 30 | 25 |
| black spruce | T3 | 45 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 17 | 5 | 40 | 42 |
| black crowberry | SS | 76 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 16 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 31 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 14 | 3 | 55 | 38 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 21 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 14 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 25 |
| red bearberry | SS | 28 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| shrub birch | SS | 97 | 15 | 2 | 45 | 38 |
| small cranberry | SS | 48 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| willow | SS | 69 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 66 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| cloudberry | F | 72 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 23 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 100 | 40 | 15 | 70 | 64 |
| polar grass | G | 52 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| sedge | G | 21 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 38 | 11 | 2 | 55 | 20 |
| water sedge | G | 24 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 15 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 52 | 25 | 75 | 72 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 11 | 1 | 25 | 33 |
| Bare soil | B | 21 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 2 | 50 | 42 |
| Surface water | B | 79 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 93 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet
Cover type: Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest
Seral status: similar-to-PNC
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

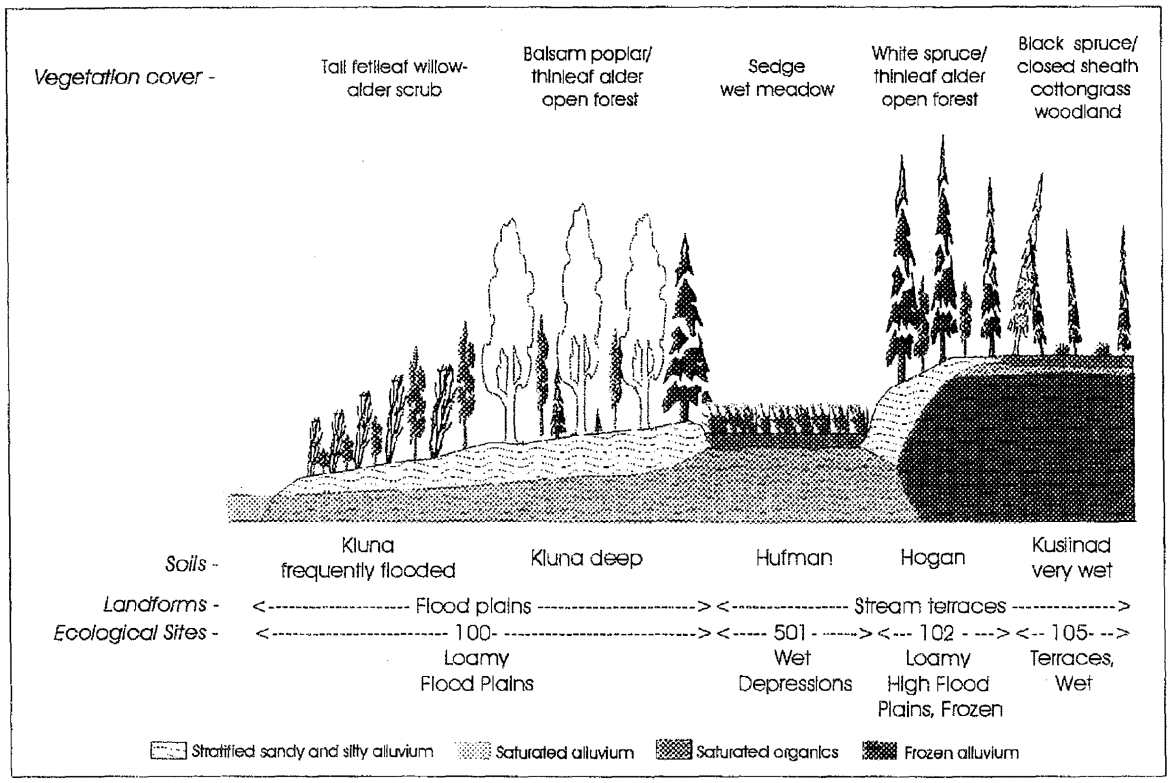
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | TX | 100 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 63 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 55 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 100 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 55 |
| red bearberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| cloudberry | F | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 100 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 74 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 77 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3

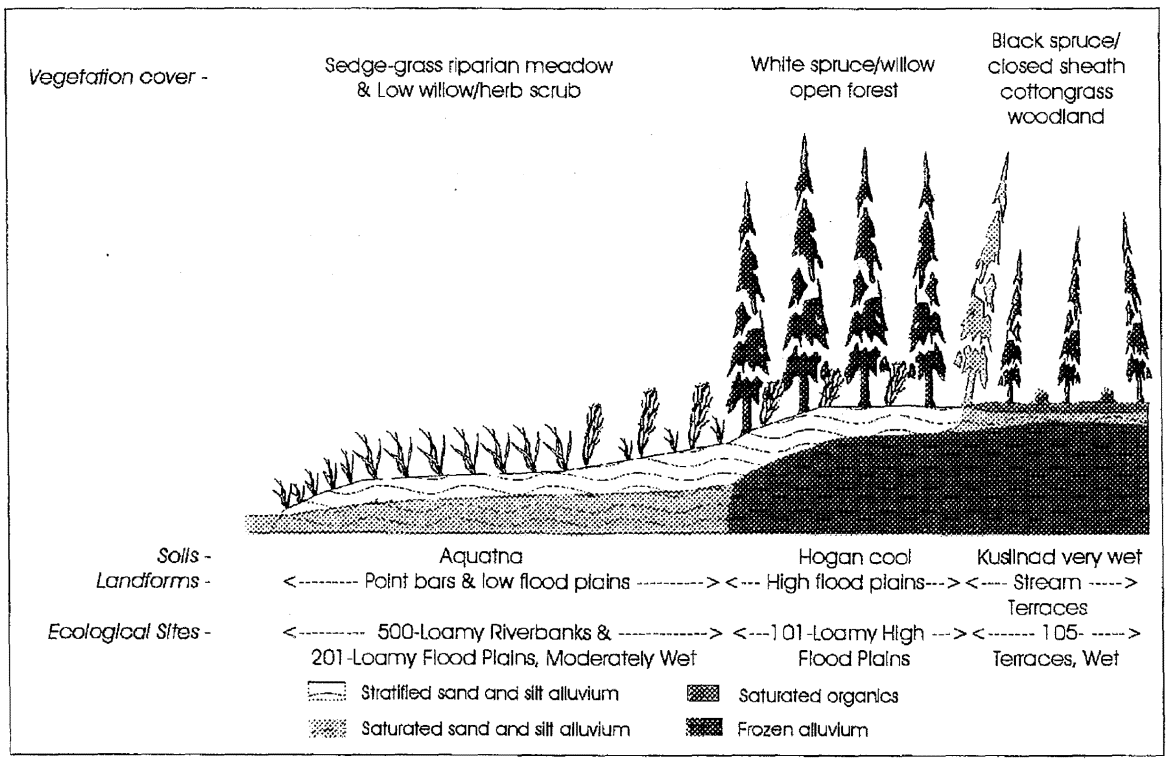
Ecological Site: 172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet
Cover type: Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
Seral status: early-mid
Number of stands: 21
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 33 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| white spruce | T2 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| black spruce | T3 | 52 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 26 |
| white spruce | T3 | 24 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 12 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 95 | 15 | 4 | 45 | 38 |
| black crowberry | SS | 38 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 24 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 31 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 38 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 19 |
| leatherleaf | SS | 33 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 81 | 8 | 1 | 65 | 25 |
| red bearberry | SS | 33 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 24 | 2 | 90 | 49 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 24 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| small cranberry | SS | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| willow | SS | 67 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 33 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| cloudberry | F | 76 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 15 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 86 | 59 | 20 | 85 | 71 |
| cottongrass | G | 14 | 43 | 25 | 75 | 25 |
| polar grass | G | 43 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| sedge | G | 29 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 16 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 14 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| water sedge | G | 33 | 16 | 1 | 40 | 23 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 27 | 5 | 55 | 52 |
| Lichen layer | L | 90 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 28 |
| Bare soil | B | 29 | 6 | 1 | 35 | 13 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 25 | 1 | 60 | 50 |
| Surface water | B | 62 | 7 | 1 | 35 | 21 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 71 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |

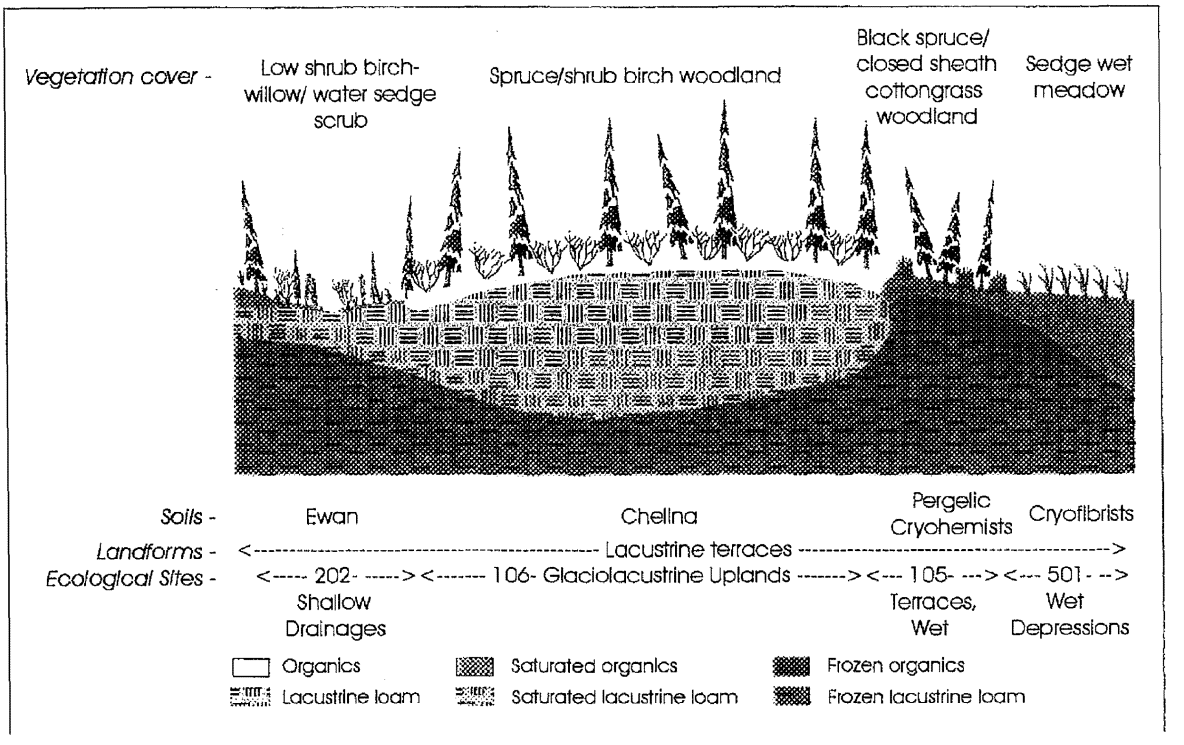
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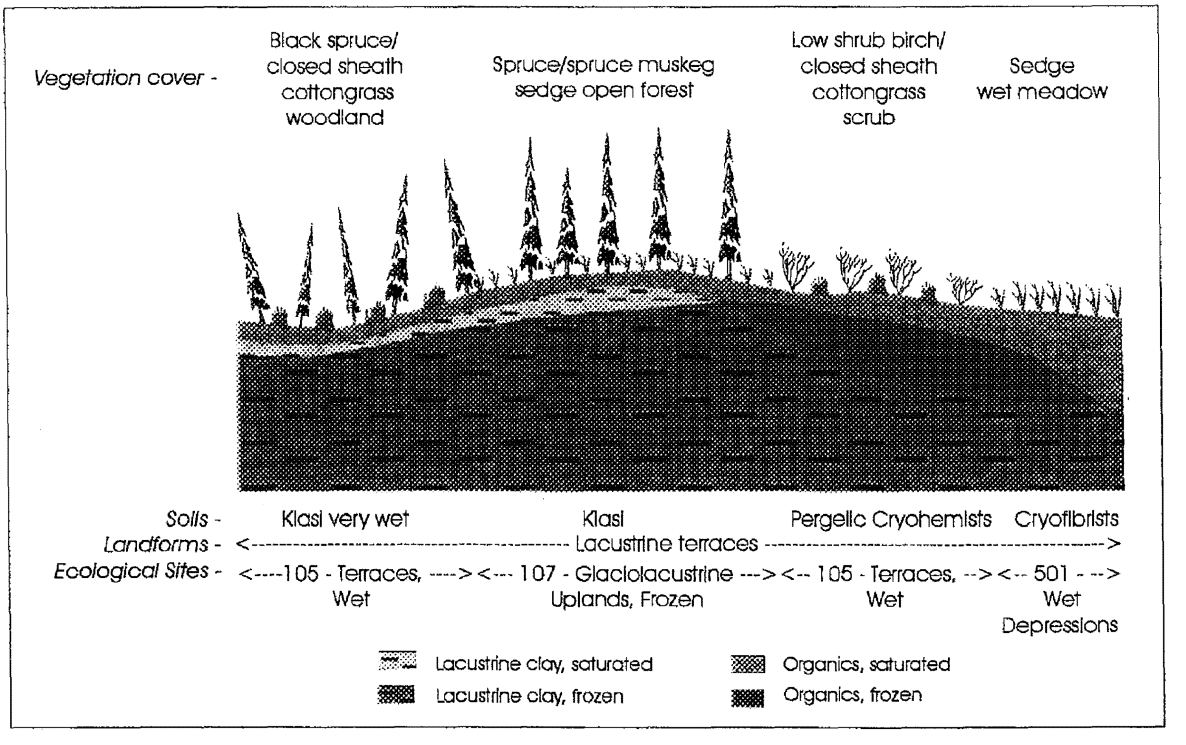

Representative cross section in the alder zone along the middle West Fork.



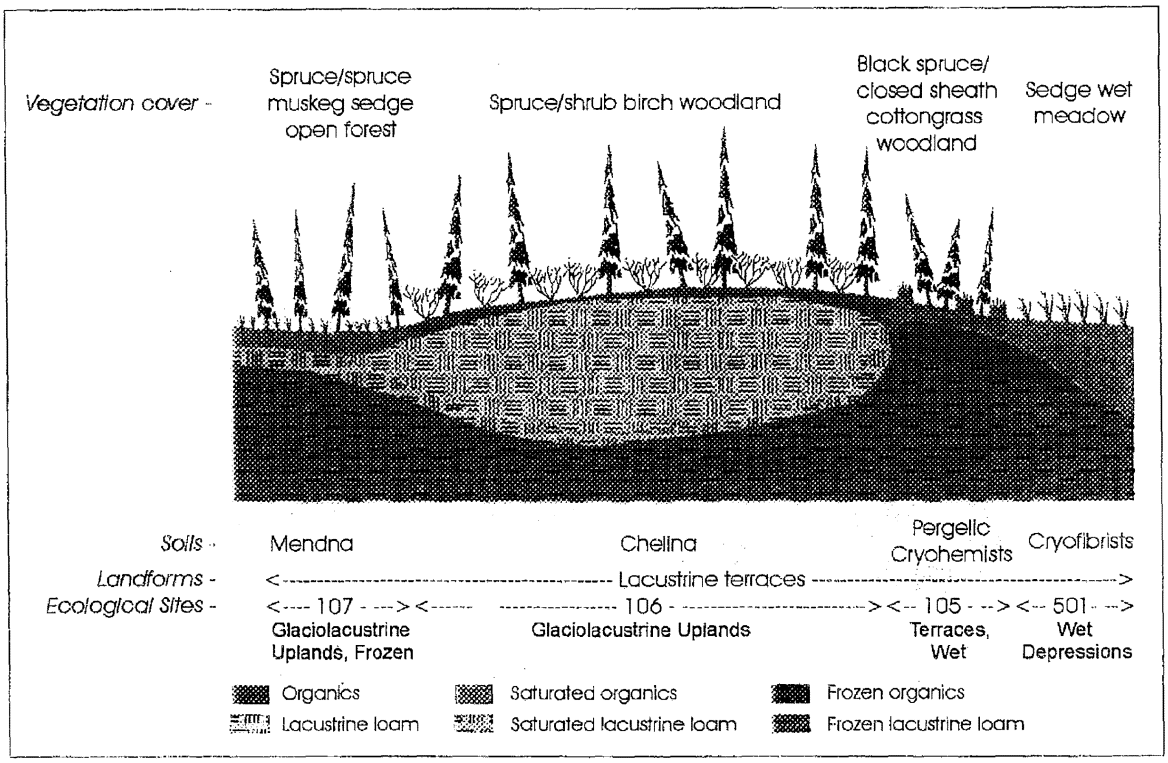

Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper South Branch.



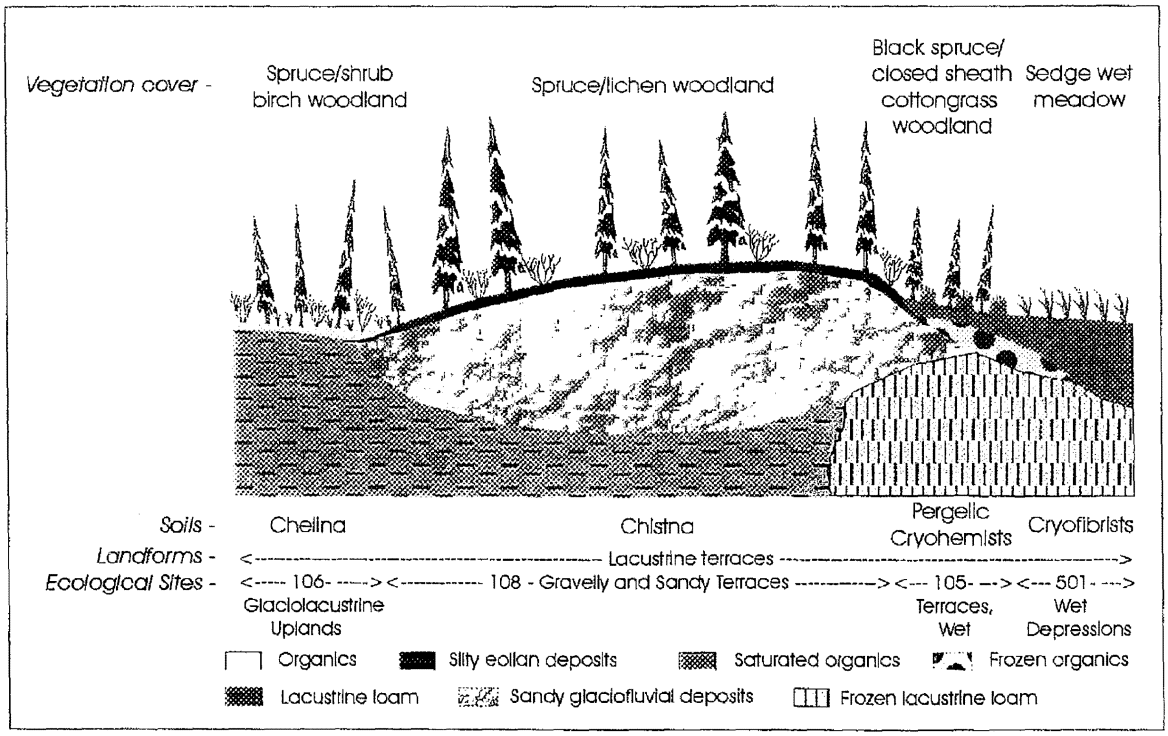

Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the lower Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the West Fork.



Representative stand of Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland, the correlated potential natural plant community on ecological site 172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy106AK
Site Name: Glacio lacustrine Uplands
Plant Name: PICEA/BEGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author s/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

      (1) **MLRA Name:** Copper River Plateau
      (2) **Local Area:** Gulkana River

      (3) Typical Location:

      **Legal:** SE 1/4; NE 1\4; NW 1\4; Sec. 05 T. 12N R. 02W **Meridian** Copper River
      **Latitude:** Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      **Longitude:** Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      **UTM Coordinate:** _____

   b. Physiography:

      (1) Landform:
         (a) Broad: Uplands
         (b) Specific: lacustrine terraces, till plains, hills & mountains.
         (c) Microreiief: plane, undulating
      (2) Elevation/Aspect:
         Low 1900 / All High 2800 / All
      (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 20 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

      (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

         (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

         _____ _____ _____
         _____ _____ _____

         Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

         (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
         (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

**(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems**

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson AK
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryochrepts | fine loamy, mixed |
| (2) | " | very fine, mixed (calcareous) |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____
(2) Parent material: glaciolacustrine deposits, glacial till

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 5 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 10 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 10 | Channers | Low 0 | High ____ |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 10 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High ____ |

d. Surface Horizon: ochric
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: umbric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL, L, SiC, CL

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 11 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .12 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ____ | to ____ | ____ | ____ | to ____ | ____ |
| ____ | to ____ | ____ | ____ | to ____ | ____ |
| ____ | to ____ | ____ | ____ | to ____ | ____ |
| ____ | to ____ | ____ | ____ | to ____ | ____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 11 | 4.5 | 6.0 |
| Layers: | 11 | 60 | 5.8 | 8.4 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | M | D | D | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | M | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M |
| 40-60" | M | M | M | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 6 (Ft) Maximum 6 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: none
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 15 - 45 | 25 - 50 |
| Shrubs | 50 - 85 | 3 - 6 |
| Grasses. Grass Like. & Forbs | 1 - 15 | 1 - 3 |
| Cryptogams | 40 - 85 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 5 - 30 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 20 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 25 - 120 $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | -- | -- | 15-45 | 90-100 | |
| POTRS | quaking aspen | -- | -- | 0-5 | 0-10 | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References:

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | | 0-10 | -- | -- | |
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 0-70 | -- | -- | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 1-60 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 5-40 | -- | -- | |
| * SALIX | willow | | 1-30 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... ___ - ___ NTE ___ ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | 0-15 |
| EMNI | black crowberry | 0-30 |
| ARRU | red bearberry | 0-20 |
| SAMY | blueberry willow | 0-15 |

* includes SAPLR, SAGL, SAAL

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CALUR | spruce muskeg sedge | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| FEAL | rough fescue | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | |
|---|---|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFR5 | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| GEVI2 | northern commandra | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| COCA13 | bunchberry dogwood | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SENEC | groundsel | 0-5 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichens | 1 - 40 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total bryophytes | 25 - 95 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 24 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | 10 |
| Early (Poor) | | 14 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | ALR | Telay |
| | LC2 | Gadona |
| | LL1 | Chelina |
| | LL12 | " |
| | LL13 | " |
| | LL3 | Gadona |
| | TS12 | Chelina |

**172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands**

**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and hills formed in loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits and gravelly and loamy glacial till. Permafrost is generally absent. Slopes in most places range from 0 to about 20 percent. Elevation is from 1900 to 2800 feet (579 to 853 m).

This site is found throughout the uplands in the Gulkana River area. It occurs intermittently on the same landscape with sites with shallow permafrost. This site is extensive at low to mid elevations throughout the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The poorly developed soils on this site are formed in gravelly glacial till and fine-grained lacustrine deposits. The organic mat is generally less than 6 inches (15 cm) thick. Some soils have a surface mantle of silty eolian material up to 8 inches (20 cm) thick. In most places there is no water table present within the soil profile and the soils are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Vegetation on this site is highly susceptible to wild fire. In most instances, fire would kill the spruce trees and destroy much if not all of the woodland overstory. Following fires of moderate or less severity, sprouting from root crowns and other underground organs should initially produce Low shrub birch scrub or similar vegetation. A severe burn, one in which the moss-organic layer was consumed to mineral soil, would allow for the establishment of pioneering lichens, mosses, and herbs on the soil surface.

Regeneration of the woodland overstory will depend to a large degree on available seed sources, severity of burn, and suitability of the seed bed and environment. In the boreal forest zone, repeated fires generally favors the establishment of black spruce over white spruce. Continued tree regeneration and growth would eventually lead to Spruce/shrub birch woodland. Post-fire succession on severely burned areas may pass through a Spruce/lichen woodland stage. This vegetation could persist for an extended period of time until the moss-organic layer becomes re-established.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

172Xy108AK - Sandy and Gravelly Terraces

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow

172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen: similar position on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and hills; soils with shallow permafrost, a perched water table, and restricted drainage; Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest vegetative potential.

107Xy108AK - Sandy and Gravelly Terraces: isolated strandline and outwash deposits and high stream terraces; soils formed in sandy and gravelly materials; Spruce/lichen woodland vegetative potential.

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow: gently sloping to steep mountain slopes and crests; soils shallow to bedrock; similar vegetative potential.

172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic: similar landforms and landscape position; soils formed in clayey and fine loamy lacustrine materials; microtopography a complex of frost boils and intervening swales and troughs; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential.

**172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(2) Degradation:* Snags and charred downfall, a thin, weakly developed moss-organic mat, and other evidence of past wild fires, are common in most stands suggesting that this site does in fact experience recurring wild fires. Additional evidence includes scattered spruce trees and clumps of trees in stands of seral Low shrub birch scrub. In places, this site occurs side-by-side on the same landform with ecological site 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen, suggesting that 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands is a retrogressive stage of 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen that develops following wild fire. Prominent fire lines are evident between areas of the two sites.

Absence of fire for an extended period of time in 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands would allow the moss-organic layer to thicken and insulate the soils, favoring the development of permafrost and restricted soil drainage. Continued development of the moss-organic layer and soil permafrost and vegetative succession would lead to site progression toward ecological site 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 24
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 13 | 28 | 15 | 45 | 19 |
| quaking aspen | T2 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| spruce | T2 | 21 | 26 | 15 | 40 | 23 |
| white spruce | T2 | 67 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 32 |
| black spruce | T3 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| white spruce | T3 | 42 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 24 | 7 | 60 | 49 |
| black crowberry | SS | 88 | 7 | 1 | 30 | 24 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 38 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 21 | 5 | 40 | 46 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 13 | 15 | 5 | 20 | 14 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 46 | 10 | 1 | 20 | 22 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 96 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 13 |
| shrub birch | SS | 88 | 37 | 2 | 70 | 57 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 17 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| small cranberry | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| willow | SS | 71 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 24 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 63 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 58 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| cloudberry | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| clubmoss | F | 21 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 63 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 63 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 24 |
| northern commandra | F | 13 | 7 | 3 | 15 | 9 |
| ragwort | F | 58 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| polar grass | G | 75 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| rough fescue | G | 21 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| sedge | G | 21 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 33 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 49 | 25 | 85 | 70 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 19 | 1 | 40 | 43 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 34 |
| Rock fragments | B | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 67 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 18 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands
Cover type: Spruce/lichen woodland
Seral status: PNC (drier_microsites)
Number of stands: 10
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 60 | 25 | 10 | 40 | 39 |
| black spruce | T3 | 60 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 19 |
| quaking aspen | T3 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| white spruce | T3 | 30 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 13 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 25 | 10 | 40 | 50 |
| black crowberry | SS | 60 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 16 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 60 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 26 | 8 | 45 | 51 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 70 | 11 | 5 | 20 | 28 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 9 | 4 | 20 | 30 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| red bearberry | SS | 40 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| shrub birch | SS | 90 | 30 | 1 | 65 | 52 |
| willow | SS | 50 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 19 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 20 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| clubmoss | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| horsetail | F | 30 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| northern commandra | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| polar grass | G | 20 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| rough fescue | G | 30 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| sedge | G | 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 24 | 15 | 30 | 48 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 45 | 30 | 65 | 67 |
| Bare soil | B | 80 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 15 | 1 | 35 | 38 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 70 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 23 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: early-mid
Number of stands: 9
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

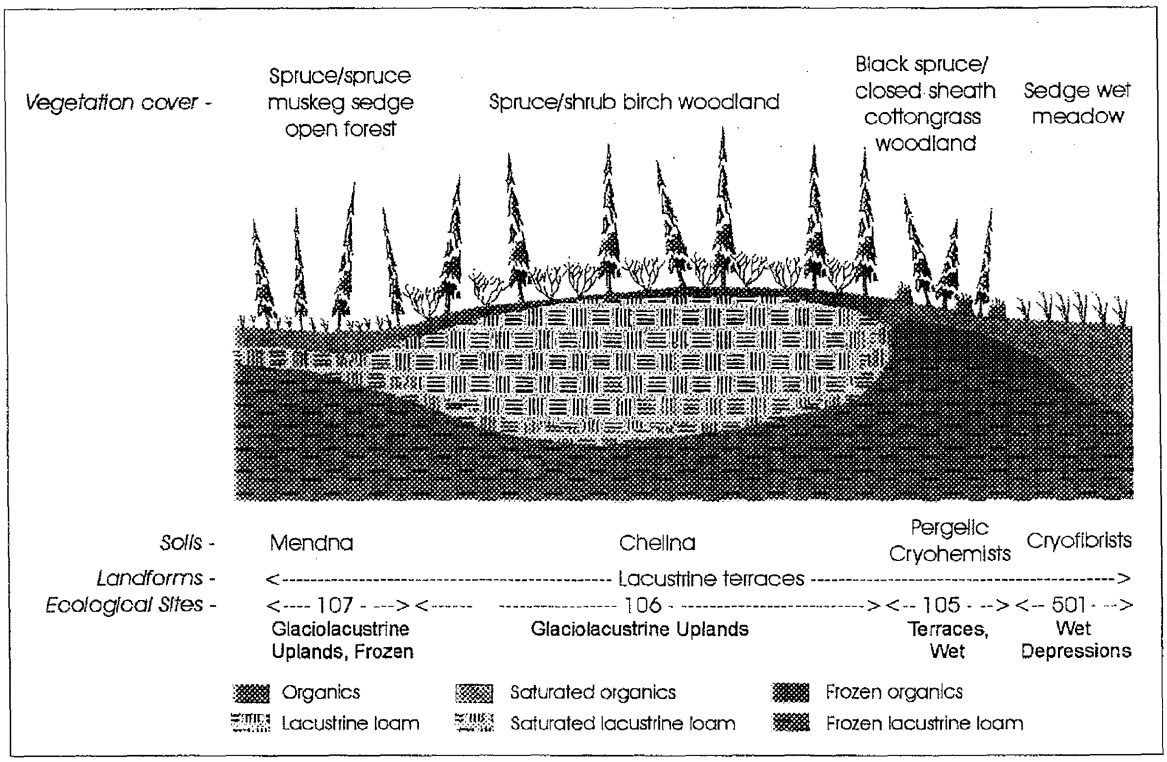
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 56 | 9 | 1 | 15 | 22 |
| white spruce | T2 | 33 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| white spruce | T3 | 56 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 25 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 27 | 10 | 40 | 52 |
| Scouler willow | SS | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| black crowberry | SS | 67 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 16 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 44 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 31 | 5 | 60 | 56 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 78 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 25 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 67 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| net vein willow | SS | 33 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| prickly rose | SS | 33 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| red bearberry | SS | 44 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 58 | 10 | 85 | 76 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 22 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| shurb birch (hybrid) | SS | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| willow | SS | 78 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 44 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 56 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Unknown forb | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| arctic dock | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 22 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| cloudberry | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| clubmoss | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| common fireweed | F | 89 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| milk-vetch | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ragwort | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| polar grass | G | 44 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| rough fescue | G | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 22 | 28 | 1 | 55 | 25 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 34 | 15 | 65 | 59 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 13 | 1 | 20 | 36 |
| Bare soil | B | 33 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 56 | 20 | 5 | 35 | 33 |
| Rock fragments | B | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Surface water | B | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 56 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2

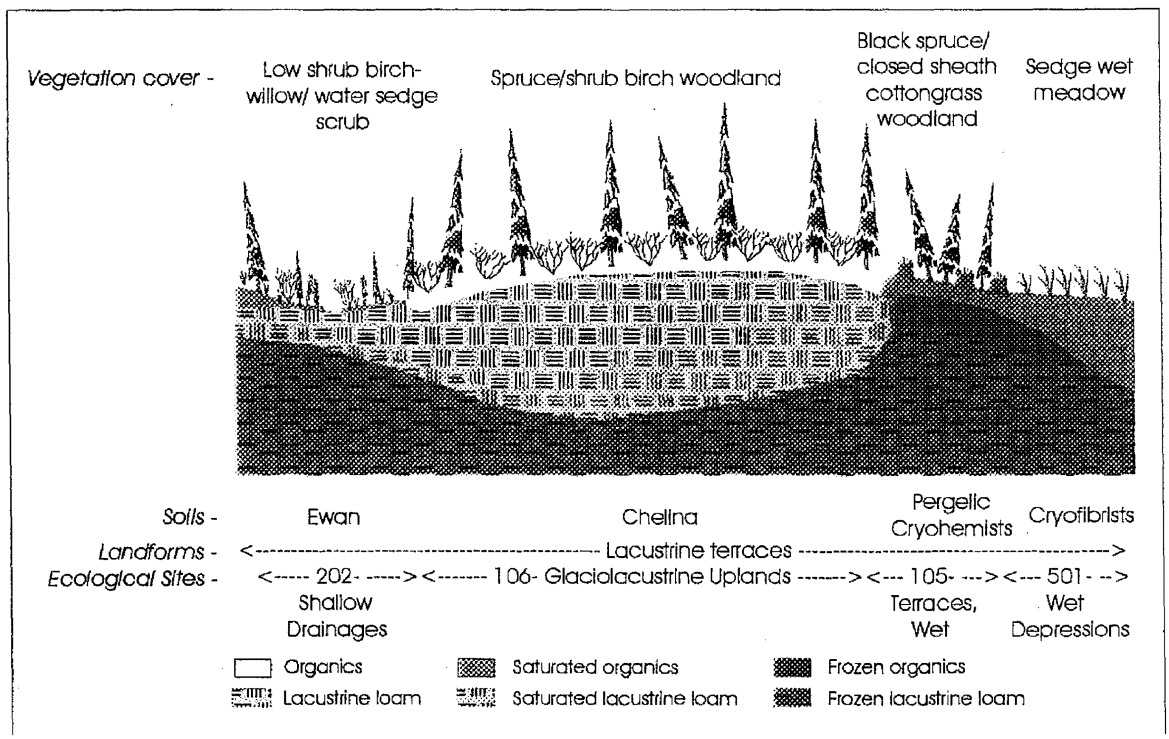
Ecological Site: 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands
Cover type: Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
Seral status: early (drier microsites)
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| black spruce | T2 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| white spruce | T2 | 80 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 21 |
| black spruce | T3 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| white spruce | T3 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 25 | 4 | 60 | 50 |
| Scouler willow | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| black crowberry | SS | 80 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 24 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 20 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 16 | 5 | 40 | 40 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 60 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 17 |
| prickly rose | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| red bearberry | SS | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 20 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 55 | 10 | 85 | 74 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| willow | SS | 80 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 19 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 40 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| cloudberry | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| clubmoss | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| common fireweed | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| horsetail | F | 60 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| ragwort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| blue grass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| narrow false oat | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| polar grass | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| rough bent | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| rough fescue | G | 40 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| sedge | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 35 | 25 | 45 | 59 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 41 | 30 | 55 | 64 |
| Bare soil | B | 60 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 18 | 5 | 30 | 42 |
| Rock fragments | B | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Surface water | B | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 80 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 18 |

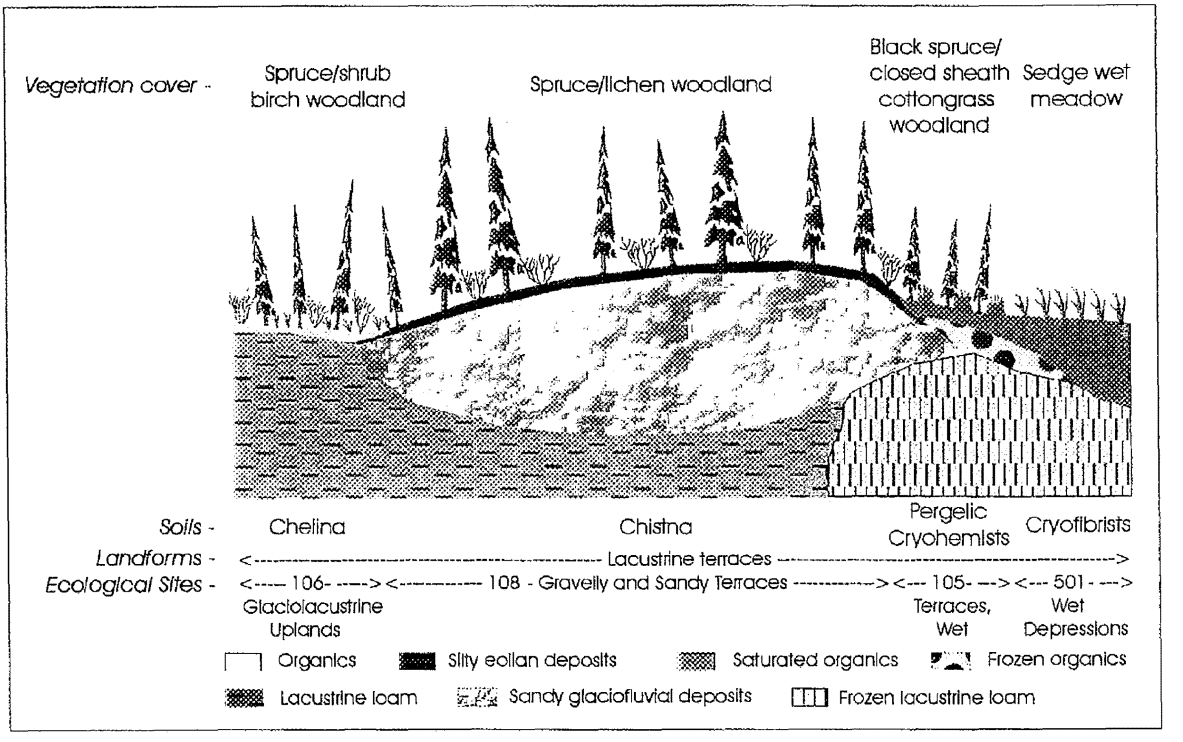
Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2



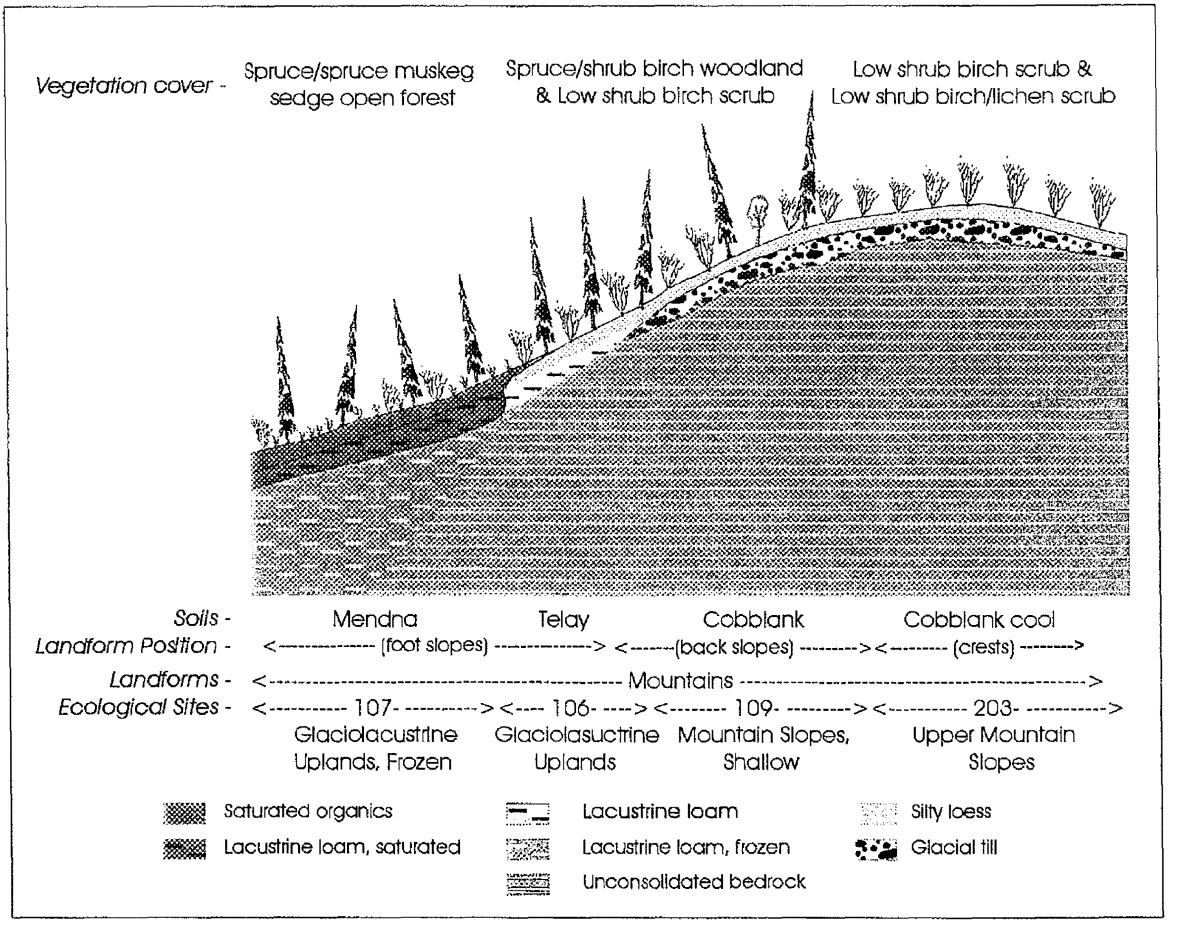

Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the West Fork.




Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy107AK
Site Name: Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen
Plant Name: PICEA/CALU2
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

      (1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
      (2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

      (3) Typical Location:

      Legal: SW 1/4; NE 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 27 T. 11N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
      Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      UTM Coordinate: _____

   b. Physiography:

      (1) Landform:
         (a) Broad: Glaciolacustrine uplands
         (b) Specific: lacustrine terraces, till plains, hills & mountains.
         (c) Microrelief: plane, undulating,
      (2) Elevation/Aspect:
         Low 1900 / All _____ High 2800 / All _____
      (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 25 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

      (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

         (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

         _____ _____ _____
         _____ _____ _____

         Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

         (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
         (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of floodplain width/bankfull width |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

A) **Confined (1.0 - 1.5)**
B) **Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5)**
C) **Unconfined (2.5+)**
D) **Not Determined**

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____
(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Pergelic, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | .7 | 1.0 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 7 | 17 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 49 | 54 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 5 | -4 | |
| LOW | -12 | -10 | -2 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 28 | 15 | -5 | -13 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough AR
(2) Station Number: 508625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Histic Pergelic Cryaquepts | clayey OR loamy OR sandy, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: lacustrine deposits, glacial till

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 15 (inches)
(b) Type E, A

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Histic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 15 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: L, CL, SiL, SiC

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 40 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 15 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .18 High .35 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 40 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 23 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (Ph) Low | High | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 9 | 5.1 | 6.5 | (organic) |
| Layers: | 9 | 20 | 5.6 | 7.8 | |
| All Other Layers: | 20 | 60 | ____ | ____ | (Frozen) |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (mmhos/cm) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| All Other Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (SAR) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| All Other Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | W | W | W | W | W | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | F | F | F | ↓ | ↓ |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (Ft) Maximum 1.5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: perched
(3) Month(s): Apr. to Oct.

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: none
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 Maximum .5 (ft)
(2) Duration: brief
(3) Month(s): Apr to May

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 10 - 45 | 12 - 40 |
| Shrubs | 35 - 70 | 2 - 5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 15 - 80 | 1 - 2 |
| Cryptogams | 60 - 95 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 2 - 50 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 1 - 15 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 20 - 140 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | - | - | 10-45 | 100-100 | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |

Site Index References: _____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | | 0-30 | - | - | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 4-40 | - | - | |
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 3-55 | - | - | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 5-35 | - | - | |
| * SALIX | willow | | 0-35 | - | - | |

Other ..... - NTE ea

EMNI black crowberry 0-15

ARRU red bearberry 0-15

VAVI lowbush cranberry 0-10

SAGL greyleaf willow 0-25

includes SAPL2, SABA3, SARI4

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CALUR | spruce muskeg sedge | | 15-80 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLAR | polar grass | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERBR6 | closed sheath | cottongrass | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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|---|---|
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| | |

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PEFR5 | arctic sweet | coltsfoot | 1-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUCH | cloudberry | | 0-30 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PELA | Labrador lousewort | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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| | |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 3 - 55 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total bryophyte | 20 - 90 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 36 |
| Late (Good) | | 35 |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | 9 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | LC1 | Klasi |
| | LC5 | " |
| | LL1 | Mendna |
| | LL2 | " |
| | TS1 | Cryaquepts |
| | TS12 | Mendna |
| | TS14 | Cryaquepts |
| | TS3 | Mankomen |

**172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen**

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and hills formed in loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits and gravelly and loamy glacial till. The soil surface has a moderately thick organic mat and permafrost is generally present within 60 inches (152 cm) of the mineral surface. Slope ranges from 0 to 25 percent but are generally less than 10 percent. Elevation is from 1900 to 2800 feet (579 to 853 m).

This site is found throughout the uplands in the Gulkana River Area. It occurs intermittently on the same landscapes with sites without permafrost. This site is extensive at low to mid elevations throughout the Copper River Basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The poorly developed soils on this site are formed in gravelly glacial till and fine-grained lacustrine deposits. Some soils have mantles of silty eolian material up to 2 inches thick. In the absence of wild fire, an organic mat about 8 to 16 inches (20 to 41 cm) thick develops on the soil surface and in most places permafrost is present above 60 inches (152 cm). A water table is usually perched on the permafrost and the soils are poorly to very poorly drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest is the correlated PNC on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Following wild fire, post-fire succession would likely begin with a short lived herb stage in which *Betula glandulosa* and ericaceous shrubs from the original forest vegetation would sprout and regenerate. Within about 5 to 10 years, Low shrub birch scrub, often with common to abundant tall willows and spruce seedlings and saplings, would dominate the site. Depending on pre-fire overstory composition and available fire seed sources, tree regeneration may also include *Populus tremuloides.* Vegetation succession would lead to Spruce/shrub birch woodland and eventually to the Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy108AK - Sandy and Gravelly Terraces

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow

172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands: similar landforms and landscape position; soils formed in similar materials but with only a thin organic mat, no permafrost, and well drained; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential.

107Xy108AK - Sandy and Gravelly Terraces: isolated strandline and outwash deposits and high stream terraces; soils formed in sandy and gravelly materials; Spruce/lichen woodland vegetative potential.

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow: gently sloping to steep mountain slopes and crests; soils shallow to bedrock; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential.

172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic: similar landforms and landscape position; soils formed in clayey and fine loamy lacustrine materials; microtopography a complex of low frost boils and intervening swales and troughs; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential.

**172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen**

**Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(2) Degradation:* Wild fire on this site could be expected to impact both the structure and composition of the vegetation and the characteristics of the site. Moderate to severe burns in which the moss-organic layer on the soil surface is blackened and partially to completely destroyed would favor a rapid and long-term warming of the soil profile. Over a relative short period of time, the permafrost level would drop and soil drainage should improve. In this situation, the site would be expected to retrogress to 172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands and Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential.

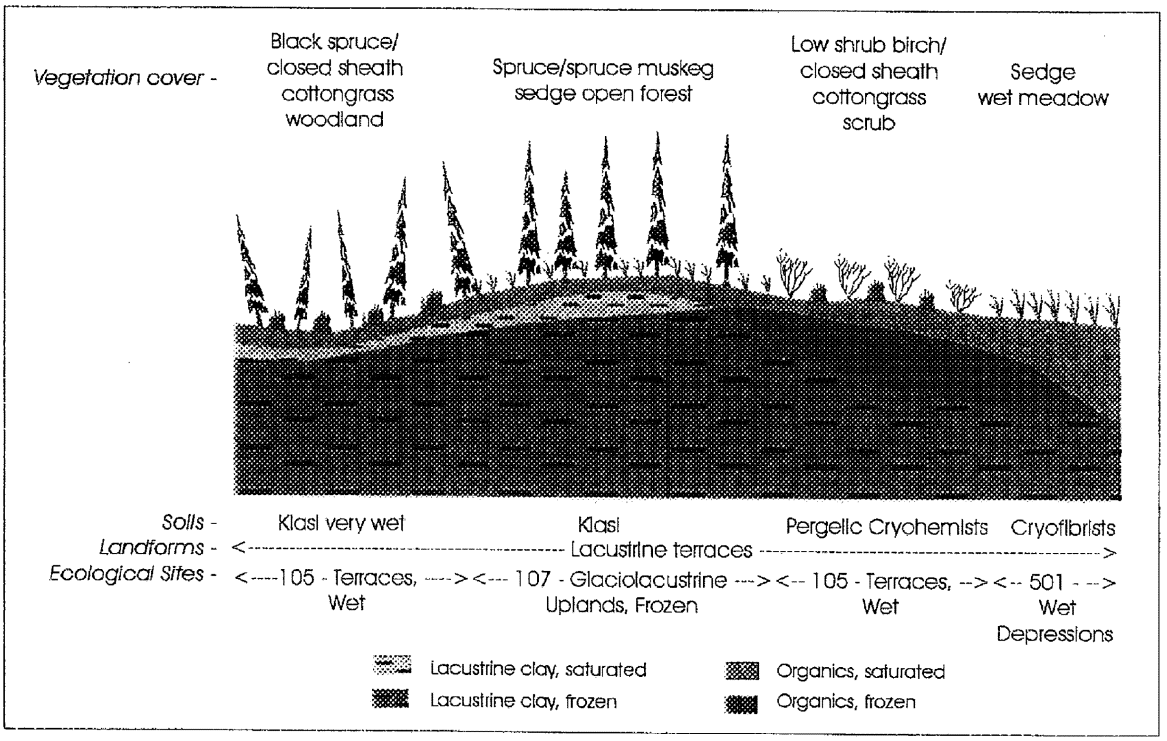
Absence of fire for an extended period of time and development of the moss-organic layer, would allow for permafrost development and site progression back to the original 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen and Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest. The length of time necessary for this progressive change in site conditions is not known.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

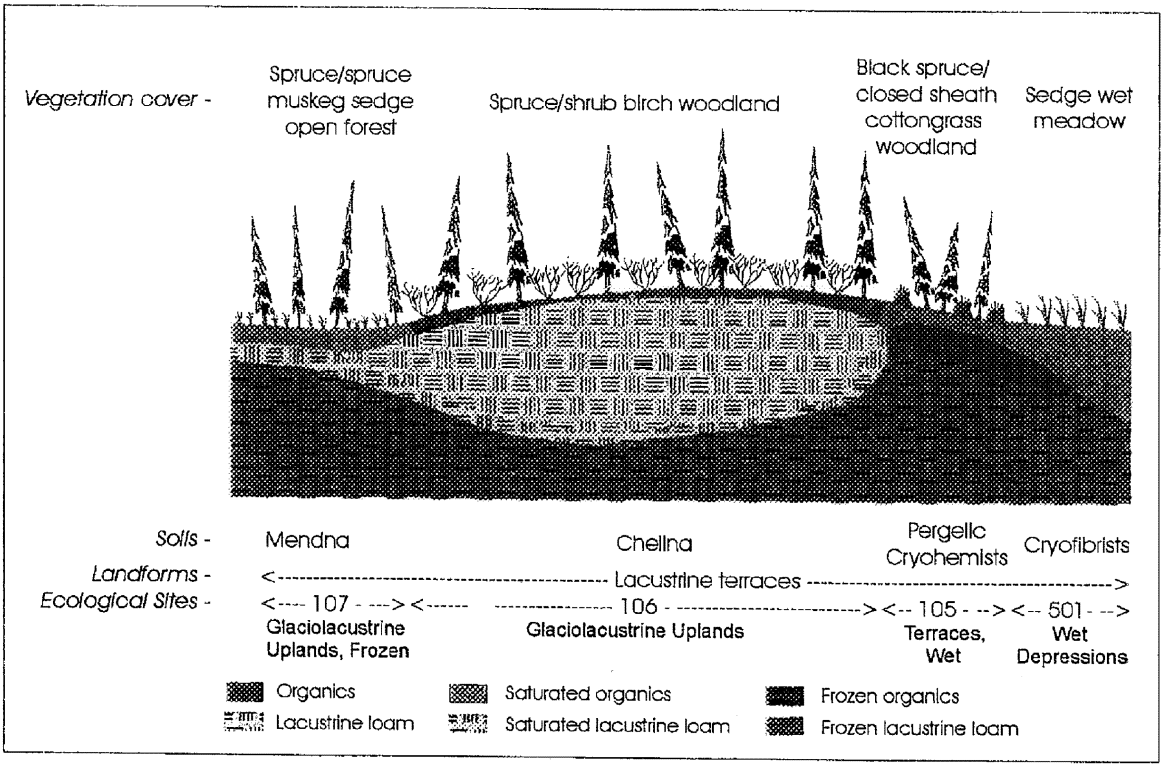
Ecological Site: 172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: early
Number of stands: 9
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T1 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| spruce | T1 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| black spruce | T2 | 22 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| spruce | T2 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| white spruce | T2 | 33 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 12 |
| black spruce | T3 | 33 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 13 |
| spruce | T3 | 22 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 17 |
| white spruce | T3 | 67 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 17 | 5 | 35 | 41 |
| black crowberry | SS | 78 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 67 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 14 | 5 | 25 | 37 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 33 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 19 |
| net vein willow | SS | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| prickly rose | SS | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| red bearberry | SS | 56 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 16 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 26 | 3 | 65 | 51 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 44 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| small cranberry | SS | 56 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| willow | SS | 78 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 21 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| arctic aster | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 20 |
| cloudberry | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| common fireweed | F | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| horsetail | F | 33 | 22 | 1 | 65 | 27 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ragwort | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| single delight | F | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| valerian | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| violet | F | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 22 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| cottongrass | G | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| polar grass | G | 89 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 22 |
| rough fescue | G | 22 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| sedge | G | 22 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 78 | 33 | 4 | 75 | 51 |
| water sedge | G | 11 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 39 | 25 | 55 | 63 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 14 | 1 | 45 | 38 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 9 | 1 | 30 | 30 |
| Rock fragments | B | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Surface water | B | 78 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 56 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 |

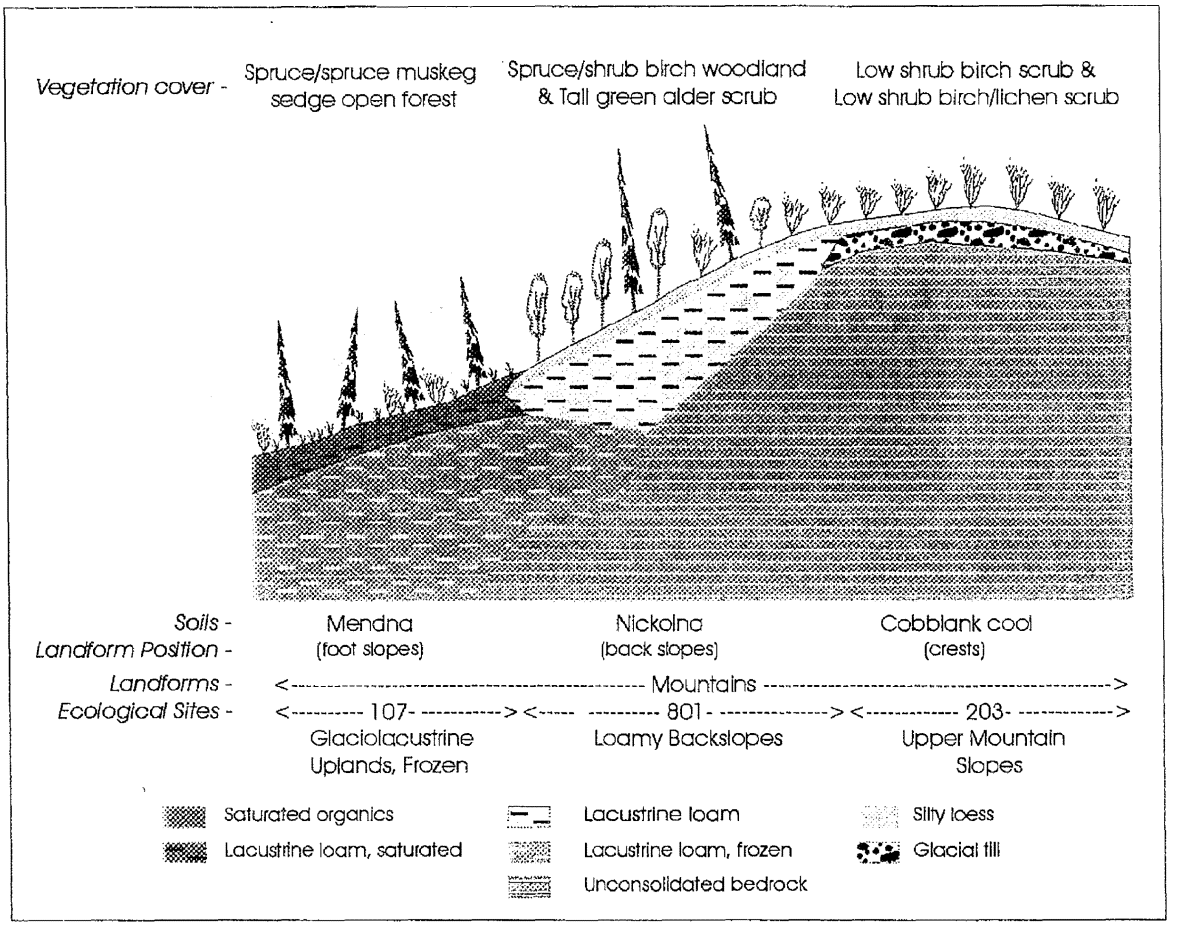
Salix spp. includes: SAMO2 SAPL2



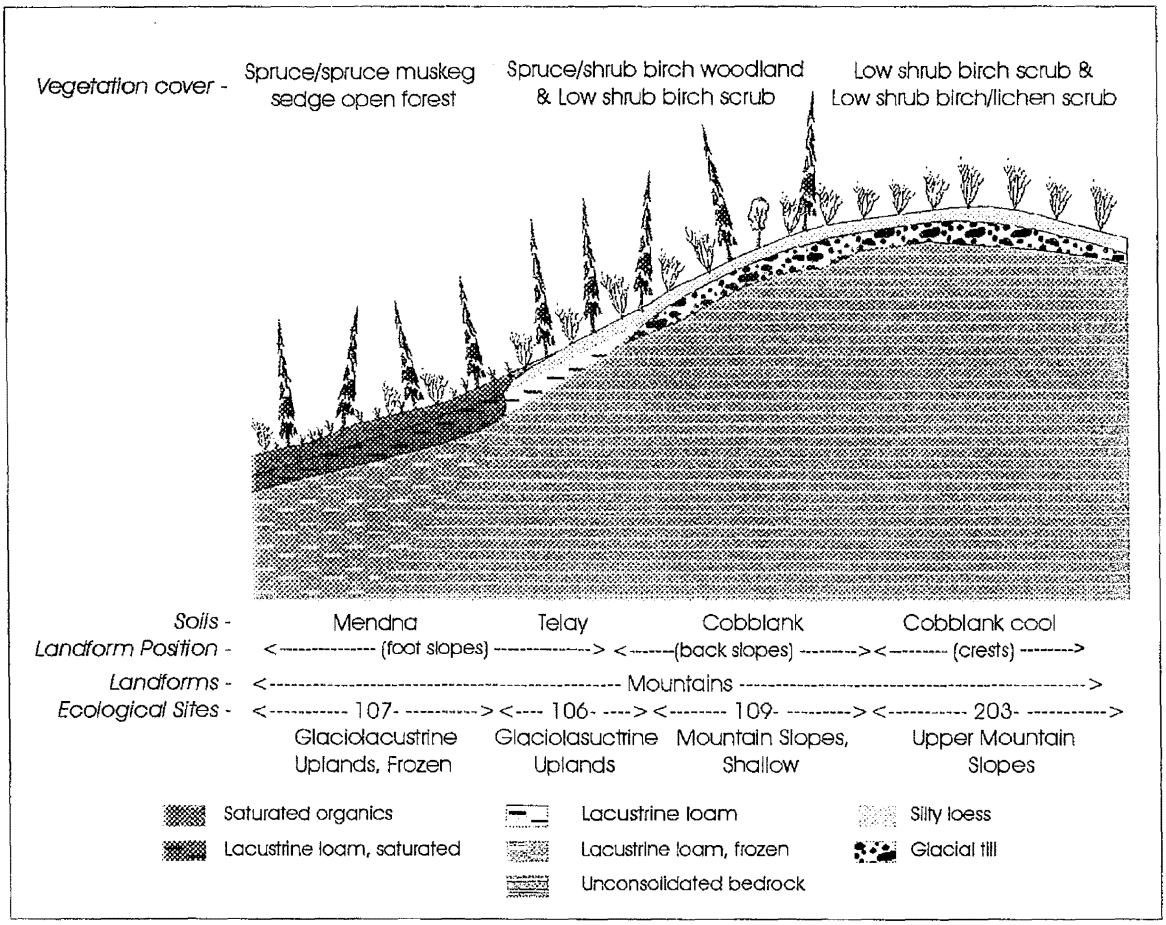

Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the lower Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.




Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.




Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.



Representative stand of Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest, the correlated potential natural plant community on ecological site 172Xy107AK Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy108AK
Site Name: Gravelly and Sandy Terraces
Plant Name: PICEA/lichen
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

   (1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
   (2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____

   (3) Typical Location:

   Legal: SW 1/4; SW 1\4; SE 1\4: Sec. 31 T. 11N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
   Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
   Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
   UTM Coordinate: _____

   b. Physiography:

   (1) Landform:
   (a) Broad: glaciofluvial Uplands
   (b) Specific: strandlines, alluvial fans
   (c) Microrelief: plane, convex
   (2) Elevation/Aspect:
   Low 1900 / All High 2700 / All
   (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 12 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

   (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

   (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

   _____ _____ _____
   _____ _____ _____

   Enter: Lake. Reservoir. Pool. Pond. Spring. Seep. Marsh. Bog. Potholes. Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

   (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
   (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials Channel Bed | | | Materials Bank | | | Containment Ratio of floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

**(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems**

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 19 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | .7 | 1.0 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 7 | 17 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 49 | 54 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 5 | -4 | |
| LOW | -12 | -10 | -2 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 28 | 15 | -5 | -13 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough AK
(2) Station Number: 508625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryochrepts | sandy, mixed |
| (2) | Typic Haplocryods | coarse-loamy over sandy or sandy-skeletal, mixe |
| (3) | " | sandy-skeletal mixed |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: outwash, _____

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 3 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low | 0 | High | 0 | Boulders | Low | 0 | High | 0 |
| Cobbles | Low | 0 | High | 0 | Channers | Low | 0 | High | 0 |
| Stones | Low | 0 | High | 0 | Flagstone | Low | 0 | High | 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Spodic, Cambic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 5 (inches) Maximum 9 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL, _____, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 11 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .14 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____ (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 3 | 4.5 | 6.0 |
| Layers: | 3 | 18 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| All Other Layers: | 18 | 60 | 5.6 | 6.5 |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | D | D | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | | | | | M | | | | | M | | |
| 10-20" | | | | | | M | D | D | | | M | |
| 20-40" | | | | | | | | | D | | | |
| 40-60" | M | M | M | M | | | M | M | M | | | M |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 5 (Ft) Maximum 5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: none
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 20 - 50 | 35 - 45 |
| Shrubs | 35 - 70 | 3 - 6 |
| Grasses, Grass Like. & Forbs | 1 - 15 | .5 - 1 |
| Cryptogams | 60 - 90 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 3 - 25 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 20 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 45 - 150 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIMA | black spruce | - | - | - | 25-75 | |
| PIGL | white spruce | 35-50 | - | - | 25-75 | |
| POTRS | quaking aspen | - | - | - | 0-2 | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |

Site Index References: Farr 1967

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 5-65 | - | - | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 3-50 | - | - | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 3-45 | - | - | |
| SAGL | grayleaf willow | | 0-6 | - | - | |
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | | 2-20 | - | - | |

Other ..... - NTE ea

EMNI black crowberry 1-25

SAPLZ diamond leaf willow 0-20

PICEA spruce 0-20

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FEAL | rough fescue | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CALU2 | spruce-muskeg sedge | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GELI2 | northern commandra | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| LYCOP2 | clubmoss | | 0-6 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| COCA13 | bunchberry dogwood | | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0-4 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 35-65 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total bryophytes | 5-40 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 14 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | 4 |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | 5 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | AF1 | Pippod |
| | " | Clarena |
| | AT1 | Chistna |
| | " | Pippod |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy108AK - Gravelly and Sandy Terraces**
**Spruce/lichen woodland**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of isolated strandline deposits on glaciolacustrine uplands and alluvial fans. The landscape is formed in deep, sandy and gravelly materials, often overlain by a thin mantle of eolian silts. Slopes generally range from 0 to about 12 percent. Occasional short slopes up to 25 percent occur also. Elevation is from 1900 to 2700 feet (579 to 823 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs as scattered, relatively small areas of strandline deposits throughout most of the uplands with the exception of the South Branch. It is found on high terraces immediately above the River corridor and on nearby lacustrine terraces. The site also occurs on fan terraces along the Middle Fork. This site probably occurs on strandline deposits, eskers, and alluvial fans throughout the central Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The moderately well developed soils on this site have a thin mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 8 inches (2.5 to 20 cm) thick over very gravelly or sandy glaciofluvial materials. Most have a thin organic mat up to about 3 inches (8 cm) thick. Permeability is rapid and the soils are somewhat excessively drained. Depth to seasonal high water table is greater than 6 feet (1.8 m). Because of the coarse textures and low water holding capacity, these soils are relatively dry throughout the growing season.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/lichen woodland is the correlated Potential Natural Plant Community on this site. This PNC probably is best described as a fire climax (depends on being burned at rather regular intervals). Microsites than have remained unburned for an extended period and cooler and moister microsites, such as northerly aspects and concave slopes, often support Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* This site appears to be near the dry extreme of wooded sites in the Copper River basin and, therefore, is probably more susceptible to wild fire than most other woodland sites. The moderately open to closed cover of *Betula glandulosa* in the understory would readily carry a fire throughout the stand. The prevalence of *Picea mariana* as the major tree species in many stands may be a result of repeated fires, which tend to favor *Picea mariana* regeneration at the expense of *Picea glauca*. Because of the dry soil conditions, this site also appears to be less likely to develop the thick moss-organic layer on the soil surface than more moist sites.

In most instances, fire would kill the spruce trees and destroy much if not all of the woodland overstory. Early seral vegetation likely would be scrub dominated by *Betula glandulosa*, ericaceous shrubs, and tall *Salix* spp., primarily *Salix glauca* and *Salix bebbiana*. Tree regeneration likely would begin almost immediately following the burn. The semi-serotinous cones of *Picea mariana* would provide an immediate seed source in areas with *Picea mariana* in the original stand. *Populus tremuloides*, with light, wind disseminated seed, would also find a suitable seed bed. In may places, this site currently support Quaking aspen-white spruce forest. Regeneration of *Picea glauca*, which produces adequate seed crops infrequently, would be largely dependent on the timing of seed production and the availability of a suitable seed bed.

The ground layer initially would be dominated by sparse herbs and mosses adapted to bare mineral soils, such as *Polytrichum* spp. and *Ceratodon purpureus*. Lichens and patches of moss would begin to displace much of the herbaceous vegetation within a few years.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands: adjacent lacustrine terraces and till plains; soils formed in fine textured glaciolacustrine materials; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential with only minor lichen cover in the ground layer.

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen: adjacent lacustrine terraces and till plains; soils formed in fine textured glaciolacustrine materials; permafrost present within soil profile; Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest potential with varying but generally low lichen cover in the ground layer.

**172Xy108AK - Gravelly and Sandy Terraces**
**Spruce/lichen woodland**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy108AK - Gravelly and Sandy Terraces
Cover type: Quaking aspen-white spruce forest
Seral status: late
Number of stands: 4
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

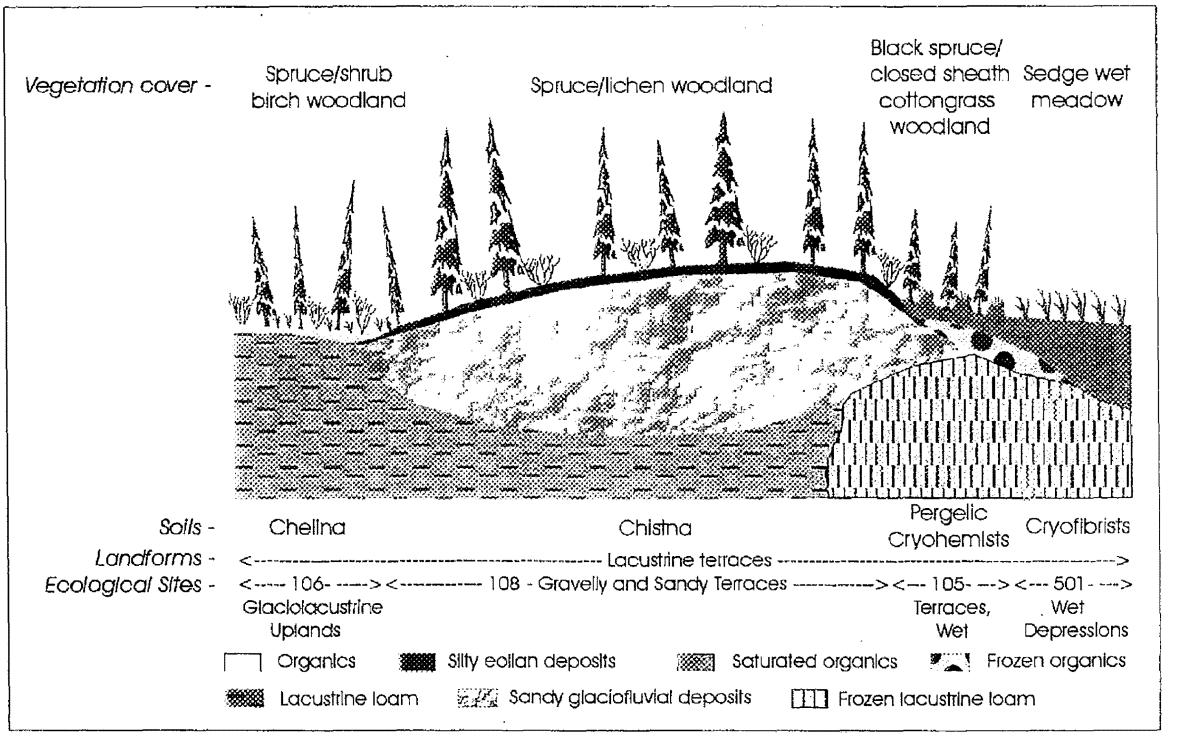
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| quaking aspen | T1 | 100 | 31 | 15 | 50 | 56 |
| white spruce | T1 | 100 | 26 | 20 | 35 | 51 |
| spruce | T2 | 25 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 19 |
| white spruce | T2 | 50 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 27 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| quaking aspen | T3 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| spruce | T3 | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| white spruce | T3 | 50 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 75 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 32 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 3 | 15 | 28 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 25 |
| gray willow | SS | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| highbush cranberry | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| kinnikinnick | SS | 75 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 13 | 5 | 15 | 35 |
| prickly rose | SS | 75 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 75 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| shrub birch | SS | 50 | 17 | 4 | 30 | 29 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| willow | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| American twinflower | F | 25 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 13 |
| arctic aster | F | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| arctic lupine | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| clubmoss | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| milk-vetch | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| northern commandra | F | 100 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 23 |
| wintergreen | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| purple reedgrass | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| rough fescue | G | 75 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 34 | 30 | 40 | 58 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 18 | 1 | 45 | 42 |
| Bare soil | B | 75 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 55 | 40 | 60 | 74 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 31 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX

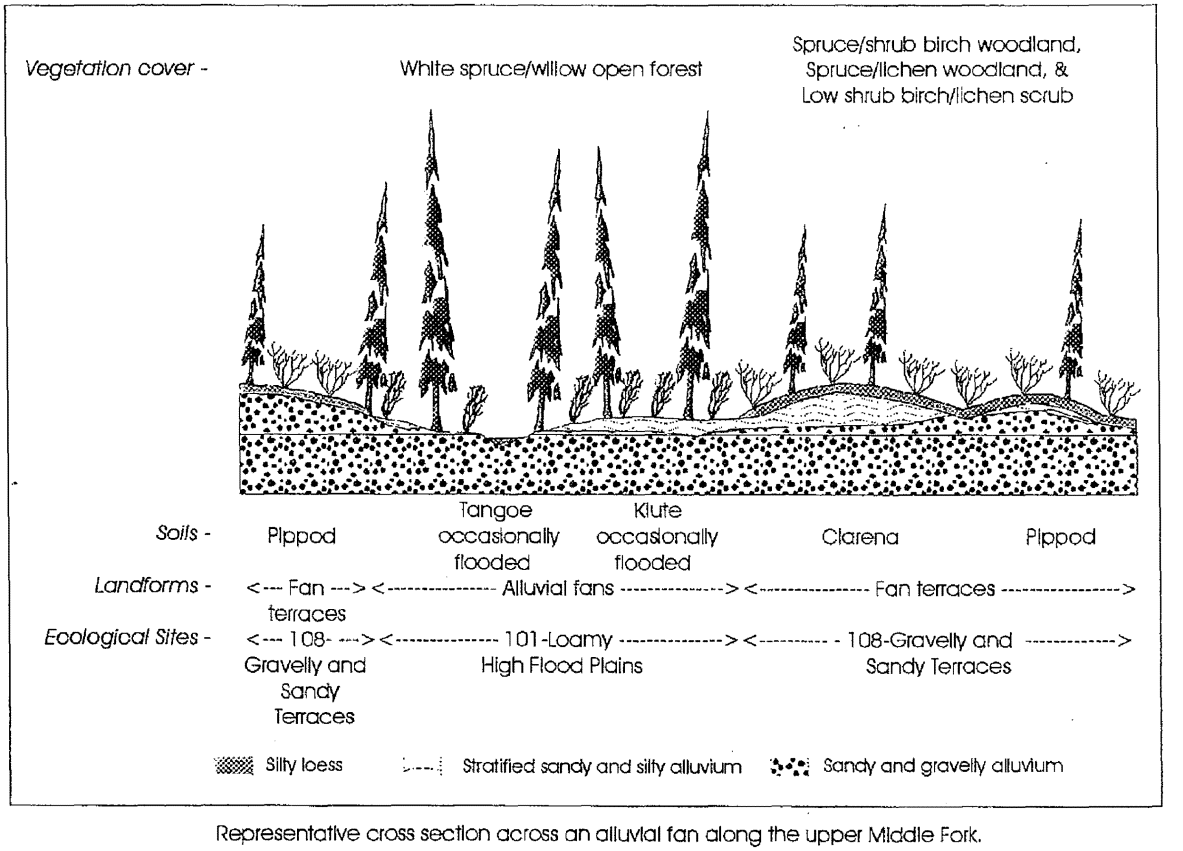
Ecological Site: 172Xy108AK - Gravelly and Sandy Terraces
Cover type: Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
Seral status: early
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| white spruce | T1 | 40 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 15 |
| spruce | T2 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| white spruce | T2 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| white spruce | T3 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Alaska bog willow | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| black crowberry | SS | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 60 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 40 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 60 | 10 | 3 | 20 | 24 |
| net vein willow | SS | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| oval-leaf blueberry | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| prickly rose | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 75 | 70 | 85 | 87 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| willow | SS | 80 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| boreal sagebrush | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| clubmoss | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| gentian | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| northern blackberry | F | 80 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| ragwort | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| wormwood | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| polar grass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| rough bent | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| rough fescue | G | 100 | 11 | 5 | 20 | 34 |
| sedge | G | 40 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 35 | 25 | 45 | 59 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 44 | 5 | 65 | 66 |
| Bare soil | B | 40 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 30 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

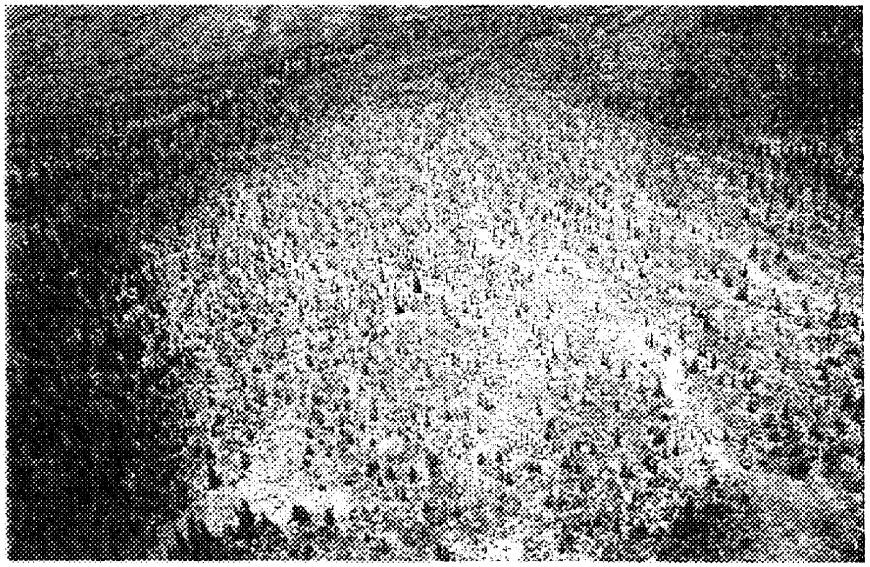
Salix spp. includes: SALIX SAPL2




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the West Fork.




Representative cross section across an alluvial fan along the upper Middle Fork.



Ecological site 172Xy108AK - Sandy and Gravelly Terraces on an alluvial fan along the upper Middle Fork. Vegetation is Spruce/lichen woodland. The flood plain on the fan in the background supports White spruce/willow open forest and is included in ecological site 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy109AK
Site Name: Mountain Slopes, Shallow
Plant Name: PICEA/REGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

      (1) **MLRA Name:** Copper River Plateau
      (2) **Local Area:** Gulkana River, _____, _____

      (3) **Typical Location:**

      **Legal:** SW 1/4; NE 1\4; SW 1\4: Sec. 08 T. 12N R. 02W **Meridian** Copper River
      **Latitude:** Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      **Longitude:** Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
      **UTM Coordinate:** _____

   b. Physiography:

      (1) Landform:
         (a) Broad: Mountain Slopes
         (b) Specific: backslopes, shoulders, crest
         (c) Microrelief: plane, convex
      (2) Elevation/Aspect:
         Low 2500 / All _____ High 2900 / All _____
      (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 35 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. **Associated Water Features:**

      (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

         (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

         _____ _____ _____
         _____ _____ _____

         Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

         (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
         (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Containment Ratio of floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson AK
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Lithic Cryochrepts | Loamy-skeletal, mixed |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____
(2) Parent material: glacial till & colluvium over bedrock

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 5 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 6 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 6 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Cambic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL _____, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 20 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 20 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .12 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 17 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: 10 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 17 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness 10 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 10 | 4.5 | 6.0 |
| Layers: | 10 | 18 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| All Other Layers: | 18 | 22 | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | M | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 40-60" | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 5 (Ft) Maximum 5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 10 - 20 | 15 - 30 |
| Shrubs | 50 - 90 | 3 - 6 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 0 - 5 | .5 - 2 |
| Cryptogams | 15 - 60 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 30 - 50 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 15 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 15 - 40 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | -- | -- | 10-20 | -- | |
| BEPA | paper birch | -- | -- | 0-3 | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: _____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | | 0-3 | -- | -- | |
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 20-65 | -- | -- | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 5-55 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 15-45 | -- | -- | |
| * SALIX | Willow | | 5-15 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... - NTE ea

VAVi lowbush cranberry 1-10

EMNi black crowberry 0-5

* includes SAAL, SAGL, SAMO2, SAPL2, SASC

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARLAZ | polar grass | | 0-1 | -- | -- | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-1 | -- | -- | |
| FEAL | rough fescue | | 0-1 | -- | -- | |
| | | | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | | -- | -- | -- | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COCA13 | bunchberry dogwood | | 0-2 | -- | -- | |
| MEPA | tall bluebells | | 0-1 | -- | -- | |
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0-1 | -- | -- | |
| EQUI5 | horsetail | | 0-1 | -- | -- | |
| | | | -- | -- | -- | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 1-30 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total bryophytes | 15-35 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | |
|---|---|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 6 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | AL2 | Cobblank |
| " | BR1 | Cobblank |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on bedrock cored mountain slopes and summits below about 2900 feet (884 m) elevation. Most areas have been smeared with a thin mantle of loamy till and lacustrine deposits. Slopes range from about 8 to 35 percent.

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of minor occurrence in a few scattered locations above the Middle Fork and upper Main Stem. It is probably extensive at middle elevations throughout the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The moderately well developed soils on this site have a mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 4 inches (2 to 10 cm) thick over very gravelly and very cobbly loamy till and loamy lacustrine material. Bedrock is at depths of 10 to 20 inches in most places. The soils are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/shrub birch scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. At the elevation of this site, *Picea glauca* is the usually the only spruce found. Seral Low shrub birch scrub is present in many places.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wildfire, which is common in the boreal forest zone of the Copper River basin, periodically impacts this site. Most stands have common to abundant charred snags and woody debris; scattered trees and clumps of trees are common also. Following wildfire, the vegetation on this site would be expected to go through a relatively short-lived herb stage codominated by herbs and shrub sprouts. This would be followed by a Low shrub birch scrub stage with occasional to common spruce regeneration. Most areas of this site in the Gulkana River area currently support Low shrub birch scrub. Woodland development likely is a long-term process at the elevation and on the soils of this site. Seed trees in many burned stands were rare and tree seedlings nearly impossible to find.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy203AK - Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow

172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands: lacustrine terraces and till plains generally below 2700 feet (823 m) elevation; deep soils; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential, however, in many areas seral Low shrub birch scrub is found.

172Xy203AK - Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow: higher elevation mountain slopes; similar soils; Low shrub birch scrub vegetative potential.

**172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

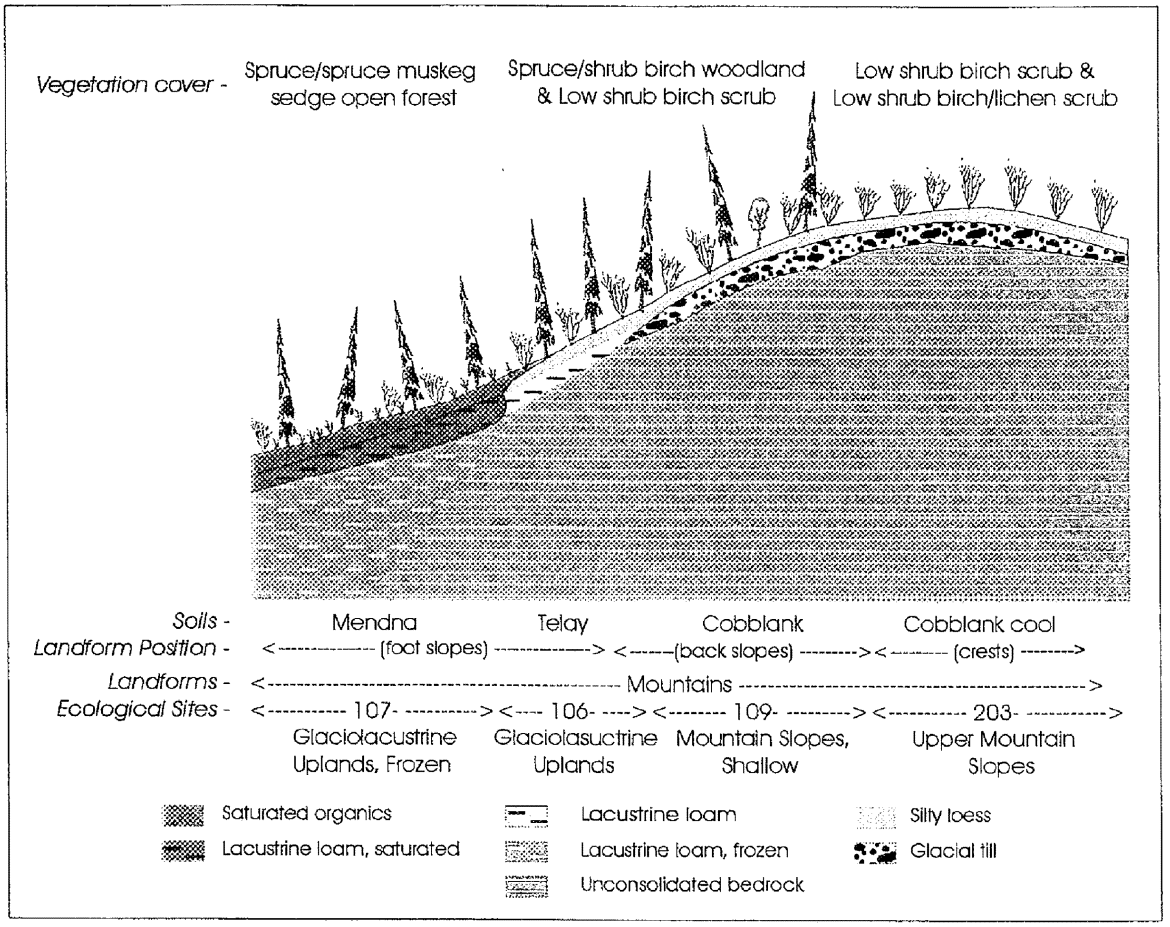
*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary table and diagram for stand characteristics for the PNC.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 6
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| paper birch | T2 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| white spruce | T2 | 83 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 30 |
| quaking aspen | T3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| white spruce | T3 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 24 | 5 | 55 | 49 |
| Scouler willow | SS | 33 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| black crowberry | SS | 83 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 33 | 15 | 45 | 58 |
| currant | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 33 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 33 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 18 |
| green alder | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| red bearberry | SS | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 43 | 20 | 65 | 65 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 17 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 28 |
| American twinflower | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Unknown forb | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| clubmoss | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| ragwort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall bluebells | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| polar grass | G | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| rough fescue | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 26 | 15 | 35 | 51 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 6 | 1 | 30 | 24 |
| Bare soil | B | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 14 | 1 | 50 | 37 |
| Rock fragments | B | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Surface water | B | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 17 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 |

Salix spp. includes: SAMO2 SAPL2




Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172XY110AK
Site Name: Glacio/lacustrine Uplands, Ruptic
Plant Name: PICEA/BEGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

   (1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
   (2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____
   _____
   (3) Typical Location:

   Legal: SE 1/4; SE 1\4; SE 1\4: Sec. 11 T. 10N R. 07W Meridian Copper River
   Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
   Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
   UTM Coordinate: _____

   b. Physiography:

   (1) Landform:
   (a) Broad: Glaciolacustrine Uplands
   (b) Specific: lacustrine terraces, _____
   (c) Microrelief: frost boils, _____
   (2) Elevation/Aspect:
   Low 2300 / All _____ High 2500 / All _____
   (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 8 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

   (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

   (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

   _____ _____ _____
   _____ _____ _____

   Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

   (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
   (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of floodplain width:bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

**(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems**

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris. Channel Blockages. Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Pergelic, Cryic
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 19 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | .7 | 1.0 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 7 | 17 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 49 | 54 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 5 | -4 | |
| LOW | -12 | 70 | -2 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 28 | 15 | -5 | -13 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough AK
(2) Station Number: 508625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Pergelic Ruptic-Histic Cryaquepts | clayey, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: lacustrine deposits

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 14 (inches)
(b) Type _____

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 5 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 5 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Histic Epipedon (discontinuous)
(2) Thickness: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 14 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SICL, PEAT, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 40 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 13 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .13 High .35 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____ (inches) Maximum _____ (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____ (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Depth Range (Inches) Maximum | Amount (Ph) Low | Amount (Ph) High | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 9 | 5.6 | 6.5 | (organics) |
| Layers: | 9 | 21 | 6.1 | 7.8 | |
| All Other Layers: | 21 | 60 | ____ | ____ | (frozen) |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Depth Range (Inches) Maximum | Amount (mmhos/cm) Low | Amount (mmhos/cm) High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| All Other Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Depth Range (Inches) Maximum | Amount (SAR) Low | Amount (SAR) High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |
| All Other Layers: | _____ | _____ | ____ | ____ |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | W | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | W | W | W | W | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | F | F | F | F | ↓ |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (Ft) Maximum 2 (Ft)
(2) Kind: perched
(3) Month(s): Apr to Oct

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ___ Maximum ___(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 10 - 20 | 15 - 30 |
| Shrubs | 35 - 65 | 2 - 4 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 15 - 30 | 1 - 3 |
| Cryptogams | 45 - 60 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N,R | 5 - 30 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 1 - 10 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 35 - 120 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | -- | -- | 10-20 | 100-100 | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |
| | | -- | -- | -- | -- | |

Site Index References: _____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | | 0-7 | -- | -- | |
| BEGL | shrub birch | | 15-45 | -- | -- | |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 25-35 | -- | -- | |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | | 15-20 | -- | -- | |
| * SALIX | willow | | 5-10 | -- | -- | |

Other ..... -- NTE ea

VAVi lowbush cranberry 2-7

EMNi black crowberry 0-5

ARRU red bearberry 0-4

SHCA russet buffalo-berry 0-5

* includes SAGL, SAPL2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 1 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERBR6 | closed sheath | cottongrass | 0 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CALU2 | spruce muskeg | sedge | 0 - 5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0 - 15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFR5 | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 1 - 6 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0 - 2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| SENEC | ragwort | | 0 - 2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 15 - 35 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| Other ..... | | | ___-___ | NTE___ea |
| ___ | ___ | | | |
| ___ | ___ | | | |
| ___ | ___ | | | |
| ___ | ___ | | | |

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total bryophytes | 30 - 60 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| Other ..... | | | ___-___ | NTE___ea |

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|---|---|
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| | |
| | |

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. **Documentation:**

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 5 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | 3 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire. etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | LC1 | Swilma thin surface |
| | | Swilma |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

## 172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic
### Spruce/shrub birch woodland

### Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on glaciolacustrine terraces formed in clayey lacustrine deposits. This site is characterized by surface microtopography consisting of a complex sparsely vegetated ice-cored frost boils and intervening swales and troughs. In most places the frost boils are about 24 inches (61 cm) high and 9 feet (3 m) across. Bare soil material is common on the mounds while the intermound troughs between boils have moderately thick to thick organic mats. The landscape is underlain by permafrost, including ice-rich soil material, ice lenses, vein ice, and probably occasional ice wedges. Slopes generally range from 0 to 8 percent. Elevation is 2300 to 2500 feet (701 to 762 m).

Within the Gulkana River area, this site is of limited extent and found only on lacustrine terraces above the upper South Branch. The occurrence of this site elsewhere in the Copper River basin is not known.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* Soils on this site are formed in clayey lacustrine deposits. On frost boils, the soil is sparsely vegetated; the organic mat ranges from 0 to 4 inches (0 to 10 cm), and bare mineral soil is exposed across much of the surface. Soils on frost boils are moderately deep to permafrost and somewhat poorly drained. In intermound swales and troughs, the soils have an organic mat 8 to 14 inches (20 to 36 cm) thick. Permafrost is shallow to moderately deep and the soils are very poorly drained. Soil horizons are mixed by cryoturbation; buried, distorted, and fractured horizons are present in most places. Redoximorphic features indicative of wetness are evident in troughs but less evident in boils.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site, although dramatic differences in understory composition is evident on the frost boils versus the intermound swales and troughs. On frost boils, the understory in mature stands is characterized by sparse shrubs, herbs, and patches of moss with extensive bare soil. In the swales and troughs, the understory generally has common to abundant low shrubs and a luxuriant moss layer. In many places, the vegetation is similar to the understory of Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wild fire on this site would be expected to potentially impact both the structure and composition of the vegetation and the characteristics of the site. Moderate to severe burns in which the moss-organic layer on the soil surface is blackened and partially to completely destroyed would favor a rapid and long-term warming of the soil profile. Over a relative short period of time, the

permafrost level would drop and soil drainage should improve. Melting vein ice and ice wedges could lead to thermokarsting, liquifaction, and debris flows, especially on steeper slopes. Post-fire vegetative succession would probably begin with a herb-shrub sprout stage, followed by a Low shrub birch scrub stage. The rate and degree of tree regeneration would depend in part on the availability of seed sources following burning.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet: similar lacustrine terrace landscape position; frost boil microrelief absent, may have irregularly hummocky microrelief; soils with continuous, thick organic mat and uniform shallow permafrost, very poor drainage, and occasional ponding; Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland vegetative potential with relatively uniform understory aspect and lacking the frost boil-trough variability.

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands: similar lacustrine terrace landscape position; frost boil microrelief absent; well drained soils without permafrost; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetation potential with relatively uniform understory aspect and lacking frost boil-trough variability.

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen: similar lacustrine terrace landscape position; frost boil microrelief absent, may have irregularly hummocky microrelief; soils with continuous, thick organic mat and uniform shallow permafrost and very poor drainage; Spruce/spruce muskeg sedge open forest vegetative potential with nearly continuous, moderately open to closed low shrub layer and continuous, luxuriant graminoid and moss layers below.

**172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagram for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| spruce | T2 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| white spruce | T2 | 80 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 35 |
| spruce | T3 | 20 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 12 |
| white spruce | T3 | 60 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 29 | 25 | 35 | 54 |
| black crowberry | SS | 80 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 19 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 80 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 21 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 19 | 15 | 20 | 44 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 80 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 21 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 22 |
| prickly rose | SS | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| red bearberry | SS | 80 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 80 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 15 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 29 | 15 | 45 | 54 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| small cranberry | SS | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| willow | SS | 80 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 19 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic dock | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 19 |
| cloudberry | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 80 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| horsetail | F | 60 | 10 | 4 | 15 | 24 |
| ragwort | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| wintergreen | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 80 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 20 |
| rough fescue | G | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| sedge | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 60 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 41 | 30 | 60 | 64 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 22 | 15 | 35 | 47 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 28 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 21 | 5 | 30 | 46 |
| Surface water | B | 40 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 17 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic
Cover type: Black spruce/closed sheath cottongrass woodland
Seral status: PNC (moist_microsites)
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

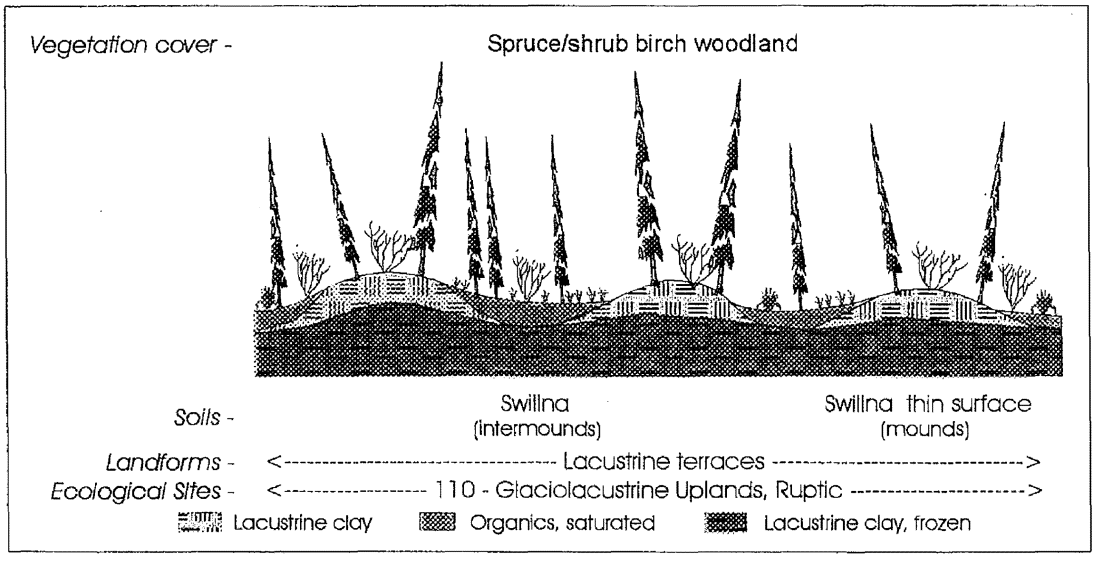
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 60 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 26 |
| spruce | T2 | 40 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| black spruce | T3 | 60 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 22 |
| spruce | T3 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 39 |
| black crowberry | SS | 80 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 80 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 20 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 7 | 15 | 32 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| leatherleaf | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| little tree willow | SS | 80 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 23 |
| red bearberry | SS | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 17 | 10 | 25 | 41 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| small cranberry | SS | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 26 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic dock | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 30 |
| cloudberry | F | 60 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| common fireweed | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ragwort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 100 | 42 | 15 | 60 | 65 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 19 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 60 | 13 | 4 | 25 | 28 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 42 | 30 | 60 | 65 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 19 | 15 | 25 | 44 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 29 | 20 | 40 | 54 |
| Surface water | B | 80 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: early-mid
Number of stands: 8
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 25 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 10 |
| white spruce | T2 | 75 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| spruce | T3 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| white spruce | T3 | 88 | 14 | 7 | 25 | 35 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 14 | 4 | 35 | 37 |
| black crowberry | SS | 75 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 15 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 50 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 16 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 12 | 5 | 25 | 35 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 38 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 19 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 20 |
| net vein willow | SS | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| red bearberry | SS | 25 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 38 | 9 | 4 | 20 | 19 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 31 | 10 | 65 | 56 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| willow | SS | 88 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 21 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic aster | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| arctic dock | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| cloudberry | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Unknown grass | G | 13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 13 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| polar grass | G | 88 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| rough bent | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| sedge | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 88 | 41 | 7 | 65 | 60 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 31 | 15 | 40 | 55 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 20 | 2 | 40 | 44 |
| Bare soil | B | 88 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 3 | 30 | 31 |
| Surface water | B | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 63 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the South Branch..



Potential natural vegetation on ecological site 172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic. Whitish areas in the understory are frost-heaved mounds characterized by bare soil, pioneering lichens, and sparse herbs and dwarf shrubs. Swales and depressions between the mounds are characterized by shrub birch, low and dwarf ericaceous shrubs and other plant species common in spruce woodlands throughout the Gulkana River area.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy111AK
Site Name: PEAT MOUNDS
Plant Name: PICEA/BEGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: NW 1/4; NE 1\4; NW 1\4; Sec. 07 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Glaciolacustrine terraces, stream terraces
(b) Specific: Peat mounds, _____
(c) Microrelief: convex, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1900 / All High 2500 / All
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 100 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 2. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 3. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 4. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 5. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____._

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: pergelic, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 23 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1.1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -1 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson, Alaska
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Pergelic Cryohemists | euic |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: organic matter

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 21 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(b) Type E

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Histic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 21 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: Peat, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 24 (inches) Maximum 32 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 11 (inches) Maximum 20 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .30 High .35 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____ (inches) Maximum _____ (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____ (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 27 | 4.5 | 7.3 |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | M | D | D | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | M | M | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | F | F | F | ↓ |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(Ft) Maximum _____(Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 5 - 25 | 5 - 25 |
| Shrubs | 40 - 80 | 0.5 - 4 |
| Grasses, Grass Like. & Forbs | 2 - 15 | 0.3 - 1.5 |
| Cryptogams | 70 - 90 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 5 - 40 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 1 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | ___-___ | ____-____ | 5 - 25 | 100 - 100 | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

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_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LEDUM | Labrador-tea | _____ | 20 - 55 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| BEGL | Shrub birch | _____ | 10 - 40 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 15 - 30 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | _____ | 0 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| EMNI | black crowberry | _____ | 0 - 15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

SAPL2 diamondleaf willow 0-10

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CALU2 | spruce muskeg sedge | | 1-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERBR6 | closed-sheath cottongrass | | 0-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAAQ | water sedge | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RUCH | cloudberry | | 1-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFR5 | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 1-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PELA | Labrador lousewort | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ____ | _____ | ____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ____ | _____ | ____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 2 - 25 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| Other ..... | | | ____-____NTE____ea | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total bryophytes | 45 - 70 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| Other ..... | | | ____-____NTE____ea | |

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 1 |
| Late (Good) | | 5 |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | | | | |

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | LL41 | Pergelic Cryohemists, Dry |
| " | STR | " |
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**172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on frozen peat mounds (also called palsa) adjacent to ponds, lakes, and wet meadows on glaciolacustrine uplands and occasionally on stream terraces. The rounded to flat-topped mounds and ridges are elevated 2 to 30 feet (0.6 to 9.1 m) above the adjacent landscape. Frozen peat, often with thin lenses or large ice masses, is usually encountered within 40 inches (102 cm) of the surface and most mounds have a core of massive ice at varying depths. Slopes range from 0 to 100 percent. Elevation is 1900 to 2500 feet (579 to 762 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site is found in scattered locations usually of small extent on lacustrine terraces above the North Branch, West Fork and Main Stem. It is also found occasionally on stream terraces near the confluence of the Middle Fork and the Main Stem. This site likely occurs elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The soils on this site are formed in slightly to moderately decomposed organic materials derived from *Sphagnum* spp., *Carex* spp., and ericaceous shrubs. Mineral lenses and horizons are present in some soils. In most places, the soils are shallow or moderately deep over permafrost. Most soils do not have a water table perched on the permafrost and are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the correlated PNC on this site. In many places, particularly on lower relief mounds, cover of stunted trees is less than 10 percent and Low shrub birch scrub may be the potential or, at the least, a persistent late seral stage.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:*

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* This site is probably highly susceptible to wild fire in most places. During summer and in otherwise dry years, the elevated, convex mounds are well drained and the surface organic matter is dry. This site also occurs adjacent to other glaciolacustrine upland ecological sites, which are highly susceptible to wild fire. Adjacent ponds and Sedge wet meadows may provide some degree of fire protection.

Following a light burn, vegetative succession should lead directly and rather quickly to scrub vegetation dominated by *Betula glandulosa* and ericaceous shrubs. Spruce trees would not likely survive the fire and would be expected to regenerate slowly. See *Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions* in Part B of this site description for additional wild fire impacts.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

**172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds**
**Spruce/shrub birch woodland**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(1) Aggradation:* In most places this site occurs in complex with ecological site 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions and Sedge wet meadow vegetation. In many situations the peat mounds are believed to have developed from the wet meadows. Initial stages of peat ;mound development probably is due to an unusually thin cover of snow (Williams and Smith 1989), which allow for deep frost penetration and frost heaving. Heaving ground often forms discrete, irregularly spaced bumps several inches in height. The drier peat near the surface of these slightly elevated areas increases the overall insulating qualities of the peat, maintaining frozen soil conditions throughout the summer and promoting the formation of ice crystals and masses. The developing ice core of the mound is fed by the abundant water from the adjacent wet meadows and ponds. Free water in contact with the frozen core in turn freezes, increasing the size and extent of the frozen core. Peat mounds are usually formed as the core of massive ice enlarges and pushes the surface up and above the surrounding landscape.

All stages of mound development can be observed in the Gulkana River area, from low, small diameter mounds dispersed throughout areas of wet meadow to high, steep sided mounds elevated as much as 30 feet (9.1 m) above adjacent wet meadows and lakes. Small, low relief mounds typically support Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub. *Eriophorum brachyantherum* and other wetland plant species decline in abundance as the mound is further elevated above the surrounding landscape.

The impact of wild fire on ecological site 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds depends to a large degree on its effects on the thermal balance of the mound and is likely to range from slight to devastating. Following a very light burn, vegetative succession should lead directly and rather quickly to scrub vegetation dominated by *Betula glandulosa* and ericaceous shrubs. Spruce trees would not likely survive the fire and would be expected to regenerate slowly. Moderate to severe burning, on the other hand, could lead to complete destruction of the site. Blackening and partial combustion of the surface organic layers by fire could dramatically effect the insulating capacity of the organic surface and disrupt the thermal balance of the mound. During particularly dry conditions, the fire could possibly consume the organic material to a considerable depth. The blackened surface in combination with the loss of the surface vegetation would result in a significant increase in the amount of solar energy hitting and being absorbed at the mound surface. In the most extreme case, the ice core would melt sufficiently for the peat mound to collapse. In this situation, a portion, if not all, of the mound would likely retrogress to ecological site 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions and Sedge wet meadow vegetation or to a pond.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* This site, particularly when occurring in complex with ecological site 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions, provides striking contrast and landscape diversity in extensive areas of otherwise monotonous spruce woodlands characteristic of glaciolacustrine terraces. This site also provides excellent opportunities for viewing wildlife and hunting.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 100 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 55 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 26 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| arctic dock | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| cloudberry | F | 100 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 45 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 100 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 84 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

Salix spp. includes:

Ecological Site: 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: early-mid
Number of stands: 2
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

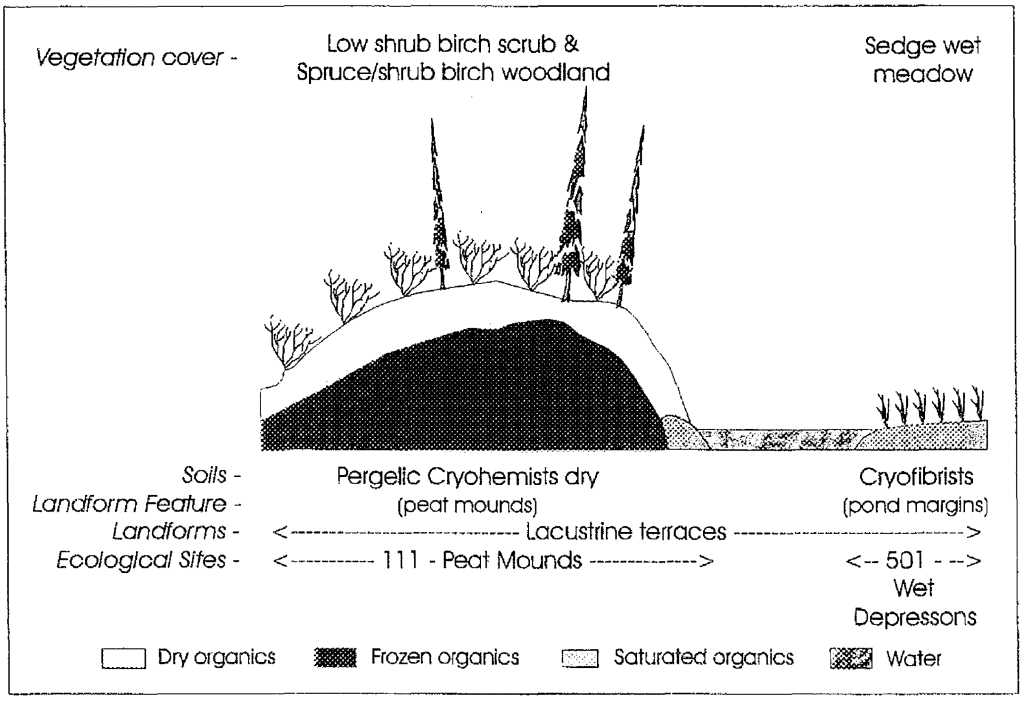
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 20 | 15 | 25 | 45 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 47 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 33 | 25 | 40 | 57 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 27 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| cloudberry | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| common fireweed | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| sedge | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 40 | 35 | 45 | 63 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Surface water | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

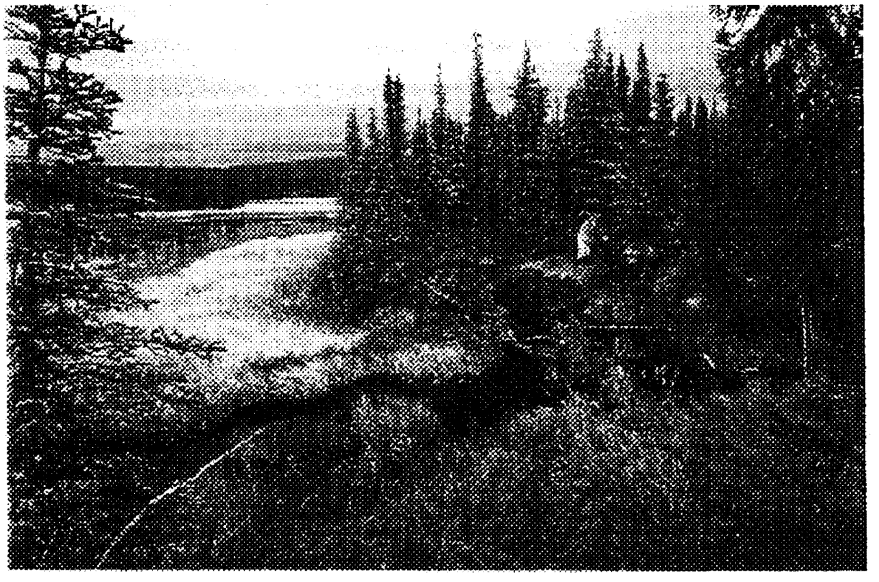
Ecological Site: 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds
Cover type: Low shrub birch/closed sheath cottongrass scrub
Seral status: early, low relief mounds
Number of stands: 2
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T2 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| black spruce | T3 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 45 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 28 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 18 | 10 | 25 | 42 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 42 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| cloudberry | F | 100 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 29 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| closed-sheath cottongrass | G | 100 | 20 | 15 | 25 | 45 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| water sedge | G | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 28 | 20 | 35 | 52 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 21 | 7 | 35 | 46 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 20 | 1 | 40 | 45 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

Salix spp. includes:




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the upper North Branch.



Typical setting of ecological site 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds. Peat mounds usually occurs as low, steep sided mounds and ridges in complex with small lakes and ponds and Sedge wet meadows within and along the edges of topographic depressions. The depressions are included in Ecological site 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy200AK
Site Name: Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Plant Name: SALIX/herb
Date: 1/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA-NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: SE 1/4; SW 1\4; NE 1\4; Sec. 05 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: floodplains
(b) Specific: low & mid, _____
(c) Microrelief: plane, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 2500 / All _____ High 2850 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 3 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 2. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 3. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 4. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 5. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____ .__

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____,
_____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson Alaska
(2) Station Number: 506095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Oxyaquic Cryorthents | sandy skeletal, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 2 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low | 0 | High | 45 | Boulders Low | 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low | 0 | High | 20 | Channers Low | 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low | 0 | High | 0 | Flagstone Low | 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 10 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SL, SR-S-SI, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 16 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .02 High .18 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: >55 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness >55 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 8 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| Layers: | 8 | 60 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 20-40" | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 1 (Ft) Maximum 3.2 (Ft)
(2) Kind: Apparent
(3) Month(s): May to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: frequent
(2) Duration: brief - long
(3) Months: May to Sep

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 7 | 2 - 25 |
| Shrubs | 65 - 85 | 2.5 - 6 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 1 - 15 | 1 - 2.5 |
| Cryptogams | 15 - 35 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 1 - 70 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 10 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | __-__ | ____-____ | 0-1 | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

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_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | _____ | 0-5 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| * SALIX | willow | _____ | 60-75 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| POFR4 | shrubby cinquefoil | | 0-20 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 2-15 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| SAMY | blueberry willow | _____ | 0-5 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Other ..... __-__NTE__ea

SAAL felt leaf willow 0-5

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

* primarily SAPL2; includes SAMO2 and SABA3 also

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARLAZ | polargrass | | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACAA | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 2-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQUIS | horsetail | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| SWPE | felwort | | 1-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUAR | northern blackberry | | 0-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PEFR4 | arctic sweet coltsfoot | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| POAC | tall Jacob's-ladder | | 0-4 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

SAST11 Sitka burnet 0-5

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 15 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total moss | 15 - 35 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 4 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | 1 |
| Early (Poor) | | |
| Drier/older microsites | | 1 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FPI | Tangoe |
| | FPIR | Tangoe wet occasionally flooded |
| | | |
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| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet**
**Low willow/herb scrub**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to gently sloping flood plains formed in a very thin mantle of stratified alluvium over gravelly and cobbly alluvium along clear water rivers and streams. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically 3 feet (0.6 m) or less and the site is frequently to occasionally flooded. In some places, the site is cut with shallow, narrow ephemeral and perennial channels. Elevation is generally from 2500 to 2850 feet (762 to 869 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs primarily along the Middle Fork, along the Main Stem from the outlet of Paxson Lake to the Middle Fork confluence, and along Keg Creek on the North Branch. It also occurs in small, isolated areas throughout the remainder of the River corridor. This site undoubtedly occurs along moderate to steep gradient reaches of the other non-glacial streams and rivers elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Units (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is 1 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium less than 8 inches (20 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. The surface organic mat ranges from 0 to 1 inch (0 to 2.5 cm) thick. Depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 12 to 40 inches (30 to 102 cm) and the soils are somewhat poorly drained. During periods of peak snowmelt and runoff, the water table is at or near the soil surface. On the lowest flood plain positions, the water table may remain near the surface most of the growing season.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Low willow/herb scrub is the correlated Potential Natural Plant Community on this site. In most places, this PNC is best characterized as a riparian association, which develops and persists under a regime of intermittent fluvial disturbance. In the Gulkana River Area, the upper elevational limit of this site, which corresponds with the upper elevational limit of the survey area within the river corridor, may be above the limit of tree growth. In this situation, the PNC probably represents the long term vegetative potential.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* This site provides excellent winter habitat for moose. Willow browse is dense and most stands exhibit moderate to severe hedging. Beaver use of the willow is evident in many stands. Uses include forage and dam building materials.

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Tall feltleaf willow scrub is an early and apparently short lived seral stage on this site. Most stands of this type are of small extent and usually restricted to gravelly bars within and along the margins of the river channel. Otherwise, Low willow/herb scrub is the predominant vegetation type found on this site. On slightly higher terrace positions, white spruce seedlings and small

saplings are frequently found within the Low willow/herb scrub. In a few places, small stands of White spruce/willow open forest occur also.

This site is probably only moderately susceptible to wild fire. Wet soil conditions should limit the severity of burning, allowing the willow scrub to regenerate quickly from root sprouts.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains

172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet: similar to slightly higher flood plain positions; soils with 10 to 37 inches (25 to 94 cm) of stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium; similar vegetative potential.

172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet: similar to slightly lower flood plain positions; soils usually with 10 to 37 inches (25 to 94 cm) of stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium; water table 0 to 18 inches (0 to 46 cm) and poorly to very poorly drained soils; Low willow/water sedge scrub vegetative potential.

**172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet**
**Low willow/herb scrub**

**Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site**

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progression:*

*(1) Aggradation:* Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site is best described as an early stage of site progression and vegetation succession on flood plains along moderate to steep gradient stream channels. Down-cutting by the channel and continued surface deposition of alluvium will over time raise the terrace height, increase the thickness of the fine textured alluvium on the soil surface, and cause other changes in site and soil properties. Site progression appears to lead to 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains and White spruce/willow open forest vegetation. Near the upper elevational limit of 172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet the potential for trees is probably limited to occasional scattered trees and clumps of trees on favorable microsites. In these areas, site progression appears to lead to 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet and continued Low willow/herb scrub vegetative potential.

*1.e. Insects and Disease Pests and Animal Damage:* In many places, insect gall are common on willows. The insect(s) associated with these galls is not known. Most stands experience seasonally heavy browsing by moose and the willow is usually moderately to occasionally severely hedged. Beaver cut willow stems are common throughout many stands.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

**NOTES:**

As currently defined, site 200 is generally below treeline; site progression from low flood plains toward high flood plains is accompanied by vegetation succession toward White spruce/willow woodland. Treeline, however, appears to occur at about 2500 feet elevation, just below the elevation of Dickey Lake on the upper Middle Fork.

During initial field work in the Tangle Lakes portion of the Delta River Area, gravelly flood plains with Low willow/herb scrub were found in number of places. These site/stands are probably entirely above the elevation of tree growth and woodland potential. These sites/stands also are similar to ones found immediately below Dickey Lake in the Gulkana River Area.

In conjunction with the Delta River Area project, a new site will have to be defined to include gravelly flood plains above treeline. On this new site, Low willow/herb scrub would still be the potential during site progression toward higher flood plains. Dickey Lake area sites/stands currently included in site 200 would be correlated to the new site.

Ecological Site:172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: Low willow/herb scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 4
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| white spruce | T2 | 50 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 15 |
| white spruce | T3 | 75 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| black crowberry | SS | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 50 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 32 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| net vein willow | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| shrub birch | SS | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 75 | 12 | 1 | 20 | 30 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 70 | 60 | 75 | 84 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| anemone | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 25 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 13 |
| buttercup | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| cloudberry | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| common fireweed | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| felwort | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| fleabane | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 25 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 16 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| milk-vetch | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| northern blackberry | F | 50 | 15 | 5 | 25 | 27 |
| serpent-grass | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| single delight | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| tall Jacob's-ladder | F | 75 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 |
| violet | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 22 |
| polar grass | G | 75 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| rough bent | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| sedge | G | 75 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 |
| water sedge | G | 25 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 22 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 26 | 15 | 35 | 51 |
| Lichen layer | L | 50 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 22 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 22 | 1 | 70 | 47 |
| Rock fragments | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 18 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX SAMO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site:172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: Tall feltleaf willow scrub
Seral status: early
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

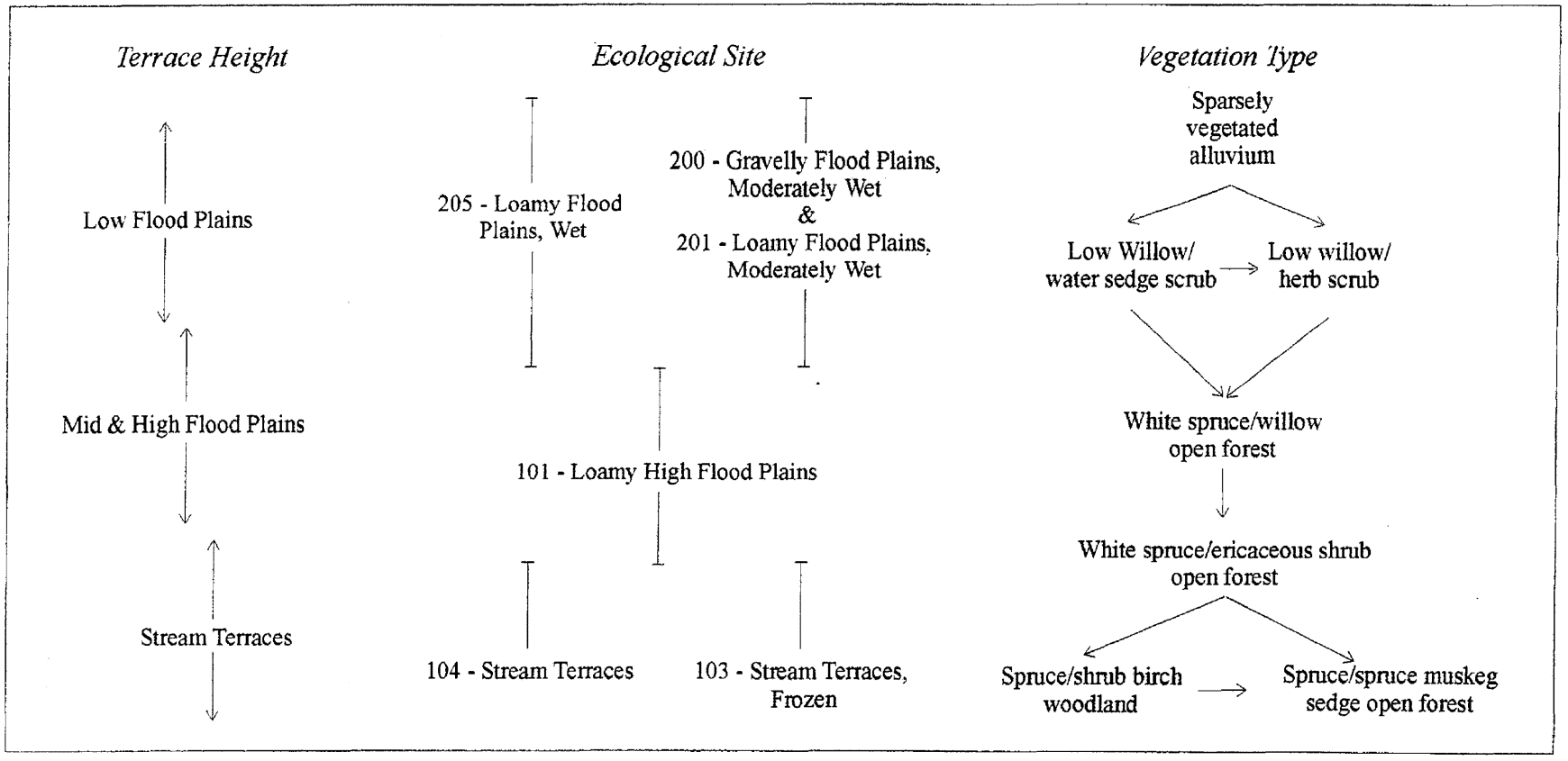
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T3 | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| white spruce | T3 | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| American milk-vetch | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Unknown forb | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| arctic aster | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| dwarf fireweed | F | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| fleabane | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| milk-vetch | F | 100 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 26 |
| northern blackberry | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| ragwort | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| rosy pussytoes | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| single delight | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| tall scouring-rush | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| blue grass | G | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| fescue | G | 100 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| wheatgrass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 63 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Rock fragments | B | 100 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 77 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3

Ecological Site:172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: White spruce/willow open forest
Seral status: post-PNC
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| white spruce | T2 | 100 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 59 |
| white spruce | T3 | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 59 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| red bearberry | SS | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 74 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| milk-vetch | F | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| northern blackberry | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| wintergreen | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| water sedge | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 55 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 77 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX

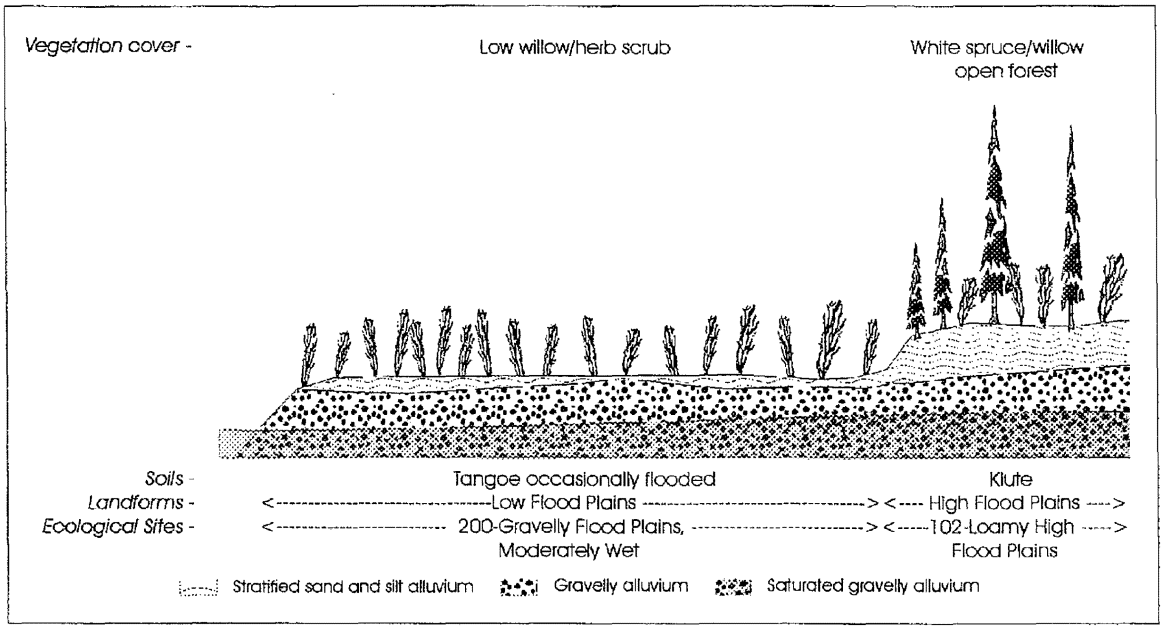



General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

Selected physical properties for typical stages of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

| Ecological Site (stage) | Cover Type(s) | Terrace Height avg(rge) | Flooding Frequency | Depth to SSK avg(rge) | Thickness of OM avg(rge) | Depth to Water Table: Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Water Table: Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Depth to Permafrost: Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Permafrost: Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 205 - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet | SALIX/CAAQ | 2 (1-5) | freq-occas | 17 (0-42) | 4 (1-10) | 100 | 13 (0-30) | 0 | - |
| 200 - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (2-4) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-3) | 100 | 28 (12-44) | 0 | - |
| 201 - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (1-8) | occas-freq | 25 (9-50) | 1 (0-6) | 79 | 36 (32-45) | 0 | - |
| | SALIX/herb2 | 7 (4-12) | occas | 60 (58-60) | 1 (0-1) | 12 | 46 (46-60) | 0 | |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (PNC) | PIGL/SALIX | 6 (3-15) | occas-rare | 27 (3-60) | 2 (0-7) | 39 | 40 (31-58) | 24 | 33 (17-49) |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 4 (0-10) | 21 | 35 (8-50) | 54 | 29 (6-52) |
| 104 - Stream Terraces (mid to late seral) | PICEA/BEGL | 11(6-25) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 4 (1-9) | 9 | 31 (16-40) | 27 | 36 (18-55) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

Notes:
Terrace height - estimated height of flood plain or stream terrace surface above the mid summer channel level.
Depth to SSK - depth to sandy skeletal alluvium below the mineral soil surface in pedons without permafrost or in which the permafrost level was below the SSK contact; measured in the soil pit.
Thickness of OM - thickness of the surface organic mat; measured in the soil pit.
Depth to Water Table and Permafrost - Pedons w/ <60": pedons in which a water table or permafrost was present within 60 inches below the mineral surface. Depth when <60": depth below the mineral surface when present; measured in the soil pit.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the Main Stem below Paxson Lake.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy201AK
Site Name: Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Plant Name: SALIX/herb
Date: 1/28
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA-NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: NE1/4; NW1/4; NE1/4; Sec. 07 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Flood plains
(b) Specific: low & mid, _____
(c) Microrelief: plane, convex
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 2350 / All High 2900 / All
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 10 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 2. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 3. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 4. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |
| 5. | _____ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .7 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 48 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson Alaska
(2) Station Number: 567095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Aquic Cryofluvents | Coarse loamy over sandy or sandy skeletal, mixed, non acid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | Typic Cryaquents<br>Typic Cryofluvents | Coarse loamy over sandy or sandy skeletal, mixed, non acid<br>Sandy, mixed, nonacid |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum Ø (inches) Maximum 1 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 10 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: FSL, SL, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 35 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .10 High .30 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 37 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: 750 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 37 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness >50 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 43 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| Layers: | 43 | 60 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | W | W | W |
| 40-60" | W | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 1 (Ft) Maximum 4 (Ft)
(2) Kind: Apparent
(3) Month(s): May to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: Occasional
(2) Duration: brief
(3) Months: Apr to Sep

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 10 | 2 - 25 |
| Shrubs | 30 - 95 | 3 - 8 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 50 - 90 | 2 - 3.5 |
| Cryptogams | 0 - 40 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 10 - 85 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 2 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | __-__ | ____-____ | 0-10 | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ____-____ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

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(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | _____ | 0-3 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| *SALIX | willow | _____ | 10-95 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| SAAL | feltleaf willow | _____ | 0-60 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| POFR4 | shrubby cinquefoil | | 0-7 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 0-10 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Other ..... __-__NTE___ea

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* includes SARL2, SABA3, SAMO2, SANO2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AGROPR | wheatgrass | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| AGSC5 | rough bent | | 0-4 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 10-60 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 1-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| MEPA | tall bluebells | | 0-40 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EQUI5 | horsetail | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUAR | northern blackberry | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| POAC | tall Jacobs-ladder | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

ASSI arctic aster 0-7

ARTI Tilesius' wormwood 0-5

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_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total moss | 0 - 40 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

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(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 13 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | 4 |
| Higher/older microsites | | 2 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FP2 | Dackey cool |
| | 1 | Swedna |
| | FP22 | Dackey cool |
| | FP23 | Sankfuna |
| | ST12 | Ostna |
| | ST31 | Dackey cool |
| | ST41 | Dackey cool |

**172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet**
**Low willow/herb scrub**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to occasionally strongly sloping flood plains formed in stratified silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium along clear water rivers and streams. The site is found on point bars and outer margins of meanders. Terrace height above mean summer channel level is typically from 2 to 8 feet (0.6 to 2.4 m) and the site is frequently to occasionally flooded. Elevation is generally from 2350 to 2900 feet (716 to 884 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along the Middle Fork, the upper North and South Branches, and the Main Stem from the confluence of the Middle Fork to canyon rapids. It also occurs in small, scattered locations along the other reaches of the Gulkana. This site undoubtedly occurs along low to moderate gradient reaches of other non-glacial streams and rivers elsewhere in the Gulkana River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is 1 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly developed soils on this site typically have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium 10 to 37 inches (25 to 94 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 14 to 48 inches (36 to 122 cm) and the soils are poorly to moderately well drained. During most years, the water table is at or near the surface during periods of snowmelt and peak runoff. Aquic conditions including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix are present within 20 inches (51 cm) of the soil surface.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* The correlated Potential Natural Plant Community on the site is Low willow scrub. Within the Gulkana River Area, two vegetation type are included in the PNC — Low willow/herb scrub and Low willow/herb2 scrub (on Sankluna soils). These vegetation types are best characterized as riparian associations, which persist under a regime of intermittent fluvial disturbance. The upper elevational limit of this site in the Gulkana River Area may be above tree line. In this situation, Low willow/herb scrub probably represents the long term vegetative potential.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* This site provides excellent winter habitat for moose. Willow browse is moderately dense to dense and most stands exhibit moderate to severe hedging. Beaver use of the willow is evident in many stands also. Uses include forage and dam building materials.

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Tall feltleaf willow scrub is an early and apparently short lived seral stage on this site. Most stands of this type are of small extent and generally restricted to bars within and along the margins of the channel. On higher terrace positions, *Picea glauca* seedlings and small saplings are common within

the willow scrub along the edges with adjacent forest vegetation. In a few places, small stands of White spruce/willow open forest occur also.

This site is susceptible to wild fire, however, fire impacts are likely not severe or long lived. *Salix* spp. and many herbs will sprout following burning, allowing the vegetation to recover to a pre-burn conditions within a relatively short number of years.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy101AK - Loamy Stream Terraces, Frozen

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet: similar to slightly lower flood plain position; moderate to steep gradient channel; soils very gravelly and cobbly to the surface or occasionally with thin surface layer of stratified sandy and silty alluvium; similar vegetative potential.

172Za205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet: similar to slightly lower floor plain positions; similar channel gradients; soils with about 8 to 37 inches (20 to 94 cm) or more stratified fine textured alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium; water table at 0 to 18 inches ( 0 to 46 cm) and poorly to very poorly drained soils; Low willow/water sedge scrub vegetative potential.

**172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet**
**Low willow/herb scrub**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progression:*

*(1) Aggradation:* Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site is best described as an early stage of site progression and vegetation succession on flood plains along low to moderate gradient stream channels. Down-cutting by the channel and continued surface deposition of alluvium will over time raise the terrace height, increase the thickness of the fine textured alluvium on the soil surface, and cause other changes in site and soil properties. Site progression appears to lead to 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains and White spruce/willow open forest vegetation. Near the upper elevational limit of 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet, the potential for trees is probably limited to occasional scattered trees and clumps of trees on favorable microsites. In these areas, this site is probably relatively stable.

*1.e. Insects and Disease Pests and Animal Damage:* In many places, insect gall are common on willows. The insect(s) associated with these galls is not known. Most stands experience seasonally heavy browsing by moose and the willow is usually moderately to occasionally severely hedged. Beaver cut willow stems are common throughout many stands.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

**NOTES:**

As currently defined, site 201 is generally below treeline; site progression from low flood plains toward high flood plains is accompanied by vegetation succession toward White spruce/willow woodland. Treeline, however, appears to occur at about 2500 feet elevation, just below the elevation of Dickey Lake on the upper Middle Fork.

During initial field work in the Tangle Lakes portion of the Delta River Area, loamy flood plains with Low willow/herb scrub were found in number of places. These site/stands are probably entirely above the elevation of tree growth and woodland potential. These sites/stands also are similar to ones found immediately below Dickey Lake in the Gulkana River Area.

In conjunction with the Delta River Area project, a new site will have to be defined to include loamy flood plains above treeline. On this new site, Low willow/herb scrub would still be the potential during site progression toward higher flood plains. Dickey Lake area sites/stands currently included in site 201 would be correlated to the new site.

Ecological Site: 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: Low willow/herb scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 8
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 38 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 13 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 16 |
| white spruce | T3 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 38 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 38 | 17 | 5 | 35 | 25 |
| net vein willow | SS | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| prickly rose | SS | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| shrub birch | SS | 13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 75 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 77 | 40 | 95 | 88 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 38 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 63 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 18 |
| anemone | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic aster | F | 25 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| arctic dock | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| cloudberry | F | 13 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| common fireweed | F | 88 | 10 | 1 | 45 | 30 |
| felwort | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| milk-vetch | F | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 38 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| northern blackberry | F | 75 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| prickly rose | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ragwort | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| serpent-grass | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| single delight | F | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| starwort | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall Jacob's-ladder | F | 38 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| tall bluebells | F | 25 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| valerian | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| violet | F | 38 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Unknown grass | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet grass | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| blue grass | G | 25 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 75 | 12 | 4 | 20 | 30 |
| polar grass | G | 50 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| rough bent | G | 25 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| sedge | G | 38 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| water sedge | G | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 14 | 1 | 45 | 38 |
| Lichen layer | L | 75 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 13 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 18 | 1 | 70 | 30 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 20 | 1 | 70 | 44 |
| Rock fragments | B | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAMO2 SANO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: Low willow/herb2 scrub
Seral status: PNC (Sankluna soils)
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T3 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 38 | 25 | 60 | 62 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| willow | SS | 80 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 23 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 40 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| anemone | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic aster | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| arctic dock | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bog yellowcress | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 23 |
| few-flower meadowrue | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 12 | 3 | 20 | 34 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| marsh willowherb | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| northern blackberry | F | 60 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| speedwell | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| starwort | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 60 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| tall bluebells | F | 100 | 16 | 4 | 40 | 40 |
| tall larkspur | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| water horsetail | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| blue grass | G | 80 | 15 | 3 | 50 | 34 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 80 | 39 | 15 | 60 | 56 |
| melic grass | G | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| narrow false oat | G | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| polar grass | G | 60 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| rough bent | G | 80 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| rush | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| sedge | G | 80 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| short-awn foxtail | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| slender wheatgrass | G | 20 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 12 |
| vanilla grass | G | 80 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 22 |
| water sedge | G | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| wheatgrass | G | 80 | 11 | 1 | 20 | 30 |
| Moss layer | M | 60 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 50 | 5 | 85 | 71 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAMO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: Tall feltleaf willow scrub
Seral status: early
Number of stands: 4
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

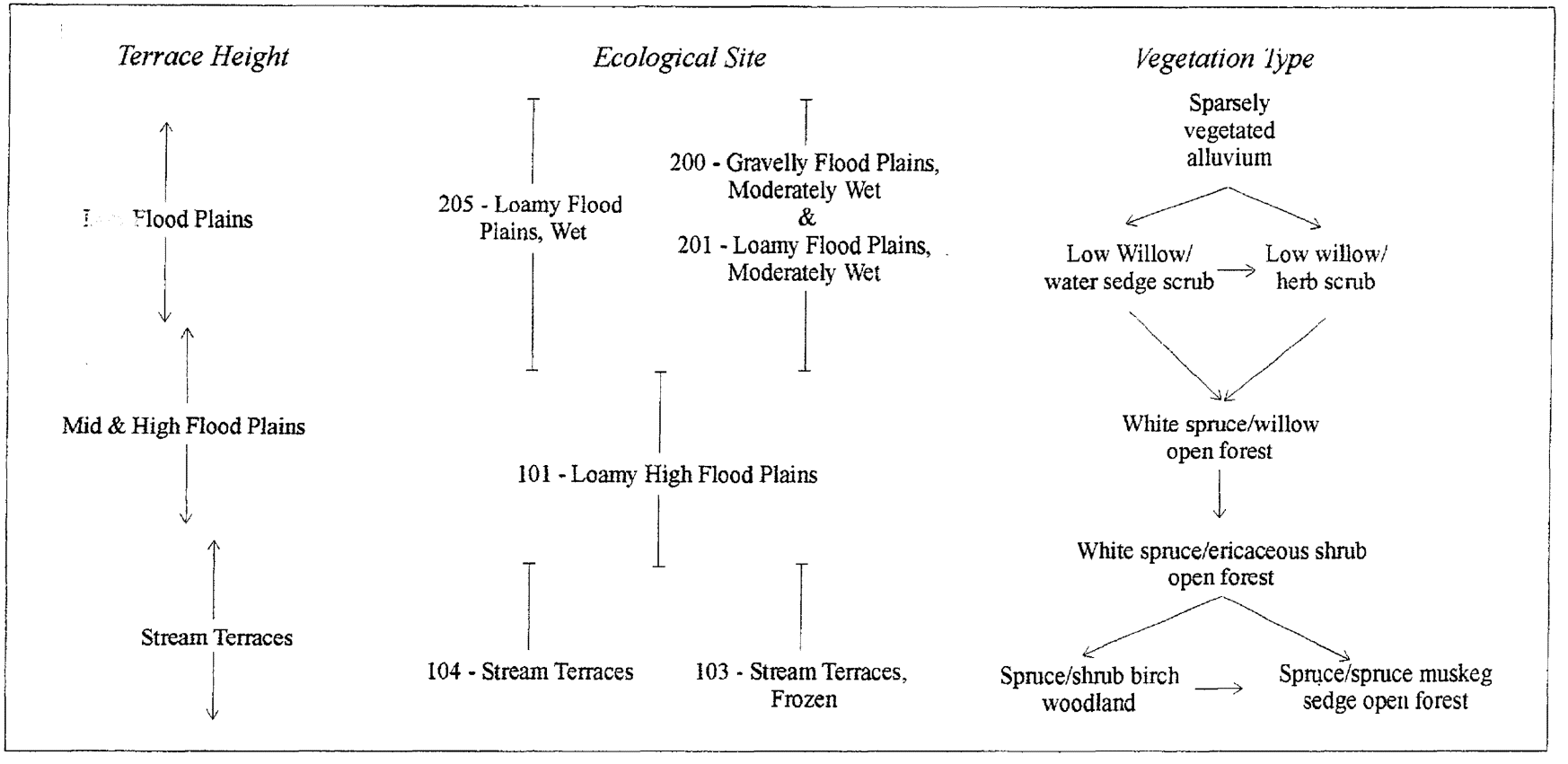
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T3 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 30 | 20 | 50 | 55 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 50 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 50 | 20 | 70 | 71 |
| Bodin's milkvetch | F | 25 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 16 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 75 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| arctic aster | F | 75 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| cloudberry | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| common fireweed | F | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| felwort | F | 50 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 18 |
| few-flower meadowrue | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| fleabane | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| gentian | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 28 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 25 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 16 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 50 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 16 |
| milk-vetch | F | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| northern blackberry | F | 75 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 22 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 50 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 |
| tall bluebells | F | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| valerian | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| wintergreen | F | 75 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| blue grass | G | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 100 | 23 | 10 | 40 | 47 |
| polar grass | G | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| rough bent | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| vanilla grass | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| water sedge | G | 25 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 18 | 1 | 50 | 42 |
| Lichen layer | L | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 49 | 1 | 80 | 70 |
| Rock fragments | B | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Surface water | B | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 75 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 19 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet
Cover type: White spruce/willow open forest
Seral status: post-PNC
Number of stands: 2
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 45 |
| white spruce | T2 | 50 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 32 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 100 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 39 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 100 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 19 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 26 | 6 | 45 | 50 |
| Tilesius' wormwood | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 100 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 19 |
| cloudberry | F | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| common fireweed | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 65 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| single delight | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| tall bluebells | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| violet | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 47 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 22 | 3 | 40 | 46 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 24 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2

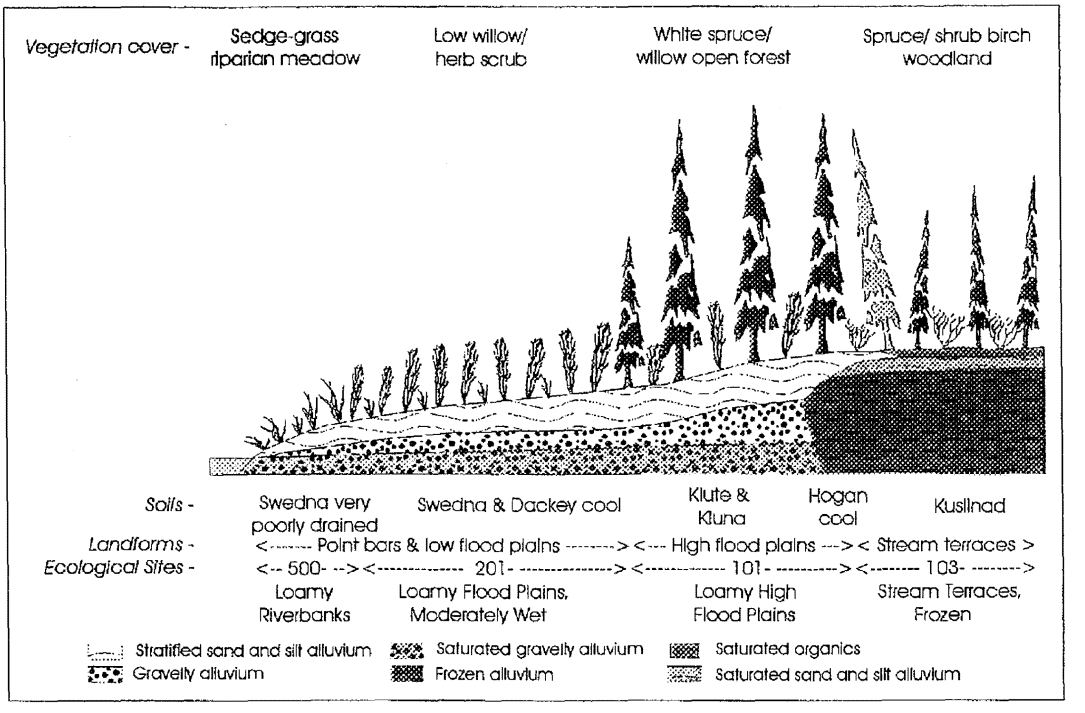



General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

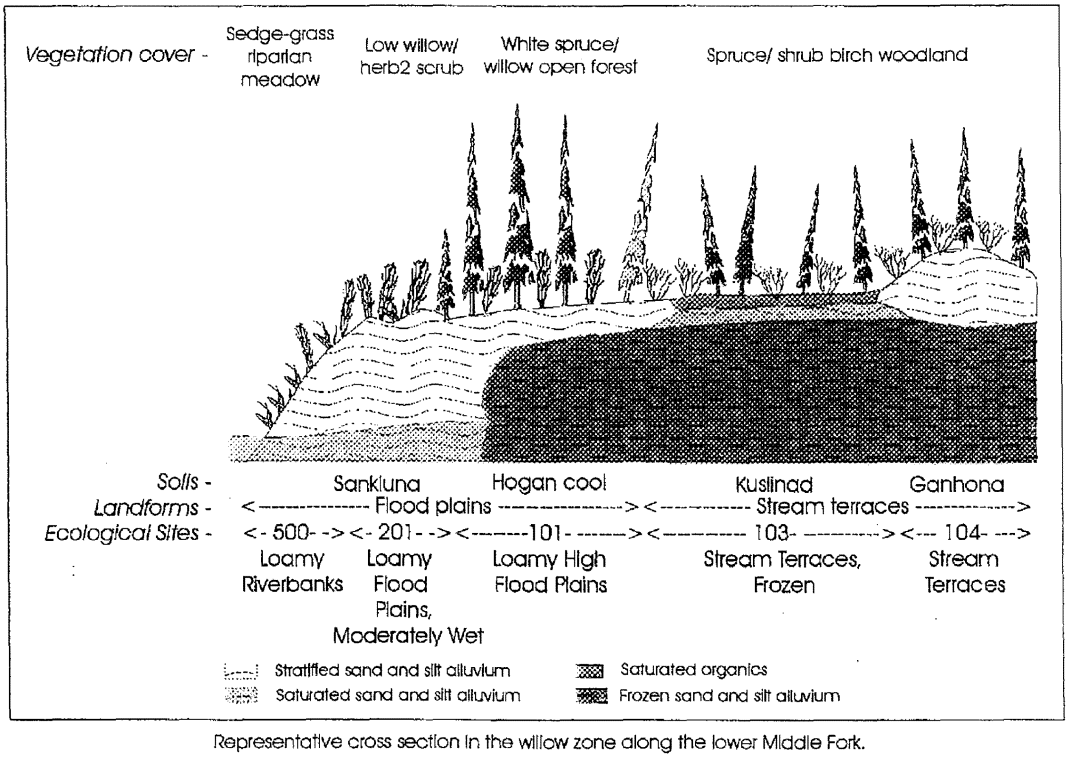
Selected physical properties for typical stages of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

| Ecological Site (stage) | Cover Type(s) | Terrace Height avg(rge) | Flooding Frequency | Depth to SSK avg(rge) | Thickness of OM avg(rge) | Depth to Water Table: Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Water Table: Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Depth to Permafrost: Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Permafrost: Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 205 - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet | SALIX/CAAQ | 2 (1-5) | freq-occas | 17 (0-42) | 4 (1-10) | 100 | 13 (0-30) | 0 | - |
| 200 - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (2-4) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-3) | 100 | 28 (12-44) | 0 | - |
| 201 - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (1-8) | occas-freq | 25 (9-50) | 1 (0-6) | 79 | 36 (32-45) | 0 | - |
| | SALIX/herb2 | 7 (4-12) | occas | 60 (58-60) | 1 (0-1) | 12 | 46 (46-60) | 0 | |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (PNC) | PIGL/SALIX | 6 (3-15) | occas-rare | 27 (3-60) | 2 (0-7) | 39 | 40 (31-58) | 24 | 33 (17-49) |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 4 (0-10) | 21 | 35 (8-50) | 54 | 29 (6-52) |
| 104 - Stream Terraces (mid to late seral) | PICEA/BEGL | 11(6-25) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 4 (1-9) | 9 | 31 (16-40) | 27 | 36 (18-55) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

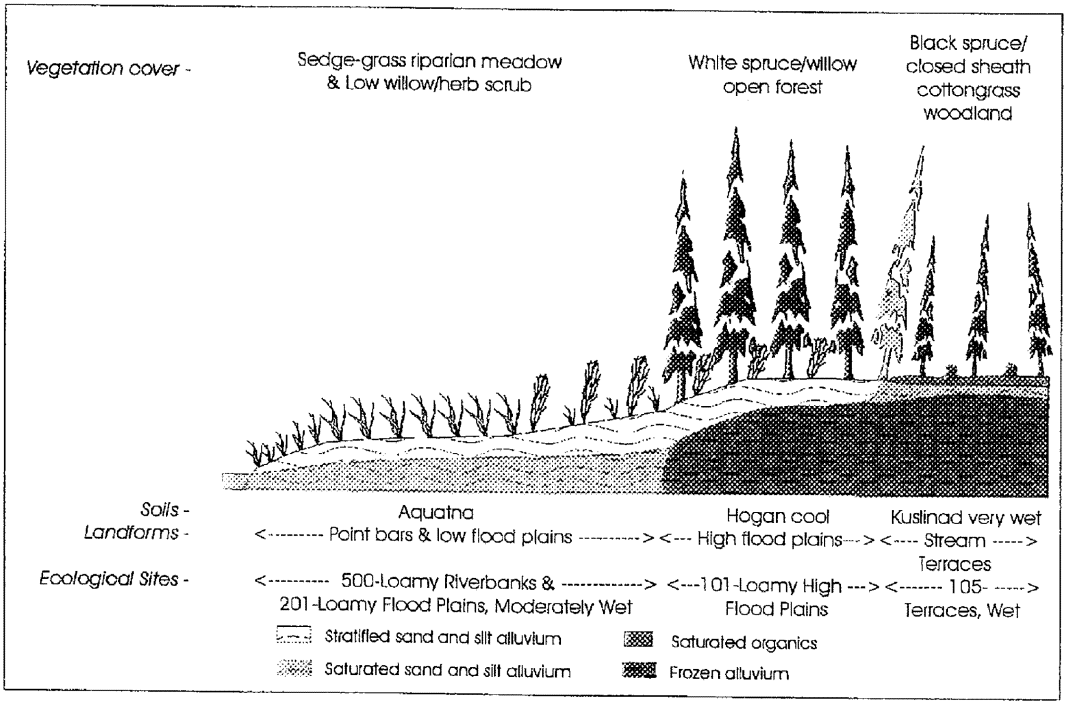
Notes:
Terrace height - estimated height of flood plain or stream terrace surface above the mid summer channel level.
Depth to SSK - depth to sandy skeletal alluvium below the mineral soil surface in pedons without permafrost or in which the permafrost level was below the SSK contact; measured in the soil pit.
Thickness of OM - thickness of the surface organic mat; measured in the soil pit.
Depth to Water Table and Permafrost - Pedons w/ <60": pedons in which a water table or permafrost was present within 60 inches below the mineral surface. Depth when <60": depth below the mineral surface when present; measured in the soil pit.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper Main Stem.

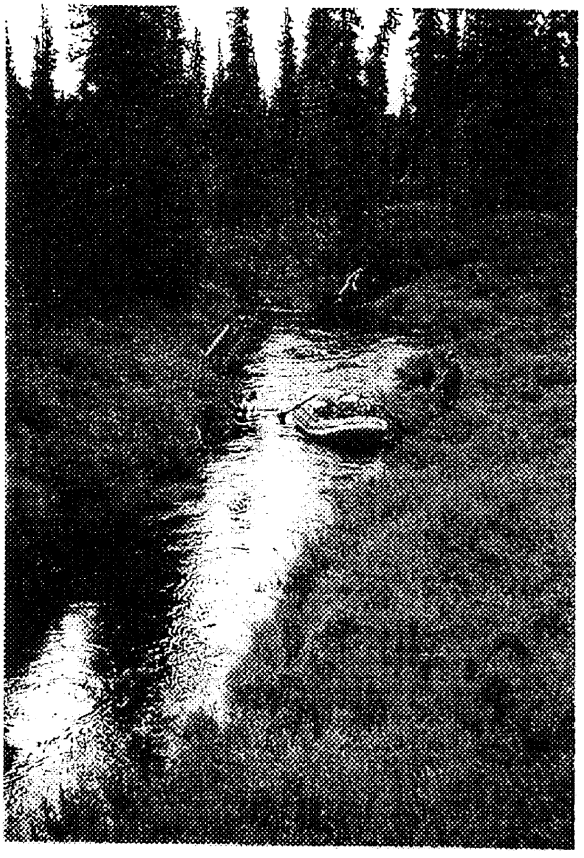



Representative cross section in the willow zone along the lower Middle Fork.




Stratified sand and silt alluvium
Saturated sand and silt alluvium
Saturated organics
Frozen alluvium

Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper South Branch.



Representative setting of ecological site 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet on low to high flood plains adjacent to the stream channel. The Dackey cool soils on this site support Low willow/herb scrub vegetation. Ecological site 172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen occurs on stream terraces back from the channel.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy202AK
Site Name: Shallow Drainages
Plant Name: BEGL-SAPL2/CAAQ
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK,MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____
_____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: SE 1/4; SW 1\4; SW 1\4: Sec. 07 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: glaciolacustrine terraces, stream terraces
(b) Specific: drainageways, margins of depressions
(c) Microrelief: concave, _____

(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1350 / All _____ High 2900 / All _____

(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 3 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 2. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 3. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 4. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 5. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Containment Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 90 (days)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 3 | 1 | |
| LOW | -3 | -1 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -3 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson, Alaska
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryaquepts | fine loamy |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: lacustrine, alluvium

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: L, SIL, SICL, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 12 (inches) Maximum 29 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .14 High .18 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ___ to | ___ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum — (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: — (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum - (inches)
(2) Average Thickness - (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 4 | 5.6 | 7.3 |
| Layers: | 4 | 60 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | W | W | W | W | W | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 40-60" | W | W | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (Ft) Maximum 1 (Ft)
(2) Kind: apparent
(3) Month(s): Apr to Oct

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: occasional
(2) Duration: brief
(3) Months: Apr to Oct

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 15 | 4 - 30 |
| Shrubs | 40 - 90 | 2 - 5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 50 - 80 | 1 - 3 |
| Cryptogams | 20 - 65 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 5 - 40 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 1 - 15 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) 0 - 40 ft²

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | Ft³/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PICEA | spruce | - | - | 0-15 | 100-100 | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |
| | | - | - | - | - | |

Site Index References: _____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - ____ - ____ Total

| | Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| * | SALIX | willow | | 20-65 | - | - | |
| | BEGL | shrub birch | | 5-55 | - | - | |
| | VAUL | bog blueberry | | 4-30 | - | - | |
| | POFR4 | shrubby cinquefoil | | 0-10 | - | - | |
| | LEDUM | Labrador tea | | 1-5 | - | - | |

Other ..... - NTE ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SAREZ | net vein willow | 0-15 |
| CHCAZ | leatherleaf | 0-5 |
| | | |
| | | |

* includes primarily SAPL2 and often SAMO2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAAQ | water sedge | | 20 - 85 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERIOP | cottongrass | | 0 - 3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0 - 5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polargrass | | 0 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| POPA14 | marsh cinquefoil | | 0 - 25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| * EQUIS | horsetail | | 0 - 15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPAN2 | common fireweed | | 0 - 2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUCH | cloudberry | | 0 - 2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

POAC tall jacobs-ladder 0-1

SWPE felwort 0-1

PEFR4 arctic sweet coltsfoot 0-10

* includes E. fluviatile, E. arvense, E. hymale, and probably others.

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 1 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total bryophytes | 20 - 65 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | |
|---|---|
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| | |

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 9 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | | | | |

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | LLR | Ewan |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
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| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages**

**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of shallow, poorly defined drainages and upper margins of topographic depressions on glaciolacustrine uplands and occasionally on stream terraces. Slopes range from 0 to 8 percent. Elevation is generally 1850 to 2900 feet (564 to 884 m). Landscape position and soil hydrology and wetness appear to be the most important landscape features effecting this site.

This site is of minor occurrence throughout the Gulkana River area. It probably can be found on similar landscapes elsewhere in Copper River basin also.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* In most places, the soils on this site are formed in loamy lacustrine deposits and alluvium. Surface organic mat ranges from 1 to 9 inches (2 to 23 cm). Standing and slow flowing water on the surface persists most of the growing season and the soils are poorly to very poorly drained. A reduced matrix and reduction mottles are found throughout the mineral portion of the soil to 60 inches 152 cm) or more.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub is the correlated PNC on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* The composition of the vegetation on this site varies considerably. All stands are dominated by a low shrub layer, however, shrub composition ranges from nearly pure willow to mixed stands dominated by shrub birch. Stunted trees are common in most stands, occasionally forming a low woodland canopy. Wild fire is not likely to significantly impact this site due to persistently wet soils. Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub would be expected to regenerate directly following a fire.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions: lower slope position and concave bottoms of shallow depressions, along the shore of ponds and lakes, and in abandoned stream channels and sloughs; organic soils; Sedge wet meadow vegetative potential.

172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet: flood plains; soils formed in stratified fine textured alluvium over gravelly and sandy alluvium; Low willow/water scrub vegetative potential.

**172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages**
**Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables for seral stages.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages
Cover type: Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 6
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

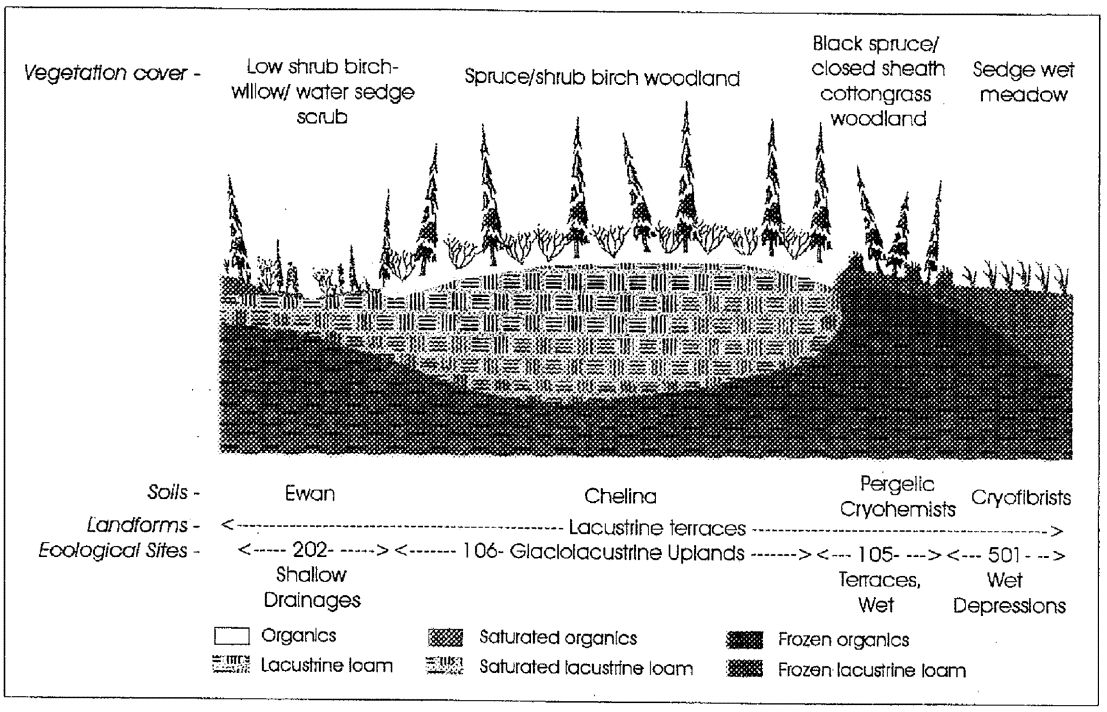
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| white spruce | T2 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| black spruce | TX | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| white spruce | TX | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| black spruce | T3 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| white spruce | T3 | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| black crowberry | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 11 | 4 | 30 | 33 |
| leatherleaf | SS | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| net vein willow | SS | 33 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 17 |
| red bearberry | SS | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 28 | 5 | 55 | 52 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 67 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| small cranberry | SS | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 43 | 20 | 65 | 65 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| anemone | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic dock | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| cloudberry | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| dock | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| felwort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 67 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 33 | 14 | 3 | 25 | 22 |
| northern blackberry | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| serpent-grass | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall bluebells | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| violet | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| water horsetail | F | 17 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 33 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| cottongrass | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| polar grass | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| rough fescue | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 33 | 20 | 50 | 41 |
| water sedge | G | 50 | 43 | 10 | 85 | 47 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 43 | 20 | 65 | 66 |
| Lichen layer | L | 83 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Bare soil | B | 67 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 11 | 1 | 40 | 34 |
| Surface water | B | 100 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 35 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 19 |

Salix spp. includes: SAMO2 SAPL2

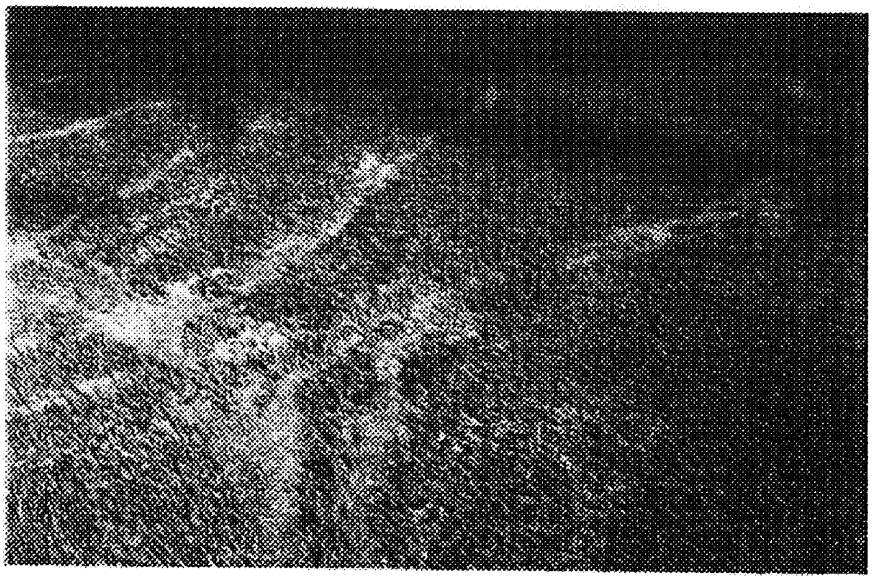
Ecological Site: 172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages
Cover type: Spruce/water sedge woodland
Seral status: similar_to_PNC
Number of stands: 3
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T1 | 33 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 18 |
| spruce | T2 | 33 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 32 |
| white spruce | TX | 33 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 18 |
| black spruce | T3 | 33 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 67 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| black crowberry | SS | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 19 |
| leatherleaf | SS | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| red bearberry | SS | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 21 | 3 | 35 | 46 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 33 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 18 |
| small cranberry | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 32 | 25 | 40 | 56 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| anemone | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic dock | F | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 67 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| cloudberry | F | 67 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 15 | 1 | 41 | 39 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 67 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 20 |
| marsh willowherb | F | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| marsh-marigold | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| northern golden-saxifrage | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| single delight | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| starwort | F | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| wintergreen | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| polar grass | G | 67 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 22 |
| russet sedge | G | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| sedge | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall cottongrass | G | 33 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 26 |
| water sedge | G | 100 | 50 | 40 | 60 | 71 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 33 | 5 | 50 | 58 |
| Lichen layer | L | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Bare soil | B | 67 | 11 | 1 | 20 | 26 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 1 | 15 | 32 |
| Surface water | B | 100 | 27 | 2 | 50 | 52 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.



Ecological site 172Xy201AK - Shallow drainages commonly occurs as shallow, weakly developed drainageways throughout glaciolacustrine uplands. Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub on this site contrasts sharply with the surrounding spruce woodlands and open forest.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy203AK
Site Name: Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow
Plant Name: BEGL
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

a. **Geographic Location:**

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: SE 1/4; NE 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 08 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Mountains
(b) Specific: crests, shoulders
(c) Microrelief: convex, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 2700 / All _____ High 3600 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 30 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson AK
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Lithic Cryochrepts | loamy skeletal, mixed |
| (2) | Lithic Cryumbrepts | loamy mixed |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: glacial till over bedrock

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 5 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 10 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 10 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 10 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 4 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL, L, MK-SiL, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 20 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 6 (inches) Maximum 10 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .13 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 4 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 4 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Depth Range (Inches) Maximum | Amount (Ph) Low | Amount (Ph) High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 2 | 4.5 | 7.0 |
| Layers: | 2 | 10 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| All Other Layers: | 10 | 60 | – | – |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Depth Range (Inches) Maximum | Amount (mmhos/cm) Low | Amount (mmhos/cm) High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Depth Range (Inches) Maximum | Amount (SAR) Low | Amount (SAR) High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | W | M | M | M | F | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 60 (Ft) Maximum 60 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 10 | 5 - 15 |
| Shrubs | 50 - 85 | 3 - 5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 1 - 15 | .5 - 2 |
| Cryptogams | 30 - 90 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 5 - 60 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 5 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | __-__ | ___-___ | 5-10 | __-__ | _____ |
| BEPA | paper birch | __-__ | ___-___ | 0-1 | __-__ | _____ |
| POTR5 | quaking aspen | __-__ | ___-___ | 0-1 | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

_____

_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | _____ | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| BEGL | shrub birch | _____ | 40-60 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | _____ | 10-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| SAPL2 | diamond leaf willow | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 5-30 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VAVI | lowbush cranberry | 1-10 |
| EMNI | black crowberry | 0-5 |
| CAEII | arctic mountain heather | 0-5 |
| _____ | _____ | |

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 0-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COCA13 | bunchberry dogwood | | 1-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| LYCO12 | clubmoss | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| LIBO3 | American twin flower | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 15 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total bryophytes | 30 - 85 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 1 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | AL2 | Cobblank cool |
| " | SA3 | Goodview |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy203AK - Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow**

**Low shrub birch scrub**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on bedrock cored mountain slopes and summits above about 2700 feet (823 m) elevation. Most areas have been smeared with a thin mantle of loamy till and lacustrine deposits. Slopes range from 0 to 30 percent.

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of minor occurrence in a few scattered locations above the Middle Fork and upper Main Stem. It is probably extensive at middle elevations throughout the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The moderately well developed soils on this site have a mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 4 inches (2 to 10 cm) thick over very gravelly and very cobbly loamy till and loamy lacustrine material. Bedrock is at depths of 10 to 20 inches in most places. The soils are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Low shrub birch scrub is the correlated PNC on this site.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wildfire, which is common in the boreal forest zone of the Copper River Plateau, periodically impacts this site. The occurrence and abundance of charred snags and woody litter in some sample stands suggests that scattered small trees are probably found throughout the PNC at lower elevations. Following wildfire, the vegetation on this site would be expected to go through a relatively short-lived stage codominated by herbs and shrub sprouts. This stage would lead directly to scrub vegetation similar to the PNC.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands: lacustrine terraces and till plains below 2700 feet (823 m) elevation; deep soils; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential, however, in many areas seral Low shrub birch scrub is found.

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow: lower elevation mountain slopes; similar soils; Spruce/shrub birch woodland vegetative potential, however, in many areas seral Low shrub birch scrub is found.

**172Xy203AK - Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow**
**Low shrub birch scrub**

## Part B. Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

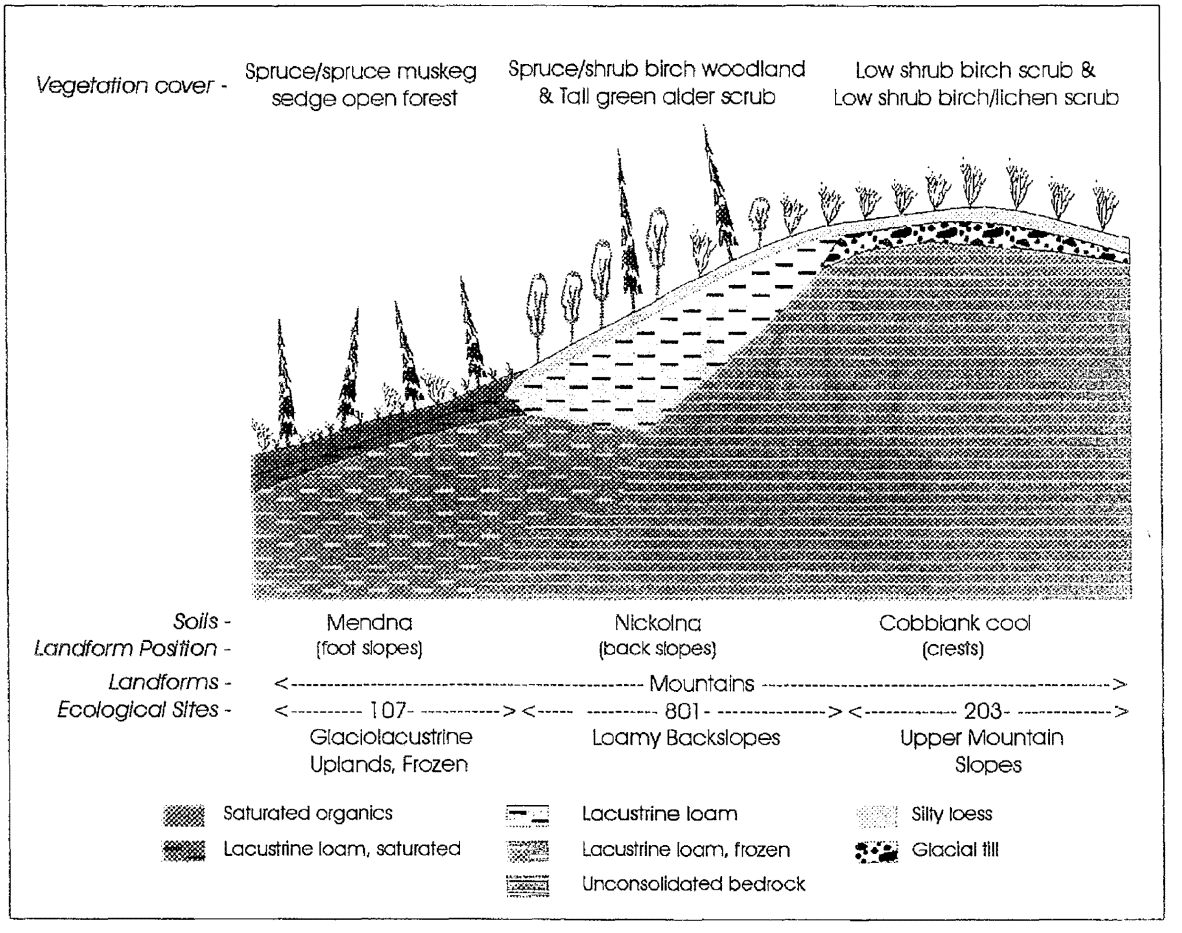
*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see the attached summary table and diagrams for general characteristics of the PNC and site and relationships to adjoining sites.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

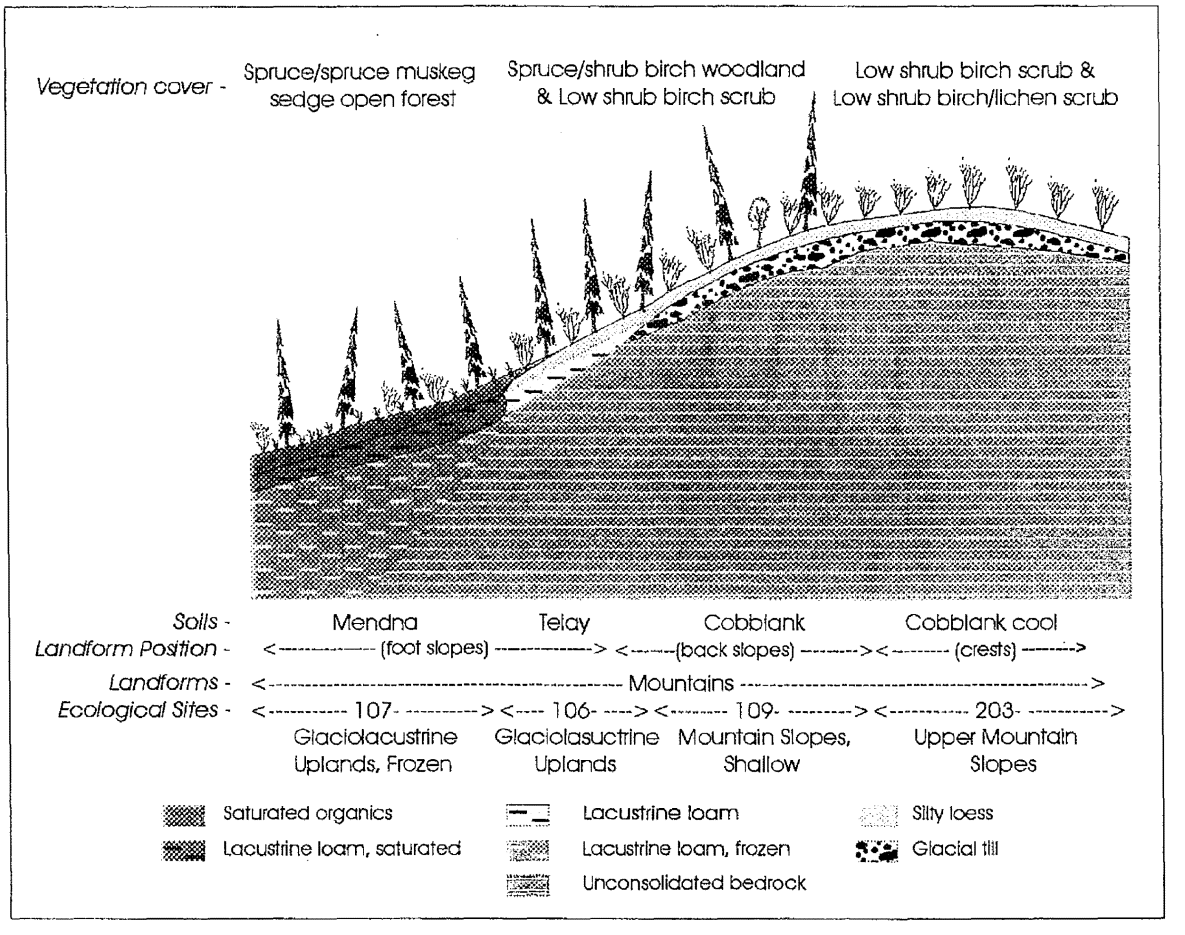
Ecological Site: 172Xy203AK - Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T3 | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 45 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| common juniper | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 100 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| leatherleaf | SS | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| net vein willow | SS | 100 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 26 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 59 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| blue grass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| cottongrass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| sedge | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 45 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 71 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 26 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| Rock fragments | B | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2




Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.




Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy204AK
Site Name: Gravelly and Sandy Hills
Plant Name: BEGL/Lichen
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

   a. **Geographic Location:**

      (1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
      (2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

      (3) Typical Location:

      Legal: ____ 1/4; NW 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 12 T. 13N R. 05W Meridian Copper River
      Latitude: Deg. ____ Min. ____ Sec. ____
      Longitude: Deg. ____ Min. ____ Sec. ____
      UTM Coordinate: _____

   b. Physiography:

      (1) Landform:
         (a) Broad: glaciofluvial Uplands
         (b) Specific: pitted outwash plains and hills
         (c) Microrelief: rolling, _____
      (2) Elevation/Aspect:
         Low 2700 / All _____ High 3000 / All _____
      (3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 30 %

   c. Landscape Narrative:

   d. Associated Water Features:

      (1) Non-stream Characteristics:

         (a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

         _____ _____ _____
         _____ _____ _____

         Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

         (b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
         (c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .2 | .29 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Palmer AK
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Haplocryods | sandy skeletal, mixed |
| (2) | Typic Cryochrepts | sandy, mixed |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: loess over glacial outwash.

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 3 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 6 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 5 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: _____ Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL _____, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 16 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .02 High .23 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____(inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 8 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 2 | 4.5 | 6.0 |
| Layers: | 2 | 8 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| All Other Layers: | 8 | 60 | 5.6 | 6.5 |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | M | D | D | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | M | D | ↓ | ↓ | D | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ | M | D | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 40-60" | D | D | D | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | D |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 6 (Ft) Maximum 6 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 2 | 7 - 15 |
| Shrubs | 40 - 75 | .5 - 3.5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 2 - 15 | .5 - 1.5 |
| Cryptogams | 60 - 75 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 1 - 20 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 1 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | __-__ | ___-___ | 0-2 | 100-100 | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

_____

_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | _____ | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| BEGL | shrub birch | _____ | 20-75 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | _____ | 10-55 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 5-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| * SALIX | willow | _____ | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

VAVI lowbush cranberry 2-15

EMNI black crowberry 0-15

ARRU red bearberry 0-7

_____ _____

* includes SAGL and SAPL2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FEAL | rough fescue | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| HIAL3 | vanilla grass | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| AGSC5 | rough bent | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CAREX | sedge | | 0-5 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LUAR2 | arctic lupine | | 0-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PELA | Labrador lousewort | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARAR9 | boreal sagebrush | | 0-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| EPILO | fireweed | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CALA7 | Alaska bellflower | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 20 - 70 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total moss | 5 - 30 | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | 7 |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | G01 | Pippel High Elevation |
| " | " | Chistna High Elevation |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

## 172Xy204AK - Gravelly and Sandy Hills
### Low shrub birch/lichen scrub

### Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on pitted outwash plains and hills formed in deep, sandy and gravelly glacial outwash. Sandy blowouts are common in some areas. Slopes range from 0 to about 30 percent. Elevation is 2750 to 3000 feet (838 to 914 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site is of minor occurrence in the uplands around Dickey Lake. It continues for a number of miles to the west beyond the survey area and probably occurs elsewhere in the Copper River basin also.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly to moderately well developed soils on this site have a mantle of silty eolian material 1 to 8 inches (2 to 20 cm) thick over very gravelly or sandy glaciofluvial material. The soils have low moisture holding capacity and are somewhat excessively drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Low shrub birch/lichen scrub is the correlated PNC on this site. On convex shoulders and summits of hills, Sparsely vegetated outwash appears to be potential.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* The soils and vegetation on this site are generally relatively dry, however, shrub cover is open to sparse with little cover of herbaceous vegetation in the understory. Susceptibility to fire is probably low. If burned, seral lichens and scattered herbs would be expected to dominate the post-fire vegetation.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy108AK - Gravelly and Sandy Terraces: isolated strandline and outwash deposits on lacustrine terraces and high stream terraces; Spruce/lichen woodland vegetative potential.

**172Xy204AK - Gravelly and Sandy Hills**
**Low shrub birch/lichen scrub**

**Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site**

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see the attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office.

Ecological Site: 172Xy204AK - Gravelly and Sandy Hills
Cover type: Low shrub birch/lichen scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 7
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| white spruce | T3 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 29 | 10 | 55 | 54 |
| alpine bearberry | SS | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| black crowberry | SS | 86 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 15 | 5 | 25 | 39 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 86 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 21 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 27 |
| red bearberry | SS | 57 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 54 | 20 | 75 | 73 |
| willow | SS | 71 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Alaska bellflower | F | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| arctic lupine | F | 57 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| boreal sagebrush | F | 14 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| clubmoss | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| common fireweed | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| dwarf fireweed | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| gentian | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ragwort | F | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet grass | G | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 14 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| fescue | G | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| polar grass | G | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| rough bent | G | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| rough fescue | G | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| sedge | G | 71 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 14 | 5 | 30 | 38 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 42 | 20 | 70 | 65 |
| Bare soil | B | 43 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 14 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 27 |
| Rock fragments | B | 29 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 |

Salix spp. includes: SALIX SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy204AK - Gravelly and Sandy Hills
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: similar_to_PNC
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

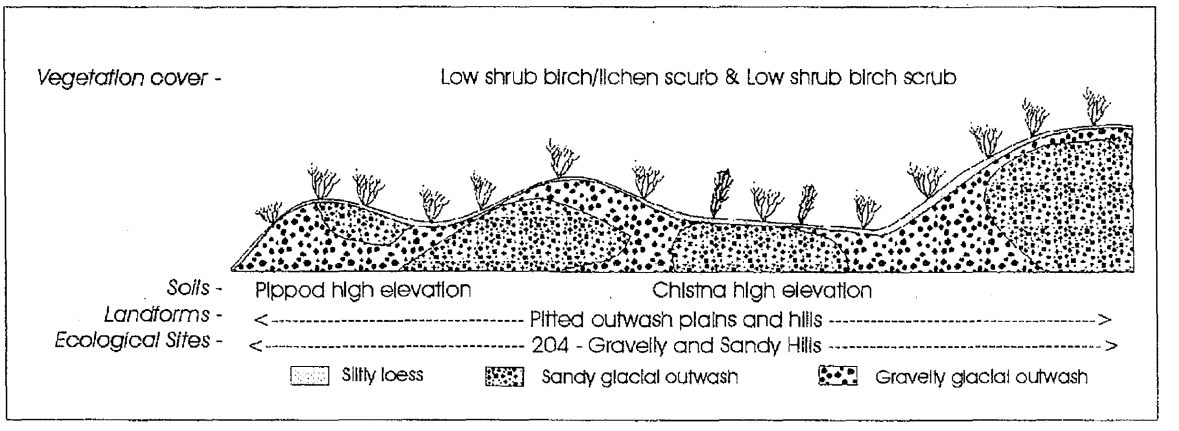
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 92 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Alaska bellflower | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| clubmoss | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Unknown grass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| alpine sweet grass | G | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 71 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

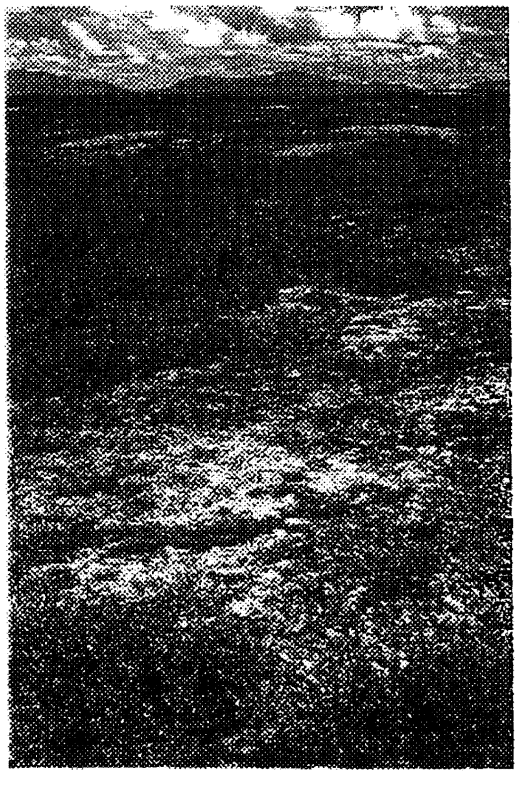
Ecological Site: 172Xy204AK - Gravelly and Sandy Hills
Cover type: Sparsely vegetated outwash
Seral status: PNC on convex shoulders and summits of hills
Source of data: Gulkana River Area

Description:

Sparsely vegetated outwash consists of patches of mosses and lichen and scattered dwarf shrub and herbs on gravelly and cobbly outwash deposits. Moss and lichen cover is generally less than 50 percent and vascular plant cover is less than 20 percent. Frequently occurring species identified on areas of Sparsely vegetated outwash include *Arctostaphylos alpina, Artemisa arctica, Betula glandulosa, Empetrum nigrum, Festuca altaica, Hierochloe alpina, Ledum decumbens, Pedicularis labradorica,* and *Vaccinium vitis-idaea.*




Representative cross section of pitted outwash plains and hills around Dickey Lake.



Typical setting of ecological site 172Xy204AK - Gravelly and Sandy Hills. Sparsely vegetated outwash dominated by patches of lichens and moss is common on hill summits and other convex microsites.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172XY205AK
Site Name: Loamy Flood Plains, Wet
Plant Name: SALIX/CAAQ
Date: 1/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA-NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: ____ 1/4; NW 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 05 T. 13N R. 04W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: flood plains
(b) Specific: low & mid, _____
(c) Microrelief: plane, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 2400 / All _____ High 2900 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 5 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 2. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 3. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 4. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |
| 5. | _____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ | ____._____ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____._

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .2 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson Alaska
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryaquents | coarse loamy over sandy or sandy skeletal, |
| (2) | | mixed, nonacid |
| (3) | Oxyaquic cryorthents | sandy skeletal, mixed, nonacid |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 10 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 1 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 1 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 2 (inches) Maximum 10 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: FSL, SL, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 8 (inches) Maximum 22 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .02 High .18 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 11 (inches) Maximum 37 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: >50 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 11 (inches) Maximum 37 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness >50 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 31 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| Layers: | 31 | 60 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | W | W | W | M | M | W | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | W | W | ↓ | W | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | W |
| 40-60" | W | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (Ft) Maximum 2 (Ft)
(2) Kind: apparent
(3) Month(s): May to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: Occasional
(2) Duration: long
(3) Months: Apr to Oct

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 1 | 6 - 20 |
| Shrubs | 25 - 75 | 2.5 - 6 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 15 - 80 | 1.5 - 2.5 |
| Cryptogams | 10 - 90 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 5 - 70 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 1 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIGL | white spruce | ___-___ | ____-____ | 0-7 | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

_____

_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| * SALIX | willow | _____ | 25-85 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| POFR4 | shrubby cinquefoil | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| VAUL | bog blueberry | _____ | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| SAREZ | net vein willow | _____ | 0-50 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

* includes SABA3, SAPL2, and occasionally SAMO2

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAAQ | Water sedge | | 10-80 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 0-20 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polargrass | | 0-2 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RUAR | northern blackberry | | 0-15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| SWPE | fe/wort | | 0-7 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| POPA4 | marsh cinquefoil | | 0-25 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| PAPA8 | Marsh grass-of-parnassus | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| RUAR6 | arctic dock | | 0-8 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 10 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total moss | 10 - 90 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:
Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres
Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:
Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres
Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 11 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | |
| drier microsites | | 6 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FP12 | Tangoe Wet Frequently Flooded |
| | FP13 | Swedna high elevation |
| | FP21 | |
| | FP22 | |
| | FP13 | Hisna |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet**

**Low willow/water sedge scrub**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of level to, on rare occasions, strongly sloping flood plains formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium along clear water rivers and streams. Terrace height above mean summer channel level is typically 3 feet (0.9 m) or less and the site is frequently to occasionally flooded. Throughout most of the growing season, the water table remains at or near the surface; ponded areas are common. Elevation is generally from 2400 to 2900 feet (732 to 884 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs primarily along the upper Middle Fork and in scattered locations along the Main Stem between Paxson Lake and the Middle Fork confluence and along the upper North Branch. This site likely occurs along low to moderate gradient reaches of other non-glacial streams and rivers elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is 1 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly developed soils on this site have a mantle of stratified sandy and silty alluvium less than 10 to as much as 37 inches (25 to 94 cm) thick over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. The surface organic mat ranges from 0 to occasionally as much as 13 inches ( 0 to 33 cm). Depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 0 to 18 inches (0 to 46 cm) and the soils are poorly to very poorly drained. During most years, the water table is at or near the surface during much of the growing season and ponded areas are common. Aquic conditions including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix are present within 10 inches (25 cm) of the mineral surface.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Low willow/water sedge scrub is the correlated Potential Natural Plant Community on this site. This PNC is best characterized as a riparian association that develops and persists under a regime of nearly continuous fluvial disturbance. Microsites on slightly higher terrace positions and/or with better soil drainage support Low willow/herb scrub.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

Beaver activity is extensive on this site. In many places, the shallow water table and ponded conditions appear to be partly if not entirely attributed to dam building. Often, the beaver dams themselves form the escarpment breaks between different terrace levels. Channels between ponds appear to maintained and possibly created by beavers.

At certain times of the year, this site undoubtedly provides excellent feeding habitat for moose. Willow in most stands is moderately hedged, primarily from winter browsing.

Sedges and other herbaceous vegetation are likely used to some extent in spring and early summer. Ducks, swans, and a variety of other birds use this site for feeding, nesting, hunting, and other activities.

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* This site occurs in areas on the flood plains that are consistently wet because of flooding, infiltration of ground water, shallow water table, and ponding associated with dam building by beavers. Soils include both those that are very shallow to gravel and cobble (Tangoe soils) as well as those with a moderately thick to thick surface layer of stratified sandy and silty alluvium (Swedna soils). The key factor appears to be the nearly continuous occurrence of the shallow water table. On slightly elevated or otherwise better drained microsites, *Carex aquatilis* decreases in abundance and is replaced by *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and other herbs common to the flood plains. Immediately adjacent to the river channel, beaver ponds, and other areas of ponded water, the willow shrub layer becomes more open and patchy and the vegetation is totally dominated by *Carex aquatilis* and other tall, bright green sedges.

This site probably is rarely burned by wild fire because of wet conditions. Even during the dry summer of 1994, a shallow water table and ponded conditions were found throughout this site. If the vegetation were burned, the willow and herbaceous cover would be expected to rapidly regeneration from sprouting by root crowns and other underground plant parts.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet

172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet: similar flood plain position but usually along moderate to steep gradient reaches of the stream; soils somewhat poorly drained and with a water table at 20 to 36 inches (51 91 cm); Low willow/herb scrub vegetative potential.

172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet: similar flood plain position; soils poorly to moderately well drained and with a water table at 14 to 24 inches (36 to 61 cm); Low willow/herb scrub vegetative potential.

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks: similar flood plain position but typically immediately adjacent to the stream channel or shoreline of beaver ponds; soils frequently flooded, very poorly drained; and with a water table at less than 12 inches (30 cm); Sedge-grass riparian meadow vegetative potential.

**172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet**
**Low willow/water sedge scrub**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(1) Aggradation:* Based on observations and data collected in the Gulkana River area, this site is an early stage of site progression and vegetation succession on flood plains along low to moderate gradient stream channels. Channel migration and down-cutting, continued deposition of alluvium, or changes in subsurface drainage regimes will raise the effective height of the flood plain and reduce site wetness. Site progression would be expected to lead to 172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet or 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet and Low willow/herb scrub vegetation. Continued elevation of the terrace surface, reduced flooding, lowering of the water table, site stability, and vegetation succession would eventually lead to White spruce/willow open forest vegetation characteristic of ecological site 172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains and White spruce/willow open forest vegetation.

172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet is closely related both geographically and ecologically with 172Xy500 - Loamy Riverbanks. As was described in *Part A.6 Community Dynamics*, these two sites usually occur adjacent to one another on the landscape. Site and vegetative characteristics between the two are gradational and to a degree somewhat arbitrary.

*1.e. Insects and Disease Pests and Animal Damage:* As described in *Part A.5.b Wildlife Narrative*, this site appears in places to develop or at least be maintained as a result of beaver activity and associated impacts on ponding and soil moisture. Reduced beaver activity to the extent that dams and water levels could not be maintained could lead to progression of this toward 172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet or 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet. Conversely, increased beaver activity that increases the degree or extent of ponding and soil moisture, could lead to additional areas of 172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* This site provides excellent opportunities for viewing wildlife during almost any season. In addition, the bright green vegetation in complex with the clear, blue water in beaver ponds and the river channel, provide outstanding scenic beauty during the summer. The scenic beauty would be equally appealing in fall when the willow and sedges have turned yellow and golden brown. Wetness during these seasons would restrict general access to areas of this site.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet
Cover type: Low willow/water sedge scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 11
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

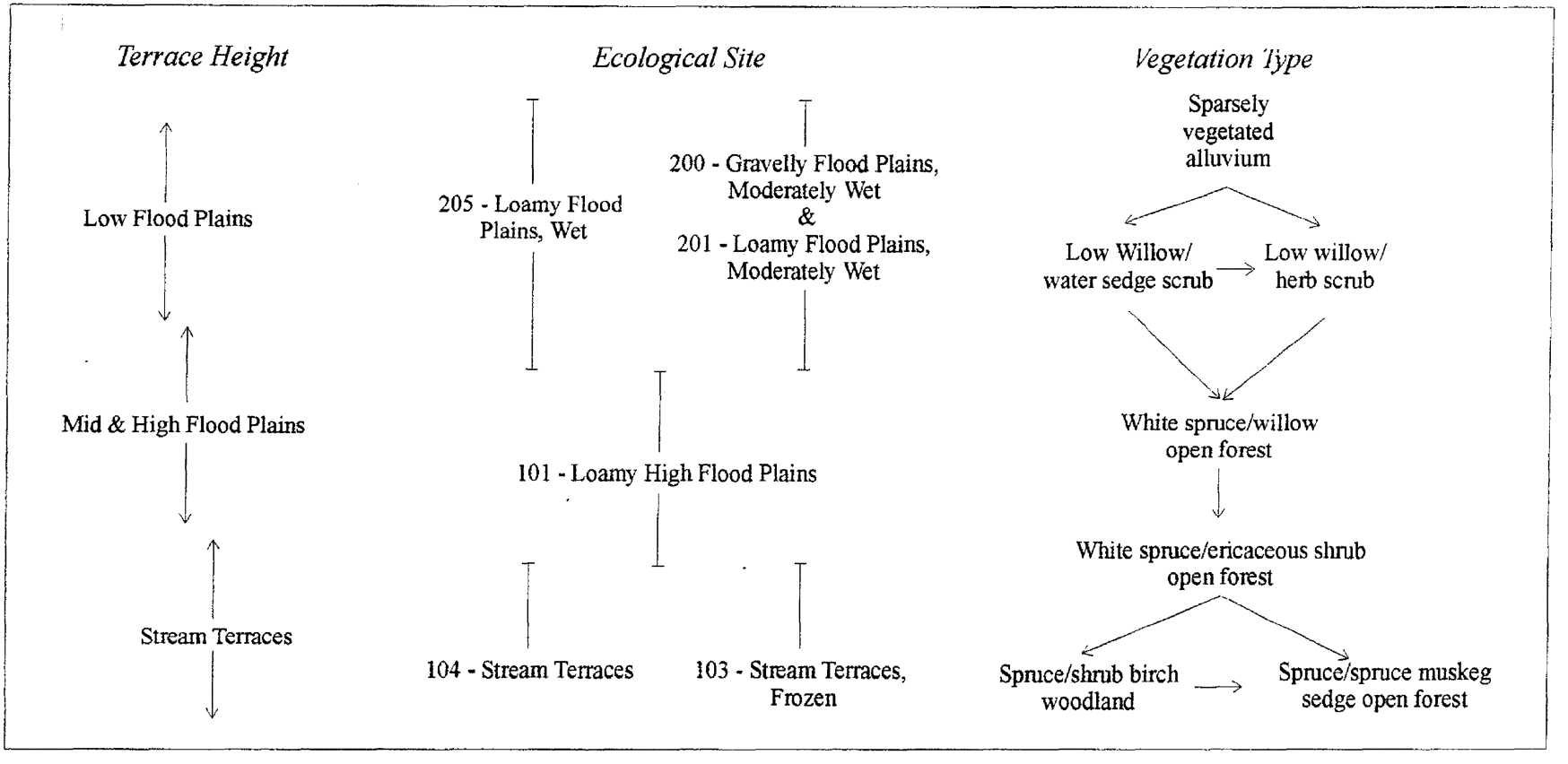
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| white spruce | T3 | 27 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 64 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 23 |
| net vein willow | SS | 82 | 20 | 3 | 60 | 40 |
| shrub birch | SS | 18 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 91 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 25 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 69 | 25 | 85 | 83 |
| anemone | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic dock | F | 45 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 14 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| felwort | F | 73 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 36 | 11 | 5 | 25 | 20 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| northern blackberry | F | 82 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| stonecrop | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 73 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| valerian | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| blue grass | G | 45 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 64 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| polar grass | G | 36 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| rush | G | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| sedge | G | 36 | 19 | 1 | 60 | 26 |
| water sedge | G | 82 | 37 | 7 | 80 | 55 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 48 | 10 | 90 | 69 |
| Lichen layer | L | 91 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| Bare soil | B | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 29 | 1 | 70 | 54 |
| Rock fragments | B | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Surface water | B | 82 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 27 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 36 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet
Cover type: Low willow/herb scrub
Seral status: PNC on drier microsites
Number of stands: 6
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 83 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| white spruce | T3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| black crowberry | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 83 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 26 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| net vein willow | SS | 83 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 25 |
| red bearberry | SS | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| shrub birch | SS | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 100 | 10 | 7 | 15 | 32 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 82 | 75 | 91 | 91 |
| Bodin's milkvetch | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 33 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 33 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 12 |
| anemone | F | 50 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| common fireweed | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| cuckoo flower | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| felwort | F | 83 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 83 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| milk-vetch | F | 33 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| northern blackberry | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| ragwort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| serpent-grass | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| tall bluebells | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| tall scouring-rush | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| valerian | F | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| violet | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| blue grass | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 67 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| polar grass | G | 17 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| water sedge | G | 67 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 21 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 36 | 15 | 75 | 60 |
| Lichen layer | L | 83 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| Bare soil | B | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 28 | 5 | 50 | 52 |
| Surface water | B | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 83 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SANO2 SAPL2

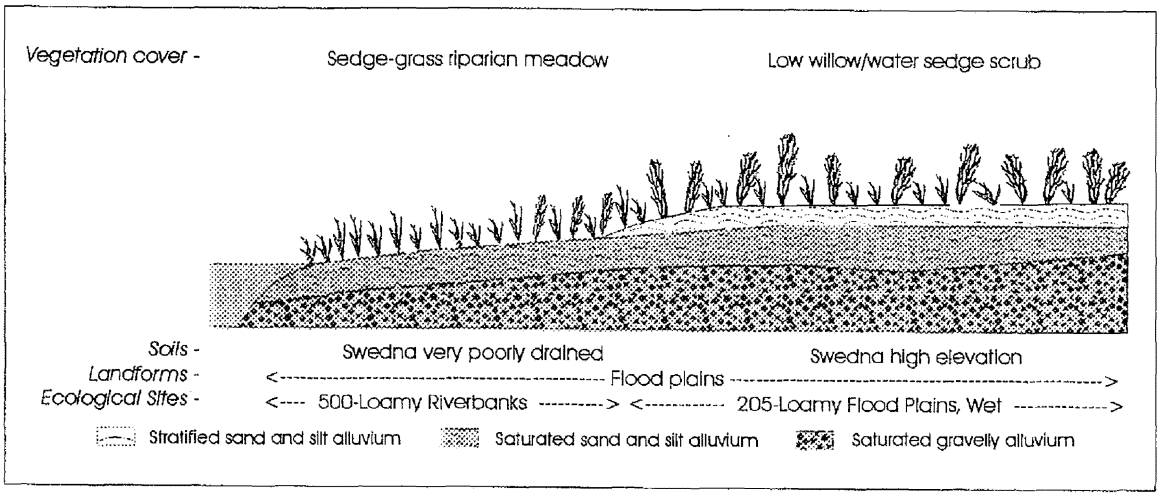



General relationships between terrace height, ecological sites, and vegetation types in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

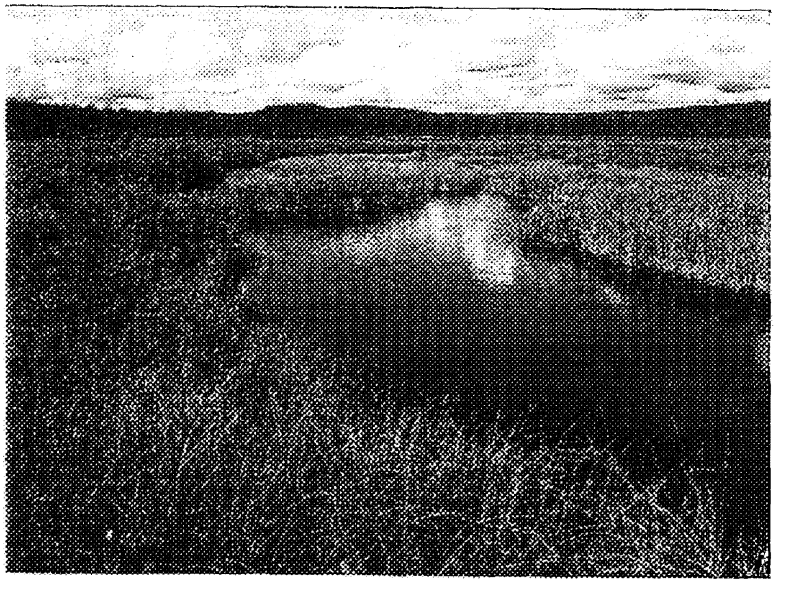
Selected physical properties for typical stages of site progression on flood plains and stream terraces in the willow zone, Gulkana River Area, Alaska.

| Ecological Site (stage) | Cover Type(s) | Terrace Height avg(rge) | Flooding Frequency | Depth to SSK avg(rge) | Thickness of OM avg(rge) | Depth to Water Table Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Water Table Depth when <60" avg(rge) | Depth to Permafrost Pedons w/ <60" | Depth to Permafrost Depth when <60" avg(rge) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | -- ft -- | | -- in -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- | -- % -- | -- in -- |
| 205 - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet | SALIX/CAAQ | 2 (1-5) | freq-occas | 17 (0-42) | 4 (1-10) | 100 | 13 (0-30) | 0 | - |
| 200 - Gravelly Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (2-4) | occas-freq | 28 (3-60) | 1 (0-3) | 100 | 28 (12-44) | 0 | - |
| 201 - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet | SALIX/herb | 3 (1-8) | occas-freq | 25 (9-50) | 1 (0-6) | 79 | 36 (32-45) | 0 | - |
| | SALIX/herb2 | 7 (4-12) | occas | 60 (58-60) | 1 (0-1) | 12 | 46 (46-60) | 0 | |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (PNC) | PIGL/SALIX | 6 (3-15) | occas-rare | 27 (3-60) | 2 (0-7) | 39 | 40 (31-58) | 24 | 33 (17-49) |
| 101 - Loamy High Flood Plains (post-PNC) | PIGL/erica | 9 (4-25) | rare-none | 30 (12-60) | 4 (0-10) | 21 | 35 (8-50) | 54 | 29 (6-52) |
| 104 - Stream Terraces (mid to late seral) | PICEA/BEGL | 11(6-25) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 4 (1-9) | 9 | 31 (16-40) | 27 | 36 (18-55) |
| 103 - Stream Terraces, Frozen (PNC) | PICEA/CALU2 | 9 (4-20) | rare-none | 30 (18-60) | 7 (2-12) | 100 | 8 (0-23) | 100 | 15 (0-25) |

Notes:
Terrace height - estimated height of flood plain or stream terrace surface above the mid summer channel level.
Depth to SSK - depth to sandy skeletal alluvium below the mineral soil surface in pedons without permafrost or in which the permafrost level was below the SSK contact; measured in the soil pit.
Thickness of OM - thickness of the surface organic mat; measured in the soil pit.
Depth to Water Table and Permafrost - Pedons w/ <60": pedons in which a water table or permafrost was present within 60 inches below the mineral surface. Depth when <60": depth below the mineral surface when present; measured in the soil pit.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper Middle Fork.



Representative setting of ecological site 172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet on low flood plains. The Swedna High Elevation soils on this site support Low willow/water sedge scrub vegetation. Immediately adjacent to the slough in the foreground is ecological site 172Xy500 - Loamy Riverbanks and Sedge-grass riparian meadow vegetation.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy500AK
Site Name: Loamy Riverbanks
Plant Name: riparian
Date: 1/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: ____ 1/4; NE 1\4; SW 1\4; Sec. 11 T. 11N R. 03W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg. ____ Min. ____ Sec. ____
Longitude: Deg. ____ Min. ____ Sec. ____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: floodplains
(b) Specific: low, adjacent to channel
(c) Microrelief: plane, convex
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1850 / All High 2900 / All
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 3 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 2. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 3. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 4. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |
| 5. | _____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ | ___._____ |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ D) Not Determined |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| High | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____._ to _____._

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____,
_____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____, _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____, _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 90 (days) (28 °F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .3 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxton
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Typic Cryaquents | Coarse loamy over sandy or sandy skeletal, mixed, nonacid |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | Typic Cryaquents | Coarse loamy, mixed, nonacid |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: Alluvium, _____

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum Ø (inches) Maximum 2 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low | Ø | High | 2 | Boulders | Low | Ø | High | Ø |
| Cobbles | Low | Ø | High | 1 | Channers | Low | Ø | High | Ø |
| Stones | Low | Ø | High | Ø | Flagstone | Low | Ø | High | Ø |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum Ø (inches) Maximum 4 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: FSL, SL, FS, _____

f. Soil Depth; (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 13 (inches) Maximum 27 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .10 High .15 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |
| _____ to | _____ | _____ | ____ to | ____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 27 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: 36 (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 8 (inches) Maximum 27 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness 36 (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (Ph) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 60 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (mmhos/cm) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (SAR) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | W | W | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ |
| 20-40" | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | W |
| 40-60" | ↓ | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum .2 (Ft) Maximum 1.0 (Ft)
(2) Kind: apparent
(3) Month(s): May to Sep

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: frequent
(2) Duration: brief long
(3) Months: May to Sep

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ___ Maximum ___(ft)
(2) Duration: _ _____
(3) Month(s): _ to

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - ____ | ___ - ___ |
| Shrubs | 0 - 15 | 1 - 3.5 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 75 - 90 | 1 - 2.5 |
| Cryptogams | 1 - 25 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 5 - 50 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 1 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | _____-_____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | _____-_____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | _____-_____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | _____-_____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | _____-_____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

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(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SALIX | willow | _____ | 0 - 15 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| POFR4 | shrubby cinquefoil | _____ | 0 - 3 | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAAQ | water sedge | | 25-90 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CAREX | sedge | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0-70 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERIOP | cottongrass | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| POA | bluegrass | | 0-10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| POPA4 | marsh cinquefoil | | 0-5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| GATR2 | threepetal bedstraw | | 0-1 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 2 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOSS | total moss | 1 - 35 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:
Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres
Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:
Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres
Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | | 1 |
| Late (Good) | | |
| Mid (Fair) | | |
| Early (Poor) | | |
| drier microsites | | 5 |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | FP2 | Swedna Very poorly drained |
| | FP21 | " |
| | FP4 | " |
| | FP6 | Aquatna |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks**

**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs along the continuously wetted banks of low to moderate gradient, clear water rivers and streams. Areas occupied by this site are typically 2 to 40 feet (0.6 to 12 m) wide along the edges of the channel and sloughs. Terrace height above the mean summer channel level is typically less than 2 feet (0.6 m). During periods of peak runoff, most or all of this site is under water. As the water level drops during the course of the summer, the site becomes progressively more exposed. The water table, however, remains at or near the surface throughout the growing season. Soil slope ranges from nearly level on top of the flood plain or terrace to moderately steep at the edge of the channel. Elevation is 1850 to 2900 feet (564 to 884 m).

This site is found throughout the Gulkana River area but is most prevalent along the Middle Fork, the Main Stem north of canyon rapids, the upper reaches of the North and South Branches, and the lower reaches of the West Fork. This site undoubtedly occurs along other low to moderate gradient streams and rivers elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is 1 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 18 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The weakly developed soils on this site typically are formed in stratified sandy and silty alluvium over very gravelly and cobbly alluvium. Depth to gravel and cobble ranges from occasionally less than 10 inches (25 cm) to 60 inches (152 cm) or more. Depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 4 inches (10 cm) above the surface during peak runoff to an average of about 12 inches (30 cm) below the surface during most of the remainder of the growing season and the soils are very poorly drained. Aquic conditions including redox depletions and/or a reduced matrix are present within 10 inches (25 cm) of the soil surface.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Sedge-grass riparian meadow is the correlated PNC on this site. Scattered willows are present in many stands. This vegetation is best described as a riparian association, which develops and persists under a regime of annual flooding and continuous wetness. Microsites on slightly higher terrace positions and/or with better soil drainage support Low willow scrub.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:*

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Vegetation on this site is probably stable under existing site conditions. Channel migration and down-cutting, which reduces flooding duration or lowers the water table would allow various *Salix* and, in the alder zone, *Alnus tenuifolia* to become established and *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and other herbs to increase in abundance.

Because of the continuously wet conditions, this site is not likely to burn or be impacted by wild fires.

*7. List of commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy100AK - Loamy Flood Plains

172Xy101AK - Loamy High Flood Plains

172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains

172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet

172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet: similar to slightly higher flood plain positions but generally not restricted to the shorelines of channels and sloughs; similar soils with water table at 0 to 18 inches (0 to 46 cm); Low willow/water sedge scrub vegetative potential.

172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions: shallow depressions and shores of ponds and lakes on lacustrine terraces and abandoned channels and sloughs on stream terraces; organic soils; Sedge wet meadow vegetative potential.

**172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks**

**Sedge-grass riparian meadow**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables and diagrams for seral stages and stand characteristics.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progressions:*

*(1) Aggradation:* This site typically is restricted to the immediate margin of channels and sloughs and is subject to nearly continuous flooding by flowing water during the growing season. Channel migration or down cutting that leads to reduced duration of flooding, lowering of the water table, or an increase in terrace height could result in a progression of the site over time toward 172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet; 172Xy201AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Moderately Wet; or 172Xy200AK - Gravelly Flood Plains and various types of Low willow scrub vegetation. Changes that lead to periodic flooding and subsequent ponding by non-flowing water could result in site progression toward 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions and Sedge wet meadow vegetation.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet
Cover type: Low willow/water sedge scrub
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 11
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

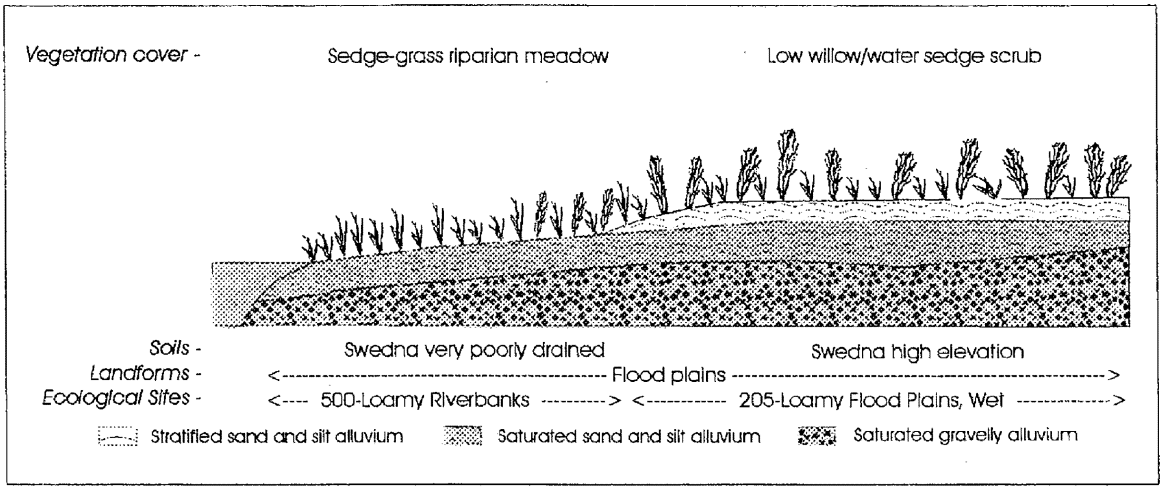
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| white spruce | T3 | 27 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 64 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 23 |
| net vein willow | SS | 82 | 20 | 3 | 60 | 40 |
| shrub birch | SS | 18 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 91 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 25 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 69 | 25 | 85 | 83 |
| anemone | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic dock | F | 45 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 14 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| felwort | F | 73 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 36 | 11 | 5 | 25 | 20 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| northern blackberry | F | 82 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| stonecrop | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 73 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| valerian | F | 27 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| blue grass | G | 45 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 64 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| polar grass | G | 36 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| rush | G | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| sedge | G | 36 | 19 | 1 | 60 | 26 |
| water sedge | G | 82 | 37 | 7 | 80 | 55 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 48 | 10 | 90 | 69 |
| Lichen layer | L | 91 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| Bare soil | B | 36 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 29 | 1 | 70 | 54 |
| Rock fragments | B | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Surface water | B | 82 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 27 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 36 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SALIX SAPL2

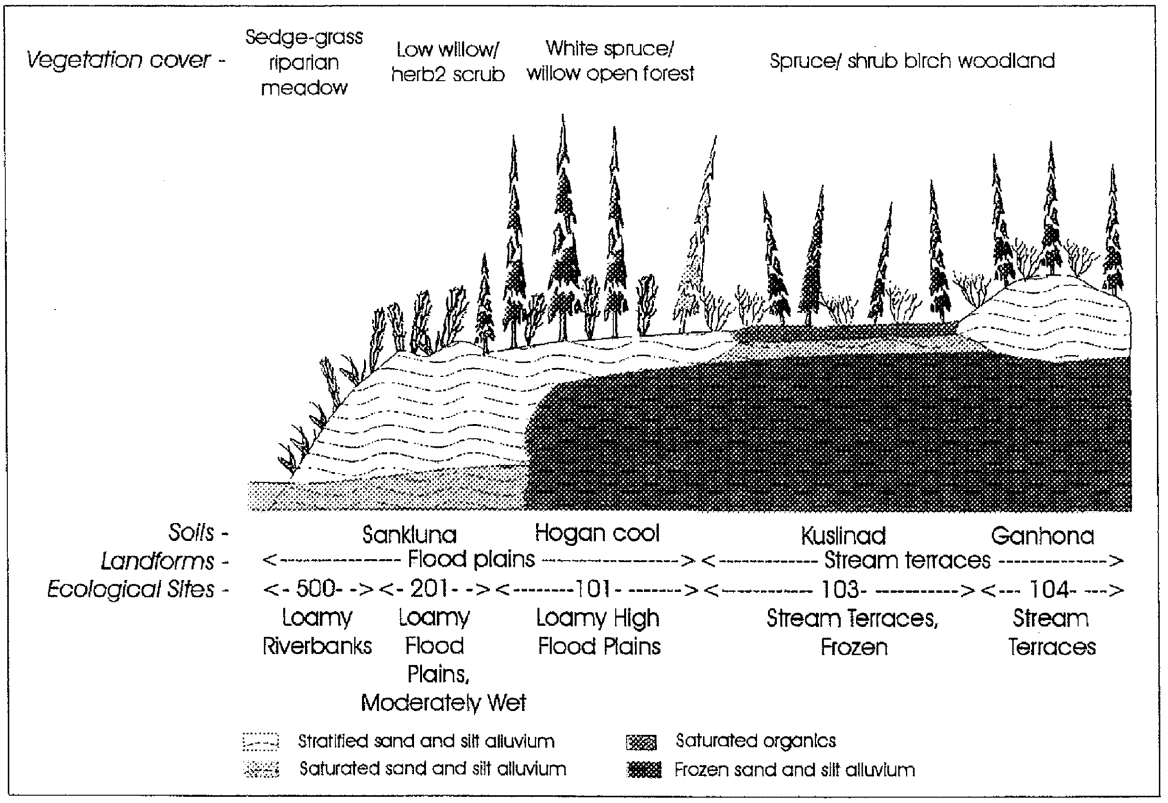
Ecological Site: 172Xy205AK - Loamy Flood Plains, Wet
Cover type: Low willow/herb scrub
Seral status: PNC on drier microsites
Number of stands: 6
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 83 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| white spruce | T3 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| black crowberry | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 83 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 26 |
| feltleaf willow | SS | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| net vein willow | SS | 83 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 25 |
| red bearberry | SS | 17 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| shrub birch | SS | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 100 | 10 | 7 | 15 | 32 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 82 | 75 | 91 | 91 |
| Bodin's milkvetch | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 33 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 |
| Sitka burnet | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 33 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 12 |
| anemone | F | 50 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 |
| common fireweed | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| cuckoo flower | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| felwort | F | 83 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 83 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| milk-vetch | F | 33 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| northern bedstraw | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| northern blackberry | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| ragwort | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| serpent-grass | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| tall bluebells | F | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| tall scouring-rush | F | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| valerian | F | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| violet | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| blue grass | G | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 67 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| polar grass | G | 17 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| water sedge | G | 67 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 21 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 36 | 15 | 75 | 60 |
| Lichen layer | L | 83 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| Bare soil | B | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 28 | 5 | 50 | 52 |
| Surface water | B | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 83 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |

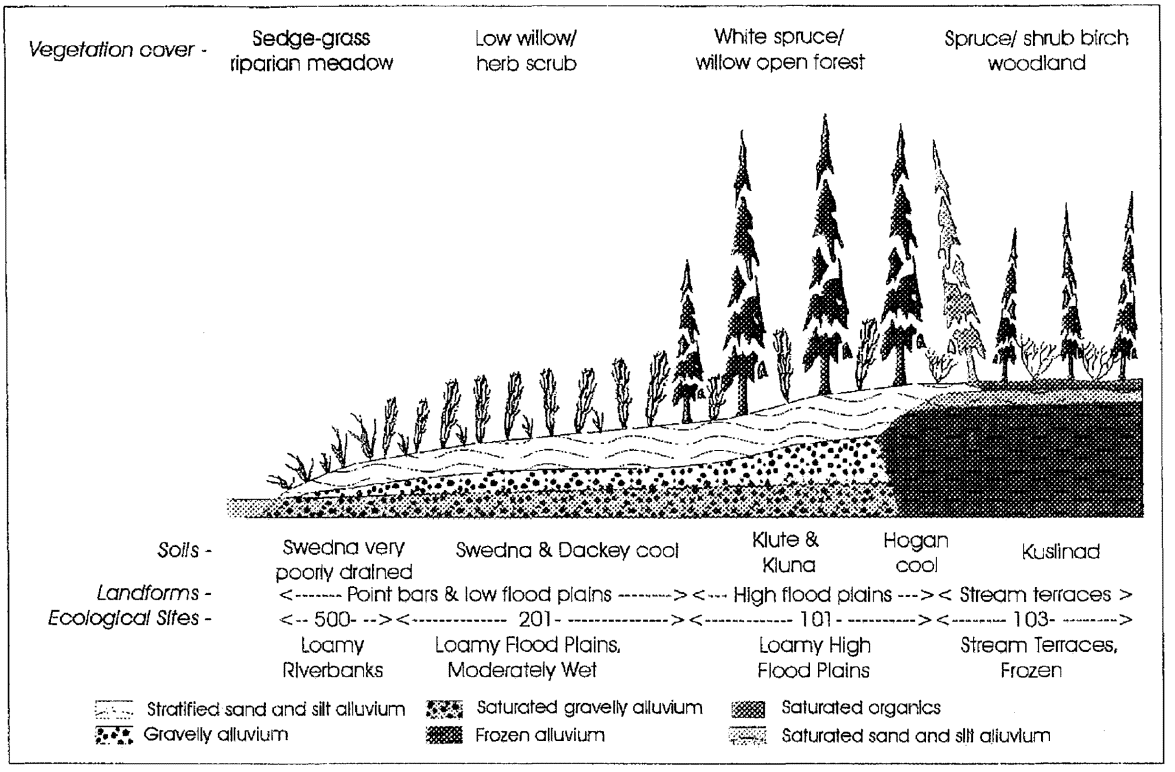
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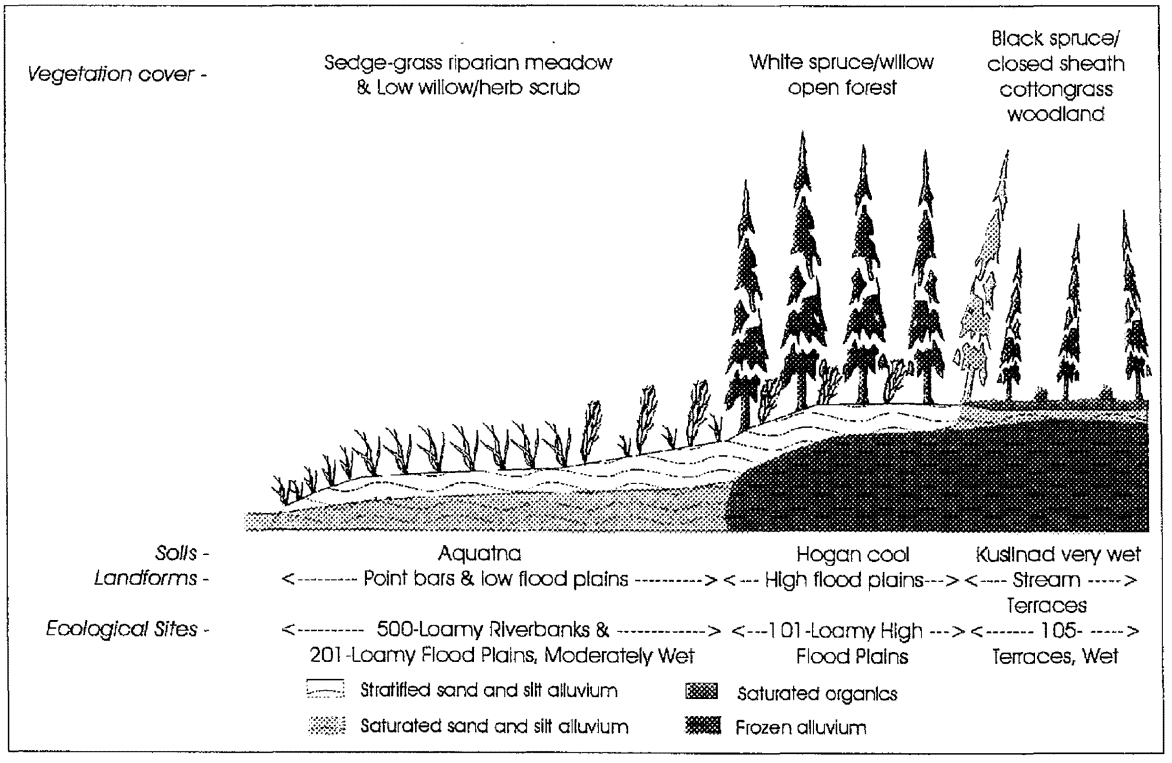

Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper Middle Fork.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the lower Middle Fork.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the willow zone along the upper South Branch.



Representative setting of ecological site 172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks on a low flood plain adjacent to the river channel. The Swedna very poorly drained soils on this site support Sedge-grass riparian meadow.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy501AK
Site Name: Wet Depressions
Plant Name: CAREX
Date: March 1998
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____
_____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: ___ 1/4; SW 1\4; NE 1\4; Sec. 28 T. 13N R. 03W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg. ___ Min. ___ Sec. ___
Longitude: Deg. ___ Min. ___ Sec. ___
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Lacustrine Terraces, Stream Terraces
(b) Specific: depressions, abandoned channels,
(c) Microrelief: Concave, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1900 / ALL High 2600 / ALL
(3) Slope: Low: 0 % High 2 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5)
B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5)
C) Unconfined (2.5+)
D) Not Determined

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____
(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | ___.___ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maxi mum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Aquic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 28 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 28 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson, Alaska
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Cryofibrists | |
| (2) | Terric Cryofibrists | Loamy, mixed, euic |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____, _____
(2) Parent material: organics over lacustrine and over alluvium

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 9 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(b) Type I, E

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low | ∅ | High | ∅ | Boulders | Low ∅ | High ∅ |
| Cobbles | Low | ∅ | High | ∅ | Channers | Low ∅ | High ∅ |
| Stones | Low | ∅ | High | ∅ | Flagstone | Low ∅ | High ∅ |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: Histic Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 9 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: PT, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 13 (inches) Maximum 26 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .30 High .35 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: ∅ (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness Ø (inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (Ph) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 26 | 4.5 | 7.3 |
| Layers: | 26 | 60 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (mmhos/cm) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) Minimum | Maximum | Amount (SAR) Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F | W | W | W | W | W | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W | ↓ |
| 20-40" | W | W | W | W | W | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | W |
| 40-60" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum Ø (Ft) Maximum 1 (Ft)
(2) Kind: apparent
(3) Month(s): May to Oct

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: none (rare on stream terraces)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum 0.5 Maximum 0 (ft)
(2) Duration: Long
(3) Month(s): May to Sep

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | 0 - 3 | 4 - 12 |
| Shrubs | 0 - 10 | 1 - 3 |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | 30 - 100 | 1 - 4 |
| Cryptogams | 2 - 70 | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| N+R | 15 - 30 | _____ - _____ |
| P | 0 - 15 | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PIMA | black spruce | __-__ | ___-___ | 0-3 | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | __-__ | ___-___ | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

_____

_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees. if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEGL | shrub birch | _____ | 0-10 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| SAPL2 | diamondleaf willow | | 0-1 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| LEDUM | Labrador tea | _____ | 0-3 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| SAFU | Alaska bog willow | | 0-1 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |
| OXMI3 | small cranberry | _____ | 0-2 | __-__ | __-__ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAREX | sedge | | 15 - 95 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ERIOP | cottongrass | | 0 - 80 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| ARLA2 | polar grass | | 0 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| CACA4 | bluejoint reedgrass | | 0 - 30 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

(c) Forbs ..... ___-___ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| POPA14 | | | 0 - 40 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| METR3 | | | 0 - 10 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| POAC | | | 0 - 5 | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |
| | | | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| LICHEN | total lichen | 0 - 1 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moss | total moss | 0 - 70 | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | ____-____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | // |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |
| drier microsites | | / |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | LL41 | Cryofibrists |
| | LL141 | " |
| | MK1 | Hufman |
| | MK2 | Cryofibrists |
| | ST2 | Hufman |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions**

**Sedge wet meadow**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on moderately thick to very thick accumulations of peat in shallow depressions, along the shore of ponds and lakes, and in abandoned channels and sloughs on lacustrine terraces, till plains, and stream terraces. Most areas of this site are ponded throughout the growing season. Source of water is surface and subsurface drainage from surrounding uplands and flooding on low stream terraces. The depth and duration of ponding increases toward the central, lower positions of the depressions and sloughs, as does the thickness of the organic materials. Slopes range from 0 to 3 percent. Elevation is generally 1900 to 3000 feet (579 to 914 m).

This site is found throughout the Gulkana River area and undoubtedly occurs elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F.; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F. base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The organic soils on this site consist of fibrous or partially decomposed organic matter 16 to more than 60 inches (41 to more than 162 cm) thick over stratified sandy and silty alluvium and loamy and clayey lacustrine deposits. Depth to seasonal high water table ranges from 4 inches (10 cm) or more above to 12 inches (30 cm) below the soil surface and the soils are typically very poorly drained. Aquic conditions include a histic epipedon, saturated conditions to the surface and a reduced matrix where mineral layers are present.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Sedge wet meadow is the correlated PNC on this site. Low willows and shrub birch are common to well-represented along the margins of depressions where the site is transitional to adjacent scrub and forest communities.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* This site provides excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife. Sedge wet meadows with interspersed lakes and ponds are used by a variety of ducks and Tundra Swans for staging areas during spring and fall migrations and for nesting. This site also provides herbaceous forage for moose during spring and summer.

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Except during extreme dry years, the vegetation on this site is only slightly susceptible to wild fire. Ponding probably limits wild fire to the margins of the meadows and also protects the root system and ground level buds. If burned, this site would be expected to quickly re-vegetate to Sedge wet meadow vegetation similar to the pre-burn stand.

In many places, the vegetation on this site exhibits zonal patterns with sedge-moss bog meadow occupying the wetter, central portions, sedge wet meadow occurring on

somewhat higher positions, and mixed sedge-grass and grass meadows, often with scattered willows and shrub birch, along the upper margins and higher microsites.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy102AK - Loamy High Flood Plains, Frozen

172Xy103AK - Stream Terraces, Frozen

172Xy104AK - Stream Terraces

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

172Xy110AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Ruptic

172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds

b. Riparian or Wetland:

172Xy105AK - Terraces, Wet

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

172Xy202AK - Shallow Drainages: primarily on the outer margins of depressions and in shallow, poorly defined drainages on lacustrine terraces; generally less than 16 inches (41 cm) of organic material over mineral soils; Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge vegetative potential.

172Xy500AK - Loamy Riverbanks: along the edges of flood plains immediately adjacent to the channel; mineral soils usually with less than 1 inches (2 cm) of organic material; mineral accretions to soils from flood waters; Sedge-grass riparian meadow vegetative potential.

**172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions**
**Sedge wet meadow**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see attached summary tables for seral stages.

*1.b. Riparian or Wetland Site Progression:*

*(1) Aggradation:* In many upland areas this site occurs in complex with ecological site 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds, with the ice-cored peat mounds and ridges protruding from about 2 to 30 (0.6 to 9.1 m) above the surrounding saturated, permafrost-free sedge wet meadows. In many situations, the peat mounds are believed to have developed from the wet meadows. Initial stages of peat mound development is probably due to an unusually thin cover of snow (Williams and Smith 1989), which allows deep frost penetration and frost heaving in winter. Heaving ground often forms discrete, irregularly spaced bumps several inches in height. The drier peat near the surface of these slightly elevated areas increases the overall insulating qualities of the overlying organic material, maintaining frozen soil conditions throughout the summer months and promoting the formation of ice crystals and masses. The developing ice core of the mound is fed by abundant water from the adjoining wet meadows and ponds.

As the surface is gradually elevated changes in the plant community also occur on the peat mounds. Williams and Smith (1989) noted that *Carex* sp. and *Eriophorum sp.* died and Sphagnum moss began to do so during the first season. These were eventually replaced by shrubs, primarily *Betula glandulosa*, and lichens. Peat mounds in the Gulkana River Area support Low shrub birch scrub and Spruce/shrub birch woodland.

*1.g. Recreation and Natural Beauty:* This site, particularly when occurring in complex with ecological site 172Xy111AK - Peat Mounds, provides striking contrast and landscape diversity in extensive areas of otherwise monotonous spruce woodlands characteristic of lacustrine terraces. This site also provides excellent opportunities for viewing wildlife and hunting.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions
Cover type: Sedge wet meadow
Seral status: PNC
Number of stands: 11
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

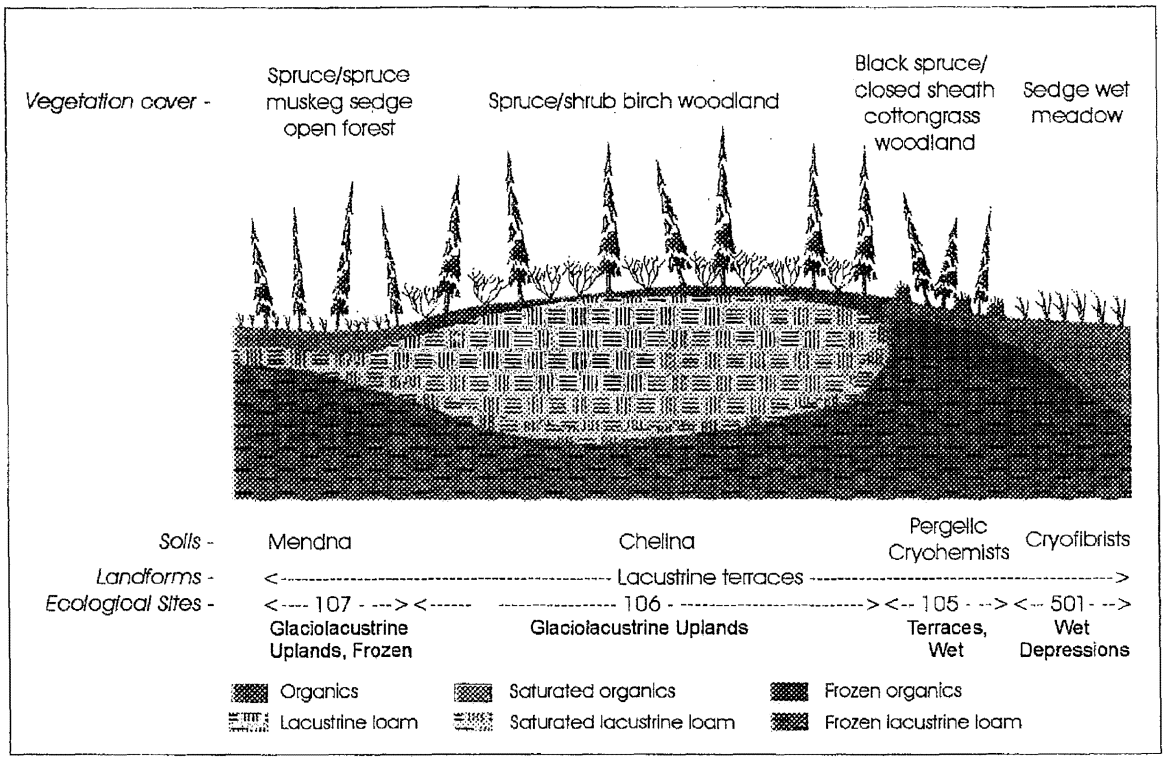
| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T3 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Alaska bog willow | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 18 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| shrub birch | SS | 36 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| small cranberry | SS | 27 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| willow | SS | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| buckbean | F | 45 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 82 | 6 | 1 | 40 | 23 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 27 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 27 | 17 | 1 | 30 | 21 |
| cottongrass | G | 18 | 50 | 20 | 80 | 30 |
| polar grass | G | 18 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| sedge | G | 55 | 20 | 1 | 95 | 33 |
| water sedge | G | 64 | 56 | 15 | 95 | 60 |
| Moss layer | M | 91 | 36 | 1 | 70 | 57 |
| Lichen layer | L | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Bare soil | B | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 14 | 1 | 30 | 37 |
| Surface water | B | 91 | 33 | 1 | 90 | 55 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 18 | 25 | 1 | 50 | 21 |

Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

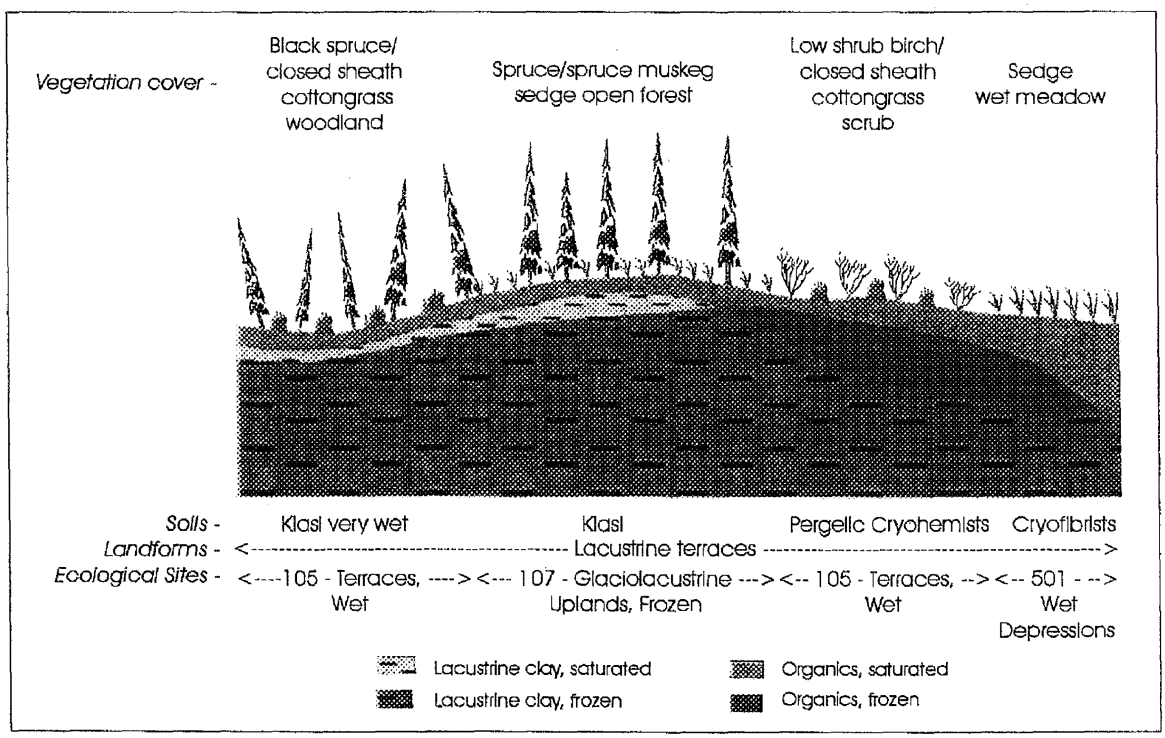
Ecological Site: 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions
Cover type: Low shrub birch-willow/water sedge scrub
Seral status: similar to PNC (on margins of depressions)
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | TX | 100 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| Alaska bog willow | SS | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| bog rosemary | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| small cranberry | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Unknown forb | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| buttercup | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| marsh cinquefoil | F | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| marsh willowherb | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| three-petal bedstraw | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| violet | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| water sedge | G | 100 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 84 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 87 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 45 |
| Surface water | B | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

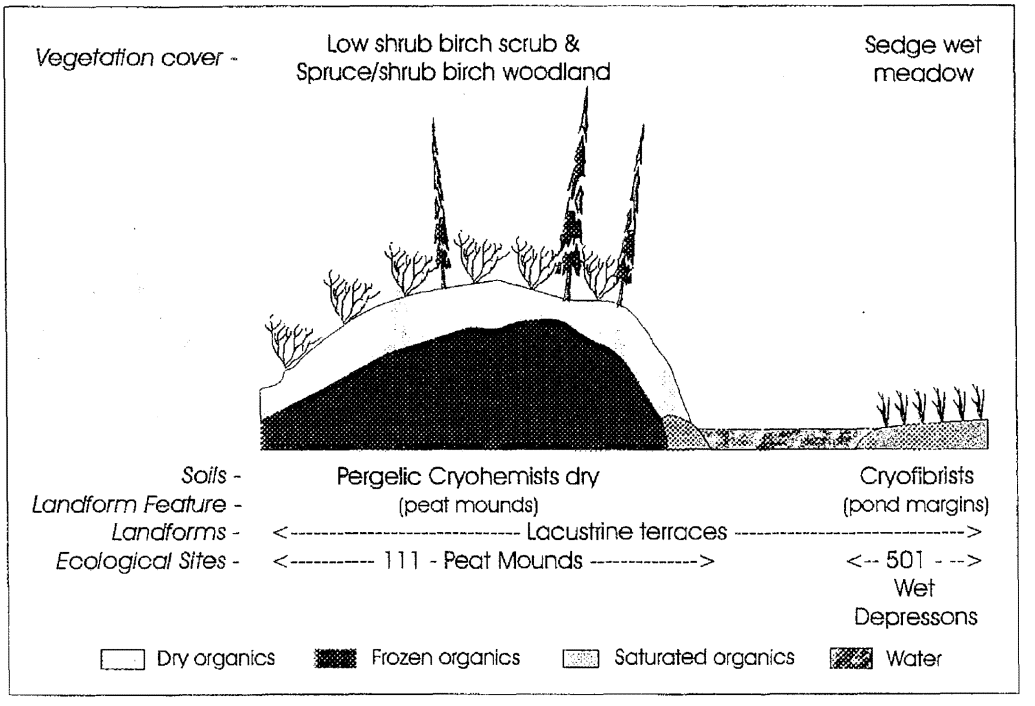
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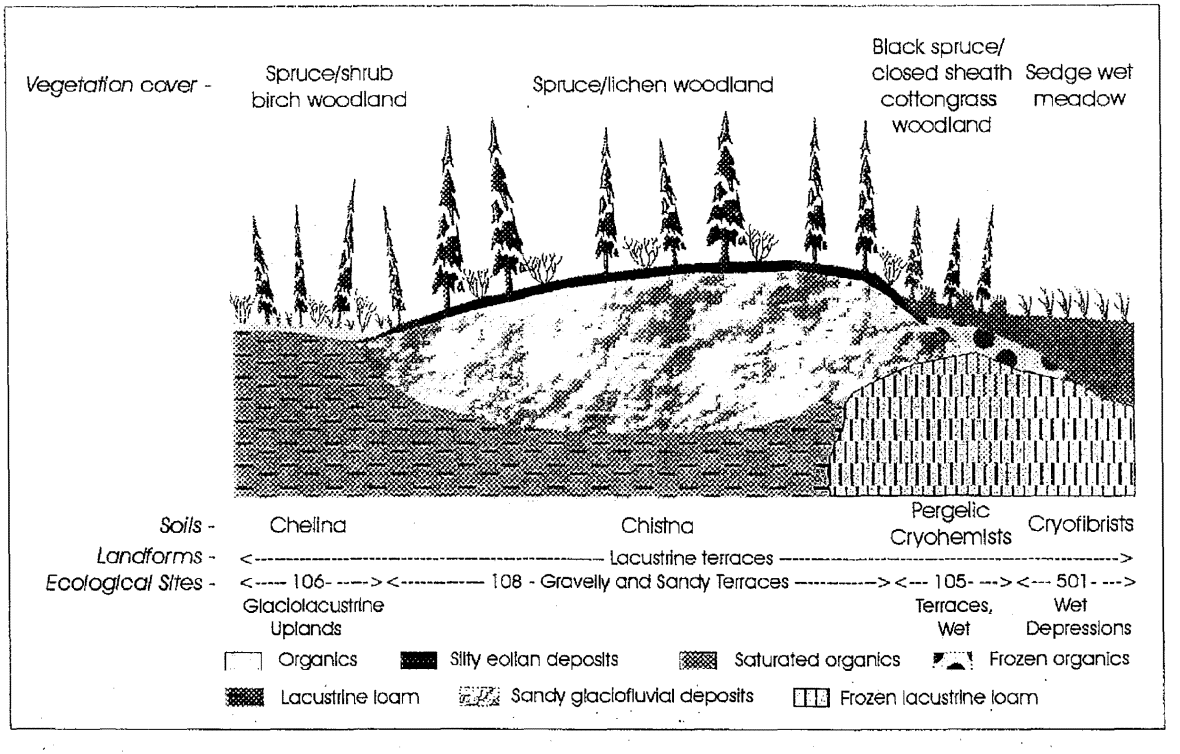

Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the Main Stem.



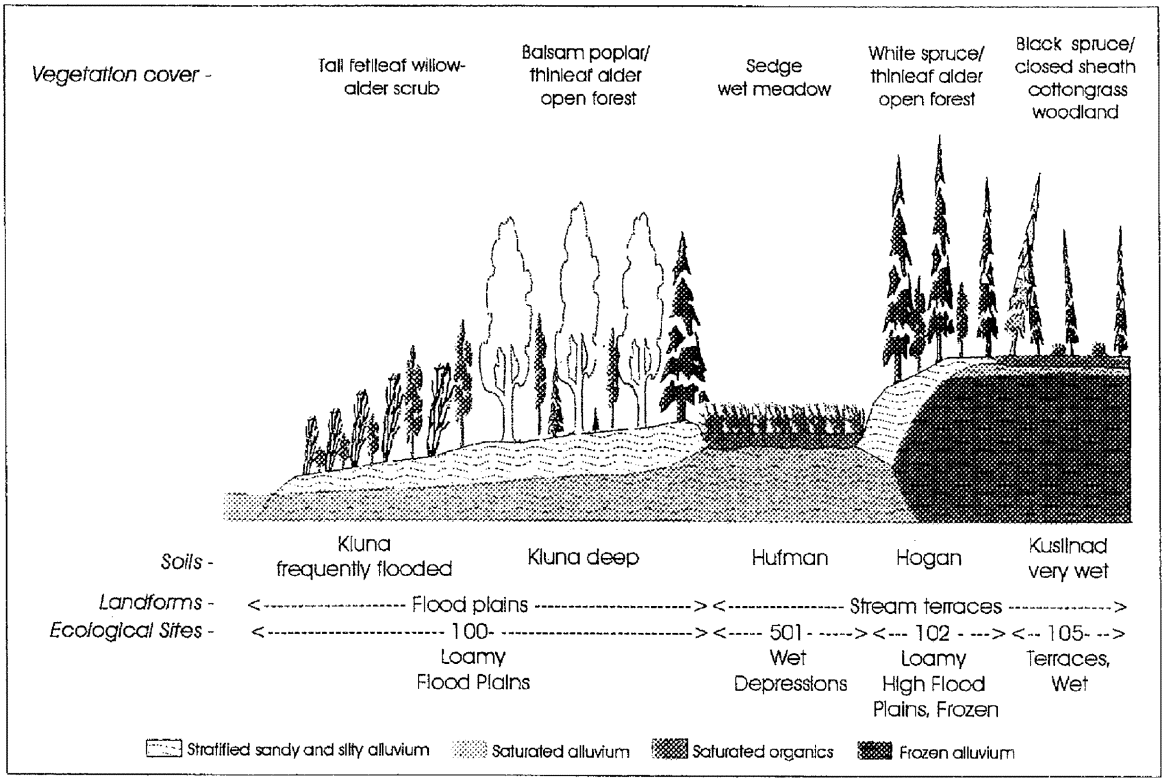

Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the lower Main Stem.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the upper North Branch.




Representative cross section in the glaciolacustrine uplands above the West Fork.




Representative cross section in the alder zone along the middle West Fork.



Representative setting of ecological site 172Xy501AK - Wet Depressions in a broadly concave topographic depression on a glaciolacustrine terrace. Small lakes and ponds are common in the central and lowest portion of the depressions. Sedge wet meadow vegetation characteristic of Wet Depressions gives way to emergent and aquatic vegetation in shallow water and near shore areas of the lake.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 172Xy800AK
Site Name: Escarpments
Plant Name: (variable)
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK MHC/USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. **Landscape Factors**

a. **Geographic Location:**

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____, _____

(3) Typical Location:

Legal: SE 1/4: NE 1\4; NW 1\4: Sec. 01 T. 16N R. 03W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: River Valleys
(b) Specific: escarpments, _____
(c) Microrelief: variable, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 1900 / All _____ High 2900 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 20 % High 80 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Materials: Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: epnemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

**(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems**

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ | _____ | _____ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris. Channel Blockages. Controls (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic Pergelic
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 15 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .7 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | .7 | 1.0 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 7 | 11 | 28 | 40 | 53 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 4 | (°F) |
| MEAN | -2 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 49 | 54 | 50 | 40 | 25 | 5 | -4 | |
| LOW | -12 | -10 | -2 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 28 | 15 | -5 | -13 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Sourdough AK
(2) Station Number: 508625

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Cryochrepts | |
| (2) | Cryorthents | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____
(2) Parent material: glaciolacustrine, glacial outwash, glacial till

c. Features of Soil Surface:
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 6 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low | 0 | High | 20 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low | 0 | High | 20 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low | 0 | High | 0 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: ochric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 3 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL, SL, CL, SiCL

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 10 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 3 (inches) Maximum 20 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .14 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 42 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____ (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 0 (inches) Maximum 42 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 1 | 5.6 | 6.5 |
| Layers: | 1 | 60 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | F-M | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | F-M | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F-M | F-M | F-M | F-M | F-M | F-M | ↓ |
| 40-60" | F-M | F-M | F-M | F-M | F-M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F-M |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 5 (Ft) Maximum 5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: none
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ___ Maximum ___(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | ___ - ___ | ___ - ___ |
| Shrubs | ___ - ___ | ___ - ___ |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | ___ - ___ | ___ - ___ |
| Cryptogams | ___ - ___ | ___ - ___ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

_____

_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ___-___NTE___ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | ____-____ | _____-_____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | _____ |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | ESC1 | Cryorthents |
| " | " | Cryochrepts |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy800AK - Escarpments**
**(variable)**

**Part A: Description of Site**

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site consists of moderately steep to very steep escarpments and bluffs formed by mass wasting and accelerated erosion during downcutting by rivers through thick glacial and glaciolacustrine deposits. Thermokarst features are evident on these sites where the river has undercut slopes and exposed permafrost. Slopes range from 20 to 80 percent. Slope aspect and gradient are the most influential characteristics on soils formation and present vegetation. Permafrost is often found within 60 inches of the surface on more northerly exposures and is generally absent on other aspects. Areas of mass wasting and accelerated erosion are extensive on the steepest slopes. Elevation is from 1850 to 2900 feet (564 to 884 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site is found along all reaches of the River. The best development occurs within the Canyon on the Main Stem, along the mid portions of the West Fork, and near the West Fork-Main Stem confluence. This site is common along other major rivers and streams elsewhere in the Copper River basin.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The soils on this site are formed in coarse grained alluvium, gravelly glacial till, and fine-grained glaciolacustrine deposits. Some soils have a mantle of silty eolian material up to 2 inches (5 cm) thick. Other characteristics range from poorly to moderately well developed, shallow to very deep over permafrost, and well to somewhat excessively drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* Vegetation on escarpments varies widely. Very steep, unstable slopes subject to on-going mass wasting and accelerated soil erosion are barren to occasionally sparsely vegetated with scattered shrubs and herbs (Cover type - Sparsely vegetated escarpments). In a few locations along the West Fork, dense herbaceous vegetation has developed and apparently stabilized the slope. On more stable slopes, escarpments support open to closed forest and scrub. Depending on such factors as aspect, slope, soil materials, and fire history, vegetation cover includes Quaking aspen forest, Quaking aspen-white spruce forest, White spruce forest, Spruce/alder woodland, Spruce/shrub birch woodland, and Low shrub birch scrub.

Moderately closed White spruce forest apparently is the most successionally advanced and stable vegetation type found on warm aspects and moderately steep and steep slopes. Spruce/shrub birch woodland is the latest successional stage on cooler, northerly aspects.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Given the wide variation in site characteristics and vegetation found on escarpments, wild fire impacts are likely to equally variable and difficult to predict. Any disturbance factors that damages or destroys the protective vegetative cover could lead to mass wasting and accelerated soil erosion.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

**172Xy800AK - Escarpments**
**(variable)**

## Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see the attached summary tables for stand characteristics for the common vegetation cover types found on this site.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: White spruce forest
Seral status: late (warm aspects; moderately steep and steep slopes)
Number of stands: 4
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 75 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| paper birch | T1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| white spruce | T1 | 100 | 40 | 15 | 65 | 63 |
| white spruce | T2 | 25 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 19 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| black spruce | T3 | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| white spruce | T3 | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 50 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 21 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 2 | 25 | 31 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 75 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 17 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 28 |
| currant | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| green alder | SS | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| little tree willow | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 30 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 100 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 25 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 25 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| swamp red currant | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| willow | SS | 75 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 24 |
| American twinflower | F | 50 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| Bodin's milkvetch | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 50 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 13 |
| arctic aster | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic lupine | F | 25 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| common fireweed | F | 75 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| coral root | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| marsh grass-of-parnassus | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| northern commandra | F | 75 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 20 |
| northern groundcone | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| ragwort | F | 75 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| single delight | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall Jacob`s-ladder | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall bluebells | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| wintergreen | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| polar grass | G | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 76 | 55 | 90 | 87 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 27 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 25 |
| Rock fragments | B | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |

Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: Spruce/alder woodland
Seral status: late (warm aspects; moderately steep and steep slopes)
Number of stands: 3
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| black spruce | T1 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| spruce | T1 | 33 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 26 |
| white spruce | T1 | 67 | 18 | 5 | 30 | 34 |
| white spruce | T2 | 33 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| balsam poplar | T3 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| black spruce | T3 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| paper birch | T3 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 22 | 15 | 30 | 47 |
| black crowberry | SS | 67 | 11 | 2 | 20 | 27 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 13 | 8 | 15 | 36 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 67 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 32 |
| green alder | SS | 67 | 35 | 20 | 50 | 48 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 4 | 15 | 28 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| red bearberry | SS | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| shrub birch | SS | 67 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 18 |
| thinleaf alder | SS | 33 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 29 |
| willow | SS | 33 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 67 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| cloudberry | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| common fireweed | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| dwarf scouring-rush | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| gentian | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 67 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| northern commandra | F | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| northern false asphodel | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| ragwort | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| wintergreen | F | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| polar grass | G | 67 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| purple reedgrass | G | 33 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| sedge | G | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 33 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 53 | 40 | 60 | 73 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 39 |
| Bare soil | B | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 22 | 1 | 50 | 47 |
| Rock fragments | B | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 67 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

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Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: Quaking aspen-white spruce forest
Seral status: mid-late (warm aspects; moderately steep and steep, convex upper slopes)
Number of stands: 5
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| quaking aspen | T1 | 100 | 38 | 15 | 70 | 62 |
| white spruce | T1 | 100 | 22 | 1 | 35 | 47 |
| white spruce | T2 | 60 | 9 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| quaking aspen | T3 | 60 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 18 |
| white spruce | T3 | 60 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 60 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| black crowberry | SS | 60 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| gray willow | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| highbush cranberry | SS | 40 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 13 |
| kinnikinnick | SS | 60 | 17 | 15 | 20 | 32 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 80 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 37 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 19 |
| red bearberry | SS | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 100 | 19 | 1 | 60 | 44 |
| swamp red currant | SS | 20 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 22 |
| American twinflower | F | 80 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 20 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| Unknown forb | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic aster | F | 40 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| arctic lupine | F | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| gentian | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| horsetail | F | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| larkspur-leaf monkshood | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| northern commandra | F | 100 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 24 |
| ragwort | F | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall bluebells | F | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| wintergreen | F | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| blue grass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| polar grass | G | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| rough fescue | G | 40 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 13 | 1 | 30 | 36 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 28 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 19 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 61 | 35 | 80 | 78 |
| Rock fragments | B | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 14 | 4 | 20 | 37 |

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Salix spp. includes:

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: Quaking apsen forest
Seral status: mid-late (warm aspects; moderately steep and steep, convex upper slopes)
Number of stands: 2
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| black spruce | T1 | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| quaking aspen | T1 | 100 | 55 | 45 | 65 | 74 |
| white spruce | T1 | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| quaking aspen | T3 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| black crowberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 50 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| kinnikinnick | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 28 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| willow | SS | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| American twinflower | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| arctic lupine | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| clubmoss | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| common fireweed | F | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| gentian | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| northern commandra | F | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| tall bluebells | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| blue grass | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| rough fescue | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| wild rye | G | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Bare soil | B | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 33 | 5 | 60 | 57 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |

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Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: late (cooler, northerly exposures)
Number of stands: 13
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| balsam poplar | T1 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| quaking aspen | T1 | 46 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| white spruce | T1 | 38 | 24 | 5 | 45 | 30 |
| spruce | T2 | 31 | 33 | 30 | 35 | 32 |
| white spruce | T2 | 38 | 25 | 10 | 45 | 31 |
| white spruce | T3 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 12 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 92 | 27 | 5 | 40 | 50 |
| black crowberry | SS | 77 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 19 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 46 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 15 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 92 | 20 | 5 | 40 | 43 |
| gray willow | SS | 15 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 14 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 77 | 12 | 2 | 25 | 30 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 28 |
| prickly rose | SS | 85 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| red bearberry | SS | 62 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 19 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 46 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| shrub birch | SS | 85 | 16 | 3 | 40 | 37 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 46 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 14 |
| willow | SS | 46 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 13 |
| American twinflower | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 31 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| Labrador lousewort | F | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| arctic aster | F | 15 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| arctic lupine | F | 23 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 38 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| common fireweed | F | 77 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| horsetail | F | 54 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 20 |
| northern commandra | F | 38 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| ragwort | F | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall bluebells | F | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| polar grass | G | 54 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| sedge | G | 23 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 53 | 25 | 80 | 73 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 14 | 1 | 30 | 38 |
| Bare soil | B | 38 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 14 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 21 | 5 | 40 | 46 |
| Rock fragments | B | 31 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 77 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 17 |

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Salix spp. includes: SABA3 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: early-mid (cooler, northerly exposures)
Number of stands: 2
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| white spruce | T3 | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 33 | 20 | 45 | 57 |
| black crowberry | SS | 50 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 17 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 47 |
| currant | SS | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 100 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 47 |
| green alder | SS | 50 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 27 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 24 |
| red bearberry | SS | 100 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| shrub birch | SS | 50 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 27 |
| arctic lupine | F | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| clubmoss | F | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| wintergreen | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| polar grass | G | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 50 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 17 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 74 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 20 | 15 | 25 | 45 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 13 | 5 | 20 | 35 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

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Salix spp. includes:

Ecological Site: 172Xy800AK - Escarpments
Cover type: Sparsely vegetated escarpments
Seral status: early (very steep, unstable slopes)
Source of data: Gulkana River Area

Description:

Sparsely vegetated escarpments consists of sparse, discontinuous stands of small trees and tree regeneration, shrubs, and herbs on steep and very steep escarpments. Mass wasting and accerlerated erosion is evident in most stands. The vegetation cover includes recently established plants as well as clumps of vegetation on soil materials that have broken off and moved down from higher up on the slope. In places where the slope has stabilized, fairly dense vegetation cover often develops.

Frequently occurring woody species include *Populus balsamifera* and *P. tremuloides*, *Shepherdia canadensis*, *Alnus crispa*, *Betula glandulosa*, *Ledum* spp., and various *Salix* spp. Frequent herbs include *Achillea millifolium*, *Agropyron trachycaulum*, *Agrostis scabra*, *Aster sibericus*, *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Epilobium angustifolium* and *E. latifolium*, *Equisetum* spp., *Hedysarum alpinum*, and other pioneering species found on flood plains and uplands.

# Standard Site Description

Site Number: 17RXy801AK
Site Name: Loamy Backslopes
Plant Name: (variable)
Date: 4/98
Initials (Author's/Agency): DRK, MHC / USDA NRCS

## Part A: Description of Site

1. Landscape Factors

a. Geographic Location:

(1) MLRA Name: Copper River Plateau
(2) Local Area: Gulkana River, _____
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(3) Typical Location:

Legal: SE 1/4; SW 1\4; SW 1\4: Sec. 08 T. 12N R. 02W Meridian Copper River
Latitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
Longitude: Deg.____ Min.____ Sec.____
UTM Coordinate: _____

b. Physiography:

(1) Landform:
(a) Broad: Mountain Slopes
(b) Specific: backslopes, _____
(c) Microrelief: _____, _____
(2) Elevation/Aspect:
Low 2600 / All _____ High 2900 / All _____
(3) Slope: Low: 4 % High 50 %

c. Landscape Narrative:

d. Associated Water Features:

(1) Non-stream Characteristics:

(a) Non-stream Type(s): (Indicate the appropriate designation(s). If associated with a stream, go to "stream".)

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

Enter: Lake, Reservoir, Pool, Pond, Spring, Seep, Marsh, Bog, Potholes, Irrigation Conveyance or Other (Specify).

(b) Drawdown Characteristics (reserved)
(c) Turnover (reserved)

(2) Stream Characteristics:

(a) Major Stream Type Characteristics

| | Stream Type | Gradient Low | Gradient High | Sinuosity Low | Sinuosity High | W/D Ratio Low | W/D Ratio High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |

| | Materials: Channel Bed | | | Bank | | | Confinement Ratio of Floodplain width/bankfull width | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | | | | | | A) Confined (1.0 - 1.5) |
| 2. | | | | | | | | B) Moderately Confined (1.5 - 2.5) |
| 3. | | | | | | | | C) Unconfined (2.5+) |
| 4. | | | | | | | | D) Not Determined |
| 5. | | | | | | | | |

(b) Flow Regime (Discharge and channel capacity)

[1] General

Kind: _____, _____

(Enter: ephemeral, Perennial, Intermittent or Subterranean)

[2] Specific

[a] Position of the Water Column (Channel capacity)

| Stage | Season: Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low | | | | |
| High | | | | |

[b] Average Annual Discharge: _____ to _____

[c] Ratio of 7-day duration high and low flows to the average annual discharge

| Stage | Recurrence Interval | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.25 Year | 2 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 25 Year | 50 Year |
| Low | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(c) Drainage Area and Stream Size For Multiple Systems

| Extremes of Condition | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stream Width (Ft) | | Stream Depth (Ft) | | Watershed Area (Acres) | |
| Low | High | Low | High | Low | High |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

(d) Special Modifiers

[1] Organic Debris, Channel Blockages, Controls (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[2] Depositional Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[3] Stream Adjustment Features (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

[4] Other Special Modifiers (3 Entries Maximum)

_____, _____, _____

(e) Ground Water Factors

[1] System Extent: _____

[2] Source Type: _____

[3] Source Dependence: _____ D = Dependent
I = Independent

Note: The following questions can only be answered when source dependence is answered D (Dependent).

Floodplain Recharge: _____ A = Active, I = Inactive
Adjacent Pond Water Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Bank Recharge: _____ Y = Yes or N = No
Channel Bed Loss: _____ L = Low, M = Moderate or H = High

(3) Associated Water Features Narrative:

2. Climate Factors

a. Soil Moisture Regime: Udic _____
b. Soil Temperature Regime: Cryic _____
c. Mean Annual Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
d. Mean Summer Soil Temperature: _____ to _____ (°F)
e. Mean Annual Air Temperature: 24 to 26 (°F)
f. Mean Annual Precipitation: 18 to 21 (inches)
g. Frost-Free Period: 60 to 80 (days) (28°F base temp)
h Moisture and Temperature Distribution:

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PPT HI | | | | | | | | | | | | | (in.) |
| MEAN | .9 | .6 | .8 | .5 | .9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| LOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEMP HI | 11 | 15 | 29 | 35 | 51 | 62 | 64 | 60 | 50 | 34 | 17 | 10 | (°F) |
| MEAN | 1 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 25 | 9 | 1 | |
| LOW | -8 | -7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 37 | 42 | 38 | 30 | 17 | -1 | -8 | |

i. Climatic Weather Station:

(1) Location: Paxson AK
(2) Station Number: 507095

j. Climate Narrative:

3. Soil Factors

a. Major Soil Family(s) and Classification Typical for the Site:

| | Subgroup | Family Adjectives |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Entic Cryumbrepts | fine loamy, mixed |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |

b. Geologic Formation:
(1) Formation(s): _____
(2) Parent material: lacustrine loam, colluvium

c. **Features of Soil Surface:**
(1) "O" Horizon:
(a) Thickness Minimum 1 (inches) Maximum 4 (inches)
(b) Type I

(2) Rock Fragments (% cover):

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pebbles | Low 0 | High 0 | Boulders | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Cobbles | Low 0 | High 5 | Channers | Low 0 | High 0 |
| Stones | Low 0 | High 5 | Flagstone | Low 0 | High 0 |

d. Surface Horizon:
(1) Diagnostic Surface Horizon: umbric Epipedon
(2) Thickness: Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 8 (inches)

e. Surface Texture: SiL, _____, _____, _____

f. Soil Depth: (not to exceed 2 classes)
Minimum 60 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)

g. Major Root Zone Thickness: (for common and many roots)
Minimum 4 (inches) Maximum 15 (inches)

h. AWC for Effective Plant Root Zone: Low .17 High .20 (inches/inch)

i. Accumulation (clay $CaCO_3$, etc.):

| Depth Minimum (Inches) | Depth Maximum (Inches) | Type | Amount Low | Amount High | Measurement (%, PPM, meq/100gm) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | to _____ | _____ | ___ | to ___ | _____ |
| _____ | to _____ | _____ | ___ | to ___ | _____ |
| _____ | to _____ | _____ | ___ | to ___ | _____ |
| _____ | to _____ | _____ | ___ | to ___ | _____ |

j. 35% to 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum 11 (inches) Maximum 60 (inches)
(2) Average Thickness: _____ (inches)

k. 50% (vol) Rock Fragments:
(1) Depth: Minimum _____(inches) Maximum _____(inches)
(2) Average Thickness _____(inches)

l. Reaction:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (Ph) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | 0 | 8 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| Layers: | 8 | 60 | 5.6 | 7.3 |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

m. Salinity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (mmhos/cm) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

n. Sodicity:

| | Depth Range (Inches) | | Amount (SAR) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Low | High |
| Surface Layers: | | | | |
| Layers: | | | | |
| All Other Layers: | | | | |

o. Annual Pattern of Soil-Water States:

| Depth | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4" | F | F | F | M | M | M | M | M | M | F | F | F |
| 4-10" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ | ↓ |
| 10-20" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | F | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M | ↓ |
| 20-40" | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| 40-60" | M | M | M | M | M | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | M |

F: Frozen more than half of the month
W: Wet more than half of the month
M: Moist more than half of the month
D: Dry More than half of the month

p. Water Table (During Growing Season):
(1) Depth: Minimum 5 (Ft) Maximum 5 (Ft)
(2) Kind: _____
(3) Month(s): _____ to _____

q. Flooding:
(1) Frequency: None
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Months: _____ to _____

r. Ponding
(1) Depth: Minimum ____ Maximum ____(ft)
(2) Duration: _____
(3) Month(s): ___ to ___

s. Soil Narrative:

4. Vegetation Factors

a. Cover:

(1) Canopy Cover and Structure:

| | % Cover (Vertical View) | Height (ft) |
|---|---|---|
| Trees | ____ - ____ | ____ - ____ |
| Shrubs | ____ - ____ | ____ - ____ |
| Grasses, Grass Like, & Forbs | ____ - ____ | ____ - ____ |
| Cryptogams | ____ - ____ | ____ - ____ |

(2) Basal Cover: _____% total

(3) Litter/Residue:

| Kind[1] | % Cover | lbs./Acre (ADW) |
|---|---|---|
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |
| _____ | ___ - ___ | _____ - _____ |

[1] N = non-persistent
P = persistent
R = residue

b. Vascular Plant Community Composition and Production:

(1) Overstory Trees:

Basal Area (all Trees) _____ - _____ $ft^2$

| Symbol | Common Name | Site Index | $Ft^3$/Acre/Yr | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Canopy | Av. Density (No./Acre) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ____-____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Site Index References: _____

_____

_____

(2) Understory:

(a) Shrubs (and understory trees, if applicable) - - _____ - _____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Comosition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___-___ | ___-___ | ___-___ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(b) Grasses and Grass Like ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(c) Forbs ..... ____-____ Total

| Symbol | Common Name | Group | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt | Group % Allowable | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | ____-____ | _____ |

Other ..... ____-____NTE____ea

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

d) Total Annual Production - Vascular Vegetation

Favorable _____lbs/acre Average _____ lbs/acre

Unfavorable _____lbs/acre

c. Cryptogamic Community Production and Composition (for tundra and similar ecosystems):

(1) Lichen Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| Other..... | | | ____-____NTE____ea | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |
| _____ | _____ | | | |

(2) Moss/Clubmoss Biomass (100%)

| Symbol | Common Name | % Canopy Cover | % Composition Air Dry Wt. | Group % Allowable |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ | _____-_____ |
| Other ..... | | | ____-____NTE____ea | |

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

(3) Cryptogamic Community Production

(a) Total Lichen Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acres

(b) Total Moss/Clubmoss Biomass:

Range: Low _____ High _____ lbs/acres

Average: _____ lbs/acre

d. Documentation:

| Seral Stage (Condition) | # Transects | # Data Sheets |
|---|---|---|
| Potential (Climax) | _____ | _____ |
| Late (Good) | _____ | _____ |
| Mid (Fair) | _____ | _____ |
| Early (Poor) | _____ | _____ |

e. Vegetation Narrative:

5. Wildlife

a. Species List:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

b. Wildlife Narrative:

6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):

7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):
   a. Upland:

   b. Riparian or Wetland:

8. List of Competing Sites (number and name):

9. List of Soils Grouped Into the Site By:

| Soil Survey Area | Map Unit Symbol | Soil Name and Phase |
|---|---|---|
| 649 | SA1 | Nickolna |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes**
**(variable)**

## Part A: Description of Site

*1.c. Landscape Narrative:* This site occurs on lower and mid elevation mountains in what appears to be a transition between lower lacustrine and glacial landscapes and higher elevation bedrock controlled mountains. Seeps and groundwater discharge areas are present in some places. Slopes range from 4 to 50 percent. Elevation is 2600 to 2900 feet (792 to 884 m).

In the Gulkana River area, this site occurs along the lower Middle Fork and Main Stem north of the Canyon. This site was observed to occur on mountain slopes outside the Gulkana area but its total occurrence in the Copper River basin is not known.

MLRA (USDA 1981): 172X - Copper River Plateau

Ecological Unit (Nowacki and Brock 1995): 135A - Copper River Basin Section

*1.d.(3). Associated Water Features Narrative:* (BLM)

*2.j. Climate Narrative:* The subarctic continental climate of this site is characterized by long cold winters and short warm summers. Mean January temperature is -2 °F; mean July temperature is 54 °F. Mean annual precipitation ranges from 15 to 21 inches. Annual snowfall ranges from 54 to 102 inches. The frost-free season is about 60 to 80 days (28 °F base temperature). The growing season varies greatly from year to year and frosts can occur during any summer month.

*3.s. Soils Narrative:* The moderately well developed soils on this site are formed in mixed gravelly glacial till and loamy glaciolacustrine deposits. Most have a thin mantle of silty loess. Cobbles and stones derived from local bedrock are found near and on the surface in some places. Bedrock is present below 6 inches (15 cm) in some soils, primarily at higher elevations. In most places, soils on this site are well drained.

*4.e. Vegetation Narrative:* The potential vegetation on this site is best described as a complex of Spruce/shrub birch woodland, Spruce/willow birch woodland, Tall green alder scrub, and Low shrub birch scrub. The cover types occur in a patchy mosaic with no obvious site or successional relationships.

*5.b. Wildlife Narrative:* (BLM)

*6. Community Dynamics (Fire, etc.):* Wild fire impacts on this site are not known. In most places, evidence of past wild fires were present throughout the vegetation, including snags and common charred downfall. Post-fire succession would probably lead initially to a complex of alder scrub and Low shrub birch scrub. Tree regeneration would be dependent in part on the proximity of suitable seed trees.

*7. List of Commonly Associated Sites (number and names):*

a. Upland:

172Xy106AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands

172Xy107AK - Glaciolacustrine Uplands, Frozen

172Xy109AK - Mountain Slopes, Shallow

172Xy203AK - Upper Mountain Slopes, Shallow

b. Riparian or Wetland:

*8. List of Competing Sites (number and names):*

**172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes**
**(variable)**

**Part B: Interpretations for Use and Management of the Site**

*1.a. Plant Community Characteristics:* see the attached summary tables and diagram for stand characteristics of vegetation cover types found on this site.

*1.k. Applicable Field Offices:* BLM, Glennallen District Office

Ecological Site: 172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes
Cover type: Spruce/shrub birch woodland
Seral status: late
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| white spruce | T2 | 100 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 50 |
| white spruce | T3 | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 55 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 59 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 71 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 45 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| cloudberry | F | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 84 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Rock fragments | B | 100 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |

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Salix spp. includes: SALIX SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes
Cover type: Spruce/willow woodland
Seral status: late
Number of stands: 2
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 100 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 47 |
| white spruce | T3 | 50 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| black crowberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| blueberry willow | SS | 50 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 42 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 20 |
| prickly rose | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| red bearberry | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| russet buffalo-berry | SS | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 35 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 32 |
| shrubby cinquefoil | SS | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| small cranberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 30 | 25 | 35 | 55 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 50 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| alpine sweet-vetch | F | 50 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| common fireweed | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| horsetail | F | 100 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 15 |
| single delight | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| wintergreen | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| polar grass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 25 | 15 | 35 | 50 |
| Lichen layer | L | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 17 |

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Salix spp. includes: SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes
Cover type: Tall green alder scrub
Seral status: late
Number of stands: 4
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T1 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| white spruce | T2 | 100 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 23 |
| Beauverd spiraea | SS | 50 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 20 | 10 | 35 | 45 |
| arctic mountain-heather | SS | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 19 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 20 | 15 | 30 | 45 |
| common juniper | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| currant | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 50 | 19 | 7 | 30 | 30 |
| green alder | SS | 100 | 33 | 15 | 70 | 57 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 8 | 5 | 15 | 28 |
| prickly rose | SS | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| red bearberry | SS | 50 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 36 | 5 | 70 | 60 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 12 | 2 | 20 | 34 |
| Alaska springbeauty | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| American twinflower | F | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Canadian bunchberry | F | 50 | 12 | 3 | 20 | 24 |
| anemone | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| arctic sweet coltsfoot | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| clubmoss | F | 50 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 |
| horsetail | F | 50 | 14 | 2 | 25 | 26 |
| meadow bistort | F | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| northern groundcone | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| starwort | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| tall bluebells | F | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| polar grass | G | 50 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| rush | G | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| sedge | G | 50 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 16 |
| spruce-muskeg sedge | G | 25 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 61 | 25 | 90 | 78 |
| Lichen layer | L | 75 | 9 | 1 | 15 | 25 |
| Bare soil | B | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 14 | 1 | 45 | 37 |
| Rock fragments | B | 75 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 14 |
| Surface water | B | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 50 | 10 | 5 | 15 | 22 |

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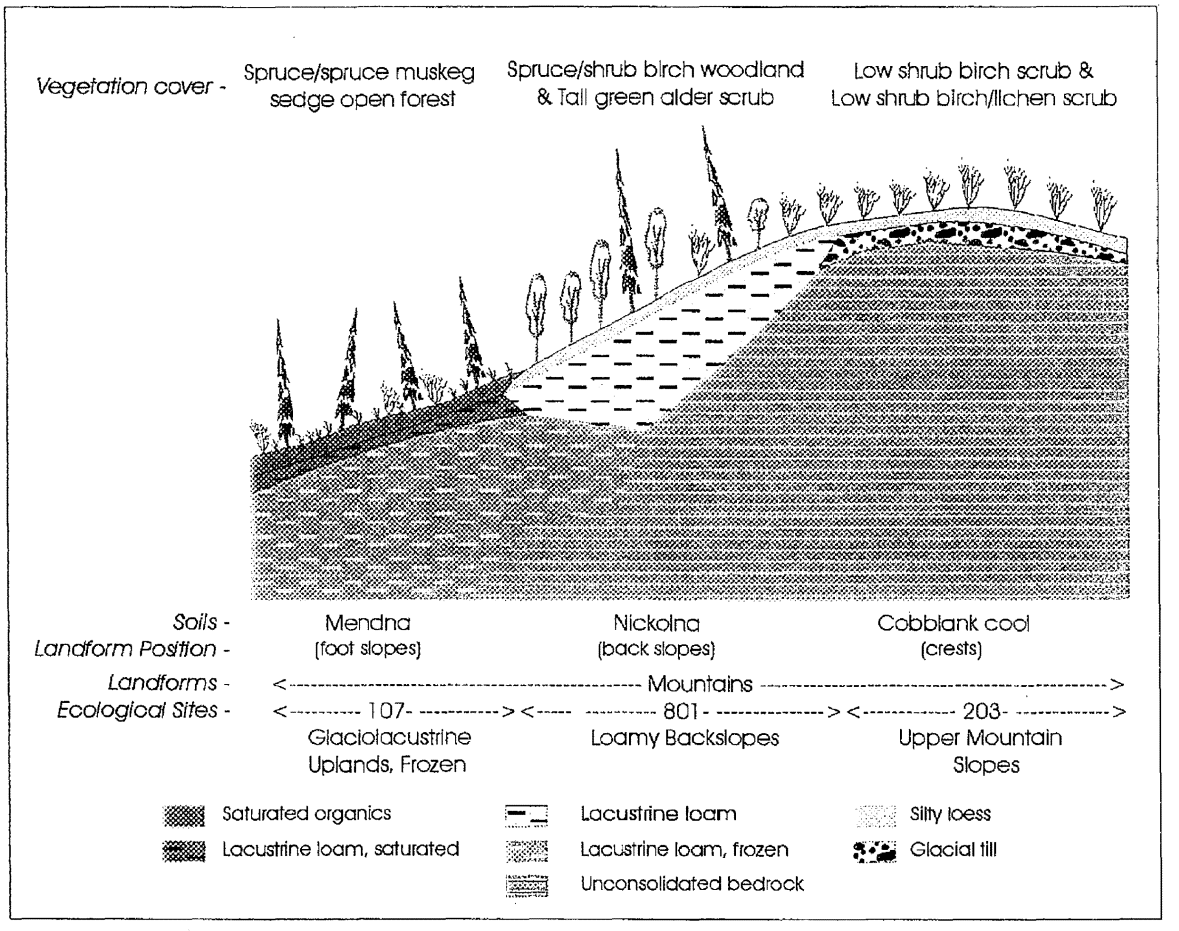
Salix spp. includes: SAMO2 SAPL2

Ecological Site: 172Xy801AK - Loamy Backslopes
Cover type: Low shrub birch scrub
Seral status: mid
Number of stands: 1
Source of data: Gulkana River Area
Key: Con = % constancy; Avg = average % canopy cover; Min = minimum % canopy cover; Max = maximum % canopy cover; Imp = importance value
Note: Avg, Min, and Max based only on stands in which a taxon occurred; Imp = sq root of (Con * Avg)
: Only taxa with >10% constancy included.

| Common_name | Stratum | Con | Avg | Min | Max | Imp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| white spruce | T2 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Labrador-tea | SS | 100 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 67 |
| black crowberry | SS | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| bog blueberry | SS | 100 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 59 |
| grayleaf willow | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| lowbush cranberry | SS | 100 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 55 |
| prickly rose | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| shrub birch | SS | 100 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 77 |
| willow | SS | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| bluejoint reedgrass | G | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Moss layer | M | 100 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 81 |
| Lichen layer | L | 100 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 39 |
| Bare soil | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Litter and mulch | B | 100 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 32 |
| Rock fragments | B | 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Woody litter (>1" dia.) | B | 100 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 26 |

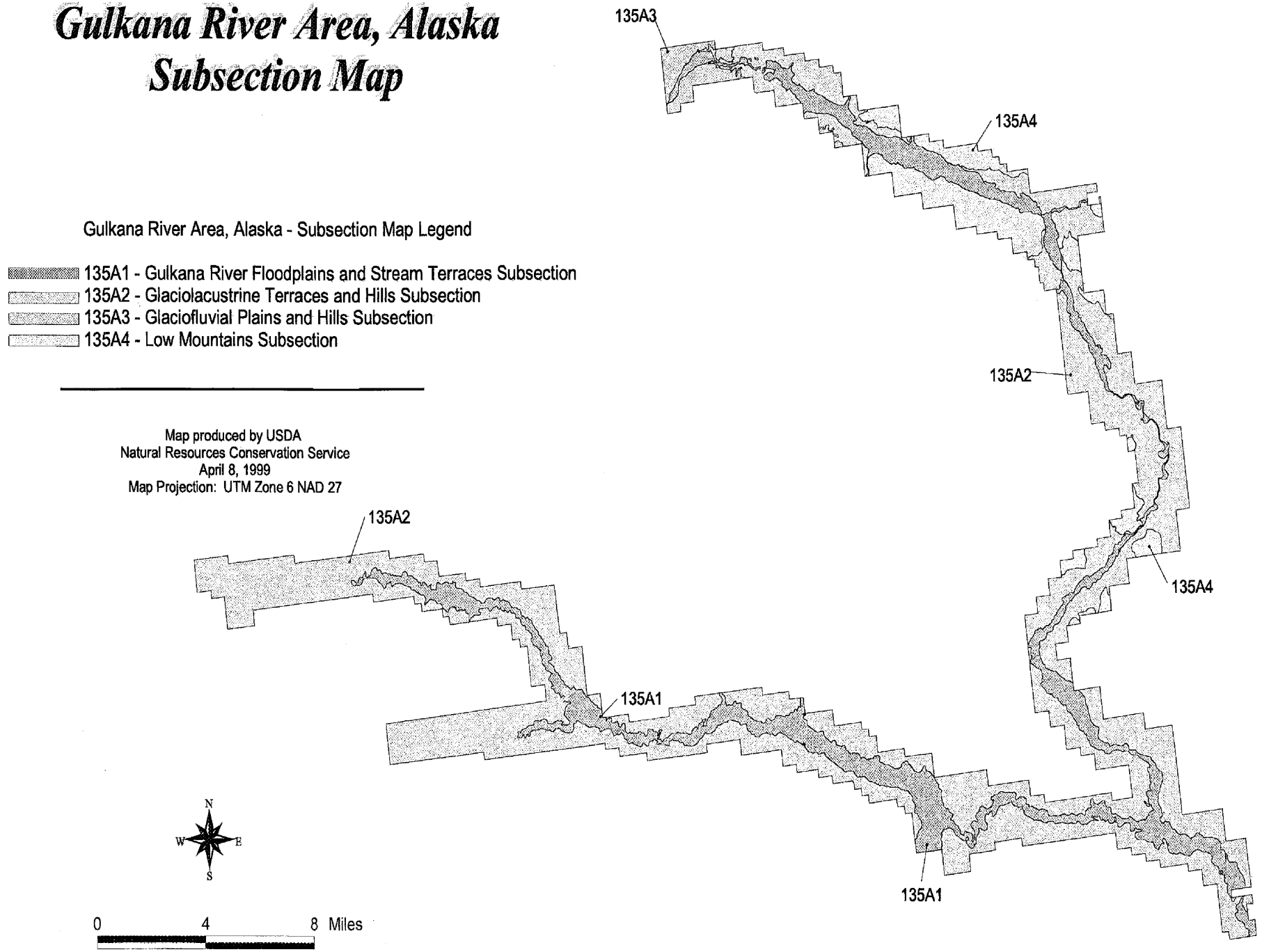
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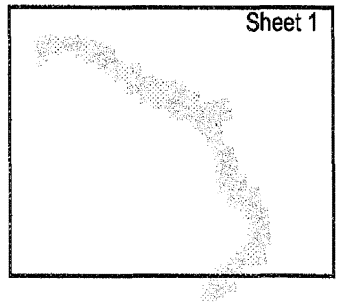

Representative cross section of mountains slopes above the upper Main Stem.

# *Gulkana River Area, Alaska Subsection Map*



# *Gulkana River Area, Alaska*
# *Landtype Association Map*

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- 135A1.V1 - Gravelly and Loamy Floodplains Landtype Assn.
- 135A1.V2 - Northcentral Loamy Floodplains and Stream Terraces Landtype Assn.
- 135A1.V3 - Southcentral Loamy Floodplains and Stream Terraces Landtype Assn.
- 135A1.V4 - Southern Loamy Floodplains and Stream Terraces Landtype Assn.
- 135A1.V5 - Lower Middle Fork Floodplains and Stream Terraces Landtype Assn.
- 135A1.V6 - Gravelly and Loamy Alluvial Fans and Fan Terraces Landtype Assn.
- 135A1.V7 - South Branch Loamy Floodplains and Stream Terraces Landtype Assn.
- 135A2.U1 - Loamy Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Assn.
- 135A2.U2 - Clayey Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Assn.
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- 135A2.U4 - Loamy Depressional Glaciolacustrine Uplands Landtype Assn.
- 135A3.G1 - Gravelly and Sandy Glaciofluvial Uplands Landtype Assn.
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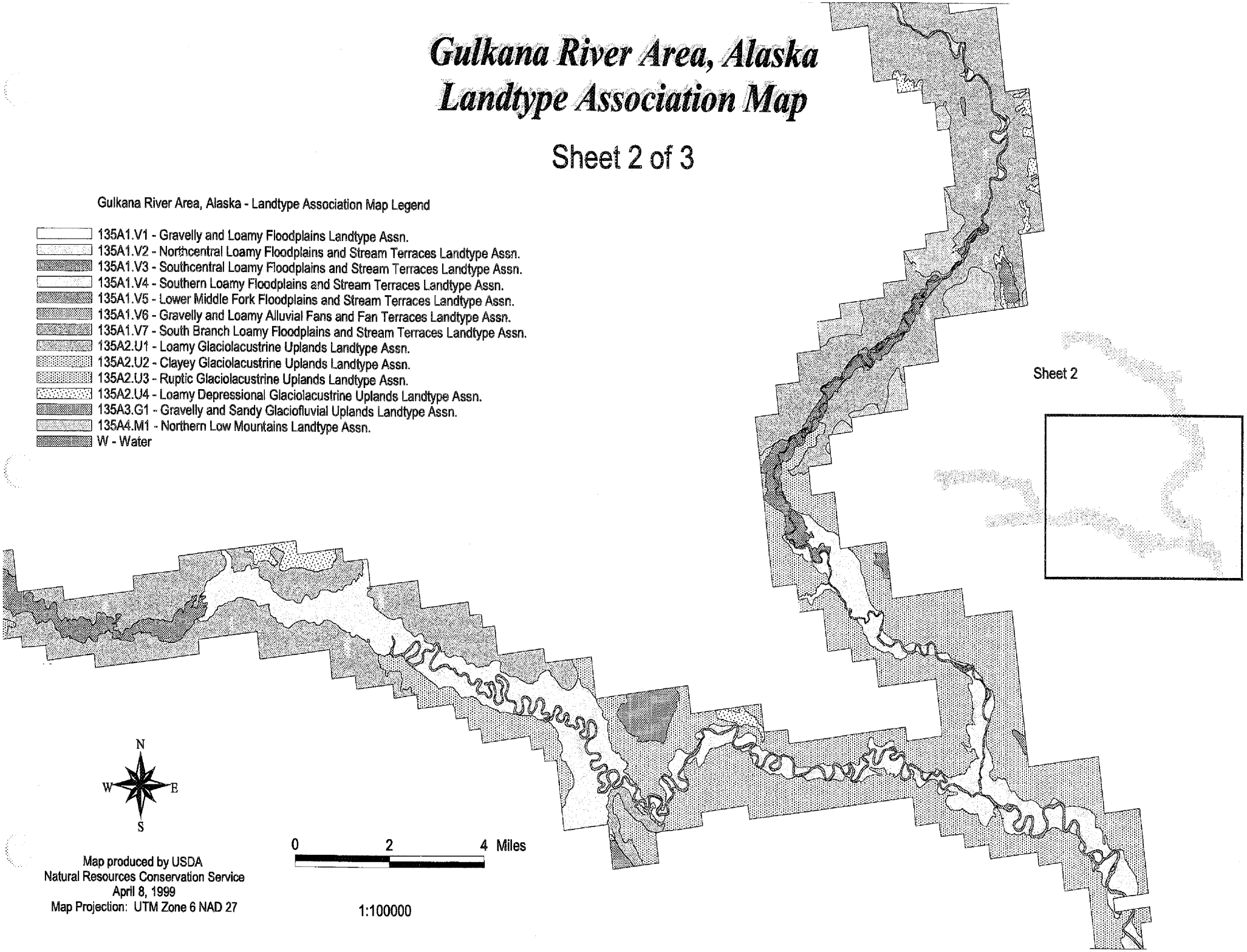
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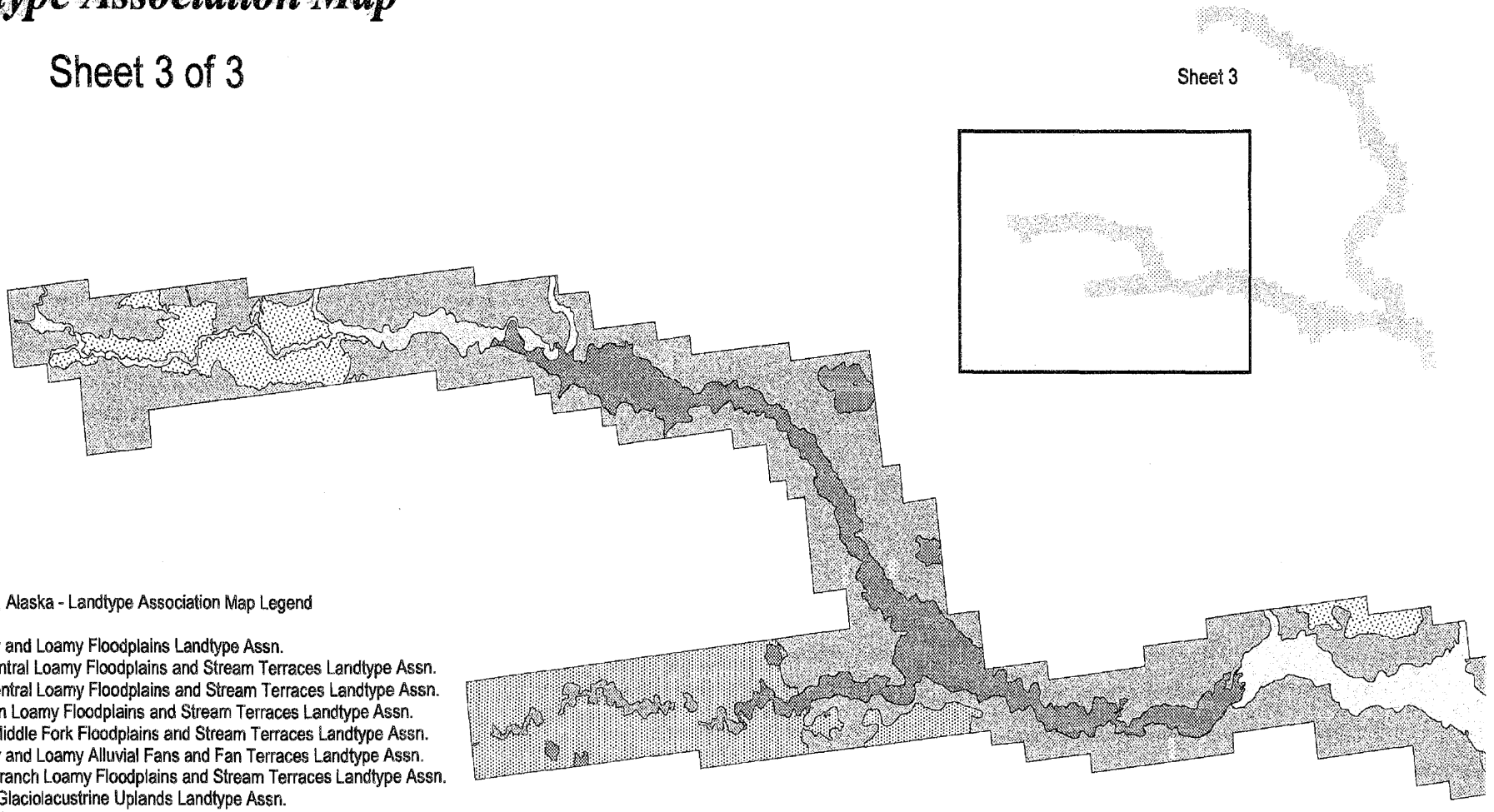
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# *Gulkana River Area, Alaska*
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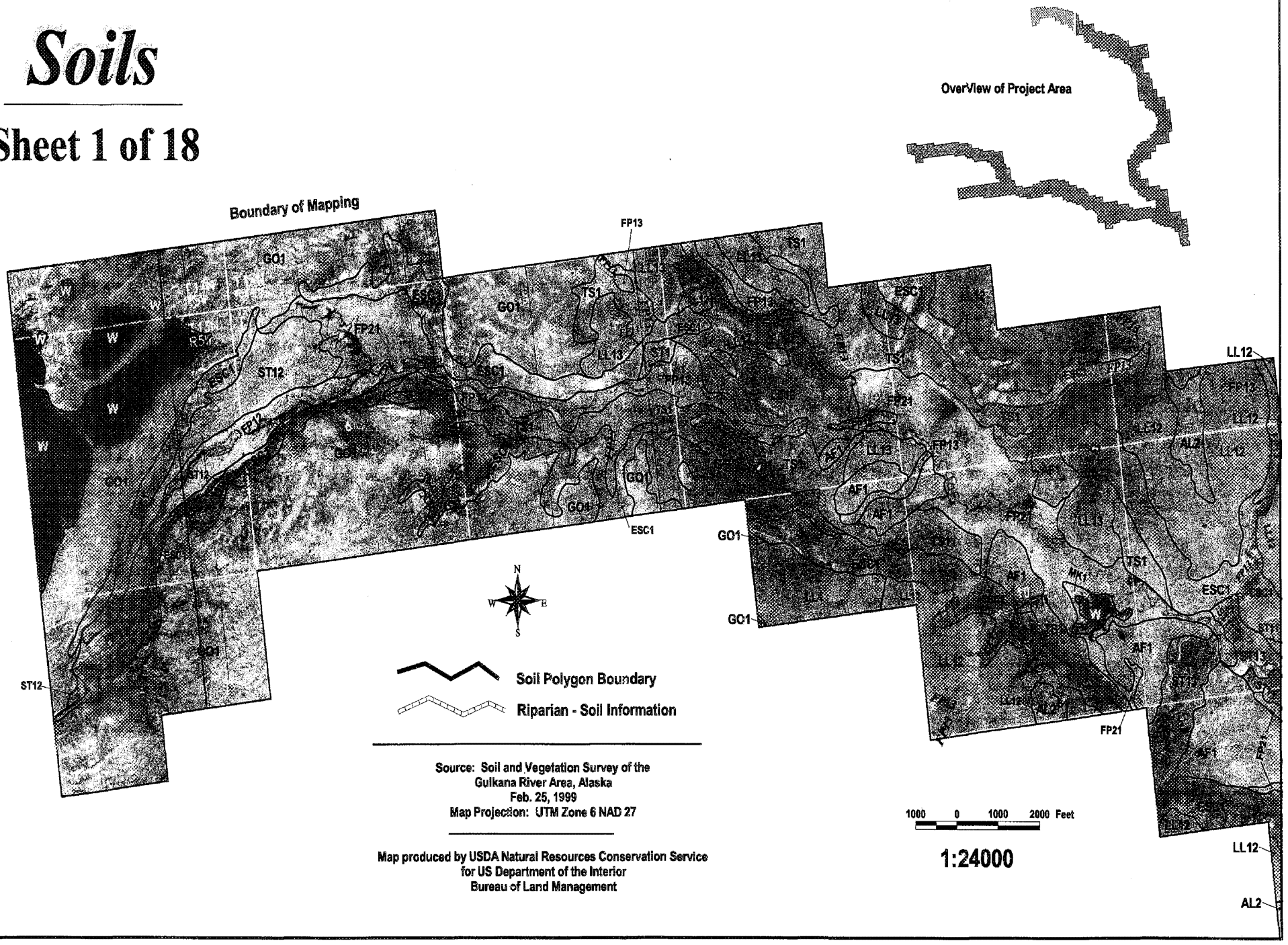
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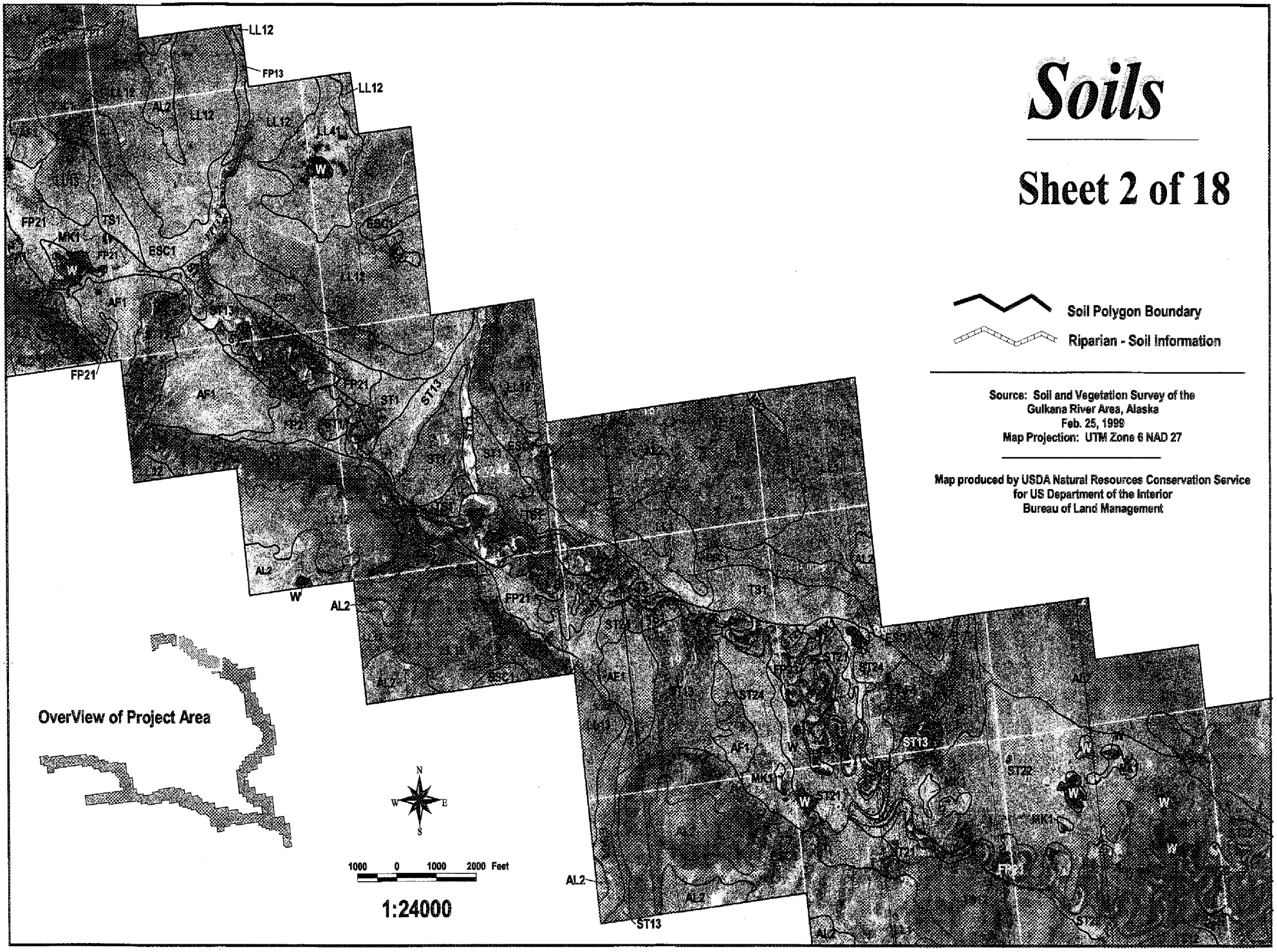



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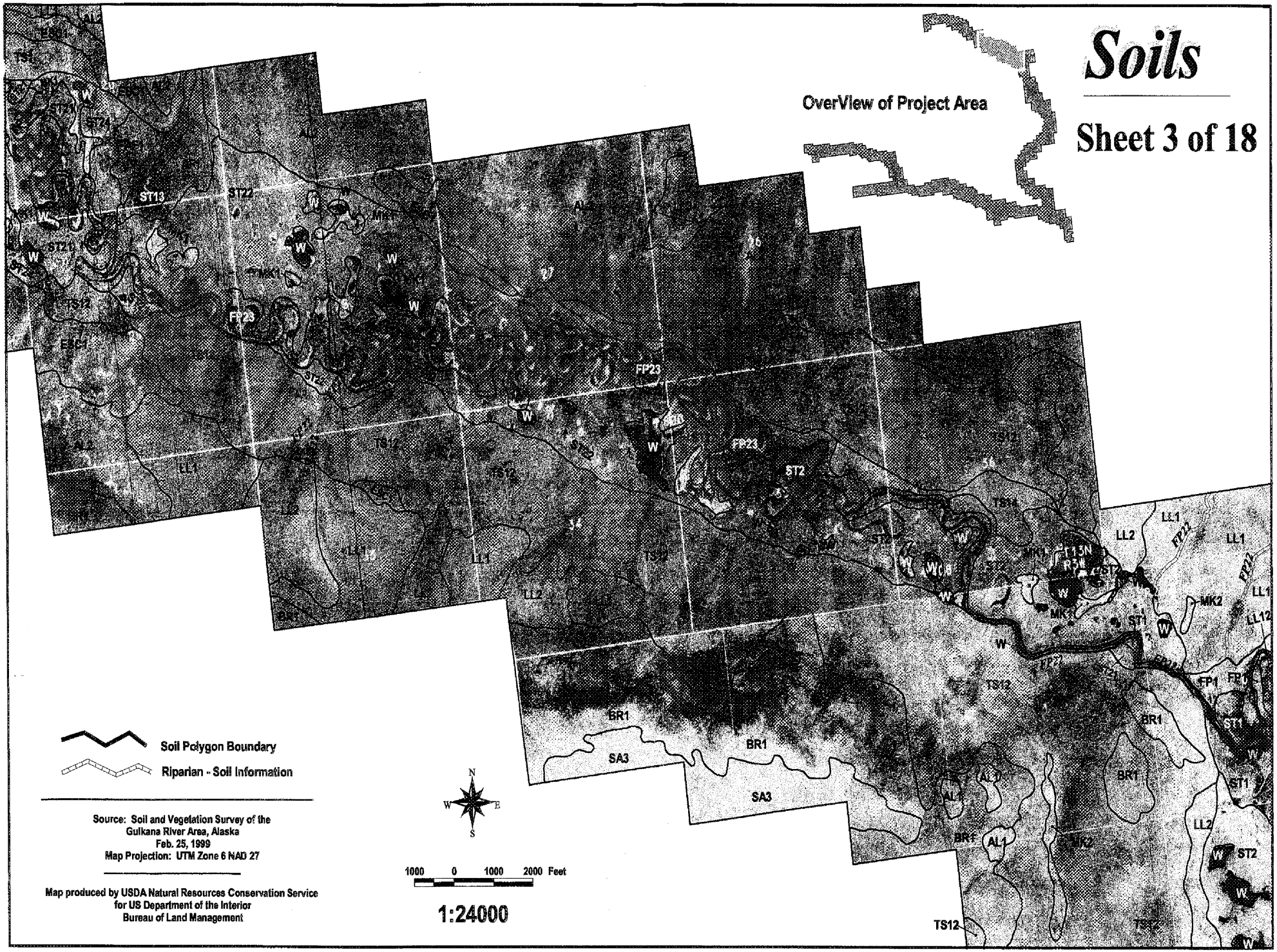
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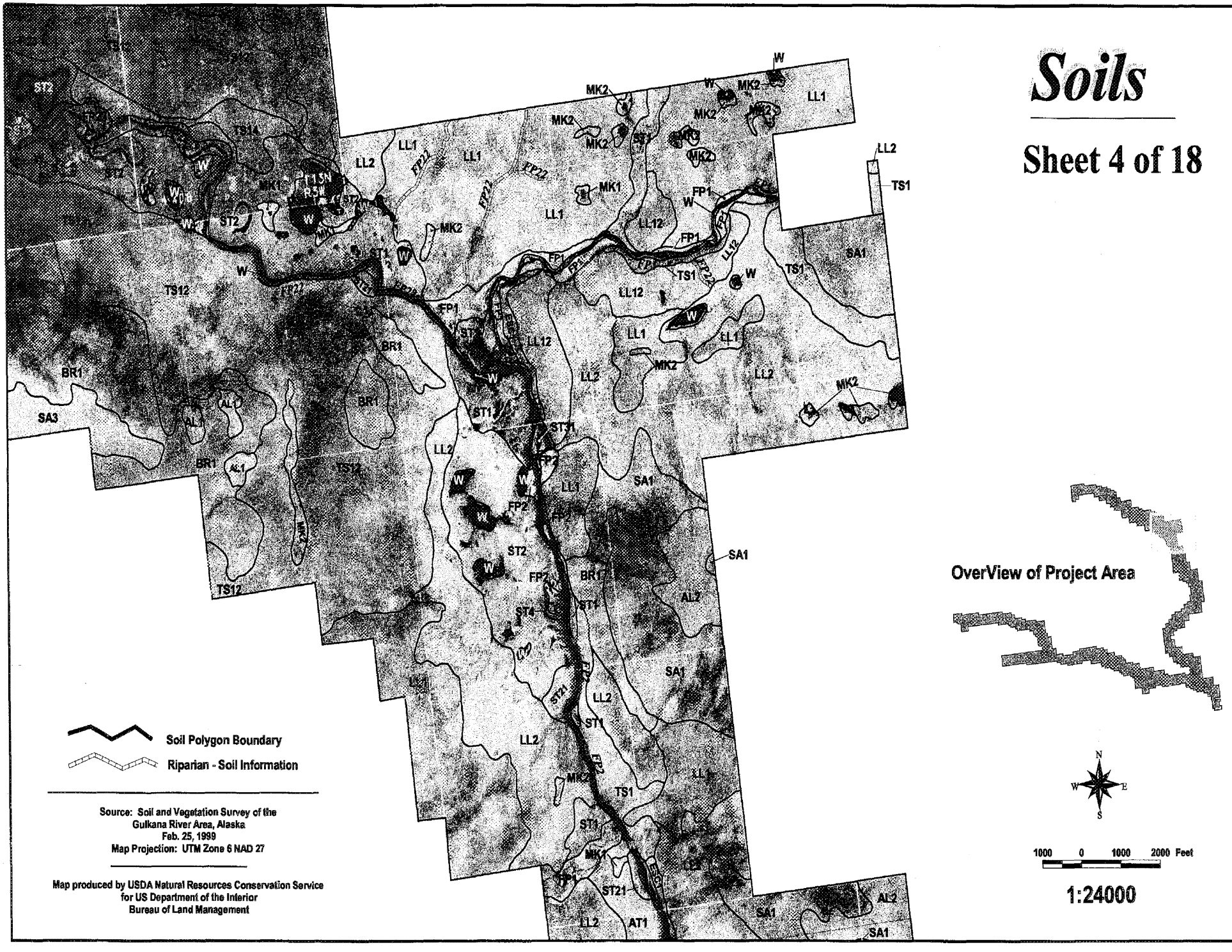
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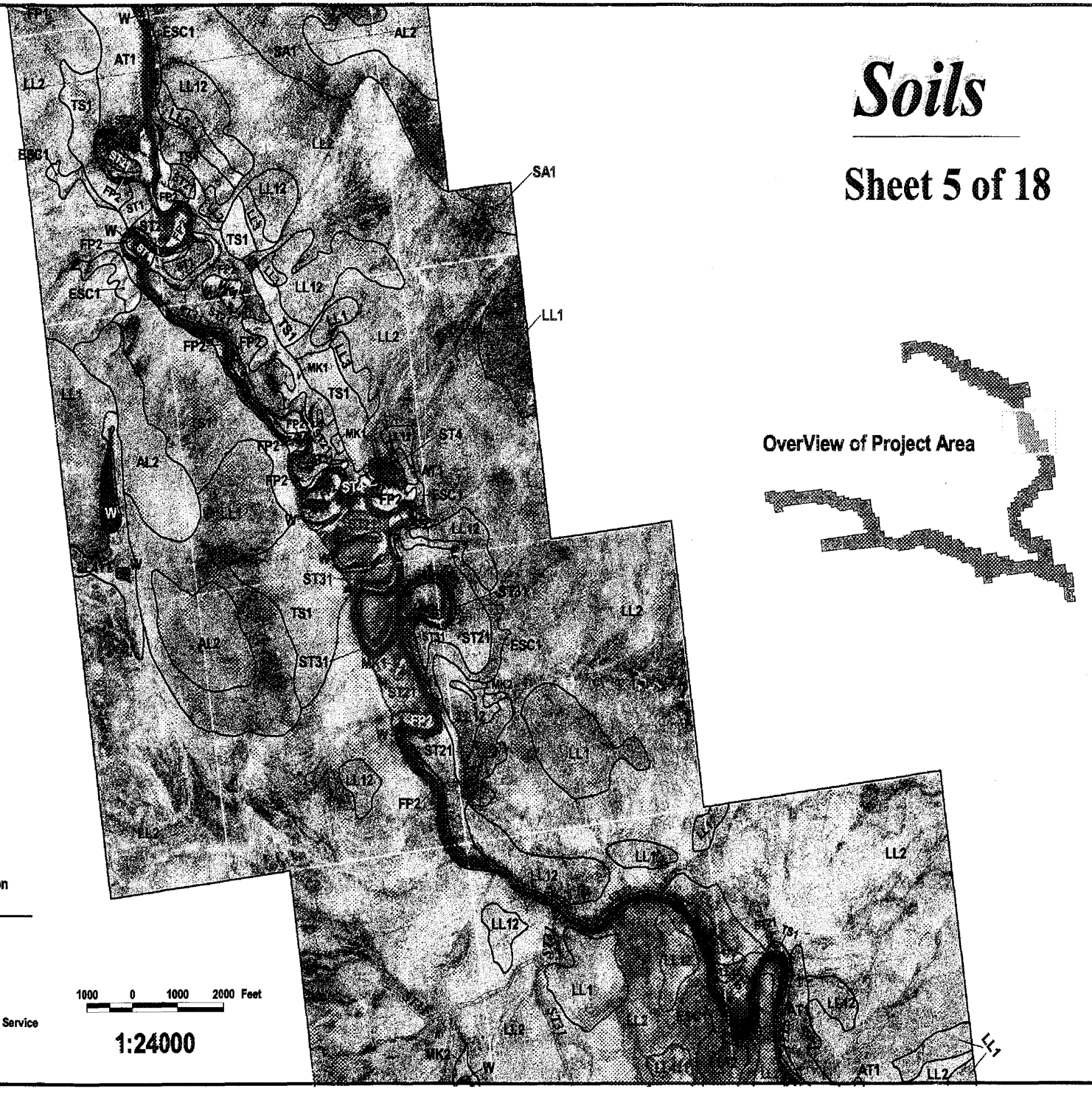
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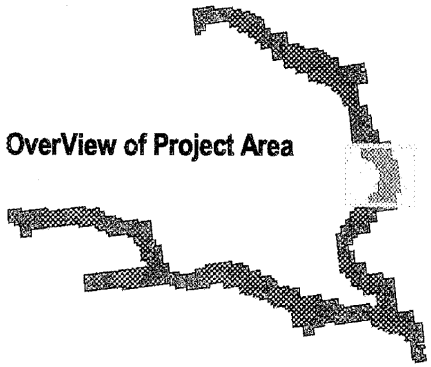
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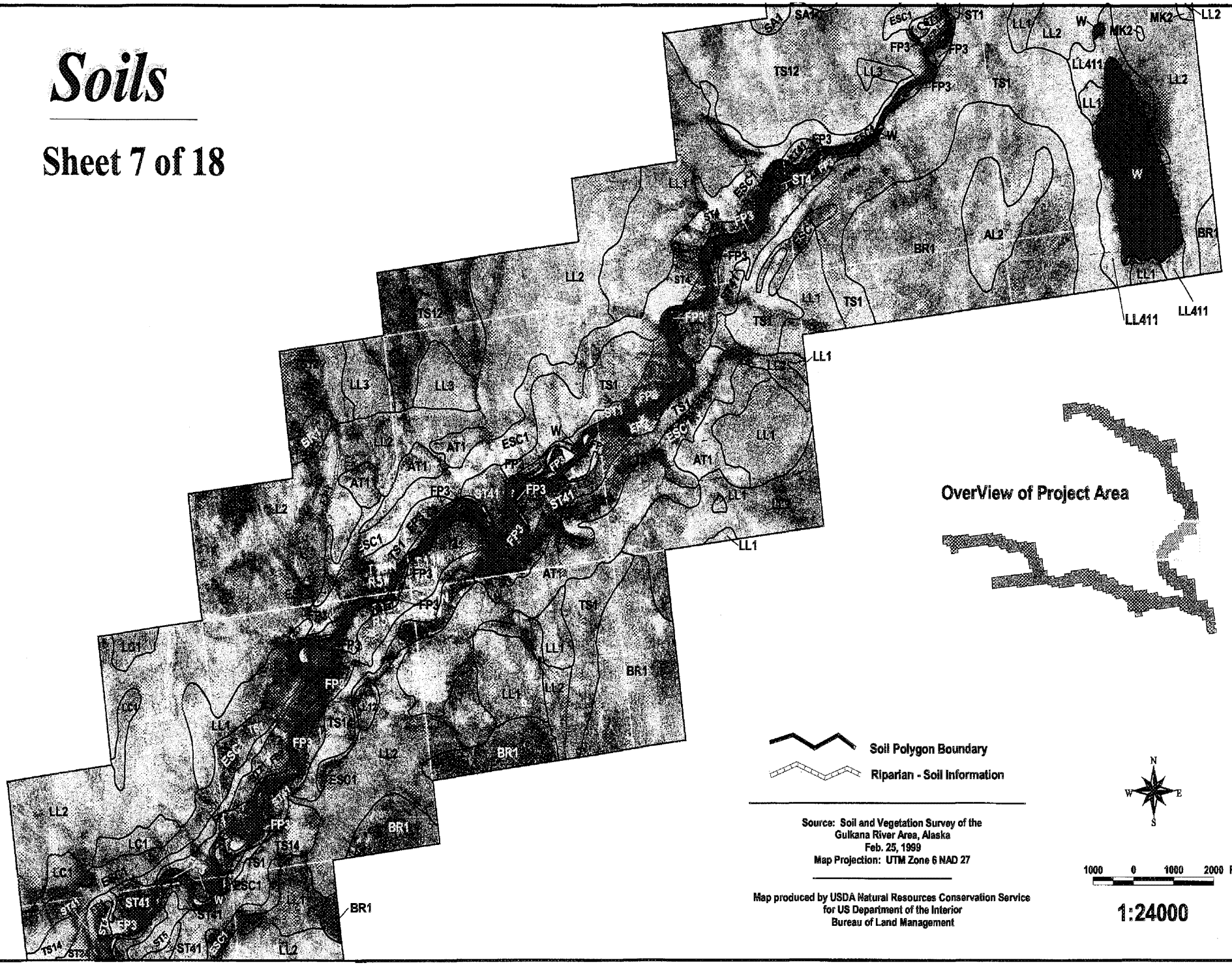
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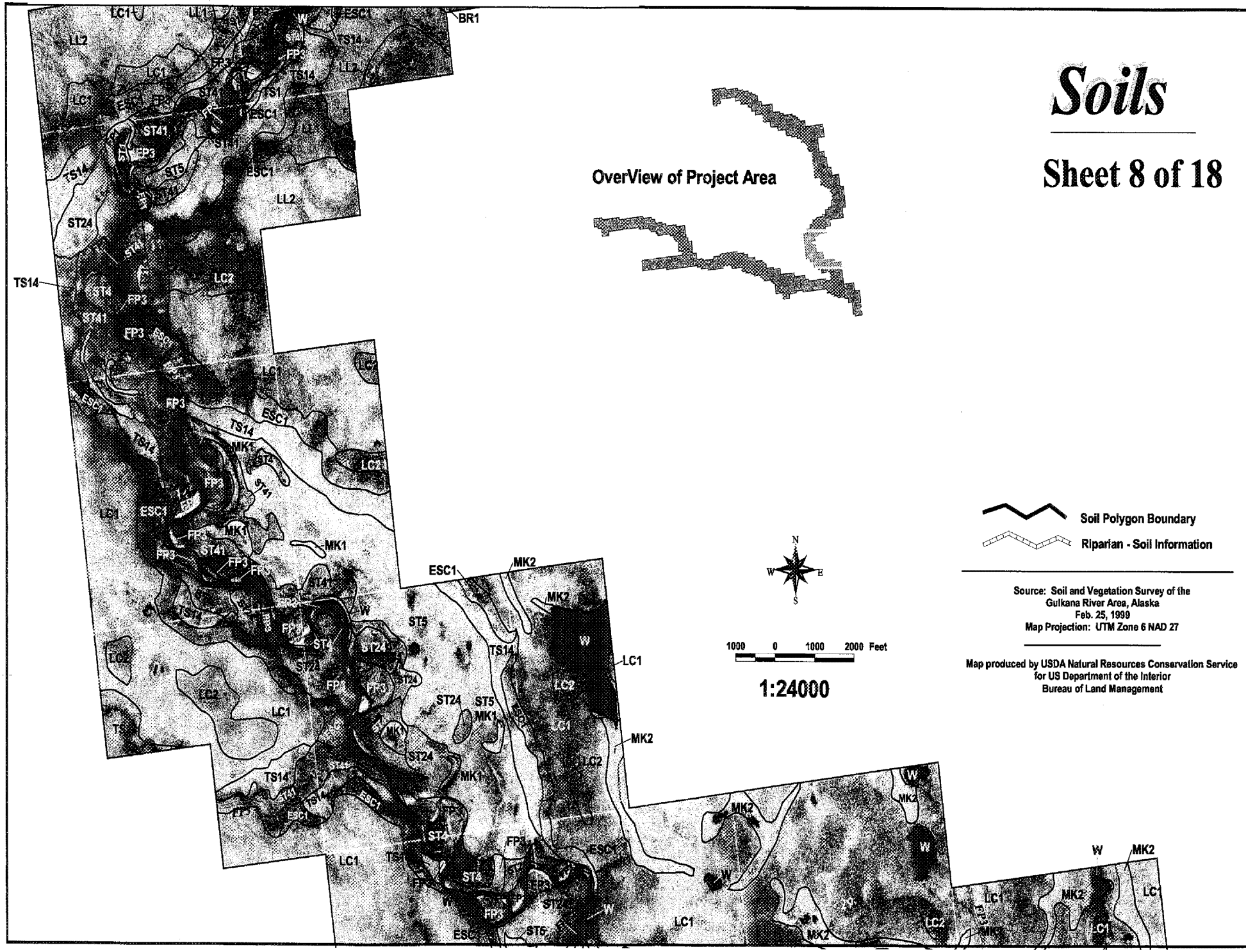
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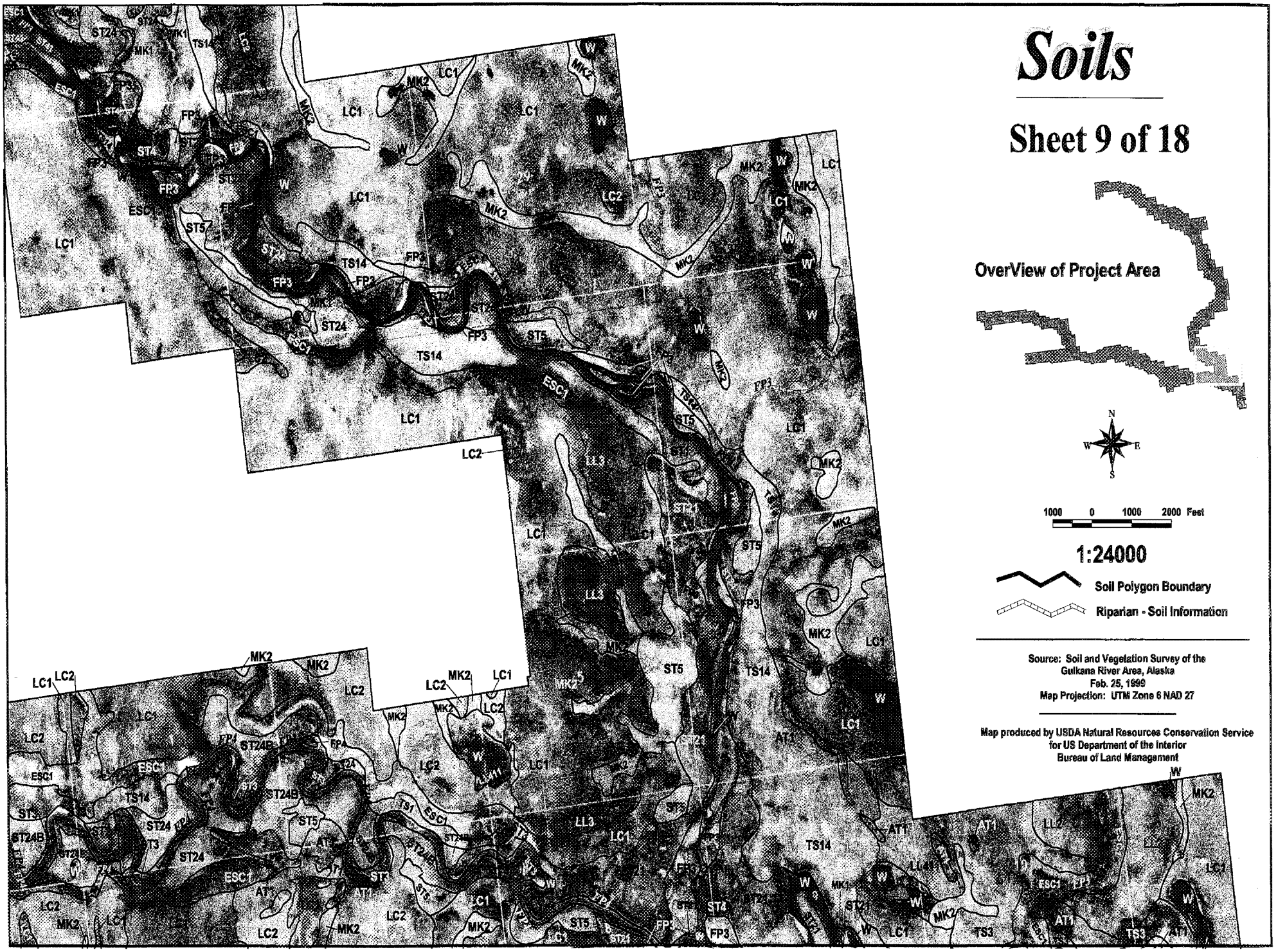
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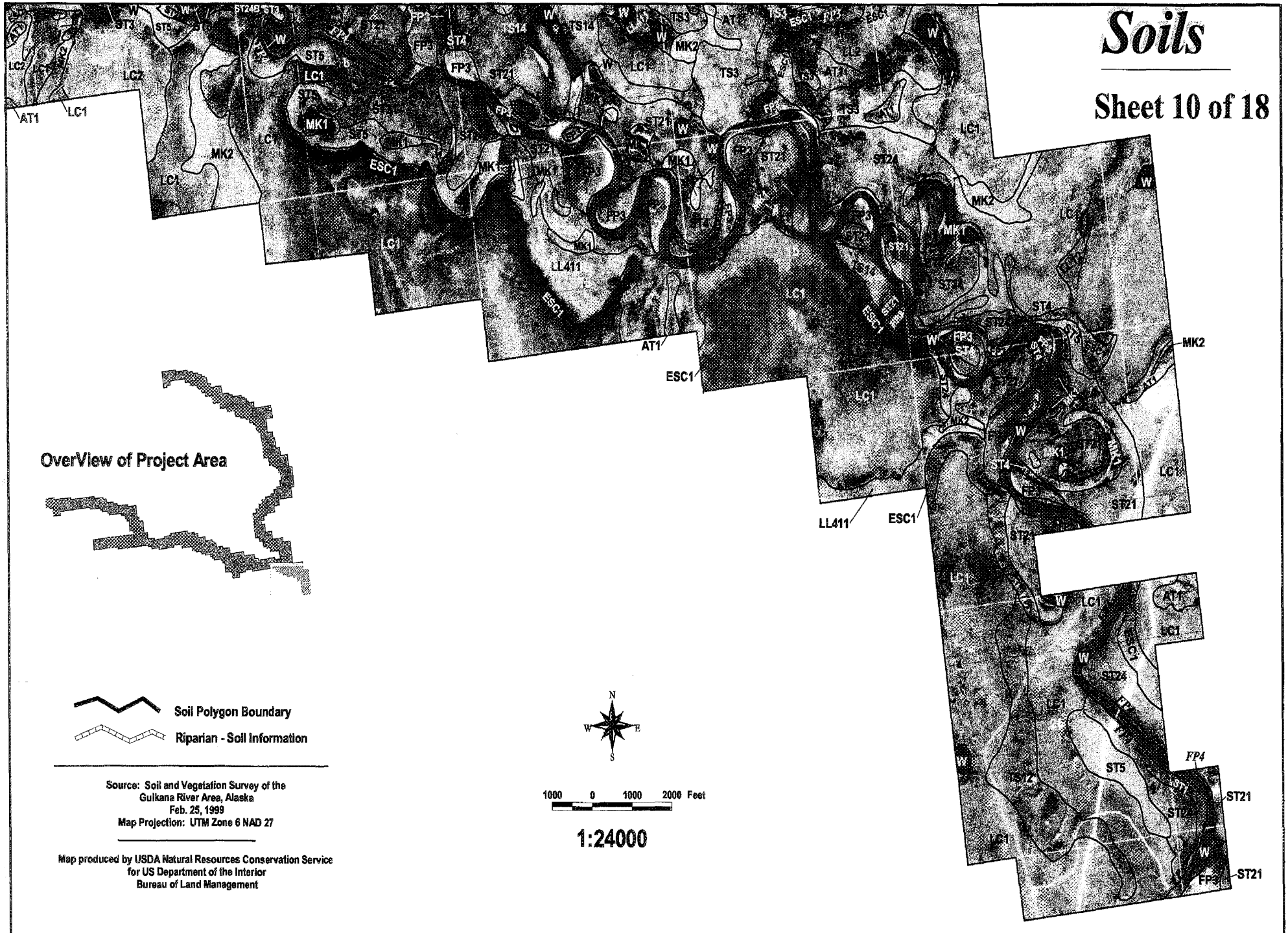
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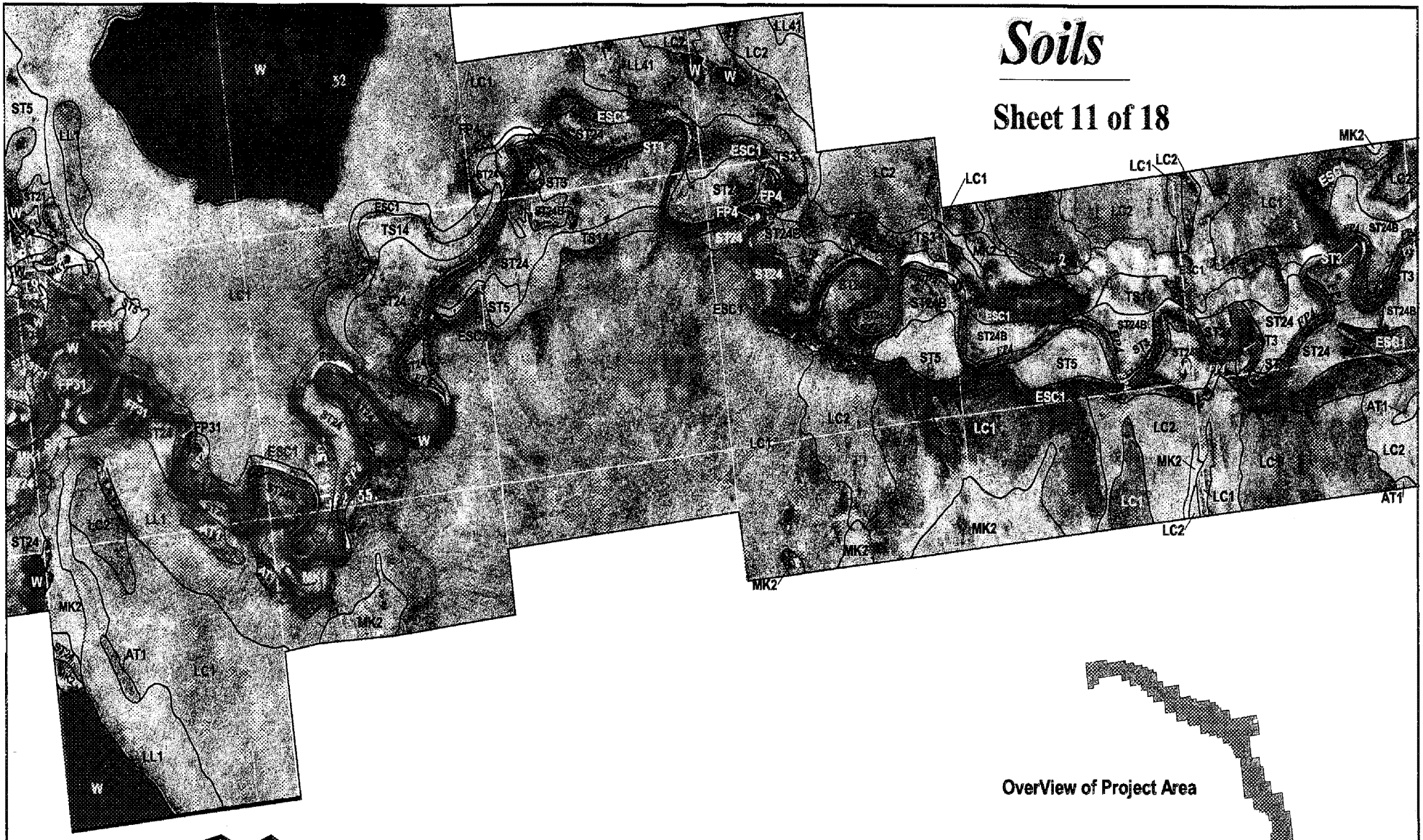
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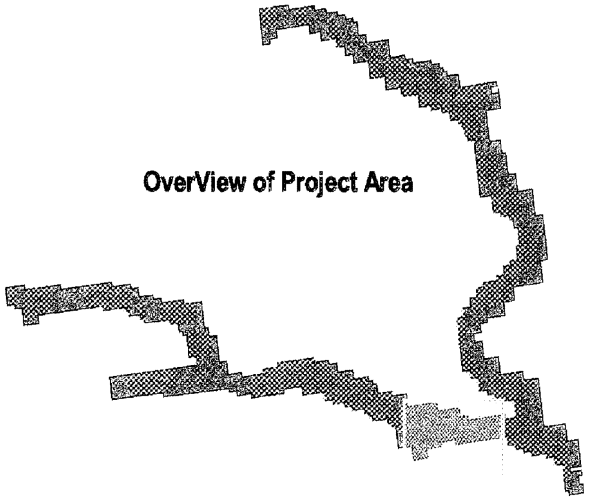
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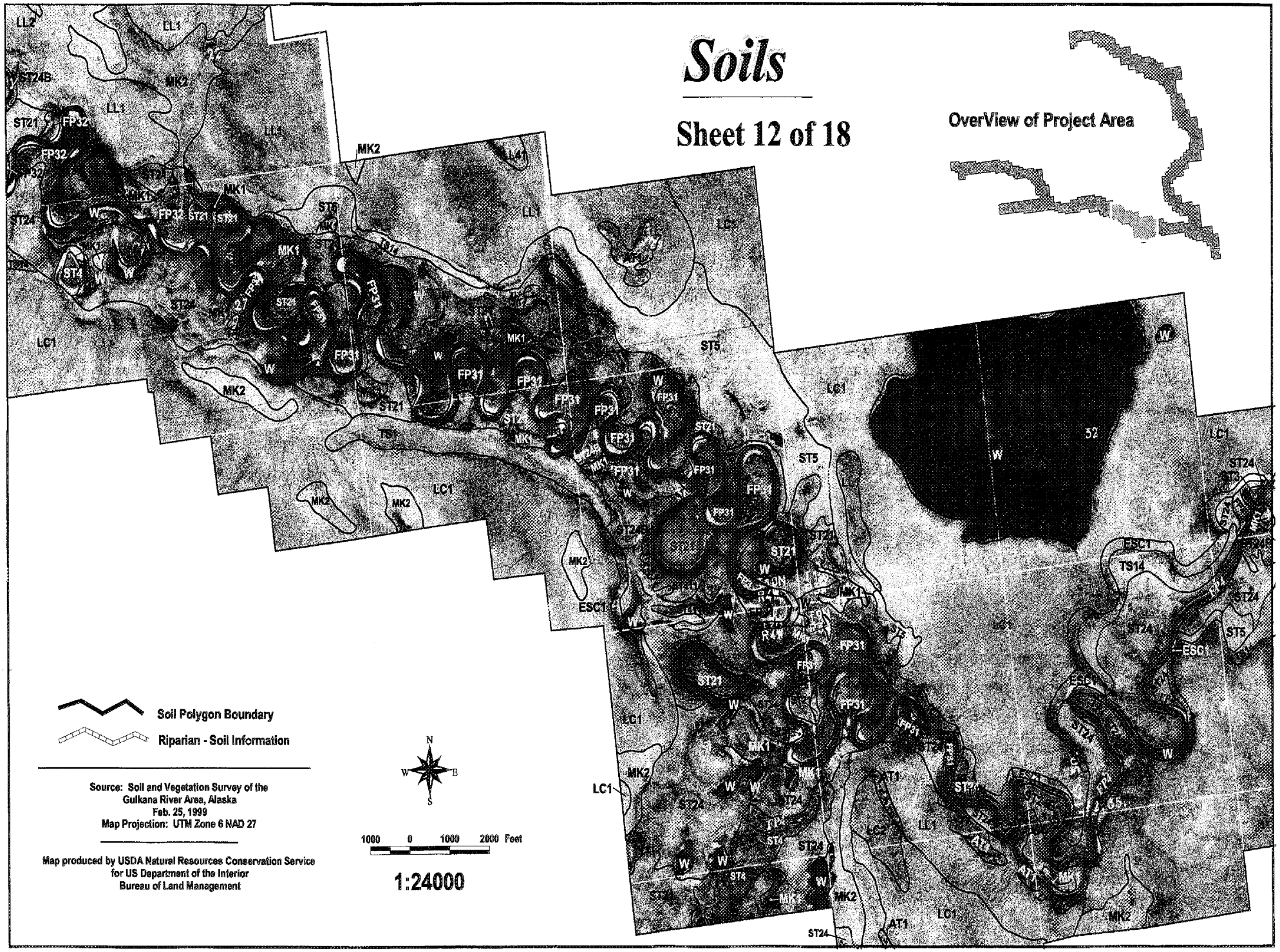
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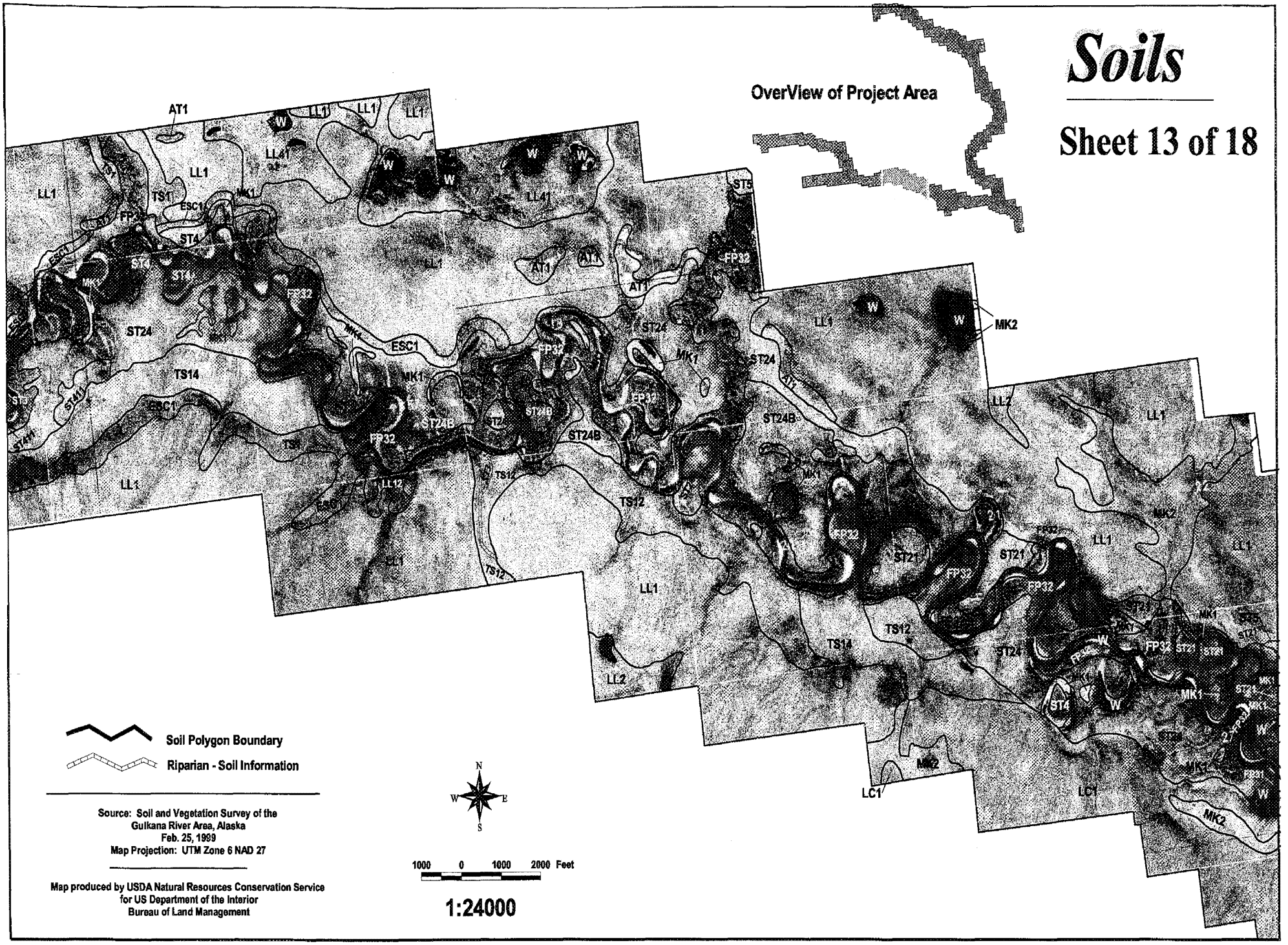
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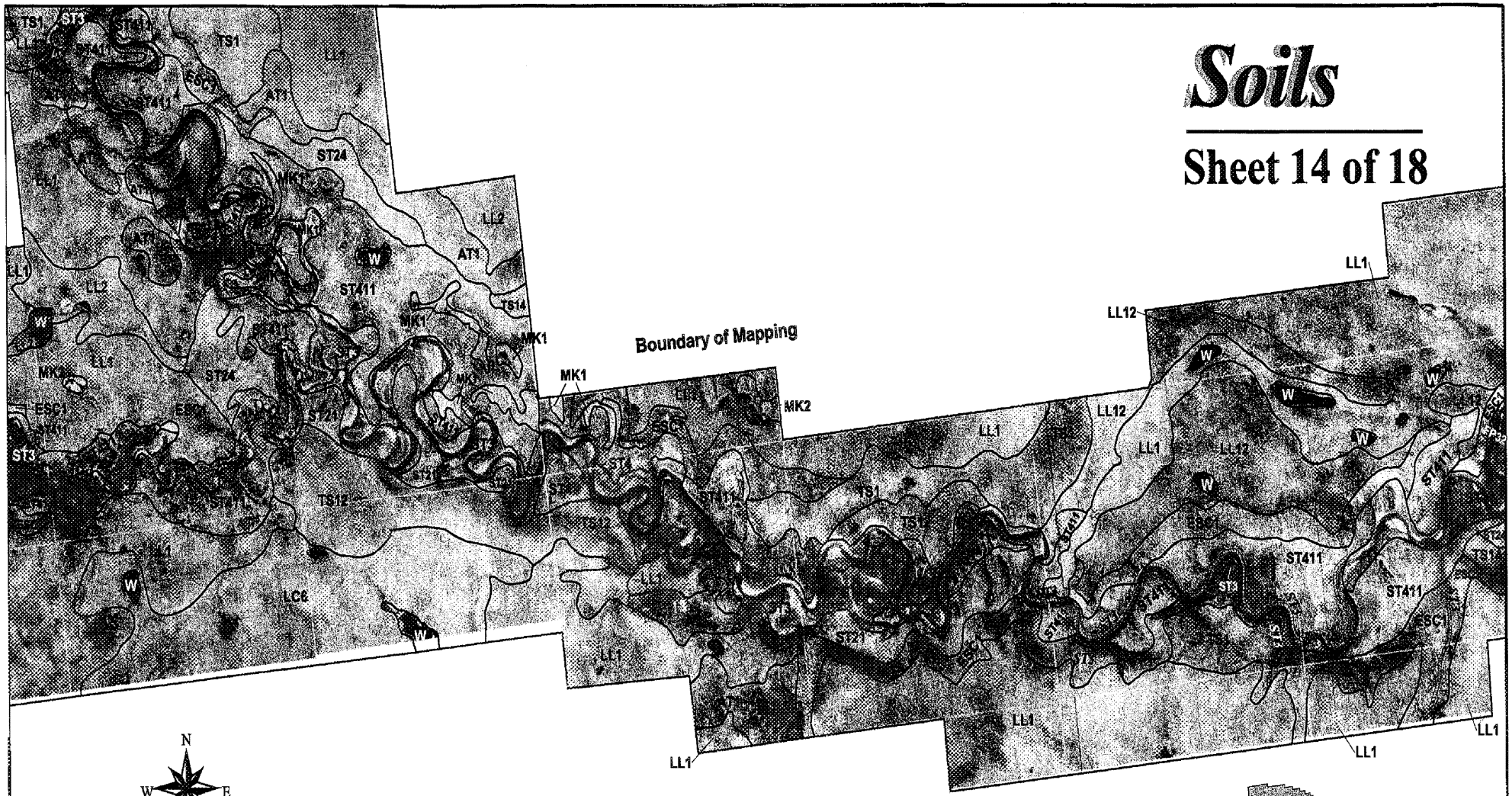



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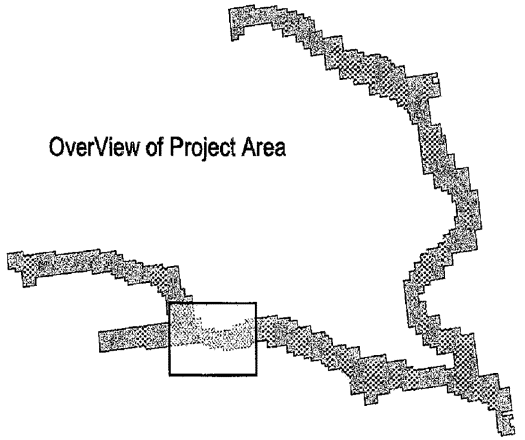
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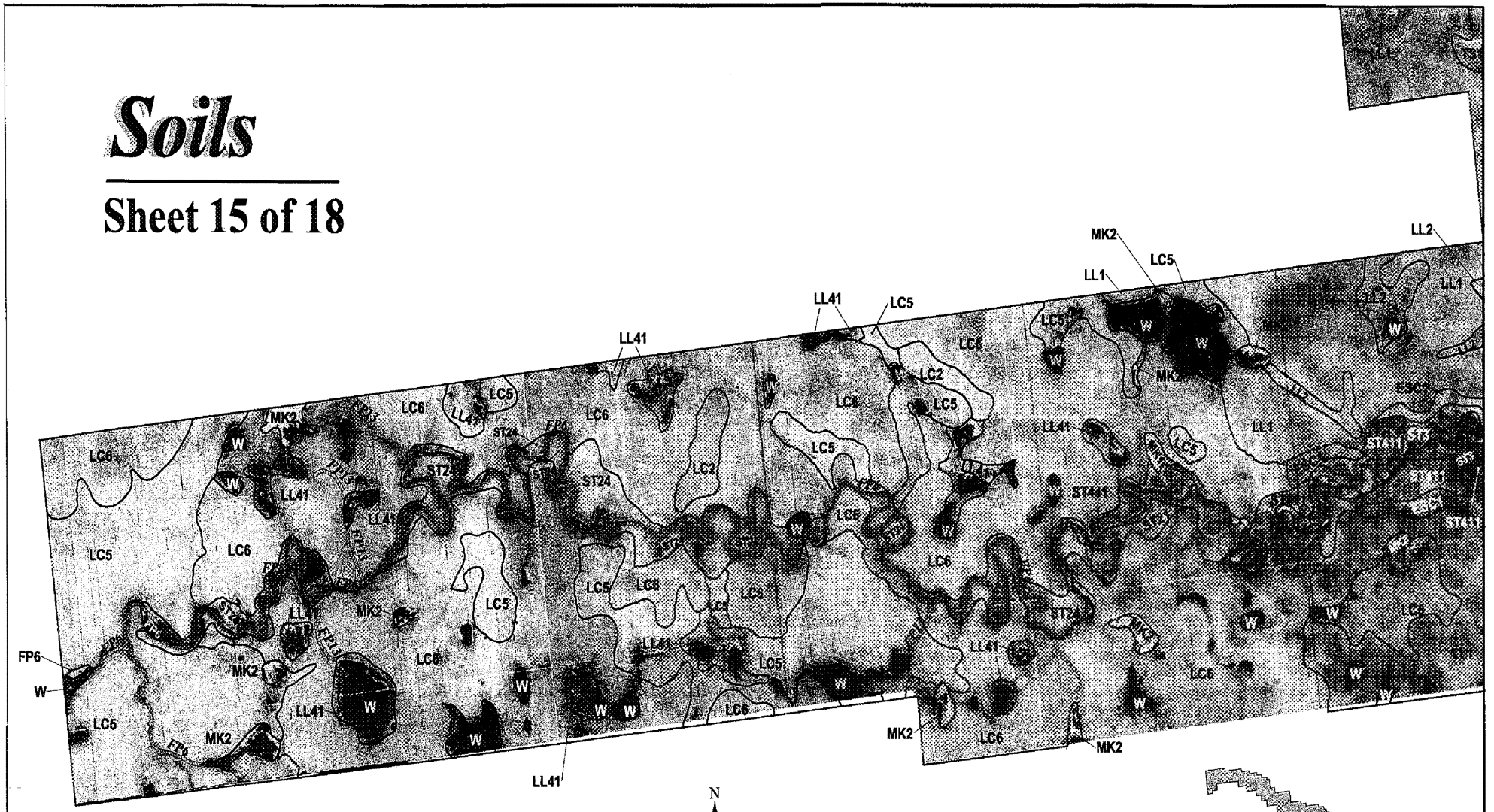


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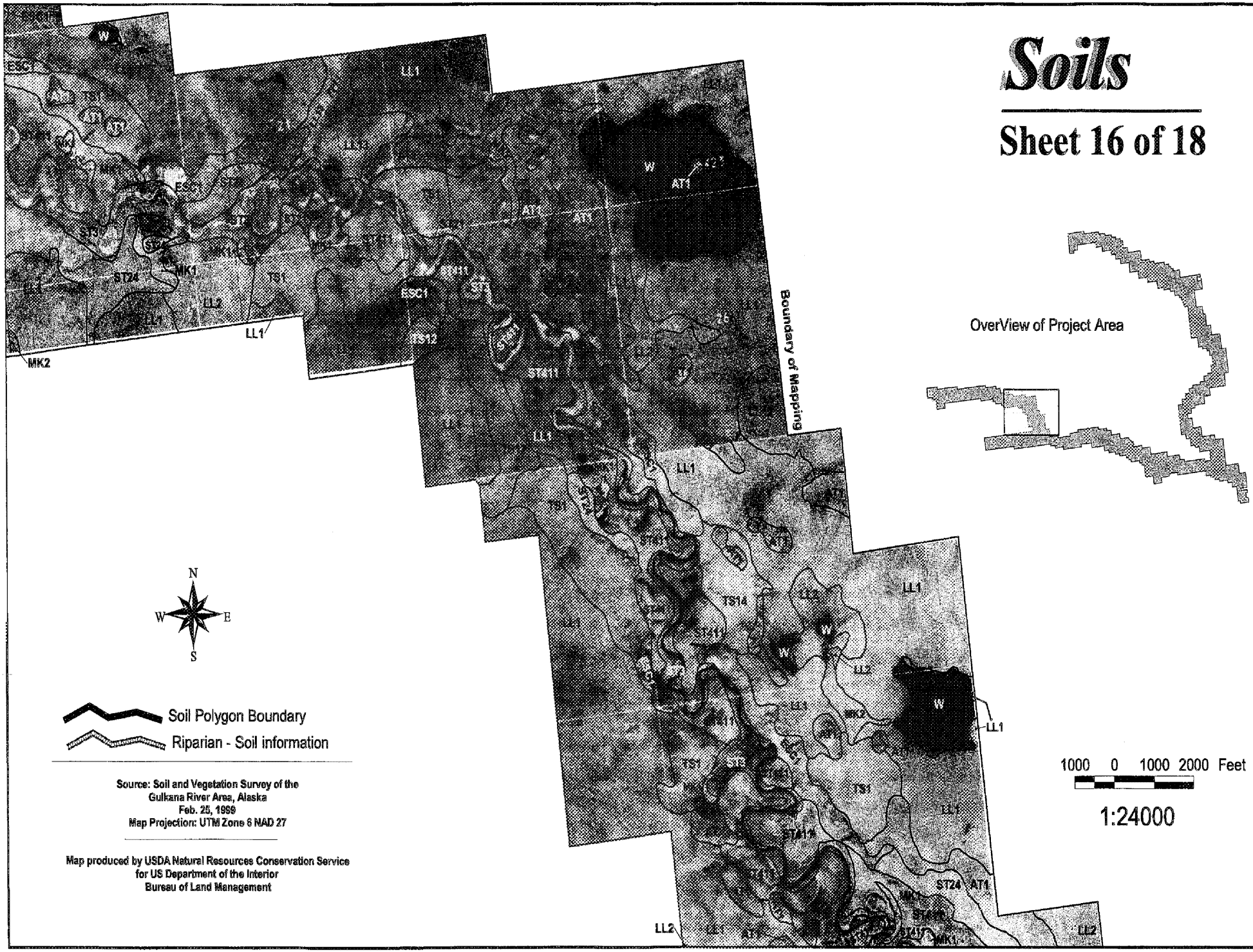
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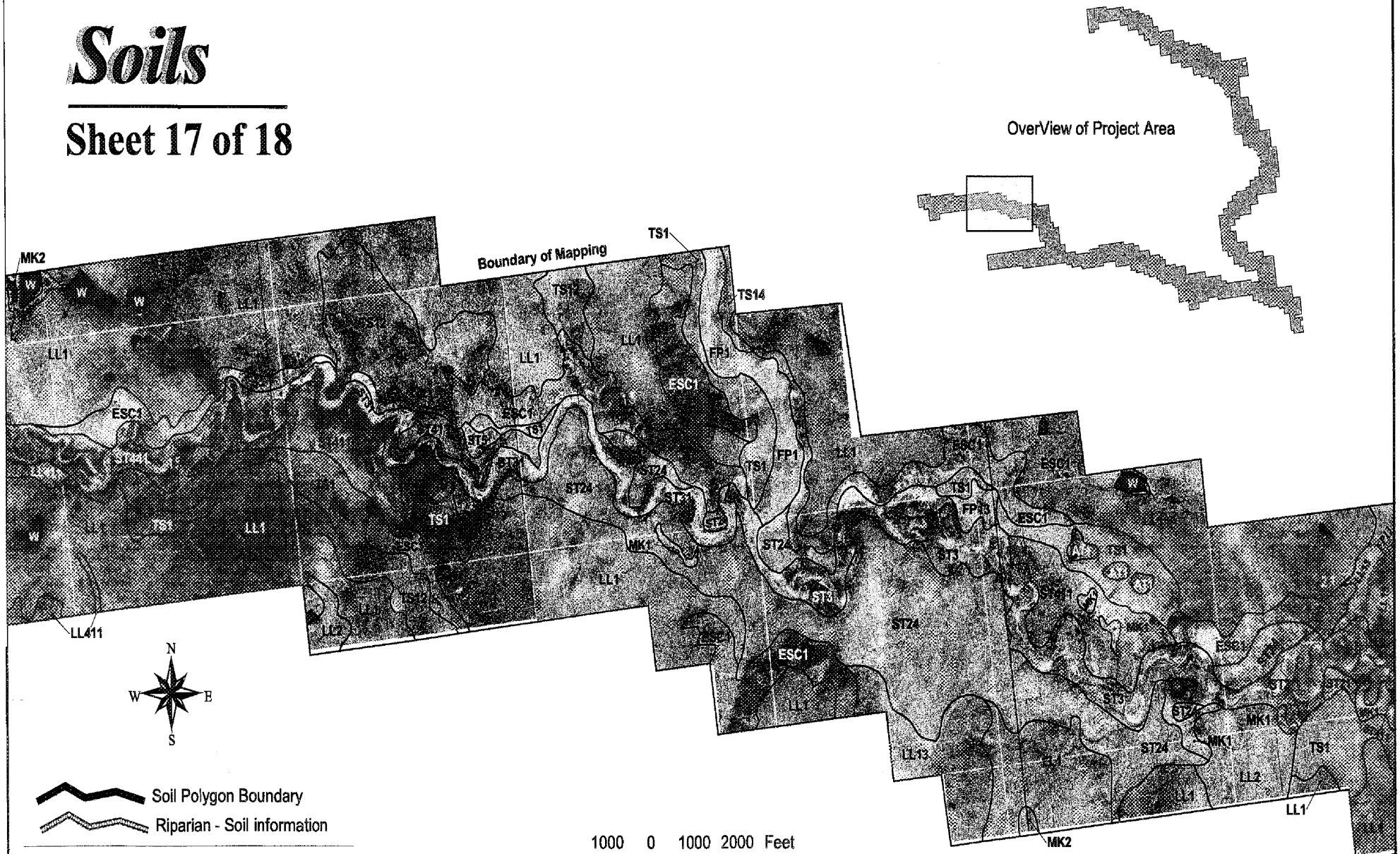



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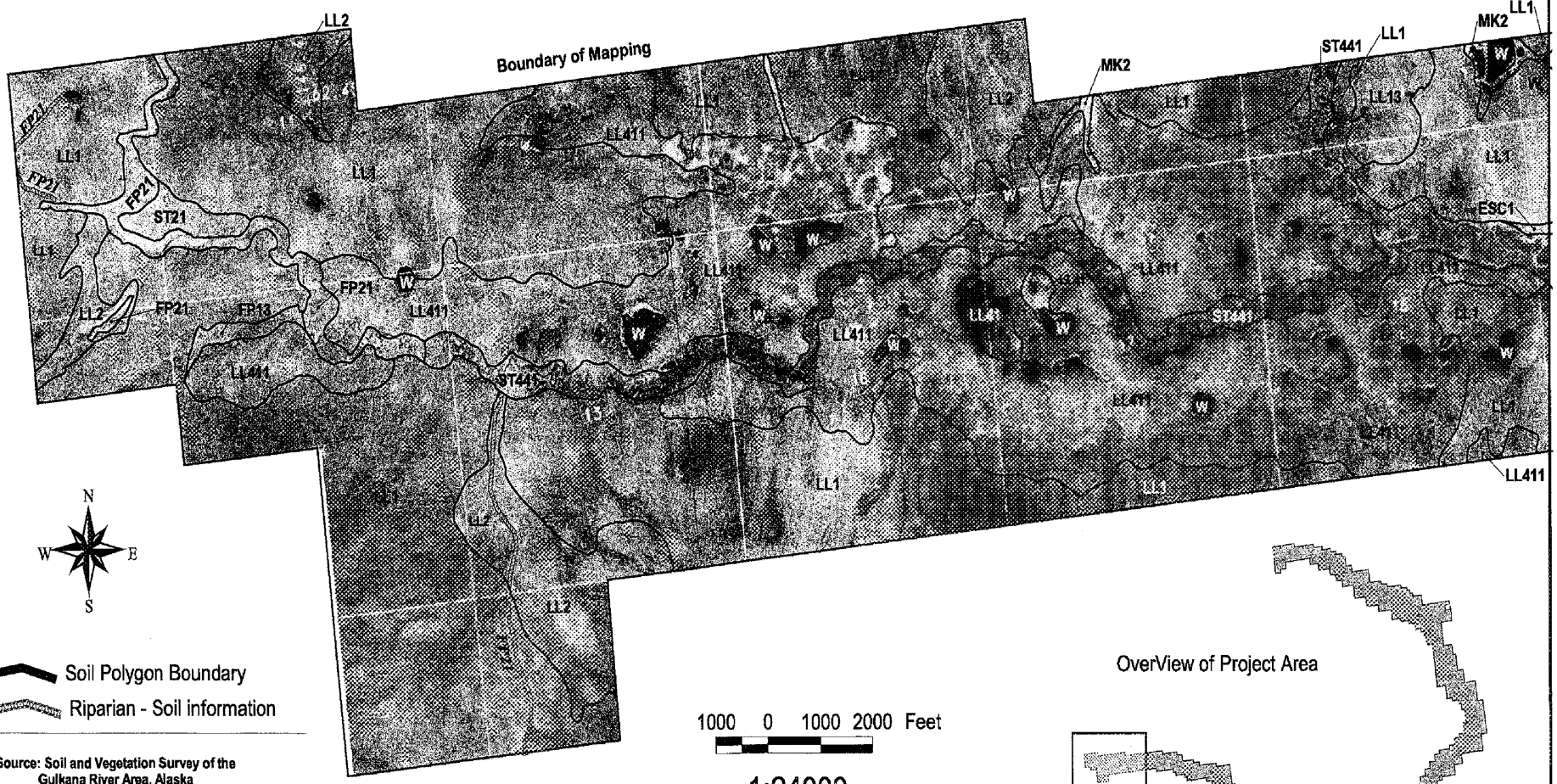
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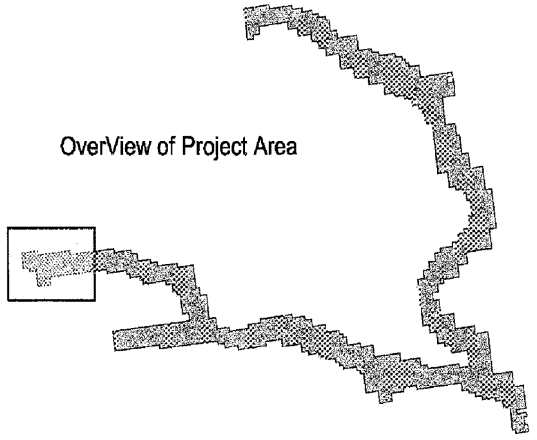

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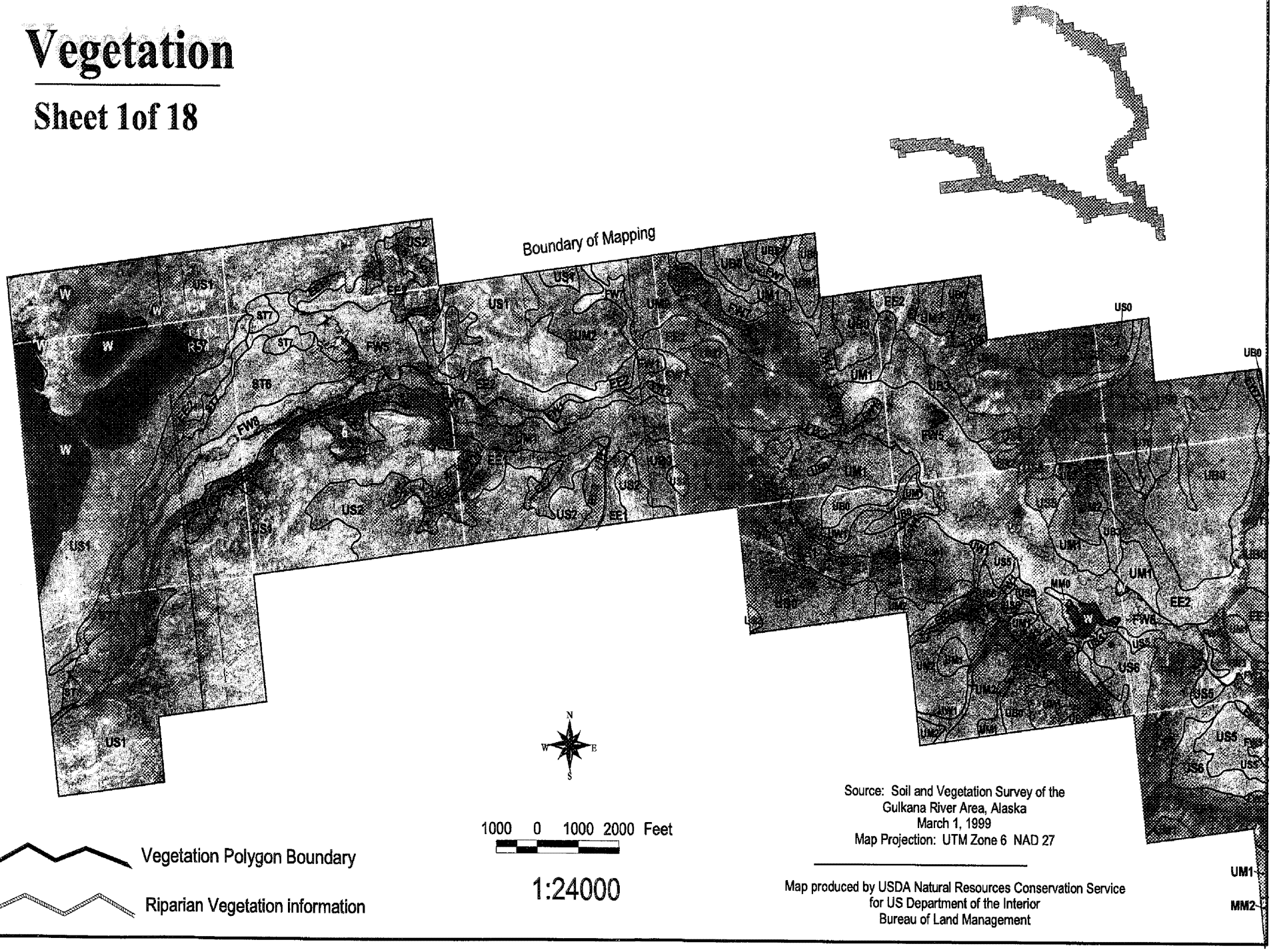


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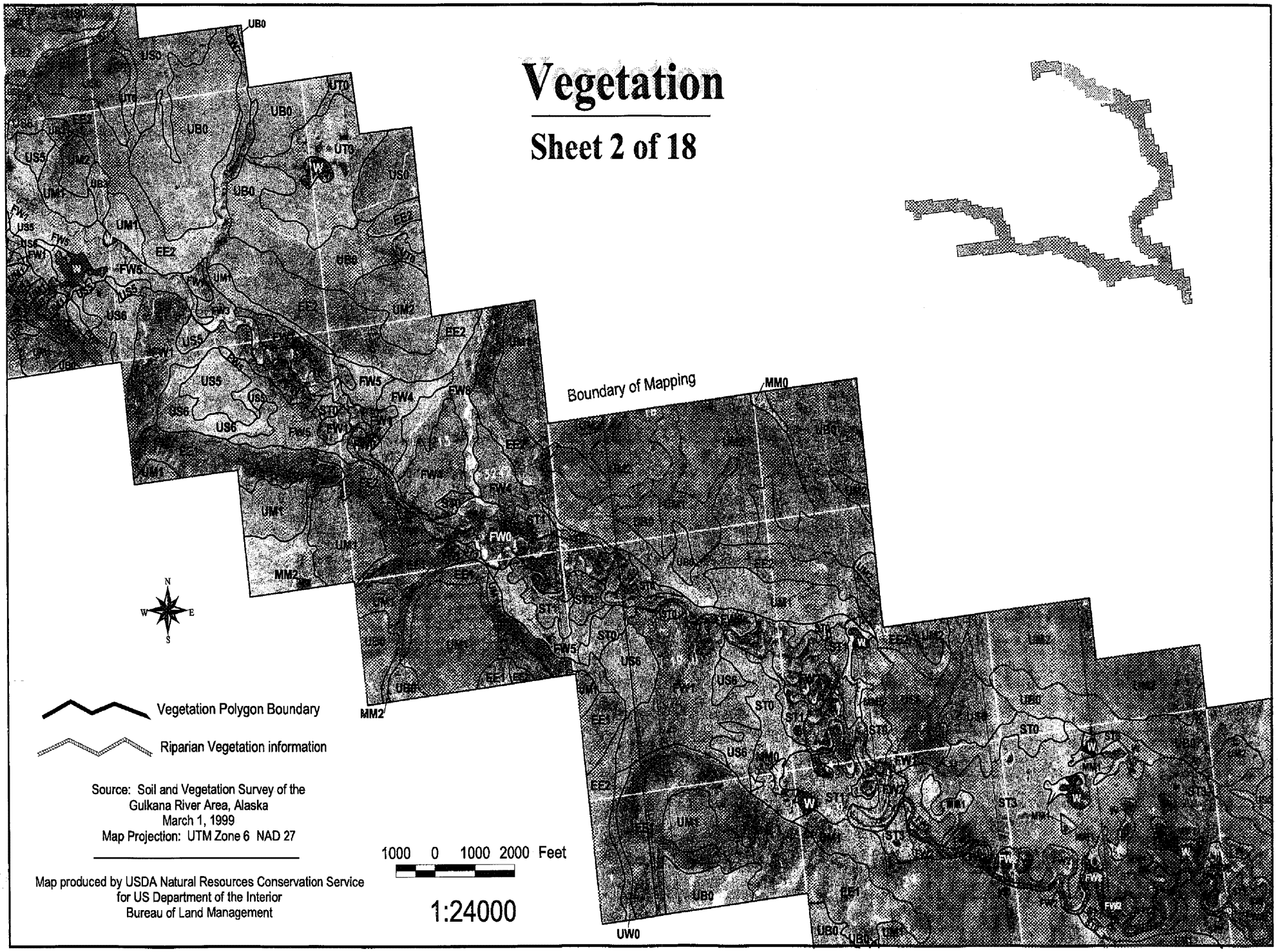
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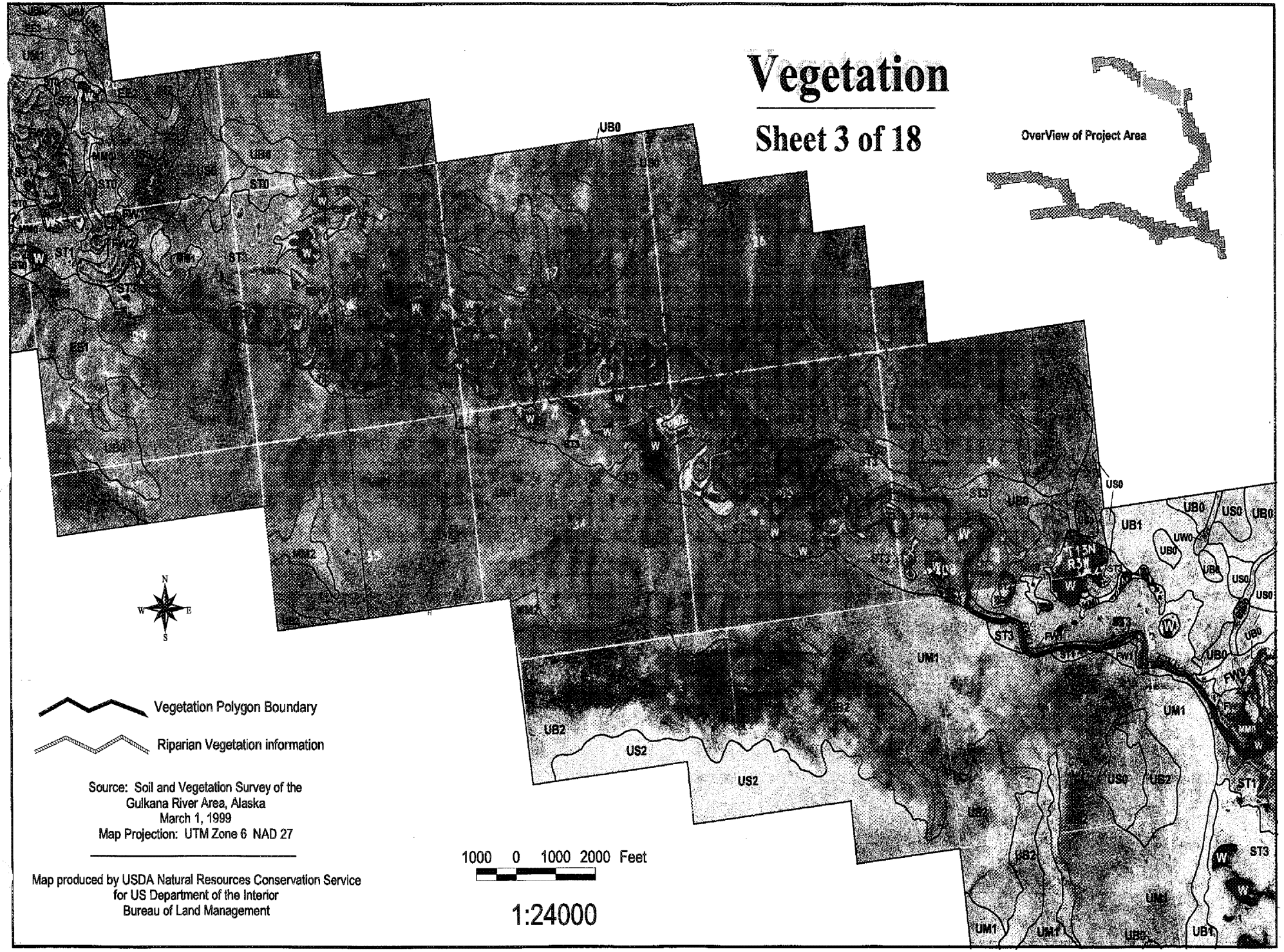
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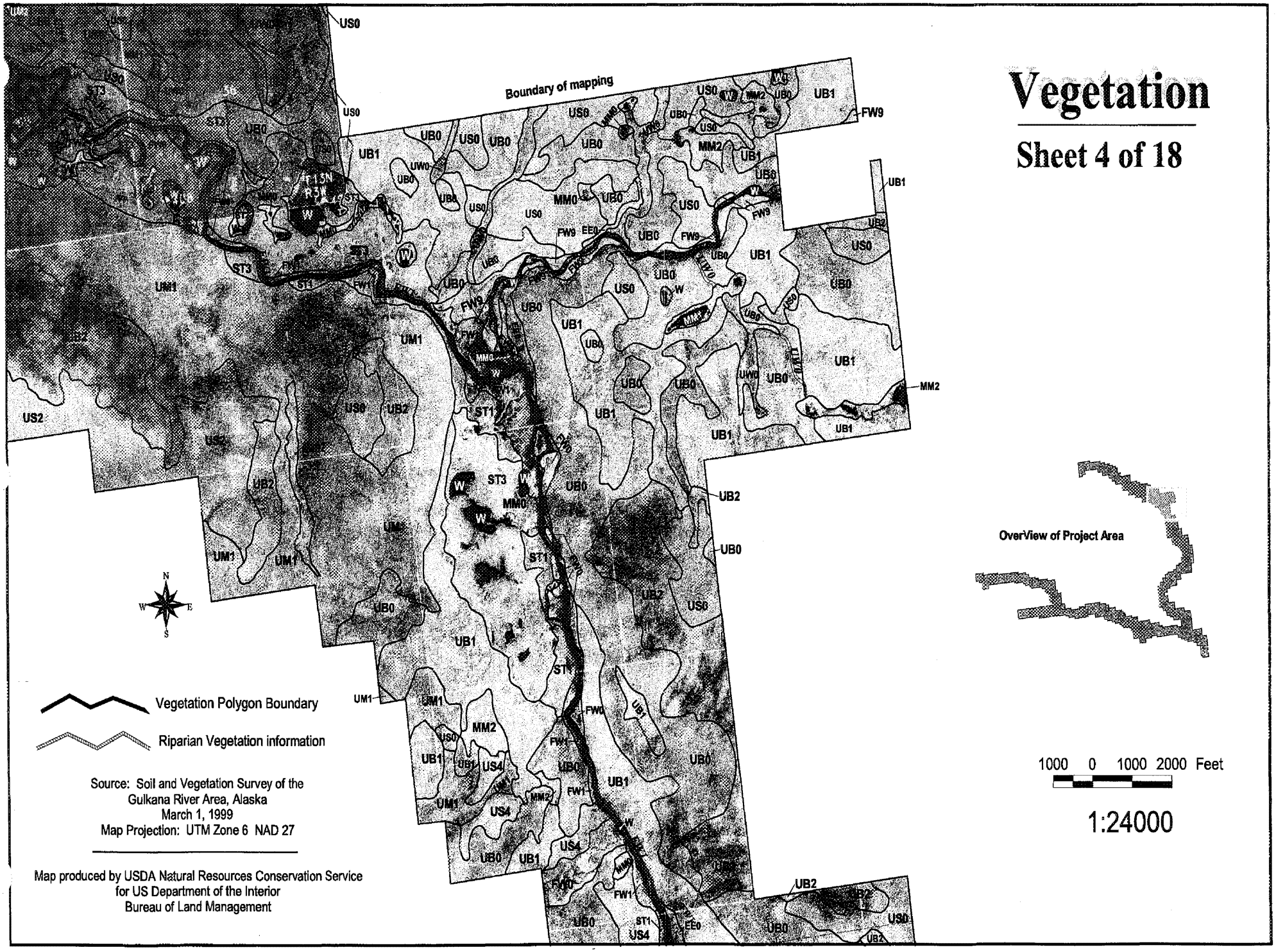
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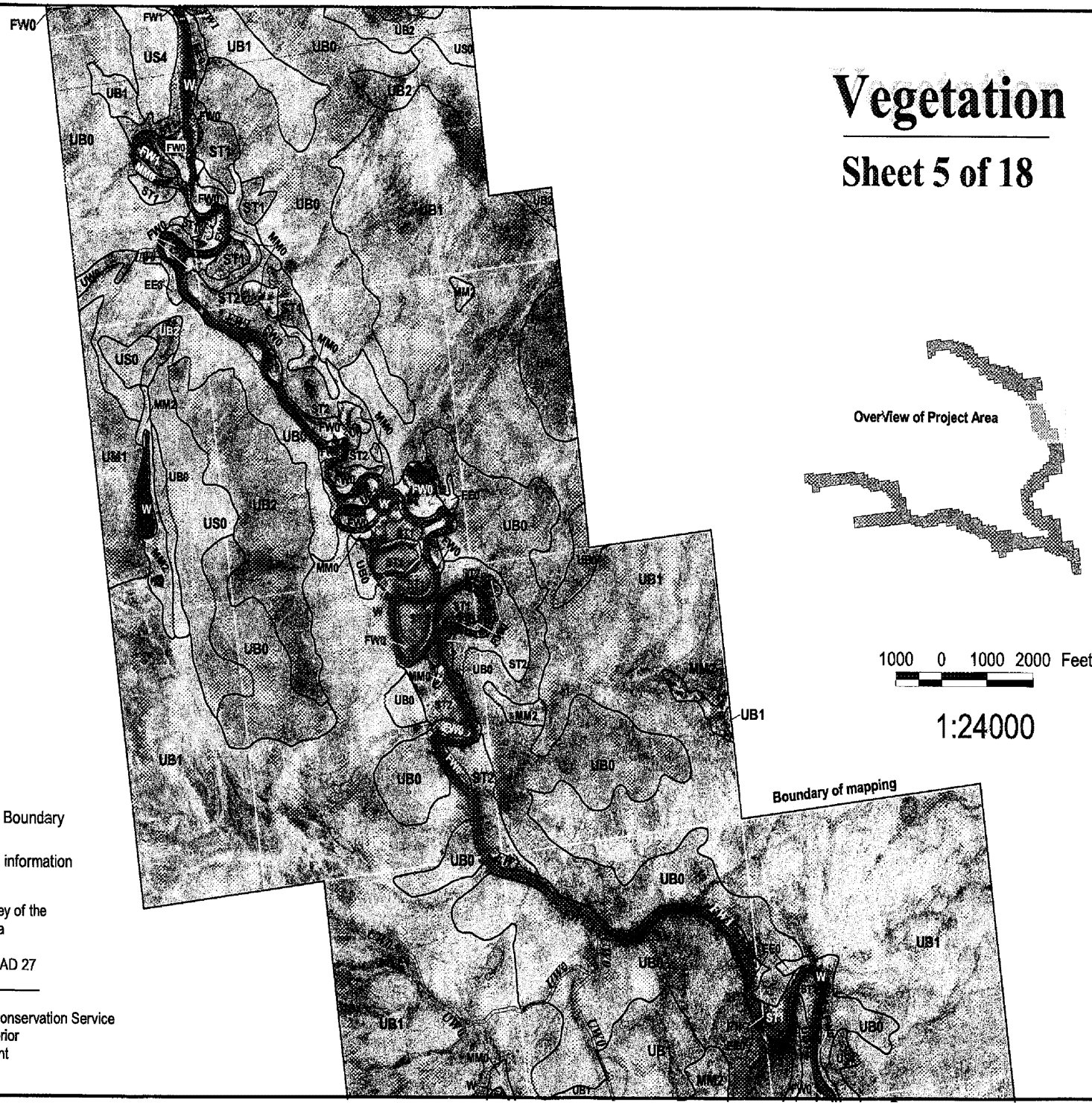



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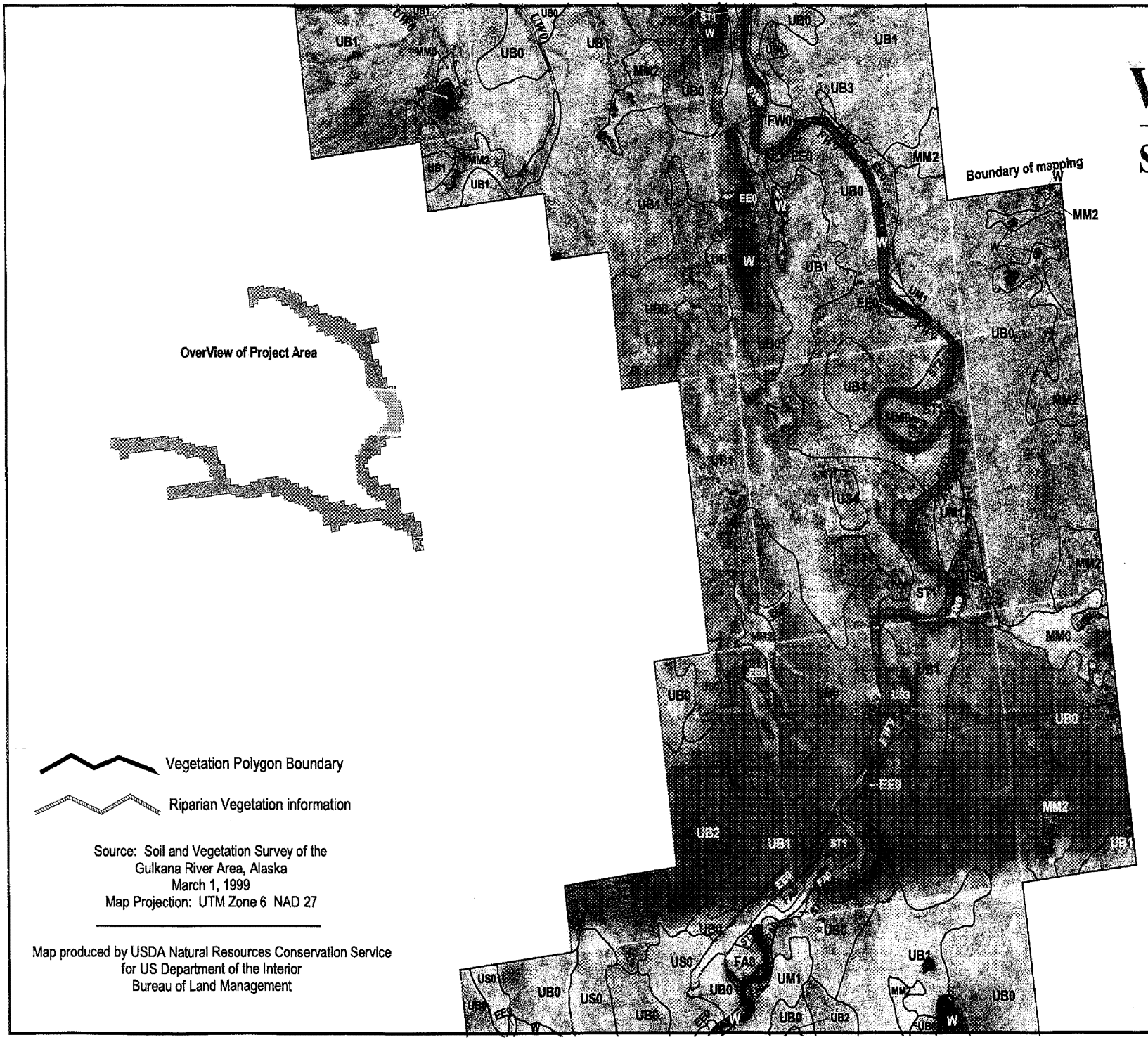
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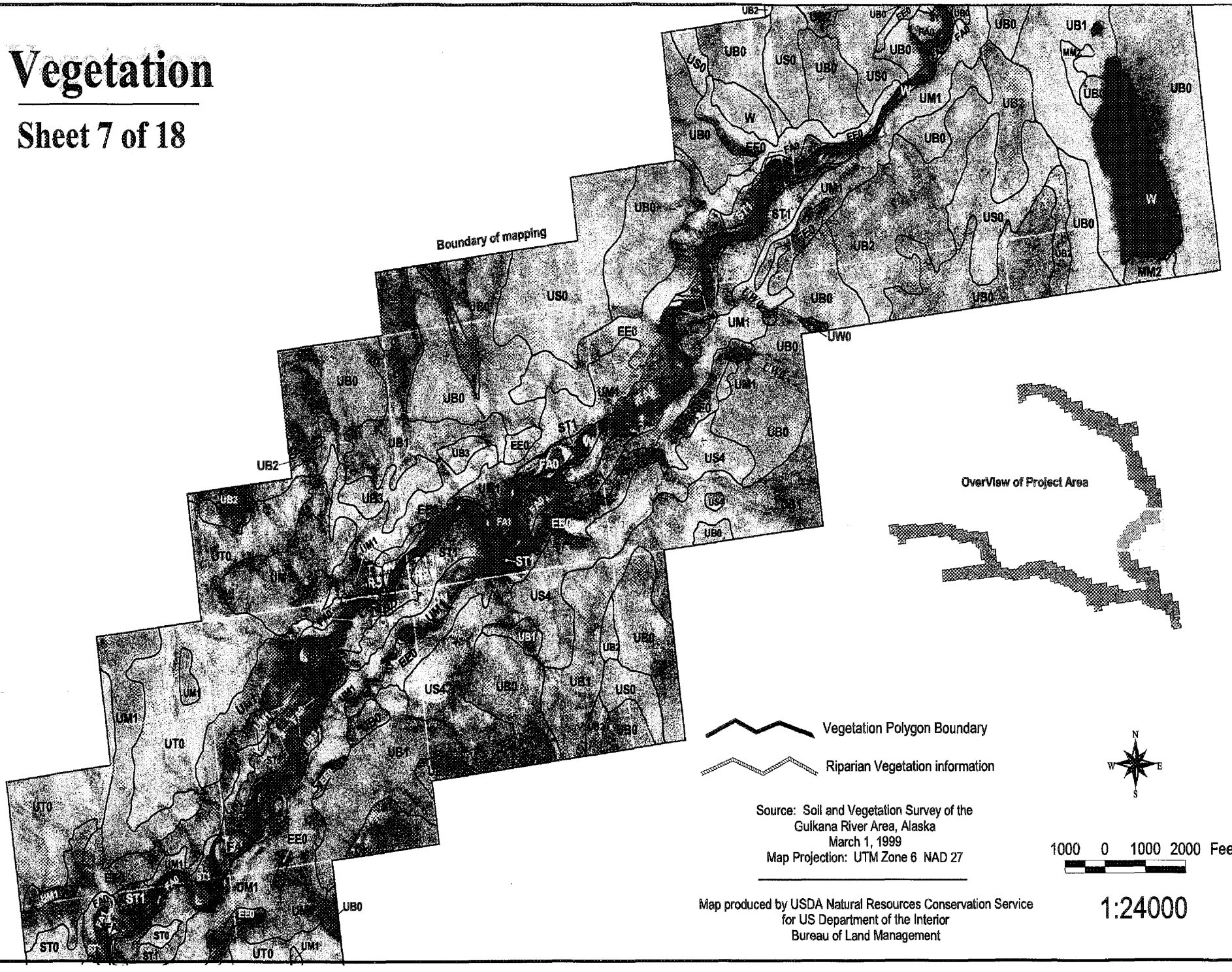
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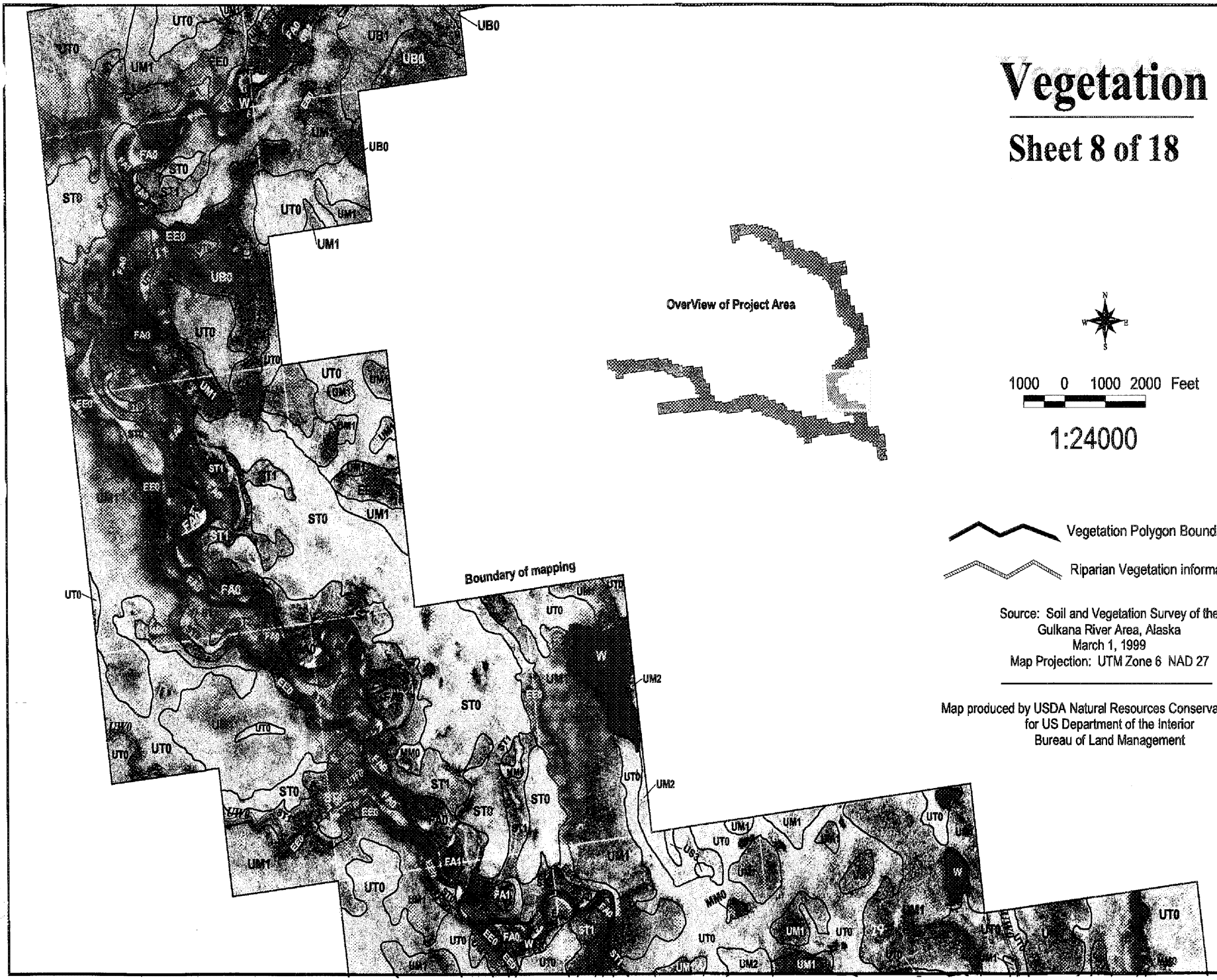



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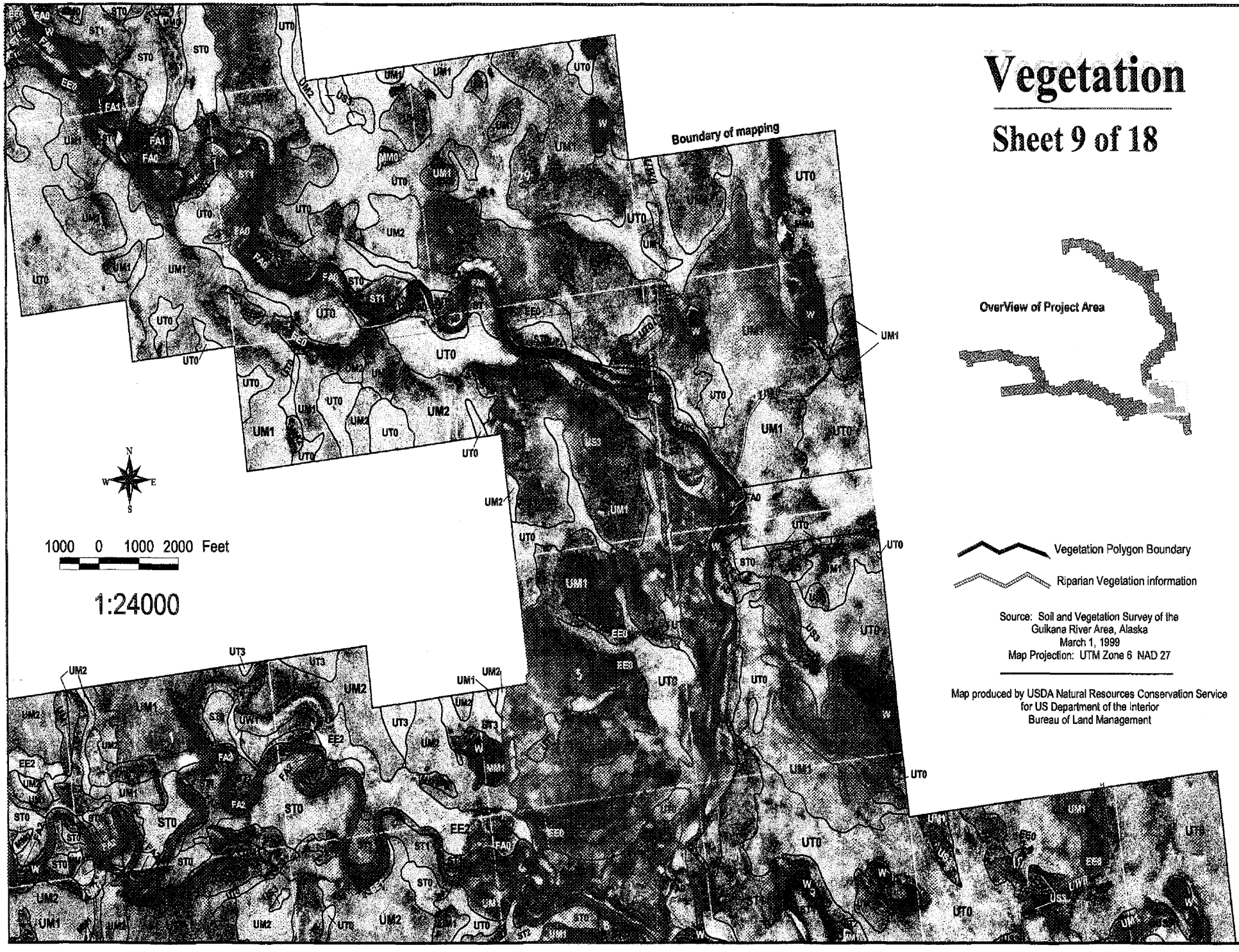
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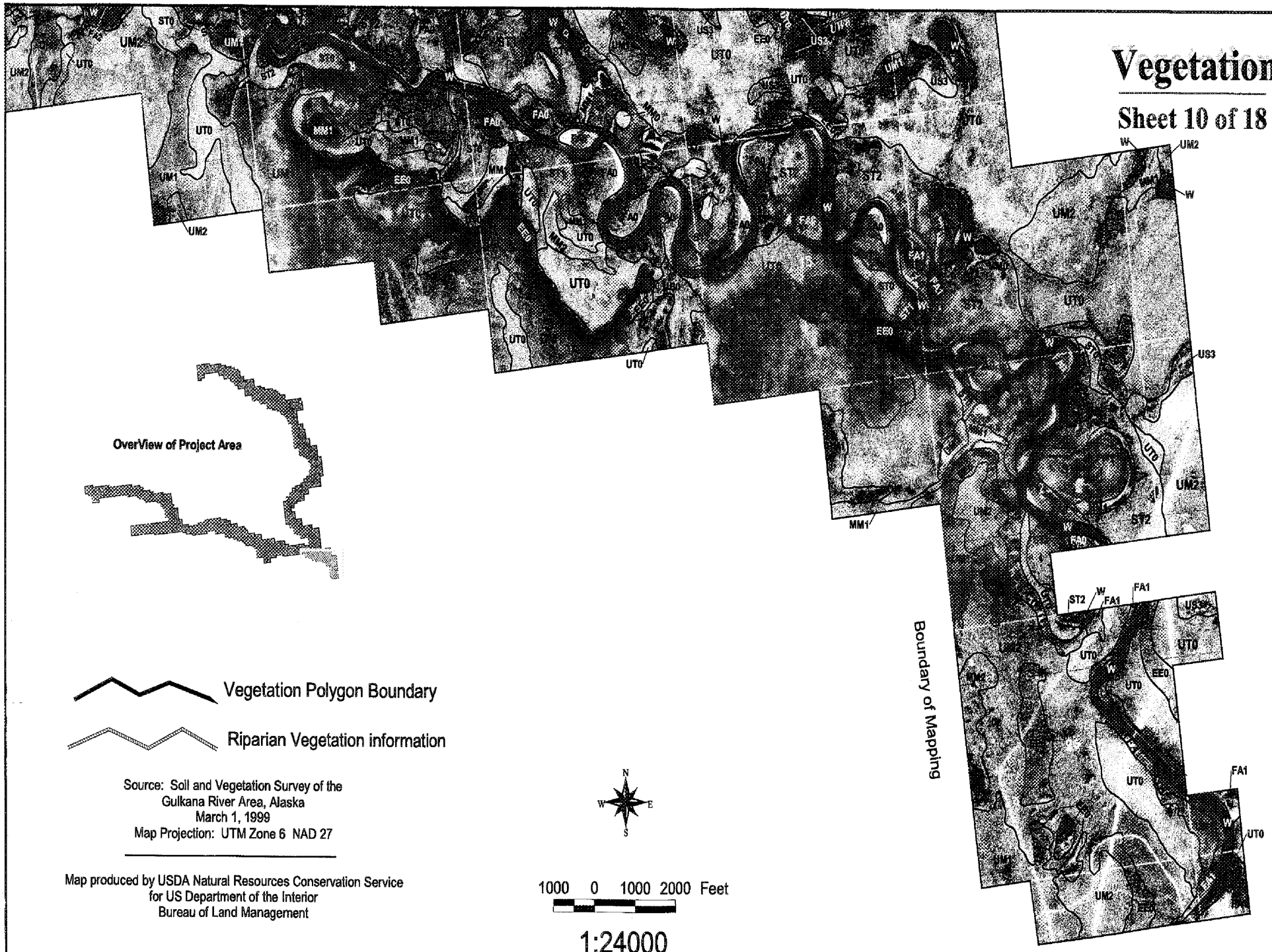
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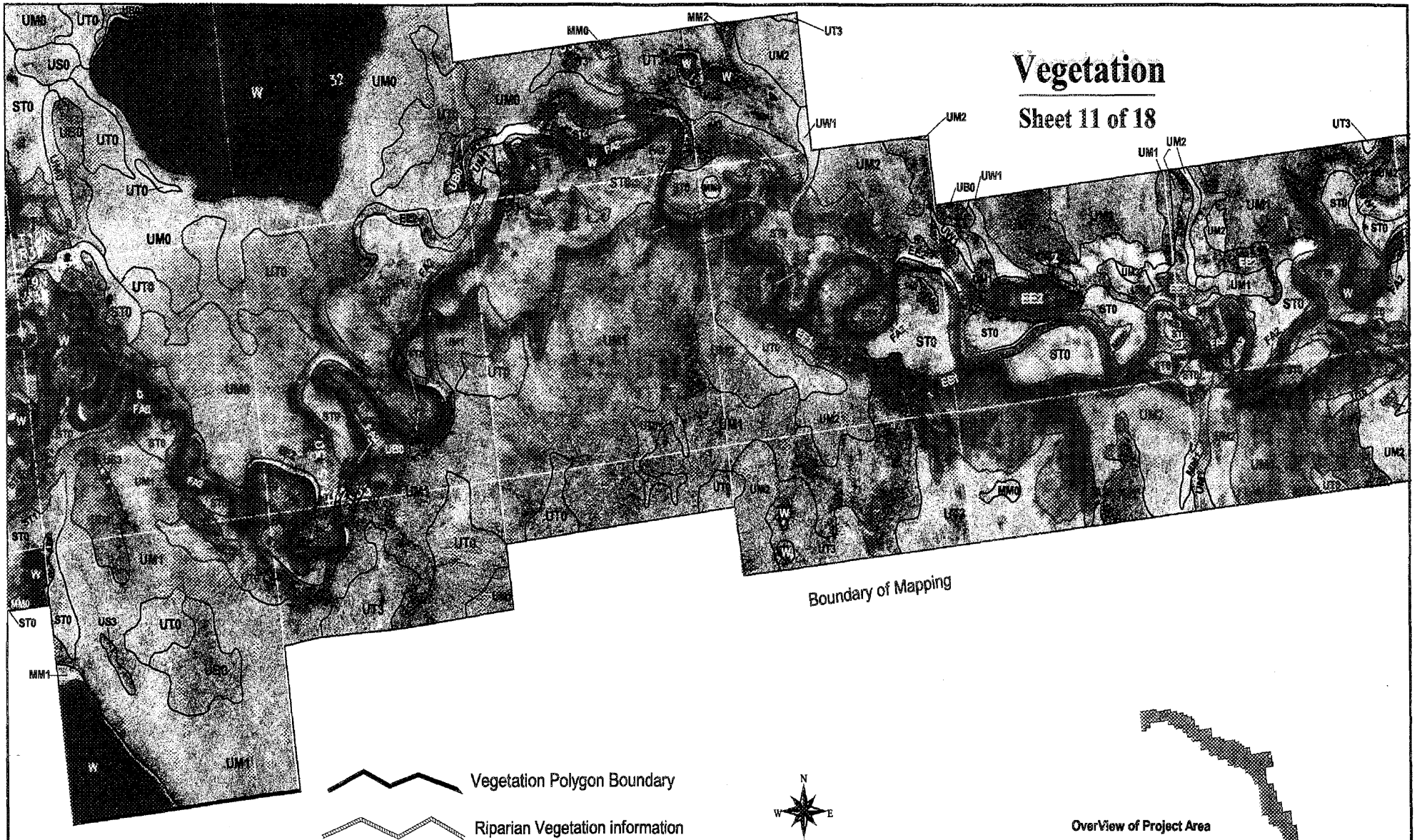
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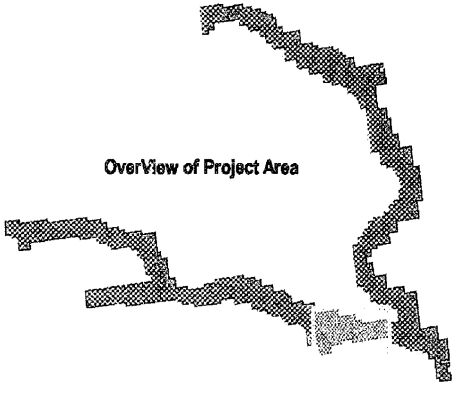
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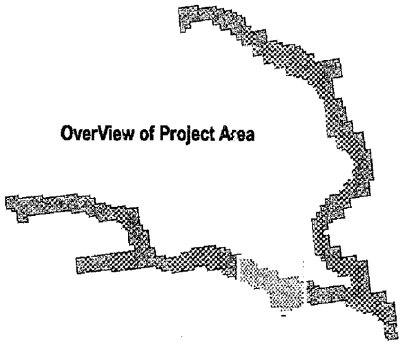
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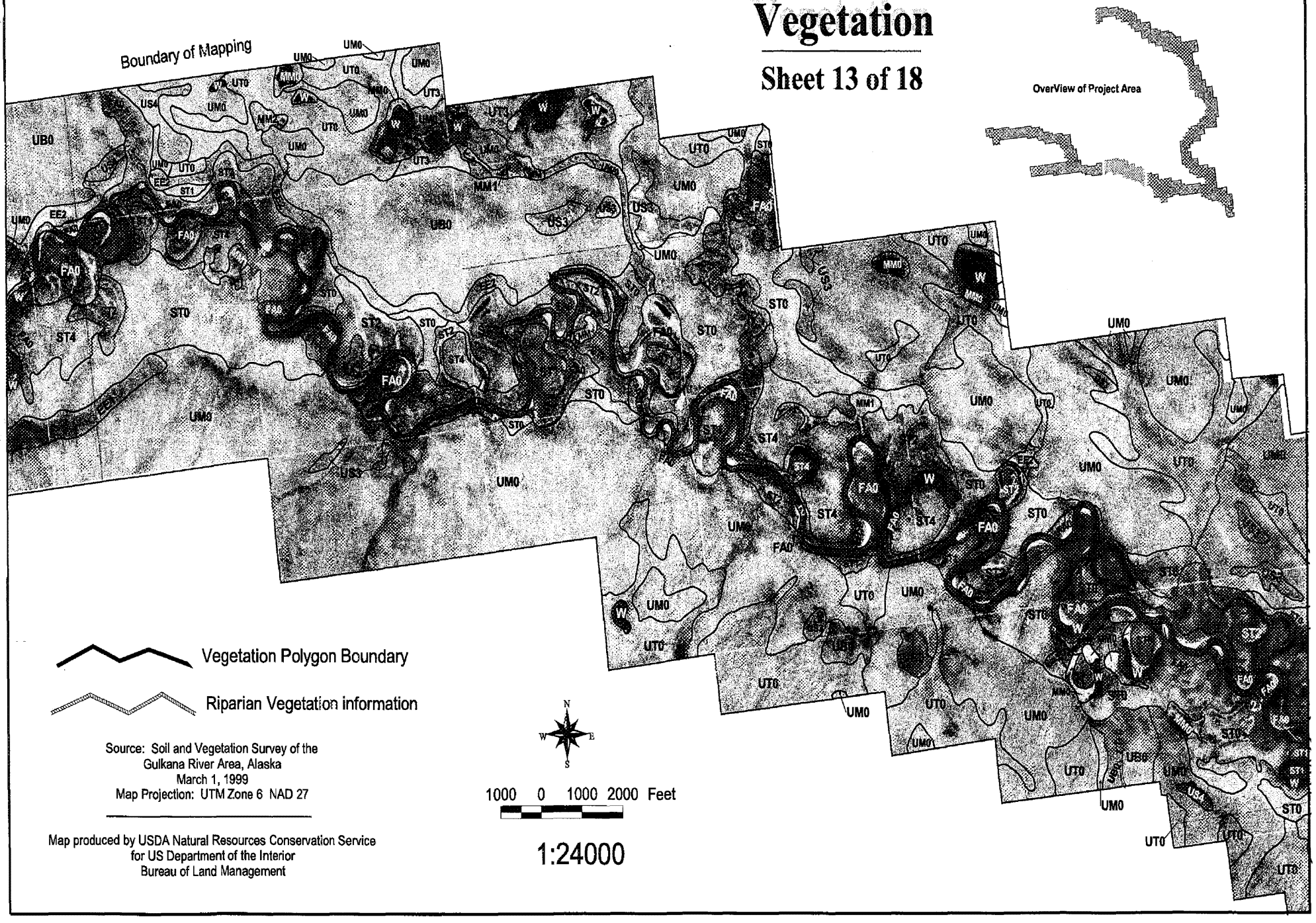
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Vegetation Polygon Boundary

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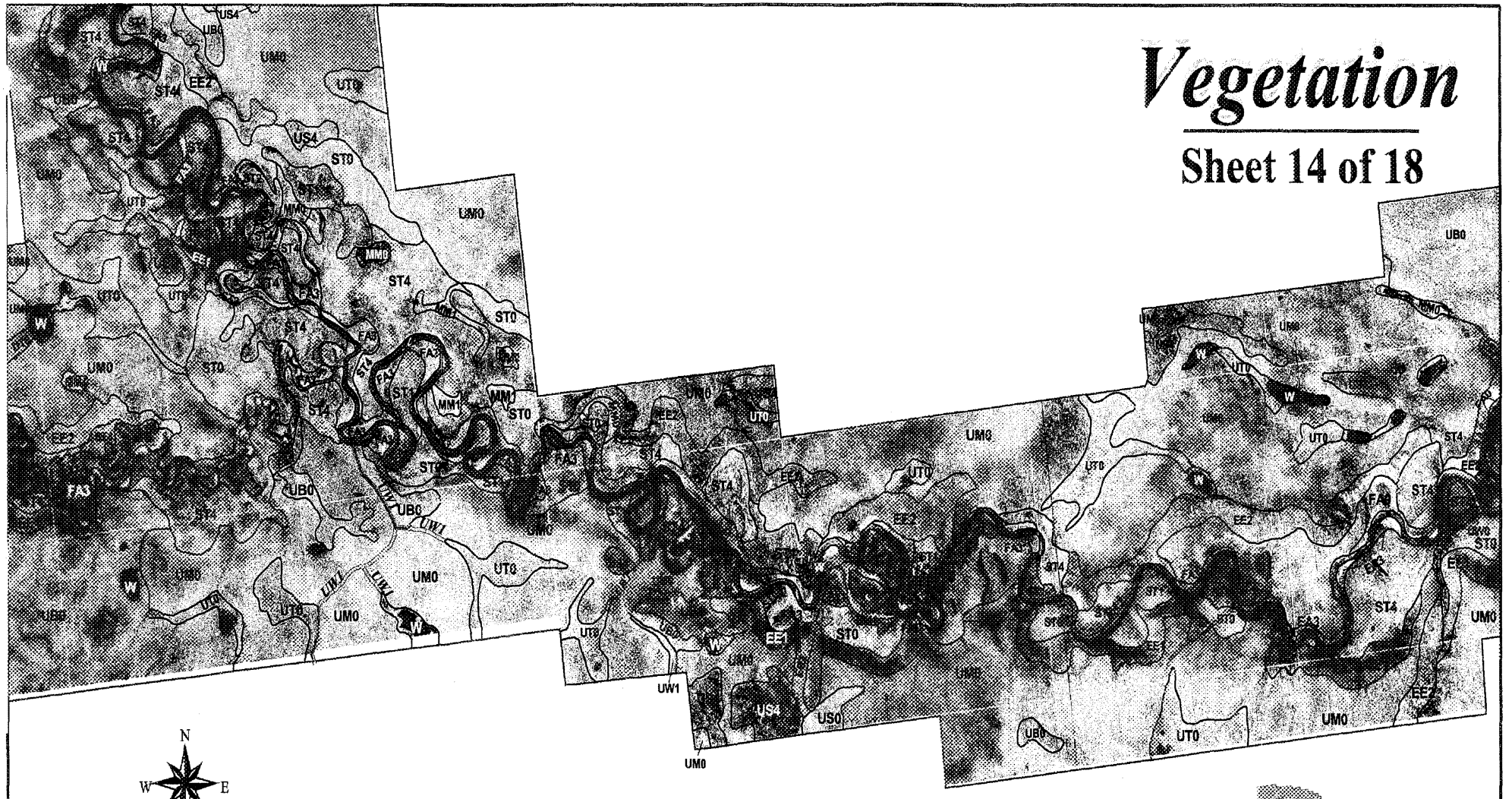
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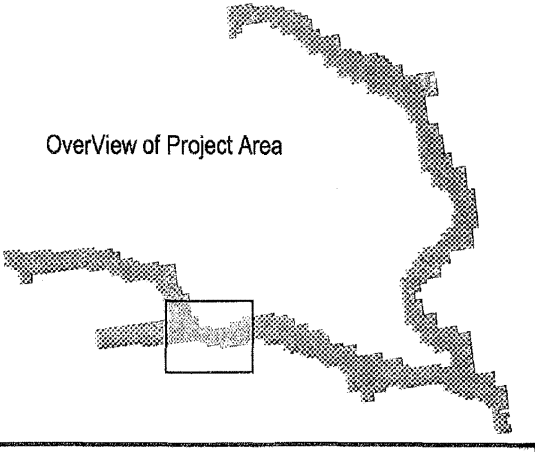

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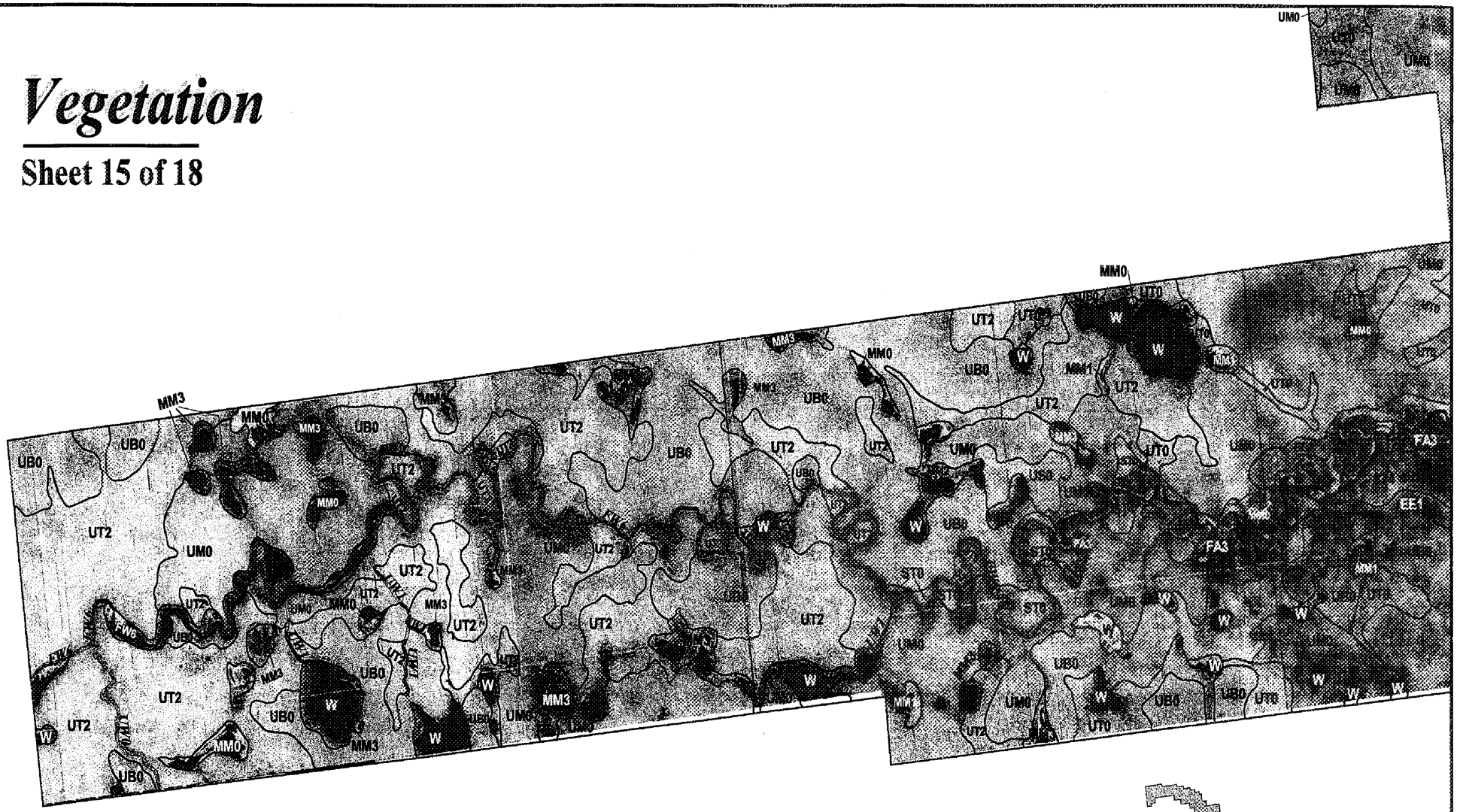


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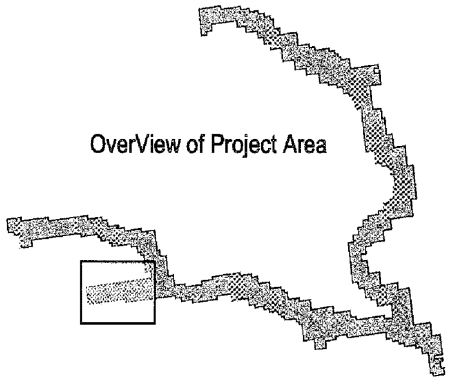
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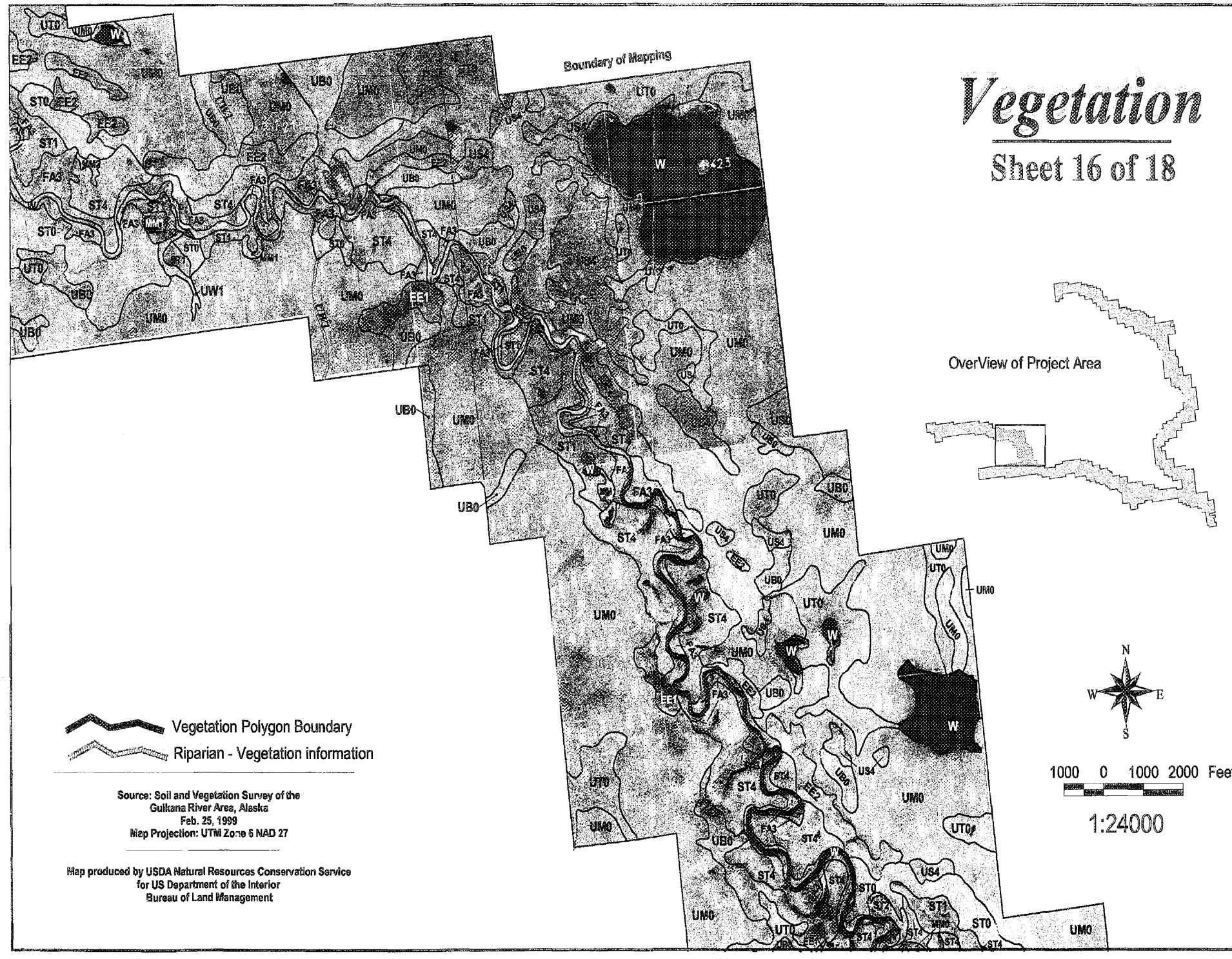
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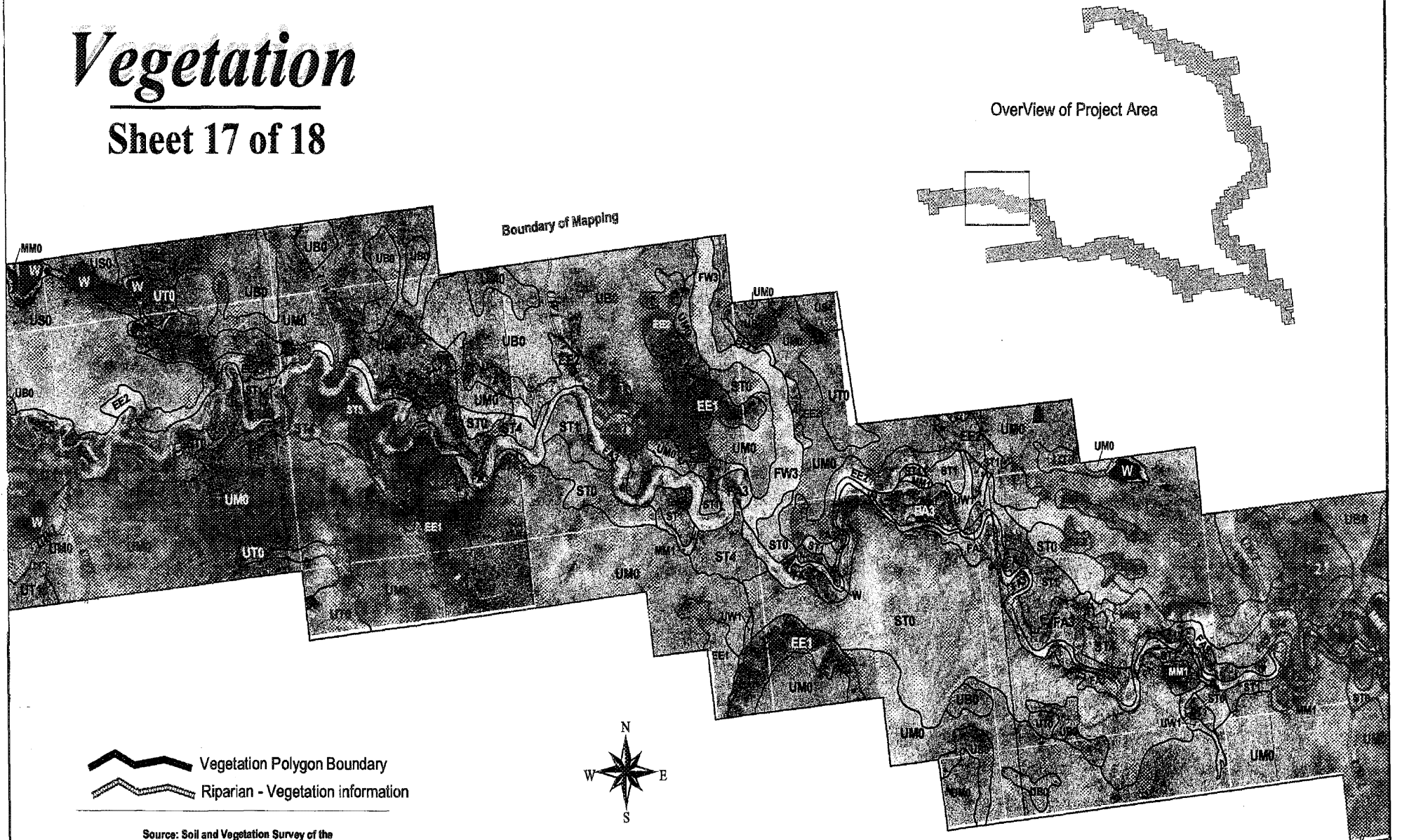
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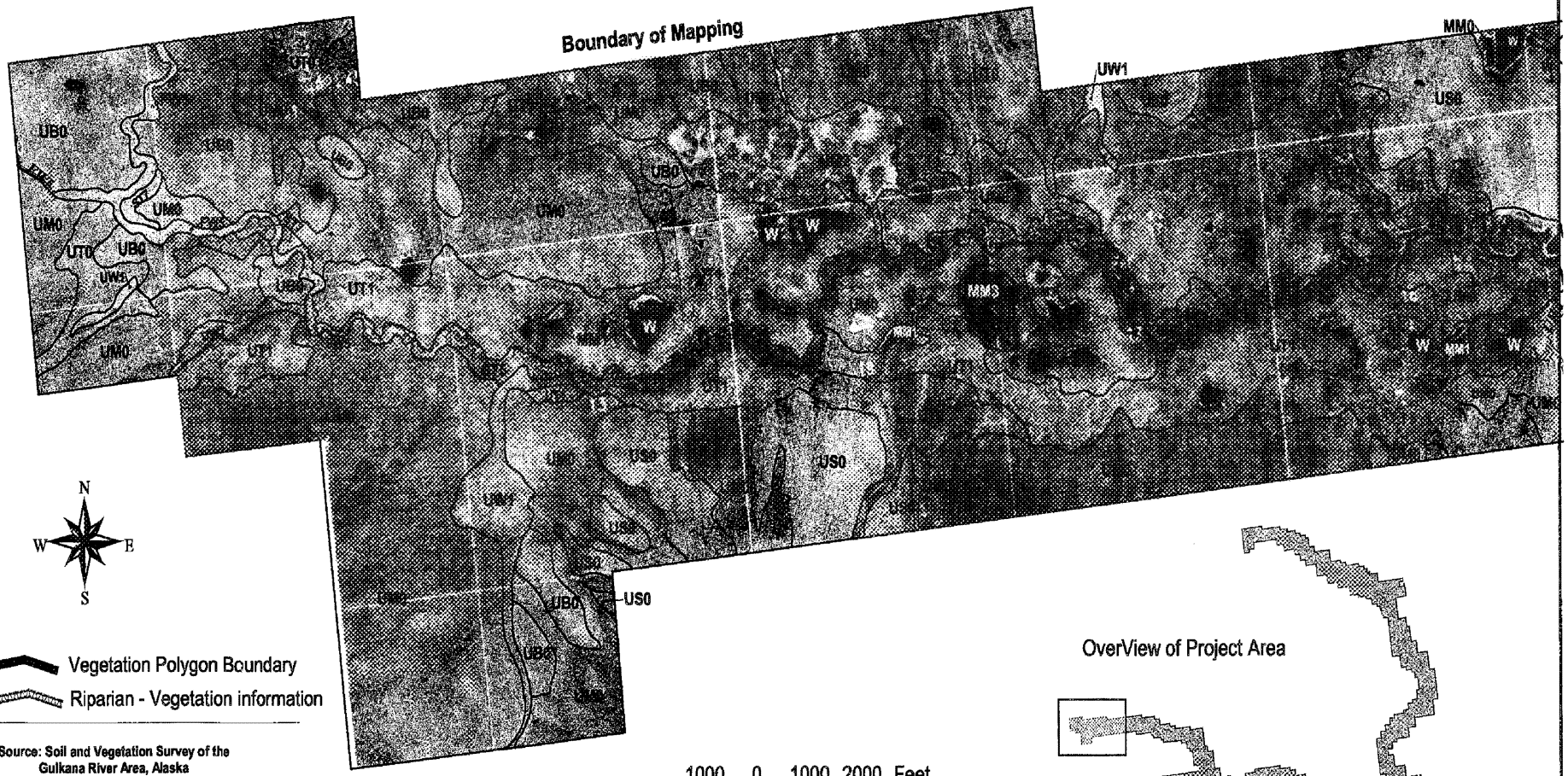
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