Wetland name or number _______

RATING SUMMARY – Eastern Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #):	c wetter B	Date of site visit: $575-21$
Rated by Schall		Yes No Date of training
HGM Class used for rating Dep-	Wetland has	multiple HGM classes?Y

NOTE: Form is not complete without the figures requested (*figures can be combined*). Source of base aerial photo/map

OVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY *Ju* (based on functions / or special characteristics)

1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

Categ	ory I – Total sco ory II – Total sco ory III – Total sc ory IV – Total sc	ore = 19-21 ore = 16-18		
FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
	Circle	the appropriate ro	atings	
Site Potential	HML	H M L	HML	
Landscape Potential	H M L	H M L	нQL	
Value	н м 🗘	H CAP L	HUAL	TOTAL
Score Based on Ratings	5	6	5	16

Score for each function based on three ratings (order of ratings is not important) 9 = H,H,H 8 = H,H,M 7 = H,H,L 7 = H,M,M 6 = H,M,L 6 = M,M,M

5 = H,L,L 5 = M,M,L 4 = M,L,L 3 = L,L,L

2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	CATEGORY Circle the appropriate category
Vernal Pools	II III
Alkali	I
Wetland of High Conservation Value	I
Bog and Calcareous Fens	I
Old Growth or Mature Forest slow growing	I
Aspen Forest	I
Old Growth or Mature Forest – fast growing	II
Floodplain forest	II
None of the above	

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Maps and figures required to answer questions correctly for Eastern Washington Depressional Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	D 1.3, H 1.1, H 1.5	
Hydroperiods (including area of open water for H 1.3)	D 1.4, H 1.2, H 1.3	
Location of outlet (can be added to map of hydroperiods)	D 1.1, D 4.1	1
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (can be added to another figure)	D 2.2, D 5.2	
Map of the contributing basin	D 5.3	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	D 3.1, D 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which wetland is found (website)	D 3.3	

Riverine Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	H 1.1, H 1.5	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2, H 1.3	
Ponded depressions	R 1.1	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (can be added to another figure)	R 2.4	
Map of the contributing basin	R 2.2, R 2.3, R 5.2	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	R 1.2, R 4.2	Ì
Width of wetland vs. width of stream (can be added to another figure)	R 4.1	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	R 3.1	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which wetland is found (website)	R 3.2, R 3.3	

Lake Fringe Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	L 1.1, L 4.1, H 1.1, H 1.5	
Plant cover of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	L 1.2	
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (can be added to another figure)	L 2.2	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	L 3.1, L 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which wetland is found (website)	133	

Slope Wetlands

Map of:	To answer questions:	Figure #
Cowardin plant classes and classes of emergents	H 1.1, H 1.5	
Hydroperiods	H 1.2, H 1.3	
Plant cover of dense trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 1.3	
Plant cover of dense, rigid trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants	S 4.1	1
(can be added to figure above)		
Boundary of area within 150 ft of the wetland (can be added to another figure)	S 2.1, S 5.1	
1 km Polygon: Area that extends 1 km from entire wetland edge - including	H 2.1, H 2.2, H 2.3	
polygons for accessible habitat and undisturbed habitat		
Screen capture of map of 303(d) listed waters in basin (from Ecology website)	S 3.1, S 3.2	
Screen capture of list of TMDLs for WRIA in which wetland is found (website)	\$ 3.3	

HGM Classification of Wetland in Eastern Washington

For questions 1-4, the criteria described must apply to the entire unit being rated.

If the hydrologic criteria listed in each question do not apply to the entire unit being rated, you probably have a unit with multiple HGM classes. In this case, identify which hydrologic criteria in questions 1-4 apply, and go to Question 5.

- 1. Does the entire unit meet both of the following criteria?
 - ____The vegetated part of the wetland is on the water side of the Ordinary High Water Mark of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface) that is at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size ____At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 10 ft (3 m)

$$NO - go to 2$$

YES - The wetland class is Lake Fringe (Lacustrine Fringe)

- 2. Does the entire wetland unit meet all of the following criteria?
 - ____The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
 - ____The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks;
 - ____The water leaves the wetland **without being impounded**.

NO - go to

YES – The wetland class is **Slope**

NOTE: Surface water does not pond in these type of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).

- 3. Does the entire wetland unit meet all of the following criteria?
 - ____ The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river;
 - ____ The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 10 years.

NO-go to 4

YES – The wetland class is **Riverine**

NOTE: The Riverine wetland can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding.

4. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time during the year. *This means that any outlet, if present, is higher than the interior of the wetland.*

NO – go to 5

YES - The wetland class is Depressional

5. Your wetland unit seems to be difficult to classify and probably contains several different HGM classes. For example, seeps at the base of a slope may grade into a riverine floodplain, or a small stream within a Depressional wetland has a zone of flooding along its sides. GO BACK AND IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE HYDROLOGIC REGIMES DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 1-4 APPLY TO DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE WETLAND UNIT (make a rough sketch to help you decide). Use the following table to identify the appropriate class to use for the rating system if you have several HGM classes present within the wetland unit being scored.

Wetland Rating System for Eastern WA: 2014 Update Rating Form – Effective January 1, 2015 Wetland name or number_____

NOTE: Use this table only if the class that is recommended in the second column represents 10% or more of the total area of the wetland unit being rated. If the area of the HGM class listed in column 2 is less than 10% of the wetland unit; classify the wetland using the class that represents more than 90% of the total area.

HGM classes within the wetland unit being rated	HGM Class to use in rating
Slope + Riverine	Riverine
Slope + Depressional	Depressional
Slope + Lake Fringe	Lake Fringe
Depressional + Riverine (the riverine portion is within the boundary of depression)	Depressional
Depressional + Lake Fringe	Depressional
Riverine + Lake Fringe	Riverine

If you are still unable to determine which of the above criteria apply to your wetland, or if you have **more than 2 HGM classes** within a wetland boundary, classify the wetland as Depressional for the rating.

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1.0. Does the site have th	e potential to improve water quality?		box)
1.1. Characteristics of surfac	e water outflows from the wetland:		
Wetland has no surface	water outlet	points = 5	
Wetland has an intermi	ttently flowing outlet	points = 3	
Wetland has a highly co	nstricted permanently flowing outlet	points = 3	3
Wetland has a permane	ntly flowing, unconstricted, surface outlet	points = 1	د
1.2. The soil 2 in below the s	surface (or duff layer) is true clay or true organic (use NRCS definition	ns of soils) YES = 3 $(NO = 0)$	\mathbf{o}
1.3. Characteristics of persis	tent vegetation (Emergent, Scrub-shrub, and/or Forested Cowardin		
	ungrazed, vegetation for $>^2/_3$ of area	(points = 5	
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	ungrazed vegetation from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of area	points = 1	درینده او
	ungrazed vegetation $< 1/_{10}$ of area	points = 0	0
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	is > ½ total area of wetland	points = 3	
	is ¼ - ½ total area of wetland	points = 1	5
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D 4.0. Does the site have the pot	ential to reduce flooding and erosion?	
D 4.1. Characteristics of surface wat	er outflows from the wetland:	1
Wetland has no surface water	r outlet points = 8	Ì
Wetland has an intermittently	y flowing outlet points = 4	N
Wetland has a highly constric	ted permanently flowing outlet points = 4	1
	lowing unconstricted surface outlet points = 0	4
(If outlet is a ditch and not per	rmanently flowing treat wetland as "intermittently flowing")	1
	<u>periods</u> : Estimate the height of ponding above the bottom of the outlet. For	
	sure from the surface of permanent water or deepest part (if dry).	
	e the lowest point in wetland or the surface of permanent ponding points = 8	
	above the lowest point in wetland or the surface of permanent pondingpoints = 6	
The wetland is a headwater w	•	
Seasonal ponding: 1 ft - < 2 ft		
Seasonal ponding: 6 in - < 1 ft		2
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D 5.2. Is > 10% of the area within 15	50 ft of the wetland in a land use that generates runoff? Ves = 1 No = 0	1
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	e questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.	(only 1 score per
HABITAT FUNCTIONS - In	dicators that site functions to provide important habitat	box)
H 1.0. Does the wetland hav	e the potential to provide habitat for many species?	
H 1.1. Structure of the plant co	mmunity:	<u>_</u>
check the Cowardin veg	etation classes present and categories of emergent plants. Size threshold for each	
category is >= ¼ ac or >=	10% of the wetland if wetland is < 2.5 ac.	
Aquatic bed		
Emergent plants 0-	12 in (0-30 cm) high are the highest layer and have > 30% cover	
Emergent plants >1	2-40 in (>30-100 cm) high are the highest layer with >30% cover	
	10 in (> 100 cm) high are the highest layer with >30% cover	·
	where shrubs have >30% cover) 4 or more checks: points = 3	
Forested (areas wh	ere trees have >30% cover) 3 checks: points = 2	
	checks: points = T	İ ,
	1 check: points = 0	
- 1.2. Is one of the vegetation	types Aquatic Bed? Yes = $1 \text{ No} = 0$	0
1.3. Surface water		
	d have areas of open water (without emergent or shrub plants) over at least ¼ ac OR	
	during the March to early June OR in August to the end of Septemb <u>er? Answer YES</u>	
for Lake Fringe		Į.
	d have an intermittent or permanent, and unvegetated stream within its boundaries,	Ì
	le, over at least ¼ ac or 10% of its area? Answer yes only if H 1.3.1 is No.	
-	Yes = 3 (No = 0)	0
1.4. Richness of plant species		
	nt species in the wetland that cover at least 10 ft ² . Different patches of the same	
[]	to meet the size threshold. You do not have to name the species.	
-	milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Russian olive, Phragmites, Canadian	
thistie, yellow-flag iris, a		
# of species	Scoring: > 9 <u>species: points = 2</u>	
	4-9 species: points = 1	\$.
	< 4 species: points = 0	1
1.5. Interspersion of habitats		Figure_
Decide from the diagram	ns below whether interspersion among types of plant structures (described in H 1.1),	
and unvegetated areas (open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none.	
Lise map of Cowardin ar	d emergent plant classes prepared for questions H 1.1 and map of epen water from	1
H 1.3. If you have four o	r more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always high.	
		-
None = 0 points	Low = 1 point Moderate = 2 points	
All three diagrams in this row a		ŀ
High = 3 points		
	Riparian braided channels with 2 classes	
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H 2.1 Accessible habitat (only area of habitat abutting wetland). If total accessible habitat is:
Calculate: 3 % undisturbed habitat $\underline{9}$ + [(% moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] $\underline{5}$ = $\underline{6}$ %
> ¹ / ₃ (33.3%) of 1 km Polygon points = 3
20-33% of 1km Polygon points = 2
10-19% of 1km Polygon points = 1
<10% of 1km Polygon
H 2.2. Undisturbed habitat in 1 km Polygon around wetland.
<i>Calculate:</i> 50% undisturbed habitat $30 + [(\% \text{ moderate and low intensity land uses)/2] \frac{15}{5} = 65\%$
Undisturbed habitat > 50% of Polygon points = 3
Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50% and in 1-3 patches points = 2
Undisturbed habitat 10 - 50% and > 3 patches points = 1

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H 2.3. Land use intensity in 1 km Polygon:			
>50% of Polygon is high intensity is	กาย ขอย	points = (-2)	
Does not meet criterion above		points = 0	0
H 2.4. The wetland is in an area where an	nual rainfall is less than 12 in, and	d its water regime is not influenced by	
irrigation practices, dams, or water reclamation areas, irrigation distric		is means outside boundaries of Yes = 3 No = 0	0
Total for H 2		Add the points in the boxes above	3

<u>Rating of Landscape Potential</u> If score is: <u>4-9 = H</u> <u>1-3 = M</u> <u>< 1 = L</u> Record the rating on the first page

H 3.0. Is the habitat provided by the site valuable to society?		
H 3.1. Does the site provide habitat for species valued in laws, regulations, or policies? Choose the	highest score	
that applies to the wetland being rated		
Site meets ANY of the following criteria:	points = 2	
 It has 3 or more priority habitats within 100 m (see Appendix B) 		
 It provides habitat for Threatened or Endangered species (any plant or animal on state or 	or federal lists)	
— It is mapped as a location for an individual WDFW species		
- It is a Wetland of High Conservation Value as determined by the Department of Natural	Resources	
— It has been categorized as an important habitat site in a local or regional comprehensive	e plan, in a	
Shoreline Master Plan, or in a watershed plan		
Site has 1 or 2 priority habitats within 100 m (see Appendix B)	points = 1	
Site does not meet any of the criteria above	points = 0	
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<u>Rating of Value</u> If score is: $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{H}$ $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{M}$

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CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate category. NOTE: A wetland may meet the criteria for more than one set of special characteristics. Record all those that apply. NOTE: All wetlands should also be characterized based on their functions.

Wetland Type Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. Circle the category when the appropriate criteria are met.	Category
SC 1.0. Vernal pools	
Is the wetland less than 4000 ft ² , and does it meet at least two of the following criteria?	
input.	
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annuals. If you find perennial, obligate, wetland plants, the wetland is probably NOT a vernal pool.	
The soil in the wetland is shallow [< 1 ft (30 cm)deep] and is underlain by an impermeable layer such as basalt or clay.	n an tha bha an tha she
- Surface water is present for less than 120 days during the wet season.	
SC 1.1. is the vernal pool relatively undisturbed in February and March?	이 가지, 아프, 또, 아프 가지 1
Yes – Go to SC 1.2 No = Not a vernal pool with special characteristics	
res – Go to SC 1.2 No = Not a Vernai pool with special characteristics	
SC 1.2. Is the vernal pool in an area where there are at least 3 separate aquatic resources within 0.5 mi (other	
wetlands, rivers, lakes etc.)? Yes = Category II No = Category III	Cat. II
	Cat. III
SC 2.0. Alkali wetlands	
Does the wetland meet one of the following criteria?	
— The wetland has a conductivity > 3.0 mS/cm.	
— The wetland has a conductivity between 2.0 and 3.0 mS, and more than 50% of the plant cover in the	
wetland can be classified as "alkali" species (see Table 4 for list of plants found in alkali systems).	
— If the wetland is dry at the time of your field visit, the central part of the area is covered with a layer of salt.	
OR does the wetland unit meet two of the following three sub-criteria?	
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More than 34 of the plant cover consists of species listed on Table 4	
A pH above 9.0. All alkali wetlands have a high pH, but please note that some freshwater wetlands	
	Cat. I
may also have a high pH. Thus, pH alone is not a good indicator of alkali wetlan ds. Yes = Category I (No= Not an alkali wetland)	
res = Category T (No= Not an aikail wetland)	
SC 3.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)	
SC 3.1. Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High	
Conservation Value? Yes – Go to SC 3.2 No – Go to SC 3.3]
SC 3.2. Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value?	C -+ 1
Yes = Category I No = Not a WHCV	Cat. I
SC 3.3. Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland?	
http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpwetlands.pdf	
Yes - Contact WNHP/WDNR and go to SC 3.4 No = Not a WHCV	
SC 3.4. Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and It is listed	
on their website? Yes = Category I No =Not a WHCV	

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SC 4.0 Bogs and Calcareou	us Fens	
Does the wetland (or	any part of the wetland unit) meet both the criteria for soils and vegetation in bogs or	
calcareous fens? Use	the key below to identify if the wetland is a bog or calcareous fen. If you answer yes	
you will still need to	rate the wetland based on its functions.	
	he wetland have organic soil horizons (i.e., layers of organic soil), either peats or	-
mucks, that compose	16 in ar more of the first 32 in of the soil profile? See Appendix C for a field key to	1
identify organic soils.	Yes – Go to SC 4.3 No – Go to SC 4.2	
SC 4.2. Does an area within t	he wetland have organic soils, either peats or mucks, that are less than 16 in deep over	
bedrock or an imperr	neable hardpan such as clay or volcanic ash, or that are floating on top of a lake or	
pond?	Yes – Go to SC 4.3 No = Is not a bog for rating	
SC 4.3. Does an area within t	he wetland have more than 70% cover of mosses at ground level AND at least 30% of	
the total plant cover	consists of species in Table 5? Yes = Category I bog No – Go to SC 4.4	
NOTE: If you are unc	ertain about the extent of mosses in the understory, you may substitute that criterion	
by measuring the pH	of the water that seeps into a hole dug at least 16 in deep. If the pH is less than 5.0	
and the plant species	in Table 5 are present, the wetland is a bog.	
SC 4.4. Is an area with peats	or mucks forested (> 30% cover) with subalpine fir, western red cedar, western	
hemlock, lodgepole p	pine, quaking aspen, Engelmann spruce, or western white pine, AND any of the species	Cat. I
(or combination of sp	pecies) listed in Table 5 provide more than 30% of the cover under the canopy?	Cal. I
	Yes = Category I bog No – Go to SC 4.5	
SC 4.5. Do the species listed	in Table 6 comprise at least 20% of the total plant cover within an area of peats and	
mucks?	Yes = Is a Calcareous Fen for purpose of rating No – Go to SC 4.6	
SC 4.6. Do the species listed	in Table 6 comprise at least 10% of the total plant cover in an area of peats and mucks,	
AND one of the two t	ollowing conditions is met:	
- Marl deposits [cal	cium carbonate (CaCO ₃) precipitate] occur on the soil surface or plant stems	Cat. I
The pH of free wa	ter is \geq 6.8 AND electrical conductivity is \geq 200 uS/cm at multiple locations within the	
wetland	Yes = Is a Category I calcareous fen No = Is not a calcareous fen	

SC 5.0. Forested Wetlands	
Does the wetland have an area of forest rooted within its boundary that meets at least one of	
the following three criteria? (Continue only if you have identified that a forested class is present	
in question H 1.1)	
— The wetland is within the 100 year floodplain of a river or stream	
— Aspen (Populus tremuloides) represents at least 20% of the total cover of woody species 🛹	
— There is at least ¼ ac of trees (even in wetlands smaller than 2.5 ac) that are "mature" or	
"old-growth" according to the definitions for these priority habitats developed by WDFW	
(see definitions in question H3.1)	
Yes – Go to SC 5.1 No = Not a forested wetland with special characteristics	
SC 5.1. Does the wetland have a forest canopy where more than 50% of the tree species (by cover) are slow	Cat. I
growing native trees (see Table 7)? Yes = Category I No – Go to SC 5.2	
SC 5.2. Does the wetland have areas where aspen (Populus tremuloides) represents at least 20% of the total cover	Cat. I
of woody species? Yes = Category I No – Go to SC 5.3	
SC 5.3. Does the wetland have at least ¼ acre with a forest canopy where more than 50% of the tree species (by	Cat. II
cover) are fast growing species (<i>see Table 7</i>)? Yes = Category II No – Go to SC 5.4	
SC 5.4. Is the forested component of the wetland within the 100 year floodplain of a river or stream?	Cat. II
Yes = Category II No = Not a forested wetland with special characteristics	
Category of wetland based on Special Characteristics	
Choose the highest rating if wetland falls into several categories	NA
If you answered No for all types, enter "Not Applicable" on Summary Form	

Appendix B: WDFW Priority Habitats in Eastern Washington

<u>Priority habitats listed by WDFW</u> (see complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Priority Habitat and Species List. Olympia, Washington. 177 pp. <u>http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00165/wdfw00165.pdf</u> or access the list from here: <u>http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/</u>

Count how many of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft (100 m) of the wetland: **NOTE:** This question is independent of the land use between the wetland and the priority habitat.

- Aspen Stands: Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 1 ac (0.4 ha).
- Biodiversity Areas and Corridors: Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report*).
- Old-growth/Mature forests: <u>Old-growth east of Cascade crest</u> Stands are highly variable in tree species composition and structural characteristics due to the influence of fire, climate, and soils. In general, stands will be >150 years of age, with 10 trees/ac (25 trees/ha) that are > 21 in (53 cm) dbh, and 1-3 enags/ac (2.5-7.5 enags/ha) that are > 12-14 in (30-35 cm) diameter. Downed logs may vary from abundant to absent. Canopies may be single or multi-layered. Evidence of human-caused alterations to the stand will be absent or so slight as to not affect the ecosystem's essential structures and functions. <u>Mature forests</u> Stands with average diameters exceeding 21 in (53 cm) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth; 80-200 years old west and 80-160 years old east of the Cascade crest.
- Oregon White Oak: Woodland stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (*full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158 see web link above*).
- **Riparian**: The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.
- Instream: The combination of physical, biological, and chemical processes and conditions that interact to provide functional life history requirements for instream fish and wildlife resources.
- Caves: A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages under the earth in soils, rock, ice, or
 other geological formations and is large enough to contain a human.
- Cliffs: Greater than 25 ft (7.6 m) high and occurring below 5000 ft elevation.
- --- Talus: Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.5 6.5 ft (0.15 2.0 m), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs.
- Snags and Logs: Trees are considered snags if they are dead or dying and exhibit sufficient decay characteristics to enable cavity excavation/use by wildlife. Priority snags have a diameter at breast height of > 12 in (30 cm)in eastern Washington and are > 6.5 ft (2 m) in height. Priority logs are > 12 in (30 cm) in diameter at the largest end, and > 20 ft (6 m) long.
- --- Shrub-steppe: A nonforested vegetation type consisting of one or more layers of perennial bunchgrasses and a conspicuous but discontinuous layer of shrubs (see Eastside Steppe for sites with little or no shrub cover).
- Eastside Steppe: Nonforested vegetation type dominated by broadleaf herbaceous flora (i.e., forbs), perennial bunchgrasses, or a combination of both. Bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*) is often the prevailing cover component along with Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), Sandberg bluegrass (*Poa secunda*), rough fescue (*F. campestris*), or needlegrasses (*Achnatherum* spp.).
- Juniper Savannah: All Juniper woodlands.

Note: All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list because they are addressed elsewhere.

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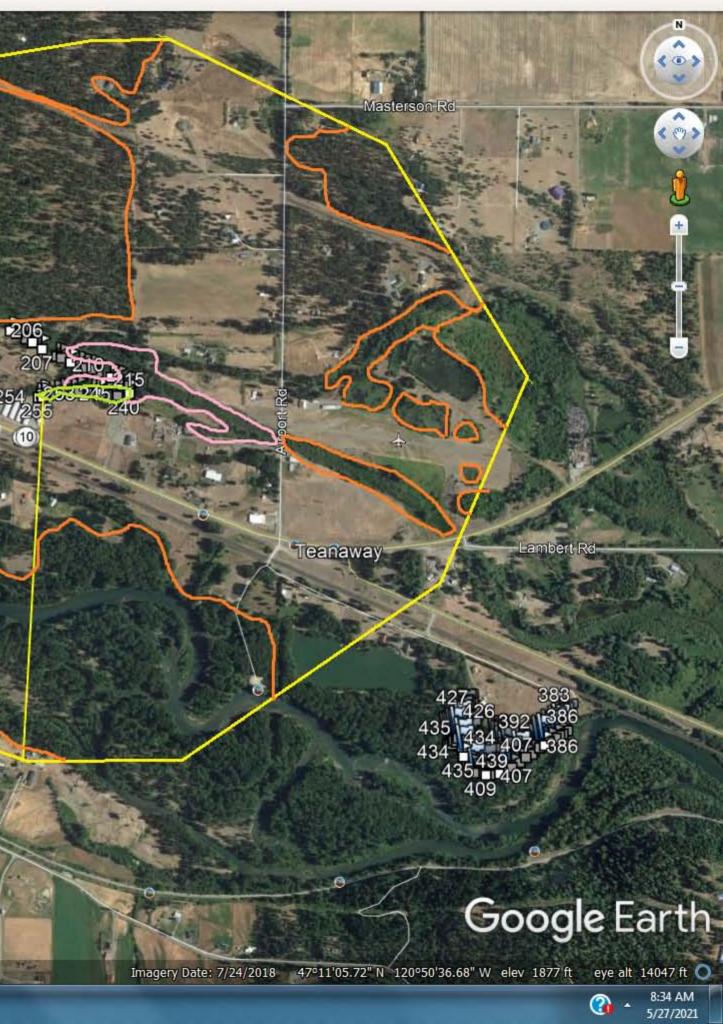
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