



Forest Service Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Protocol: Assessing the Function and Condition of Springs and Isolated Wetlands

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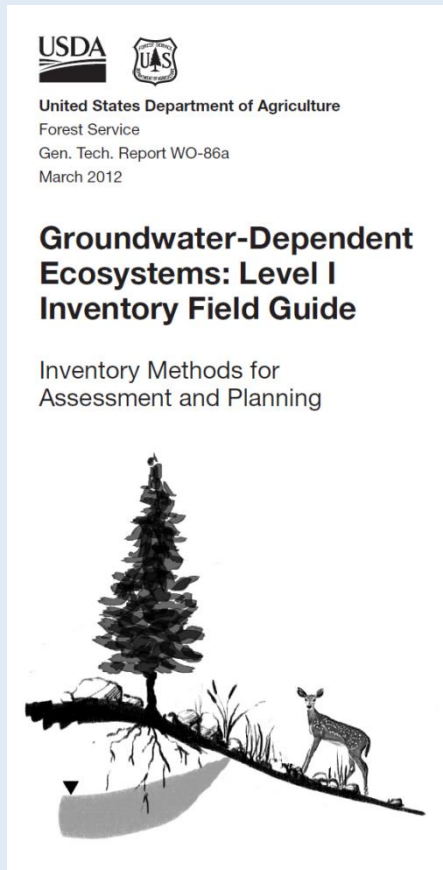
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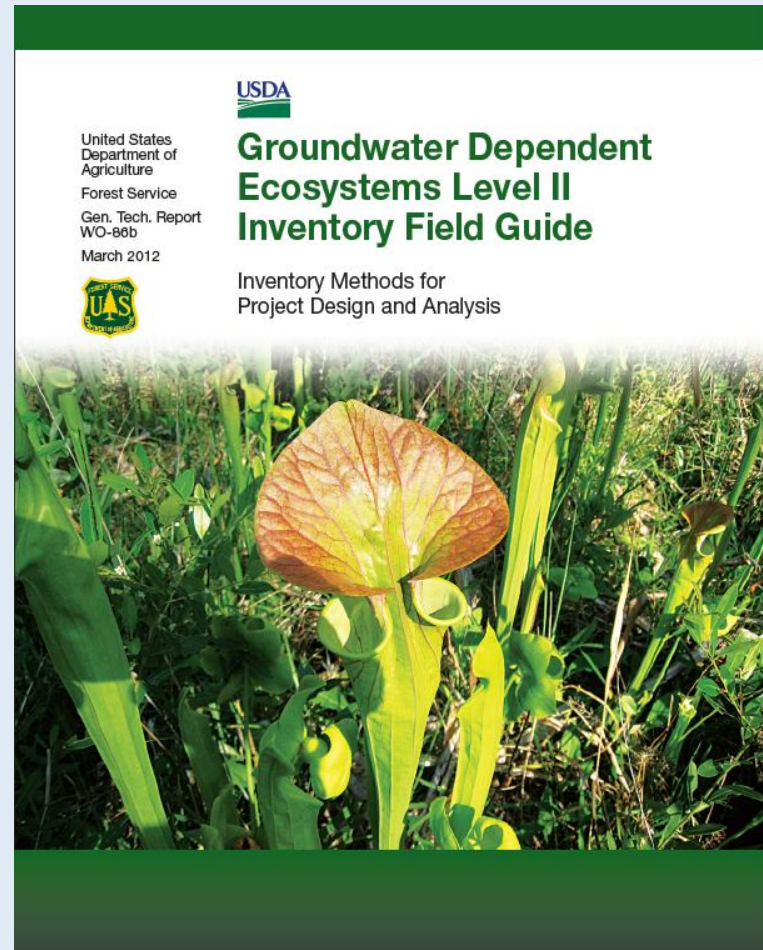
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Level I - Qualitatively locate and
characterize GDEs



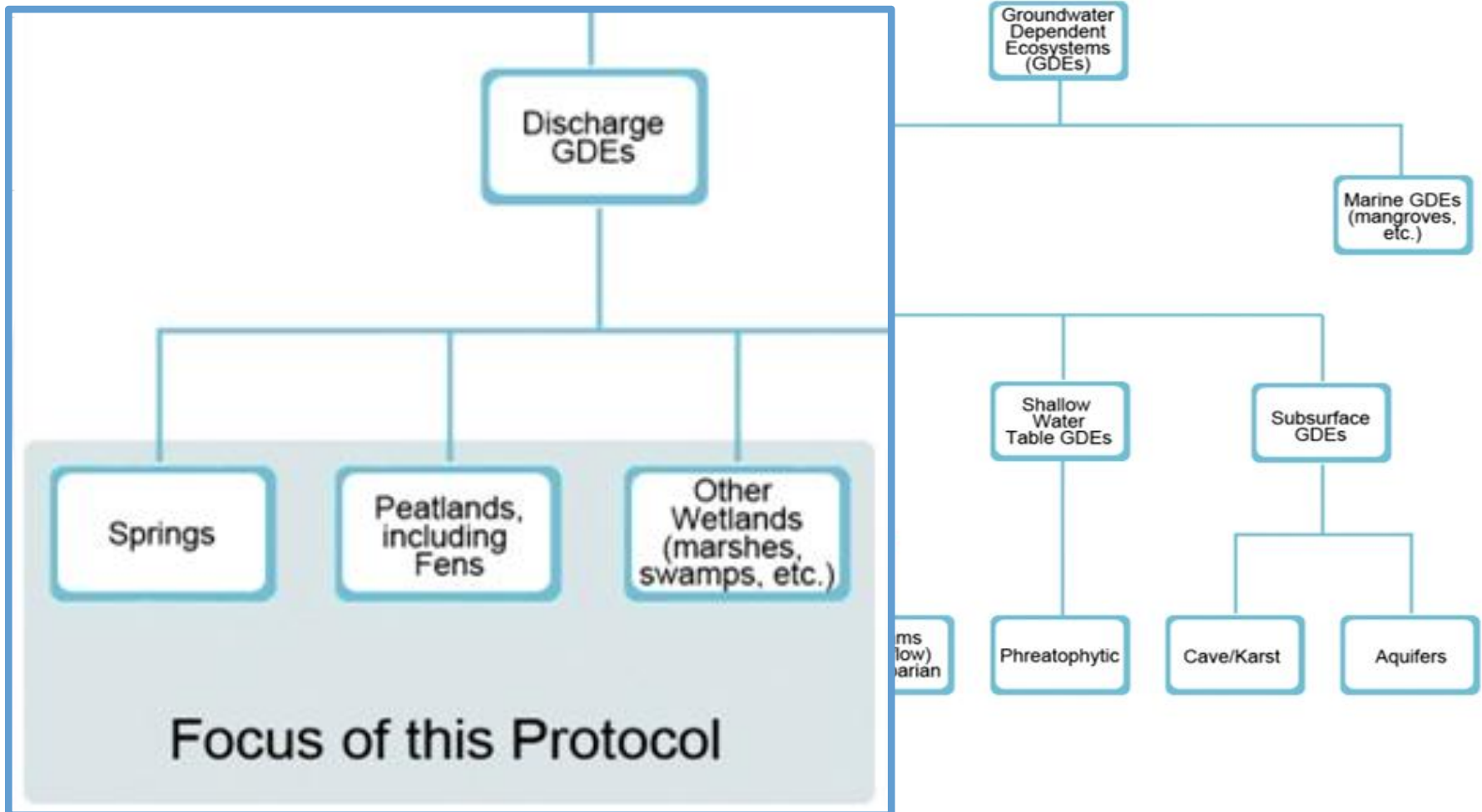
Level II - Quantitatively describe
major ecosystem attributes

What are Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems?

- GDEs are communities of plants and animals whose extent and life processes are dependent on access to, or discharge of groundwater.



Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Classification & Focus





Wet Meadows, California



Fens, Colorado



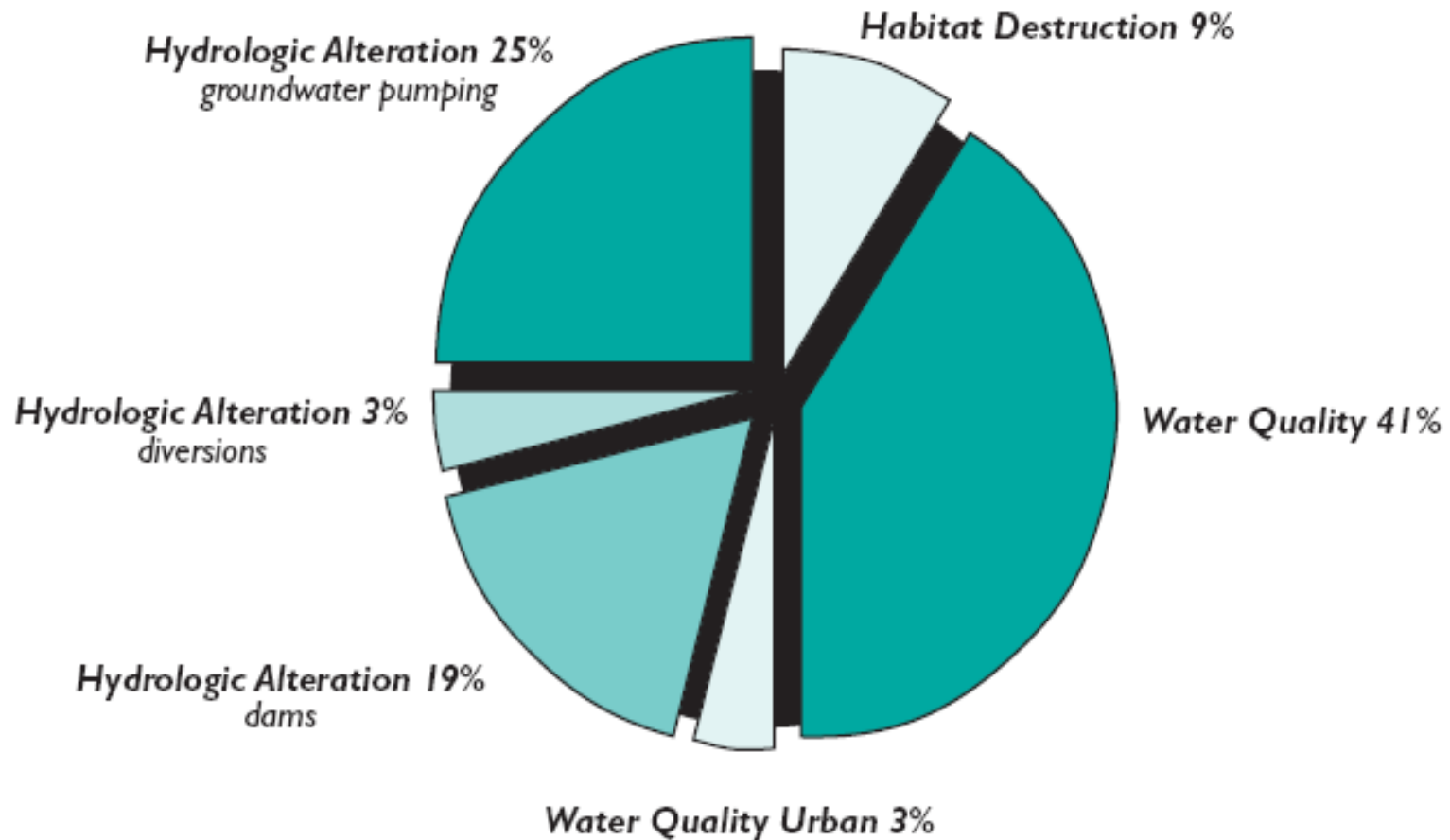
Northern Hardwood Seepage Forests,
New Hampshire



Springs, Oregon

Management Concerns

Source: Freshwater Initiative, The Nature Conservancy



Why Inventory GDEs?

- Document GDE location
- Document presence of species
- Establish baseline/desired conditions
- Determine vulnerability
- Document alteration
- Evaluate management
- Determine need for protection or restoration



Field Survey Overview

- Personnel with skills in botany, soils, hydrology, geology
 - Level I: 2-3 people
 - Level II: 3-5 people
- Survey time:
 - Level I: less than 2 hours/site
 - Level II: 3-6 hours/site



Lesson Learned: Must have a trained interdisciplinary crew or data is collected poorly or not at all.

Inventory Steps



Inventory Steps: Study Design

- Identify management questions and set inventory objectives
- Determine area of interest (population of sites) and study design (random, stratified, etc.)
- Create sampling schedule
- Identify relationships to other inventory programs and data
- Coordinate with other partners
- Develop QA/QC procedures, including training and data management

*This is covered in greater depth in the
Groundwater Inventory and Monitoring Technical Guide*

Inventory Steps: Pre-Field Survey

Paper Form - 1 page

Forest Service GDE Level II Inventory

Site Name _____
Recorder _____
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Pre-Field Survey *(this Site info is compiled prior to field visit, and updated in the field as necessary)*

Site ID _____ Project Name _____
Purpose(s) _____ State(s) _____
County(s) _____ Land Status(s) _____ FS Region(s) _____
FS Forest/Grassland/Prairie(s) _____ FS District(s) _____
Grazing Allotment Number _____ Grazing Allotment Name _____
NRM-Infra Reference Number _____
Water Right Number _____ Water Right Status _____
HUC(s) (12-digits) _____ Ecological Unit _____
Ecological System (LOV in FG appendix) _____
Local Feature-Type Name _____

USGS Quad _____ Magnetic Declination _____
Geologic Map Name _____ Geologic Map Unit _____
Land Resource Region (LRR) and MLRA _____
Soil Map Name _____ Soil Map Unit _____

Info to help arrive at site, which will also be recorded in the field (on Field Survey Activities form)

UTM coordinates: Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____
Latitude Degrees _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____
Longitude Degrees _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____
Latitude Decimal Degree _____ Longitude Decimal Degree _____
Horizontal Datum _____ Elevation _____

Location - Driving route _____
Location - Hiking route _____
Location - Other _____

Preliminary GDE Type(s) _____
Determination Source _____
Archeological, Paleontological, Cultural or Historic Sites or Use _____
Available Data (other sources) _____

- Site and Geographic
 - Purpose, County, HUC, etc.
- Mapping
 - USGS Quad, Geologic Map, LRR and MLRA, Soil Map
- Route
 - UTM's, Lat/Long, Elevation, Access Route
- Other
 - Preliminary GDE Type, Available Data (about site)

Inventory Steps: Field Survey

Paper forms

- 10 pages for Level I
2 hours with 2-3 people
- 14 pages for Level II
3-6 hours with 3-5 people

Forest Service GDE Level II Inventory

Site Name _____
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Field Survey Activities

Site ID _____
Survey Date _____ Time Start _____ End _____
Examiners _____
Air Temp (UOM: F or C) _____ Area of GDE (and UOM) _____
Area Determined by (LOV in FG) _____
Area Sampled, If Site Divided _____
Reference Point (briefly describe) _____
Compass Bearing Long Axis _____ Magnetic _____ or True North _____
If True, Declination _____
Transsect Interval (table at right) _____
Slope (%) _____ Aspect (degrees) _____
Surrounding Vegetation (LOV in FG) _____
Cut-level for plants (LOV in FG) _____

Weather (select 1)
☐ Recent rain
☐ Rain during survey
☐ Snowfall, hail, sleet during survey
☐ No current/recent precipitation

Size of GDE (m ²)	Transsect Interval (m)	Quadrat Interval (m)
< 20	describe entire area	
20 to 40	2	2
40 to 80	3	2
80 to 150	3	2
150 to 250	4	3
250 to 500	5	4
500 to 750	6	5
750 to 1,000	7	6
1,000 to 1,500	8	7
1,500 to 2,500	10	9
2,500 to 4,000	12	10
4,000 to 6,000	16	12
6,000 to 8,000	18	14
8,000 to 10,000	20	16
> 10,000	divide into smaller units	

Relative Area of GDE
 _____ % Spring emergence
 _____ % Channel
 _____ % Wetland/Riparian
 _____ % Open water
 _____ % Other or unknown

Horizontal Datum (select 1)
☐ NAD-27
☐ NAD-83 (recommended)
☐ WGS-72
☐ WGS-84

GPS Make & Model _____ GPS Accuracy _____
 UTM Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____
 Latitude Degrees _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____
 Longitude Degrees _____ Minutes _____ Seconds _____
 Latitude Decimal Degree _____ Longitude Decimal Degree _____
 Elevation _____ UOM _____ Determined by (circle 1) GPS; Topo Map; Other _____

Evidence of Groundwater (LOV in FG) _____

Geologic Structure Type (select 1)
☐ Bedding
☐ Contact
☐ Fault
☐ Fracture
☐ Lincation
☐ Conduit
 Determined by
☐ Observation
☐ Geologic Map
☐ Other: _____

GDE Type, primary _____
 GDE Type, secondary(s) _____
 Surficial Material, primary (LOV in FG) _____
 Surficial Material, secondary(s) (LOV in FG) _____
 Lithology, primary (LOV in FG) _____
 Is primary lithology also groundwater source aquifer (circle 1): Yes No Unknown
 Level of certainty (circle 1): Known Assumed Unknown
 Lithology, secondary (LOV in FG appendix) _____
 Landform, primary (LOV in FG appendix) _____
 Landform, secondary (LOV in FG appendix) _____

Geology Notes _____

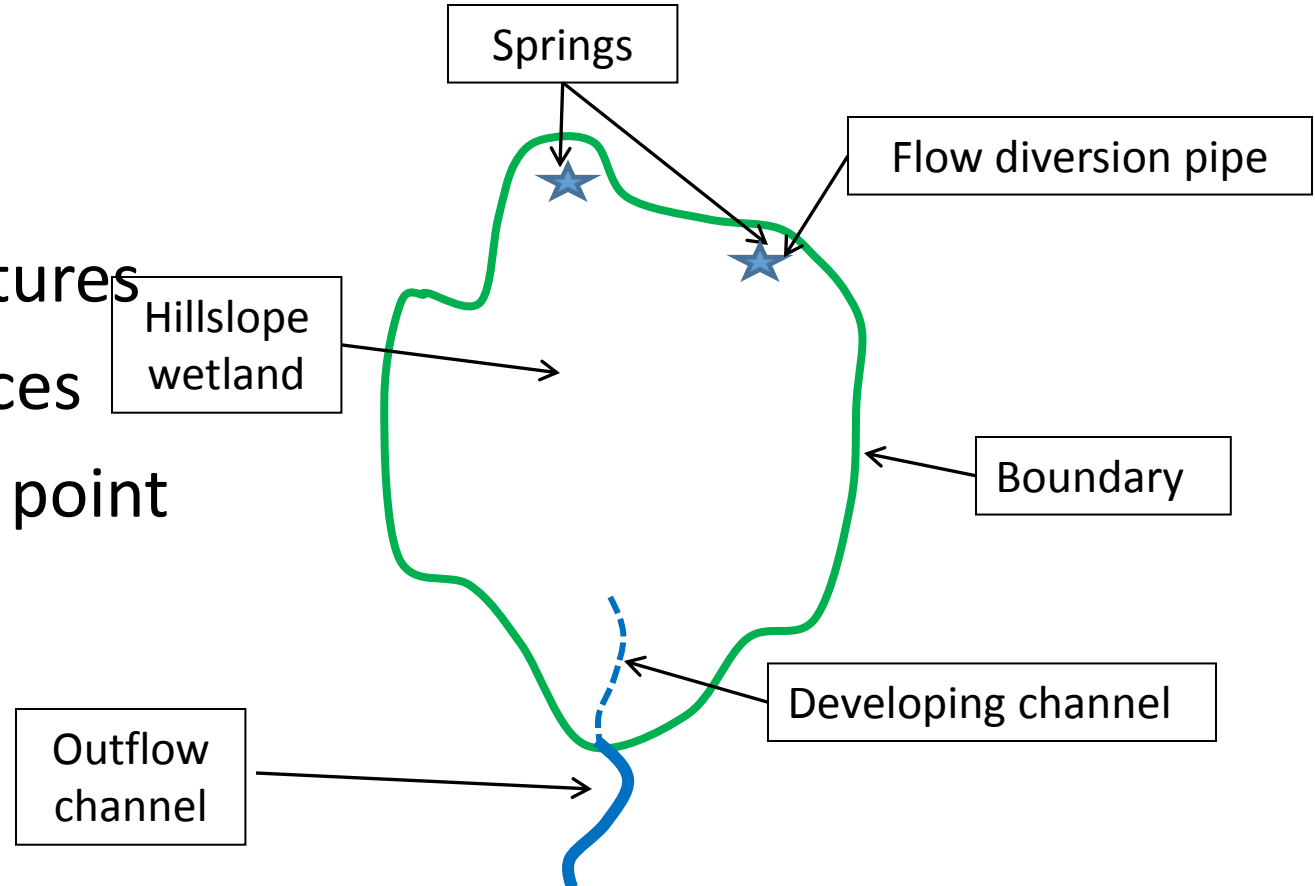
Note: UOM = unit of measure; LOV in FG = list of values in field guide

Field Survey Attributes



- **General information**
- **Georeferencing**

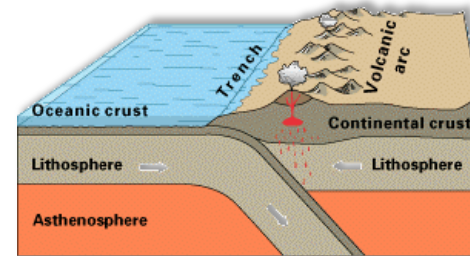
- Boundary
- Structures
- Water features
- Disturbances
- Reference point



Field Survey Attributes

- **Geologic Setting**

- Surficial material
- Lithology
- Landform
- Geologic structure type



- **GDE Types** (Springer & Stevens, 2009)

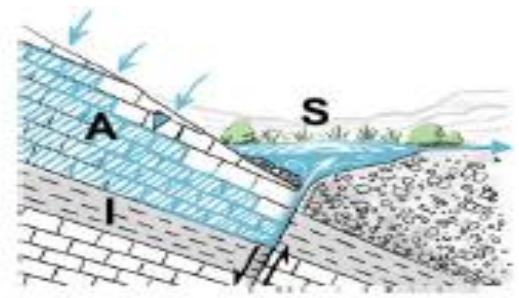


A - Aquifer I - Impermeable Stratum S - Spring Source

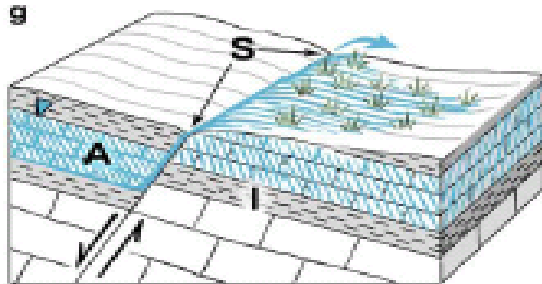
Springer and Stevens, 2009



Hillslope



Limnocrene



Helocrene



Field Survey Attributes (1 of 2)

- **Vegetation**

- Surrounding vegetation
- Bryophyte abundance
- Dominant species
- Species of interest

- **Fauna**

- Terrestrial herpetofauna
- Terrestrial vertebrates
- Aquatic vertebrates
- Aquatic macroinvertebrates

- **Hydrology**

- Flow information
- Water table depth
- Spring channel characteristics
- Water quality

- **Soil**

- Peat thickness
- Texture/color of mineral layer
- Redoximorphic features
- Reaction to HCL

Field Survey Attributes (2 of 2)

- **Natural and Anthropogenic Disturbances**

- Structures
- Hydrologic and soil alteration
- Recreation impacts
- Impacts of management/land use



- **Management Indicator Tool**

ID team answers the 25 Yes/No questions together

- Hydrology
- Geomorphology and Soils
- Biology
- Disturbances



Management Indicator Tool

Forest Service GDE Level I Inventory

Site Name _____

Recorder _____

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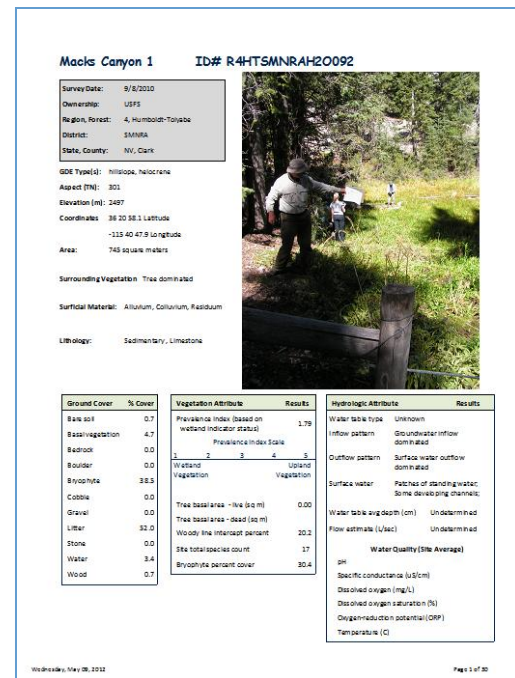
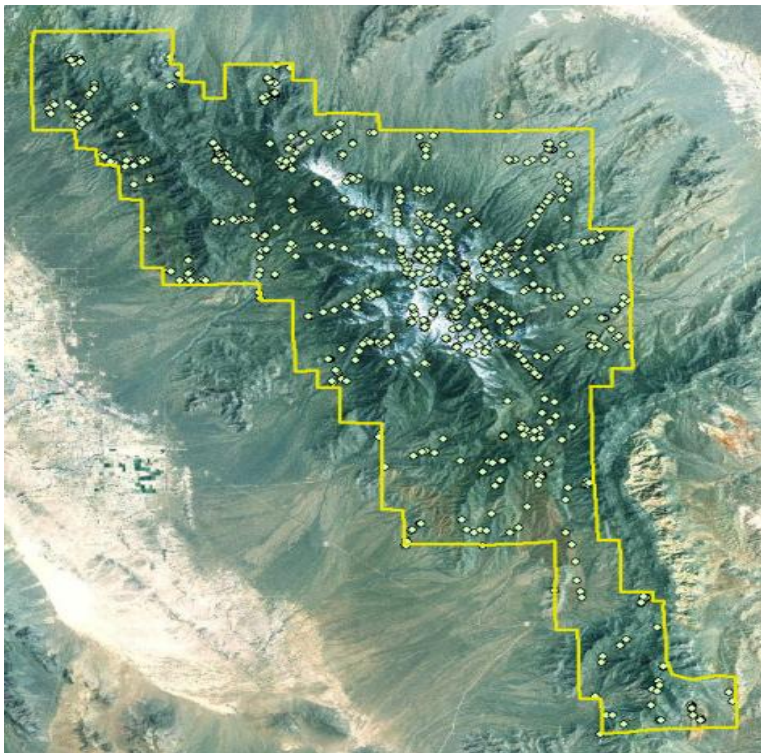
Management Indicator Tool (p. 82)

Management Indicators	True (Yes)	False (No)	Does Not Apply	Unable To Assess	Comment
Hydrology					
1. <i>Aquifer Functionality</i> : No evidence suggests that the aquifer supplying groundwater to the site is being affected by groundwater withdrawal or loss of recharge.					
2. <i>Watershed Functionality</i> : Within the watershed, no evidence suggests upstream/upgradient hydrologic alteration that could adversely affect the GDE site.					
3. <i>Water Quality</i> : Changes in water quality (surface or subsurface) are not affecting the groundwater dependent ecosystem site.					
Geomorphology and Soils					
4. <i>Landform Stability</i> : No evidence indicates human-caused mass movement or other surface disturbance affecting the GDE site stability.					
5. <i>Runout Channel</i> : The channel, if present, is functioning naturally and is not entrenched, eroded, or otherwise substantially altered.					
6. <i>Soil Integrity</i> : Soils are intact and functional. For example, saturation is sufficient to maintain hydric soils, if present, there is not excessive erosion or deposition.					
Biology					
7. <i>Vegetation Composition</i> : The site includes anticipated cover of plant species associated with the site environment, and no evidence suggests that upland species are replacing hydric species.					
8. <i>Vegetation Condition</i> : Vegetation exhibits seasonally appropriate health and vigor.					
9. <i>TES, SOI/SOC, Focal Floral Species</i> : Anticipated floral species are present (will vary by ecological region and will require some baseline information).					
10. <i>Faunal Species</i> : Anticipated aquatic and terrestrial faunal species associated with the site environment are present.					
11. <i>TES, SOI/SOC, Focal Faunal Species</i> : Anticipated faunal species are present (will vary by ecological region and will require some baseline information).					
12. <i>Invasive Species</i> : Invasive floral and faunal species are not established at the site.					

Inventory Steps: Post-Field Survey

- Verify geographic data
- Laboratory analyses (samples and specimens)
- Data management and interpretation
 - Transfer data from paper or electronic device
 - Generate summaries and reports
 - Download, label and store photos
 - Scan hand-written materials such as drawings and notes
- Validate and confirm management indicator
- Consider Other Data Analysis

Data Management and Analysis





MS Access Database

GDE Database Version 3

Home Create External Data Database Tools Acrobat

View Paste Font Rich Text Refresh All New Save Delete Records Totals Spelling More Sort & Filter Selection Advanced Find Find



Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Inventory

Edit/View Sites

Reports Export for ArcPad

Edit Lookup Tables Import from ArcPad

Send Feedback



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Data Entry Forms

Find by Name Macks Canyon 1
by Site ID Add New Site

Site Name Macks Canyon 1 ID R4HTSMNRAH2O092

Survey Data Site and Geographic Mapping Georeferencing Route Other QA/QC

Surveys - double-click date to open Add New Survey

Survey Date	Examiners	Survey Level
9/8/2010	Larry Stevens, Abe Springer, Patty West, Jeri Ledbetter, and Lisa S	2
*		

Record: 1 of 1 No Filter Search

Last changed by JDL Date 5/24/2011

Find by Name Macks Canyon 1
by Site ID Add New Site

Site Name Macks Canyon 1 ID R4HTSMNRAH2O092

Survey Data Site and Geographic Mapping Georeferencing Route Other QA/QC

State NV County Clark Land Status USFS

Region 4 Proclaimed NF Humboldt-Toiyabe

District SMNRA Designation

Grazing Allotment Number none Name

NRM Infra Reference

Water Rights Number Water Rights Status

HUC Las Vegas Wash

Ecological Unit Code 322Aac Mojave Mountain Woodland and Shrub

Ecological System

Local Feature Type

Last changed by JDL Date 5/24/2011

Macks Canyon 1 ID R4HTSMNRAH2O092 Survey Date 9/8/2010 Level 2 Survey ID

Soils Hydrology/Flow Water Quality Fauna Disturbance Mgmt Indicators Planning

Survey Info Georeferencing Geology Images Quadrat Data Woody Vegetation Additional Plants Extra

Transect # 1 Distance 2 Setting high gradient cienega

Bare soil Stone Basal veg Water Bryophyte % Cover 0

Gravel Boulder Litter Wood

Cobble Bedrock Bryophyte Total 4

Species	Symbol	% Cover	Collection ID	Comments
Apiceae fam	APIACE	55	1	1
*				

Ground Cover = 4 Total % Cover 55

Species Count 13 Quadrat Count 37

Last Changed by JDL Date 3/12/2012

Macks Canyon 1 ID R4HTSMNRAH2O092 Survey Date 9/8/2010 Level 2 Survey ID -1543726105

Survey Info Georeferencing Geology Images Quadrat Data Woody Vegetation Additional Plants Extra

Soils Hydrology/Flow Water Quality Fauna Disturbance Mgmt Indicators Planning QA/QC

Inflow Pattern Groundwater inflow dominated

Outflow Pattern Surface water outflow dominated

Occurrence of Surface Water

No standing or flowing water visible Extensive standing water Patches of standing water Some flowing water in developing channel

Water Table Type Unknown Average of Water Table Measurements

Transect Or Location	Distance_m	Msrmt Location	Source	Hole Dpth cm	Water Table Depth cm	Dry?
12 m along long axis		Down-gradient from orific	Other		0	
3	5.2	Randomly chosen point	Soil hole		6	
13	13	Randomly chosen point	Soil hole		15	

Reason if no flow measurement

Location	Method	Instrument	Msrmt L/Sec	% Captured	Flow Estimate
32.1 m along long axis	Flume	Baski	0.13	100	0.13
*					

Site Percent Capture Avg. or Cum. Measure Flow Estimate L/sec

For springs with outflow brooks

Hydroperiod Perennial Length of Outflow Stream (m) >20 m What happens to stream outflow? eventually infiltrates downstream

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Gravel Boulder Litter 4 Wood

Cobble Bedrock Bryophyte Total 4

Species

Species	Symbol	% Cover	Collection ID	Comments
Apiaceae fam	APIACE	55	1	1
*				

Record: 1 of 1 No Filter Search

Ground Cover = 4 ☒ Add New Quadrat Total % Cover 55

View Quadrat Data

View Species Data

Save Data and View Reports

Record: 1 of 37 No Filter Search

Species Count 13 Quadrat Count 37

Last Changed by JDL Date 3/12/2012

Macks Canyon 1 ID R4HTSMNRAH2O092 Survey Date 9/8/2010 Level 2 Survey ID -1543726105

Survey Info	Georeferencing	Geology	Images	Quadrat Data	Woody Vegetation	Additional Plants	Extra Quadrats
Soils	Hydrology/Flow	Water Quality	Fauna	Disturbance	Mgmt Indicators	Planning	QA/QC

Inflow Pattern Groundwater inflow dominated

Outflow Pattern Surface water outflow dominated

Notes

Occurrence of Surface Water

☐ No standing or flowing water visible ☐ Extensive standing water ☒ Patches of standing water ☒ Some flowing water in developing channel

Water Table Type Unknown

Average of Water Table Measurements

Transect Or Location	Distance_m	Msrmt Location	Source	Hole Dpth cm	Water Table Depth cm	Dry?
12 m along long axis		Down-gradient from orific	Other		0	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	5.2	Randomly chosen point	Soil hole		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	13	Randomly chosen point	Soil hole		15	<input type="checkbox"/>

Record: 1 of 5 No Filter Search

Reason if no flow measurement

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32.1 m along long axis	Flume	Baski	0.13	100	0.13
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Flow Conversion

Record: 1 of 1 No Filter Search

Site Percent Capture Avg. Or Cum. Measure

Flow Estimate L/sec

For springs with outflow brooks

What happens to stream outflow?

Hydroperiod Perennial Length of Outflow Stream (m) >20 m

eventually infiltrates downstream



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Date 3/12/2012

Site Report for Level I

Macks Canyon 1 ID# R4HTSMNRAH20092

Survey Date: 8/6/2010
 Ownership: USFS
 Region, Forest: 4, Humboldt-Toiyabe
 District: SMNRA
 State, County: NV, Clark

GDE Type(s): hillslope, helocrene
 Aspect (TN): 301
 Elevation (m): 3487
 Coordinates: 36 20 58.1 Latitude
 -115 40 47.9 Longitude
 Area: 745 square meters

Surrounding Vegetation: Tree dominated

Soil Material: Alluvium, Colluvium, Residuum

Lithology: Sedimentary, Limestone

Bryophyte Abundance:

Lifeform	Rank	Dominant Species
Tree		
Shrub		
Graminoid		
Forb		
Aquatic		
Unknown		

Plant Species of Interest

None



Hydrologic Attribute	Results
Water table type	Unknown
Inflow pattern	Groundwater inflow dominated
Outflow pattern	Surface water outflow dominated
Surface water	Patches of standing water; some developing channels;
Water table depth single location (cm)	Undetermined
Flow estimate (L/sec)	Undetermined
Water Quality (Single Location)	
pH	
Specific conductance (uS/cm)	
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	
Dissolved oxygen saturation (%)	
Oxygen reduction potential (ORP)	
Temperature (C)	

Macks Canyon 1 (continued) Fauna

None

Disturbance

Hydrology: Water diversion (permanently diverted);	Recreational effects: Other recreational effects observed-see disturbance notes;
	Animal effects: Grazing or browsing (by ungulates); Wild animals; Trails by animals and people; Trampling by ungulates, native or nonnative;
Soil alteration: Patents or hummocks (by people or animals); Piles; Trails (by people or animals);	Miscellaneous effects: Tree cutting (timber harvest or other); Refuse disposal;
	Disturbance Notes: Litter, a golf ball, and shotgun shells were found at this site.
Structures: Exclusion fence;	

Soils

a long long axis, 12m, at 1.3 m, sandy loam, SOYR2/2

Macks Canyon 1 (continued)

Management Indicators

1) Aquifer (groundwater) not altered	UA	
2) Watershed (surface water) not altered	True	
3) Water quality changes not affecting site	True	
Geomorphology and Soils		
4) Landform stability not altered	True	
5) Runout channel functioning naturally	False	Some alteration, road adjacent to site; ungulate trampling
6) Soil integrity not altered	False	ungulate trampling

Biology

7) Vegetation composition as anticipated	False	False
8) Vegetation condition is healthy	True	
9) TES, SOI/SOC, focal flora as anticipated	UA	
10) Faunal species as anticipated	UA	
11) TES, SOI/SOC, focal fauna as anticipated	UA	
12) Invasive species not established	True	

Disturbances

13) Flow regulation not adversely affecting site	False	
14) Construction, Roads not adversely affecting	True	
15) Fencing functions properly	UA	
16) Herbivory not adversely affecting site	False	
17) Recreation not adversely affecting site	False	
18) Other disturbance not adversely affecting	False	

Adaptive Resource Context

19) Cultural values do not affect site mgmt	False	Most springs have cultural & religious significance
20) Land ownership is FS in and around site	True	
21) Other landowner actions not affecting site	True	
22) Land Management Plan provides protection	True	
23) Environmental compliance occurring	True	
24) Water uses not adversely affecting site	True	
25) Water rights file d and not outstanding	True	

Plant codes and native status are from the USDA PLANTS database web page: <http://plants.usda.gov>

Site Report for Level II

Macks Canyon 1 ID# R4HTSMNRAH20092

Survey Date: 9/8/2012
Client: USFS
Region, Forest: 4, Humboldt-Toiyabe
District: SMMRA
State, County: NV, Clark

SOE Type(s): riparian, halophile
Aspect (TN): 301
Elevation (m): 2497
Coordinates: 39 20 58.1 Latitude
-113 40 47.9 Longitude
Area: 743 square meters

Surrounding Vegetation: Tree dominated

Soil Material: Alluvium, Colluvium, Fluvium

Lithology: Sedimentary, Limestone



Ground Cover	% Cover	Vegetation Attribute	Results	Hydrologic Attribute	Results
Bare soil	0.7	Prevalence Index (based on wetland indicator status)	1.79	Water table type	Unknown
Base vegetation	4.7	Prevalence Index Scale		Inflow pattern	Groundwater inflow dominated
Bedrock	0.0	1 2 3 4 5		Outflow pattern	Surface water outflow dominated
Boulder	0.0	Wetland Vegetation	Upland Vegetation	Surface water	Patches of standing water; Some developing channels
Bryophyte	38.5			Water table avg depth (cm)	Undetermined
Cobble	0.0	Tree basal area - live (sq m)	0.00	Flow estimate (L/sec)	Undetermined
Gravel	0.0	Tree basal area - dead (sq m)		Water Quality (Site Average)	
Litter	32.0	Woody line intercept percent	20.3	pH	
Stone	0.0	Site total species count	17	Specific conductance (uS/cm)	
Water	3.4	Bryophyte percent cover	30.4	Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	
Wood	0.7			Dissolved oxygen saturation (%)	
				Organic reduction potential (ORP)	
				Temperature (C)	

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Macks Canyon 1 (continued)

Vegetation

Species, USDA Symbol	Name	% Cover	Additional Plants
			None
Apocynum, APAC		12.1	
Aquilegia to miosa, AQTO		2.3	
Carex aurea, CAUR		0.6	
Carex lasiocarpa, CGLS		1.4	
Carex, CARE		10.4	
Equisetum laevigatum, EQLA		7.8	
Malvastrum stellatum, MAST		4.9	
Parnassia, PARN		1.7	
Populus tremula, PTP2		2.1	
Poa, POA		7.4	
Primula fragrans, DQFR		26.3	
Rosa woodsii, ROWO		0.1	
Yucca schottii, YSD		3.8	

Quadrat Plant Species: 13 Average % Cover/Quadrat: 80.7

Woody Line-Intercept

Species, USDA Symbol	% Cover
Abies concolor, ABCO	15.3
Juniperus scopulorum, JUSC	
Ribes, RIBE	
Ribes cereum, RICE	
Rosa woodsii, ROWO	

Macks Canyon 1 (continued)

Disturbance

Hydrologic: Water diversion (permanently diverted):	Recreational effects: Other recreational effects observed-see disturbance notes:
Soil alteration: Paved or hummocks by people or animals; Paved: Trails by people or animals;	Animal effects: Grazing or browsing (by ungulates); Wild animals: Trails by animals and people; Trampling by ungulates, native (or non-native);
	Miscellaneous effects: Tree cutting (timber harvest or other); Refuse disposal:
	Disturbance Notes:
Structures: Boliou's Fence:	Other: Agriculture, and other things were found at the site.

Soils

Long, long axis, 12m, at 1.3 m, sandy loam, 10/12/2

Macks Canyon 1 (continued)

Fauna

Vertebrate Species	Detection	Comments
Canis latrans, Nuchtrape columbana	obs	
Common Raven, Corvus corax	obs	
Corvidae	obs	
Dark-eyed Junco, Junco hyemalis	obs	
Wt. Canis canadensis	18th	
Mountain Chickadee, Parus gambeli	obs	
Northern Flicker, Colaptes auratus	obs	
Pied-billed Grebe, Bubob jamaicensis	obs	
Swainson's Thrush	obs	

Invertebrate Species	Detection	Comments
COL.Emidae	obs	Colletes
COL.Sorbeidae	sp. off	
DIP.Stratiomyidae	sp. off	
LEP.Lucanidae	obs	
MDLL	sp. off	Ranunculus
MDLL.Succinidae	obs	
TE.Limnephilidae	obs	
TE.Polycentropodidae	sp. off	
TE.Polycentropodidae	obs	

Macks Canyon 1 (continued)

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25) Water rights held and not outstanding	True	

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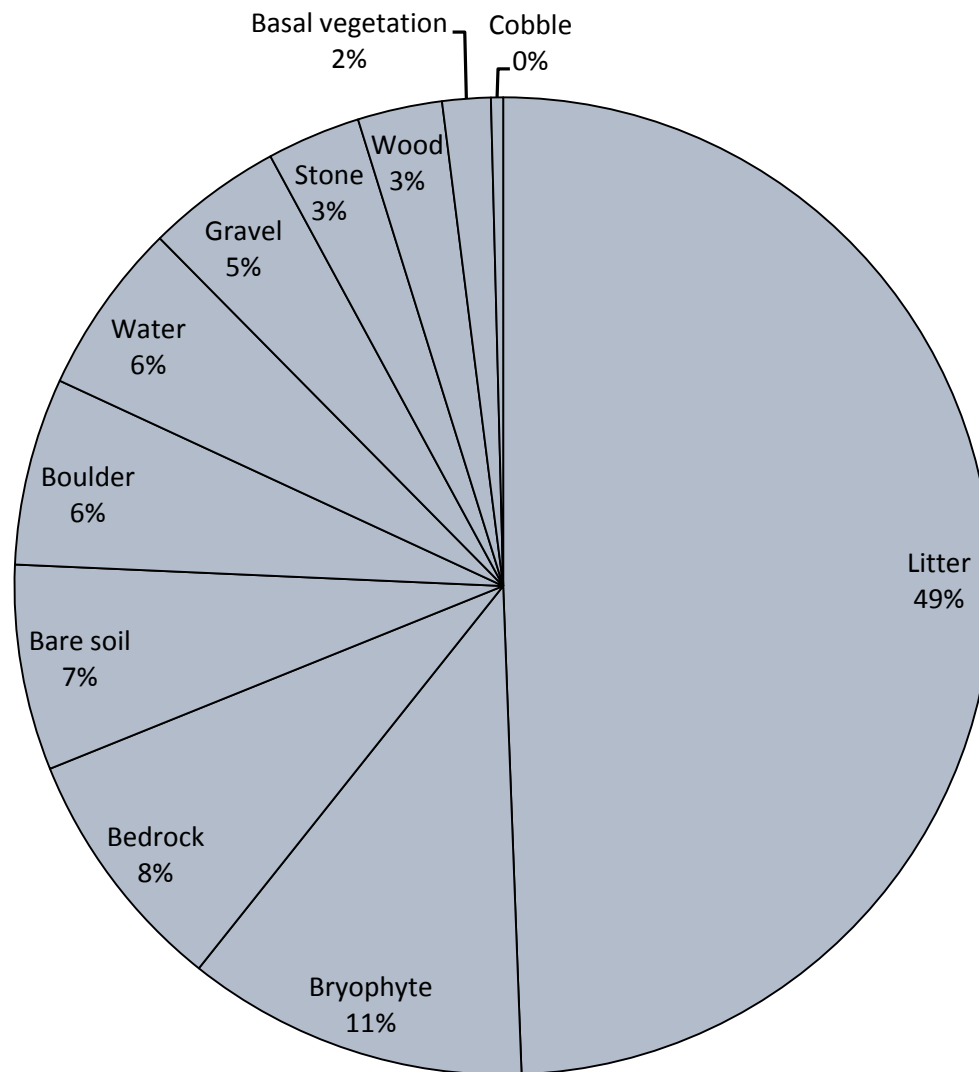
Other Summaries

- Vegetation - Species lists and cover (averages)
- Soil - Depths and thicknesses of organic and mineral layers (averages)
 - Areas of flooded soils (percent of sites)
 - Soil texture and color (list or percent of sites)
- Hydrology
 - Flow (range and average)
 - Water quality (averages) -temperature, pH, conductivity, Oxygen-reduction potential (ORP), Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
- Fauna - Species list and percent of sites with various fauna
- Disturbance - List and percent of sites
- Management Indicator Tool - Percent of sites with each Indicator

CASE STUDY - Spring Mountains NRA

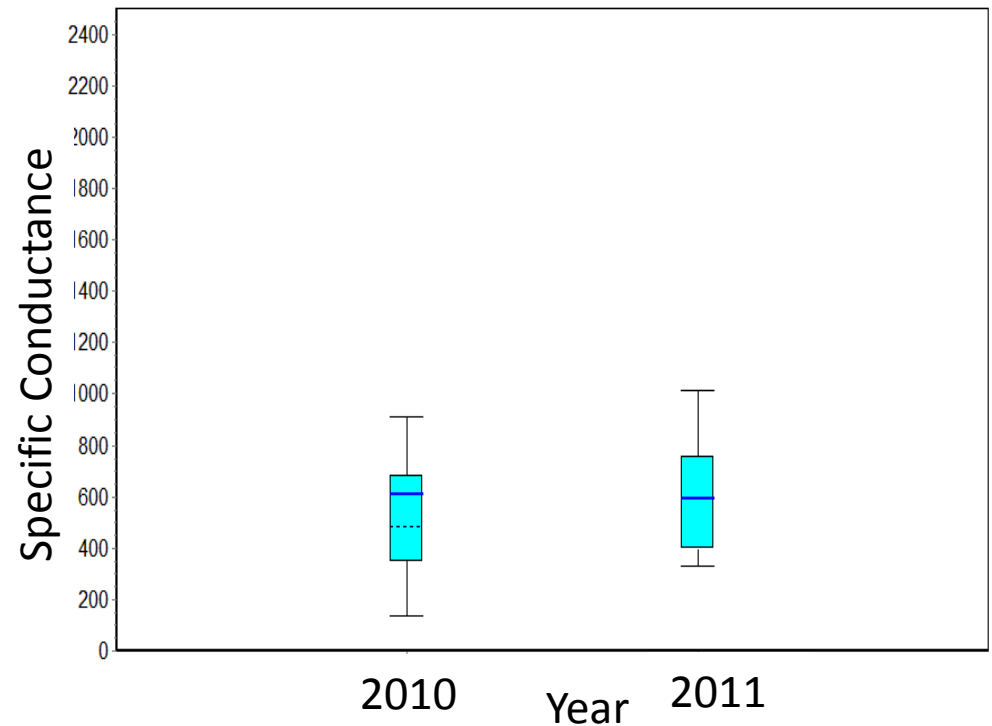
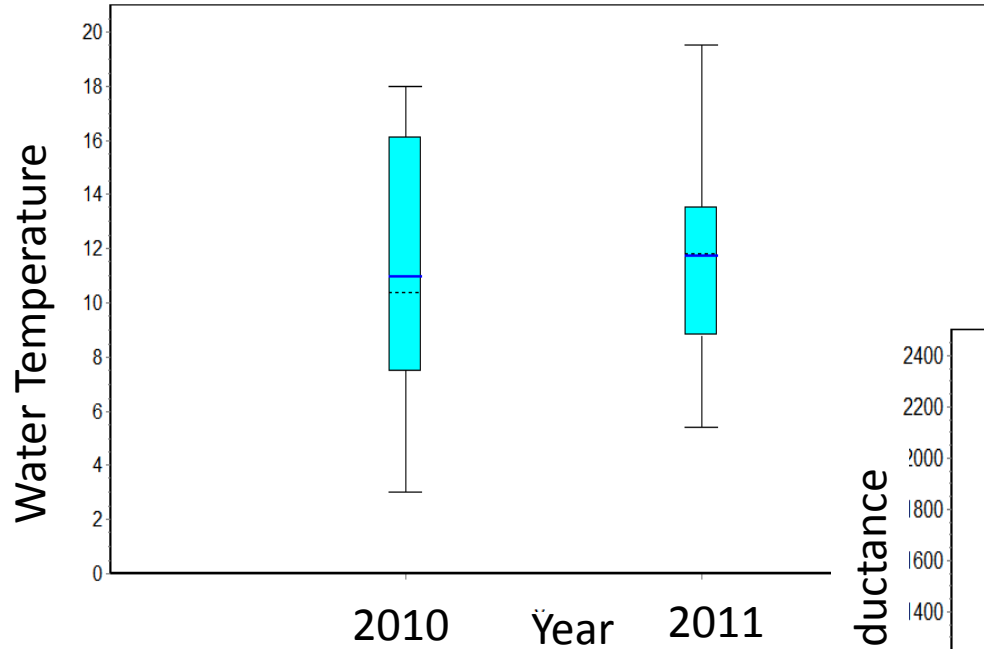
Spring Types (at a site)	Sites
Cave	1
Cave, Hanging garden	1
Gushet, Hillslope	1
Hanging garden	6
Hanging garden, Rheocrene	2
Helocrene, Hillslope	2
Helocrene, Rheocrene	1
Hillslope	6
Hillslope, Rheocrene	11
Hypocrene, Rheocrene	2
Rheocrene	11
Unknown	3
Total	47

Ground Cover - Spring Mountains NRA



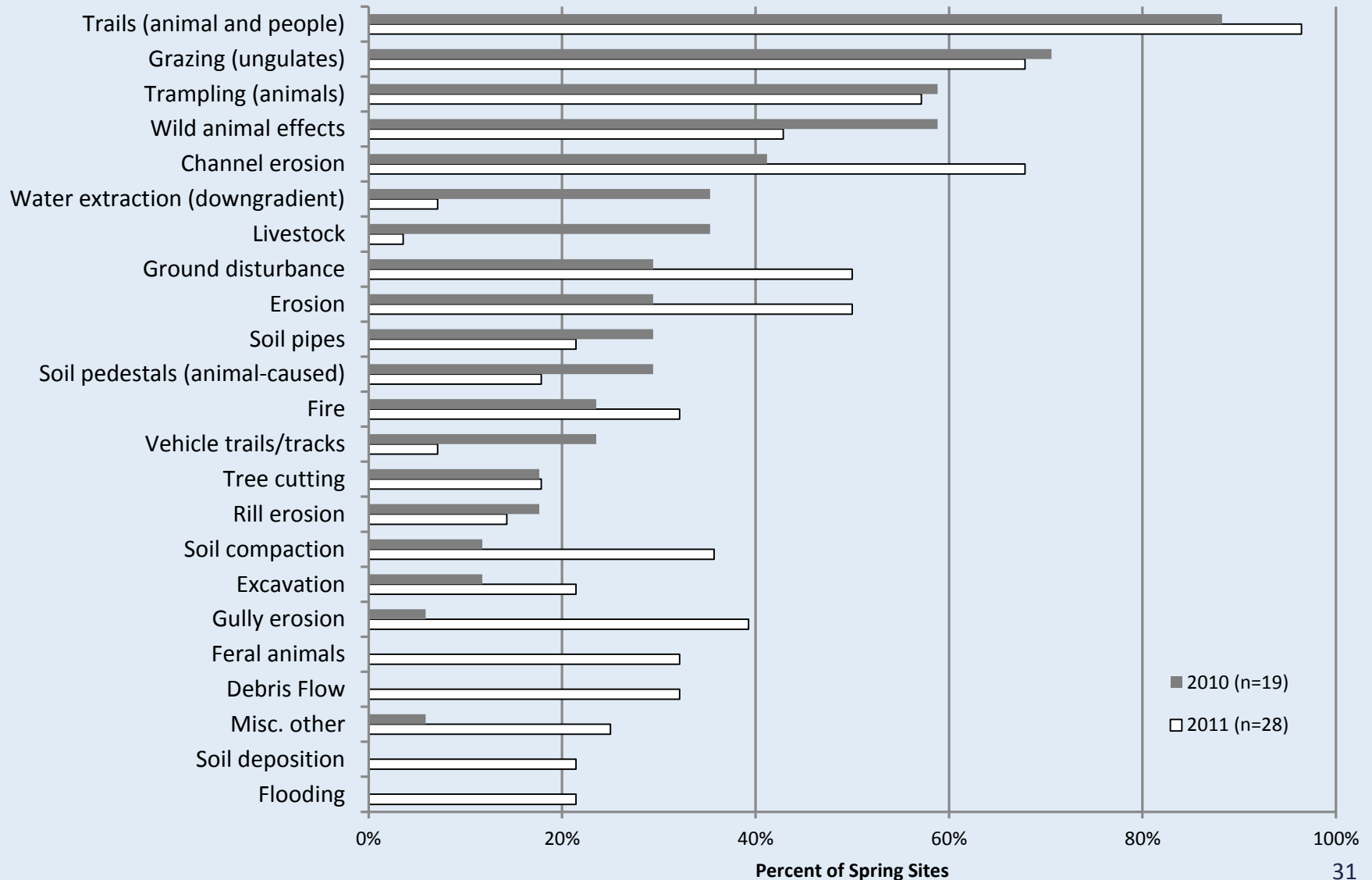
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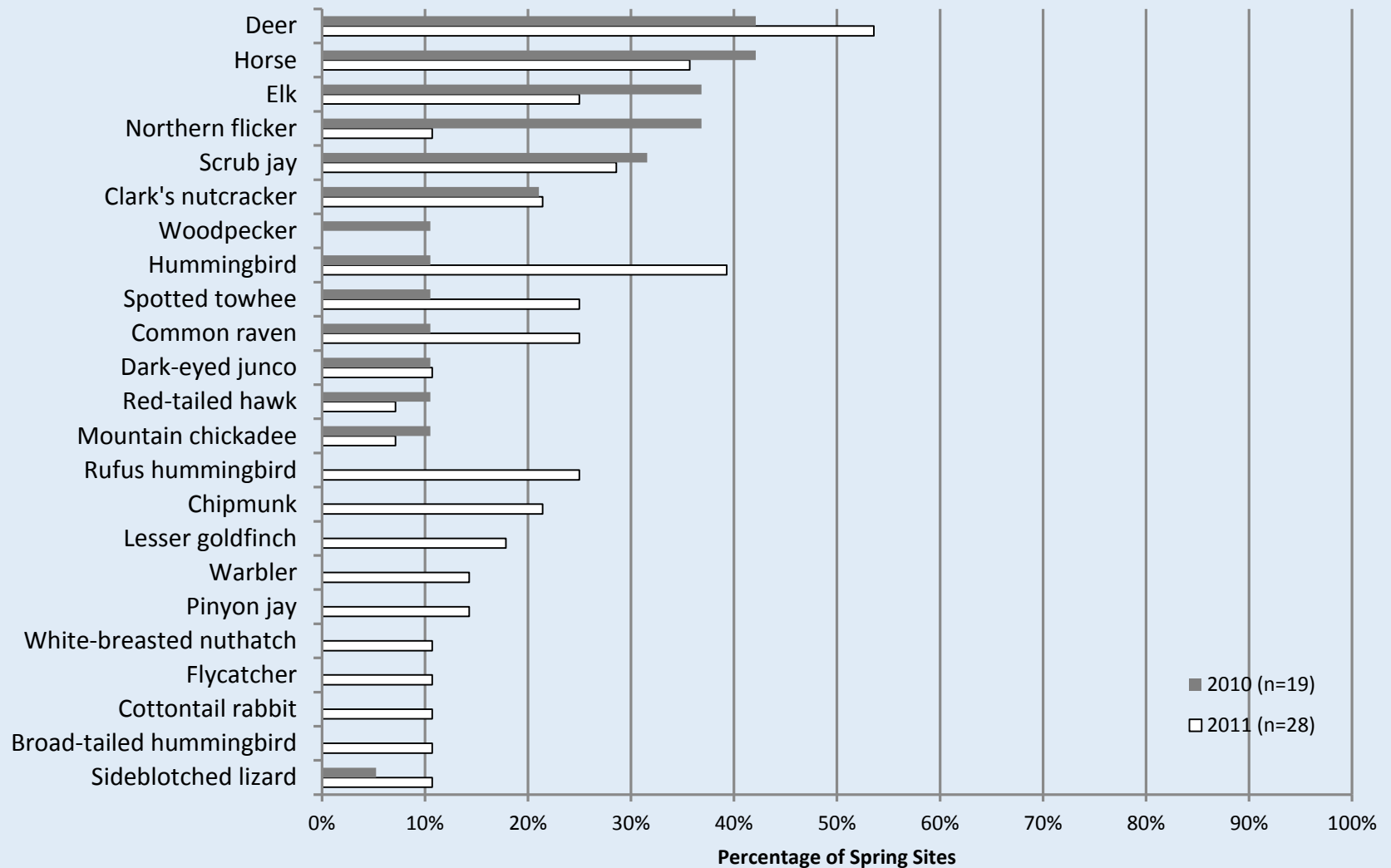


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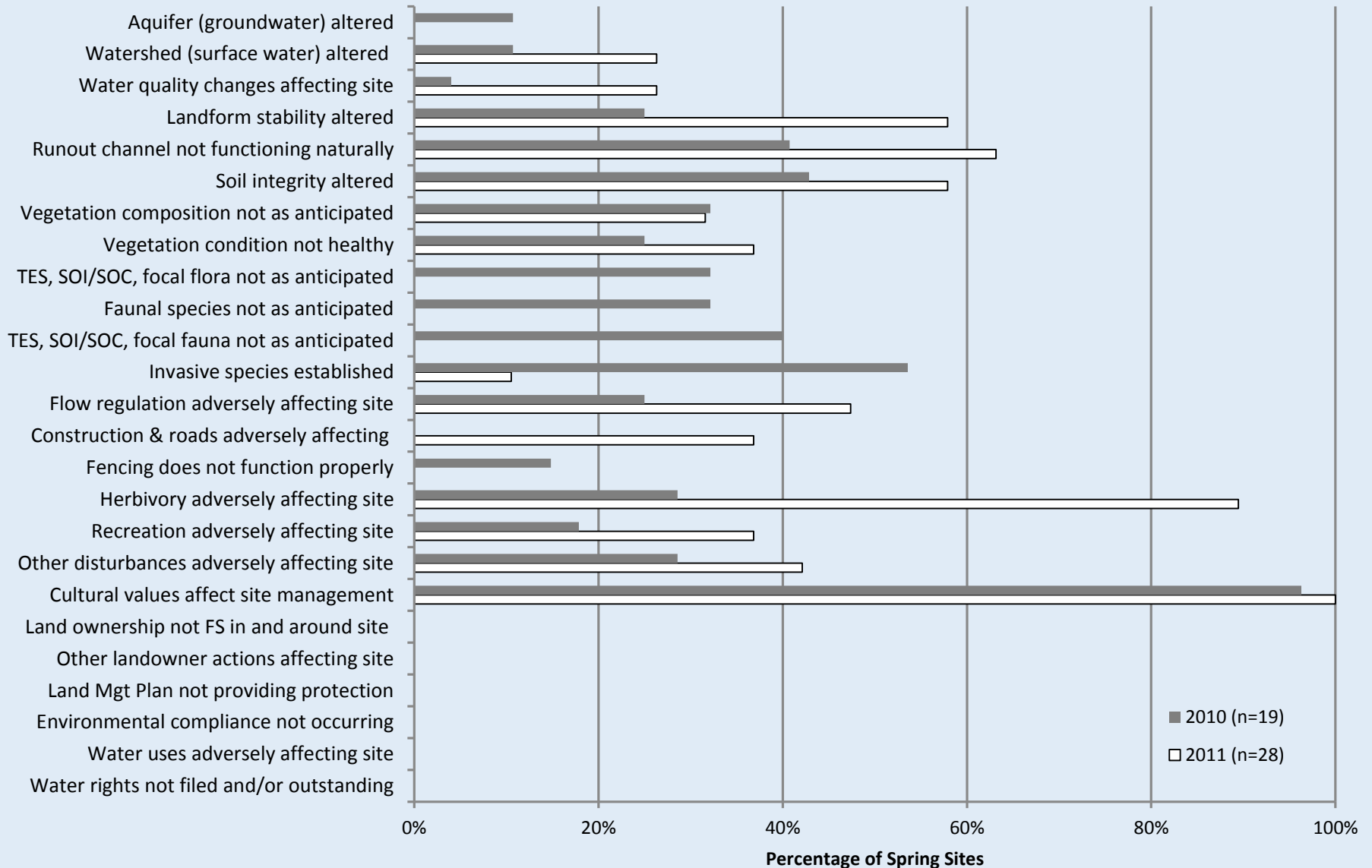
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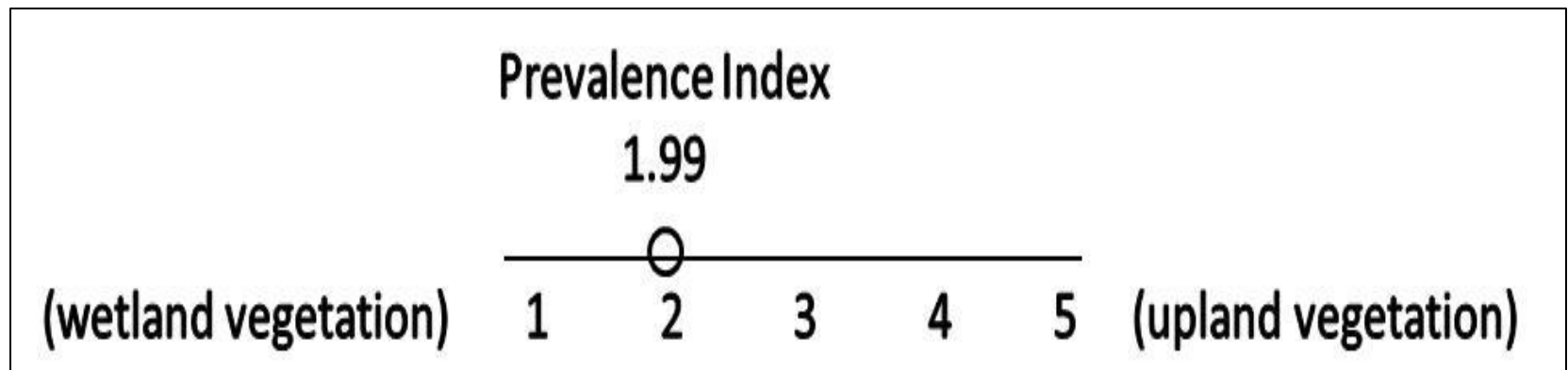
Fauna - Spring Mountains NRA



Management Indicator Tool - Spring Mountains NRA

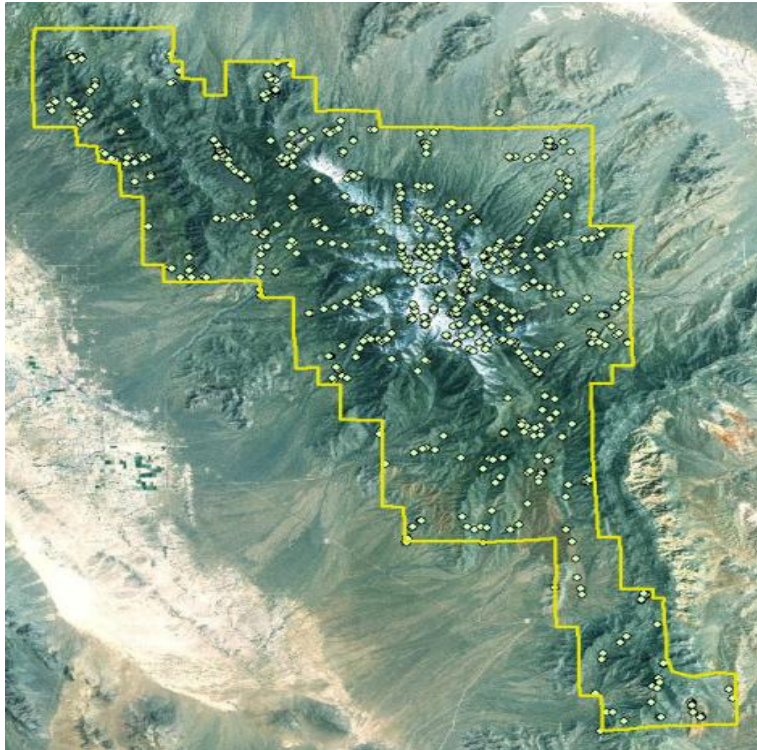


Wetland Vegetation Monitoring

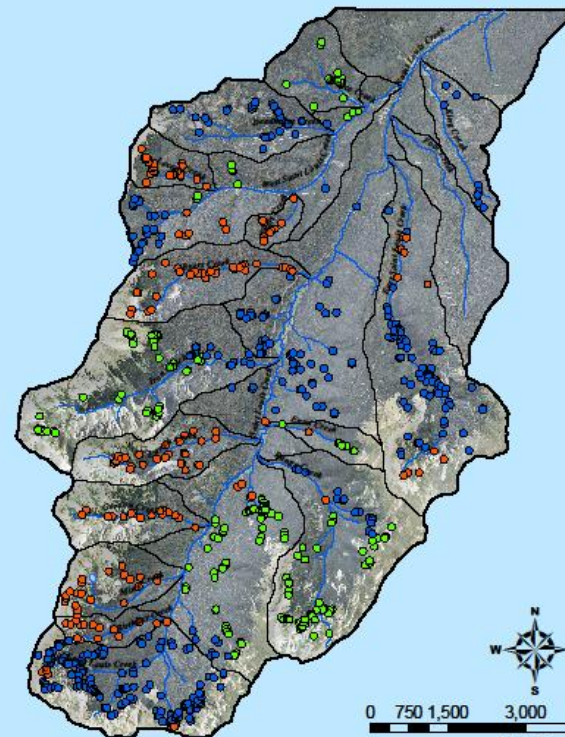


Federal interagency committee for Wetland Delineation, 1989

Geospatial Analysis



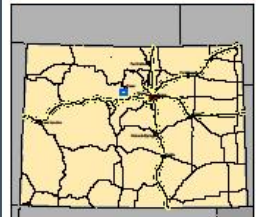
Fraser Experimental Forest - Spring Location



Map Legend

- 2009 springs
- 2010 springs
- 2011 springs
- Perennial Streams
- Watersheds

This map depicts the location of springs identified at the Fraser Experimental Forest during an inventory of springs and wetlands. The inventory was conducted during the snow-free months (summer) for years 2009 - 2011. Inventory is expected to be completed following summer 2012.



Resources

GDE Field Guides available at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/geology/groundwater.html>

