RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS ON THE CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST: A SURVEY OF AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN PLANT COMMUNITIES

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ABSTRACT

Six of the ten established Research Natural Areas (RNAs) on the Clearwater National Forest were visited during the summer of 1996, to document wetland plants and plant communities. Wetlands within the RNAs are associated with both high- and low-gradient streams, wet meadows, subalpine lakes, and cobble river banks. Sedge meadows and a peat fen are found in Sneakfoot Meadows RNA which is described elsewhere. High-gradient streams are the most common aquatic feature represented, and low-gradient streams are very poorly represented. The wetland communities observed are described briefly. An existing wetland community classification for northwestern Montana did not prove useful for classifying the communities encountered. Plot methods were used to describe examples of selected communities. The community types documented will be added to the Idaho Conservation Data Center's site basic records for the RNAs. Plant species observed in wetland communities are included as an appendix and will be added to the RNA files.

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Introduction

Research Natural Areas (RNAs) are small tracts of public land set aside to preserve examples of natural plant communities for study and use as reference areas. RNAs are part of a network of reserves, established by public and private organizations, designed to include examples of all natural plant communities in Idaho. Ten RNAs have thus far been established on the Clearwater National Forest: Aquarius, Bald Mountain, Bull Run Creek, Chateau Falls, Dutch Creek, Four-bit Creek, Grave Peak, Lochsa, Sneakfoot Meadows, and Steep Lakes. These areas all contain forest habitat types (Cooper *et al.* 1991) that help fill the needs of the Idaho RNA system. They also include incidental communities (*e.g.*, wet meadows, riparian, cliffs etc.) that were used to justify establishment. Such communities often represent a disproportionately large amount of the total biodiversity present.

Aquatic features represented in RNAs on the Clearwater National Forest include highelevation lakes, rivers, streams, waterfalls, wet meadows, and peat fen. Sneakfoot Meadows and Chateau Falls RNAs in particular, were set aside for their aquatic features. Wetland plant communities associated with aquatic features often represent a high degree of plant diversity. For this reason, and because no classification of wetland communities exists for this region, wetland communities were not thoroughly documented during initial reconnaissance work for RNA establishment.

Documenting community elements within RNAs serves three purposes: 1) allows the evaluation of representativeness within the RNA system, 2) allows individual RNAs to be placed in a regional biodiversity context, and 3) indicates opportunities for research. The objective of this project was to document wetland plant communities or community complexes in RNAs on the Clearwater National Forest.

Between July and September of 1996, I attempted to visit six RNAs on the Clearwater National Forest–Aquarius, Chateau Falls, Dutch Creek, Four-bit Creek, Grave Peak, and Steep Lakes–and to document wetland plants and plant communities. Sneakfoot Meadows RNA has been previously described (Bursik 1990), and aquatic features of Bald Mountain, Bull Run Creek, and Lochsa RNAs are minimal. The wetland communities I observed were undisturbed by human factors such as grazing of domestic animals, logging, or recreation. Most are dynamic communities by virtue of their occurrence along steeply graded streams.

Methods

I described streams using the classification of Savage and Rabe (1979) which is based on order, gradient, and substrate. Within the RNAs visited, permanent streams are mostly of the cascade-pool type, with gradients greater than 9% and substrates of coarse sediments, bedrock, and/or log debris.

I attempted to classify the communities observed using the wetland vegetation classification for Northwestern Montana (Boggs *et al.* 1990), but with little success. Instead, I have provided brief descriptions of the communities present. Where a conifer overstory is present, the forest habitat types of Cooper *et al.* (1991) were used. Each community is given a

conservation ranking of A (excellent) through F (terrible) which will be part of the community occurrence record in the Conservation Data Center's (CDC) Database. Sample plots were described for selected communities using the methods of Bourgeron *et al.* (1991). The wetland community types described will be added to the site basic records for the RNAs. Plant species observed in wetlands are tabled in Appendix B and will be added to the RNA files. A set of slides is appended to copies of this report at the CDC and the Natural Areas Program, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Missoula, Montana.

Aquarius RNA

Aquatic features of Aquarius include a section of the North Fork Clearwater River, six first-order perennial tributaries, and two second-order perennial tributaries. There are also ephemeral seeps, some associated with steep rock outcrops (Appendix D, slide 1), and supporting a diversity of herbaceous vegetation. Although I did not do a thorough survey of the riparian vegetation of Aquarius, it has been visited much more regularly than other RNAs on the forest because of an established monitoring program. Riparian communities are mostly limited to narrow, shaded stringers along steeply graded tributary streams. Along the North Fork are also found seasonally exposed rock bars and terraces. Most riparian plant species are also found in moist forest habitat types. An updated species list for Aquarius is included as Appendix B, Table 1.

Thuja plicata/Adiantum pedatum and Thuja plicata/Athyrium filix-femina community types. Tributaries to the North Fork within Aquarius, with gradients of nearly 2,000 ft per mile, are cascade–pool type streams (Savage and Rabe 1979). They are deeply entrenched and shaded by conifer or deciduous forest overstory (Appendix D, slide 2). Composition of these communities is essentially the same as the *Thuja plicata/Adiantum* pedatum and Thuja plicata/Athyrium filix-femina upland habitat types (potential natural communities; see Appendix B, Table 1 for common names). Associated with the streams are narrow stringers of wet-site plants, mostly Athyrium filix-femina, Adiantum pedatum, Boykinia major, Streptopus amplexifolius, Montia siberica, and Circaea alpina, as well as species from adjoining, drier habitat: Gymnocarpium dryopteris, Tiarella trifoliata, Asarum caudatum, Viola glabella, and Sorbus scopulina. Oplopanax horridum and Lysichitum americanum are scarce and never occur with high cover. Violent washouts initiate Alnus rubra as the overstory dominant along streams and on alluvial fans (Appendix D, slide 3). Such a community is described by plot 97JL001 (Appendix C). This example appears to be seral to the *Thuja plicata/Athyrium filix-femina* habitat type but may be long-persistent. Both the T. plicata/A. pedatum and T plicata/A. filix-femina community types are extensive in the RNA (1310 and 69 acres respectively) and represent A-ranked element occurrences (EO).

Boykinia major–Calamagrostis canadensis community. Unique riparian habitat is provided by seasonally submerged rock banks and point bars along the North Fork. The substrate is cobble or cobble and sand. This zone is habitat for the rare Idaho plant, *Tofieldia glutinosa* var. *brevistyla (Triantha occidentalis* (S. Watson) Gates subsp. *brevistyla* (Hitchcock) Packer). A large cobble bar is found on the south bank, 3/4 mile

downstream from the mouth of Beaver Creek. The bar is occupied by a *Boykinia major–Calamagrostis canadensis* community containing a diverse mixture of forbs and grasses. *Apocynum androsaemifolium* is abundant. Sprouts of *Alnus rubra* and *Cornus stolonifera* are present but do not attain any size. As sediment accumulates on such cobble bars, this community may succeed to *Alnus rubra*, and ultimately *Thuja plicata*.

Chateau Falls RNA

Chateau Creek is a third-order stream that joins Cave Creek just before its confluence with the North Fork Clearwater River. It is a very high-gradient, cascade-pool type stream in granitic bedrock. The lower third of Chateau Creek is included in the RNA (Appendix A, Map 2). The creek, with its series of waterfalls and several ephemeral tributaries, constitute the aquatic features of the RNA. Bob Moseley joined me in the survey and made a list of all vascular plant species we observed in the RNA (Appendix B, Table 2), significantly adding to the original plant list. Plants occurring in the riparian zone are noted in the table.

Betula papyrifera/Alnus incana community type. Our survey began in Cave Creek, which forms the western boundary of the RNA and joins Chateau Creek just before entering the North Fork. Cave Creek has a steep, boulder and bedrock substrate, an overall gradient of 1400 ft/mile, and includes a spectacular waterfall (Appendix D, slide 5). Riparian vegetation consists of a narrow stringer of primarily deciduous trees and shrubs including Betula papyrifera, Alnus incana, Acer glabrum, Prunus emarginata, and Pseudotsuga menziesii (see Appendix B, Table 2 for common names). Upstream from the confluence with Chateau Creek, Acer glabrum comes to dominate the overstory with a subcanopy of Salix drummondiana in the stream channel. Rock crevices in the spray zone of the falls support small hanging gardens with mosses, Saxifraga mertensiana, and S. occidentalis.

We left the Cave Creek drainage at the base of the falls and intercepted Chateau Creek at 3500 ft elevation. At this point the stream channel is steep and the riparian zone very narrow or absent, occasionally widening to as much as 10 meters where ephemeral streams enter. There is an open forest overstory of *Pseudotsuga menziesii* with many large snags still standing from a circa-1930 fire. The forest habitat type is *Thuja plicata/Clintonia uniflora*.

Alnus incana/Athyrium filix-femina community type. The widest areas of stream bottom are occupied by a tall shrub layer of Alnus incana, Acer glabrum, and Amelanchier alnifolia and an understory of Rubus parviflorus, Ribes hudsonianum, Streptopus amplexifolius, Athyrium filix-femina, Gymnocarpium dryopteris, and Boykinia major. Periodic flood events probably limit conifer establishment in this community. Because of the size and dynamic nature of this community it is difficult to describe or classify. Less than 0.1 acre of this type was observed (EO Rank = C).

Lower Chateau Creek descends over a series of four spectacular waterfalls (here numbered from down- to upstream) interspersed with lesser falls and cascades. We encountered the top of falls #4 at approximately 3500 ft. It drops about 50 ft over a sheer granite face, then cascades through a series of basins in the bedrock (Appendix D, slide 6). Three, first-order streams enter before the top of falls #3 at approximately 3100 ft. Falls #3 is a straight drop of about 40 ft followed by a series of cascades. Falls #2 occurs at 2800 ft (Appendix D, slide 9), and falls #1 at 2500 ft. Falls #1 drops about 80 ft in three steps, to the confluence with Cave Creek. At this point the valley widens somewhat and is characterized by an overstory of *Betula papyrifera*, which continues to the mouth.

Dutch Creek RNA

Dutch Creek, a first-order tributary of the Lochsa River, is a steeply graded, actively downcutting, cascade-pool type stream flowing over cobble and boulders (Appendix D, slide 11). Within the RNA, it descends from 2600 to 2200 ft elevation within a distance of 1/2 mile (Appendix A, Map 3). Depositional segments with sand bottom alternate with riffles and cascades. Outside the narrow riparian zone, vegetation is early seral forest and shrubfield. Many large snags remain standing along the stream from a circa-1929/1934 fire, and the stream is criss-crossed with downed logs (Appendix D, slide 13).

Along gentle stream segments, a narrow floodplain is occupied by a riparian community of very limited extent, consisting of *Boykinia major*, *Rubus parviflorus*, *Solidago canadensis*, *Pteridium aquilinum*, and *Cornus stolonifera*, with *Athyrium* lining the streambank (Appendix D, slide 14). Plant species found in the riparian zone are listed in Appendix B, Table 3.

Four-bit RNA

Four-bit Creek is a first-order stream that forms a portion of the northeast boundary of the RNA, from 3200 to 3600 ft elevation. It flows into Eldorado Creek, a low-gradient, meandering stream with a wide floodplain that is outside the RNA (Appendix A, Map 4). The only other aquatic feature present is an unnamed, ephemeral tributary of Eldorado Creek. Riparian species observed in the RNA are listed in Appendix B, Table 4.

Four-bit Creek has a moderately wide floodplain, 50 to 150 ft (20-40 m) across near its mouth, but narrows rapidly upstream as the gradient steepens. At its mouth, it is a clear, low-gradient stream with a sandy bottom. This stretch would be classified as a meandering-glide type stream (Savage and Rabe 1979). Slightly above the floodplain there is an open, *Picea engelmannii* overstory with a dense, tall-forb understory of *Senecio triangularis*, *Athyrium filix-femina*, *Ligusticum canbyi*, and *Symphoricarpos albus* (see Appendix B, Table 4 for common names).

The floodplain includes large areas of tall-forb meadow with no conifers. *Alnus incana—Cornus stolonifera* tall-shrub thickets adjoin the streambed in places. Further upstream,

where the gradient steepens, the floodplain narrows, then disappears. Shaded, riparian stringer vegetation is characteristic of the *Thuja plicata/Athyrium filix-femina* habitat type. The following two riparian communities occur along the low-gradient portion of Four-bit Creek:

Alnus incana–Athyrium filix-femina community type. This community occurs occasionally in the lower, low-gradient portion of Four-bit Creek where it is associated with periodically flooded streambanks and overflow channels. The overstory is dominated by A. incana and Cornus stolonifera. Other shrubs include Lonicera involucrata, Ribes hudsonianum, and Ribes lacustre. The herbaceous understory is made up of Senecio triangularis, Heracleum lanatum, Glyceria elata, Trautvetteria caroliniensis, and Athyrium filix-femina. There is no forest overstory. Plot 96JL018 (Appendix C) is an example of this community. It occurs in small patches totalling only about 1/2 acre within the RNA. (EO Rank = B due to limited extent).

This community occupies sites similar to those of the *Alnus sinuata* community type of Boggs et al. (1990), but the *A. sinuata* c.t. is indicative of human disturbance and floristically dissimilar from that described here. An *Alnus incana/Ribes hudsonianum* c.t. is described by Youngblood *et al.* (1985) for riparian sites in Eastern Idaho. It has a lower shrub stratum of *R. hudsonianum* and highly variable herbaceous cover.

Tall-forb meadow. Open areas of the stream floodplain are dominated by tall-forb meadow. Major species are *Ligusticum canbyi*, *Senecio triangularis*, *Trautvetteria caroliniensis*, *Glyceria elata*, and *Sphagnum* sp. Shrubs are scarce. *Scirpus microcarpus* and *Carex aquatilis* occupy wetter microsites. Conifer reproduction is not evident. In the ephemeral stream, a smaller, more shaded meadow is dominated by *Boykinia major* and *Ligusticum canbyi*, with a carpet of *Sphagnum* moss and some conifer reproduction on rotting wood (see Appendix C, Plot 97JL002).

Grave Peak RNA

Wetland vegetation of Grave Peak RNA is associated with a series of five subalpine lakes lying in two drainages (Appendix A, Map 5). Lake 1 is the highest and does not have a distinct zone of hydrophytic vegetation. However, the fellfield *Carex nigricans* community that continues to the water's edge is considered a wetland community type by some (*e.g.* Kovalchik 1993). In fact, none of lakes 1 through 3 are associated with well developed wetland communities. Scattered forbs and graminoids occur in the narrow zones below their high-water lines. *Carex lenticularis, Juncus mertensianus*, and *Gentiana calycosa* are common in this zone (see Appendix B, Table 5 for common names). Other species that may be present are *Senecio triangularis*, *Dodecatheon* sp., *Erigeron peregrinus* var. *scaposus*, *Luetkea pectinata*, *Juncus drummondii*, and *Carex nigricans*. In the narrow riparian zones along steeply graded streams connecting lakes 1, 2, and 3, *Senecio triangularis*, *Erigeron peregrinus*, *Hypericum formosum*, and *Athyrium distentifolium* were noted. These streams are deeply incised in places, flowing over cobble and bedrock.

Only lakes 4 and 5 are associated with well-developed graminoid meadows. The most extensive and floristically diverse meadow is that of lake 5. In Table 1, species are listed as they were encountered, moving from lake 1 to lake 5. The following three sedge-meadow communities were identified at lakes 4 and 5. Additional species associated with each can be found in Table 1. Appendix B, Table 5 lists all plants identified during the 1996 field visit.

Carex utriculata community type (Lake 4): A monoculture of Carex utriculata is found on the most recently exposed sediments at the lake edge. It is about 0.5 acre in extent. (EO rank = A).

Carex lenticularis—C. praeceptorum community type (Lake 4) occupies a slightly drier zone, on lake sediments between the Carex utriculata community and the rocky upland. It is about 0.5 acre in extent. (EO rank = A).

Carex scopulorum community type (Lake 5): This sedge-dominated community borders open water and is seasonally inundated. Carex aquatilis is codominant with C. scopulorum. C. aquatilis, C. scopulorum, C. illota, and Sphagnum sp. were found only in this community (Table 1). Forbs are minor and include Tofieldia glutinosa ssp. montana, Gentiana calycosa, and Dodecatheon sp. Kalmia microphylla is an inconspicuous shrub. This community occupies about 2 acres (EO rank = A).

Steep Lakes RNA

The RNA encompasses a subalpine basin between 5,750 and 7,290 ft. I visited only the lower of the two lakes in the basin. The lower lake occupies a steep-sided basin surrounded by bedrock slopes and talus, leaving only a narrow zone beneath the high water line. A steep outlet stream flows less than 1000 ft before leaving the RNA boundary. The stream flows over and between large boulders and has a cobble bed. *Alnus sinuata* lines the stream, along with *Salix scouleriana*, *Lonicera involucrata*, and *Athyrium* sp. Plant species associated with the outlet stream and a seepy area between the trail and the stream are listed in Appendix B, Table 6. A more thorough survey will be necessary to adequately describe wetland vegetation of the RNA since there is an additional lake, a permanent pond, and several small, wet meadows in the upper basin (Appendix A, Map 6).

Table 1. Plant taxa associated with aquatic and wetland features of Grave Peak RNA, and their presence at each of the five lakes. Lakes are numbered from highest (1) to lowest (5) in elevation as in the Establishment Record. Species are ordered as they were encountered, moving from lake 1 to lake 5.

				Lake			Upland
Scientific Name	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5	Органа
Carex nigricans	black alpine sedge	Х		X			X
Juncus drummondii	Drummond's rush	X	X	X			
Juncus mertensianus	Merten's rush	X	X	X			
Hypericum formosum	w. St. John's-wort	X	X				
Luetkea pectinata	luetkea	X		X			
Carex lenticularis	lentil-fruited sedge		X	X	X		
Deschampsia cespitosa	tufted hairgrass		X		X	X	X
Dodecatheon sp.	shooting star		X	X		X	
Erigeron peregrinus ssp.							
callianthemus var. scaposus		X	X		X		
Gentiana calycosa	mountain bog gentian		X	X		X	
Senecio triangularis	arrowleaf groundsel		X	X			
Carex multicostata	many-nerved sedge			X			
Phyllodoce empetriformis	pink mountain heather			X			X
Spiraea douglasii	Douglas' spiraea			X			X
Athyrium distentifolium	alpine ladyfern				X		
Carex praeceptorum	teacher's sedge				X	X	
Carex utriculata	beaked sedge				X		
Kalmia microphylla	small-leaved laurel				X	X	
Carex aquatilis	water sedge					X	
Carex illota	small-headed sedge					X	
Carex scopulorum	Rocky Mtn. sedge					X	
Sphagnum sp.	sphagnum moss					X	
Tofieldia glutinosa montana	sticky tofieldia					X	

Summary and Recommendations

Within RNAs on the Clearwater National Forest, wetland communities are associated with a variety of aquatic features including rivers; perennial streams; ephemeral streams; subalpine lakes and ponds; vernal pools and seeps; peatlands; and wet meadows (Table 2). The feature most abundantly represented is that of high gradient, low-order streams. These are the cascade-pool type streams of Savage and Rabe (1979). Low-gradient, meandering -glide streams are poorly represented. Classification and inventory of wetland communities is difficult because of the lack of a classification system for this region.

Table 2. Summary of aquatic features found in established RNAs on the Clearwater National Forest.

RNA	Aquatic features
Aquarius	Fifth-order trunk stream; steeply graded ephemeral streams; perennial, cascade-pool streams; and seeps.
Bald Mountain	High-elevation ephemeral streams.
Bull Run Creek	A second-order, cascade-pool type stream.
Chateau Falls	A third-order, cascade-pool type stream; cascades and waterfalls.
Dutch Creek	A first-order cascade-pool type stream.
Four-bit Creek	A first-order perennial stream with both cascade-pool and meandering-glide reaches (borders RNA), and a low-gradient ephemeral stream.
Grave Peak	Five subalpine lakes and associated wet meadows.
Lochsa	Two, steeply graded perennial streams.
Sneakfoot Meadows	High-elevation peat fen and wet meadows.
Steep Lakes	Two subalpine lakes and one pond with associated wet meadows.

Existing classifications of wetland and riparian plant communities, written for western Montana and eastern Washington, do not work well on the Clearwater National Forest. This points to the need for quantitative descriptions of wetland communities in this region. Some work has been done on the adjoining Nez Perce National Forest, but the data have not yet been analyzed. Plant communities associated with high-gradient streams are especially difficult to classify because of their spatial variability and dynamic nature.

The wetland habitat that is most obviously under-represented is that of low-gradient meandering streams. A great deal of such habitat exists on the Clearwater at low and moderate elevations, but none is represented in Research Natural Areas. Expanding one of the established RNAs, or establishing an additional RNA with a meandering stream

reach would greatly increase the biodiversity represented in the Forest's RNA system, adding an unrepresented aquatic feature and probably several new plant communities. Faunal diversity would also be greatly enhanced, including fish spawning habitat. The floodplain of Eldorado Creek, which borders Four-bit RNA is a good example of such habitat and would be an important addition to the RNA.

Upper Hemlock Creek, on the Pierce Ranger District has been proposed as an RNA for its perennial, meandering-glide stream with associated sedge meadows (Rabe *et al.* 1996). The pristine nature of upper Hemlock Creek makes it an excellent reference area for comparison with the many landslide-affected streams on the Forest. The RNA program on the Forest should target such meandering stream/wet meadow systems, especially those offering a range of both forested and open community types.

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APPENDIX A MAPS

APPENDIX B PLANT SPECIES LISTS

Table 1

Aquarius RNA

The following is a list of vascular plant taxa observed in Aquarius RNA during field visits by Chuck Wellner, Fred Johnson, Bob Moseley, Juanita Lichthardt, Michael Mancuso, and Mike Hays, between 1965 and 1997. This list differs from that in the Establishment Record in that it only includes taxa that have been observed in the RNA, rather than those suspected to occur there. A list of mosses and lichens occurring in the RNA, with sources, is on file at the Rocky Mountain Research Station, Forestry Sciences Lab, Missoula, Montana.

Scientific Name

Common Name

TREES

Abies grandis grand fir Alnus rubra red alder Betula papyrifera subcordata paper birch Larix occidentalis western larch Picea engelmannii Engelmann spruce Pinus monticola western white pine ponderosa pine Pinus ponderosa Pseudotsuga menziesii Douglas-fir Taxus brevifolia Pacific yew Thuja plicata western redcedar Tsuga heterophylla western hemlock Tsuga mertensiana mountain hemlock

SHRUBS AND SUBSHRUBS

Acer glabrum Rocky Mountain maple Amelanchier alnifolia serviceberry Artemisia douglasiana Douglas' sagewort Artemisia ludoviciana latiloba prairie sagewort creeping Oregon grape Berberis repens Ceanothus sanguineus shiny-leaf ceanothus Chimaphila menziesii little prince's pine Chimaphila umbellata common prince's pine Clematis columbiana Columbia clematis Cornus stolonifera red osier dogwood Crataegus douglasii black hawthorn Holodiscus discolor ocean spray Linnaea borealis twinflower Lonicera ciliosa orange honeysuckle Lonicera utahensis Utah honeysuckle Menziesia ferruginea fool's huckleberry devil's club Oplopanax horridum

Pachistima myrsinites Philadelphus lewisii Physocarpus capitatus Physocarpus malvaceus Prunus emarginata mollis

Prunus virginiana Rhamnus purshiana Ribes irriguum Ribes lacustre Ribes viscosissimum

Ribes viscosissimum
Rosa gymnocarpa
Rosa nutkana
Rosa woodsii
Rubus idaeus
Rubus leucodermis
Rubus nivalis
Rubus parviflorus
Rubus ursinus
Salix scouleriana
Sambucus cerulea
Sambucus racemosa
Sorbus scopulina
Spiraea betulifolia
Symphoricarpos albus

Vaccinium membranaceum

Symphoricarpos mollis

Vaccinium globulare

FORBS

Achillea millefolium californicum

Actea rubra

Adenocaulon bicolor

Allium geyeri

Anaphalis margaritacea

Anemone piperi Antennaria racemosa

Apocynum androsaemifolium

Arabis glabra

Arenaria macrophyllum Arenaria serpyllifolia Arnica amplexicaulis Arnica cordifolia Arnica latifolia Asarum caudatum Aster conspicuus Aster foliaceous mountain-lover

Lewis' mock orange

Pacific ninebark mallow ninebark

bittercherry chokecherry

cascara

Idaho gooseberry swamp currant sticky currant bald-hip rose

Nootka rose Wood's rose red raspberry

black cap snow bramble thimbleberry Pacific blackberry Scouler's willow

Scouler's willow blue elderberry black elderberry mountain ash birch-leaf spiraea

common snowberry creeping snowberry globe huckleberry

thin-leaf huckleberry

yarrow baneberry trail plant Geyer's onion pearly everlasting Piper's anemone

raceme pussytoes

dogbane

tower mustard bigleaf sandwort thyme-leaf sandwort clasping arnica

heart-leaf arnica broadleaf arnica wild ginger showy aster leafy aster Athysanus pusillus Bolandra oregana

Boykinia major

Calochortus elegans selwayensis

Calypso bulbosa

Campanula rotundifolia Cardamine constancei Cardamine oligosperma

Castilleja miniata
Centaurea maculosa
Cerastium arvense
Cerastium viscosum
Cerastium vulgatum

Chrysanthemum leucanthemum

Circaea alpina Cirsium arvense Cirsium vulgare Clarkia pulchella Clarkia rhomboidea Claytonia sibirca

Claytonia sibirca
Clintonia uniflora
Collinsia parviflora
Collomia grandiflora
Collomia heterophylla
Collomia linearis
Coptis occidentalis

Corallorhiza mertensiana

Cornus canadensis Corydalis caseana hastata Cynoglossum officinale

Cypripedium fasciculatum Delphinium depauperatum

Dianthus barbatus
Disporum hookeri
Dodecatheon dentatum
Dodecatheon jefferyi

Draba verna

Eburophyton austiniae
Epilobium angustifolium
Epilobium glaberrimum
Epilobium paniculatum
Epilobium watsonii
Erigeron peregrinus

Erythronium grandiflorum

Fragaria vesca

Erigeron speciosus

sandweed

Oregon bolandra mountain boykinia northwest mariposa lily

fairy-slipper harebells

Constance's bittercress few-seeded bittercress scarlet paintbrush spotted knapweed field chickweed sticky chickweed common chickweed

ox-eye daisy

enchanter's nightshade

Canada thistle bull thistle clarkia

common clarkia Siberian springbeauty queen's cup beadlily baby blue eyes

large-flowered collomia varied-leaf collomia narrow-leaf collomia

golden thread western coral-root bunchberry dogwood Case's corydalis hound's tongue

clustered lady's slipper orchid

slim larkspur sweet William fairy bells

white shooting star Jeffery's shooting star spring Whitlow-grass

ghost orchid fireweed

smooth willow-herb Autumn wllow-herb Watson's willow-herb

subalpine daisy showy fleabane avalanche lily woods strawberry

Gaillardia aristata Galium aparine Galium bifolium Galium boreale Galium triflorum Geum macrophyllum Goodyera oblongifolia Habenaria saccata Habenaria unalascensis Heracleum lanatum Heterocodon rariflorum Heuchera cylindrica Hieracium albiflorum Hydrophyllum capitatum Hypericum perforatum Iliamna rivularis Lactuca biennis Lactuca seriola Lathyrus bijugatus

Lathyrus nevadensis parkeri

Ligusticum canbyi Ligusticum verticillatum Listera convallarioides

Listera cordata

Lithophragma parviflora Lupinus polyphyllus burkei Lysichitum americanum Melissa officinalis

Mertensia paniculata Microseris nutans Microsteris gracilis Mimulus clivicola Mimulus floribundus Mimulus guttatus Mitella caulescens Mitella stauropetala Monotropa uniflora Montia parvifolia

Montia sibirica Nemophila breviflora Osmorhiza chilensis

Montia perfoliata

Pedicularis racemosa Penstemon wilcoxii

Phacelia hastata leucophylla

Plantago lanceolata

blanketflower goosegrass

thin-leaf bedstraw northern bedstraw sweet scented bedstraw

big-leaf geum rattlesnake plantain slender bogorchid Alaska rein-orchid

cow parsnip heterocodon

round-leaf alumroot

white-flowered hawkweed ball-flower waterleaf common St. John's-wort streambank globne-mallow

tall blue lettuce prickly lettuce pinewoods peavine Sierran peavine Canby's ligusticum

verticillate-leaf ligusticum broad-lipped twayblade heart-leaf twayblade

woodland star

many-leaved lupine skunk cabbage

balm

panicle bluebells nodding microseris pink microsteris bank monkeyflower

purple-stem monkeyflower common monkeyflower

leafy mitrewort one-sided mitrewort

Indian pipe

small-leaved montia miner's lettuce

Siberian spring-beauty Great Basin nemophila

sweet cicely

sickle-top lousewort Wilcox's penstemon Silver-lef phacelia

plantain

Potentilla glandulosa Prenanthes sagittata Prunella vulgaris

Pterospora andromedea

Pyrola aphylla Pyrola asarifolia Pyrola picta Pyrola secunda

Ranunculus uncinatus Rudbeckia occidentalis Rumex acetosella Sanguisorba sitchensis

Saxifraga arguta

Saxifraga occidentalis idahoensis

Saxifraga lyallii

Scrophularia lanceolata Sedum stenopetalum Senecio triangularis

Silene cserei
Silene menziesii
Smilacina racemosa
Smilacina stellata
Solidago canadensis
Spiranthes romanzoffiana
Stenanthium occidentale
Streptopus amplexifolius
Suksdorfia ranunculifolia
Taraxacum officinale
Thalictrum occidentale

Tofieldia glutinosa brevistyla

Tragapogon dubius

Thermopsis montana

Tiarella trifoliata

Trautvetteria caroliniensis

Trientalis latifolia Trifolium pratense Trillium ovatum Triodanis perfoliata Urtica dioica gracilis

Valeriana sitchensis Veratrum californicum caudatum

Verbascum thapsus Veronica americana Veronica serpyllifolia

Vicia americana Viola adunca sticky cinquefoil rattlesnake-root

self-heal pinedrops

leafless wintergreen pink wintergreen white-vein pyrola one-sided wintergreen

little buttercup western coneflower

sheep sorrel
Sitka burnet
brook saxifrage
western saxifrage
red-stemmed saxifrage
lance-leaf figwort
wormleaf stonecrop
arrowleaf groundsel
smooth catch-fly
Menies' silene
false Solomon's seal
starrt Solomon's seal

western stenanthium twisted stalk suksdorfia dandelion meadowrue golden banner foamflower sticky tofieldia goat's beard

Canada goldenrod

hooded ladies-tresses

red clover white trillium

western starflower

false bug-bane

Venus'-looking-glass stinging nettles Sitka valerian

California false hellebore

mullein

American speedwell thyme-leaved speedwell

American vetch early blue violet

Viola canadensis western Canadian violet

Viola glabellaheart-leaf violetViola orbiculataround-leaf violetViola palustrismarsh violetViola sempervirensredwoods violet

Waldsteinia idahoensis Idaho barren-ground strawberry

PTERIDOPHYTES:

Adiantum pedatummaidenhair fernAspidotis densapodfernAthyrium filix-feminalady-fern

Botrychium virginianumVirginia grapefernCryptogramma crispaparsely fernCystopteris fragilisbrittle bladderfernDryopteris carthusianamountain wood-fern

Dryopteris expansa mountain wood-fern

Dryopteris filix-masmale fernEquisetum arvensecommon horsetailEquisetum sylvaticumwood horsetailEquisetum telmateiagiant horsetailGymnocarpium dryopterisoak fernLycopodium clavatumground vine

Lycopodium selago fir clubmoss

Polypodium hesperium western polypody

Polystichum munitumswordfernPteridium aquilinumbracken fern

Selaginella wallaceiWallace's selaginellaWoodsia oreganaOregon woodsia

GRAMINOIDS

Agropyron spicatum bluebunch wheatgrass
Agrostis stolonifera redtop

Bromus japonicus
Bromus tectorum

Japanese brome cheatgrass

Bromus vulgaris Columbia brome Calamagrostis canadensis bluejoint reedgrass

Calamagrostis rubescens pinegrass
Carex amplifolia big-leaf sedge

Carex athrostachya slender beaked sedge

Carex deweyanaDewey's sedgeCarex geyeriGeyer's sedgeCarex hendersoniiHenderson's sedgeCarex hoodiiHood's sedge

Carex lenticularis lentil-fruited sedge
Carex pachystachya thick-headed sedge

Carex rossii
Carex utriculata
Carex vesicaria
Carex vulpinoidea
Cinna latifolia
Dactylis golmeratus
Danthonia spicata
Deschampsia cespitosa
Eleocharis palustris

Elymus glaucus
Festuca arundinacea
Festuca occidentalis
Festuca subulata
Festuca subuliflora
Glyceria elata
Glyceria grandis

Juncus covillei obtusatus Juncus effusus compactus Juncus effusus pacificus

Juncus ensifolius
Juncus tenuis
Lolium multiflorum
Luzula campestris
Luzula parviflora
Melica subulata
Panicum capillare
Phalaris arundinacea
Phleum pratense
Poa palustris

Scirpus microcarpus Trisetum canescens Ross' sedge beaked sedge inflated sedge fox sedge

drooping woodreed

orchardgrass oatgrass

tufted hairgrass common spike rush

blue wildrye tall fescue western fescue bearded fescue crinkle-awn fescue tall mannagrass

American mannagrass

Coville's rush soft rush soft rush swordleaf rush wire rush annual ryegrass

field woodrush small-flowered woodrush

Alaska oniongrass common witchgrass reed canarygrass

timothy

fowl bluegrass smallfruit bullrush

tall trisetum

Table 2 Chateau Falls RNA

The following is a plant species list made during a field visit by Bob Moseley and Juanita Lichthardt on June 13, 1996. (+ indicates additions to the list contained in the establishment record).

Scientific Name	Common Name	Riparian
TREES		
Abies grandis	grand fir	
Betula papyrifera	paper birch	X
Larix occidentalis	western larch	
Pinus contorta	lodgepole pine	
Pinus monticola	western white pine	
Pinus ponderosa	ponderosa pine	
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas-fir	X
+ Taxus brevifolia	Pacific yew	
Thuja plicata	western redcedar	X
SHRUBS		
Acer glabrum	Rocky Mountain maple	X
Alnus incana	thin-leaf alder	X
Amelanchier alnifolia	serviceberry	X
+ Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	bearberry	
+ Berberis repens	Oregon grape	
+ Ceanothus sanguineus	red-stem ceanothus	
Ceanothus velutinus	mountain balm	
Cornus stolonifera	red-osier dogwood	X
Holodiscus discolor	oceanspray	X
+ Linnaea borealis	twinflower	
+ Lonicera ciliosa	orange honeysuckle	X
Lonicera utahensis	Utah honeysuckle	X
Menziesia ferruginea	fool's huckleberry	X
Pachistima myrsinites	mountain lover	X
+ Philadelphus lewisii	mock orange	X
Physocarpus malvaceus	ninebark	
Prunus emarginata	bitter cherry	X
Prunus virginiana	choke cherry	X
+ Rhamnus purshiana	cascara	X
+ Ribes hudsonianum	stinking currant	X
+ Rosa woodsii	Wood's rose	
Rubus parviflorus	thimbleberry	X
+ Salix drummondiana	Drummond's willow	X
Salix scouleriana	Scouler's willow	X

L Carbus saanuling	mountain ash	
+ Sorbus scopulina		
+ Spiraea betulifolia	birch-leaf spiraea	X
+ Spiraea densiflora	subalpine spiraea	X
Symphoricarpos albus	common snowberry	
Vaccinium globulare	globe huckleberry	X
FORBS		
Achillea millefolium	common yarrow	
Actea rubra	baneberry	
Adiantum pedatum	maidenhair fern	X
+ Agoseris heterophylla	annual agoseris	
+ Anemone piperi	Piper's anemone	X
+ Antennaria anaphaloides	tall pussytoes	
Apocynum androsaemifolium	dogbane	
+ Arabis glabra	tower mustard	
+ Arabis sp.	rockcress	
+ Arenaria serpyllifolia	thyme-leaf sandwort	
+ Arnica cordifolia	heart-leaf arnica	X
+ Asarum caudatum	wild ginger	
+ Aster sp.	aster	
Athyrium filix-femina	ladyfern	
+ Balsamorhiza sagittata	arrowleaf balsamroot	
Boykinia major	false bug-bane	
+ Brodiaea douglasii	Douglas' brodiaea	
+ Calochortus eurycarpus	wide-fruit mariposa	
+ Chimaphila menziesii	Menzies' prince's pine	
+ Chimaphila umbellata	prince's pine	
+ Clintonia uniflora	queen-cup beadlily	X
+ Collinsia parviflora	baby blue-eyes	
+ Collomia linearis	narrow-leaf collomia	
Coptis occidentalis	golden-thread	X
+ Cornus canadensis	bunchberry dogwood	
+ Cryptogramma crispa	parsley-fern	
+ Cystopteris fragilis	brittle bladderfern	X
+ Disporum hookeri	fairy bells	
+ Draba verna	spring Whitlow-grass	
+ Dryopteris carthusiana	woodfern	X
Epilobium angustifolium	fireweed	X
+ Epilobium minutum	small-flowered willow-herb	
+ Equisetum arvense	horsetail	X
+ Erigeron peregrinus	wandering fleabane	X
+ Erythronium grandiflorum	avalanche lily	
+ Fragaria vesca	wild strawberry	
Goodyera oblongifolia	rattlesnake plantain	
+ Gymnocarpium dryopteris	oak-fern	X
+ Habenaria saccata	slender bog orchid	X

	Heuchera cylindrica	roundleaf alumroot	
+	Hieracium albiflorum	white-flowered hawkweed	
	Hypericum perforatum	St. John's wort	
+	Lathyrus nevadensis	Sierra peavine	
	Ligusticum verticillatum	verticillate-flowered licorice root	X
	Lomatium sandbergii	Sandberg's desert-parsley	
	Madia minima	small-head tarweed	
	Mertensia paniculata	panicle bluebells	X
	Microseris nutans	nodding microseris	
	Mimulus breviflorus	short-flowered monkey-flower	
	Mimulus breweri	Brewer's monkey-flower	
	Mitella caulescens	leafy mitrewort	X
	Mitella stauropetala	side-flowered mitrewort	
	Montia sibirica	Siberian miner's lettuce	
+	Orobanche sp.	broomrape	
	Osmorhiza chilensis	mountain sweet-cicely	
	Penstemon attenuatus	sulphur penstemon	
	Phacelia heterophylla	varileaf phacelia	
	Polystichum munitum	swordfern	
+	Potentilla glandulosa	sticky cinquefoil	
	Prenanthes sagittata	rattlesnake-root	X
	Pteridium aquilinum	brackenfern	
+	Pyrola asarifolia	common pink wintergreen	
	Rumex acetosella	sheep sorrel	
+	Saxifraga ferruginea	rusty saxifrage	
+	Saxifraga mertensiana	Merten's saxifrage	X
+	Saxifraga occidentalis	western saxifrage	X
+	Sedum stenopetalum	wormleaf sedum	
+	Senecio integerrimus	western groundsel	
+	Senecio triangularis	arrowleaf groundsel	X
+	Smilacina racemosa	false Solomon's seal	
+	Smilacina stellata	starry Solomon's seal	
+	Stenanthium occidentale	western stenanthium	X
+	Streptopus amplexifolius	twisted-stalk	X
+	Taraxacum officinale	dandelion	
+	Trillium ovatum	white trillium	
+	Vicia americana	American vetch	
+	Viola glabella	heart-leaf violet	X
+	Viola orbiculata	round-leaf violet	
+	Xerophyllum tenax	beargrass	

GRAMINOIDS

Agropyron spicatum bluebunch wheatgrass + Bromus marginata mountain brome

+ Bromu	s tectorum	cheatgrass	
Calam	agrostis rubescens	pinegrass	
+ Carex	concinnoides	mountain sedge	
+ Carex	deweyana	Dewey's sedge	
Carex	geyeri	elk sedge	
+ Festuce	a megalura	foxtail fescue	
+ Glycer	ia elata	mannagrass	X
+ Juncus	ensifolius	daggerleaf rush	X
+ Luzula	campestris	field woodrush	X
+ Luzula	divaricata	spreading woodrush	
Oryzop	osis exigua	little ricegrass	
Poa gr	acillima	slender bluegrass	

Table 3

Dutch Creek RNA: List of Riparian Plant Taxa

The following is a list of plant taxa observed in the riparian zone of Dutch Creek by Juanita Lichthardt on September 22, 1996. (+ indicates additions to the species list in the establishment record.)

Scientific name	Common name

TREES

Populus trichocarpa black cottonwood Thuja plicata black cottonwood western redcedar

SHRUBS

thinleaf alder Alnus incana Amelanchier alnifolia serviceberry + Artemisia ludoviciana western mugwort Cornus stolonifera red osier dogwood Menziesia ferruginea fool's huckleberry Prunus emarginata bittercherry Rhamnus purshiana cascara Rubus parviflorus thimbleberry Salix scouleriana Scouler's willow Sorbus scopulina mountain ash

FORBS AND FERNS

Adiantum pedatum
Asarum caudatum

+ Aster eatonii
Athyrium filix-femina
Boykinia major

+ Equisetum arvense

maidenhair fern
wild ginger
Eaton's aster
ladyfern
mountain boykinia

+ Habenaria dilatata var. leucostachys white bog-orchid

+ Ligusticum verticillatum verticillate-umbel ligusticum

+ Lupinus polyphyllus var. burkei
 Polystichum munitum
 Pteridium aquilinum
 bigleaf lupine
 swordfern
 bracken fern

+ Selaginella douglasii Douglas' selaginella Senecio triangularis arrow-leaf groundsel

+ Solidago canadensis goldenrod

+ Veratrum californicum California false hellebore

GRAMINOIDS

+ Carex deweyana
+ Carex lenticularis
+ Dactylis glomerata
Elymus glaucus
+ Glyceria elata

Dewey's sedge lentil-fruit sedge orchardgrass blue wildrye mannagrass

Table 4

Four-bit Creek RNA: List of Riparian Plant Taxa

The following is a list of vascular plant taxa observed by Juanita Lichthardt in riparian areas within Four-bit Creek RNA on July 12, 1996. (+ indicates an addition to the species list in the establishment record)

Scientific Name Common Name

TREES

Abies lasiocarpa subalpine fir
Picea engelmannii Engelmann spruce
Thuja plicata western redcedar

SHRUBS

+ Alnus incana thinleaf alder Cornus stolonifera red-osier dogwood Linnaea borealis twinflower + Lonicera involucrata honeysuckle Lonicera utahensis Utah honeysuckle alder buckthorn + Rhamnus alnifolia + Ribes hudsonianum stink currant + Ribes lacustre prickly currant Rubus parviflorus thimbleberry + Salix phylicifolia ssp. planifolia* tea-leaved willow + Salix scouleriana Scouler's willow Sambucus cerulea blue elderberry subalpine spiraea + Spiraea densiflora Symphoricarpos albus snowberry + Vaccinium membranaceum thin-leaf huckleberry

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FORBS AND FERNS

Adiantum pedatum
+ Angelica arguta
+ Aster modestus
Athyrium filix-femina

+ Boykinia majorCornus canadensis+ Dodecatheon jeffreyi

+ Epilobium sp. + Equisetum arvense + Galium triflorum + Habenaria saccata

+ Heracleum lanatum
+ Ligusticum canbyi
+ Mertensia paniculata
+ Mimulus guttatus
+ Mimulus moschatus

+ Ranunculus acriformis
 + Ranunculus flammula
 + Ranunculus macounii
 Senecio triangularis
 Smilacina stellata

+ Mitella caulescens

+ Stellaria calycantha Streptopus amplexifolius Tiarella trifoliata

+ Tofieldia glutinosa var. montana Trautvetteria caroliniensis Veratrum californicum

+ Veronica americana Viola glabella maidenhair fern sharptooth angelica great northern aster

lady-fern

mountain boykinia bunchberry dogwood Jeffrey's shooting star

willow herb horsetail

sweet-scented bedstraw slender bog-orchid

cow parsnip

Canby's ligusticum panicle bluebells yellow monkeyflower musk monkeyflower leafy-stemmed mitrewort

sharp buttercup creeping buttercup Macoun's buttercup arrow-leaf groundsel

star-flowered false Solomon's seal

northern starwort twisted stalk foam flower sticky tofieldia false bugbane

California false hellebore American brooklime heart-leaf violet

GRAMINOIDS

+ Agrostis scabra

+ Calamagrostis canadensis

+ Carex amplifolia + Carex aquatilis + Carex arcta

+ Carex brunnescens*

+ Carex interior + Carex luzulina + Carex muricata + Carex pachystachya + Carex vesicaria

+ Deschampsia cespitosa

+ Cinna latifolia

rough hair-grass bluejoint reedgrass big-leaf sedge water sedge

northern clustered sedge

brownish sedge
inland sedge
woodrush sedge
muricate sedge
thick-headed sedge
inflated sedge
woodreed
tufted hairgrass

- + Glyceria elata + Scirpus microcarpus

tall mannagrass small-fruit bulrush

^{*} Specimen deposited at the University of Idaho Herbarium

Table 5

Grave Peak RNA

The following vascular plant taxa were observed in Grave Peak RNA by J. Lichthardt on September 14, 1996. (+ indicates additions to the plant list in the establishment record).

Scientific Name	Common Name
TREES	
Abies lasiocarpa	subalpine fir
Larix lyallii	subalpine larch
+ Picea engelmannii	Engelmann spruce
Pinus albicaulis	whitebark pine
SHRUBS	
+ Kalmia microphylla	small-leaved laurel
+ Luetkea pectinata*	luetkea
Phyllodoce empetriformis	pink mountain heather
+ Sorbus sitchensis	mountain ash
+ Spiraea douglasii	Douglas' spiraea
Vaccinium scoparium	grouse whortleberry
FORBS AND FERNS	
Athyrium distentifolium*	alpine lady-fern
+ Boykinia major	mountain boykinia
Campanula parryi	Parry's campanula
+ Castilleja miniata	scarlet paintbrush
+ Erigeron peregrinus ssp. callianthemus	
var. scaposus*	subalpine daisy
Eriogonum pyrolifolium var. coryphaeum	alpine buckwheat
+ Gentiana calycosa	mountain bog gentian
Hypericum formosum var. nortoniae	western St. John's-wort
Penstemon flavescens	pale yellow penstemon
+ Phlox hoodii	Hood's phlox
Polemonium pulcherrimum var. pulcherrimum	skunk-leaved polemonium
Polygonum phytolaccaefolium	alpine knotweed
+ Potentilla flabellifolia	fan-leaf cinquefoil
+ Pteridium aquilinum	bracken fern
+ Senecio triangularis	arrow-leaf groundsel
+ Tofieldia glutinosa ssp. montana	sticky tofieldia
GRAMINOIDS	
+ Carex aquatilis	water sedge
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small-headed sedge

lentil-fruited sedge

+ Carex illota*

+ Carex lenticularis

many-nerved sedge + Carex multicostata black alpine sedge + Carex nigricans teacher's sedge + Carex praeceptorum + Carex scopulorum Rocky Mountain sedge beaked sedge + Carex utriculata timber oatgrass + Danthonia intermedia tufted hairgrass + Deschampsia cespitosa Drummond's rush Juncus drummondii var. drummondii* Merten's rush + Juncus mertensianus + Trisetum spicatum spike trisetum

^{*} Specimen deposited in the University of Idaho Vascular Herbarium.

Table 6 Steep Lakes RNA

The following species list was made at lower Steep Lake by Juanita Lichthardt on September 5, 1996. (+ indicates an addition to the species list in the establishment record).

Scientific Name	Common Name	Riparian
SHRUBS		
Alnus sinuata	Sitka alder	
+ Lonicera involucrata	twinberry honeysuckle	X
+ Ribes lacustre	prickly current	
+ Salix scouleriana	Scouler's willow	
+ Spiraea douglasii	Douglas' spiraea	
FORBS AND FERNS		
+ Antennaria racemosa	raceme pussytoes	
+ Aster foliaceous	leafy aster	
+ Athyrium sp.	ladyfern	
+ Castilleja miniata	scarlet paintbrush	
+ Delphinium occidentale	western larkspur	
+ Habenaria saccata	slender bog-orchid	
+ Heracleum lanatum	cow parsnip	
+ Ligusticum canbyi	Canby's ligusticum	
+ Mertensia paniculata	panicle bluebells	X
+ Mimulus lewisii	Lewis' monkeyflower	
+ Parnassia fimbriata	fringed grass-of-Parnassus	
Polystichum lonchitis	mountain swordfern	
+ Saussurea americana	American sawwort	X
+ Saxifraga arguta	brook saxifrage	
+ Senecio triangularis	arrow-leaf groundsel	
+ Valeriana sitchensis	Sitka valerian	
⊦ Veratrum californicum	California false hellebore	X
GRAMINOIDS		
+ Calamagrostis canadensis	bluejoint reedgrass	X
+ Carex neurophora	alpine nerved sedge	
+ Elymus glaucus	blue wildrye	
+ Juncus tenuis	slender rush	

APPENDIX C COMPLETED PLOT FORMS FOR SELECTED COMMUNITIES