Vegetation Map
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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Scale 1:20,000

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Kilometers

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

Vegetation Data Source: MFLNRO - VRIMS / Ownership -
Base Map Source: TRIM / Terrain -

This map is created from information stored digitally in the BC Geographic Warehouse. The map has been structured to support the analytical functions of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations. The information contained in this map is compiled from various sources. The administrative boundaries and the ownership colour theme are for reference purposes only. (Legend revisions June 2014)

Labels Projected To January 1, 2018

MAP SYMBOLOGY

Forest Inventory Features:
- Forest Vegetation Polygons
- Silviculture Opening in Vegetation
- Permanent Sample Plot (VRI)
- Research Installations

TRIM - Base Features:
- Built Up Areas
- Forest Tenure Road Lines
- Paved Roads
- Rough Roads
- Trails/Cutlines
- Railways
- Air Fields
- Other lines
- Powerline
- Pipeline
- Buildings
- Misc Areas
- Misc Lines
- Water Lines
- Hydrofeature lines - ESM
- Watercourses - ESM
- Waterbodies - ESM
- Wetlands - ESM
- Ocean - ESM

Administrative Boundaries:
- BC Provincial Boundary
- MFLNRO Region boundary
- Resource District boundary - FADM
- INV Region Compartment - FADM
- Provincial Forest area - FADM
- Timber Supply Area-Block - FADM
- Tree Farm Licences - FADM
- Land District boundary
- Administrative boundary
- Survey Parcels - Tantalis
- Municipal boundary (< 1:20,000 file < 15 % fetch)
- Municipal boundary (> 1:20,000 file > 5 % fetch)
- National Parks
- First Nations
- Provincial Parks
- Ecological Reserves
- Protected Areas
- Recreation Areas

Other:
- BCGS Mapsheet Grid (1:20,000)

VEGETATION LABEL DETAILS

Example of a Vegetation Label:

LINE DESCRIPTION
1 Silviculture symbol and Opening Number
2 Polygon Number and multi-layer stand indicator (L)
3 Species Composition
4 Age, Height, Crown Closure Class Code - separated by a blank
a x; stand is age class 2 (21-40 yrs), height class 1 (0.1-10.4m), crown closure class 1 (6-15%), SI 23m
5 Vegetated Density Class (or Non-Forest/Productive Descriptor)
6 Disturbance History & year - ie. Logged in 1978

Line 1 - History Record Opening Number

OOO - opening number valid for BCGS mapsheet AAA - opening number has not been assigned

Line 2 - Polygon No. / Multi-layer

VRI land Polygon Number - ranging from one to nine digits
Multi-layered stand is separate description of each layer is available in the data base, i.e. 1,2)

Line 3 - BC Tree Code List

Species Composition: Species are listed in their order of predominance. Major first Minor in brackets.
The following codes are based on "The B.C. Ministry of Forests Tree Code List" version 4.5 dated January 2009.

NATIVE CONIFERS

CODE	
Cw	Western Red Cedar
Y	Yellow Cedar
Yc	Cedrus (Cedar)
Ft	Douglas Fir
Fd	Douglas Fir
Fdc	Coastal Douglas Fir
Fi	Douglas Fir
F	Fir (Eastern)
Bg	Grand Fir
Bl	Subalpine Fir (alpine)
B	Balsam
Hw	Western Hemlock
He	Western Hemlock
Hm	Mountain x Western Hemlock hybrid
J	JUNIPER
Jr	Rocky Mtn. Juniper
Js	Juniper (misc.)
Lw	LARCH
La	Alpine Larch
Lt	Tamarack
Le	Western Larch
P	PINE
Pj	Jack Pine
Pl	Lodgepole Pine
Plc	Lodgepole Pine
Pli	Lodgepole Pine (interior)
Plc	Lodgepole Pine (coastal)
Pp	Ponderosa Pine (yellow)
Pw	White Pine (misc)
Pa	Whitebark Pine
Pw	Whitepine Pine
S	SPRUCE
Se	Englemann Spruce
Sw	Englemann Spruce
Sx	Sitka Spruce
Sb	White Spruce
Sxw	Spruce Hybrid
Sxe	Englemann x White
Sxb	Sitka x White
Sxs	Sitka x unknown hybrid
X	XEW
Xh	Western Yew

NATIVE HARDWOODS

CODE	
D	ALDER
Dr	Red Alder
Da	Alder
Dm	Red Alder x Sitka Alder
A	ASPEN, COTTONWOOD or POPLAR
At	Trembling Aspen
Ae	Balsam Poplar
Ac	Black Cottonwood
Av	Hybrid Poplars
E	BIRCH/ALDER
Ep	BIRCH
Ew	Birch/Ash
Eb	Birch
Epa	Alaska Paper Birch
Epu	Alaska x Paper Birch hybrid
Ew	Water Birch (Misc)
Ep	Paper Birch
K	CASCARA
G	GARRY OAK
U	ELM
Uc	Elm Cherry
Ul	Slippery Elm
Ucr	Elm Cherry
G	GOSWOOD
Gs	Saskatoon (special (western) flowering)
M	MAPLE
Mb	Maple (Bigleaf) (broadleaf)
W	WHITEWOOD
Wa	Cottonwood
Wc	Cherry bark
W	WILLOW
Wb	Black Willow
Wp	Pacific Willow
Wa	Peachleaf Willow (Balsam)
Wr	Pacific Willow (Scouler)
Wa	Hybrid Willow
Wh	Sitka Willow (like lowland)

UNKNOWN - OTHER

CODE	
Z	unknown conifer
Zc	unknown broadleaf
Zh	shrub (deciduous/ misc)
Zx	other conifer
Zz	other hardwood

EXOTICS

CODE	
AE	APPLE
Ax	Apple
Ap	POPLAR, COTTONWOOD or POPLAR
Ab	"Northern Cottonwood
BB	BIRCH
Bc	European Birch
Bp	Asian Birch (species)
Fj	"Japanese Fir
CY	CYPRESS
Cy	"Monterey Cypress
CYPRESS	
Yi	"Port Orford Cedar
Cy	CYPRESS
Bf	"Balsam Fir
Bn	"Noble Fir
Bc	"Grand/Lowland Fir
Bv	"White Fir
LARCH	
Lk	"Japanese Larch
Ld	"Siberian Larch
MAPLE	
Mn	"Norway Maple
Mp	"Sycamore Maple
OAK	
Oe	"English Oak
Or	"Red Oak
OTHER EXOTICS	
Ob	"Horse Chestnut
Oc	"Garry Oak
Od	"Coast Redwood
Oe	"European Mountain Ash
Oa	"Golden Chinkapin
Of	Common Fiber
Ol	"Black Locust
Ow	"Willow Ash
Oh	"Shagbark Hickory
Oj	"Japanese Oak
Ok	"Japanese Walnut
PINE	
Pn	"Monterey Pine
Pp	"Red Pine
Ps	"Sugar Pine
Pw	"White Pine
Sn	"Norway Spruce

Line 4 -

4a. AGE CLASS

CODE	LIMITS (years)
1	1-20
2	21-40
3	41-60
4	61-80
5	81-100
6	101-120
7	121-140
8	141-160
9	161 +

4b. HEIGHT CLASS

CODE	LIMITS (metres)
1	0.1 - 10.4
2	10.5 - 19.4
3	19.5 - 27.4
4	27.5 - 37.4
5	37.5 - 49.4
6	49.5 - 69.4
7	69.5 - 84.4
8	85.5 +

4c. CROWN CLOSURE CLASS

CODE	LIMITS (percentage)
0	0 - 5
1	6 - 15
2	16 - 25
3	26 - 35
4	36 - 45
5	46 - 55
6	56 - 65
7	66 - 75
8	76 - 85
9	86 - 100

4d SITE INDEX

All SI are known to the nearest metre referenced at 50 years breast height age. Site index is estimated for all stands of natural leading species. When an accurate SI is not available, the best age and height estimated SI is shown after, or replaces the SI.

4e. ESTIMATED SITE INDEX

SI is estimated when suitable SI trees aren't present, e.g. immature stands, or stands that are not the leading species. Estimated SI is the best available SI for the data base and is from Site Group and SI/Estimated source code.

Line 5 - Vegetative records

VEGETATED NON-TREE CATEGORIES (for V and L records):

NON-TREED SHRUB
- a SHRUB TALL - thick with average shrub height 1 or > by two metres.
- s SHRUB LOW - shrub with average shrub height < two metres.

NON-TREED HERB
- g GRAMINOIDS - herb with no distinction between forbs and graminoids.
- f HERB - FORBS - herb with forbs > 50% of the herb cover.
- h HERB - GRAMINOIDS - herb with graminoids > 50% of the herb cover.

NON-TREED MOSS
- Sp SPHAGNUM - moss with no distinction between mosses and lichens by cover.
- Mm BRYOID - MOSS - moss with mosses, liverworts, and hornwarts > 50% of the bryoid cover.
- Ml BRYOID - LICHENS - lichens with lichens > 50% of the bryoid cover.

NON-VEGETATED CATEGORIES (for V and L records):

Bl	BARE SOIL	mu	MUDFLAT SEDIMENT
Be	BEACH	w	WATER
Y	BOULDERFIELD	L	LAKE
Rs	BURNED AREA	R	RIVER
Sw	SURFACE WATER	Rm	RIVER SEDIMENTS
Sn	SNOW/ICE	Gl	GLACIER
Ro	ROCK	Ri	RIVER/STREAM

Note: Water categories (la, ou, re, ri) not labelled over 50 percent coverage.

rm	RESERVOIR MARGIN
rv	RIVERBAR SURFACE
rz	RIVER SEDIMENTS
Sl	SALINE
Tz	TAILINGS
u	URBAN

NON FOREST / NON PRODUCTIVE DESCRIPTOR CODES (for V records):

AF	ALPINE FOREST Species	MRE	MINE
C	CULTIVATED	NPBS	NON PRODUCTIVE BRUSH
CL	CLEARING	NPBR	NON PRODUCTIVE BRUSH/TREE* Species
G	GRASS/HERB	NC	NOT CLASSIFIABLE
GR	GRAVEL PIT	OR	OPEN RANGE
I	ICEFIELD	OT	OPEN TREED
M	MEADOW	SAG	SAGE
WAT	WORTHLESS	S	SWAMP

WMD	SNAG
TEA	TIDAL FLAT
U	URBAN
NC	NON COMMERCIAL
NCBR	NON COMMERCIAL BRUSH
NF	NON FORESTED
NFC	NOT SUFFICIENTLY RESTOCKED
NTA	NO TYPING AVAILABLE

Line 6 - Disturbance History

Disturbance type code preceded by symbol, followed by earliest date
First character of disturbance type designates category; refer to official code list for sub-category descriptions.

A	Animal Damage	L	Logging
W	Wildfire	M	Mite Damage
C	Cone and Seed Insects	N	Non-Biological Injuries
D	Disease	P	Cone and Seedling Fungal Pathogens
I	Insects		
		R	Site Rehabilitation
		T	Treatment Injuries
		U	Damage Unknown
		V	Protects Vegetation

Example Opening History Details

Detailed Silviculture information is available on the BCGW utilizing either .MAT or ArcMap. The Map View example is of Inventid 910 0U73 Sow

The Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands web application (Map Place) is available to view this type of detailed information. Select the 'Silviculture' tab then 'Display Silviculture Map' to turn on display values for -

OPENING
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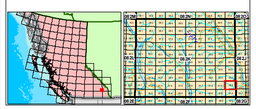
OPENING - PLANTING ACTIVITY
ACTIVITY TREATMENT UNIT
STANDARDS UNIT
SILVICULTURE FOREST OVER
WILDLIFE TREE PATCH



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