Vegetation Map
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BRITISH COLUMBIA
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 display on a standard computer screen or printed on 11x17 paper. Consequently, some features may be generalized or portrayed may not be complete and up to date (cadastral, administrative boundaries and the Ownership colour theme are for reference purposes only. (Legend revisions June 2014).

Labels Projected To: January 1, 2016

MAP SYMBOLOGY

Forest Inventory Features:
- Forest Vegetation Polygons
- Structure Opening in Vegetation
- Permanent Sample Plot (1013)
- Research Installations

TRIM, Base Features:
- 4x Built Roads
- Forest Tenure Road Lines
- Paved Roads
- Rough Roads
- Trails/Cutlines
- Railways
- Airfield/Helo
- Other Lines
- Powerline
- Pipeline
- Buildings
- Misc Areas
- Misc Lines
- Water Lines
- Hydrofeat/Banks - ESM
- Watercourses - ESM
- Waterbodies - ESM
- Wetlands - ESM
- Ocean - ESM

Administrative Boundaries:
- BC Provincial Boundary
- MFLNRO Region boundary
- Resource District boundary - FAZM
- MU Region-Compartment - FAZM
- Provincial Forest area - FAZM
- Timber Supply Area Block - FAZM
- Tree Farm Licenses - FAZM
- Land District boundary
- Administrative boundary
- Survey Parcels - Tantalis
- Municipal boundary (# 1,000,000 ha - to 10 % hatch)
- Municipal boundary (# 1,000,000 ha - no hatch)
- 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 Structure symbol and Opening Number
2 Polygon Number and multi-layer stand indicator (L)
3 Species Composition
ex. the most important layer is described as Fd (Douglis Fir) and Hw (Western Hemlock).
4 Age, Height, Crown Closure Class Code - separator: Site Index / estimated SI
ex. Height class 4 (16.5 - 19.4 m), crown closure class 1 (5-15%), SI 20m
5 Inventory Type Group Code - Forest Cover Code (Descriptor)
ex. a herb polygon with no distinction between forbs and graminoids, shrubs less that 2m.
6 Disturbance History & year - ex. Logged in 1978

Line 1 - History Record Opening Number

opening number valid for BCGS mapsheet — 2529 - opening number has not been assigned

Line 2 - Polygon No. / Multi-layer:

VRIMS Polygon Number - ranging from one to nine digits
L - Multi-layered stand (a 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 labeled 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

C	CEDAR
Cw	Western Red Cedar
Y	CYPRESS
Yc	Yellow Cedar
F	DOUGLAS FIR
Fd	Douglas Fir
Fdc	Coastal Douglas Fir
Fdi	Interior Douglas Fir
H	HEMLOCK
Hm	Mountain Hemlock
Hw	Western Hemlock
Hmxw	Mountain x Western Hemlock hybrid
J	JUNIPER
Jr	Rocky Mtn. Juniper
Js	Scopulorum Juniper
L	LARCH
La	Alpine Larch
Lt	Tamarack
Lw	Western Larch
P	PINE
Pa	Whitebark Pine
Pl	Lodgepole Pine
Pli	Lodgepole Pine (interior)
Plc	Lodgepole Pine (coastal)
Plx	Lodgepole Pine (hybrid)
Pli	Shore Pine (coastal)
Pp	Ponderosa Pine
Pw	Whitebark Pine
S	SPRUCE
Sb	Black Spruce
Se	Engelmann Spruce
Sw	White Spruce
Sx	Spruce Hybrid
Sxe	Engelmann x White
Sxl	Sitka x White
Sxs	Sitka x Unknown hybrid
Ss	Sitka
Te	Western Yew

NATIVE HARDWOODS

D	ALDER
A	ALDER
Ad	APPLE
Vp	Pacific Crab Apple
At	ASPEN, COTTONWOOD or POPLAR
Ax	Aspen
Axh	Balsam Poplar
Axt	Trembling Aspen
Act	Hybrid Poplar
B	BIRCH
Bl	ARBUTUS
Bp	PAPER BIRCH
Bg	BIRCH
Ea	Alaska Paper Birch
Ew	Alaska Paper Birch Hybrid
Ep	Paper Birch (white)
Ew	Water Birch
Ey	Yellow Birch
C	CASCARA
Cw	Cascara
Vs	Bitter Cherry
Vu	Choke Cherry
Vv	Pin Cherry
G	DOGWOOD
Gp	Pacific Dogwood (western flowering)
E	MAPLE
Mb	Bigleaf Maple (broadleaf)
Mv	Vine Maple
O	OAK
Or	Garry Oak
W	WILLOW
Wp	Pacific Willow
Wr	Pacific Willow
Ww	Peachleaf Willow (Bonsby's)
Wy	Scouler's Willow (Hooker)
Wx	Scouler's Willow
Xh	Unknown hardwood (low kanon)
Xl	Unknown Shrub

UNKNOWN / OTHER

U	UNKNOWN
Xc	unknown conifer
Xh	unknown hardwood
Z	OTHER (tree not on list)
Zc	other conifer
Zh	other hardwood

EXOTICS

A	APPLE
Ac	APPLE
At	ASPEN, COTTONWOOD or POPLAR
Ap	Southern Cottonwood
Ae	ASH
Ab	European Birch
Ey	Gray Birch (exempt)
Ay	Yellow Birch
C	CHERRY
Cp	Pin Cherry
Y	CYPRESS
Yn	Nootka Yellow Cedar
Fa	Fir (Balsam)
Bk	Walkeri Fir
Bl	Alpine Fir
Bm	Whalis Red Fir
Bp	Veitchi Fir
L	LARCH
Lp	European Larch
Lk	Japanese Larch
E	MAPLE
Em	Norway Maple
Mr	Hornbey Maple
Mp	Sycamore Maple
Q	OAK
Qg	English Oak
Qr	White Oak
Qs	Shumard Oak
Qw	Virginia Cedar
Qn	Northern Red Oak
Qc	Coast Redwood
Qm	Manchurian Ash
Qe	Siberian Elm (southern)
Qf	Common Pear
Qp	Chinese Pear
Qt	White Ash
Qi	Wingbeard Hickory
Qj	Black Walnut
Qk	Japanese Walnut
P	PINE
Pm	Monterey Pine
Pn	Austrian Pine
Pr	Ruger Pine
S	SPRUCE
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	141-250
9	251+

4b. HEIGHT CLASS

CODE	LIMITS (metres)
1	1.1 - 10.4
2	10.5 - 13.4
3	13.5 - 16.4
4	16.5 - 19.4
5	19.5 - 22.4
6	22.5 - 25.4
7	25.5 - 28.4
8	28.5 - 31.4
9	31.5 +

4c. CROWN CLOSURE CLASS

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

4d SITE INDEX
Site index is rounded to the nearest metre enforcement at 50 years
Where height is "0", is based on the age and height of the leading species. When an accurate SI cannot be obtained from available information, a default value is used as follows:

4e. ESTIMATED SITE INDEX
Site index estimated from ecological information present, e.g. using Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) system. Where a site index estimate is required but is not known, it is recorded by a stand which always precedes it. Associated fields in the data base are Inventory Type Group and SI Estimated source code.

Line 5 - Vegetation records

VEGETATED NON-TREE CATEGORIES (for V and I record):

NON-TREED SHRUB
- s SHRUB, LOW - shrub with average shrub height < or = to two metres.
- u SHRUB, TALL - shrub with average shrub height > than metres.

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

NON-TREED MOSS
- m MOSS - shrub with no distinction between mosses and lichens by cover.
- bm BRYOID - MOSS - shrub with mosses, liverworts, and hornworts > 50% of the bryoid cover.
- bl BRYOID LICHENS - shrub with lichens > 50% of the bryoid cover.

NON-VEGETATED CATEGORIES (for V and I record):

ar	ROCK/ROCKY	ms	MUSKEG/T. SEDIMENT
as	SNOW	mw	WOODY MINE SPOILS
at	TALUS	o	OTHER
bi	BIGROCK	r	RIVER/STREAM
bl	BOULDERFIELD	s	SNOW/ICE
cb	CUTBANK	sc	SCREE
ea	EXPOSED SOIL	sw	MORAINE
ga	GRAVEL	t	LANDING and SEDIMENTS
gc	GRAVEL/COBBLE	w	WATER
lk	LAKE	wr	RESERVOIR
ls	LANDSLIP		

mt	RESERVOIR MARGIN
rd	RAILWAY SURFACE
rn	RAILWAY TRACKBED
rs	ROAD SURFACE
sl	SALT
tl	TAILINGS
ur	URBAN

Note: Water categories (w, wr, r) not identified over 50 percent coverage.

NON-FOREST / NON-PRODUCTIVE DESCRIPTOR CODES (for I record):

AF	ALPINE FOREST	NPBR	NON PRODUCTIVE BRUSH
AT	ALPINE FOREST (Species)	NPBS	NON PRODUCTIVE BROWSE
CL	CLAY BANK	NPF	NON PRODUCTIVE FOREST (Species)
CR	CROP LAND	NPL	NON PRODUCTIVE SHALE
DB	DEBRIS, NYE	OR	OPEN RANGE
KW	KEYHOLE	P	HAYFIELD
MA	MARSH	PA	PASTURE
MUD	MUDFLAT		

SAND	SAND
TFL	TIDAL FLAT
UNP	UNPRODUCTIVE
NC	NON COMMERCIAL
NCBR	NON COMMERCIAL BRUSH
NP	NON PRODUCTIVE
NPLR	NON PRODUCTIVE RESTOCKED
NTA	NOT TYPING AVAILABLE

Line 6 - Disturbance History

Disturbance type is recorded 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	S	Site Rehabilitation
B	Wildfire	T	Treatment Injuries
D	Disease and Seed Insects	U	Damage Unknown
H	Harvesting	V	Problem Vegetation
I	Insects		
L	Logging		
M	Mite Damage		
N	Non-Biological Injuries		
P	Cone and Seedling Fungal Pathogens		

Example Opening History Details

Detailed Silviculture information is available on the BCGW utilizing either ISP or ArcMap. The MapView example is shown below - Line 6.

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

OPENING ID
OPENING LABEL 6
OPENING - PLANTING ACTIVITY
OPENING - SILVICULTURE UNIT
STANDARDS UNIT
SILVICULTURE FOREST COVER
WILDLIFE TREE PATCH

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