

MTNHP COMMUNITY ELEMENT OCCURRENCE DATA FORM

Please fill in as much information as possible but accuracy is important in helping us verify the significance of the occurrence. If you are uncertain about a plant species or other data, note that on the form. This form is not essential if you have other documentation, like a printed report that you can send us. GPS data are helpful, if not available please include specific directions or other location data, like a legal description. Send any digital photo files and the completed electronic copy (preferred) to livance@mt.gov or a paper copy to Linda Vance, MTNHP Senior Ecologist, P.O. Box 201800, 1515 E. Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1800. Sending detailed vegetation plot data will be appreciated if available. Email or call Greg at 406-444-3380 with any questions.

DATE ___/___/___ EXAMINER NAME _____ COUNTY _____
GPS REF. NO.: _____ GPS ERROR: ___ (Ft.) UTM M EAST _____ UTM M WEST _____

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (Describe the ecological and landscape setting [landforms, vegetation types and patterns in the area, hydrology, and offsite influences. Include details on any photos taken.]

VEGETATION LIST: (Fill our species list below in order of cover dominance)

Dominant Species (list canopy % cover)	Exotic Species (species and *abundance)
1: _____	1: _____
2: _____	2: _____
3: _____	3: _____
4: _____	4: _____
5: _____	5: _____
6: _____	6: _____
7: _____	7: _____
8: _____	8: _____
9: _____	9: _____
10: _____	10: _____

*Exotic species abundance codes within or immediately adjacent are: Rare, Infrequent, Occasional, Frequent, or Abundant

VEGETATION COMMENTS: (Provide any additional comments on forest stand structure, age, height, disease or other vegetation information here.)

ELEMENT OCCURRENCE QUALITY

SIZE: (Approximate size of this community, include your accuracy, e.g. walked through most of it, etc.).

CONDITION: (Land use history, anthropogenic disturbance, exotic species, alterations of natural processes, etc.).

LANDSCAPE CONTEXT: (Integrity of the adjacent landscape - fragmentation, threats and natural landscape processes).