4290 Mixed Xeric Forest

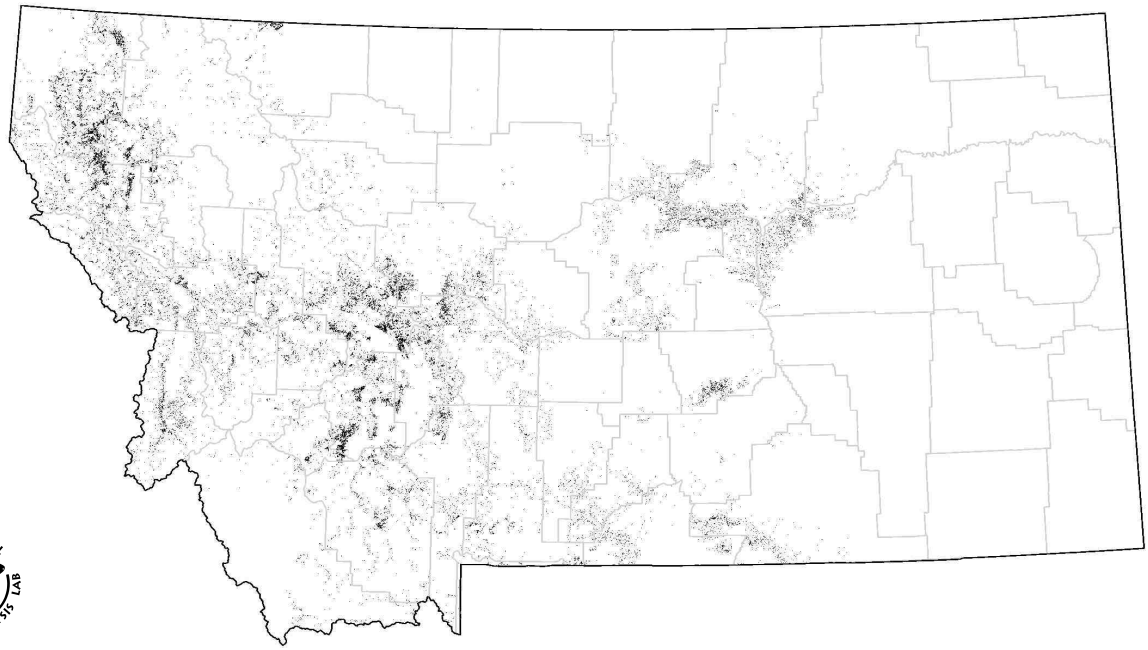
DOMINANT SPECIES

Douglas-fir *(Pseudotsuga menziesii)*
Ponderosa Pine *(Pinus ponderosa)*
Rocky Mountain Juniper *(Junicus scopularium)*

DESCRIPTION

Mixed xeric conifer forests with total tree cover from 20-100%. Predominately Douglas-fir *(Pseudotsuga menziesii)* and ponderosa pine *(Pinus ponderosa)* stands. Associated shrub species: ninebark *(Physocarpus malvaceus)*, shiny-leaf spirea *(Spiraea betulifolia)* snowberry *(Symphoricarpos spp.)*.

TOTAL AREA	ELEVATION
542,049 hectares	552 - 3250 m range
79,625 patches	1462 m mean
1.42 % of state	

STATE RANGE

Occurs in low-mid elevation forest stands in western Montana. Located primarily on dry forest sites.