Data table metadata	
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Data table structure and attribute description

Attribute name	Definition	Unit	Type	Attribute description
Id	Identification code of the polygon used to outline the different sites based on ecosystems classifications (Green and Klinka, 1994).		Integer	Numeric value for each polygon.
Year	Year the data was recorded.	Date	String	Values: yyyy. E.g. 2008. NULL = neither the original meta-data nor accompanying report provided the year of creation.
Month	Month the data was recorded.	Date	String	Values: 1-12. E.g. 2=February. NULL = neither the original meta-data nor accompanying report provided the month of creation.
Day	Day the data was recorded.	Date	String	Values: 1-31. E.g. 15=the 15th day of a month. NULL = neither the original meta-data nor accompanying report provided the day of creation.
Area	Area (m^2) of the polygon.	m^2	Real number	E.g. 700.230 m^2
Site series	Site classification is based on the Site Series of the Vancouver Region (Green and Klinka, 1994). The relative composition of species vegetation is used as a proxy to determine the site series, which may indicate biogeoclimatic zone, soil moisure, or the nutrient regime.		String	Site series Values: Refer to Green and Klinka (1994, pg. 71-127) for the values below. FdPIArbutus; FdOniongrass; FdOregonGrape; CwTwinberry; Refer to Harrop-Archibald (2008, pg. 65-70) for the values below. O2ndGF = older second growth forest; Y2ndGF = younger second growth forest; WoLa = woodland; WaTaFlx = strongly fluxuating water table; Agri = Western style agriculture.
Ecosystem	Ecosystem classification based on Harrop-Archibald (2008).		String	Ecosystem Classification Values: O2ndGF = older second growth forest; Y2ndGF = younger second growth forest; WoLa = woodland; WaTaFlx = strongly fluxuating water table; RiA = Riparian Area; Agri = Planted by Western agricultural methods. Refer to Harrop-Archibald (2008, pg. 74-77).
SuccStatus	Successional status describes the tree layer based on the BC Ministry of Forests and BC Ministry of Environment Field Manual For Describing Terrestrial Ecosystems (1998). This is depedent on the age, density, and canopy of trees.		String	Values: LatSe=late seral; MatCli = maturing climax; MatEdCli = maturing edaphic climax; MatSe = maturing seral; YouSe = young seral. Refer to BC MOE and MOF (1998, pg. 13-16). NULL = value was not described.
Compromised	Polygons with large stands of trees dead or dying without an obvious reason for mortality. No areas were determined to be compromised (2008).		Boolean	Values (assumed): 0=No, 1=Yes.
Diseased	Polygons with trees that show galls from insects. No polygon has determined to be diseased although the wildlife tree layer has many trees labelled with galls (2008).		Boolean	Values (assumed): 0=No, 1=Yes.
Slope	Numerical slope angle of the ground.	°	Real number	Values: 0-90°.

SlopePosit	Categorical variable based on the position of where the slope was recorded or relative indentation to the ground. The higher the slope, generally the drier. The lower slope or depressed ground, generally wetter.		String	Slope Poistion Values: Crest: at the top of the slope. Depression: indentation into the ground. Level: slope relatively equals 0 or perpendicular to gravity. Midslope: midway along the slope. Toe: at the bottom of a slope If there are two categories, the value is in between or characterized by both categories. E.g. midslope/toe.
Aspect	Cardinal direction the slope is facing.		String	Values: {North; South; West; East; Northeast; Northwest; Southeast; Southwest}. A combination of two means the direction is facing in between the two categories.
DomSpecies	Dominant species present. Method of species coverage determination (e.g. visual, transect, line, plots) was not found.		String	Refer to 'Species Abbreviations' on the other Excel Sheet.
DomPercent	Dominant species percent cover.	%	String	
CodSpecies	Codominant species present. Method of species coverage determination (e.g. visual, transect, line, plots) was not found.		String	Refer to 'Species Abbreviations' on the other Excel Sheet.
CodPercent	Coddominant percent cover.	%	String	Values: 0-100.
SubSpecies	Subdominant species present. Method of species coverage determination (e.g. visual, transect, line, plots) was not found.		String	Refer to 'Species Abbreviations' in Excel Sheet.
SubPercent	Subdominant species percent cover.	%	String	
Other#	Other species persent, where # sequential increases as percentage decreases. Method of species coverage determination (e.g. visual, transect, line, plots) was not found.		String	Other# Attributes: the most abundant plant after 'SubSpecies'. E.g. Other1, Other2, Other3… Other1 species would have more percentage coverage than Other13.
Percent#	Other species percentage where the # corresponds to the associated 'other species'.		String	Percent# Attributes: the percentaage of the most abundant plant after 'SubSpecies'. E.g. Percent1, Percent2, Percent3…