Great Basin Semi-Desert Chaparral

Fairly open-canopy shrublands in the transition from low-elevation desert landscapes up into pinyon juniper woodlands of the western and central Great Basin, with open spaces either bare or supporting patchy grasses and forbs. Characteristic species may include Arctostaphylos patula, Arctostaphylos pungens, Ceanothus greggii, Ceanothus velutinus, Cercocarpus montanus var. glaber, Cercocarpus intricatus, Eriogonum fasciculatum, Garrya flavescens, Quercus turbinella, Purshia stansburiana, and Rhus trilobata.

Poor = <10% shrub cover, low forb diversity, few natives, high invasives Fair = 10-20% shrub cover, moderate native forb/grass mix, few invasives Good = >20% shrub cover, diverse native forbs, few or no invasives