

Rocky Mountain Lower Montane-Foothill Shrubland

Foothills, canyon slopes and lower mountains of the Rocky Mountains and outcrops and canyon slopes in the western Great Plains, between 1500-2900 m elevations. Scattered trees or inclusions of grassland patches or steppe may be present, but typically dominated by a variety of shrubs including *Amelanchier utahensis*, *Cercocarpus montanus*, *Purshia tridentata*, *Rhus trilobata*, *Ribes cereum*, *Symphoricarpos oreophilus*, or *Yucca glauca*. In northeastern WY and n into adjacent MT, *Cercocarpus ledifolius*, usually with *Artemisia tridentata*, is the common dominant shrub. Grasses include *Muhlenbergia*, *Bouteloua*, *Hesperostipa*, and *Pseudoroegneria spicata*.

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