



### Inter-Mountain Basins Big Sagebrush Steppe

Shrub-steppe with at least 25% total perennial herbaceous cover and typically with around 10% (5-30%) shrub cover. Dominated by *Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata*, *A. tridentata* ssp. *xericensis*, *A. tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*, *A. tripartita* ssp. *tripartita*, and/or *Purshia tridentata*. Can have a significant grassland aspect, with patchy distribution of shrubs.

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Good = >20% shrub cover, diverse native forbs, few or no invasives

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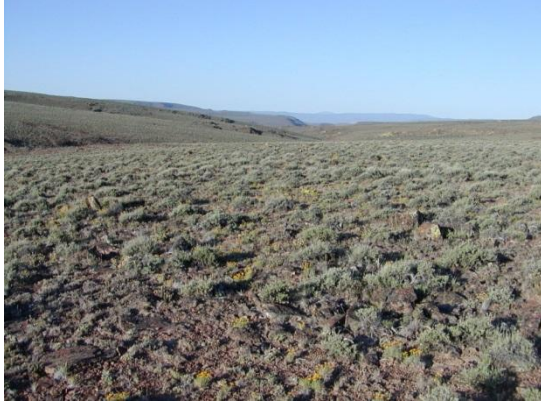
Shrublands dominated by *Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata* and/or *A. tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis* with 10% or more absolute cover and with less than 25% total perennial herbaceous cover; typically in broad basins between mountain ranges, plains and foothills between 1500 and 2300 m elevation. Soils are typically deep, well-drained and non-saline.

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### Columbia Plateau Low Sagebrush Steppe

Low shrublands dominated by *Artemisia arbuscula*, *A. tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*, or *Purshia tridentata*, widespread in the Columbia Plateau. Typically occurs on mountain ridges and flanks and broad terraces, ranging from 1000 to 3000 m in elevation

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