

Colorado Plateau Mixed Low Sagebrush Shrubland

Occurs in the Colorado Plateau, Tavaputs Plateau and Uinta Basin in canyons, gravelly draws, hilltops, and dry flats at elevations generally below 1800 m. This type extends across northern New Mexico into the southern Great Plains on limestone hills. It includes open shrublands and steppe dominated by *Artemisia nova* or *Artemisia bigelovii* sometimes with *Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis* codominant. Semi-arid grasses such as *Achnatherum hymenoides*, *Aristida purpurea*, *Bouteloua gracilis*, *Hesperostipa comata*, *Pleuraphis jamesii*, or *Poa fendleriana* are often present and may form a graminoid layer with over 25% cover.

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