

### **Northern Rocky Mountain Lower Montane, Foothill and Valley Grassland**

Lower montane meadows and large open parks; also extensive grasslands near and below lower tree line. The most important species are cool-season perennial bunch grasses and forbs (>25% cover), sometimes with a sparse (<10%) shrub layer. *Pseudoroegneria spicata*, *Festuca campestris*, *Festuca idahoensis*, or *Hesperostipa comata* commonly dominate, with other grasses common on steep slopes. Shrubs include *Amelanchier alnifolia*, *Rosa* spp., *Symphoricarpos* spp, *Juniperus communis*, *Artemisia tridentata*. Common associated forbs include *Geum triflorum*, *Galium boreale*, *Campanula rotundifolia*, *Antennaria microphylla*, *Geranium viscosissimum*, and *Potentilla gracilis*.

Poor = very low cover, much bare ground, very low species diversity

Fair = moderate cover, some diversity including forbs

Good = diverse structure and >25% forbs, scattered shrubs present