

### **Inter-Mountain Basins Semi-Desert Grassland**

These grasslands occur at approx. 1450 to 2320 m (4750-7610 feet) elevation and may occupy swales, playas, mesatops, plateau parks, alluvial flats, and plains, but sites are typically xeric. The dominant perennial bunch grasses and shrubs within this system are typically dominated or codominated by *Achnatherum hymenoides*, *Aristida* spp., *Bouteloua gracilis*, *Hesperostipa comata*, *Muhlenbergia* spp., or *Pleuraphis jamesii* and may include scattered shrubs and dwarf-shrubs of species of *Artemisia*, *Atriplex*, *Coleogyne*, *Ephedra*, *Gutierrezia*, or *Krascheninnikovia lanata*.

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

Fair = moderate cover, some diversity including forbs

Good = diverse structure and forbs, some shrubs/sub-shrubs present