

## Sensitive Ecosystems of the TFL 15 – Okanagan Falls

Code	Class	Ecosystem Class Description	Subclass code	Subclass Description
WN	Wetlands	Non-forested ecosystems where the water table is at or near the surface.	fn (WN:fn)	Fen
			ms (WN:ms)	Marsh
			md (WN:md)	Wet Meadow
			sp (WN:sp)	Swamp
			sw (WN:sw)	Shallow open water (includes ponds)
RI	Riparian	Streamside ecosystems on floodplains and benches along creeks and rivers (RI:fp), shrub ecosystems on floodplains (RI:sh); in gullies with intermittent or permanent creeks usually dominated by aspen (RI:gu); fringe ecosystems associated with creeks, pond and lake shorelines or sites with significant seepage (RI:ff) and large river systems, including gravel bars (RI:ri). When riparian ecosystems are also mappable as Old Forest, the subclasses are modified as RI:go for gully systems, RI:fo for fringe systems and RI:ao for floodplain systems.	fp (RI:fp)	Forested active floodplain
			sh (RI:sh)	Shrub floodplain
			gu (RI:gu)	Gully riparian
			ff (RI:ff)	Fringe riparian
			ri (RI:ri)	River and gravel bars
			go (RI:go)	Old forest gully
			fo (RI:fo)	Old forest fringe
			ao (RI:ao)	Old forest active floodplain
OF	Old Forest	Forests dominated by trees that appear to be older than 140 years; includes coniferous forests (OF:co), excludes old riparian.	co (OF:co)	Coniferous
			mx (OF:mx)	Mixed stands
GR	Grasslands	Ecosystems dominated by bunchgrass vegetation with less than 10% tree cover (GR:gr) or grassland/herbaceous communities at higher elevations (GR:md)	gr (GR:gr)	Grasslands
			md (GR:md)	Meadows
SS	Sagebrush Steppe	Shrub ecosystems dominated by Big sage brush and rated as being in fair, good or excellent condition. (SS:ss). Disturbed or poor range condition sites (SS:ds) are potential restoration areas.	ss (SS:ss)	Sagebrush Steppe
			ds (SS:ds)	Disturbed
AS	Antelope-brush Steppe	Shrub ecosystems dominated by Antelope brush and rated as being in fair, good or excellent condition. (AS:as). Disturbed or poor range condition sites (SS:ds) are potential restoration areas.	as (AS:as)	Antelope-brush Steppe
			ds (AS:ds)	Disturbed
WD	Woodlands	Open canopied forests (10-20% canopy cover), (WD:co). Excludes old forest structural stage (see Old Forest: co).	co (WD:co)	Coniferous

SV	Sparsely Vegetated	Shrub dominated rock outcrops (SV:sh), talus slopes (SV:ta), cliffs (SV:cl) and sparse grassland vegetation on shallow soil to bedrock (SV:gr). All ecosystems have more than 5% vegetation cover but less than 10% tree cover except cliffs, which may have less than 5% vegetation cover.	sh (SV:sh) ta (SV:ta) cl (SV:cl) gr (SV:gr)	Shrub Talus Cliffs Shallow soil
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### Other Important Ecosystems

Code	Other Important Ecosystems	Ecosystem Description
MF	Mature Forest	Forests with trees that are dominated by mature trees; includes coniferous forests (MF:co), mixed forests (MF:mx) and deciduous forests (MF:bc); excludes mature riparian.
DG	Disturbed Grasslands	Disturbed grasslands are grasslands that include noxious or invasive weeds and represent early to mid-seral stages of grassland recovery.

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