primarily supported dry, open forests and grasslands historically.

Old forest ecosystems are ecosystems that are dominated by large, mature or old-growth trees. These ecosystems are characterized by closed canopies or only scattered ponderosa pine or Douglas-fir trees. They can be found in areas that have escaped disturbance for many years. Old forest ecosystems are valued for their biodiversity,products, and cultural significance. They provide habitat for many species of plants and animals, including many that are rare or endangered. Old forest ecosystems are also important for their cultural and spiritual significance to many indigenous peoples.

Riparian Ecosystems

Riparian ecosystems are ecosystems that are found along the edges of water bodies, such as streams, rivers, and lakes. These ecosystems are characterized by a combination of aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Riparian ecosystems are important for their biodiversity, productivity, and ecosystem functions. They provide habitat for many species of plants and animals, including many that are rare or endangered. Riparian ecosystems are also important for their cultural and spiritual significance to many indigenous peoples.

Sensitive Ecosystems

Sensitive ecosystems are ecosystems that are especially sensitive to disturbance. They are characterized by a combination of factors, such as low productivity, low biodiversity, and/or high vulnerability to disturbance. Sensitive ecosystems are important for their biodiversity, productivity, and ecosystem functions. They provide habitat for many species of plants and animals, including many that are rare or endangered. Sensitive ecosystems are also important for their cultural and spiritual significance to many indigenous peoples.

Accurate Photographs

Accurate photographs are photographs that accurately represent the condition of the ecosystems. They are characterized by a combination of factors, such as high resolution, high contrast, and high dynamic range. Accurate photographs are important for their accuracy, reliability, and reproducibility. They provide a reliable and consistent representation of the condition of the ecosystems. Accurate photographs are also important for their cultural and spiritual significance to many indigenous peoples.

Field Work

Field work is the process of collecting data in the field. It is characterized by a combination of factors, such as direct observation, sampling, and mapping. Field work is important for its accuracy, reliability, and reproducibility. It provides a reliable and consistent representation of the condition of the ecosystems. Field work is also important for its cultural and spiritual significance to many indigenous peoples.

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