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Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) Interagency Handbook Reference Conditions

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Potential Natural Vegetation Group: Ponderosa Pine-Douglas-fir (Southern

Rockies).

Geographic Area: Southern Rocky Mountains.

Description: PNVG occurs in mountains and foothills; gentle to steep slopes;

generally southerly aspects in the upper montane zone.

Fire Regime Description: Fire Regime III, primarily short-interval (e.g., <40 yr)

mixed severity fires.

Vegetation Type and Structure

Class	Percent of	Description	
	Landscape	·	
A: post	15	Post-replacement from crown fire or reburn;	
replacement		fire maintained openings; <10% tree cover	
B: mid-	10	> 30% canopy cover of ponderosa pine and	
development		Douglas-fir pole and sapling	
closed			
C: mid- open	30	< 30% canopy cover dominated by ponderosa	
		pine pole and sapling; some Douglas-fir	
D: late- open	35	< 30% canopy cover dominated by ponderosa	
		pine with some Douglas-fir; very large and	
		large trees in groups	
E: late- closed	10	> 30% canopy cover of ponderosa pine and	
		Douglas-fir; large, pole, and sapling sizes	
Total	100		

Fire Frequency and Severity

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Fire Frequency-	Modeled	Pct, All	Description		
Severity	Probability	Fires	·		
Replacement Fire	.004	10	Crown fire in B and E		
Non-Replacement	.022	90	Majority are mosaic fires		
Fire					
All Fire Frequency*	.025	100			

^{*}Sum of replacement fire and non-replacement fire probabilities.

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