

**\*\*11/4/03 DRAFT\*\***

**Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) Interagency Handbook  
Reference Conditions**

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**PNVG Code:** CHPI

**Potential Natural Vegetation Group:** Cedar-Hemlock Douglas-Fir (Interior, Lodgepole Pine variant).

**Geographic Area:** Northern Rocky Mountains of western Montana, northern Idaho, and northeastern Washington

**Description:** PNVG is largely lodgepole pine-dominated stands on flat- to steep slopes in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana, northern Idaho, and eastern Washington.

**Fire Regime Description:** Fire Regime IV, primarily moderately long -interval (e.g., 100-150 yr) stand replacement fires.

**Vegetation Type and Structure**

Class	Percent of Landscape	Description
A: post replacement	15	Early seral condition of abundant ferns, grasses and forbs under shrub canopies
B: mid-development closed	50	Dense thickets of seedlings and poles and small trees of mixed conifers and hardwoods.
C: mid- open	<1	Dense shrublands with scattered seedlings and poles and small trees
D: late- open	5	Scattered large to very large trees (seral dominants) over a variety of undergrowth conditions
E: late- closed	30	Dense single or multi-layered canopy dominated by large to very large conifers
Total	100	

**Fire Frequency and Severity**

Fire Frequency-Severity	Modeled Probability	Pct, All Fires	Description
Replacement Fire	.006	75	
Non-Replacement Fire	.002	25	Mostly mosaic (90%)
All Fire Frequency*	.008	100	

\*Sum of replacement fire and non-replacement fire probabilities.

## References

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# VDDT RESULTS INCLUDE SUCC GRAPH?





