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Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) Interagency Handbook Reference Conditions

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PNVG Code: DWOA

Potential Natural Vegetation Group: Deciduous Woodland—Oak/Aspen

Geographic Area: Southern Rockies, Colorado Plateau

Description: Found in mid-elevational slopes in a variety of topographic conditions, usually in large patches within a mixed conifer matrix. Conifers (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Abies* spp., *Picea* spp.) may be present in older stands in the absence of fire. Gambel oak is typically seral in aspen stands.

Fire Regime Description: Fire Regime Group III. Infrequent replacement fire (120 + year MFI) with occasional mixed fires. All fires promote suckering and can result in multi-storied mature stands. After replacement fire, clonal sprouts of aspen or Gambel oak respond vigorously.

Vegetation Type and Structure

Class	Percent of Landscape	Description
A: post replacement	15	Post-replacement grass and forbs, shoots of aspen and oak less than 10 years old.
B: mid-development closed	20	Aspen and oak less than 70 years old with >40% canopy cover. Conifers may be present.
C: mid- open	20	Aspen and oak less than 70 years old with <40% canopy cover. Grass/forb understory.
D: late- open	40	Aspen older than 70 years with <40% canopy cover. Grass/forb understory.
E: late- closed	5	Aspen older than 70 years with >40% canopy cover. Conifers may be present.
Total	100	

Fire Frequency and Severity

Fire Frequency-Severity	Modeled Probability	Percent, All Fires	Description
Replacement Fire	.009	35	Replacement fire, mostly in B and E. Fires more likely to crown when conifers present.
Non-Replacement Fire	.017	65	Mixed severity fire, mostly in C and D.
All Fire Frequency*	.026	100	

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

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