

NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY

NOTES TO USERS

1:100,000 SCALE MAP

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory is producing maps showing the location and classification of wetlands and deepwater habitats of the United States. The Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States by Cowardin et al. (1979) is the classification system used to define and classify wetlands. Photointerpretation conventions, hydric soils lists and wetland plant lists are also available to enhance the use application of this classification system.

#### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the notes to the users is threefold: (1) to provide localized information regarding the production of NWI maps, including specific imagery and interpretation discussion; (2) to provide a descriptive crosswalk from wetland codes on the map to common names and representative plant species, and (3) to explain local geography, climate, and wetland communities.

#### III. STUDY AREA

Geography: The study area is located in the southwest corner of Missouri (Figure 1). This report pertains to the Missouri portion of the Joplin SE 1:100,000 quadrangle which involves 20 7.5' quadrangles. Bailey (1980) classifies the study area as being in the Prairie Parkland Province of the Prairie Division of the Humid Temperate Domain. The Oak-Hickory-Bluestem Parkland and Oak-Hickory Forest sections comprise the entire study area (Bailey 1980).

The topography ranges from moderately sloping uplands to bottomland floodplains. Major drainages on this map include the Shoal Creek, Center Creek, Spring River, and North Fork Spring River. Elevations range from approximately 875 to 1200 feet above sea level.

Climate: The climate is continental with weather changes being frequent and rapid. Average winter and summer temperatures are about 35°F and 76°F, respectively. The total annual precipitation is approximately 41 inches.

Vegetation: The majority of this study area is under agricultural influence in the form of cropland and pasture. Native vegetation consist of tall prairie grasses and deciduous forest.

Soils: The soils associated with this study area are the Molisols and Alfisols (Bailey 1980). Bottomland soils consist of the Huntington association.

IV. WETLAND CLASSIFICATION CODES AND WATER REGIME DESCRIPTIONS

TABLE - Cowardin Classification Codes and Descriptions

NWI CODE (Water Regime)	NWI DESCRIPTION	COMMON DESCRIPTION	CHARACTERISTIC VEGETATION
LIUB (H)	Lacustrine, limnetic, unconsolidated bottom	Lake	Unconsolidated bottom
L2UB (G,H)	Lacustrine, littoral, unconsolidated bottom	Lake, open water, marsh	Unconsolidated bottom
L2AB (G,H)	Lacustrine, littoral, aquatic bed	Lake, marsh	<u>Lemna</u> spp. (duckweed) green algae
L2EM2 (G,H)	Lacustrine, littoral, emergent, nonpersistent	Lake, marsh	<u>Scirpus</u> spp. (bulrushes)
L2US (A,C)	Lacustrine, littoral, unconsolidated shore	Beach, sandbar	Unconsolidated shore
R2UB (G,H)	Riverine, lower perennial, unconsolidated bottom	River	Unconsolidated bottom
R2US (A,C)	Riverine, lower perennial, unconsolidated shore	Beach, sandbar, mudflat	Unconsolidated shore
R3RB (G,H)	Riverine, upper perennial, rock bottom	River, stream	Rock bottom
R3UB (G,H)	Riverine, upper perennial, unconsolidated bottom	River, stream	Unconsolidated bottom
R3AB (G,H)	Riverine, upper perennial, aquatic bed	River, stream	Aquatic bed
R4SB (A,C,F)	Riverine, intermittent, streambed	Stream	Streambed
PUB (F,G,H)	Palustrine, unconsolidated bottom	Pond, reservoir, borrow pit, marsh	Unconsolidated bottom
PAB (F,G,H)	Palustrine, aquatic bed	Pond, reservoir marsh	<u>Lemna</u> spp. (duckweed) green algae <u>Potamogeton</u> spp. (pondweed) <u>Ceratophyllum demersum</u> (coontail)

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PEM (A)	Palustrine, emergent, temporary	Depression, drainage	<u>Eleocharis</u> spp. (spike rushes) <u>Ambrosia</u> spp. (ragwood) <u>Carex</u> spp. (sedges) <u>Rumex</u> spp. (dock) <u>Juncus</u> spp. (rushes) <u>Equisetum</u> spp. (horsetail) <u>Urtica dioica</u> (stinging nettle)
PEM (B)	Palustrine, emergent, saturated	Seep, fen	<u>Phragmites</u> spp. (reeds) <u>Carex</u> spp. (sedges) <u>Typha</u> spp. (cattail) <u>Scirpus</u> spp. (bulrushes)
PEM (C)	Palustrine, emergent, seasonal	Depression, drainage	<u>Polygonum</u> spp. (smartweed) <u>Carex</u> spp. (sedges) <u>Phalaris</u> <u>arundinacea</u> (reed canary grass) <u>Juncus</u> spp. (rushes) <u>Typha</u> spp. (cattail) <u>Scirpus</u> spp. (bulrushes)

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PEM (F,G)	Palustrine, emergent	Marsh, farm pond, backwater, oxbow	<u>Typha</u> spp. (cattail) <u>Scirpus</u> spp. (bulrushes)
PSSI (A,C)	Palustrine, scrub-shrub, broad-leaved deciduous	Marsh, floodplain, depression	<u>Salix</u> spp. (willow) <u>Populus deltoides</u> (cottonwood)
PFOI (A,C,F)	Palustrine, forested, broad-leaved deciduous	Marsh, floodplains, depression	<u>Salix</u> spp. (willow) <u>Ulmus americana</u> (american elm) <u>Acer</u> <u>saccharinum</u> (silver maple) <u>Acer negundo</u> (box elder) <u>Fraxinus</u> <u>pennsylvanica</u> (green ash) <u>Populus</u> <u>deltoides</u> (cottonwood) <u>Morus</u> spp. (mulberry) <u>Plantanus</u> <u>occidentalis</u> (sycamore)
PF05 (G,H)	Palustrine, forested	Impoundment	Dead trees
PUS (A,C)	Palustrine, unconsolidated shore	Depression, shallow gravel pit	Unconsolidated shore

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NWI CODE (Special Modifier)	NWI DESCRIPTION	COMMON DESCRIPTION
h	Diked, impounded	Dam or levee, reservoir
x	Excavated	Dugout, farm pond, borrow pit, ditched or channelized
d	Partially drained	Tiled, ditched

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Water Regime Description

(A) Temporarily Flooded - Surface water present for brief periods during growing season, but water table usually lies well below soil surface. Plants that grow both in uplands and wetlands are characteristic of this water regime.

(B) Saturated - The substrate is saturated to surface for extended periods during the growing season, but surface water is seldom present.

(C) Seasonally Flooded - Surface water is present for extended periods, especially early in the growing season, but absent by the end of the growing season in most years. The water table after flooding ceases is very variable, extending from saturated to a water table well below the ground surface.

(F) Semipermanently Flooded - Surface water persists throughout the growing season in most years. When surface water is absent, the water table is usually at or very near the land's surface.

(G) Intermittently Exposed - Surface water is present throughout the year except in years of extreme drought.

(H) Permanently Flooded - Water covers land surface throughout the year in all years.

(K) Artificially Flooded - The amount and duration of flooding is controlled by means of pumps or siphons in combination with dikes or dams.

V. MAP PREPARATION

The wetland classifications that appear on this National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Base Map are in accordance with Cowardin et al. (1979). The delineations were produced through stereoscopic interpretation of 1:58,000 scale color infrared aerial photography. The photography was taken fall of 1981.

Field checks of areas found within this quad were made prior to the actual delineation of wetlands. Field check sites were selected to clarify varying signatures found on the photography. These photographic signatures were then identified in the field using vegetation and soil types as well as additional input from field personnel.

Collateral data included USGS 7.5' topographic maps, SCS soil survey of Greene and Lawrence counties in Missouri, USGS Water Resources Data for Missouri Water Year 1986, and vegetation and ecoregional information.

The user of this map is cautioned that, due to the limitation of the mapping primarily through aerial photointerpretation, a small percentage of wetlands may have gone unidentified. Since the photography was taken during a particular time and season, there may be discrepancies between the map and current field conditions. Changes in landscape which occurred after the photography was taken would result in such discrepancies.

Aerial photointerpretation was completed by the South Dakota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, SDSU, Brookings, S.D.

#### VI. SPECIAL MAPPING PROBLEMS AND SITUATIONS

Wetlands visited but not checksited will have the water regime in the alphanumeric label underlined.

Perennial versus intermittent streams were distinguished by using USGS topographic maps. Numerous perennial pools are present in the intermittent streams. Some of these pools could be distinguished with water regime classification, while others could not.

Floodplain oxbows and basins were delineated and classified where visible. However, the user is cautioned that some of these wetlands may not have been photointerpreted because of leaf-out conditions present in some forested situations. Extensive leaf-out present on the photography limits photointerpretation of the understory.

Locating wetlands on November 1981 photography was much easier than were wetlands on October 1981 photography because of water conditions present at the date of photography.

Wetlands that are nonbasin and farmed at the time of photography were not delineated on the Inventory map.

The rock bottom class was used with the upper perennial riverine system only when seen during the field verification trip (which was done prior to photointerpretation). Rock bottom streams are very difficult to distinguish from unconsolidated shore when using high-altitude photography.

Saturated wetlands are not common on this map and were conservatively mapped. A few saturated were seen during field verification, but photo

appearance of these wetlands resemble upland photo appearances found elsewhere on this map.

#### VII. MAP AQUISITION

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Maps are identified by the name of the corresponding USGS 1:24,000 scale topographic quadrangle name. Topographic map indices are available from the U.S. Geological Survey.

#### VIII. LITERATURE CITED

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