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USER REPORT  
OGDEN NE and OGDEN SE, WYOMING  
NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY MAPS

A. INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services National Wetlands Inventory is producing maps showing the location and classification of wetlands and deep water habitats of the United States. The Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States by Cowardin et al. is the classification system used to define and classify wetlands. Photo interpretation conventions, hydric soils lists and wetland plant lists are also available to enhance the use and application of the classification system.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of the notes to 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.

C. STUDY AREA

Geography:

The study area covered by Ogden NE and Ogden SE base maps is located in southwestern Wyoming (See Appendices). Bailey's Ecoregion Classification (1980) divides the study area into two provinces, the Wyoming Basin Province (Sagebrush-Wheatgrass Section) and the Rocky Mountain Forest Province (Douglas Fir Forest Section).

The Wyoming Basin Province is made up of broad expanses of sagebrush with sandy streams and dry basins. Large expanses of wet meadows and numerous seeps and springs are also found throughout the Ogden study area. Major rivers in the study area include Henrys Fork, Blacks Fork, Hams Fork and Bear River. Sulpher Creek and Naughton Reservoirs are some of the largest lakes in the area. Relief in the Wyoming Basin ranges from 6,300 feet to 8,000 feet.

The Wasatch National Forest is in the Rocky Mountain Forest Province with elevations from 8,000 feet to 9,600 feet. These mountains contain numerous lakes and beaver ponds. The flow of the Blacks Fork is dependent on the Meeks Cabin Reservoir which is located in the National Forest.

### Climate:

The Wyoming Basin has a climate of long cold winters and short hot summers. Average annual temperatures ranging from 40 F to 52 F. with an evenly distributed precipitation of 5 inches to 14 inches. The average growing season consist of fewer than 100 days.

Precipitation in the Rocky Mountain forest Province occurs mainly in the winter. This ranges from 20 inches at the base to 40 inches in the higher elevations. A considerable amount of this falls as snow. Average annual temperatures are mainly 35 F to 45 F.

### Vegetation:

The chief vegetation of the valley is sagebrush, greasewood, and a mixture of short grasses. Streams and valley bottoms are lined with willows and sedges while wet meadows support a mixture of sedges, rushes, and grasses.

The mountains are marked by distinct vegetational zones that are controlled mostly by a combination of altitude, latitude, direction of prevailing winds, and slope exposure. Vegetation here include Blue Spruce, aspen, Douglas Fir, and lodgepole pine.

### Soils:

Within the study area, there are two major soil groups defined as Great Groups by the "Wyoming General Soil Map". The two groups are 1) Soils of the Mountains and Mountain Valleys, 2) Soils of the Intermountain Basins and Foothills. This classification is further broken into climate zones and soil associations.

The mountainous area located in the south and western part of Ogden is dominated by the Soils of Mountains and Mountain Valley Great Group. The following associations are characterized by dark and light colored soils and are usually moist. These soils are formed by both residual and transported materials. Cryoborolls-Cryorthents Association; Cryoboralfs, Stony-Cryoborolls, Stony Association and Cryoborolls-Cryaquents Association. The Haploborolls-Argiborolls-Rock Outcrop Association is dominantly dark colored soil that is usually moist in some parts during the summer. This soil is formed by residual materials. The last group of soil associations are dominantly dark colored soils that are usually dry and formed by residual material. These are: Calcixerolls-Calciorthids Association; Haploxerolls Association and Argixerolls Association.

The area surrounding the mountains are dominated by Soils of the Intermountain Basins and Foothills. These soils are light colored soils of basins, terraces, and fans which are dry or may be moist in some parts during the summer. These soils form in cool climates with spring moisture. The soil associations are formed by both transported and residual materials. Soil associations are: Torrifluents-Fluvaquents-Halaquepts Association; Torriorthents, Alkali Association; Torriorthents-Haplargids-Natrargids Association; Calciorthids-Ustifluents Association, and Calciorthids-Torriorthents Association.

D. WETLAND CLASSIFICATION CODES AND WATER REGIME DESCRIPTIONS

TABLE 1: NWI CLASSIFICATION FOR OGDEN NE AND OGDEN SE, WYOMING  
(1 of 3)

NWI CODE WATER REGIME	NWI DESCRIPTION	COMMON DESCRIPTION	CHARACTERISTIC VEGETATION
R2UB (G,H)	Riverine, lower perennial, unconsoli- dated bottom	Rivers	Unconsolidated bottoms
R3UB (G,H)	Riverine, upper perennial, unconsoli- dated bottom	Mountain rivers or streams	Cobble-Gravel substrate
R2US (C)	Riverine, lower perennial, unconsoli- dated shore	Flats	Sand or mud
R3US (C)	Riverine, upper perennial, unconsoli- dated shore	Flats	Sand, mud or cobble-gravel
R4SB (F,C,A)	Riverine, intermittent, stream bed	Streams or irrigation canals	Sand or mud
L1UB (H)	Lacustrine, limnetic, unconsolidated bottom	Lakes, reservoirs, alpine lakes	Unconsolidated bottoms
L2AB (G,F)	Lacustrine, littoral, aquatic bed	Deep Marsh, lakes, or reservoirs	Submerged and floating aquatics
L2US (C,A)	Lacustrine, littoral, unconsolidated shore	Lake flats, beach	Sand or mud
PUB (G,H)	Palustrine, unconsoli- dated bottom	Gravel pits, oil and gas pits, alpine ponds	Unconsolidated bottoms
PAB (F,G)	Palustrine, aquatic bed	Vegetated ponds, beaver ponds or sewage ponds	<u>Lemna</u> sp. (duckweed) <u>Ruppia</u> sp. (pearlwort)

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FEM (F,C,B,A)	Palustrine, emergent	Meadows, depressions, swales, floodplains, seeps, or springs	<u>Hordeum</u> sp. (barley) <u>Elymus cincreus</u> (basin wild rye) <u>Allenrolfea</u> <u>occidentalis</u> (iodine bush) <u>Rumex</u> sp. (dock) <u>Mentha</u> sp. (mint) <u>Salicornia rubra</u> (red saltwort) <u>Juncus</u> sp. (rush) <u>Distichlis</u> sp. (salt grass) <u>Agrostis alba</u> (redtop) <u>Phleum pratense</u> (timothy) <u>Agropyron</u> <u>smithii</u> (western wheatgrass) <u>Beckmannia</u> <u>syzigachne</u> (american slough grass) <u>Triglochin</u> sp. (arrowgrass) <u>Equisetum</u> sp. (horsetail) <u>Iris</u> sp. (iris) <u>Carex</u> <u>nebrascensis</u> (nebraska sedge)

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PEM (cont'd)			<u>Phalaris arundinacea</u> (reed canary grass) <u>Juncus sp.</u> (rush) <u>Carex sp.</u> (sedge) <u>Eleocharis sp.</u> (spikerush) <u>Sium suave</u> (water parsnip) <u>Typha latifolia</u> (cattail) <u>Scirpus acutus</u> (hardstem bullrush) <u>Scirpus pungens</u> (american three square)
PSS (C,B,A)	Palustrine, scrub-shrub	Shrub wetlands	<u>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</u> (greasewood) <u>Salix sp.</u> (willow)
PFO (A)	Palustrine, forested	Forested wetlands	<u>Alnus sp.</u> (alder) <u>Betula sp.</u> (birch) <u>Populus angustifolia</u> (narrowleaf cottonwood)

E. 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 is absent by the end of the growing season in most years. The water table after flooding ceases is extremely 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.

(U) Unknown - The water regime is not known.

F. MAP PREPARATION

The wetland classification that appears on the Ogden NE and Ogden SE National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Base Map (Table 1) is in accordance with Cowardin et al. (1977). The delineations were produced through stereoscopic interpretation of 1:58,000 scale color infrared photography. The photography was taken during July, September 1981; September 1982.

Field checks of areas found within Ogden NE and Ogden SE photography 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 types and soil types, as well as additional input from field personnel.

Collateral data included U.S.G.S. topographic maps, climate, vegetation, and ecoregional information. The user of the map is cautioned that, due to the limitation of mapping primarily through aerial photo interpretation, 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 photo interpretation and drafting were completed by Geonex Martel, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida.

G. MAP ACQUISITION

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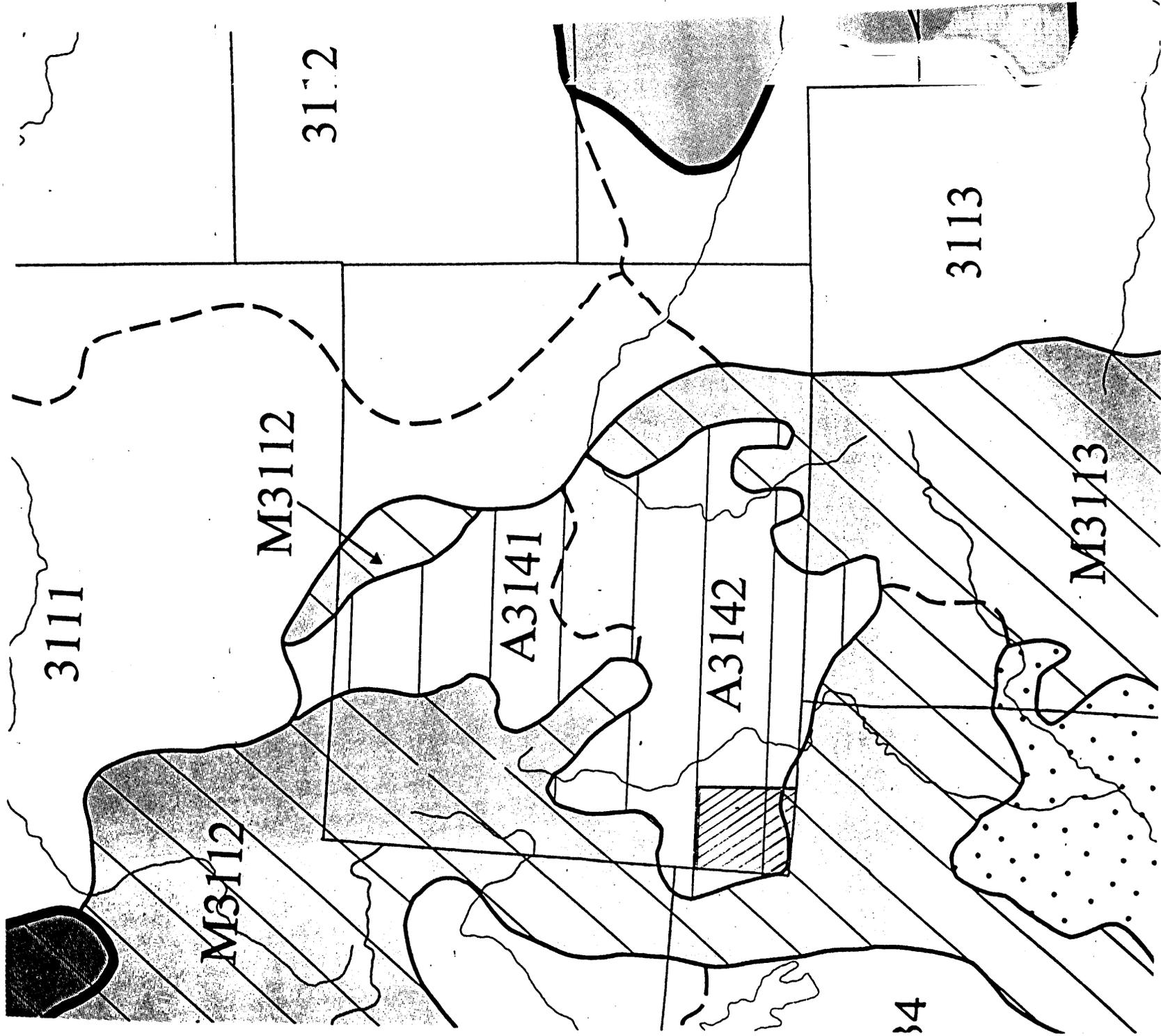
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Maps are identified by the name of the corresponding U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale topographic quadrangle name. Topographic map indices are available from the U.S. Geological Survey.

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Locator Map (A)



LOCATOR MAP (B)

