

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Rifle Area, Colorado, Parts of Garfield and Mesa Counties

Map symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total dry-weight production			Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland composition
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
		<i>Lb/Ac</i>	<i>Lb/Ac</i>	<i>Lb/Ac</i>		<i>Pct</i>
53:						
Parachute	Mountain Loam	1,800	1,500	1,200	Letterman's needlegrass	15
					Elk sedge	10
					Mountain big sagebrush	10
					Big bluegrass	5
					Bluebunch wheatgrass	5
					Idaho fescue	5
					Mountain snowberry	5
					Utah serviceberry	5
					Yellow rabbitbrush	5
Rhone	Mountain Loam	1,800	1,500	1,200	Bluebunch wheatgrass	10
					Letterman's needlegrass	10
					Mountain big sagebrush	10
					Muttongrass	10
					Elk sedge	5
					Idaho fescue	5
					Mountain snowberry	5
					Other shrubs	5
					Rabbitbrush	5
					Utah serviceberry	5
					Western wheatgrass	5