

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

40 Nunn loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4500 to 6700 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 18 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 115 to 180 days

Composition

Nunn and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Nunn

Setting

Landform: Stream terraces, plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 6 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 15 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 9.0 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 4c
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 7 inches: loam
7 to 23 inches: clay loam
23 to 60 inches: clay loam
60 to 64 inches: sandy clay loam

Minor Components

Manzanola

Percent of map unit: 8 percent

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Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

Map symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total dry-weight production			Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland composition
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
		Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac		Pct
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Nunn	Loamy Plains	1,800	1,400	1,000	Western wheatgrass	30
					Green needlegrass	10
					Fourwing saltbush	5
					Other perennial grasses	4
					Other perennial forbs	3
					Other shrubs	3
					Indian ricegrass	1
					Rabbitbrush	1
					Sand dropseed	1

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

66 Thedalund-Keota loams, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 3500 to 6500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 48 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Composition

Thedalund and similar soils: 45 percent
Keota and similar soils: 30 percent
Minor components: 25 percent

Description of Thedalund

Setting

Landform: Plains, ridges, alluvial fans
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy residuum weathered from sandstone and shale and/or residuum weathered from siltstone

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to Paralithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or high (0.06 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 15 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.3 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4s
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 3 inches: loam
3 to 25 inches: loam
25 to 29 inches: weathered bedrock

Description of Keota

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, plains, ridges
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy residuum weathered from siltstone

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to Paralithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 10 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.3 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4s
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Siltstone Plains (R067BY009CO)

Typical Profile

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0 to 4 inches: loam
4 to 35 inches: silt loam
35 to 39 inches: unweathered bedrock

Minor Components

Epping
Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Shingle
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Mitchell
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Kim
Percent of map unit: 5 percent

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		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
		Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac		Pct
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Thedalund	Loamy Plains	1,600	1,100	800	Sideoats grama	10
					Western wheatgrass	10
					Bottlebrush squirreltail	5
					Fendler threeawn	5
					Needleandthread	5
					Fourwing saltbush	3
					Sand dropseed	2
Keota	Siltstone Plains	1,800	1,200	300	Western wheatgrass	12
					Fourwing saltbush	5
					Green needlegrass	4
					Winterfat	3
					Sideoats grama	1