

Table 2-1. PERCENTAGE OF RANGELAND ACREAGE BY ECOLOGICAL STATUS BY STATE, FISCAL YEAR 2008

	Percentage by Ecological Status /a/				
	Percentage of Acres Inventoried /b/	Potential Natural Community	Late Seral	Mid Seral	Early Seral
Arizona	56	8	44	37	11
California	15	3	21	45	31
Colorado	47	7	27	41	25
Idaho	74	2	25	41	33
Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota	74	9	66	24	1
Nevada	40	4	38	46	12
New Mexico	76	4	24	43	30
Oregon and Washington	57	1	28	59	12
Utah	61	12	30	44	13
Wyoming	59	27	38	30	5
Total Bureauwide	54	8	35	41	15

Note: The BLM's inventory of ecological status of rangelands is used to report on the condition of rangelands as mandated in the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978. The Total Bureauwide figures represent a weighted average.

/a/ Expressed in degree of similarity of present vegetation to the potential natural, or climax, plant community: Potential Natural Community = 76–100 percent similarity; Late Seral = 51–75 percent similarity; Mid Seral = 26–50 percent similarity; Early Seral = 0–25 percent similarity.

/b/ The percent of each State that has been inventoried using Ecological Site Inventory (ESI) or the Soil-Vegetation Inventory Method. Ecological Site Inventories are being conducted to fill in data gaps. This table is updated annually to reflect new data and changes in seral stages. The percentage of acres inventoried in Fiscal Year 2008 is less than what was reported before Fiscal Year 2004 because now only the acres actually categorized to seral stage are being reported. Acres that could not be categorized to seral stage were reported as Unclassified in reports before Fiscal Year 2004 and are no longer being reported in this table.