# Ecological site group DX035X02BESG04 Coconino Plateau - Aridic Ustic - Limestone or Loamy Upland

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# **Key Characteristics**

- Coconino Plateau (B)
- Site parent material is limestone or dolomite, or soil is loamy.
- Site soils are aridic ustic or within a 14-18" precipitation zone.
- Site is and/or located in an upland with slopes <15%.</li>

Provisional. A provisional ecological site description has undergone quality control and quality assurance review. It contains a working state and transition model and enough information to identify the ecological site.

## **Physiography**

Site is and/or located in an upland with slopes <15%. Aspects tend to be southwest in the eastern half, and east in the western half of the LRU

#### Climate

Site soils are aridic ustic or within a 14-18" precipitation zone. Precipitation comes predominantly from monsoonal patterns during months of July, August, and September.

#### Soil features

Subset subgroup- Parent Material Limestone or Dolomite, or Soil is Loamy. Site consists of limited amounts of gently sloping sheet alluvial or eolian deposits over residuum of plateaus and structural benches.

### **Major Land Resource Area**

MLRA 035X Colorado Plateau

#### **Subclasses**

- R035XG711AZ–Loamy Upland 14-18" p.z.
- R035XG717AZ—Shallow Loamy 14-18" p.z.

### **Correlated Map Unit Components**

22353355, 22353356, 22353357, 22353358, 22353359, 22353785, 22388416, 22388461, 22388463

#### Stage

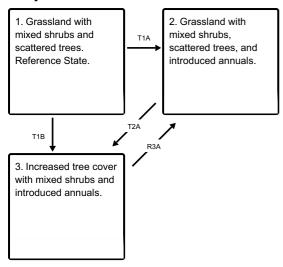
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### State and transition model

#### **Ecosystem states**



#### State 1

Grassland with mixed shrubs and scattered trees. Reference State.

### State 2

Grassland with mixed shrubs, scattered trees, and introduced annuals.

#### State 3

Increased tree cover with mixed shrubs and introduced annuals.

# Transition T1A State 1 to 2

Historic introduction of annual species.

# Transition T1B State 1 to 3

Historic introduction of annual species and/or removal of fire and/or improper grazing management.

# Transition T2A State 2 to 3

Removal of fire and/or improper grazing management.

# Restoration pathway R3A State 3 to 2

Brush management and restoration of fire to landscape.

## **Citations**