# Ecological site group ESG2 Deep sand

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#### **Key Characteristics**

- Not flooded (hills, convex portions of piedmont slopes, broad basin floors)
- Exposed bedrock absent and few if any cobbles and stones
- Soil surface texture loamy sand to medium sandy loam, subsoil non gravelly, gypsum absent
- Soil is not shallow (≥ 50 cm) and does not have a clear pedogenic horizon, continuous undulating surface or dunes

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.

#### Climate

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#### **Vegetation dynamics**

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#### **Major Land Resource Area**

MLRA 042B Southern Rio Grande Rift

#### **Subclasses**

R042BB011NM-Deep Sand, Desert Shrub

#### **Correlated Map Unit Components**

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## Stage

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### **Contributors**

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## State and transition model

#### **Ecosystem states**

1. Grass-dominated

2. Grass-shrub codominant

3. Shrub-dominated

## State 1 Grass-dominated



State 2
Grass-shrub co-dominant



State 3
Shrub-dominated



Citations