## Major Land Resource Area 027X Fallon-Lovelock Area

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## **Ecological site keys**

## **Hills and Fans**

- I. Soil moisture regime is typic aridic.
  - A. Soil depth is less than 50 cm (19 inches) to a root restrictive layer.
    - 1 Soil has granite parent material. ... R027XY047NV ERODED GRANITIC SLOPE
    - 2 Parent material not as above.
      - i. Soil formed in lacustrine deposits ... R027XY093NV STONY TERRACE 4-8 P.Z.
      - ii. Soil not as above.
        - a. Site found on a dominantly south aspect. ... R027XY017NV SOUTH SLOPE 4-8 P.Z.
        - b. Site not found on a south aspect.
          - 1) Site occurs on summits. ... R027XY015NV STONY LOAM 4-8 P.Z.
          - 2) Landscape position not as above.
            - a) Soil lacks a subsurface clay accumulation (no argillic horizon). ... R027XY027NV BARREN GRAVELLY SLOPE 4-8 P.Z.
            - b) Soils have subsurface clay accumulation.
              - (1) Soils are shallow to a duripan. ... R027XY018NV GRAVELLY LOAM 4-8 P.Z.
              - (2) Soil lacks a duripan. ... R027XY019NV STONY SLOPE 4-8 P.Z.
  - B. Soil is not as above, greater than 50 cm (19 inches) to a root restrictive layer.
    - 1 Soil is somewhat excessively drained or excessively drained.
      - i. Site occurs on dunes. ... R027XY023NV DUNES 4-8 P.Z.
      - ii. Site does not occur on dunes.
        - a. Site occurs on sandsheets. ... R027XY009NV SANDY 5-8 P.Z.
        - b. Site occurs on drainageways with occasional flooding. ... R027XY022NV VALLEY WASH
    - 2 Soils are well drained.
      - i. Soil is characterized by an argillic horizon (increase subsurface clay accumulation) and is loamy sand to loam on the soil surface. ... R027XY013NV LOAMY 4-8 P.Z.
      - ii. Soil is not as above and is effervescent throughout.
        - a. Soil is violently effervescent throughout with a silt loam surface texture. ... R027XY014NV COARSE SILTY 4-8 P.Z.
        - b. Effervescence is strongest in the Bk horizon. The pH is greater than 9.0 in the Bk. Soil has a gravelly sandy loam surface texture. ... R027XY050NV COARSE GRAVELLY LOAM 4-8 P.Z.
- II. Soil moisture is aridic trending xeric.
  - A. Soils were formed in alluvium.
    - 1 Soil is somewhat excessively drained or excessively drained.
      - i. Site occurs on dunes and is sandy throughout. ... R027XY053NV DUNES 8-10 P.Z.
      - ii. Site occurs in ephemeral drainageways. ... R027XY029NV GRAVELLY FAN 8-10 P.Z.
    - 2 Soil is well drained.

- i. Soil parent material is granitic. ... R027XY067NV GRANITIC LOAM 8-10 P.Z.
- ii. Parent material is not granitic.
  - a. Elevation is less than 5,000 feet and occurs on inset fans. ... R027XY008NV DROUGHTY LOAM 8-10 P.Z.
  - b. Elevation is greater than 5,000 feet and occurs on inset fans. ... R027XY045NV SANDY 8-10 P.Z.
- B. Soils were formed in residuum and/or colluvium.
  - 1 Parent material is volcanic or mixed.
    - i. Site is found predominately on south aspects. ... R027XY051NV SOUTH SLOPE 8-10 P.Z.
    - ii. Site is not found on south aspects.
      - a. Soil profile has an abrupt boundary to a Bt horizon (abrupt increase clay accumulation). ... R027XY020NV SHALLOW CLAYPAN 8-10 P.Z.
      - b. Soils lack an abrupt boundary with clay accumulation.
        - 1) Soil is loamy and rocky with less than 35 percent clay. ... R027XY007NV LOAMY SLOPE 8-10 P.Z.
        - 2) Soils are clayey and rocky with more than 35 percent clay.
          - a) Soils have carbonate accumulation on the bedrock contact. This soil/site supports little sagebrush (Artemisia arbuscula ssp. longicaulis). ... R027XY070NV DROUGHTY CLAYPAN 8-10 P.Z.
          - b) Soil profile lacks carbonate accumulation on the bedrock contact. Soil/site supports black sagebrush (Artemisia nova). ... R027XY032NV SHALLOW CALCAREOUS LOAM 10-12 P.Z.
  - 2 Soils formed in granitic parent material.
    - i. Soil is characterized by a mollic epipedon. ... R027XY079NV GRAVELLY CLAYPAN 8-10 P.Z.
    - ii. Soil is characterized by an ochric epipedon.
      - a. Soil has less than 18 percent clay and is on greater than 15 percent slopes...R027XY063NV
      - b. Soil has greater than 18 percent clay. ... R027XY068NV GRANITIC CLAYPAN 8-10 P.Z.