

Major Land Resource Area 222X

Southern Alaska Coastal Mountains

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Ecological site keys

MLRA Key - Southern Alaska Coastal Mountains

I. Alpine life zone, which is typically ≥ 3000 feet. Dwarf shrubs, scattered forbs, and lichen are dominant.

A. Soils are primarily organic material over bedrock.

1 Soils are dry with a drainage class ranging from well to moderately-well drained.

... R222XY352AK – Alpine Dwarf Scrub Dry Organic Slopes

2 Soils are wetter than above. ... R222XY360AK – Alpine Herbaceous Wet Organic Depressions

B. Not as above. Parent material commonly colluvium and/or residuum.

1 This site occurs on colder and/or concave shaped slopes with deep and persistent snow beds. ... R222XY357AK – Alpine Dwarf Scrub Moist Gravelly Slopes

2 This site occurs on warmer and/or linear to convex shaped slopes with less persistent snow beds. ... R222XY356AK – Alpine Dwarf Scrub Dry Gravelly Slopes

II. Not as above. Lower elevation, subalpine and maritime plant communities dominated by trees and tall shrubs. This lower elevation vegetation marks the transition to the Alexander Archipelago-Gulf of Alaska Coast Area (MLRA 220).