

Ground Cover is any vegetation rooted within the measuring frame. The amount of living and total ground cover will be estimated and measured within a fixed frame every 10 feet on a 100-foot transect.

Ground Cover Units : **C** = Coniferous, **D** = Deciduous **W** = Wetland (sedges & rushes), **G** = Grasses & Forbs, **B** = Disturbed bare ground, **R** = Rock, **RR** = Riprap, **N** = Noxious Weeds

Riparian Habitat Classification. Take a look at the floodplain area in or by which you are standing. Estimate its width, describe its features (is it a canyon or a valley? Is it wide or narrow? Does it include a lot of development, like roads or houses, or is it undeveloped?), and write down the abbreviation below based on what the most dominant type of tree or shrub is present.

Cottonwood (C) Impacted (note mining, agriculture, logging, other): (I)

Willow/birch (WB) Alder/dogwood (A/D)

Forested/conifer dominant (F) Urban (U)

Other: Describe in notes

Riparian Plant Assessment

Estimate Width of Riparian Area:

Site:			Site:		
Ground Cover	(10)	(20)	Ground Cover	(10)	(20)
	(30)	(40)		(30)	(40)
	(50)	(60)		(50)	(60)
	(70)	(80)		(70)	(80)
	(90)	(100)		(90)	(100)
Percent Ground Cover (Live)	(estimate)	(calculated)	Percent Ground Cover (Live)	(estimate)	(calculated)
Riparian Habitat Class			Riparian Habitat Class		

Additional Notes:

Site 1:

Site 2: