

**H-BUFO** *Buchloe dactyloides* Planted/Cultivated Herbaceous Vegetation  
**Buffalo Grass Herbaceous Alliance**

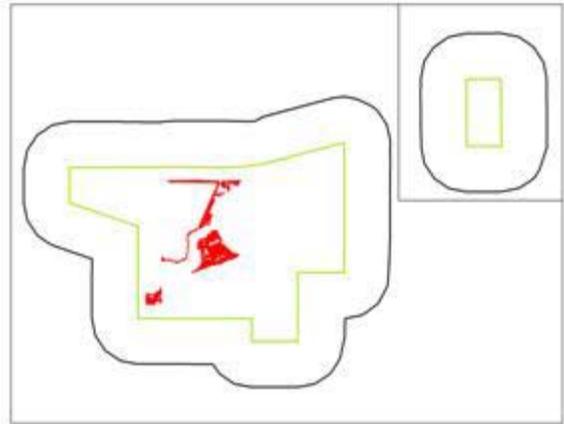
**Associations and Alliances**

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**Common Species**

*Buchloe dactyloides*  
*Digitaria sanguinalis*  
*Taraxacum officinale*

**Range and Distribution**



**Description**

This type represents the maintained lawns and pathways at FOLS. Buffalo grass lawns surround the historic fort and have been planted in the picnic and parking areas. Regular mowing to a low height (< 10 cm) keeps the buffalo grass dominant in most areas but patches immediately south of the fort contain a greater mix of grasses. On the color infrared imagery this type appeared as smooth, mottled signature. The prevalent colors were a light blue-green with red splotches that corresponded to small stands of forbs.

**Photo Signature Examples**

**Representative Ground Photo**



## Buffalo Grass Lawn

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COMMON NAME	Buffalo Grass	Planted/Cultivated Herbaceous Vegetation
PHYSIOGNOMIC CLASS	V	Herbaceous vegetation
PHYSIOGNOMIC SUBCLASS	V.A	Perennial graminoid vegetation
PHYSIOGNOMIC GROUP	V.A.5	Temperate or subpolar grassland
FORMATION	V.A.5.C.b	Landscaped urban/suburban/rural temperate or subpolar grassland.

#### RANGE

##### *Globally*

Comprised of a species native to the Western Great Plains, Buffalo Grass lawns have been planted across the Great Plains.

##### *Fort Larned National Historic Site*

Buffalo Grass Lawn surrounds the historic fort itself and has been planted in the picnic and parking areas.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION

##### *Fort Larned National Historic Site*

This community occurs on level ground over compacted soils. It is maintained by regular mowing.

#### MOST ABUNDANT SPECIES

##### *Fort Larned National Historic Site*

<u>Strata</u>	<u>Species</u>
Herbaceous	<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> , <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> , <i>Taraxacum officinale</i>

#### CHARACTERISTIC SPECIES

##### *Fort Larned National Historic Site*

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Herbaceous	<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> , <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>

#### VEGETATION DESCRIPTION

##### *Fort Larned National Historic Site*

Regular mowing to a low height (< 10 cm) keeps the buffalo grass dominant in the lawn surrounding the fort, adjacent to the parking lot, and in the picnic ground. The patches immediately south of the fort contain a greater mix of grasses, but Fort Larned National Historic Site's administration hopes to encourage buffalo grass through regular short mowing.

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