

Torrey's Joint-fir (Fourwing Saltbush, Shadscale) Sparse Veg. [P] (Map Code 21)

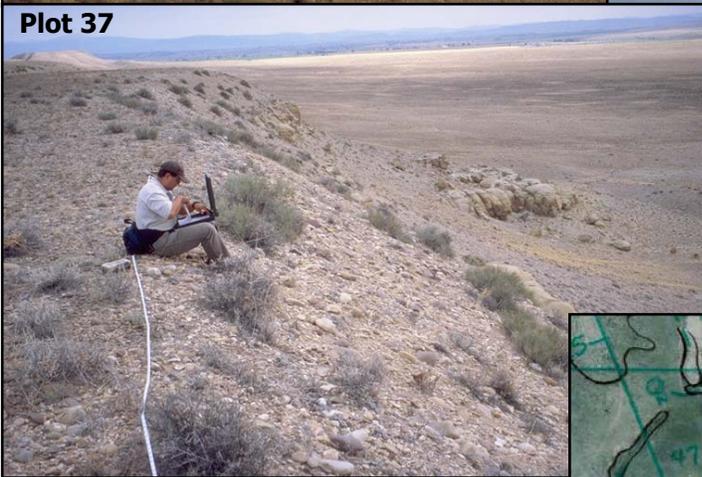


Plot 8

Location: This provisional type occupies mesa and bluff edges, ridgetops, and hilltops within the badlands area of the Refuge. Typically this type is found associated with gravel and cobble substrates.

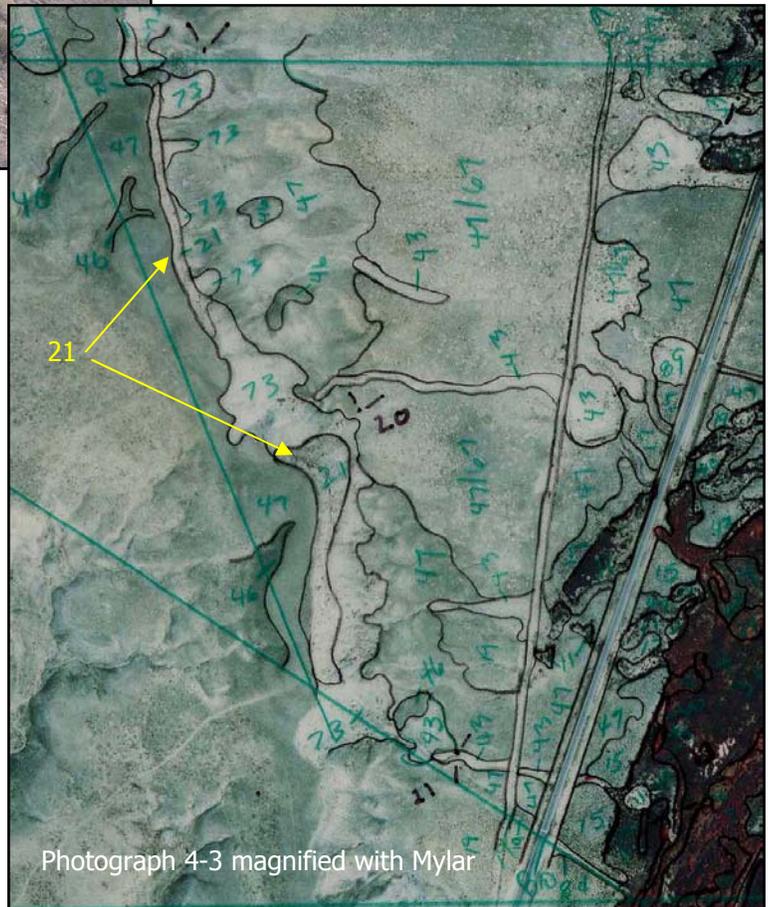


Plot 17



Plot 37

Signature: This type is typical of sparsely vegetated communities in Ouray NWR since its CIR signature was dominated by the reflectance of the underlying substrate. However, Torrey's joint-fir plants yielded an extremely sparse dark red pebbly color that dictated delineation. The location of this type on rocky, steep slopes also helped with the identification and interpretation.



Photograph 4-3 magnified with Mylar