SITE BOUNDARIES

Yellow triangles indicate flagged pin locations which delineate site boundaries.

Site boundaries determined by pronounced changes in vegetation cover.
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Identified by pronounced changes in vegetation, organic litter, or topography.

Vegetation Cover

Vegetation Composition

Vegetation Height/Disturbance

Topography

Organic Litter

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VEGETATIVE GROUND COVER

Live non-woody vegetative ground cover (including herbs, grasses, and mosses).

1=0-5%

2=6-25%

3=26-50%

4=51-75%

5=76-95%

6=96-100%
SOIL EXPOSURE

Areas of predominantly bare soil; very little or no organic litter or vegetation cover.

Organic litter on left is pulverized but still covers underlying organic and mineral soil. Dark organic soil on right, which covers lighter colored mineral soil, should be assessed as bare soil.

As organic litter is pulverized and eroded from sites the remaining materials often clump together, resulting in a patchwork of organic litter and bare soil which is difficult to evaluate. If patches of organic material are relatively thin and few in number, as illustrated in the photo above, the entire area should be assessed as bare soil. Otherwise, the patches of organic litter should be mentally combined and excluded from assessments.
**NONE/SLIGHT:** No or slight damage such as broken or cut smaller branches, 1 nail, or a few superficial trunk scars.

**MODERATE:** Numerous small trunk scars and nails or 1 moderate sized scar.

**SEVERE:** Trunk scars numerous with many that are large and have penetrated to the inner wood; any complete girdling of tree.
ROOT EXPOSURE

NONE/SLIGHT: No or slight root exposure such as is typical in adjacent offsite areas.
MODERATE: Top half of many major roots exposed more than 1 foot from base of tree.
SEVERE: Three-quarters or more of major roots exposed more than 1 foot from base of tree; soil erosion obvious.