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**IN AN ARMY RANGE IMPACT AREA**

As a military service, the Army faces unique challenges in maintaining its warfighting readiness while practicing sound environmental stewardship of its training lands. The environmental implications of using firing ranges and impact areas are becoming more important. These include health and safety risks due to unexploded ordnance. Chemical contaminants such as Trinitrotoluene (TNT), Royal Demolition Explosive (RDX), and High Melting Explosive (HMX) are subject to environmental fate and transport processes congruent with the ecological setting in to which they are released.

An understanding and application of environmental and ecological science provides a vehicle for adequately addressing the impact area contamination problem. This dissertation demonstrates a methodology that integrates these disciplines into a problem solving approach that provides a foundation for effective resource management and future research.

An ecological framework for assessment of environmental risk is used to evaluate the relative resilience of eleven major Army impact areas to explosive residue contamination. It identifies ecosystem properties that directly influence the rates of environmental fate and transport processes in the natural system.

First approximations of munitions disturbance and contaminant loading are made and field data collected and analyzed from Fort Greely, Alaska. This yields a set of soil properties such as soil organic matter content that are related to an impact area's ability to attenuate contaminant fate and transport. Organic matter content of the soils proved to be a good predictor of cation exchange capacity and it also is a good descriptor of crater disturbance.

SOM dynamics provides an integrative link between environmental process and ecological setting resolving the complex problem of impact area contamination into one that is more understandable and manageable.

CENTURY SOM dynamics simulation adequately predicted levels of primary production and soil carbon for the modeled ecotypes of Fort Greely, Alaska. Simulated SOM rates-of-change resulting from munitions use provided insight into ecological and environmental processes affecting munitions contamination, and the ability to quantify contaminant attenuation.

Finally, a geographic information system enables an integrated analysis that produces an environmentally and ecologically based measure of the system's ability to attenuate contamination for use in decision making.

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## **CHAPTER I**

### **Army Environmental Stewardship**

#### **The United States Army Trains as it Fights**

The United States Army's purpose is to fight and win our nation's wars. It does so by serving as a powerful deterrent to any potential adversary, and by being the world's premier land force that can achieve sustained land dominance against an adversary should deterrence fail. For that reason, the Army must be able to close with and destroy enemy forces through the application of maneuver and lethally precise fires anywhere, anytime and under any conditions (FM1, 2001). This requires firing ranges and impact areas that provide soldiers and units with tough, realistic firing conditions that will help them learn to perform effectively under the stress of military operations. The bottom line for the Army is that it must train as it would fight because if it does not, it places the freedoms we enjoy and value as Americans in jeopardy.

Today, the Army faces unique challenges in maintaining its war fighting readiness while practicing sound environmental stewardship of its training lands. Yet the Army is prepared to meet these challenges it values and is committed to protect the training and testing lands that Americans have entrusted to its care. It understands that protecting our nation also means safeguarding the environment in which it trains. The Army has a long tradition of environmental stewardship

that has evolved in step with our culture. The past is usually an indicator of the future, therefore a short review of the Army's environmental efforts provides evidence of the Army's commitment to the environmental security as it works protect or nation from its adversaries.

### **Army Environmental Stewardship**

The Army's early environmental stewardship experiences began with expeditions of the western territories led by Army officers such as Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike in 1805 and by Major Stephen Long in 1820. During their explorations they described and documented the awesome natural and ecological resources of these pristine lands. In 1870, Army officer and explorer Lieutenant Gustavus C. Doane authored an official report that was so eloquent in its description of the raw beauty and uniqueness of the Yellowstone region that it helped to inspire Congress to pass legislation designating Yellowstone as the country's first National Park (Hampton, 1971). Former General of the Army, President Grant, signed the bill into law in 1872. However, many began to exploit the Yellowstone Park and over the next 14 years the destruction of wildlife and vandalism of geysers gradually became intolerable to politicians in the east. The President ordered the Army to take charge of Yellowstone and in 1886 Troop M, First United States Cavalry, under the command of Captain Moses Harris, assumed responsibility for Yellowstone National Park. The U.S. Army would manage and protect Yellowstone, as well as other national parks, such as Yosemite and Sequoia, until just before World War I (Hampton, 1971).

This auspicious start for the Army's environmental program must be tempered. While its cadre of officers and soldiers had a great sense of environmentally sound practices because of their "field" experiences, there were instances where they contributed to the destruction of natural resources. During the Indian Wars for example, a common operational goal was to deprive the warring tribes of resources thereby forcing them to sue for peace. Consequently, much of the country's bison populations were indiscriminately eliminated to near extinction. However, this error was later recognized and contributed to the Army's support of the establishment and management of Yellowstone National Park (Hampton, 1971).

As the United States emerged as a world power during the two World Wars and throughout its subsequent Cold (and frequently hot) War struggles the U.S. Army's requirement for training and testing lands steadily increased (Doe et al., 1999). Reflecting America's cultural emphasis on growth and development at the expense of the environment, the Army paid relatively little regard to effective and proactive environmental stewardship, although the restricted access nature of training and testing lands had the side benefit of serving as island habitats for several endangered species.

It was not until the early 1960's that the Army, specifically the Corps of Engineers, began to take a deeper interest in environmental responsibility. According to Reuss (1983), the Secretary of the Army actively participated in the development and implementation of the Kennedy administration's 1962 initiative on water resource development and protection. This was one of the nation's first

contemporary environmental initiatives. Later, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was instrumental in the implementation and enforcement of the River and Harbors Act of 1965. It created numerous regulations and guidelines between 1966 and 1970 designed to enhance environmental attentiveness during project planning. By 1970 the Corps of Engineers hired almost 300 environmental scientists and established the Institute for Water Resources, which made awareness of environmental quality one of its top priorities. Also, during this time the Corps of Engineers establishment of the Environmental Advisory Board that had as its chairman Roland Clement, ecologist and Vice president of the National Audubon Society (Reuss, 1983).

However, toward the end of the 1980's the Army, as well as other federal agencies, became increasingly and more publicly vulnerable to rule-based environmental laws related to restoration, compliance, and conservation. This created a public relations and environmental compliance challenge for the Army (Rubenson et al., 1994). The Army reacted by dramatically increasing its budgeting for environmental projects to address violations and in 1992, the Army spent over \$2 billion dollars on environmental programs (Sullivan & Stone, 1992). The Army felt it was definitely better to obey the rules than to pay the fines. The inadequacy of this response was demonstrated in the early 1990's in the case of the Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW), which is found in significant numbers on the Fort Bragg Military Reservation in North Carolina. As a federally listed endangered species, the RCW required protection and effective management of its habitat. However, the Army failed to comprehend the urgency of the planning

and conservation management requirements and was forced to shut down critical training areas to protect diminishing habitat. This had a negative impact on unit training and readiness (Rubenson et al., 1992).

The Army quickly realized that responsible environmental actions meant more than avoiding fines. It meant developing a vision and a plan that reflected the country's environmental values, that could be internalized by its members, and that enabled it to maintain readiness in an environmentally sensitive manner.

In the face of increasing subjugation to environmental laws and the increasing loss of training lands due to post-Cold War Department of Defense (DOD) downsizing, the Army reformulated and improved its environmental stewardship philosophy. In 1992, the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff issued the *US Army Environmental Strategy into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Sullivan and Stone, 1992). This innovative initiative outlined the Army's:

1. Vision – “The Army will be a national leader in environmental and natural resource stewardship for present and future generations as an integral part of all Army missions” (Sullivan and Stone, 1992, p. 1);
2. Goals – Compliance, Restoration, Prevention, and Conservation;
3. Objectives – Leadership driven incremental steps toward meeting goals;
4. Plan – Which includes the components of People, Resources, Communication, Management and Organization; and the
5. Foundation of shared values between the Army and the Nation it serves.

Further buttressing the Army's initiative was the 1994 Undersecretary for Defense (Environmental Security) mandate that the services will use a goal-

driven ecosystem management approach to restoring and sustaining healthy ecosystems and their functions and values (DUSDES, 1994). This is very significant given the fact that the Army has the largest requirement for training lands and is the largest land manager in the DOD with over one hundred installations that sustains Army readiness (Shaw et al., 2000). Clearly, the notion of environmental responsibility had changed and the Army was determined to be the leader in environmental stewardship within the federal government.

Today, the depth of the Army's environmental stewardship ethic can be found in the following initiatives:

1. Full implementation of the ecosystem management oriented Integrated Training Area Management Program with its four functional areas of Land Condition Trend Analysis, Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance, Environmental Awareness, and Training Requirements Integration, at over 100 Army installations (Doe et al, 1999);
2. Establishment of a comprehensive leader and soldier environmental stewardship education program and publication of the Unit Leader's Handbook for Environmental Stewardship (TC 5-400, 1994);
3. Extensive reliance on scientific research on the part of activities such as the Army Environmental Center, the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (Ecosystem Management Program) (SERDP, 1995, 1998a, 1998b, 2000).
4. The US Army Construction and Engineering Laboratory - Successional Dynamics Modeling effort (McLendon et al., 1998);
5. Budgeted annual funding with over one billion dollars directed toward Environmental Programs (USAPAO, 1999).

Finally, the Army recognizes that environmental stewardship has become inseparable from international environmental security or the protection of regional natural resources for the sake of avoiding conflict. The Army's missions in

Somalia and Haiti have shown that without an environmental ethic, nations can find themselves in conflicts that threaten global security and American interests (King, 2000).

All of these accomplishments reflect a philosophy of responsible environmental stewardship of a vital component of military readiness – Army training lands, and of natural resources the nation has intrusted to its care. One can conclude from them that the U.S. Army has internalized a credible environmental ethic and is committed to ecological sustainment of military lands through its environmental stewardship strategy.

#### Impact Area Contamination

It is against this backdrop that I address impact area contamination. As population densities increase near installations, the environmental implications of using firing ranges and impact areas are becoming more apparent. These include health and safety risks due to unexploded ordnance (UXO) and environmental contamination from explosive constituents of fired munitions and UXO. Many environmental groups, communities, and state and federal agencies are pressing for “emissions” controls and cleanup of UXO. For example, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have restricted weapons firing due to groundwater contamination from explosives chemical contamination on the Massachusetts Military Reservation impact area (EPA, 2000a).

Impact area contamination is a complex problem. Much of what is known about munitions contamination fate and transport comes from laboratory studies of national defense cleanup sites (Larson et al., 1998a and 1998b; Myers et al., 1998; Pennington, 1988; Pennington et al., 1999a, 1999b and 1999c; Price et al., 1998). However, there is great variability in the way munitions fail and the way in which their contaminants move through the environment. Unlike the controlled environments described above, munitions contamination occurs in highly restricted and sometimes-inaccessible impact areas and accounting for all of the variables associated with contaminant release, fate and transport is nearly impossible.

This dissertation is about assessing and addressing the problem of munitions contamination in Army impact areas. It integrates several environmental disciplines into a problem solving approach that may provide the foundation for resource management and future research.

## Overview and Purpose of Chapters

Each chapter represents a major problem-solving component and each succeeding chapter builds upon the findings of its predecessor. Table 1-1 shows the focus and objectives of each chapter.

Chapter 2 is a macro-level analysis of munitions contamination. It develops an ecological framework for environmental risk assessment of Army impact areas based on environmental processes that affect the mobilization, fate and transport of munitions contamination. From this framework a set of

Table 1-1

*Overview of Dissertation Chapter Titles, Objectives and Topics.* Horizontal flow arrows indicate contaminant fate and transport linkages.

| Chapter   | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Title     | Introduction<br>Army<br>Environmental<br>Stewardship                                                                                                                                                      | Environmental<br>Risk of Army<br>Ranges and<br>Impact Areas                                                                                                                                                                                         | Munitions Use in<br>an Army Impact<br>Area                                                                                                                                                                                             | Using Century to<br>Assess the<br>Effects of<br>Munitions Use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Conclusion<br>Integrated Data<br>Analysis Using<br>GIS                                                                                                                                   |
| Objective | Army<br>Environmental<br>Stewardship and<br>Impact Area<br>Contamination                                                                                                                                  | Derive and<br>Evaluate Macro<br>Level Ecological<br>Metrics for Risk<br>Assessment                                                                                                                                                                  | Derive a Micro<br>Level<br>Ecologically<br>Based Response<br>Metric                                                                                                                                                                    | Evaluate a Micro<br>Level<br>Ecologically<br>Based Response<br>Metric                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Integrated GIS<br>Approach For<br>Impact Area<br>Management                                                                                                                              |
| Topic     | <p>Army<br/>Environmental<br/>Stewardship</p> <p>Impact Area<br/>Contamination</p> <p>Management<br/>Challenges<br/>Impact Area<br/>Contamination</p> <p>Overview and<br/>Purpose of Each<br/>Chapter</p> | <p>Risk<br/>Assessment<br/>Framework for<br/>FORSCOM<br/>Impact Areas</p> <p>Explosive<br/>Contaminants</p> <p>Contaminant<br/>Fate and<br/>Transport</p> <p>Ecological<br/>Settings</p> <p>Strategic Vision<br/>for Impact Area<br/>Management</p> | <p>First<br/>Approximations<br/>for Munitions<br/>Disturbance</p> <p>Retardation<br/>Factor</p> <p>Carbon Exchange<br/>Capacity</p> <p>Crater<br/>Disturbance</p> <p>Ecotype<br/>Discrimination</p> <p>Management<br/>Implications</p> | <p>Computer<br/>Simulation of<br/>Soil Organic<br/>Matter Dynamics</p> <p>Munitions Use<br/>and<br/>Soil Organic<br/>Matter Stocks</p> <p>Soil Organic<br/>Matter and<br/>Contaminant<br/>Retardation</p> <p>Soil Organic<br/>Matter and<br/>Contaminant<br/>Biodegradation</p> <p>Munitions Use<br/>and Ecotypes</p> <p>Management<br/>Implications</p> | <p>Remote Sensing<br/>for Site<br/>Evaluation</p> <p>Retardation<br/>Factor and<br/>Munitions Use<br/>in<br/>GIS</p> <p>Training<br/>Readiness and<br/>Environmental<br/>Stewardship</p> |

ecological metrics are derived that are then used to evaluate a population of Army impact areas located in the continental United States. This macro-level assessment framework would remain the same for micro-level assessments such as for a specific portion of an installation's impact area.

Chapter 3 develops a micro-level ecologically base response metric. First approximations of munitions disturbance and contaminant loading are made and field data collected from Fort Greely, Alaska analyzed. An analysis of this data yielded a set of soil properties such as soil organic matter content that are related to an impact area's ability to attenuate contaminant fate and transport.

Chapter 4 focuses on evaluating soil organic matter dynamics using computer simulation. Four different ecological settings from Fort Greely were simulated to evaluate soil organic matter response to munitions use. Simulated soil organic matter rates-of-change resulting from munitions use provided insight into ecological and environmental processes affecting munitions contamination, and the ability to quantify contaminant attenuation.

Chapter 5 concludes the dissertation by demonstrating how a geographic information system can be used to integrate the problem-solving components described above for use in decision-making. This involves describing a method for analyzing remotely sensed data for efficient and effective site evaluations and the coupling of simulation output and transport modeling into a decision making tool.

As our ecological understanding increases, new environmental problems are identified and the complexity of current environmental problems becomes

more apparent, but our ability to adapt our environmental management practices also increases. The Army will continue to maintain the trust of the nation they serve by being good stewards of the lands and resources Americans cherish. This dissertation provides a measure of knowledge to the Army as it accomplishes its missions.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **Environmental Risk of Army Ranges and Impact Areas: An Ecological Framework for Assessment**

#### **Introduction**

For nearly 100 years the United States has maintained a substantial modern military force with which it has fought five major wars, many smaller-scale conflicts and numerous military operations other than war. Military training and testing lands, including weapons firing ranges and munitions impact areas, have been and will remain a key element in the successful preparation for all of these operations. The Army's warfighting strategy continues to stress the need for live fire training as a cornerstone of readiness.

Since the end of the Cold War the U.S. has reduced its force and installation structure. Concurrently, the operational tempo (OPTEMPO) of our military forces has increased dramatically due to regional threats and events in less stable countries. These trends challenge military land managers in two ways. First, the high OPTEMPO of today's military forces combined with a decrease in available training space have increased the use and the potential for environmental impacts on the remaining training lands. Secondly, the technological advances in weapons systems have changed tactical doctrine. As

weapons systems become more sophisticated in terms of range, precision of delivery of munitions and digital connectivity, tactics and operations become highly decentralized. Concomitantly there is an increase in the requirement for larger and more versatile training areas, ranges and impact areas (Doe et al, 1999). These circumstances have placed overwhelming demands on military ranges and impact areas with potentially negative implications for both the readiness of warfighting units and the environment.

Many researchers have described the effects of military maneuver on the environment. Their findings support the conclusion that these maneuver effects are persistent and significant (Milchunas et al., 2000; Demarais et al., 1999; Shaw and Diersing, 1990). From an ecological and land stewardship standpoint, the training stress placed on these ecosystems is negatively manifested in physical, chemical and biological strain in the environment. Natural resources can become polluted with contaminants associated with munitions. Areas subject to intense and prolonged disturbance by both inert and explosive munitions can negatively impact the ecosystem (Demarais et al., 1999).

The management balance between high demand and ecosystem sustainability on ranges and impact areas is complex. There has been little research on ecosystem response to munitions use within impact areas where the effects can be more dramatic and deleterious to both the environment and training readiness. Vegetative responses can lead to a noticeably barren landscape reducing gunnery training value for combat crews. Invariably, threatened or endangered species (TES) can be found residing within range and

impact areas. Blast, heat, and noise effects can impact TES resulting in the cancellation or delay of training activities. Understanding an ecosystem's resistance and resilience is key to mitigating or avoiding negative environmental outcomes associated with range and impact area use (Doe et al., 1999).

### *Sustainable Range and Impact Area Management*

An important component of sustainable use and management of ranges and impact areas involves the management of the unexploded ordnance and constituents (UXO(C)) associated with these areas. Brannon et al., (1999) defined UXO as "military munitions that have been prepared for action, fired, dropped, or buried, and remain undetonated, posing hazard to operations, personnel, or material." Constituents of UXO are the pyrotechnic, explosive and propellant fillers of a munition that remain potentially hazardous. Each military service is required by Department of Defense Directive to "establish and implement procedures to assess the environmental impacts of munitions use on DoD ranges" (DODD 1999). Additionally, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans has identified recent policy and regulatory efforts to manage UXO(C) as hazardous waste subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (as amended through 1992), and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (as amended through 1986). This regulatory trend translates into a critical need to characterize and predict the effects of munitions use (VanDervort, 1999).

There are obvious safety issues surrounding UXO on active, inactive, former and closed/transferred/or transferring (CTT) ranges (e.g., injuries and deaths from UXO detonations). There are also more subtle yet socially charged environmental contamination and pollution concerns associated with the constituents. Many environmental groups, communities, and state and federal agencies are pressing for “emissions” controls and cleanup of UXO(C). For example, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have restricted weapons firing due to groundwater contamination from explosives chemical contamination on the Massachusetts Military Reservation impact area (EPA, 2000a). Currently, the Army is inventorying all ranges to comply with the EPA’s concerns of UXO(C) accountability across all of the Army’s active/inactive and CTT ranges (EPA, 2000b).

### *Impact Area Resilience Assessment Framework*

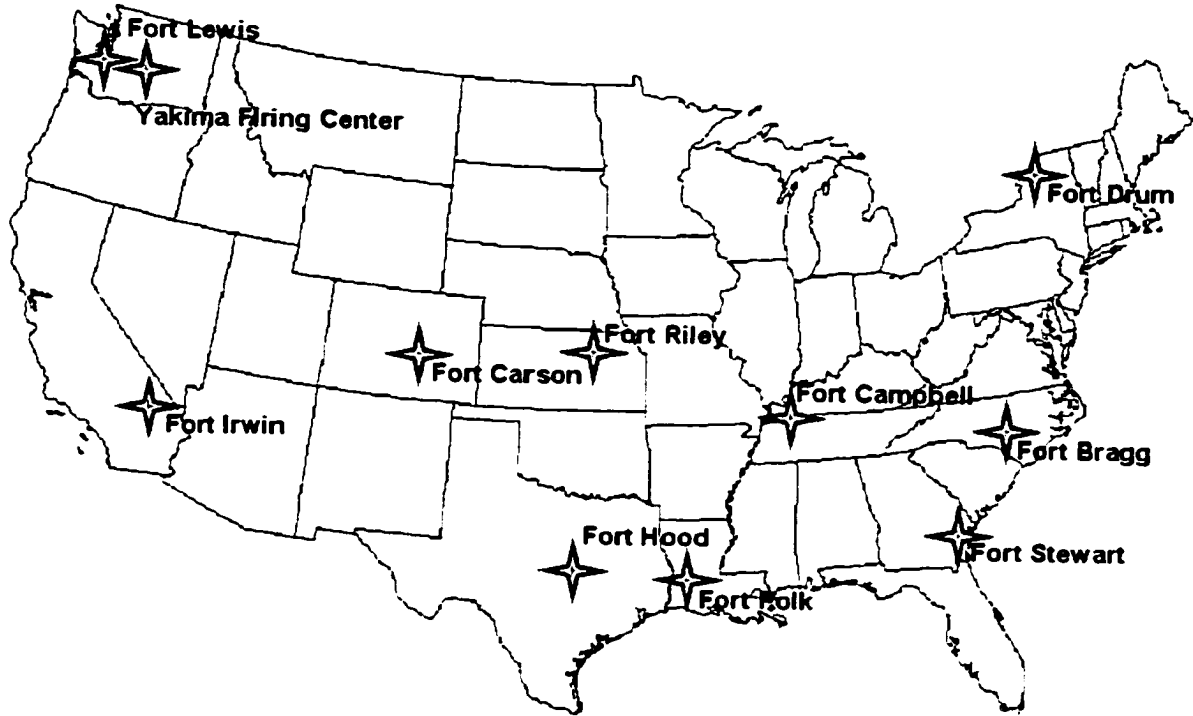
Doe, et al. (1999) developed an ecological framework for evaluating Army training and testing land resilience in the face of maneuver effects. The foundation of this framework was the concept of training land resiliency defined as “the inherent capability of the land to support intensive military training and testing activities while sustaining the existing ecological system.” Applying this general definition more specifically to impact areas, a resilient ecosystem is one characterized by biotic and abiotic environmental processes that enhance an ecosystem’s ability to attenuate UXO(C) contamination. Environmental

processes that influence attenuation include dissolution, adsorption, advection, and biodegradation. These processes directly affect the fate and transport of contaminants within and through an ecosystem.

The functional and structural components of an ecosystem, such as the hydrologic cycle, soil forming processes, climatic regime, and species composition determine which environmental processes are dominant for a particular setting. Therefore, ecological settings can be a key element in determining local/region ecosystem resilience and can be useful in defining an impact area's ability to attenuate contamination.

### *Impact Area Ecoregional Descriptions*

Eleven U.S. Army, Forces Command (FORSCOM) installations and their impact areas within the contiguous United States were considered in this analysis. They represent a cross-section of the country's ecological regions found in the United States. Bailey's *Ecoregions of the United States* (USFS, 1994) was used to identify climatic zones and sub-zones in which these impact areas are located as well as to describe the landscape elements such as soil taxa, vegetation, surface water characteristics, disturbance regimes, and land use. Figure 2-1 depicts the locations of these installations. Table 2-1 shows the eleven installation impact areas and their hierarchical ecoregional characterizations using Bailey's system (Bailey, 1998).



**Figure 2-1.** Locations of U.S. Army installations considered for impact area assessment.

Table 2-1

*The Hierarchical Ecological Subregion Characterization of FORSCOM Impact Areas*

| INSTALLATION                     | Bailey Ecoregion Classification |                             |                                                   |                                            |                                    | Soil Characteristics |                 | Moisture Region                   | Effective Growing Season | Maneuver Resiliency Rating |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | DOMAIN                          | DIVISION                    | PROVINCE                                          | SECTION DESCRIPTION                        | SOIL ORDER(S) Present              | CEC (cmol/kg)        | SOC (mg/g)      | Type, (Index), Climate            | (Days)                   | 1 (low) to 5 (high)        |
| FT BRAGG, North Carolina         | Humid Temperate                 | Subtropical                 | Southeastern Mixed Forest                         | Coastal Plains and Flatwoods, Lower        | Ultisols<br>Entisols               | 3.5<br>11.6          | 93<br>99        | Humid (20)<br>Moist Climate       | 240                      | 3                          |
| FT CAMPBELL, Kentucky            | Humid Temperate                 | Hot Continental             | Eastern Broadleaf Forest                          | Interior Low Plateau, Highland Rim         | Ultisols<br>Alfisols               | 3.5<br>9             | 93<br>69        | Humid (40)<br>Moist Climate       | 205                      | 3                          |
| FT CARSON, Colorado              | Dry                             | Temperate Steppe            | Great Plains Palouse Dry Steppe                   | Arkansas Tablelands                        | Entisols<br>Aridisols<br>Mollisols | 11.6<br>15.2<br>18.7 | 99<br>35<br>131 | Semiarid (-40)<br>Dry Climate     | 150                      | 2                          |
| FT DRUM, New York                | Humid Temperate                 | Hot Continental             | Eastern Broadleaf Forest                          | Erie and Ontario Lake Plain                | Alfisols<br>Inceptisols            | 9<br>14.6            | 69<br>163       | Humid (60)<br>Moist Climate       | 150                      | 3                          |
| FT HOOD, Texas                   | Dry                             | Tropical Subtropical Steppe | Southwest Plateau and Plains Dry Steppe and Shrub | Edwards Plateau                            | Mollisols                          | 18.7                 | 131             | Dry subhumid (-20)<br>Dry Climate | 225                      | 2                          |
| FT IRWIN, California             | Dry                             | Tropical Subtropical Desert | American Semi-desert and Desert                   | Mojave Desert                              | Aridisols<br>Entisols              | 15.2<br>11.6         | 35<br>99        | Arid (-60)<br>Dry Climate         | 30                       | 1                          |
| FT LEWIS, Washington             | Humid Temperate                 | Marine                      | Pacific Lowland Mixed Forest                      | Willametta Valley and Puget Trough         | Inceptisols                        | 14.6                 | 163             | Humid (80)<br>Moist Climate       | 160                      | 4                          |
| FT POLK, Louisiana               | Humid Temperate                 | Subtropical                 | Outer Coastal Plain Mixed Forest                  | Coastal Plains and Flatwoods, Western Gulf | Ultisols                           | 3.5                  | 93              | Humid (20)<br>Moist Climate       | 270                      | 2                          |
| FT RILEY, Kansas                 | Humid Temperate                 | Prairie                     | Prairie Parkland                                  | Flint Hills                                | Mollisols                          | 18.7                 | 131             | Moist subhumid (0)<br>Dry Climate | 190                      | 4                          |
| FT STEWART, Georgia              | Humid Temperate                 | Subtropical                 | Outer Coastal Plain Mixed Forest                  | Atlantic Coastal Flatlands                 | Ultisols<br>Spodosols              | 3.5<br>9.3           | 93<br>146       | Humid (20)<br>Moist Climate       | 220                      | 2                          |
| YAKIMA FIRING CENTER, Washington | Dry                             | Temperate Desert            | Intermountain Semi-desert                         | Columbian Basin                            | Aridisols<br>Mollisols             | 15.2<br>18.7         | 35<br>131       | Semiarid (-40)<br>Dry Climate     | 60                       | 1                          |

Bailey Ecoregion Classification (Bailey, 1998); Soil Characteristics of soil orders and associated cation exchange capacity (CEC) and organic carbon (SOC) content (Brady and Weil, 1999); Moisture Region Index (E spensshade and Hudson, 1995); Effective Growing Season days (Diersing et al., 1990); and Maneuver Resiliency Ratings (Doe et al., 1999).

## Contaminant Threat Analysis

This study focuses on three high explosives used in munitions:

Trinitrotoluene (TNT), Royal Demolition Explosive (RDX), and High Melting Explosive (HMX). Yinon (1999) and EPA (2000b) describe the uses for these explosives. Artillery, rocket, mortar and grenade munitions use TNT and RDX as their high explosives. TNT has been the most widely used military explosive since WWI. RDX has been used since WWII, and also has been used in combination with TNT. HMX has been used in a variety of propellants and warheads (e.g., Dragon Anti-tank warheads and Light Anti-tank Weapons Systems). Also, HMX is present in RDX as a manufacturing impurity. Table 2-2 shows some typical munitions uses and their explosive compositions: TNT, RDX, and HMX (CEMML, 1999).

Table 2-2

*A Selection of Standard Munitions and Their Explosives Compositions Consisting of Mixtures of Trinitrotoluene (TNT), Royal Demolition Explosive (RDX), and High Melting Explosive (HMX).*

| Munitions                | Filler Material |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
|                          | TNT             | RDX | HMX |
| 20mm (Cartridge)         |                 | X   |     |
| 30mm (Cartridge)         |                 |     | X   |
| 40mm (Grenade)           |                 | X   |     |
| 60mm (Mortar)            | X               | X   |     |
| 81mm (Mortar)            | X               | X   |     |
| 105mm (Projectile)       | X               | X   |     |
| 4.2" (Mortar)            | X               | X   |     |
| 120mm (Mortar)           |                 | X   |     |
| 155mm (Projectile)       | X               | X   |     |
| 84mm (AT4)               | X               |     | X   |
| 66mm (LAW)               | X               |     | X   |
| Fragmentation Grenade    | X               | X   |     |
| 2.75" Rocket HE warhead  | X               | X   |     |
| C-4                      |                 | X   |     |
| TOW Missile warhead      | X               |     | X   |
| Hellfire Missile warhead |                 |     | X   |
| Dragon Missile warhead   |                 |     | X   |
| Stinger Missile warhead  | X               |     | X   |
| Volcano Mine             |                 | X   |     |
| M15 AT Mine              | X               | X   |     |
| M16A1 AP Mine            | X               |     |     |
| M19 AT Mine              | X               | X   |     |
| Claymore Mine            |                 | X   |     |

These explosive constituents also have some significant physical and chemical properties that determine their fate and transport through the environment. They are all organic chemicals that undergo volatilization, are soluble in water, and partition to soils.

The EPA has established Lifetime Health Advisories for TNT, RDX and HMX (EPA, 2000a). These advisories establish “the concentration of a chemical in drinking water that is not expected to cause any adverse non-carcinogenic effect over a lifetime of exposure” (EPA, 2000a; and NIOSH, 1994). Lifetime Health Advisories for TNT and RDX are 2ppb and 400ppb for HMX. The EPA has classified TNT and RDX as possible human carcinogens (EPA, 2000a). Yinon (1999) relates toxicity hazards associated with their production. Of note, he stated that there were 17,000 TNT poisonings resulting in 475 deaths at US munitions factories in the first 7½ months of WWI. Exposure routes consist of inhalation, absorption through the skin and/or eye, and ingestion. Little is known about the human toxicity of HMX (Yinon, 1999); however, animal studies indicate that HMX can cause toxic effects in the liver and central nervous system when ingested or absorbed through the skin.

Munitions that malfunction (UXO) and residual components from munitions that functioned improperly (UXO(C)) are major sources of potential contamination of groundwater in impact areas (EPA, 2000b). Additionally, the distribution of surface and subsurface residual contaminant concentrations from munitions (that either malfunctioned or functioned properly) strongly correlate with the targetry type and locations used in an impact area as well as munition

type (Jenkins et al., 1998). They found high concentrations of HMX in the vicinity of anti-tank target arrays and correlated these high concentrations to large quantities of Light Anti-tank Weapon (LAW) rocket derbies and the high percentage of warheads that failed to detonate. They also found that the highest concentrations of explosive compounds are greatest in the top 15 cm of the soil matrix and that this concentration declined with increasing depth.

Finally, the type of weapons system will determine the spatial distribution of UXO. Brannon et al. (1999) reported that direct fire systems such as tank main gun and anti-tank rocket weapons systems will deposit high concentrations of explosive residue on the surface because warheads tend to shear upon impact resulting in less than complete detonation of explosive filler. Indirect fire systems, and in particular artillery munitions, have stronger casings and strike the ground at higher angles of attack. This results in a UXO distribution to greater depths and, depending on the integrity of the delivery system following impact, results in varying concentrations of explosive residue.

UXO loading rates into an impact area are a function of munitions expenditure rates and of munitions failure rates. Little information is available for estimates of exposed UXO constituents, but Brannon et al. (1999) suggest work is being done to statistically characterize soil concentrations around target arrays. A conservative figure for munitions failure rate is 10% (EPA, 2000b). A simple approximation for loading rates can be made using ammunition expenditure data and failure rate combined with known target locations. This approach does not provide information such as the amount of free product

exposed to moisture or the vertical distribution of UXO in the subsurface. For the purposes of this macro analysis, UXO is assumed to be uniformly present in all of the impact areas under consideration. Lastly, UXO constituent releases occur in all three phases (solid, liquid, and gas), and can be considered a controlled continuous point source emission. The only phase considered in this analysis is the liquid phase release process, consisting of leachates derived from dissolution of free product on or below the surface, and from seepage from UXO (Brannon et al., 1999).

#### *Fate and Transport Characteristics of TNT, RDX, and HMX*

TNT, RDX, and HMX contaminants have different biotic and abiotic mobilization, immobilization, and transformation characteristics. Brannon et al. (1999) reported the dissolution fluxes for free solid to liquid phase. Their model considers dissolution flux critical for quantifying contaminant-loading rates. TNT has the highest rate at  $4,164 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ ; HMX has a rate of  $454 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ , and RDX's has the lowest dissolution rate at  $360 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ . Adsorption of TNT to soil has been documented and considered to be very important in immobilizing TNT and its transformation products (Comfort et al., 1995; Larson et al., 1998b; Myers et al., 1998; Pennington et al., 1999c; Weissmahr et al., 1998) and in particular to humic soils (Hundal et al., 1997). TNT adsorption has been positively correlated with cation exchange capacity (CEC) (Brannon et al., 1999; Pennington, 1988). TNT can undergo both aerobic and anaerobic degradation (Brannon et al., 1999; Larson et al., 1998a; Pennington et al., 1999a) provided

there are sufficient carbon and energy sources (Pennington et al., 1999b). RDX has been shown to sorb at lower rates than TNT (Price et al., 1998; Singh et al., 1998) and also can be positively correlated with soil CEC characteristics (Brannon et al., 1999). While HMX adsorption occurs, little is known about the solute-sorbent process to enable the prediction of adsorption coefficients for HMX (Brannon et al., 1999). RDX and HMX undergo biodegradation only under anaerobic conditions (Comfort et al., 1995 as reported by Larson et al., 1998a; Price et al., 1998). Vegetation also can act as a sink for explosive contaminants by root uptake (Larson et al., 1998a). All of the explosives, as with any solute, can be transported by groundwater advection. These UXO fate and transport characterizations serve as the conceptual foundation for the development of a framework for the ecological assessment of impact area resilience.

#### Development of a Framework for Ecological Resiliency Assessment – Environmental Processes and Ecological Settings

Fate and transport processes are continuously at work within the environment. Brannon et al. (1999) developed a conceptual model for fate and transport of UXO that provides a basis for a qualitative evaluation of the key processes at work in the environment. Their model outlined representations for soil, sediment, and water environments, described source term considerations, and developed descriptor formulations of key processes resulting in explosive contaminant mobilization, retardation, and transformation effects. With modifications, these key processes are *dissolution*, the initiating release mechanism; *adsorption* to soils, considered to be an important retardation

mechanism; and biotic transformation, or for the purposes of this paper *biological action*, consisting of metabolism by microorganisms and uptake by plants.

Biological action is regarded as an important transformation mechanism.

Reformulating this conceptual model into an ecological framework for assessment involves relating process and effect to relevant ecosystem components and their governing ecological setting. For example, dissolution is the process by which TNT, RDX and HMX are dissolved by a solvent from free product to solutes. In this case, the solvent is water that is provided via the hydrologic cycle. The hydrologic cycle is an ecological component that determines the availability of water, and its relative importance is governed by the ecological setting of the region in which UXO is located.

Adsorption is the process by which solutes move to and bind with a sorbent. This processes is reversible and is dependent on the partitioning affinity of the solute for either the solute or sorbent (LaGrega et al., 1994). For this macro analysis, the process is the movement or partitioning of dissolved TNT, RDX, and HMX to soil colloidal surfaces. Generally, soil colloidal surfaces, composed of clays and humic matter, are negatively charged. In the subsurface, adsorption is primarily a process of positively charged organic chemicals accumulating at these colloidal soil surfaces of which naturally occurring humic matter in soil plays a significant role (LaGrega et al., 1994). Therefore, the notable parameter for adsorption is colloidal content of soil as determined by the ecological component of soil forming processes. Colloid content can be measured via a soil's CEC, which in turn is used to define a partitioning

coefficient for contaminant to soil adsorption. In terms of the influence of ecological setting on the adsorption process, one can evaluate the soil order present and its average CEC to obtain an idea of the relative retardation potential of the region in which UXO is found.

Biological action consists of the mechanisms of biodegradation and bio-uptake of contaminants. Biodegradation involves the oxidation and reduction of organic contaminants and bio-uptake involves plant root uptake by vegetation. Both depend on the ecological components of soil, the hydrologic process, and temperature. Microorganisms responsible for the biodegradation process obtain energy and carbon from the soil as well as the contaminants they metabolize. Vegetation requires soil for structural support, for a source of oxygen for root respiration, and for a source of macro and micro-nutrients. Soil microorganisms and plants both require water and each require a temperature regime conducive for growth – a function of climate. Soil quality has been described by soil organic matter (SOM) content since SOM greatly influences several biological, physical and chemical characteristics of soil such as:

1. Nutrient and energy source for soil biota
2. Improves soil structure by strengthening soil aggregates
3. Increases water retention and available water capacity
4. Promotes infiltration and reduces erosion
5. Increases cation exchange capacity
6. Chelates metals
7. Influences the fate of pesticides (NRC, 2000)

Soil organic carbon (SOC) content is used regularly as a measure of SOM. Climate in terms of effective growing season (EGS) is a good indicator of conditions favorable for microbial and plant activity. SOC and EGS can provide a relative measure of the transformation potential of the region in which UXO is found.

### *Ecological Settings as Resiliency Metrics (Metric Formulation)*

Resiliency metrics provide an effective measure of the influence of ecological settings on fate and transport processes. Table 2-3 summarizes the relationships between fate and transport process and effect, ecosystem components, their governing ecological settings and metrics.

Table 2-3

### *Relationships Between Fate and Transport Process and Effect, Ecosystem Components, Their Governing Ecological Settings and Metrics.*

| Fate and Transport Process | Fate and Transport Effect | Ecosystem Component                                   | Ecological Setting                                       | Resiliency Metric                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Dissolution                | Mobilize                  | Hydrologic Cycle<br>Atmosphere and Near<br>Subsurface | Moisture<br>Conditions                                   | <i>Thornwaite Moisture<br/>Regions</i>                |
| Adsorption                 | Retard                    | Soil Processes<br>Colloid Fraction<br>Clay & Humus    | Soil Conditions<br>(Cation Exchange<br>Capacity)         | Average CEC<br>for each<br>Soil Order                 |
| Biological Action          | Transform                 | Hydrologic Cycle and<br>Climate<br>Near Subsurface    | Growing Conditions<br>(Temperature and<br>Precipitation) | Effective<br>Growing Season                           |
| Biological Action          | Transform                 | Soil Processes<br>Carbon and Energy<br>Source         | Soil Conditions<br>(Organic Matter)                      | Average Soil Organic<br>Carbon for each Soil<br>Order |

Note: Since microbial populations require a multifaceted set of ecological conditions in order to perform their transformation role, both Effective Growing Season and Average Soil Organic Carbon resiliency metrics are used to describe Biological Action.

The first resiliency metric used in this study is that of *Moisture Region*. The amount of atmospheric and near subsurface available moisture is a good indicator of the dissolution potential. The less moisture, the lower the potential

for dissolution by virtue of less solvent and decreased contact time between solvent and free product. This condition would be favorable for a resilient impact area ecosystem because it limits release. The Thornthwait moisture region classification (Espenshade and Hudson, 1995) provides a moisture index value for each region of the United States (Table 2-1).

*Effective Growing Season (EGS)* serves as a metric that indicates biological action potential. An impact area that has a longer effective growing season has a higher potential for biodegradation and biouptake of contaminant. Based on United States Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (USACERL) method (Diersing et al., 1990), climatic diagrams were constructed for each impact area using 30-year NOAA data from the nearest reporting station. The climatic diagram indicated the number of days above 10°C and the number of days, if any, of moisture deficit. The difference of these two values,  $\text{Number of Days above } 10^{\circ}\text{C} - \text{Number of Days with Moisture deficit} = \text{Effective Growing Season}$ , provided the EGS for each impact area.

*Regional Soil Conditions* provides two measures of resiliency. The first measure is SOM content with respect to soil order. SOM can be estimated by the average soil SOC content (Brady and Weil, 1999). Impact areas with higher SOM conditions have a greater potential for contaminant transformation through biological action. The second measure is soil order average CEC. Impact areas with higher CEC conditions have a higher potential for contaminant to soil adsorption. Brady and Weil (1999) provide average estimates of SOC and CEC values for soil orders. Each of the impact areas is evaluated against these

values. In cases where an impact area has two or more soil orders associated with it, the values are averaged.

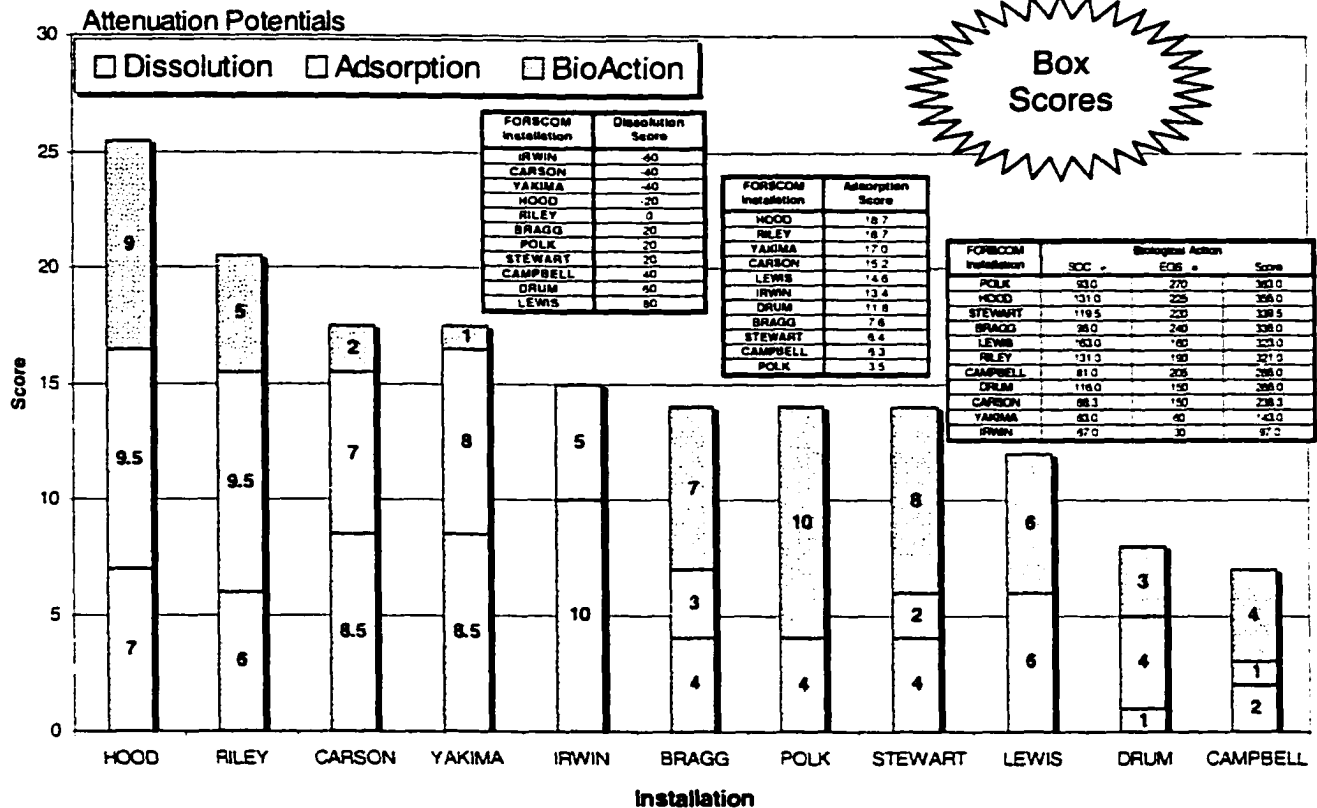
With metric values for an impact area established, the group of impact areas were sorted and assigned their ranked score between zero to ten. The higher the number the better the resiliency score. Rank scores are summed for total score and the impact area with the highest score is the area with the highest relative resilience.

### Resiliency Rankings

Figure 2-2 shows the total scores of the impact areas in this macro analysis. Fort Hood, Fort Riley, Fort Carson, and Yakima Firing Center impact areas ranked best for relative impact area resilience. Fort Irwin, Fort Bragg, Fort Polk, and Fort Stewart tended to have moderate levels of relative resilience, while Fort Lewis, Fort Drum and Fort Campbell ranked lowest in relative resilience.

Although Fort Irwin scores best in its dissolution attenuation, it lacks significant biological action potential relative to other installations due to a lack of moisture. EGS assessment shows that Fort Polk has the best climatic driven biological action potential. However, when evaluated for its soil properties Fort Polk ranks lowest in terms of adsorption potential. Overall, installations that ranked best had moderate to high individual rankings for all three metrics. Those that had lower combined potentials were deficient in one or more metrics.

## Relative UXO Resilience of Army Impact Areas



**Figure 2-2. UXO Resiliency Ranking.** Boxes show metric scores. Each Box Score is sorted in descending order from highest to lowest attenuation potential. Installations received individual relative rankings (10 is highest and zero is lowest) based on their box score order. Bar graph indicates overall relative ranking with individual relative rankings shown within each bar. Highest score (e.g., Fort Hood = 25.5) indicates highest relative resilience.

### Analysis

#### Coarse Resolution Analysis

Generally, high resilience impact areas achieve their relative high score because they occur in drier climates, which limit dissolution. Also, they have higher adsorption potentials and are generally classified as tropical/subtropical steppe, temperate steppe or temperate desert divisions within dry domains. Low resilience impact areas are ones that have a higher dissolution potential due to

higher moisture conditions, a lower adsorption and biological action potential due to soil conditions. They are generally classified as hot continental or marine divisions within humid temperate domains. However, these comparisons are based on the uniform presence of UXO across all of the assessed impact areas, and are based on generalized environmental processes that affect fate and transport. An assessment that accounted for usage and/or concentration differences will yield different results. For example, an impact area characterized by low dissolution rates and low EGS potential that also has high usage rates might, as a result, have high contaminant concentrations that negate any relative resilience advantage due to the toxic impacts on biological action (King, 2000).

When compared to maneuver resilience assessment made by Doe et al. (1999) we find a negative correlation between impact area resilience and maneuver area resilience (Figure 2-3). This can be explained primarily in terms of moisture region and EGS characteristics, because maneuver resiliency is based largely on vegetative regeneration. The rapid regeneration of vegetation on affected maneuver areas is moisture and temperature dependent. The more moisture the greater the vegetative growth potential. However, as described earlier, high moisture conditions increase the dissolution potential resulting in more contaminant solute entering the system. The implications for training area and impact area land management are complex. Within impact areas, land managers may have to manage for soil condition and munitions load distribution rather than vegetative response.

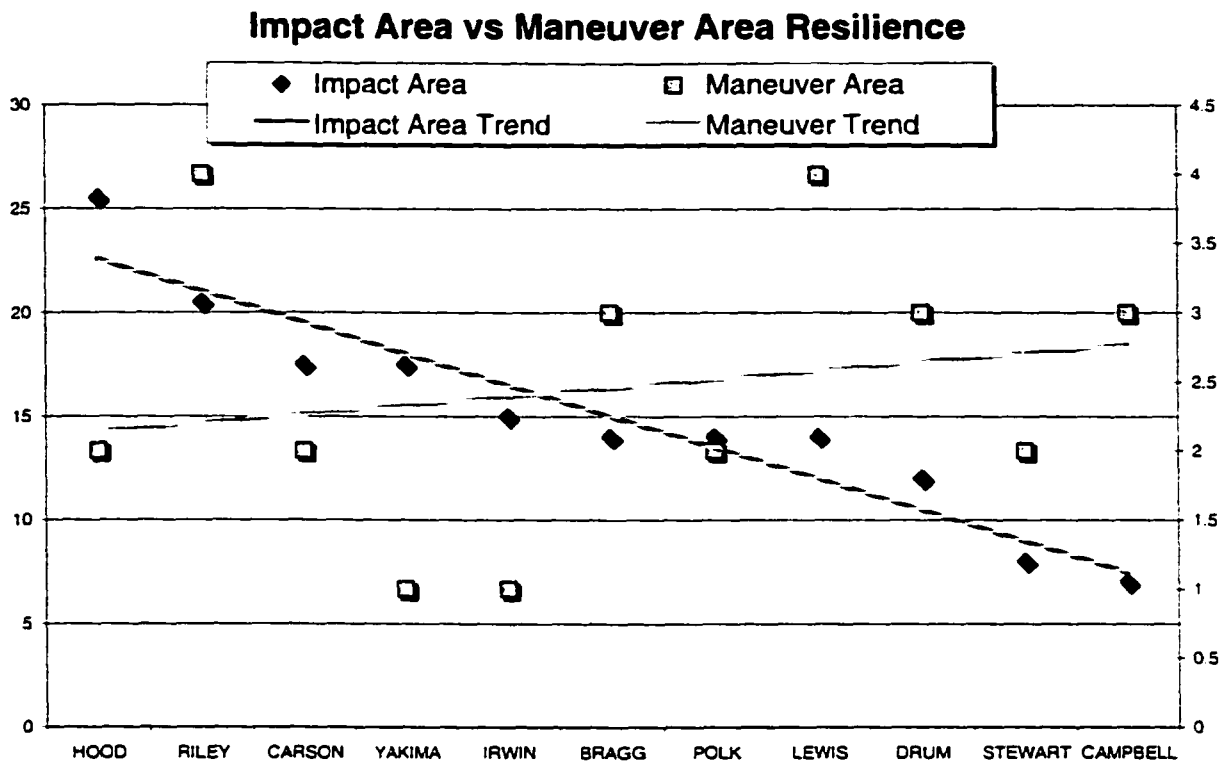


Figure 2-3. Comparison of Impact Area Resilience vs Maneuver Area Resilience.

### *Fine Resolution Analysis*

This analysis focused on macro level metrics to provide an assessment of relative resilience. For an assessment that provides a finer resolution of impact area attenuation potential and resilience one must consider a more comprehensive set of fate and transport processes as well as the local variations in ecological setting. Fate processes such as filtration, hydrolysis, dissolution, volatilization and ionization operate at rates specific to local conditions. For example, a location's water chemical characteristics and temperature regime will greatly influence dissolution rates. Rain shadow, slope and aspect, site history, composition and distribution of specific soil types, are just a few of the

innumerable local ecological settings that influence local resilience. Transport process such as advection, dispersion and diffusion are all dependent on local subsurface geologic conditions. The extent of the vadose zone, depth to groundwater, hydraulic conductivity heterogeneity, and other aquifer/aquitard characteristics are critical for accurate characterization of contaminant plume migration and attenuation. Additionally, one or more fate and transport processes and ecological settings will certainly prove to be an influential variable requiring a more sophisticated resilience calculus. As the level of assessment moves to finer resolutions, ecological setting and environmental process complexity increases dramatically, but the assessment framework remains the same. One must relate fate and transport processes to their relevant ecological components, relate these components to their ecological setting, then use ecological setting based resiliency metrics to describe resilience.

### Strategic Insight

An understanding of the ecological conditions for a particular impact area helps Army range operations personnel and land managers balance training and land management strategies. High moisture climates which result in high dissolution rates near groundwater recharge areas with high advection capability might require a management scheme that focuses on locating targetry in areas that can be isolated from potential contaminant leaching. Isolation might be achieved by taking advantage of geologic structures that segregate high and low recharge areas or by selecting an area based on favorable local or even

microclimatic conditions such as rain shadow areas. Target areas over soils that have a high attenuating capacity are better than areas that have lower capacities. Soil management techniques that reduce erosion and sustain or even build on soil organic matter content thereby improving adsorption and bio-action rates would be effective in enhancing resilience and are desirable management schemes. This might entail encouraging the growth of vegetation that can serve both as a slope-stabilizing agent and as a prolific organic matter source. For low moisture regimes, where the dissolution rates are nearly insignificant, management requirements may focus on the identification and tracking of UXO. Soil conservation practices would be desirable but not as aggressively pursued as in a high moisture region. Also, management may focus on encouraging growth of vegetation that maintains soil moisture conditions conducive for microbial action and which may serve in a phyto-remediation role.

Other improvements for range sustainability include enhancing propulsion, ballistic and detonation reliability of munitions. These can have both environmentally beneficial effects as well as improving lethality of weapon systems. A good example is the development and use of green ammunition (i.e. non-polluting), that greatly reduces the amount of lead contamination on small arms ranges. The civilian community has made this adjustment in its regulation of ammunition use by hunters who can no longer use lead shot when hunting waterfowl.

Using munitions tagging techniques that enable remote detection of fired munitions that function incorrectly, would not only improve battle damage

assessment (i.e., determining the combat effectiveness of a friendly weapon system against enemy weapons systems - a critical warfighting task), but also enable land managers to identify UXO locations and densities for either subsequent removal or for tracking contaminant load rates.

Less sophisticated weapons systems such as mortars and the grenade machine gun still rely on “iron-sight” technology for their employment. This means for example, that UXO tracking on a grenade launcher range and impact area will still be challenging. However, the current trend toward digitization of the battlefield comes with an added benefit in terms of UXO tracking. More sophisticated systems are capable of identifying their firing position and the point of impact to within a few meters through the use of GPS enhanced digital targeting systems. Additionally, these systems require some form of synthetic target creation to interface with the crew employing the system when used in a training environment. For example, the AH-64D Longbow Apache’s targeting and fire control radar system will not recognize a plywood silhouette as a threat vehicle. A Longbow ground station with a desktop size computer system that acts as a radar equipped attack helicopter can provide a synthetically derived targeting picture that serves as the radar signature of a threat vehicle. When this signature is transposed over the plywood silhouette, the aircrew now has a viable and more realistic target engagement scenario. This technique can be used to both the trainer’s and the land manager’s advantage. No longer are missile or artillery ranges restricted to a few over-used targets. Instead, targetry can be synthetically manipulated to provide more realistic engagement scenarios as well

as to manage munitions use within a particular area. When these technological advances in targeting are combined with a sound knowledge of the environmental processes that effect range contamination, Army trainers and land managers can realize a more enlightened management approach for long-term range sustainability and military readiness.

## CHAPTER 3

### Munitions Use in an Army Impact Area

#### Introduction

Munitions use is a significant disturbance gradient in Army impact areas. Demarais et al. (1999) described a wide array of spatial and temporal disturbance regimes and agents of disturbance associated with military training. They summarized the limited body of knowledge related to live-fire training and its physical, chemical and biological effects on the environment. However, little is known about impact area ecosystem response to munitions disturbance. High explosive munitions explode on or near the soil surface and therefore have the potential for creating a crater and damaging vegetation. In addition to the inherent kinetic and blast destructive effects of munitions, there is a contaminant effect associated with munitions that fail to function properly. These dud and low order detonation munitions, which are also called unexploded ordnance (UXO), have the potential for environmental contamination by leaching of their explosive fillers. Soil properties, in particular cation exchange capacity (CEC) and soil organic matter (SOM), have the ability to influence the fate and transport of these contaminants through an ecosystem. Soil formation processes also are dynamically linked to the vegetation (i.e., ecotype) with which they are

associated. If one can characterize the soils related with impact areas and ascribe measures of their attenuation potential, then the implications for adaptive ecosystem management in the face of evolving contaminant threats may be significant. Munitions use in the Washington Impact area at Fort Greely, Alaska provides an opportunity to examine the effects of munitions use in an ecosystem.

The objectives of this study are to determine the:

1. Approximate area disturbed by munitions use per year and the maximum theoretical contaminant loading in this area.
2. Soil properties that best predict the soil cation exchange capacity.
3. Soil properties that best discriminate vegetation cover types.
4. Soil properties that best describe crater disturbance.

An analysis of the spatial extent of munitions disturbance, associated contaminant loading and soil component influence on movement of contaminants through the soil addresses objective 1 and provides the foundation for addressing objective 2. This analysis is based on range and impact area requirements, munitions use data, and munitions characteristics and effects. Objectives 2, 3 and 4 are addressed through a soil property investigation involving the collection of soil samples from Fort Greely and subsequent mathematical modeling and statistical analysis of soil laboratory results. Prior to this analysis a description of the Fort Greely, Alaska study area and discussion of how impact areas are designed is provided for background information.

## Background

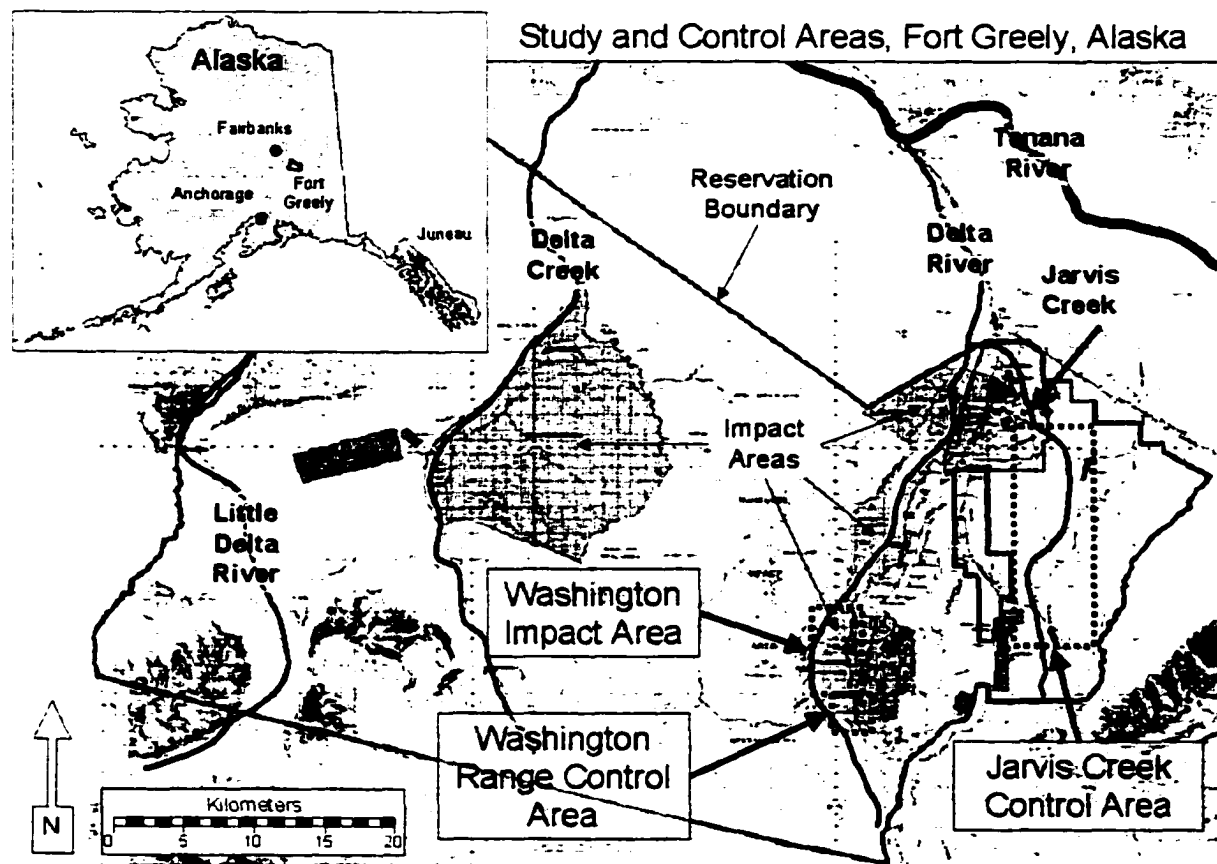
### *Study and Control Area Descriptions*

Fort Greely Military Installation is located in central Alaska approximately 160 km southeast of Fairbanks, near the town of Delta Junction. The installation covers approximately 267,900 ha and consists of the cantonment area, West Training Area, and East Training Area. Fort Greely is a US Army training and testing installation with approximately 34,400 ha of high hazard impact areas. The Washington impact area is the subject of this study and is used for a variety of weapons testing and training involving mortar and artillery firing exercises, tank gunnery, and aerial bombing. Washington impact area is set in a floodplain and encompasses approximately 800 ha within the Delta River floodplain (Walsh et al., 2001). At the south boundary of the impact area is a portion of the Washington Range (i.e., an area from which weapons systems are fired into the impact area). This area extends approximately 2.5 kms to the south, is very similar to the impact area and is a control area for the study. It is called the Washington Range control area (Figure 3-1).

The second control area, Jarvis Creek, is approximately 15 km to the east-north-east of the Washington impact area and is used for maneuver training. It is named for Jarvis Creek that runs along the training area's western boundary. Jarvis Creek is similar to Delta River in terms of direction of water flow, elevation, geomorphic units and ecotypes (Jorgenson et al., 2001).

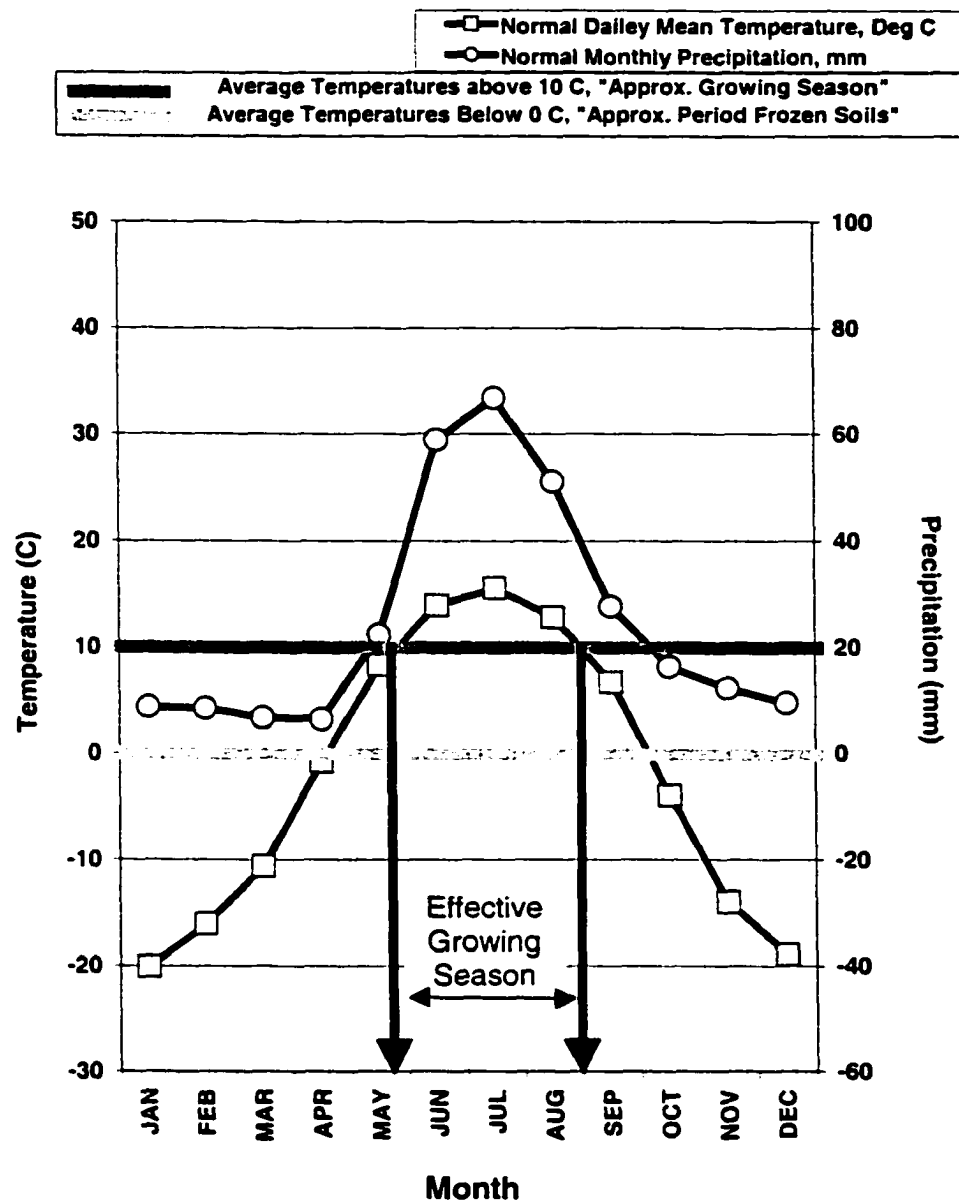
The climate of Fort Greely as described by Bailey (1998) is Boreal Subarctic, characterized by a great seasonal range in temperatures. While its

climate is moist all year, Fort Greely has relatively small annual amounts of precipitation that is concentrated in warm months. Winter is the dominant season with short cool summers. Weather data covering 63 years from Big Delta FAA/AMOS AP, AK (2001) indicates that January is the coldest month with an average maximum temperature of -16.1C and average minimum temperature of



**Figure 3-1.** Map of the Fort Greely Reservation depicting the Washington impact area and the Jarvis Creek and Washington Range control areas outlined with dashed lines. Also, major watercourses are shown. Two of these watercourses, the Delta Creek and Delta River, flow through impact areas. Inset shows the State of Alaska with the exception of the western most Aleutian Islands.

## Fort Greely, Alaska Climate Graph



**Figure 3-2.** Climate graph for Fort Greely, Alaska depicting effective growing season (Diersing et al., 1990). Climate data obtained from Big Delta FAA/AMOS AP, AK (2001).

-24.1 °C. July is the warmest month with an average maximum temperature of 20.8 °C and average minimum temperature 10.3 °C. Total average annual

precipitation is 29.5 cm with July having the highest monthly average of 6.7 cm. Total average annual snowfall amounts to 111.3 cm with October having highest monthly average snowfall of 23.4 cm. Average snow depth during winter is 10.2 cm with the month of February having the highest monthly average depth of 25.4 cm. Using the USACERL methodology (Diersing et al., 1990), Fort Greely's effective growing season is 25 May – 31 August (Figure 3-2).

The region's physiography is described as the Tanana-Kuskokwim Lowlands (CEMML, 1999). It consists of a broad depression north of the Alaska Range on top of coalescing outwash fans that spread northward. The area is generally underlain by permafrost, however areas over deep gravels and/or on south facing slopes are relatively free of permafrost. Alluvium consists of porous gravel sands. The dominant geomorphic feature associated with the impact area and control areas is glaciofluvial sediment deposits from the past Delta Glaciation and from modern glaciers (CEMML, 1999). Flooding events are infrequent, as these areas are located primarily on inactive glacial-fluvial outwash deposits or in inactive floodplains of meandering and headwater streams. Soils are Inceptisols, underdeveloped Entisols and Histosols. Both stream systems physiographies are classified as riverine and flat (Jorgenson et al., 2001).

The hydrology of both areas is similar and characterized by braided glacial streams over glacial outwash fans. Both the Delta River and Jarvis Creek flow generally northward from Alaska Range to Tanana River. Delta River, which runs through Washington Impact Area and Fort Greely, drains 4,305 km<sup>2</sup> and is 130 km long. Its primary source is glacial melt water from the Alaska Range and

is entrenched up to 60 m into an alluvial fan. The Jarvis Creek, which runs through control area and Fort Greely, drains 96 square kilometers, is 65 km long and is entrenched into the same alluvial fan. It is an influent stream that is dry during the winter, and has high water during spring melt and summer rains (CEMML, 1999). Delta River and Jarvis Creek are perched above a single aquifer with varying local confinement. Both streams lose some flow to the aquifer in winter. The groundwater table is less than 10 m below Delta River and flows to the northeast (CEMML, 1999). Finally, the natural disturbance component for both areas consist primarily of fluvial and fire processes and wind erosion (Jorgenson et al., 2001).

### *Ecotype Descriptions*

Jorgenson et al. (2001) is the primary source for ecological description of Fort Greely. They utilize a hierarchical classification scheme to present three levels of ecosystem organization and descriptions for the Fort Greely installation, which are:

1. *Ecodistrict* – (1:500,000 scale) Middle Tanana Floodplain Common Regional Ecosystem with the Delta River Floodplain, Jarvis Creek Floodplain sub districts.
2. *Ecosection* – (1:100,000 scale) Glacial Fluvial Outwash - Active-riverbed Deposit, Inactive-riverbed Deposit, Abandoned Riverbed, and Inactive Cover Deposit.
3. *Ecotype* – (1:25,000 – 50,000 scale) areas within Fort Greely with homogeneous topography, terrain, soil, surface form, hydrology and vegetation.

Their ecotype descriptions are based primarily on physiography and vegetation structures with the vegetation type or successional stage the differentiating characteristics. While this is not the common definition of ecotype (Redente, personal communication), they argued that this approach is effective at differentiating soil characteristics and vegetation composition and that the integration of these characteristics is useful in discriminating ecotypes that “may have different sensitivities to disturbance” (Jorgenson et al., 2001).

The physiography for both areas described above are classified as riverine. There are five riverine ecotypes associated with the study and control areas. These are differentiated by their vegetative cover and consist of scrub, broadleaf forest, mixed forest and needleleaf forest ecotypes and are described below.

The *scrub ecotype* is what Jorgenson et al. (2001) described as Riverine Dwarf, Low, and Tall Scrub. Vegetation consists of a range of early successional scrub species that are highly variable and frequently includes: *Dryas drummondii*, *Populus balsamifera* saplings, *Shepherdia canadensis*, *Fragaria virginiana*, *Oxytopis campestris*, *Elaeagnus commutata*, *Potentilla multifida*, *P. fruticosa*, *Salix alaxensis*, *Alnus tenuifolia*, *Salix planifolia*, *Betula nana*, and *Calamagrostis canadensis*. Soil profiles range from stratified to massive gravel with occasional thin and sandy layers that lack organics to interbedded silts and sands with thin surface organic layers. Soils are generally well drained (i.e., moist) to excessively drained (i.e., dry) and exhibit activities that range from slightly alkaline to slightly acidic.

The *broadleaf forest ecotype* is what Jorgenson et al. (2001) described as Riverine Broadleaf Forest. Vegetation consists of a range of early to mid successional broadleaf species. Open to closed canopies are composed of *Populus balsamifera* occasionally mixed with *P. tremuloides*, and *Picea glauca*. Understories consists of *S. canadensis*, *P. fruticosa*, *D. drummondii*, *F. virginiana*, *Ceratodon purpureus*, *Astragalus* spp., *Geocaulon lividum* and *Linnaea borealis*. Soil profiles range from interbedded gravel, sand and silt, lacking in organics to interbedded silts and sands with thin surface organic layers. Soils are generally well drained (i.e., moist) to excessively drained (i.e., dry) and exhibit activities that range from neutral to slightly acidic.

The *mixed forest ecotype* is what Jorgenson et al. (2001) described as Riverine Moist Mixed Forest. Vegetation consists of a range of intermediate successional broadleaf and needleleaf species. Closed canopies are composed of *P. balsamifera*, *P. glauca*, and/or *Betula papyrifera*. Understories consist of *S. canadensis*, *D. drummondii*, *F. virginiana*, *C. purpureus*, *A. tenuifolia*, *Rosa acicularis*, *G. lividum*, *L. borealis* and *Hylocomium splendens*. Mixed ecotype soils are similar to those of the broadleaf ecotype described above.

The *needleleaf forest ecotype* is what Jorgenson et al. (2001) described as Riverine Gravelly Needleleaf Forest and Moist Needleleaf Forest. Vegetation consists of a range of late successional needleleaf species. Open to closed canopies is composed of *P. glauca*. Understories consist of *S. canadensis*, *Solidago canadensis*, *G. lividum* and *H. splendens*, *R. acicularis*, *Ledum groenlandicum* and *C. canadensis*. Soil profiles exhibit interbedded gravel, sand

and silt layers, with thin surface organics. Soils are generally well drained (i.e., moist) to excessively drained (i.e., dry) and exhibit activities that are slightly acidic.

### *Impact Area Design*

Impact areas are the ground and airspace within a training complex used to contain fired, dropped or launched munitions and any resulting fragments, debris, and components (CEMML, 1999). The Army's Readiness Program requires that impact areas provide effective individual, crew, and unit live fire and maneuver proficiency training using the Army's latest generation weapons systems (AR 210-21, 1997). Therefore, impact areas reflect a mission-oriented design that is continually being updated to accommodate technological and doctrinal changes.

Impact area lands are more effectively utilized by grouping firing ranges so that safety danger zones (i.e., the three-dimensional space along a line from the gun to the target to include areas around the gun and target) associated with individual weapons systems overlap. This not only reduces the area required for live fire training, but also minimizes the area contaminated by UXO. Additionally, impact areas are segregated from surrounding maneuver areas and from public and private lands to avoid unintentional contact with UXO. They are intended for indefinite use (AR 210-21, 1997) because of the challenges and uncertainties associated with clearing UXO. As such, they represent a potential source of environmental contamination either from UXO residues or from sediment

pollution caused by normal cratering effects. Current impact area design and management of older impact areas, incorporates extensive environmental planning that includes pollution prevention, and natural and cultural resource management considerations (TC 25-1, 1991).

Combat readiness is a measure of a unit's ability to accomplish its assigned wartime mission. Many of the readiness measures relate to soldiers' and combat crews' employment of their individual and crew served weapon systems. Therefore, Army range objectives are tailored to provide ranges and associated impact areas to ensure combat readiness of the tactical units assigned to the installation (Table 3-1). Ranges are generally designed for direct or indirect fire weapon systems or for a combination of system types. Based on these range requirements, one can determine an approximate target and target array area requirements within an impact area for a given set of ranges. Direct fire weapon systems such as tanks and anti-tank systems are those that fire to a point target such as an enemy tank or fighting position. They require a series of single targets each of which occupy a relatively small area of approximately a quarter hectare. Indirect fire weapons systems are those employed against area targets such as a group of enemy vehicles or soldiers. They require groupings of targets or target arrays that occupy a somewhat larger area on the order of one hectare. Typically, division sized range facilities and impact areas require approximately one or two thousand targets and target arrays occupying many hundreds of hectares within impact areas.

Table 3-1

*Notional Range Requirements for US Army Installations (TC 25-8).* Target and target array calculations are based on ranges descriptions in TC 25-8. Highlighted ranges use high explosive munitions.

| Range No* | Range Type                          | Firing Unit Size | Maximum Position Points or Lanes per Range | Army Range Objectives | Division** |      |     | Modified                                      |                                       |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|           |                                     |                  |                                            |                       | Armor      | Mech | Inf | No Targets or Target Arrays per Point or Lane | No Targets or Target Arrays per Range |
| 6-1       | CPOC/MPFOC                          | CO               | 15                                         | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 7                                             | 105                                   |
| 6-2       | Multipurpose Indoor Range           | CO               | Throughput Dependent                       | Optional              |            |      |     |                                               |                                       |
| 6-3       | Basic 25 meter Zero                 | CO               | 110                                        | Required              | 2          | 2    | 2   | 1                                             | 110                                   |
| 6-4       | Automated Field Fire                | CO               | 32                                         | See Note              | ---        | ---  | --- | 3                                             | 96                                    |
| 6-5       | Automated Record Fire               | CO               | 16                                         | See Note              | ---        | ---  | --- | 7                                             | 112                                   |
| 6-6       | Modified Record Fire                | CO               | 16                                         | See Note              | 2          | 2    | 2   | 9                                             | 144                                   |
| 6-7       | Sniper Field Fire                   | PLT              | 4                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 12                                            | 48                                    |
| 6-8       | Night Fire (Small Arms)             | CO               | 35                                         | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 2                                             | 70                                    |
| 6-9       | Known Distance                      | CO               | 55                                         | Optional              | 2          | 2    | 2   | 1                                             | 55                                    |
| 6-10      | Machine Gun 10 meter                | CO               | 20                                         | Required              | 2          | 2    | 2   | 1                                             | 20                                    |
| 6-11      | Multipurpose Machine Gun Transition | CO               | 10                                         | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 12                                            | 120                                   |
| 6-12      | Multipurpose Gunnery Range          | CO               | 6                                          | TBD                   | 1          | 1    | 1   | 7                                             | 42                                    |
| 6-13      | Hand Grenade Familiarization Course | CO               | 4                                          | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 4                                             | 16                                    |
| 6-14      | Hand Grenade Qualification Course   | CO               | 6                                          | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 7                                             | 42                                    |
| 6-15      | Grenade Launcher                    | CO               | 4                                          | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 7                                             | 28                                    |
| 6-16      | Recoilless Rifle                    | CO               | 8                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 7                                             | 56                                    |
| 6-17      | Light Antitank Weapon               | CO               | 8                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 1                                             | 8                                     |
| 6-18      | Scaled Range (1 30/1 60)            | CO               | 4                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 10                                            | 40                                    |
| 6-19      | Scaled Gunnery Range (1 5/1 10)     | CO               | 4                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 10                                            | 40                                    |
| 6-20      | Stationary Gunnery                  | CO               | 14                                         | Optional              | 2          | 2    | 1   | 1                                             | 14                                    |
| 6-21      | Antitank Tracking and Live Fire     | CO               | 20                                         | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 0.5                                           | 10                                    |
| 6-22      | Light Demolition                    | CO               |                                            | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 6                                             | 6                                     |
| 6-23      | Infiltration Course                 | CO               | 2                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 0                                             | 0                                     |
| 6-24      | Bayonet Assault Course              | CO               | 4                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 10                                            | 40                                    |
| 6-25      | Target Detection (Non-living)       | CO               | 50                                         | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 0.2                                           | 10                                    |
| 6-26      | MOUT Assault Course (MAC)           | CO               | 8                                          | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 1                                             | 8                                     |
| 6-27      | Gunsight Harmonization              | CO               | 1                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 1                                             | 1                                     |
| 6-28      | Flame Operations Range              | CO               |                                            | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 6                                             | 6                                     |
| 6-29      | Mortar, Scaled                      | CO               | 6                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 2                                             | 12                                    |
| 6-30      | Mortar                              | CO               | 6                                          | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 5                                             | 30                                    |
| 6-31      | Field Artillery, 1 10 Scaled        | BTRY             | Optional                                   | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 5                                             | 30                                    |
| 6-32      | Field Artillery Indirect Fire       | BTRY             | Optional                                   | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 5                                             | 30                                    |
| 6-33      | Multipurpose Training Range         | CO               | 2 Trails                                   | Required              | 2          | 2    | 1   | 20                                            | 40                                    |
| 6-34      | Combat Engineer Vehicle             | CO               |                                            | Required              |            |      |     | 22                                            | 22                                    |
| 6-35      | Air Defense Firing                  | BTRY             |                                            | Optional              | 0          | 0    | 0   | 2                                             | 12                                    |
| 6-36      | Helicopter Gunnery                  | CO               | 8                                          | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 3                                             | 24                                    |
| 6-37      | Fire and Movement                   | CO               | Throughput Dependent                       | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 6                                             | 24                                    |
| 6-38      | Squad Defense Range                 | CO               | 5                                          | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 6                                             | 30                                    |
| 6-39      | Infantry Squad Battle Course        | SQUAD            |                                            | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 20                                            | 20                                    |
| 6-40      | Infantry Platoon Battle Course      | PLT              |                                            | Optional              | 1          | 1    | 1   | 60                                            | 60                                    |
| 6-41      | MPRC-H+                             | PLT              |                                            | Required              | 1          | 1    |     | 60                                            | 60                                    |
| 6-42      | MPRC-L+                             | PLT              |                                            | Required              |            |      | ?   | 60                                            | 60                                    |
| 6-43      | Platoon Defense Against Aircraft    | BTRY             |                                            | Optional              | 0          | 0    | 0   | NA                                            | NA                                    |
| 6-44      | MOUT CTF++                          | CO/BN            | 16/32                                      | Required              | 1          | 1    | 1   | NA                                            | NA                                    |

\* Range numbers correspond to those in Chapter 6, TC 25-8

\*\* Notional quantities by range type depend on annual training frequency. The most current DA PAM 350-38 prescribes training frequency.

\*\*\* AFFs and AFRs are recommended for TRADOC school installations. MFRs are recommended at unit-based installations to conserve resources.

+ Type and configuration of MPRC selected depend on which units are supported (armored/mechanized division = MPRC-H, LID, air assault division = MPRC-L).

++ AC division installations typically need a MOUT complex consisting of a 32-building CTF with MOUT assault course to meet throughout METL training requirements. AC separate brigade, semiactive installations supporting AC annual training and weekend training typically need a MOUT complex consisting of a 16-building CTF with MOUT assault course.

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The subject of this study is the high hazard impact area at Fort Greely located in Alaska. Fort Greely has been an active Army installation for over fifty years. Its impact area was designed to support a division-sized unit, although today only one brigade (approximately 25% of a standard division) trains at Fort Greely at any one time.

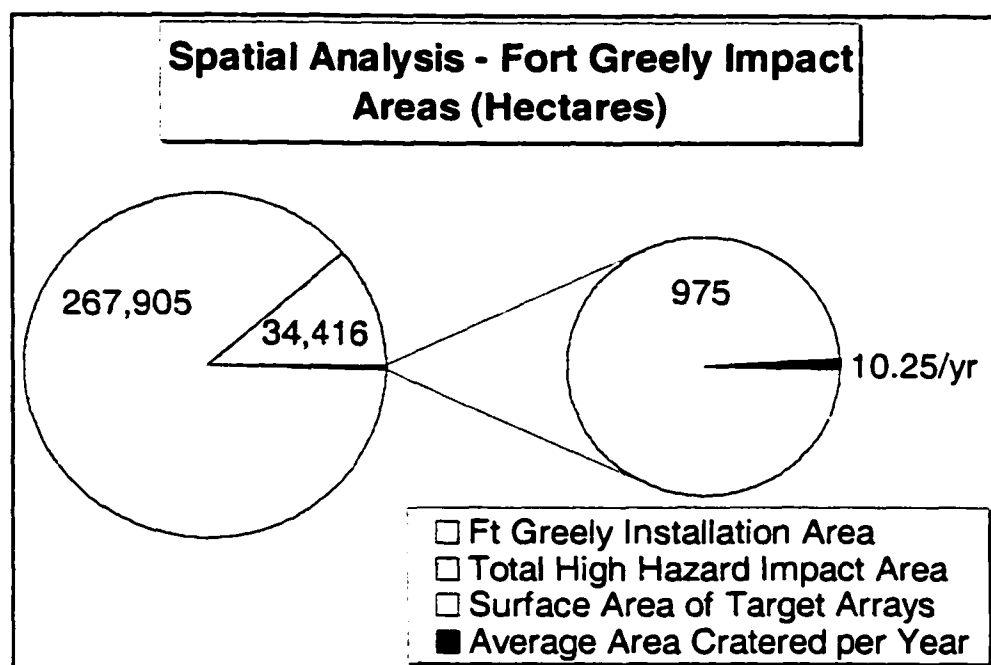
## Spatial Extent of Munitions Disturbance, Contaminant Loading Approximations and Contaminant Movement through the Soil

### *Munitions Disturbance*

An examination of the types of munitions used in an impact area, the quantities expended, and an approximation of the magnitude of potential contaminant loading provides a measure of the problem under consideration. High explosive munitions are the focus of this study because they have both a destructive and contaminant effect in the environment. High explosive munitions are those that explode on or near the soil surface and therefore have the potential for creating a crater and damaging vegetation. Other munitions include smoke projectiles, illumination projectiles, and small arms and inert projectiles (CEMML, 1999). These munitions have the potential for creating craters and damaging vegetation, but this potential is relatively small compared to high explosive munitions.

The spatial extent of the physical disturbance occurring within Fort Greely impact areas can be approximated by an evaluation of munition expenditure data. Ideally, historical firing records indicating the number and type of munitions fired at particular targets would be used to account for the area exposed to high explosive munitions. Since, this information has not been well documented, an approximation of the surface area of target arrays can be estimated using the training doctrine guidance for Army ranges and munitions expenditure data. Fort Greely's high hazard impact areas had approximately 185,846 high explosive munitions fired, launched or dropped into its impact areas over a six year period – approximately 30,974 munitions per year (CEMML, 1999). This area could

encompass up to 975 ha exposed to munitions disturbance, or about 2.75% of the total impact area (Figure 3-3). Determining the approximate annual cratered surface area refines this estimate of disturbance. Using the CEMML (1999) data set and assuming a crater radius for each type of munition, approximately 10.25 ha were disturbed annually during this period. This represents approximately 1.08% of the lands exposed to munitions or less than 0.03% of the total high hazard impact areas.



**Figure 3-3.** Spatial analysis of the area affected by munitions use at Fort Greely, Alaska indicates that munitions disturbance is confined to a relatively small area.

### *Contaminant Loading*

In addition to the inherent kinetic and blast destructive effects of munitions, there is a contaminant effect associated with munitions that fail to function properly. There are two modes of munition failure – dud and low order

detonation. A dud is a round that completely fails to function after it is fired, while a low order detonation is a round that only partially functions leaving part of the high explosive filler exposed in the target area (USATCES, 2000). Dud rounds retain their explosive filler inside the delivery body of the munition and are relatively isolated from the environment. However, during impact the delivery body can become fractured and over time small amounts of explosive filler may be mobilized through dissolution with water. Low order detonations can result in significant amounts of explosive filler available for dissolution and subsequent movement into the environment (Brannon et al., 1999). Therefore, both dud and low order detonation munitions have the potential for environmental contamination by leached explosive filler.

Explosive fillers such as Trinitrotoluene (TNT), Royal Demolition Explosive (RDX), and High Melting Explosive (HMX) are subject to environmental fate and transport congruent with the ecological setting in to which they are released. Release is contingent on dissolution rates and on the amount of free product exposed to water. Brannon et al. (1999) reported the dissolution fluxes for free solid to liquid phase. Their model considers dissolution flux critical for quantifying contaminant loading rates. They reported TNT has the highest rate at  $4,164 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ ; HMX has a rate of  $454 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ , and RDX's has the lowest dissolution rate at  $360 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ . Lynch et al, (2001) report higher rates of  $604,800 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ ,  $25,056 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ , and  $8,294 \mu\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$  for TNT, HMX and RDX, respectively. They used weapons grade explosives and subjected samples to mixing, which may be more similar to free product exposed

to surface water flow. Since dissolution is a function of interfacial surface area, temperature, and energy input (i.e. degree of fluid motion), these higher rates may be due to relatively large energy input. Also, dissolution rates of pure explosive will differ from the rates of mixtures of explosives used in munitions (e.g., an artillery munition may have a mixture of TNT and RDX). Mixing of fillers occurs because most manufacturing processes result in one explosive encapsulated within another explosive, or within compounds that serve as explosive binders. For example, "certain formulations include binders made of insoluble wax; explosives almost entirely encapsulated in wax would persist for extended periods of time yet yield comparably lower concentrations." (Lynch, 2001, personal communication).

The amount of free product available for dissolution can be approximated by an evaluation of munition failure rates. Using failure rates published by USATCES (2000) and assuming the same failure rates are applicable to Air Force munitions, analysis indicates that there could be approximately 1,271 dud and 95 low order munitions failures per year on Fort Greely impact areas (Table 3-2). Loading rates could be derived from this data, but the highly variable nature of the state of explosive fillers available for mobilization (e.g., fully contained in a dud delivery body, partially contained in a low order delivery body and/or scattered by a low order detonation) coupled with varying solubility and dissolution fluxes resulting from manufacturing creates uncertainty. The most conservative approach is to assume that all of the explosive filler from dud and low order munitions failures is available for dissolution. Assuming optimum

Table 3-2

*Munitions Expenditure Data For The Period 1992-1996 at Fort Greely, Alaska (CEMML, 1999).* Expenditure data combined with mass of explosive filler, and munitions failure rates allows a first approximation of contaminant loading rates. Crater size approximations are not shown. Loading rates are based on target array and crater area approximations shown in Figure 3-3.

| US Army Munition   | Type      | Total rds | Average rounds per year | Mass of Filler per round (kg) | *DUD % | *LO % | Average DUD (rds/yr) | Average LO (rds/yr) | Ave. Mass of Filler DUD (kg/yr) | Ave. Mass of Filler LO (kg/yr) | Total Filler DUD + LO | Source Remarks (see notes) |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 20mm               | HE        | 11752.00  | 1958.67                 | 0.01                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 67.57                | 5.48                | 0.68                            | 0.05                           | 0.73                  | 1                          |
| 40mm               | HE        | 489.00    | 81.50                   | 0.04                          | 1.32   | 0.15  | 1.08                 | 0.12                | 0.04                            | 0.00                           | 0.05                  | 1.2                        |
| 60mm               | HE        | 3025.00   | 504.17                  | 0.36                          | 2.48   | 0.00  | 12.50                | 0.00                | 4.50                            | 0.00                           | 4.50                  | 1.2                        |
| 81mm               | HE        | 1724.00   | 287.33                  | 0.95                          | 2.28   | 0.08  | 6.55                 | 0.23                | 6.24                            | 0.22                           | 6.46                  | 1.2                        |
| 105mm              | HE        | 11080.00  | 1846.67                 | 2.63                          | 4.95   | 0.09  | 91.41                | 1.66                | 240.41                          | 4.37                           | 244.78                | 1.2                        |
| 120mm              | HE        | 120.00    | 20.00                   | 2.99                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 0.69                 | 0.06                | 2.06                            | 0.17                           | 2.23                  | 1                          |
| 84mm               | HE        | 143.00    | 23.83                   | 0.44                          | 0.00   | 0.15  | 0.00                 | 0.04                | 0.00                            | 0.02                           | 0.02                  | 2.3                        |
| Frag Grenade       | HE        | 530.00    | 88.33                   | 0.18                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 3.05                 | 0.25                | 0.55                            | 0.04                           | 0.59                  | 3                          |
| 2.75 Rkt           | HE        | 744.00    | 124.00                  | 2.18                          | 8.16   | 0.00  | 10.12                | 0.00                | 22.06                           | 0.00                           | 22.06                 | 3                          |
| TOW                | HE AT     | 224.00    | 37.33                   | 3.10                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 1.29                 | 0.10                | 3.99                            | 0.32                           | 4.32                  | 3                          |
| Hellfire           | HE AT     | 18.00     | 3.00                    | 2.50                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 0.10                 | 0.01                | 0.26                            | 0.02                           | 0.28                  | 4                          |
| Dragon             | HE AT     | 62.00     | 10.33                   | 2.50                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 0.36                 | 0.03                | 0.89                            | 0.07                           | 0.96                  | 5                          |
| 4.2 in             | HE        | 385.00    | 64.17                   | 3.73                          | 6.92   | 0.08  | 4.44                 | 0.05                | 16.56                           | 0.19                           | 16.75                 | 1.2                        |
| 155mm              | HE        | 16.00     | 2.67                    | 11.50                         | 2.25   | 0.01  | 0.06                 | 0.00                | 0.69                            | 0.00                           | 0.69                  | 1.2                        |
| 30mm               | HE        | 520.00    | 86.67                   | 0.03                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 2.99                 | 0.24                | 0.07                            | 0.01                           | 0.08                  | 1                          |
| 66mm               | HE AT     | 16.00     | 2.67                    | 0.50                          | 4.52   | 0.04  | 0.12                 | 0.00                | 0.06                            | 0.00                           | 0.06                  | 2                          |
| USAF Munition      |           |           |                         |                               |        |       |                      |                     |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| 20mm               | HE        | 23912.00  | 4782.40                 | 0.01                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 164.99               | 13.39               | 1.65                            | 0.13                           | 1.78                  | 5                          |
| 30mm               | HE        | 126230.00 | 25246.00                | 0.03                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 870.99               | 70.69               | 21.77                           | 1.77                           | 23.54                 | 6                          |
| 2.75 Rkt           | HE        | 2652.00   | 530.40                  | 2.18                          | 3.45   | 0.28  | 18.30                | 1.49                | 39.89                           | 3.24                           | 43.13                 | 3                          |
| Maverick           | HE        | 19.00     | 3.80                    | 36.30                         | 3.45   | 0.28  | 0.13                 | 0.01                | 4.76                            | 0.39                           | 5.15                  | 3                          |
| Mk82               | HE 500lb  | 1477.00   | 295.40                  | 89.00                         | 3.45   | 0.28  | 10.19                | 0.83                | 907.03                          | 73.61                          | 980.64                | 3                          |
| Mk83               | HE 1000lb | 229.00    | 45.80                   | 202.00                        | 3.45   | 0.28  | 1.58                 | 0.13                | 319.18                          | 25.90                          | 345.08                | 3                          |
| Mk84               | HE 2000lb | 391.00    | 78.20                   | 945.00                        | 3.45   | 0.28  | 2.70                 | 0.22                | 2549.52                         | 206.92                         | 2756.43               | 3                          |
| Totals or Averages |           | 185758.00 | 30959.67                |                               |        |       | 1271.21              | 95.02               | 4142.87                         | 317.46                         | 4460.32               |                            |

## Theoretical Contaminant Loading

|                                               |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Mass of Explosive Filler (DUD + LO)     | 4460 kg/yr                 |
| Theo. Max. Explosive Loading Rate TGT Arrays  | 0.46 g/m <sup>2</sup> /yr  |
| Theo. Max. Explosive Loading Rate Crater Area | 43.52 g/m <sup>2</sup> /yr |

Theoretical Contaminant Concentrations in the Top 10 cm of the Soil with a bulk density of 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

|                                                |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Mass of Explosive Filler (DUD + LO)      | 4460 kg/yr      |
| Theo. Max. Explosive Concentration TGT Arrays  | 3.05 ug/gm/yr   |
| Theo. Max. Explosive Concentration Crater Area | 290.15 ug/gm/yr |

\* Estimated DUD and LO Rates are italicized.

## Notes:

1. Jane's, 2000
2. USATCES, 2000
3. FAS, 2001
4. No data. Assumed same as TOW
5. No data. Assumed same as Army 20mm
6. No data. Assumed avg. Army 20 & 40mm

dissolution conditions, this results in a potential maximum annual average of

4,460 kg of high explosive materials available for dissolution and translates into a

maximum theoretical loading rate within the target array area exposed to high explosive munitions of about  $0.46 \text{ gm m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . Alternatively, assuming that this maximum potential annual average of high explosive materials is deposited in cratered areas, the maximum theoretical loading rate could be as high as  $43,52 \text{ gm m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (Table 3-2). Soil concentrations can be approximated by assuming the contaminant load resides in the top 10 cm of the soil profile with a soil bulk density of  $2.0 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ . If no transformations take place, this equates to potential concentrations ranging from  $3.05 \text{ } \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  for target areas to  $290.15 \text{ } \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  for craters for a given year. These approximated concentrations are comparable to those reported by Walsh et al. (2001) for Washington impact area soils directly associated with low-order detonations which were 130, 340, and  $40 \text{ } \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  for TNT, RDX and HMX respectively. Additionally, these approximated concentrations are comparable to EPA Region III Risk-based industrial concentrations, which are  $52 \text{ } \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  for RDX,  $190 \text{ } \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  for TNT and  $10,000 \text{ } \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  for HMX. These risk-based concentrations are used by the EPA for chemical screening during baseline risk assessment (EPA, 2002; Walsh et al., 2001).

### *Contaminant Movement through the Soil*

Chapter 2 described a modified conceptual model initially developed by Brannon et al. (1999) for fate and transport of UXO that provides a basis for a qualitative evaluation of the key processes at work in the environment. Applying this conceptual model to an Alaskan ecological framework involves relating

process and effect to relevant ecosystem components and their governing ecological setting. For example, dissolution is the process by which TNT, RDX and HMX are dissolved by water from free product to solutes. At Fort Greely, water is available in an unfrozen form for relatively short but intense time frames. Therefore, one would expect that mobilization through dissolution to the soil component occurs primarily during spring snowmelt and the summer rainy season, each of which is about one month long.

Adsorption is the process by which TNT, RDX, and HMX solutes move to and bind with soil colloidal surfaces. These sorbents are composed of clay and naturally occurring humic matter (LaGrega et al., 1994). Colloid content can be measured via a soil's cation exchange capacity (CEC) which in turn is used to define a partitioning coefficient for contaminant to soil adsorption. For that reason, CEC may provide an indication of the relative retardation potential of the area in which UXO is found. Generally, Alaskan soils are not as weathered as soils in more temperate regions and have less clay fraction. Therefore, humus should be the dominant contributor to CEC in this setting.

Adsorption of TNT to soil has been documented and considered to be very important in immobilizing TNT and its transformation products (Comfort et al., 1995; Larson et al., 1998b; Myers et al., 1998; Pennington et al., 1999c; Weissmahr et al., 1998) and in particular to humic soils (Hundal et al., 1997). This process has been described by Freeze and Cherry (1979), LaGrega et al. (1994), Myers et al. (1998) and Roberts et al. (1982), who describe a retardation

factor based on a one-dimensional saturated flow contaminant transport equation shown below:

$$R \frac{\delta C}{\delta t} = D \frac{\delta^2 C}{\delta x^2} - v \frac{\delta C}{\delta x} - \mu C \quad \text{where,}$$

$\frac{\delta C}{\delta t}$  is the partial derivative of a unit change in concentration  $C$

per unit time  $t$ ,

$R$  is the retardation factor,

$D$  is the combined diffusion and dispersion coefficient ,

$v$  is the advection term based on average pore water velocity,  
and

$\mu$  is the solution and solid phase disappearance coefficient

The retardation factor equation is,

$$R = [1 + (\rho_b K_d / \varepsilon)] = u^{-1}_r \quad \text{where,}$$

$R$  is the retardation factor or relative residence time  
(dimensionless),

$u^{-1}_r$  is the relative velocity of movement of a concentration front  
of sorbing solute divided by the velocity of movement of a  
front of conservative tracer (dimensionless),

$\rho_b$  is bulk density of the flow matrix (kg-solids/l),

$K_d$  is the distribution coefficient (i.e., solute to sorbent in l/kg),  
and

$\varepsilon$  is the flow matrix porosity (cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>).

The distribution coefficient  $K_d$  is a function of the fraction of organic carbon,  $f_{oc}$  in the soil (g organic carbon/ g dry soil) and the hydrophobicity of the solute as measured by its octanol:water partitioning coefficient  $K_{ow}$ .  $K_d$  is given by the equation,

$$K_d = f_{oc}(6.3 \times 10^{-7})(K_{ow})$$

$K_{ow}$  for each contaminant can be estimated by various approaches or found in the literature. For example the TNT  $K_{ow} = 10^{2.25}$  (Verschueren, 1996). Brannon et al. (1999) describes another approach, which utilizes soil column testing to determine  $K_d$  for a soil. They found that  $K_d$  for a specific contaminant to a soil is highly correlated to the CEC of a soil. For example, they found that for a set of soils TNT,  $K_d$  can be estimated by the equation,  $TNT K_d = 0.055 (CEC) + 1.26$ , and that the  $K_d$  for RDX can be estimated by the equation,  $RDX K_d = 0.056 (CEC) + 0.15$ . While HMX adsorption occurs, little is known about the solute-sorbent process to enable the prediction of adsorption coefficients for HMX (Brannon et al., 1999). Using either method for estimating  $K_d$  and assuming that the velocity of a front of conservative tracer is similar for soils in a similar setting allows the use of the retardation factor approach to determining the relative risk for organic contaminants releases to the soils at Fort Greely. Soils with higher fractions of organic carbon and/or higher CECs should inhibit movement of these contaminants and provide time for some measure of transformation to take place before groundwater resources are impacted.

Transformation of explosive compounds, either through biotic or abiotic processes, have been described using disappearance coefficients that are based on first order reaction kinetics (Brannon and Myers, 1997; Myers et al., 1998;

Brannon et al., 1999). Myers et al. (1998) reports while transformation of TNT, RDX and HMX is not well understood it is more important than sorption processes for the soils they studied. Biotic transformation processes are biodegradation and bio-uptake of contaminants and appear to be important in TNT and RDX transformations (Myers et al., 1998). Biodegradation involves the oxidation and reduction of organic contaminants and bio-uptake of organic and inorganic contaminants involves plant root uptake by vegetation. Soil organic carbon (SOC) content and climate in terms of effective growing season (EGS) are good indicators of conditions favorable for microbial and plant activity. SOC and EGS can provide a relative measure of the transformation potential of the region in which UXO is found. For soils located in Fort Greely, Alaska impact areas, SOC percentages should be relatively low and growing seasons are relatively short so biological activity will not be as great as in more temperate regions.

## Soil Property Investigations

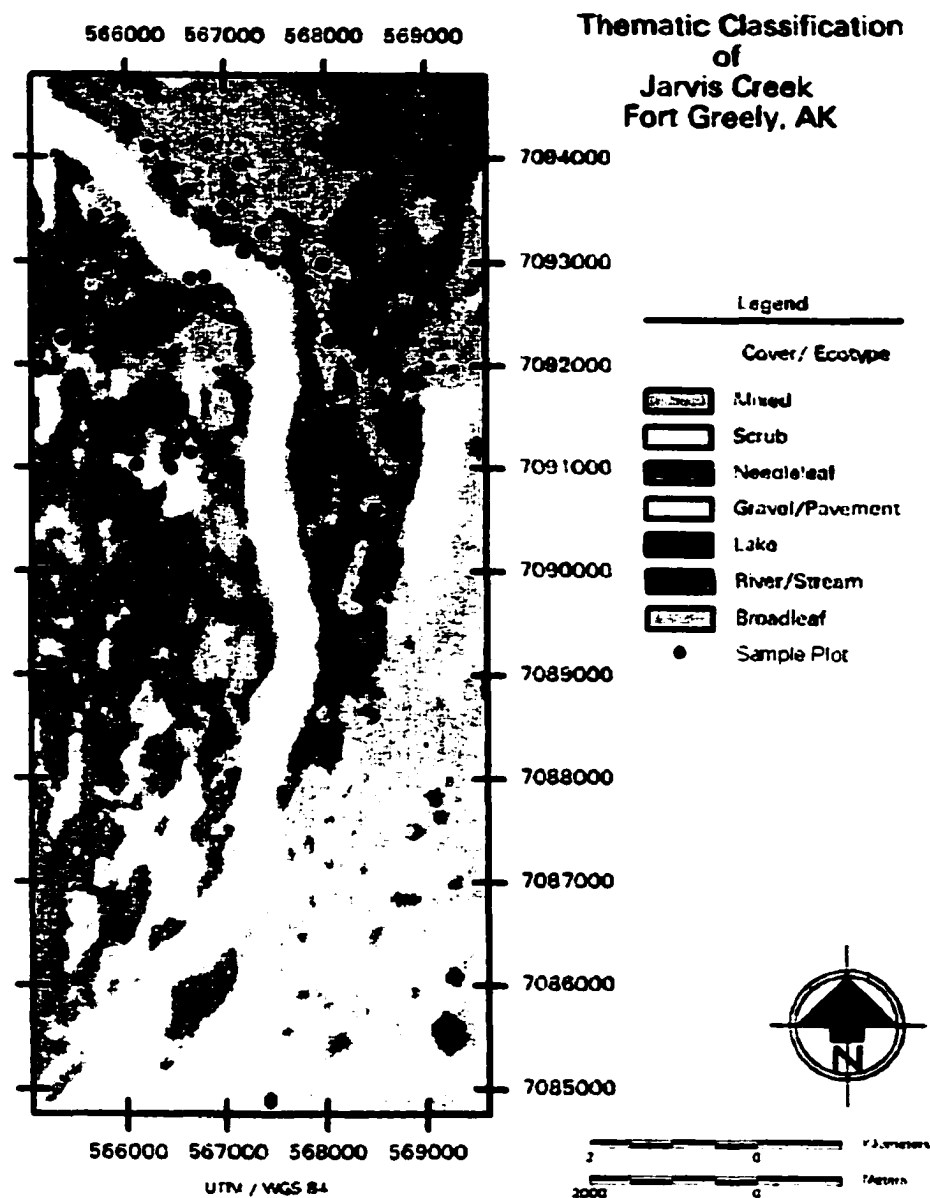
### *Field Methods*

Soil samples were collected from sixty plots for soil characterization analysis (i.e., objectives 2 and 3 on page 37) and from five craters for crater disturbance descriptions (i.e., objective 4 on page 37).

*Plot sampling:* In order to determine sampling locations for the Jarvis Creek control area a supervised land cover classification was performed using a Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper scene (10 September 1999, path 67, row

15), provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Topographic Engineering Center. This generated thematic maps of the Tanana watershed in the vicinity of Fort Greely and the Jarvis Creek control area. Classification of the Washington Range and Impact areas was not possible due to cloud cover over these areas. General informational categories of interest were scrub, broadleaf forested, needleleaf forested, mixed forested ecotypes associated with riverine settings (Figure 3-4). Thirty-six plots were located in the Jarvis Creek control area, twelve per scrub, broadleaf and mixed forest ecotypes. These were designated Jarvis Creek scrub (JS), Jarvis Creek Broadleaf (JB) and Jarvis Creek Mixed leaf (JM). Another twenty-four plots were located within the Washington impact area and control area. Twelve of these plots were inside the impact area co-located with an array of previously established plots that had been cleared by ordnance disposal teams. These comprised the Washington impact area scrub (WIS). The other twelve plots were located on an array located just south of the impact. These comprised the Washington Range scrub (WS).

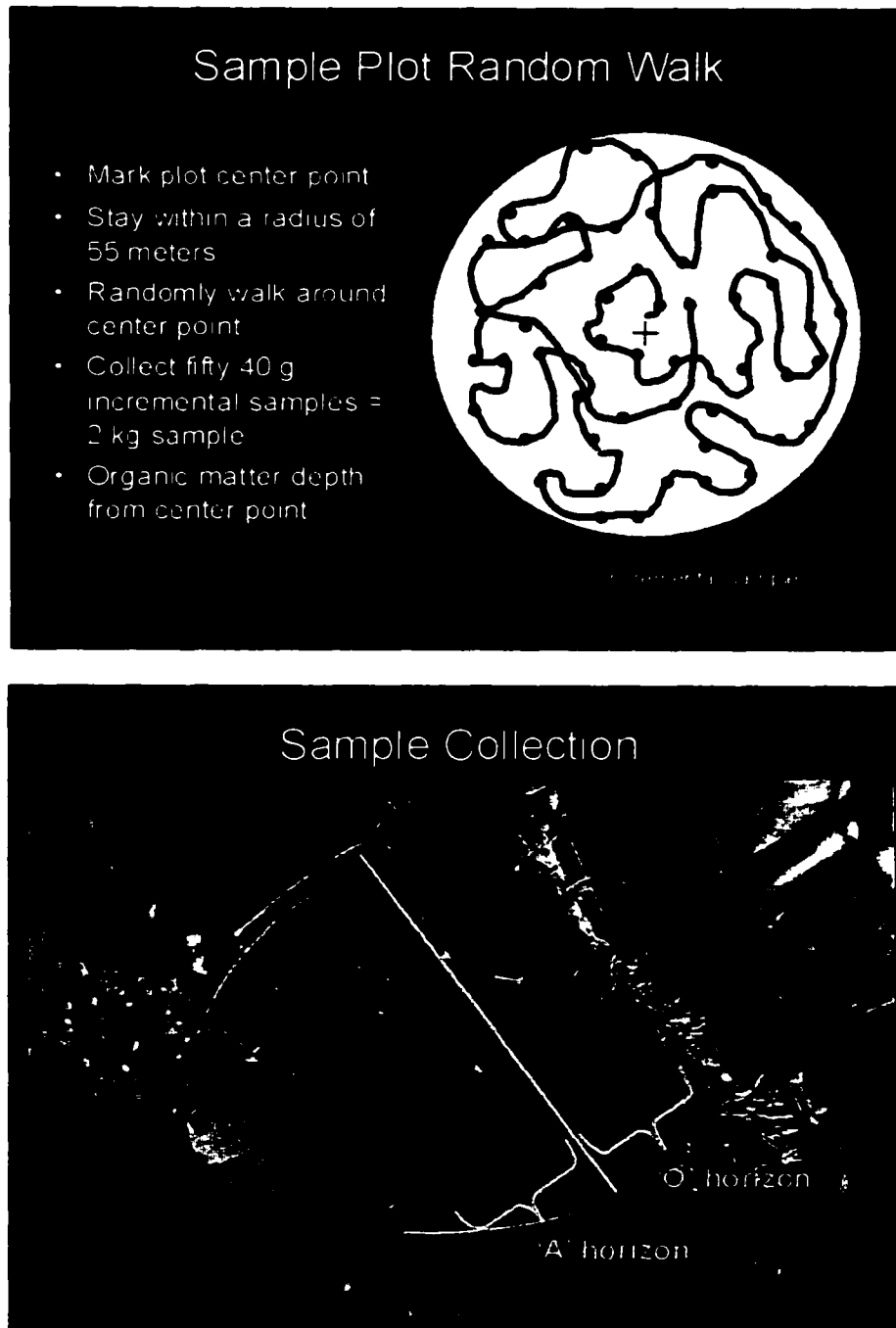
Sampling plots were located and marked using a Garmin III+ GPS receiver. Each sample consisted of fifty randomly collected 40 gm incremental samples that were composited into one 2 kg soil sample for that particular plot. Samples were collected from the interface of the organic and mineral strata of the soil profile (i.e., the "O" and "A" layers respectively) within a 55-meter radius



**Figure 3-4.** Thematic classification of the Jarvis Creek Control Area at Fort Greely, Alaska. Twelve plots per scrub, broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotype were identified and sampled from this area.

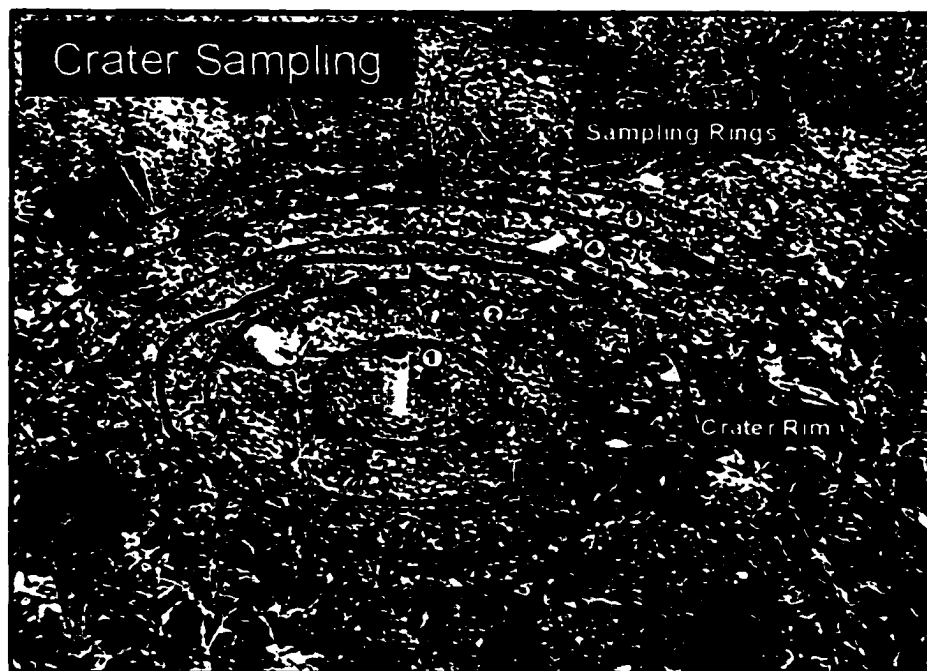
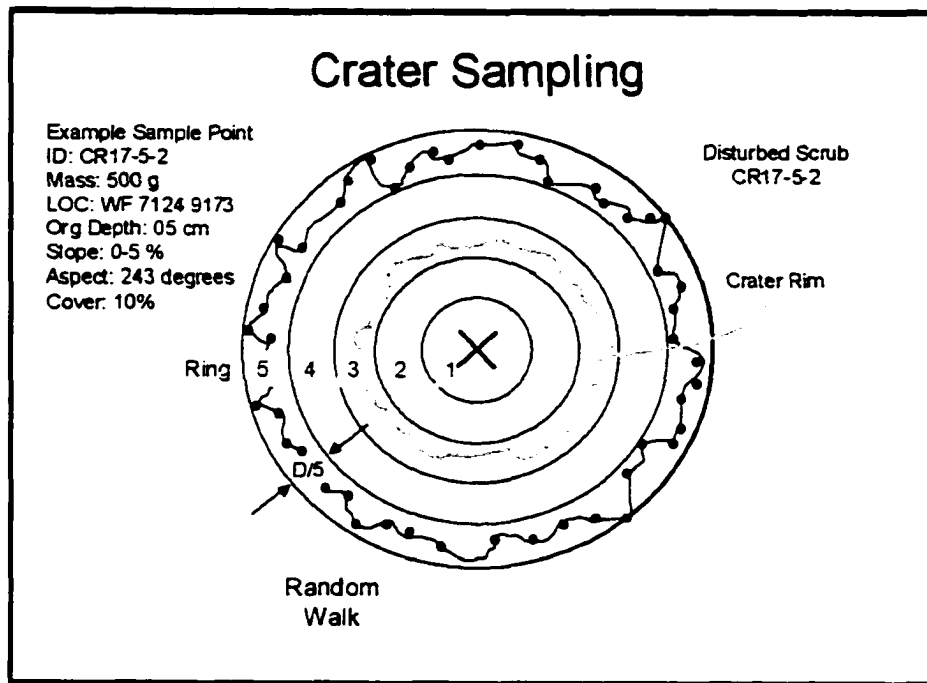
of the marked point (Figure 3-5). At each sampling plot the depth of the cumulative organic matter (CumO) was determined by digging a small trench to the depth of the lowest organic horizon or 40 cm which ever was deeper. Additionally, elevation, slope and aspect, and vegetative cover descriptions were

noted for each plot. Finally, plot sampling replications were made on five randomly selected plots.



**Figure 3-5.** Top - A depiction of hectare plot sampling method using random walk collecting 50 incremental samples for one composite sample at Fort Greely, Alaska. Bottom - An example of 'O' and 'A' horizon interface from which soil samples were collected.

*Crater sampling:* Five craters of various ages ranging 2-11 years were selected based on accessibility and for the flat terrain on which they were located. Also, every effort was made to select craters that were not associated with other forms of disturbance (i.e., erosion or overlapping craters). Sampling for each crater consisted of five concentric rings radiating outward from the center of the target (Figure 3-6). The incremental distance ( $I$ ) from the target array was determined by dividing the diameter ( $D$ ) of the observed disturbed area by five (i.e.,  $I = D/5$ ) creating five concentric rings. Within each of these rings, three replicates of twenty 40 gm incremental samples were collected from the top 2 cm of the soil surface. These sixty incremental samples were composited into one 2.4-kg soil sample for that particular sample ring. The approximate age of older craters was determined by counting the growth rings of *P. balsamifera* shrubs growing in the center of the craters. The exception to this procedure was crater number 7, which had no vegetation at its center. Explosive ordnance specialists determined that this crater was no older than 2 years.



**Figure 3-6.** Top - Depiction of crater sampling method using random walk collecting 20 incremental samples for one composite ring sample. Bottom - Actual layout of crater sampling during fieldwork at Washington impact area, Fort Greely, Alaska. This is Crater 7, which is estimated to be a 1- to 2-year-old 105mm crater.

## *Analysis*

All soil samples were air dried, sieved through a 4 mm mesh, mixed well, double sealed in plastic bags and submitted to the Colorado State University Soils Laboratory. Soil samples were analyzed using standard methods for the twenty-three soil properties listed in Table 3-3. Table 3-4 provides a summary of the laboratory results by ecotype (complete soil data is at Appendix A).

*Plot Samples:* Using the data from all sixty plot samples, a optimal model selection approach using “best fitting subset” (Ott, 1993) selection based on Mallows'  $C_p$  statistic for each model selected. This involved a multiple linear regression of all soil properties with CEC as the response variable. Subsequent transformations were based on residual plots with the intent to maintain original unbiased scales as much as possible. Forward, backward and stepwise model selection methods also were analyzed to determine relative importance of variables such as percent organic matter (PrcOM).

For ecotype soil characteristics, a stepwise discriminant analysis was performed to select a subset of the quantitative variables for use in discriminating among the ecotype classes. Selection criteria for variables to enter and stay were both conservatively set at  $\alpha=0.01$ . Ecotypes were then plotted against the two most significant predictors to obtain a visual understanding of their relationship to ecotypes. These predictors also were used in Ryan-Einot-Gabriel-Welsch (REGWQ) multiple range tests on main effect means across ecotypes.

*Crater Samples:* Crater rings were initially evaluated using a two-way ANOVA for a ring to age interaction using both PrcOM and CEC as the response

Table 3-3

*Description of Data Used in the Analysis.* The number of ecotype and crater samples is shown as well as the soil property tests and methods performed by the Colorado State University Soil Laboratory.

| Abbreviation: | Ecotypes:                    | Samples: |
|---------------|------------------------------|----------|
| JS            | Jarvis Creek Scrub           | 12       |
| JBL           | Jarvis Broadleaf Forest      | 12       |
| JML           | Jarvis Mixed Leaf Forest     | 12       |
| WS            | Washington Range Scrub       | 12       |
| WIS           | Washington Impact Area Scrub | 12       |
| Total         |                              | 60       |

| Crater #: | Age (years) | Type:           | Rings: | Reps: | Samples: |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|
| 7         | 2           | 105mm Artillery | 5      | 3     | 15       |
| 15        | 5           | MK82 500lb Bomb | 5      | 3     | 15       |
| 17        | 8           | MK82 500lb Bomb | 5      | 3     | 15       |
| 16        | 8           | MK82 500lb Bomb | 5      | 3     | 15       |
| 9         | 11          | MK82 500lb Bomb | 5      | 3     | 15       |
| Total     |             |                 |        |       | 75       |

| Soil properties:                        | Abbreviation:  | Methods:                                                       | Reference:      |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| pH                                      | pH             | Soil to water ratio of 1:1                                     | 2, p.487        |
| pH Buffer                               | BpH            | SMP Buffer                                                     | 2, pp.502-505   |
| Conductivity                            | EC             | Soil to water ratio of 1:1                                     | 2, pp.420-427   |
| Cation Exchange                         | CEC            | Measure Na; account for entrained Na with nitrite.             | 2, pp.1201-1230 |
| Texture                                 | Sand Silt Clay | Hydrometer                                                     | 1, method 15-4  |
| % Organic Carbon                        | PrcC           | Modified Walkely-Black                                         | 2, pp.995-996   |
| % Organic Matter                        | PrcOM          | 1.724 x % Organic Carbon                                       |                 |
| Soil Nutrients:                         |                |                                                                |                 |
| Nitrogen as ammonia Nitrogen as nitrate | NH4<br>NO3     | 2M potassium chloride extract, automated phenate method by FIA | 2, pp.1146-1162 |
| Total N                                 | PrcN           | CHN furnace                                                    | 2, pp.1085-1122 |
| Total C                                 | PrcC           | CHN furnace                                                    | 2, pp.967-977   |
| Phosphorous                             | P              | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Potassium                               | K              | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Calcium                                 | Ca             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Magnesium                               | Mg             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Extractable Metals:                     |                |                                                                |                 |
| Cadmium                                 | Cd             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Chromium                                | Cr             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Copper                                  | Cu             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Lead                                    | Pb             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |
| Zinc                                    | Zn             | Mehlich 3 Extract                                              | 2, pp.893-894   |

1. Klute, 1986.

2. Spark, 1996.

Table 3-4

*Soil Properties for Sampled Areas at Fort Greely, Alaska.*

| Soil Property                 | Washington Control Scrub<br>WS n=12 |        | Wash. Impact Area Scrub<br>WIS n=12 |        | Jarvis Scrub<br>JS n=12 |         | Jarvis Broadleaf<br>JB n=12 |         | Jarvis Mixed Leaf<br>JN n=12 |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|                               | mean                                | s.d.   | mean                                | s.d.   | mean                    | s.d.    | mean                        | s.d.    | mean                         | s.d.    |
| pH                            | 7.46                                | 0.17   | 7.27                                | 0.30   | 6.21                    | 0.99    | 5.98                        | 0.85    | 5.65                         | 0.74    |
| EC 1:1<br>(mmhos/cm)          | 0.23                                | 0.10   | 0.35                                | 0.12   | 0.12                    | 0.04    | 0.12                        | 0.04    | 0.13                         | 0.05    |
| Ca<br>(ppm)                   | 4019.50                             | 887.75 | 2775.92                             | 777.47 | 3795.50                 | 3260.92 | 4316.33                     | 1385.09 | 3692.17                      | 1560.23 |
| Mg<br>(ppm)                   | 264.19                              | 52.42  | 209.24                              | 99.55  | 478.85                  | 263.46  | 603.97                      | 139.00  | 616.13                       | 211.48  |
| P<br>(ppm)                    | 3.98                                | 0.70   | 3.74                                | 2.55   | 4.59                    | 2.01    | 7.75                        | 6.45    | 7.00                         | 6.64    |
| K<br>(ppm)                    | 62.43                               | 11.22  | 82.84                               | 21.63  | 87.12                   | 53.26   | 129.51                      | 32.41   | 166.26                       | 118.86  |
| Zn<br>(ppm)                   | 8.05                                | 0.83   | 8.12                                | 2.85   | 9.53                    | 8.57    | 13.53                       | 6.66    | 10.96                        | 7.79    |
| Fe<br>(ppm)                   | 428.20                              | 32.28  | 274.61                              | 62.04  | 379.73                  | 61.58   | 433.18                      | 22.46   | 462.67                       | 37.24   |
| Mn<br>(ppm)                   | 113.12                              | 9.46   | 68.12                               | 26.08  | 111.97                  | 56.27   | 134.87                      | 19.43   | 149.07                       | 52.46   |
| Cu<br>(ppm)                   | 7.14                                | 0.92   | 4.40                                | 1.28   | 3.33                    | 1.50    | 2.52                        | 0.49    | 3.77                         | 2.48    |
| Cr<br>(ppm)                   | 0.17                                | 0.00   | 0.09                                | 0.04   | 0.20                    | 0.06    | 0.17                        | 0.01    | 0.17                         | 0.01    |
| Pb<br>(ppm)                   | 3.08                                | 1.08   | 1.28                                | 0.94   | 2.68                    | 1.99    | 1.51                        | 0.36    | 1.51                         | 0.41    |
| CEC<br>(meq/100g)             | 9.17                                | 4.17   | 11.98                               | 4.94   | 27.08                   | 23.12   | 31.69                       | 12.50   | 33.97                        | 16.37   |
| % Sand                        | 53.08                               | 9.93   | 61.67                               | 7.33   | 55.08                   | 17.95   | 38.58                       | 13.69   | 45.58                        | 8.61    |
| % Silt                        | 43.08                               | 9.67   | 34.50                               | 6.99   | 33.67                   | 12.93   | 50.42                       | 11.47   | 45.17                        | 8.05    |
| % Clay                        | 3.83                                | 0.58   | 3.83                                | 1.03   | 11.25                   | 7.84    | 11.00                       | 6.00    | 9.25                         | 2.80    |
| NH <sub>4</sub> -N<br>(mg/kg) | 3.53                                | 2.16   | 3.48                                | 1.99   | 6.63                    | 5.05    | 10.78                       | 10.97   | 9.79                         | 7.28    |
| NO <sub>3</sub> -N<br>(mg/kg) | 18.27                               | 14.36  | 42.00                               | 31.75  | 7.72                    | 8.05    | 7.06                        | 7.25    | 4.30                         | 5.09    |
| Total % N                     | 0.12                                | 0.05   | 0.15                                | 0.09   | 0.39                    | 0.32    | 0.36                        | 0.08    | 0.31                         | 0.15    |
| Total % C                     | 1.74                                | 0.71   | 2.08                                | 1.25   | 6.03                    | 4.43    | 6.51                        | 1.98    | 6.65                         | 3.51    |
| % calc OM                     | 3.00                                | 1.22   | 3.59                                | 2.15   | 10.39                   | 7.64    | 11.22                       | 3.41    | 11.47                        | 6.06    |
| Buffer pH                     | 7.50                                | 0.00   | 7.43                                | 0.10   | 7.23                    | 0.27    | 7.26                        | 0.23    | 7.30                         | 0.11    |

variables. The intent was to be able to average each ring over the crater age to determine trends in soil properties across rings. However, there is a significant interaction between crater rings and age so this approach would not be

appropriate since there are no replicates of craters by age class. Therefore, a ring analysis was made for each crater using REGWQ multiple range tests on main effect means of crater rings. Results were then evaluated for notable trends from one crater age class to the next.

### *Results*

Table 3-4 shows the means and standard deviations soil property for each ecotype. Multiple linear regression generated a model with nine independent variables (PrcOM, BpH, CumO, Clay, Mg, Fe, Mn, Cu and Pb) with an  $R^2=0.9199$ . The selected model required a transformation based on its residual plot. Therefore, a weighted regression with original parameter estimates was used in order to maintain original unbiased scales yielding the final model with weighted parameter estimates shown below:

$$CEC = 154.6 + 1.6998(PrcOM) - 20.0151(BpH) + 0.0887(CumO) - 0.7421(Clay) + 0.0228(Mg) - 0.0188(Fe) + 0.0365(Mn) + 0.7993(Cu) - 1.7706(Pb)$$

Evaluation of parameter estimates indicate that two variables (i.e., CumO and Fe) are, or are nearly, non-significant and could be eliminated one at a time in future weighted regression modeling. A studentized residual plot of this transformed model is at Figure 3-7. Finally, PrcOM explains a large portion (i.e.,  $R^2=0.8431$ ) of the variability of CEC response (Figure 3-8) and is the most significant variable for all model selection processes (Table 3-5).

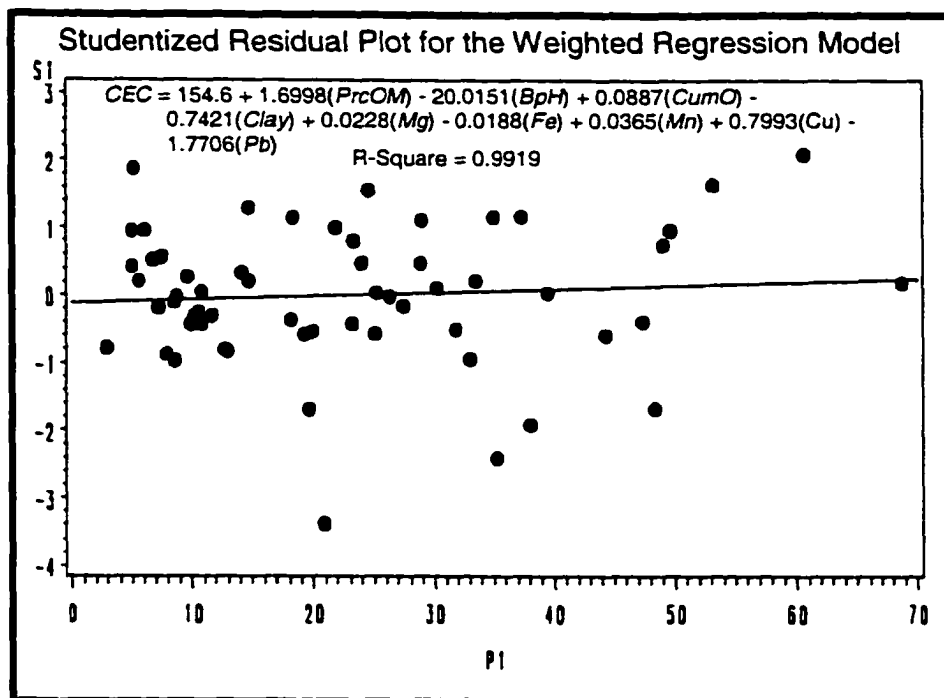


Figure 3-7. Residual plot for the weighted regression model indicates homogeneity of variance for this transformed model. S1 is the Studentized Residual and P1 is the Predicted Value.

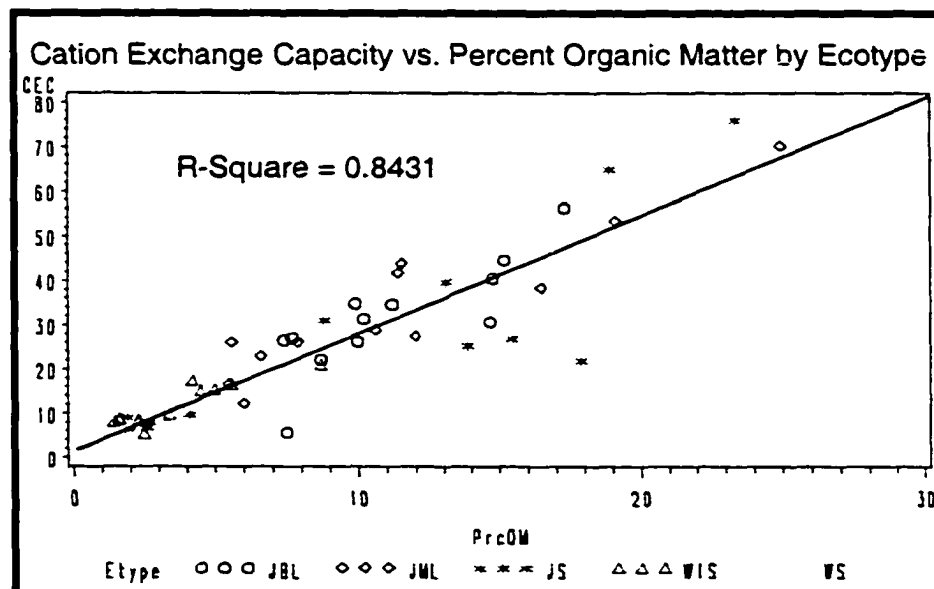


Figure 3-8. Initial plot of CEC verses PrcOM for the various ecotypes. Note that Washington Impact Area Scrub (WIS) and Washington Range Scrub (WS) responses appear to be different than the Jarvis Creek Broadleaf (JBL), Mixed Leaf (JML) and Scrub (JS) ecotypes.

Table 3-5

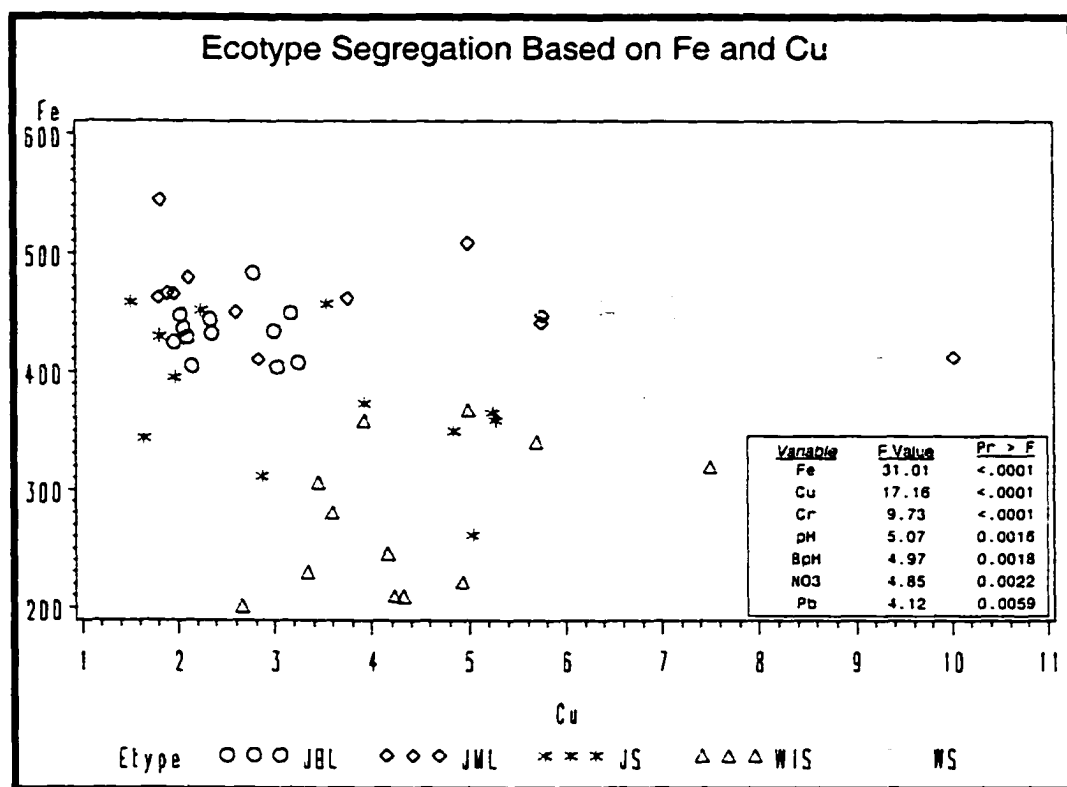
**Mallows'  $C_p$  Model Selection Results.** The top five models are in the top portion of the table. In the bottom portion of the table is a summary of other model selection processes indicating organic matter is the most important variable.

| Number in Model | C(p)  | Adj R-Square | R-Square | MSE     | Variables in the model                  |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| 9               | 4.625 | 0.9199       | 0.9055   | 27.7269 | PrcOM BpH CumO Clay Mg Fe Mn Cu Pb      |
| 10              | 4.630 | 0.9235       | 0.9078   | 27.0281 | PrcC BpH CumO Clay Ca Mg Fe Mn Cu Pb    |
| 10              | 4.631 | 0.9235       | 0.9078   | 27.0290 | PrcOM BpH CumO Clay Ca Mg Fe Mn Cu Pb   |
| 10              | 5.464 | 0.9220       | 0.9060   | 27.5570 | K PrcOM BpH CumO Clay Mg Fe Mn Cu Pb    |
| 10              | 5.471 | 0.9219       | 0.9060   | 27.5616 | PrcN PrcOM BpH CumO Clay Mg Fe Mn Cu Pb |
| 10              | 5.483 | 0.9219       | 0.9060   | 27.5690 | PrcC K BpH CumO Clay Mg Fe Mn Cu Pb     |

| Method*              | Variable | F value and Pr > F | F value relative to other variables | Remarks           |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Forward Selection    | PrcOM    | 233.44 <.0001      | Largest                             | First to Enter    |
| Backward Elimination | PrcC     | 30.29 <.0001       | Largest                             | PrcC = PrcOM/1.74 |
| Stepwise Selection   | PrcOM    | 233.44 <.0001      | Largest                             | First to Enter    |

\*All model selection methods use a significance level of 0.05

Stepwise discrimination analysis to determine the best set of independent variables that could discriminate between ecotypes yielded seven variables (Fe, Cu, Cr, pH, BpH, NO<sub>3</sub> and Pb) with Fe and Cu being the most useful. A plot of Fe verses Cu for ecotypes (Figure 3-9) shows that each ecotype can be distinguish from each other based on Fe, Cu or combination of Fe and Cu values. This discrimination is further supported by REGWQ multiple range tests for Fe and Cu by ecotypes (Table 3-6). PrcOM proved less reliable in discriminating among ecotypes, however there were significant differences between the Jarvis Creek control area and the Washington impact area and control areas.



**Figure 3-9.** Plot showing ecotype segregation using Fe and Cu variables derived from a stepwise discrimination analysis. Inset shows a summary of the stepwise selection method, which determined Fe and Cu were the most important variables.

**Table 3-6**

**Multiple Means Comparisons by Ecotype for Fe and Cu Independent Variables Selected by Stepwise Discrimination Analysis.** Fe and Cu proved to be the best two variables for segregating ecotypes. A plot of Fe vs Cu by ecotype is at Figure 3-9.

| Ryan-Einot-Gabriel-Welsch Multiple Range Test for Fe                        |        |    |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|---------|
| REGWQ Grouping                                                              | Mean   | N  | Ecotype |
| A                                                                           | 462.67 | 12 | JML     |
| A                                                                           |        |    |         |
| A                                                                           | 433.18 | 12 | JBL     |
| A                                                                           |        |    |         |
| A                                                                           | 428.2  | 12 | WS      |
|                                                                             |        |    |         |
| B                                                                           | 379.73 | 12 | JS      |
|                                                                             |        |    |         |
| C                                                                           | 274.61 | 12 | WIS     |
| Means with the same letter are not significantly different at alpha = 0.05. |        |    |         |

| Ryan-Einot-Gabriel-Welsch Multiple Range Test for Cu                        |        |    |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|---------|
| REGWQ Grouping                                                              | Mean   | N  | Ecotype |
| A                                                                           | 7.1406 | 12 | WS      |
|                                                                             |        |    |         |
| B                                                                           | 4.3986 | 12 | WIS     |
| B                                                                           |        |    |         |
| C                                                                           | 3.7723 | 12 | JML     |
| C                                                                           | B      |    |         |
| C                                                                           | B      | 12 | JS      |
| C                                                                           |        |    |         |
| C                                                                           | 2.5201 | 12 | JBL     |
| Means with the same letter are not significantly different at alpha = 0.05. |        |    |         |

REGWQ multiple range tests on main effect means of crater rings show significant differences ( $\alpha=0.15$ ) in PrcOM between rings for younger craters (i.e., < 5 years old) and for the oldest crater, which is estimated to be approximately 11 years old (Figure 3-10). Graphical evaluation of PrcOM response of the five craters yielded two notable trends. First in the 2 year-old crater, the center of the crater is nearly devoid of organic matter and there is a steep gradient of increasing organic matter percentages as measures move toward the outer rings. Second, the older craters illustrate that after a period of time the center of the crater tends to increase in PrcOM while the rings associated with the crater rim tend to remain low in percent organic matter. However, means comparisons and trend analysis should be viewed with caution due to small sample size (i.e., no replications of craters).

## Discussion

### *Cation Exchange Capacity*

PrcOM appears to be the most important predictor of CEC response indicating that organic matter dynamics should be useful in assessing contaminant fate and transport potential for this study area. Therefore, any significant change in organic matter stocks should directly affect CEC and in turn the soil's retardation factor. Using soil organic carbon content to determine retardation factors provides an indication of the capacity of Washington impact area and Jarvis Creek control area soils to hold a contaminant in place. This is

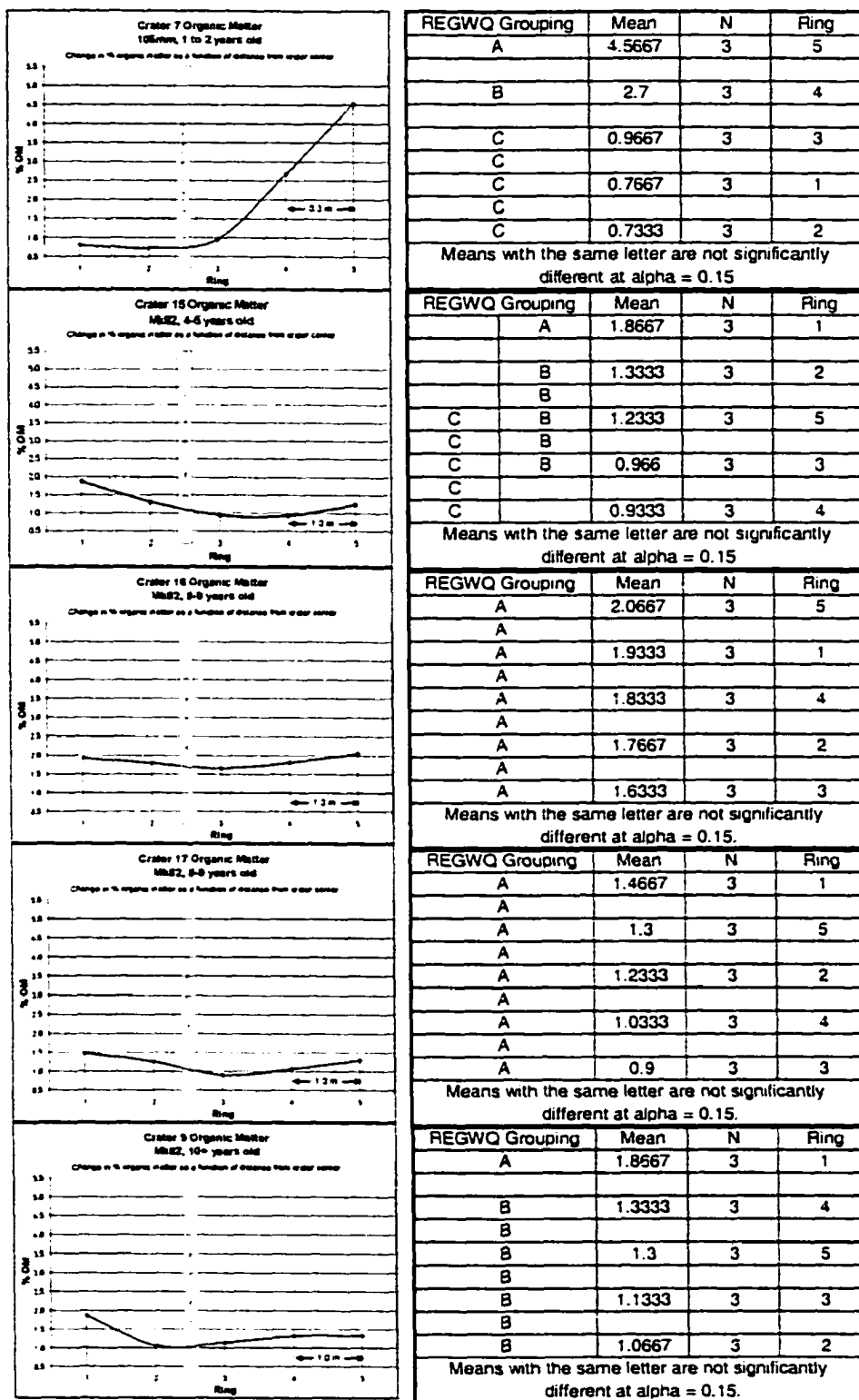
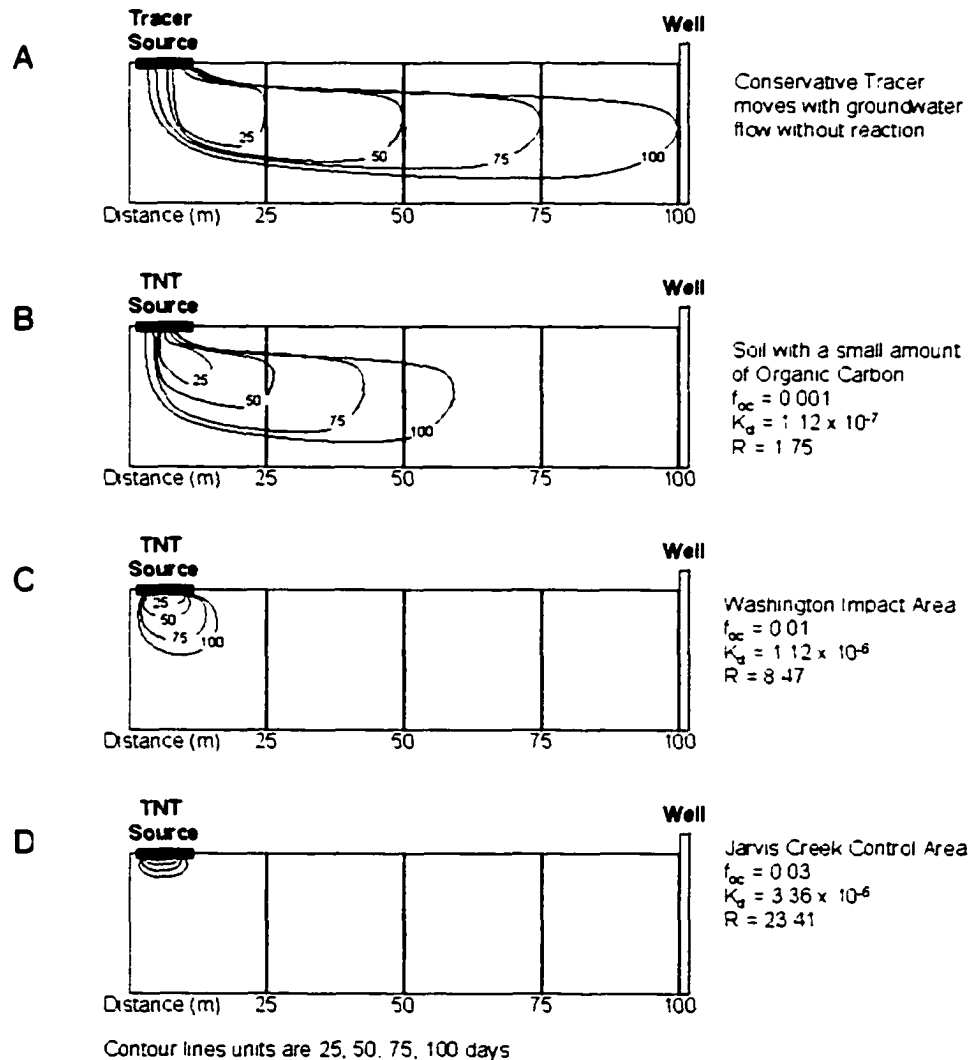


Figure 3-10. Crater ring comparisons for five craters of various ages from the Washington impact area. The youngest crater is at the top and the oldest is at the bottom. REGWO multiple range tests are at the right of their respective craters. Crater rim is indicated by the vertical rectangle between rings 2 and 3.

illustrated in Figure 3-11, which shows that small amounts of organic carbon provide significant adsorption capacity. As a result, contaminant transformation opportunity increases the longer a contaminant is held in place by the soil.



**Figure 3-11.** Based on retardation factor modeling (Freeze and Cherry, 1979) the fraction of organic carbon  $f_{oc}$  affects the rate of TNT contaminant movement through a soil. Diagram A shows a conservative tracer that moves with groundwater. Diagram B shows the retardation effect with a very small amount of organic carbon present. Diagrams C and D show rates of TNT movement for soils in the study area.  $K_d$  is the distribution coefficient and  $R$  is the retardation factor.

### *Ecotype Soil Characteristics*

Statistical analysis of the Jarvis Creek control area ecotypes showed no evidence that PrcOM was different among these ecotypes. However, there were two soil quality variables (i.e., Fe and Cu) that may be used to detect significant differences between ecotypes. Results indicate there is a significant difference in the soil characteristics of the Jarvis Creek control area ecotypes and Washington Range control area scrub ecotype. However, the results may have been different if the Washington range and impact areas were included in the classification process. Washington range and impact areas were not mapped due to cloud cover in the Landsat scene and these two areas were considered to be the same ecotype. Additionally, a level 3 classification may have resulted in better discrimination between different vegetative forms within ecotypes (e.g., differentiating between a scrub ecotype dominated by *D. drummondii* and one dominated by *P. balsamifera* saplings), which may then be correlated with soil characteristics. Soil property differences between these forms may then be more pronounced. Overall, this analysis demonstrated that ecotypes could be effectively segregated based on soil properties and that there is potential for the ability to infer soil properties based on ecotype.

### *Crater Disturbance*

Comparison of undisturbed Washington Range control area scrub to the Washington Impact area scrub showed no significant differences in PrcOM. There was a considerable difference between PrcOM of the 2-year old crater and

sampled plots within the impact area. The center of the crater is nearly devoid of organic matter and there is a steep gradient of increasing organic matter percentages as measures move toward the outer rings, which indicates that the degree of the cratering disturbance is significant (Figure 3-5). If the frequency and intensity of this physical disturbance exceeds the capacity of the system to recover, the system may lose the capacity for contaminant attenuation. Whether the disturbance regime has or will reach such a critical threshold can be evaluated by comparing crater age. Older craters illustrate that after a period of time the center of the crater tends to increase in percent organic matter while the rings associated with the crater rim tend to remain low in percent organic matter. Relatively higher concentrations of organic matter were found in the center of craters that were four years old or older. This is a reasonable finding given the nature of the soil forming processes at work in the Washington impact area. Craters provide a depression that can capture wind blown leaves, silts and finer organic particulates, as well as seeds. They may also capture snow and serve as a moisture source for plant establishment. It appears that the physical disturbance and displacement of soil material eventually serves as a catalyst for organic matter additions assisting recovery. Also, the PrcOM of the surface soil appears to recover as shown by the flattening of the gradient curve on older craters. However, means comparisons and trend analysis should be viewed with caution due to small sample size (i.e., no replications of craters).

## Conclusion

Approximations of area disturbed by munitions use per year and the maximum theoretical contaminant loading in this area show good correlation to measured contaminant concentrations. This highlights the possibility of using munitions expenditure data and failure rates for risk assessments. However, this analysis did not use actual firing data. Current munitions use tracking procedures account for types of munitions used for a particular range (USAEC, 2000). This evolving data set may provide greater resolution of the area disturbed and contaminant loading when combined with expenditure and failure rate data, but it still does not account for targetry locations. Firing data, or the number and type of munitions fired and the target areas into which they were fired, would provide the resolution required to adequately calculate munitions disturbance and contamination effects. Given the digital sophistication of the Army's weapons systems this level of resolution is within reach.

Organic matter content of the soils in this study proved to be a good predictor of CEC and it also is a good descriptor of crater disturbance. CEC should allow the use of the retardation factor approach to determining the relative risk for organic contaminants releases to the soils at Fort Greely. Soils with higher fractions of organic carbon and/or higher CECs should inhibit movement of these contaminants and provide time for some measure of transformation to take place before groundwater resources are impacted. Since SOM has an influence on contaminant fate and transport through the environment, range and impact area managers should be concerned with its dynamics and its condition in

the soil. In the case of munitions use in impact areas, expected soil organic matter responses might be recovery from cratering through organic matter inputs, and the assimilation and transformation of explosive compound contamination within the soil matrix. These responses should be intimately tied to biomass inputs, and to processes that influence biological activity within the soil component all of which can be described by soil organic matter dynamics.

## CHAPTER 4

### Using CENTURY to Assess the Effects of Munitions Use

#### Introduction

##### *Soil Organic Matter Dynamics in Agricultural Systems*

Many agricultural researchers have investigated the effects of management practices on soils in an effort to identify a soil quality index and soil organic matter (SOM) dynamics frequently emerges as an indicator of soil quality. Cultivation practices have been shown to affect SOM dynamics and soil properties. Needelman et al. (1999) examined the interaction of tillage and soil texture and found that overall, no till practices resulted in an increase of particulate organic matter and soil carbon in the upper 5 cm of the soil profile as compared to conventional till practices for fine textured soils. They ultimately argued that SOM decomposition rates may increase with sand content and that particulate organic matter is a sensitive indicator of tillage-based depth effects. Hao et al. (2001) found that minimum tillage practices resulted in significantly higher organic carbon than found in conventional tillage practices. They also reasoned that differences in SOM dynamics in minimum tillage systems such as increased soil surface plant residue, reduced rate of plant matter decomposition and soil erosion, resulted in higher soil quality for minimum tillage soils verses conventionally tilled soils. Additionally, tillage practices affect soil organisms,

their environment and functions, which in turn directly impacts SOM dynamics. Microbial activity has been shown to be higher in no till versus conventional till systems due to greater availability of soil moisture and more stable soil temperatures (Kladivko, 2001). Others have found that microbial biomass is higher in no till soils than in conventional till soils (Alvarez and Alvarez, 2000; Aon et al., 2001). They contend that this is a result of changes in soil structure (i.e., physical habitat) as a consequence of SOM loss and physical disturbance associated with conventional till practices. As such, tillage practices have been universally recognized as anthropogenic disturbances of varying degrees affecting ecosystem productivity and SOM is central to understanding the effects of these practices.

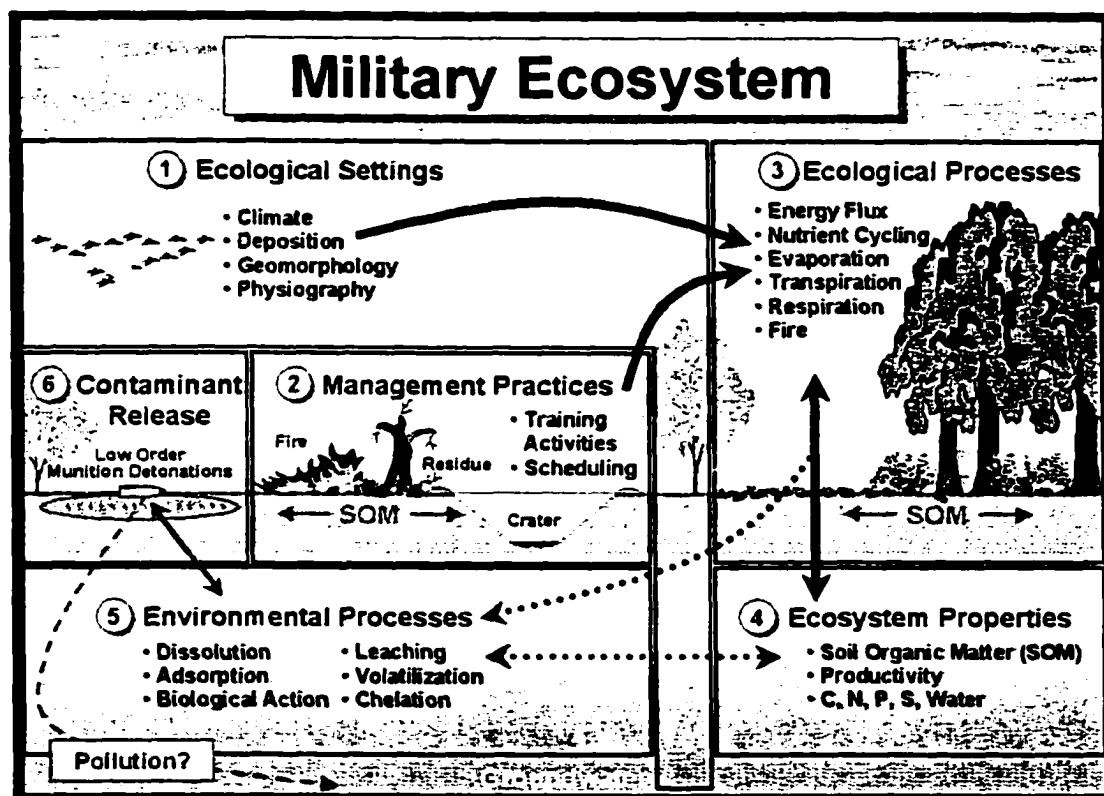
The agricultural scenarios described above can be adapted toward range and impact area management. From observation, munitions use creates craters, which affects soil structure and the degree to which plant residue is exposed to decomposition processes; it cuts and damages vegetation, which results in short term organic matter inputs; and causes fires, which releases nutrients. Craters can be equated to tillage practices, and plant damage and cutting can be equated to increased crop residue inputs or to phenomena such as tree blow down events. Since SOM influences contaminant fate and transport through the environment through microbial degradation and contaminant adsorption to soils with high fractions of organic carbon, range and impact area managers should be concerned with its dynamics and its condition in the soil and even consider SOM as a contaminant attenuation metric. In the case of munitions use in impact

areas, expected SOM responses might be recovery from cratering through organic matter inputs, and the assimilation and transformation of explosive compound contamination within the soil matrix. These responses should be intimately tied to biomass inputs, and to processes that influence biological activity within the soil component all of which can be described by SOM dynamics.

### *A Simulation Approach to Investigate Munitions Disturbance*

The investigation of anthropogenic disturbance within ecosystems is challenging both from an integrative systems analysis (i.e., highly complex) and cost (e.g., time and resources) perspective. The study of agricultural ecosystems, or agroecosystems, provides an effective approach in dealing with this challenge. Metherell (1992) described the agroecosystem as an interactive group of biotic and abiotic components that is complex due to relationships between socio-economic and ecological processes. He further argued that agroecosystems exploit a natural resource (i.e., soil component) using timed disturbances such as cultivation, fertilization, pesticide use and irrigation practices to obtain agricultural products. The effects of these disturbances are manifested by changes in ecological processes and properties such as soil organic matter dynamics. The analogy as it relates to Army ranges and impact areas is that military ecosystems also represent an interactive group of biotic and abiotic components that is complex due to relationships between the need for military training and ecological processes. The military exploits areas that

provide realistic training environments in order to obtain combat readiness and in doing so exploit natural resources (Figure 4-1). Forms of disturbance associated with military training take the form of maneuver (e.g., soil compaction or damage to vegetation) and munitions use (e.g., cratering, damage to vegetation and/or increase fire frequency). Finally, sustainability is a critical requirement for both agricultural and military ecosystems. For military and agricultural lands, sustainability also means preventing contamination of water, air and soil components.



*Figure 4-1. The Military Ecosystem* (adapted from Metherell, 1992). Ecological setting (1) and management practices such as munitions use (2) combine to influence ecological processes (3). Ecological processes (3) help determine and are influenced by ecosystem properties (4). Also, ecological processes (3) in combination with ecosystem properties (4) help determine and are influence by environmental processes (5). The fate and transport of contaminants such as explosive compounds released into the environment (6) is determined by environmental processes (5).

Adding an additional dimension of military-ecosystem complexity is the issue of unexploded ordnance (UXO) associated with ranges and impact areas. Because of this hazard, access to impact areas is very limited making direct observation and study extremely challenging. Therefore, computer simulation is one of the few tools an investigator has to explore the relationships between ecological processes and human exploitation of natural resources in complex military ecosystems. Ecosystem scientists have effectively employed computer simulation of SOM dynamics (Ågren et al., 1991) to describe many complex systems such as hurricane disturbance (Sanford et al., 1991), grassland systems (Kelly et al., 1996; Parton et al., 1987, 1989, 1993, 1996; Seastedt et al., 1994), land use in Hawaii (Townsend et al., 1995), and CO<sub>2</sub> and climate change on tropical grasslands (Hall et al., 1995). Using a similar approach for military ecosystems, the ecological setting (e.g., climate, soil properties, plant communities and disturbance regime) can be characterized, and SOM dynamics can be modeled and evaluated using computer simulation. SOM dynamics simulation output, or the fluxes in SOM stocks as a result of anthropogenic management practices, can provide a metric for determining an ecosystem's response to various management practices. Finally, simulation can provide more refined hypotheses of soil response to munitions use that can be evaluated using field observations.

### *CENTURY Soil Organic Matter Dynamics Model*

The CENTURY model developed by Parton et al. (1987) is a plant-soil ecosystem model that characterizes plant growth, nutrient cycling and soil organic matter dynamics for major ecosystems. The stated primary purposes of the model are to provide a tool for ecosystem analysis, to test the consistency of data and to evaluate the effect of changes in management and climate in a variety of ecosystems (Metherell et al., 1993). CENTURY predicts soil organic matter (SOM) change for different plant-soil systems through the simulation of natural and anthropogenic contributions into a comprehensive set of ecological based processes, the output of which is an array of descriptive ecosystem properties. CENTURY runs with a monthly time step and requires environmental and management input variables such as:

#### Environmental input variables-

- Monthly average maximum and minimum air temperature
- Monthly precipitation
- Lignin content of plant material
- Plant N, P, and S content
- Soil texture
- Atmospheric and soil N inputs
- Initial soil C, N, P, and S amounts

#### Management input variables-

- Grazing
- Forestry
- Fire
- Fertilization
- Crop cultivation

#### The model's output variables are:

- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Crop and Grassland C

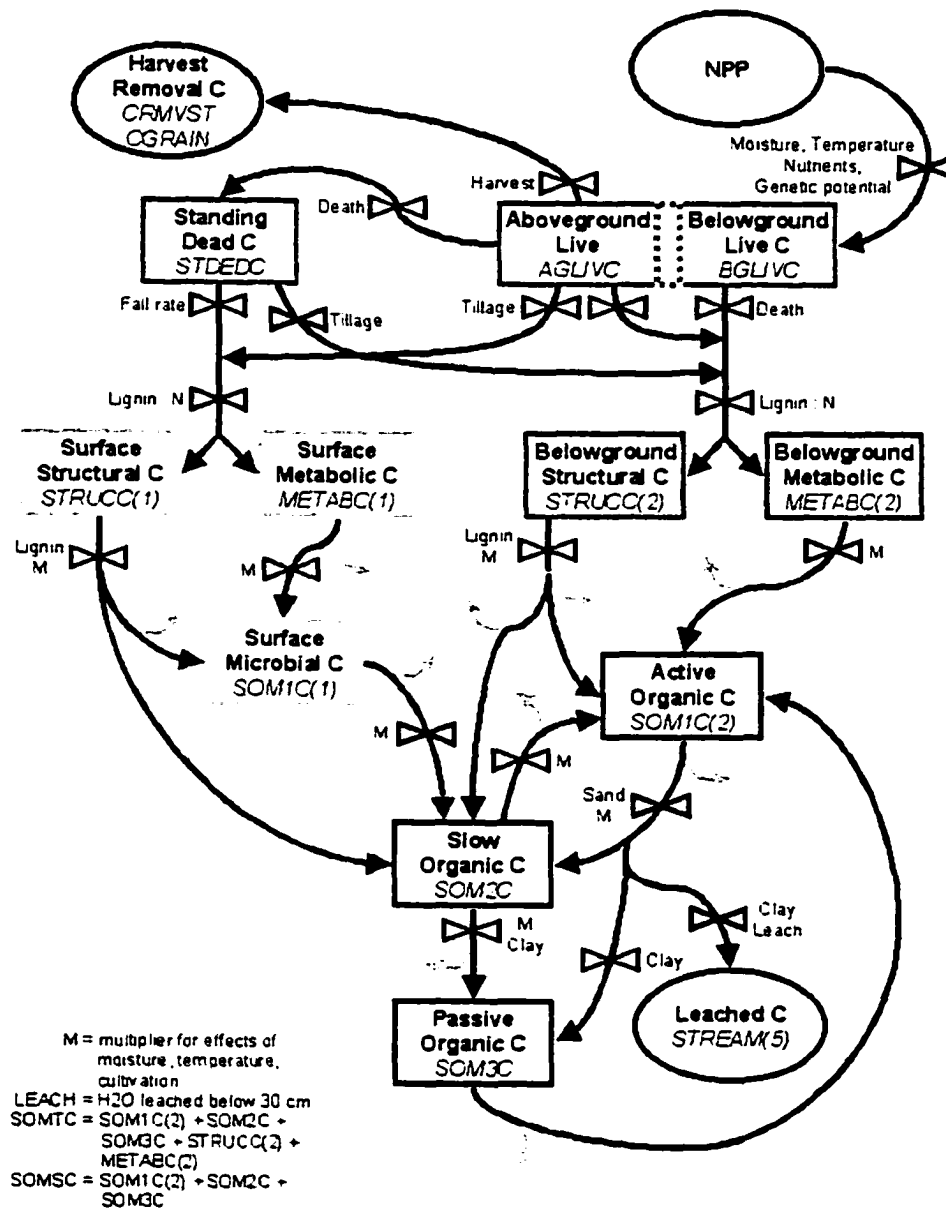
- Forest Carbon
- Nitrogen
- Phosphorus
- Soil Carbon (SOM)
- Sulfur
- Water and Temperature

CENTURY soil organic matter model is comprised of a combination of interactive submodels that simulate soil organic matter dynamics, plant production, nutrient cycling, and soil physical structure, water and temperature. A set of option files allows the user to parameterize CENTURY to desired site and management conditions. CENTURY submodels and parameterization files are summarized from Metherell et al. (1993) below.

#### *Soil Organic Matter Submodel*

The soil organic matter submodel (Figure 4-2) predicts SOM dynamics for a given ecological setting. In general, the plant production submodel inputs carbon to the SOM submodel in the form of above and belowground live biomass. Carbon losses for the model are accounted for through harvest, leaching and microbial respiration. Processes that degrade carbon and control its association to the soil are controlled by the soil water and temperature submodel, which is influenced by cultivation and soil texture.

The submodel is comprised of multiple compartments each with carbon fluxes regulated by environmental and management input variables described above. These compartments consist of the aboveground, surface, belowground and SOM compartments. The aboveground compartment consists of



**Figure 4-2.** Diagram of the CENTURY soil organic matter submodel showing the major factors controlling the pools and flows of carbon. Reproduced from Metherell et al. (1993).

aboveground live and standing dead carbon pools. The aboveground live pool inputs are based on plant production submodels of the ecosystem of interest.

Carbon can move out of the system through harvest, it can be converted to the

standing dead pool or incorporated into the surface or belowground compartments through tillage. The surface compartment consists of structural, metabolic and microbial carbon pools. These pools receive organic matter inputs from the aboveground compartment. Partitioning to structural or to metabolic pools is based on lignin to nitrogen ratios. Higher ratios result in more partitioning to the structural pool, which has a slower decay rate than the metabolic pool. The microbial pool acts to further degrade organic matter from the structural and metabolic pools. Degraded organic matter flows from the surface compartment to the slow organic carbon pool of the SOM compartment.

The belowground compartment consists of live, structural and metabolic carbon pools. These pools receive organic matter inputs from the belowground compartment. Partitioning to structural or to metabolic pools is based on lignin to nitrogen ratios and higher ratios result in more partitioning to the structural compartment, which has a slower decay rate than the metabolic pool. Carbon outputs from the belowground compartment flow to the active and slow organic carbon pools of the SOM compartment.

The SOM compartment consists of the active, slow and passive organic carbon pools. The active organic carbon pool receives inputs from the belowground compartment and exchanges carbon with the slow organic carbon pool. It comprises approximately 2% of the total SOM compartment, is composed of soil microorganisms and their products, and has short turnover times of between one to three months. Carbon from the active organic carbon pool can be leached from the system, or transformed to either the slow or

passive organic carbon pools. The slow organic carbon pool receives carbon from the surface structural and microbial pools and the belowground structural pool, and exchanges carbon with the active organic carbon pool. It comprises 45 to 60% of the total SOM component, is composed of more decay resistant plant material and stabilized soil microbial products, and has turnover times from 10 to 50 years. If not exchanged with the active organic carbon pool, carbon from the slow organic carbon pool flows to the passive organic carbon pool. The passive organic carbon pool consists of highly stabilized organic matter. It comprises approximately 45 to 50% of the total SOM component and has turnover times of between 400 and 4000 years. The importance of the active, slow and passive organic carbon pools in determining the fate and transport of contaminants in the environment is summarized in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1

*Description of the Active, Slow and Passive Soil Organic Matter Pools and Their Respective Contaminant Attenuation Qualities.*

| Soil Organic Matter Pool | % of Total <sup>1</sup> | Turnover Time <sup>1</sup> | Composition <sup>1</sup>                                              | Attenuation Quality <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Active                   | 2                       | 1-3 months                 | Soil microorganisms and their products                                | Provides most of readily accessible food for soil microorganisms and most of the readily mineralizable nitrogen, most responsible for beneficial effect of soil structural stability |
| Slow                     | 45-60                   | 10-50 years.               | Decay resistant plant material and stabilized soil microbial products | Important source of mineralizable nitrogen and other plant nutrients which affects biomass production and subsequent organic matter inputs                                           |
| Passive                  | 45-50                   | 400-4000 years             | Highly stabilized organic matter                                      | Most responsible for Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) and water holding capacity                                                                                                       |

<sup>1</sup> Metherell et al., 1993

<sup>2</sup> Brady and Weil, 1999

### *Plant Production Submodels and Management Practices*

CENTURY utilizes two plant production submodels: the grassland/crop submodel and the forest submodel. Both can be used in concert with slight modifications for tree to grass light and nitrogen competition to simulate savanna systems. The grassland/crop submodel simulates production for herbaceous crops and plant communities. The forest submodel simulates production for deciduous and evergreen forests. Harvest, grazing, fire, and cultivation practices can be simulated in these submodels throughout a range of frequencies and intensities. Fertilizer additions and irrigation amounts and rates can be scheduled into the submodels as well as cultivation methods such as tillage.

### *Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Sulfur Submodels*

The nitrogen, phosphorous and sulfur submodels in CENTURY are similar to the carbon submodel. Mobilization of these elements is calculated as a product of carbon to element ratios and carbon flows. Immobilization is calculated based on carbon losses from the system in the form of CO<sub>2</sub> (e.g., plant and or microbial respiration) and when carbon flows from high ratio pools to low ratio pools. Additionally, the phosphorous and sulfur submodels are slightly different from the carbon submodel. Since significant phosphorous and sulfur inputs can be derived from soil parent material, these submodels also account for weathering rates and element to mineral occlusion and sorption processes.

### *Soil Physical Structure Submodel*

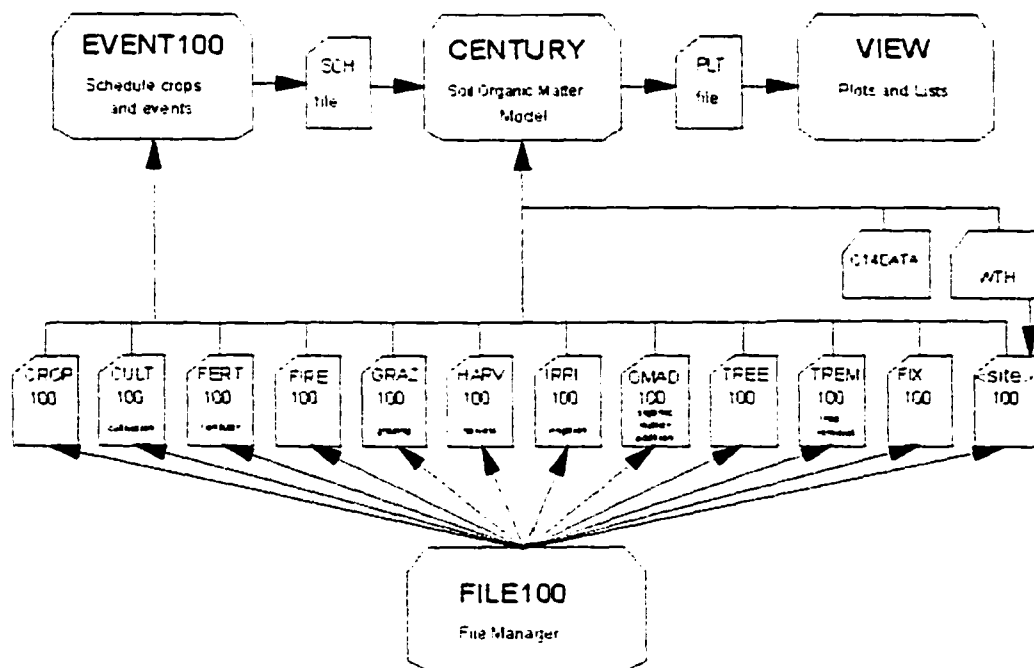
The soil physical structure submodel describes soil texture, bulk density, water content, and bulk organic matter content throughout a soil profile. Also, this submodel simulates homogenization of the soil stratum resulting from cultivation.

### *Water Budget, Leaching, and Soil Temperature*

The water budget submodel calculates water losses through evaporation transpiration, and interflow, runoff and leaching; determines potential evapotranspiration; calculates water content and saturated flow through the soil matrix; and accounts for frozen precipitation, snow melt and simple watershed stream flow. Soil water content is calculated as a function of measured or estimated site parameters including bulk density, soil texture and organic matter content and is updated at the end of every simulation time step. Leaching losses from carbon, nitrogen, phosphorous and sulfur pools is simulated across the active pool and mineral soil layers, and is a function of saturated water flow and soil texture. Maximum and minimum soil temperatures are calculated for the surface as a function of maximum and minimum air temperatures and canopy biomass. The model uses the average of these values to regulate decomposition and plant growth.

### *The CENTURY Modeling Environment*

The CENTURY modeling environment is shown in Figure 4-3. The user can parameterize twelve “\*.100” data files through the FILE100 program. For example, FILE100 is used to create and modify the “<site>.100” file. Parameters in this file include site-specific characteristics such as soil properties, climate and initial conditions for soil organic matter. The EVENT100 program is used to schedule events that will occur during simulations such as the first and last month of tree grown and disturbances such as fires, tree blow downs and tillage.



**Figure 4-3.** The CENTURY model environment showing the relationship between programs and the file structure (reproduced from Parton et al., 1992).

## Research Objectives and Hypothesis

Given the potential attenuation effects SOM has on contaminant fate and transport in the soil, the objectives of this study were:

1. To explore the usefulness of computer simulation to assess the effects of munitions use on SOM dynamics.
2. To investigate the effect of different levels of munitions use on SOM stocks as measured by soil carbon.
3. To determine if the effect of munitions use on SOM dynamics depends on ecotype.

Research hypotheses for this study parallel the objectives listed above.

They were:

1. CENTURY adequately predicts levels of primary production and soil carbon for modeled ecotypes.
2. The level of munitions use determines the rate of change in soil carbon stocks.
3. The rate of change in soil carbon stocks varies by ecotype.

The combination of study objectives/research hypotheses #2 and #3 provides the foundation for a contaminant attenuation metric that would be a function of munitions use level and ecotype.

## Methods

### *Study Area Disturbance Characteristics*

The simulation effort will focus on riverine ecotypes since many of Fort Greely's impact areas are situated along rivers and streams that traverse the reservation. Ecotypes that will be modeled are Jarvis Creek broadleaf, mixed

leaf, needleleaf and scrub. A detailed study area description along with ecotype descriptions can be found in Chapter 3.

Natural disturbances such as erosion and fire drive succession in these riverine settings and are important elements of the simulation. Erosion caused by either water or by winds is prevalent in the riverine scrub ecotype. This is because it is situated in an active flood plain (Appendix B, Photo 1) and the limited vegetative cover associated with the scrub ecotype (Appendix B, Photo 2) is vulnerable to flood erosion (Appendix B, Photo 3) and provides relatively little protection from strong winds. Floodplain succession models indicate that this scrub ecotype is an early colonization stage which resides on intermediate elevation terraces (2.4-3 m above normal flow levels) that floods approximately every 10 years (Van Cleve et al., 1993; Viereck et al., 1993; Jorgenson et al., 2001). These floods often kill poorly established shrubs and remove any litter fall (Viereck et al., 1993). From observation in the study area, water erosion appears to remove surface organic materials down to gravel beds and little sedimentation occurs during a flood. The frequency of occurrence of wind erosion is not known but its effects are visible on the landscape (Appendix B, Photo 1) and resemble flood erosion.

Fire frequencies for the region are on the order of one in every one hundred years (Jorgenson et al., 2001) and affects all of the ecotypes. Successional stages following fire are moss-herb stage (1-5 years), tall shrub-sapling stage (5-30 years) dense tree stage (30-55 years), mixed forest stage (55-90) years), and spruce stage (90-200+ years) (Jorgenson et al., 2001).

While the modeling effort in this study does not attempt to replicate succession dynamics since each ecotype is modeled separately, these stages are associated with the simulated ecotypes described above.

### *Simulation Design, Parameterization and Calibration*

The timeline for each simulation consists of an equilibrium period (i.e., AD 1 -1950) followed by an impact area utilization period of 50 years (i.e., 1950-2000) followed by a recovery period (i.e., 2000-2050). Data requirements for research hypothesis number one centered on assessing the effectiveness of parameterization and calibration of the CENTURY model. Primary production and soil carbon data for the ecotypes were compared to simulation output of these variables. Only relative comparisons between ecotype and munitions use were evaluated so accurate model responses were of more importance than precise soil carbon measures. Therefore, successful simulation calibration was achieved when primary production and soil carbon output was within 20% of measured values.

Data requirements for research hypotheses two and three required multiple CENTURY simulations for varying levels of munitions use in the various ecotypes. Rates of change in microbial, active, slow, and passive SOM pools (g carbon/m<sup>2</sup>/yr) over the munitions use period and over a recovery period were used to evaluate relative differences in munitions use levels and ecotype effects. Direct statements cannot be made regarding simulated changes in SOM based on a statistical analysis other than to describe the relative importance of

munitions use level and ecotype (Kelly et al., 1996). Additionally, and as described by Seastedt et al. (1994), statistical analysis on model output variables based on the known influence of management parameterization design would be inappropriate. However, since the primary interest was in the significance of a munitions use and the possible interaction effect between munitions use and ecotype, a standard two-way ANOVA was used as a tool to evaluate the relative importance of the variables of interest in the same manner as Seastedt et al. (1994). Therefore, study design entailed a two-factor, 3x4 factorial completely randomized design with ten replications per treatment (Table 4-2).

Table 4-2

*Matrix Describes a Two-factor, 3x4 Factorial Design.* Munitions use has 3 levels (Low, Moderate, and High levels) and ecotype has 4 levels (Scrub, Broadleaf, Mixed Leaf and Needleleaf). This design produced 120 observations.

| Ecotype    | Rep      | Munitions Use |          |      |
|------------|----------|---------------|----------|------|
| Scrub      | 1,...,10 | Low           | Moderate | High |
| Broadleaf  | 1,...,10 | Low           | Moderate | High |
| Mixed Leaf | 1,...,10 | Low           | Moderate | High |
| Needleleaf | 1,...,10 | Low           | Moderate | High |

CENTURY model parameterization consisted of creating 120 unique schedule files, and modifying existing site and tree files. Schedule file parameterization accounted for the natural disturbance régime and growth prior to munitions use (i.e., equilibrium period), the effects of munitions use (i.e.,

impact area utilization period) and the return to the natural disturbance régime and growth following release from munitions use (i.e., the recovery period). Equilibrium and recovery period event sequences were the same and consisted of repeating blocks of 99 years of growth followed by a year that included a fire that burned through the forest canopy (i.e., growth-fire-growth-fire). For broadleaf, mixed leaf and scrub ecotype models, month of first growth was set at April, month of senescence was set at September and month of last growth was set at October. For the needleleaf ecotype model, growth occurred throughout the year. In order to replicate water/wind erosion disturbance in the scrub ecotype models due to over-bank floods during heavy summer rains an erosion event was added every tenth year during the month of August. During this event 4 cm of surface material was removed and trees were killed using a tree blow down option.

The impact area utilization period represented a parameterization challenge in relating available management parameterization options to munitions effects. Munitions effects within an impact area are increased fire frequency, plant damage and cratering. These effects can be simulated in CENTURY by parameterizing them in terms of fire, forestry and cultivation management input variables. For crater disturbance the CENTURY parameterization event was a plowing event. A tree blow down event parameterized cutting and killing of vegetation. Fires were parameterized as shrub fires that burn low to the ground and leave mature trees unharmed.

Degree of disturbance was based on three levels of munitions use, which were:

1. Low level usage (L), which will entail a low range of cratering (i.e., tillage) vegetation cutting (i.e., residue input) and fire frequency.
2. Moderate level usage (M), which will entail a moderate range of cratering (i.e., tillage) vegetation cutting (i.e., residue input) and fire frequency.
3. High level usage (H), which will entail a high range of cratering (tillage) vegetation cutting (i.e., residue input) and fire frequency.

Additionally, a no usage simulation was executed to provide a baseline from which munitions use effects could be assessed.

Timing of treatments was based on a probability of occurrence. For example, bomb crater measurements indicate that some areas receive only one crater in a 10-year period while others are cratered every one to two years. Therefore, the probability of occurrence for low level usage was  $p=0.10$  (i.e., once every 10 years) and the probability of occurrence for high level usage was  $p=0.50$  (i.e., once every 2 years). A probability of occurrence of  $p=0.167$  (i.e., once every 6 years), which is midway between low level and high level usage, was used for moderate level usage. Assuming that vegetation is cut and killed every time a crater is created results in complimentary probabilities of occurrence for residue inputs.

Fire event probabilities of occurrence are slightly lower since munitions cause fires less frequently than craters or vegetation kills. Fire frequencies for Fort Greely are slightly higher than the natural fire frequency for Alaska Forest land, which is one fire in every one hundred years (Jorgenson et al., 2001). Fort

Greely has had 15 major fires between 1954 and 1999 most of which occurred in impact areas and some impact areas have been repeatedly burned (CEMML, 1999). One of Fort Greely's high usage impact areas has had three fires in a 22-year period. Assuming this information approximates the increase in fire frequency due to munitions use, the low level fire treatment probability of occurrence was  $p=0.067$  (i.e., once every 15 years); for high level usage, the probability of occurrence was  $p=0.20$  (i.e., once every 5 years); and a probability of occurrence of  $p=0.10$  (i.e., once every 10 years), which is midway between low level and high level usage, was used for moderate level usage. Table 4-3 shows how this probability of occurrence method was applied for 3 replications of low level usage.

Site parameterization used a Bonanza Creek Long Term Ecological Research (BNZ LTER) site parameterization file developed by the Natural Resource and Ecology Laboratory, Colorado State University for site characteristics. The BNZ LTER site is located 20 km south of Fairbanks, Alaska and approximately 160 km west of Fort Greely. The file was modified for each ecotype using soil survey data reported in Chapter 3, which was gathered from Fort Greely sampling plots in each of the ecotypes except the needleleaf ecotype. Additionally, climate and atmospheric nitrogen deposition data from the BIG Delta FAA/AMOS AP, AK (2001) and the NADP for North Star, AK (2001) respectively. Both are located within 30 km of Fort Greely. The equilibrium block described above allowed initial soil biogeochemistry, biomass and water parameters to equilibrate for model calibration.

Table 4-3

**Management Parameterization Matrix for Low Intensity Management Over Three Replications.**

| Scheduling<br>Matrix for Low<br>Intensity<br>Munitions Use | Replication |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                            | 1           |         |         | 2       |         |         | 3       |         |         |
|                                                            | Crater      | Cut     | Fire    | Crater  | Cut     | Fire    | Crater  | Cut     | Fire    |
| Rate                                                       | 1/10 yr     | 1/10 yr | 1/15 yr | 1/10 yr | 1/10 yr | 1/15 yr | 1/10 yr | 1/10 yr | 1/15 yr |
| Year/p                                                     | 0.1         | 0.1     | 0.067   | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.067   | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.067   |
| 1951                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1952                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1953                                                       | 1           | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1954                                                       | 1           | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1955                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1956                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1957                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1958                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 8       | 1       | 1       | 0       |
| 1959                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1960                                                       | 0           | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1961                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1962                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1963                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1964                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1965                                                       | 1           | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 0       |
| 1966                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1967                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1968                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1969                                                       | 1           | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1970                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1971                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1972                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1973                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1974                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1975                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1976                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1977                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1978                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1979                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1980                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1981                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1982                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1983                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1984                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1985                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1986                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1987                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1988                                                       | 0           | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1989                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1990                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1991                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1992                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1993                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1994                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1995                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1996                                                       | 1           | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1997                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| 1998                                                       | 0           | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 1999                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| 2000                                                       | 0           | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Total Events                                               | 5           | 5       | 3       | 5       | 5       | 15      | 2       | 2       | 8       |

Note: Highlighted numeral "1" indicates an occurrence that would be parameterized into a CENTURY schedule file. Numbers are generated by a Bernoulli method, which is characterized by a probability of success ( $p$  value), on a given trial. Bernoulli random variables have the value 0 or 1. For example, you can draw a uniform random variable in the range 0...1. If the variable is less than or equal to the probability of success, the Bernoulli random variable is assigned the value 1; otherwise, it is assigned the value 0.

The CENTURY tree.100 file was modified to reflect the study area climate and nutrient availability. This file contains various tree types that are used for forest simulations. Tree types that were modified were the Coweeta (CWT) deciduous system, which was used to represent the broadleaf ecotype; the Bonanza Creek (BNZ) coniferous system that was used to represent the needleleaf ecotype; and the Mixed (MIX) coniferous-deciduous system, which was used to represent the mixed leaf ecotype. The scrub ecotype was parameterized as a savanna system using the CWT and the Niwot (NWT) arctic tundra system. For the CWT and MIX systems, parameters controlling the optimum and maximum temperatures for production to simulate temperature effect on growth were adjusted to 15 and 32 °C, respectively. This adjustment reflects the BNZ system and better represents climate conditions for the study area. Nutrient adjustments were made during model calibration. Parameterization data for site files is at Appendix C. Tree and schedule file parameterization data are at Appendix D.

### *Model Equilibration*

Once initial parameterization was completed, a simulation run was made to determine if the models were performing correctly and reaching equilibrium. All of the models responded appropriately to schedule file growth and disturbance parameterization, as well as site and tree file parameterization. An evaluation of the total soil organic carbon (SOMTC) output variable shows that the broadleaf, mixed leaf, and needleleaf models reached equilibrium after

approximately 1,900 years of simulation time and the scrub model reached equilibrium after approximately 500 years of simulation time (Figure 4-4).

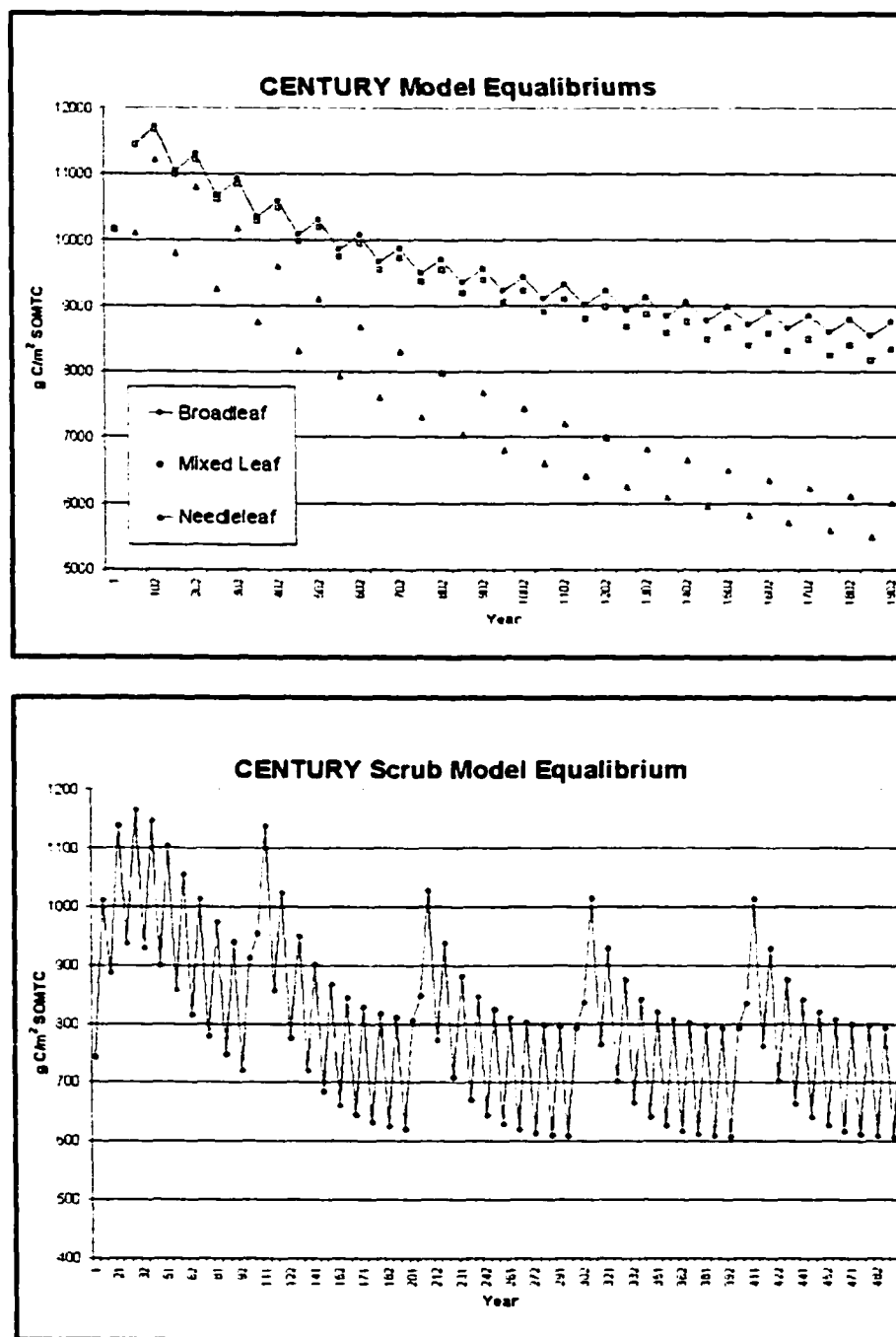


Figure 4-4. Equilibrium plots for SOMTC (Total Soil Carbon) of broadleaf, mixed leaf, needleleaf and scrub ecotypes.

## Model Calibration

CENTURY output from the end of the equilibrium block was used to evaluate and calibrate model performance for each simulated ecotype. Model calibration involved evaluating CENTURY production and soil carbon output with study site data, and data reported by the BNZ LTER site (Table 4-4).

Table 4-4

*Calibration Data Comparisons between CENTURY Output and Data Set Values.* CENTURY performance indicates how closely output matched field data. Performance goals were  $\pm 20\%$  of actual values.

| CENTURY              |              | Date Set Values |              |              | CENTURY<br>Performance* ± % |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Output Variable      | Output Value | BNZ<br>(1)      | CRREL<br>(2) | CEMML<br>(3) |                             |
| Broadleaf Model      |              |                 |              |              |                             |
| SOMTC                | 8255.852     |                 |              | 9765         | -15%                        |
| FCACC <sub>MOD</sub> | 337.7032     | 415             |              |              | -18%                        |
| RLVACC               | 172.9331     | 168             |              |              | +3%                         |
| Mixed Leaf Model     |              |                 |              |              |                             |
| SOMTC                | 7977.102     |                 |              | 9975         | -20%                        |
| FCACC <sub>MOD</sub> | 295.8715     | 356             |              |              | -19%                        |
| RLVACC               | 166.0645     | 320             |              |              | -48%                        |
| Needleleaf Model     |              |                 |              |              |                             |
| SOMTC                | 5276.377     | 5358**          |              | NA           | -2%                         |
| FCACC <sub>MOD</sub> | 158.7272     | 133             |              |              | +19%                        |
| RLVACC               | 57.9965      | 739             |              |              | -92%                        |
| Scrub Model          |              |                 |              |              |                             |
| SOMTC                | 820.3817     |                 |              | 696          | +18%                        |
| AGCACC               | 15.5121      |                 | 30.6         |              | -18%                        |
| FCACC <sub>MOD</sub> | 67.8623      |                 | 71.4         |              |                             |

\* CENTURY performance goals for SOMTC and FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> or FCACC<sub>MOD</sub>+AGCACC was  $\pm 20\%$ .

\*\* Value is from the CENTURY BNZ LTER model.

SOMTC – Total soil organic C in the simulation soil layer C including belowground structural and metabolic (g/m<sup>2</sup>). AGCACC – Growing season accumulator for aboveground C production in grams per square meter per year (g/m<sup>2</sup>/y). FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> – Growing season accumulator for C production in forest system in grams per square meter per year (g/m<sup>2</sup>/y) and does not include belowground accumulator values for coarse and fine roots. RLVACC – Growing season accumulator for C production in forest leaf compartment (g/m<sup>2</sup>/y).

### Data Set Description

### Remarks

- Bonanza Creek Long Term Ecological Research Site. Production, foliage biomass and nitrogen from LTER sites 1989 (Yane, 1989)  
[http://www.lter.uaf.edu/Data\\_catalog\\_master.cfm](http://www.lter.uaf.edu/Data_catalog_master.cfm) Data Set BNZD00108:98
- US Army, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL). Biomass Harvest, Washington Impact Area Fort Greely, Alaska Range Characterization (Bristol, 2001) CRREL Draft Report
- Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML), CSU. Soil Characterization Fort Greely, Alaska (Houston, in prep) Chapter 3 of this Dissertation

The primary CENTURY output variables used to evaluate model performance were SOMTC, and growing season accumulators for aboveground carbon production (AGCACC), and carbon production for the forest system (FCACC). FCACC output was modified (FCACC<sub>MOD</sub>) to reflect aboveground production only (i.e., coarse and fine root accumulators are not included). Carbon production in forest leaf compartment (RLVACC) was used as an additional but secondary measure of production. The performance goal for successful model calibration was  $\pm 20\%$  of field data values for SOMTC and FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> or FCACC<sub>MOD</sub>+AGCACC in the case of the scrub model. Initially, values for all of these output variables for all models were approximately 50% below observed values and they decreased over time. However, an adjustment to the symbiotic N fixation maximum for forest net production input parameter in the tree.100 file corrected this problem. All tree systems were adjusted upward from zero to 0.0003 g N fixed/g C new growth to better replicate production resulting from both historic and contemporary alder N-fixation additions (Parton personal communication; Klingensmith and Van Cleve, 1993; Van Cleve et al., 1993; Viereck et al., 1993). Also, this parameter was used to adjust ecotype models to represent observed differences between ecotypes. For example, BNZ LTER data suggest that aboveground annual production values should be highest for broadleaf forests and lowest for needleleaf forests (Yarie, 1999). Therefore, final values for this tree.100 input parameter were 0.0004, 0.0003 and 0.0002 (g N fixed/g C new growth) for CWT, MIX and BNZ tree systems, respectively.

The broadleaf and mixed leaf models were evaluated with respect to SOMTC, FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> and RLVACC and were found to perform well when compared to reported soil carbon, production and foliage biomass (Table 4-4). SOMTC values were slightly low but within 20% of soil data, and FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> values were slightly high but within 20% of production data. The RLVACC value for broadleaf was very close to production data, however the RLVACC value for mixed leaf was about 39% of the production data. This was not deemed critical since the FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> output for the mixed leaf model seemed reasonable. Overall, these models appeared to adequately represent the ecotypes they intended to simulate.

Soil data for calibrating the needleleaf model was not available for comparison with model output. Therefore, needleleaf model SOMTC values were compared to mixed leaf model values and found to be slightly lower and not grossly different from mixed leaf values. Additionally, this model used previously parameterized BNZ site and tree files that were provided with the CENTURY software package (with the exception of the site-specific parameterization mentioned earlier - i.e., climate and atmospheric deposition). Therefore, the needleleaf model was compared to the BNZ LTER model. Model output for SOMTC closely matched the BNZ LTER model. FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> output slightly over estimates BNZ LTER production data. The model greatly underestimates BNZ LTER data for RLVACC and this may introduce some uncertainty about performance of this model. However, since aboveground production is comparable to BNZ LTER production data, and SOMTC output is similar to the

BNZ LTER model, this model was considered suitable for use in the relative rate of change comparisons of soil carbon pools described earlier.

Since, the scrub ecotype was modeled as a savanna system its calibration required the use of AGCACC output to account for grassland production. Data used to estimate production was derived from biomass harvests conducted within the scrub ecotype (Bristol, 2001). Biomass for scrub the ecotype is small compared to forest ecotypes. Since most of the biomass consists of grasses, leaves and fine branches, an assumption that all the biomass that was harvested represents annual growth (i.e., ignoring the comparatively small amount of scrub large wood biomass) enables a coarse comparison with model output.

FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> output is slightly below CRREL harvest data and AGCACC output is approximately twice that of CRREL harvest. However, the sum of CENTURY FCACC<sub>MOD</sub> and AGCACC output for total aboveground output compares well (i.e., <20% difference) with total CRREL harvested biomass. Also, model output for SOMTC is within 20% of soil data. As with previous models, this model appeared to adequately represent the ecotype it was intended to simulate.

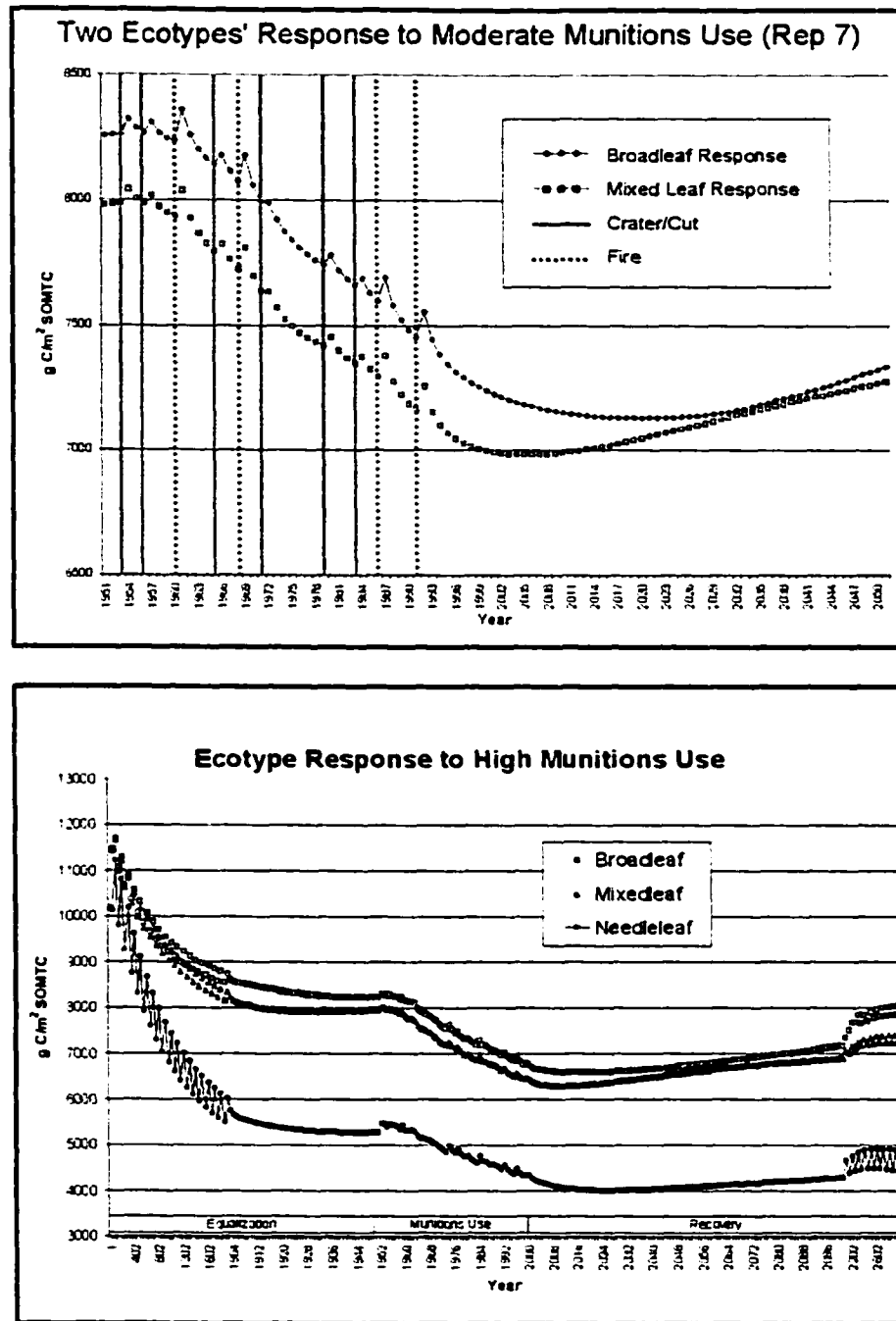
Finally, soil output variables such as net nitrogen and phosphorous mineralization annual accumulators (e.g., TNETMN(1) and TNETMN(2) respectively) and total mineral nitrogen TMINRL(1) for each modeled ecotype were evaluated and found to be reasonably similar to output generated using the CENTURY BNZ LTER model, and to soil data reported in chapter 3 of this dissertation (Metherell et al., 1993).

## Results

### *Munitions Use Effects on SOMTC*

Data generated by the 120 simulations yielded rates of response (i.e., loss) to munitions use and rates of recovery (i.e., accumulation) following munitions use for SOMTC, and the active, slow and passive SOM pools. Response rates were calculated for the 50-year period of munitions use between 1950 and 2000. Since rates of recovery generally did not show positive trends until approximately 20 years following the system's release from munitions use, these rates were calculated using output from the 20-year period between 2030-2050.

Graphical analysis of broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotype response to a single moderate munitions use level replication (Figure 4-5) shows demonstrative SOMTC responses to munitions disturbance events. Subsequent to each disturbance event period, the amount of SOMTC ( $\text{g/m}^2$ ) increases due to organic matter inputs. Following the first 3 to 4 disturbance events overall SOMTC levels decline markedly. Averaging the response over 10 replications for each ecotype by munitions use level shows the same effect (Figure 4-5). Additionally, SOMTC loss rates during munitions use appear greater than accumulation rates during recovery.



**Figure 4-5.** Ecotype responses to levels of munitions use. Top plot shows one replication of moderate level use for broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes. Note SOMTC response following a munitions use event and the overall trend in SOMTC loss. The bottom plot shows the average response (n=10 replications) for high intensity munitions use for three ecotypes (scrub ecotype is not plotted due to scale considerations).

Note change in time scale on bottom plot from 100-year increments during equalization (1-1950) to 1-year increments during munitions use and recovery (1951-2100) then back to 100-year increments from 2101 to 3001.

Individual ecotype response to munitions use levels is shown in Figures 4-6 a-d. Responses are generally similar for broadleaf, mixed leaf and needleleaf ecotypes in that higher the levels of munitions use result in higher SOMTC losses. However, the needleleaf response is slightly different because there is a small increase in SOMTC amounts during the first 10 years of munitions use. At first inspection, the scrub ecotype appears highly variable with regularly occurring peaks and troughs in SOMTC amounts. However, this is a result of the 10-year flood event that occurs throughout the simulation timeline. Closer inspection reveals that scrub response shows an overall decrease in SOMTC amounts during the munitions use period. Also, there is an initial increase in SOMTC amounts in the first one to two decades of munitions use and that subsequent to this early response, higher levels of munitions use result in higher SOMTC losses. Finally, the net decrease in SOMTC amounts for scrub is much smaller than for broadleaf, mixed leaf and needleleaf ecotypes.

Individual ecotype recovery from munitions use is similar for all ecotypes. SOMTC accumulation following release from munitions use indicates that higher levels of historical munition use result in lower amounts of accumulated SOMTC during the recovery period. Also, the rates of accumulation during the recovery period appear to be much less than the rates of loss during the munitions use period.

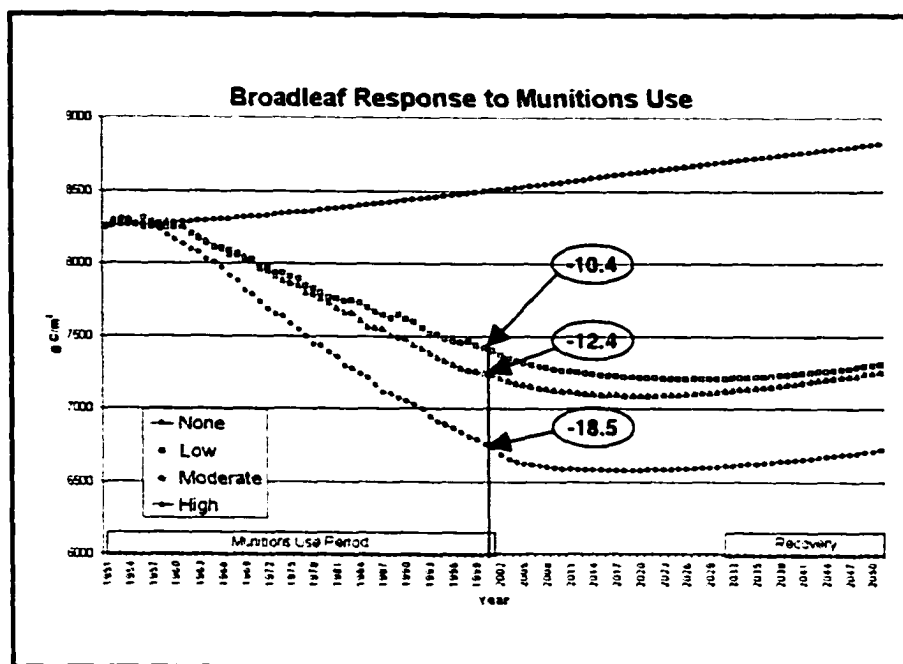


Figure 4-6a. Broadleaf ecotype SOMTC (Total Soil Organic Carbon) response to varying levels of munitions use. Percent loss during munitions use is indicated inside ovals.

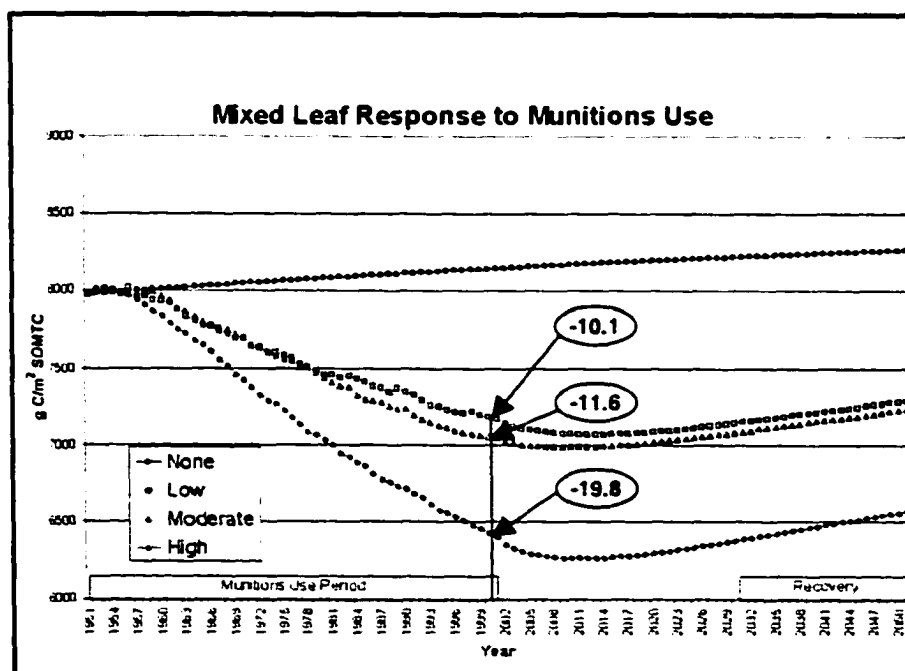


Figure 4-6b. Mixed Leaf ecotype SOMTC (Total Soil Organic Carbon) response to varying levels of munitions use. Percent loss during munitions use is indicated inside ovals.

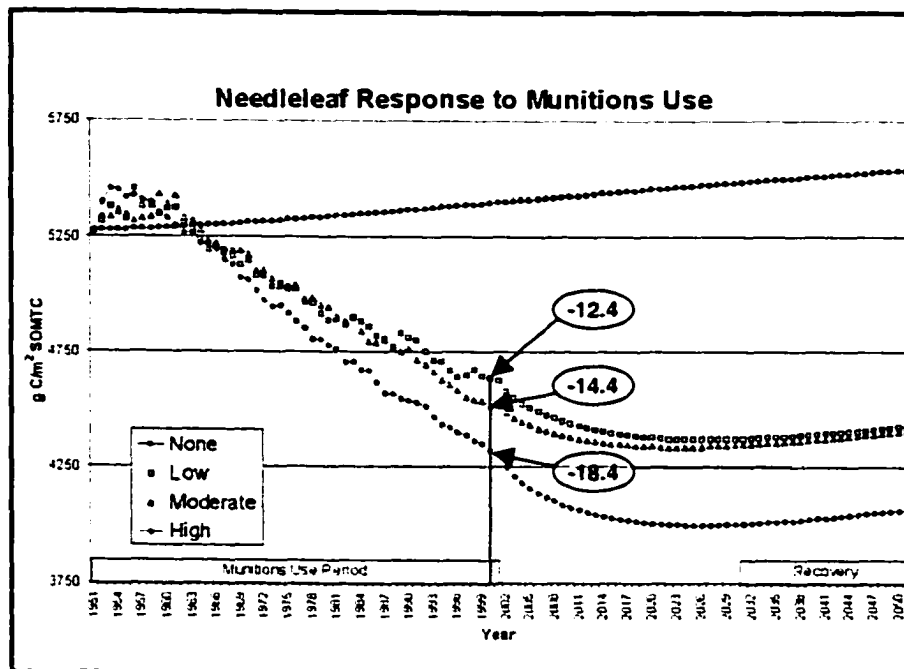


Figure 4-6c. Needleleaf ecotype SOMTC (Total Soil Organic Carbon) response to varying levels of munitions use. Percent loss during munitions use is indicated inside ovals.

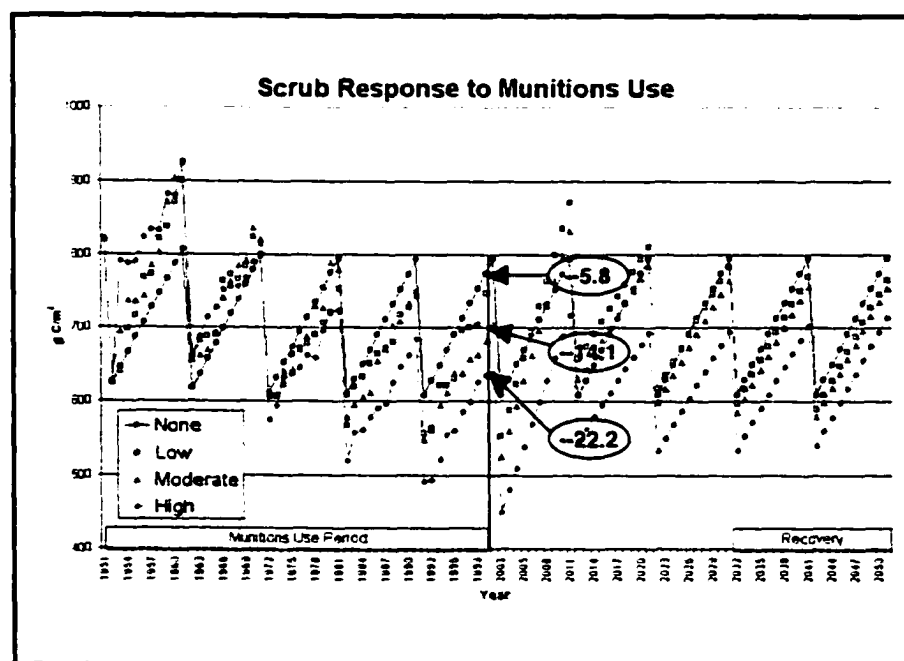


Figure 4-6d. Scrub ecotype SOMTC (Total Soil Organic Carbon) response to varying levels of munitions use. Percent loss during munitions use is indicated inside ovals.

### *ANOVA Analysis of SOMTC Rates*

Two-way ANOVA analysis shows a significant ( $F=10.66$ ,  $p<0.0001$  with model  $R^2=0.9348$ ) ecotype by munitions interaction for munitions use SOMTC response rates, and a significant ( $F=2.92$ ,  $p=0.0112$  with model  $R^2=0.8858$ ) ecotype by munitions interaction for munitions use SOMTC recovery rates (Table 4-5). Interaction plots for each of these analyses is shown at Figure 4-7. Munitions use response rates for SOMTC losses are highest for the broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes and lowest for the scrub ecotype. Generally, SOMTC response rates are significantly different ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) within ecotypes. The exceptions are for all levels of munitions use in the scrub ecotype, and for low and moderate levels of munitions use in the needleleaf ecotype. Response rates are not significantly different between ecotypes. Exceptions are the scrub ecotype, which is significantly lower than all other types, and for high munitions use level for mixed leaf ecotype, which is significantly higher than the needleleaf ecotype.

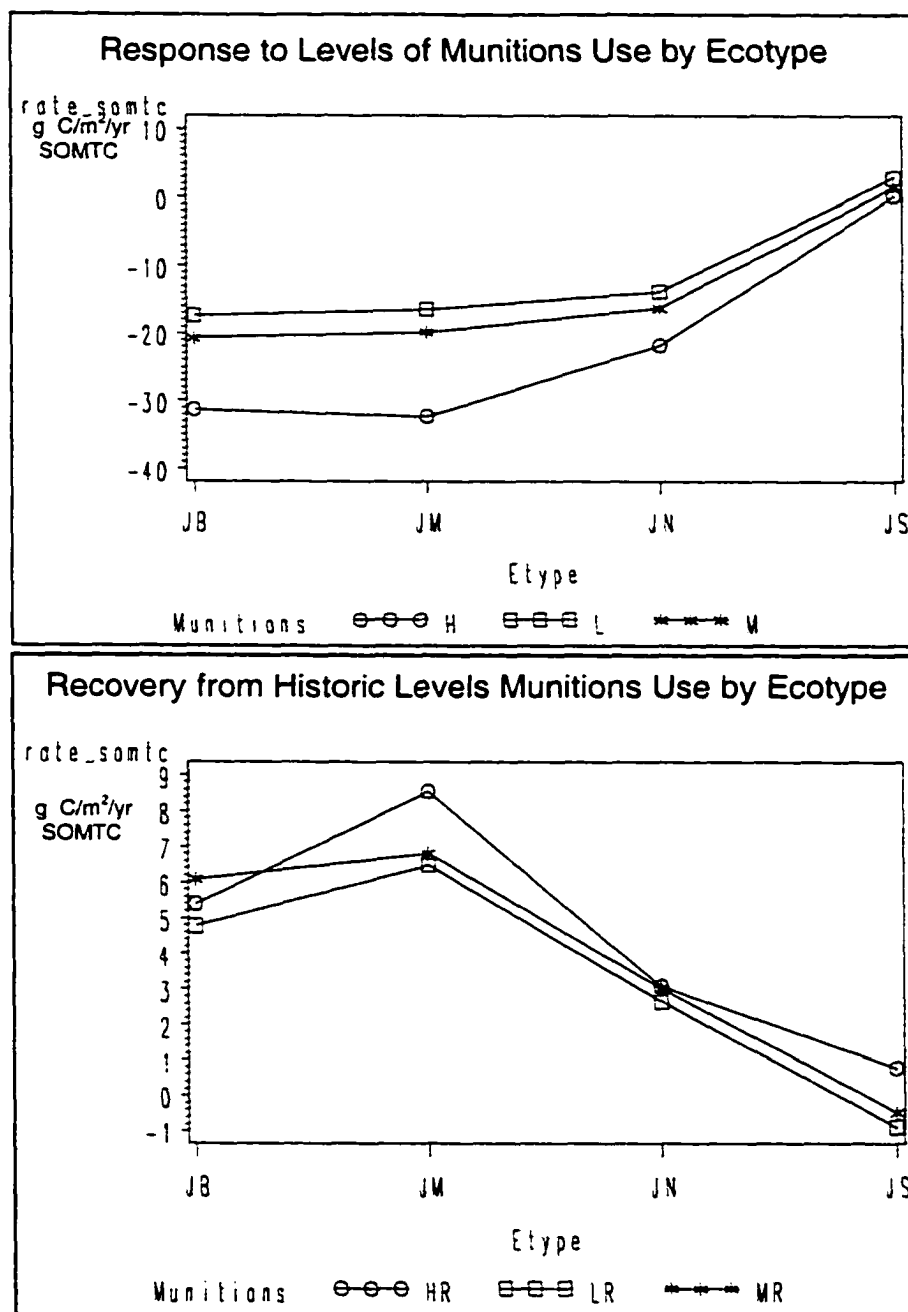
Munitions use recovery rates for SOMTC accumulation were the highest for the mixed leaf ecotype, followed by the broadleaf, and needleleaf ecotypes with the scrub ecotype displaying the lowest recovery rate. Generally, recovery rates are not significantly different within ecotypes (Figure 4-7). The exceptions are the mixed leaf and scrub ecotypes in which high level munition use history significantly decreased recovery rates. Recovery rates are significantly different between ecotypes. The exceptions are the moderate level of munition use history for broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes, and for the moderate level of munition use

Table 4-5

*Two-Way Analysis Of Variance Ecotype by Munitions Level Interactions for SOMTC Response to Munitions Use (top) and Recovery from Munitions Use (bottom).*

| Two-way ANOVA Table<br>Munitions Use SOMTC Response<br>The GLM Procedure |           |                |             |         |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Dependent Variable: SOMTC                                                |           |                |             |         |        |
| Source                                                                   | DF        | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Model                                                                    | 11        | 15058.71034    | 1368.97367  | 140.88  | <.0001 |
| Error                                                                    | 108       | 1049.49307     | 9.71753     |         |        |
| Total                                                                    | 119       | 16108.20341    |             |         |        |
| <br>                                                                     |           |                |             |         |        |
| R-Square                                                                 | Coeff Var | Root MSE       | SOMTC Mean  |         |        |
| 0.934847                                                                 | -20.19620 | 3.117295       | -15.43506   |         |        |
| Source                                                                   | DF        | Type I/III SS  | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Ecotype                                                                  | 3         | 12240.43601    | 4080.14534  | 419.87  | <.0001 |
| Munitions                                                                | 2         | 2196.85460     | 1098.42730  | 113.04  | <.0001 |
| Ecotype*Munitions                                                        | 6         | 621.41973      | 103.56995   | 10.66   | <.0001 |

| Two-way ANOVA Table<br>Munitions Use Recovery SOMTC Response<br>The GLM Procedure |           |                |             |         |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Dependent Variable: SOMTC                                                         |           |                |             |         |        |
| Source                                                                            | DF        | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Model                                                                             | 11        | 991.760606     | 90.160055   | 76.13   | <.0001 |
| Error                                                                             | 108       | 127.904847     | 1.184304    |         |        |
| Total                                                                             | 119       | 1119.665453    |             |         |        |
| <br>                                                                              |           |                |             |         |        |
| R-Square                                                                          | Coeff Var | Root MSE       | SOMTC Mean  |         |        |
| 0.885765                                                                          | 28.27064  | 1.088257       | 3.849426    |         |        |
| Source                                                                            | DF        | Type I/III SS  | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
| Ecotype                                                                           | 3         | 942.3685279    | 314.1228426 | 265.24  | <.0001 |
| Munitions                                                                         | 2         | 28.6416127     | 14.3208064  | 12.09   | <.0001 |
| Ecotype*Munitions                                                                 | 6         | 20.7504657     | 3.4584109   | 2.92    | 0.0112 |



**Figure 4-7.** Top plot shows munitions use SOMTC (Total Soil Organic Carbon) response interactions between level of munitions use and ecotype. Bottom plot shows SOMTC recovery interactions between historic levels of munitions use and ecotype.

Munitions Use Level: H – High, M – Moderate and L – Low.

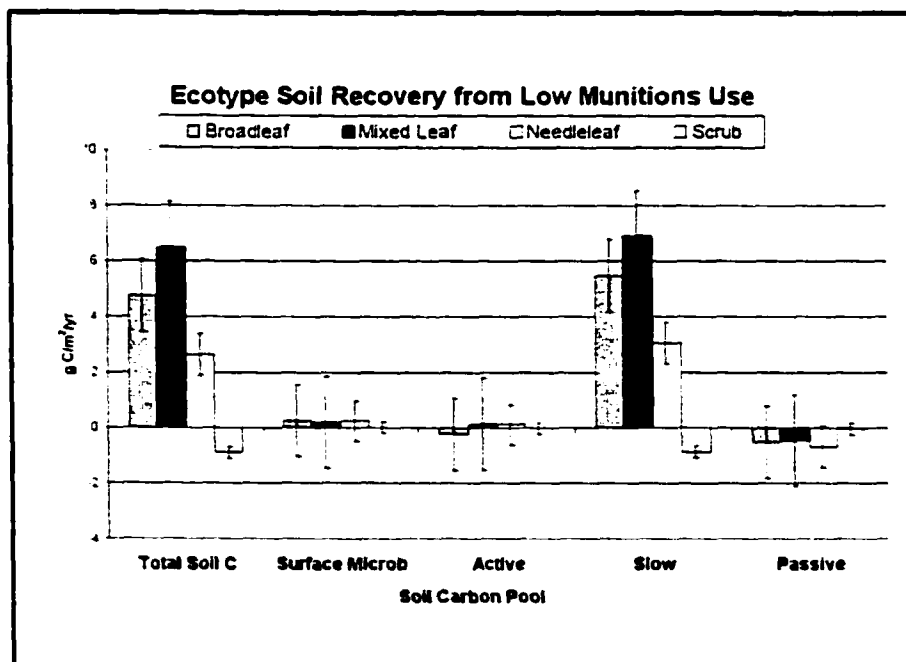
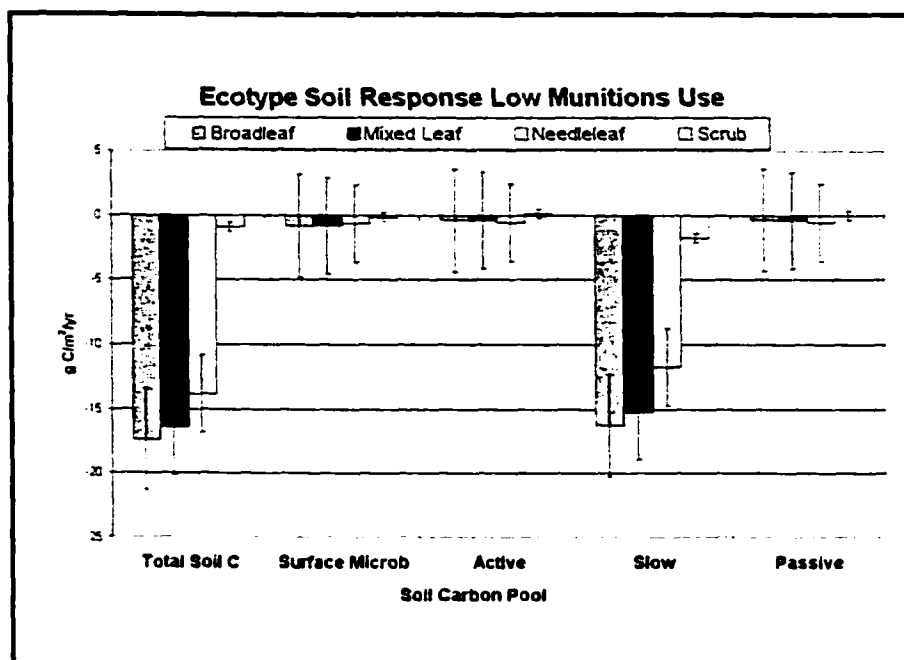
Historic Munitions Use Level: HR – High, MR – Moderate and LR – Low.

Ecotype: JB –Jarvis Creek Broadleaf, JM – Jarvis Creek Mixed Leaf, JN – Jarvis Creek Needleleaf and JS - Jarvis Creek Scrub.

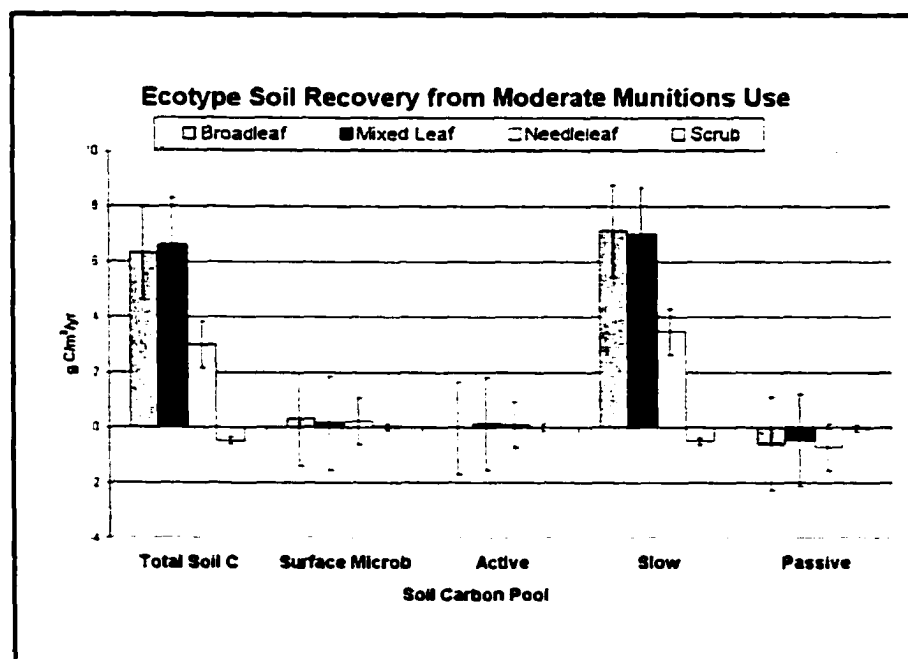
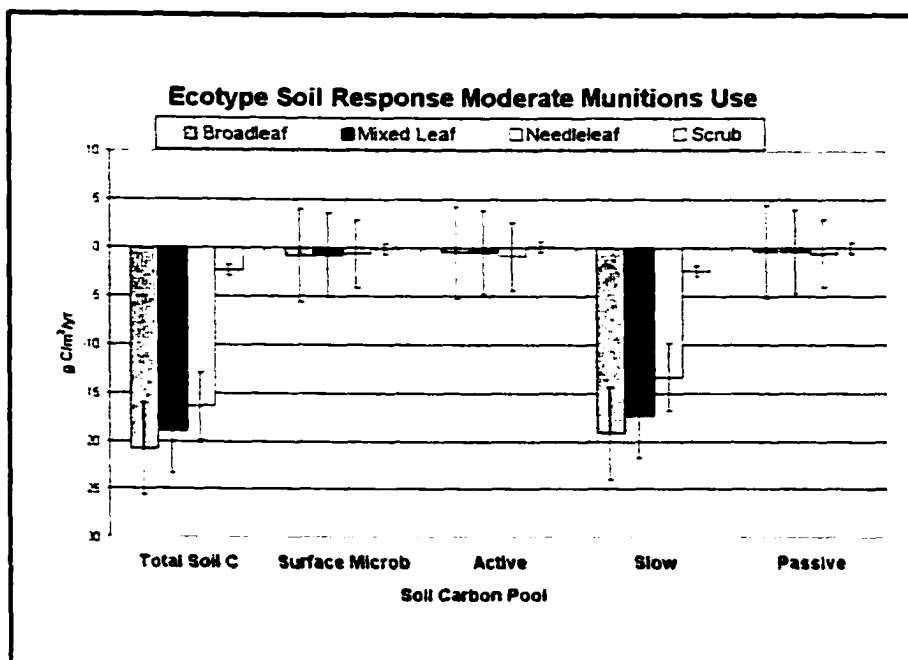
history for the broadleaf as compared to the low level of munition use history for the mixed leaf ecotypes.

### *SOM Pool Response and Recovery*

Graphical analysis of soil carbon pool response and recovery to munitions use (Figures 4-8 a-c) is consistent with the results described above. For all ecotypes, surface microbial, active, slow and passive carbon pools are negatively impacted at all levels of munitions use. Recovery rates of accumulation during the recovery period for surface microbial, active and slow pools following munitions use are positive with the exception of low and moderate munitions use history in the scrub ecotype. Recovery at these levels for scrub is negative. The passive pool for all ecotypes shows near zero to negative rates of accumulation. However, comments about all but the slow pool are be made with caution given that error associated with these observations indicates little if any differences from background rates of change.



**Figure 4-8a.** Soil component response to low levels munitions use (top) and recovery from low levels munitions use (bottom). Error bars represent standard error of plotted values.



**Figure 4-8b.** Soil component response to moderate levels munitions use (top) and recovery from moderate levels munitions use (bottom). Error bars represent standard error of plotted values.

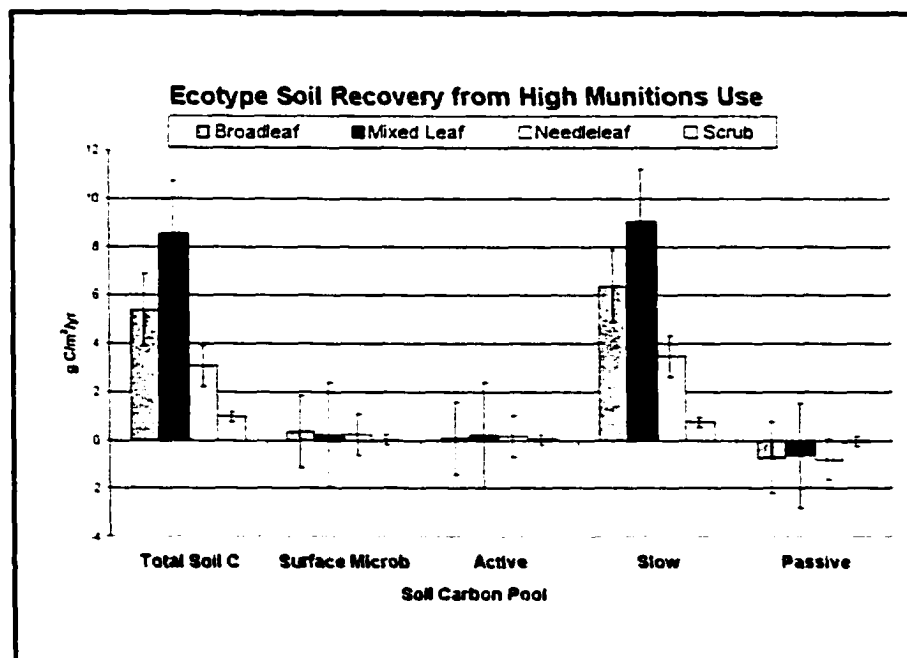
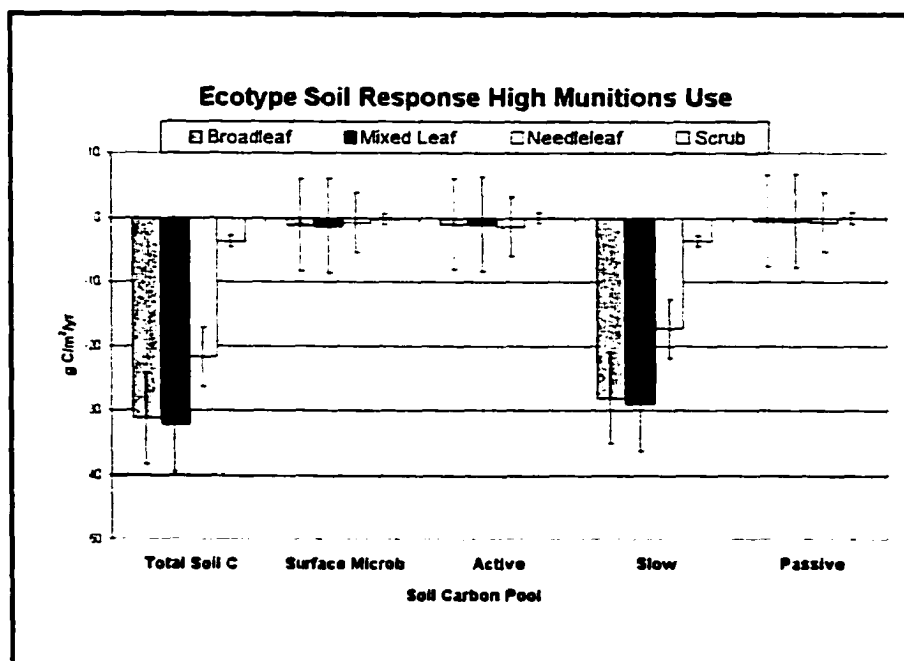


Figure 4-8c. Soil component response to high levels munitions use (top) and recovery from high levels munitions use (bottom). Error bars represent standard error of plotted values.

### *Discussion*

Soils are highly variable and so are many of driving variables controlling SOM dynamics, therefore deductions about SOM response to disturbance can be challenging (Kladravko, 2001). There are innumerable interactions between ecological settings, management practices, ecological processes and ecosystem properties (Figure 4-1) that affect the ability of ecosystems to respond to disturbances (Van Cleve et al., 1993; Viereck et al., 1993; Jorgenson et al., 2001). However, the utility of CENTURY SOM dynamics simulation is the capability to examine disturbance and ecosystem response in a controlled environment, which permits the construction meaningful correlations between disturbance and response. The first step in this process is the creation of a reliable model that provides the foundation for successful experimentation, which was the first of three research objectives of this study. Based on equilibrium and calibration simulations, it was demonstrated that CENTURY adequately predicts levels of primary production and soil carbon for modeled ecotypes and could be relied upon to provide insight into disturbance-driven SOM dynamics. Correlations developed from simulation results described above help to address research objectives 2 and 3.

### *SOMTC Response to Munitions Use*

The response of forested ecotypes (i.e., broadleaf, mixed leaf and needleleaf) to munitions use is similar both in terms of rates of loss at each level

of munitions use, and in terms of the difference of response rates between munitions use levels. The similarity of rates of loss for each munitions use level may indicate that each of these forested ecotypes has been overwhelmed by munitions use and cannot achieve intermediate recoveries. Even the lowest level of munitions use negatively impacted SOM dynamics (Figures 4-6 a-d), which indicates that the interval between disturbance is shorter than the recovery time. Therefore, the frequency of disturbance may be affecting any ability for recovery (O'Neill, 1999). In this state, soil carbon losses exceed any accumulations and munitions use is essentially depleting SOM stocks.

It is apparent from Figures 4-6 and 4-7 that the forested ecotypes' response to munitions use is not linear. This is because the relative difference in soil carbon loss rates between munitions use levels is not equal. As the level of munitions use increases from low to moderate there is a relatively small increase in soil carbon losses. However, as the level increases from moderate to high there is a relatively large increase in soil carbon loss rates. Munitions use was parameterized in a linear fashion (i.e., low and high probabilities of occurrence with moderate probabilities taking the midpoint value between low and high probabilities). The combination of more frequent cratering and more frequent fires for high levels of munitions use may produce higher than expected disturbance intensity for the munitions use period that results in significantly higher soil carbon losses. Therefore, disturbance intensity may be the non-linear driver producing the observed differences in soil carbon response rates.

The scrub ecotype represents a different set of dynamics. The parameterized natural disturbance (i.e., an overbank flood or wind erosion event every 10<sup>th</sup> year) appears to be the predominant driver for SOM dynamics and munitions use has little if any effect. Unlike the forested ecotypes, the scrub ecotype appears to be resistant to sustained soil carbon losses at lower levels of munitions use. This may be due to the influence higher grassland energy fluxes, since the scrub model represents both grassland and tree dynamics (O'Neill, 1976).

#### *SOM Pool Response to Munitions Use*

The slow carbon pool largely determines the overall soil carbon response. This may be the result from crater parameterization, since in agricultural systems this loss is associated with tillage cultivation practices (Metherell, 1992; Hao et al., 2001). The slow carbon pool has the highest rate of loss for all of the forested ecotypes (Figure 4-8). Carbon pool loss rates tend to be highest in broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes than for needleleaf ecotype, which may reflect faster organic matter decomposition rates for these ecotypes (Ågren et al., 1991; Quideau et al., 2001) and due to higher nitrogen availability that was parameterized into the tree.100 file (Klingensmith and Van Cleve, 1993; Van Cleve et al., 1993; Viereck et al. 1993). The scrub ecotype exhibited the lowest declines in slow pool carbon at all munitions use levels. This would be consistent with increased biomass inputs from the killing and cutting of vegetation and the

subsequent increased availability of nutrients in a system characterized by low productivity (Sanford et al., 1991).

Active and passive pool response analysis must be considered under the caveat mentioned in the previous section regarding their near zero differences between background rates. However, an assumption that these responses represent potential trends provides a basis for discussion. The active pool rates of loss were relatively high considering that it only represents approximately 2% of total SOM (Table 4-1) and is noteworthy considering that this pool represents the major microbial component of the soil influencing both organic material and contaminant degradation. Active and surface microbial pool losses may result from changes in environmental conditions caused by cratering such as increase aeration and changes in soil temperature (Aon et al., 2001; Kladvko, 2001). Cratering may also cause soil structural changes that affect water film and biofilm development critical to microbial contaminant degradation (Alvarez and Alvarez, 2000; Aon and Colaneri, 2001; Aon et al., 2001; Ehlers and Bouwer, 1999; Kitts et al., 2000; Kladvko, 2001).

Finally, passive pool losses (Figures 4-8 a-c) may be significant from contaminant transport perspective. Even though this pool represents almost half of total SOM, it is most responsible for a soil's cation exchange capacity (Table 4-1) and retardation of contaminant movement through the soil. Passive pool losses may be the result of increased microbial activity due to the increased availability of residue inputs caused by cutting and killing of vegetation. Once

this microbial activity has peaked, it may promote the decomposition of the more resistant passive SOM pool (Brady and Weil, 1999).

### *SOMTC Recovery from Munitions Use*

Once the system is released from munitions use SOMTC begins to recover. The level of munitions use does not appear to affect the rates of recovery within any of the ecotypes. However, the significant differences in rates of recovery between ecotypes indicate that they may be a better indicator of ecotype response than soil carbon loss rates. Observations indicating that needleleaf recovery rates were significantly lower than the other forested ecotypes is consistent with the findings of Ågren et al. (1991) and Quideau et al. (2001). They describe differences in SOM composition based on forest vegetation type and argue that because conifer forests retain more nutrients in standing biomass they are less productive than broadleaf forests. They also show that needleleaf SOM is more resistant to decomposition. This attribute produces high carbon to nutrient ratios in soils associated with needleleaf forests. As a result, nutrient deficient soil would be less capable of supporting biomass production and recovery would be limited by the rate of decomposition of needleleaf large wood carbon pools. Alternatively, in broadleaf and mixed leaf forests there is a more rapid nutrient cycling (Ågren et al., 1991; Quideau et al., 2001) between plant and soil (e.g., leaf fall), higher nitrogen availability (Klingensmith and Van Cleve, 1993; Van Cleve et al., 1993; Viereck et al., 1993), and a higher energy flux that may produce more biomass per unit time resulting

in a more resilient system (O'Neill, 1976; Harwell et al., 1977; DeAngelis, 1980; DeAngelis et al., 1989; Loreau, 1994). Finally, the approximate 20-year time it takes these forested ecotypes to begin recovery following release from munitions use indicates that there may be a hysteresis effect due to coupled SOM carbon pool and nutrient losses (O'Neill, 1999).

SOMTC in the scrub ecotype shows no sign of recovery for low and moderate levels of munitions use history and the recovery rate for high munitions use history is significantly lower than the forested ecotypes. Loreau (1994) argued that while energy flow through a system is positively correlated with resiliency, it does so independently of nutrient cycling and that it is offset by concomitant increases in system resistance. Therefore, these low rates of recovery may be indicative of a low production, resistant system that requires a longer time to show recovery.

### *SOM Pool Recovery from Munitions Use*

SOM pool recovery rates following munitions use is very low compared to rates at which SOM pools were depleted during munitions use (Figures 4-6, 7 and 8). As in SOM response to munitions use, the slow pool shows the highest rate of recovery and the most influence on recovery rates (Figures 4-8 a-c). Scrub and needleleaf ecotypes display the lowest rates with scrub rates negative for low and moderate level munitions use histories, indicating that decreased nutrient availability associated with slow pool losses may be negatively impacting these ecotypes. The active and passive pools show little to no recovery for all

ecotypes under all munitions use histories although these rates may be indistinguishable from background levels.

## Conclusion

### *CENTURY is a Useful Tool*

The use of the CENTURY SOM dynamics model proved useful in determining:

1. Whether or not SOM dynamics could be effectively modeled for the study area.
2. What the potential effects of munitions use on SOM stocks might be.
3. What ecotype influences there might be for SOM dynamics in the face of munitions use.
4. The potential management implications of munitions use in impact areas.

CENTURY simulation adequately predicted levels of primary production and soil carbon for the modeled ecotypes of Fort Greely, Alaska. From this controlled simulation environment it was determined that the level of munitions use does determine the rate of change in soil carbon stocks with higher levels resulting in higher rates of loss particularly within SOM slow pools. Yet, based on these simulations there were no distinguishable differences in ecotype response to varying levels of munitions use except for the scrub ecotype. Therefore, the classification of soils by ecotype for use in predicting soil carbon losses based on munitions use levels may not be practical as a contaminant attenuation metric. However, CENTURY simulations indicate that soil carbon

recovery rates following munitions use might be useful for this purpose. Finally, CENTURY helped identify potential management implications and areas in which future work could help in the understanding of munitions effects.

### *Management Implications*

Since SOM provides a contaminant attenuation capacity through adsorption and microbial degradation processes, range managers should be aware of activities that disrupt natural SOM dynamics. The need for awareness is amplified by the fact that munitions use also results in UXO in the very locations in which SOM dynamics are being disrupted. This work utilizing CENTURY simulation shows that munitions use appears to be a disrupting influence and that contaminant attenuation capacity could be negatively affected. The next step would be to develop a decision making tool which would help range managers determine when, where, and at what level should munitions be used in a particular ecological setting. Geospatial information systems (GIS) provide a robust platform from which to develop such a tool. A GIS for impact area management would include data layers such as targetry, topographic information, and surface and groundwater characteristics. GIS could incorporate SOM dynamics data, which could relate a soil's fraction of organic carbon to its attenuation capacity. Such a system would enable range managers to better mitigate environmental risks associated with munitions use. For example, munitions that have higher failure rates might be used in ecotypes with a relatively large passive SOM pool and targetry locations could be adjusted to

avoid excessive SOM pool losses in sensitive areas. At Fort Greely, it might be preferable to use munitions in the broadleaf or mixed leaf ecotypes since recovery rates appear higher than the scrub and needleleaf ecotypes, and because they have relatively large SOM pools. Also, range managers could schedule impact area UXO recovery operations based on soil attenuation capacity risk assessments.

### *Future Work*

Using CENTURY simulations to assess the affects of munitions use at Fort Greely have highlighted two future research needs. The first need is to better understand scrub ecotype dynamics because many of Fort Greely's impact areas are located in this ecological setting. For example, what are the reasons for the scrub ecotype's apparent resistance to sustained soil carbon losses? Is it related to nutrient levels or the natural disturbance regime? Research should focus on spatial and temporal relationships between erosion, soil carbon levels, nutrient availability and production. Results would aid in future CENTURY parameterization and better understanding of the effects of munitions use and contaminant fate and transport in this ecotype.

Secondly, research is needed to determine cratering effects on SOM pools. In this study a crater was parameterized as a tillage event in agricultural soils. However, research regarding cratering effects on soil environmental conditions and structure would provide better insight into impact area SOM dynamics.

With better understanding of munitions disturbance and SOM dynamics through the use of simulations like CENTURY, scientist and range managers would be better able to address environmental concerns regarding range and impact area contamination. Techniques such as those demonstrated in this study could help conservation and sustainability management in military ecosystems become more effective and efficient.

## CHAPTER 5

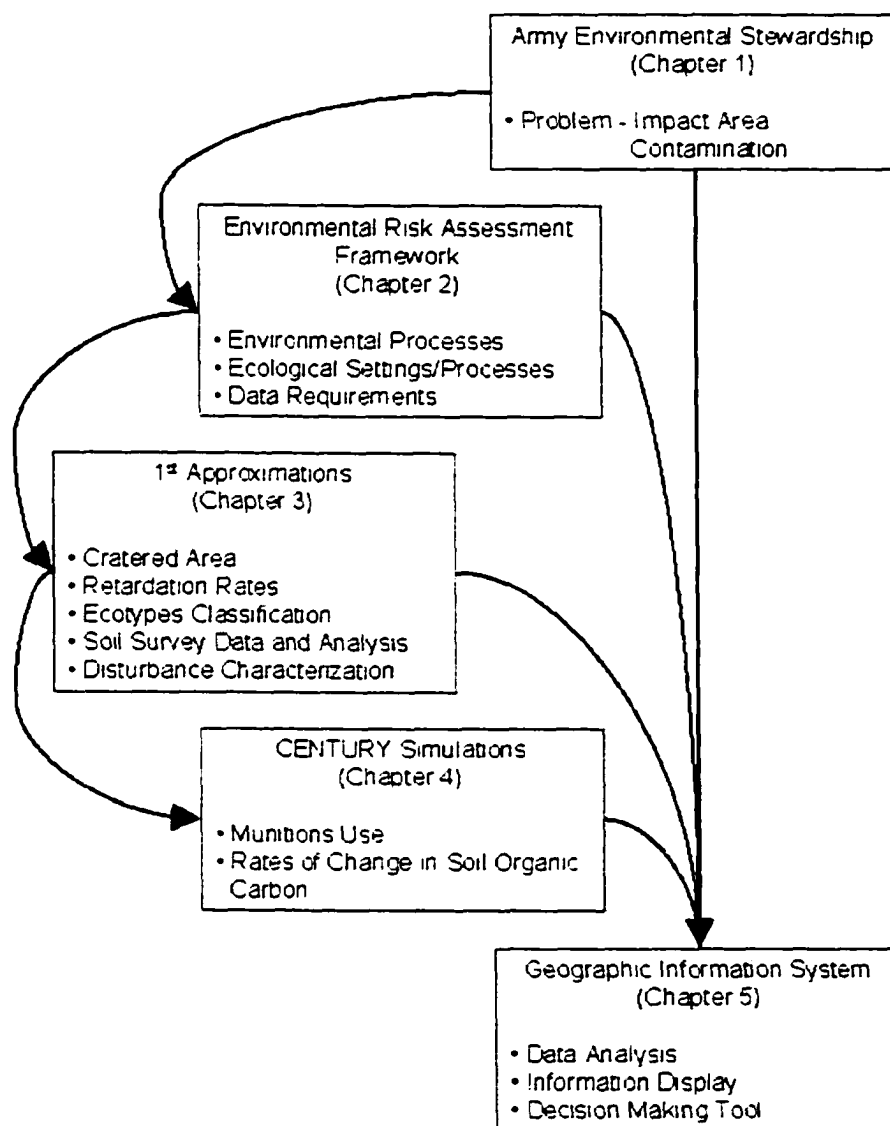
### Integrating Impact Area Environmental and Ecological Data Using Geographic Information Systems

#### Introduction

Environmental problems such as impact area contamination are extremely challenging issues. At one level they can be addressed through an application of basic physical, chemical and biological principles that readily influence them such as adsorption or biodegradation. Yet, this approach is rarely effective since at another level these environmental processes are intimately tied to ecosystem dynamics that are characterized by complex, biotic and abiotic processes and interactions that operate across a spectrum of spatial and temporal scales (Gustafson, 1998; Burke et al., 1999). This complexity often contributes to highly charged social, cultural, and political disagreements because scientists and resource managers usually view problems at different levels (Gardner, 1998; Turner, 1989). An integrative approach that merges environmental and ecosystem science that can be communicated in a meaningful way is absolutely essential when dealing with such problems. A Geographic Information System (GIS) is regarded as a logical choice for developing ecological data requirements and analysis (Levin, 1992; Luger et al., 2000; Turner, 1989). It is also a great

way to conclude this dissertation by integrating the environmental and ecological data generated in previous chapters into an applied analysis (Figure 5-1).

## GIS Integration of Environmental and Ecological Data



**Figure 5-1.** Flow diagram of the integration of environmental and ecological data into an applied analysis of impact area contamination at Fort Greely, Alaska. Arrows left of boxes indicate evolution of data development and arrows right of boxes indicate data integration into a geographic information system (GIS).

The goal in integrating GIS into this study is to describe and display ecotype attributes that can help determine soil's ability to attenuate munitions contamination. This is done through the integration of the environmental data described in chapter 2 with the environmental retardation process metric developed in chapter 3, and the ecological process of soil organic matter dynamics developed in chapter 4 into a applied GIS based management model.

This method is very similar to approaches taken by Mladenhoff and Host (1994) who developed an ecosystem management approach centered on ecological land unit mapping using physiography, landforms and soils of the lake states region for the US Forest Service. They identified ecological units using a hierarchical ranking system based on dominant controlling ecological parameters such as photosynthesis, carbon allocation and soil processes. They also identified that soil organic matter turnover and nutrient mineralization is the least developed area of research.

Maurer (2000) examined an ecosystem's ability to influence chemical contamination utilizing dissolved oxygen as an analytical parameter. He scored and reclassified these values using an Environmental Protection Agency natural attenuation assessment protocol. Using these reclassified grids he created a site map overlay to describe the natural attenuation potential of a site based on the dissolved oxygen analytical parameter.

In the case of munitions contamination, locations within impact areas are evaluated based on retardation capacities determined by soil organic carbon

dynamics. These locations within the impact area are then assigned condition codes that describe their contaminant attenuation capacity. This is similar to approaches that use attribute ranking within databases (Ball, 2000; Bejleri et al., 2000; Maurer, 2000) to help determine vital tasks such as restoration priorities (Palik et al., 2000).

The utility of GIS is the ability to gather and organize various forms of spatial and temporal data. One of the most useful types of data available to ecosystem scientists is scale-sensitive, remotely sensed georeferenced spectral data (Turner, 1989). It is valuable because it can efficiently cover large and sometimes inaccessible areas (Steele, 2000). While there are many challenges in discerning ecological processes from remotely sensed data because of issues like temporal variability (Green, 1994), if it is correlated to appropriate field data it can be a very powerful tool. Peters and Hauff (2000) described remote sensing techniques used for detection and characterization of toxic substances. They demonstrated that by using Thematic Mapper (TM) data as a screening evaluation to focus efforts followed by the use of hyperspectral sensors and ground studies they were able to prioritize sites and focus field efforts. Similarly, the first step in this study was to process and analyze satellite derived multi-spectral data to evaluate ecotypes in the study area to determine soil-sampling locations. Data from this soil survey was then used to parameterize CENTURY soil organic matter dynamics simulations, which generated estimated soil organic carbon response rate data for each ecotype. Therefore, the multi-spectral data

used in this represents the starting point for data collection that ultimately was organized and developed in a GIS.

## Objectives

The objectives for this chapter are to:

1. Describe a remote sensing approach for site evaluation and field data collection.
2. Use GIS to model the soil carbon status of ecotypes in response to Trinitrotoluene (TNT) munitions use.
3. Use GIS to display the soil carbon status of ecotypes for use in range and impact area management for TNT munitions.

## Methods

### *Computer-Analysis of Remote Sensed Data*

The process of using computer-aided analysis of remotely sensed data involved four steps. The first step was identifying and obtaining the appropriate image. Next, was to classify spectral signatures using computer-aided techniques into the desired informational categories or ecotypes. Then, appropriate soil sampling and classification verification locations were determined for the georeferenced ecotypes. The final step was to assess the accuracy of the classification process using verification data.

Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper (ETM+) images were reviewed using the United States Geological Survey Earth Explorer web site (<http://edcsns17.cr.usgs.gov>) using Latitude and Longitude coordinates (NW

corner –147.04.00W, 64.20.00N and SE corner – 145.23.00W, 63.39.00N) to obtain a listing of metadata records for all available imagery of the area. Candidate images were reviewed based on the lowest available aggregate cloud cover and acquisition dates from June to early September to maximize temporal variability of vegetation growth for as many of the potentially present vegetation classes while at the same time avoiding snow cover at higher elevations. Additionally, the image had to be recently acquired (i.e., no more than 2 years old) in order to maintain a high degree of mapping confidence. A Landsat 7 ETM+ scene of the area taken on 10 September 1999 (path 67, row 15) with zero aggregate cloud cover was obtained through US Army Space Command Remote Sensing unit in Colorado Springs, Colorado and the Topographic Engineering Center, Fort Belvoir, Maryland.

The classification process began with the collection of reference data for Fort Greely, Alaska. This was obtained from the US Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, in Hanover, New Hampshire. They provided a report titled, "An Ecological Land Survey for Fort Greely, Alaska" authored by Jorgenson et al. (2001). Their field data was collected between 1996 and 1998 and consists of 253 surveyed reference points and 126 surveyed verification points that describe the major cover types found on the Fort Greely reservation.

Computer-aided processing of the image was accomplished using ERDAS Imagine (© 2001 ERDAS, Inc.) software. The scene was subsetting to capture the area of Jarvis Creek area interest as well as the Fort Greely reservation (the

Jarvis Creek control area description can be found in chapter 3). At this point, no enhancement was made to the image to preserve the spectral reflectance characteristics of the pixels. The scene had cloud cover and cloud shadow in the southeastern portion of the image centered over the Washington impact area (Appendix D, Photo 7).

A supervised classification of the scene was made using the reference and verification data generated by CRREL (Jorgenson et al., 2001). Reference point data was converted into an Arcview (© 2000, ESRI Inc.) cover, which was then brought displayed in Imagine. Attribute information was obtained for each reference point using the same cover in an Arcview 3.2 (© 2000, ESRI Inc.) environment. Using the Imagine region-growing tool for all seed pixels (Area constrained = 100 pixels and Euclidean Distance = 20), pixels were selected that corresponded to the appropriate cover type. These seed pixels were then used to grow training polygons of similar spectral reflectance. This procedure was repeated for all of the usable reference points. For significant cover types without reference points (e.g. bare exposed rock, glacier, snow, road, agriculture) training polygons were delineated based on a manual image interpretation of CIR composites of the September scene. Informational categories are listed in Table 5-1.

During this process, there was some overlap of training polygons of different reference classes. A best estimate of which polygon to use based upon a seed pixel's proximity to an edge signature. A polygon whose seed pixel was best encompassed by similar pixels (i.e., farthest from pixels of different color)

was retained. Reference points associated with cloud and cloud shadows were not used. Upon completion of the training polygon selection process 68 polygons

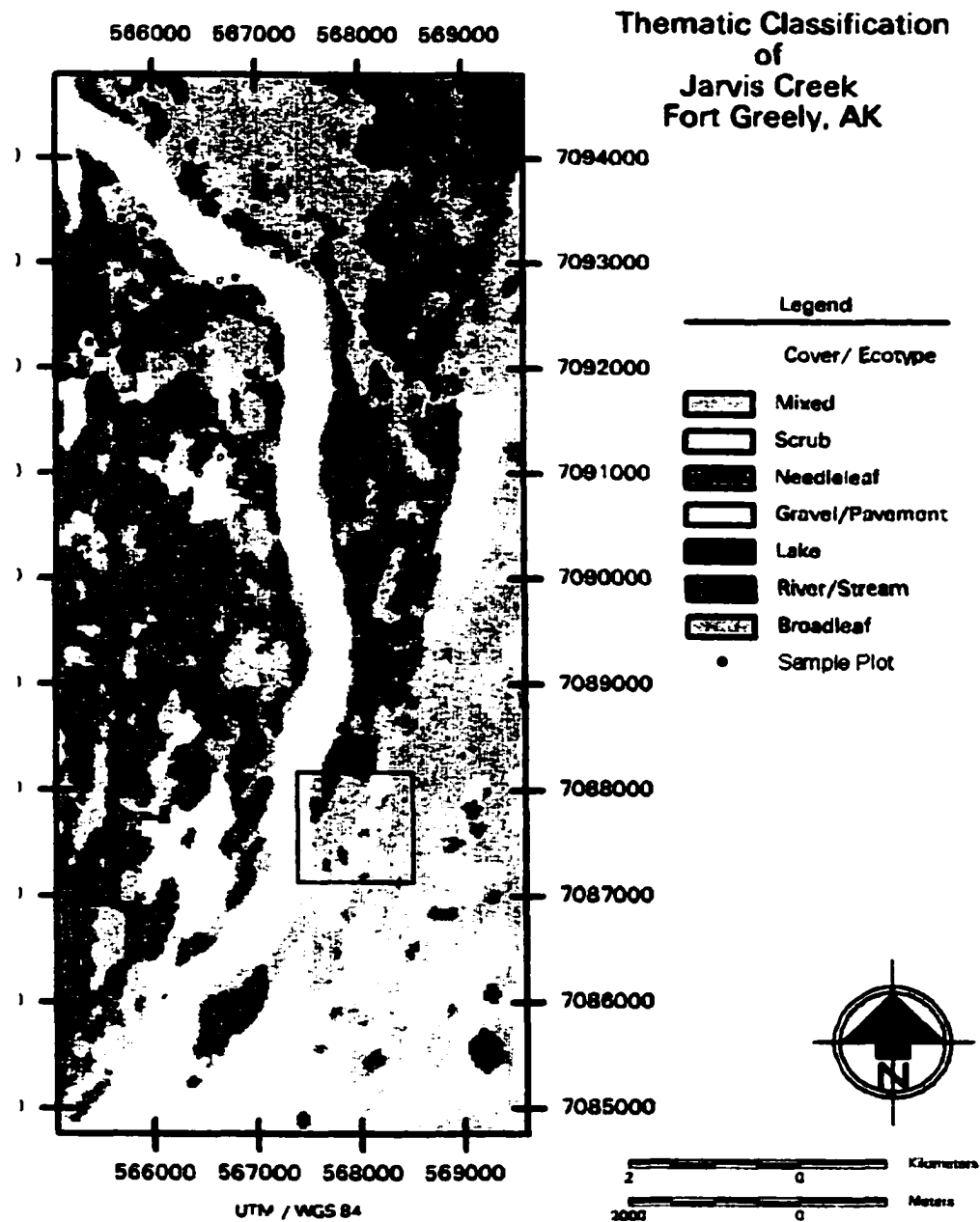
Table 5-1

*Informational Categories Used for a Supervised Classification of a Landsat 7 ETM+ Scene Taken on 10 September 1999 (path 67, row 15) Fort Greely, Alaska.*

| Level 1 Classification | Level 2 Classification                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Water                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River</li> <li>• Pond and Lake</li> </ul>                                                         |
| Vegetative Cover       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadleaf Forest</li> <li>• Needleleaf Forest</li> <li>• Mixed Forest</li> <li>• Scrub</li> </ul> |
| Gravel/Pavement        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Bare Exposed Rock</li> <li>• Barrens</li> </ul>                                  |
| Agricultural Land      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural</li> </ul>                                                                           |
| Snow Cover             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glacier</li> <li>• Snow</li> </ul>                                                                |

generated by seed pixels had been obtained along with 12 polygons generated by manual polygon selection for a total of 80 spectral classes. A maximum likelihood algorithm was used to classify the whole image based on the 80 training spectral classes. A signature seperability analysis was performed on the spectral classes using the transform divergence method for all 1-6 bands of information. This generated 2,926 pair-wise comparisons. Spectral classes that were similar based on signature seperability analysis were merged, and signatures that were impossible to distinguish from others were deleted. This brought the number of signatures for spectral classes down to 43. Like cover classes (e.g. Scrub 1 + Scrub 2 + ... Scrub *i*, etc) were then combined based on histogram evaluations using a recode process resulting in mapping set of 8 cover

classes. Finally, these cover classes were recolored to better distinguish patterns. The classified image was processed with a 5X5-majority filter, which greatly enhanced its appearance. A map of the Jarvis Creek area of Fort Greely, Alaska was generated from this image (Figure 5-2).



**Figure 5-2.** Thematic classification of Jarvis Creek, Fort Greely, Alaska. Box indicates area that was used for GIS modeling of soil organic carbon status.

From this map, over 100 discrete or non-overlapping and homogenous candidate sampling plots were identified using a random point generator within ERDAS Imagine (© 2001 ERDAS, Inc.). Actual field sampling locations, which doubled as verification points were randomly selected from this population. For small sampling areas such as the Jarvis Creek control area, with homogeneous cover-types, Jensen (1996) suggests that the total number of verification points can be estimated by the formula:

$$N = \frac{Z^2 (p) (q)}{E^2} \quad \text{where,}$$

$Z$  is the standard normal deviate for the 95% two-sided confidence interval,  
 $p$  is the expected percent accuracy,  
 $q = 100-p$  and  
 $E$  is the allowable error.

For this study,  $Z = 1.96$ ,  $p = 85\%$ ,  $q = 15\%$ , and  $E = 10\%$  yielding an  $N = 49$  points which were allocated across the four ecotypes of interest, which were scrub, broadleaf, mixed leaf and needleleaf.

Based on vegetative growth patterns, the classified image that appeared to satisfactorily classify cover types. The classified image appeared to emulate the transitions between river, barren, scrub, mixed leaf, broadleaf and needleleaf forested areas, and it seemed to accurately classified lakes and ponds and agricultural areas. Overall classification accuracy was 78.3% (Table 5-2). However, classification of three of the four riverine ecotypes was exceptionally accurate. Mapping of scrub, broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes resulted in 100%, 90% and 89% User's Accuracy respectively and the Kappa statistics

Table 5-2

*Error Matrix, Mapping Accuracy and Kappa Statistics for Ecotype Classification of the Jarvis Creek Area at Fort Greely, Alaska.* Overall Accuracy is a measure of total correctly classified pixels versus the total number of pixels. Producer's Accuracy indicates the probability that a reference pixel is correctly classified and User's Accuracy indicates the probability that the reference pixel actually represents the cover type found on the ground. Kappa statistic is a measure of overall accuracy that accounts for row and column error.

## CLASSIFICATION ACCURACY ASSESSMENT REPORT

## ERROR MATRIX

| Classified Data   | Reference Data |       |                   |                 |                  | Row Total |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
|                   | Mixed Forest   | Scrub | Needleleaf Forest | Gravel Pavement | Broadleaf Forest |           |
| Mixed Forest      | 8              | 0     | 1                 | 0               | 0                | 9         |
| Scrub             | 0              | 14    | 0                 | 0               | 0                | 14        |
| Needleleaf Forest | 3              | 4     | 7                 | 0               | 2                | 16        |
| Gravel/Pavement   | 0              | 0     | 1                 | 9               | 1                | 11        |
| Broadleaf Forest  | 1              | 0     | 0                 | 0               | 9                | 10        |
| Column Total      | 12             | 18    | 9                 | 9               | 12               |           |

Overall Classification Accuracy = 78.33%

## ACCURACY TOTALS

| Class Name        | Reference Totals | Classified Totals | Number Correct | Producers (Column) Accuracy | Users (Row) Accuracy |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Mixed Forest      | 12               | 9                 | 8              | 66.67%                      | 88.89%               |
| Scrub             | 18               | 14                | 14             | 77.78%                      | 100.00%              |
| Needleleaf Forest | 9                | 16                | 7              | 77.78%                      | 43.75%               |
| Gravel/Pavement   | 9                | 11                | 9              | 100.00%                     | 81.82%               |
| Broadleaf Forest  | 12               | 10                | 9              | 75.00%                      | 90.00%               |
| Totals or Average | 60               | 60                | 47             | 79.45%                      | 80.89%               |

KAPPA ( $K^A$ ) STATISTICS

Overall Kappa Statistics = 0.7289

Conditional Kappa for each Category.

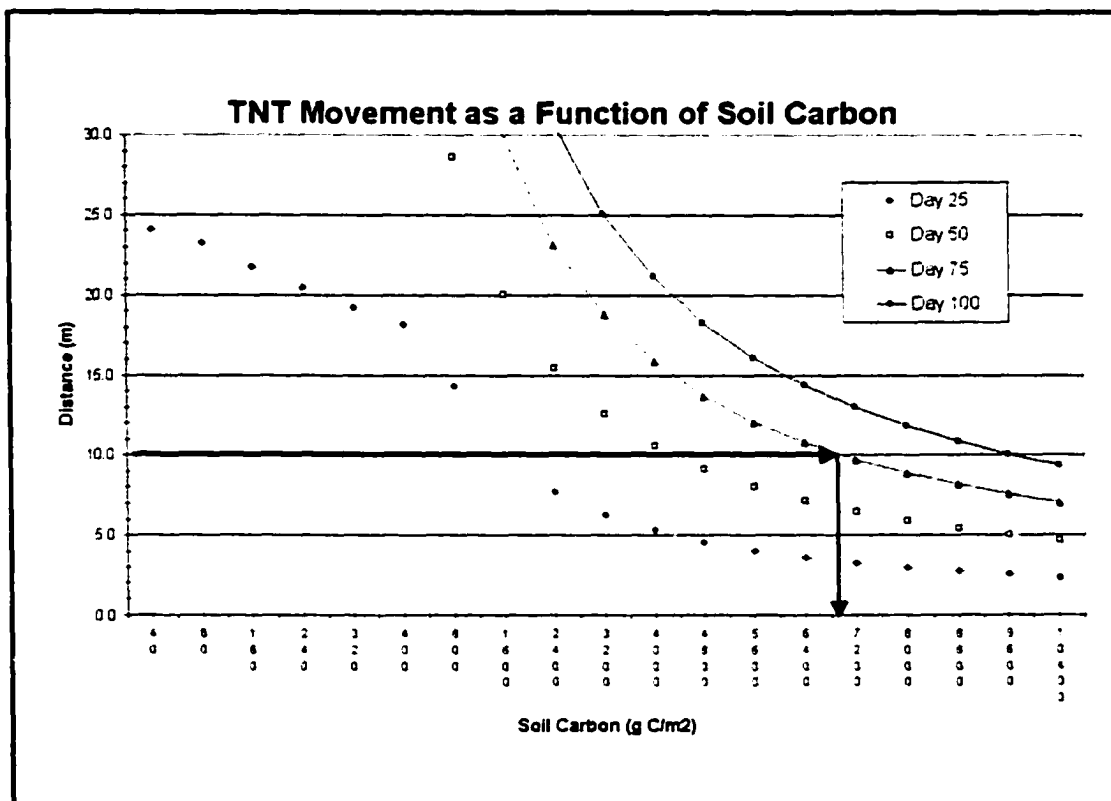
| Class Name        | Kappa  |
|-------------------|--------|
| Mixed Forest      | 0.8611 |
| Scrub             | 1      |
| Needleleaf Forest | 0.3382 |
| Gravel/Pavement   | 0.7861 |
| Broadleaf Forest  | 0.875  |

describing classified versus reference data were equally as good. Needleleaf ecotype was not accurately classified due to confusion with the other three ecotypes. This was probably due to verification interpretation of the dominant canopy present during sampling. Of note was the classification's ability to map scrub ecotype, which is the predominant ecotype of the Washington impact area and of other impact areas on Fort Greely. It had a user's accuracy of 100%.

### *Soil Carbon Threshold Levels Analysis*

Soil carbon level thresholds needed to be established prior to the GIS modeling effort in order to define a soil's ability to attenuate TNT contamination. Since soil organic carbon is influential in contaminant movement through the soil, a combination of environmental and ecological process parameters were used to determine appropriate threshold levels at which ecotype soil carbon status would change condition from "Green" to "Amber" to "Red" (i.e. good to fair to poor contaminant attenuation capacity respectively). First, an evaluation of TNT rate of movement through the soil using retardation factor calculations described in Chapter 3 provided an indication of the required appropriate minimum level of total soil carbon. For this determination several assumptions were made beyond those already made regarding retardation factor formula development and CENTURY model validity. The first assumption was that since the broadleaf soil carbon losses due to munitions use was the greatest of all the ecotypes it would serve as a base-line response for all ecotypes. The second assumption was that TNT contamination should not move more than 10m in a 75-day period due to

TNT-soil adsorption in order to allow for contaminant transformation. Based on TNT movement contour lines (Figure 5-3) this yielded a required soil carbon value of approximately 6,800 g C/m<sup>2</sup>. This represents a 20% reduction for the broadleaf ecotype (Figure 4-6) and was used as the initial “Red” threshold response for all ecotypes. The initial “Amber” threshold response value was set at 10% or mid-way between no response and the “Red” threshold response.



*Figure 5-3.* TNT movement as a function of soil carbon. Contour lines represent the distance traveled by TNT contaminant for a soil carbon value at Day 25, 50, 75 and 100. Arrows show how the “Red” threshold soil carbon value for TNT movement was derived. Maximum TNT movement distance was 10 meters in 75 days. This represents a soil carbon requirement of approximately 6,800 g C/m<sup>2</sup>.

These response thresholds were then adjusted for each ecotype using a weighting system based on recovery rates generated by CENTURY simulation described in Chapter 4. Simulation indicated that the mixed leaf ecotype showed

greater recovery rates than the other ecotypes (Figure 4-7). Therefore, no change was made to its threshold response (Table 5-3). The broadleaf ecotype was approximately 1 g C/m<sup>2</sup>/yr below that of the mixed leaf ecotype. Since it does not recover as quickly as the mixed leaf ecotype its threshold responses were reduced by a resiliency factor of 0.9. The needleleaf ecotype was slower to recover than the mixed leaf ecotype by approximately 3 g C/m<sup>2</sup>/yr. Therefore, its threshold response was reduced by a resiliency factor of 0.7. Adjusting the scrub ecotype thresholds using the same logic would have reduced them beyond what was deemed reasonable given that the scrub ecotype demonstrated little or no losses during munitions use, but since it did have the lowest recovery its threshold response was reduced by a resiliency factor of 0.6. These threshold percentages were applied to soil carbon initial values to determine soil carbon threshold values (Table 5-3).

#### *GIS Soil Attenuation Capacity Model*

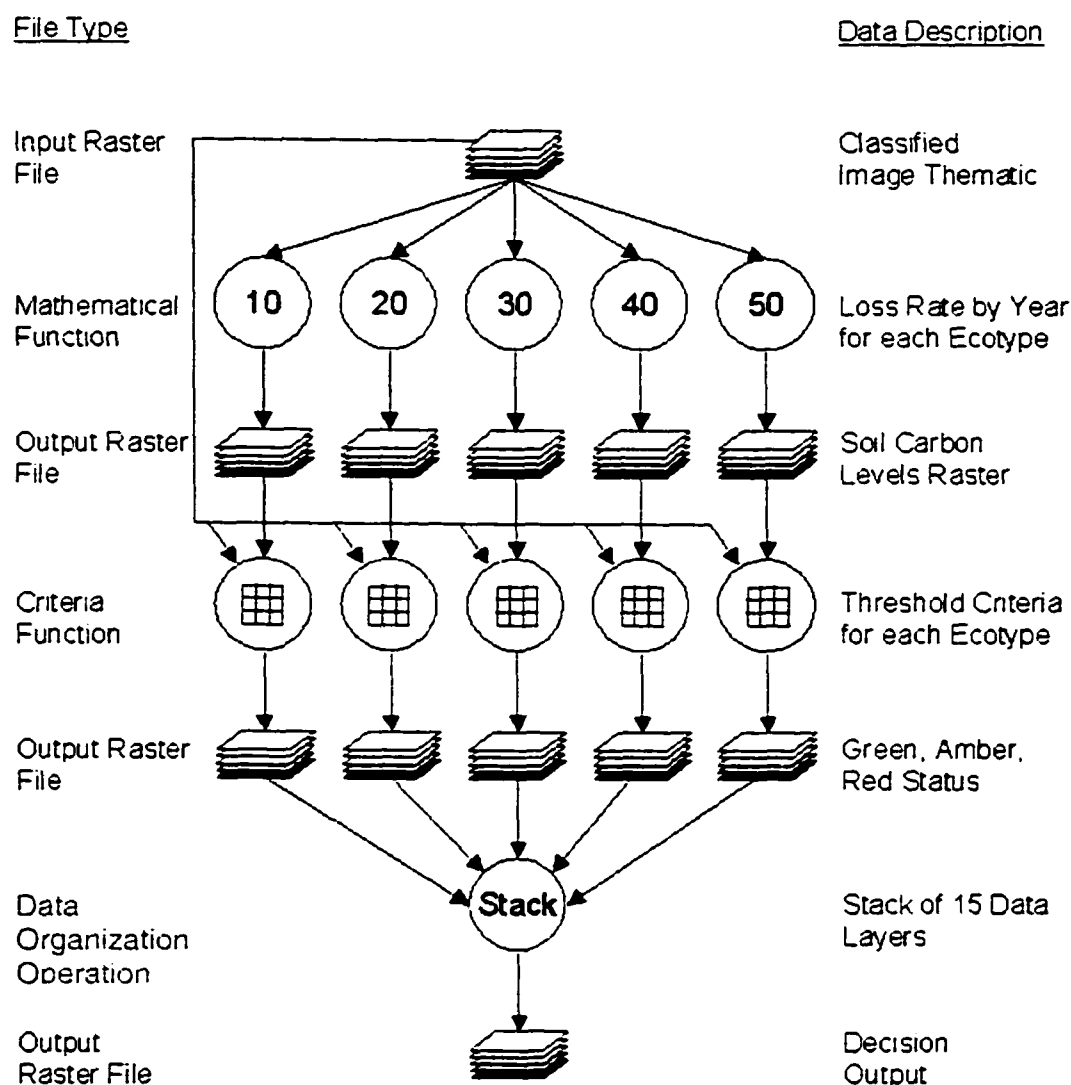
Development of a GIS retardation factor model (Figure 5-4) began by combining the classification data described with its associated soil property attributes (i.e., the soil property data described in Chapter 3) and soil organic matter dynamics attributes (i.e., the rates of change in soil organic carbon described in Chapter 4). ERDAS Imagine (© 2001 ERDAS, Inc.) was used as the GIS modeling environment. The classified thematic data was processed using 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50-year soil organic carbon munitions use loss rate functions for each ecotype. This produced soil organic carbon values for each

Table 5-3

*Initial Soil Organic Carbon Levels, Response Rates (derived from CENTURY simulations in Chapter 4) and Thresholds for Each Ecotype in the GIS Model for Munitions Use at Fort Greely, Alaska. Resiliency factors represent recovery differences between ecotypes.*

|                                                          | Scrub                                                                          | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Initial Soil Organic Carbon Levels (g C/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 820                                                                            | 8255      | 7977       | 5276       |
| Munitions Use Level                                      | CENTURY derived soil organic carbon loss rate (g C/m <sup>2</sup> /yr)         |           |            |            |
| Low                                                      | -0.949                                                                         | -17.396   | -16.386    | -13.839    |
| Moderate                                                 | -2.309                                                                         | -20.826   | -18.959    | -16.352    |
| High                                                     | -3.648                                                                         | -31.312   | -32.293    | -21.776    |
| Munitions Use Level                                      | CENTURY derived soil organic carbon rates of recovery (g C/m <sup>2</sup> /yr) |           |            |            |
| Low                                                      | -0.889                                                                         | 4.762     | 6.484      | 2.648      |
| Moderate                                                 | -0.476                                                                         | 6.310     | 6.617      | 3.004      |
| High                                                     | 0.971                                                                          | 5.389     | 8.545      | 3.076      |
| Threshold Calculations                                   |                                                                                |           |            |            |
| Resiliency Factor applied to 10% and 20% losses          | 0.6                                                                            | 0.9       | 1          | 0.7        |
| Amber Percent Loss                                       | 6                                                                              | 9         | 10         | 7          |
| Red Percent Loss                                         | 12                                                                             | 18        | 20         | 14         |
| Amber Threshold                                          | 770.8                                                                          | 7512.1    | 7179.3     | 4906.7     |
| Red Threshold                                            | 721.6                                                                          | 6769.1    | 6381.6     | 4537.4     |

# GIS Model of Soil Attenuation Capacity



**Figure 5-4.** Geographic information system (GIS) model flow diagram describing model operations, and input and output files. The classified thematic data was processed using 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50-year soil organic carbon munitions use loss rate functions for each ecotype. This produced soil organic carbon values for each ecotype for the end of each of the periods. Classified thematic data was compared to soil organic carbon values for each ecotype for the end of each of the period of munitions use using thresholds as a criteria function. Output from this operation went to a soil organic carbon status file for each period and was recoded to "Green," "Amber" or "Red" status. Finally, the layers were compiled into one output file with 15 layers of information representing three soil carbon statuses for each 10-year period.

ecotype for the end of each of the periods. This data was then compared to the threshold values described above. Classified thematic data was compared to soil organic carbon values for each ecotype for the end of each of the period of munitions use using thresholds as a criteria function and output to a soil organic carbon status file for each period. If the soil organic carbon value for an ecotype was less than a threshold value, it was coded the appropriate condition level. For example, if the soil organic carbon values for the scrub ecotype was less than 770.8, but greater than 721.6 g C/m<sup>2</sup> (Table 5-3) it was coded as an “Amber” soil carbon status. Status files were then compiled into thematic layers or images that can be displayed for use as a decision making tool.

#### *Soil Carbon Status GIS Display*

In addition to the original classification, 15 thematic images of the effects of low, moderate and high levels of munitions use in scrub, broadleaf, mixed leaf, and needleleaf ecotypes for each time period were displayed in the ERDAS Imagine (© 2001 ERDAS, Inc.) viewer. Ordering the images by time period for each munitions level enables the user to compare soil organic carbon responses for each ecotype. There are several ways to display the results on a computer monitor. These include using multiple viewing windows, using the ERDAS Imagine (© 2001 ERDAS, Inc.) “swipe” function that allows the top layer to be lifted or dropped over the next layer as if it were an overlay, or the opacity of the top layer can be decreased so that the lower layer is visible. However, for results and discussion purposes for this study the images were converted to image files

that could be displayed in a document or in standard presentation software. Additionally, for demonstration purposes, a small portion (approximately 1x1 km area) of the output image was displayed.

## Results and Discussion

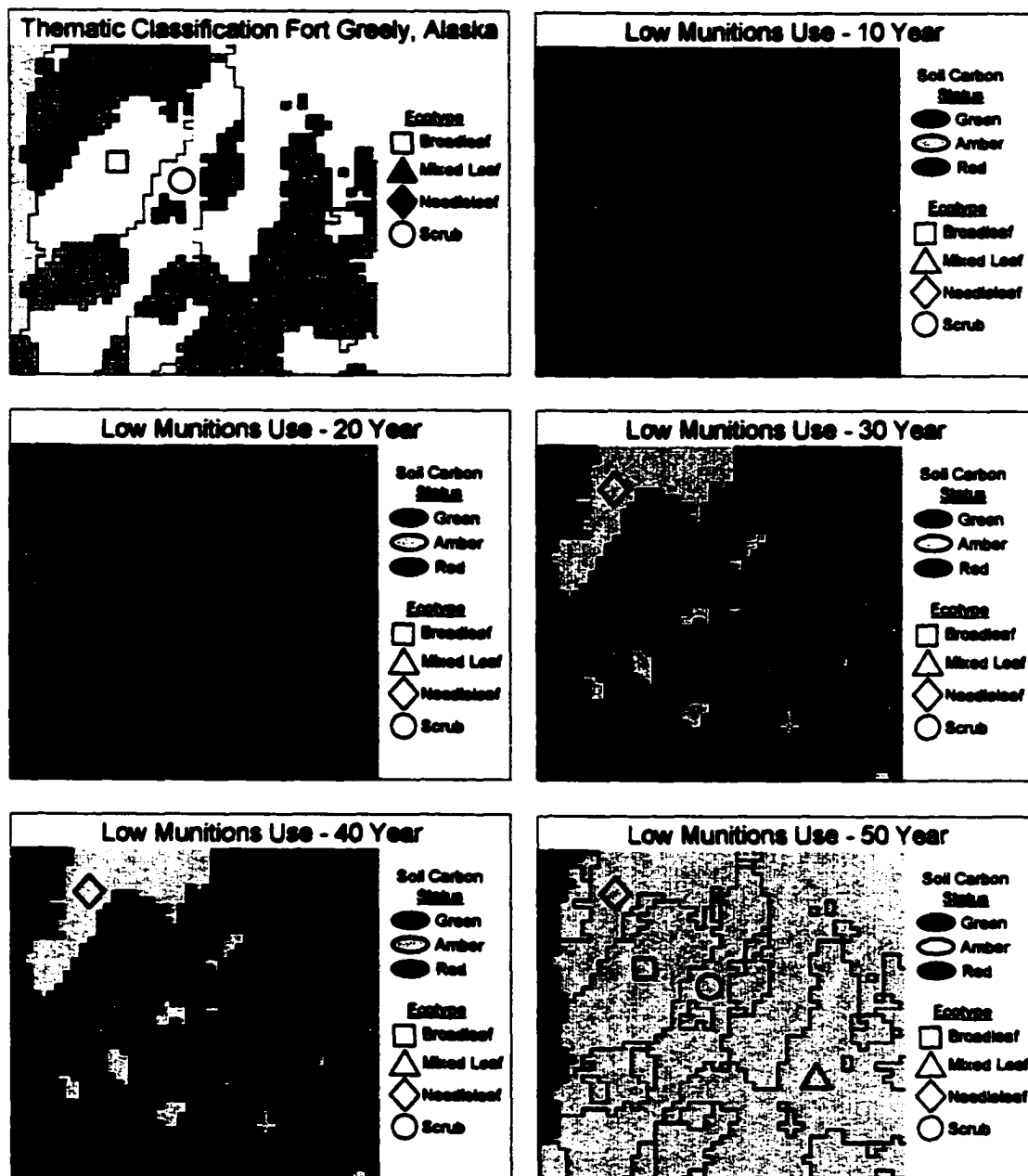
### *Computer Analysis of Remote Sensed Data*

The use of remotely sensed data in the form of Landsat 7 ETM+ coupled with computer aided analysis for classification into a geographic information system appears to be a viable method of determining ecotype in a riverine setting. When soil characteristics such as organic carbon levels are correlated with ecotype, it should be a practical method of inferring soil contaminant attenuation capacity for situations in which large inaccessible areas must be evaluated. However, this classification's usefulness may only extend to riverine settings since all of the verification points fell within riverine ecotypes. Also, the classification process grouped two or three forms of ecotypes (e.g., level 3 classification of three types of scrub vegetation), which could possibly have been labeled in further detail, had additional information been available. Even so, this method may still be appropriate for impact area soil evaluations in other settings as long as larger scale ecosystem components such as physiography are held constant.

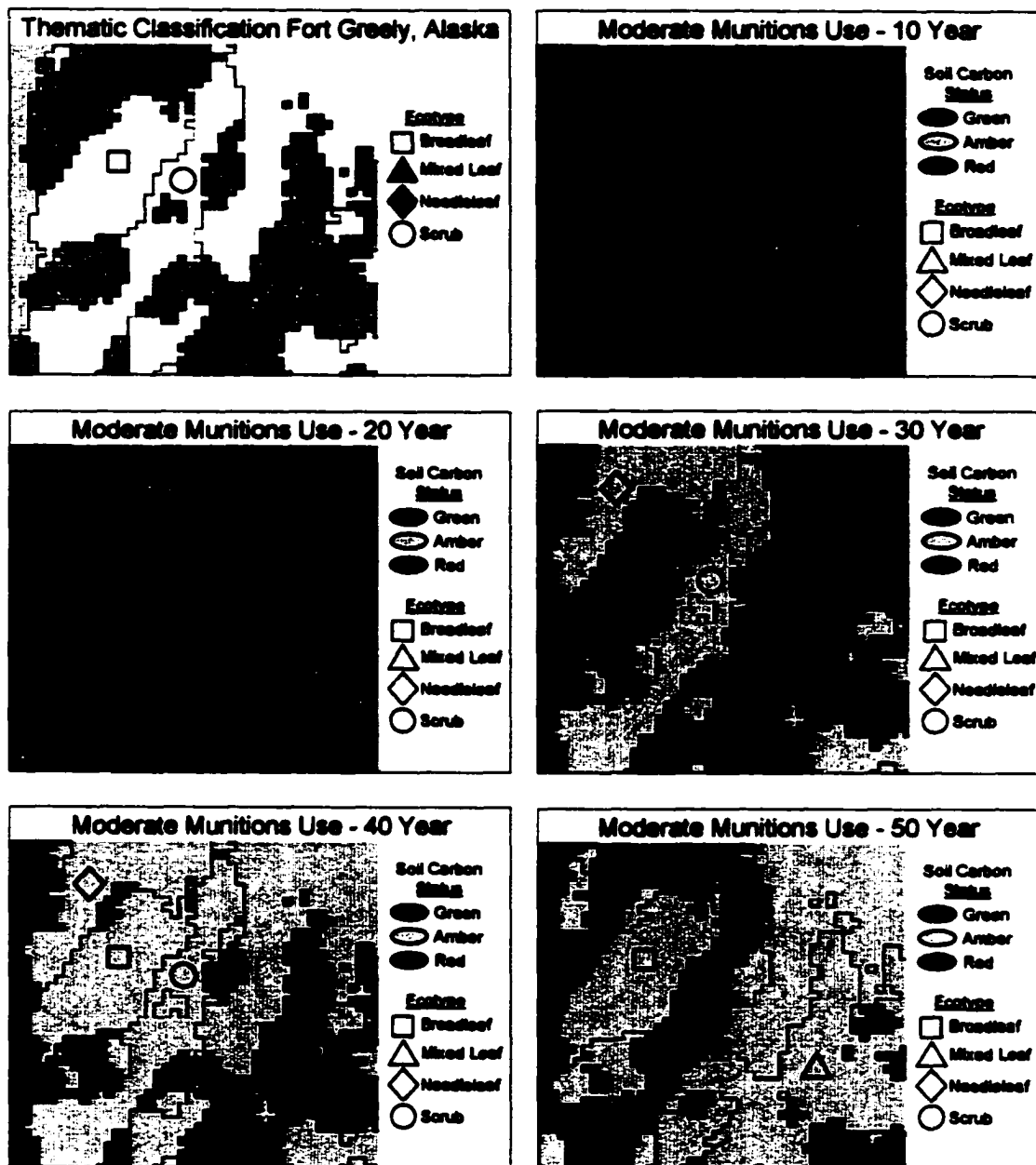
### *Soil Carbon Status GIS Display*

Output for each level of munitions use are shown in Figures 5-5 a-c.

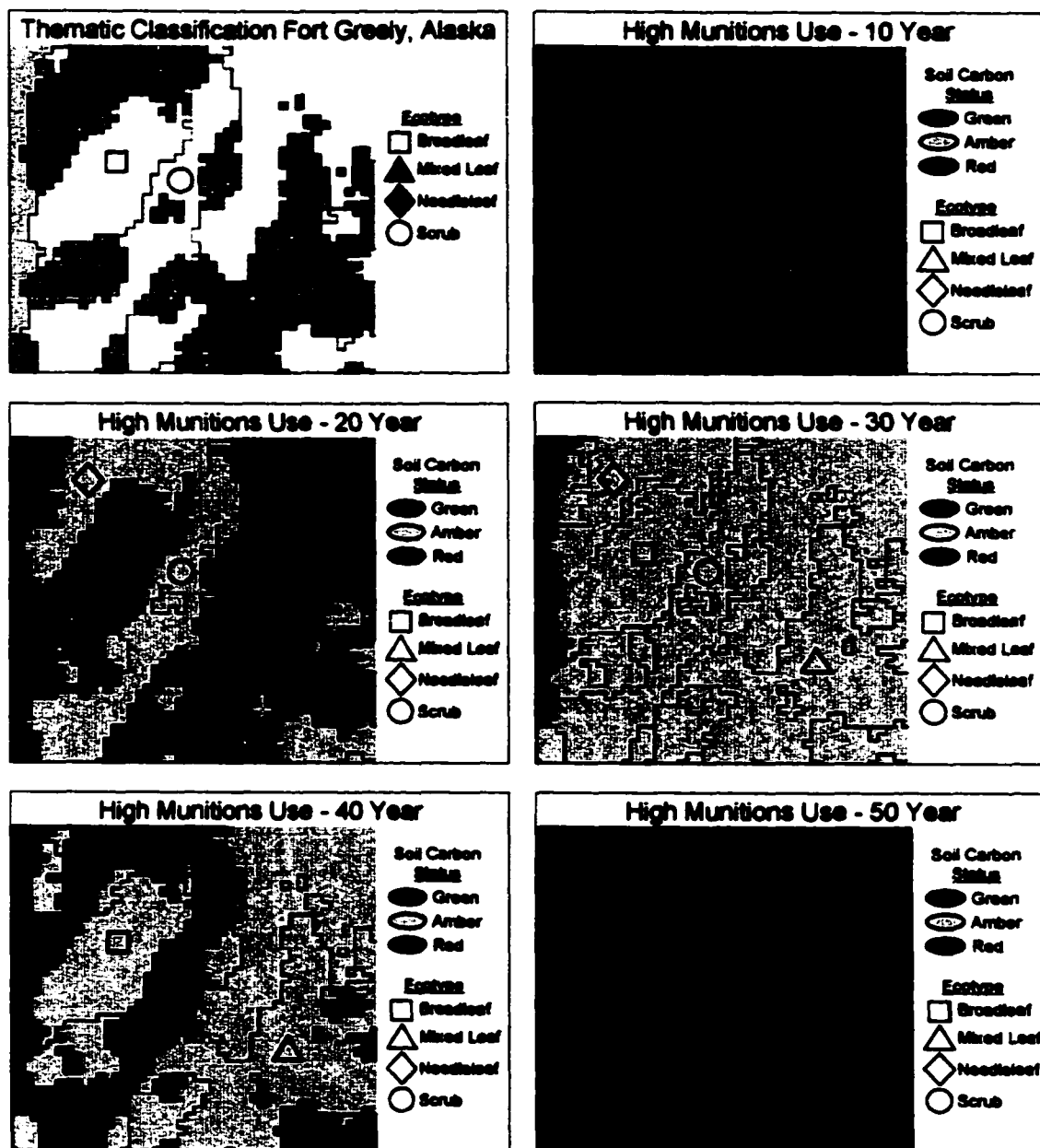
Figure 5-2 shows the modeled area. For low level munitions use the needleleaf is the ecotype first to change from "Green" to "Amber" soil carbon status doing so by the 30-year mark. Soil carbon status remains the same for all ecotypes until the 50-year mark when all of the ecotypes have dropped to "Amber" status. As in the low level munitions use, the first change in status for moderate levels of munitions use occurs by the 30-year mark. However, in this scenario the needleleaf ecotype is joined by the scrub as the first ecotypes to change to "Amber" status. By the 40-year mark broadleaf ecotype changes to "Amber", yet mixed leave remains in a "Green" status. At the 50-year mark the needleleaf and scrub ecotypes change to "Red" status, and the broadleaf is joined by the mixed leaf ecotype at an "Amber" status. High munitions use levels show faster soil carbon status changes. Again the needleleaf and scrub are first to drop to "Amber" status, but in this scenario they do so earlier by the 20-year mark. Needleleaf and scrub ecotypes are joined in an "Amber" status by broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes by the 30-year mark. Needleleaf and scrub are first to drop to "Red" status by the 40-year mark and are joined in an "Red" status by broadleaf and mixed leaf ecotypes by the 50-year mark.



**Figure 5-5a.** Soil organic carbon status displayed in ten-year increments for simulated low level munitions use for a portion of Fort Greely, Alaska. Thematic classification in upper left panel is provided for reference.



**Figure 5-5b.** Soil organic carbon status displayed in ten-year increments for simulated moderate level munitions use for a portion of Fort Greely, Alaska. Thematic classification in upper left panel is provided for reference.



**Figure 5-5c.** Soil organic carbon status displayed in ten-year increments for simulated high level munitions use for a portion of Fort Greely, Alaska. Thematic classification in upper left panel is provided for reference.

Evaluating the response at the low-level munitions use 30-year display it is apparent that the needleleaf ecotype is the first to drop in soil carbon status. It is closely followed by scrub then broadleaf as shown in the moderate munitions use level 30-year and 40-year displays respectively. Mixed leaf is the slowest to

drop as evidenced by the moderate munitions use level 40-year display. These first-to-change rankings: 1<sup>st</sup> - needleleaf, 2<sup>nd</sup> - scrub, 3<sup>rd</sup> - broadleaf and 4<sup>th</sup> - mixed leaf hold at every level of munitions use though, based on resiliency factors (Table 5-3), one would expect the scrub ecotype to change first followed by needleleaf, broadleaf and mixed leaf. However, this reversal can be accounted for because the scrub had the lowest soil organic carbon loss rates based on CENTURY simulation results. It simply lost soil carbon at a slower rate than the needleleaf ecotype.

### *Range and Impact Area Management*

Range and impact area managers could use this type of GIS model and display to make adaptive management decisions. For example, they may want to determine what level of munitions use would be appropriate for each ecotype base on soil carbon status. Varying the levels of munitions use would result in varying rates of soil carbon and attenuation capacity loss and intermittent munitions use would be reflected in slower overall rates of loss. Another adaptive management action might be to use munitions with high failure rates only in soils that have a large attenuation capacity thereby mitigating some degree of contaminate input.

It is important to note that the threshold for each ecotype was different in the formulation of the GIS model presented here and was based on a maximum allowable percent change for one ecotype applied across all the ecotypes. There were no common soil carbon levels at which all ecotypes changed at the same

time, but if the model were formulated in this manner range and impact area managers could elect to allow munitions use within the ecotypes that had the highest levels of soil carbon. Munitions use could continue as long as levels remained above this common threshold. Also, thresholds and therefore the model are based on TNT rates of movement through the soil. Other types of explosive contaminants will have different rates of movement resulting in different thresholds and different model results.

Finally, for demonstration purposes, this presentation treats all the area represented by the ecotypes as being under the influence of munitions use when in reality this would not be the case. There will be targetry placed within these ecotypes and munitions use effects will only be associated with those areas abutting or in close proximity to targetry. Adding a vector layer of data to the GIS model that described the locations and area extent of targetry would be a straightforward next step. Munitions effects would then be constrained to the target locations. In addition to the same management options described above, range and impact area managers could manipulate this targetry layer to determine the optimum levels of munitions use throughout the impact area.

## Conclusion

Impact area contamination is a complex problem. An understanding and application of environmental and ecological science provides a vehicle for adequately addressing the problem. This dissertation has demonstrated a methodology that integrates these disciplines into a problem solving approach

that provides foundation for effective management, future research and better resource management.

An environmental risk assessment framework can identify a location's relevant fate and transport environmental processes, their relationships to the location's ecological settings and the dominant ecological process and related metrics that ultimately determine the location's ability to respond to environmental threats.

For impact areas at Fort Greely, relevant contaminant fate and transport environmental processes were adsorption and biodegradation, which were largely governed by SOM dynamics. SOM dynamics provided the integrative link between environmental process and ecological setting resolving the complex problem of impact area contamination into an understandable and manageable problem.

Computer technology made this approach possible. Analysis of remotely sensed multispectral data helped to identify affected ecotypes and soil sampling locations forming the foundation of this analysis. Statistical and mathematical analysis provided insight into relevant soil-contaminant-disturbance relationships. CENTURY SOM dynamics simulation identified key disturbance-response relationships between ecotypes and soil organic carbon rates of change. Finally, GIS brought all of the data and relationships together into an integrated analysis that produced an environmentally and ecologically based measure of the system's ability to attenuate contamination.

Future effort should concentrate on coupling contaminant fate and transport simulation with CENTURY simulation to provide a robust management and risk assessment tool. It is only through such an integrated approach that those concerned with environmental problems such as impact area contamination will achieve appreciative results.

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## APPENDICES

**APPENDIX A**  
**Fort Greely, Alaska Soil Data**

## Appendix A

Soil Data from survey plots at Fort Greely, Alaska. Soil analysis was performed by the Colorado State University Soils Laboratory. Ecotype abbreviations are: WS – Washington Control Area Scrub, WIS – Washington Impact Area Scrub, JS – Jarvis Creek Control Area Scrub, JML – Jarvis Creek Control Area Mixed Leaf, JBL – Jarvis Creek Control Area Broadleaf, CRT – Crater.

| Ecotype | CEC                      | PrcC           | PrcN             | NH4                 | NO3                 | N              | P           | K         |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Units   | meq/100g                 | %              | mg/kg            | mg/kg               | ppm                 | ppm            | ppm         | ppm       |
| Abbrev. | Cation Exchange Capacity | Percent Carbon | Percent Nitrogen | Nitrogen as ammonia | Nitrogen as nitrate | Total Nitrogen | Phosphorous | Potassium |
| WS      | 19.5                     | 2.891          | 0.169            | 4.4                 | 15.2                | 19.6           | 4.17        | 75.74     |
| WS      | 9.4                      | 1.904          | 0.133            | 4.1                 | 9.0                 | 13.1           | 3.28        | 63.22     |
| WS      | 10.6                     | 1.935          | 0.131            | 2.3                 | 32.7                | 35.0           | 4.57        | 68.16     |
| WS      | 10.9                     | 1.959          | 0.125            | 1.5                 | 38.0                | 39.5           | 3.96        | 65.89     |
| WS      | 5.8                      | 1.018          | 0.064            | 2.1                 | 36.9                | 39.0           | 3.23        | 55.18     |
| WS      | 10.4                     | 2.161          | 0.151            | 5.5                 | 5.7                 | 11.2           | 4.69        | 54.05     |
| WS      | 9.5                      | 1.581          | 0.125            | 3.5                 | 6.8                 | 10.3           | 3.93        | 69.5      |
| WS      | 6.8                      | 1.217          | 0.100            | 1.9                 | 26.5                | 28.4           | 3.99        | 57.19     |
| WS      | 2.2                      | 0.411          | 0.018            | 1.2                 | 5.3                 | 6.5            | 3.02        | 33.55     |
| WS      | 9.9                      | 2.775          | 0.207            | 7.6                 | 3.9                 | 11.5           | 5.47        | 69.98     |
| WS      | 5.8                      | 1.217          | 0.086            | 1.5                 | 35.3                | 36.8           | 3.40        | 69.1      |
| WS      | 9.2                      | 1.799          | 0.123            | 6.7                 | 3.9                 | 10.6           | 4.04        | 67.6      |
| WIS     | 9.8                      | 1.951          | 0.158            | 1.3                 | 25.1                | 26.4           | 4.76        | 73.94     |
| WIS     | 21.1                     | 5.047          | 0.362            | 1.5                 | 47.9                | 49.4           | 7.82        | 117.9     |
| WIS     | 15.4                     | 2.897          | 0.229            | 2.7                 | 110                 | 112.7          | 5.97        | 90.5      |
| WIS     | 5.5                      | 1.425          | 0.110            | 2.2                 | 61.4                | 63.6           | 0.19        | 66.4      |
| WIS     | 8.2                      | 1.329          | 0.099            | 2.5                 | 47.6                | 50.1           | 1.91        | 87.4      |
| WIS     | 8.2                      | 0.823          | 0.061            | 1.5                 | 43.0                | 44.5           | 1.39        | 87.77     |
| WIS     | 17.6                     | 2.411          | 0.174            | 4.4                 | 3.2                 | 7.6            | 6.30        | 97.55     |
| WIS     | 8.6                      | 1.339          | 0.082            | 6.8                 | 1.7                 | 8.5            | 5.45        | 51.22     |
| WIS     | 8.8                      | 0.950          | 0.053            | 6.2                 | 2.9                 | 9.1            | 1.15        | 59.5      |
| WIS     | 8.6                      | 0.914          | 0.065            | 2.3                 | 60.1                | 62.4           | 0.70        | 55.7      |
| WIS     | 15.3                     | 2.606          | 0.196            | 6.0                 | 33.2                | 39.2           | 4.01        | 94.58     |
| WIS     | 16.7                     | 3.277          | 0.220            | 4.4                 | 67.9                | 72.3           | 5.21        | 111.6     |
| JS      | 6.0                      | 1.167          | 0.102            | 5.6                 | 2.0                 | 7.6            | 3.35        | 42.41     |
| JS      | 6.7                      | 1.523          | 0.097            | 4.3                 | 6.0                 | 10.3           | 3.20        | 36.81     |
| JS      | 7.9                      | 1.582          | 0.122            | 6.2                 | 24.2                | 30.4           | 3.87        | 49.41     |
| JS      | 8.9                      | 1.131          | 0.085            | 3.8                 | 9.2                 | 13.0           | 5.07        | 39.66     |
| JS      | 9.7                      | 2.354          | 0.122            | 5.3                 | 2.2                 | 7.5            | 5.28        | 38.12     |
| JS      | 64.8                     | 10.94          | 1.007            | 13.2                | 2.5                 | 15.7           | 2.83        | 107.6     |
| JS      | 31.1                     | 5.121          | 0.258            | 3.4                 | 2.7                 | 6.1            | 3.18        | 67.84     |
| JS      | 22.0                     | 10.40          | 0.719            | 3.6                 | 7.7                 | 11.3           | 3.16        | 105.1     |
| JS      | 39.6                     | 7.616          | 0.364            | 11.8                | 1.4                 | 13.2           | 4.82        | 185.8     |
| JS      | 25.3                     | 8.056          | 0.424            | 18.2                | 1.8                 | 20.0           | 9.23        | 178.7     |
| JS      | 26.9                     | 8.968          | 0.535            | 1.8                 | 9.6                 | 11.4           | 3.39        | 72.9      |
| JS      | 76.0                     | 13.49          | 0.861            | 2.4                 | 23.3                | 25.7           | 7.72        | 121.1     |
| JML     | 26.1                     | 3.237          | 0.177            | 4.3                 | 2.2                 | 6.5            | 4.45        | 91.06     |

| Ecotype | CEC                      | PrcC           | PrcN             | NH4                 | NO3                 | N              | P           | K         |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Units   | meq/100g                 | %              | mg/kg            | mg/kg               | ppm                 | ppm            | ppm         | ppm       |
| Abbrev. | Cation Exchange Capacity | Percent Carbon | Percent Nitrogen | Nitrogen as ammonia | Nitrogen as nitrate | Total Nitrogen | Phosphorous | Potassium |
| JML     | 53.3                     | 11.08          | 0.587            | 11.6                | 2.3                 | 13.9           | 6.14        | 167.5     |
| JML     | 41.7                     | 6.588          | 0.330            | 10.5                | 2.6                 | 13.1           | 4.98        | 103.6     |
| JML     | 70.1                     | 14.47          | 0.581            | 25.8                | 2.0                 | 27.8           | 15.5        | 489.1     |
| JML     | 23.0                     | 3.848          | 0.195            | 2.4                 | 1.3                 | 3.7            | 3.12        | 81.25     |
| JML     | 16.5                     | 3.177          | 0.159            | 2.6                 | 1.7                 | 4.3            | 3.06        | 68.57     |
| JML     | 27.5                     | 6.966          | 0.352            | 21.2                | 4.5                 | 25.7           | 9.24        | 282.1     |
| JML     | 38.3                     | 9.583          | 0.403            | 7.2                 | 1.4                 | 8.6            | 24.5        | 215.1     |
| JML     | 28.9                     | 6.172          | 0.261            | 12.5                | 1.3                 | 13.8           | 3.13        | 129.6     |
| JML     | 26.1                     | 4.575          | 0.221            | 6.6                 | 10.1                | 16.7           | 3.16        | 89.1      |
| JML     | 43.9                     | 6.692          | 0.272            | 8.6                 | 3.7                 | 12.3           | 3.37        | 127.9     |
| JML     | 12.2                     | 3.461          | 0.179            | 4.2                 | 18.5                | 22.7           | 3.24        | 150.2     |
| JBL     | 22.1                     | 5.033          | 0.363            | 15.8                | 2.2                 | 18.0           | 3.46        | 147.8     |
| JBL     | 27.1                     | 4.445          | 0.289            | 2.1                 | 10.8                | 12.9           | 4.81        | 104.5     |
| JBL     | 34.8                     | 5.761          | 0.349            | 4.6                 | 16.4                | 21.0           | 4.74        | 155.1     |
| JBL     | 56.3                     | 10.01          | 0.536            | 39.4                | 3.8                 | 43.2           | 13.7        | 176.4     |
| JBL     | 40.5                     | 8.593          | 0.427            | 2.2                 | 1.9                 | 4.1            | 10.2        | 128.1     |
| JBL     | 44.6                     | 8.812          | 0.414            | 15.1                | 6.6                 | 21.7           | 5.35        | 144.8     |
| JBL     | 34.6                     | 6.484          | 0.315            | 19.7                | 1.5                 | 21.2           | 25.8        | 124.7     |
| JBL     | 31.3                     | 5.923          | 0.295            | 2.9                 | 3.1                 | 6.0            | 4.66        | 75.22     |
| JBL     | 26.5                     | 4.316          | 0.272            | 2.1                 | 24.4                | 26.5           | 4.28        | 71.48     |
| JBL     | 5.6                      | 4.36           | 0.263            | 12.4                | 10.5                | 22.9           | 3.84        | 121.1     |
| JBL     | 30.7                     | 8.512          | 0.407            | 9.4                 | 1.8                 | 11.2           | 7.82        | 157.2     |
| JBL     | 26.2                     | 5.829          | 0.351            | 3.6                 | 1.7                 | 5.3            | 4.31        | 147.7     |
| CRT     | 5.7                      | 1.122          | 0.078            | 1.7                 | 36.9                | 38.6           | 12.8        | 117.4     |
| CRT     | 6.3                      | 0.983          | 0.063            | 6.0                 | 8.4                 | 14.4           | 0.38        | 83.25     |
| CRT     | 4.9                      | 1.173          | 0.037            | 1.6                 | 24.8                | 26.4           | 1.55        | 94.34     |
| CRT     | 5.5                      | 0.945          | 0.062            | 5.3                 | 14.3                | 19.6           | 4.73        | 45.51     |
| CRT     | 4.3                      | 0.613          | 0.037            | 3.4                 | 2.4                 | 5.8            | 16.6        | 44.18     |
| CRT     | 5.4                      | 0.730          | 0.060            | 5.4                 | 2.5                 | 7.9            | 0.38        | 38.75     |
| CRT     | 4.4                      | 0.459          | 0.026            | 4.2                 | 2.2                 | 6.4            | 2.11        | 37.62     |
| CRT     | 5.2                      | 0.746          | 0.041            | 3.2                 | 2.0                 | 5.2            | 3.87        | 33.62     |
| CRT     | 4.1                      | 0.437          | 0.027            | 2.2                 | 1.9                 | 4.1            | 3.26        | 48.51     |
| CRT     | 5.1                      | 0.590          | 0.034            | 5.3                 | 6.9                 | 12.2           | 2.99        | 48.28     |
| CRT     | 4.1                      | 0.439          | 0.018            | 4.2                 | 13.6                | 17.8           | 2.30        | 46.31     |
| CRT     | 4.9                      | 0.586          | 0.044            | 2.4                 | 2.4                 | 4.8            | 3.01        | 43.77     |
| CRT     | 8.6                      | 0.767          | 0.051            | 3.3                 | 2.4                 | 5.7            | 3.02        | 48.44     |
| CRT     | 7.4                      | 0.633          | 0.048            | 2.0                 | 2.5                 | 4.5            | 4.77        | 45.92     |
| CRT     | 9.3                      | 0.762          | 0.046            | 4.1                 | 22.3                | 26.4           | 1.78        | 39.71     |
| CRT     | 9.1                      | 0.846          | 0.055            | 1.6                 | 37.2                | 38.8           | 3.55        | 87.52     |
| CRT     | 14.2                     | 1.204          | 0.081            | 1.5                 | 28.0                | 29.5           | 3.77        | 92.72     |
| CRT     | 15.3                     | 1.282          | 0.097            | 1.2                 | 31.0                | 32.2           | 1.88        | 93.8      |
| CRT     | 4.1                      | 0.400          | 0.036            | 2.0                 | 48.5                | 50.5           | 2.62        | 70.96     |
| CRT     | 16.3                     | 1.592          | 0.112            | 1.3                 | 31.2                | 32.5           | 2.81        | 69.25     |
| CRT     | 14.1                     | 1.121          | 0.078            | 1.8                 | 51.9                | 53.7           | 3.22        | 84.04     |

| Ecotype | CEC                      | PrcC           | PrcN             | NH4                 | NO3                 | N              | P           | K         |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Units   | meq/100g                 | %              | mg/kg            | mg/kg               | ppm                 | ppm            | ppm         | ppm       |
| Abbrev. | Cation Exchange Capacity | Percent Carbon | Percent Nitrogen | Nitrogen as ammonia | Nitrogen as nitrate | Total Nitrogen | Phosphorous | Potassium |
| CRT     | 7.3                      | 0.883          | 0.056            | 4.2                 | 2.6                 | 6.8            | 1.55        | 47        |
| CRT     | 9.5                      | 1.241          | 0.088            | 5.1                 | 1.6                 | 6.7            | 2.08        | 57.64     |
| CRT     | 9.2                      | 0.758          | 0.063            | 6.5                 | 6.4                 | 12.9           | 0.67        | 46.88     |
| CRT     | 11.4                     | 1.139          | 0.074            | 7.3                 | 3.3                 | 10.6           | 1.17        | 64.75     |
| CRT     | 11.1                     | 1.055          | 0.061            | 1.8                 | 45.7                | 47.5           | 0.85        | 73.73     |
| CRT     | 10.5                     | 0.968          | 0.063            | 1.9                 | 34.6                | 36.5           | 1.98        | 60.04     |
| CRT     | 13.5                     | 1.464          | 0.091            | 6.6                 | 3.6                 | 10.2           | 2.69        | 63.72     |
| CRT     | 12.2                     | 1.307          | 0.075            | 6.6                 | 32.5                | 39.1           | 4.68        | 77.39     |
| CRT     | 10.9                     | 0.806          | 0.049            | 5.8                 | 28.8                | 34.6           | 4.21        | 121.8     |
| CRT     | 10.1                     | 0.908          | 0.045            | 1.5                 | 20.3                | 21.8           | 1.39        | 42.15     |
| CRT     | 11.1                     | 0.828          | 0.049            | 5.9                 | 3.3                 | 9.2            | 5.12        | 92.56     |
| CRT     | 10.4                     | 0.831          | 0.050            | 2.2                 | 14.6                | 16.8           | 4.91        | 40.38     |
| CRT     | 5.6                      | 0.526          | 0.029            | 2.4                 | 16.8                | 19.2           | 6.33        | 53.53     |
| CRT     | 12.2                     | 0.884          | 0.049            | 5.0                 | 2.7                 | 7.7            | 6.83        | 48.77     |
| CRT     | 11.4                     | 0.761          | 0.056            | 1.9                 | 1.6                 | 3.5            | 6.40        | 40.59     |
| CRT     | 3.4                      | 0.349          | 0.017            | 1.2                 | 0.8                 | 2.0            | 4.76        | 15.43     |
| CRT     | 10.5                     | 0.899          | 0.020            | 1.3                 | 0.8                 | 2.1            | 4.98        | 16.88     |
| CRT     | 3.5                      | 0.325          | 0.017            | 2.8                 | 0.9                 | 3.7            | 6.68        | 19.47     |
| CRT     | 4.9                      | 0.537          | 0.044            | 4.6                 | 2.5                 | 7.1            | 7.39        | 28.06     |
| CRT     | 8.5                      | 0.711          | 0.045            | 1.6                 | 34.2                | 35.8           | 4.76        | 30.13     |
| CRT     | 6.2                      | 0.603          | 0.041            | 1.7                 | 0.7                 | 2.4            | 5.62        | 24.33     |
| CRT     | 6.4                      | 0.687          | 0.058            | 5.5                 | 3.8                 | 9.3            | 6.97        | 26.71     |
| CRT     | 10.3                     | 0.873          | 0.080            | 2.4                 | 23.3                | 25.7           | 7.89        | 37.79     |
| CRT     | 7.4                      | 0.682          | 0.047            | 2.0                 | 18.8                | 20.8           | 8.46        | 29.72     |
| CRT     | 4.0                      | 0.580          | 0.028            | 1.1                 | 1.3                 | 2.4            | 7.07        | 39.37     |
| CRT     | 3.2                      | 0.425          | 0.019            | 1.3                 | 1.6                 | 2.9            | 7.80        | 26.29     |
| CRT     | 3.1                      | 0.373          | 0.007            | 0.8                 | 1.1                 | 1.9            | 7.53        | 30.86     |
| CRT     | 4.2                      | 0.429          | 0.033            | 0.1                 | 2.0                 | 2.1            | 6.13        | 8.146     |
| CRT     | 4.5                      | 0.496          | 0.023            | 0.4                 | 1.0                 | 1.4            | 6.80        | 7.282     |
| CRT     | 3.9                      | 0.348          | 0.026            | 0.7                 | 1.1                 | 1.8            | 5.00        | 9.751     |
| CRT     | 4.1                      | 0.451          | 0.022            | 2.0                 | 1.9                 | 3.9            | 7.13        | 12.59     |
| CRT     | 5.9                      | 0.641          | 0.044            | 1.2                 | 1.8                 | 3.0            | 6.93        | 18.76     |
| CRT     | 5.4                      | 0.594          | 0.043            | 1.1                 | 1.2                 | 2.3            | 9.53        | 13.33     |
| CRT     | 22.5                     | 2.005          | 0.144            | 2.6                 | 2.0                 | 4.6            | 9.07        | 40.86     |
| CRT     | 15.4                     | 1.483          | 0.104            | 2.3                 | 2.5                 | 4.8            | 7.57        | 49.45     |
| CRT     | 12.5                     | 1.176          | 0.089            | 2.9                 | 2.2                 | 5.1            | 7.04        | 37.94     |
| CRT     | 26.4                     | 2.319          | 0.155            | 1.4                 | 31.1                | 32.5           | 8.87        | 47.46     |
| CRT     | 27.5                     | 2.829          | 0.208            | 8.2                 | 4.2                 | 12.4           | 10.1        | 51.88     |
| CRT     | 26.3                     | 2.763          | 0.209            | 4.8                 | 3.0                 | 7.8            | 11.4        | 54.76     |
| CRT     | 12.4                     | 1.068          | 0.072            | 5.4                 | 3.0                 | 8.4            | 10.8        | 101.8     |
| CRT     | 11.5                     | 0.961          | 0.070            | 1.1                 | 35.3                | 36.4           | 11.3        | 53.21     |
| CRT     | 14.0                     | 1.207          | 0.086            | 4.5                 | 2.6                 | 7.1            | 10.6        | 48.34     |
| CRT     | 6.4                      | 0.640          | 0.047            | 1.1                 | 27.3                | 28.4           | 8.48        | 30.97     |
| CRT     | 4.2                      | 0.576          | 0.034            | 1.5                 | 28.7                | 30.2           | 10.2        | 37.06     |

| Ecotype | CEC                      | PrcC           | PrcN             | NH4                 | NO3                 | N              | P           | K         |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Units   | meq/100g                 | %              | mg/kg            | mg/kg               | ppm                 | ppm            | ppm         | ppm       |
| Abbrev. | Cation Exchange Capacity | Percent Carbon | Percent Nitrogen | Nitrogen as ammonia | Nitrogen as nitrate | Total Nitrogen | Phosphorous | Potassium |
| CRT     | 7.2                      | 0.623          | 0.044            | 1.0                 | 30.4                | 31.4           | 8.94        | 31.19     |
| CRT     | 5.3                      | 0.581          | 0.043            | 1.5                 | 22.3                | 23.8           | 9.13        | 27.77     |
| CRT     | 5.4                      | 0.827          | 0.059            | 2.3                 | 3.9                 | 6.2            | 10.8        | 31.86     |
| CRT     | 7.3                      | 0.568          | 0.044            | 1.1                 | 36.2                | 37.3           | 9.39        | 36.84     |
| CRT     | 7.7                      | 0.611          | 0.048            | 1.3                 | 22.2                | 23.5           | 9.39        | 33.41     |
| CRT     | 9.4                      | 0.868          | 0.058            | 1.3                 | 27.1                | 28.4           | 11.7        | 35.84     |
| CRT     | 6.8                      | 0.811          | 0.060            | 3.6                 | 20.3                | 23.9           | 10.4        | 33.63     |
| CRT     | 7.2                      | 0.683          | 0.076            | 1.7                 | 32.0                | 33.7           | 9.59        | 34.85     |
| CRT     | 8.5                      | 0.723          | 0.060            | 1.0                 | 39.1                | 40.1           | 10.5        | 29.76     |
| CRT     | 10.2                     | 0.899          | 0.048            | 0.7                 | 46.6                | 47.3           | 8.61        | 32.96     |

| Ecotype | PrcOM                  | pH  | BpH       | CumO                 | Sand         | Silt         | Clay         | Ca      |
|---------|------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Units   | %                      | pH  | BpH       | cm                   | %            | %            | %            | ppm     |
| Abbrev. | Percent Organic Matter | pH  | Buffer pH | Organic Matter Depth | Percent Sand | Percent Silt | Percent Clay | Calcium |
| WS      | 4.98408                | 7.4 | 7.5       | 2                    | 46           | 50           | 4            | 3501    |
| WS      | 3.2825                 | 7.5 | 7.5       | 2                    | 45           | 51           | 4            | 4101    |
| WS      | 3.33594                | 7.1 | 7.5       | 2                    | 51           | 45           | 4            | 3345    |
| WS      | 3.37732                | 7.2 | 7.5       | 1                    | 48           | 48           | 4            | 3765    |
| WS      | 1.75503                | 7.5 | 7.5       | 2                    | 60           | 37           | 3            | 5079    |
| WS      | 3.72556                | 7.4 | 7.5       | 2                    | 50           | 47           | 3            | 2306    |
| WS      | 2.72564                | 7.5 | 7.5       | 1                    | 44           | 52           | 4            | 4228    |
| WS      | 2.09811                | 7.6 | 7.5       | 0                    | 56           | 40           | 4            | 4806    |
| WS      | 0.70856                | 7.7 | 7.5       | 29                   | 80           | 17           | 3            | 5622    |
| WS      | 4.7841                 | 7.5 | 7.5       | 1                    | 57           | 39           | 4            | 3265    |
| WS      | 2.09811                | 7.5 | 7.5       | 2                    | 54           | 41           | 5            | 4121    |
| WS      | 3.10148                | 7.6 | 7.5       | 3                    | 46           | 50           | 4            | 4095    |
| WIS     | 3.36352                | 7.2 | 7.5       | 1                    | 60           | 36           | 4            | 3625    |
| WIS     | 8.70103                | 6.6 | 7.5       | 3                    | 50           | 46           | 4            | 4321    |
| WIS     | 4.99443                | 6.9 | 7.5       | 2                    | 66           | 32           | 2            | 2051    |
| WIS     | 2.4567                 | 7.4 | 7.5       | 0                    | 74           | 22           | 4            | 2132    |
| WIS     | 2.2912                 | 7.4 | 7.5       | 1                    | 48           | 46           | 6            | 3589    |
| WIS     | 1.41885                | 7.4 | 7.4       | 1                    | 62           | 34           | 4            | 3116    |
| WIS     | 4.15656                | 7.2 | 7.2       | 2                    | 58           | 38           | 4            | 2894    |
| WIS     | 2.30844                | 7.7 | 7.4       | 3                    | 66           | 30           | 4            | 1937    |
| WIS     | 1.6378                 | 7.6 | 7.5       | 0                    | 62           | 34           | 4            | 3037    |
| WIS     | 1.57574                | 7.3 | 7.3       | 1                    | 68           | 28           | 4            | 2062    |
| WIS     | 4.49274                | 7.4 | 7.5       | 2                    | 66           | 30           | 4            | 2165    |
| WIS     | 5.64955                | 7.1 | 7.4       | 1                    | 60           | 38           | 2            | 2382    |
| JS      | 2.01191                | 7.3 | 7.5       | 3                    | 68           | 28           | 4            | 2086    |
| JS      | 2.62565                | 7.1 | 7.5       | 2                    | 74           | 23           | 3            | 1985    |
| JS      | 2.72737                | 7.3 | 7.5       | 1                    | 65           | 31           | 4            | 2224    |
| JS      | 1.94984                | 7   | 7.4       | 2                    | 80           | 15           | 5            | 1552    |

| Ecotype | PrcOM                  | pH  | BpH       | CumO                 | Sand         | Silt         | Clay         | Ca      |
|---------|------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Units   | %                      | pH  | BpH       | cm                   | %            | %            | %            | ppm     |
| Abbrev. | Percent Organic Matter | pH  | Buffer pH | Organic Matter Depth | Percent Sand | Percent Silt | Percent Clay | Calcium |
| JS      | 4.0583                 | 6.9 | 7.4       | 2                    | 84           | 12           | 4            | 1278    |
| JS      | 18.8606                | 5.3 | 7         | 44                   | 44           | 38           | 18           | 5969    |
| JS      | 8.8286                 | 4.7 | 6.8       | 12                   | 40           | 49           | 11           | 1243    |
| JS      | 17.9296                | 5.2 | 7.1       | 23                   | 42           | 34           | 24           | 4323    |
| JS      | 13.13                  | 5.3 | 6.8       | 30                   | 36           | 56           | 8            | 2202    |
| JS      | 13.8885                | 5.1 | 7         | 14                   | 34           | 42           | 24           | 2878    |
| JS      | 15.4608                | 6.6 | 7.4       | 26                   | 46           | 40           | 14           | 7976    |
| JS      | 23.2568                | 6.7 | 7.4       | 13                   | 48           | 36           | 16           | 11830   |
| JML     | 5.58059                | 5.4 | 7.3       | 30                   | 54           | 42           | 4            | 2812    |
| JML     | 19.1019                | 4.5 | 7.3       | 25                   | 54           | 32           | 14           | 3064    |
| JML     | 11.3577                | 6.5 | 7.4       | 40                   | 44           | 48           | 8            | 6368    |
| JML     | 24.9463                | 5.4 | 7.2       | 14                   | 52           | 38           | 10           | 6845    |
| JML     | 6.63395                | 5.7 | 7.4       | 30                   | 36           | 52           | 12           | 2561    |
| JML     | 5.47715                | 6.4 | 7.4       | 12                   | 42           | 50           | 8            | 2635    |
| JML     | 12.0094                | 7.1 | 7.4       | 8                    | 58           | 36           | 6            | 4835    |
| JML     | 16.5211                | 4.7 | 7         | 5                    | 30           | 60           | 10           | 2425    |
| JML     | 10.6405                | 5.4 | 7.3       | 28                   | 38           | 51           | 11           | 2852    |
| JML     | 7.8873                 | 5.7 | 7.3       | 35                   | 53           | 39           | 8            | 2832    |
| JML     | 11.537                 | 5.8 | 7.3       | 19                   | 44           | 44           | 12           | 4462    |
| JML     | 5.96676                | 5.2 | 7.3       | 14                   | 42           | 50           | 8            | 2615    |
| JBL     | 8.67689                | 6.7 | 7.4       | 18                   | 16           | 74           | 10           | 3628    |
| JBL     | 7.66318                | 7.5 | 7.5       | 15                   | 52           | 44           | 4            | 6130    |
| JBL     | 9.93196                | 5.9 | 7.3       | 8                    | 36           | 52           | 12           | 4906    |
| JBL     | 17.2572                | 5.8 | 7.3       | 20                   | 44           | 48           | 8            | 6575    |
| JBL     | 14.8143                | 4.9 | 6.7       | 20                   | 46           | 44           | 10           | 2348    |
| JBL     | 15.1919                | 5.3 | 7.1       | 17                   | 52           | 40           | 8            | 4289    |
| JBL     | 11.1784                | 4.6 | 7         | 19                   | 36           | 54           | 10           | 1789    |
| JBL     | 10.2113                | 6   | 7.3       | 17                   | 58           | 30           | 12           | 4407    |
| JBL     | 7.44078                | 6.9 | 7.4       | 19                   | 45           | 51           | 4            | 5347    |
| JBL     | 7.51147                | 6.5 | 7.5       | 21                   | 36           | 54           | 10           | 4517    |
| JBL     | 14.6747                | 5.4 | 7.2       | 26                   | 26           | 48           | 26           | 4261    |
| JBL     | 10.0492                | 6.3 | 7.4       | 30                   | 16           | 66           | 18           | 3599    |
| CRT     | 1.93433                | 7.9 | 7.3       | 0                    | 70           | 24           | 6            | 4441    |
| CRT     | 1.69469                | 8   | 7.2       |                      | 72           | 24           | 4            | 3751    |
| CRT     | 2.02225                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 24           | 4            | 4606    |
| CRT     | 1.62918                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 78           | 22           | 0            | 2199    |
| CRT     | 1.05681                | 7.9 | 7.5       |                      | 78           | 18           | 4            | 1882    |
| CRT     | 1.25852                | 8.1 | 7.5       |                      | 66           | 28           | 6            | 1616    |
| CRT     | 0.79132                | 8.2 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 22           | 6            | 1544    |
| CRT     | 1.2861                 | 8.1 | 7.5       |                      | 74           | 22           | 4            | 1488    |
| CRT     | 0.75339                | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 76           | 20           | 4            | 2264    |
| CRT     | 1.01716                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 68           | 26           | 6            | 2241    |
| CRT     | 0.75684                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 24           | 4            | 1950    |
| CRT     | 1.01026                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 70           | 24           | 6            | 1517    |
| CRT     | 1.32231                | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 24           | 4            | 2196    |
| CRT     | 1.09129                | 7.6 | 7.4       |                      | 72           | 22           | 6            | 2191    |

| Ecotype | PrcOM                  | pH  | BpH       | CumO                 | Sand         | Silt         | Clay         | Ca      |
|---------|------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Units   | %                      | pH  | BpH       | cm                   | %            | %            | %            | ppm     |
| Abbrev. | Percent Organic Matter | pH  | Buffer pH | Organic Matter Depth | Percent Sand | Percent Silt | Percent Clay | Calcium |
| CRT     | 1.31369                | 7.4 | 7.3       |                      | 72           | 24           | 4            | 1705    |
| CRT     | 1.4585                 | 7.4 | 7.5       | 1                    | 64           | 30           | 6            | 4363    |
| CRT     | 2.0757                 | 7.6 | 7.2       |                      | 64           | 22           | 14           | 4887    |
| CRT     | 2.21017                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 32           | 6            | 4611    |
| CRT     | 0.6896                 | 7.4 | 7.4       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 2593    |
| CRT     | 2.74461                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 66           | 30           | 4            | 2769    |
| CRT     | 1.9326                 | 7.1 | 7.5       |                      | 66           | 30           | 4            | 2875    |
| CRT     | 1.52229                | 7.1 | 7.5       |                      | 76           | 18           | 6            | 1854    |
| CRT     | 2.13948                | 7.3 | 7.5       |                      | 70           | 24           | 6            | 4904    |
| CRT     | 1.30679                | 7.2 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 22           | 6            | 1534    |
| CRT     | 1.96364                | 7.3 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 2231    |
| CRT     | 1.81882                | 7.2 | 7.5       |                      | 68           | 28           | 4            | 2809    |
| CRT     | 1.66883                | 7.1 | 7.5       |                      | 68           | 26           | 6            | 2316    |
| CRT     | 2.52394                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 2074    |
| CRT     | 2.25327                | 7.1 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 32           | 6            | 1959    |
| CRT     | 1.38954                | 7.1 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 4214    |
| CRT     | 1.56539                | 7.6 | 7.5       | 0                    | 66           | 30           | 4            | 7851    |
| CRT     | 1.42747                | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 5587    |
| CRT     | 1.43264                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 2122    |
| CRT     | 0.90682                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 32           | 6            | 3399    |
| CRT     | 1.52402                | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 2802    |
| CRT     | 1.31196                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 70           | 26           | 4            | 3827    |
| CRT     | 0.60168                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 80           | 16           | 4            | 2297    |
| CRT     | 1.54988                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 82           | 14           | 4            | 1382    |
| CRT     | 0.5603                 | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 80           | 16           | 4            | 2504    |
| CRT     | 0.92579                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 22           | 6            | 2670    |
| CRT     | 1.22576                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 74           | 22           | 4            | 2235    |
| CRT     | 1.03957                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 74           | 22           | 4            | 2226    |
| CRT     | 1.18439                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 72           | 24           | 4            | 2087    |
| CRT     | 1.50505                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 76           | 20           | 4            | 2118    |
| CRT     | 1.17577                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 76           | 20           | 4            | 2239    |
| CRT     | 0.99992                | 7.6 | 7.5       | 1                    | 70           | 22           | 8            | 3988    |
| CRT     | 0.7327                 | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 76           | 16           | 8            | 3615    |
| CRT     | 0.64305                | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 76           | 16           | 8            | 4026    |
| CRT     | 0.7396                 | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 90           | 4            | 6            | 1341    |
| CRT     | 0.8551                 | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 88           | 8            | 4            | 1216    |
| CRT     | 0.59995                | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 92           | 4            | 4            | 1288    |
| CRT     | 0.77752                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 82           | 14           | 4            | 846.4   |
| CRT     | 1.10508                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 80           | 16           | 4            | 138     |
| CRT     | 1.02406                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 80           | 16           | 4            | 814.8   |
| CRT     | 3.45662                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 34           | 4            | 1387    |
| CRT     | 2.55669                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 30           | 6            | 1191    |
| CRT     | 2.02742                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 56           | 36           | 8            | 1216    |
| CRT     | 3.99796                | 7.2 | 7.5       |                      | 54           | 38           | 8            | 1718    |
| CRT     | 4.8772                 | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 58           | 34           | 8            | 1786    |
| CRT     | 4.76341                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 54           | 38           | 8            | 1660    |

| Ecotype | PrcOM                  | pH  | BpH       | CumO                 | Sand         | Silt         | Clay         | Ca      |
|---------|------------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Units   | %                      | pH  | BpH       | cm                   | %            | %            | %            | ppm     |
| Abbrev. | Percent Organic Matter | pH  | Buffer pH | Organic Matter Depth | Percent Sand | Percent Silt | Percent Clay | Calcium |
| CRT     | 1.84123                | 8   | 7.5       | 1                    | 56           | 36           | 8            | 4157    |
| CRT     | 1.65676                | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 30           | 8            | 3671    |
| CRT     | 2.08087                | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 30           | 8            | 4499    |
| CRT     | 1.10336                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 66           | 24           | 10           | 2778    |
| CRT     | 0.99302                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 70           | 22           | 8            | 2641    |
| CRT     | 1.07405                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 58           | 34           | 8            | 3088    |
| CRT     | 1.00164                | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 54           | 38           | 8            | 2014    |
| CRT     | 1.42575                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 60           | 32           | 8            | 1972    |
| CRT     | 0.97923                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 28           | 8            | 2138    |
| CRT     | 1.05336                | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 58           | 34           | 8            | 1963    |
| CRT     | 1.49643                | 7.6 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 30           | 8            | 1951    |
| CRT     | 1.39816                | 7.8 | 7.5       |                      | 60           | 28           | 12           | 1970    |
| CRT     | 1.17749                | 7.7 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 28           | 8            | 1948    |
| CRT     | 1.24645                | 7.5 | 7.5       |                      | 62           | 30           | 8            | 1874    |
| CRT     | 1.54988                | 7.4 | 7.5       |                      | 64           | 28           | 8            | 1918    |

| Ecotype | Mg        | Zn    | Fe    | Mn        | Cu     | Cr       | Pb   |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|------|
| Units   | ppm       | ppm   | ppm   | ppm       | ppm    | ppm      | ppm  |
| Abbrev. | Magnesium | Zinc  | Iron  | Manganese | Copper | Chromium | Lead |
| WS      | 324.2     | 6.972 | 455.7 | 116.4     | 5.687  | 0.162    | 1.76 |
| WS      | 263.8     | 9.108 | 457.6 | 114.4     | 7.077  | 0.1665   | 2.08 |
| WS      | 311.6     | 8.244 | 416.4 | 108.9     | 7.27   | 0.1674   | 2.62 |
| WS      | 291.3     | 8.108 | 444.2 | 109.1     | 6.457  | 0.1662   | 2.25 |
| WS      | 213.2     | 8.216 | 453.4 | 108.3     | 8.015  | 0.1683   | 4.06 |
| WS      | 231.3     | 7.318 | 369.4 | 96.1      | 6.494  | 0.1644   | 3.45 |
| WS      | 310.7     | 9.002 | 454.4 | 126.8     | 6.329  | 0.1641   | 2.01 |
| WS      | 201.1     | 8.342 | 418.7 | 114.5     | 9.208  | 0.1662   | 4.71 |
| WS      | 156.9     | 6.304 | 372.7 | 98.29     | 6.765  | 0.1698   | 4.90 |
| WS      | 306.4     | 8.802 | 401.8 | 121.7     | 7.558  | 0.1662   | 3.78 |
| WS      | 283.7     | 8.371 | 453.8 | 122.9     | 7.74   | 0.1683   | 2.57 |
| WS      | 276.1     | 7.835 | 440.3 | 120       | 7.087  | 0.1722   | 2.74 |
| WIS     | 366.3     | 8.839 | 340.6 | 127.4     | 5.694  | 0.1779   | 3.27 |
| WIS     | 435.6     | 15.15 | 367.9 | 112.3     | 4.991  | 0.1692   | 2.51 |
| WIS     | 209.7     | 8.974 | 201.5 | 41.34     | 2.657  | 0.0865   | 0.89 |
| WIS     | 125.2     | 8.033 | 210.7 | 52.56     | 4.222  | 0.0618   | 1.17 |
| WIS     | 203.7     | 4.256 | 358.7 | 77.68     | 3.921  | 0.1165   | 1.01 |
| WIS     | 140.1     | 7.683 | 246.2 | 56.71     | 4.163  | 0.069    | 0.79 |
| WIS     | 234.3     | 5.527 | 280.7 | 66.44     | 3.593  | 0.0832   | 0.12 |
| WIS     | 138.7     | 6.444 | 319.9 | 61.84     | 7.494  | 0.1289   | 2.45 |
| WIS     | 131.1     | 11.26 | 306.5 | 64.9      | 3.453  | 0.0778   | 0.81 |
| WIS     | 115.5     | 7.256 | 230.1 | 49.72     | 3.339  | 0.0315   | 0.67 |
| WIS     | 186.6     | 6.423 | 222.3 | 54.04     | 4.929  | 0.079    | 0.65 |
| WIS     | 224.1     | 7.598 | 210.2 | 52.5      | 4.327  | 0.0555   | 1.05 |
| JS      | 330.4     | 5.63  | 358.8 | 144.1     | 5.273  | 0.1812   | 5.55 |
| JS      | 332.5     | 5.446 | 365.4 | 131.7     | 5.246  | 0.1677   | 5.27 |

| Ecotype | Mg        | Zn    | Fe    | Mn        | Cu     | Cr       | Pb   |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|------|
| Units   | ppm       | ppm   | ppm   | ppm       | ppm    | ppm      | ppm  |
| Abbrev. | Magnesium | Zinc  | Iron  | Manganese | Copper | Chromium | Lead |
| JS      | 349.5     | 6.279 | 349.6 | 150.7     | 4.846  | 0.174    | 5.76 |
| JS      | 290.3     | 3.766 | 311.5 | 104.8     | 2.867  | 0.1999   | 3.14 |
| JS      | 196       | 4.107 | 261.8 | 105.4     | 5.04   | 0.2074   | 4.24 |
| JS      | 801.5     | 14.83 | 457.3 | 148.2     | 3.546  | 0.1674   | 1.07 |
| JS      | 254       | 1.823 | 429.9 | 22.2      | 1.811  | 0.2095   | 0.99 |
| JS      | 560.4     | 29.42 | 451.7 | 109.7     | 2.246  | 0.1659   | 1.08 |
| JS      | 416       | 1.943 | 459   | 50.31     | 1.509  | 0.2026   | 1.07 |
| JS      | 391       | 19.07 | 395   | 69.05     | 1.967  | 0.3662   | 1.07 |
| JS      | 772.6     | 5.285 | 373.5 | 72.14     | 3.928  | 0.1803   | 1.69 |
| JS      | 1052      | 16.8  | 343.2 | 235.3     | 1.647  | 0.1707   | 1.20 |
| JML     | 551.3     | 7.208 | 544.8 | 121.5     | 1.816  | 0.165    | 1.08 |
| JML     | 407.4     | 29.3  | 412.5 | 238       | 10.02  | 0.1863   | 1.10 |
| JML     | 711.5     | 15.32 | 466.4 | 143.7     | 1.89   | 0.1626   | 1.49 |
| JML     | 1113      | 17.39 | 465.6 | 180.2     | 1.96   | 0.165    | 1.48 |
| JML     | 407.9     | 8.785 | 441.3 | 122.2     | 5.74   | 0.1662   | 1.80 |
| JML     | 428.8     | 7.786 | 447.8 | 121.1     | 5.758  | 0.1629   | 1.79 |
| JML     | 645.1     | 19.59 | 410.4 | 140.1     | 2.834  | 0.1602   | 2.51 |
| JML     | 493.5     | 4.423 | 450.5 | 266.2     | 2.6    | 0.1788   | 0.99 |
| JML     | 656.1     | 6.217 | 508.9 | 123.6     | 4.989  | 0.1662   | 1.61 |
| WS      | 324.2     | 6.972 | 455.7 | 116.4     | 5.687  | 0.162    | 1.76 |
| JML     | 566.4     | 4.327 | 479.2 | 113.4     | 2.107  | 0.1695   | 1.41 |
| JML     | 898.1     | 6.47  | 462   | 120.4     | 3.756  | 0.1644   | 1.49 |
| JML     | 514.5     | 4.721 | 462.6 | 98.45     | 1.798  | 0.1638   | 1.34 |
| JBL     | 569.6     | 15.42 | 434.5 | 138.7     | 2.994  | 0.1602   | 1.47 |
| JBL     | 533       | 18.3  | 403.9 | 116.4     | 3.032  | 0.1671   | 2.17 |
| JBL     | 689       | 12.4  | 428.7 | 132.5     | 2.101  | 0.1617   | 1.32 |
| JBL     | 830.1     | 24.4  | 449.8 | 144.2     | 3.175  | 0.1653   | 1.30 |
| JBL     | 377.5     | 6.04  | 432.3 | 109.6     | 2.359  | 0.1698   | 1.16 |
| JBL     | 778.8     | 16.13 | 444.1 | 119.6     | 2.344  | 0.1665   | 1.20 |
| JBL     | 371       | 3.2   | 447.6 | 174.3     | 2.032  | 0.18     | 1.29 |
| JBL     | 696.4     | 11.74 | 483.4 | 108.5     | 2.782  | 0.1635   | 1.44 |
| JBL     | 586.8     | 9.241 | 424.8 | 142.4     | 1.96   | 0.1698   | 1.41 |
| JBL     | 592.1     | 8.674 | 436.6 | 134.4     | 2.06   | 0.1641   | 1.46 |
| JBL     | 648.6     | 12.14 | 404.7 | 157       | 2.149  | 0.1626   | 1.61 |
| JBL     | 574.7     | 24.72 | 407.7 | 140.8     | 3.253  | 0.171    | 2.30 |
| CRT     | 217       | 7.623 | 379.4 | 67.39     | 8.692  | 0.1394   | 1.15 |
| CRT     | 140.1     | 7.45  | 226.4 | 53.08     | 3.496  | 0.0576   | 0.75 |
| CRT     | 181.3     | 7.396 | 317.4 | 67.12     | 5.328  | 0.1358   | 0.99 |
| CRT     | 107       | 8.566 | 238.1 | 54.28     | 2.72   | 0.0513   | 0.47 |
| CRT     | 94.75     | 6.261 | 243.3 | 50.1      | 9.649  | 0.0976   | 2.25 |
| CRT     | 123.5     | 6.594 | 286.3 | 53.35     | 4.139  | 0.0898   | 0.78 |
| CRT     | 101.7     | 22.76 | 263.2 | 47.93     | 3.22   | 0.0739   | 0.62 |
| CRT     | 82.84     | 4.927 | 241   | 43.98     | 4.741  | 0.1169   | 1.39 |
| CRT     | 131.7     | 14.12 | 338   | 55.4      | 4.068  | 2.25     | 0.70 |
| CRT     | 159.4     | 5.001 | 404.7 | 67.37     | 4.751  | 0.199    | 0.98 |
| CRT     | 142.7     | 3.118 | 336.7 | 60.09     | 3.965  | 0.1665   | 0.60 |

| Ecotype | Mg        | Zn    | Fe    | Mn        | Cu     | Cr       | Pb   |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|------|
| Units   | ppm       | ppm   | ppm   | ppm       | ppm    | ppm      | ppm  |
| Abbrev. | Magnesium | Zinc  | Iron  | Manganese | Copper | Chromium | Lead |
| CRT     | 115.6     | 6.764 | 294   | 50.84     | 4.404  | 0.1485   | 0.86 |
| CRT     | 169.4     | 4.784 | 421.1 | 70.93     | 4.878  | 0.1569   | 0.95 |
| CRT     | 166.4     | 6.47  | 417.1 | 71.9      | 6.121  | 0.1948   | 1.46 |
| CRT     | 101       | 13.88 | 235.5 | 47.96     | 3.339  | 0.0868   | 0.71 |
| CRT     | 182.7     | 5.196 | 263   | 59.44     | 2.752  | 0.1069   | 1.37 |
| CRT     | 248.6     | 4.329 | 343.3 | 75.16     | 3.159  | 0.1469   | 0.84 |
| CRT     | 237.2     | 9.472 | 360.1 | 70.44     | 3.43   | 0.1909   | 0.82 |
| CRT     | 206.2     | 5.411 | 328.7 | 65.38     | 3.68   | 0.1478   | 0.90 |
| CRT     | 200.7     | 7.078 | 360.7 | 65.72     | 4.123  | 0.1503   | 0.86 |
| CRT     | 228.1     | 5.513 | 351   | 74.1      | 3.575  | 0.1313   | 0.57 |
| CRT     | 117       | 3.84  | 243.3 | 52.05     | 3.006  | 0.0985   | 0.81 |
| CRT     | 207.6     | 10    | 399.5 | 75.2      | 3.426  | 0.3391   | 0.76 |
| CRT     | 107.7     | 2.708 | 219.4 | 49.36     | 2.531  | 0.1075   | 0.73 |
| CRT     | 149.4     | 3.844 | 274.8 | 58.75     | 3.327  | 0.1036   | 0.55 |
| CRT     | 158.5     | 4.031 | 259.9 | 55.38     | 2.788  | 0.1024   | 0.26 |
| CRT     | 171.7     | 12.33 | 311   | 62.19     | 3.731  | 0.1214   | 1.19 |
| CRT     | 179.8     | 9.629 | 337.1 | 66.52     | 4.653  | 0.1265   | 1.19 |
| CRT     | 147       | 4.081 | 238.7 | 56.1      | 3.315  | 0.1133   | 0.85 |
| CRT     | 313.1     | 11.52 | 485.7 | 115.2     | 6.745  | 0.22     | 1.45 |
| WS      | 324.2     | 6.972 | 455.7 | 116.4     | 5.687  | 0.162    | 1.76 |
| CRT     | 242.2     | 8.365 | 364.8 | 120       | 4.157  | 0.3451   | 3.85 |
| CRT     | 218       | 6.226 | 448.7 | 110.7     | 4.014  | 1.502    | 6.95 |
| CRT     | 106.9     | 3.781 | 278.5 | 40.26     | 1.886  | 0.764    | 4.58 |
| CRT     | 247.9     | 11.16 | 716.6 | 104.8     | 4.519  | 1.818    | 9.79 |
| CRT     | 111.4     | 7.479 | 341.4 | 74.63     | 3.507  | 0.9484   | 6.32 |
| CRT     | 130.7     | 8.301 | 424.3 | 95.51     | 3.837  | 1.12     | 8.21 |
| CRT     | 94.33     | 8.856 | 395.7 | 64.76     | 3.793  | 1.001    | 6.32 |
| CRT     | 69.54     | 7.911 | 294.8 | 46.31     | 4.063  | 0.685    | 7.26 |
| CRT     | 120       | 12.66 | 497.8 | 78.83     | 3.942  | 1.949    | 9.95 |
| CRT     | 157.5     | 8.63  | 527.2 | 94.49     | 4.577  | 1.357    | 7.58 |
| CRT     | 95.56     | 8.836 | 319.8 | 65.06     | 5.08   | 0.9879   | 9.16 |
| CRT     | 99.84     | 7.87  | 370.7 | 71.36     | 4.355  | 1.172    | 8.21 |
| CRT     | 114.7     | 6.329 | 361.3 | 64.99     | 3.982  | 0.8694   | 7.11 |
| CRT     | 152.2     | 10.99 | 445.1 | 75.48     | 6.675  | 0.9747   | 6.95 |
| CRT     | 149.5     | 9.514 | 475   | 78.65     | 7.609  | 1.212    | 8.84 |
| CRT     | 184.5     | 2.625 | 394.6 | 128.7     | 3.342  | 1.055    | 5.44 |
| CRT     | 160.3     | 2.447 | 366.4 | 105.3     | 3.254  | 0.9477   | 6.56 |
| CRT     | 145.2     | 3.158 | 330.4 | 104.9     | 3.28   | 0.9878   | 6.56 |
| CRT     | 76.48     | 2.526 | 256.9 | 54.41     | 3.228  | 0.614    | 4.33 |
| CRT     | 69.12     | 2.724 | 245.3 | 54.26     | 3.12   | 0.614    | 6.42 |
| CRT     | 81.37     | 2.447 | 267.6 | 55.14     | 2.781  | 0.6407   | 4.19 |
| CRT     | 84.94     | 3.099 | 277.1 | 51.87     | 3.405  | 0.4672   | 5.58 |
| CRT     | 153.9     | 3.947 | 452.5 | 86.18     | 3.485  | 0.6407   | 5.86 |
| CRT     | 93.95     | 3.276 | 306.2 | 53.76     | 3.729  | 0.4138   | 7.54 |
| CRT     | 176       | 9.888 | 452.7 | 89.3      | 3.243  | 0.7074   | 6.14 |
| CRT     | 157.4     | 16.03 | 387   | 79.06     | 2.921  | 0.7101   | 4.20 |

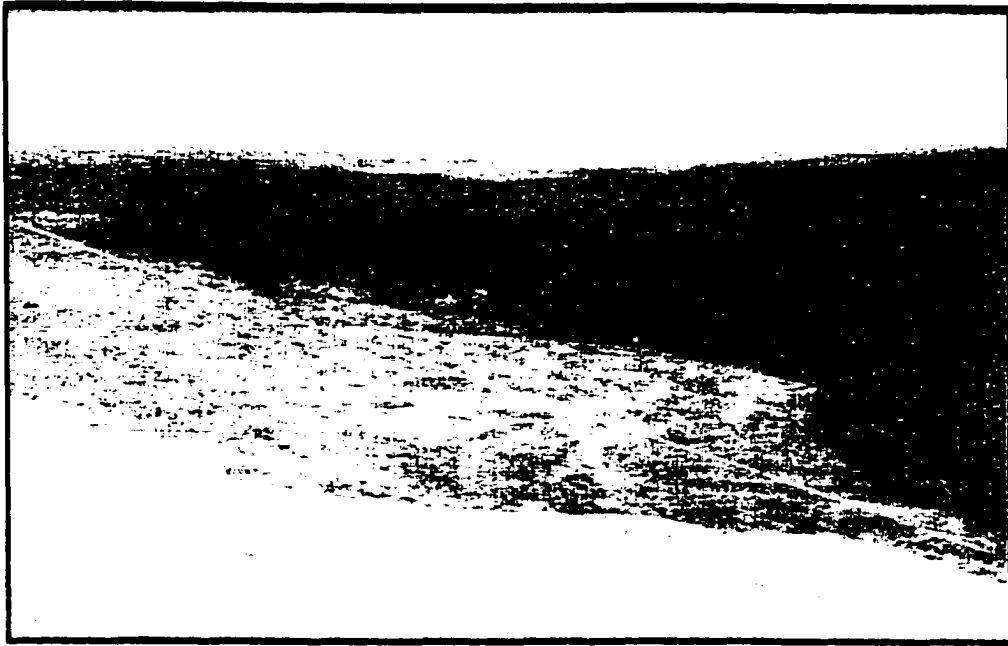
| Ecotype | Mg        | Zn    | Fe    | Mn        | Cu     | Cr       | Pb   |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|------|
| Units   | ppm       | ppm   | ppm   | ppm       | ppm    | ppm      | ppm  |
| Abbrev. | Magnesium | Zinc  | Iron  | Manganese | Copper | Chromium | Lead |
| CRT     | 152.4     | 8.444 | 361.5 | 72.04     | 3.327  | 0.6981   | 4.05 |
| CRT     | 200.6     | 18.13 | 355.8 | 85.56     | 3.007  | 0.7222   | 4.50 |
| CRT     | 213       | 9.246 | 366.6 | 86.39     | 2.504  | 0.8666   | 5.10 |
| CRT     | 192.4     | 13.73 | 362.1 | 85.39     | 2.599  | 0.6981   | 6.15 |
| CRT     | 202.5     | 12.75 | 502   | 105.4     | 3.9    | 1.107    | 6.75 |
| CRT     | 194.1     | 9.21  | 521.1 | 108.1     | 7.288  | 1.18     | 7.65 |
| CRT     | 262.4     | 36.24 | 669.9 | 262.4     | 4.756  | 1.372    | 8.10 |
| CRT     | 220.2     | 9.155 | 720.8 | 220.2     | 7.112  | 1.107    | 7.95 |
| CRT     | 154.6     | 8.59  | 509.4 | 154.6     | 5.091  | 0.8907   | 8.70 |
| CRT     | 165.6     | 14.59 | 536.7 | 165.6     | 4.579  | 1.011    | 7.65 |
| CRT     | 156.6     | 11.43 | 515   | 156.6     | 13.78  | 0.8425   | 8.10 |
| CRT     | 157.5     | 12.11 | 458.4 | 157.5     | 4.306  | 0.8064   | 7.80 |
| CRT     | 198.3     | 16.23 | 662.4 | 198.3     | 5.442  | 0.9629   | 7.95 |
| CRT     | 179.1     | 12.55 | 548.2 | 179.1     | 7.134  | 0.8907   | 8.10 |
| CRT     | 178.6     | 17.18 | 540.4 | 178.6     | 6.763  | 0.9027   | 9.60 |
| CRT     | 166.5     | 14.19 | 539.9 | 166.5     | 6.935  | 0.8907   | 9.00 |
| CRT     | 179.9     | 12.89 | 562.5 | 179.9     | 6.114  | 0.8546   | 8.25 |
| CRT     | 178.1     | 14.44 | 519.4 | 178.1     | 6.962  | 0.8546   | 9.30 |
| CRT     | 217.1     | 26.04 | 711.7 | 217.1     | 10.89  | 1.047    | 7.80 |

| Ecotype | Plot | UTM Grid (WGS84)   | LAT/LON (NAD27 - AK) |
|---------|------|--------------------|----------------------|
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| WS      | 101  | 6 V 551580 7072000 | N63.77216 W145.95162 |
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| WS      | 105  | 6 V 551731 7072300 | N63.77483 W145.94847 |
| WS      | 106  | 6 V 551580 7072300 | N63.77485 W145.95152 |
| WS      | 107  | 6 V 551431 7072300 | N63.77488 W145.95455 |
| WS      | 108  | 6 V 551280 7072300 | N63.77490 W145.95761 |
| WS      | 109  | 6 V 551730 7072450 | N63.77618 W145.94843 |
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| WIS     | E05  | 6 V 550387 7076651 | N63.81407 W145.97430 |
| WIS     | G01  | 6 V 551387 7076143 | N63.80937 W145.95415 |
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| JS      | 300  | 6 V 565077 7083989 | N63.87881 W145.67523 |

| Ecotype | Plot  | UTM Grid (WGS84)   | LAT/LON (NAD27 - AK) |
|---------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| JS      | 301   | 6 V 565067 7084140 | N63.88016 W145.67538 |
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| JML     | 1842  | 6 V 566443 7093391 | N63.96157 W145.64106 |
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| CRT     | CR16  | 6 V 550731 7075020 | N63.80071 W145.97016 |
| CRT     | CR17  | 6 V 550198 7075689 | N63.80546 W145.97845 |
| CRT     | CR7   | 6 V 550401 7076680 | N63.81432 W145.97401 |
| CRT     | CR9   | 6 V 550602 7075600 | N63.80461 W145.97027 |

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Photographs**



**Photo 1. Aerial view of the Washington Range and Impact Area (looking north), Fort Greely, Alaska. The area in the active flood plain is dominated by the scrub ecotype.**



**Photo 2. Scrub ecotype in the Washington Impact Area, Fort Greely, Alaska.**



**Photo 3. Aerial view of scrub ecotype showing high water flow and evidence of water erosion.**



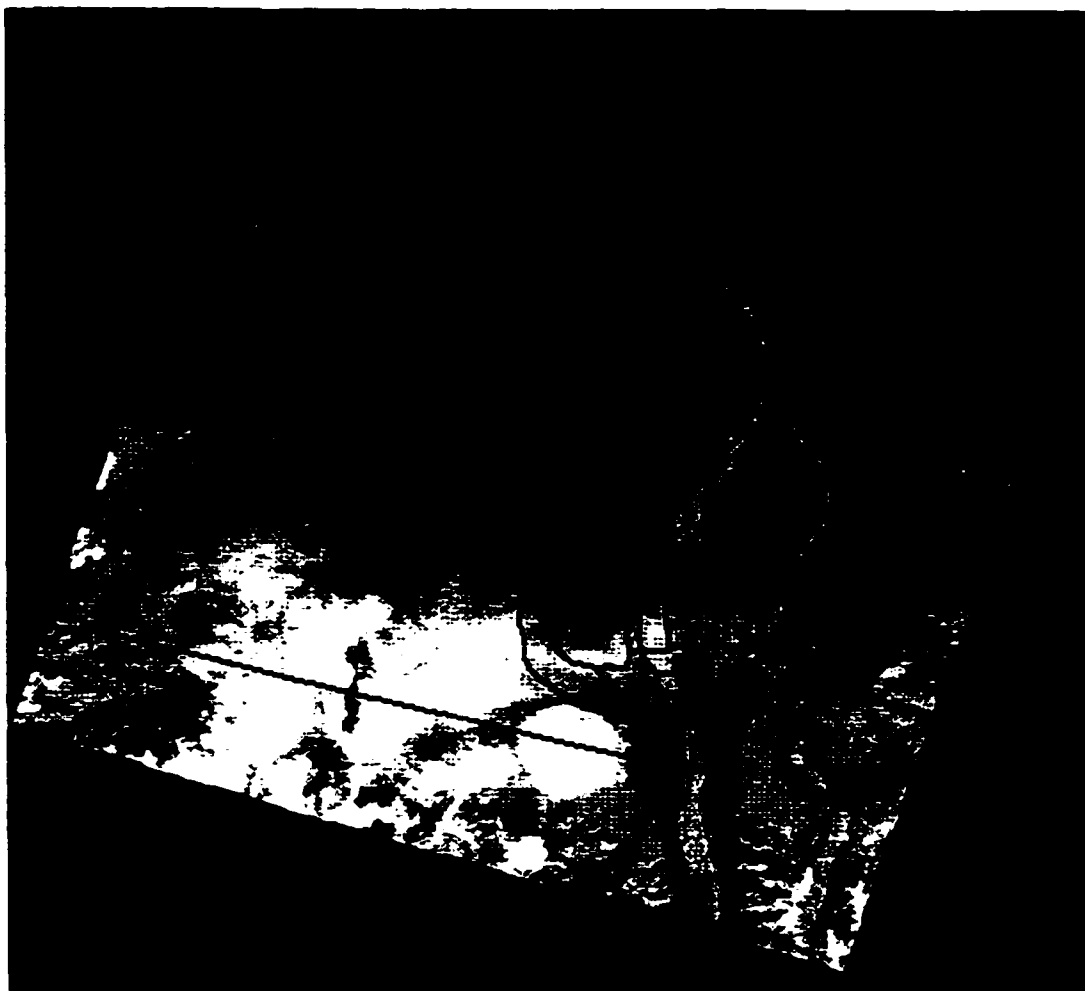
**Photo 4. Wind blown erosion at Washington impact area, Fort Greely, Alaska. Inset shows exposed roots. Exposed gravel is approximately 10 cm from the surface.**



**Photo 5. Crater in the Washington Impact Area, Fort Greely Alaska.**



**Photo 6. 500lb bomb crater in the Washington Impact Area, Fort Greely Alaska.**



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**Photo 7. Subsetted portion of a Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper color infrared image (10 September 1999) of Fort Greely, Alaska and vicinity.**

**APPENDIX C**  
**CENTURY Site File Parameterization**

## Appendix C

Site parameterization for CENTURY simulations of ecotypes at Fort Greely, Alaska. Bonanza Creek Long Term Ecological Research (BNZ LTER) site data is provided for comparison. For parameter definitions refer to the CENTURY Users Manual at <http://www.nrel.colostate.edu/projects/century/nrel.htm>

| Parameter          | BNZ LTER | Scrub | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Climate parameters |          |       |           |            |            |
| PRECIP(1)          | 1.8      | 0.9   | 0.9       | 0.9        | 0.9        |
| PRECIP(2)          | 1.2      | 0.8   | 0.8       | 0.8        | 0.8        |
| PRECIP(3)          | 1.3      | 0.7   | 0.7       | 0.7        | 0.7        |
| PRECIP(4)          | 0.8      | 0.6   | 0.6       | 0.6        | 0.6        |
| PRECIP(5)          | 1.7      | 2.2   | 2.2       | 2.2        | 2.2        |
| PRECIP(6)          | 3.5      | 5.9   | 5.9       | 5.9        | 5.9        |
| PRECIP(7)          | 4.7      | 6.7   | 6.7       | 6.7        | 6.7        |
| PRECIP(8)          | 5.1      | 5.1   | 5.1       | 5.1        | 5.1        |
| PRECIP(9)          | 2.6      | 2.8   | 2.8       | 2.8        | 2.8        |
| PRECIP(10)         | 2.2      | 1.7   | 1.7       | 1.7        | 1.7        |
| PRECIP(11)         | 1.7      | 1.2   | 1.2       | 1.2        | 1.2        |
| PRECIP(12)         | 1.7      | 1.0   | 1.0       | 1.0        | 1.0        |
| PRCSTD(1)          | 2.3      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(2)          | 1.3      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(3)          | 1.7      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(4)          | 0.8      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(5)          | 1        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(6)          | 1.8      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(7)          | 2.6      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(8)          | 2.9      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(9)          | 2.3      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(10)         | 1.4      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(11)         | 1.4      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSTD(12)         | 1.7      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(1)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(2)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(3)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(4)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(5)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(6)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(7)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(8)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(9)          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(10)         | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(11)         | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PRCSKW(12)         | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| TMN2M(1)           | -30      | -31   | -31       | -31        | -31        |
| TMN2M(2)           | -26      | -29   | -29       | -29        | -29        |
| TMN2M(3)           | -20      | -20   | -20       | -20        | -20        |
| TMN2M(4)           | -8       | -7    | -7        | -7         | -7         |

| Parameter                   | BNZ LTER | Scrub  | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|
| TMN2M(5)                    | 3        | 3      | 3         | 3          | 3          |
| TMN2M(6)                    | 8        | 9      | 9         | 9          | 9          |
| TMN2M(7)                    | 10       | 13     | 13        | 13         | 13         |
| TMN2M(8)                    | 7        | 9      | 9         | 9          | 9          |
| TMN2M(9)                    | 2        | 3      | 3         | 3          | 3          |
| TMN2M(10)                   | -7       | -11    | -11       | -11        | -11        |
| TMN2M(11)                   | -21      | -23    | -23       | -23        | -23        |
| TMN2M(12)                   | -28      | -30    | -30       | -30        | -30        |
| TMX2M(1)                    | -19      | -4     | -4        | -4         | -4         |
| TMX2M(2)                    | -12      | -6     | -6        | -6         | -6         |
| TMX2M(3)                    | -5       | 0      | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| TMX2M(4)                    | 5        | 4      | 4         | 4          | 4          |
| TMX2M(5)                    | 15       | 12     | 12        | 12         | 12         |
| TMX2M(6)                    | 22       | 17     | 17        | 17         | 17         |
| TMX2M(7)                    | 23       | 17     | 17        | 17         | 17         |
| TMX2M(8)                    | 19       | 16     | 16        | 16         | 16         |
| TMX2M(9)                    | 13       | 11     | 11        | 11         | 11         |
| TMX2M(10)                   | 1        | 2      | 2         | 2          | 2          |
| TMX2M(11)                   | -11      | -4     | -4        | -4         | -4         |
| TMX2M(12)                   | -18      | -9     | -9        | -9         | -9         |
| Site and control parameters |          |        |           |            |            |
| IVAUTO                      | 0        | 1      | 1         | 1          | 1          |
| NELEM                       | 1        | 1      | 1         | 1          | 1          |
| SITLAT                      | 64.75    | 64     | 64        | 64         | 64         |
| SITLNG                      | 148.25   | 145.44 | 145.44    | 145.44     | 145.44     |
| SAND                        | 0.1      | 0.53   | 0.39      | 0.46       | 0.45       |
| SILT                        | 0.89     | 0.43   | 0.5       | 0.45       | 0.45       |
| CLAY                        | 0.01     | 0.04   | 0.11      | 0.09       | 0.1        |
| BULKD                       | 0.75     | 1      | 0.8       | 0.8        | 0.75       |
| NLAYER                      | 5        | 5      | 5         | 5          | 5          |
| NLAYPG                      | 3        | 3      | 3         | 3          | 3          |
| DRAIN                       | 1        | 1      | 1         | 1          | 1          |
| BASEF                       | 0.3      | 0.3    | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| STORMF                      | 0.4      | 0.4    | 0.4       | 0.4        | 0.4        |
| SWFLAG                      | 1        | 1      | 1         | 1          | 1          |
| AWILT(1)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(2)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(3)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(4)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(5)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(6)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(7)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(8)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(9)                    | 0.2      | 0.2    | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| AWILT(10)                   | 0.3      | 0.3    | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(1)                    | 0.3      | 0.3    | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(2)                    | 0.3      | 0.3    | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(3)                    | 0.3      | 0.3    | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |

| Parameter                          | BNZ LTER | Scrub | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| AFIEL(4)                           | 0.3      | 0.3   | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(5)                           | 0.3      | 0.3   | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(6)                           | 0.3      | 0.3   | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(7)                           | 0.3      | 0.3   | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(8)                           | 0.3      | 0.3   | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(9)                           | 0.3      | 0.3   | 0.3       | 0.3        | 0.3        |
| AFIEL(10)                          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PH                                 | 4.7      | 7.5   | 6.0       | 5.7        | 5.0        |
| PSLSRB                             | 1        | 1     | 1         | 1          | 1          |
| SORPMX                             | 3        | 3     | 3         | 3          | 3          |
| External nutrient input parameters |          |       |           |            |            |
| EPNFA(1)                           | 0.05     | 0.063 | 0.063     | 0.063      | 0.063      |
| EPNFA(2)                           | 0.007    | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| EPNFS(1)                           | -0.9     | -0.9  | -0.9      | -0.9       | -0.9       |
| EPNFS(2)                           | 0.015    | 0.015 | 0.015     | 0.015      | 0.015      |
| SATMOS(1)                          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SATMOS(2)                          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SIRRI                              | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| Organic matter initial values      |          |       |           |            |            |
| SOM1CI(1,1)                        | 100      | 10    | 40        | 80         | 100        |
| SOM1CI(1,2)                        | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SOM1CI(2,1)                        | 370      | 35    | 150       | 300        | 370        |
| SOM1CI(2,2)                        | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SOM2CI(1)                          | 3750     | 375   | 1500      | 3000       | 3750       |
| SOM2CI(2)                          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SOM3CI(1)                          | 1250     | 125   | 500       | 1000       | 1250       |
| SOM3CI(2)                          | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RCES1(1,1)                         | 15       | 15    | 15        | 15         | 15         |
| RCES1(1,2)                         | 200      | 100   | 230       | 100        | 100        |
| RCES1(1,3)                         | 200      | 100   | 9000      | 100        | 100        |
| RCES1(2,1)                         | 14       | 14    | 14        | 14         | 14         |
| RCES1(2,2)                         | 120      | 100   | 100       | 100        | 100        |
| RCES1(2,3)                         | 200      | 100   | 9000      | 100        | 100        |
| RCES2(1)                           | 25       | 15    | 18        | 21         | 21         |
| RCES2(2)                           | 200      | 120   | 145       | 170        | 200        |
| RCES2(3)                           | 200      | 120   | 145       | 170        | 200        |
| RCES3(1)                           | 12       | 15    | 15        | 15         | 15         |
| RCES3(2)                           | 100      | 80    | 80        | 80         | 80         |
| RCES3(3)                           | 100      | 80    | 80        | 80         | 80         |
| CLITTR(1,1)                        | 180      | 20    | 90        | 145        | 180        |
| CLITTR(1,2)                        | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| CLITTR(2,1)                        | 230      | 25    | 90        | 185        | 230        |
| CLITTR(2,2)                        | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RCELIT(1,1)                        | 88       | 88    | 90        | 88         | 88         |
| RCELIT(1,2)                        | 300      | 300   | 468       | 300        | 300        |
| RCELIT(1,3)                        | 300      | 300   | 100       | 300        | 300        |
| RCELIT(2,1)                        | 66       | 66    | 66        | 66         | 66         |
| RCELIT(2,2)                        | 300      | 300   | 300       | 300        | 300        |

| Parameter                                | BNZ LTER | Scrub | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| RCELIT(2,3)                              | 300      | 300   | 300       | 300        | 300        |
| AGLCIS(1)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| AGLCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| AGLIVE(1)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| AGLIVE(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| AGLIVE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| BGLCIS(1)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| BGLCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| BGLIVE(1)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| BGLIVE(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| BGLIVE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| STDCIS(1)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| STDCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| STDEDE(1)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| STDEDE(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| STDEDE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| Forest organic matter initial parameters |          |       |           |            |            |
| RLVCIS(1)                                | 562      | 55    | 225       | 450        | 560        |
| RLVCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RLEAVE(1)                                | 8.5      | 1     | 3         | 7          | 9          |
| RLEAVE(2)                                | 1.1      | 0.1   | 0.45      | 0.9        | 1.1        |
| RLEAVE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| FBRCS(1)                                 | 736      | 75    | 295       | 590        | 735        |
| FBRCS(2)                                 | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| FBRCHE(1)                                | 8.9      | 0.9   | 4         | 8          | 9          |
| FBRCHE(2)                                | 1.3      | 0.1   | 0.5       | 1          | 1.3        |
| FBRCHE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RLWCIS(1)                                | 6263     | 650   | 2600      | 5010       | 6500       |
| RLWCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RLWODE(1)                                | 10       | 1     | 4         | 8          | 10         |
| RLWODE(2)                                | 1.1      | 0.1   | 0.4       | 0.4        | 1.1        |
| RLWODE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| FRTCIS(1)                                | 500      | 50    | 200       | 400        | 500        |
| FRTCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| FROOTE(1)                                | 22.2     | 2     | 9         | 18         | 22         |
| FROOTE(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| FROOTE(3)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| CRTCIS(1)                                | 1000     | 100   | 400       | 800        | 1000       |
| CRTCIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| CROOTE(1)                                | 1.6      | 0.2   | 0.6       | 1.3        | 1.6        |
| CROOTE(2)                                | 0.02     | 0.02  | 0.02      | 0.02       | 0.02       |
| CROOTE(3)                                | 44       | 5     | 20        | 35         | 45         |
| WD1CIS(1)                                | 50       | 5     | 20        | 40         | 50         |
| WD1CIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| WD2CIS(1)                                | 500      | 50    | 200       | 400        | 500        |
| WD2CIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| WD3CIS(1)                                | 100      | 10    | 40        | 80         | 100        |
| WD3CIS(2)                                | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |

| Parameter                  | BNZ LTER | Scrub   | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|
| W1LIG                      | 0.2      | 0.2     | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| W2LIG                      | 0.2      | 0.2     | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| W3LIG                      | 0.2      | 0.2     | 0.2       | 0.2        | 0.2        |
| Mineral initial parameters |          |         |           |            |            |
| MINERL(1,1)                | 0.42     | 0.42    | 0.42      | 0.42       | 0.42       |
| MINERL(2,1)                | 0.00001  | 0.00001 | 0.00001   | 0.00001    | 0.00001    |
| MINERL(3,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(4,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(5,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(6,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(7,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(8,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(9,1)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(10,1)               | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(1,2)                | 0.5      | 0.5     | 0.5       | 0.5        | 0.5        |
| MINERL(2,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(3,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(4,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(5,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(6,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(7,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(8,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(9,2)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(10,2)               | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(1,3)                | 0.5      | 0.5     | 0.5       | 0.5        | 0.5        |
| MINERL(2,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(3,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(4,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(5,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(6,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(7,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(8,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(9,3)                | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| MINERL(10,3)               | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PARENT(1)                  | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| PARENT(2)                  | 500      | 500     | 500       | 500        | 500        |
| PARENT(3)                  | 50       | 50      | 50        | 50         | 50         |
| SECNDY(1)                  | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SECNDY(2)                  | 15       | 15      | 15        | 15         | 15         |
| SECNDY(3)                  | 2        | 2       | 2         | 2          | 2          |
| OCCLUD                     | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| Water initial parameters   |          |         |           |            |            |
| RWCF(1)                    | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(2)                    | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(3)                    | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(4)                    | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(5)                    | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(6)                    | 0        | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0          |

| Parameter | BNZ LTER | Scrub | Broadleaf | Mixed Leaf | Needleleaf |
|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| RWCF(7)   | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(8)   | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(9)   | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| RWCF(10)  | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SNLQ      | 0        | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0          |
| SNOW      | 5        | 5     | 5         | 5          | 5          |

**APPENDIX D**  
**CENTURY Tree and Crop File Parameterization**

## Appendix D

Tree and Crop file parameterization for CENTURY simulations of Fort Greely, Alaska ecotypes. For parameter definitions refer to the CENTURY Users Manual at <http://www.nrel.colostate.edu/projects/century/nrel.htm>

|               | CWT                 | MIX                     | BNZ            |              | NWT            |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| TREE100 File  | Coweeta             | 50/50<br>CONIF<br>DECID | Bonanza        | CROP100 File | Niwot<br>Ridge |
| Ecotype       | Broadleaf/<br>Scrub | Mixed<br>Leaf           | Needle<br>leaf | Ecotype      | Scrub          |
| DECID         | 1                   | 1                       | 0              | PRDX(1)      | 150            |
| PRDX(3)       | 9999                | 9999                    | 9999           | PPDF(1)      | 15             |
| PRDX(4)       | 400                 | 300                     | 300            | PPDF(2)      | 32             |
| PPDF(1)       | 30                  | 19                      | 15             | PPDF(3)      | 1              |
| PPDF(2)       | 45                  | 35                      | 32             | PPDF(4)      | 3.5            |
| PPDF(3)       | 1                   | 1                       | 1              | BIOFLG       | 1              |
| PPDF(4)       | 2.5                 | 3.5                     | 3.5            | BIOK5        | 60             |
| CERFOR(1,1,1) | 20                  | 27.5                    | 35             | PLTMRF       | 1              |
| CERFOR(1,1,2) | 396                 | 396                     | 697            | FULCAN       | 100            |
| CERFOR(1,1,3) | 40                  | 40                      | 0              | FRTC(1)      | 0              |
| CERFOR(1,2,1) | 40                  | 45                      | 50             | FRTC(2)      | 0              |
| CERFOR(1,2,2) | 500                 | 500                     | 450            | FRTC(3)      | 0              |
| CERFOR(1,2,3) | 83                  | 83                      | 0              | BIOMAX       | 400            |
| CERFOR(1,3,1) | 99                  | 133                     | 83             | PRAMN(1,1)   | 25             |
| CERFOR(1,3,2) | 500                 | 500                     | 566            | PRAMN(2,1)   | 390            |
| CERFOR(1,3,3) | 70                  | 70                      | 0              | PRAMN(3,1)   | 340            |
| CERFOR(1,4,1) | 140                 | 516.5                   | 626            | PRAMN(1,2)   | 30             |
| CERFOR(1,4,2) | 479                 | 479                     | 5694           | PRAMN(2,2)   | 390            |
| CERFOR(1,4,3) | 131                 | 131                     | 0              | PRAMN(3,2)   | 340            |
| CERFOR(1,5,1) | 83                  | 319.5                   | 626            | PRAMX(1,1)   | 35             |
| CERFOR(1,5,2) | 833                 | 833                     | 5694           | PRAMX(2,1)   | 440            |
| CERFOR(1,5,3) | 100                 | 100                     | 0              | PRAMX(3,1)   | 440            |
| CERFOR(2,1,1) | 60                  | 60                      | 60             | PRAMX(1,2)   | 60             |
| CERFOR(2,1,2) | 396                 | 396                     | 697            | PRAMX(2,2)   | 440            |
| CERFOR(2,1,3) | 40                  | 40                      | 0              | PRAMX(3,2)   | 440            |
| CERFOR(2,2,1) | 50                  | 65.5                    | 45             | PRBMN(1,1)   | 50             |
| CERFOR(2,2,2) | 500                 | 500                     | 450            | PRBMN(2,1)   | 390            |
| CERFOR(2,2,3) | 83                  | 83                      | 0              | PRBMN(3,1)   | 340            |
| CERFOR(2,3,1) | 99                  | 133                     | 83             | PRBMN(1,2)   | 0              |
| CERFOR(2,3,2) | 500                 | 500                     | 566            | PRBMN(2,2)   | 0              |
| CERFOR(2,3,3) | 70                  | 70                      | 0              | PRBMN(3,2)   | 0              |
| CERFOR(2,4,1) | 140                 | 516.5                   | 626            | PRBMX(1,1)   | 55             |
| CERFOR(2,4,2) | 479                 | 479                     | 5694           | PRBMX(2,1)   | 420            |
| CERFOR(2,4,3) | 131                 | 131                     | 0              | PRBMX(3,1)   | 420            |
| CERFOR(2,5,1) | 83                  | 319.5                   | 626            | PRBMX(1,2)   | 0              |
| CERFOR(2,5,2) | 833                 | 833                     | 5694           | PRBMX(2,2)   | 0              |

|               | CWT                 | MIX                     | BNZ            |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| TREE100 File  | Coweeta             | 50/50<br>CONIF<br>DECID | Bonanza        |
| Ecotype       | Broadleaf/<br>Scrub | Mixed<br>Leaf           | Needle<br>leaf |
| CERFOR(2,5,3) | 100                 | 100                     | 0              |
| CERFOR(3,1,1) | 59                  | 74.5                    | 75             |
| CERFOR(3,1,2) | 396                 | 396                     | 697            |
| CERFOR(3,1,3) | 40                  | 40                      | 0              |
| CERFOR(3,2,1) | 50                  | 65.5                    | 45             |
| CERFOR(3,2,2) | 500                 | 500                     | 450            |
| CERFOR(3,2,3) | 83                  | 83                      | 0              |
| CERFOR(3,3,1) | 99                  | 133                     | 83             |
| CERFOR(3,3,2) | 500                 | 500                     | 566            |
| CERFOR(3,3,3) | 70                  | 70                      | 0              |
| CERFOR(3,4,1) | 140                 | 516.5                   | 626            |
| CERFOR(3,4,2) | 479                 | 479                     | 5694           |
| CERFOR(3,4,3) | 131                 | 131                     | 0              |
| CERFOR(3,5,1) | 83                  | 319.5                   | 626            |
| CERFOR(3,5,2) | 833                 | 833                     | 5694           |
| CERFOR(3,5,3) | 100                 | 100                     | 0              |
| DECW1         | 1.5                 | 1.5                     | 1.5            |
| DECW2         | 0.5                 | 0.5                     | 0.5            |
| DECW3         | 0.6                 | 0.6                     | 0.6            |
| FCFRAC(1,1)   | 0.34                | 0.34                    | 0.19           |
| FCFRAC(2,1)   | 0.4                 | 0.4                     | 0.42           |
| FCFRAC(3,1)   | 0.09                | 0.09                    | 0.05           |
| FCFRAC(4,1)   | 0.15                | 0.15                    | 0.28           |
| FCFRAC(5,1)   | 0.02                | 0.02                    | 0.06           |
| FCFRAC(1,2)   | 0.28                | 0.3                     | 0.19           |
| FCFRAC(2,2)   | 0.27                | 0.3                     | 0.42           |
| FCFRAC(3,2)   | 0.08                | 0.25                    | 0.05           |
| FCFRAC(4,2)   | 0.32                | 0.1                     | 0.28           |
| FCFRAC(5,2)   | 0.05                | 0.05                    | 0.06           |
| LEAFDR(1)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(2)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(3)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(4)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(5)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(6)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(7)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(8)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(9)     | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(10)    | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(11)    | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| LEAFDR(12)    | 0.01                | 0.04                    | 0.01           |
| BTOLAI        | 0.011               | 0.00823                 | 0.003          |

|               | NWT            |
|---------------|----------------|
| CROP100 File  | Niwot<br>Ridge |
| Ecotype       | Scrub          |
| PRBMX(3,2)    | 0              |
| FLIGNI(1,1)   | 0.02           |
| FLIGNI(2,1)   | 0.0012         |
| FLIGNI(1,2)   | 0.26           |
| FLIGNI(2,2)   | -0.0015        |
| HIMAX         | 0              |
| HIWSF         | 0              |
| HIMON(1)      | 0              |
| HIMON(2)      | 0              |
| EFRGRN(1)     | 0.5            |
| EFRGRN(2)     | 0.5            |
| EFRGRN(3)     | 0.5            |
| VLOSSP        | 0.04           |
| FSDETH(1)     | 0.2            |
| FSDETH(2)     | 0.95           |
| FSDETH(3)     | 0.2            |
| FSDETH(4)     | 150            |
| FALLRT        | 0.15           |
| RDR           | 0.05           |
| RTDTMP        | 0              |
| CRPRTF(1)     | 0.4            |
| CRPRTF(2)     | 0              |
| CRPRTF(3)     | 0              |
| SNFXMX(1)     | 0              |
| DEL13C        | 27             |
| CO2IPR        | 1.2            |
| CO2ITR        | 0.8            |
| CO2ICE(1,1,1) | 1.2            |
| CO2ICE(1,1,2) | 1              |
| CO2ICE(1,1,3) | 1              |
| CO2ICE(1,2,1) | 1.2            |
| CO2ICE(1,2,2) | 1              |
| CO2ICE(1,2,3) | 1              |

|                     | <b>CWT</b>                  | <b>MIX</b>                       | <b>BNZ</b>             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>TREE100 File</b> | <b>Coweeta</b>              | <b>50/50<br/>CONIF<br/>DECID</b> | <b>Bonanza</b>         |
| <b>Ecotype</b>      | <b>Broadleaf/<br/>Scrub</b> | <b>Mixed<br/>Leaf</b>            | <b>Needle<br/>leaf</b> |
| KLAI                | 1                           | 25                               | 1                      |
| LAITOP              | -0.47                       | -0.47                            | -0.47                  |
| MAXLAI              | 20                          | 2                                | 20                     |
| MAXLDR              | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| FORRTF(1)           | 0.4                         | 0.3                              | 0.4                    |
| FORRTF(2)           | 0                           | 0                                | 0                      |
| FORRTF(3)           | 0                           | 0                                | 0                      |
| SAPK                | 1                           | 200                              | 1                      |
| SWOLD               | 0                           | 5                                | 0                      |
| WDLIG(1)            | 0.223                       | 0.2015                           | 0.14                   |
| WDLIG(2)            | 0.25                        | 0.215                            | 0.09                   |
| WDLIG(3)            | 0.25                        | 0.235                            | 0.2                    |
| WDLIG(4)            | 0.25                        | 0.255                            | 0.2                    |
| WDLIG(5)            | 0.25                        | 0.255                            | 0.2                    |
| WOODDR(1)           | 1                           | 0.5                              | 1                      |
| WOODDR(2)           | 0.04                        | 0.045                            | 0.017                  |
| WOODDR(3)           | 0.01                        | 0.01                             | 0.01                   |
| WOODDR(4)           | 0.002                       | 0.0014                           | 0.0008                 |
| WOODDR(5)           | 0.004                       | 0.0025                           | 0.001                  |
| SNFXMX(2)           | 0                           | 0.0005                           | 0                      |
| DEL13C              | 0                           | 0                                | 0                      |
| CO2IPR              | 1.2                         | 1.2                              | 1.2                    |
| CO2ITR              | 0.8                         | 0.8                              | 0.8                    |
| CO2ICE(1,1,1)       | 1.2                         | 1.2                              | 1.2                    |
| CO2ICE(1,1,2)       | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| CO2ICE(1,1,3)       | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| CO2ICE(1,2,1)       | 1.2                         | 1.2                              | 1.2                    |
| CO2ICE(1,2,2)       | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| CO2ICE(1,2,3)       | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| CO2IRS              | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| BASFC2              | 1                           | 1                                | 1                      |
| BASFCT              | 400                         | 1                                | 400                    |
| SITPOT              | 2400                        | 2400                             | 2400                   |