Field	Definition		
ForageSite	arbritrary number assigned; unique ID		
Person	Name of person who clipped samples		
Date	Year-month-day		
Year_Clipped	Year clipped		
GPS_ID	Geographic descriptor given to some sites		
Plant_Comm	Name of plant community. Identified in field		
Year_Logge	Year logged, if known. May be a result of GIS analysis from point data		
X_Coord	X coordinate in Albers		
Y_Coord	Y coordinate in Albers		
UTM	UTM Zone if applicable		
Х	Original x coordinate in lat-long or UTM		
Y	Original y coordinate in lat-long or UTM		
BEC	Biogeoclimatic Zone, Subzone, Phase, Variant		
Site_Series	BEC Site Series		
Elevation	Estimated in field		
Slope	Estimated in field		
Aspect	Estimated in field		
Slope_posi	Slope Position, from field		
Grazed_pre	Previously grazed YES, NO		
Picture_2m	Name of photo taken at 10m		
Picture_10m	Name of photo taken at 2m		
Weight1gr	weight of total clipping of palatable species in grams -dried clipping 1 of 5 at ea		
Weight2gr			
Weight3gr			
Weight4gr			
Weight5gr			
Average	Average of Clipping Weights		
CV	Coefficient of Variation		
Grass1	Species Name of most common		
Grass1Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Grass2	Species Name of 2nd most common		
Grass2Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Grass3	Species Name of 3rd most common		
Grass3Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Forb1	Species Name of most common		
Forb1Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Forb2	Species Name of 2nd most common		
Forb2Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Forb3	Species Name of 3rd most common		
Forb3Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Forb4	Species Name of 4th most common		
Forb4Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Forb5	Species Name of 5th most common		
Forb5Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		
Shrub1	Species Name of most common		
Shrub1Cov	Estimated Percent Cover		

Shrub2	Species Name of 2nd most common
Shrub2Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Shrub3	Species Name of 3rd most common
Shrub3Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree1	Species Name of most common
Tree1Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree2	Species Name of 2nd most common
Tree2Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree3	Species Name of 3rd most common
Tree3Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree4	Species Name of 4th most common
Tree4Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree5	Species Name of 5th most common
Tree5Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree6	Species Name of 6th most common
Tree6Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree7	Species Name of 7th most common
Tree7Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
Tree8	Species Name of 8th most common
Tree8Cov	Estimated Percent Cover
ExclSpecies	Species excluded from clipping - not palatable
Comments	Additional comments
DEM_ELEV	Elevation calculated via GIS
DEM_Aspect	Aspect calculated via GIS
DEM_Slope	Slope calculated via GIS

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Appendix 1: RVI Data Dictionary (Revised 2023)

Field	Alias	Туре	Width
RVI_ID	RVI ID	Long	
Range_Type	Range Type	Text	100
Plant_Comm	Plant Community	Text	100
Productivity	Clipped Productivity	Short	
LF_Desc	Limiting Factor Description	Text	25
LF_Perc	Limiting Factor Percent	Short	
Safe_Use_Level	Safe Use Level	Long	
Logged	Logged_YN	Text	1
Yr_Logged	Year Logged	Short	
Log_Class	Log Class	Text	25
Raw_no_Deduc	Productivity no Deductions	Double	
Prod_Avail	Available for Use	Double	
Forage_Ha	Forage Hectacres	Double	
HaXAvail	HA x Available for Use	Double	
ALIM Factor	ALIM Size Factor	Short	
		Double	
Acres Per AUM	Acres per AUM	Double	
Map Label Short	Map Label Short	Text	5
Map_Label_Long	Map Label Long	Text	20

Definition				
Pange Type is assigned by SOL or manually from local knowledge				
More specific label based on fieldwork observations on plant				
community				
Productivity of palatable plants clipped from sample plat and even				
dried in Ka/Ha				
Descriptor for Limiting Factor, which reduces utilization of forage				
25				
35				
Yes or No flag used when calculating if a polygon has been logged.				
from VRI or Consoliated Cutblock data.				
Calculated 4-digit year of year of last logged disturbance, from VRI or				
Consoliated Cutblock data. Used in classifying into logged class				
Classification of year logged into five year increments				
Carried forward from Productivty above				
Calculation reducing Productivity Availability by Limiting Factors and				
Safe Use (Productivity Available x (100-Limiting Factor) x Safe Use) /				
10000				
Area Geomatics system-generated in Ha				
Area x Productivity Available				
Can be adjusted but default uses the 450 kg in the Range Act. In the				
British Columbia Range Act, "450 kg" represents one "Animal Unit				
Month" (AUM), which is the amount of forage (measured on a dry				
matter basis) needed to sustain an average cow with a calf for one				
month				
Calculation of Animal Unit Month.				
Acres Per AUM				
Short map label				
Long map label				

Example

"Lodgepole Pine Open", "Saline Meadow"

"Bluebunch Wheatgrass-Big Sagebrush", "Pinegrass-Kinnick"

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"Access obstruction (Access)"; "Lack of water (Dry)"

Percent that forage availability is limited by, for example 25% reduction leaving 75% available Percent allocated. The safe use factor consider the

biophysical constraints and the ecological goals of sustainable health and proper functioning of the rangeland unit. The remaining biomass production is allocated for the maintenance of ecological functions (e.g. hydrological function, soil protection), and plant community services (e.g. habitat maintenance, wildlife forage use, etc.)

"Y"

"1992", "2002"

"0-5" <i>,</i> "6-10"	
	230
	11000
	230
	450
	45
	45
"DO"	
"Dec Open"	