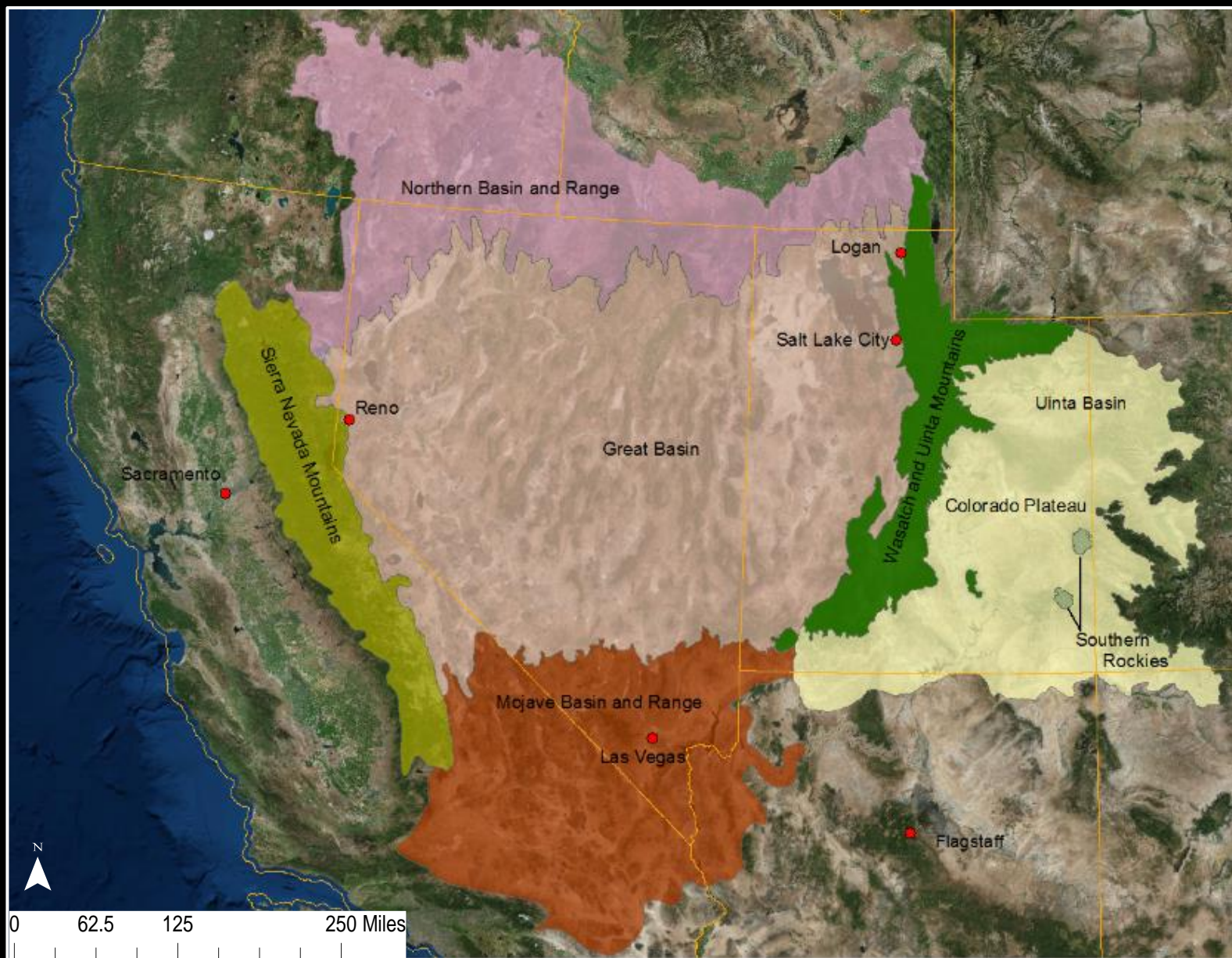
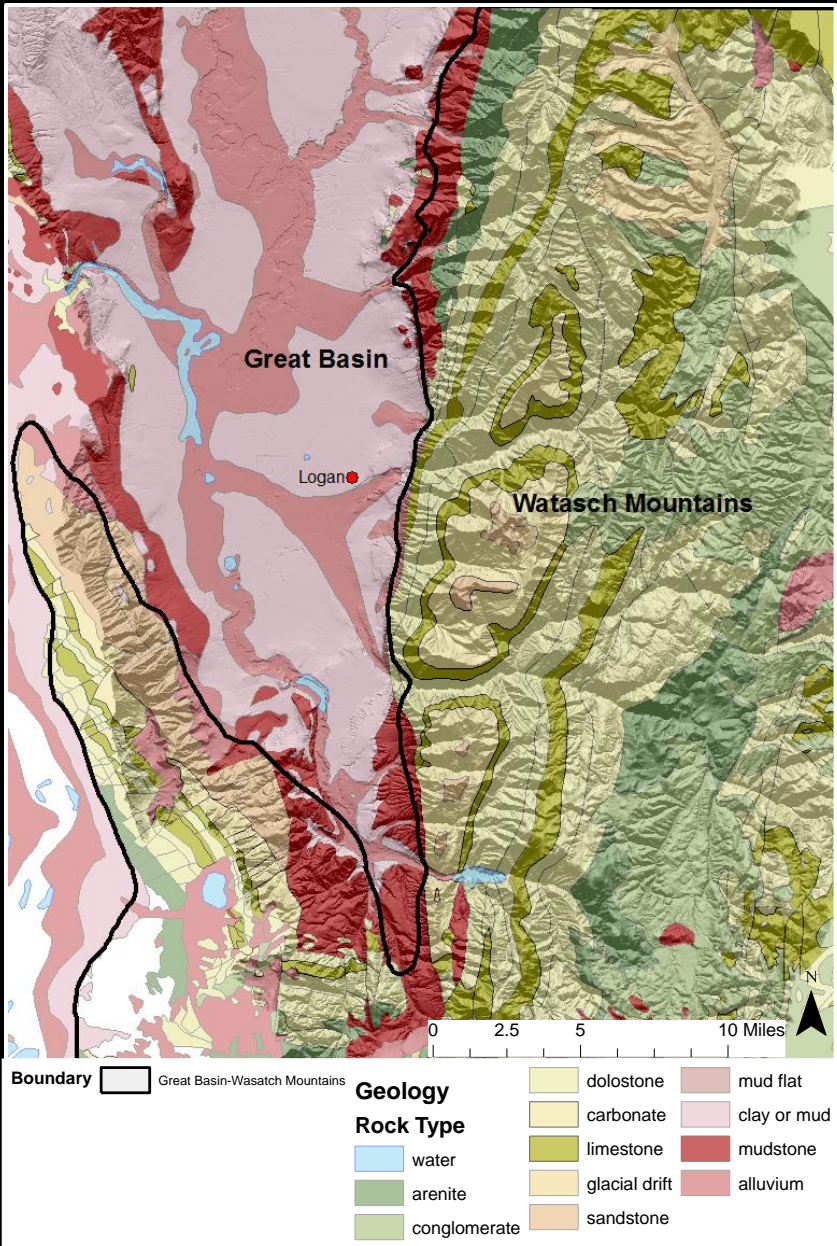
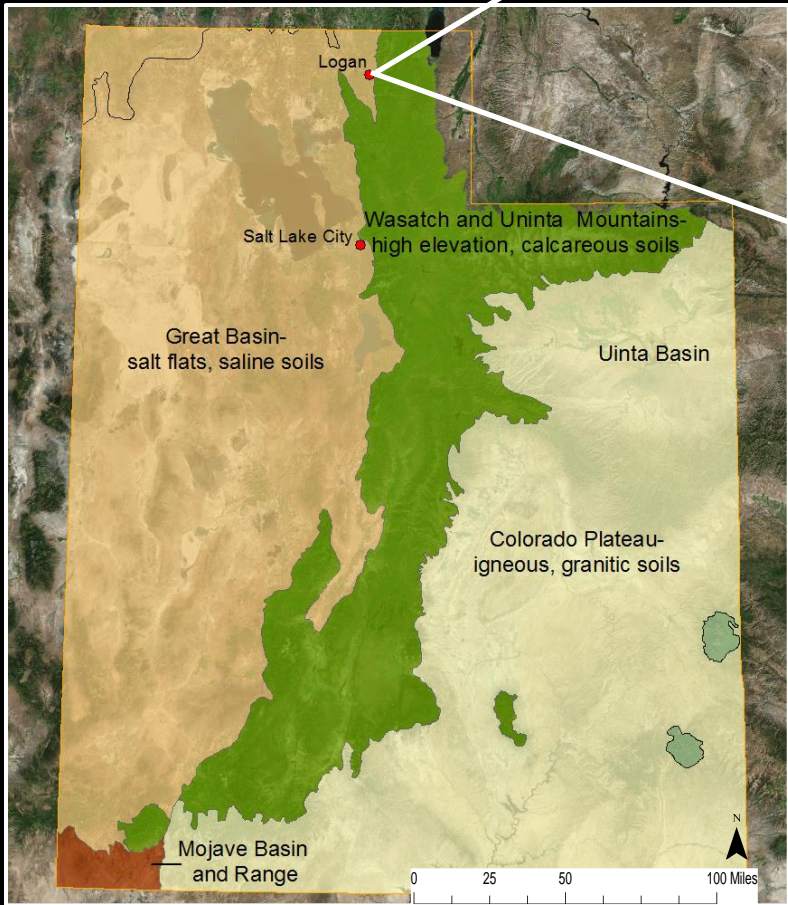


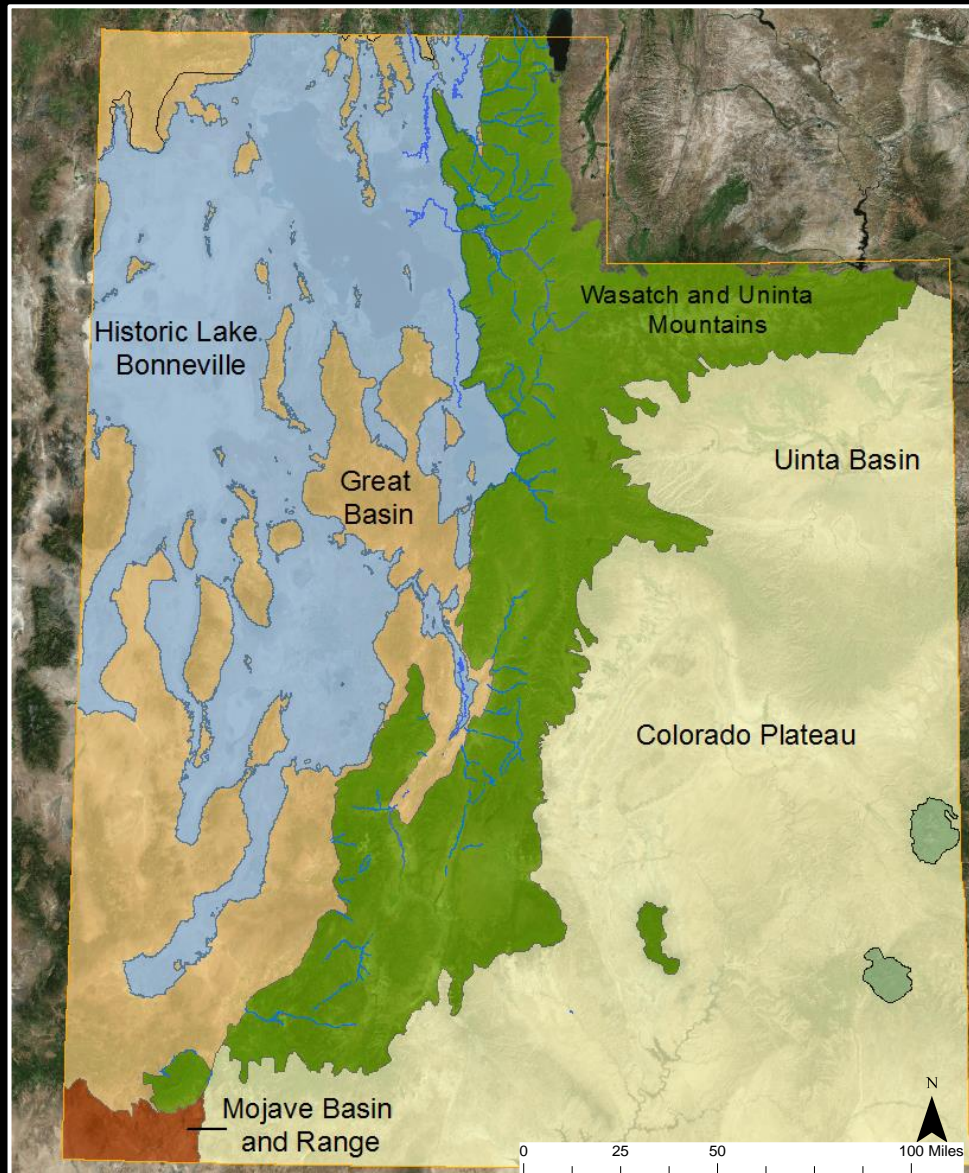
Floristic Regions in the Western U.S.



Different soils types in the Great Basin and Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah



Formation of the Physiographic Regions of the Utah Flora



Examples of Plant Species from the Great Basin

Halophytes:

Family Chenopodiaceae

Atriplex confertifolia
(Shadscale)



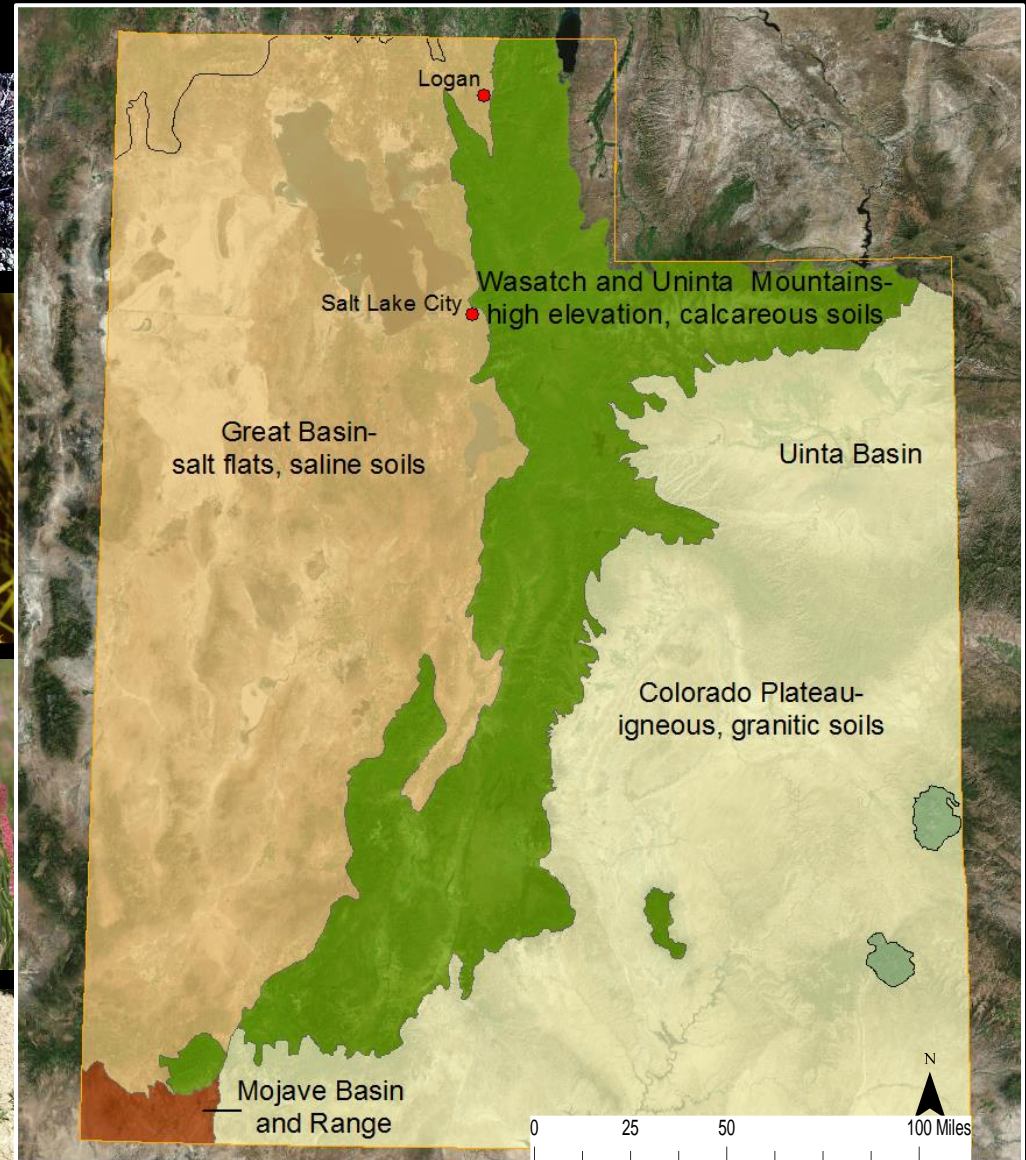
Salicornia rubra
(Pickleweed)



Sarcobatus vermiculatus
(Greasewood)

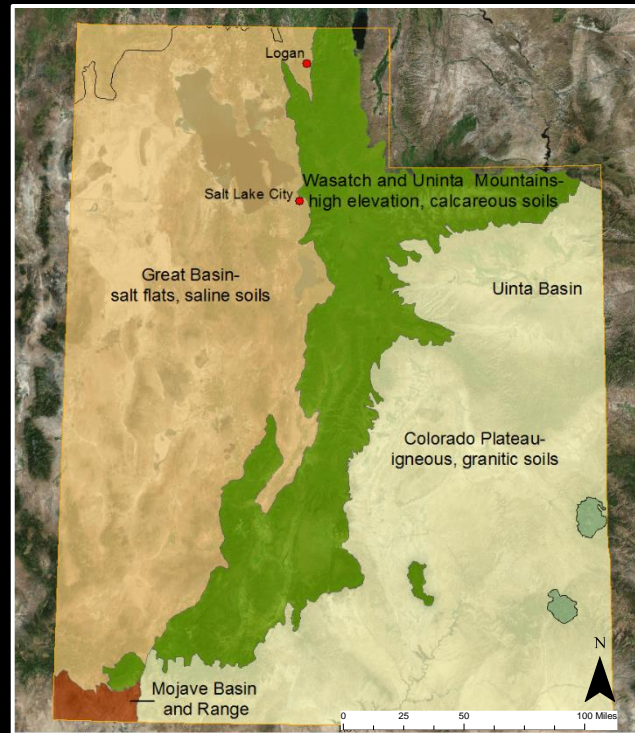


Eurasian Weeds:
Salsola tragus
(Russian Thistle)

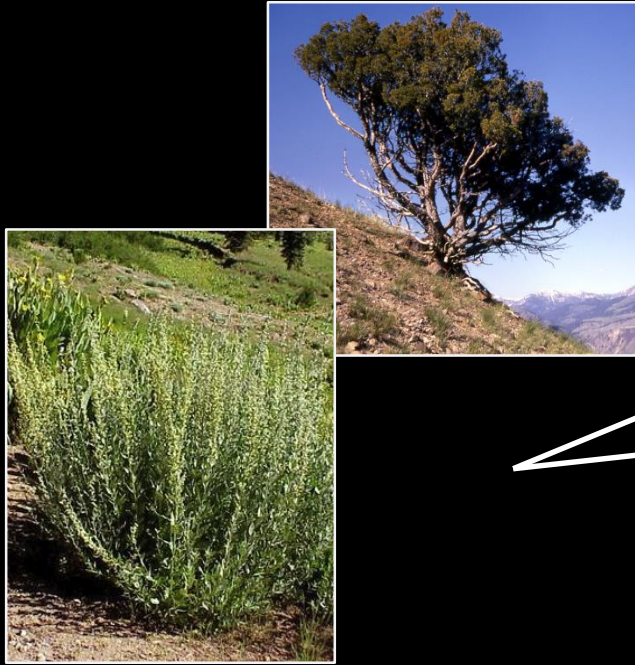


Endemic Plant Species

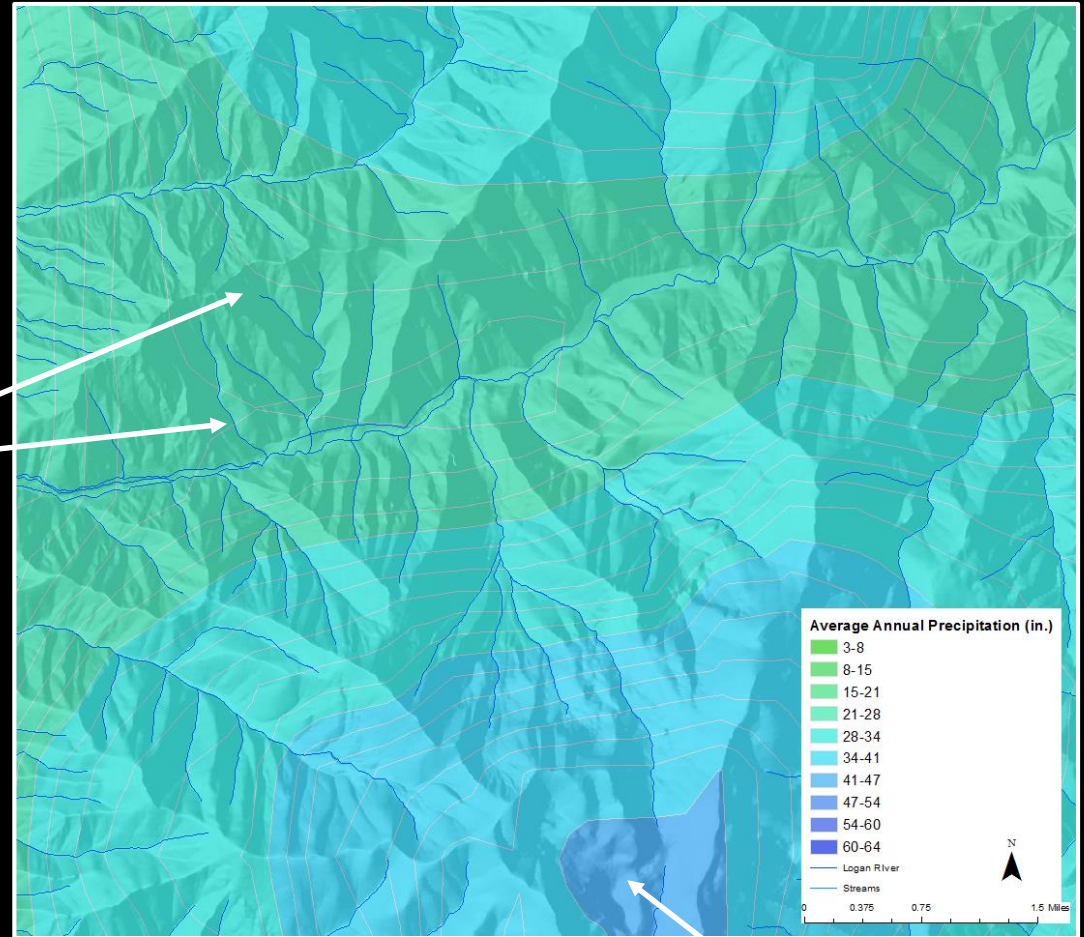
Primula maguirei (scarlet primrose)



Precipitation Gradients in Logan Canyon, UT



- Less precipitation at lower elevations and on south-facing slopes supports
 - Shrublands of *Juniper* spp. & Sagebrush (*Artemisia* spp.)

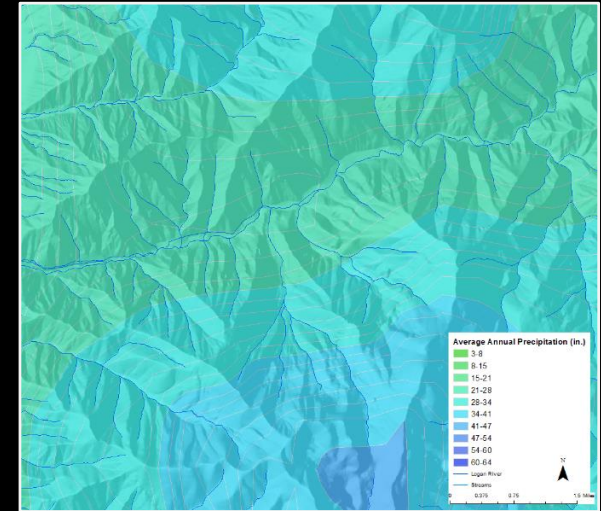


- Greater precipitation at high elevations and on north-facing slopes supports
 - Forests of Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)



Plant species distribution in Logan Canyon reflects:

Precipitation, Elevation,
Aspect, Streams



Geology/Soils



Logan Canyon Vegetation

Type	Type
Aspen-Mixed Conifer	Subalpine-Montane Wet Meadow
Aspen	Subalpine-Montane Riparian Shrubland
Lodgepole Pine	Big Sagebrush Shrubland
Subalpine Dry-Mesic Spruce-Fir	Big Sagebrush Steppe
Subalpine Mesic Spruce-Fir	Montane Sagebrush Steppe
Subalpine-Montane Limber-Bristlecone Pine	Cliff, Canyon and Massive Bedrock
Bigtooth Maple Ravine	Cultivated Cropland
Dry-Mesic Montane Mixed Conifer	Pasture/Hay
Mesic Montane Mixed Conifer	Introduced Upland Grass and Forbs
Pinyon-Juniper Woodland	Introduced Upland Vegetation - Shrub
Mountain Mahogany Woodland and Shrubland	Grass/Forb Regeneration
Pinyon-Juniper Woodland	Shrub Regeneration
Lower Montane Riparian Woodland and Shrubland	Open Water (Fresh)
Montane-Foothill Deciduous Shrubland	Developed, Open Space
Montane-Subalpine Grassland	Low Intensity Development
Gambel Oak-Mixed Montane Shrubland	Medium Intensity Development
Subalpine-Montane Mesic Meadow	High Intensity Development
	Logan River
	Streams

Low Sagebrush and Big Mountain Sagebrush

Artemisia arbuscula

- **Stalkless flowers**



Levin 2010a



Levin 2010b

Artemisia tridentata ssp. *vaseyana*

- **Stalked flowers**



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Mountain Silver Sagebrush and Big Mountain Sagebrush

Artemisia cana ssp. *viscidula*

- silvery color
- deciduous, leaves not lobed
- wetter habitats
- in basins
- never on mountain slopes



Artemisia tridentata ssp. *vaseyana*

- silver-green color
- flat top
- evergreen, lobed leaves
- tall candle-like flowers
- drier habitats - mountain slopes

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Vegetation Sorting in Basins along Riparian Corridors

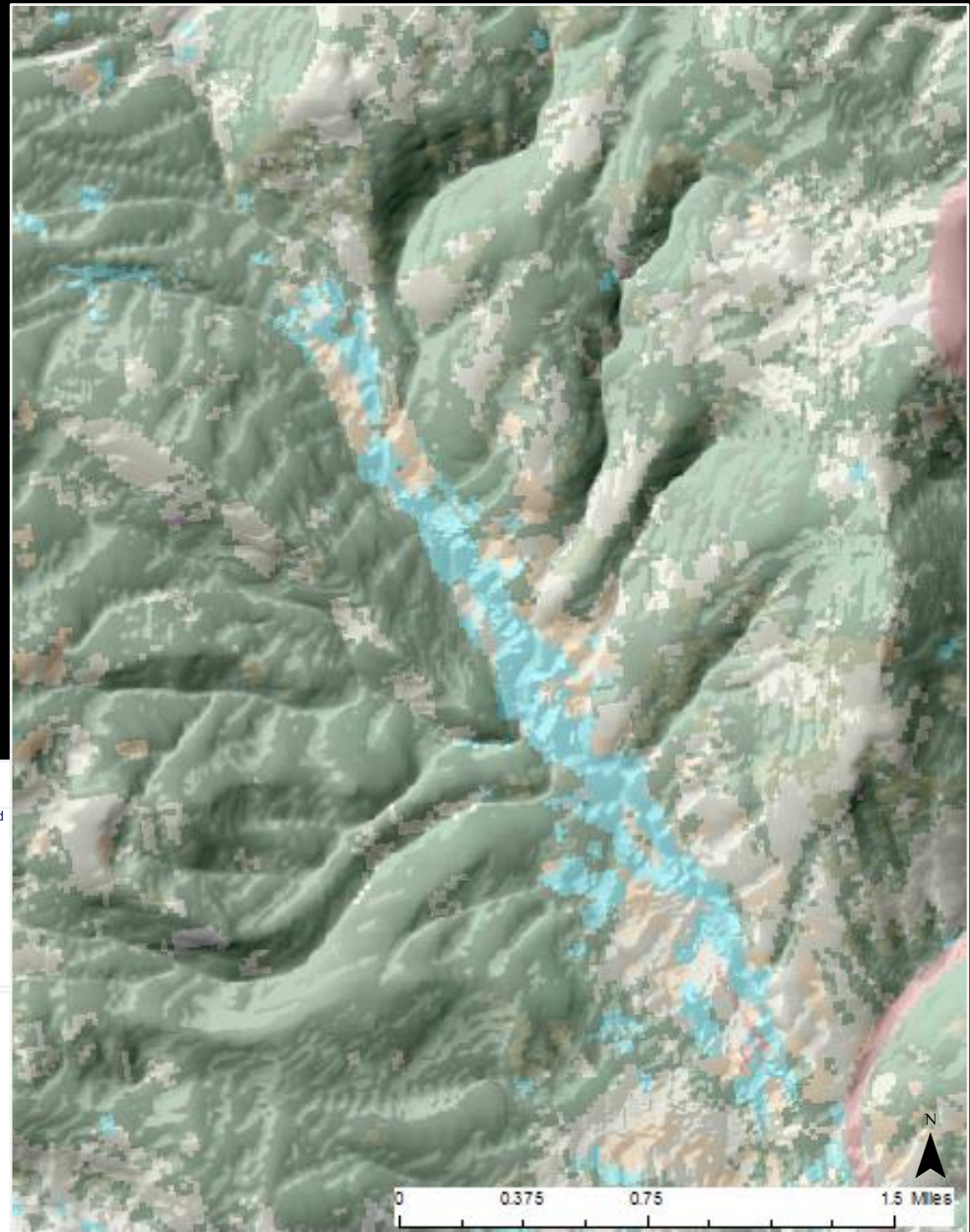
Near river:

- *Juncus* spp. (Rushes)
- *A. cana* ssp. *viscidula*
(Silvery Sagebrush)
- *Salix* spp. (Willows)
- *Pinus contorta* (Lodgepole pine)
- *A. tridentata* ssp. *vaseyana*
(Mountain Sagebrush)

In adjacent foothills :

- *A. tridentata* ssp. *vaseyana*
(Mountain Sagebrush)
- *Populus tremuloides* (Aspen)
- *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas Fir)

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Pinyon-Juniper Woodland	



Vegetation sorting in Spring Hollow, UT

Harsh, arid climate and shallow soils of the south-facing slopes at lower elevations support

- Junipers- *J. scopulorum* and *J. osteosperma*
- Big-toothed Maple *Acer grandidentatum*

Moister north-facing slopes at lower elevations support

- Deeper, well developed soils

On water's edge:

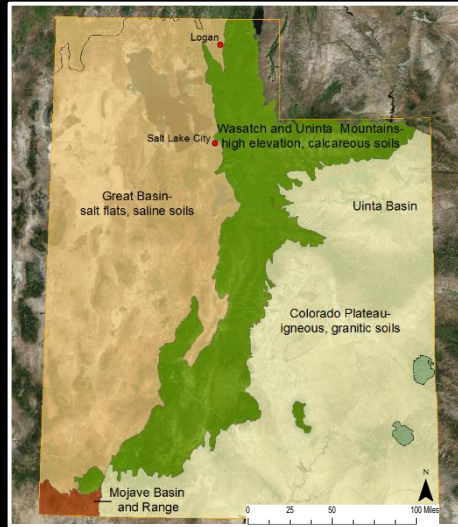
- Reed Canary Grass *Phalaris arundinacea*
- Common Reed *Phragmites australis*
- River Birch *Betula nigra*



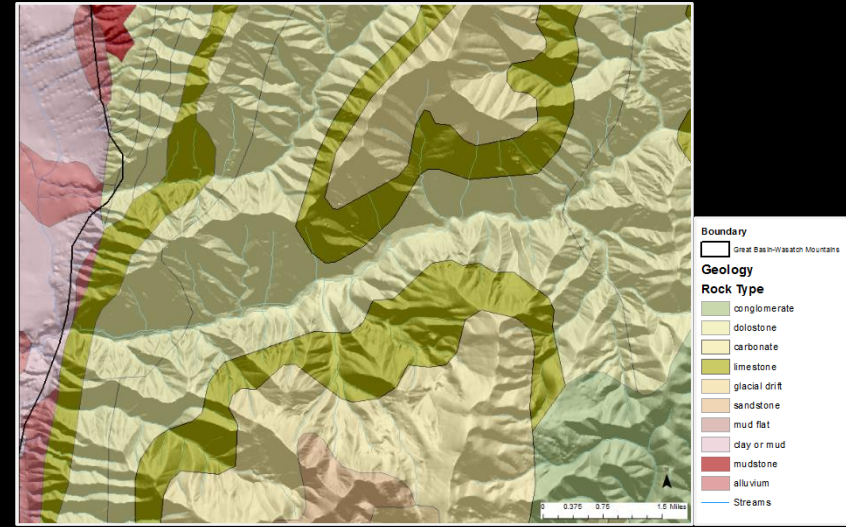
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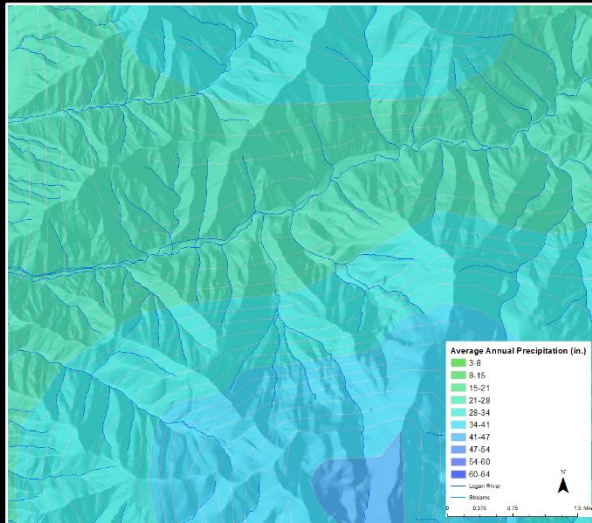
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Precipitation, Elevation, Aspect



Genetic Isolation



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