

## ECOLOGICAL SITE DESCRIPTIONS

All technical Ecological Site Descriptions are available upon request from the State Office Technical Staff. The descriptions are on file in the State Resource Conservationist office in Anchorage and are part of Section II of the Technical Guide.

Technical Ecological Site Descriptions are organized by MLRA throughout the state. There are over 300 technical Ecological Site Descriptions for use at the present.

Additionally, there are a number of non-technical Ecological Site Descriptions in bound or published reports. Non-technical site descriptions are generalized descriptions of the vegetation and also include photographs of the site with the associated ecological site map unit number(s). These non-technical descriptions are of most value for working with land users and explaining the characteristics of the various sites.

All Ecological Site Descriptions are correlated associated soil or vegetation maps. For those areas where NCSS soil surveys and ecological sites have been correlated to soil map units, the information is available through NASIS. For those outlying areas, most range survey areas have not been soil surveyed and have only limited soils information. For these survey areas, all descriptions are correlated to ecological site mapping, for which there are a number of reports.

Some of those reports are:

- Adak Island (North one half)
- St. George Island
- Hagemeister Island
- Nunivak Island
- St. Paul Island (NCSS Survey)
- Sitkinak Island
- Kodiak Grazing State Grazing Leases
- Seward Peninsula
- Stebbins/St. Michael
- Mat-Su Soil Survey (NCSS Survey)
- Umnak/Unalaska grazing areas
- Western Kenai Soil Survey (NCSS Survey In progress)

Ecological Site mapping has been distributed or is available to appropriate field offices in digital format (ArcView 3.2) and GIS data is archived at the Anchorage Office or at the GIS Center at Palmer.

On-line capability is in the process of being developed. St. Paul Island technical Ecological Site Descriptions are in the process of being entered. Additional descriptions are in the process of being entered. Descriptions are available at the following URL:

<http://plants.usda.gov>

Go to Ecological Site Information System (ESIS) then next page to Ecological Site Description (ESD).