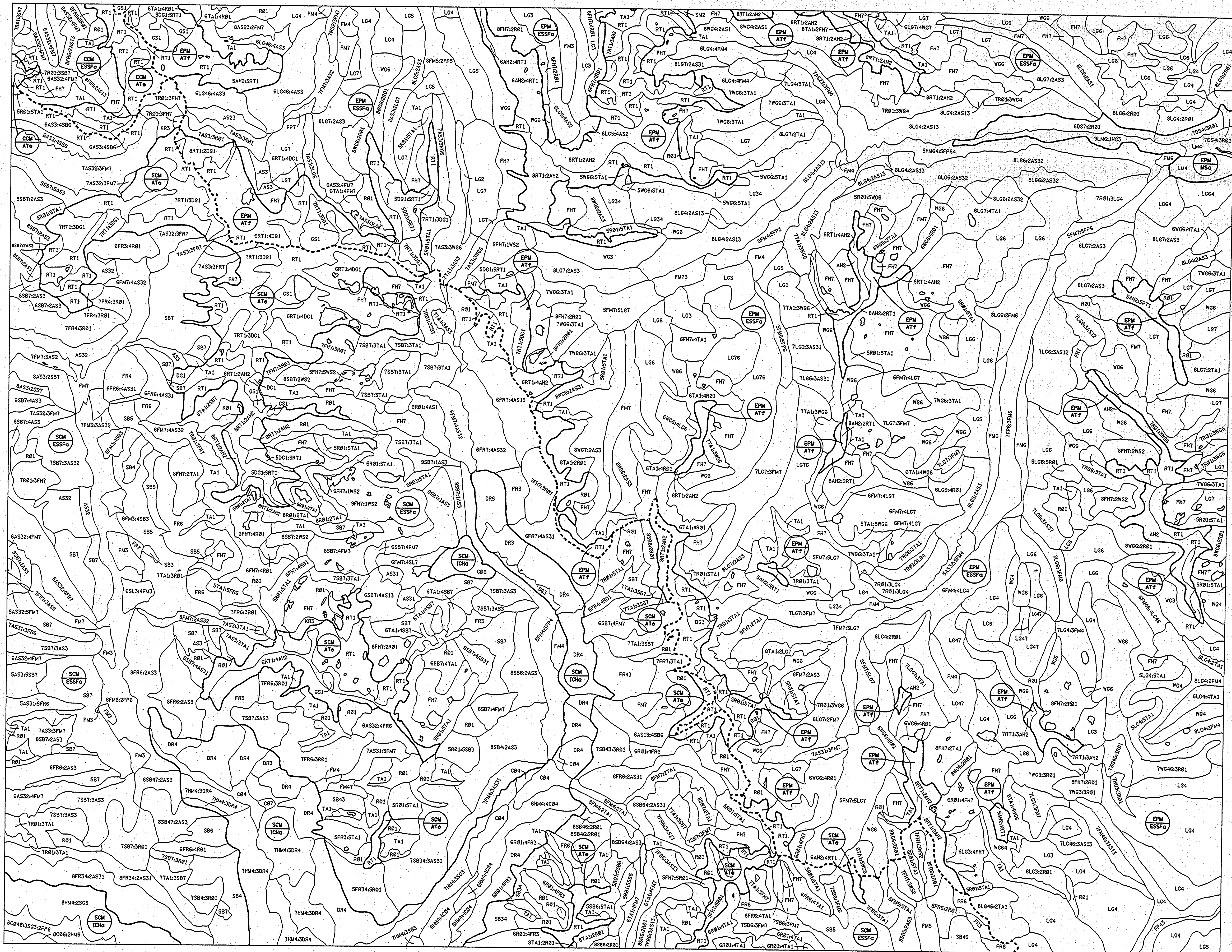


BIOPHYSICAL HABITATS OF THE PURCELL MOUNTAINS (CENTRAL PORTION)



1. Explanatory Notes

The Central Purcell Mountains project is located in the southeastern portion of the State of Montana. The project area is bounded by the 106th meridian west longitude and the 46th parallel north latitude. The project area is approximately 100 miles long and 50 miles wide. The project area is bounded by the 106th meridian west longitude and the 46th parallel north latitude. The project area is approximately 100 miles long and 50 miles wide.

2. Map Boundaries

Map boundaries are shown by a solid line. Biophysical habitat units are shown by a dashed line. Ecological units are shown by a dotted line.

3. Examples of Map Symbols

Map symbols are shown in the following examples:

- SCM IChg
- SCM ATg
- SCM ESSFg

4. Ecosystem

The map shows the following ecosystems:

Map Code	Ecological Unit	Biophysical Habitat Unit	Successional Stage
EPM	Eastern Purcell Mountains	EPM ESSFg	Stage 1
SCM	Southwestern Columbia	SCM IChg	Stage 2
SCM	Southwestern Columbia	SCM ATg	Stage 3
SCM	Southwestern Columbia	SCM ESSFg	Stage 4

5. Biogeographic Units

The map shows the following biogeographic units:

- MOIST INTERIOR ALPINE TUNDRA
- DRY SOUTHERN COLUMBIAN ALPINE TUNDRA
- SOUTHERN COLUMBIAN FORESTED COASTAL SPRUCE SUBALPINE FIR
- WEST FORESTED COASTAL SPRUCE-SUBALPINE FIR
- MOST SOUTHERN FORESTED ENCLAVEMENTS (SPRUCE-SUBALPINE FIR)
- MOST SOUTHERN INTERIOR OCEAN HEADCOCK
- WEST INTERIOR OCEAN HEADCOCK
- DRY COLUMBIAN INTERIOR DOUGLAS FIR
- DRY SOUTHERN COLUMBIAN HORNBEAM SPRUCE

6. Biophysical Habitat Units and Successional Stages

The map shows the following biophysical habitat units and successional stages:

- EPM ESSFg
- SCM IChg
- EPM ATg
- SCM ATg
- SCM ESSFg

7. Sources of Information

The following sources of information were used in the preparation of this map:

- U.S. Geological Survey, 1:50,000 scale topographic maps of the Purcell Mountains area.
- Montana Department of Fish and Game, 1:50,000 scale topographic maps of the Purcell Mountains area.
- Montana Department of Forest Conservation and Forestry, 1:50,000 scale topographic maps of the Purcell Mountains area.
- Montana Department of Land Conservation, 1:50,000 scale topographic maps of the Purcell Mountains area.
- Montana Department of Transportation, 1:50,000 scale topographic maps of the Purcell Mountains area.
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