

NORTH AMERICAN WARM DESERT PLAYA

Nature Serve ID: CES302.751

Geology: Quaternary alluvial, playa, and caliche deposits.

Landform: Internally draining, somewhat circular basins.

Soils: Verhalen clay.

Description: This system forms in alternately wet and dry, internally draining, often clay-lined basins, sometimes over caliche. They tend to be sparsely vegetated, sometimes with open water, or herbaceous vegetation. High evaporation rates leads to high salinity and halophytic species may be common. Species that may be present include *Distichlis spicata* (saltgrass), *Allenrolfea occidentalis* (pickle-weed), *Tiquilia canescens* (oreja de pero), *Suaeda* spp. (seablite), *Salsola* spp. (Russian thistle), and *Atriplex canescens* (four-wing saltbush).

ECOLOGICAL MAPPING SYSTEMS:**TRANS-PECOS: DESERT PLAYA LAKE AND BARRENS**

Mapping System ID: 11900

EMS Description: Sites as described for the system that are sparsely vegetated or are open water when precipitation events occur.

Distribution Map:

Not available.

Example:

Not available at this time.

Public Land Occurrence:

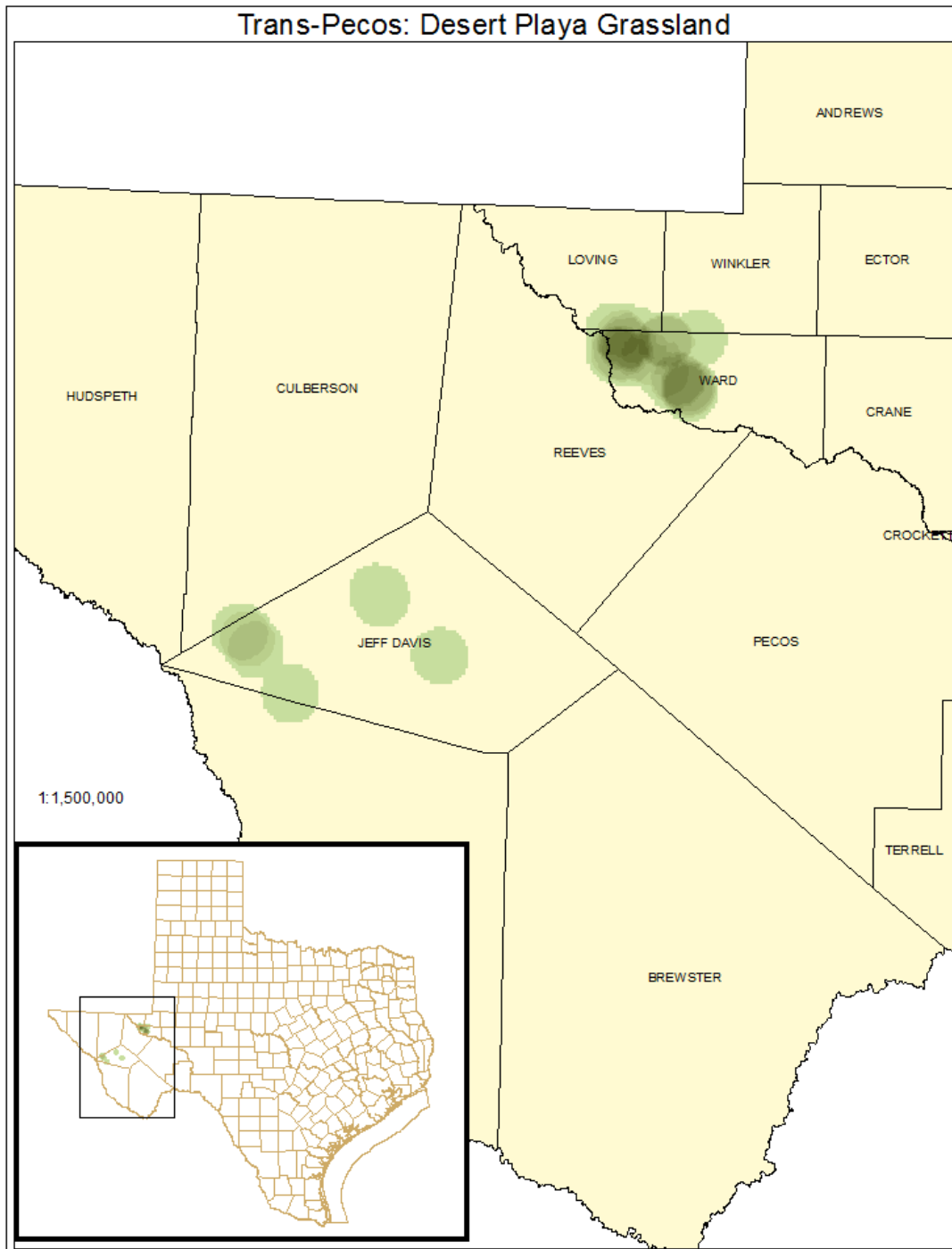
None.

TRANS-PECOS: DESERT PLAYA GRASSLAND

Mapping System ID: 11907

EMS Description: Sites as described for system with vegetative cover as described for system.

Distribution Map:



Example:



Public Land Occurrence:

None.