

NORTH AMERICAN WARM DESERT VOLCANIC ROCKLAND

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Geology: Tertiary extrusive igneous formations, including tuff, basalt, and rhyolite.

Landform: Usually talus slopes, but also relatively level rocky and boulder sites.

Soils: Soil is generally lacking or reduced to small pockets within the rock matrix.

Description: Very sparsely vegetated sites (<10% cover) on rocky or boulder strewn slopes and flats where the rock material is volcanic in origin. Scattered individuals of species such as *Larrea tridentata* (creosotebush), *Fouquieria splendens* (ocotillo), *Jatropha dioica* (leatherstem), *Prosopis glandulosa* (honey mesquite), *Yucca torreyi* (Torrey's yucca), and cacti such as *Echinocereus* spp. (hedgehog cacti) and *Opuntia rufida* (blind pricklypear) may be present.

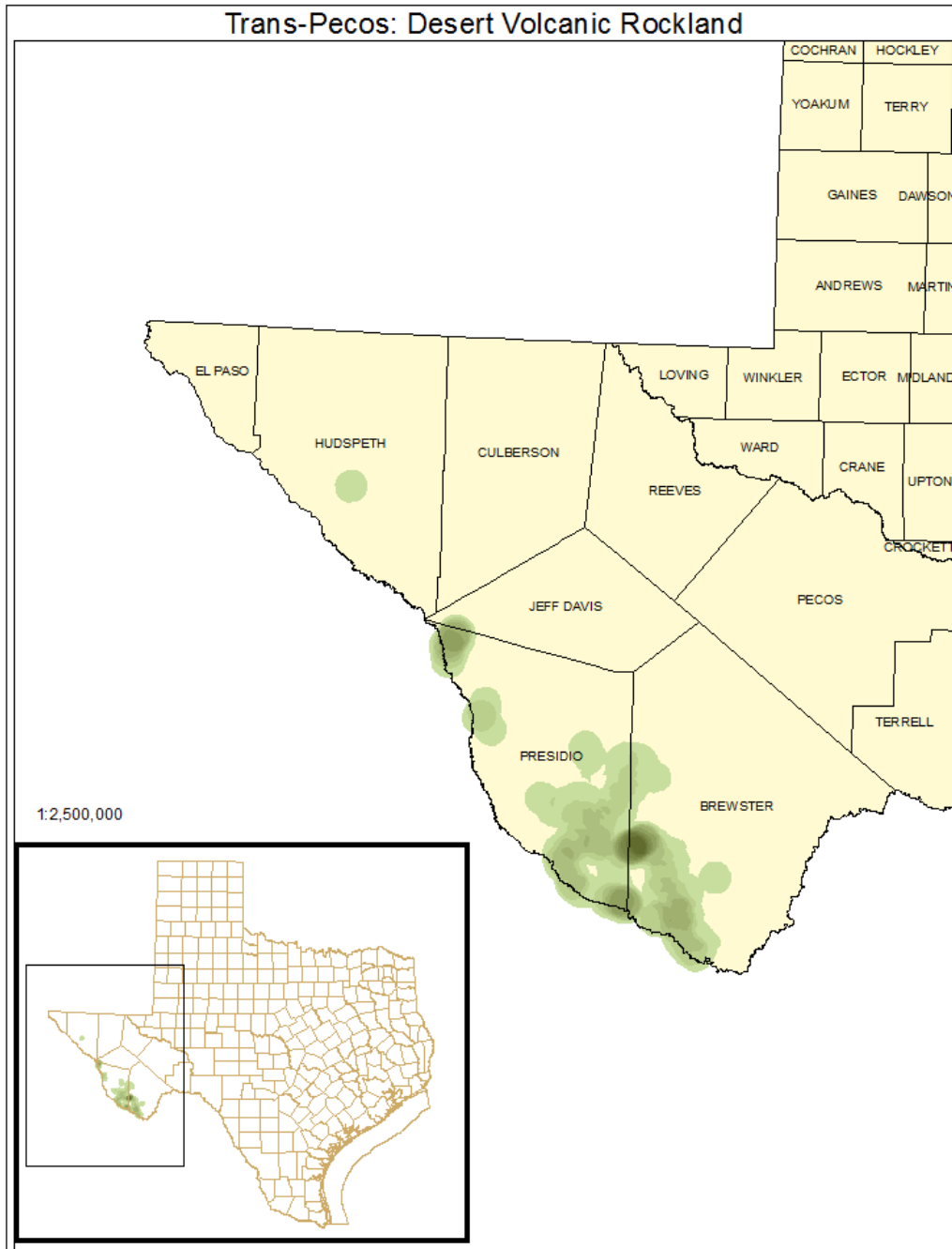
ECOLOGICAL MAPPING SYSTEMS:

TRANS-PECOS: DESERT VOLCANIC ROCKLAND

Mapping System ID: 12100

EMS Description: As described for system.

Distribution Map:



Example:



Public Land Occurrence:

Big Bend National Park: US National Park Service

Big Bend Ranch State Park: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Black Gap Wildlife Management Area: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department