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Acronyms and Abbreviations

1 **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

2	° C	degrees Celsius
3	° F	degrees Fahrenheit
4	ACOE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
5	AFS	American Fisheries Society
6	AIRFA	American Indian Religious Freedom Act
7	AITESA	American Indian Tribes and the Endangered Species Act
8	ARM	Administrative Rules of Montana
9	ARPA	Archaeological Resources Protection Act
10	AUM	animal unit month
11	BCR	Bird Conservation Region
12	BE	Bitterroot Ecosystem
13	BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
14	BLM	United States Bureau of Land Management
15	BMP	best management practice
16	BMU	bear management unit
17	BOCC	Birds of Conservation Concern
18	BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
19	BP	before present
20	CAA	Clean Air Act
21	CCAC	Climate Change Advisory Committee
22	CEQ	Council for Environmental Quality
23	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
24	CLO	Central Land Office
25	CMP	corrugated metal pipe
26	CMR	cooperative management response
27	CMZ	channel migration zone
28	CO	carbon monoxide
29	CO ₂	carbon dioxide
30	CWA	federal Clean Water Act
31	CWD	coarse woody debris
32	CWE	cumulative watershed effects

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

1	CYE	Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem
2	dbh	diameter at breast height
3	DDT	dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane
4	DFC	desired future condition
5	DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
6	DNRC	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
7	DOD	Department of Defense
8	DOT	Department of Transportation
9	DPS	distinct population segment
10	EA	environmental assessment
11	ECA	equivalent clearcut area
12	EIS	environmental impact statement
13	EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
14	ESA	Endangered Species Act
15	FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
16	FMB	Forest Management Bureau (DNRC)
17	Forest Management ARMS	Administrative Rules of Montana for Forest Management
18	forested trust lands	forested state trust lands
19	FR	Federal Register
20	FVS	Forest Vegetation Simulator
21	GIS	geographic information system
22	GYE	Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
23	HCP	habitat conservation plan
24	HUC	hydrologic unit code
25	ID	interdisciplinary
26	IGBC	Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee
27	INFISH	Inland Native Fish Strategy
28	IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
29	Land Board	State Board of Land Commissioners
30	LAU	lynx analysis unit
31	LCAS	Lynx Conservation Assessment and Strategy

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

1	LMA	lynx management area
2	LWD	large woody debris
3	MAAQS	Montana Ambient Air Quality Standards
4	MAPA	Montana Administrative Procedures Act
5	mbf	thousand board feet
6	MB&G	Mason, Bruce & Girard
7	MBTRT	Montana Bull Trout Restoration Team
8	MCA	Montana Codes Annotated
9	MDEQ	Montana Department of Environmental Quality
10	MEPA	Montana Environmental Policy Act
11	MEQC	Montana Environmental Quality Control
12	MFWP	Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
13	mg/L	milligrams per liter
14	mi/mi ²	miles of road per square mile of land area
15	MNHP	Montana Natural Heritage Program
16	MSAA	Montana State Antiquities Act
17	MDEQ	Montana Department of Environmental Quality
18	MPIF	Montana Partners in Flight
19	NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
20	NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
21	NCDE	Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem
22	NCGBE	North Cascades Grizzly Bear Ecosystem
23	NELO	Northeastern Land Office
24	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
25	NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
26	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
27	NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
28	NOI	Notice of Intent
29	NPS	National Park Service
30	NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
31	NRIS	Natural Resource Information System

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

1	NRM	Northern Rocky Mountain Distinct Population
2	NROH	non-recovery occupied habitat
3	NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
4	NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
5	NWLO	Northwestern Land Office
6	OHWM	ordinary high water mark
7	PA	Programmatic Agreement
8	Permit	incidental take permit
9	Plum Creek	Plum Creek Timber Company
10	PM ₁₀	particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in diameter
11	PM _{2.5}	particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter
12	PNV	present net value
13	RAIS	riparian aquatic interaction simulator
14	RMZ	riparian management zone
15	ROD	Record of Decision
16	SFLMP	State Forest Land Management Plan
17	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
18	SLI	stand level inventory
19	SMZ	streamside management zone
20	SMZ Law	Montana Streamside Management Zone Law
21	SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
22	SOC	species of concern
23	SPTH	site potential tree height
24	Swan Agreement	Swan Valley Grizzly Bear Conservation Agreement
25	SWLO	Southwestern Land Office
26	SYC	sustainable yield calculation
27	TCP	traditional cultural property
28	THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
29	TLMD	Trust Land Management Division (DNRC)
30	TMDL	total maximum daily load
31	TSS	total suspended solids

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

1	USC	United States Code
2	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
3	USFS	United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
4	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
5	USGS	United States Geological Survey
6	WEPP	Water Erosion Prediction Project
7	WMZ	wetland management zone

