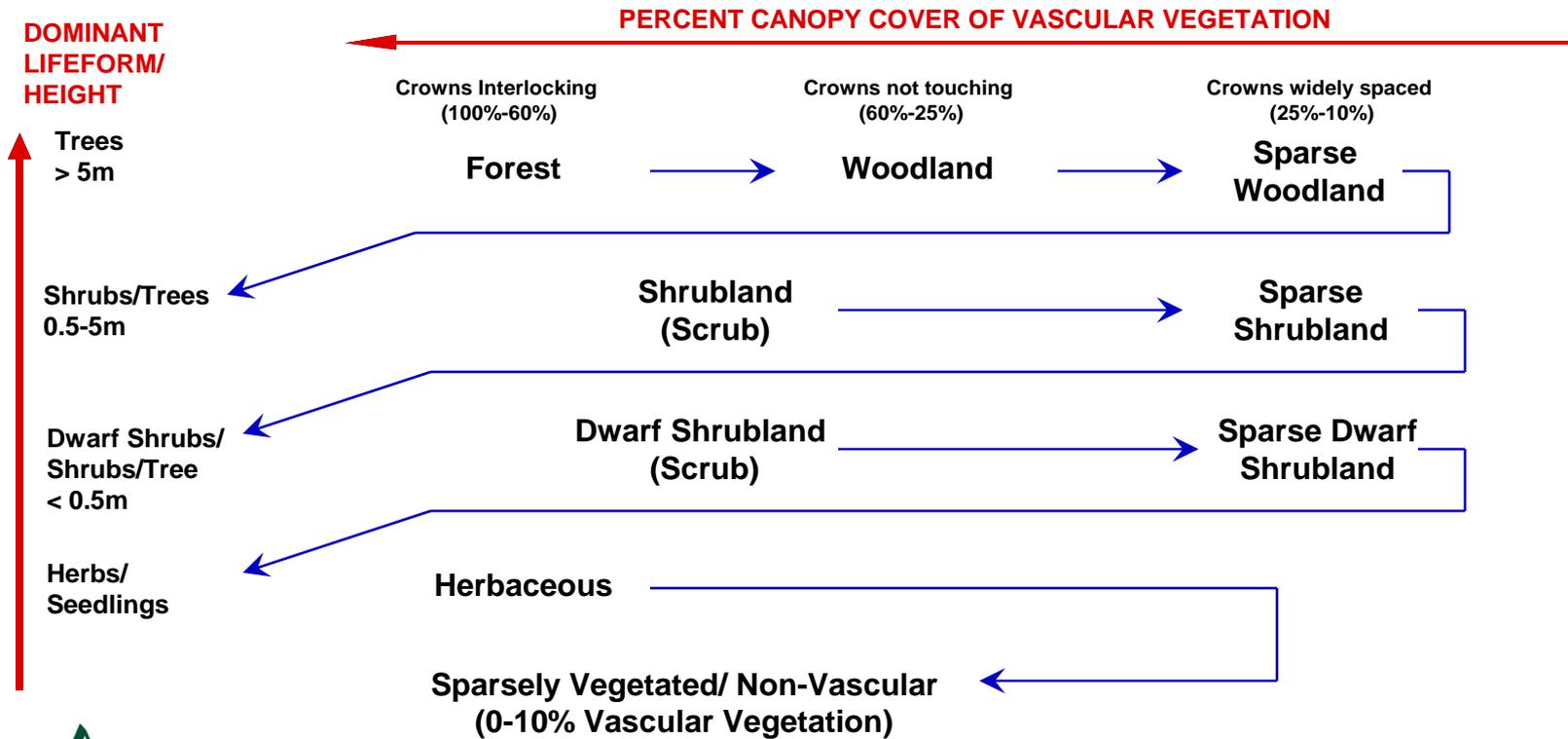


FGDC Vegetation Classification



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<http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/vegetation/standards/projects/vegetation/vegclass.pdf>

Guiding Principles for FGDC Cover Classification

- **Uses existing vegetation**
- **Extensive application**
- **Compatible with other systems**
- **Hierarchically designed**
- **General to specific organization**
- **Uses remote sensing**
- **Life forms basis**
 - FIA considers all tree dominate land as classes of forest
- **Repeatable**
- **Standard terminology**
- **Sets minimum standards for percent cover**
- **Mutually exclusive categories**

