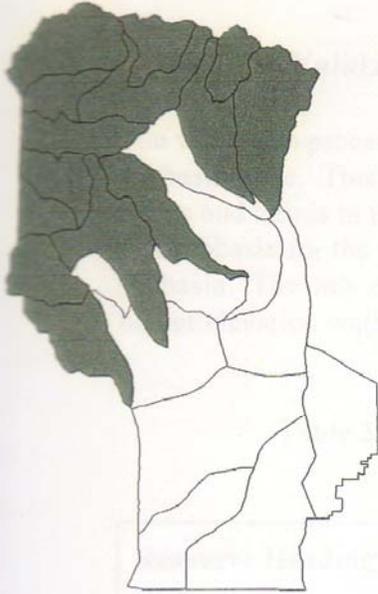
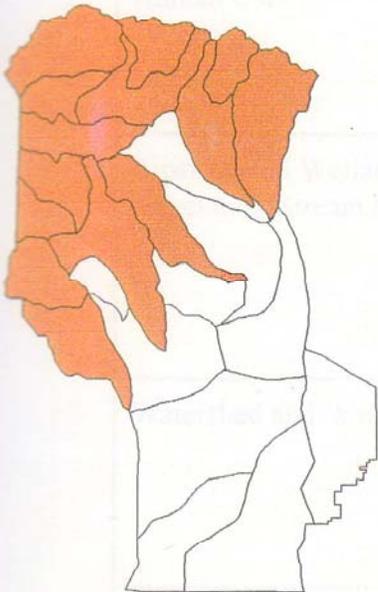


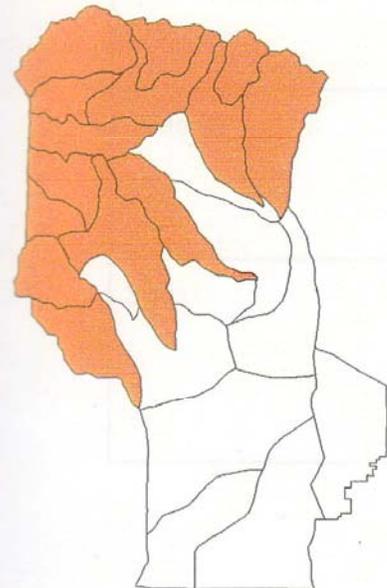
Figure 15. Change in Forest Ecosystem Disturbance Regimes 6th Level HUC's



Status: The current condition of forest disturbance regimes, which relate to the size and frequency of fire, insect and disease occurrences. A high condition means disturbance events have been on a natural cycle keeping vegetation in both a resilient and resistant state.



Risk: The likelihood of a catastrophic fire or insect/disease outbreak that eliminates forest islands and acts as a stand replacing event in the more contiguous forest. A high risk means a high probability of catastrophic fire and/or insect and disease outbreak. A medium risk means a moderate probability of a stand-replacing event, while a low risk means a low probability of a stand-replacing event.



Opportunity: The potential to implement immediate management with either fire or silviculture to reestablish historic disturbance intervals. A high opportunity is a high potential for the land to respond to management, reestablishing historic disturbance intervals, while medium and low opportunities denote moderate and low potentials to reestablish the historic disturbance interval.

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