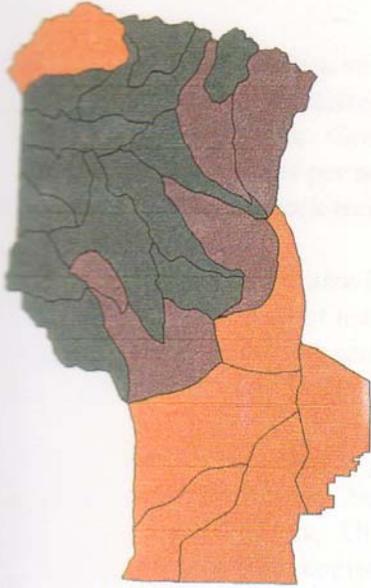
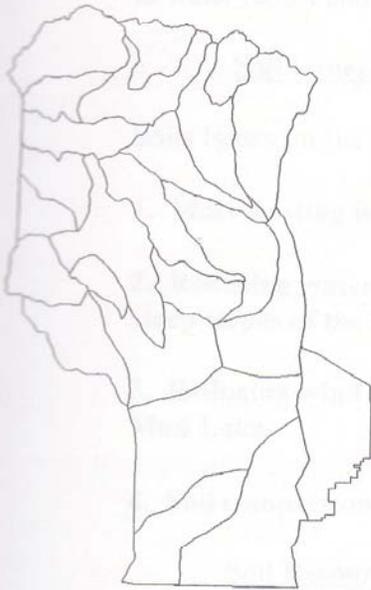


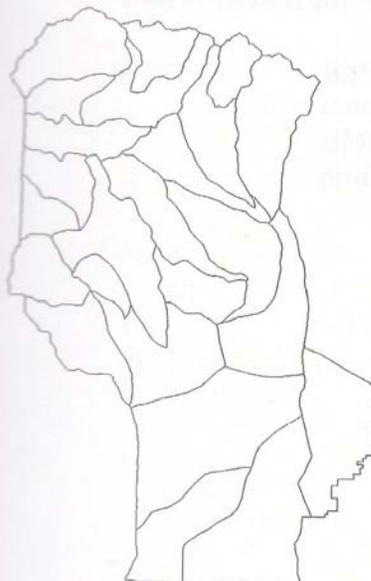
Figure 11. Special Terrestrial Status Species Habitats 6th Level HUC's



Status: The presence of special status species habitats. Although a variety of wildlife species utilize nearly all watersheds within the subbasin, several stand out as extremely important to wildlife as wintering, breeding, or migrational areas. A high status rating was assigned to those watersheds utilized by many species during many seasons and have a representation of important vegetation types. Moderate status ratings were assigned to those watersheds that provided season-long use by a single species or multi-species use during a single season. A low status rating was assigned to those watersheds that received light or predominantly season-long use by a single species or multi-species use during a single season. Presence of a known threatened or endangered species could cause a watershed to have a high status rating.



Risk: The fact that the species have been listed as Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive would indicate that those species are at risk throughout their range. Habitats are generally small, scattered, very specific to the species, and could occur in all of the HUCs. Therefore all the HUCs with known presence of these species would have a HIGH ranking.



Opportunity: Due to the nature of the species habitats identified above there is little opportunity to improve the habitats other than through the protection of the ecosystem as a whole. Where opportunities to improve the ecosystem have been identified by other programs such as Range Management and Fire there would be a corresponding rating for the improvement of the Special Status Species habitats.

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