

**Table 5. Qualitative Descriptions of Soil Surface Status**

CLASS 1:	No soil loss or erosion; topsoil layer intact; well-dispersed accumulation of litter from past year's growth plus smaller amounts of older litter.
CLASS 2:	Soil movement slight and difficult to recognize; small deposits of soil in form of fans or cones at end of small gullies or fills, or as accumulations back of plant crowns or behind litter; litter not well dispersed or no accumulation from past year's growth obvious.
CLASS 3:	Soil movement or loss more noticeable; topsoil loss evident, with some plants on pedestals or in hummocks; rill marks evident, poorly dispersed litter and bare spots not protected by litter.
CLASS 4:	Soil movement and loss readily recognizable; topsoil remnants with vertical sides and exposed plant roots; roots frequently exposed; litter in relatively small amounts and washed into erosion protected patches.
CLASS 5:	Advanced erosion; active gullies, steep sidewalls on active gullies; well-developed erosion pavement on gravelly soils, litter mostly washed away.