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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Meriwether-East Wetland Mitigation Site was constructed during 2005 to partially mitigate for wetland impacts associated with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) project NH 1-3(36)234F (Meriwether-East) (**Figure 1**). The Meriwether-East wetland mitigation project was constructed along Highway 2 in Glacier County. It consists of two areas: Site 1 was built near milepost 236 and was designed to encompass approximately 2.67 acres (ac) and Site 2 was built near milepost 239 and was designed to encompass approximately 6.62 acres. Combined, the on-site mitigation project was designed to create 9.29 acres of new wetland in areas that had no prior wetlands.

Wetland hydrology was designed to be supplied from the neighboring wetlands, interception of the water table, and ponding of direct precipitation. It is anticipated that, over time, vegetation would be comprised of emergent wetland species.

2.0 METHODS

2.1 Monitoring Dates and Activities

Site 1 and Site 2 were visited on July 8, 2008 to document vegetation, soil, and hydrologic conditions that are used to map jurisdictional wetlands. For the third consecutive year, Site 1 showed no indication of wetland development. As per MDT's instruction, Site 1 was not further monitored in 2008 beyond an initial reconnaissance and is not further reported on in this document (MDT 2007). All information contained on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form was collected at Site 2 on July 8 (**Appendix B**). Activities conducted and information collected at this site included: wetland delineation; vegetation community mapping; vegetation transect monitoring; soils data collection; hydrology data collection; bird and wildlife use documentation; macroinvertebrate sampling; and photographing.

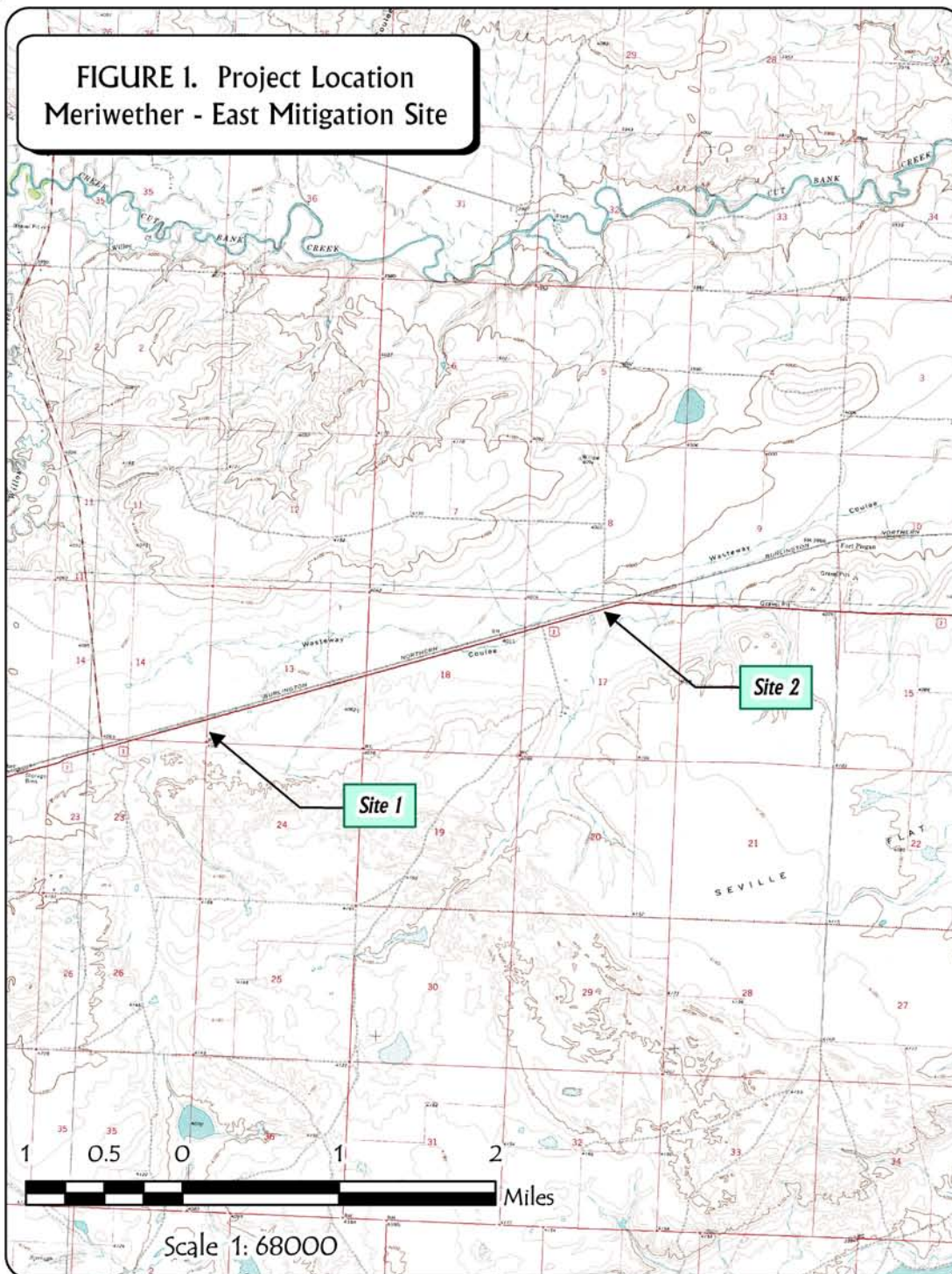
2.2 Hydrology

Wetland hydrology at Site 2 was to be provided via groundwater, seepage from the adjacent wetland, and direct precipitation. Impoundment areas are indicated on the proposed project plan sheets.

Hydrologic indicators were evaluated during the mid-season visit in 2008. Wetland hydrology indicators were recorded using procedures outlined in the COE 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987). Hydrology data were recorded onto COE Routine Wetland Delineation Data Forms (**Appendix B**).

There are no groundwater monitoring wells at the site. Groundwater depths were only documented if groundwater was located within 12 inches of the ground surface. Groundwater depths within soils pits were recorded onto COE Routine Wetland Delineation data forms (**Appendix B**).

**FIGURE 1. Project Location
Meriwether - East Mitigation Site**



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2.3 Vegetation

General dominant species-based vegetation community types were delineated onto the 2008 aerial photographs. Standardized community mapping was not employed as many of these techniques are geared towards climax vegetation. Estimated percent cover of the dominant species in each community type was recorded on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form (**Appendix B**). Plants observed were identified using *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* (Hitchcock and Conquist 1975), *Plants of Montana* (Dorn 1984), *Field Guide to Intermountain Sedges* (Hurd et. al. 1998), and *Field Guide to Intermountain Rushes* (Hurd et. al. 1997). Nomenclature primarily follows that of Dorn (1984).

A single 10-foot wide belt transect was sampled during the mid-season monitoring event to represent the range of current vegetation conditions. Percent cover was estimated for each vegetative species encountered within the “belt” within each community type using the following values: + (<1%); 1 (1-5%); 2 (6-10%); 3 (11-20%); 4 (21-50%); and 5 (>50%).

The transect location is depicted on **Figure 2** in **Appendix A**. All data were recorded onto the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form (**Appendix B**). Transect photographs were taken from both ends during the mid-season visit. No monitoring of planted species was conducted as no woody species were planted at the site.

2.4 Soils

Soils were evaluated during the mid-season visit according to procedures outlined in the COE 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual. Soil data were recorded for each wetland determination point on the COE Routine Wetland Delineation Data Forms (**Appendix B**). The web soil survey was consulted to determine the pre-construction soil types (NRCS 2006).

2.5 Wetland Delineation

Wetland delineation was conducted during the mid-season visit in accordance with the 1987 COE Wetland Delineation Manual. In July 2008, consultation with the COE (Steinle pers. comm.) confirmed that, where the 1987 manual was used to establish baseline wetland conditions at MDT wetland mitigation sites, it should continue to be applied at such sites for the duration of the monitoring period. Consequently, application of the new *Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region* (COE 2008) was not required or undertaken at this site in 2008.

All habitats within the monitoring area were investigated for the presence of wetland hydrology, hydrophytic vegetation, and hydric soils. The indicator status of vegetation was derived from the *National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands: Northwest Region 9* (Reed 1988). The information was recorded on COE Routine Wetland Delineation Data Forms (**Appendix B**). Wetland delineation data collected during 2008 were compared to the pre-construction acreage of wetland in order to estimate that acreage of wetland created at each mitigation site.

2.6 Mammals, Reptiles, and Amphibians

Mammal, reptile, and amphibian species observations and other positive indicators of use, such as vocalizations, were recorded on the wetland monitoring form during the site visit. Indirect use indicators, including tracks; scat; burrows; eggshells; skins; bones; etc., were also recorded. Observations were recorded during all visits as the observer traversed the site while conducting other required activities. Direct sampling methods such as snap traps, live traps, and pitfall traps, were not implemented. A list of wildlife species observed was created.

2.7 Birds

Bird observations were recorded onto the Bird Survey Field Data Sheet during the site visit. No formal census plots, spot mapping, point counts, or strip transects were conducted. During the site visit, bird observations were recorded incidental to other monitoring activities. Observations were categorized by species, activity code, and general habitat association (**Appendix B**). A comprehensive bird list was compiled using these observations. No birdhouses are currently located on the site.

2.8 Macroinvertebrates

No aquatic macroinvertebrate sample was collected from either site.

2.9 Functional Assessment

A functional assessment was completed in 2006 and 2007 using the 1999 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (Berglund 1999). In 2008 the 2008 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (Berglund and McEldowney 2008) was applied. Field data necessary for this assessment were collected during the mid-season site visit with the remainder of the functional assessment completed in the office. A Functional Assessment Form was completed for each wetland or groups of wetlands at Site 2 (**Appendix B**).

2.10 Photographs

Photographs were taken showing the current land use surrounding the site, the upland buffer, the monitored area, and the vegetation transect. One photograph point was established (**Figure 2 in Appendix A**). A panoramic photo was taken at this established point. A 2008 post-construction aerial photograph of Site 2 was taken by MDT and used to map features and community boundaries. All photographs pertaining to the project are in **Appendix C**.

2.11 GPS Data

During the 2008 site visit, a global positioning system (GPS) along with hand-mapping was used to mark each photograph point, transect start and end, community boundaries, soil pits, and other features.

2.12 Maintenance Needs

The boundaries of Site were inspected for obvious signs of problems. This did not constitute an engineering-level structural inspection, but rather a cursory examination. Current or future potential problems were documented.

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 Hydrology

Hydrology at the Meriwether-East Mitigation Site was designed to be supplied by groundwater seepage from the adjacent wetland, surface runoff from snow melt, and direct precipitation. About 15% of Site 2's surface was inundated during the site evaluation. The large, green algal mat of *Rhizoclonium* observed in 2007 occurred as very small patches in 2008. Soils throughout were saturated in the upper 12 inches of the profile during the monitoring visit.

It was assumed that precipitation levels measured at the Cut Bank FAA Airport would serve as an indicator of precipitation received at the mitigation site. The total precipitation received at this station from January through July of 2008 was 9.84 in (WRCC 2008). This represented 124% of the mean precipitation (7.88 inches) recorded between January and July from 1903 to July 2008. This period during 2008 was significantly wetter than the same period in 2007 (1.17 in), 2006 (2.70 in), 2004 (4.57 in), and 2003 (2.63 in), and was comparable to 2005 (9.21 in) (WRCC 2008).

3.2 Vegetation

Vegetation community types are based on topography, hydrology, and plant composition. Vegetation community data and a list of plant species observed were recorded for Site 2 (**Monitoring Forms in Appendix B**). A comprehensive plant list has been compiled for Site 2 since 2006 (**Table 1**).

At Site 2, three vegetation community types were documented in 2008: Type 3 – *Grassland Upland*, Type 5/6 – *Wetland*, and Type 7 – *Wetland*. Type 3 is upland grassland that borders Site 2 to the west and southwest and also occupies the upland buffer along the west and southwest sides (**Figure 3 in Appendix A**). Type 5/6 is wetland, which expanded by colonizing the mudflat during 2008 (**Figure 3 in Appendix A**). Type 5/6 has always been fairly diverse though the dominant plants seem to change each year. The dominant plants of Type 5/6 changed in abundance from 2007 to 2008; foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*) and Nuttall's alkali grass (*Puccinellia nuttalliana*) increased in cover while Pursh seepweed (*Suaeda calceoliformis*) decreased sharply and oakleaf goosefoot (*Chenopodium glaucum*) was absent. Bulrushes (*Scirpus* spp.), rushes (*Juncus* spp.), and cattail (*Typha latifolia*) continued to increased on the west side where soils were saturated to the surface and/or inundated. Even where soils were inundated, wetland plants were observed growing up through the water. Along the north boundary, foxtail barley and Nuttall's alkali grass intermixed with fowl bluegrass. Between the delineated wetland and the highway right-of-way fence, wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*) dominates. Type 7 is undisturbed wetland that was delineated (as #11) in October of 2002 by

Table 1: Vegetation species observed from 2006 through 2008 at the Meriwether-East Wetland Mitigation Site 2.

Scientific Name	Region 9 (Northwest) Wetland Indicator	Scientific Name	Region 9 (Northwest) Wetland Indicator
<i>Achillea millifolium</i>	FACU	<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	FAC
<i>Agropyron smithii</i>	FACU	<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	FAC-
<i>Agropyron trachycaulum</i>	FAC	<i>Liatris punctata</i>	---
<i>Agrostis alba</i>	FACW	<i>Poa juncifolia</i>	FACU+
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	FACW	<i>Poa palustris</i>	FAC
<i>Artemisia frigida</i>	---	<i>Polygonum</i> spp.	---
<i>Aster pansus</i>	FAC+	<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	FACW+
<i>Beckmannia syzigachne</i>	OBL	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	FAC+
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	---	<i>Puccinellia nuttalliana</i>	OBL
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	---	<i>Ranunculus cymbalaria</i>	OBL
<i>Chenopodium capitatum</i>	---	<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	OBL
<i>Chenopodium glaucum</i>	FAC	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	---
<i>Chenopodium hybridum</i>	---	<i>Rhizoclonium</i> spp. (a green algae)	---
<i>Chenopodium leptophyllum</i>	FACU	<i>Rosa</i> spp.	---
<i>Cirsium arvense</i> ¹	FACU+	<i>Salicornia rubra</i>	OBL
<i>Crepis runcinata</i>	FACU	<i>Salix exigua</i>	OBL
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	FAC+	<i>Salix lutea</i>	---
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	OBL	<i>Salsola iberica</i>	---
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	---	<i>Scirpus acutus</i>	OBL
<i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i>	FAC+	<i>Scirpus (maritimus)</i>	OBL
<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>	FACU	<i>Scirpus pungens</i> (syn. <i>S. americana</i>)	OBL
<i>Heterotheca villosa</i> (syn. <i>Chrysopsis villosa</i>)	---	<i>Spergularia marina</i>	OBL
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	FACW	<i>Suaeda calceoliformis</i> (syn. <i>S. depressa</i>)	FACW-
<i>Hordeum jubatum</i>	FAC+	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>	OBL
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	OBL	<i>Typha latifolia</i>	OBL

Bolded species were observed for the first time in 2007.

¹ Montana State Noxious Plant.

URS-BRW, Inc. (2003) and borders Site 2 to the east (**Figure 3** in **Appendix A**). Dominant plants found in Type 7 during July 2008 included Baltic rush, alkali bluegrass (*Poa juncifolia*), and Nuttall's alkali grass (**Photo 3** in **Appendix C**).

For Site 2, 2008 transect data (**Monitoring Forms** in **Appendix B**) were summarized in tabular format (**Table 2**) and graphically illustrated (**Charts 1** and **2**). Photographs were taken at the start and end of the Transect 1 at Site 2 (**Photos 2** and **3** in **Appendix C**). Transect 1 traversed through an upland community, a large wetland community, and the existing adjacent wetland (**Chart 1**). The amount of wetland along the transect doubled in size (**Chart 2**). The *Rhizoclonium* mat that suppressed plant growth in 2007 did not develop. As a result barley foxtail and Nuttall's alkali grass grew well (**Photo 3** in **Appendix C**).

One noxious weed, Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), was found at Site 2. Two polygons were mapped in the uplands and a few plants were also present near the start of Transect 1 (**Figure 3** in **Appendix A**).

Table 2: Data summary for Transect 1 at the Meriwether-East Wetland Mitigation Site 2.

Monitoring Year	2006	2007	2008
Transect Length (feet)	500	500	500
# Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	7	2	2
# Vegetation Communities along Transect	5	3	3
# Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	18	18	19
Total Hydrophytic Species	12	13	13
Total Upland Species	6	5	6
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	30	50	75
% Transect Length Comprised of Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	48	48	97
% Transect Length Comprised of Upland Vegetation Communities	0	3	3
% Transect Length Comprised of Unvegetated Open Water / Mudflat	49	49	0
% Transect Length Comprised of Bare Substrate	3	0	0

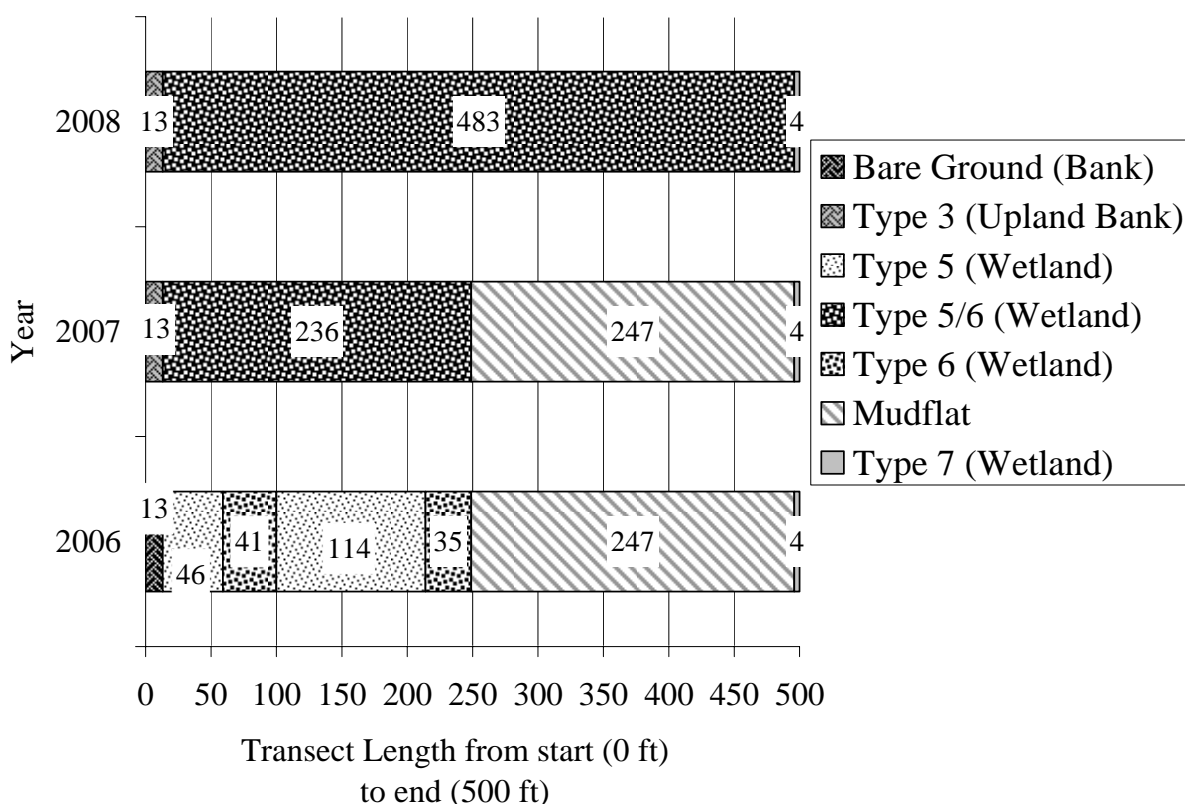
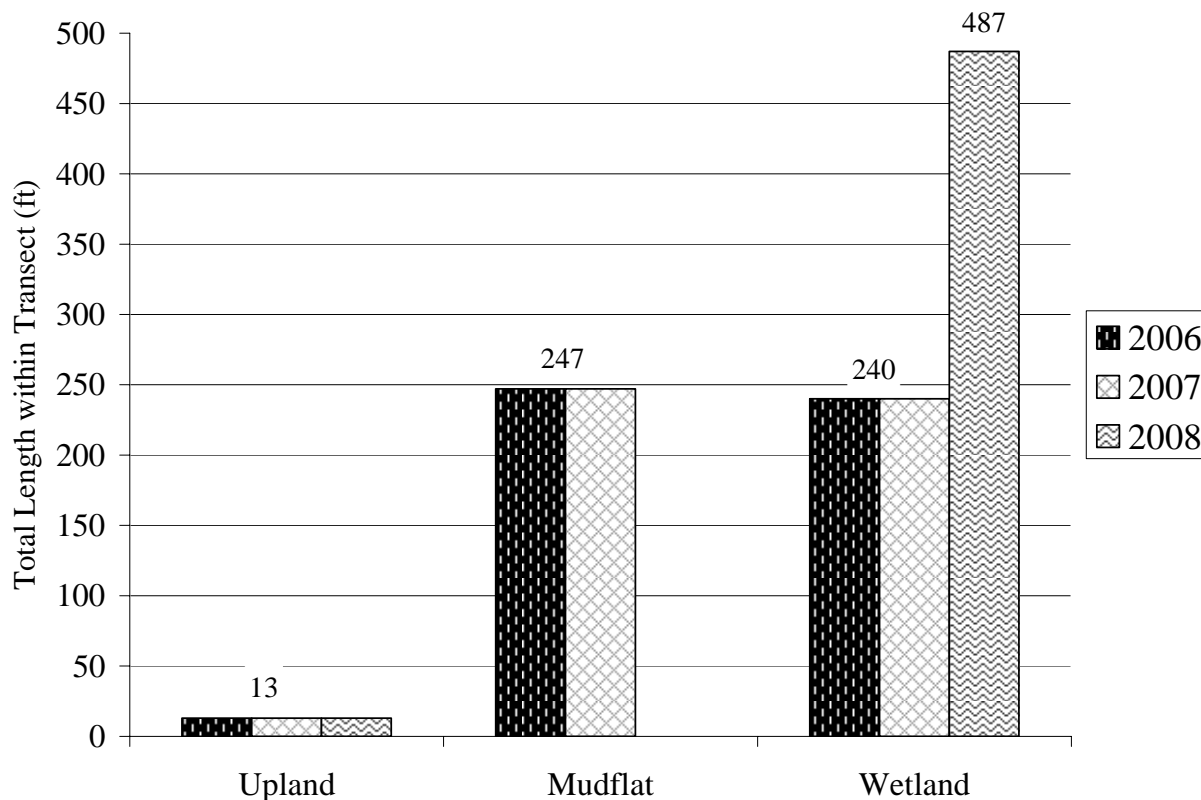
Chart 1: Transect map showing vegetation types of Transect 1 from start (0 feet) to end (500 feet) for Site 2 from 2006 to 2008.


Chart 2: Total length of each vegetation community within Transect 1 at Site 2 from 2006 to 2008.

3.3 Soils

At Site 2 wetland matrix colors were fairly consistent, ranging from 2.5Y 4/2 to 2.5Y 4/1 (**COE Forms in Appendix B**). Pockets of 10YR 3/2 and 10YR 2/1 were found in various portions of the soil profiles. Mottling was commonly observed, but varied in color between 5Y 5/4 and 10YR 4/6 (**COE Forms in Appendix B**). Soil textures ranged from clay to silty-clay-loam with abundant cobbles and gravels. Soils indicated hydric conditions and were similar in 2008 as in 2006 and 2007.

3.4 Wetland Delineation

Wetland development throughout Site 2 was achieved this year (**Figure 3 in Appendix A**). Wetland plant growth was not suppressed by the *Rhizoclonium* mat; rather, plants were germinating or establishing where soils were inundated. Wetland habitat covered 6.62 acres, which accounts for the entire site. However, a strip along the northern boundary (along the highway) exhibited marginal wetland conditions; this strip was comprised of a higher percentage of *Agropyron smithii* and drier soils and may be slightly higher in elevation than the rest of the site.

3.5 Wildlife

A comprehensive list of wildlife species (from site observations or their sign) was compiled for Site 2 (**Table 3**). Specific information on wildlife sightings at Site 2 can be found in the **Monitoring Forms** in **Appendix B**. In 2008 several migratory bird species that associated with water and/or wetlands were observed at the site (**Monitoring Forms** in **Appendix B**).

Table 3: Fish and wildlife species observed at the Meriwether-East Wetland Mitigation Site 2 from 2006 to 2008.

FISH	
None	
AMPHIBIAN	
None	
REPTILE	
None	
BIRD	
American Avocet (<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>) Dark-eyed Junco (<i>Junco hyemalis</i>) Horned Lark (<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>) Killdeer (<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>) Red-winged Blackbird (<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>)	Sandpiper (unidentified species) Sparrow (unidentified species) Willet (<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>) Wilson's Phalarope (<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>)
MAMMAL	
Deer (<i>Odocoileus</i> spp.) or Pronghorn (<i>Antilocapra americana</i>)	

Bolded species were observed for the first time in 2008.

3.6 Macroinvertebrates

No aquatic macroinvertebrate sample was collected at Site 2.

3.7 Functional Assessment

The revised 2008 Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) for MDT projects was used to assess the values and functions of the wetland at Site 2 (**Functional Assessment Form** in **Appendix B**). In 2007 and 2006 the 1999 version of the Montana Wetland Assessment Form was used to assess the values and functions of the wetland area at Site 2. The 1999 and 2008 MWAMs differ; however, general comparison between the 2006/2007 and 2008 years can still be made at Site 2.

Site 2 continued to rate as a Category III wetland (**Table 4**). Notable functions and values included General Wildlife Habitat, Flood Attenuation, Short and Long Term Water Storage, Sediment / Nutrient / Toxicant Removal, Production / Export Food Chain Support, and Groundwater Discharge/Recharge (**Table 4**). The functional assessment score increased by over three points from that in 2007 score. This is a result of changes in the MWAM and better conditions for developing wetland habitat. Environmental conditions were much improved over

Table 4: Summary of 2006 to 2008 wetland function/value ratings and functional points at Site 2 of the Meriwether-East Wetland Mitigation Project.

Function and Value Parameters from the MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method	2006 ¹ Site 2	2007 ¹ Site 2	2008 ² Site 2
Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)
MTNHP Species Habitat	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)
General Wildlife Habitat	Mod (0.5)	Low (0.2)	Mod (0.7)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	NA	NA	NA
Flood Attenuation	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)	High (0.9)
Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
Sediment / Nutrient / Toxicant Removal	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	High (1.0)
Sediment / Shoreline Stabilization	NA	NA	NA
Production Export / Food Chain Support	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	High (0.8)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)
Recreation/Education Potential	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	NA
Actual Points/Possible Points	4.6 / 10	4.3 / 10	5.3 / 9.0
% of Possible Score Achieved	46%	43%	59%
Overall Category	III	III	III
Total Acreage of Assessed Wetlands and Other Aquatic Habitats within Site Boundaries (ac)	6.62	6.64	6.62
Functional Units (acreage x actual points)	30.45	28.5	35.1

¹ Conducted using the 1999 version of the MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method.

² Conducted using the 2008 version of the MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method.

last year because Site 2 received more precipitation before and during the early growing season and summer temperatures were lower as well. In 2006 the project acreage was provided by MDT (based on design). In 2007, a combinations of hand-mapping and resource grade GPS mapping was used; the resource grade GPS points were overlaid onto an unrectified 2007 aerial photograph (**Appendix D**). This was believed to have created an overestimate in acreage. For this 2008 report, the MDT Survey grade data was used.

3.8 Photographs

A 2008 aerial photograph was used to create **Figures 2 and 3** in **Appendix A**. One photo point was established at Site 2 (**Figure 2** in **Appendix A**). A panoramic photo was taken at Photo Point 1 (**Photo 1** in **Appendix C**). Representative single frame photographs were taken of the transect and conditions within Site 2 (**Photos 2-4** in **Appendix C**).

3.9 Maintenance Needs/Recommendations

The dikes were surveyed for erosion problems in 2008. The dikes were covered evenly with erosion control fabric and no erosion problems were found. Plants have incrementally been colonizing the erosion control fabric.

The two small sub-populations of Canada thistle should be sprayed with the appropriate herbicide before they flower in 2009.

3.10 Current Credit Summary

No wetlands were present prior to construction of the Meriwether-East Mitigation Site 2. The goal is to create 6.62 acres of wetland habitat at Site 2. No specific performance criteria were required to be met at this site in order to document its success. The goal at Site 2 has been achieved as 6.62 acres of wetland were present in 2008. Proper hydrology and a seed source from adjacent natural wetlands has been the key to driving the development and maintenance of this wetland habitat. The quality of these aquatic habitats equated to a gain of 35.1 functional units (Table 4).

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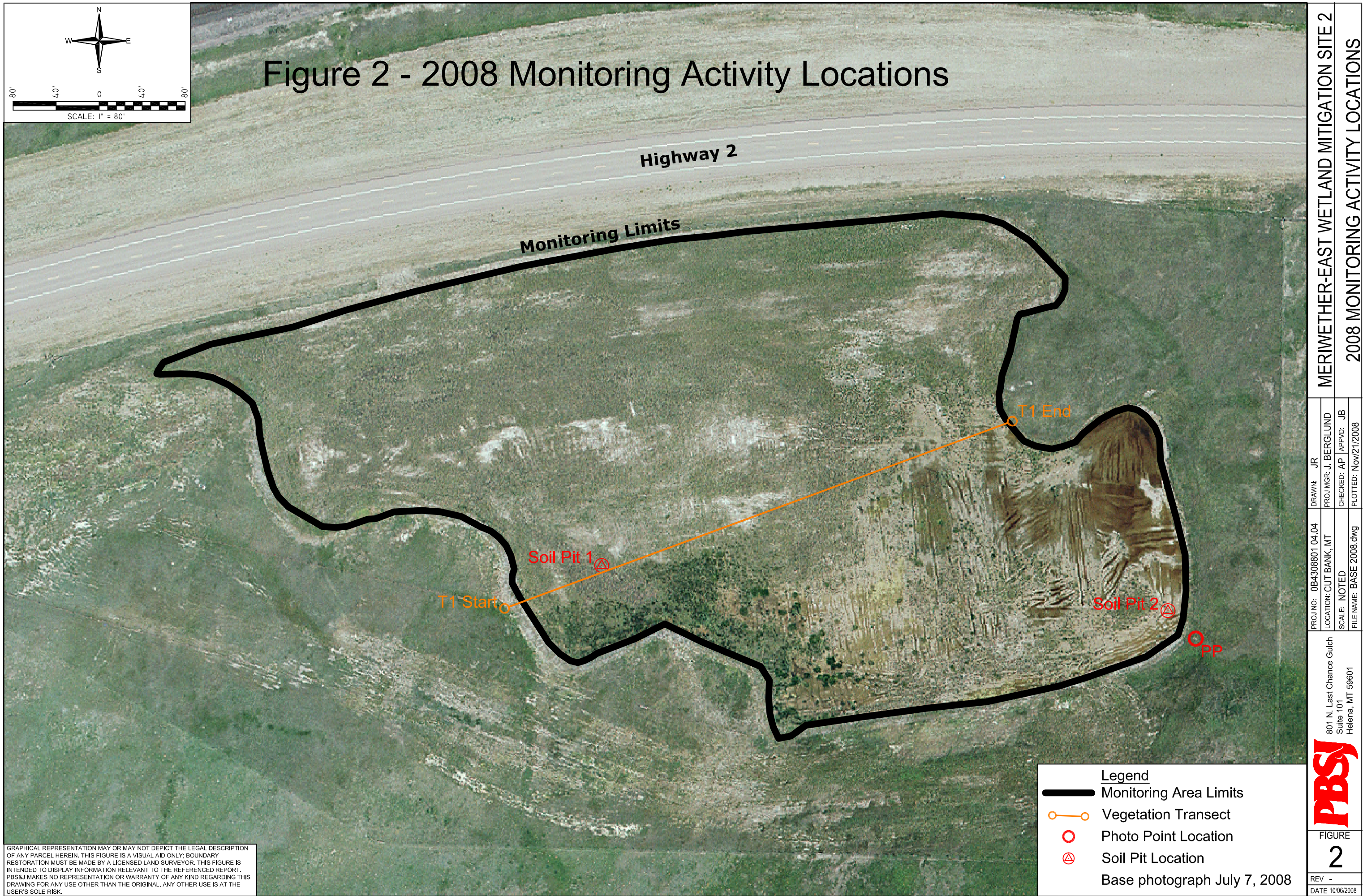
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Appendix A

SITE 2 FIGURES 2 & 3

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Meriwether-East
Glacier County, Montana



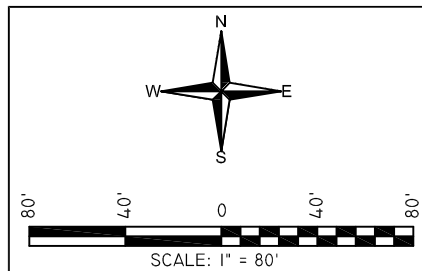
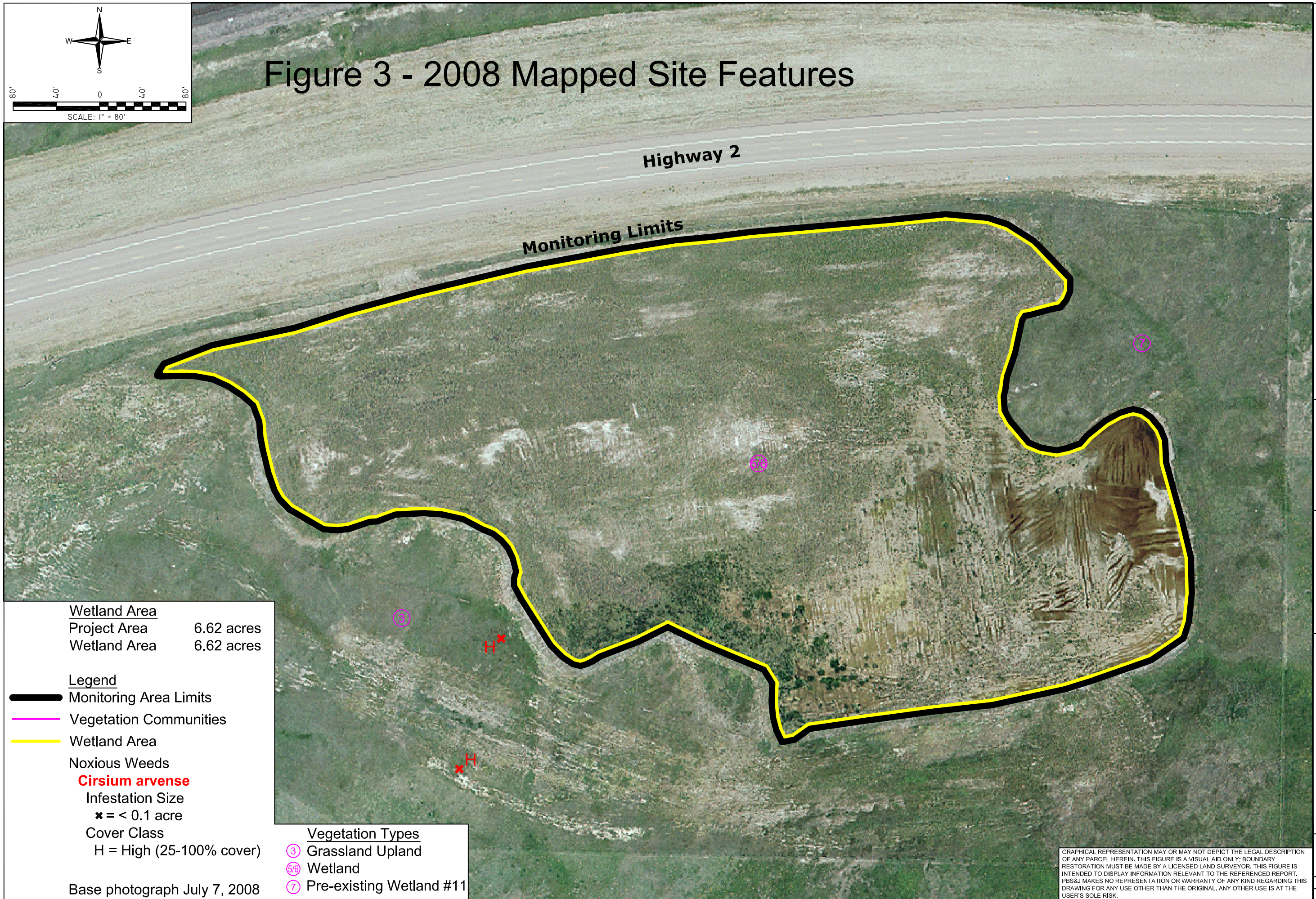


Figure 3 - 2008 Mapped Site Features



Wetland Area
Project Area 6.62 acres
Wetland Area 6.62 acres

Legend

- Monitoring Area Limits
- Vegetation Communities
- Wetland Area

Noxious Weeds

Cirsium arvense

Infestation Size

x = < 0.1 acre

Cover Class

H = High (25-100% cover)

Vegetation Types

- 3 Grassland Upland
- 5/6 Wetland
- 7 Pre-existing Wetland #11

Base photograph July 7, 2008

MERIWETHER-EAST WETLAND MITIGATION SITE 2

2008 MAPPED SITE FEATURES

DRAWN: JR

PROJ NO: 0B4308801 04.04

LOCATION: CUT BANK, MT

SCALE: NOTED

FILE NAME: BASE 2008.dwg

REV -

DATE 10/06/2008

FIGURE 3

801 N. Last Chance Gulch
Suite 101
Helena, MT 59601

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GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION MAY OR MAY NOT DEPICT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ANY PARCEL HEREIN. THIS FIGURE IS A VISUAL AID ONLY; BOUNDARY RESTORATION MUST BE MADE BY A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR. THIS FIGURE IS INTENDED TO DISPLAY INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE REFERENCED REPORT. PBS&J MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND REGARDING THIS DRAWING FOR ANY USE OTHER THAN THE ORIGINAL. ANY OTHER USE IS AT THE USER'S SOLE RISK.

Appendix B

2008 SITE 2 WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

2008 SITE 2 BIRD SURVEY FORM

2008 SITE 2 COE WETLAND DELINEATION FORMS

2008 SITE 2 MDT FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT FORM

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring

Meriwether-East

Glacier County, Montana

PBS&J / MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Name: Meriwether-East, Site 2 Project Number: 0B4308801.04.04
Assessment Date: July 8, 2008 Person(s) conducting the assessment: Andrea Pipp
Location: Highway 2, west of Cut Bank MDT District: Great Falls Milepost: _____
Legal Description: T 33N R 8W Section 8
Weather Conditions: sunny, 5-10mph winds, low 80 degrees Time of Day: 1315 to 1648pm
Initial Evaluation Date: August 8, 2006 Monitoring Year: 3 # Visits in Year: 1
Size of evaluation area: 6.64 acres Land use surrounding wetland: highway, railroad, & rangeland

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: groundwater & precipitation
Inundation: Present Average Depth: 0.5 feet Range of Depths: 0-10 inches
Percent of assessment area under inundation: 15%
Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: NA feet
If assessment area is not inundated then are the soils saturated within 12 inches of surface: Yes
Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, etc.):
Rhizoclonium, a species of green algae, present, but not dominating.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells: Absent

Record depth of water below ground surface (in feet):

Well Number	Depth	Well Number	Depth	Well Number	Depth

Additional Activities Checklist:

- ☐ Map emergent vegetation-open water boundary on aerial photograph.
- ☒ Observe extent of surface water during each site visit and look for evidence of past surface water elevations (drift lines, erosion, vegetation staining, etc.)
- ☒ Use GPS to survey groundwater monitoring well locations, if present.

COMMENTS / PROBLEMS:

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Community Number: **5** Community Title (main spp): **Type 5 - Wetland**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Juncus balticus	+ = < 1%	Hordeum jubatum	1 = 1-5%
Ranunculus	+ = < 1%		
Spergularia marina	+ = < 1%		
Chenopodium glaucum	3 = 11-20%		
Typha latifolia	2 = 6-10%		
Puccinellia nuttalliana	1 = 1-5%		

Comments / Problems: **In 2006, surface soils were saturated, light colored, and covered with salt deposition.**

Community Number: **6** Community Title (main spp): **Type 6 - Wetland**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Puccinellia nuttalliana	+ = < 1%	Agropyron	+ = < 1%
Chenopodium glaucum	3 = 11-20%		
Hordeum jubatum	+ = < 1%		
Chenopodium leptophyllum	2 = 6-10%		
Suaeda depressa	4 = 21-50%		
Kochia scoparia	4 = 21-50%		

Comments / Problems: **In 2006, surface soils were darker colored with no salt deposition.**

Community Number: **3** Community Title (main spp): **Type 3 - Grassland Upland**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Artemisia frigida	1 = 1-5%		
Kochia scoparia	4 = 21-50%		
Bouteloua gracilis	2 = 6-10%		
Chrysopsis villosa	2 = 6-10%		
Liatris punctata	2 = 6-10%		
Agropyron spp.	2 = 6-10%		

Comments / Problems: **Present in 2006-2007.**

Community Number: **7** Community Title (main spp): **Type 7 - Wetland #11**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Poa juncifolia	4 = 21-50%		
Juncus balticus	4 = 21-50%		
Puccinellia nuttalliana	+ = < 1%		
Agropyron spp.	+ = < 1%		
Aster (pansus)	+ = < 1%		

Comments / Problems: **Present in 2006-2007.**

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES (continued)

Community Number: 5/6 Community Title (main spp): Type 5 / 6 - Wetland

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Juncus balticus	1 = 1-5%	Hordeum jubatum	4 = 21-50%
Ranunculus cymbalaria	1 = 1-5%	Chenopodium album	0%
Spergularia marina	0%	Suaeda calceoliformis	+ = < 1%
Chenopodium glaucum	0%	Eleocharis palustris	2 = 6-10%
Typha latifolia	1 = 1-5%	Scirpus maritimus & S. pungens	1 = 1-5%
Puccinellia nuttalliana	5 = > 50%	Hordeum brachyantherum	0%
Alopecurus pratensis	1 = 1-5%	Triglochin maritimum	+ = < 1%
Puccinellia nuttalliana	5 = > 50%	Poa palustris	1 = 1-5%

Comments / Problems: Type 5/6 from 2007 continued to be present in 2008, but shifted in species abundance and distribution.

Community Number: _____ Community Title (main spp): _____

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover

Comments / Problems: _____

Community Number: _____ Community Title (main spp): _____

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover

Comments / Problems: _____

Community Number: _____ Community Title (main spp): _____

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover

Comments / Problems: _____

COMPREHENSIVE VEGETATION LIST

Plant Species	Vegetation Community Number (s)	Plant Species	Vegetation Community Number (s)
Achillea millifolium	7	Kochia scoparia	3, 6
Agropyron smithii	3, 7	Lactuca serriola	3
Agropyron trachycaulum	5/6	Liatris punctata	3
Agrostis alba	5/6	Poa juncifolia	7
Alopecurus pratensis	5/6	Poa palustis	5/6
Artemisia frigida	3	Polygonum spp.	5/6
Aster pansus	7	Polypogon monspeliensis	5/6
Beckmannia syzigachne	5/6	Populus tremuloides (1 seedling)	5/6
Bouteloua gracilis	3	Puccinellia nuttalliana	5/6, 7
Chenopodium album	5/6	Ranunculus cymbalaria	5/6
Chenopodium capitatum	5/6	Ranunculus sceleratus	5/6
Chenopodium glaucum	5/6	Ratabida columnifera	3
Chenopodium hybridum	5/6	Rhizoclonium spp. (green algal spp.)	mudflat, 5/6
Chenopodium leptophyllum	6	Rosa spp.	3
Chrysopsis villosa (syn. Heterotheca villosa)	3	Salicornia rubra	5/6
Cirsium arvense	3	Salix exigua	5/6
Crepis runcinata (1)	3	Salix lutea	5/6
Distichlis spicata	5/6	Salsola iberica	3
Eleocharis palustris	5/6	Scirpus acutus	5/6
Gaillardia aristata	3	Scirpus maritimus ?	5/6
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	5/6	Scirpus pungens (syn. S. americana)	5/6
Grindelia squarrosa (2)	3, 7	Spergularia marina	5/6
Hordeum brachyantherum	5/6	Suaeda calceoliformis (syn. S. depressa)	5/6
Hordeum jubatum	5/6	Triglochin maritimum	5/6
Juncus balticus	5/6, 7	Typha latifolia	5/6

Comments / Problems: (1) Sonchus arensis was mis-identified in 2007; it should be Crepis runcinata. (2) Grindelia squarrosa plants were alive within the upland area and dead within the wetland area.

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

[illegible]

Comments / Problems: _____

WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? No

If yes, type of structure: _____ How many? _____

Are the nesting structures being used? NA

Do the nesting structures need repairs? _____

Mammals and Herptiles

Mammal and Herptile Species	Number Observed	Indirect Indication of Use			
		Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Other
None Observed		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional Activities Checklist:

NA Macroinvertebrate Sampling (if required)

Comments / Problems: _____

PHOTOGRAPHS

Using a camera with a 50mm lens and color film take photographs of the following permanent reference points listed in the check list below. Record the direction of the photograph using a compass. When at the site for the first time, establish a permanent reference point by setting a ½ inch rebar or fencepost extending 2-3 feet above ground. Survey the location with a resource grade GPS and mark the location on the aerial photograph.

Photograph Checklist:

- ☒ One photograph for each of the four cardinal directions surrounding the wetland.
- ☒ At least one photograph showing upland use surrounding the wetland. If more than one upland exists then take additional photographs.
- ☒ At least one photograph showing the buffer surrounding the wetland.
- ☒ One photograph from each end of the vegetation transect, showing the transect.

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Comments / Problems:

GPS SURVEYING

Using a resource grade GPS survey the items on the checklist below. Collect at least 3 location points set at a 5 second recording rate. Record file numbers for site in designated GPS field notebook.

GPS Checklist:

- ☒ Jurisdictional wetland boundary.
- ☒ 4-6 landmarks that are recognizable on the aerial photograph.
- ☒ Start and End points of vegetation transect(s).
- ☒ Photograph reference points.
- ☐ Groundwater monitoring well locations.

Comments / Problems: _____

WETLAND DELINEATION

(attach COE delineation forms)

At each site conduct these checklist items:

- ☒ Delineate wetlands according to the 1987 Army COE manual.
- ☒ Delineate wetland – upland boundary onto aerial photograph.
- Yes** Survey wetland – upland boundary with a resource grade GPS survey.

Comments / Problems: _____

FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT

(Complete and attach full MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method field forms.)

(Also attach any completed abbreviated field forms, if used)

Comments / Problems: _____

MAINTENANCE

Were man-made nesting structure installed at this site? **No**

If yes, do they need to be repaired? **NA**

If yes, describe the problems below and indicate if any actions were taken to remedy the problems.

Were man-made structures built or installed to impound water or control water flow into or out of the wetland? **No**

If yes, are the structures working properly and in good working order? **NA**

If no, describe the problems below.

Comments / Problems: _____

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: **Meriwether-East Site 2** Date: **July 8, 2008** Examiner: **A. Pipp**

Transect Number: **T-1** Approximate Transect Length: **500 feet** Compass Direction from Start: **59°** Note: **compass at 0 degrees decl.**

Vegetation Type A: Bank covered with erosion control	
Length of transect in this type: 0 - 12.5 feet	
Plant Species	Cover
Agropyron smithii	4 = 21-50%
Hordeum jubatum	2 = 6-10%
Gaillardia aristata	1 = 1-5%
Suaeda calceoliformis	+ = < 1%
Ratitbida columnifera	1 = 1-5%
Salsola iberica (not seen in 2008)	
Puccinellia nuttalliana (base of slope)	1 = 1-5%
Total Vegetative Cover:	50%

Vegetation Type B: Type 5/6 - Wetland	
Length of transect in this type: 12.5 - 496 feet	
Plant Species	Cover
Puccinellia nuttalliana	5 = > 50%
Hordeum jubatum	4 = 21-50%
Ranunculus cymbalaria & Eleocharis palustris (EACH)	1 = 1-5%
Typha latifolia & Triglochin maritimum (EACH)	+ = < 1%
Juncus balticus	2 = 6-10%
Chenopodium glaucum (not seen in 2008)	
Distichlis stricta	1 = 1-5%
Hordeum brachyantherum (not seen in 2008)	
Agrostis alba & Beckmannia syzigachne (EACH)	+ = < 1%
Polypogon monspeliensis (not seen in 2008)	
Alopecurus pratensis & Poa juncifolia (EACH)	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	85%

Vegetation Type C: Type 7 - Wetland 17	
Length of transect in this type: 496 - 500 feet	
Plant Species	Cover
Poa juncifolia	4 = 21-50%
Juncus balticus	3 = 11-20%
Puccinellia nuttalliana	1 = 1-5%
Agropyron smithii	+ = < 1%
Aster pansus	+ = < 1%
Hordeum jubatum	+ = < 1%
Crepis runcinata	1 = 1-5%
Suaeda calceoliformis (not seen in 2008)	
Grindelia squarrosa	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	90%

Vegetation Type D:	
Length of transect in this type: 496-500 feet	
Plant Species	Cover
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Cover Estimate

+ = < 1% 3 = 11-20%
1 = 1-5% 4 = 21-50%
2 = 6-10% 5 = > 50%

Indicator Class

+ = Obligate
- = Facultative/Wet
0 = Facultative

Source

P = Planted
V = Volunteer

Percent of perimeter developing wetland vegetation (excluding dam/berm structures): **100%**

Establish transects perpendicular to the shoreline (or saturated perimeter). The transect should begin in the upland area. Permanently mark this location with a standard metal fencepost. Extend the imaginary transect line towards the center of the wetland, ending at the 3 foot depth (in open water), or at the point where water depths or saturation are maximized. Mark this location with another metal fencepost.

Estimate cover within a 10 foot wide "belt" along the transect length. At a minimum, establish a transect at the windward and leeward sides of the wetland. Remember that the purpose of this sampling is to monitor, not inventory, representative portions of the wetland site.

Comments: _____

BIRD SURVEY – FIELD DATA SHEET

Site: **Meriwether-East, Site 2** Date: **7/8/08**

Survey Time: 1310 pm to 1648 pm

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BEHAVIOR CODES

BP = One of a breeding pair

BD = Breeding display

F = Foraging

FO = Flyover

L = Loafing

N = Nesting

HABITAT CODES

AB = Aquatic bed

FO = Forested

I = Island

MA = Marsh

MF = Mud Flat

OW = Open Water

SS = Scrub/Shrub

UP = Upland buffer

WM = Wet meadow

US = Unconsolidated shore

Weather: **sunny, 5-10mph winds, low 80 degrees**

Notes: **Phalaropes appeared to be showing nesting behavior as they were constantly circling and vocalizing.**

Project/Site:	Meriwether-East 2008	Project No:	0B4308801	Date:	8-Jul-2008
Applicant/Owner:	Montana Department of Transportation-			County:	Glacier
Investigators:	Pipp			State:	Montana
				Plot ID:	Soil Pit 1

Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Community ID: Emergent
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation:)?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Transect ID:
Is the area a potential Problem Area?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Field Location:
(If needed, explain on the reverse side)		Transect 1

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Remarks:	
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<p><u>NO</u> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Stream, Lake or Tide Gauge</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Aerial Photographs</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Other</p> <p><u>YES</u> No Recorded Data</p>	<p>Wetland Hydrology Indicators</p> <p>Primary Indicators</p> <p><u>NO</u> Inundated</p> <p><u>YES</u> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches</p> <p><u>NO</u> Water Marks</p> <p><u>NO</u> Drift Lines</p> <p><u>NO</u> Sediment Deposits</p> <p><u>NO</u> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands</p> <p>Secondary Indicators</p> <p><u>NO</u> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches</p> <p><u>NO</u> Water-Stained Leaves</p> <p><u>NO</u> Local Soil Survey Data</p> <p><u>YES</u> FAC-Neutral Test</p> <p><u>YES</u> Other (Explain in Remarks)</p>
<p>Field Observations</p> <p>Depth of Surface Water: N/A (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Free Water in Pit: > 13 (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Saturated Soil: = 0.0 (in.)</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>Salt deposits were present on soil surface. Rhizoclonium spp. was present, but did not form a large mat as in 2007.</p>	

Project/Site:	Meriwether-East 2008	Project No:	0B4308801	Date:	8-Jul-2008
Applicant/Owner:	-Montana Department of Transportation-			County:	Glacier
Investigators:	Pipp			State:	Montana
				Plot ID:	Soil Pit 1

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):	Saline land	Mapped Hydric Inclusion?	
Map Symbol: SA	Drainage Class: Poorly drained	Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Taxonomy (Subgroup):	Montmorillonitic, frigid Ustic Torriorth		
Profile Description			

Hydric Soil Indicators:	
<u>NO</u> Histosol	<u>NO</u> Concretions
<u>NO</u> Histic Epipedon	<u>NO</u> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils
<u>NO</u> Sulfidic Odor	<u>NO</u> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
<u>NO</u> Aquic Moisture Regime	<u>NO</u> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
<u>NO</u> Reducing Conditions	<u>NO</u> Listed on National Hydric Soils List
<u>YES</u> Gleyed or Low Chroma Colors	<u>NO</u> Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:	
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Is the Sampling Point within the Wetland?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No			
Hydric Soils Present?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No			
Remarks:					

Project/Site:	Meriwether-East 2008	Project No:	0B4308801	Date:	8-Jul-2008
Applicant/Owner:	Montana Department of Transportation-			County:	Glacier
Investigators:	Pipp			State:	Montana
				Plot ID:	Soil Pit 2

Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Community ID: Emergent
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation:)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Transect ID:
Is the area a potential Problem Area?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Field Location:
(If needed, explain on the reverse side)			Southeast area of site.

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Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC: (excluding FAC-) 3/3 = 100.00%	FAC Neutral: 2/2 = 100.00% Numeric Index: 5/3 = 1.67
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Remarks: Also dominant are seedlings of Polygonum, which cannot be identified to species at this stage. Rhizoclonium spp. is also dominant, but not forming a continuous mat as in 2007.

<p><u>NO</u> Recorded Data(Describe in Remarks):</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Stream, Lake or Tide Gauge</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Aerial Photographs</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Other</p> <p><u>YES</u> No Recorded Data</p> <p>Field Observations</p> <p>Depth of Surface Water: <u>N/A</u> (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Free Water in Pit: = 6.0 (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Saturated Soil: = 0.0 (in.)</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>Rhizoclonium spp. present.</p>	<p>Wetland Hydrology Indicators</p> <p>Primary Indicators</p> <p><u>NO</u> Inundated</p> <p><u>YES</u> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches</p> <p><u>NO</u> Water Marks</p> <p><u>NO</u> Drift Lines</p> <p><u>NO</u> Sediment Deposits</p> <p><u>NO</u> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands</p> <p>Secondary Indicators</p> <p><u>NO</u> Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches</p> <p><u>NO</u> Water-Stained Leaves</p> <p><u>NO</u> Local Soil Survey Data</p> <p><u>YES</u> FAC-Neutral Test</p> <p><u>YES</u> Other(Explain in Remarks)</p>
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Project/Site:	Meriwether-East 2008	Project No:	0B4308801	Date:	8-Jul-2008
Applicant/Owner:	-Montana Department of Transportation-			County:	Glacier
Investigators:	Pipp			State:	Montana
				Plot ID:	Soil Pit 2

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): Saline land
 Map Symbol: SA Drainage Class: Poorly drained Mapped Hydric Inclusion?
 Taxonomy (Subgroup): Montmorillonitic, frigid Ustic Torriorth Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type? Yes (No)
 Profile Description:

Profile description		Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast		Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc
0-4	A	2.5Y4/2	N/A	N/A	N/A	Silty clay
4-8	A/B	10YR3/2	N/A	N/A	N/A	Clay
8-12	B	2.5Y4/1	10YR4/6	Common	Prominent	Clay
4-8	A/B	2.5Y4/2	N/A	N/A	N/A	Clay
8-12	B	2.5Y4/1	10YR4/6	Common	Prominent	Clay

<u>NO</u> Histosol	<u>NO</u> Concretions
<u>NO</u> Histic Epipedon	<u>NO</u> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils
<u>NO</u> Sulfidic Odor	<u>NO</u> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
<u>NO</u> Aquic Moisture Regime	<u>NO</u> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
<u>NO</u> Reducing Conditions	<u>NO</u> Listed on National Hydric Soils List
<u>YES</u> Gleyed or Low Chroma Colors	<u>NO</u> Other (Explain in Remarks)

A thin layer of 10YR 2/1 occurs within the 0-4 inch AND 10 inch depths. From 4-12 inches, it is difficult to color the soils as there are two matrix colors that intermix. Gravels and some cobbles are also present from 4 - 12 inches deep.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Is the Sampling Point within the Wetland?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No			
Hydric Soils Present?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No			
Remarks:					

MDT MONTANA WETLAND ASSESSMENT FORM (revised March 2008)

1. **Project Name:** Meriwether-East Wetland Mitigation Site 2. **MDT Project #:** STPX-NH 0037(26) 3. **Control #:** 5000

3. **Evaluation Date:** July 8, 2008 4. **Evaluator(s):** Andrea Pipp 5. **Wetland/Site #(s):** Site 2

6. **Wetland Location(s):** Township 33 N, Range 8 W, Section 17; Township N, Range E, Section

Approximate Stationing or Roadposts: ST 284+40 to ST 287+50 (R); Approximately at MP 239.

Watershed: 8 - Marias **County:** Glacier --

7. **Evaluating Agency:** MDT

Purpose of Evaluation:

☐ **Wetland potentially affected by MDT project**

☐ **Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction**

☒ **Mitigation wetlands; post-construction**

☐ **Other**

8. **Wetland Size (acre):** (visually estimated)

6.62 (measured, e.g. GPS)

9. **Assessment Area (AA) Size (acre):** (visually estimated)

(see manual for determining AA) 6.62 (measured, e.g. GPS)

10. **CLASSIFICATION OF WETLAND AND AQUATIC HABITATS IN AA** (See manual for definitions.)

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% OF AA
Depressional	Emergent Wetland	Excavated	Seasonal / Intermittent	100

Comments:

11. **ESTIMATED RELATIVE ABUNDANCE** (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin; see manual.)

common

12. **GENERAL CONDITION OF AA**

i. **Disturbance:** Use matrix below to select the appropriate response; see manual for Montana listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species lists.

Conditions within AA	Predominant Conditions Adjacent to (within 500 feet of) AA		
	Managed in predominantly natural state; is not grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain roads or buildings; and noxious weed or ANVS cover is ≤15%.	Land not cultivated, but may be moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged; or has been subject to minor clearing; contains few roads or buildings; noxious weed or ANVS cover is ≤30%.	Land cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >30%.
AA occurs and is managed in predominantly natural state; is not grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain roads or occupied buildings; and noxious weed or ANVS cover is ≤15%.	---	---	---
AA not cultivated, but may be moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged; or has been subject to relatively minor clearing, fill placement, or hydrological alteration; contains few roads or buildings; noxious weed or ANVS cover is ≤30%.	---	moderate disturbance	---
AA cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to relatively substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >30%.	---	---	---

Comments (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): Livestock grazing was present prior to construction of mitigation site.

ii. **Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, and other exotic vegetation species:** Cirsium arvense present in upland.

iii. **Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat:** AA is an excavated area bordering an existing wetland. Highway 2 occurs on the immediate north boundary. Rangeland occurs on all boundaries though livestock is excluded by fences.

13. **STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY** (Based on number of "Cowardin" **vegetated** classes present [do not include unvegetated classes]; see #10 above.)

Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA	Initial Rating	Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes?		Modified Rating
≥3 (or 2 if one is forested) classes	---	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	---	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	mod	←NO	YES→	---
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises ≥90% of total cover)	---	NA	NA	NA

Comments:

Wetland/Site #(s): Site 2**14A. HABITAT FOR FEDERALLY LISTED OR PROPOSED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED PLANTS OR ANIMALS****i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain:** Check box based on definitions in manual.

Primary or critical habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
 Secondary habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
 Incidental habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
 No usable habitat ☒ S

ii. Rating: Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14A(i) above, select the corresponding functional point and rating.

Highest Habitat Level	Doc/Primary	Sus/Primary	Doc/Secondary	Sus/Secondary	Doc/Incidental	Sus/Incidental	None
Functional Point/Rating	---	---	---	---	---	---	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records): _____

14B. HABITAT FOR PLANTS OR ANIMALS RATED S1, S2, OR S3 BY THE MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

Do not include species listed in 14A above.

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain: Check box based on definitions in manual.

Primary or critical habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
 Secondary habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
 Incidental habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
 No usable habitat ☒ S

ii. Rating: Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14A(i) above, select the corresponding functional point and rating.

Highest Habitat Level	Doc/Primary	Sus/Primary	Doc/Secondary	Sus/Secondary	Doc/Incidental	Sus/Incidental	None
S1 Species Functional Point/Rating	---	---	---	---	---	---	.0L
S2 and S3 Species Functional Point/Rating	---	---	---	---	---	---	.0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records): _____

14C. GENERAL WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING**i. Evidence of Overall Wildlife Use in the AA:** Check substantial, moderate, or low based on supporting evidence.☐ **Substantial:** Based on any of the following [check].

- ☐ observations of abundant wildlife #s or high species diversity (during any period)
- ☐ abundant wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ☐ presence of extremely limiting habitat features not available in the surrounding area
- ☐ interview with local biologist with knowledge of the AA

☐ **Minimal:** Based on any of the following [check].

- ☐ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- ☐ little to no wildlife sign
- ☐ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interview with local biologist with knowledge of AA

☒ **Moderate:** Based on any of the following [check].

- ☒ observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- ☒ common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ☐ adequate adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interview with local biologist with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife Habitat Features: Working from top to bottom, check appropriate AA attributes in matrix to arrive at rating. Structural diversity is from #13. For class cover to be considered evenly distributed, the most and least prevalent **vegetated** classes must be within 20% of each other in terms of their percent composition of the AA (see #10). Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral; and A = absent [see manual for further definitions of these terms].

Structural Diversity (see #13)	<input type="checkbox"/> High								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate								<input type="checkbox"/> Low			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Even				<input type="checkbox"/> Uneven				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Even				<input type="checkbox"/> Uneven				<input type="checkbox"/> Even			
Class Cover Distribution (all vegetated classes)	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A
Duration of Surface Water in ≥ 10% of AA																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Disturbance at AA (see #12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate Disturbance at AA (see #12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	H	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> High Disturbance at AA (see #12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

iii. Rating: Use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Evidence of Wildlife Use (i)	Wildlife Habitat Features Rating (ii)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	---	---	---	---
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate	---	.7M	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal	---	---	---	---

Comments: Several pairs of phalaropes and killdeer observed; at least one pair of phalaropes showed signs of nesting. Many singing Red-wing Blackbirds present. Beetles found on Crepis plants.

Wetland/Site #(s): Site 2**14D. GENERAL FISH HABITAT** ☒ **NA** (proceed to 14E)

If the AA is not used by fish, fish use is not restorable due to habitat constraints, or is not desired from a management perspective [such as fish entrapped in a canal], then check the NA box and proceed to 14E.

Assess this function if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [i.e., fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier].

Type of Fishery: ☐ Cold Water (CW) ☐ Warm Water (WW) Use the CW or WW guidelines in the manual to complete the matrix.

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA: Use matrix to select the functional point and rating.

Duration of Surface Water in AA	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent / Perennial						<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal / Intermittent						<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary / Ephemeral					
Aquatic Hiding / Resting / Escape Cover	<input type="checkbox"/> Optimal		<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate		<input type="checkbox"/> Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> Optimal		<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate		<input type="checkbox"/> Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> Optimal		<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate		<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	
Thermal Cover: optimal / suboptimal	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
FWP Tier I fish species	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FWP Tier II or Native Game fish species	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FWP Tier III or Introduced Game fish	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FWP Non-Game Tier IV or No fish species	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Sources used for identifying fish spp. potentially found in AA: _____

ii. Modified Rating: NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1.0 or be less than 0.1.

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity, **or** is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, **or** do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see **Appendix E**) occur in fish habitat? ☐ **YES**, reduce score in i by 0.1 = ____ or ☐ **NO**

b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area; specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ☐ **YES**, add to score in i or **ii** a 0.1 = ____ or ☐ **NO**

iii. Final Score and Rating: _ **Comments:** _____**14E. FLOOD ATTENUATION** ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14F)

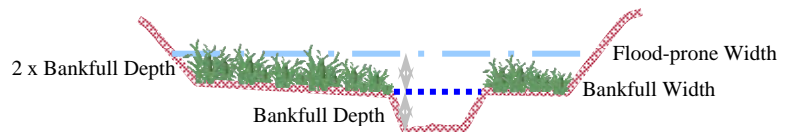
Applies only to wetlands that are subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow.

If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, check the NA box and proceed to 14F.

Entrenchment Ratio (ER) Estimation (see manual for additional guidance). Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width) / (bankfull width).

Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 X maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

_____ / _____ = _____
flood prone width / bankfull width = entrenchment ratio



Slightly Entrenched ER ≥ 2.2			Moderately Entrenched ER = 1.41 – 2.2		Entrenched ER = 1.0 – 1.4		
C stream type	D stream type	E stream type	B stream type		A stream type	F stream type	G stream type

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slightly Entrenched C, D, E stream types			<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Entrenched B stream type			<input type="checkbox"/> Entrenched A, F, G stream types		
Percent of Flooded Wetland Classified as Forested and/or Scrub/Shrub	<input type="checkbox"/> 75%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25-75%	<input type="checkbox"/> <25%	<input type="checkbox"/> 75%	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-75%	<input type="checkbox"/> <25%	<input type="checkbox"/> 75%	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-75%	<input type="checkbox"/> <25%
AA contains no outlet or restricted outlet	---	.9H	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AA contains unrestricted outlet	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding AND are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO** **Comments:** Site connects to a wetland which borders a drainage. When the drainage floods, water backs-up into this site.

Wetland/Site #(s): Site 2**14F. SHORT AND LONG TERM SURFACE WATER STORAGE** ☐ NA (proceed to 14G)

Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow.
If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, then check the NA box and proceed to 14G.

- i. **Rating:** Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see manual for further definitions of these terms].

Estimated Maximum Acre Feet of Water Contained in Wetlands within the AA that are Subject to Periodic Flooding or Ponding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >5 acre feet			<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1 to 5 acre feet			<input type="checkbox"/> ≤1 acre foot		
Duration of Surface Water at Wetlands within the AA	<input type="checkbox"/> P/P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S/I	<input type="checkbox"/> T/E	<input type="checkbox"/> P/P	<input type="checkbox"/> S/I	<input type="checkbox"/> T/E	<input type="checkbox"/> P/P	<input type="checkbox"/> S/I	<input type="checkbox"/> T/E
Wetlands in AA flood or pond ≥ 5 out of 10 years	---	.9H	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wetlands in AA flood or pond < 5 out of 10 years	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Comments: _____

14G. SEDIMENT / NUTRIENT / TOXICANT / RETENTION AND REMOVAL ☐ NA (proceed to 14H)

Applies to wetland with potential to receive sediments, nutrients, or toxicants through influx of surface or ground water or direct input.
If no wetlands in the AA are subject to such input, check the NA box and proceed to 14H.

- i. **Rating:** Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Sediment, Nutrient, and Toxicant Input Levels within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use has potential to deliver sediments, nutrients, or compounds at levels such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody is on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use has potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.			
% Cover of Wetland Vegetation in AA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 70%		<input type="checkbox"/> < 70%		<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 70%		<input type="checkbox"/> < 70%	
Evidence of Flooding / Ponding in AA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
AA contains no or restricted outlet	1H	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AA contains unrestricted outlet	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Comments: _____

14H. SEDIMENT / SHORELINE STABILIZATION ☒ NA (proceed to 14I)

Applies only if AA occurs on or within the banks of a river, stream, or other natural or man-made drainage, or on the shoreline of a standing water body which is subject to wave action.
If 14H does not apply, check the NA box and proceed to 14I.

% Cover of <u>Wetland</u> Streambank or Shoreline by Species with Stability Ratings of ≥6 (see Appendix F).	Duration of Surface Water Adjacent to Rooted Vegetation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent / Perennial	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal / Intermittent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary / Ephemeral
<input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 65%	---	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-64%	---	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> < 35%	---	---	---

Comments: _____

14I. PRODUCTION EXPORT / FOOD CHAIN SUPPORT

- i. **Level of Biological Activity:** Synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat rates (select).

General Fish Habitat Rating (14Diii)	General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14Ciii)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> E/H	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M	<input type="checkbox"/> L
<input type="checkbox"/> E/H	---	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> M	---	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> L	---	---	---
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	---	M	---

- ii. **Rating:** Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14Ii); Factor C = whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet; the final three rows pertain to the duration of surface water in the AA, where P/P, S/I, and T/E were previously defined, and A = "absent" [see manual for further definitions of these terms].

A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetated Component >5 acres						<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated Component 1-5 acres						<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated Component <1 acre					
B	<input type="checkbox"/> High		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate		<input type="checkbox"/> Low		<input type="checkbox"/> High		<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate		<input type="checkbox"/> Low		<input type="checkbox"/> High		<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate		<input type="checkbox"/> Low	
C	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
P/P	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S/I	---	---	.7M	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
T/E/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Wetland/Site #(s): Site 2**14I. PRODUCTION EXPORT / FOOD CHAIN SUPPORT** (continued)iii. **Modified Rating:** Note: Modified score cannot exceed 1.0 or be less than 0.1.**Vegetated Upland Buffer:** Area with $\geq 30\%$ plant cover, $\leq 15\%$ noxious weed or ANVS cover, AND that is not subjected to periodic mechanical mowing or clearing (unless for weed control).Is there an average ≥ 50 -foot wide vegetated upland buffer around $\geq 75\%$ of the AA's perimeter? ☒ **YES**, add 0.1 to score in ii = 0.80 ☐ **NO**iv. **Final Score and Rating:** .8H **Comments:** _____**14J. GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE / RECHARGE**

Check the appropriate indicators in i and ii below.

i. Discharge Indicators

- ☐ The AA is a slope wetland.
☐ Springs or seeps are known or observed.
☐ Vegetation growing during dormant season/drought.
☐ Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope.
☐ Seeps are present at the wetland edge.
☐ AA permanently flooded during drought periods.
☐ Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet.
☒ Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface.
☐ Other: _____

ii. Recharge Indicators

- ☐ Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer.
☐ Wetland contains inlet but no outlet.
☐ Stream is a known 'losing' stream. Discharge volume decreases.
☐ Other: _____

iii. **Rating:** Use the information from i and ii above and the table below to select the functional point and rating.

Criteria	Duration of Saturation at AA Wetlands <i>FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE</i> or <i>WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM</i>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> P/P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S/I	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Discharge or Recharge	---	.7M	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data/Information	---			

Comments: _____**14K. UNIQUENESS**i. **Rating:** Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Replacement Potential	AA contains fen, bog, warm springs or mature (>80 yr-old) forested wetland OR plant association listed as "S1" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types AND structural diversity (#13) is high OR contains plant association listed as "S2" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types OR associations AND structural diversity (#13) is low-moderate		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rare	<input type="checkbox"/> Common	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant	<input type="checkbox"/> Rare	<input type="checkbox"/> Common	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant	<input type="checkbox"/> Rare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Disturbance at AA (#12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate Disturbance at AA (#12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.3L	---
<input type="checkbox"/> High Disturbance at AA (#12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Comments: _____**14L. RECREATION / EDUCATION POTENTIAL**☒ **NA** (proceed to Overall Summary and Rating page)

Affords 'bonus' points if AA provides a recreational or educational opportunity.

i. **Is the AA a known or potential recreational or educational site?** ☐ **YES**, go to ii. ☒ **NO**, check the NA box.ii. **Check categories that apply to the AA:** ☐ Educational/Scientific Study ☐ Consumptive Recreational ☐ Non-consumptive recreational
☐ Other: _____iii. **Rating:** Use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Known or Potential Recreational or Educational Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	---	---
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	---	---
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	---	---

Comments: _____**15. GENERAL SITE NOTES:** _____

Wetland/Site #(s): Site 2

Function & Value Variables	Rating – Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage	Indicate the Four Most Prominent Functions with an Asterisk
A. Listed / Proposed T&E Species Habitat	low 0.00	1.00		
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	low 0.00	1.00		
C. General Wildlife Habitat	mod 0.70	1.00		
D. General Fish Habitat	NA	NA		
E. Flood Attenuation	high 0.90	1.00		
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	high 0.90	1.00		
G. Sediment / Nutrient / Toxicant Removal	high 1.00	1.00		
H. Sediment / Shoreline Stabilization	NA	NA		
I. Production Export / Food Chain Support	high 0.80	1.00		
J. Groundwater Discharge / Recharge	mod 0.70	1.00		
K. Uniqueness	low 0.30	1.00		
L. Recreation / Education Potential (bonus point)	NA			
Total Points	5.3	9.0	Total Functional Units	
Percent of Possible Score 59% (round to nearest whole number)				

Category I Wetland: (must satisfy **one** of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category II)

- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for Listed/Proposed Threatened or Endangered Species; **or**
☐ Score of 1 functional point for Uniqueness; **or**
☐ Score of 1 functional point for Flood Attenuation **and** answer to Question 14E.ii is "yes"; **or**
☐ Percent of possible score > 80% (round to nearest whole #).

Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied **and** meets any **one** of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category IV)

- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat; **or**
☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; **or**
☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish Habitat; **or**
☐ "High" to "Exceptional" ratings for **both** General Wildlife Habitat **and** General Fish/Aquatic Habitat; **or**
☐ Score of .9 functional point for Uniqueness; **or**
☐ Percent of possible score > 65% (round to nearest whole #).

☒ **Category III Wetland:** (Criteria for Categories I, II, or IV not satisfied)**Category IV Wetland:** (Criteria for Categories I or II are not satisfied and all of the following criteria are met; if not go to Category III)

- ☐ "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
☐ Vegetated wetland component < 1 acre (do not include upland vegetated buffer); **and**
☐ Percent of possible score < 35% (round to nearest whole #).

OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA (AA) RATING: Check the appropriate category based on the criteria outlined above.

☐ I ☐ II ☒ III ☐ IV

Appendix C

2008 SITE 2 REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

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MERIWETHER-EAST WETLAND MITIGATION SITE 2 – 2008



Photo 1: Photo-Point 1. Panoramic view facing northwest from the east end of Site 2.



Photo 2: View is northeast from the start of Transect 1.



Photo 3: View is southwest from the end of Transect 1.



Photo 4: View is northeast of the Type 5/6 wetland habitat from Transect 1.

* **Cover Photo** from the 2007 and 2008 reports were taken from the same location.

Appendix D

SITE PLAN

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