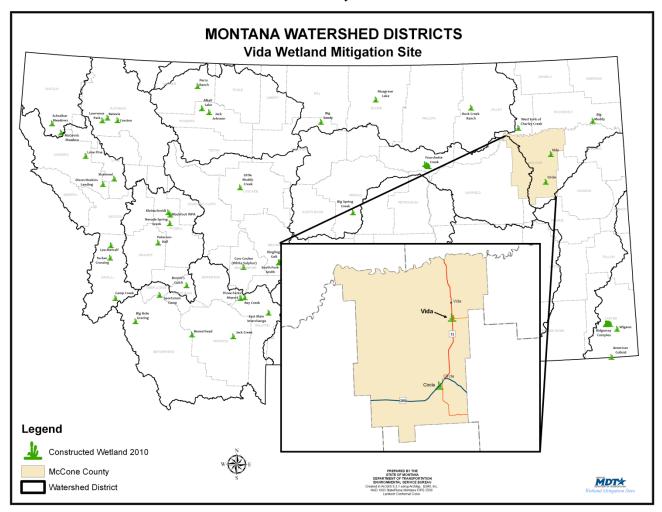


Watershed # 15-Lower Missouri River Basin McCone County, Montana



LAND OWNERSHIP: MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDT)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Vida wetland mitigation site was constructed in 1995 to mitigate wetland impacts associated with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Vida North and South project. Constructed in Watershed #12 (Lower Missouri), the site is located south of Vida and west of Highway 13. The intent of this mitigation project was to create 3.9 acres of additional wetlands within an intermittent drainage by placing a cross-drainage dike upstream of an existing reservoir. Minor excavation was performed upstream of the dike to enhance wetland development. Unfortunately, the site did not develop as intended; therefore, MDT purchased In Lieu Fee mitigation credits from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to offset these mitigation debits in 2007.

WETLAND INHABITANTS

BIRDS

American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) American Robin (Turdus misgratorius) Eastern Kingbird (Tyrannus tyrannus) Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura)

MAMMALS

Mule Deer (Odocoileus hemionus) (tracks only)



American Kestrel

WETLAND VEGETATION

Dominant wetland vegetation

Eastern Cottonwood (*Populus deltoids*) Blister sedge (*Carex vesicaria*)



Carex vesicaria

Vida



Aerial Photograph

Click the icon below for complete monitoring reports for this site (2005 to 2010)

