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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

As part of an emergency roadway repair, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) realigned a segment of Secondary Highway 426 (also known as S-426 or Hanover Road), around a land slide to provide a stable, paved roadway through the area and reduce annual road maintenance requirements. Due to the new road alignment, modification to a segment of Little Rock Creek, a tributary to the Judith River, was also necessary. This channel modification was approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and does not require compensatory mitigation for stream impacts.

Although compensatory mitigation is not required, MDT requested monitoring of the reconstructed segments of Little Rock Creek to evaluate whether the stream restoration and revegetation techniques were successful in generating a stable, well vegetated channel with variable habitat elements. The following report provides the results of the first year of monitoring along this segment of Little Rock Creek. This project was constructed in 2013, therefore, these results provide documentation of the site's condition one year following the project's completion.

Specific project objectives outlined in the joint permit application for Little Rock Creek included:

- Removal of a 163" x 120" structural steel plate pipe and placement of a 12' x 12' reinforced concrete box culvert approximately 222 feet long to provide fish passage.
- Control spring seepage via interceptor trenches and slope armoring to route water into nearby ditches and culvert.
- Constructing 536 feet of new stream channel within the reclaimed segment of the former highway alignment.

Results of the first year monitoring at the Judith Slide Repair site are provided in Section 4, while Section 5 provides additional site observations that were not captured by the monitoring protocols. Additional reporting requirements including a topographic survey of the project site, a longitudinal profile, survey results at four perpendicular transects, a planting schematic from the design, photo documentation of the project site, and maps indicating the endpoints of riparian belt transects, perpendicular transect surveys and locations of noxious weed infestations are included as Appendices to this report.

## **2.0 SITE LOCATION**

The project site is located near Lewistown in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 16 East, and the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, Township 16 North, Range 16 East, in Fergus County, Montana (Figure 1).

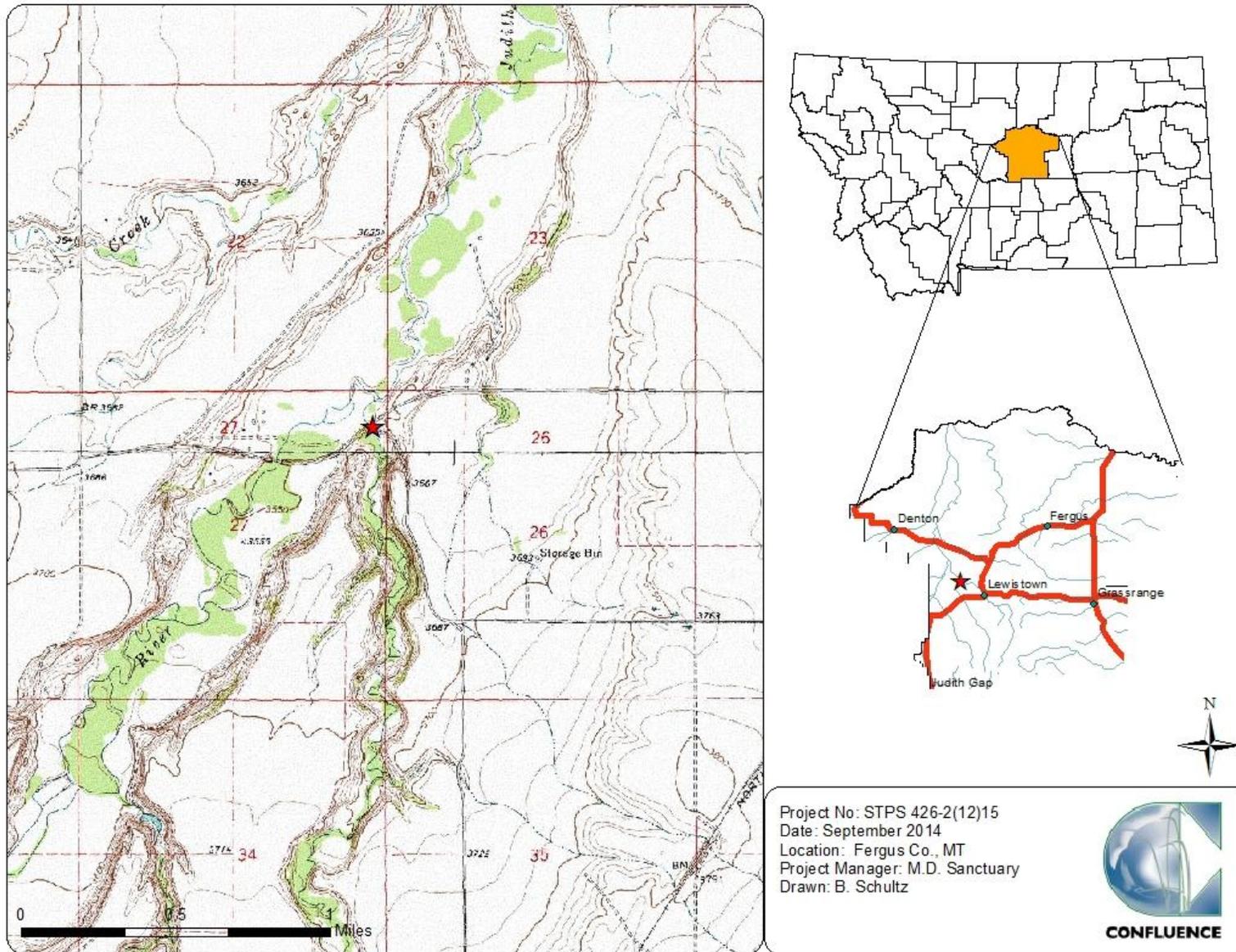


Figure 1. Project location of the Judith Slide Repair site.

### **3.0 MONITORING METHODS**

Monitoring field crews visited the project site on July 29, 2014 while survey crews visited the site on August 12, 2014. The following data were collected at the Judith Slide Repair site:

#### **3.1. Vegetation Inventories and Community Mapping**

Two riparian belt transects were established; one on each side of the stream channel. The riparian transect on the right (east) bank runs parallel to the channel for 203 feet, while the riparian transect on the left (west) bank is 192 feet long. GPS points were logged at riparian transect endpoints, and each endpoint of the riparian transects was marked to allow for relocation during subsequent monitoring events. Field data collection at each riparian transect included areal percent cover of total vegetation, woody vegetation, and noxious weeds within 25 feet of the stream channel.

A vegetation inventory was conducted along both stream banks, and included documenting dominant species presence, percent cover of each species, and a list of all plant species observed within three feet of the active channel. The streambank vegetation inventory was conducted along approximately 630 feet of each bank, and extended 3 feet from the active channel. Plant species identified along the stream banks were assigned a stability rating index based on Burton *et al.*, 2011.

The project site was visually inspected to document the presence of noxious weeds. All noxious weed infestations were mapped on aerial photographs, with species, and extents noted. Observations of isolated noxious weeds were noted in the species lists, but not mapped.

Based on the vegetation surveys and visual inspections, dominant vegetation communities within the project area were mapped on aerial photos to document vegetative establishment within upland and riparian zones.

#### **3.2. Bank Erosion Inventory**

Both stream banks within the project reach were visually inspected to document eroding banks. Each eroding bank within the project reach was photo-documented. Data collected at each eroding bank included bank length and potential causes of bank erosion.

#### **3.3. Channel Surveys**

Four perpendicular transects (cross sections) were surveyed; two at riffles and two at pools. Endpoints of each transect were marked with a pin, flagging, or stake for locating during subsequent monitoring events. Horizontal bank pins were placed on the left and right banks of the channel to allow for subsequent surveying at each transect to document any vertical or lateral adjustments. A longitudinal profile of the channel thalweg was surveyed to document bedform complexity and aquatic habitat conditions.

### 3.4. Photo-Documentation

The project site was photographed from several locations to document vegetation establishment and stream bank conditions within the project site. All sites selected for photo-documentation were recorded on field maps with headings noted to allow for repetition during subsequent monitoring years. Additional photos were taken facing upstream, downstream, left and right from the center of the channel, and at the endpoints of each perpendicular transect.

### 3.5. Wildlife Documentation

Wildlife use of the project reach was documented by creating a list of all bird, mammal, and herpetile species observed during the site visit. Wildlife species were identified through visual observation, scat, tracks, and observation of nests, burrows, dens, feathers, etc.

## 4.0 RESULTS

### 4.1. Riparian and Streambank Vegetation Inventory

Table 1 summarizes the areal percent cover of total vegetation, woody vegetation, and noxious weeds observed along each riparian and streambank transect. In 2014, the total percent cover was 58%, with 7% woody coverage and 42% bare ground. Noxious weeds comprised less than 1% of the project area.

**Table 1. Percent cover of vegetation transects at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014.**

<b>Belt Transect</b>	<b>Length (ft)</b>	<b>Total % Vegetation Cover</b>	<b>% Woody Cover</b>	<b>% Noxious Weed Cover</b>
Right (East) Riparian	203	60%	0%	0%
Left (West) Riparian	192	50%	0%	0%
<b>Riparian Subtotal</b>		55%	0%	0%
Right (East) Stream bank	630	65%	47%	1%
Left (West) Stream bank	630	65%	47%	1%
<b>Stream bank Subtotal</b>		65%	47%	1%
<b>Area Weighted Total</b>		58%	7%	0.24%

Table 2 is a comprehensive list of 52 plant species observed during the initial monitoring event in 2014. Of the 52 plants observed, 22 (42%) were considered hydrophytic based on the 2014 National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) (Lichvar *et al.*, 2014).

**Table 2. Comprehensive list of plant species observed at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014.**

Scientific Name	Common Name	WMVC Indicator Status*
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow	FACU
<i>Agastache urticifolia</i>	Nettle-Leaf Giant-Hyssop	FACU
<i>Algae, green</i>	Algae, green	NL
<i>Bromus japonicus</i>	Japanese Brome	NL
<i>Calamagrostis sp.</i>	Reed Grass	NL
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Nodding Plumeless-Thistle	UPL
<i>Carex sp.</i>	Sedge	NL
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canadian Thistle	FAC
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Gypsy-Flower	FACU
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	Herb Sophia	NL
<i>Elymus hispidus</i>	Intermediate Wheatgrass	NL
<i>Elymus repens</i>	Creeping Wild Rye	FAC
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	Fringed Willowherb	FACW
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy Spurge	NL
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl Manna Grass	OBL
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Common Sunflower	FACU
<i>Hordeum jubatum</i>	Fox-Tail Barley	FAC
<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Mexican Kochia	NL
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	FACU
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Broad-Leaf Pepperwort	FAC
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple-Weed	FACU
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	FACU
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Alfalfa	UPL
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Sweetclover	NL
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	American Wild Mint	FACW
<i>Myriophyllum sp.</i>	Water-Milfoil	NL
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Watercress	OBL
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch Thistle	NL

\*Based on 2014 NWPL (Lichvar *et al.*, 2014)

**Table 2 (Continued). Comprehensive list of plant species observed at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014.**

Scientific Name	Common Name	WMVC Indicator Status*
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	Water Smartweed	OBL
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Spotted Lady's-Thumb	FACW
<i>Persicaria sp.</i>	Smartweed	NL
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass	FACW
<i>Poa palustris</i>	Fowl Blue Grass	FAC
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky Blue Grass	FAC
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual Rabbit's-Foot Grass	FACW
<i>Populus angustifolia</i>	Narrow-Leaf Cottonwood	FACW
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	FACU
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Garden Sorrel	FAC
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly Dock	FAC
<i>Rumex fueginus</i>	Tierra del Fuego Dock	FACW
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Narrow-Leaf Willow	FACW
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Red-Tinge Bulrush	OBL
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Corn Mustard	NL
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canadian Goldenrod	FACU
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	Field Sow-Thistle	FACU
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common Snowberry	FACU
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	Field Pennycress	UPL
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle	FAC
<i>Veronica americana</i>	American-Brooklime	OBL

\*Based on 2014 NWPL (Lichvar *et al.*, 2014)

Dominant species recorded along the riparian and stream bank transects were combined with visual observations in other areas to develop a vegetation community map (Figure 3, Appendix A). The primary plant species within the riparian zone are lamb's-quarter (*Chenopodium album*) and field pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense*), which occur above the coir encapsulated soil lifts. The space between the streambank transect and the upper coir layer was predominantly bare ground. Four vegetation community types were observed on site in 2014 (Figure 3, Appendix A) including:

- Type 1: *Salix exigua* / *Phalaris arundinacea* Community
- Type 2: *Elymus spp.* Community
- Type 3: Bare Ground / *Salix exigua* Community
- Type 4: *Chenopodium album* / *Thlaspi arvense* Community

## 4.2. Stream Bank Vegetation Inventory

During the initial monitoring event in 2014, 29 species were observed along the banks of Little Rock Creek (Table 3). Stability ratings were assigned to each species observed to determine overall bank stability. Stability ratings are based on a scale ranging from 1 to 10, and indicate a plant's ability to resist erosive forces based on root characteristics (Winward, 2000). Of the 29 plants observed, 17 have plant stability indices provided by Burton *et al.*, while the remaining 12 do not. Scores for plants without stability indices are listed in Table 3 as N/A. Three of the 17 species (18%) having assigned stability indices scored 6 or higher. The dominant species observed along the banks were reed canary grass and narrow-leaf willow, which have a stability index of 9 and 5 respectively. Reed canary grass and narrow-leaf willow account for greater than 50% of the vegetative cover along the banks.

**Table 3. Comprehensive list of plant species and accompanying stability index values (from Burton *et al.*, 2011) for Little Rock Creek at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014.**

Streambank Species	Left Bank Upstream	Left Bank Downstream	Right Bank Upstream	Right Bank Downstream	WMVC Indicator Status**	Stability Index
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> *	X	X	X	X	FACW	9
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>		X			OBL	8.5
<i>Urtica dioica</i>				X	FAC	8.5
<i>Carex sp.</i>			X	X	NL	5
<i>Glyceria striata</i>			X		OBL	5
<i>Salix exigua</i> *	X		X		FACW	5
<i>Veronica americana</i>		X		X	OBL	5
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>			X	X	FAC	2
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>				X	FACU	2
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	X		X		FACW	2
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>				X	NL	2
<i>Mellilotus albus</i>	X		X		NL	2
<i>Mellilotus officinalis</i>	X		X		FACU	2
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>			X		FACW	2
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>		X		X	OBL	2
<i>Poa palustris</i>			X	X	FAC	2
Bare Ground	X	X	X	X	NL	1
<i>Agastache urticifolia</i>			X		FACU	N/A
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>		X	X		NL	N/A
<i>Chenopodium album</i>		X		X	FACU	N/A
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>			X		FACU	N/A
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>		X			FAC	N/A
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	X	X	X	X	OBL	N/A
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	X	X	X	X	FACW	N/A
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>		X			FACW	N/A
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>		X			FAC	N/A
<i>Rumex fueginus</i>	X	X	X	X	FACW	N/A
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	X	X			FACU	N/A
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>		X		X	UPL	N/A

### 4.3. Noxious Weed Inventory

Four Montana State-listed noxious weeds were observed within the reconstructed segment of Little Rock Creek (Table 4). Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) infestations observed are shown on Figure 3 in Appendix A. Weeds that were observed in trace amounts were not mapped. The combined cover of all four noxious weeds identified in 2014 was less than 1%. It should be noted that leafy spurge infestations were documented both up and downstream of the reconstructed stream channel.

**Table 4. Montana State-listed noxious weeds identified at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014.**

Category*	Scientific Name	Common Name
Priority 2B	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canadian Thistle
	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Gypsy-Flower
	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Broad-Leaf Pepperwort
	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy Spurge

\*Based on the MSU Extension Services' Noxious Weed List, 2013

### 4.4. Bank Erosion Inventory

No eroding stream banks were identified at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014. All stream banks were intact.

### 4.5. Perpendicular Transects

Two transects were surveyed at pools and two at riffles, with maximum depth and bankfull width for each indicated in Table 5. These results indicate variability in channel dimensions, with maximum depths ranging from 4.4 to 5.7 feet and widths ranging from 20.1 to 24.0 feet. The range of channel widths and depths observed by these transects indicates the establishment of variable habitat elements throughout the stream reach. Bankfull channel design depth along the reconstructed channel length was approximately 4.0 feet (Channel Change Typical Section Detail, Sheet 12), including the meandering v-ditch for low flows. These results, coupled with visual observations of the channel during low flows indicated the reconstructed channel segment provides good pool habitat features for fish in the form of outside meander bends and scour over the grade control features. The depth of these pools provide slow moving holding water for fish, and refuge from predators beneath undercut banks.

**Table 5. Pool and riffle width and depth at Little Rock Creek stream mitigation site in 2014.**

Transect	Type	Maximum Depth (ft)	Bankfull Width (ft)
		2014	2014
1	riffle	4.4	21.9
2	pool	5.2	24.0
3	riffle	4.4	21.0
4	pool	5.7	20.1
Average Riffles		<b>4.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>
Average Pools		<b>5.5</b>	<b>22.1</b>

#### 4.6. Longitudinal Profile

The longitudinal profile of the channel thalweg reveals the presence of several pool features within the reconstructed channel segment, which are forming by a) scour against the outside meander bends, and b) plunging over rock weirs constructed across the channel width. The weir drop immediately downstream of the culvert appears to have filled in with a mix of gravel, sand, and silts following the most recent high flow event. Sediment deposition along the channel fringes immediately downstream of the culvert has also narrowed the channel to a width more closely matching the designed channel.

#### 4.7. Wildlife Documentation

Four bird, two mammal, four fish, and one reptile species were observed in 2014 (Table 6). Several cows were grazing within the project reach during the monitoring event. Three identified fish species were observed, including brown trout, mountain whitefish, and sculpin. A fourth fish species was observed but not identified, and may have been a red shiner or dace, which are commonly found in the Judith River.

**Table 6. Wildlife species observed at the Judith Slide Repair site in 2014.**

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Birds</b>	
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Swallow sp.	<i>Tachycineta sp.</i>
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
<b>Mammals</b>	
Cow	<i>Bovine sp.</i>
Deer (tracks)	<i>Odocoileus sp.</i>
Mink (tracks)	<i>Neovison vison</i>
<b>Fish</b>	
Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>
Fish sp.	
Mountain Whitefish	<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>
Sculpin	<i>Cottus sp.</i>
<b>Reptiles</b>	
Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis sp.</i>

#### 5.0 ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

The first monitoring visit at this site occurred less than one year after completion of the project and after the first high flow event. The following is a list of additional observations made during the site visit.

1. Flood debris was observed along the upper banks and above the coir fabric, indicating the site was subject to a sizable discharge following construction.

Many creeks and ephemeral drainages in this region of Montana experienced large flood events during the spring of 2014, which were primarily attributed to low elevation snowmelt. Despite these discharges, the reconstructed segment of Little Rock Creek appears stable, with no significant lateral erosion or vertical head cuts noted. Stream bed material placed beneath the coir fabric along the outside of the meander bend (STA 11+25 to 11+75 on Figure 2, Appendix A) was subject to scouring forces during the flood event, and the lower layers of coir fabric have slumped into the void created by the transported bed material (see Photo 2, Appendix C). This has resulted in formation of an undercut bank with willow shoots growing above the lowest layer of coir.

2. Gravel deposition was observed at the downstream ends of the pools formed by scouring against the outside meander bends. In both instances, gravels deposited just upstream of a rock weir, and appear to be suitable for spawning.
3. All coir lifts appeared to be built using a single layer of fabric, with installation of a coir log along the leading edge of the lower two lifts. The relatively large mesh size of the coir fabric may allow for finer sized fill material (silt, clay, sand, fine gravel) to wash out from within the soil lift. Although the removal of materials from within the coir lifts was not observed along this project site, it has been observed in other projects, and is cause for banks to slump, sag, and drop in elevation.
4. Livestock grazing was evident within the project site, and livestock currently have access to the project area downstream of the new culvert. Livestock grazing may influence the successful establishment of vegetation within the riparian and upland areas of the project reach; however, the relatively steep bank slopes will likely prevent livestock from browsing the willow cuttings and vegetation establishing on the lower banks.
5. A “basin pool” was constructed immediately downstream of the new culvert, which incorporated a wider channel width, riprapped stream banks, and a weir drop at the culvert outlet. This pool filled in with stream bed material following the first year’s flood event. Several other pools were observed throughout the reconstructed channel segment; therefore, the lack of pool formation at this location is not problematic for overall habitat complexity. This pool may not have been successful due to:
  - a. The invert elevation of the culvert outlet (3551.29’) matches that of the elevation of the downstream riffle, providing no gradient through the pool feature.
  - b. The channel through this pool is straight, and otherwise has no features to generate scouring forces against.
  - c. Channel width through this pool increases from 12’ at the culvert outlet to 44’ at the downstream riffle crest. Channel width then transitions back to 19’ as it enters the reconstructed channel. The abrupt change in channel

width within a straight alignment encourages sediment deposition along the channel fringes, which was observed during the monitoring event.

6. Overall, the site indicated relatively good plant establishment during the first growing season. Riparian and stream bank transects contained less than 50% bare ground overall and willow establishment along the stream banks indicated good survival of willow sprigs. Vegetation observed on the upper banks and riparian zones was primarily *Chenopodium album* and *Thlaspi arvense*. These species are primary succession plants and will likely phase out as other plant communities begin to establish. Of note, the design specified installing salvaged 6" thick wetland soil and wetland seed mix on the overbank slopes between the top of the coir lifts and the existing ground. This area lies roughly between 3 and 3.5 feet above the low water elevation, and will not likely support wetland species.
7. Placement of rocks within the new culvert provides variability in habitat and water velocities, and should be suitable for migratory fish wishing to move further upstream in Little Rock Creek. Fish were observed at the downstream end of the culvert; however, it was too dark to observe whether fish were utilizing the boulder habitat features within the culvert.
8. Although no observations of significant grade adjustments or head cuts were observed at the transition to the new channel, inspection of the longitudinal profile (Appendix B) indicates the reconstructed channel segment between STA 1250 and 1380 (at the downstream end of the reconstructed channel) is flatter than the overall grade of the surveyed channel segment. Gravel deposits were observed at the transition point between the reconstructed and original channel, which may be as a result of the flatter bed slope in this area. Photo point 5.3 on Page 3 of Appendix C shows these gravel deposits.
9. Leafy spurge was the only established weed observed; all other weed species were primarily singular plants. This species was noted upstream and downstream of the reconstructed stream project. Weeds should be closely monitored and steps should be taken by MDT and the local weed district to manage communities should they become established.

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## **Appendix A**

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### Project Site Maps

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MDT Stream Mitigation Monitoring  
Little Rock Creek at Judith Slide  
Flathead County, Montana



### Legend

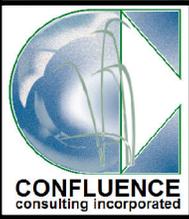
- Photo Points
- Riparian and Perpendicular Transect Endpoints
- Channel Thalweg
- Pool and Riffle Transects
- Riparian Transects
- Major Station (100')
- Minor Station (25')

### 2014 Monitoring Judith Slide

Figure 2

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**Legend**

-  Project Boundary
-  Vegetation Community Boundary
-  Channel Centerline

 *Euphorbia esula*

-  Salix/Phalaris Community
-  Elymus Community
-  Bare Gound/Salix Community
-  Chenopodium/Thlaspi Community

**2014 Monitoring Judith Slide**

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Figure 3

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## **Appendix B**

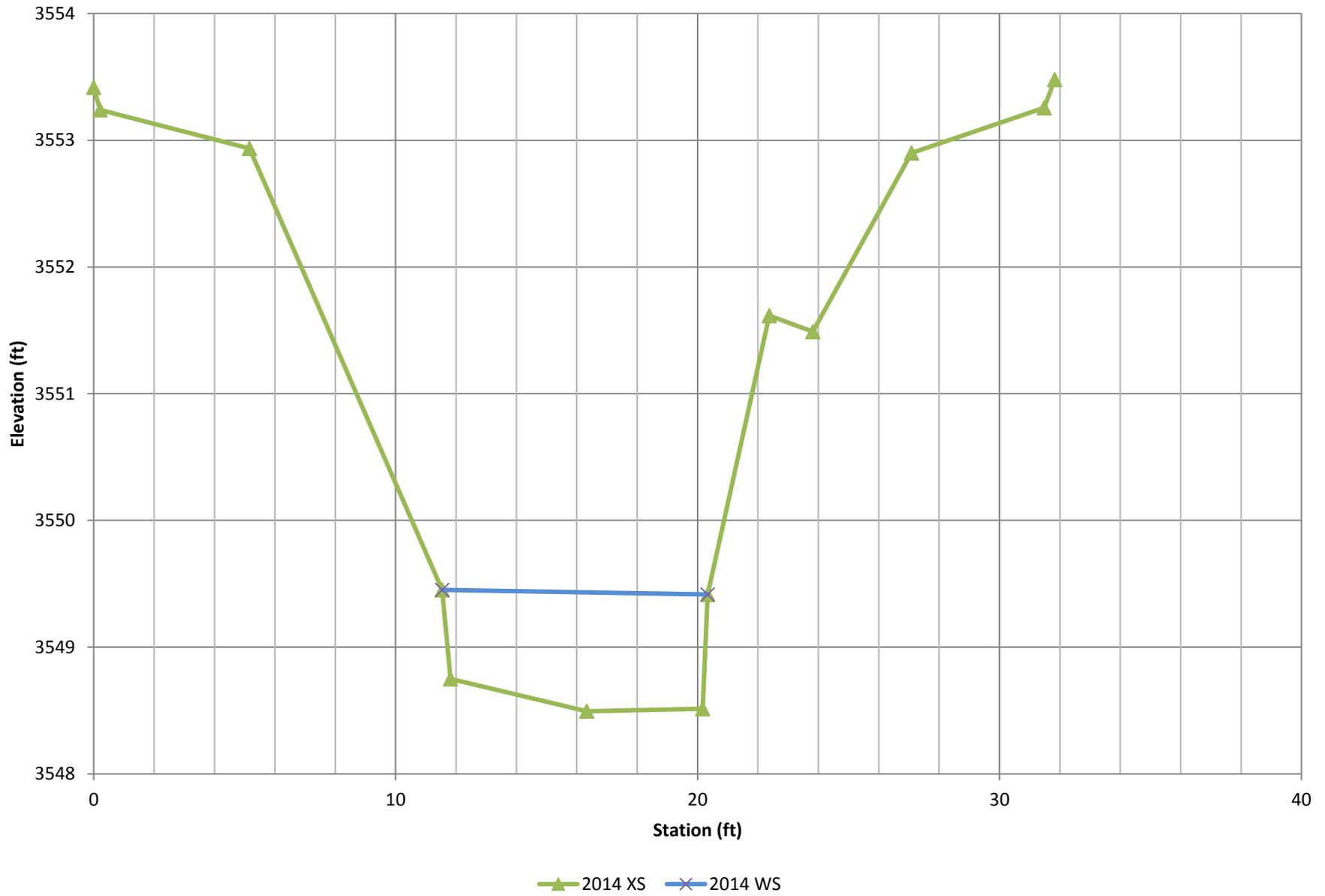
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### Perpendicular Transect Plots and Longitudinal Profile

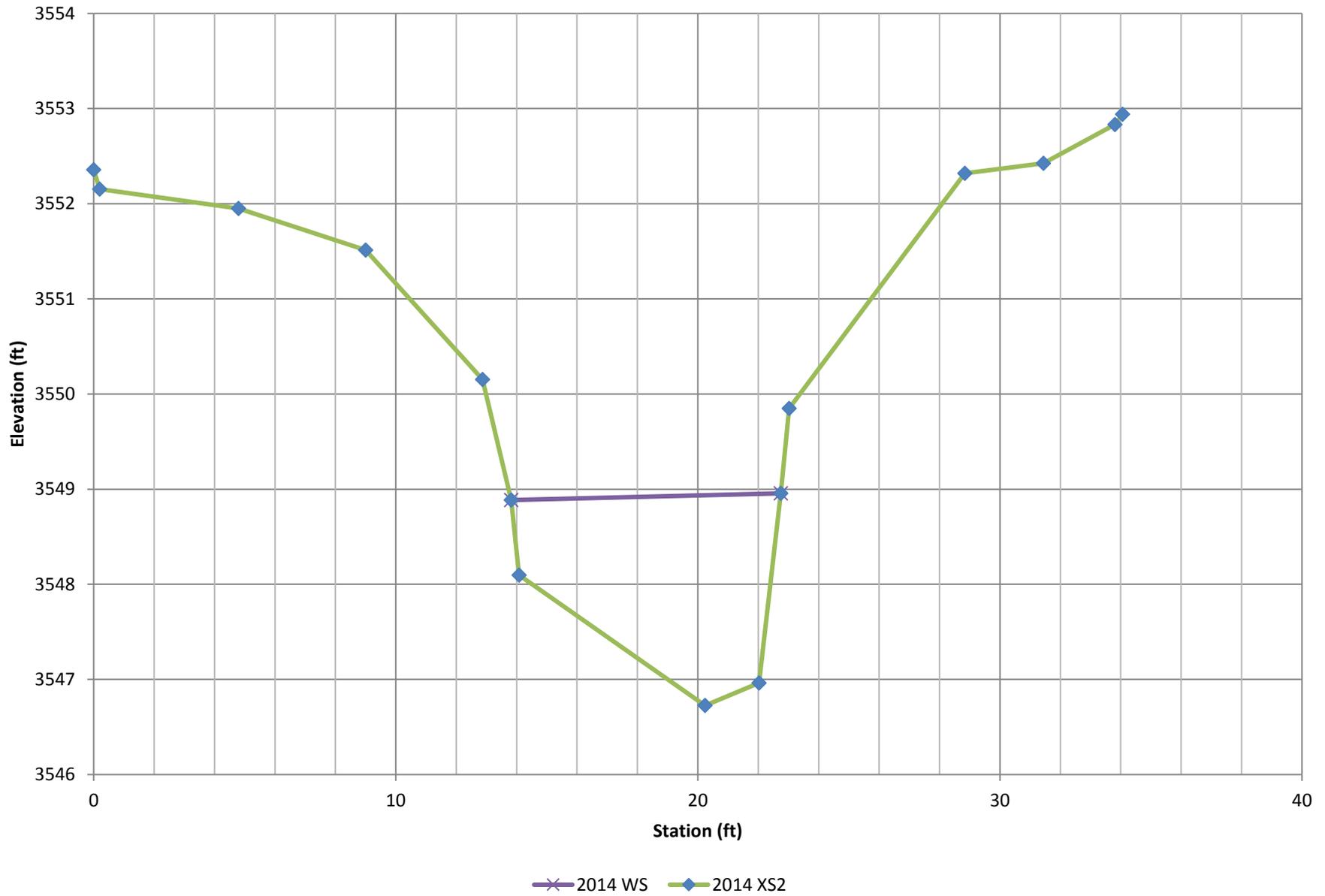
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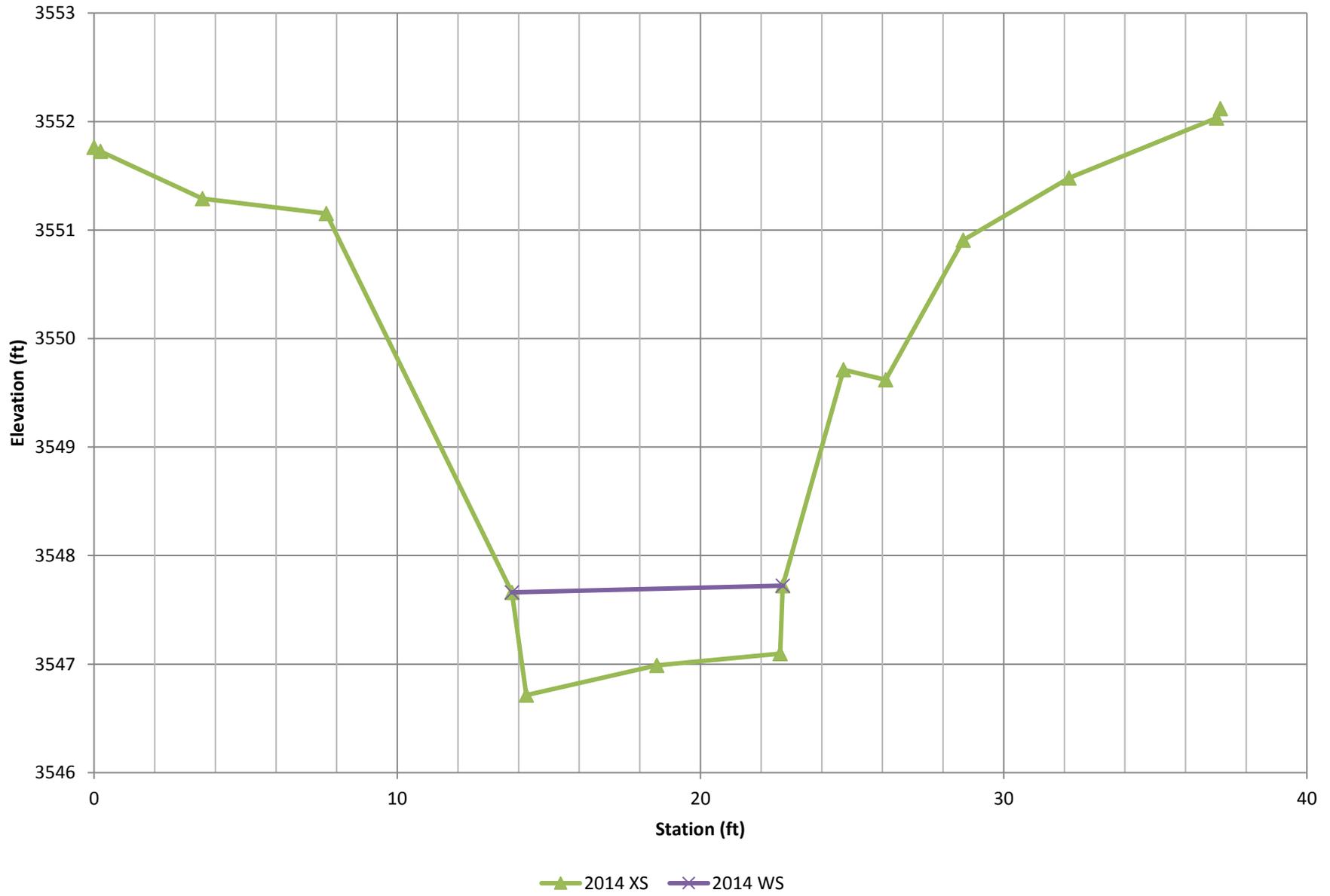
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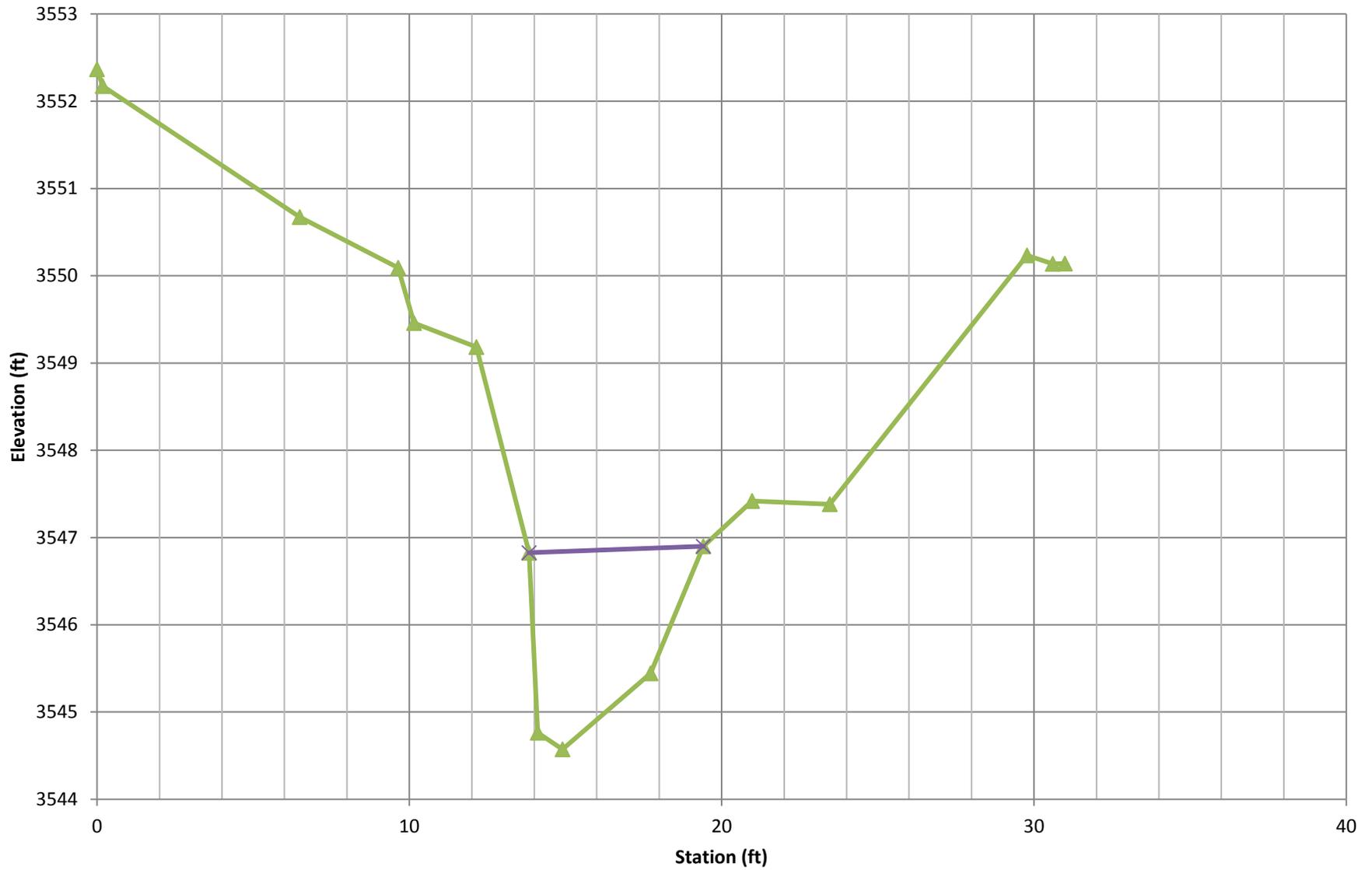
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### Judith Slide Transect #3 - Riffle

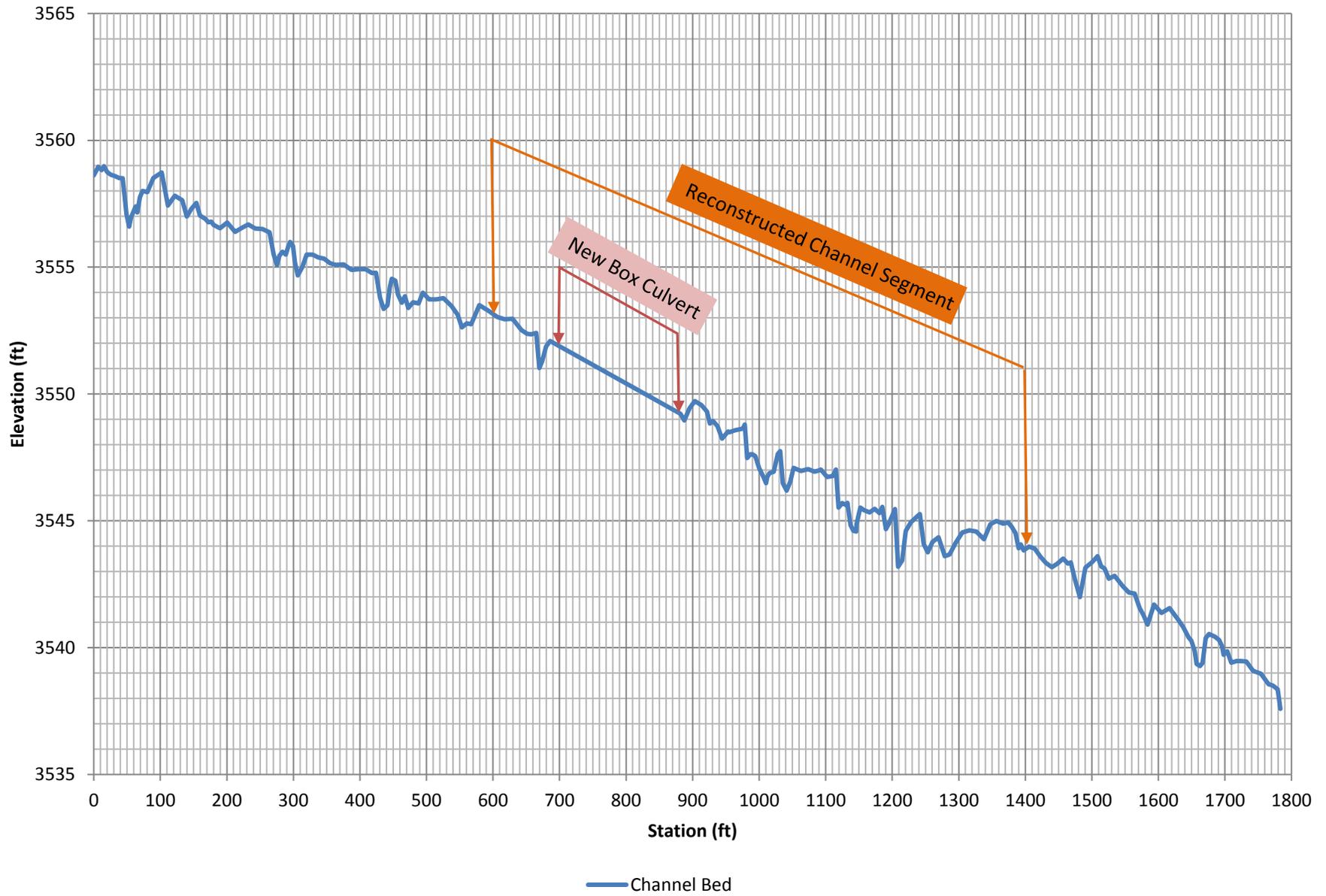


### Judith Slide Transect #4 - Pool



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# Little Rock Creek Longitudinal Profile



## **Appendix C**

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### Project Area Photos

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## PHOTO INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: Judith Slide Repair

DATE: July 29, 2014 Monitoring Event



**Photo Point 1—2014**  
**Description:** Upstream end of project looking downstream. **Compass:** 0 (North)



**Photo Point 2—2014**  
**Description:** Above culvert outlet, looking downstream. **Compass:** 0 (North)



**Photo Point 3.1—2014**  
**Description:** First bend in channel, looking upstream. **Compass:** 180 (South)



**Photo Point 3.2—2014**  
**Description:** Looking across channel at inside bend. **Compass:** 225 (Southwest)



**Photo Point 3.3—2014**  
**Description:** Looking downstream at left streambank. **Compass:** 245 (West-Southwest)



**Photo Point 3.4—2014**  
**Description:** Looking downstream at right streambank. **Compass:** 270 (West)

## PHOTO INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: Judith Slide Repair

DATE: July 29, 2014 Monitoring Event



**Photo Point 4.1—2014**  
**Description:** Looking upstream.  
**Compass:** 90 (South)



**Photo Point 4.2—2014**  
**Description:** Looking upstream at right streambank.  
**Compass:** 135 (Southeast)



**Photo Point 4.3—2014**  
**Description:** Looking downstream.  
**Compass:** 90 (East)



**Photo Point 4.4—2014**  
**Description:** Looking downstream at left streambank.  
**Compass:** 45 (Northeast)



**Photo Point 5.1—2014**  
**Description:** Downstream end of project, looking upstream.  
**Compass:** 180 (South)



**Photo Point 5.2—2014**  
**Description:** Downstream end of project, looking at cattle crossing.  
**Compass:** 225 (Southwest)

**PHOTO INFORMATION**

PROJECT NAME: Judith Slide Repair

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**Photo Point 5.3—2014**  
**Description:** Downstream end of project looking downstream.  
**Compass:** 270 (West)



**Photo 1**  
**Description:** Rock weir 2, below culvert.



**Photo 2**  
**Description:** Undercut bank with some sagging in coir lift. Gravel deposit on right point bar.



**Photo 3**  
**Description:** Rock weir 4, below culvert.



**Photo 4**  
**Description:** Rock weir 5, below culvert.



**PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION INFORMATION**

PROJECT NAME: 2014 MDT STREAM MITIGATION—JUDITH SLIDE

DATE: 8-12-14



PHOTO POINT 1 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTH



PHOTO POINT 2 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTH



**PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION INFORMATION**

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PHOTO POINT 3 LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH



PHOTO POINT 3 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM WEST



**PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION INFORMATION**

PROJECT NAME: 2014 MDT STREAM MITIGATION—JUDITH SLIDE

DATE: 8-12-14



PHOTO POINT 4 LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHEAST



PHOTO POINT 4 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHEAST



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PHOTO POINT 5 LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH



PHOTO POINT 5 LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHWEST



**PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION INFORMATION**

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DATE: 8-12-14



T4 LT LOOKING DOWNSTREAM EAST



FENCE POST LOOKING UPSTREAM



**PHOTOGRAPHIC INSPECTION INFORMATION**

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T4 RIGHT LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH



FENCE POST LOOKING DOWNSTREAM



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T1 LEFT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH



T1 LEFT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTH



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T1 LEFT: LOOKING EAST TO T1 RIGHT



T1 RIGHT: LOOKING WEST TO T1 LEFT



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T1: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



T1: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTH FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



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T1 RIGHT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHWEST



T1 RIGHT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTH



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T2 LEFT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH



T2 LEFT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM WEST



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T2 LEFT: LOOKING EAST TO T2 RIGHT



T2 RIGHT: LOOKING WEST TO T2 LEFT



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T2: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



T2: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHWEST FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



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T2 RIGHT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTH



T2 RIGHT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM WEST



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T3 LEFT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHEAST



T3 LEFT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM WEST



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T3 LEFT: LOOKING NORTH TO T3 RIGHT



T3 RIGHT: LOOKING SOUTH TO T3 LEFT



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T3: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHEAST FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



T3: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHWEST FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



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T3 RIGHT: LOOKING UPSTREAM EAST



T3 RIGHT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM WEST



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T4 LEFT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHEAST



T4 LEFT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHEAST



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T4 LEFT: LOOKING EAST TO T4 RIGHT



T4 RIGHT: LOOKING WEST TO T4 LEFT



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T4: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHEAST FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



T4: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHEAST FROM MIDDLE OF CREEK



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T4 RIGHT: LOOKING UPSTREAM SOUTHEAST



T4 RIGHT: LOOKING DOWNSTREAM NORTHEAST

## **Appendix D**

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### As-Built Topographic Survey

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