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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report documents the fifth year (2006) of monitoring at the Camp Creek mitigation site. The Camp Creek project was developed to mitigate wetland impacts associated with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) proposed Sula-North and South project, and to possibly function as a mitigation reserve to be applied against future MDT projects in the Bitterroot Valley. Camp Creek is located in Ravalli County, MDT Watershed # 3, in the Lower Clark Fork region. The mitigation site is located approximately three miles south of Sula, Montana (**Figure 1**). Elevations of the site range from 4,600 ft at the north boundary to 4,730 ft at the south boundary.

The approximate site boundary is illustrated on **Figure 2** in **Appendix A**, and the original site plans are included in **Appendix D**. The project is located within the Sula Basin and along the historic Camp Creek floodplain. Camp Creek flows across the valley bottom, until eventually draining into East Fork of the Bitterroot River. Seasonal flooding and perennial creek flow provide the primary hydrology source within the new channel/floodplain margins. Local groundwater systems serve as a secondary hydrology source, flowing through the deep alluvial substrate contained within the Sula Basin. Two smaller creeks drain into Camp Creek within the project limits: Andrews and Praine creeks.

Construction at the Camp Creek mitigation site was completed during the spring of 2002. The overall goals of this project were restoration of Camp Creek channel bottom, associated wetland functional restoration/enhancement and creation, and enhancement of heavily grazed and cleared riparian vegetation. Construction diagrams are presented in **Appendix D**. Project details for each of the three main goals are included in the following list:

Functional Restoration

- Return Camp Creek to its historic channel and establish new channel.
- Restore hydrology and vegetation, recreating high value wetland habitat along Camp Creek riparian corridor.
- Fill existing ditches.

Enhancement

- Riparian shrub and tree plantings throughout the created floodplain margins.
- Drier upland species planting in areas of created upland slopes.

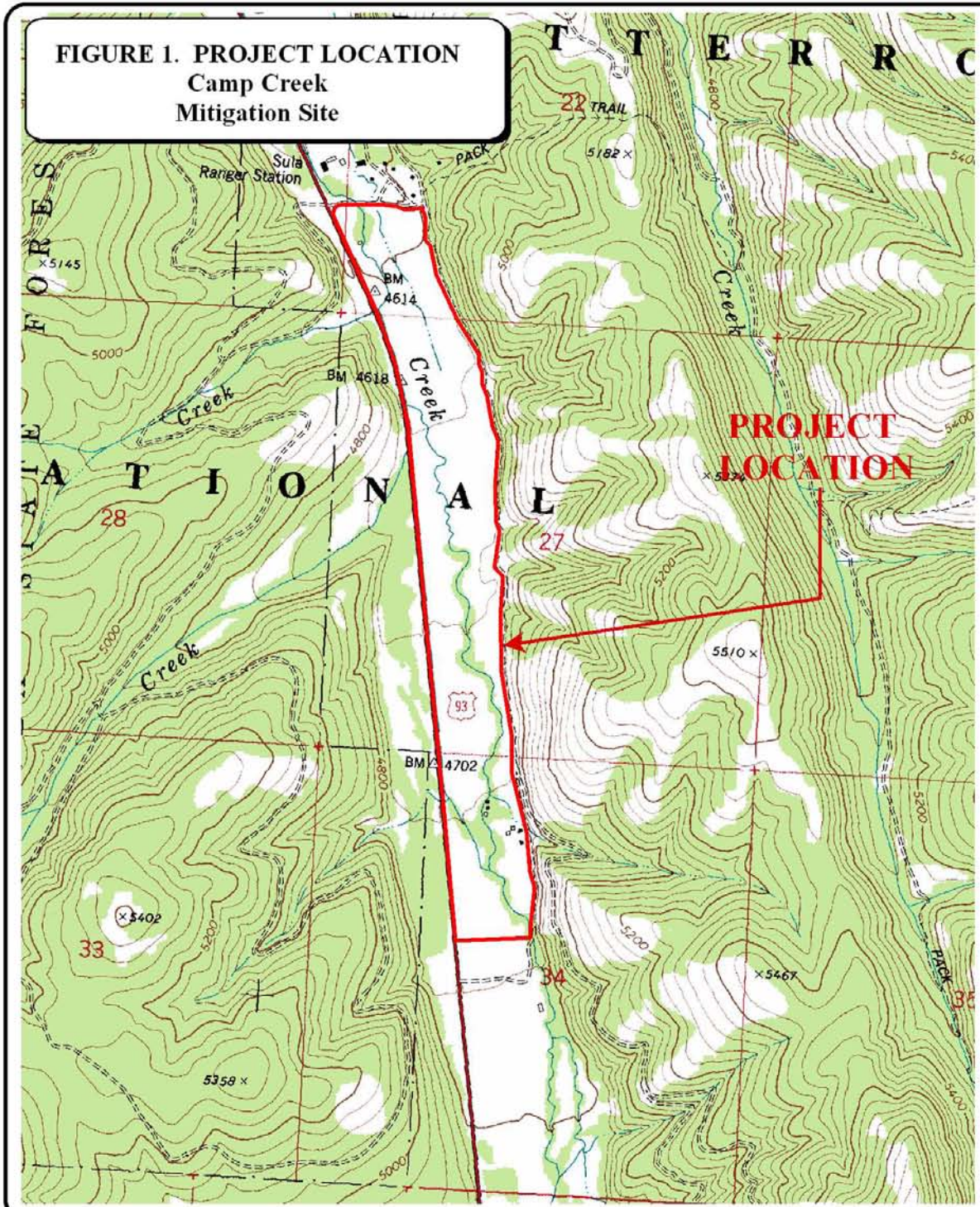
Creation

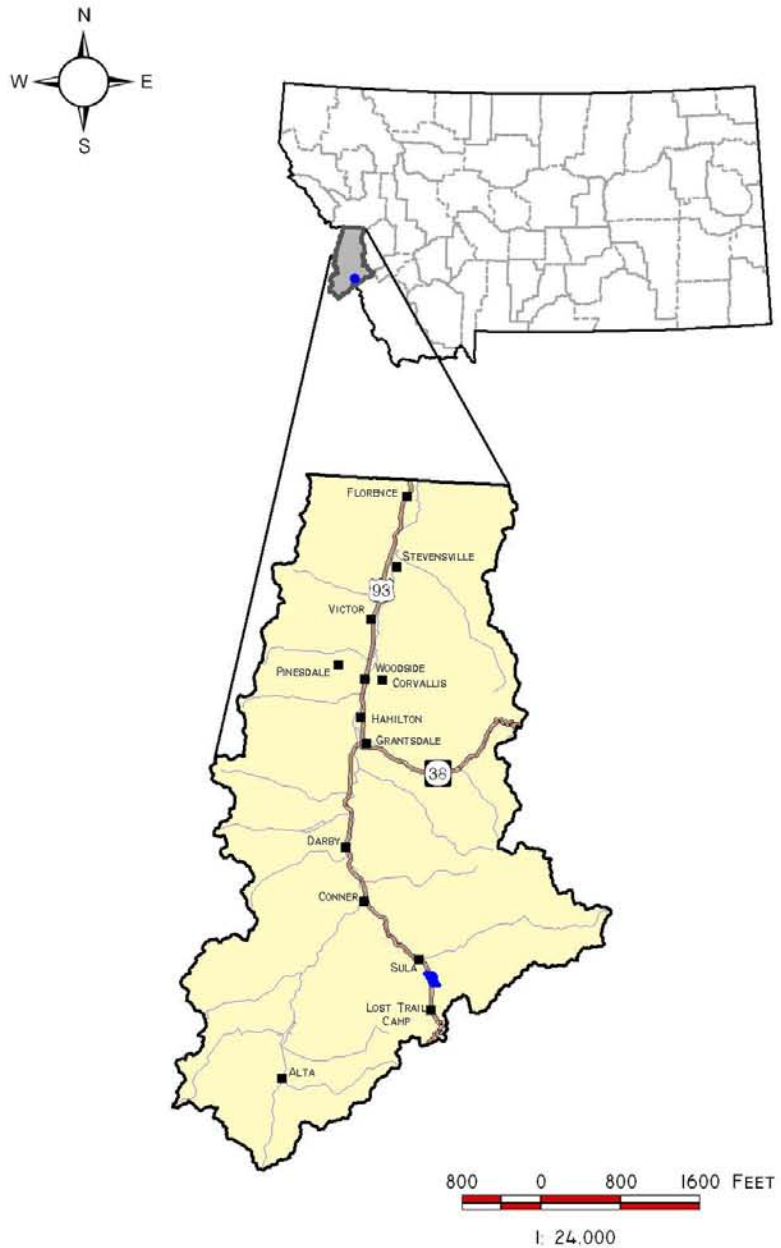
- Creation of emergent/scrub shrub wetlands along the floodplain margins of the new channel.

The site was designed to mitigate for specific wetland functions impacted by MDT roadway projects, including: storm water retention, roadway runoff filtration, sediment and nutrient retention, water quality, groundwater recharge, and wildlife habitat.

The credit allocation method for this site was worked out between MDT and COE in early 2006, and is functional unit-based, whereby wetland acreage for each AA is multiplied by the total score for that AA to arrive at an overall functional unit score. This is done both pre-project and post-project. The difference between these two numbers (the functional unit "gain") is then

FIGURE 1. PROJECT LOCATION
Camp Creek
Mitigation Site





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divided by the post-project score to arrive at an approximate credit acreage for that AA. Credit acreages from each AA are summed to arrive at a total for the site.

The Camp Creek site is typically monitored once per year to document wetland and other biological attributes. The monitoring area is illustrated in **Figure 2** in **Appendix A**.

2.0 METHODS

2.1 Monitoring Dates and Activities

The site was visited on August 1st (mid-season) of 2006. Monitoring activities were conducted on the MDT-owned portion of the site, as well as within the fenced portion of the adjacent (upstream) Grasser property, which is also considered part of the mitigation site. The mid-season visit was conducted to document vegetation, soil, and hydrologic conditions used to map jurisdictional wetlands. All information contained on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form (**Appendix B**) was collected at this time. Activities and information conducted/collected included: wetland delineation; wetland/open water aquatic habitat boundary mapping; vegetation community mapping; vegetation transect; soils data; hydrology data; bird and general wildlife use; photograph points; macroinvertebrate sampling; GPS data points; functional assessment; (non-engineering) examination of topographic features; and stream cross section data at two established transects.

2.2 Hydrology

Wetland hydrology indicators were recorded during the mid-season visit using procedures outlined in the COE 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987). Hydrology data were recorded on COE Routine Wetland Delineation Data Forms (**Appendix B**). Additional hydrologic data were recorded on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form (**Appendix B**). No groundwater monitoring wells were installed at the site.

Two cross section locations were established and surveyed across Camp Creek on the MDT-owned parcel: one upstream and one downstream of the Praine Creek confluence with Camp Creek. These are designated “XS 3-A” and “XS 4A” on **Figure 2** in **Appendix A**. The cross sections are used to monitor potential lateral and vertical channel migration over time.

2.3 Vegetation

General dominant species-based vegetation community types (e.g., *Carex/Phalaris*) were delineated on an aerial photograph during the mid-season visit. Standardized community mapping was not employed as many of these systems are geared towards climax vegetation and do not reflect yearly changes. Estimated percent cover of the dominant species in each community type was listed on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form (**Appendix B**).

A 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 within each successive vegetative community encountered within the "belt" using the following values: T (few plants); P (1-5%), 1 (5-15%); 2 (15-25%); 3 (25-35%); 4 (35-45%); 5 (45-55%) and so on to 9 (85-95%). The transect location is illustrated on **Figure 2** in **Appendix A**. The transect is used to evaluate changes over time, especially the establishment and increase of hydrophytic vegetation. The transect location was marked on the air photo and all data were recorded on the mitigation site monitoring form. Transect endpoint locations were recorded with the GPS unit in 2002. A photo was taken from both ends of the transect looking along the transect path.

A comprehensive plant species list for the site was compiled and is updated as new species are encountered. Revegetation enhancements were implemented in the spring of 2002. Survival rates for planted species were recorded during the mid-season monitoring visit.

2.4 Soils

Soils were evaluated during the mid-season site visit using the hydric soils determination 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 most current terminology used by NRCS was used to describe hydric soils (USDA 1998).

2.5 Wetland Delineation

Wetland delineation was conducted during the mid-season visit according to the 1987 COE Wetland Delineation Manual. Wetland and upland areas within the monitoring area were investigated for the presence of wetland hydrology, hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soils. The information was recorded on COE Routine Wetland Delineation Data Forms (**Appendix B**). The wetland/upland boundary was originally delineated on the air photo and recorded with a resource grade GPS unit using the procedures outlined in **Appendix E**. Modifications to these boundaries in 2006 were accomplished by hand-mapping onto the 2006 aerial photograph. The wetland/upland boundary in combination with the wetland/open water boundary was used to calculate the final wetland acreage.

The Corps of Engineers concurred with a revised baseline delineation of 43.36 acres of wetland /open water channel signature on the MDT parcel and 5.37 acres of wetland / open water channel within the monitoring limits on the Grasser parcel for a total of 48.73 acres (Steinle pers. comm.). Pre-project wetlands are shown on **Figure 4** in **Appendix A.**

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 mid-season visit. Indirect use indicators, including tracks; scat; burrows; eggshells; skins; bones; etc., were also recorded. These observations were recorded 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 comprehensive species list for the entire site was compiled. Observations from past years will ultimately be compared with new data.

2.7 Birds

Bird observations were also recorded during the mid-season visit. No formal census plots, spot mapping, point counts, or strip transects were conducted. Observations were recorded incidental to other monitoring activities and were categorized by species, activity code, and general habitat association. Bird observations were recorded on the **Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form** (**Appendix B**).

2.8 Macroinvertebrates

Two macroinvertebrate samples were collected during the mid-season site visit along Camp Creek (**Figure 2** in **Appendix A**). Collection occurred using the Macroinvertebrate Sampling Protocol (**Appendix F**). Samples were preserved as outlined in the sampling procedure and sent to Rhithron Associates, Inc. in Missoula, Montana for analysis (**Appendix F**).

2.9 Functional Assessment

A functional assessment form was completed using the 1999 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (Berglund 1999) (**Appendix B**). Field data necessary for this assessment were collected during the mid-season visit. Turnstone Biological completed a baseline functional assessment in 2001.

2.10 Photographs

The July 7, 2006 aerial photograph was used for **Figures 2** and **3** (**Appendix A**). Photographs were taken illustrating current land uses surrounding the site, the upland buffer, the monitored area and the vegetation transects (**Appendix C**). Each photograph point location was recorded with a resource grade GPS in 2002 and mapped on **Figure 2** (**Appendix A**). All photographs were taken using a digital camera.

2.11 GPS Data

During the 2002 monitoring season, point data were collected with a resource grade GPS unit at the vegetation transect beginning and ending locations and at all photograph locations. Wetland boundaries were also recorded with a resource grade GPS unit in 2002, but were modified via hand mapping onto aerial photographs in 2006. Procedures used for GPS mapping and aerial photograph referencing are included in **Appendix E**.

2.12 Maintenance Needs

Observations were made of existing structures and of erosion/sediment problems to identify maintenance needs. This did not constitute an engineering-level structural inspection, but rather

a cursory examination. Current or future potential problems were documented on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form (**Appendix B**).

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 Hydrology

The main source of hydrology for this site is Camp Creek, a perennial stream draining out of the south end of the Bitterroot Range. Seasonal flooding of Camp Creek occurs during spring runoff. Secondary sources of hydrology include runoff from ephemeral drainages east of the site and the persistent movement of groundwater through course alluvium materials located throughout the valley bottom. The mitigation site is located within the historic Camp Creek floodplain. The site consists of a constructed main channel, streambanks and floodplain terraces. Depression wetlands are present, supported by seasonal overland flooding of Camp Creek and by groundwater flows. Where it enters Grasser's parcel south of the MDT-owned parcel, the creek once was diverted into a channel running along the edge of Hwy 93. Several ditches designed to drain the wetland meadow complex were filled and closed during construction activities. Removal of drain ditches allows for groundwater systems to recharge and provide possible higher storage functions. Average high water levels were recorded at 222 cfs (Turnstone Biological 2001). Lower water flows are on average 10 cfs.

Precipitation was below "normal" in the general project area from January through August 2006, based on data from the Sula 3 ENE weather station. Precipitation during this period totaled over 8.5 inches, which is 75% of the 11.40-inch mean for the January-August period between 1955 and 2006. Stream flow was sub-normal in 2005 and, although 2006 flow data were not available at the time of this writing, flow was assumed sub-normal in 2006 based on precipitation data. Based on USGS data from the stream gauge on the Bitterroot River near Darby, flows in May, June, and July of 2005 were only 65%, 50%, and 61% of the long-term mean monthly flows for these months. Flow increased in August 2005 to 112% of the mean, subsequent to the majority of the growing season. **Chart 1** provides a comparison of the long-term mean May, June, July, and August flows to mean flows for those months in 2002-2005 at the Bitterroot River near Darby. Monthly flow data for 2006 was not yet available, and is therefore not presented in this report.

Rock channel bottom occurred across approximately 2.15 acres or 5% of the current 46-acre mitigation site (**Figure 3** in **Appendix A**). Depths of the creek varied, ranging from 0.5 ft in the straight segments to 2 - 3 ft deep around the bends and meanders.

Cross section results are presented in **Figure 5** in **Appendix G**. These cross sections represent, in essence, post-project "baseline" (2002), as well as 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 channel conditions. Cross section results measured during the 2006 monitoring show that some adjustments have taken place.

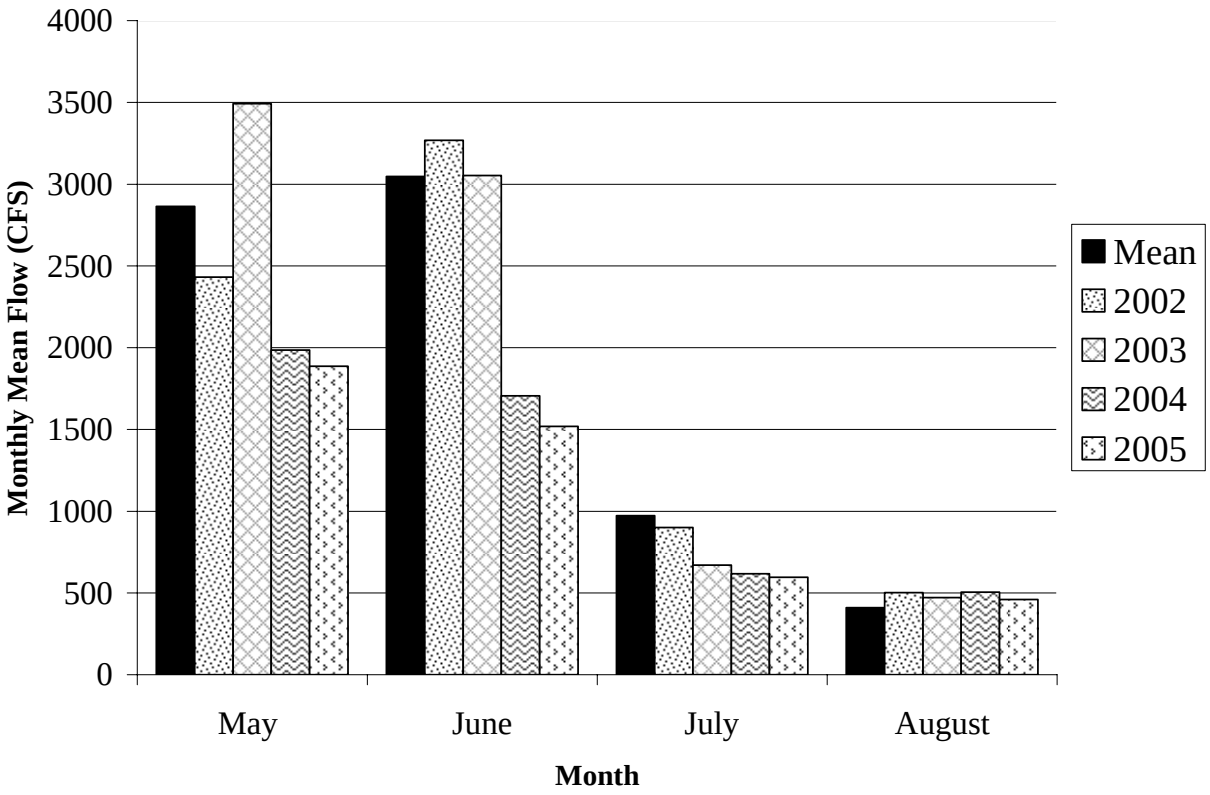
Cross Section 3-A is located below the Praine Creek confluence. During 2006 runoff, this cross-section changed shape with widening of channel. The left bank was stable, remaining in the same location as in 2005. The channel bottom on left side had an increase in gravel deposition.

Changes were observed along the right bank and channel with additional movement towards the east.

Cross Section 4-A is located above the Praine Creek confluence. This cross section also changed during the 2006 runoff. The left bank remained in a similar location as in 2005, while the channel bottom decreased in depth from 2005. The previously stable right bank was cut and moved towards the east. Cross section monitoring will continue to ascertain stability and facilitate development of corrective measures, if necessary.

Per Corps recommendations, the potential for enhancing the surface connection between Camp Creek and the large emergent complex on the MDT parcel was investigated. Based on field survey investigations, a shallow flood channel was excavated during fall 2005 between the creek and existing swales to enhance the connectivity of these two systems during high water events. **Figure 6** in **Appendix B** illustrates the location and approximate cross-sectional view of the channel. This channel functioned during 2006, supplementing/restoring hydrologic connectivity between the creek and the emergent complex.

Chart 1: ***Mean monthly flows for May – August from 2002-2005 as compared to the long-term mean monthly flows (1937-2004) on the Bitterroot River near Darby, MT.***



3.2 Vegetation

Eighty-eight plant species were identified at the site (**Table 1**). The majority of these species are herbaceous, found in wetland meadow complexes with minor tree or shrub coverage. Several remnant shrub patches exist along dry oxbows of historic Camp Creek. With the reintroduction of hydrology into the old channels, these shrub patches are now receiving water again and should flourish over time. Several mature black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) stands are also

Table 1: ***2002 - 2006 vegetation species list for the Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation Site.***

Scientific Name[1]	Common Name	Region 9 (Northwest) Wetland Indicator
Achillea millefolium	common yarrow	FACU
Agropyron repens	quackgrass	FACU
Agrostis alba	redtop	FAC+
Alnus incana	thin leaved alder	FACW
Alopecurus pratensis	meadow foxtail	FACW
Amelanchier alnifolia	service-berry	FACU
Aster integrifolius	thickstem aster	--
Betula occidentalis	water birch	FACW
Bromus inermis	smooth brome	--
Bromus tectorum	cheatgrass	--
Calamagrostis canadensis	bluejoint reedgrass	FACW+
Carex aquatilis	water sedge	OBL
Carex bebbii	Bebb's sedge	OBL
Carex nebrascensis	Nebraska sedge	OBL
Carex crawfordii	Crawford's sedge	FAC
Carex lanuginosa	wooly sedge	OBL
Carex praegracilis	clustered field sedge	FACW
Carex utriculata	beaked sedge	OBL
Centaurea maculosa	spotted knapweed	--
Cercocarpus ledifolius	mountain-mahogany	--
Chenopodium album	white goosefoot	FAC
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	oxeye daisy	--
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	FACU+
Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	FACU
Cornus stolonifera	red-osier dogwood	FACW
Crataegus douglasii	Douglas hawthorn	FAC
Crepis tectorum	annual hawksbeard	--
Cynoglossum officinale	hound's tongue	FACU
Danthonia spp.	oatgrass	--
Deschampsia cespitosa	tufted hairgrass	FACW
Epilobium ciliatum	hairy willow-herb	FACW+
Epilobium paniculatum	willow-herb	--
Equisetum arvense	field horsetail	FAC
Equisetum laevigatum	smooth scouring-rush	FACW
Festuca pratensis	meadow fescue	FACU+
Geum macrophyllum	big leafed avens	OBL
Glyceria elata	tall mannagrass	FACW+
Glyceria grandis	American mannagrass	OBL
Gnaphalium palustre	cudweed	FAC+
Juncus balticus	Baltic rush	FACW
Juncus bufonius	toad rush	FACW

Table 1 (continued): ***2002 – 2006 vegetation species list for the Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation Site.***

Scientific Name[1]	Common Name	Region 9 (Northwest) Wetland Indicator
Juncus confuses	Colorado rush	FAC
Juncus ensifolius	three-stamen rush	FACW
Lactuca serriola	prickly lettuce	FAC-
Lepidium perfoliatum	clasping pepper-grass	FACU+
Linaria vulgaris	butter and eggs	--
Lonicera involucrate	honeysuckle	FAC+
Lupinus wyethii	Wyeth's lupine	NI
Lychnis alba	white campion	--
Matricaria matricarioides	pineapple-weed	FACU
Melilotus officinalis	yellow sweet clover	FACU
Mentha arvensis	field mint	FAC
Mimulus guttatus	monkey-flower	OBL
Phalaris arundinacea	reed canarygrass	FACW
Phleum pretense	timothy	FACU
Pinus ponderosa	ponderosa pine	--
Plantago major	plantain	FACU+
Poa pratensis	Kentucky bluegrass	FACU+
Polygonum amphibium	water smartweed	OBL
Populus tremuloides	quaking aspen	FAC+
Populus trichocarpa	cottonwood	FAC
Potentilla fruticosa	shrubby cinquefoil	FAC-
Potentilla gracilis	northwest cinquefoil	FAC
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas fir	FACU
Ranunculus aquatilis var. hispidulus	white-water buttercup	OBL
Ranunculus repens	buttercup	FACW
Rosa woodsii	woods rose	FACU
Rubus idaeus	wild raspberry	FACU
Rumex crispus	curly dock	FACW
Salix bebbiana	Bebb's willow	FACW
Salix boothii	Booth's willow	OBL
Salix drummondiana	Drummond willow	FACW
Salix exigua	sandbar willow	OBL
Salix geyeriana	Geyer willow	FACW+
Salix lutea	yellow willow	OBL
Scirpus microcarpus	small-fruit bulrush	OBL
Senecio vulgaris	common groundsel	FACU
Sium suave	water parsnip	OBL
Sisymbrium altissimum	tall tumble mustard	FACU-
Smilacina stellata	starry false-solomon's-seal	FAC-
Solidago canadensis	Canada goldenrod	FACU
Symphoricarpos albus	snowberry	FACU
Tanacetum vulgare	common tansy	NI
Taraxacum officinale	common dandelion	FACU
Thlaspi arvensis	pennycress	NI
Trifolium pretense	red clover	FACU
Verbascum thapsus	common mullein	--
Veronica Americana	American speedwell	OBL

[1] **Bolded** species indicate those documented in the analysis area for the first time in 2006.

located amongst shrub patches. Large areas of wet meadows exist within the areas of lower topography. These wet meadows are seasonally inundated and groundwater-fed.

Three wetland types and three upland community types were identified and mapped at the mitigation site (**Figure 3** in **Appendix A**). The three wetland community types include Type 2: *Carex/Phalaris*, Type 3: *Agrostis/Deschampsia* and Type 6: *Populus/Salix.* The three upland community types include Type 1: *Agropyron/Trifolium*, Type 5: *Agropyron/Centaurea* and Type 7: *Phalaris / Centaurea.* Plant species observed within each of these communities are listed on the attached **COE Form** (**Appendix B**).

Wetland types 2 & 6 were present before construction of the main channel. Pre-construction wetland delineation mapped the majority of the site as emergent wetlands. Type 2 is a remnant wetland with heavy past alterations due to livestock grazing and historic clearing of riparian vegetation. Type 2 is the wettest community and occurs as emergent wetlands in saturated to shallow water conditions. Type 6 consists of several shrubs such as willow (*Salix*), alder (*Alnus*) and birch (*Betula*), found along the old dry oxbows and depressions. Higher on the banks, just above the streambed, mature cottonwoods are present along the old terraces.

The remaining wetland type was created during the channel reconstruction, and includes the geo-textile fabric wrapped streambanks and floodplain areas. Community Type 4: *Salix/Agropyron*, mapped during the 2002 monitoring, was included within the Type 3: *Agrostis/Deschampsia* community during 2003-2006 monitoring. Community type classification for Type 4 was based on the dominant grass species and willow sprigging used during construction efforts. During the 2003 monitoring the Type 4 grasses had changed from wheatgrass (*Agropyron*) to redtop (*Agrostis alba*) and tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*). During the 2004-2006 monitoring these wetter type species have continued to increase in cover and now dominate the floodplain areas.

Revegetation efforts were implemented along the streambanks and floodplain margins during 2002 construction. These included planting of 10-cubic gallon shrubs, trees and sprigging of willows. Species planted for riparian enhancement included cottonwood, willows, dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*) and aspen (*Populus tremuloides*). Survival data includes specific details on each species and were recorded on the **Monitoring Form** (**Appendix B**).

Adjacent upland vegetation communities are mainly dominated by rangeland and/or aggressive invasive species. Type 1 consists of several spoil piles created for upland vegetation enhancement. These areas were planted with a mix of 5-cubic gallon plantings and weed matting. Upland plantings included Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*), shrubby potentilla (*Potentilla fruticosa*), snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) and woods rose (*Rosa woodsii*). Dominant species included pasture grasses and mostly weedy disturbance species such as quackgrass (*Agropyron repens*), pennycress (*Thlaspi arvensis*), dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), and tumble mustard (*Sisymbrium altissimum*). During monitoring, plantings did not contribute enough coverage to be considered significant in determining them as dominant in the community type.

Type 5 consists of upland areas historically grazed, dominated with pasture grasses such as quackgrass, meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*) and smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*). Type 5 also has a high distribution of spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*), located in the transition zone between wetland bottoms and open forest slopes. Several noxious weeds were observed throughout the Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation Site: spotted knapweed, Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Oxeye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*), and hound's-tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*). Other weedy or non-native species included bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), common dandelion, lambsquarters (*Chenopodium album*), clasping pepper-grass (*Lepidium perfoliatum*), pennycress, tumbleweed and quackgrass.

Vegetation transect results are detailed in the attached **Monitoring** and **COE Forms** (**Appendix B**) and are summarized in **Table 2** and **Charts 2** and **3**. The previous years transect data is included to compare changes between monitoring years.

Table 2: ***Transect 1 data summary.***

Monitoring Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Transect Length (feet)	471	471	471	471	471
# Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	4	4	4	4	4
# Vegetation Communities along Transect	3	3	3	3	3
# Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	2	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	28	27	30	31	31
Total Hydrophytic Species	15	16	17	17	17
Total Upland Species	13	11	13	14	14
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	85	95	86	84	84
% Transect Length Comprised of Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	59	59	59	60	60
% Transect Length Comprised of Upland Vegetation Communities	37	37	37	36	36
% Transect Length Comprised of Unvegetated Open Water	4	4	4	4	4
% Transect Length Comprised of Bare Substrate	0	0	0	0	0

Chart 2: ***Transect maps showing vegetation types from the start of transect (0 feet) to the end of transect (471 feet) for each year monitored.***

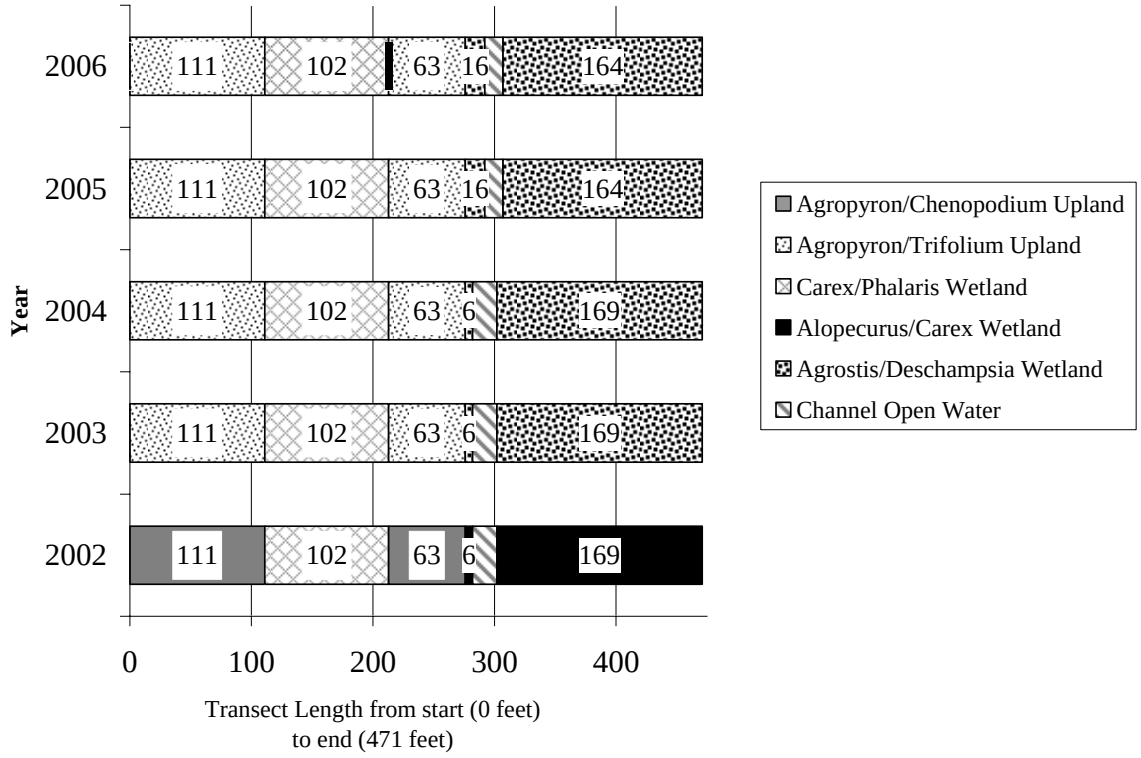
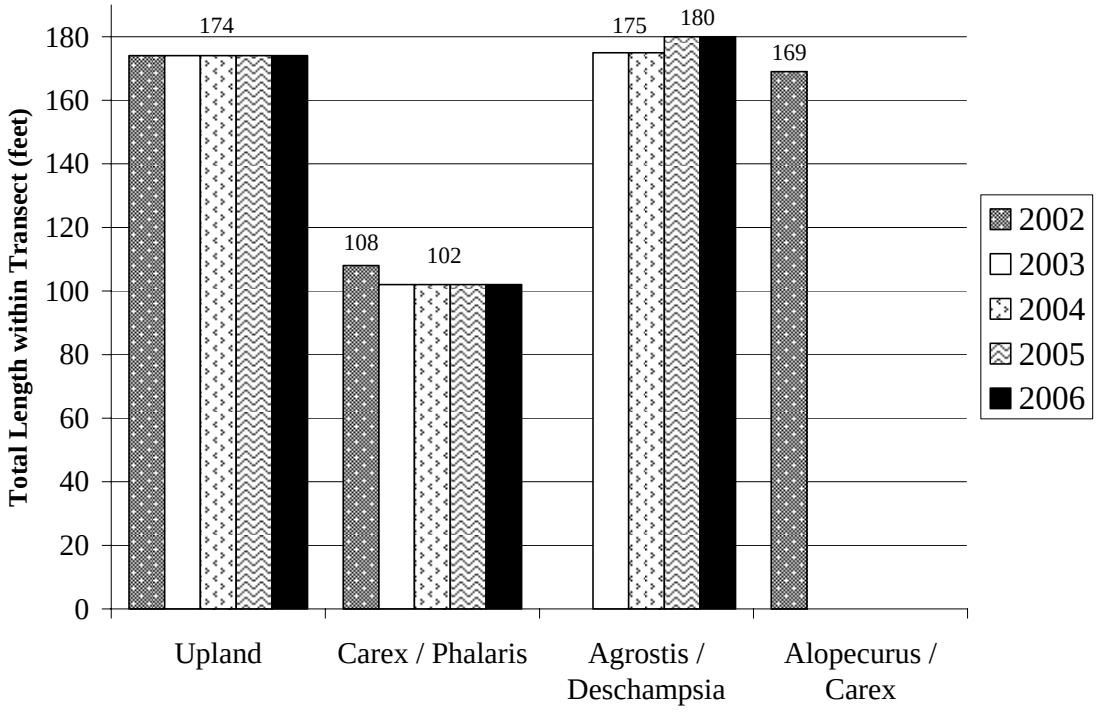


Chart 3: ***Length of vegetation communities within Transect 1 for each year monitored.***



3.3 Soils

The soils located at the Camp Creek site are mapped as Gallatin-shallow muck complex, gently sloping (SCS 1951). Soil characteristics at each wetland determination point were compared with those of the Gallatin-shallow muck complex and generally matched this classification. Wetland soils observed during monitoring and documented on the **COE Forms** were mostly peat, loams, sandy loams, or sands with very low chromas (1 or 2) (**Appendix B**). Mottles or oxidized rhizospheres (redoximorphic features) were not present any of the profiles. Soil profiles in the wetlands meadow mostly consisted of deep A-horizons of peat or loamy materials with a sandy/gravelly layer underneath, saturated at approximately 8 inch depths. Several profiles had large cobbles, gravels and stones below a 6-8 inch A- horizon with matrix colors of 10YR 2/1. Created upland slopes were constructed with fill materials removed from channel excavation. Upland soil pits consisted of a mixture of large cobbles and loamy soil, with matrix colors of 10YR 2/2.

3.4 Wetland Delineation

Delineated wetland boundaries are illustrated on **Figure 3** in **Appendix A**. Completed COE Forms are included in **Appendix B**. Soils, vegetation, and hydrology are discussed in preceding sections. Approximately 47.23 wetland acres and 1.5 open water channel acres occurred within the current monitoring area prior to project implementation. Pre-project wetland locations are shown on **Figure 4** in **Appendix A**. Monitoring in 2006 identified the conditions listed in **Table 3**.

Table 3: ***Wetland conditions within Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation Site.***

Condition	2006 MDT Property (acre)	2006 Grasser Property (acre)	2005 MDT Property (acre)	2005 Grasser Property (acre)	2000 Baseline MDT Property (acre)	2000 Baseline Grasser Property (acre)
Wetland Area	34.84	6.93	35.13	6.93	42.61	4.62
Open Water Area	0.95	1.20	0.95	1.20	0.75	0.75
Subtotal	35.79	8.13	36.08	8.13	43.36	5.37
Total Aquatic Habitat	**43.92**		**44.21**		**48.73**	

Overall, the project has gained 0.65 stream acre and "lost" an estimated 5.46 wetland acres in comparison to baseline conditions. Cumulatively, approximately 41.77 wetland acres and 2.15 open water acres now occur within the monitoring area (**Figure 3** in **Appendix A**), for a total of 43.92 acres of aquatic habitat. Prior to construction, the site contained approximately 47.23 acres of wetlands and 1.5 open water channel acres within the current monitoring limits. Open water channels were located in the extreme south end of the Grasser property and the in the northwest corner of the MDT property. A slight decrease of 0.26 acres in net wetland area was observed between 2005 and 2006 due to knapweed encroachment (see discussion below). The overall cumulative change in aquatic habitat at the site since construction has been approximately 43.92 – 48.73 = (-4.81) acres.

During the initial 2002 monitoring, an immediate net decrease in wetland acres was observed at this mitigation site. This could have been attributable to the dry year, changes in irrigation practices, construction-related disturbance (haul routes, drive-through areas, staging areas, etc.), slight differences in pre- and post-construction delineation approaches, or a combination of all factors.

Historic irrigation practices, although unquantified, provided substantial wetland hydrology to the current MDT property. The diversion from Camp Creek onto the property was virtually uncontrolled, and water flood irrigated the site whenever the water was high enough to do so; particularly in the spring/early summer. Similarly, substantial flood irrigation was conducted on the Grasser property prior to mitigation implementation; however, most of this irrigation has now ceased due to landowner management priorities, etc. These changes in onsite and adjacent irrigation practices have had a substantive and unplanned impact on site hydrology.

Final plan designs were based on a preliminary 2000 wetland delineation. The preliminary 2000 baseline wetland delineation was smaller in acres than the baseline delineation ultimately agreed upon (post-construction) by the Corps. Consequently, some areas ultimately depicted as wetlands in the final delineation were heavily disturbed during construction efforts and were also designated as areas to deposit fill materials. Additionally, some upland areas were not created as specified in the construction plans, but were larger or in different locations. Several areas mapped during the pre-project delineation as uplands became spoil piles two to three times larger then the original size of the mapped upland.

During the 2006 monitoring, wetland acreages slightly decreased from those observed in 2005. Wetland boundaries remained similar to those recorded on both the MDT and Grasser owned parcels. The decrease in wetlands was recorded within community type 2 on the lower, most northern sections of the mitigation area. Small areas dominated by spotted knapweed were removed from community type 2, slightly reducing wetland area within this community. During the 2005 monitoring wetland decreases were observed along the outer reaches of some the constructed floodplain margins. The decrease of wetlands was due to the change in vegetation from mostly wetland species to high abundance of upland species. The outer reaches of the floodplain located furthest away from the stream channel were not receiving enough hydrology to sustain wetland species. Channel down-cutting has been observed in scattered short project reaches (<100 feet long), which may be playing a role in this observed decrease. However, stream flow was sub-normal during the majority of the 2005 growing season (and is also assumed for the 2006 season) and may have resulted in the wetland loss. Based on USGS data from the stream gauge on the Bitterroot River near Darby, flows in May, June, and July of 2005 were only 65%, 50%, and 61% of the long-term mean monthly flows for these months (**Chart 1**). Flows during 2004 were similarly low (**Chart 1**). Monthly flow data for 2006 was not yet available, therefore not presented in this report.

During 2003 and 2004, a dramatic resurgence of spotted knapweed and other upland species lead to the change in community type descriptions. Areas of heavy spotted knapweed coverage are located adjacent to and throughout the site. Disturbance from construction activities to the pre-existing seed bank, likely spreading of seed by heavy equipment, and lack of pre-project weed control could have contributed to the overall increase. It is likely that other factors such as lack

of hydrology along the floodplains may be leading to the ultimate conversion of floodplains to a drier vegetation type. Thus, a combination of numerous land use (irrigation practices), construction, environmental, and baseline mapping factors likely resulted in the wetland "loss" observed at the site.

3.5 Wildlife

Wildlife species or evidence of wildlife, observed on the site during 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 monitoring efforts are listed in **Table 4**. Specific evidence observed, as well as activity codes pertaining to birds, is provided on the completed **Monitoring Form** in **Appendix B**.

This site provides habitat for a variety of wildlife species, although this was not necessarily reflected in the 2006 monitoring data. Two mammals, one fish, one amphibian and three bird species were noted at the mitigation site during the 2006 site visits.

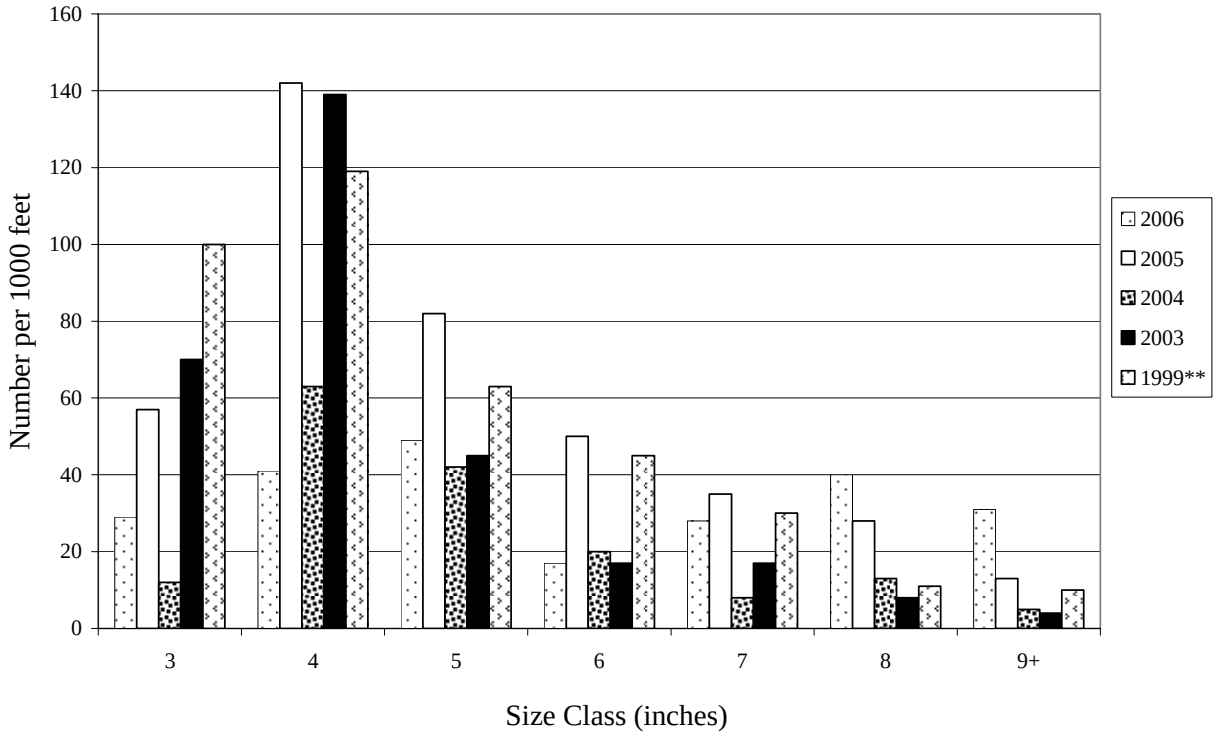
The newly constructed channel offers habitat for several fish species, including westslope cutthroat, hybrid cutthroat x rainbow trout and brook trout. Pre-project and post-project surveys along Camp Creek on the MDT parcel were conducted by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks during 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 (**Chart 4**). The 2006 and 2005 surveys documented 235 and 407 westslope cutthroat X rainbow trout ranging in size from 3 to 9+ inches (MFWP 2006). The 2004 surveys documented 163 westslope cutthroat trout X rainbow trout ranging in size from 3 to 8 inches (MFWP 2004). The 2003 surveys documented 300 westslope cutthroat trout X rainbow trout ranging is size from 3 to 12 inches and also several small sized brook trout (MFWP 2004). The majority of fish observed were in the 3 to 6 inch size class, which is expected for new habitat because smaller fish usually colonize these areas first.

Table 4: ***Fish and wildlife species observed at the Camp Creek Mitigation Site during 2002 to 2006.***

FISH
Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)[1]
Westslope Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*)[1]
Cutthroat X Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii X mykiss)* [1]
AMPHIBIANS
Spotted Frog (*Rana iuteiventris*)
REPTILE
None
BIRDS
American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)
American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*)
American Goldfinch (*Carduelis tristis*)
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)[2]
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)
Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus)*[2]
Black-billed Magpie (*Pica pica*)
Blue Grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*)[2]
Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*)
Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater)*
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)
Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)
Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*)[2]
Common Raven (*Corvus corax)*
Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)[2]
European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)
Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*)
Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*)[2]
Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)[2]
Red-tail Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)[2]
MAMMALS
Bobcat (*Felis rufus*)
Coyote (*Canis latrans*)
Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*)[2]
Elk (*Cervus elaphus*)
Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*)[2]
Moose (*Alces alces*)
Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)[2]
Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)[2]
Richardson's Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus richardsonii*)[2]
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

[1] Survey conducted by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
[2]Observed by MDT
Bolded species were observed during 2006 monitoring. All other species were observed during one or more of the previous monitoring years, but not during 2006.

Chart 4: ***Westslope cutthroat trout X Rainbow trout survey for Camp Creek (MFWP 2006).***



3.6 Macroinvertebrates

Complete results from the macroinvertebrate sampling locations are presented in **Appendix F.** Sampling points were located along one area of the creek (**Figure 2** in **Appendix A**). Macroinvertebrate sampling results were summarized by Rhithron Associates, Inc. in the italicized section below and illustrated in **Chart 5** (Bollman 2006):

> *The sampled sites at Camp Creek cannot be considered wetlands, since rheophilic taxa characteristic of rapid flow conditions and cool-to-cold water are supported. Scores indicated in the chart were derived by means of the Montana DEQ index for Valley and Foothill Prairie streams (Bollman 1998).*
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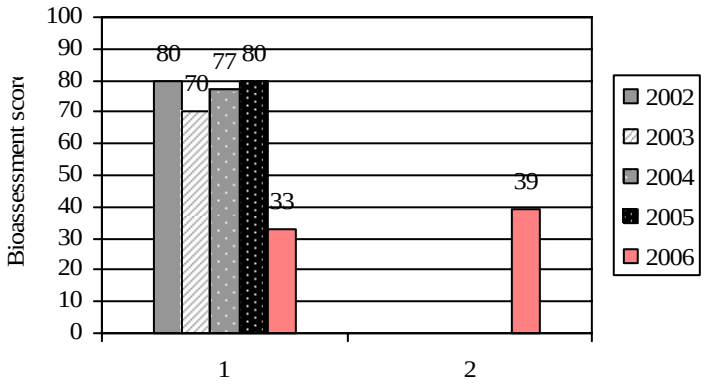
> **Site 1.** *Invertebrate assemblages characteristic of a trout stream were collected at the Camp Creek sites. However, biotic conditions apparently worsened between 2005 and 2006. Mayfly taxa richness was lower than expected, and the biotic index value was elevated. Water quality may have been impaired at this site. "Clinger" taxa richness was not as high as in 2005, and only 3 caddisfly taxa were collected. These findings suggest that sediment deposition may have compromised benthic habitats at this site. Reach-scale habitat disruption may be indicated by the lack of stonefly taxa. Bioassessment scores indicate moderate impairment at this site.*

Site 2. *This site was sampled for the first time in 2006. Moderate impairment is indicated by bioassessment scores. Although mayfly taxa richness was high, the biotic index value was elevated compared to expectations for a trout stream. Cool water temperatures and possible nutrient enrichment may be indicated. Evidence for the effects of sediment deposition can be discerned in the invertebrate assemblage.*

Chart 5: ***Bioassessment scores for Camp Cree Wetland Mitigation Site.***



3.7 Functional Assessment

The 2006 Functional Assessment Forms are included in **Appendix B**. Per Corps of Engineers direction (Steinle pers. comm.), separate functional assessments were completed for the Grasser and MDT parcels. The MDT parcel was assessed in its entirety as one contiguous AA due to the construction of the flood channel between the creek and the emergent complex, restoring hydrologic connectivity between these two areas. Results are presented in **Table 5**.

The AA on the MDT parcel rated as Category I (high value) in 2006 based on point totals. This overall rating was primarily due to high ratings for Montana Natural Heritage Program (MTNHP) species habitat, surface water storage, sediment / nutrient / toxicant removal, sediment / shoreline stabilization, production export / food chain support, groundwater discharge/recharge, and recreation/education ratings (public ownership with excellent access). Remaining parameters generally rated as moderate.

In 2006, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) decided to classify westslope cutthroat trout captured during surveys as westslope cutthroat / rainbow trout hybrids because they could not be told apart in the field (Clancy 2006). These were the same species that had been captured during 2003-2005 surveys. As such, a "suspected primary habitat", rather than a "documented primary habitat" MTNHP species habitat ranking for westslope cutthroat trout was conservatively assigned.

In 2006, functional scores increased slightly for sediment, nutrient, and toxicant removal due to increased vegetated cover, and for sediment/shoreline stabilization due to the increase in species with deep binding roots along the streambank over previous years. Shoreline species during the

evaluation consisted of grasses and willows; increase in willow cover between 2003 and 2006 monitoring increased the functional rating for the sediment/shoreline stabilization category. Over time, willow sprigs will continue to develop into larger, even more robust shrubs with extensive deep binding roots systems. Enhancement of both wetland and upland vegetation should increase wildlife use throughout the site.

The AA on the Grasser parcel is subject to a higher degree of disturbance (it is not within a conservation easement), and again rated as Category III (moderate value). This AA received high ratings for MNHP species habitat (again due to west-slope cutthroat trout), sediment / shoreline stabilization, production export / food chain support, and groundwater discharge/recharge. All other parameters rated low to moderate. In 2006, the functional score increased slightly for sediment/shoreline stabilization due to the increase in species with deep binding roots along the streambank over previous years.

Pre-project (2001) and post-project (2006) wetland assessment scores are presented in **Table 5**. Turnstone Biological conducted the initial functional assessments for the Camp Creek Mitigation Site, and separated the site into three assessment areas: emergent (Type I), scrub-shrub emergent (Type II), and rock bottom with narrow mixed wetland fringe (Type III) wetland classifications.

Overall, ratings have increased substantially on the MDT parcel for MTNHP species habitat (west-slope cutthroat trout), general wildlife habitat, general fish habitat, surface water storage, sediment/shoreline stabilization, production export/food chain support, uniqueness, and recreation/education potential. Ratings have increased in the Grasser parcel for MTNHP species habitat (west-slope cutthroat trout), general fish habitat, surface water storage, and sediment/shoreline stabilization

Approximately 160.14 functional units (score x wetland acreage) have been gained thus far at the Camp Creek mitigation site, despite the decrease in wetland acres between pre-project and post-project assessments on the MDT parcel. Approximately 128.44 functional units have been gained at the MDT parcel, and 31.70 have been gained on the Grasser parcel. Refer to **Tables 5 and 6** for details.

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Table 5: ***Summary of 2001 (baseline) and 2006 wetland function/value ratings and functional points [1] at Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation Site.***

Function and Value Parameters From the 1999 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method	2001 Type I, MDT Property	2001 Type III, MDT Property	2001 Type I, Grasser Property	2001 Type II, Grasser Property	2001 Type III, Grasser Property	2006 Grasser Property	2006 MDT Property
Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	Mod (0.8)	Mod (0.8)	Mod (0.8)	Mod (0.8)	Mod (0.8)	Mod (0.8)	Mod (0.8)
MTNHP Species Habitat	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	High (0.8)	High (0.8)
General Wildlife Habitat	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.5)	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	Low (0.1)	Mod (0.5)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
Flood Attenuation	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.6)
Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	Low (0.3)	High (0.8)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)	High (0.8)	Mod (0.6)	High (1.0)
Sediment, Nutrient, Toxicant Removal	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	High (0.9)
Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	Low (0.2)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.2)	Mod (0.6)	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.7)	High (1.0)
Production Export/Food Chain Support	Mod (0.7)	High (0.9)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	High (1.0)
Uniqueness	Low (0.1)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Mod (0.4)
Recreation/Education Potential	Low (0.2)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.3)	High (1.0)
Actual Points/Possible Points	5.1 / 12	6.2 / 12	5.1 / 12	5.9 / 12	6.2 / 12	7.7 / 12	9.8 / 12
% of Possible Score Achieved	42%	52%	42%	49%	52%	64%	82%
Overall Category	III	III	III	III	III	III	I
Total Acreage of Assessed Wetlands and Open Water within Easement	**42.3**	**1.06[2]**	**3.51[2]**	**0.50[2]**	**1.36[2]**	**8.13**	**35.79**
Functional Units (fu) (acreage x actual points)	**215.73**	**6.57**	**17.90**	**2.95**	**8.43**	**60.98**	**350.74**
Functional Unit Gain to Date by Ownership (fu)	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**31.70[3]**	**128.44[3]**
Total Functional Unit Gain to Date (fu)	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**160.14**	

[1] see completed functional assessment forms in **Appendix B** for further detail.

[2] Baseline acreages adjusted per subsequent study; see Section 2.5.

[3] Baseline Functional Units used to determine the 2006 Functional Unit Gain included the combined totals for the 2001 MDT (222.30 fu) and Grasser (29.28 fu) properties.

3.8 Photographs

Representative photographs taken in 2006 from established photo-points and transect ends (**Appendix C**).

3.9 Revegetation

Upon completion of the new channel and floodplain construction, revegetation efforts were conducted in 2002 to enhance riparian and upland habitat. The streambanks were seeded with a grass mix designed by an MDT botanist and 20,480 willow cuttings were sprigged through the fabric work. Floodplain areas were planted with a mixture of native shrubs & trees associated with local riparian corridors. These included aspen, alder, black cottonwood, dogwood and willows. Upland slopes were planted with Douglas fir, lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine, serviceberry, shrubby potentilla, snowberry, and woods rose.

Species survival data is presented in **Appendix B**. The belt transect used for vegetation monitoring was also used as the survival transect. A second survival transect was added to the south of the vegetation transect across the created and planted upland berms. A third survival transect was added in 2003 to assess the channel and floodplain vegetation enhancements.

Survival rates within the upland areas were similar to those observed during 2004 and 2005 monitoring. In 2003, a majority of the survival rates ranged from 70% to 100%. Survival data recorded in 2004-2006 showed most upland species had a survival rate below 50%. These included such species as woods rose, ponderosa pine, snowberry, shrubby potentilla and red-osier dogwood. Almost all the Douglas-fir observed had died after initial planting.

In 2006, the wetter species planted along the streambank and floodplain margins had a survival rate ranging from 60% to 90%. These included alder, aspen, cottonwood and willows. The willow sprigs are spreading out along the banks, continuing to increase in sizes and density each growing season. Several other wetter planted shrubs had increased in overall stature and exhibited vigorous growth.

These survival rates are based on a low number of total observations along the transects and might misrepresent the true survival rate. The current survival rates are based on the “original” occurrences recorded in the transects during 2002 monitoring, following 2002 planting. The 2002 planting specifications are presented in **Appendix G**.

3.10 Maintenance Needs/Recommendations

The excavated channel between the creek and the large emergent complex on the MDT parcel was examined during 2006 monitoring, and is functioning according to design.

Several Category 1 noxious weeds are present on both MDT and Grasser parcels including Canada thistle, hound’s-tongue, oxeye daisy, and spotted knapweed. Weed control and re-vegetation of disturbed sites is needed to prevent further weed spread, reduce the risk of new weeds invading, reduce wind and water erosion and reduce sediment input to surface waters.

Survival of plantings will continue to be monitored, and supplemental planting may need to be implemented if success of current plantings is low.

The MDT parcel has the least amount of invasive species and distribution is primarily limited to upland areas not affected during construction efforts. Control measures for these areas should be implemented to avoid potential spread of invasive species into the wetland areas. Planted upland areas within the MDT parcel which were observed to have a low survival rates should be replanted with appropriate native plant stock, and irrigated.

The Grasser parcel supports the majority of the noxious weed species with extensive distribution along the floodplain corridor. A weed management plan for this site should be developed and implemented to control the spread of noxious weeds. Areas of invading spotted knapweed located along floodplain margins should be controlled and reseeded or planted with appropriate wetland species to help control further spread of invasive species.

3.11 Current Credit Summary

Approximately 160.14 functional units (score x wetland acreage) have been gained thus far at the Camp Creek mitigation site. Approximately 128.44 functional units have been gained at the MDT parcel, and 31.70 have been gained on the Grasser parcel.

The credit allocation method for this site was worked out between MDT and COE in early 2006, and is functional unit-based, whereby wetland acreage for each AA is multiplied by the total score for that AA to arrive at an overall functional unit score. This is done both pre-project and post-project. The difference between these two numbers (the functional unit "gain") is then divided by the post-project score to arrive at an approximate credit acreage for that AA. Credit acreages from each AA are summed to arrive at a total for the site. This approach is illustrated below in **Table 6**. Using this approach, a current maximum of approximately 17.34 credit acres is assignable to the Camp Creek site as of 2006.

Table 6: ***2006 functional unit-based credit for the Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation Project.***

Property	2006 Wetland & Channel Acreage	2006 Score	2006 Functional Units	Baseline Functional Units	Functional Unit "Gain"	"Gain" Divided by Current Score (potential credit acres)
MDT	35.79	9.8	350.74	222.30	128.44	13.11
Grasser	8.13	7.5	60.98	29.28	31.70	4.23
Total	**43.92**	**--**	**411.72**	**251.58**	**160.14**	**17.34**

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Appendix A

FIGURES 2, 3, 4, & 6

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Camp Creek
Sula, Montana

Figure 2 - 2006 Monitoring Activity Locations

Match Below Right

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

RP3

PP9

GRASSER

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MDT

XS 4-A

XS 3-A

XS 2-A

XS 1-A

PP1

PP3

SP4

PP4

SP3

SP2

SP1

PP5

PP2

MS1

MS2

RP4

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

RP2

PP8

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

Scale 1"= 300ft

N

S

E

W

LEGEND

Monitoring Area Limits

Photograph Point

Vegetation Transect

Aerial Reference Point

Cross Section

Soil Sample Point

Macroinvertebrate Sample Point

Base Photograph Date: July 6, 2006

XS

SP1

Scale 1"= 300ft

N

S

E

W

PP10

PP11

PP12

PP13

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

Camp Creek Inn

RP5

Match Above Left

PROJECT NAME
MDT Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation

DRAWING TITLE
2006 Monitoring Activity Locations

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PROJ MGR: J.Berglund
CHECKED: G.H APPVD: J.B.
SCALE: 1"=300'
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PROJ NO: B43054.106
LOCATION: Sula, MT

PBSJ
1120 Cedar
Missoula, MT 59802

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Figure 3 - 2006 Mapped Site Features

Scale 1"= 300ft

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

Upland

Upland

Upland

Upland Island

Upland Island

Upland

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MDT

GRASSER

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

Match Below Right

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

LEGEND
Monitoring Area Limits
Wetland Boundary
Vegetation Community Boundary
Open Water
Base Photograph Date: July 6, 2006

Wetland Area:
Gross Area 46.52 Acres
Open Water -2.15 Acres
Upland Islands -2.60 Acres
Net Wetland Area 41.77 Acres

Vegetation Community Types
1. Agropyron/Trifolium
2. Carex/Phalaris
3. Agrostis/Deschampsia
5. Agropyron/Centaurea
6. Populus /Salix
7. Phalaris /Centaurea

Scale 1"= 300ft

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

1 Upland

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

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PROJECT NAME
MDT Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation

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2006 Mapped Site Features

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LOCATION: Sula, MT

PBSJ
1120 Cedar
Missoula, MT 59802

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Figure 4 - Pre-Developed Wetland

Scale 1"= 300ft

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

Match Below Right

GRASSER

MDT

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

LEGEND

Monitoring Area Limits

Pre Developed Wetland Area Limits
Within Monitoring Limits

Base Photograph Date: July 23, 2002

Pre Developed Wetland Area : (within monitoring area limits)

Gross Area (2001)	MDT 45.59 + Grasser 5.37 =	50.96 Acres
Open Water Grasser	0.75 Acres+ MDT 0.75 Acres=	1.50 Acres
Upland Islands	MDT-2.23 Acres Grasser -0.00 =	2.23 Acres
Net Wetland Area(2001)		47.23 Acres

Scale 1"= 300ft

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

MONITORING AREA LIMITS

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MONITORING AREA LIMITS

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PROJECT NAME
MDT Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation

DRAWING TITLE
Pre-Developed Wetland

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SCALE:	1"=300ft
LOCATION:	Sula, Mt.
DRAWN:	R.A.
CHECKED:	J.B.
APPVD:	J.B.
PROJ MGR:	J.B.

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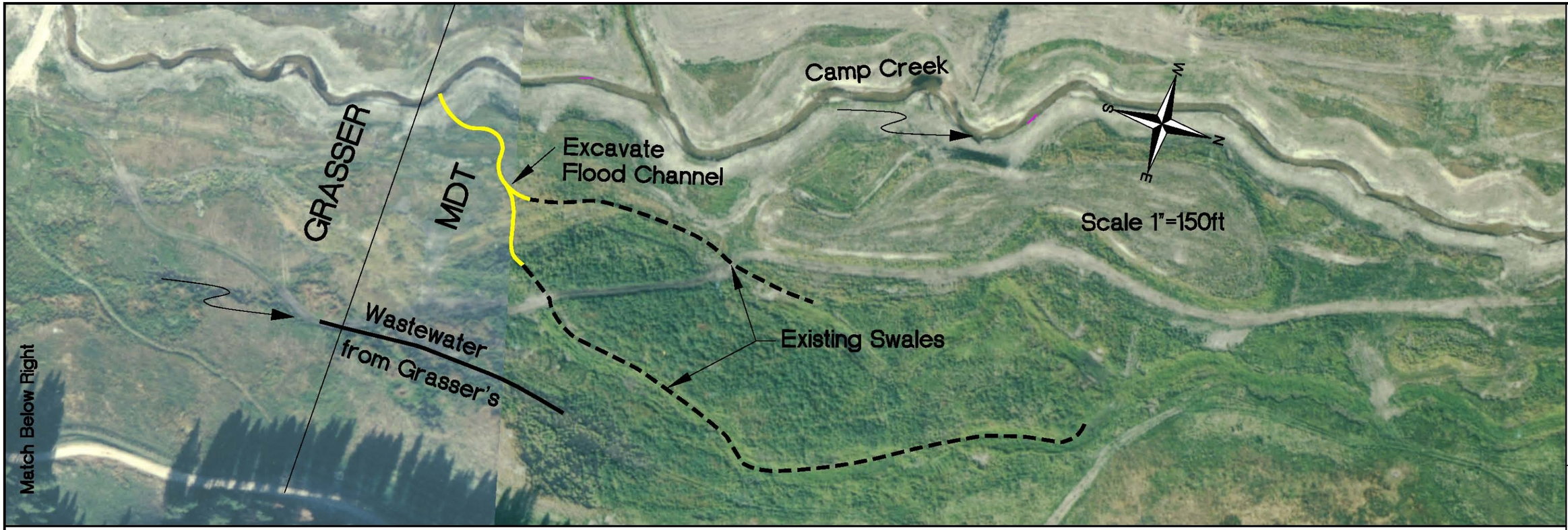

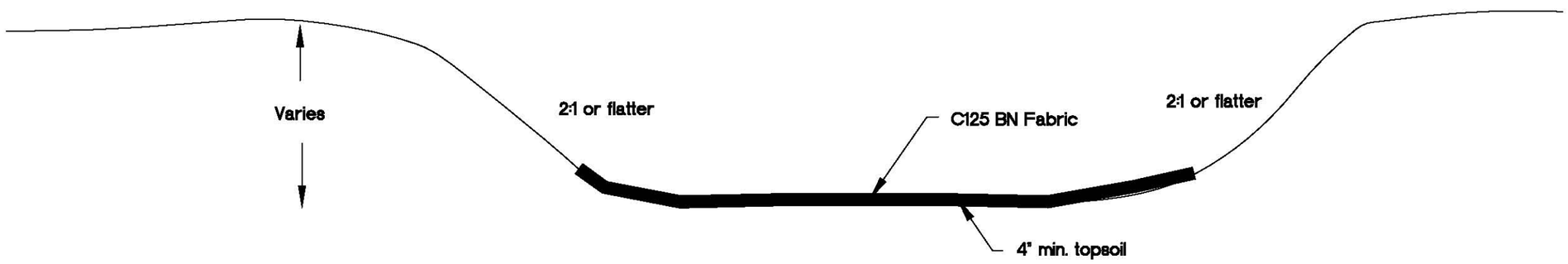

Typical Section of Excavated Flood Channel

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MDT Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation

DRAWING TITLE
Flood Channel Plan and Typical

PROJ NO: 130091	DRAWN: R.A.
FILE NAME: TASK3BBASE2003	CHECKED: B.D.
SCALE: 1"=150ft	APPVD: G.H.
LOCATION: Sula, Mt.	PROJ MGR: B.Dutton

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Appendix B

2006 WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM
2006 BIRD SURVEY FORM
2006 COE WETLAND DELINEATION FORMS
2006 FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT FORM

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Camp Creek
Sula, Montana

LWC / MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Name: Camp Creek Project Number: B43054.00 - 0106 Assessment Date: 08/01/06
Location: Sula Valley MDT District: Lower Clark Fork Milepost:_____
Legal description: T 1 N R 19 W Section 27 & 34 Time of Day: Morning to early afternoon
Weather Conditions: Cloudy & overcast Person(s) conducting the assessment: Greg Howard
Initial Evaluation Date: 09/05/02 Visit #: 5 Monitoring Year: 2006
Size of evaluation area: 200 acres Land use surrounding wetland: Agriculture; national forest, livestock grazing & pasture

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: Camp Creek
Inundation**:** Present____ Absent _X_ Average depths: _-_ft Range of depths:___-____ft
Assessment area under inundation:____%
Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: ____ft
If assessment area is not inundated are the soils saturated w/in 12" of surface**:** Yes X No
Other evidence of hydrology on site (drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation etc.): Hydrology on this site comes from Camp Creek. Areas of surface inundation observed within lower topography and undisturbed wetland meadows.

Groundwater
Monitoring wells: Present_____ Absent: X
Record depth of water below ground surface

Well #	Depth	Well #	Depth	Well #	Depth

Additional Activities Checklist:
__X__Map emergent vegetation-open water boundary on air photo
__X__Observe extent of surface water during each site visit and look for evidence of past surface water elevations (drift lines, erosion, vegetation staining etc.)
_____GPS survey groundwater monitoring wells locations if present

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Vegetation cover along floodplains and creek margins dominated by wetland species. Certain areas of the floodplain saturated throughout the season. The planted shrubs and trees showing new growth for this season. Vegetation community types and mapping remained similar to 2005 monitoring. Grasser parcel remained similar to 2005 with higher coverage values of spotted knapweed and other undesirable species within floodplain margins. Excavated flood channel from Camp Creek to large wet meadow was installed during the fall of 2005. Surface flow signature recorded along flood channel; upper reaches of wet meadow receiving hydrology

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Community No.: 1 Community Title (main species): Agropyron / Trifolium (Created upland)

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Agropyron repens	50	Planted Species	10
Thlaspi arvensis	P	*Trifolium pratense*	P
Sisymbrium altissimum	10	*Centaurea maculosa*	30
Lychnis alba	P	*Alopecurus pratensis*	P
Agrostis alba	P		

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Created uplands, planted with several drier species: *Pinus ponderosa*, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, *Symphoricarpos albus*, *Rosa woodsii*, *Potentilla fruticosa*, and *Amelanchier alnifolia*. Community No. 1 with similar condition as found in 2005 monitoring, except for an slight decrease in *Sisymbrium altissimum* and increase in *Centaurea maculosa.*

Community No.: 2 Community Title (main species): Carex / Phalaris (Undisturbed wetland)

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Carex aquatilis	P	*Alopecurus pratensis*	P
Phalaris arundinacea	20	*Phleum pratense*	P
Carex utriculata	20	*Agrostis alba*	P
Carex nebrascensis	50	*Sisymbrium altissimum*	10
Geum macrophyllum	P		

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Open wetland meadow with extensive sedges, intermixed with a few drier grass species and small pockets of spotted knapweed. Larger patches of spotted knapweed mapped as C.T. 5.

Community No.: 3 Community Title (main species): Agrostis / Deschampsia (Floodplain / Streambank)

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Alopecurus pratensis	P	*Carex nebrascensis*	P
Populus trichocarpa - Planted	10	*Phalaris arundinacea*	10
Populus tremuloides - Planted	10	*Phleum pratense*	T
Mimulus guttatus	T	*Salix* – sprigged	20
Agrostis alba	30	*Alnus incana*	10
Deschampsia cespitosa	20	*Carex crawfordii*	10
Glyceria grandis	10	*Carex stipata*	P

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Vegetation communities along streambank and floodplain had similar conditions as observed during 2005. Saturated soils recorded along much of the floodplain margin. Shrub and tree plantings continue to show new and vigorous growth each year. Heights of several planted shrubs and trees ranging from 3-4 ft. tall.

Additional Activities Checklist:

X Record and map vegetative communities on air photo

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES (continued)

Community No.: 4 Community Title (main species): Surface flow within channel

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Ranunculus aquatilis var. hispidulus	10		

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Vegetation Community No. 4 combined with No. 3. Aquatic vegetation invading areas of slower moving water along creek. Volunteer Populus trichocarpa seedlings along cobble banks.

Community No.: 5 Community Title (main species): Agropyron / Centaurea

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Centaurea maculosa	60	*Agropyron repens*	20
Sisymbrium altissimum	P	*Linaria vulgaris*	P
Bromus inermis	10	*Potentilla gracilis*	P
Bromus tectorum	10		
Alopecurus pratensis	P		

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Upland slopes observed on both the east and west sides of site. Area dominated by spotted knapweed and several other pasture grasses such as smooth brome and quackgrass.

Community No.: 6 Community Title (main species): Populus / Salix

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Populus trichocarpa	30	*Rosa woodsii*	10
Salix bebbiana	P	*Symphoricarpos albus*	P
Alnus incana	P	*Salix drummondiana*	P
Salix geyeriana	10	*Salix exigua*	P
Cornus stolonifera	T		

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Mature cottonwood and shrub communities found along the old channel.

Community No.: 7 Community Title (main species): Centaurea / Phalaris

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Phalaris arundinacea	40	*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*	P
Centaurea maculosa	40	*Trifolium pratense*	P
Verbascum thapsus	T	*Rumex crispus*	T
Bromus inermis	P	Plantings	10
Agropyron repens	10	*Linaria vulgaris*	P
Taraxacum officinale	T		

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Vegetation type found along the upland fringes of constructed floodplain on Grasser-owned parcels. Community No. 7 dominated by both reed canarygrass and spotted knapweed.

COMPREHENSIVE VEGETATION LIST

Species	Vegetation Community Number(s)	Species	Vegetation Community Number(s)
Achillea millefolium	1,5	*Lepidium perfoliatum*	1
Agropyron repens	1,3,5,7	*Linaria vulgaris*	1,7
Agrostis alba	2,3	*Lonicera involucrata*	6
Alnus incana	6	*Lupinus wyethii*	1
Alopecurus pratensis	2,3,5	*Lychnis alba*	1
Amelanchier alnifolia	1	*Matricaria matricarioides*	1
Aster integrifolius	1	*Melilotus officinalis*	1,5
Betula occidentalis	3	*Mentha arvensis*	2,3
Bromus inermis	5,7	*Mimulus guttatus*	3
Bromus tectorum	1,5	*Phalaris arundinacea*	2,3,7
Calamagrostis canadensis	2	*Phleum pratense*	2,3
Carex aquatilis	2	*Pinus ponderosa*	1
Carex bebbii	2	*Plantago major*	1,3
Carex crawfordii	3	*Poa pratensis*	1,5
Carex lanuginosa	2,3	*Polygonum amphibium*	2
Carex nebrascensis	2,3	*Populus tremuloides*	3,4
Carex praegracilis	2	*Populus trichocarpa*	3,6
Carex utriculata	2	*Potentilla fruticosa*	1
Centaurea maculosa	1,5,7	*Potentilla gracilis*	1
Cercocarpus ledifolius	1	*Pseudotsuga menziesii*	1
Chenopodium album	1,3	*Ranunculus aquatilis var. hispidulus*	4
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	1,5,7	*Ranunculus repens*	2
Cirsium arvense	1	*Rosa woodsii*	1,6
Cirsium vulgare	1,2	*Rubus idaeus*	6
Cornus stolonifera	3,6	*Rumex crispus*	1,2,3,7
Crataegus douglasii	1	*Salix bebbiana*	6
Crepis tectorum	1	*Salix boothii*	3
Cynoglossum officinale	1	*Salix drummondiana*	4
Danthonia spp.	1	*Salix exigua*	2,3,4
Deschampsia cespitosa	2,3	*Salix geyeriana*	4,6
Epilobium ciliatum	2,3	*Salix lutea*	3
Epilobium paniculatum	2,3	*Scirpus microcarpus*	3,4
Equisetum arvense	2,3	*Senecio vulgaris*	1
Equisetum laevigatum	2,3	*Sium suave*	3
Festuca pratensis	1	*Sisymbrium altissimum*	1,5
Geum macrophyllum	2,3	*Smilacina stellata*	2
Glyceria elata	2	*Solidago canadensis*	2,3
Glyceria grandis	3	*Symphoricarpos albus*	1,5
Gnaphalium palustre	1	*Tanacetum vulgare*	2,3
Juncus balticus	2	*Taraxacum officinale*	1,2,3,4,5,7
Juncus bufonius	2,3	*Thlaspi arvensis*	1,3,5
Juncus confusus	3	*Trifolium pratense*	1,7
Juncus ensifolius	2,3	*Verbascum thapsus*	1,3,5,7
Lactuca serriola	1	*Veronica americana*	2

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: One new species identified during 2006 monitoring: Booth's willow (*Salix boothii*).

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

Species	Number Originally Planted	Number Observed Alive	Mortality Causes
Amelanchier alnifolia	4	0	
Alnus incana	4	21	
Betula occidentalis	6	4	
Cornus stolonifera	22	0	
Pinus ponderosa	19	1	
Potentilla fruticosa	30	9	
Populus trichocarpa	55	70	
Populus tremuloides	11	11	
Pseudotsuga menziesii	17	0	
Rosa woodsii	8	4	
Salix bebbiana	-	13	
Salix boothii	-	7	
Salix drummondiana	-	23	
Salix exigua	-	7	
Salix lutea	3	8	
Symphoricarpos albus	17	1	
Willow sprigs	225	250+	

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Three transects were used to assess overall survival. Transect 1 was located along the same line as the vegetation monitoring transect, using the same belt width. Transect no. 2 starts at the beginning of transect no. 1, running towards the east (45^{o}), approximately 165 ft long. Transect no. 2 bisects an area of created uplands and associated drier species plantings. Transect 3 is located near the end of vegetation transect, running south across the floodplain. Total species observed along the transect does not reflect the actual number of original plantings.

WILDLIFE

BIRDS

Were man made nesting structures installed? Yes___ No X Type:_____ How many?_____ Are the nesting structures being utilized? Yes____ No____ Do the nesting structures need repairs? Yes____ No____

MAMMALS AND HERPTILES

Species	Number Observed	Indirect indication of use			
		Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Other
Deer		X	X		
Coyote			X		
Spotted Frog	1				

Additional Activities Checklist:
X Macroinvertebrate sampling (if required)

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Macroinvertebrate samples taken at two locations along Camp Creek.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Using a camera with a 50 mm lenses and color film take photographs of the following permanent reference points listed in the checklist below. Record the direction of the photograph using a compass. (The first time at each site establish a permanent reference point by setting a ½ inch rebar or fencepost extending 2-3' above ground, survey the location with a resource grade GPS and mark the location on the air photo.)
Checklist:

_X_ One photo for each of the 4 cardinal directions surrounding wetland
_X_ At least one photo showing upland use surrounding wetland – if more than one upland use exists, take additional photos
_X_ At least one photo showing buffer surrounding wetland
_X_ One photo from each end of vegetation transect showing transect

Location	Frame #	Photograph Description	Compass Reading
1	R1 16	Looking north at transect end.	0 ^{o}
1	R1 17	Looking south, uplands w/plantings.	180 ^{o}
1	R1 18	Looking west, Hwy 93 and created uplands.	270 ^{o}
1	R1 19	Looking northwest, upland and floodplain.	315 ^{o}
2	R1 20	Looking southwest at start of vegetation transect.	225 ^{o}
3	R1 21-22	Looking north along transect line.	0 ^{o}
4	R1 23	Looking northwest, downstream along channel.	315 ^{o}
4	R1 24	Looking south, upstream along channel.	180 ^{o}
4	R1 25	Looking north, curve in creek, fabric failure.	0 ^{o}
5	R1 26-31	Looking south to north, panoramic of channel & floodplain.	180 ^{o} – 0 ^{o}
6	R1 32	Looking east along survival transect.	45 ^{o}
7	R1 34-35	Looking south, lower section, creek leaving MDT parcel.	180 ^{o}
8	R2 1-5	Looking east, panoramic from west side.	180 ^{o} – 0 ^{o}
9	R2 6-8	Looking north, main channel entering culvert.	270 ^{o} – 0 ^{o}
9	R2 9-12	Looking south, main channel entering culvert.	135 ^{o} – 225 ^{o}
10	R2 13-14	Looking south, channel and floodplain.	180 ^{o} – 225 ^{o}
10	R2 15	Looking north, channel and floodplain.	0 ^{o}
11	R2 16-19	Looking north, channel and floodplain, upper culvert.	0 ^{o} – 315 ^{o}
12	R2 20	Looking south, channel and floodplain, Grasser parcel.	180 ^{o} – 225 ^{o}
13	R2 21	Looking south, channel & floodplain.	180 ^{o}
14	R2 22	Looking north, creek entering Grasser parcel.	225^{o}

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS:

GPS SURVEYING

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

Checklist:

___ Jurisdictional wetland boundary
___ 4-6 landmarks recognizable on the air photo
___ Start and end points of vegetation transect(s)
___ Photo reference points
___ Groundwater monitoring well locations

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: GPS surveying completed during first year monitoring.

WETLAND DELINEATION

(Attach Corps of Engineers delineation forms)

At each site conduct the items on the checklist below:
_X_Delineate wetlands according to the 1987 Army Corps manual.
_X_ Delineate wetland-upland boundary on the air photo
____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 abbreviated field forms, if used)

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: Functional assessments similar to 2005 monitoring. No dramatic changes or difference between monitoring periods, similar conditions exist.

MAINTENANCE

Were man-made nesting structures installed at this site? YES___ NO X
If yes, do they need to be repaired? YES____ NO____
If yes, describe 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? YES X NO____
If yes, are the structures working properly and in good working order? YES X NO __
If no, describe the problems below.

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS: _____

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: Camp Creek Date: 08/01/06 Examiner: Greg Howard Transect # 1

Approx. transect length: 471 ft Compass Direction from Start (Upland): 225°

Vegetation type 1:	Agropyron / Trifolium (Community No. 1)
Length of transect in this type:	111 feet
Species:	Cover:
Agropyron repens	50
Thlaspi arvensis	P
Potentilla fruticosa	P
Agrostis alba	10
Achillea millefolium	T
Alopecurus pratensis	10
Matricaria matricarioides	T
Sisymbrium altissimum	T
Phalaris arundinacea	T
Centaurea maculosa	P
Lychnis alba	T
Total Vegetative Cover:	80%

Vegetation type 2:	Carex / Phalaris (Community No. 2)
Length of transect in this type:	102 feet
Species:	Cover:
Carex nebrascensis	20
Carex utriculata	T
Phalaris arundinacea	40
Geum macrophyllum	P
Cirsium arvense	P
Centaurea maculosa	T
Agrostis alba	P
Salix exigua	P
Juncus ensifolius	T
Cirsium vulgare	P
Total Vegetative Cover:	80%

Vegetation type 3:	Agropyron / Trifolium (Community No. 1)
Length of transect in this type:	63 feet
Species:	Cover:
Carex nebrascensis	P
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	T
Epilobium ciliatum	P
Agropyron repens	T
Festuca pratensis	30
Phalaris arundinacea	P
Sisymbrium altissimum	T
Cirsium arvense	T
Centaurea maculosa	T
Verbascum thapsus	T
Deschampsia cespitosa	20
Poa pratensis	10
Total Vegetative Cover:	70%

Vegetation type 4:	Agrostis / Deschampsia (Community No. 3)
Length of transect in this type:	16 feet
Species:	Cover:
Carex utriculata	T
Epilobium ciliatum	P
Agrostis alba	20
Mentha arvensis	T
Alopecurus pratensis	P
Juncus ensifolius	10
Trifolium pratense	20
Carex nebrascensis	T
Deschampsia cespitosa	20
Plantings (Populus tremuloides & Populus trichocarpa)	10
Willow Sprigs	20
Phalaris arundinacea	P
Chrysanthemum leucanthemum	P
Total Vegetative Cover:	100%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: Camp Creek Date: 08/01/06 Examiner: Greg Howard Transect # 1

Approx. transect length: 471 ft Compass Direction from Start (Upland): 225°

Vegetation type 5:	Open Water - Channel	
Length of transect in this type:	15	feet
Species:		Cover:

Vegetation type 6:	Agrostis / Deschampsia (Community No. 3)	
Length of transect in this type:	164	feet
Species:		Cover:
Carex utriculata		T
Epilobium ciliatum		T
Agrostis alba		20
Alopecurus pratensis		P
Juncus ensifolius		P
Juncus confusus		P
Trifolium pratense		20
Glyceria grandis		P
Carex nebrascensis		T
Deschampsia cespitosa		20
Plantings (Populus tremuloides & Populus trichocarpa)		P
Willow Sprigs		P
Phalaris arundinacea		10
Carex crawfordii		10
	Total Vegetative Cover:	90%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT (back of form)

Cover Estimate

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

Indicator Class:

+ = Obligate
- = Facultative/Wet
0 = Facultative

Source:

P = Planted
V = Volunteer

Percent of perimeter _____ % developing wetland vegetation – excluding dam/berm structures.

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 food depth (in open water), or at a point where water depths or saturation are maximized. Mark this location with another metal fencepost.

Estimate cover within a 10 ft 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.

Notes:

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BIRD SURVEY – FIELD DATA SHEET

Date: 8/01/06

SITE: Camp Creek

Survey Time: 10:00-4:00

Bird Species	#	Behavior	Habitat	Bird Species	#	Behavior	Habitat
Killdeer	1	F	US, WM				
Brown-headed cow birds	20	L,FO	UP				
Red-tailed hawk	1	FO	UP, WM				

Notes:

Behavior: BP – one of a breeding pair; BD – breeding display; F – foraging; FO – flyover; L – loafing; N – nesting

Habitat: 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 shoreline

DATA FORM

ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION

(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: Camp Creek	Date: 08/01/06
Applicant/Owner: MDT	County: Ravalli
Investigator: Greg Howard	State: MT

Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site:	x	Yes	___	No
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)?	___	Yes	x	No
Is the area a potential Problem Area?	___	Yes	x	No
(If needed, explain on reverse.)				

Community ID: Upland
Transect ID: 1
Plot ID: 1

VEGETATION

	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1	*Agropyron repens*	H	FAC-
2	*Thlaspi arvensis*	H	--
3	*Agrostis alba*	H	FAC+
4	*Sisymbrium altissimum*	H	FACU-
5	*Centaurea maculosa*	H	--
6	*Potentilla fruticosa*	S	FAC-

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-). 1/6 = 17%

Area dominated by upland vegetation.

HYDROLOGY

___ Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):
- ___ Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge
- ___ Aerial Photographs
- ___ Other

X No Recorded Data Available

Field Observations:

Depth of Surface Water: ___-___ (in.)

Depth to Free Water in Pit: ___-___ (in.)

Depth to Saturated Soil: ___-___ (in.)

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators:
- ___ Inundated
- ___ Saturated in Upper 12 Inches
- ___ Water Marks
- ___ Drift Lines
- ___ Sediment Deposits
- ___ Drainage Patterns in Wetlands

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):
- ___ Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves
- ___ Local Soil Survey Data
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:
No hydrology indicators present.

SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase):	Gallatin-Shallow Muck Complex Gallatin	Drainage Class:	Imperfectly and Poorly-drained
Taxonomy (Subgroup):		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type?	X Yes ____ No

Profile Description:

Depth inches	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0 – 6+	A	10 YR 2/1	--	--	Loam with large cobbles

Hydric Soil Indicators:

____	Histosol	____	Concretions
____	Histic Epipedon	____	High Organic Content in surface Layer in Sandy Soils
____	Sulfidic Odor	____	Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
____	Aquic Moisture Regime	____	Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
____	Reducing Conditions	____	Listed on National Hydric Soils List
X	Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	____	Other (Explain in Remarks)

Soil pit located in area of created upland habitat, soils consisting of fill material excavated from channel reconstruction and removed from historic wetland.

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	____ Yes	X No
Wetland Hydrology Present?	____ Yes	X No
Hydric Soils Present?	____ Yes	X No

Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? ____ Yes X No

Remarks:
Sampling point considered within an upland area.

Approved by HQUSACE 2/92

DATA FORM

ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION

(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site:	Camp Creek					Date:	08/01/06
Applicant/Owner:	MDT					County:	Ravalli
Investigator:	Greg Howard					State:	MT
Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site:		X	Yes		No	Community ID:	Emergent
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)?			Yes	x	No	Transect ID:	1
Is the area a potential Problem Area?:			Yes	x	No	Plot ID:	2
(If needed, explain on reverse.)							

VEGETATION

	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1	*Carex nebrascensis*	H	OBL			
2	*Phalaris arundinacea*	H	FACW			
3	*Geum macrophyllum*	H	OBL			
4	*Agrostis alba*	H	FAC+			
5	*Salix exigua*	S	OBL			
6						
7						

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-). 5/5 = 100%

Area dominated by hydrophytic vegetation.

HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):

- ____ Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge
- ____ Aerial Photographs
- ____ Other
- X No Recorded Data Available

Field Observations:

- Depth of Surface Water: ____ - ____ (in.)
- Depth to Free Water in Pit: ____ - ____ (in.)
- Depth to Saturated Soil: ____ - ____ (in.)

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators:

- ____ Inundated
- ____ Saturated in Upper 12 Inches
- ____ Water Marks
- ____ Drift Lines
- ____ Sediment Deposits
- X Drainage Patterns in Wetlands

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):

- ____ Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches
- ____ Water-Stained Leaves
- ____ Local Soil Survey Data
- ____ FAC-Neutral Test
- ____ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:

Soil pit moist, but not saturated. Hydrology indicator is present with drainage patterns along areas of lower topography.

SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): Gallatin-Shallow Muck Complex
Gallatin
Taxonomy (Subgroup): _____
Drainage Class: Imperfectly and Poorly-drained
Field Observations
Confirm Mapped Type? X Yes ____ No

Profile Description:

Depth inches	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0 – 3	A	10 YR 2/1	--	--	Loam with roots & organics
5 – 12	B	10 YR 2/1-	--	--	Peat and sandy loam

Hydric Soil Indicators:

____	Histosol	____	Concretions
____	Histic Epipedon	X	High Organic Content in surface Layer in Sandy Soils
____	Sulfidic Odor	____	Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
____	Aquic Moisture Regime	____	Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
____	Reducing Conditions	____	Listed on National Hydric Soils List
X	Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	____	Other (Explain in Remarks)

Hydric soils indicator present with low-chroma colors and high organic content (peat).

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? X Yes ____ No
Wetland Hydrology Present? X Yes ____ No
Hydric Soils Present? X Yes ____ No

Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? X Yes ____ No

Remarks:
Sampling point is considered within a wetland. Topographic swale with low areas dominated by emergent vegetation type. Undisturbed wetlands mapped during initial delineation.

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ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION
(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: Camp Creek	Date: 08/01/06
Applicant/Owner: MDT	County: Ravalli
Investigator: Greg Howard	State: MT

Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site:	X	Yes		No	Community ID: Emergent / Rock Bottom
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)?		Yes	x	No	Transect ID: 1
Is the area a potential Problem Area?: (If needed, explain on reverse.)		Yes	x	No	Plot ID: 3

VEGETATION

	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator		Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1	*Carex utriculata*	H	OBL	7	*Agrostis alba*	H	FAC+
2	*Alopecurus pratensis*	H	FACW	8	*Salix drummondiana*	S	FACW
3	*Carex nebrascensis*	H	OBL	9	*Veronica americana*	H	OBL
4	*Phalaris arundinacea*	H	FACW	10	*Juncus ensifolius*	H	FACW
5	*Epilobium ciliatum*	H	FACW	11	*Trifolium pratense*	H	FACU
6	*Deschampsia cespitosa*	H	FACW				

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-). 10/11 = 91%

Area consisting of streambank, creek and floodplain margins, dominated by hydrophytic vegetation.

HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):
- ____ Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge
- ____ Aerial Photographs
- ____ Other
- X No Recorded Data Available

Field Observations:
- Depth of Surface Water: ____ (in.)
- Depth to Free Water in Pit: ____ (in.)
- Depth to Saturated Soil: 0 (in.)

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators:
- ____ Inundated
- X Saturated in Upper 12 Inches
- ____ Water Marks
- ____ Drift Lines
- ____ Sediment Deposits
- X Drainage Patterns in Wetlands

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):
- ____ Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches
- ____ Water-Stained Leaves
- ____ Local Soil Survey Data
- ____ FAC-Neutral Test
- ____ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:
Hydrology indicator present with soils saturated to ground surface and drainage patterns.

SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): Gallatin-Shallow Muck Complex
Gallatin
Taxonomy (Subgroup): _____
Drainage Class: Imperfectly and Poorly-drained
Field Observations
Confirm Mapped Type? X Yes _____ No

Profile Description:

Depth inches	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0 – 8+	B	10 YR 2/1	--	--	Loam with large cobbles

Hydric Soil Indicators:

_____	Histosol	_____	Concretions
_____	Histic Epipedon	_____	High Organic Content in surface Layer in Sandy Soils
_____	Sulfidic Odor	_____	Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
_____	Aquic Moisture Regime	_____	Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
_____	Reducing Conditions	_____	Listed on National Hydric Soils List
X	Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	_____	Other (Explain in Remarks)

Hydric soil indicator present with low-chroma colors.

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? X Yes _____ No
Wetland Hydrology Present? X Yes _____ No
Hydric Soils Present? X Yes _____ No

Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? X Yes _____ No

Remarks:
Sampling point considered within a wetland and Waters of the U.S. Floodplain along Camp Creek developing into emergent and scrub-shrub wetland vegetation types.

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ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION
(1987 COE Wetlands Delineation Manual)

Project/Site: Camp Creek	Date: 08/01/06
Applicant/Owner: MDT	County: Ravalli
Investigator: Greg Howard	State: MT

Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site:	X	Yes		No	Community ID: Emergent
Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)?		Yes	x	No	Transect ID: 1
Is the area a potential Problem Area?:		Yes	x	No	Plot ID: 4
(If needed, explain on reverse.)					

VEGETATION

	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1	*Phalaris arundinacea*	H	FACW
2	*Agrostis alba*	H	FAC+
3	*Carex lanuginosa*	H	OBL
4	*Carex nebrascensis*	H	OBL
5	*Deschampsia cespitosa*	H	FACW

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-). 5/5 = 100%

Area dominated by hydrophytic vegetation.

HYDROLOGY

Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):
- ____ Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge
- ____ Aerial Photographs
- ____ Other
- X No Recorded Data Available

Field Observations:

Depth of Surface Water: ____ (in.)

Depth to Free Water in Pit: ____ (in.)

Depth to Saturated Soil: 8 (in.)

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators:
- ____ Inundated
- X Saturated in Upper 12 Inches
- ____ Water Marks
- ____ Drift Lines
- ____ Sediment Deposits
- X Drainage Patterns in Wetlands

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):
- ____ Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 Inches
- ____ Water-Stained Leaves
- ____ Local Soil Survey Data
- ____ FAC-Neutral Test
- ____ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Remarks:
Hydrology indicators present with saturated soils and drainage patterns.

SOILS

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): Gallatin-Shallow Muck Complex
Gallatin
Taxonomy (Subgroup): _____
Drainage Class: Imperfectly and Poorly-drained
Field Observations
Confirm Mapped Type? X Yes _____ No

Profile Description:

Depth inches	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0 – 3	O	10 YR 2/1	--	--	Roots & organics
3 – 5	A	10 YR 2/1	--	--	Sandy loam & roots
5 – 7	B	--	--	--	Sand with fine gravels
7 – 10+	A	10 YR 2/1	--	--	Sandy loam with fine to medium gravels

Hydric Soil Indicators:

_____	Histosol	_____	Concretions
_____	Histic Epipedon	X	High Organic Content in surface Layer in Sandy Soils
_____	Sulfidic Odor	_____	Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils
_____	Aquic Moisture Regime	_____	Listed on Local Hydric Soils List
_____	Reducing Conditions	_____	Listed on National Hydric Soils List
X	Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors	_____	Other (Explain in Remarks)

Hydric soil indicators present with low-chroma colors and high organic content in sandy soils.

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? X Yes _____ No
Wetland Hydrology Present? X Yes _____ No
Hydric Soils Present? X Yes _____ No

Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? X Yes _____ No

Remarks:
Sampling point is considered within an emergent wetland type. Located on upper terrace adjacent to created floodplain. Remnant wetlands not disturbed during construction efforts.

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MDT MONTANA WETLAND ASSESSMENT FORM (revised May 25, 1999)

1. Project Name: Camp Creek **2. Project #:** B43054.00-0106 **Control #:** _____

3. Evaluation Date: 8/1/2006 **4. Evaluator(s):** Greg Howard **5. Wetland / Site #(s):** AA-1, MDT Property

6. Wetland Location(s) i. T: 1 N **R:** 19 W **S:** 27 & 34 **T:** __ N **R:** __ E **S:** _____

ii. Approx. Stationing / Mileposts: _____

iii. Watershed: 3 - Lower Clark Fork **GPS Reference No. (if applies):** _____

Other Location Information: Located in Sula Basin; Reconstructed Camp Creek channel, floodplain, and adjacent emergent wetlands.

7. A. Evaluating Agency MDT

8. Wetland Size (total acres): _____ (visually estimated)
35.79 (measured, e.g. GPS)

B. Purpose of Evaluation:

- ☐ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
- ☐ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
- ☒ Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
- ☐ Other

9. Assessment Area (total acres): _____ (visually estimated)
35.79 (measured, e.g. GPS)

Comments: AA includes 0.95 acres of stream channel.

10. CLASSIFICATION OF WETLAND AND AQUATIC HABITATS IN AA

HGM CLASS [1]	SYSTEM [2]	SUBSYSTEM [2]	CLASS [2]	WATER REGIME [2]	MODIFIER [2]	% OF AA
Riverine	Riverine	Upper Perennial	Rock Bottom	Permanently Flooded	---	3
Riverine	Palustrine	---	Emergent Wetland	Seasonally Flooded	---	82
Riverine	Palustrine	---	Scrub-Shrub Wetland	Seasonally Flooded	---	15
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[1] = Smith et al. 1995. [2] = Cowardin et al. 1979.

Comments: _____

11. ESTIMATED RELATIVE ABUNDANCE (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin)
Common **Comments:** _____

12. GENERAL CONDITION OF AA

i. Regarding Disturbance: (Use matrix below to select appropriate response.)

Conditions Within AA	Predominant Conditions Adjacent (within 500 Feet) To AA		
	Land managed in predominantly natural state; is not grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain roads or buildings.	Land not cultivated, but moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged or has been subject to minor clearing; contains few roads or buildings.	Land cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density.
AA occurs and is managed in predominantly a natural state; is not grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain roads or occupied buildings.	---	low disturbance	---
AA not cultivated, but moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged or has been subject to relatively minor clearing, or fill placement, or hydrological alteration; contains few roads or buildings.	---	---	---
AA cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to relatively substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density.	---	---	---

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.) Past disturbances include grazing, clearing, and hydrologic alterations; currently low disturbance.

ii. Prominent weedy, alien, & introduced species: Spotted knapweed, bull thistle, Canada thistle, hound' tongue, pennycress, common dandelion, tumble mustard.

iii. Briefly describe AA and surrounding land use / habitat: AA located in Sula Basin, Camp Creek, and adjacent wetlands. USFS land & private ownership. Surround land use includes pasture, livestock grazing, and logging.

13. STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY (Based on 'Class' column of #10 above.)

Number of 'Cowardin' Vegetated Classes Present in AA	≥3 Vegetated Classes or ≥ 2 if one class is forested	2 Vegetated Classes or 1 if forested	≤ 1 Vegetated Class
Select Rating	---	Moderate	---

Comments: _____

14A. HABITAT FOR FEDERALLY LISTED OR PROPOSED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check box):

Primary or Critical habitat **(list species)**	☐ D ☐ S	_____
Secondary habitat **(list species)**	☒ D ☐ S	bull trout, bald eagle
Incidental habitat **(list species)**	☐ D ☐ S	_____
No usable habitat	☐ D ☐ S	_____

ii. Rating (Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14A(i) above, find the corresponding rating of High (H), Moderate (M), or Low (L) for this function.

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	none
Functional Point & Rating	---	---	.8 (M)	---	---	---	---

If documented, list the source (e.g., observations, records, etc.)**:** FWP records and observations; plus MDT obs pair of bald eagles hunting site in 2006.

14B. HABITAT FOR PLANTS AND ANIMALS RATED AS S1, S2, OR S3 BY THE MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM.
Do not include species listed in 14A(i).

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check box):

Primary or Critical habitat **(list species)**	☐ D ☒ S	west-slope cutthroat trout
Secondary habitat **(list species)**	☐ D ☐ S	_____
Incidental habitat **(list species)**	☐ D ☐ S	_____
No usable habitat	☐ D ☐ S	_____

ii. Rating: Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14B(i) above, find the corresponding rating of High (H), Moderate (M), or Low (L) for this function.

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	none
Functional Point & Rating	---	.8 (H)	---	---	---	---	---

If documented, list the source (e.g., observations, records, etc.)**:** FWP records assume ws cuthroat x rainbow hydrids, so ws not officially "documented".

14C. GENERAL WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA: Check either substantial, moderate, or low.

☐ **Substantial** (based on any of the following)
- ☐ 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
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

☐ **Low** (based on any of the following)
- ☐ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- ☐ little to no wildlife sign
- ☐ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of AA

☒ **Moderate** (based on any of the following)
- ☒ 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
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife Habitat Features: Working from top to bottom, select the AA attribute to determine the exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) rating. Structural diversity is from 13. For class cover to be considered evenly distributed, vegetated classes must be within 20% of each other in terms of their percent composition in the AA (see 10). Duration of Surface Water: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral; A= absent.

Structural Diversity (from 13)	☐**High**								☒**Moderate**								☐**Low**			
Class Cover Distribution (all vegetated classes)	☐**Even**				☐**Uneven**				☐**Even**				☒**Uneven**				☐**Even**			
Duration of Surface Water in ≥ 10% of AA	**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**
Low disturbance at AA (see 12)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	H	--	--	--	--	--	--
Moderate disturbance at AA (see 12)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
High disturbance at AA (see 12)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

iii. Rating: Use 14C(i) and 14C(ii) above and the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Evidence of Wildlife Use from 14C(i)	**Wildlife Habitat Features Rating** from 14C(ii)			
	☐ **Exceptional**	☒ **High**	☐ **Moderate**	☐ **Low**
Substantial	--	--	--	--
Moderate	--	.7 (M)	--	--
Low	--	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14D. GENERAL FISH / AQUATIC HABITAT RATING ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14E)

If the AA is not or was not historically used by fish due to lack of habitat or excessive gradient, then check the NA box above.
Assess if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [*e.g.* fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If fish use occurs in the AA but is not desired from a resource management perspective (*e.g.* fish use within an irrigation canal], then Habitat Quality [14D(i)] below should be marked as "Low", applied accordingly in 14D(ii) below, and noted in the comments.

i. Habitat Quality: Pick the appropriate AA attributes in matrix to determine the quality rating of exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L).

Duration of Surface Water in AA	☒**Permanent/Perennial**			☐**Seasonal / Intermittent**			☐**Temporary / Ephemeral**		
Cover - % of waterbody in AA containing cover objects (*e.g.* submerged logs, large rocks & boulders, overhanging banks, floating-leaved vegetation)	**>25%**	**10-25%**	**<10%**	**>25%**	**10-25%**	**<10%**	**>25%**	**10-25%**	**<10%**
Shading - >75% of streambank or shoreline of AA contains riparian or wetland scrub-shrub or forested communities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Shading – 50 to 75% of streambank or shoreline of AA contains riparian or wetland scrub-shrub or forested communities.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Shading - < 50% of streambank or shoreline of AA contains riparian or wetland scrub-shrub or forested communities.	--	M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

ii. Modified Habitat Quality: Is fish use of the AA precluded or significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, other man-made structure or activity **or** is the waterbody included on the 'MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development' with 'Probable Impaired Uses' listed as cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support**?**
☐ **Y** ☒ **N** If yes, reduce the rating from 14D(i) by one level and check the modified habitat quality rating: ☐ E ☐ H ☐ M ☐ L

iii. Rating: Use the conclusions from 14D(i) and 14D(ii) above and the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L).

Types of Fish Known or Suspected within AA	**Modified Habitat Quality** from 14D(ii)			
	☐ **Exceptional**	☐ **High**	☒ **Moderate**	☐ **Low**
Native game fish	--	--	.7 (M)	--
Introduced game fish	--	--	--	--
Non-game fish	--	--	--	--
No fish	--	--	--	--

Comments: Reconstructed channel supports native fish populations. Enhancement of habitat: pools, riffles, and overhanging banks. Ratings will improve with establishment of woody vegetation.

14E. FLOOD ATTENUATION ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14G)

Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA do not flood from in-channel or overbank flow, then check NA.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, mark the appropriate attributes to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Estimated wetland area in AA subject to periodic flooding	☒ **≥ 10 acres**			☐ **<10, >2 acres**			☐ **≤2 acres**		
% of flooded wetland classified as forested, scrub/shrub, or both	**75%**	**25-75%**	**<25%**	**75%**	**25-75%**	**<25%**	**75%**	**25-75%**	**<25%**
AA contains **no outlet or restricted outlet**	--	--	.6 (M)	--	--	--	--	--	--
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

ii. Are residences, businesses, or other features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 miles downstream of the AA? (check)
☒**Y** ☐**N** **Comments:** USFS offices downstream, adjacent parcel with MDT boundary.

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 NA above.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.
P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral.

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding**.**	☒ **>5 acre feet**			☐ **<5, >1 acre feet**			☐ **≤1 acre foot**		
Duration of surface water at wetlands within the AA	**P/P**	**S/I**	**T/E**	**P/P**	**S/I**	**T/E**	**P/P**	**S/I**	**T/E**
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **≥ 5 out of 10 years**	1 (H)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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 wetlands with the potential to receive excess 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 NA above.

i. Rating Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Sediment, Nutrient, and Toxicant Input Levels Within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use has potential to deliver low to moderate levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody 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	☒ **≥ 70%**		☐ **< 70%**		☐ **≥ 70%**		☐ **< 70%**	
Evidence of flooding or ponding in AA	☒ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9 (H)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Comments: Minor sedimentation due to logging and recent forest fires.

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 that is subject to wave action. If this does not apply, then check NA above.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

% Cover of wetland streambank or shoreline by species with deep, binding rootmasses.	Duration of Surface Water Adjacent to Rooted Vegetation		
	☒Permanent / Perennial	☐Seasonal / Intermittent	☐Temporary / Ephemeral
≥ 65 %	1 (H)	--	--
35-64 %	--	--	--
< 35 %	--	--	--

Comments: Increased density of willows and wetland grasses / grass-like plants along streambanks.

14I. PRODUCTION EXPORT / FOOD CHAIN SUPPORT

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.
A = acreage of vegetated component in the AA. **B** = structural diversity rating from #13. **C** = Yes (Y) or No (N) as to whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet. **P/P** = permanent/perennial; **S/I** = seasonal/intermittent; **T/E/A**= temporary/ephemeral/absent.

A	☒ Vegetated component >5 acres						☐ Vegetated component 1-5 acres						☐ Vegetated component <1 acre					
B	☐ High		☒ Moderate		☐ Low		☐ High		☐ Moderate		☐ Low		☐ High		☐ Moderate		☐ Low	
C	☐Y	☐N	☒Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N
P/P	--	--	.9H	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
S/I	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T/E/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14J. GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE / RECHARGE (DR) (Check the indicators in i & ii below that apply to the AA.)

i. ☒ Discharge Indicators
- ☐ Springs 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.
- ☐ Other _____

ii. ☒ Recharge Indicators
- ☒ Permeable substrate presents without underlying impeding layer.
- ☐ Wetland contains inlet but not outlet.
- ☐ Other _____

iii. Rating: Use information from 14J(i) and 14J(ii) above and the table below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H) or low (L) for this function.

Criteria	Functional Point and Rating
AA has known Discharge/Recharge area or one or more indicators of D/R present	1 (H)
No Discharge/Recharge indicators present	--
Available Discharge/Recharge information inadequate to rate AA D/R potential	--

Comments: Channel & floodplain located in Sula Basin. Steep slopes on both sides of basin. Wetland occuring along toe of slope.

14K. UNIQUENESS

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

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.		
Estimated Relative Abundance from 11	☐rare	☐common	☐abundant	☐rare	☐common	☐abundant	☐rare	☒common	☐abundant
Low disturbance at AA (12i)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.4M	--
Moderate disturbance at AA (12i)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
High disturbance at AA (12i)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14L. RECREATION / EDUCATION POTENTIAL

i. Is the AA a known recreational or educational site? ☐ **Yes** [**Rate** ☐ **High (1.0)**, then proceed to 14L(ii) only] ☒ **No** [Proceed to 14L(iii)]

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: ☒ Educational / scientific study ☒ Consumptive rec. ☒ Non-consumptive rec. ☐ Other

iii. Based on the location, diversity, size, and other site attributes, is there a strong potential for recreational or educational use?
☒ **Yes** [Proceed to 14L (ii) and then 14L(iv)] ☐ **No** [Rate as low in 14L(iv)]

iv. Rating Use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Ownership	Disturbance at AA from 12(i)		
	☒ Low	☐ Moderate	☐ High
Public ownership	1(H)	--	--
Private ownership	--	--	--

Comments: Good potential for recreation/education as located along Highway 93.

FUNCTION, VALUE SUMMARY, AND OVERALL RATING

Function and Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units (Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	moderate	0.80	1	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	high	0.80	1	
C. General Wildlife Habitat	moderate	0.70	1	
D. General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	moderate	0.70	1	
E. Flood Attenuation	moderate	0.60	1	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	high	1.00	1	
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	high	0.9	1	
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	high	1.00	1	
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	high	0.90	1	
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	high	1.00	1	
K. Uniqueness	moderate	0.40	1	
L. Recreation/Education Potential	high	1.00	1	
	Total:	**9.80**	**12.00**	____
	Percent of Total Possible Points:		**82%** (Actual / Possible) x 100 [rd to nearest whole #]	

Category I Wetland: (Must satisfy **one** of the following criteria. If not satisfied, proceed 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 total Possible Points is > 80%.

Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied **and** meets any **one** of the following Category II criteria. If not satisfied, proceed to Category IV.)
- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for Species Rated S1, S2, or S3 by the MT Natural Heritage Program; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish/Aquatic 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 total possible points is > 65%.

☐ **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 satisfied, return to Category III.)
- ☐ "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
- ☐ "Low" rating for Production Export / Food Chain Support; **and**
- ☐ Percent of total possible points is < 30%.

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

☒ **I** ☐ **II** ☐ **III** ☐ **IV**

MDT MONTANA WETLAND ASSESSMENT FORM (revised May 25, 1999)

1. Project Name: Camp Creek **2. Project #:** B43054.00-0106 **Control #:** _____

3. Evaluation Date: 8/1/2006 **4. Evaluator(s):** Greg Howard **5. Wetland / Site #(s):** AA-2; Grasser Property

6. Wetland Location(s) i. T: 1 N **R:** 19 W **S:** 22, 27, & 34 **T:** __ N **R:** __ E **S:** _____

ii. Approx. Stationing / Mileposts: _____

iii. Watershed: 3 - Lower Clark Fork **GPS Reference No. (if applies):** _____

Other Location Information: Located in Sula Basin; Reconstructed Camp Creek channel, floodplain, and adjacent emergent wetlands.

7. A. Evaluating Agency MDT

8. Wetland Size (total acres): _____ (visually estimated)
8.13 (measured, e.g. GPS)

B. Purpose of Evaluation:

- ☐ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
- ☐ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
- ☒ Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
- ☐ Other

9. Assessment Area (total acres): _____ (visually estimated)
8.13 (measured, e.g. GPS)

Comments: AA includes 1.2 acres of stream channel.

10. CLASSIFICATION OF WETLAND AND AQUATIC HABITATS IN AA

HGM CLASS [1]	SYSTEM [2]	SUBSYSTEM [2]	CLASS [2]	WATER REGIME [2]	MODIFIER [2]	% OF AA
Riverine	Palustrine	None	Emergent Wetland	Seasonally Flooded	---	80
Riverine	Riverine	Upper Perennial	Rock Bottom	Permanently Flooded	---	15
Riverine	Palustrine	None	Scrub-Shrub Wetland	Seasonally Flooded	---	5
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[1] = Smith et al. 1995. [2] = Cowardin et al. 1979.

Comments: _____

11. ESTIMATED RELATIVE ABUNDANCE (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin)
Abundant **Comments:** _____

12. GENERAL CONDITION OF AA

i. Regarding Disturbance: (Use matrix below to select appropriate response.)

Conditions Within AA	Predominant Conditions Adjacent (within 500 Feet) To AA		
	Land managed in predominantly natural state; is not grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain roads or buildings.	Land not cultivated, but moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged or has been subject to minor clearing; contains few roads or buildings.	Land cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density.
AA occurs and is managed in predominantly a natural state; is not grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain roads or occupied buildings.	---	---	---
AA not cultivated, but moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged or has been subject to relatively minor clearing, or fill placement, or hydrological alteration; contains few roads or buildings.	---	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.	---	---	---

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.) Historically and currently grazed.

ii. Prominent weedy, alien, & introduced species: Spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, hound' tongue, pennycress, common dandelion, and tumble mustard.

iii. Briefly describe AA and surrounding land use / habitat: Camp Creek and adjacent wetland within the Sula Basin. Land uses include pasture, logging, private, and USFS.

13. STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY (Based on 'Class' column of #10 above.)

Number of 'Cowardin' Vegetated Classes Present in AA	≥3 Vegetated Classes or ≥ 2 if one class is forested	2 Vegetated Classes or 1 if forested	≤ 1 Vegetated Class
Select Rating	---	Moderate	---

Comments: _____

14A. HABITAT FOR FEDERALLY LISTED OR PROPOSED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check box):

Primary or Critical habitat **(list species)**	☐ D	☐ S	_____
Secondary habitat **(list species)**	☒ D	☐ S	bull trout, bald eagle
Incidental habitat **(list species)**	☐ D	☐ S	_____
No usable habitat	☐ D	☐ S	_____

ii. Rating (Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14A(i) above, find the corresponding rating of High (H), Moderate (M), or Low (L) for this function.

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	none
Functional Point & Rating	---	---	.8 (M)	---	---	---	---

If documented, list the source (e.g., observations, records, etc.)**:** FWP records and observations on MDT site.

14B. HABITAT FOR PLANTS AND ANIMALS RATED AS S1, S2, OR S3 BY THE MONTANA NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM.
Do not include species listed in 14A(i).

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check box):

Primary or Critical habitat **(list species)**	☐ D	☒ S	west-slope cutthroat trout
Secondary habitat **(list species)**	☐ D	☐ S	_____
Incidental habitat **(list species)**	☐ D	☐ S	_____
No usable habitat	☐ D	☐ S	_____

ii. Rating: Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14B(i) above, find the corresponding rating of High (H), Moderate (M), or Low (L) for this function.

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	none
Functional Point & Rating	---	.8 (H)	---	---	---	---	---

If documented, list the source (e.g., observations, records, etc.)**:** FWP records assume ws cuthroat x rainbow hydrids, so ws not officially "documented".

14C. GENERAL WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA: Check either substantial, moderate, or low.

☐ **Substantial** (based on any of the following)
- ☐ 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
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

☐ **Low** (based on any of the following)
- ☐ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- ☐ little to no wildlife sign
- ☐ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of AA

☒ **Moderate** (based on any of the following)
- ☒ 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
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife Habitat Features: Working from top to bottom, select the AA attribute to determine the exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) rating. Structural diversity is from 13. For class cover to be considered evenly distributed, vegetated classes must be within 20% of each other in terms of their percent composition in the AA (see 10). Duration of Surface Water: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral; A= absent.

Structural Diversity (from 13)	☐**High**								☒**Moderate**								☐**Low**			
Class Cover Distribution (all vegetated classes)	☐**Even**				☐**Uneven**				☐**Even**				☒**Uneven**				☐**Even**			
Duration of Surface Water in ≥ 10% of AA	**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**
Low disturbance at AA (see 12)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Moderate disturbance at AA (see 12)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	H	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
High disturbance at AA (see 12)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

iii. Rating: Use 14C(i) and 14C(ii) above and the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Evidence of Wildlife Use from 14C(i)	**Wildlife Habitat Features Rating** from 14C(ii)			
	☐ **Exceptional**	☒ **High**	☐ **Moderate**	☐ **Low**
Substantial	--	--	--	--
Moderate	--	.7 (M)	--	--
Low	--	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14D. GENERAL FISH / AQUATIC HABITAT RATING ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14E)

If the AA is not or was not historically used by fish due to lack of habitat or excessive gradient, then check the NA box above.
Assess if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [*e.g.* fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If fish use occurs in the AA but is not desired from a resource management perspective (*e.g.* fish use within an irrigation canal], then Habitat Quality [14D(i)] below should be marked as "Low", applied accordingly in 14D(ii) below, and noted in the comments.

i. Habitat Quality: Pick the appropriate AA attributes in matrix to determine the quality rating of exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L).

Duration of Surface Water in AA	☒**Permanent/Perennial**			☐**Seasonal / Intermittent**			☐**Temporary / Ephemeral**		
Cover - % of waterbody in AA containing cover objects (*e.g.* submerged logs, large rocks & boulders, overhanging banks, floating-leaved vegetation)	**>25%**	**10-25%**	**<10%**	**>25%**	**10-25%**	**<10%**	**>25%**	**10-25%**	**<10%**
Shading - >75% of streambank or shoreline of AA contains riparian or wetland scrub-shrub or forested communities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Shading – 50 to 75% of streambank or shoreline of AA contains riparian or wetland scrub-shrub or forested communities.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Shading - < 50% of streambank or shoreline of AA contains riparian or wetland scrub-shrub or forested communities.	--	--	M	--	--	--	--	--	--

ii. Modified Habitat Quality: Is fish use of the AA precluded or significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, other man-made structure or activity **or** is the waterbody included on the 'MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development' with 'Probable Impaired Uses' listed as cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support**?**
☐ **Y** ☒ **N** If yes, reduce the rating from 14D(i) by one level and check the modified habitat quality rating: ☐ E ☐ H ☐ M ☐ L

iii. Rating: Use the conclusions from 14D(i) and 14D(ii) above and the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L).

Types of Fish Known or Suspected within AA	**Modified Habitat Quality** from 14D(ii)			
	☐ **Exceptional**	☐ **High**	☒ **Moderate**	☐ **Low**
Native game fish	--	--	.7 (M)	--
Introduced game fish	--	--	--	--
Non-game fish	--	--	--	--
No fish	--	--	--	--

Comments: Reconstructed channel supports native fish populations. Enhancement of habitat: pools, riffles, and overhanging banks. Ratings will improve with establishment of woody vegetation.

14E. FLOOD ATTENUATION ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14G)

Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA do not flood from in-channel or overbank flow, then check NA.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, mark the appropriate attributes to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Estimated wetland area in AA subject to periodic flooding	☐ **≥ 10 acres**			☒ **<10, >2 acres**			☐ **≤2 acres**		
% of flooded wetland classified as forested, scrub/shrub, or both	**75%**	**25-75%**	**<25%**	**75%**	**25-75%**	**<25%**	**75%**	**25-75%**	**<25%**
AA contains **no outlet or restricted outlet**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	--	--	--	--	--	.4 (M)	--	--	--

ii. Are residences, businesses, or other features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 miles downstream of the AA? (check)
☒**Y** ☐**N** **Comments:** USFS offices downstream & several other homes located nearby.

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 NA above.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.
P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral.

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding**.**	☐ **>5 acre feet**			☒ **<5, >1 acre feet**			☐ **≤1 acre foot**		
Duration of surface water at wetlands within the AA	**P/P**	**S/I**	**T/E**	**P/P**	**S/I**	**T/E**	**P/P**	**S/I**	**T/E**
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **≥ 5 out of 10 years**	--	--	--	--	.6 (M)	--	--	--	--
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 wetlands with the potential to receive excess 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 NA above.

i. Rating Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Sediment, Nutrient, and Toxicant Input Levels Within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use has potential to deliver low to moderate levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody 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	☐ **≥ 70%**		☒ **< 70%**		☐ **≥ 70%**		☐ **< 70%**	
Evidence of flooding or ponding in AA	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☒ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	--	--	.6 (M)	--	--	--	--	--

Comments: Minor sediment from nearby burned forest. Potential nutrient input due to heavy livestock grazing in Sula Basin.

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 that is subject to wave action. If this does not apply, then check NA above.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating exceptional (E), high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

% Cover of wetland streambank or shoreline by species with deep, binding rootmasses.	Duration of Surface Water Adjacent to Rooted Vegetation		
	☒Permanent / Perennial	☐Seasonal / Intermittent	☐Temporary / Ephemeral
≥ 65 %	--	--	--
35-64 %	.7 (M)	--	--
< 35 %	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14I. PRODUCTION EXPORT / FOOD CHAIN SUPPORT

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function. **A** = acreage of vegetated component in the AA. **B** = structural diversity rating from #13. **C** = Yes (Y) or No (N) as to whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet. **P/P** = permanent/perennial; **S/I** = seasonal/intermittent; **T/E/A**= temporary/ephemeral/absent.

A	☒ Vegetated component >5 acres						☐ Vegetated component 1-5 acres						☐ Vegetated component <1 acre					
B	☐ High		☒ Moderate		☐ Low		☐ High		☐ Moderate		☐ Low		☐ High		☐ Moderate		☐ Low	
C	☐Y	☐N	☒Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N	☐Y	☐N
P/P	--	--	.9H	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
S/I	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T/E/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14J. GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE / RECHARGE (DR) (Check the indicators in i & ii below that apply to the AA.)

i. ☒ Discharge Indicators

- ☐ Springs 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.
- ☐ Other _____

ii. ☒ Recharge Indicators

- ☒ Permeable substrate presents without underlying impeding layer.
- ☐ Wetland contains inlet but not outlet.
- ☐ Other _____

iii. Rating: Use information from 14J(i) and 14J(ii) above and the table below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H) or low (L) for this function.

Criteria	Functional Point and Rating
AA has known Discharge/Recharge area or one or more indicators of D/R present	1 (H)
No Discharge/Recharge indicators present	--
Available Discharge/Recharge information inadequate to rate AA D/R potential	--

Comments: _____

14K. UNIQUENESS

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

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.		
Estimated Relative Abundance from 11	☐rare	☐common	☐abundant	☐rare	☐common	☐abundant	☐rare	☐common	☒abundant
Low disturbance at AA (12i)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Moderate disturbance at AA (12i)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.2L
High disturbance at AA (12i)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Comments: _____

14L. RECREATION / EDUCATION POTENTIAL

i. Is the AA a known recreational or educational site? ☐ **Yes** [**Rate** ☐ **High (1.0)**, then proceed to 14L(ii) only] ☒ **No** [Proceed to 14L(iii)]

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: ☒ Educational / scientific study ☒ Consumptive rec. ☒ Non-consumptive rec. ☐ Other

iii. Based on the location, diversity, size, and other site attributes, is there a strong potential for recreational or educational use?

☒ **Yes** [Proceed to 14L (ii) and then 14L(iv)] ☐ **No** [Rate as low in 14L(iv)]

iv. Rating Use the matrix below to arrive at the functional point and rating of high (H), moderate (M), or low (L) for this function.

Ownership	Disturbance at AA from 12(i)		
	☐ Low	☒ Moderate	☐ High
Public ownership	--	--	--
Private ownership	--	.3(L)	--

Comments: Good potential for recreation/education as it is adjacent to Highway 93, though under private ownership.

FUNCTION, VALUE SUMMARY, AND OVERALL RATING

Function and Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units (Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	moderate	0.80	1	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	high	0.80	1	
C. General Wildlife Habitat	moderate	0.70	1	
D. General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	moderate	0.70	1	
E. Flood Attenuation	moderate	0.40	1	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	moderate	0.60	1	
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	moderate	0.60	1	
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	moderate	0.70	1	
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	high	0.90	1	
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	high	1.00	1	
K. Uniqueness	low	0.20	1	
L. Recreation/Education Potential	low	0.30	1	
	Total:	**7.70**	**12.00**	____
		Percent of Total Possible Points:	**64%** (Actual / Possible) x 100 [rd to nearest whole #]	

Category I Wetland: (Must satisfy **one** of the following criteria. If not satisfied, proceed 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 total Possible Points is > 80%.

Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied **and** meets any **one** of the following Category II criteria. If not satisfied, proceed to Category IV.)
- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for Species Rated S1, S2, or S3 by the MT Natural Heritage Program; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish/Aquatic 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 total possible points is > 65%.

☒ **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 satisfied, return to Category III.)
- ☐ "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
- ☐ "Low" rating for Production Export / Food Chain Support; **and**
- ☐ Percent of total possible points is < 30%.

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

☐ **I** ☐ **II** ☒ **III** ☐ **IV**

Appendix C

REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
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CAMP CREEK MITIGATION SITE 2006

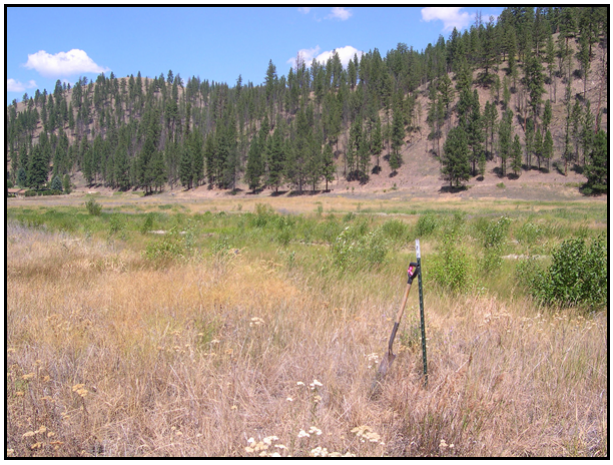

Photo Point No. 1: View looking northeast along vegetation transect, end point in foreground.

Photo Point No. 2: View looking southwest along vegetation transect, starting point in foreground, located in upland community type.

Photo Point No. 3: View looking northeast, constructed Camp Creek channel and floodplain margins. Area becoming dominated by wetland species.

Photo Point No. 4: View looking north, floodplain margins with emergent wetland and riparian vegetation. Large containerized cottonwood and aspen plantings.

Photo Point No. 7: View looking south; lowest section of Camp Creek channel, north boundary of MDT parcel.

Photo Point No. 8: View looking west across mitigation site, upland community type in foreground. Area dominated by mostly invasive species.

Photo Point No. 9: View looking north, main channel just below second culvert.

Photo Point No. 10: View looking south towards channel, increased herbaceous cover along floodplain margins.

Photo Point No. 12: View looking south, main channel running along Grasser structures, shrub community present.

Photo Point No. 13: View looking south, straight sections of main channel running across upper portion of Grasser parcel.

Photo Point No. 5: Panoramic view looking west across site. Representative photo of channel and adjacent floodplains present at Camp Creek. Floodplain areas dominated by mostly wetland and riparian species. Areas of floodplain with saturated soils during late summer visit. The shrub and tree plantings showing new vigorous growth.

Photo Point No. 11: View looking north along creek, road crossing and culvert near Grasser complex. Area dominated by spotted knapweed.

Appendix D

ORIGINAL SITE PLAN

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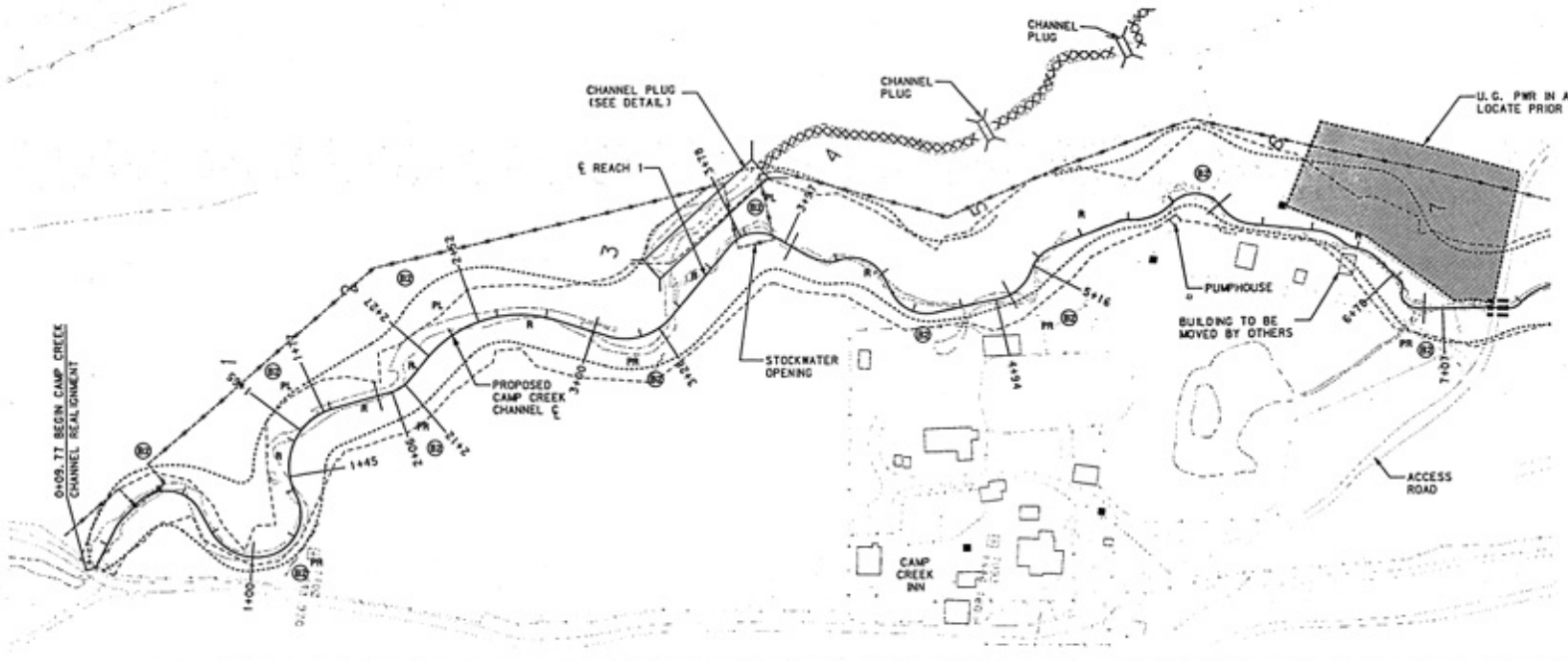

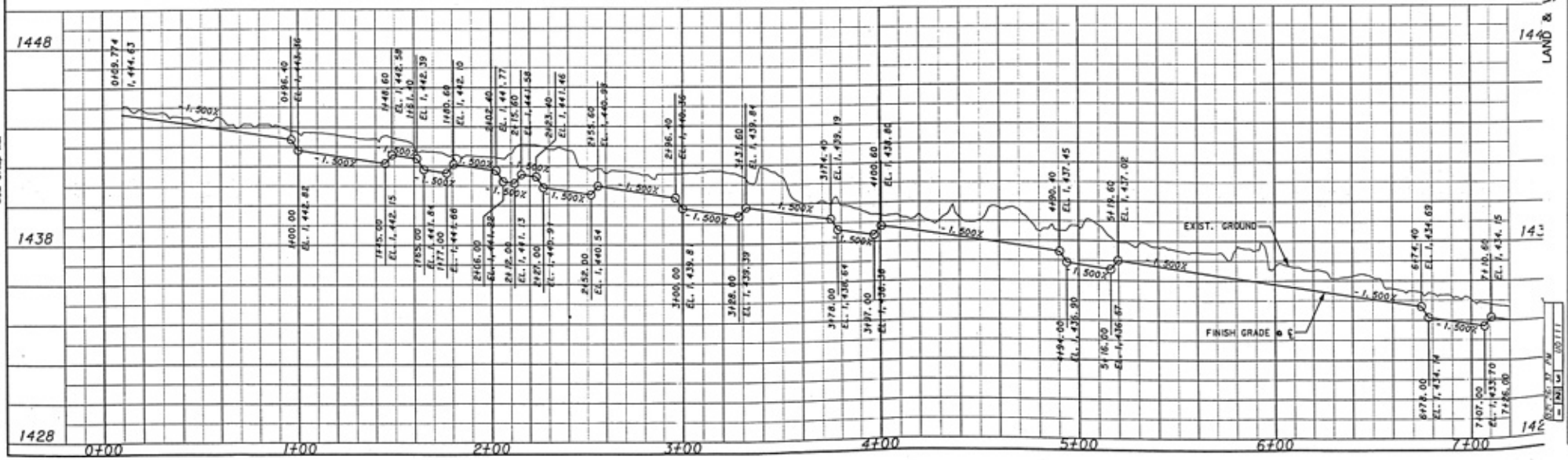

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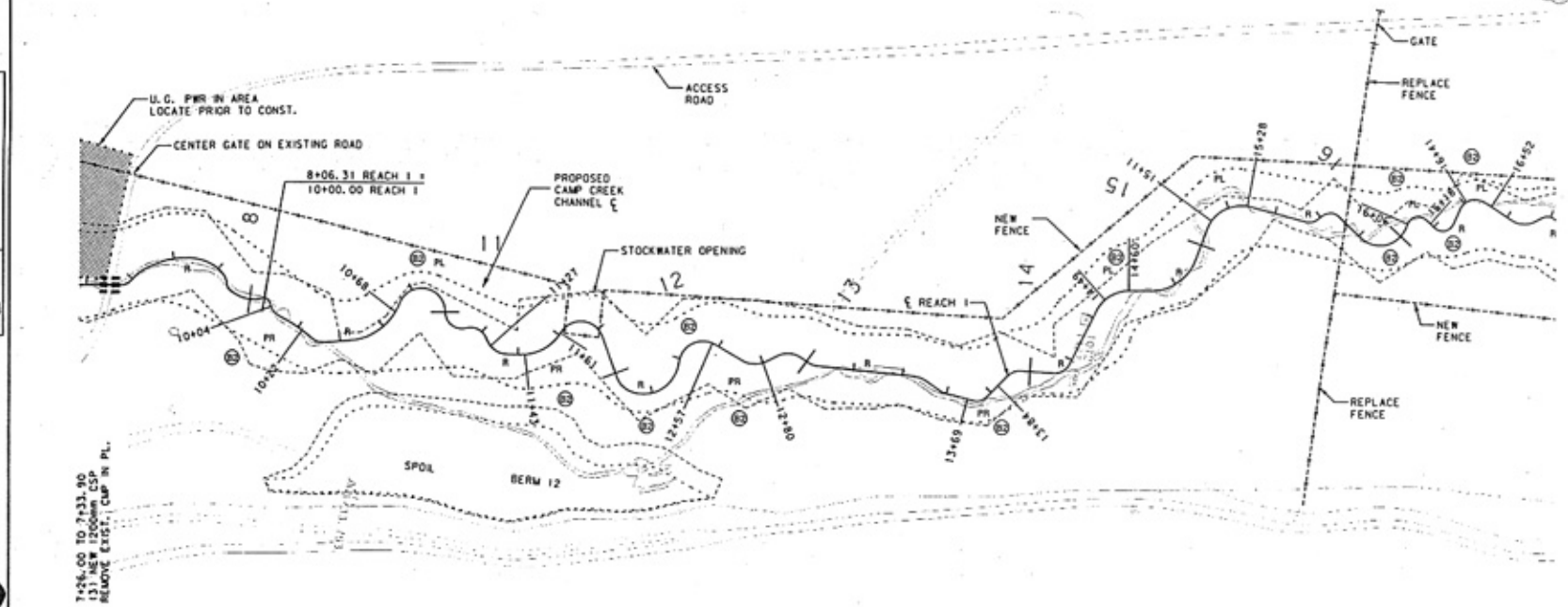

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- PL POOL LEFT
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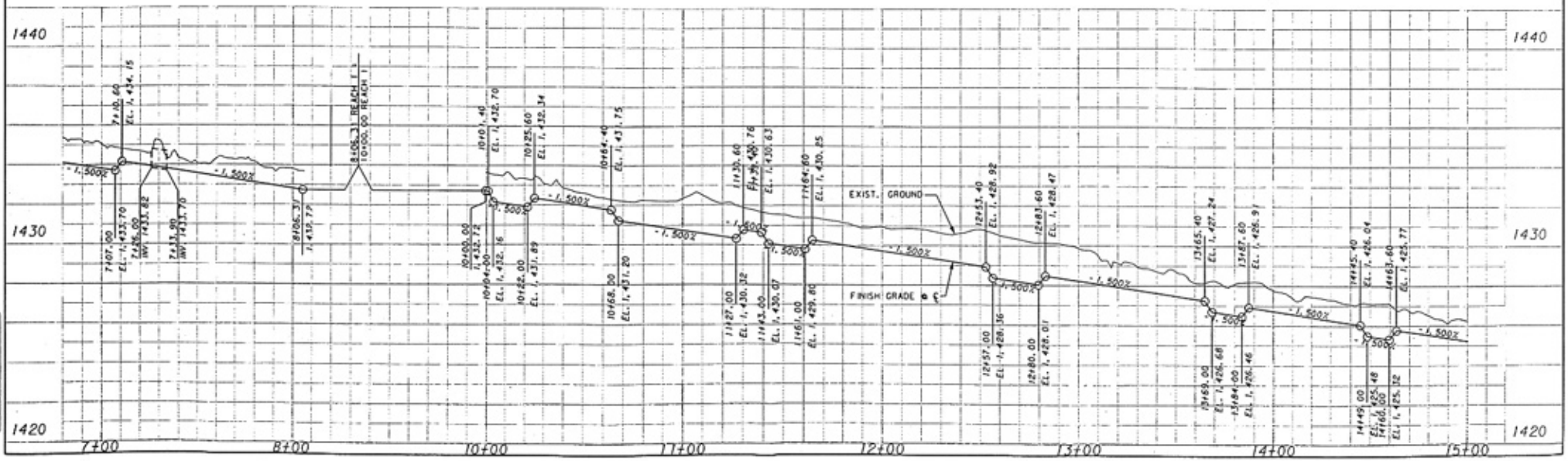

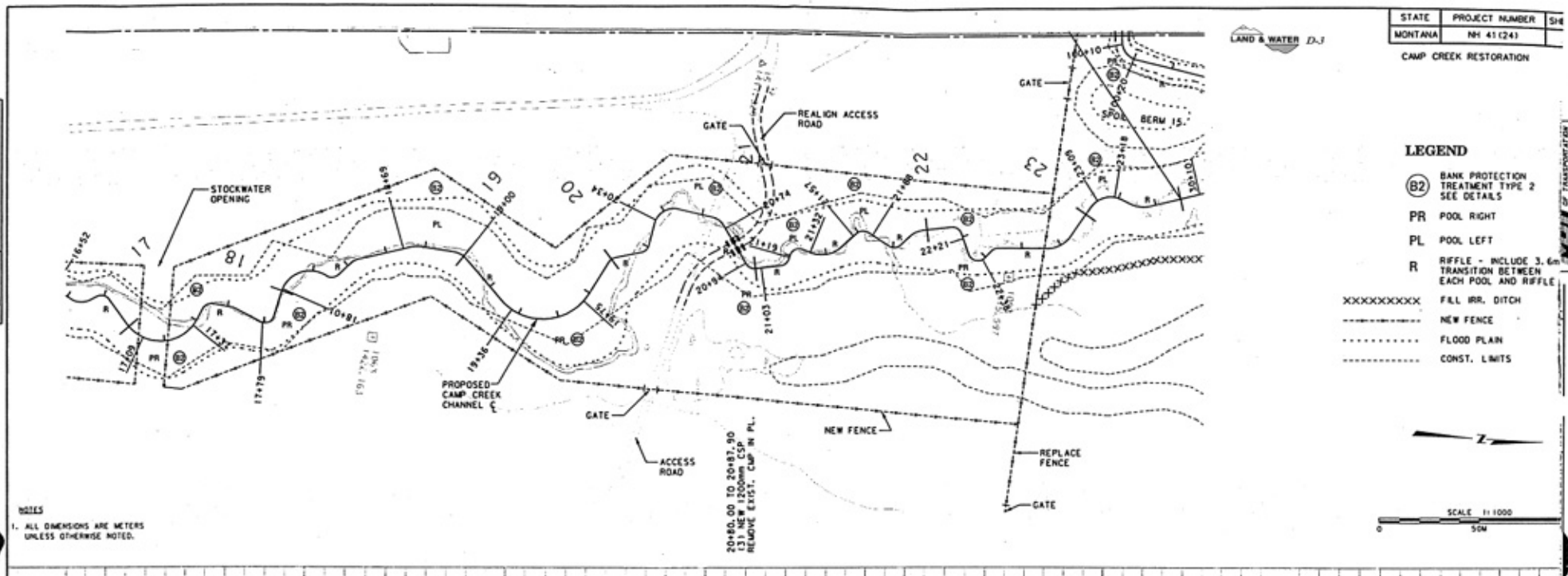

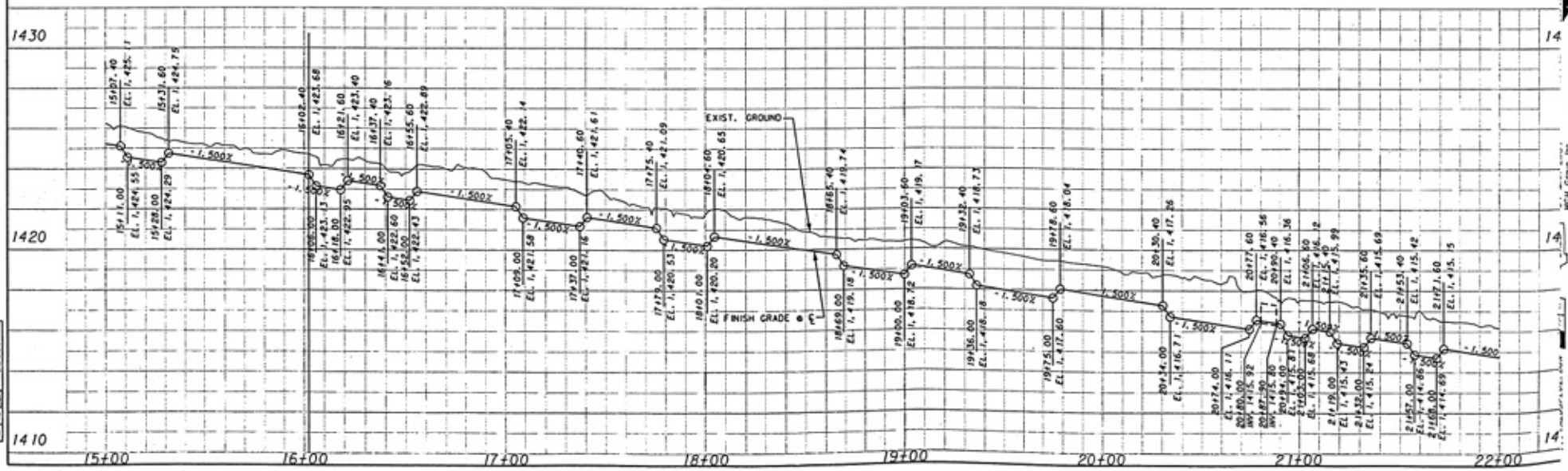

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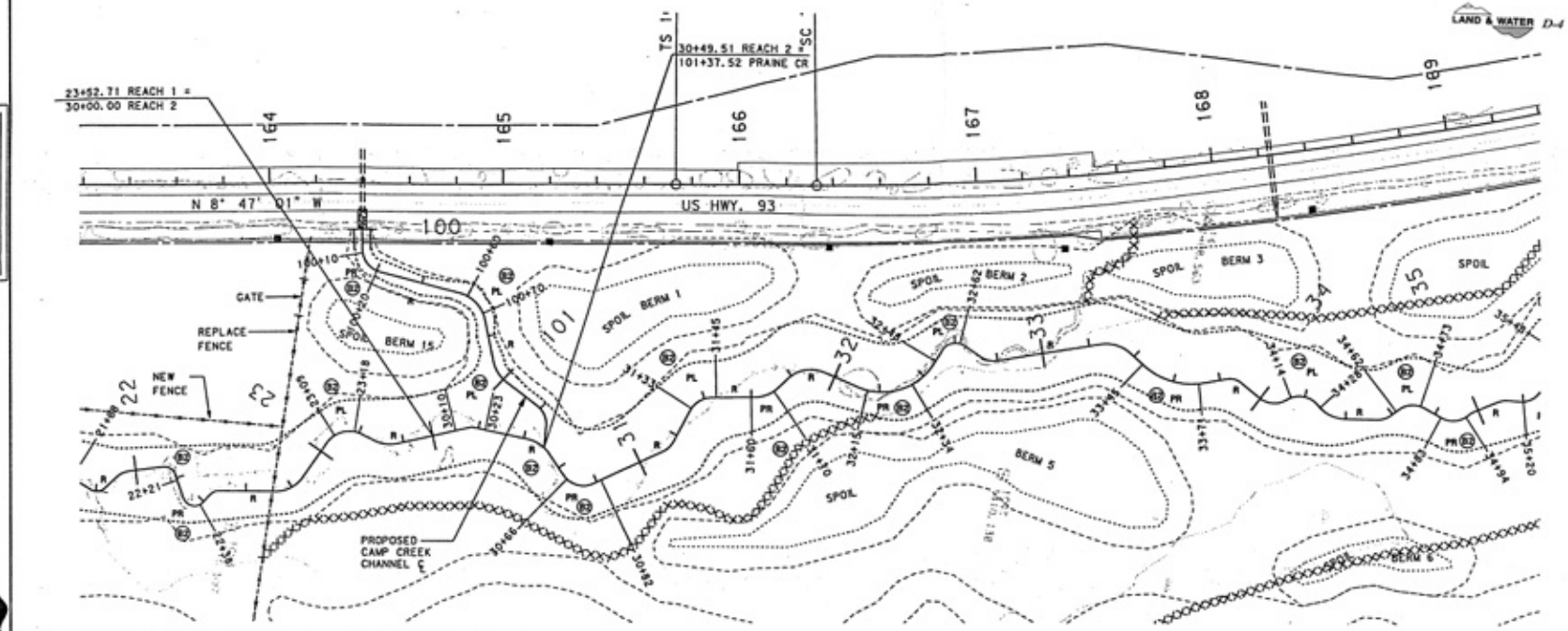

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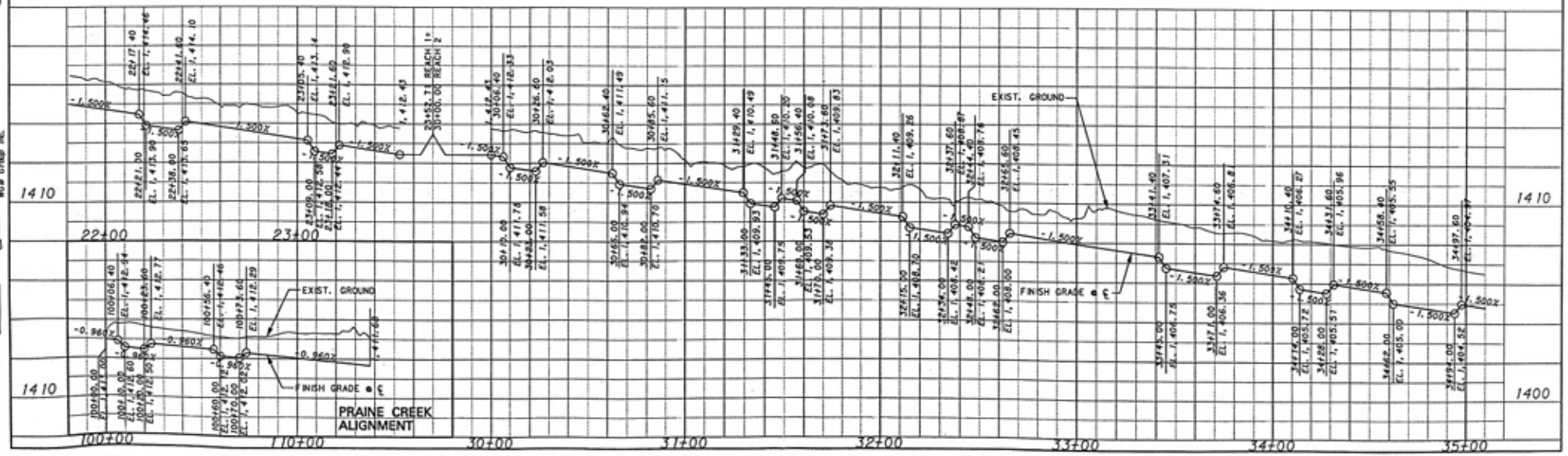

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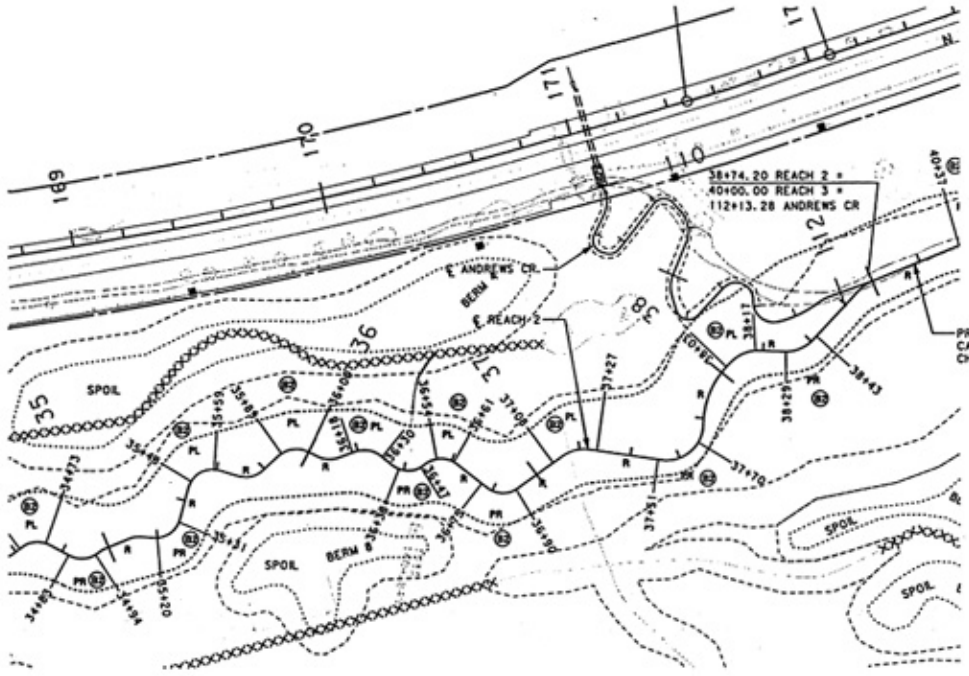

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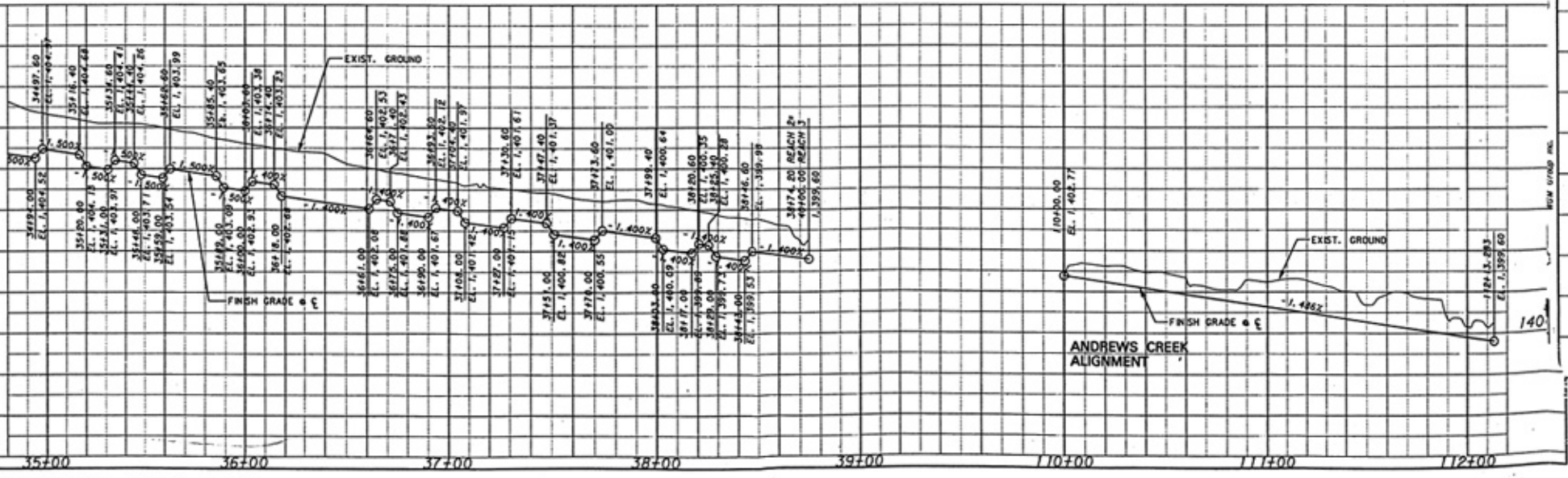

Appendix E

BIRD SURVEY PROTOCOL
GPS PROTOCOL

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
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BIRD SURVEY PROTOCOL

The following is an outline of the MDT Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Bird Survey Protocol. Though each site is vastly different, the bird survey data collection methods must be standardized to a certain degree to increase repeatability. An Area Search within a restricted time frame will be used to collect the following data: a bird species list, density, behavior, and habitat-type use. There will be some decisions that team members must make to fit the protocol to their particular site. Each of the following sections and the desired result describes the protocol established to reflect bird species use over time.

Species Use within the Mitigation Wetland: Survey Method

Result: To conduct a bird survey of the wetland mitigation site within a restricted period of time and the budget allotment.

Sites that can be circumambulated or walked throughout.

These types of sites will include ponds, enhanced historic river channels, wet meadows, and any area that can be surveyed from the entirety of its perimeter or walked throughout. If the wetland is not uncomfortably inundated, conduct several "meandering" transects through the site in an orderly fashion (record the number and approximate location/direction of the transects in the field notebook; they do not have to be formalized or staked). If a very small portion of the site cannot be crossed due to inundation, this method will also apply. Though the sizes of the site vary, each site will require surveying to the fullest extent possible within a set time limit. The optimum times to conduct the survey are in the morning hours. Conduct the survey from sunrise to no later than 11:00 AM. (Note: some sites may have to be surveyed in the late afternoon or evening due to time constraints or weather; if this is the case, record the time of day and include this information in your report discussion.) If the survey is completed before 11:00 AM and no additions are being made to the list, then the task is complete. The overall limiting factor regarding the number of hours that are spent conducting this survey is the number of budgeted hours; this determination must be made by site by each individual.

In many cases, binoculars will be the only instrument that is needed to identify and count the birds using the wetland. If the wetland includes deep water habitat that can not be assessed with binoculars, then a scope and tripod are necessary. If this is the case, establish as many lookout posts as necessary from key vantage points to collect the data. Depending on the size of the open water, more time may be spent viewing the mitigation area from these vantage points than is spent walking the peripheries of more shallow-water wetlands.

Sites that cannot be circumambulated.

These types of sites will include large-bodied waters, such as reservoirs, particularly those with deep water habitat (>6 ft) close to the shore and no wetland development in that area of the shoreline. If one area of the reservoir was graded in such a way to create or enhance the development of a wetland, then that will be the area in which the ambulatory bird survey is conducted. The team member must then determine the length of the shoreline that will be surveyed during each visit.

As stated above in the ambulatory site section, these large sites most likely will have to be surveyed from established vantage points.

Species Use within the Mitigation Wetland: Data Recording

Result: A complete list of bird species using the site, an estimate of bird densities and associated behaviors, and identification of habitat use.

1. Bird Species List

Record the bird species on the Bird Survey - Field Data Sheet using the appropriate 4-letter code of the common name. The coding uses the first two letters of the first two words of the birds' common name or if one name, the first four (4) letters. For example, mourning dove is coded MODO and mallard is MALL. If an unknown individual is observed, use the following protocol and define your abbreviation at the bottom of the field data sheet: unknown shorebird: UNSB; unknown brown bird (UNBR); unknown warbler (UNWA); unknown waterfowl (UNWF). For a flyover of a flock of unknown species, use a term that describes the birds' general characteristics and include the approximate flock size in parentheses; do not fill in the habitat column. For example, a flock of black, medium-sized birds could be coded: UNBB / FO (25). You may also note on the data sheet if that particular individual is using a constructed nest box.

2. Bird Density

In the office, sum the Bird Survey – Field Data Sheet data by species and by behavior. Record this data in the Bird Summary Table.

3. Bird Behavior

Bird behavior must be identified by what is known. When a species is simply observed, the behavior that it is immediately exhibiting is what is recorded. Only behaviors that have discreet descriptive terms should be used. The following terms are recommended: breeding pair individual (BP); foraging (F); flyover (FO); loafing (L; e.g. sleeping, roosting, floating with head tucked under wing are loafing behaviors); and, nesting (N). If more behaviors are observed that do have a specific descriptive word, use them and we will add it to the protocol; descriptive words or phrases such as "migrating" or "living on site" are unknown behaviors.

4. Bird Species Habitat Use

We are interested in what bird species are using which particular habitat within the mitigation wetlands. This data is easily collected by simply recording what habitat the species was initially observed. Use the following broad category habitat classifications: aquatic bed (AB - rooted floating, floating-leaved, or submergent vegetation); forested (FO); marsh (MA – cattail, bulrush, emergent vegetation, etc. with surface water); open water (OW – primarily unvegetated); scrub-shrub (SS); and upland buffer (UP); wet meadow (WM – sedges, rushes, grasses with little to no surface water). If other categories are observed onsite that are not suggested here, we will make a new category next year.

GPS Mapping and Aerial Photo Referencing Procedure

The wetland boundaries, photograph location points and sampling locations were field located with mapping grade Trimble Geo III GPS units. The data was collected with a minimum of three positions per feature using Course/Acquisition code. The collected data was then transferred to a PC and differentially corrected to the nearest operating Community Base Station. The corrected data was then exported to ACAD drawings in Montana State Plain Coordinates NAD 83 international feet.

The GPS positions collected and processed had a 68% accuracy of 7 feet except in isolated areas of Tasks .008 and .011, where it went to 12 feet. This is within the 1 to 5 meter range listed as the expected accuracy of the mapping grade Trimble GPS.

Aerial reference points were used to position the aerial photographs. This positioning did not remove the distortion inherent in all photos; this imagery is to be used as a visual aide only. The located wetland boundaries were given a final review by the wetland biologist and adjustments were made if necessary.

Any relationship of features located to easement or property lines are not to be construed from these figures. These relationships can only be determined with a survey by a licensed surveyor.

Appendix F

2006 MACROINVERTEBRATE SAMPLING PROTOCOL AND DATA

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
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AQUATIC INVERTEBRATE SAMPLING PROTOCOL

Equipment List

- D-frame sampling net with 1 mm mesh. Wildco is a good source of these.
- Spare net.
- 1-liter plastic sample jars, wide-mouth. VWR has these: catalog #36319-707.
- 95% ethanol: Northwest Scientific in Billings carries this.

All these other things are generally available at hardware or sporting goods stores. Make the labels on an ink jet printer preferably.

- hip waders.
- pre-printed sample labels (printed on Rite-in-the-Rain or other coated paper, two labels per sample).
- pencil.
- plastic pail (3 or 5 gallon).
- large tea strainer or framed screen.
- towel.
- tape for affixing label to jar.
- cooler with ice for sample storage.

Site Selection

Select the sampling site with these considerations in mind:

- Select a site accessible with hip waders. If substrates are too soft, lay a wide board down to walk on.
- Determine a location that is representative of the overall condition of the wetland.

Sampling

Wetland invertebrates inhabit the substrate, the water column, the stems and leaves of aquatic vegetation, and the water surface. Your goal is to sweep the collecting net through each of these habitat types, and then to combine the resulting samples into the 1-liter sample jar.

Dip out about a gallon of water into the pail. Pour about a cup of ethanol into the sample jar. Fill out the top half of the sample labels, using pencil, since ink will dissolve in the ethanol.

Ideally, you can sample a swath of water column from near-shore outward to a depth of approximately 3 feet with a long sweep of the net, keeping the net at about half the depth of the water throughout the sweep. Sweep the water surface as well. Pull the net through a vegetated area, beneath the water surface, for at least a meter of distance.

Sample the substrate by pulling the net along the bottom, bumping it against the substrate several times as you pull.

This step is optional, but it gives you a chance to <u>see</u> that you've collected some invertebrates. Rinse the net out into the bucket, and look for insects, crustaceans, etc. If necessary, repeat the sampling process in a nearby location, and add the net contents to the bucket. Remember to sample all four environments.

Sieve the contents of the bucket through the straining device and pour or carefully scrape the contents of the strainer into the sample jar.

If you skip the bucket-and-sieve steps, simply lift handfuls of material out of the sampling net into the jars. In either case, please include some muck or mud and some vegetation in the jar. Often, you will have collected a large amount of vegetable material. If this is the case, lift out handfuls of material from the sieve into the jar, until the jar is about half full. Please limit material you include in the sample, so that there is only a single jar for each sample.

Top off the sample jar with enough ethanol to cover all the material in the jar. Leave as little headroom as possible.

It is not necessary to sample habitats in any specified order. Keep in mind that disturbing the habitats prior to sampling will chase off the animals you are trying to capture.

Complete the sample labels. Place one label inside the sample jar and tape the other label securely to the outside of the jar. Dry the jar before attaching the outer label if necessary. In some situations, it may be necessary to collect more than one sample at a site. If you take multiple samples from the same site, clearly indicate this by using individual sample numbers, along with the total number of samples collected at the site (e.g. Sample #3 of 5 total samples).

Photograph the sampled site.

Sample Handling/Shipping

- In the field, keep collected samples cool by storing them in a cooler. Only a small amount of ice is necessary.
- Inventory all samples, preparing a list of all sites and enumerating all samples, before shipping or delivering to the laboratory.
- Deliver samples to Rhithron.

MDT Mitigated Wetland Monitoring Project: Aquatic Invertebrate Monitoring Summary 2001 – 2006

Prepared for PBS&J, Inc.
Prepared by W.Bollman, Rhithron Associates, Inc.

INTRODUCTION

Among other monitoring activities, aquatic invertebrate assemblages were collected at a number of mitigated wetlands throughout Montana. This report summarizes data generated from six years of collection. Over all years of sampling, a total of 182 invertebrate samples were collected. Table 2 summarizes sites and sampling years.

METHODS

Sample processing

Aquatic invertebrate samples were collected at mitigated wetland sites in the summer months of 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 by personnel of PBS&J, Inc. Sampling procedures utilized were based on the protocols developed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ). Sampling consisted of D-frame net sweeps through emergent vegetation (when present), the water column, and over the water surface, and included disturbing and scraping substrates at each sampled site. These sample components were composited and preserved in ethanol at each wetland site. Samples were delivered to Rhithron Associates, Inc. for processing, taxonomic determinations, and data analysis.

At Rhithron's laboratory, Caton subsamplers and stereomicroscopes with 10X magnification were used to randomly select a minimum of 100 organisms from each sample. In some instances, the entire sample contained fewer than 100 organisms; in these cases, all organisms from the sample were taken. Animals were identified to lowest practical taxonomic levels using relevant published resources. Quality control (QC) procedures were applied to sample sorting, taxonomic determinations and enumeration, and data entry. QC statistics are presented in Table 3. The identified samples have been archived at Rhithron's laboratory.

Assessment

The method employed to assess these wetlands is based on an index incorporating a battery of 12 bioassessment metrics or attributes (Table 1) tested and recommended by Stribling et al. (1995) in a report to the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Science. In that study, it was determined that some of the metrics were of limited use in some geographic regions, and for some wetland types. Despite that finding, all 12 metrics are used in this evaluation of mitigated wetlands, since detailed geographic information and wetland classifications were unavailable.

Scoring criteria for metrics were developed by generally following the tactic used by Stribling et al. Boxplots were generated using a statistical software package (Statistica™), and distributions, median values, ranges, and quartiles for each metric were examined. All sites in all years of sampling were used. Camp Creek, which was sampled in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, and Kleinschmidt Creek, sampled in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, were assessed using the tested metric battery developed for montane streams of Western Montana (Bollman 1998).Invertebrate assemblages at these sites differed from those of the other sites, and suggested montane or foothill stream conditions rather than wetland conditions. For the wetland sites, "optimal" scores were generally those that fell above the 75th percentile (for those metrics that decrease in value in response to stress) or below the 25th percentile (for metrics that respond to stress by an increase in value) of all scores. Additional scoring ranges were established by bisecting the range below the 75th percentile for decreasing scores (or above the 25th percentile for increasing scores) into "sub-optimal" and "poor" assessment categories. A score of 5, 3, or 1 was assigned to optimal, sub-optimal, and poor metric performance, respectively. In this way, metric values were translated into normalized metric scores, and scores for all metrics were summed to produce a total bioassessment score. Total bioassessment scores were classified according to a similar process, using the ranges and distributions of total scores for all sites studied in all years.

The purpose of constructing an index from biological attributes or metrics is to provide a means of integrating information to facilitate the determination of whether management action is needed. The nature of the action needed is not determined solely by the index score, however, but by consideration of an

analysis of the component metrics, the taxonomic composition of the assemblages, and other issues. The diagnostic functions of the metrics and taxonomic data need more study since our understanding of the interrelationships of natural environmental factors and anthropogenic disturbances is tentative. Thus, the further interpretive remarks accompanying the raw taxonomic and metric data in this summary are offered cautiously. Year-to-year comparisons depend on an assumption that specific sites were revisited in each year, and that equivalent sampling methods were utilized at each site revisit.

Bioassessment metrics

An index based on the performance of 12 metrics was constructed, as described above. Table 2 lists those metrics, describes their calculation and the expected response of each to increased degradation or impairment of the wetland.

In addition to the summed scores of each metric and the associated impairment classification described above, each individual metric informs the bioassessment to some degree. The four richness metrics (Total taxa, POET, Chironomidae taxa, and Crustacea taxa + Mollusca taxa) can be interpreted to express habitat complexity as well as water quality. Complex, diverse habitats consist of variable substrates, emergent vegetation, variable water depths and other factors, and are potential features of long-established stable wetlands with minimal human disturbance. In the study conducted by Stribling et al. (1995), all four richness metrics were found to be significantly associated with water quality parameters including conductance, salinity, and total dissolved solids.

Four composition metrics (%Chironomidae, %Orthocladiinae of Chironomidae, %Crustacea + %Mollusca, and %Amphipoda) measure the relative contributions of certain taxonomic groups that may have significant responses to habitat and/or water quality impacts. For example, amphipods have been demonstrated to increase in abundance in alkaline conditions. Short-lived, relatively mobile taxa such as chironomids dominate ephemeral environments; many are hemoglobin-bearers capable of tolerating de-oxygenated conditions.

Two tolerance metrics (the Hilsenhoff Biotic Index and %Dominant taxon) were included in the bioassessment battery. The HBI indicates the overall invertebrate assemblage tolerance to nutrient enrichment, warm water, and/or low dissolved oxygen conditions. The percent abundance of the dominant taxon has been demonstrated to be strongly associated with pH, conductance, salinity, total organic carbon, and total dissolved solids.

Two trophic measures (%Collector-gatherers and %Filterers) may be helpful in expressing functional integrity of the invertebrate assemblage, which can be impacted by poor water quality or habitat degradation. High proportions of filtering organisms suggest nutrient and/or organic enrichment, while abundant collectors suggest more positive functional conditions and well-developed wetland morphology. These organisms graze periphyton growing on stable surfaces such as macrophytes.

Metric scoring criteria were re-examined each year as new data was added. For 2005, all 151 records were utilized. Ranges of individual metrics, as well as median metric values remained remarkably consistent over all 5 years of analysis. Since metric value distributions changed insignificantly with the addition of the 2006 data, no changes were made to scoring criteria this year. Summary metric values and scores for the 2006 samples are given in Tables 3a-3d.

Quality control

Quality control procedures for initial sample processing and subsampling involved checking sorting efficiency. These checks were conducted on 100% of the samples by independent technicians who microscopically re-examined 20% of sorted substrate from each sample. All organisms that were missed were counted and this number was added to the total number obtained in the original sort. Sorting efficiency was evaluated by applying the following calculation:

$$SE = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \times 100$$

Where: SE is the sorting efficiency, expressed as a percentage, n_1 is the total number of specimens in the first sort, and n_2 is the total number of specimens in the first and second sorts combined.

Quality control procedures for taxonomic determinations involved checking accuracy, precision and enumeration. Four samples were randomly selected and all organisms re-identified by independent taxonomists. A Bray-Curtis similarity statistic (Bray and Curtis 1957) was generated to evaluate identifications.

Table 1. Montana Department of Transportation Mitigated Wetlands Monitoring Project sites. 2001 – 2006.

Site identifier	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Beaverhead 1	+	+	+	+	+	+
Beaverhead 2	+	+				
Beaverhead 3	+	+		+	+	+
Beaverhead 4	+	+	+			
Beaverhead 5	+	+	+	+	+	+
Beaverhead 6	+	+	+	+	+	+
Big Sandy 1	+					
Big Sandy 2	+					
Big Sandy 3	+					
Big Sandy 4	+					
Johnson-Valier	+					
VIDA	+					
Cow Coulee	+	+	+			
Fourchette – Puffin	+	+	+	+		
Fourchette – Flashlight	+	+	+	+		
Fourchette – Penguin	+	+	+	+		
Fourchette – Albatross	+	+	+	+		
Big Spring	+	+	+	+	+	
Vince Ames	+					
Ryegate	+					
Lavinia	+					
Stillwater	+	+	+	+	+	
Roundup	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wigeon	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ridgeway	+	+	+	+	+	+
Musgrave – Rest. 1	+	+	+	+	+	+
Musgrave – Rest. 2	+	+	+	+	+	+
Musgrave – Enh. 1	+	+	+	+	+	+
Musgrave – Enh. 2	+					+
Hoskins Landing		+	+	+	+	
Hoskins Landing						
Peterson - 1		+	+	+	+	+
Peterson – 2		+		+	+	+
Peterson – 4		+	+	+	+	+
Peterson – 5		+	+	+	+	+
Jack Johnson - main		+	+			
Jack Johnson - SW		+	+			
Creston		+	+	+	+	
Lawrence Park		+				
Perry Ranch		+			+	
SF Smith River		+	+	+	+	+
Camp Creek		+	+	+	+	+
Camp Creek						+
Kleinschmidt		+	+	+	+	+
Kleinschmidt – stream			+	+	+	+
Ringling - Galt			+			
Circle				+		
Cloud Ranch Pond				+	+	
Cloud Ranch Stream				+		
American Colloid				+	+	+
Jack Creek				+	+	
Jack Creek						
Norem				+	+	+
Rock Creek Ranch					+	+
Wagner Marsh					+	+
Alkali Lake 1						+
Alkali Lake 2						+

Table 2. Aquatic invertebrate metrics employed in the MTDT mitigated wetland monitoring study, 2001-2005.

Metric	Metric calculation	Expected response to degradation or impairment
Total taxa	Count of unique taxa identified to lowest recommended taxonomic level	Decrease
POET	Count of unique Plecoptera, Trichoptera, Ephemeroptera, and Odonata taxa identified to lowest recommended taxonomic level	Decrease
Chironomidae taxa	Count of unique midge taxa identified to lowest recommended taxonomic level	Decrease
Crustacea taxa + Mollusca taxa	Count of unique Crustacea taxa and Mollusca taxa identified to lowest recommended taxonomic level	Decrease
% Chironomidae	Percent abundance of midges in the subsample	Increase
Orthocladiinae/Chironomidae	Number of individual midges in the sub-family Orthocladiinae / total number of midges in the subsample.	Decrease
%Amphipoda	Percent abundance of amphipods in the subsample	Increase
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	Percent abundance of crustaceans in the subsample plus percent abundance of molluscs in the subsample	Increase
HBI	Relative abundance of each taxon multiplied by that taxon's modified Hilsenhoff Biotic Index (tolerance) value. These numbers are summed over all taxa in the subsample.	Increase
%Dominant taxon	Percent abundance of the most abundant taxon in the subsample	Increase
%Collector-Gatherers	Percent abundance of organisms in the collector-gatherer functional group	Decrease
%Filterers	Percent abundance of organisms in the filterer functional group	Increase

RESULTS

(Note: Individual site discussions were removed from this report by PBS&J and are included in the macroinvertebrate sections of individual monitoring reports. Summary tables (4a – 4d) are provided on the following pages.)

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Quality Assurance

Table 3 gives the results of quality assurance procedures for sample sorting and taxonomic determinations and enumeration.

Table 3. *Results of quality control procedures for subsampling and taxonomy.*

Sample ID	Site name	SE	Bray-Curtis similarity
MDT06PBSJ001	MUSGRAVE LAKE ES-1	91.67%	
MDT06PBSJ002	MUSGRAVE LAKE ES-2	94.44%	
MDT06PBSJ003	MUSGRAVE LAKE RS-1	87.30%	
MDT06PBSJ004	MUSGRAVE LAKE RS-2	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ005	ROCK CREEK RANCH	96.49%	95.25%
MDT06PBSJ006	Alkali Lake Sample 1	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ007	Alkali Lake Sample 2	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ008	Peterson Ranch Pond # 4	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ009	Peterson Ranch Pond # 1	97.35%	
MDT06PBSJ010	Peterson Ranch Pond # 5	91.67%	
MDT06PBSJ011	South Fork Smith River	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ012	Beaverhead 1	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ013	Beaverhead 3	95.65%	
MDT06PBSJ014	Beaverhead 5	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ015	Beaverhead 6	94.12%	98.38%
MDT06PBSJ016	Peterson Ranch Pond # 2	91.67%	99.66%
MDT06PBSJ017	American Colloid	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ018	Norem	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ019	Cloud Ranch	85.56%	98.89%
MDT06PBSJ020	Jack Creek Pond	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ021	Jack Creek Stream	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ022	Camp Creek 1	99.10%	
MDT06PBSJ023	Camp Creek 2	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ024	Kleinschmidt Pond	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ025	Kleinschmidt Stream	96.49%	
MDT06PBSJ026	Hoskins Landing 1	97.35%	
MDT06PBSJ027	Hoskins Landing 2	96.49%	
MDT06PBSJ028	Wagner Marsh	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ029	Wigeon Reservoir	100.00%	
MDT06PBSJ030	Ridgeway	98.21%	
MDT06PBSJ031	Roundup	100.00%	

Table 4a. Metric values and scores for Montana Department of Transportation mitigated wetland sites. 2006.

	BEAVERHEAD #1	BEAVERHEAD #3	BEAVERHEAD #5	BEAVERHEAD #6	ROUNDUP	WIDGEON	RIDGEWAY	MUSGRAVE RS-1
Total taxa	12	11	4	15	11	11	21	23
POET	1	0	1	3	2	1	3	4
Chironomidae taxa	5	3	1	7	4	3	10	7
Crustacea + Mollusca	1	4	2	3	2	2	5	7
% Chironomidae	52.38%	25.22%	0.69%	63.06%	18.87%	6.42%	37.25%	9.62%
Orthocladiinae/Chir	0.181818	0.965517	0	0.142857	0.2	0.285714	0.289474	0.7
%Amphipoda	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.90%	0.00%	6.42%	11.76%	1.92%
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	9.52%	69.57%	98.62%	3.60%	73.58%	79.82%	45.10%	51.92%
HBI	7.857143	7.773913	7.97931	7.243243	8.09434	8.100917	7.127451	7.403846
%Dominant taxon	33.33%	39.13%	97.93%	27.93%	72.64%	73.39%	28.43%	23.08%
%Collector-Gatherers	61.90%	68.70%	100.00%	84.68%	87.74%	6.42%	49.02%	47.12%
%Filterers	0.00%	2.61%	0.00%	1.80%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.81%
Total taxa	1	1	1	3	1	1	5	5
POET	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	5
Chironomidae taxa	3	3	1	5	3	3	5	5
Crustacea + Mollusca	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	5
% Chironomidae	1	3	5	1	3	5	3	5
Orthocladiinae/Chir	1	5	1	1	3	3	3	5
%Amphipoda	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	5
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	5	1	1	5	1	1	3	3
HBI	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	3
%Dominant taxon	5	3	1	5	1	1	5	5
%Collector-Gatherers	3	3	5	5	5	1	3	3
%Filterers	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total score	30	32	26	40	28	24	42	52
Percent of maximum score	0.5	0.533333	0.433333	0.666667	0.466667	0.4	0.7	0.866667
Impairment classification	**poor**	**poor**	**poor**	**sub-optimal**	**poor**	**poor**	**optimal**	**optimal**

Table 4b. Metric values and scores for Montana Department of Transportation mitigated wetland sites. 2006.

	MUSGRAVE RS- 2	MUSGRAVE ES- 1	MUSGRAVE ES- 2	HOSKINS LANDING 1	HOSKINS LANDING 2	PETERSON RANCH 1	PETERSON RANCH 2	PETERSON RANCH 4	PETERSON RANCH 5
Total taxa	10	21	10	22	29	19	17	28	26
POET	1	2	1	5	4	2	2	3	4
Chironomidae taxa	2	7	4	6	6	7	4	13	9
Crustacea + Mollusca	3	6	0	5	9	5	6	5	6
% Chironomidae	3.96%	10.89%	10.00%	18.18%	11.71%	64.08%	7.48%	27.52%	14.29%
Orthocladiinae/Chir	0	0.181818	0.125	0.055556	0.307692	0.757576	0.75	0.6	0.75
%Amphipoda	0.00%	2.97%	0.00%	5.05%	1.80%	1.94%	22.43%	2.75%	15.18%
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	8.91%	75.25%	0.00%	20.20%	23.42%	8.74%	42.06%	19.27%	40.18%
HBI	6.326733	6.940594	6	7.111111	7.585586	6.631068	6.719626	7.293578	7.321429
%Dominant taxon	70.30%	38.61%	83.75%	25.25%	42.34%	47.57%	28.04%	20.18%	16.07%
%Collector-Gatherers	15.84%	8.91%	3.75%	64.65%	62.16%	72.82%	31.78%	34.86%	50.89%
%Filterers	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.06%	5.41%	3.88%	3.74%	8.26%	0.89%
Total taxa	1	5	1	5	5	3	3	5	5
POET	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	3	5
Chironomidae taxa	1	5	3	3	3	5	3	5	5
Crustacea + Mollusca	1	5	1	3	5	3	5	3	5
% Chironomidae	5	5	5	3	5	1	5	3	5
Orthocladiinae/Chir	1	1	1	1	3	5	5	5	5
%Amphipoda	5	5	5	3	5	5	3	5	3
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	5	1	5	5	5	5	3	5	3
HBI	5	3	5	3	3	5	5	3	3
%Dominant taxon	1	3	1	5	3	3	5	5	5
%Collector-Gatherers	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	3
%Filterers	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	3
Total score	30	38	32	40	48	42	42	44	50
Percent of maximum score	0.5	0.633333	0.533333	0.666667	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.733333	0.833333
Impairment classification	**poor**	**sub-optimal**	**poor**	**sub-optimal**	**optimal**	**optimal**	**optimal**	**optimal**	**optimal**

Table 4c. Metric values and scores for Montana Department of Transportation mitigated wetland sites. 2006

	SOUTH FORK SMITH RIVER	CAMP CREEK 1*	CAMP CREEK 2*	KLEINSCH MIDT POND	KLEINSCH MIDT STREAM*	CLOUD RANCH	COLLOID	JACK CREEK POND	JACK CREEK STREAM
Total taxa	14	31	29	20	22	13	7	7	5
POET	4	8	8	5	1	1	2	0	0
Chironomidae taxa	3	10	8	6	8	6	4	4	0
Crustacea + Mollusca	4	1	3	2	5	3	0	2	2
% Chironomidae	18.02%	45.87%	16.07%	8.04%	77.68%	23.81%	84.21%	75.00%	0.00%
Orthocladiinae/Chir	0.05	0.26	0.277778	0.222222	0.448276	0.65	0.25	0.555556	0
%Amphipoda	18.02%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	4.76%	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	58.56%	0.92%	3.57%	25.89%	5.36%	11.90%	0.00%	16.67%	7.50%
HBI	7.540541	4.504587	4.294643	7.241071	5.928571	7.535714	6.315789	8.833333	7.325
%Dominant taxon	25.23%	24.77%	37.50%	25.00%	33.93%	36.90%	52.63%	33.33%	60.00%
%Collector-Gatherers	41.44%	48.62%	31.25%	62.50%	46.43%	64.29%	21.05%	58.33%	67.50%
%Filterers	15.32%	6.42%	7.14%	3.57%	38.39%	2.38%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total taxa	1	5	5	3	5	1	1	1	1
POET	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1
Chironomidae taxa	3	5	5	3	5	3	3	3	1
Crustacea + Mollusca	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
% Chironomidae	3	1	5	5	1	3	1	1	5
Orthocladiinae/Chir	1	3	3	3	3	5	3	5	1
%Amphipoda	3	5	5	1	5	3	5	5	3
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
HBI	3	5	5	3	5	3	5	1	3
%Dominant taxon	5	5	3	5	5	3	1	5	1
%Collector-Gatherers	1	3	1	3	3	3	1	3	3
%Filterers	1	1	1	3	1	3	3	3	3
Total score	32	44	44	40	42	34	30	34	28
Percent of maximum score	0.533333	*0.733333*	*0.733333*	0.666667	*0.7*	0.566667	0.5	0.566667	0.466667
Impairment classification	**poor**	***optimal***	***optimal***	**sub-optimal**	***optimal***	**sub-optimal**	**poor**	**sub-optimal**	**poor**

*Sites indicated by asterisks were dominated by lotic fauna, and were evaluated with the MDEQ index for streams in the text and charts. Scores and impairment classifications in this table (italicized) are included only for completeness and are not reliable indications of conditions at these sites. See text.

Table 4d. Metric values and scores for Montana Department of Transportation mitigated wetland sites. 2006.

	NOREM	ROCK CREEK RANCH	WAGNER MARSH	ALKALI LAKE 1	ALKALI LAKE 2
Total taxa	6	15	11	6	5
POET	1	0	0	0	0
Chironomidae taxa	2	4	4	3	0
Crustacea + Mollusca	1	4	3	1	1
% Chironomidae	82.93%	8.40%	13.51%	42.86%	0.00%
Orthocladiinae/Chir	0	0.2	0.6	0.666667	0
%Amphipoda	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	7.32%	65.55%	23.42%	7.14%	9.52%
HBI	7.317073	7.638655	7.036036	7.785714	7.904762
%Dominant taxon	65.85%	47.06%	45.95%	42.86%	52.38%
%Collector-Gatherers	68.29%	56.30%	47.75%	28.57%	9.52%
%Filterers	17.07%	0.00%	0.90%	0.00%	0.00%
Total taxa	1	3	1	1	1
POET	1	1	1	1	1
Chironomidae taxa	1	3	3	3	1
Crustacea + Mollusca	1	3	1	1	1
% Chironomidae	1	5	5	1	5
Orthocladiinae/Chir	1	3	5	5	1
%Amphipoda	5	5	5	5	5
%Crustacea + %Mollusca	5	1	5	5	5
HBI	3	1	3	1	1
%Dominant taxon	1	3	3	3	1
%Collector-Gatherers	3	3	3	1	1
%Filterers	1	3	3	3	3
Total score	24	34	38	30	26
Percent of maximum score	0.4	0.566667	0.633333	0.5	0.433333
Impairment classification	**poor**	**sub-optimal**	**sub-optimal**	**poor**	**poor**

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Taxa Listing

Project ID: MDT06PBSJ
RAI No.: MDT06PBSJ022

RAI No.: MDT06PBSJ022 **Sta. Name:** Camp Creek 1
Client ID:
Date Coll.: 8/1/2006 **No. Jars:** 1 **STORET ID:**

Taxonomic Name	Count	PRA	Unique	Stage	Qualifier	BI	Function
Non-Insect							
Acari	1	0.92%	Yes	Unknown		5	PR
Turbellaria	3	2.75%	Yes	Unknown		4	PR
Enchytraeidae							
Enchytraeidae	2	1.83%	Yes	Unknown		4	CG
Naididae							
Naididae	1	0.92%	Yes	Unknown		8	CG
Physidae							
Physidae	1	0.92%	Yes	Unknown		8	SC
Ephemeroptera							
Ameletidae							
Ameletus sp.	2	1.83%	Yes	Larva		0	CG
Baetidae							
Baetis tricaudatus	3	2.75%	Yes	Larva		4	CG
Ephemerellidae							
Attenella margarita	3	2.75%	Yes	Larva		3	CG
Trichoptera							
Brachycentridae							
Brachycentrus americanus	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		1	CF
Micrasema sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		1	SH
Glossosomatidae							
Glossosoma sp.	3	2.75%	Yes	Larva		0	SC
Hydroptilidae							
Hydroptilidae	1	0.92%	No	Pupa		4	PH
Ochrotrichia sp.	2	1.83%	Yes	Larva		4	PH
Coleoptera							
Dytiscidae							
Oreodytes sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Adult		5	PR
Elmidae							
Lara avara	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		1	SH
Optioservus sp.	3	2.75%	Yes	Adult		5	SC
Optioservus sp.	21	19.27%	No	Larva		5	SC
Zaitzevia sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		5	CG
Hydrophilidae							
Hydrophilidae	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		5	PR
Diptera							
Athericidae							
Atherix sp.	4	3.67%	Yes	Larva		5	PR
Simuliidae							
Simulium sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		6	CF
Tipulidae							
Hexatoma sp.	2	1.83%	Yes	Larva		2	PR

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Taxonomic Name	Count	PRA	Unique	Stage	Qualifier	BI	Function
Chironomidae							
Chironomidae							
Chironomidae	4	3.67%	No	Pupa		10	CG
Cricotopus bicinctus	3	2.75%	Yes	Larva		7	SH
Eukiefferiella Devonica Gr.	2	1.83%	Yes	Larva		8	CG
Eukiefferiella Gracei Gr.	3	2.75%	Yes	Larva		8	CG
Micropsectra sp.	27	24.77%	Yes	Larva		4	CG
Orthocladius sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		6	CG
Phaenopsectra sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		7	SC
Stempellinella sp.	1	0.92%	Yes	Larva		4	CG
Tanytarsus sp.	5	4.59%	Yes	Larva		6	CF
Tvetenia Bavarica Gr.	3	2.75%	Yes	Larva		5	CG
Sample Count	**109**						

Metrics Report

Project ID: MDT06PBSJ
RAI No.: MDT06PBSJ022
Sta. Name: Camp Creek 1
Client ID:
STORET ID:
Coll. Date: 8/1/2006

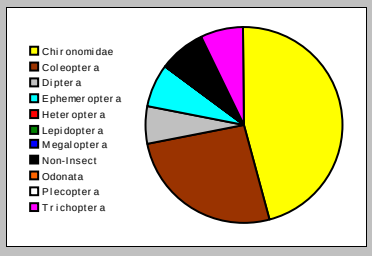
Abundance Measures

Sample Count: 109
Sample Abundance: 467.14 23.33% of sample used

Coll. Procedure:
Sample Notes:

Taxonomic Composition

Category	R	A	PRA
Non-Insect	5	8	7.34%
Odonata			
Ephemeroptera	3	8	7.34%
Plecoptera			
Heteroptera			
Megaloptera			
Trichoptera	4	8	7.34%
Lepidoptera			
Coleoptera	5	28	25.69%
Diptera	3	7	6.42%
Chironomidae	9	50	45.87%

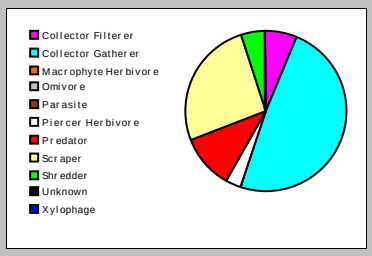


Dominant Taxa

Category	A	PRA
Micropsectra	27	24.77%
Optioservus	24	22.02%
Tanytarsus	5	4.59%
Chironomidae	4	3.67%
Atherix	4	3.67%
Tvetenia Bavarica Gr.	3	2.75%
Turbellaria	3	2.75%
Glossosoma	3	2.75%
Eukiefferiella Gracei Gr.	3	2.75%
Cricotopus bicinctus	3	2.75%
Baetis tricaudatus	3	2.75%
Attenella margarita	3	2.75%
Eukiefferiella Devonica Gr.	2	1.83%
Enchytraeidae	2	1.83%
Ameletus	2	1.83%

Functional Composition

Category	R	A	PRA
Predator	6	12	11.01%
Parasite			
Collector Gatherer	12	53	48.62%
Collector Filterer	3	7	6.42%
Macrophyte Herbivore			
Piercer Herbivore	1	3	2.75%
Xylophage			
Scraper	4	29	26.61%
Shredder	3	5	4.59%
Omivore			
Unknown			

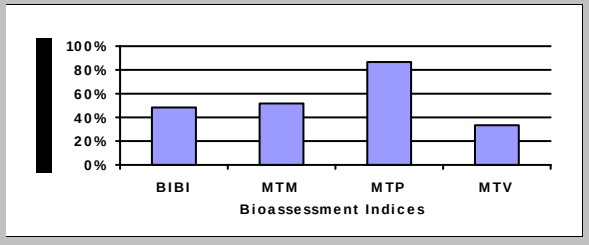


Metric Values and Scores

Metric	Value	BIBI	MTP	MTV	MTM
Composition					
Taxa Richness	29	3	3		3
Non-Insect Percent	7.34%				
E Richness	3	1		1	
P Richness	0	1		0	
T Richness	4	1		2	
EPT Richness	7		2		0
EPT Percent	14.68%		1		0
Oligochaeta+Hirudinea Percent	2.75%				
Baetidae/Ephemeroptera	0.375				
Hydropsychidae/Trichoptera	0.000				
Dominance					
Dominant Taxon Percent	24.77%		3		3
Dominant Taxa (2) Percent	46.79%				
Dominant Taxa (3) Percent	51.38%	3			
Dominant Taxa (10) Percent	72.48%				
Diversity					
Shannon H (loge)	2.782				
Shannon H (log2)	4.013		3		
Margalef D	6.337				
Simpson D	0.116				
Evenness	0.056				
Function					
Predator Richness	6		3		
Predator Percent	11.01%	3			
Filterer Richness	3				
Filterer Percent	6.42%			2	
Collector Percent	55.05%		3		3
Scraper+Shredder Percent	31.19%		3		1
Scraper/Filterer	4.143				
Scraper/Scraper+Filterer	0.806				
Habit					
Burrower Richness	1				
Burrower Percent	1.83%				
Swimmer Richness	3				
Swimmer Percent	5.50%				
Clinger Richness	12	3			
Clinger Percent	43.12%				
Characteristics					
Cold Stenotherm Richness	0				
Cold Stenotherm Percent	0.00%				
Hemoglobin Bearer Richness	1				
Hemoglobin Bearer Percent	0.92%				
Air Breather Richness	3				
Air Breather Percent	3.67%				
Voltinism					
Univoltine Richness	11				
Semivoltine Richness	5	5			
Multivoltine Percent	55.05%		2		
Tolerance					
Sediment Tolerant Richness	1				
Sediment Tolerant Percent	1.83%				
Sediment Sensitive Richness	1				
Sediment Sensitive Percent	2.75%				
Metals Tolerance Index	3.161				
Pollution Sensitive Richness	0	1		0	
Pollution Tolerant Percent	29.36%	3		1	
Hilsenhoff Biotic Index	4.706		3		1
Intolerant Percent	9.17%				
Supertolerant Percent	10.09%				
CTQa	83.520				

Bioassessment Indices

BioIndex	Description	Score	Pct	Rating
BIBI	B-IBI (Karr et al.)	24	48.00%	
MTP	Montana DEQ Plains (Bukantis 1998)	26	86.67%	None
MTV	Montana Revised Valleys/Foothills (Bollman 1998)	6	33.33%	Moderate
MTM	Montana DEQ Mountains (Bukantis 1998)	11	52.38%	Moderate



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Taxa Listing

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RAI No.: MDT06PBSJ023

RAI No.: MDT06PBSJ023 **Sta. Name:** Camp Creek 2
Client ID:
Date Coll.: **No. Jars:** 1 **STORET ID:**

Taxonomic Name	Count	PRA	Unique	Stage	Qualifier	BI	Function
Non-Insect							
Nematoda	2	1.79%	Yes	Unknown		5	PA
Turbellaria	1	0.89%	Yes	Unknown		4	PR
Enchytraeidae							
Enchytraeidae	6	5.36%	Yes	Unknown		4	CG
Lymnaeidae							
Lymnaeidae	1	0.89%	Yes	Immature		6	SC
Pseudosuccinea sp.	2	1.79%	Yes	Unknown		6	SC
Physidae							
Physidae	1	0.89%	Yes	Unknown		8	SC
Ephemeroptera							
Ameletidae							
Ameletus sp.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		0	CG
Baetidae							
Baetis tricaudatus	3	2.68%	Yes	Larva		4	CG
Ephemerellidae							
Attenella margarita	7	6.25%	Yes	Larva		3	CG
Drunella grandis	2	1.79%	Yes	Larva		2	SC
Serratella tibialis	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		2	CG
Timpanoga hecuba	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		2	CG
Heptageniidae							
Nixe sp.	9	8.04%	Yes	Larva		4	SC
Plecoptera							
Pteronarcyidae							
Pteronarcys californica	5	4.46%	Yes	Larva		2	SH
Coleoptera							
Dytiscidae							
Dytiscidae	2	1.79%	Yes	Larva		5	PR
Elmidae							
Heterlimnius sp.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		3	CG
Optioservus sp.	21	18.75%	No	Larva		5	SC
Optioservus sp.	21	18.75%	Yes	Adult		5	SC
Zaitzevia sp.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		5	CG
Diptera							
Athericidae							
Atherix sp.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		5	PR
Simuliidae							
Simuliidae	1	0.89%	No	Pupa		6	CF
Simulium sp.	4	3.57%	Yes	Larva		6	CF

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Taxonomic Name	Count	PRA	Unique	Stage	Qualifier	BI	Function
Chironomidae							
Chironomidae							
Chironomidae	3	2.68%	No	Pupa		10	CG
Eukiefferiella Brehmi Gr.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		8	CG
Hydrobaenus sp.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		8	SC
Micropsectra sp.	7	6.25%	Yes	Larva		4	CG
Orthocladiinae	1	0.89%	No	Larva	Early Instar	6	CG
Tanytarsini	2	1.79%	No	Larva	Early Instar	6	CF
Tanytarsus sp.	1	0.89%	Yes	Larva		6	CF
Tvetenia Bavarica Gr.	2	1.79%	Yes	Larva		5	CG
Sample Count	**112**						

Metrics Report

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Sta. Name: Camp Creek 2
Client ID:
STORET ID:
Coll. Date:

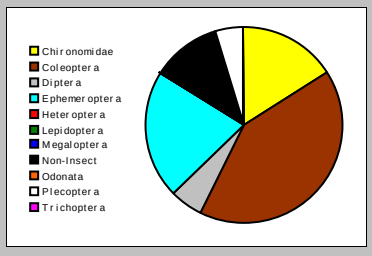
Abundance Measures

Sample Count: 112
Sample Abundance: 224.00 50.00% of sample used

Coll. Procedure:
Sample Notes:

Taxonomic Composition

Category	R	A	PRA
Non-Insect	6	13	11.61%
Odonata			
Ephemeroptera	7	24	21.43%
Plecoptera	1	5	4.46%
Heteroptera			
Megaloptera			
Trichoptera			
Lepidoptera			
Coleoptera	4	46	41.07%
Diptera	2	6	5.36%
Chironomidae	5	18	16.07%

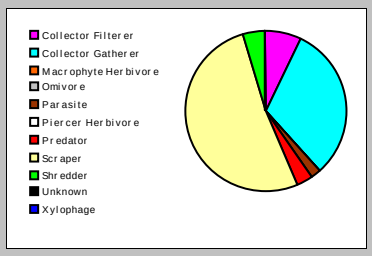


Dominant Taxa

Category	A	PRA
Optioservus	42	37.50%
Nixe	9	8.04%
Micropsectra	7	6.25%
Attenella margarita	7	6.25%
Enchytraeidae	6	5.36%
Pteronarcys californica	5	4.46%
Simulium	4	3.57%
Chironomidae	3	2.68%
Baetis tricaudatus	3	2.68%
Tvetenia Bavarica Gr.	2	1.79%
Tanytarsini	2	1.79%
Pseudosuccinea	2	1.79%
Nematoda	2	1.79%
Dytiscidae	2	1.79%
Drunella grandis	2	1.79%

Functional Composition

Category	R	A	PRA
Predator	3	4	3.57%
Parasite	1	2	1.79%
Collector Gatherer	11	35	31.25%
Collector Filterer	2	8	7.14%
Macrophyte Herbivore			
Piercer Herbivore			
Xylophage			
Scraper	7	58	51.79%
Shredder	1	5	4.46%
Omivore			
Unknown			

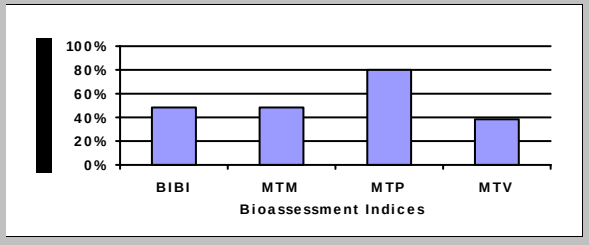


Metric Values and Scores

Metric	Value	BIBI	MTP	MTV	MTM
Composition					
Taxa Richness	25	3	3		2
Non-Insect Percent	11.61%				
E Richness	7	3		3	
P Richness	1	1		1	
T Richness	0	1		0	
EPT Richness	8		2		0
EPT Percent	25.89%		1		0
Oligochaeta+Hirudinea Percent	5.36%				
Baetidae/Ephemeroptera	0.125				
Hydropsychidae/Trichoptera	0.000				
Dominance					
Dominant Taxon Percent	37.50%		2		1
Dominant Taxa (2) Percent	45.54%				
Dominant Taxa (3) Percent	51.79%	3			
Dominant Taxa (10) Percent	78.57%				
Diversity					
Shannon H (loge)	2.698				
Shannon H (log2)	3.893		3		
Margalef D	5.417				
Simpson D	0.094				
Evenness	0.062				
Function					
Predator Richness	3		1		
Predator Percent	3.57%	1			
Filterer Richness	2				
Filterer Percent	7.14%			2	
Collector Percent	38.39%		3		3
Scraper+Shredder Percent	56.25%		3		3
Scraper/Filterer	7.250				
Scraper/Scraper+Filterer	0.879				
Habit					
Burrower Richness	0				
Burrower Percent	0.00%				
Swimmer Richness	2				
Swimmer Percent	3.57%				
Clinger Richness	11	3			
Clinger Percent	66.96%				
Characteristics					
Cold Stenotherm Richness	0				
Cold Stenotherm Percent	0.00%				
Hemoglobin Bearer Richness					
Hemoglobin Bearer Percent					
Air Breather Richness	1				
Air Breather Percent	1.79%				
Voltinism					
Univoltine Richness	11				
Semivoltine Richness	5	5			
Multivoltine Percent	21.43%		3		
Tolerance					
Sediment Tolerant Richness	1				
Sediment Tolerant Percent	0.89%				
Sediment Sensitive Richness	0				
Sediment Sensitive Percent	0.00%				
Metals Tolerance Index	3.357				
Pollution Sensitive Richness	1	1		1	
Pollution Tolerant Percent	42.86%	3		0	
Hilsenhoff Biotic Index	4.661		3		1
Intolerant Percent	8.93%				
Supertolerant Percent	5.36%				
CTQa	80.455				

Bioassessment Indices

BioIndex	Description	Score	Pct	Rating
BIBI	B-IBI (Karr et al.)	24	48.00%	
MTP	Montana DEQ Plains (Bukantis 1998)	24	80.00%	Slight
MTV	Montana Revised Valleys/Foothills (Bollman 1998)	7	38.89%	Moderate
MTM	Montana DEQ Mountains (Bukantis 1998)	10	47.62%	Moderate



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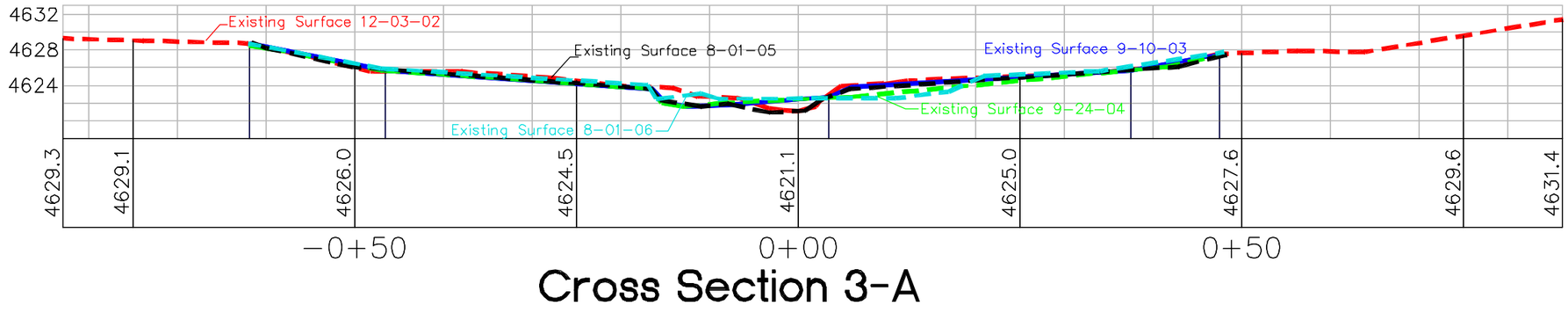
Appendix G

FIGURE 5 - CAMP CREEK CHANNEL CROSS SECTIONS
PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Camp Creek
Sula, Montana

Figure 5 - Channel Cross Sections



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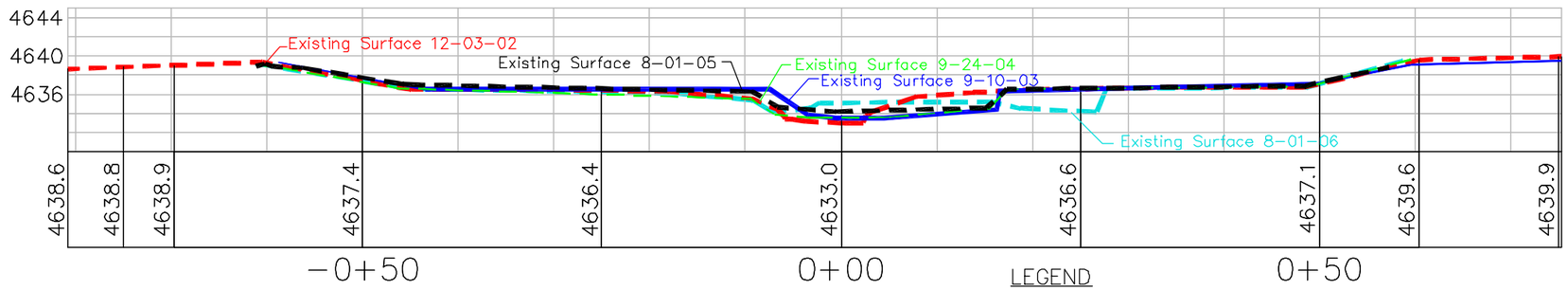

Cross Section 4-A

PROJECT NAME
MDT Camp Creek Wetland Mitigation
DRAWING TITLE
Channel Cross Sections

DRAWN: RAA | PROJ MGR: J.Berglund | APPVD:
PROJ NO: B43054 | LOCATION: | SCALE: 1"=15ft | CHECKED: | APPVD:
FILE NAME: L:\330054.106\Camp Creek\dwg\CAMPCR2006.dwg

PBSJ
1120 Cedar
Missoula, MT 59802

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Dec/08/2006

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Department of Transportation
Project No:
NH7-1(58)9 F Sula-North & South
NH41(24) Camp Creek Restoration

SHIPPED TO:
Sula North & South/ Camp Creek Restoration
Project Site
Sula, Montana

INVOICE NUMBER	
PURCHASE ORDER #	
ORDER DATE	
SHIP DATE (EST.)	
TERMS	
DUE DATE	
SALES REP	Greg
SHIP VIA	NE

	CC5: REVEGETATION		
446	Alnus incana	1 Gallon	1-2'
315	Alnus incana	5 Gallon	3-4'
752	Amelanchier alnifolia	1 Gallon	1-2'
374	Betula occidentalis	5 Gallon	3-4'
667	Cornus stolonifera	1 Gallon	2-3'
369	Cornus stolonifera	5 Gallon	4-5'
213	Pinus contorta	1 Gallon	1-2'
89	Pinus contorta	5 Gallon	2-3'
213	Pinus ponderosa	1 Gallon	1-2'
89	Pinus ponderosa	5 Gallon	2-3'
303	Populus tremuloides	1 Gallon	18-24"SS
15	Populus tremuloides	5 Gallon	4-5'SS
791	Populus tremuloides	1 Gallon	18-24"MS
311	Populus tremuloides	5 Gallon	4-5'MS
500	Populus trichocarpa	1 Gallon	2-3'
518	Populus trichocarpa	5 Gallon	5-6'
2025	Potentilla fruticosa	1 Gallon	12-18"
213	Pseudotsuga menziesii	1 Gallon	12-15"
89	Pseudotsuga menziesii	5 Gallon	24-30"
1178	Rosa woodsii	1 Gallon	2-3'
1902	Willox (Salix spp.)	1 Gallon	2-3'MS

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429	Willox (Salix spp.)	5 Gallon	4-5MS
1178	Syphoricarpos albus	1 Gallon	18-24
10681	Installation of above 1 Gallon Plants		
2598	Installation of above 5 Gallon Plants		
20,480	Willow Cuttings 12" long with a minimum ba 12" x .75 Base of .75 inches(800/Hectare) Includes collection, installation		
	WILLOW SALVAGE		
57	Tree Spade dig at a minimum diameter of 24", burlap, basket, crimp, tie		
	Storage of the above on site in .75m fine soil, to be provided by prime contractor		
	Replant willow clumps		

Shipping Charges:

Common Carrier (CMN): billed COD from the trucking company.
Nature's Enhancement (NE): billed from NE on the Final Invoice.
Nursery Pick Up (NPU): no charge.

SUBTOTAL	
QTY. DISCOUNT	Included
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SEED BLENDING REPORT

Dept. of Transportation, Great Falls, MT

1-Materials Bureau, (Pat Hoy)
1-District Lab Gt. Falls
1-E.P.M. T. BENEDIK — MISSOULA

PROJECT NO.: NH 41(24) TERMINI: CAMP CREEK RESTORATION

BLENDING WITNESSED BY: JAMES O. BLOSSOM JB DATE: 04/22/2002

LOCATION: Fairfield, Montana

SEED SUPPLIER: Treasure State Seed Inc.

Type Of Seed	Lot No.	~~ACRE~~ Hectare Area 1 1.25 LBS kg Pls per ~~AC.~~ ha	(d) Total ~~kg~~ LBS Pls	(e) Total Bulk Seed Blended For Area 1	MSU Seed Laboratory test results (a) % Purity	(b) % Germ	(c) % Pls	Hectare Area 2 kg Pls Per ha	(d) Total kg Pls	(e) Total Bulk Seed Blended for Area 2	Mat'ls. Bureau Pretest Lab. No	MSU Test Date Expires
MEADOW BARLEY •	NBS-1-053SH	0.5	0.6	0.7	93.59	97	90.78					
BLUEJOINT REEDGRASS •	CACA24204	0.3	0.4	0.6	85.86	77	66.13					
FOWL BLUEGRASS •	00-043	2.0	2.5	3.2	86.91	89	77.35					
TUFFED HAIRGRASS •	99-1438-75	2.0	2.5	2.7	94.2	99	93.26					
BLUE WILDRYE •	GBS-0-300	7.0	8.8	9.7	99.06	92	91.15					
BROMAR MOUNTAIN BROME	006-026-12A	6.0	7.5	7.8	98.85	97	95.88					
TOTAL				24.7	LBS							

BULK SEEDING RATE AREA 1 19.76 ~~KILOGRAMS~~ LBS (kg) PER ~~HECTARE~~ ACRE (ha). BULK AREA 2 _____ KILOGRAMS (kg) PER HECTARE (ha)

% PURITY (a) X % GERMINATION (b) = % PURE LIVE SEED © X 100.

TOTAL KILOGRAMS (kg) PURE LIVE SEED (d) = % PURE LIVE SEED © X 100 = BULK SEED NEEDED (e)

REMARKS: