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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Kindsfater 2014 Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Report presents the results of the second year of post-construction monitoring at the Kindsfater mitigation area. This Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) wetland mitigation project is located in the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 25 East, Yellowstone County, Montana. This MDT-owned property is located approximately 3.0 miles northeast of Laurel, Montana, and is adjacent to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street West and Laurel Airport Road (Figure 1). The wetland mitigation site is intended to provide 43.8 acres of wetland mitigation credits to assist the MDT in meeting compensatory mitigation requirements for proposed construction projects in Watershed #13 (Upper Yellowstone). The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit number NWO-2007-00824-MTB approved the Kindsfater project and proposed crediting that was presented in the August 2012 Kindsfater wetland mitigation plan. The objectives of this project included the creation, restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetland habitat within the historic Kindsfater gravel pit.

The Kindsfater site was previously a gravel mining operation that ended mining in 1987. The mining excavations exposed groundwater throughout the site. The historic gravel pit eventually evolved into a wetland complex including emergent, scrub/shrub, and forested wetland habitats. The site was identified in 2002 as a potential wetland restoration site and evaluated by Carter Burgess, Inc. (CB) to determine the practicality of developing wetland mitigation credits. A wetland delineation conducted by CB in 2002 identified 47.6 acres within the site. In 2006, Morrison-Maierle, Inc. (MMI) delineated wetlands within the site and identified 32.9 acres of emergent, scrub/shrub, and forested wetlands. In 2012, MMI re-delineated the site to verify the wetland acreage and identified a total of 25.9 acres of wetlands on the site. Based on these findings, approximately 22 acres of wetland habitat converted to upland between 2002 and 2012.

The project was designed for two phases of development, Base Project and Alternative Option. The Base Project would involve the creation, restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands within the west half of the site. The Alternative Option would include the excavation and removal of gravel materials, and the construction of new wetlands within the east half of the site. Credits to be developed as a result of both phases would total 43.8 credit acres under full build-out. The amount of wetland credits estimated for each phase as presented in the mitigation plan follows.

#### Base Project:

- Create (establishment) two emergent wetland areas (Cells 7 & 9) totaling 1.8 acres (1:1 mitigation ratio).
- Restore (rehabilitation) former wetland areas within the site (Cells 1 through 6 and a portion of Cell 8) with tree/shrub plantings totaling 14.0 acres (1:1 mitigation ratio).



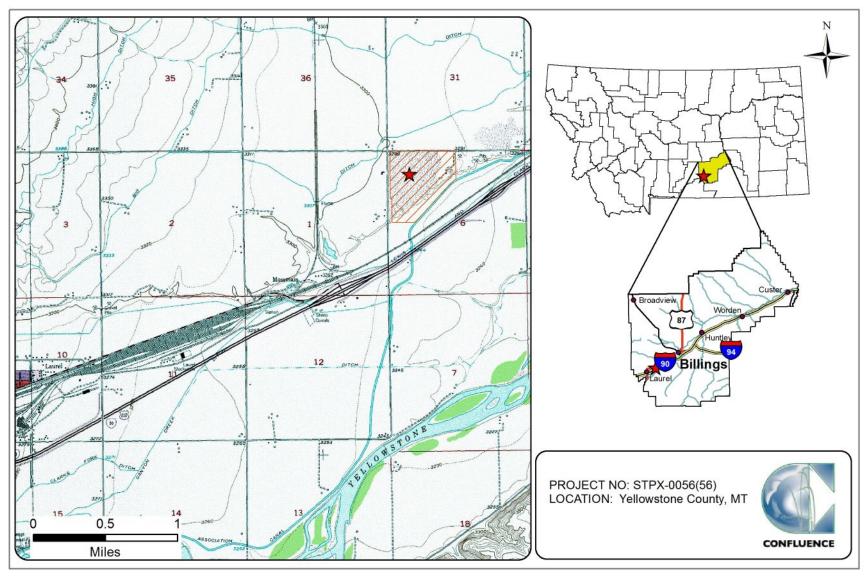


Figure 1. Project location of Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.



- Restore (re-establishment) several depressional emergent wetland areas (adjacent to Cells 1 through 12) totaling 9.2 acres (1.5:1 mitigation ratio).
- Enhance 3.1 acres (3:1 mitigation ratio) of existing palustrine, emergent, scrub-shrub, forested wetland (Cells 10 through 12 and a portion of Cell 8).
- Preserve 21.9 acres (4:1 mitigation ratio) of existing palustrine emergent, scrub/shrub and forested wetlands.
- Designate a 50 feet wide upland buffer around the mitigation area that totals 4.3 acres (5:1 mitigation ratio).
- Temporary impacts during establishment of wetland Cells 10 through 12 and a portion of Cell 8 totaling 3.6 acres (0:1 mitigation ratio).

#### Alternative Option:

- Create two lacustrine emergent wetland cells totaling 2.8 acres (1:1 mitigation ratio).
- Create palustrine emergent and scrub/shrub wetlands totaling 11.1 acres (1:1 mitigation ratio).
- Designate a 50-foot wide upland buffer around the perimeter of the excavated area totaling 3.0 acres (5:1 mitigation ratio).

Table 1 provides a breakdown of the compensatory credits by bid phase and mitigation type including a brief description of each credit type, approved mitigation ratios, and anticipated mitigation credits assuming the site develops to full potential. A total of 29.3 mitigation credits may be generated by the completion of the base bid phase in the west half of the site. The additional alternative bid phase in the east half of the site would result in 14.5 mitigation credits as designed. A maximum 43.8 mitigation credits would be anticipated at the Kindsfater site following completion of both phases.

The project was constructed during fall/winter 2012 and consisted of excavating a series of 14 cells ranging in size from 0.24 acre to 1.39 acres; each designed to expose the shallow groundwater table for limited portions of the year. Wetland Cells 1 through 12 were constructed under the base bid phase. Wetland Cells 13 and 14 were completed as part of the alternative bid phase; however, the 11.1 acres of created wetlands within the gravel mining area were not completed as planned. Due to the steepness of the slopes from the gravel excavation, the contractor and MDT construction project manager decided to lessen the slopes so that people could still access the Kindsfater site from a gravel parking area along Laurel Airport Road. As a result, the area around the excavated cells was not constructed to the bottom elevation of the pre-existing wetland areas.

The site consists of an upper terrace with a slope that descends into a lower terrace adjacent to the Billings Bench Water Canal (BBWC). The project was designed to intercept shallow, unconfined groundwater flow through the project area to provide the hydrology required to sustain the wetland and open water areas. Revegetation of desirable species included a combination of plantings



and cuttings (*Salix* spp.), seeding with wetland plant species, and natural recruitment of existing shrubs, trees, and emergent plants. Woody plantings identified in the mitigation plan included locally collected willow cuttings, red-osier dogwood (*Cornus alba*), cottonwoods (*Populus* spp.), common chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), Douglas' hawthorn (*Crataegus douglasii*), buffaloberry (*Sherpherdia argentea*), Wood's rose (*Rosa woodsii*), and Rocky Mountain juniper (*Juniperus scopulorum*). The wetland seed mix included beaked spikerush (*Eleocharis rostellata*), Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), hard-stem clubrush (*Schoenoplectus acutus*), bluejoint reedgrass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*), tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*), fowl bluegrass (*Poa palustris*), and slender wild rye (*Elymus trachycaulus*). The locations of the willow planting areas are shown on Figure 2 of Appendix A. Several state-listed noxious weed species have been documented across the Kindsfater site. Weed control measures have been implemented under the guidelines of the Yellowstone County Noxious Weed Plan.

Table 1. Wetland credit determination for the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Mitigation Area Description	Proposed Wetland Type (Cowardin)	Mitigation Surface Area (Acres)	USACE Approved Mitigation Ratios	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (Acres)
BASE BID CREDITS					
Creation (Establishment)	Wetland Cells 7 & 9	Lacustrine emergent	1.8	1:1	1.8
Restoration (Re-establishment)	Wetland Cells 1-6 and partial Cell 8	Lacustrine emergent and Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	14.0	1:1	14.0
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	Areas adjacent to Wetland Cells 1-12	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	9.2	1.5:1	6.1
Enhancement	Wetland Cells 10-12 & partial Cell 8	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	3.1	3:1	1.0
Preservation	Existing Wetland Areas	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	21.9	4:1	5.5
Upland Buffer	50-foot wide upland perimeter	N/A	4.3	5:1	0.9
Temporary Impacts	Wetland Cells 10-12 & partial Cell 8	N/A	3.6	0:1	0.0*
			Sub-total Mitig	gation Credit	29.3
ALTERNATIVE BID CREDITS					
Creation (Establishment)	Gravel Mining Area	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	11.1**	1:1	11.1
Creation (Establishment)	Wetland Cells 13 & 14	Lacustrine emergent	2.8	1:1	2.8
Upland Buffer	50-foot wide upland perimeter	N/A	3.0	5:1	0.6
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<sup>\*</sup>Temporary impacts will result from construction activities in proposed enhancement areas for Wetland Cells 10, 11, 12, and parts of Cell 8.



<sup>\*\*11.1</sup> acres of creation wetlands in Alternative Bid Credits (gravel mining area) were not constructed.

The USACE approved performance standards for the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site are listed below.

- 1. Wetland Characteristics: All restored, created, enhanced, and preserved wetlands within the project limits will meet the three parameter criteria for hydrology, vegetation, and soils established for determining wetland areas as outlined in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the 2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Manual: Great Plains Region (Version 2.0) (2010 Regional Supplement). These methodologies were utilized to establish baseline wetland conditions on site.
  - a) Wetland Hydrology Success will be achieved where wetland hydrology is present as per the technical guidelines in the 1987 Manual and the 2010 Regional Supplement. Wetland hydrology will be confirmed through the periodic observations of surface water across the site and saturated soil conditions during the annual midseason monitoring event. Soil saturation will be present for at least 12.5% of the growing season.
  - b) Hydric Soil Success will be achieved where hydric soil conditions are present (per the most recent Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) definitions for hydric soil) or appear to be forming, the soil is sufficiently stable to prevent erosion, and the soil is able to support plant cover. Soil sampling will be conducted during the course of the monitoring period to determine if wetland areas are exhibiting characteristics of hydric soils per the 1987 Wetland Manual. Since typical hydric soil indicators may require long periods to form, a lack of distinctive hydric soil features will not be considered a failure if hydrologic and vegetation success is achieved.
  - c) Hydrophytic Vegetation Success will be achieved through the delineation of developing wetlands utilizing the technical guidelines established in the 1987 USACE Wetland Manual and the 2010 Regional Supplement and noxious weeds do not exceed 5% cover. The following concept of "dominance", as defined in the 1987 Manual, will be applied during future routine wetland determinations in created/restored wetlands: "Subjectively determine the dominant species by estimating those having the largest relative basal area (woody overstory), greatest height (woody understory), greatest percentage of aerial cover (herbaceous understory), and/or greatest number of stems (woody vines)." (Environmental laboratory 1987). Additionally, as per guidance from the USACE, hydrophytic vegetation success will include achieving a minimum overall vegetation cover of 80% in created wetland areas within 5 years following site construction.
    - Woody Plants Plantings will be considered successful where they exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years. Natural colonization of woody plant species from nearby sources is



- anticipated after construction activities are complete. The rate and extent of natural woody plant colonization will be dependent on factors such as planting locations, habitat availability, animal activity, seed sources, and other natural selection factors.
- ii. **Herbaceous Plants** At the conclusion of the monitoring period, ocular coverage of desirable hydrophytic vegetation (wetland plants listed as OBL, FACW and FAC) will be at least 80 percent.
- 2. **Open Water Areas:** It is the intent of the project to provide seasonal open water in the wetland enhancement areas where excavation in the existing wetland will be completed, and in the gravel removal area where wetland will be created. Open water that is established within the designated wetland cells will be considered successful and creditable.
- 3. Upland Buffer: Success will be achieved when noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent cover within the buffer areas on site. Any area within the creditable buffer area disturbed by project construction must have at least 50 percent aerial cover of non-noxious weed species by the end of the monitoring period.
- 4. Weed Control: Implementation of weed control will be based upon annual monitoring of the site to determine weed species and the degree of infestation within the site. Control measures based upon the monitoring results will be implemented by MDT to minimize and/or eliminate the intrusion of State Listed Noxious weed species within the site. Success will be achieved where <5% absolute cover of noxious weed species occurs across the site.</p>
- 5. **Fencing** of the proposed mitigation site has been installed along the easement boundaries to protect the integrity of the wetland from disturbance that may be detrimental to the site. Fencing installed along the perimeter of the site has been designed to be "wildlife friendly" to allow for wildlife movement into and out of the wetland complex.
- 6. Monitoring of this MDT mitigation site will be based upon the MDT standard monitoring protocols utilized for all MDT wetland mitigation sites for a minimum period of five years or longer as determined by the USACE, Montana Regulatory Office's review of annual monitoring reports for the site and whether or not the site has met the wetland success criteria. The site will be monitored annually beginning with the first full growing season following construction.

Figures 2 and 3 in Appendix A of this report show the site Monitoring Activity Locations and Mapped Site Features, respectively. The MDT Mitigation Monitoring Form, USACE Wetland Determination Data Forms – Great Plains Region (USACE 2010), and the 2008 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) Forms (Berglund and McEldowney 2008) are included in



Appendix B. Project area photographs are included in Appendix C and the MDT plans sheets for the Kindsfater wetland mitigation complex are located in Appendix D.

#### 2. METHODS

The second year of monitoring was completed on July 24, 2014. Information for the Mitigation Monitoring Form and Wetland Determination Data Form was entered in the field on an electronic tablet during the field investigation (Appendix B). Monitoring activity sites were located with a global positioning system (GPS) as shown on Figure 2 (Appendix A). Information collected included a wetland delineation, vegetation community mapping, vegetation transect monitoring, soil and hydrology data collection, bird and wildlife use documentation, photographic documentation, and a non-engineering examination of the infrastructure established within the mitigation project area.

## 2.1. Hydrology

The presence of hydrological indicators as outlined on the Wetland Determination Data Form was assessed at five data points established within the project area. The hydrologic indicators were evaluated according to features observed during the site visit. The data were recorded on the electronic Wetland Determination Data Form (Appendix B). Hydrologic assessments allow evaluation of mitigation criteria addressing inundation/saturation requirements.

Technical criteria for wetland hydrology guidelines have been established as "permanent or periodic inundation, or soil saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface for a significant period (12.5 percent of the growing season) during the growing season" (USACE 2010). Systems with continuous inundation or saturation for greater than 12.5 percent of the growing season are considered jurisdictional wetlands. The growing season is defined for purposes of this report as the number of days when there is a 50 percent probability that the minimum daily temperature is greater than or equal to 28.5 degrees Fahrenheit (Environmental Laboratory 1987). Temperature data recorded for the meteorological station at the Billings Water Plant, Montana (240802), located approximately 10 miles northeast of the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site, have a median (5 years in 10) growing season length of 156 days. Areas defined as wetlands would require 19.5 days of inundation or saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface to meet the hydrology criteria. Soil pits excavated during the wetland delineation were used to evaluate groundwater levels within 18 inches of the ground surface. The data were recorded on the Wetland Determination Data Form (Appendix B).

## 2.2. Vegetation

The boundaries of the dominant vegetation communities were determined in the field during the active growing season and subsequently delineated on the 2014 aerial photograph. Percent cover of dominant species within a community type was visually estimated and recorded using the following classes: 0 (less than 1 percent), 1 (1 to 5 percent), 2 (6 to 10 percent), 3 (11 to 20 percent), 4 (21 to 50



percent), and 5 (greater than 50 percent) (Appendix B). Community types were named based on the dominant vegetation species that characterized each mapped polygon (Figure 3, Appendix A).

Temporal changes in vegetation were evaluated through assessment of static belt transects established in August 2013 (Figure 2, Appendix A). Vegetation composition was assessed and recorded along three vegetation belt transects (T-1, T-2, T-3) approximately 10 feet wide and 300, 388, and 292 feet long, respectively (Figure 2, Appendix A). The transect locations were recorded with a resource-grade GPS unit.

Spatial changes in the dominant vegetation communities were recorded along the stationed transect. The percent aerial cover of each vegetation species within the belt transect was estimated using the same values and cover ranges used for the vegetation polygon data on the 2014 aerial photograph (Figure 3, Appendix B). Photographs were taken at the endpoints of each transect during the monitoring event and are shown in Appendix C.

The survival of woody species planted onsite was recorded during monitoring. Survival rates will be evaluated annually. The Montana State Noxious Weed List (September 2010), prepared by the Montana Department of Agriculture, was used to categorize weeds identified within the site. The location of noxious weeds was noted in the field and mapped on the aerial photo (Figure 3, Appendix A). The noxious weed species identified are color-coded. The locations are denoted with the symbol "x", "▲", or "■" representing 0 to 0.1 acre, .1 to 1 acre, or greater than 1 acre in extent, respectively. Cover classes are shown on Figure 3 as T, L, M, or H, representing less than 1 percent, 1 to 5 percent, 6 to 25 percent, and 26 to 100 percent, respectively.

#### 2.3. Soil

Soil information was obtained from the *Soil Survey for Yellowstone County Area* (SSURGO 2012) and *in situ* soil descriptions. Soil cores were excavated using a hand auger and evaluated according to procedures outlined in the 1987 Manual and the 2010 Regional Supplement. A description of the soil profile, including hydric soil indicators when present, was recorded on the Wetland Determination Data Form for each profile (Appendix B).

#### 2.4. Wetland Delineation

Waters of the U.S. including special aquatic sites and jurisdictional wetlands were delineated throughout the project area in accordance with criteria established in the 1987 Manual and the 2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Manual: Great Plains Region (USACE 2010). The technical criteria for hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soil, and wetland hydrology described in the 2010 Regional Supplement must be satisfied to delineate a representative area as jurisdictional. The name and indicator status of plant species was derived from the 2014 National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) (Lichvar et al. 2014). A Routine Level-2 on-site Determination Method (Environmental Laboratory 1987)



was used to delineate jurisdictional areas within the project boundaries. The information was recorded electronically on the Wetland Determination Data Form (Appendix B).

The wetland boundary was determined in the field based on changes in plant communities and/or hydrology, and changes in soil characteristics. Topographic relief boundaries within the project area were also examined and cross referenced with soil and vegetation communities as supportive information for this delineation. Vegetation composition, soil characteristics, and hydrology were assessed at likely wetland and adjacent upland locations. If all three parameters met the criteria, the area was designated as wetland and mapped by vegetation community type. If any one of the parameters did not exhibit positive wetland indicators, the area was determined to be upland unless the site was classified as an atypical situation, potential problem area, or special aquatic site, i.e., mudflat. The wetland boundary was GPS surveyed and is shown on the 2014 aerial photograph. Wetland areas were estimated using geographic information system (GIS) methods.

#### 2.5. Wildlife

Observations of use by mammal, reptile, amphibian, and bird species were recorded on the Mitigation Monitoring form during the site visit. Indirect use indicators including tracks, scat, burrow, eggshells, skins, and bones were also recorded. These signs were recorded while traversing the site for other required activities. Direct sampling methods such as snap traps, live traps, and pitfall traps, were not used. A comprehensive species list of wildlife observed during the annual monitoring periods has been compiled and is provided in Section 3.5 (Table 7).

#### 2.6. Functional Assessment

The 2008 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (Berglund and McEldowney 2008) was used to evaluate functions and values of wetlands identified on the site during the 2014 site investigation. This method provides an objective means of assigning wetlands an overall rating and provides regulators a means of assessing mitigation success based on wetland functions. Functions are self-sustaining properties of a wetland ecosystem that exist in the absence of society and relate to ecological significance without regard to subjective human values (Berglund and McEldowney 2008). Field data for this assessment were collected during the site visit. Wetland Assessment Forms were completed for two separate assessment areas (AA) within mitigation site (Appendix B).

#### 2.7. Photo Documentation

Monitoring at photo points provide supplemental information documenting wetland, upland, and vegetation transect conditions; site trends; and current land uses surrounding the site. Photographs were taken at photo points throughout the mitigation area that were established in coordination with the MDT Wetland Mitigation Specialist during the 2013 site visit (Appendix C). Photo point locations were recorded with a resource grade GPS unit (Figure 2, Appendix A).



#### 2.8. GPS Data

Site features and survey points were collected with a resource grade Thales Pro Mark III GPS unit during the 2014 monitoring season. Points were collected using WAAS-enabled differential correction satellites, typically improving resolution to sub-meter accuracy. The collected data were then transferred to a personal computer, imported into GIS, and presented in Montana State Plane Single Zone NAD 83 meters. Site features and survey points that were located with a GPS included fence boundaries, photograph points, transect endpoints, wetland boundaries and wetland data points.

#### 2.9. Maintenance Needs

Channels, engineered structures, fencing, and other man-made features were examined during the site visit for obvious signs of breaching, damage, or other problems. This was a cursory examination and did not constitute an engineering-level structural inspection.

#### 3. RESULTS

#### 3.1. Hydrology

Climate data from the meteorological station at Laurel, Montana (244894), located approximately three miles southwest of the site, recorded an average annual precipitation rate of 14.3 inches from September 1951 to October 1993. Data collection at this station was discontinued after 1994. The weather station at the Billings Water Plant, Montana (240802), located approximately 10 miles northeast of the site, recorded an average annual precipitation rate of 13.59 inches from April 1894 through September 2014. The historic precipitation average from winter through the growing season (January to August) was 9.7 inches. Precipitation in recent years for the same time period was 13.23 inches (2010), 9 inches (2011), 5.4 inches (2012), 8.18 inches (2013), and 11.31 inches (2014) indicating that 2011, 2012, and 2013 were below the long term average for precipitation, while 2010 and 2014 were above average. The site history suggests that precipitation rates may have little effect on the wetland development. The wetland area decreased by approximately 22 acres between 2002 and 2012, during an upward trend in precipitation (Chart 1) suggesting that factors other than precipitation may drive wetland hydrology within the site.

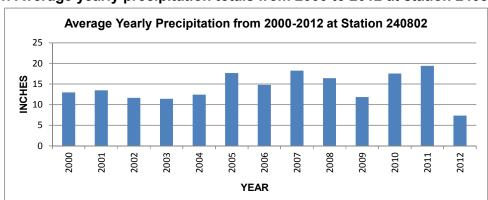


Chart 1. Average yearly precipitation totals from 2000 to 2012 at station 240802.



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Reductions in the areal extent of wetlands prior to implementation of the mitigation plan could be the result of several factors including less flood irrigation on fields west and north of the site, increased withdrawal of groundwater for domestic usage from the underlying aquifer, and ongoing dewatering activities associated with the Fisher-Mobley gravel operation directly north of the site. Decreased flood irrigation will likely affect the long-term supply of water entering the Kindsfater mitigation site on a permanent basis. The dewatering associated with the adjacent active gravel operation and resultant cone of depression will likely impact the site's hydrology temporarily. The groundwater table is expected to increase following termination of the gravel mining activity.

Five data points were sampled to determine the wetland/upland boundaries. Data points K-1w, K-2w, and K-3w were located in areas that met the wetland criteria. Data points K-1u and K-3u were located in upland areas that did not meet wetland criteria. Wetland hydrology indicators at K-1w, located within wetland community Type 3, included oxidized rhizospheres on living roots, the presence of reduced iron, and drainage patterns. Data point K-2w was located in an excavated cell located near the center of the mitigation site. Saturation at two inches below the ground surface, the presence of reduced iron, and the FAC-Neutral Test provided confirmation of wetland hydrology. The soil profile at data point K-3w exhibited the presence of reduced iron, a primary indicator of wetland hydrology. No hydrological indicators were observed at K-1u and K-3u.

Additional indicators of wetland hydrology observed within on site wetlands included water marks, inundation and saturation visible on aerial imagery, sparsely vegetated concave surfaces, geomorphic position, and drainage patterns. Portions of several excavated wetland cells were inundated during the 2014 field survey although no extensive areas of open water were mapped. In the constructed cells without surface water, saturated soil conditions were identified in the lower elevations of the concave depressions. Some wetland areas within the restoration credit areas did not exhibit signs of inundation but appeared to be sustained by a seasonal high groundwater table. Constructed cells 3, 6, 7, 9, 13 and 14 represented isolated wetland depressions surrounded The remaining constructed cells were situated within a by upland habitat. contiguous wetland mosaic with frequent surface drainages between cells. Shallow groundwater flows through the cells constructed along the upper terrace then discharges into the natural slope wetlands to recharge the depressional wetlands along the lower terrace.

#### 3.2. Vegetation

Monitoring year 2014 marked the second year of monitoring at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site. Seventy-eight plant species were observed on the site in 2014 (Table 2). Vegetation plant communities were identified by plant composition, species dominance, and the results of the wetland delineation. The community composition is provided on the Mitigation Monitoring form (Appendix B) and the community boundaries are shown on Figure 3 (Appendix A). Six vegetation community types were identified in 2014 including three upland



communities and three wetland communities. The communities were upland Type 1 – Chenopodium spp., wetland Type 2 – Eleocharis palustris, wetland Type 3 – Alopecurus pratensis/Poa palustris, upland Type 4 – Elaeagnus angustifolia, wetland Type 5 – Typha latifolia, and upland Type 6 – Elymus trachycaulus/Bromus arvensis. Community Type 6 was identified for the first time in 2014 on the drier slopes between the upper and lower terraces near the east boundary. The communities are discussed in detail below. Species are listed in descending order of abundance.

Upland community Type 1 – *Chenopodium* spp. represented areas dominated by successional vegetation that were disturbed by construction at the mitigation site in late 2012. This community type occupied approximately 37.07 acres of herbaceous species surrounding stands of upland community Type 4 – *Elaeagnus angustifolia* (Russian-olive). Forty-six vegetation species were identified within community Type 1. Dominant species included lamb's-quarters (*Cheonopodium album*), crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*), smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*), Mexican-fireweed (*Bassia scoparia*), cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), and slender wild rye (*Elymus trachycaulus*).

Wetland community Type 2 – *Eleocharis palustris* was mapped across 8.97 acres of the project area in the fourteen excavated wetland cells. This community was dominated by common spike-rush (*Eleocharis palustris*) with less than 10 percent dock-leaf smartweed (*Persicaria lapathifolia*), field meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), fowl bluegrass (*Poa palustris*), red-tinge bulrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*), fringed willowherb (*Epilobium ciliatum*), dagger-leaf rush (*Juncus ensifolius*),), hardstem club-rush (*Schoenoplectus acutus*), Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), and field sow-thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*). This community also exhibited 6 to 10 percent bare ground, a reflection of recent construction.

Wetland community Type 3 – *Alopecurus pratensis/Poa palustris* was identified across 16.14 acres of pre-existing wetland that remained relatively undisturbed during the 2012 construction. The total acreage decreased by 0.44 acre since 2013. This community was located on the upper and lower terraces along the east boundary and included the slope wetlands between the terraces. The community displayed a broad range of wetland hydrological conditions. Field meadow-foxtail and fowl bluegrass dominated the community. Other species identified in this community included western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*), Japanese brome (*Bromus arvensis*), northwest territory sedge (*Carex utriculata*), Nebraska sedge (*Carex nebrascensis*), lamb's-quarters, dock-leaf smartweed, annual rabbit's-foot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*), field sow-thistle, and 23 additional species in trace amounts. Bare ground was present at 6 to 10 percent of total cover.



Table 2. Vegetation species observed in 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status <sup>1</sup>
Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass	NL
Alopecurus pratensis	Field Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Amaranthus retroflexus	Red-Root	FACU
Asclepias speciosa	Showy Milkweed	FAC
Atriplex suckleyi	Suckley's Saltbush	NL
Bassia scoparia	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Brassica nigra	Black Mustard	NL
Bromus arvensis	Field Brome	FACU
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	NL
Calamagrostis canadensis	Bluejoint	FACW
Carex nebrascensis	Nebraska Sedge	OBL
Carex utriculata	Northwest Territory Sedge	OBL
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Chenopodium sp.	Goosefoot	NL
Cirsium arvense	Canadian Thistle	FACU
Cirsium vulgare	Bull Thistle	UPL
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	NL
Cornus alba	Red Osier	FACW
Crataegus douglasii	Black Hawthorn	FAC
Cynoglossum officinale	Gypsy-Flower	FACU
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair Grass	FACW
Descurainia sophia	Herb Sophia	NL
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian-Olive	FACU
Elaeagnus commutata	American Silver-Berry	UPL
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Epilobium ciliatum	Fringed Willowherb	FACW
Equisetum hyemale	Tall Scouring-Rush	FACW
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	American Licorice	FACU
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW
Hyoscyamus niger	Black Henbane	NL
Juncus articulatus	Joint-Leaf Rush	OBL
Juncus balticus	Baltic Rush	FACW
Juncus ensifolius	Dagger-Leaf Rush	FACW
Juncus torreyi	Torrey's Rush	FACW
Juniperus scopulorum	Rocky Mountain Juniper	NL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2014 NWPL (Lichvar et al., 2014).

Species identified in 2014 are **bolded**.



Table 2. (Continued). Vegetation species observed in 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Colombific Names Common Names		WMVC Indicator	
Scientific Names	Common Names	Status <sup>1</sup>	
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	FAC	
Lemna minor	Common Duckweed	OBL	
Lycopus asper	Rough Water-Horehound	OBL	
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	FACU	
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	UPL	
Melilotus albus	White Sweetclover	FACU	
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU	
Mentha arvensis	American Wild Mint	FACW	
Opuntia polyacantha	Plains Pricklypear	NL	
Panicum capillare	Common Panic Grass	FAC	
Pascopyrum smithii	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU	
Persicaria lapathifolia	Dock-Leaf Smartweed	OBL	
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canary Grass	FACW	
Poa palustris	Fowl Blue Grass	FACW	
Polypogon monspeliensis	Annual Rabbit's-Foot Grass	FACW	
Populus angustifolia	Narrow-Leaf Cottonwood	FACW	
Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	FAC	
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry	FACU	
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock	FAC	
Salix exigua	Narrow-Leaf Willow	FACW	
Salix lutea	Yellow Willow	FACW	
Salix sp.	Willow	NL	
Salsola tragus	Prickly Russian-Thistle	FACU	
Schedonorus pratensis	False Meadow Rye	FACU	
Schoenoplectus acutus	Hard-Stem Club-Rush	OBL	
Schoenoplectus pungens	Three-Square	OBL	
Scirpus microcarpus	Red-Tinge Bulrush	OBL	
Sherpherdia argentea	Silver Buffalo-Berry	UPL	
Sisymbrium altissimum	Tall Hedge-Mustard	FACU	
Solanum dulcamara	Climbing Nightshade	FACU	
Solidago canadensis	Canadian Goldenrod	FACU	
Sonchus arvensis	Field Sow-Thistle	FAC	
Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress	FACU	
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard	NL	
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL	
Typha latifolia	Broad-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL	
Verbascum thapsus	Great Mullein	UPL	
Veronica peregrina	Neckweed	FACW	
Vicia sativa	Garden Vetch	FACU	
Xanthium strumarium	Rough Cockleburr	FAC	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2014 NWPL (Lichvar et al., 2014).



Species identified in 2014 are **bolded**.

Upland community Type 4 – *Elaeagnus angustifolia* was a scrub/shrub and tree community scattered throughout upland community Type 1. Together, upland community Types 1 and 4 formed a mosaic across 61.78 acres of the site. Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*), American silver-berry (*Elaeagnus commutata*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), and narrow-leaf cottonwood (*Populus angustifolia*) were the dominant mature woody species identified in this community.

Wetland community Type 5 – *Typha latifolia* characterized 9.76 acres of preexisting wetlands that were dominated by broad-leaf cat-tail (*Typha latifolia*). This community type, undisturbed during 2012 construction, was characterized by perennial to semi-permanent wetland hydrology. Hardstem club-rush, common spike-rush, dock-leaf smartweed, rough water-horehound (*Lycopus asper*), annual rabbit's-foot grass, and climbing nightshade (*Solanum dulcamara*) were identified in this community.

Upland community Type 6 – *Elymus trachycaulus/Bromus arvensis* was created in 2014 to characterize the dry slopes near the east boundary. Slender wild rye, Japanese brome, field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), cheatgrass, and Canadian thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) dominated the vegetation cover.

Vegetation cover was measured along three transects at the Kindsfater mitigation site in 2014 (Figure 2, Appendix A). Baseline conditions on the vegetation transect were measured for the first time in 2013. Temporal trends in vegetation development will be discussed as the site matures. recorded on Transect 1 (Monitoring Forms, Appendix B) are summarized in tabular and graphical formats in Table 3 and Chart 2 and Chart 3, respectively. The transect ends were photographed on Page C-5 in Appendix C. Transect T-1 began in the upland Chenopodium spp. community and extended 300 feet across excavated cell 14 before ending in upland. The transect alternated between upland community Type 1 and wetland community Type 2 and bisected an upland island. Approximately 40 percent of the transect intersected wetland vegetation, which was the same percent as in 2013. A total of 36 species were identified that included 13 hydrophytes and 23 upland plants. modifications to the wetland plan in this area and the distinct topographic breaks between upland and wetland habitat along this transect, minimal changes to the percent wetland/upland habitat are expected although community composition will likely shift with time.



Table 3. Data summary for Transect T-1 for 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Monitoring Year	2013	2014
Transect Length (feet)	300	300
Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	4	4
Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities along Transect	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	24	36
Total Hydrophytic Species	9	13
Total Upland Species	15	23
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	70	70
Estimated % Unvegetated	30	30
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	40.3	40.3
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	59.7	59.7
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0

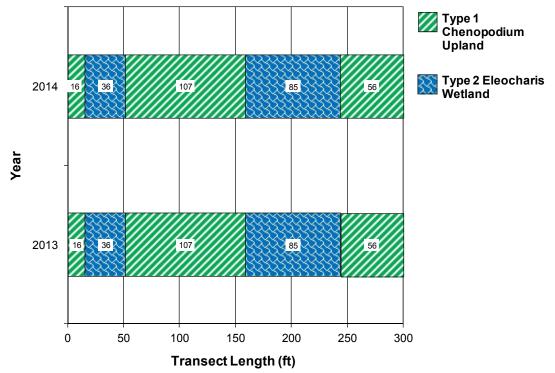


Chart 2. Transect map showing community types on Transect T-1 from start (0 feet) to finish (300 feet) at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site in 2013 and 2014.



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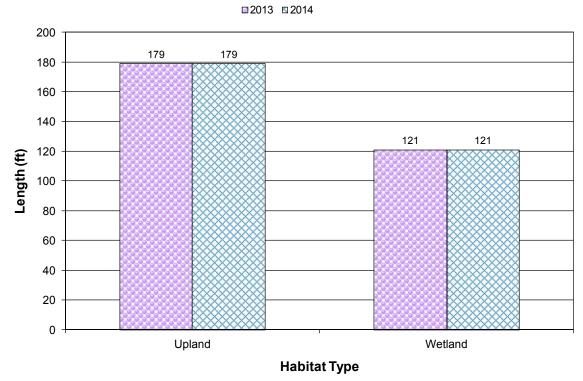


Chart 3. Length of habitat types within Transect T-1 for 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Data collected on Transect T-2 (Monitoring Form, Appendix B) are summarized in tabular and graphic formats (Table 4, Charts 4 and 5, respectively). Photographs of the endpoints are shown on page C-6 in Appendix C. This 388-foot transect began in pre-existing wetland community Type 3 (*Alopecurus/Poa*), then bisected Cell 8, and ended in the *Alopecurus pratensis/Poa palustris* community. Approximately 40 percent of the transect, primarily within the constructed basins, consisted of bare substrate as a result of recent excavation. Nineteen hydrophytic species were identified along this transect, including Torrey's rush (*Juncus torreyi*), narrow-leaf willow (*Salix exigua*), and cottonwood seedlings.



Table 4. Data summary for Transect T-2 for 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Monitoring Year	2013	2014
Transect Length (feet)	388	388
Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	2	2
Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	22	33
Total Hydrophytic Species	16	19
Total Upland Species	6	14
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	60	60
Estimated % Unvegetated	40	40
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	100	100
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0

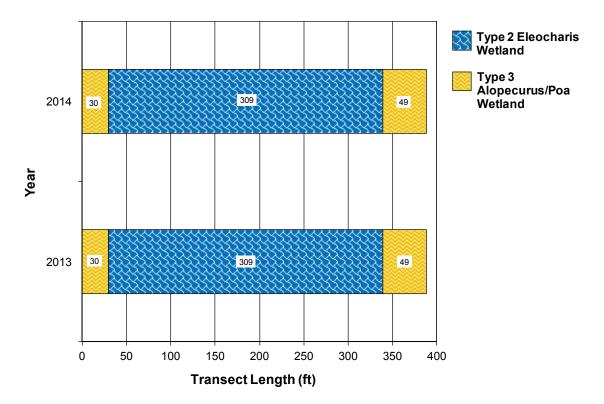


Chart 4. Transect map showing community types on Transect T-2 for 2013 and 2014 from start (0 feet) to finish (388 feet) at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.



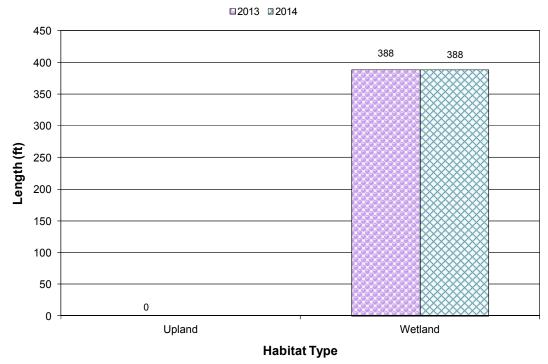


Chart 5. Length of habitat types within Transect T-2 for 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Transect T-3 data are summarized in tabular and graphic formats (Table 5 and Charts 6 and 7, respectively). Photographs of the endpoints of Transect T-3 are located on Page C-7 in Appendix C. This transect was established across constructed Cell 4 (Figure 2, Appendix A). Approximately 90 percent of the transect was located in wetland habitat in 2014, the same as in 2013. The 292-foot transect began in the undisturbed, re-established (restoration) area of the pre-existing wetland. The transect crossed community Type 3 to the Type 2 – *Eleocharis* community and ended in upland community Type 1 – *Chenopodium*.

Table 5. Data summary for Transect T-3 for 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

Monitoring Year	2013	2014
Transect Length (feet)	292	292
Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	2	2
Vegetation Communities along Transect	3	3
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	18	26
Total Hydrophytic Species	11	18
Total Upland Species	7	8
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	70	70
Estimated % Unvegetated	30	30
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	89.7	89.7
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	10.3	10.3
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0



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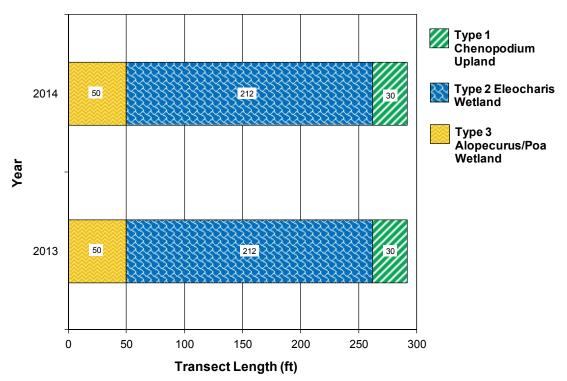


Chart 6. Transect map showing community types on Transect T-3 in 2013 and 2014 from start (0 feet) to finish (292 feet) at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.

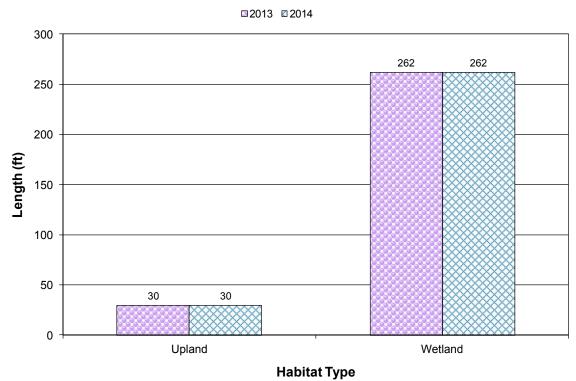


Chart 7. Length of habitat types within Transect T-3 in 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site.



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Twenty-eight infestations of Montana Listed Priority 2B noxious weeds were mapped at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site (Figure 3, Appendix A). Ten isolated areas of Canadian thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), seven areas of gypsy-flower (houndstongue, *Cynoglossum officinale*), five areas of spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*), three infestations of leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), and three areas of field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) were identified at infestation sizes less than 1.0 acre and less than 25 percent cover. Field bindweed was identified on the site for the first time in 2014. The size and number of infestations spread from 2013 to 2014. This increased extent of weed infestation observed in 2014 exceeds the success criterion for weed population at less than five percent site-wide. An MDT weed contractor treated this site in 2012 prior to construction. Due to the potential for weed control efforts to have a negative impact on newly seeded and emerging plants, no weed control was conducted within the site in 2013 and 2014. Weed control efforts will be re-initiated in 2015 as part of post-monitoring site management by MDT.

A few thousand cuttings and containerized materials were planted in approximately 27 clusters (Figure 2, Appendix A) around the Kindsfater site. The woody planting zones were generally located around the excavated wetland cells. Nearly 75 percent of the observed plantings were alive during the 2014 evaluation. The species planted are listed on the Mitigation Monitoring Form in Appendix B.

#### 3.3. Soil

Five soil series were mapped in the *Yellowstone County Soil Survey* (USDA 2013) within the mitigation area including Bew silty clay loam, Shoreu gravelly loam, Wanetta clay loam, Larim gravelly loam, and alluvial land (wet). The existing wetlands across the site were located in areas mapped as Bew silty clay loam, Wanetta clay loam, Larim gravelly loam, and alluvial land mapped along the irrigation canal. The constructed cells were generally mapped in the Bew and Wanetta series. The Bew soils consist of very deep, well drained, slowly permeable soils that occur on uplands and in valleys. The Wanetta series is a well-drained, moderately permeable loam to gravelly loam. The Bew soil and alluvial land map units are listed on the Montana Hydric soil list. The historic gravel mining operations disturbed soils extensively across the site. Soil profiles observed in the test pits provided evidence that the NRCS mapped soil units are not applicable for describing contemporary soil conditions within the Kindsfater mitigation area.

Soil test pits were documented at five locations (Figure 2, Appendix A). Data points K-1w and K-3w were located in wetland Type 3. Data point K-2w was located in a recently constructed wetland depression. The profile from 4 to 20 inches at K-1w was a gray (10YR 5/1) sandy loam with dark yellowish brown (10 YR 4/6) redox concentrations, indicative of a depleted matrix. The soil profile at K-2w displayed a dark gray (10YR 4/1) sandy clay loam with ten percent yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) redox concentrations in the matrix. The data point was considered hydric based on the depleted matrix. Test pit K-3w revealed a



grayish brown (10 YR 5/2) fine sandy loam with dark yellowish brown (10 YR 4/6) redox concentrations. The depleted matrix was an indicator of hydric soil. Data point K-1u exhibited a grayish brown (10YR 5/2) silt loam with three percent dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) redox concentrations. An impenetrable layer at 12 inches prevented confirmation that the matrix contained 6 inches of low chroma soil starting at 10 inches. The data point did not exhibit wetland plants or hydrology. The soil in test pit K-3u was a gray (10 YR 6/1) loamy sand without redox features. The upland data points did not display hydric soil indicators.

#### 3.4. Wetland Delineation

Five data points were used to define the wetland boundary in 2014 (Figure 2, Appendix A). The completed Wetland Determination Data Forms are located in Appendix B. Data points K-1w, K-2w, and K-3w were located in areas that were classified as wetlands. The total wetland acreage surveyed within the Kindsfater mitigation area in 2014 was 34.87 acres, a decrease of 0.61 acre from 2013. The slight decrease in wetland habitat was observed within community Types 3 and 5 within the preservation portion of the mitigation area. The delineation confirmed 8.80 acres in the restoration areas (re-establishment and rehabilitation) crediting area, 2.99 acres in the enhancement area, and 1.77 acres of created wetland in the excavated cells (Table 6). Uplands accounted for 80.82 acres of the mitigation site.

Table 6. Wetland acres delineated in 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site.

Habitat Type	2013	2014
11000001770	Acreage	Acreage
Preservation	21.92	21.31
Re-establishment (Restoration)	7.86	7.86
Rehabilitation (Restoration)	0.94	0.94
Enhancement	2.99	2.99
Creation	1.77	1.77
Total Wetland Habitat	35.48	34.87

#### 3.5. Wildlife

A comprehensive list of bird and other wildlife species observed directly or indirectly during the 2014 field survey is presented in Table 7 and noted on the mitigation monitoring form (Appendix B). Twelve bird species were identified in 2014. Three white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) and numerous deer tracks and scat were observed during the site visit. Ten boreal chorus frogs (*Pseudacris maculata*) and eight northern leopard frogs (*Rana pipiens*) were noted within the excavated cells. Four voles were also observed during 2014 monitoring.



Table 7. Wildlife species observed in 2013 and 2014 at the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME		
AMPHIBIANS			
Boreal Chorus Frog	Pseudacris maculata		
Plains Spadefoot	Spea bombifrons		
Northern Leopard Frog	Rana pipiens		
BIR	DS		
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristus		
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia		
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula		
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas		
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus		
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens		
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris		
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis		
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura		
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus		
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis		
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus		
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus		
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius		
Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni		
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus		
Western Kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis		
Western Meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta		
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus		
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys		
Yellow Warbler	Dendroica petechia		
MAMMALS			
White-tailed Deer	Odocoileus virginianus		
Vole spp.			

Species observed in 2014 are **bolded**.



#### 3.6. Functional Assessment

The 2008 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) (Berglund and McEldowney 2008) was used to evaluate two general assessment areas (AA), creation and pre-existing (Table 8 and Appendix B). The findings of the assessment are described below.

The Existing Wetland AA included 33.10 acres of pre-existing wetland habitat identified in the 2012 wetland delineation conducted by MMI. This AA included 21.31 acres of preservation wetland habitat, 8.80 acres of restoration habitat, and 2.99 acres of enhancement habitat. The Existing Wetland AA was rated as a Category III wetland, scoring 59 percent of the possible points and 155.57 functional units. Primary habitat for the Plains Spadefoot was observed in this AA, which also received high ratings for short and long term surface water storage, sediment/nutrient/toxicant removal and recreation/education potential.

The Created Wetlands AA encompassed 1.77 acres of constructed palustrine, emergent wetlands and included Cells 9, 13 and 14 and a portion of Cell 7. This AA rated as a Category III wetland with 45 percent of the possible score and a total of 6.37 functional units. The recent disturbance from construction was reflected in the 2013 and 2014 evaluations. The score decreased slightly between 2013 and 2014 due to modifications to the Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage rating. The AA rated high for MTNHP species habitat owing to the documented primary habitat of the Plains Spadefoot (S3). High marks were also received for the recreation/education potential. The rating for this AA is expected to increase as the disturbed areas recover and develop a more extensive vegetation cover.



Table 8. Functions and Values of the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site for 2013 and 2014

Function and Value Parameters 2008 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method	2013 AA 1 (Existing Wetlands)	2014 AA 1 (Existing Wetlands)	2013 AA 2 (Created Wetlands)	2014 AA 2 (Created Wetlands)
Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)
MTNHP Species Habitat	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
General Wildlife Habitat	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	NA	NA	NA	NA
Flood Attenuation	NA	NA	NA	NA
Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	Mod (0.6)	Low (0.3)
Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.7)
Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA	NA	NA	NA
Production Export/Food Chain Support	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)
Recreation/Education Potential	High (0.20)	High (0.20)	High (0.20)	High (0.20)
Actual Points / Possible Points	4.7 / 8	4.7 / 8	3.7 / 8	3.6 / 8
% of Possible Score Achieved	59%	59%	46%	45%
Overall Category	III	III	III	III
Total Acreage of Assessed Wetlands within Site Boundaries (ac)	33.71	33.10	1.77	1.77
Functional Units (acreage x actual points)	158.44	155.57	6.55	6.37



#### 3.7. Photo Documentation

Photographs taken at photo points one through twelve (PP1 through PP12; Figure 2, Appendix A) in 2014 are shown on pages C-1 to C-4 of Appendix C. Transect end points are shown on pages C-5 to C-7 and photos of the data points are included on page C-8.

#### 3.8. Maintenance Needs

No man-made water control structures were installed within the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site. The perimeter fence installed around the site was in good-working order at the time of the 2014 investigation. Two bluebird boxes were installed on the site (Figure 2, Appendix A). These boxes were in good condition and appeared to have been used since being installed based on the presence of feathers and droppings. This site appears to be used by a high number of people for a diversity of recreational activities. An encampment was noted near the southwest corner of the site in a forested area used by paintballers and included some refuse that should be cleaned up to protect the integrity of the site.

As noted in the vegetation section of this report, twenty-eight infestations of Montana Listed Priority 2B noxious weeds were mapped at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site (Figure 3, Appendix A). Ten isolated areas of Canadian thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), seven areas of gypsy-flower (houndstongue, *Cynoglossum officinale*), five areas of spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*), three infestations of leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), and three areas of field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) were identified at infestation sizes less than 1.0 acre and less than 25 percent cover. Field bindweed was identified on the site for the first time in 2014. The size and number of infestations appear to have spread from 2013 to 2014.

An MDT weed contractor treated this site in 2012 prior to construction. Due to the potential for weed control efforts to have a negative impact on newly seeded and emerging plants, no weed control was conducted within the site in 2013 and 2014. Weed control efforts will be re-initiated in 2015 as part of post-monitoring site management by MDT.

#### 3.9. Current Credit Summary

Table 9 summarizes the current estimated wetland credits based on the USACE approved credit ratios (MDT 2008) and the wetland delineation completed in July 2014. Mitigation areas delineated at the Kindsfater site in 2014 include 1.77 acres of creation, 7.86 acres of re-establishment, 0.94 acres of rehabilitation, 2.99 acres of enhancement, 21.31 acres of wetland preservation, and 4.56 acres (22.80 acres within 50-foot buffer) of upland buffer. Applying the USACE approved ratios to these values, a total of 21.14 acres of mitigation credit have been estimated in 2014, a value well below the targeted 32.7 acres anticipated at this site. Although 2014 represents only the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of monitoring, the attainment of the full target value of 32.7 credit acres may prove difficult without an increase of groundwater or supplemental water into the mitigation area.



Table 9. Wetland mitigation credits estimated for Kindsfater in 2013 and 2014.

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Mitigation Area Description	Wetland Type (Cowardin)	Anticipated Mitigation Surface Area (Acres)	USACE Approved Mitigation Ratios	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (Acres)	2013 Delineated Acres	2013 Mitigation Credit (Acres)	2014 Delineated Acres	2014 Mitigation Credit (Acres)
Creation (Establishment)	Wetland Cells 7, 9, 13 & 14	Lacustrine emergent	4.60	1:1	4.60	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77
Restoration (Re-establishment)	Wetland Cells 1-6 and partial Cell 18	Lacustrine emergent and Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	14.00	1:1	14.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.86
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	Areas adjacent to Wetland Cells 1-12	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	9.20	1.5:1	6.13	0.94	0.63	0.94	0.63
Enhancement	Wetland Cells 10-12 & partial Cell 8	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	3.10	3:1	1.03	2.99	1.00	2.99	1.00
Preservation	Existing Wetland Areas	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	21.90	4:1	5.48	21.92	5.50	21.31	5.33
Upland Buffer	50-foot wide upland perimeter	N/A	7.30	5:1	1.46	22.90	1.46*	22.80	4.56**
	Totals 60.10 32.70 58.4 17.59 57.7 21.14						21.14		

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated credit acres for upland buffer included the 1.46 acres anticipated in USACE-approved mitigation plan.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Value calculated using GIS.

Table 10 provides a summary of the site conditions in relation to the established performance standards and success criteria. All wetlands delineated within the Kindsfater site in 2014 met the three criteria outlined in the 1987 Manual and 2010 GP Regional Supplement. Wetland creation areas exhibited less than 5 percent cover from noxious weeds; however, these areas also exhibited less than 80 percent overall vegetation cover. Pre-existing wetlands exhibited greater than 80 percent overall vegetation cover and less than 5 percent cover of Greater than 50 percent of the planted woody vegetation noxious weeds. survived through 2014. Fencing has been installed around the perimeter of the easement area to protect the site from disturbance. Within the upland buffer, noxious weed cover has exceeded 5 percent. The MDT implements weed control measures based on the results of field surveys to minimize and/or eliminate the intrusion of State Listed Noxious weed species within the site. Monitoring of this MDT mitigation site will be conducted for a minimum period of five years as determined by the USACE Montana Regulatory Office's review of annual monitoring reports for the site and attainment of wetland success criteria.



Table 10. Summary of performance standards and success criteria compared to existing site conditions.

Performance Standards	Success Criteria	Criteria Achieved Y/N	Discussion
Wetland Characteristics	Meet the three parameter criteria for hydrology, vegetation, and soils as outlined in the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and 2010 Great Plains Region.	Y	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site meet the three parameter criteria.
Wetland Hydrology	Soil saturation present for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season.	Y	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site exhibit soil saturation for a minimum 12.5 percent of growing season.
Hydric Soil	Hydric soil conditions present or appear to be forming.		The recently constructed wetland complex exhibits weak hydric soil development, including faint redoximorphic concentrations observed within several of the excavated depressions. Pre-existing hydric soil characteristics are present in several areas identified as wetland prior to project construction.
	Soil is sufficiently stable to prevent erosion.	Υ	Disturbed soil is stable and does not exhibit signs of erosion.
	Soil is able to support plant cover.	Y	Plant cover has continued to develop across disturbed soils.
	Achieved when wetlands delineated as hydrophytic utilizing technical guidelines.	Υ	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation (OBL, FACW, and FAC).
Hydrophytic Vegetation	Noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent cover.	Υ	Although numerous noxious weed infestation have been mapped across this site, these infestations are generally located outside of site wetlands. Estimated noxious weed cover within delineated wetlands is below 5 percent.
	Hydrophytic vegetation success will include achieving a minimum overall vegetation cover of 80 percent in created wetland areas within 5 years following site construction.	N	The majority of the created wetlands exhibited less than 80 percent vegetation cover during the 2014 monitoring event. These areas generally showed increased vegetation cover and are anticipated to meet this criteria within 5 years post-construction.
Woody Plants	Plantings will be considered successful where they exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years.	Y	Approximately 75 percent of the woody plantings observed were alive in 2014, exceeding the 50 percent survival rate.
Herbaceous Plants	At the conclusion of the monitoring period, ocular coverage of desirable hydrophytic vegetation will be at least 80 percent.	N	The majority of the created wetlands exhibited less than 80 percent vegetation cover during the 2014 monitoring event. These areas generally showed increased vegetation cover and are anticipated to meet this criteria within 5 years post-construction.
Open Water Areas	Open water that is established within the designated wetland cells will be considered successful and creditable.	NA	Although inundation was observed during the 2014 monitoring event, no areas of open water were mapped within the Kindsfater wetland complex.
Upland Buffer	Success will be achieved when noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percenct cover within the buffer areas on site.		Numerous noxious weed infestations, including field bindweed, leafy spurge, gypsy- flower, Canadian thistle, and spotted knapweed, have been mapped within the site and displayed an increase between 2013 and 2014. MDT will need to continue to implement weed control measure to meet this criteria.
	Any area disturbed within creditable buffer zone must have at least 50 percent aerial cover of non-weed species by end of monitoring period.		Upland buffers surround wetland areas within the site exhibited greater than 50 percent aerial cover of non-weed species.
Weed Control	Success will be achieved where <5 percent absolute cover of noxious weed species occurs across the site.	N	Although the estimated coverage of noxious weeds within the constructed wetlands is below 5 percent, state-listed noxious weed species across the entire site has been estimated at greater than 5 percent absolute cover in 2014.
Fencing	Install wildlife-friendly fencing along the easement boundaries.	Y	Wildlife-friendly fencing has been installed around the easement boundaries and is in good condition.
Monitoring	Monitor the site for a minimum period of five years or longer as determined by the US Army Corps.	N	Comprehensive site monitoring has been on-going for 2 years.



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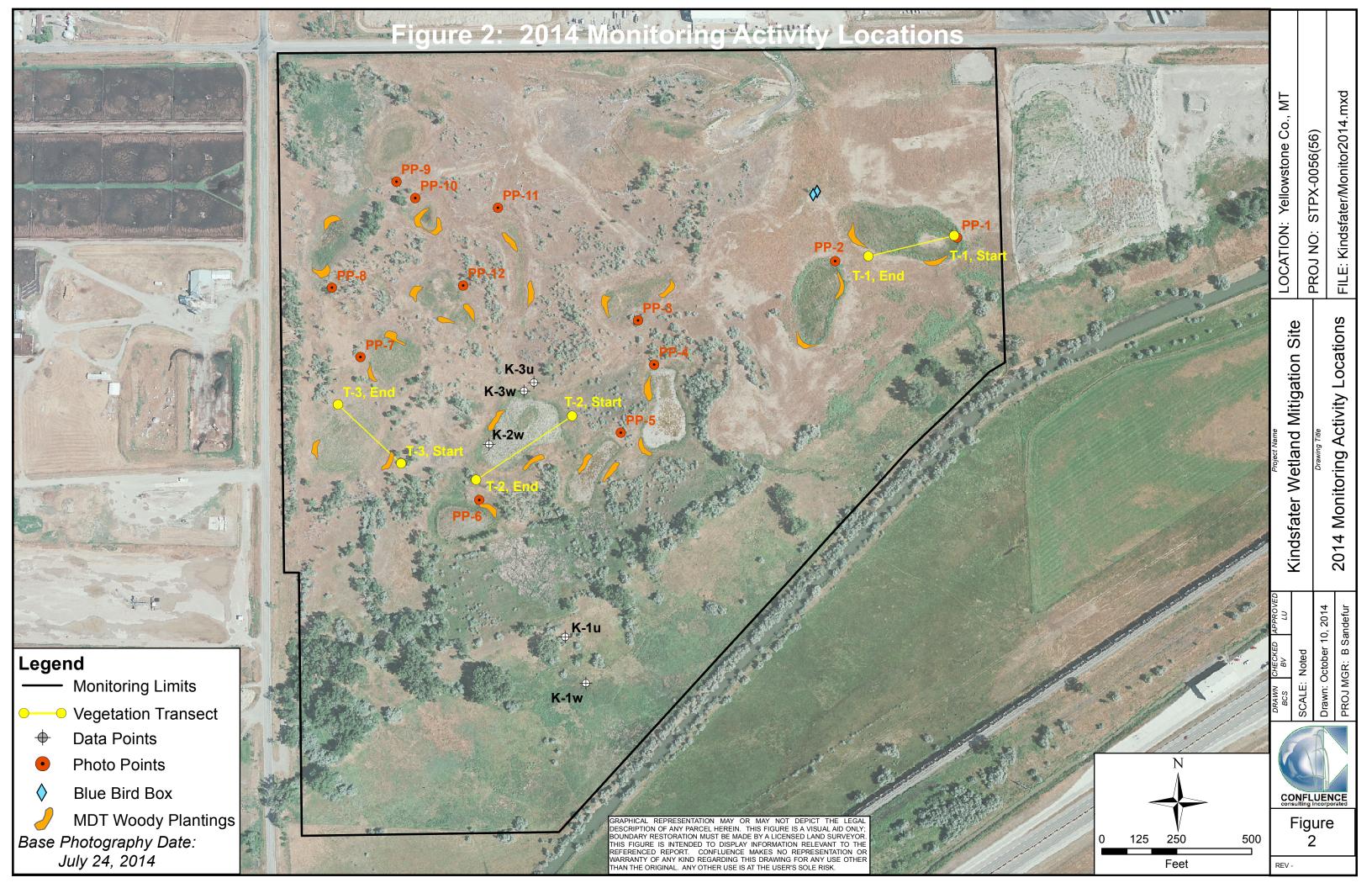


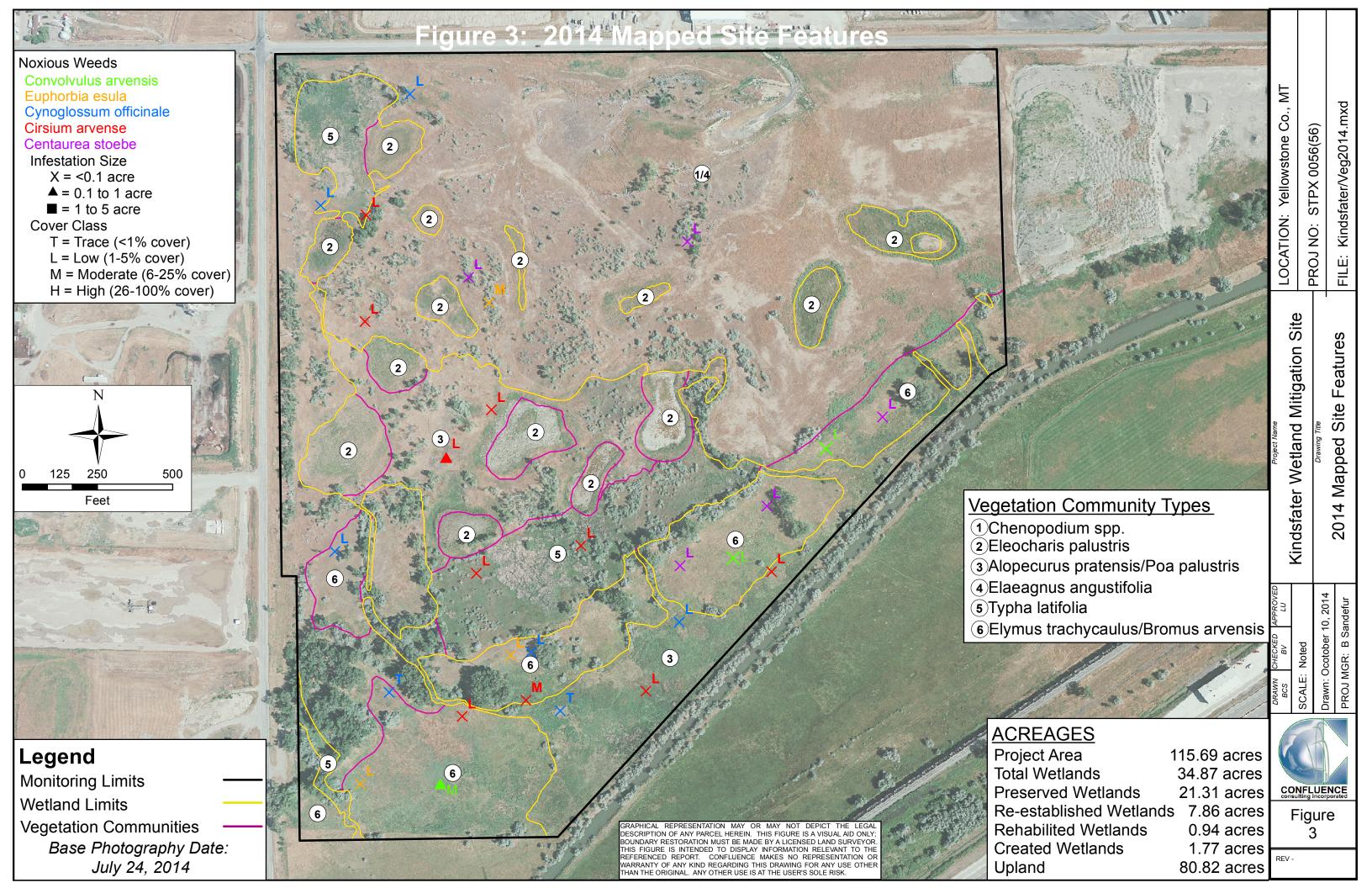
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## Appendix A

Project Area Maps – Figures 2 and 3

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# Appendix B

2014 MDT Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring Form 2014 USACE Wetland Determination Data Forms 2014 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Forms

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### MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Site: Kindsfater	Assessment Date/Time	7/24/2014 9:51:29 AM
Person(s) conducting the assessment:		
Weather: Sunny, approximately 95 de		
MDT District: 5	Milepost:	
Legal Description: T <u>2S</u> R <u>25E</u> Sec	, ,	
	_Monitoring Year: <u>2</u> #Visits in Year: <u>1</u>	
Size of Evaluation Area: 115.69 (acre	<u>es)</u>	
Land use surrounding wetland:		
Transportation, commercial, agricult	ure	
	HYDROLOGY	
Surface Water Source: Groundwater		
Inundation: 🔽 Average Dept	th: <u>0.25 <b>(ft)</b></u> Range of Depths: <u>0.2</u> -	-0.5 <b>(ft)</b>
Percent of assessment area under inundati	ion: <u>20 %</u>	
Depth at emergent vegetation-open water b	ooundary: <u>0.2 <b>(ft)</b></u>	
If assessment area is not inundated then a	re the soils saturated within 12 inches of su	ırface: <u>Yes</u>
Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex	a. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, e	etc <u>:</u>
Water marks, inundation/saturation visib geomorphic position, drainage patterns.	le on aerial imagery, sparsely vegetated	concave surface,
Groundwater Monitoring Wells		
Record depth of water surface below g	round surface, in feet.	
Well ID Water Surface Dept	th (ft)	
None		
Additional Activities Checklist:		
Map emergent vegetation-open water boundary	on aerial photograph.	
Observe extent of surface water during each site	e visit and look for evidence of past surface water	
elevations (drift lines, erosion, vegetation staining, etc.)		
Use GPS to survey groundwater monitoring well Hydrology Notes:	locations, if present.	
iyalology Notes.		
There are no groundwater monitoring we	lls at this mitigation site.	

### **VEGETATION COMMUNITIES**

# Site Kindsfater

(Cover Class Codes  $\mathbf{0}$  = < 1%,  $\mathbf{1}$  = 1-5%,  $\mathbf{2}$  = 6-10%,  $\mathbf{3}$  = 11-20%,  $\mathbf{4}$  = 21-50%,  $\mathbf{5}$  = >50%)

Community # 1 Community Type: Chenopodium spp. / Acres 37.07

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Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	2	Alopecurus pratensis	0
Amaranthus retroflexus	1	Asclepias speciosa	0
Bare Ground	0	Bassia scoparia	2
Brassica nigra	0	Bromus arvensis	0
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus tectorum	2
Calamagrostis canadensis	0	Chenopodium album	2
Chenopodium sp.	4	Cirsium arvense	0
Convolvulus arvensis	0	Cynoglossum officinale	0
Descurainia sophia	0	Elaeagnus angustifolia	0
Elaeagnus commutata	0	Elymus trachycaulus	2
Equisetum hyemale	1	Hyoscyamus niger	0
Juncus balticus	0	Lactuca serriola	0
ycopus asper	0	Medicago lupulina	0
Medicago sativa	1	Melilotus albus	0
Melilotus officinalis	0	Opuntia polyacantha	0
Panicum capillare	1	Persicaria lapathifolia	0
Phalaris arundinacea	0	Poa palustris	0
Polypogon monspeliensis	0	Populus angustifolia	0
Populus deltoides	0	Salsola tragus	1
Schedonorus pratensis	1	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Solidago canadensis	1	Sonchus arvensis	0
Thlaspi arvense	1	Tragopogon dubius	1
Verbascum thapsus	1	Xanthium strumarium	0
Comments:			
Upland community			

Upland community

Community #	<u>2</u> (	Community Type:	Eleocharis palustris /	Acres	<u>8.9</u>	<u>)7</u>
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Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus pratensis	1	Atriplex suckleyi	0
Bare Ground	2	Bromus arvensis	0
Calamagrostis canadensis	0	Carex nebrascensis	0
Chenopodium sp.	0	Cirsium arvense	0
Cirsium vulgare	0	Cornus alba	0
Deschampsia caespitosa	0	Eleocharis palustris	4
Elymus trachycaulus	0	Epilobium ciliatum	1
Hordeum jubatum	0	Hyoscyamus niger	0
Juncus articulatus	0	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus ensifolius	1	Juncus torreyi	0
Lactuca serriola	0	Lemna minor	0
Lycopus asper	0	Melilotus albus	0
Mentha arvensis	0	Panicum capillare	0
Persicaria lapathifolia	2	Phalaris arundinacea	0
Poa palustris	1	Polypogon monspeliensis	0
Populus deltoides	0	Rumex crispus	0
Salix exigua	0	Salix sp.	0
Schoenoplectus acutus	1	Schoenoplectus pungens	0
Scirpus microcarpus	1	Sonchus arvensis	1
Tragopogon dubius	0	Typha latifolia	0
Veronica peregrina	0	Vicia sativa	0
Xanthium strumarium	0		
Comments:			

Wetland community developed within excavated basins.

Community # 3 Co	ommunity Type:	Alopecurus pratensis / Poa palustris	s Acres	<u>16.14</u>
Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class	
Alopecurus pratensis	4	Bare Ground	2	
Bromus arvensis	1	Carex nebrascensis	1	
Carex utriculata	1	Chenopodium album	1	
Chenopodium sp.	0	Cirsium arvense	0	
Cirsium vulgare	0	Cynoglossum officinale	0	
Deschampsia caespitosa	0	Elaeagnus commutata	0	
Elymus trachycaulus	0	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0	
Juncus balticus	0	Lactuca serriola	0	
Lycopus asper	0	Medicago sativa	0	
Melilotus albus	0	Mentha arvensis	0	
Panicum capillare	0	Pascopyrum smithii	3	
Persicaria lapathifolia	1	Poa palustris	4	
Polypogon monspeliensis	1	Populus deltoides	0	
Rumex crispus	1	Salix lutea	0	
Schedonorus pratensis	0	Scirpus microcarpus	0	
Sonchus arvensis	1	Thlaspi arvense	0	
Typha angustifolia	0	Typha latifolia	0	
Xanthium strumarium	0			
Comments:				
Existing drier wetland area	community.			
Community # 4 Co	ommunity Type:	Elaeagnus angustifolia /	Acres	<u>24.71</u>
Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class	
Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	Elaeagnus commutata	1	
Populus angustifolia	1	Populus deltoides	2	
Comments:				
Scrub/shrub and tree vegeta Upland community is genera		rspersed through upland community coms 1 & 4.	1 (Cheno spp.).	
	ommunity Type:		Acres	<u>9.76</u>
Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class	
Eleocharis palustris	1	Lycopus asper	1	
Persicaria lapathifolia	1	Polypogon monspeliensis	1	
Schoenoplectus acutus	2	Solanum dulcamara	0	
Typha latifolia	5			
Comments:				

Pre-construction existing wetland community.

Community # 6 C	ommunity Type:	Elymus trachycaulus / Bromus arv	<u>vensis</u> Acres	<u>19.04</u>	
Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class		
Bare Ground	1	Bromus arvensis	3		
Bromus tectorum	2	Chenopodium album	1		
Cirsium arvense	2	Convolvulus arvensis	3		
Elymus repens	1	Elymus trachycaulus	3		
Equisetum hyemale	1	Lactuca serriola	1		
Sisymbrium altissimum	1	Solidago canadensis	0		
Thlaspi arvense	1	Verbascum thapsus	0		
Comments:					
Community generally located along the drier slope between the upper and lower terraces.					

Total Vegetation Community Acreage 115.69
(Note: some area within the project bounds may be open water or other non-vegetative ground cover.)

# **VEGETATION TRANSECTS**

: Kindsfater		Da	ate: 7/24/2014 9	9:51:29 AM
Transect Number: 1		_ Compass D	irection from Start:2	40_
Interval Data:				
Ending Station	16	Community Type:	Chenopodium spp. /	
Species		Cover class	Species	Cover class
Brassica nigra		1	Bromus arvensis	1
Chenopodium album		2	Hyoscyamus niger	0
Hyoscyamus niger		0	Lactuca serriola	1
Medicago sativa		1	Melilotus albus	4
Salsola tragus		1		
Ending Station	52	Community Type:	Eleocharis palustris /	
Species		Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground		2	Bromus arvensis	0
Chenopodium sp.		1	Deschampsia caespitosa	1
Eleocharis palustris		3	Hordeum jubatum	0
Juncus articulatus		1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi		1	Poa palustris	2
Polypogon monspeliensis		0	Populus deltoides	2
Salix exigua		2	Salix sp.	1
Schoenoplectus pungens		1	Scirpus microcarpus	1
Typha latifolia		1		
Ending Station	159	Community Type:	Chenopodium spp. /	
Species		Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground		4	Bromus arvensis	2
Chenopodium sp.		1	Descurainia sophia	1
Hyoscyamus niger		0	Medicago lupulina	1
Melilotus albus		1	Melilotus officinalis	0
Salsola tragus		1		

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Atriplex suckleyi	0	Bare Ground	1
Bromus arvensis	1	Cirsium arvense	1
Eleocharis palustris	3	Elymus trachycaulus	0
Hyoscyamus niger	0	Juncus articulatus	1
luncus torrevi	1	Persicaria lanathifolia	0

244 Community Type: Eleocharis palustris /

Hyoscyamus niger	Ü	Juncus articulatus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Persicaria lapathifolia	0
Poa palustris	3	Polypogon monspeliensis	1
Populus deltoides	3	Salix exigua	1
Salix sp.	1	Scirpus microcarpus	0
Tragopogon dubius	0	Typha latifolia	0
Typha latifolia	1	Vicia sativa	0

Ending Station 300 Community Type: Chenopodium spp. /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Brassica nigra	1
Bromus inermis	1	Chenopodium sp.	2
Convolvulus arvensis	0	Elaeagnus commutata	0
Elymus trachycaulus	2	Hyoscyamus niger	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Medicago sativa	1
Melilotus albus	0	Melilotus officinalis	0
Poa palustris	3	Salsola tragus	2

Transect Notes:

**Ending Station** 

Transect Number: 2 Compass Direction from Start: 225 **Interval Data:** 30 Community Type: Alopecurus pratensis / Poa palustris **Ending Station Species** Cover class **Species Cover class** 2 Alopecurus pratensis 2 Chenopodium sp. Cirsium arvense 0 Cynoglossum officinale 0 0 Elymus trachycaulus 1 Elaeagnus commutata Lactuca serriola 1 Lycopus asper 0 Medicago sativa 0 Melilotus albus 0 2 Mentha arvensis 1 Panicum capillare Persicaria lapathifolia 1 Poa palustris 1 Rumex crispus 0 Sonchus arvensis Xanthium strumarium 339 Community Type: Eleocharis palustris / **Ending Station** Cover class **Species** Cover class Species Bare Ground 3 Cirsium arvense 0 0 1 Cirsium vulgare Deschampsia caespitosa Eleocharis palustris 0 Juncus torreyi 1 Lycopus asper 0 Mentha arvensis 1 Panicum capillare 1 Persicaria lapathifolia 1 2 Polypogon monspeliensis 0 Populus deltoides Salix exigua 0 Schoenoplectus pungens 0 Scirpus microcarpus 0 Sonchus arvensis 0 Typha latifolia 0 Veronica peregrina 0 Xanthium strumarium

Ending Station 388 Community Type: Alopecurus pratensis. / Poa palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus pratensis	3	Chenopodium album	3
Cirsium arvense	1	Cirsium vulgare	0
Deschampsia caespitosa	0	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	1
Juncus balticus	3	Lactuca serriola	0
Poa palustris	2	Polypogon monspeliensis	0
Rumex crispus	0	Schedonorus pratensis	2
Sonchus arvensis	1	Typha latifolia	0

Transect Notes:

Compass Direction from Start: 290 Transect Number: 3 **Interval Data:** 50 Community Type: Alopecurus pratensis / Poa palustris **Ending Station Species** Cover class **Species Cover class** 2 Alopecurus pratensis 3 Bare Ground Carex utriculata 1 Chenopodium sp. 2 Cirsium arvense 0 Juncus balticus 1 Lactuca serriola 0 Persicaria lapathifolia 1 Poa palustris 2 Rumex crispus 0 Scirpus microcarpus 0 Thlaspi arvense 1 Typha latifolia 0 262 Community Type: **Ending Station** Eleocharis palustris / Cover class **Species** Cover class Species Alopecurus pratensis 3 Calamagrostis canadensis 1 Carex nebrascensis 0 Eleocharis palustris 1 Epilobium ciliatum 0 Juncus torreyi 0 1 Mentha arvensis 0 Persicaria lapathifolia Phalaris arundinacea 1 Polypogon monspeliensis 3 Populus deltoides 1 Rumex crispus 0 Salix exigua 1 Scirpus microcarpus 1 2 Typha latifolia 292 Community Type: Chenopodium spp. / **Ending Station** Cover class **Species Cover class Species** 2 2 Alopecurus pratensis Bare Ground 2 3 Bassia scoparia Chenopodium sp. 0 0 Equisetum hyemale Juncus balticus Lactuca serriola 1 Schedonorus pratensis 2

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Transect Notes:

Thlaspi arvense

### **PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL**

### Kindsfater

#Planted	#Alive Notes
130	
50	
50	
140	
50	
50	
2800	
50	
	50 50 140 50 50 2800

### Comments

Approximately 27 separate woody planting areas were mapped by MDT in 2013 and are located around the excavated basins. Values for planted vegetation drawn from Plan Sheet. Approximately 75% of the woody plantings observed were alive in 2014.

#### Kindsfater

#### **WILDLIFE**

Were man-made nesting structures installed?	Yes	
If yes, type of structure: bluebird boxes		
How many?2		
Are the nesting structures being used?	Yes	
Do the nesting structures need repairs?	No	

**Nesting Structure Comments:** 

Bird boxes are in good condition and evidence of use (feathers and droppings).

Species	#Observed	Behavior	Habitat
Bank Swallow	2	F, FO	OW, SS
Common Grackle	3	FO, L	SS, UP
Common Yellowthroat	1	F, L	FO, SS
Mourning Dove	3	F, FO, L	FO, SS, UP, WM
Northern Flicker	2	F, FO, L	FO, SS, UP
Red-tailed Hawk	1	F, FO	SS, UP, WM
Red-winged Blackbird	3	F, L, N	MA, WM
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	L	SS
Spotted Sandpiper	2	F	AB, MA
Western Meadowlark	1	F, L	SS, UP, WM
Western Wood-Pewee	2	L	FO, OW, SS
White-crowned Sparrow	, 1	L	FO, UP
Bird Comments			

#### BEHAVIOR CODES

BP = One of a breeding pair BD = Breeding display F = Foraging FO = Flyover L = Loafing N = Nesting

#### **HABITAT CODES**

AB = Aquatic bed SS = Scrub/Shrub FO = Forested UP = Upland buffer I = Island

WM = Wet meadow MA = Marsh US = Unconsolidated shore MF = Mud Flat OW = Open Water

# **Mammals and Herptiles**

Species	# Observed	Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Comments
Boreal Chorus Frog	10	No	No	No	
Northern Leopard Frog	8	No	No	No	
Vole spp.	4	No	No	No	
White-tailed Deer	3	Yes	Yes	No	
Wildlife Comments:					

#### Kindsfater

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

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

### **Photograph Checklist:**

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

Photo #	Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Description
1	45.694084	-108.694321	150	PP-6
10	45.694612	-108.69443	0	PP-3
11	45.695136	-108.691839	280	PP-2
12	45.695342	-108.690247	280	PP-1, same location at T-1 start
13	45.695357	-108.690285	240	T-1, start
14	45.695072	-108.691437	50	T-1, finish
18	45.693317	-108.697517	290	T-3, start
19	45.69384	-108.698486	110	T-3, finish
2	45.698065	-108.698065	90	PP-7
21	45.691721	-108.695428	10	K-1u
22	45.691292	-108.695163	100	K-1w
26	45.693492	-108.696398	90	K-2w
28	45.695933	-108.695933	180	K-3w
29	45.694055	-108.695798	270	K-3u
3	45.694939	-108.698429	315	PP-8
4	45.694302	-108.698044	90	PP-9
5	45.694847	-108.698418	140	PP-10
6	45.695892	-108.697601	350	PP-11
7	45.694939	-108.696663	230	PP-12
8	45.694748	-108.694458	10	PP-5
9	45.694935	-108.691902	200	PP-4

#### **Comments:**

### Kindsfater

# **ADDITIONAL ITEMS CHECKLIST**

Hydrology
✓ Map emergent vegetation/open water boundary on aerial photos. ✓ Observe extent of surface water. Look for evidence of past surface water elevations (e.g. drift lines, vegetation staining, erosion, etc).
Photos
<ul> <li>✓ One photo from the wetland toward each of the four cardinal directions</li> <li>✓ One photo showing upland use surrounding the wetland.</li> <li>✓ One photo showing the buffer around the wetland</li> <li>✓ One photo from each end of each vegetation transect, toward the transect</li> </ul>
Vegetation
☑ Map vegetation community boundaries
☑ Complete Vegetation Transects
Soils
✓ Assess soils
Wetland Delineations
Delineate wetlands according to applicable USACE protocol (1987 form or
Supplement) ☑ Delineate wetland – upland boundary onto aerial photograph.
Wetland Delineation Comments
Functional Assessments
✓ Complete and attach full MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method field forms.
Functional Assessment Comments:

#### **Maintenance**

Were man-made nesting structure installed at this site? Yes

If yes, do they need to be repaired?

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

Were man-made structures built or installed to impound water or control water flow

into or out of the wetland?

If yes, are the structures in need of repair?

If yes, describe the problems below.

This site appears to be used by a high number of people for a diversity of recreational activities. An encampment was noted near the southwest corner of the site in a forested area used by paintballers and included some refuse that should be cleaned up to protect the integrity of the site.

### WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater C	city/County: Yellowsto	ne	Sampling Date:	7/24/2014
Applicant/Owner: MDT	SSON - 1952 Stavesty respectives - respectives	State: MT		
Investigator(s): E Nyquist s	Section, Township, Ran			
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside			Slo	pe (%):3
Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat:				
Soil Map Unit Name: Larim gravelly loam		NWI classific		
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year	r? Yes 🔽 No [			
Are Vegetation Soil, or Hydrology significantly d	listurbed? Are "N	Normal Circumstances"	present? Yes 💆	<u> </u>
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally prob	olematic? (If nee	eded, explain any answe		
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing	sampling point lo	cations, transects	s, important fe	atures, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?  Hydric Soil Present?  Wetland Hydrology Present?  Yes No Wesland Hydrology Present?		d? Yes C		_
Remarks: This area had been identified as wetland habitat prior preservation crediting area. A decrease of wetland hy within the project area between 2002 and 2012, has a of this data point. Wetland hydrology appeared to be  VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plant	ydrology site-wide, as adversely impacted th	s documented by the he presence of wetlar	reduction of we nd habitat within	tland area the vicinity
Absolute Domiant	Indicator	Dominance Test wo	rkshoot	
Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius) % Cover: Species?		Number of Dominant	Species	
		that are OBL, FACW		0 (A)
		Total Number of Dom Species Across All St		1 (B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)		Percent of Dominant : That Are OBL, FACW		.0 % (A/B)
,		Prevalence Index wo		
		Total % Cover of OBL species	of: Mi	ultiply by:
		FACW species	0 X 1 0 X 2	0
		FAC species	10 X3	30
Herbaceous Stratum Plot size ( 5 Foot Radius)		· ·	85 X4	340
Bassia scoparia 5	FACU	UPL species	0 X 5	0
Bromus arvensis 70	FACU	Column Totals	95 (A)	370 (B)
Convolvulus arvensis 5	NL	Prevalence Inde	x = B/A =	3.89
Elymus trachycaulus 10	FACU FAC	Hydrophytic Vegetat		
Lactuca semora	FAC	l <u> </u>	t for Hydrophytic V	egetation/
	[ ]	_	e Test is >50%	
	[ ]	☐ 3 - Prevalence	e Index is <= 3.0	
			ical Adaptations (F ta in remarks or or	
		☐ 5 - Wetland N	on-Vascular Plant	S
			lydrophytic Vegeta	
Woody Vine Stratum Plot size ( 30 Foot Radius)		Indicators of hydric sil a		
		present, unless disturbe	ed or problematic	
Percent Bare Ground		Hydrophytic Vegetat Present?	Yes 🗌	NO 🗹
Remarks:		1		

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SOIL Sampling Point: K-1u

Profile Desc	ription: (Des	cribe to the de	pth neede	d to docur	nent the i	ndicator o	or confir	m the absence	of indicate	ors.)	
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(inches)	Color (ma	ist) %	Calar	(moist)	%	_Type <sup>1</sup> _	_Loc <sup>2</sup>	<u>Texture</u>		Remarks	
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			- 2						- E		
		D=Depletion, RI					d Sand C			Pore Lining, M=I	
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	pipedon (A2)		Ļ		Redox (S5)			2°		ox (A16) (LRR F	', G, H)
	stic (A3)		Ļ		Matrix (S	1			Surface (S7)	(C)	
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5 cm Mւ	icky Peat or P	eat (S3) (LRR I	=)	(ML	RA 72 & 7	3 of LRR	H)	wetlar	nd hydrology	must be present	t,
		000000						unles	s disturbed o	or problematic.	
	Layer (if pres	ent):									
Type:			<u> </u>								🗆
Depth (in	6 8							Hydric Soi	I Present?	Yes	No <u>□</u>
Remarks: H	ydric soil like	ely relic, no sig	n of conte	emporary v	wetland h	ydrology	-				
HYDROLO	GY										
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Saturatio	on (A3)			Hydrogen				☐ Dra	ainage Patter	ms (B10)	
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		stream gauge, r	nonitoring v	vell, aerial p	photos, pre	evious insp	ections)	), if available:			
			ect the de	crease of	site-wide	wetland	hydrolc	ogy has adver	sely impac	ted wetland ha	bitat
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Project/Site: Kindsfater	City/County: Yellowstone	9	Sampling Da	nte:7/24/2014
Applicant/Owner: MDT	II MALONET CONTINUE -	State: MT	Sampling Poi	
and the control of th	Section, Township, Range			25E
	Local relief (concave, con	73/90		Slope (%): 1
Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat:				
Soil Map Unit Name: Larim gravelly loam			ssification: Upland	
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of ye	ar? Yes 🔽 No 🗆			
Are Vegetation Soil, or Hydrology significantly			es" present? Yes	✓ No □
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally pro	phlematic? (If need		swers in Remarks	
				- E.
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing	sampling point loca	ations, transe	cts, important	t reatures, ew.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes Veg No	is the Sampled Ar	ea		
Hydric Soil Present? Yes V No	within a Wetland?		✓ No □	<u> </u>
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes V No D	ASS SCIENCE AND INSERTION OF PROPERTY CONTROL AND PRO-	0,000	9,5000.00	
Remarks:				
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VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plant  Absolute Domiant	t Indicator			
Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius) Absolute Bolliani & Cover: Species	? Status	Dominance Test		
		Number of Domin that are OBL, FAC		2 (A)
		Total Number of E Species Across A		2 (B)
		Percent of Domina That Are OBL, FA		100.0 % (A/B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)		Prevalence Index	x worksheet	S. A. Matterland Land
		Total % Cov OBL species	ver of: 45 X 1	Multiply by: 45
		FACW species	30 X 2	60
		FAC species	5 X3	15
Herbaceous Stratum Plot size ( 5 Foot Radius)		FACU species	15 X 4	60
Alopecurus pratensis 30	FACW	UPL species	0 X 5	0
Carex nebrascensis 45 ✓	OBL	Column Totals	95 (A)	180 (B)
Chenopodium album 10	FACU	Prevalence I	ndex = B/A =	1.89
Cirsium arvense 5	FACU		etation Indicators	
Lactuca serriola 5	FAC		Test for Hydrophyt	-
		2 - Domina	ance Test is >50%	,
		✓ 3 - Prevale	ence Index is <= 3.	.0
			ological Adaptation data in remarks o	`
		sheet.		·
		5 - Wetlan	nd Non-Vascular Pl	lants
		☐ Problemat	tic Hydrophytic Veg	getation (Explain)
Woody Vine Stratum Plot size ( 30 Foot Radius)			sil and wetland hy turbed or problema	
		Hydrophytic Veg Present?	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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SOIL Sampling Point: K-1w

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	-										7.5		
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	arks (B1)				Dry-Seaso			)		200 200 0000000	dized Rhizosphe		g Roots (C3
	t Deposit	s (B2)		$\overline{\mathbf{Z}}$	Oxidized R				ots (C3)		here tilled)		Table Street Co.
☐ Drift Dep	osits (B3)	)			(where r	ot tilled)				Cra	yfish Burrows (C	8)	
Algal Ma	t or Crust	(B4)			Presence of	of Reduce	d Iron (C	4)		Sati	uration Visible or	n Aerial Imag	gery (C9)
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	ained Lea	aves (B9)								☐ Fros	st-Heave Humm	ocks (D7) (I	LRR F)
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			es 🖳										
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Describe Rec	orded Da	ıta (stream	gauge, m	onitoring	well, aerial p	photos, pre	evious in	spection	ns), if av	/ailable:			
Remarks:													

### WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater	City/County: Yellowsto	one Sampling Date: 7/24/2014
Applicant/Owner: MDT	67 JANSE Forest de -	State: MT Sampling Point: K-2w
	Section, Township, Ran	34-350-4500-50-50-50-50-50-50-50-50-50-50-50-50-
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Excavated wetland cell		
		! Long:108.696398 Datum: WGS84
Soil Map Unit Name: Wanetta clay loam		NWI classification: Upland
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this		
Are Vegetation Soil , or Hydrology si		
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology na	aturally problematic? (If nee	eded, explain any answers in Remarks.)
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map s	showing sampling point lo	ocations, transects, important features, etc.
	Is the Sampled	Δrea
Hydric Soil Present? Yes V	0	d? Yes 🔽 No 🗆
	□	2000.00
Remarks: Area identified as wetland during baseline of VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plant		ed during excavation of wetland cells.
Absolute	Domiant Indicator	Dominance Test worksheet
Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius) % Cover:	Species? Status	Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC:  3 (A)
		Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:  3 (B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)		Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:  100.0 % (A/B)
Populus deltoides 5	<b>✓</b> FAC	Prevalence Index worksheet
		Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
		OBL species 65 X 1 65
		FACW species 25 X 2 50 FAC species 15 X 3 45
Harting and Otrations Plateins ( 5. Foot Padius)		FACU species 0 X4 0
Herbaceous Stratum Plot size ( 5 Foot Radius) Eleocharis palustris 30	<b>⊘</b> OBL	UPL species 0 X 5 0
Juncus torreyi 10	OBL FACW	Column Totals 105 (A) 160 (B)
Mentha arvensis 5	FACW	Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.52
Panicum capillare 10	FAC	1 Tevalence maex - BIA -
Polypogon monspeliensis 5	FACW	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators  1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
Scirpus microcarpus 25	<b>✓</b> OBL	✓ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
Typha latifolia 10	OBL	✓ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
Veronica peregrina 5	FACW	
		4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
		5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
		Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)
Woody Vine Stratum Plot size ( 30 Foot Radius)		Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.
Percent Bare Ground		Hydrophytic Vegetation Yes V NO
Remarks:	<del>.</del>	

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SOIL Sampling Point: K-2W

Depth		Matrix		·	Redo	x Features	5		2000		e of indicators.)	
(inches)		(maist)	%	Cala	r (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>		_oc²	Texture	Remarks	
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3-12	10YR	4/1	90	10YR	5/6	10	С	M	San	ndy Clay Loan	n	
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<sup>1</sup> Type: C=Co								ed S	and G		cation: PL=Pore Lining, M=	
Hydric Soil II		s: (Applic	able to all	LRRs, ι							s for Problematic Hydric Sc	oils*:
Histosol (	33 - 5X	(2)		9		Sleyed Ma Redox (S5)					Muck (A9) (LRR I, J) : Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F	: C U/
Black His	15	12)		e e		Matrix (S					Surface (S7) (LRR G)	, u, n)
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Remarks.												
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Drift Dept				, <u> </u>		ot tilled)					yfish Burrows (C8)	
Algal Mat	or Crust	(B4)			Presence	of Reduce	d Iron (C	4)		☐ Sat	uration Visible on Aerial Ima	gery (C9)
☐ Iron Depo				,	Thin Muck						omorphic Position (D2)	
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Water-Sta		aves (B9)								∐_ Fro	st-Heave Hummocks (D7) (	LRR F)
Field Observ		12 V	es 🗆	No 🔽	Donald Co.	shae\.						
Surface Wate			es 🖳	No 🔽	_ Depth (ind							
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(includes capi	illary fring	ge)		35	47 H. S.	- 18 A		- 8	68		, y 1 reaems 1 res	.40
Describe Rec	orded Da	ıta (stream	gauge, m	onitoring	well, aerial p	photos, pre	evious in	spec	tions)	, if available:		
Remarks:												

### WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater	City/County: Yellowsto	ne	Sampling Date	e: 7/24/2014
Applicant/Owner: MDT	The state of the s	State: MT	Sampling Poir	nt: K-3u
Investigator(s): E Nyquist	Section, Township, Ran			5E
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Bench	Local relief (concave, c	onvex, none): flat		Slope (%):
Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat:				
Soil Map Unit Name: Shorey gravelly loam			ssification: Upland	
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of y  Are Vegetation Soil, or Hydrology significantly  Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally pr	y disturbed? Are "Note that the content of the cont	Normal Circumstanc eded, explain any ar	es" present? Yes iswers in Remarks.)	)
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing  Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?  Yes No	Is the Sampled	52	cts, important	reatures, etc
Hydric Soil Present? Yes No V	within a Wetlan		No <u></u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No No				
VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plant				
Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius) Absolute Domiar		Dominance Test	worksheet	
Tree Stratum Flot Size (30 Foot Raulus) % Cover: Species	s? Status	Number of Domir that are OBL, FA		0 (A)
		Total Number of I Species Across A		1 (B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)		Percent of Domin That Are OBL, FA		0.0 % (A/B)
		Prevalence Inde		Multiply by:
		OBL species	0 X 1	0
		FACW species FAC species	0 X2 0 X3	0
		FACU species	90 X4	360
Herbaceous Stratum Plot size ( 5 Foot Radius)  Bromus arvensis 80 ✓	FACU	UPL species	0 X5	0
Sisymbrium altissimum 10	FACU	Column Totals	90 (A)	360 (B)
		Prevalence I	ndex = B/A =	4.00
		1 - Rapid 2 - Domin 3 - Preval 4 - Morph supporting sheet. 5 - Wetlar	retation Indicators Test for Hydrophytic ance Test is >50% ence Index is <= 3.0 eloogical Adaptations g data in remarks or eld Non-Vascular Platic Hydrophytic Veg	c Vegetation  0 s (Provide r on separate
Woody Vine Stratum Plot size ( 30 Foot Radius)		Indicators of hydric		` ' '
		present, unless dis	turbed or problemat	tic for #3, 4, 5.
Percent Bare Ground 10		Present?	Yes [	_ NO <b>✓</b>
Remarks:				

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SOIL Sampling Point: K-3u

Profile Desc	ription: (Describ	e to the depti	needed to docun	nent the indicator	or confi	irm the absence of indicators.)
Depth	Matrix			k Features		_
(inches)	Color (maist)	<u>%</u>	Calar (maist)	%Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>	Remarks
<u>0-2</u>	10YR 5/4	<u>97</u> <u>1</u>	0YR 4/6	3 C	<u>M</u>	Silt Loam
02-12	10YR 6/1	100				Loamy Sand
12+	4			28		rock refusal
	4			200		
×	3					
V <u></u>	2			<u> </u>		
1Type: C=C	nacentration D=D	enletion DM-I	Reduced Matrix, CS	=Covered or Cost	ed Sand	Grains. <sup>2</sup> Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
			RRs, unless other		eu sanu	Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
Histosol				Sleyed Matrix (S4)		1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
_	pipedon (A2)			tedox (S5)		Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
	stic (A3)			Matrix (S6)		Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
_	n Sulfide (A4)			Mucky Mineral (F1)	ı	High Plains Depressions (F16)
☐ Stratified	Layers (A5) (LRI	R F)		Sleyed Matrix (F2)		(LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)
🔲 1 cm Mu	ick (A9) ( <b>LRR</b> F, <b>G</b>	6, H)	□ Deplete	d Matrix (F3)		Reduced Vertic (F18)
Depleted	d Below Dark Surf	ace (A11)	Redox [	ark Surface (F6)		Red Parent Material (TF2)
	ark Surface (A12)			d Dark Surface (F7	')	
	lucky Mineral (S1)			epressions (F8)		Other (Explain in Remarks)
	Jucky Peat or Pea			ins Depressions (		<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and
⊥ 5 cm Mu	icky Peat or Peat	(\$3) (LRR F)	(MLI	RA 72 & 73 of LR	RH)	wetland hydrology must be present,
Postriative I	_ayer (if present)	•				unless disturbed or problematic.
Type:						Hydric Soil Present? Yes No 🔽
Depth (in	25 60		<del></del>			Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☑
Remarks: R	emnant hydris s	oils on surfac	e layer.			
HYDROLO	GY					
Wetland Hy	drology Indicator	s:				
Primary India	cators (minimum o	fone required;	check all that apply	/)		Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
Surface	Water (A1)		Salt Crust	(B11)		Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
High Wa	iter Table (A2)		Aquatic Inv	rertebrates (B13)		Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
Saturation	on (A3)		Hydrogen :	Sulfide Odor (C1)		☐ Drainage Patterns (B10)
■ Water M	arks (B1)		Dry-Seaso	n Water Table (C2	)	<ul> <li>Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)</li> </ul>
Sedimer	it Deposits (B2)		Oxidized R	hizospheres on Li	ving Roo	its (C3) (where tilled)
☐ Drift Dep	osits (B3)		(where r	ot tilled)		Crayfish Burrows (C8)
Algal Ma	it or Crust (B4)		Presence of	of Reduced Iron (C	4)	Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
☐ Iron Dep	osits (B5)		Thin Muck	Surface (C7)		Geomorphic Position (D2)
Inundation	on Visible on Aeria	al Imagery (B7)	Other (Exp	lain in Remarks)		FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
☐ Water-S	tained Leaves (B9	)				☐ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)
Field Obser	vations:					
Surface Water	er Present?	Yes U N	o 🔟 Depth (ind	:hes):		
Water Table	Present?	Yes N	o 🔽 Depth (inc	hes):		
Saturation Pr		Yes N	o Depth (inc	hes):	We	etland Hydrology Present? Yes No
(includes cap		ım dallae mor	itoring well, aerial p	hatas previous in	spections	s) if available:
DOSCIDE IVE	oo, dod Data (Stice	gaage, moi	moning won, acriai p	arotos, previous iri	opoodon	of a standard.
Remarks	hudrele en de d'	otoro ok				
NC	hydrology indic	ators observ	<del>e</del> u.			

### WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater		City/County: Y	'ellowstone		Sampling D	ate: 7/2	24/2014
Applicant/Owner: MDT				State: MT	Sampling P	oint: K-3w	
						25E	
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace						Slape (%)	. 1
Subregion (LRR): LRR F							
Soil Map Unit Name: Shorey gravelly loam				9 NWI classifi			
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical	Facilities times of up			**A	- X		
						. ⊠	
Are Vegetation Soil, or Hydrology Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology	Significantly	disturbed	Are indim	al Gircumstances	present? Te	S E IN	10 <u> </u>
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site	map showing	sampling	point locati	ions, transect	s, importar	nt feature	es, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes	No	Is the S	Sampled Area				
Hydric Soil Present? Yes 🔽	No			Yes	✓ No C	]	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑	Str. Millerings. 10				2.000.00		
Remarks: Data point located near constructed	wetland cell 8 al	long margin o	of wetland bo	undary identified	during 2014	4 survey.	
VEGETATION - Use scientific names of	-						
	solute Domiant Cover: Species		Do	ominance Test wo	orksheet		
	·			umber of Dominant at are OBL, FACW		2 (A)	١
				otal Number of Don Decies Across All S		3 (B)	)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Re	adius)			ercent of Dominant nat Are OBL, FACV		66.7 %	(A/B)
Sapinigromas organi	adias,		Pr	evalence Index w	orksheet		
			<del>-</del>	Total % Cover		Multiply b	<u> </u>
				BL species	0 X1	120	
				ACW species AC species	65 X2 5 X3	130 15	=
				ACU species	20 X4	80	=
Herbaceous Stratum Plot size ( 5 Foot Range Alopecurus pratensis		FACW		PL species	0 X5	0	
Calamagrostis canadensis	10 <u></u> 30 <b>✓</b>	FACW	Cc	olumn Totals	90 (A)	225	(B)
Elymus trachycaulus	15	FACU		Prevalence Inde			.50
Hordeum jubatum	10	FACW					
Lactuca serriola	5 🗖	FAC	Ну	drophytic Vegeta	ation Indicator st for Hydrophy		ion
Poa palustris	15	FACW		_ ·	, , ,	, ,	Юп
Sisymbrium altissimum	5 🔲	FACU		—	ce Test is >509		
				✓ 3 - Prevalence	ce Index is <= :	3.0	
					gical Adaptatic ata in remarks		
				_	Non-Vascular F	Plants	
					Hydrophytic Ve		xplain)
Woody Vine Stratum Plot size ( 30 Foot Ra	adius)			cators of hydric sil sent, unless disturb	and wetland h	ydrology mu	ust be
Percent Bare Ground 10			Hy	/drophytic Vegeta			
Remarks:							
Veg community under dry conditions during 20	014 sampling.						

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SOIL Sampling Point: K-3w

Profile Desc	ription: (	Describe :	to the dep	th need	ed to docum	ent the i	ndicator	or c	onfirn	n the absence of	indicators.)
Depth	0.1	Matrix	0/			Features			2		<b>D</b>
(inches)		(moist)	400	Color	(moist)	%	_Type <sup>1</sup>	<u> </u>	oc²	Texture	Remarks
0-3	10YR	4/3	100			<u> </u>	8			Silt Loam	
03-12	10YR	5/2	95	10YR	4/6	5	С	M	Fine	Sandy Loam	
12+	4		21 <u></u>	<u> </u>			8			cobble	×
·	<u> </u>		20 <u>2</u>	72			×				
	4										
V <del>=========</del>	<u>u</u>		8/ <u></u>	-				_		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
n=====================================	-			(Ye			-			· · · · · · · · ·	
				7.0							
<sup>1</sup> Type: C=Co								ed S	and G		ion: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
Hydric Soil I		: (Applica	able to all	LRRs, u	_						r Problematic Hydric Soils³:
Histosol	50 St	n)		9		leyed Ma	0.000			(C)	ck (A9) (LRR I, J)
Black His	ipedon (A etic (A3)	.2)		5		edox (S5) Matrix (S					airie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H) face (S7) (LRR G)
	n Sulfide (	(A4)		35		lucky Min	15			_	ns Depressions (F16)
Stratified	Layers (A	A5) (LRR F	•)			Sleyed Ma	176			28 A	H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)
		RR F, G, I		12		Matrix (F					Vertic (F18)
	l Below Da irk Surface	ark Surface	e (A11)	-		ark Surfa I Dark Sui		Α.			ent Material (TF2) illow Dark Surface (TF12)
	lucky Mine			19		epression		,			xplain in Remarks)
		t or Peat (	S2) (LRR	G, H)		ins Depre		F16)			hydrophytic vegetation and
☐ 5 cm Mu	cky Peat	or Peat (S3	3) (LRR F)		(MLF	RA 72 & 7	3 of LRI	RH)		wetland h	nydrology must be present,
										unless di	sturbed or problematic.
Restrictive L	1000	- 5									
Type:										U. daia Cail D	resent? Yes 🔽 No 🔲
8 9	8 8									Hydric Soil Pi	resent? res No
Remarks: Ro	ock refus	al at 12".									
HYDROLO	GY										
Wetland Hyd				800 DE 800	#00000 OO - 1901	6.7				, co	
Primary Indic			ne require	d; check							Indicators (minimum of two required)
	Water (A1			19 <u> </u>	Salt Crust (					_	e Soil Cracks (B6)
	ter Table (	(A2)			Aquatic Inv						ely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
Saturatio	n (A3) arks (B1)			片	Hydrogen S Dry-Seasor			١		18 <u>0</u>	ge Patterns (B10) ed Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
	t Deposits	s (B2)		片	Oxidized R			189	Roots		ere tilled)
	osits (B3)			} <b></b> _	(where n		00 UII E	•9	110010		sh Burrows (C8)
	t or Crust			$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Presence o		d Iron (C	4)		_	tion Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
☐ Iron Dep	osits (B5)				Thin Muck	Surface (6	07)			☐ Geom	orphic Position (D2)
The state of the s		on Aerial I	magery (B	7)	Other (Exp	lain in Rei	marks)			N	leutral Test (D5)
	ained Lea	ives (B9)								☐ Frost-H	Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)
Field Observ			NO. 3								
Surface Water					_ Depth (inc			7.7			
Water Table				No 🔽		400000000000000000000000000000000000000					Present? Yes V No No
Saturation Pr (includes cap			es	N0 _ <b>V</b>	_ Depth (inc	nes):		-	vveti	and Hydrology F	Present? Yes No
Describe Rec			gauge, m	onitoring	well, aerial p	hotos, pre	evious in	spec	tions),	if available:	
Remarks: We	etland hy	drology a	ppears n	narginal.							

# MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

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1. Project name Kindsf	fater		2. MDT pro	ject#	STI	PX-0056(56)		Contr	ol#	5034
3. Evaluation Date 7/24/2	014 4. Evaluators	E. Nyq	quist	5.	Wetla	and/Site# (s)	Kindsfate	er - created	d wetla	and
6. Wetland Location(s): T	2S <b>R</b> 2	5E	Sec1 6		Т	R		Sec2		
Annuay Stationing or Milana										
Approx Stationing or Milepo Watershed 10070004		atorob.	ed/County	Linnar	Vallay	vstone Waters	had Valla	watana Ca	untv.	
		atersii	eu/County	Opper	reliov	vsione vvalers	illeu, relio	wstone CC	unity	
7. Evaluating Agency	Confluence for MDT					8. Wetland	size acres	i		1.77
Purpose of Evaluation						How assess	ed:	Measured	d e.g.	by GPS
☐ Wetlands potentially af	fected by MDT project					9. Assesssr				1.77
☐ Mitigation Wetlands: pr	re-construction					(AA) size (ac	•	Measured	امما	ov GPS
☑ Mitigation Wetlands: po	ost construction					110W assess	eu.	WCasarco	c.g.	by Gi G
☐ Other										
40. Classification of Watley	and and Amustic Habitata	. i A A								
10. Classification of Wetlar	•	in AA					_	_		_
HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)		Modifier (C	owardi	in)	Water Re			% of A	
Depressional	Emergent Wetland		Excavated			Seasonal/In	termittent			95
Depressional	Scrub-Shrub Wetland		Excavated			Seasonal/In	termittent			5
11. Estimated Relative Abur	ndance Common									
12. General Condition of A										
<ul> <li>i. Disturbance: (use matrix la aquatic nuisance vegetation</li> </ul>		ppropri	ate response -	- see inst	ruction	is for iviontana-ii	istea noxiou	s weed and		
		Manad	ged in predomina		1	conditions adjacent not cultivated, but		ì	ated or	heavily grazed
		natura	al state; is not gra d, logged, or other	zed,	mode	erately grazed or hat stively logged; or ha	ayed or	or logged;	subject	to substantial fill g, clearing, or
Conditions wit	thin AA	conve	erted; does not con	ntain	subje	ct to minor clearing	g; contains	hydrologic	al altera	ation; high road or
			or buildings; and or ANVS cover is			oads or buildings; r or ANVS cover is		or ANVS o		r noxious weed >=30%.
AA occurs and is managed in predomin	nantly natural state; is not									
grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise co roads or occupied buildings; and noxio	•	la	vu disturban			low disturbs		mada	oto o	isturbance
<=15%.			w disturban	ce	_	low disturba	nce	model	ale c	isturbance
AA not cultivated, but may be moderate selectively logged; or has been subject	t to relatively minor clearing, fill		moderate				. 1			. 1
placement, or hydrological alteration; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is <=30%			disturbance		mc	derate distu	rbance	high	n dist	urbance
AA cultivated or heavily grazed or logg substantial fill placement, grading, clea										
high road or building density; or noxion >=30%.		hic	gh disturban	ice		high disturba	ance	hig	h dist	urbance
-		4-\			1					
The wetland mitigation site wa			rough 2013)	which co	onsiste	ed of substant	ial excavat	tion, modif	icatio	n/rehabilitation
to existing wetlands, and revegupland communities with exca									transi	ioning into
·				wettane	4010	age deoreased	J 110111 201	<b>.</b>		
ii. Prominent noxious, aquat										
Leafy spurge, Canada thistle,	<u> </u>	•		o/hahit	at					
iii. Provide brief descriptive The AA consists of excavated						nd site. Wetlar	nd mitigation	on constru	ction	was completed
in 2012 and 2014 is the secon developments, agriculture (gra	d monitoring year for the	expan	nded wetland	site. La	ınd us	e surrounding	the AA inc			

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" vegetated classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above) Modified Initial Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes? Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA Rating Rating >=3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes NA NΑ NA Н 2 (or 1 if forested) classes NA NΑ NA Μ 1 dass, but not a monoculture Μ L YFS> <NO 1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises>=90% of total cover) NA NΑ NA Comments: Predominantly emergent vegetation with scrub-shrub communities around some margins. SECTION PERTAINING to FUNCTIONS VALUES ASSESSMENT 14A. Habitat for Federally Listed or Proposed Threatened or Endangered Plants or Animals: i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions): Primary or critical habitat (list species)  $\bigcirc$  D  $\bigcirc$  S Secondary habitat (list Species) Incidental habitat (list species) ✓ S No usable habitat ii. Rating (use the condusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating) Highest Habitat Level doc/primary sus/primary doc/secondary sus/secondary doc/incidental sus/incidental None Functional Points and .9H .8H 1H .7M .3L .1L 0L Rating USFWS list for species in Yellowstone County; No habitat specifications/known occurences. Sources for documented use 14B. Habitat for plant or animals rated S1, S2, or S3 by the Montana Natural Heritage Program: (not including species listed in14A above) i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions): Primary or critical habitat (list species) ● D ○ S Plains spadefoot (S3) OD OS Secondary habitat (list Species) Incidental habitat (list species)  $\bigcirc$  D  $\bigcirc$  S No usable habitat 

ii. Rating (use the cond	lusions from i a	bove and the m	atrix below to arriv	e at [check] the fun	ctional points and	rating)	
Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	None
S1 Species: Functional Points and Rating	1H	8H	7M	6M	2L	1L	
<b>S2 and S3 Species:</b> Functional Points and Rating	.9Н	.7M	6M	.5M	2L	1L	OL

Sources for documented use Observed approximately 40 Plains spadefoot during 2013 site investigation, none observed in 2014.

ıbstantial (base																			Mode	erate	)	
(	d on any	of the	followin	g [che	ck]):						Minin	nal (b	ased or	n any of	the follo	wing	[check])	):				
observations	of abund	lant wil	dlife #s	or higl	n specie	es diver	sity (dui	ring an	y period	i)	fe	w or n	o wildlif	e obser	vations	during	peak u	ise peri	ods			
abundant wild	llife sign	such a	s scat,	tracks,	nest st	ructure	s, game	e trails,	etc.		lit	tle to r	no wildli	fe sign								
presence of e	xtremely	/ limitin	g habita	at featu	ires not	availat	ole in the	e surro	unding	area	sp	arse a	adjacen	t upland	d food so	ources						
interviews wit	h local b	iologist	ts with k	nowle	dge of t	he AA					in	terviev	ws with	local bid	ologists	with k	nowledg	ge of the	e AA			
oderate (based of observations common occuladequate adjuster interviews with the bold of observations of the observations of t	of scatte urrence of acent up h local b	ered wil of wildli land fo iologist	dlife gro fe sign : od sour ts with k	oups or such a ces nowle	individ s scat,	tracks,	nest str	uctures	s, game	trails, e	etc.		io mot	riv to a	arrivo ota	t ratio	a Stra	u et ure	l divorce	ituio		
i. Wildlife hab from #13. For other in terms opermanent/per erms])	class c of their	over to perce	be con	nside positi	ered ev on of t	enly d he AA	istribut (see #	ted, th	ne mos Abbrev	t and l	east pr s for su	evale irface	ent <b>veg</b> water	<b>etateo</b> durati	d classe ons are	es mi e as f	ust be	within : P/P =	20% o	f each		
Structural liversity (see				Hi	gh							Mode	erate					Lo	w			
±13) Class cover distribution (all regetated		Eve	en			Une	ven			Eve	n			Une	ven			Ev	en			
classes) Duration of surface water in ≥ 10% of AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	А	P/P	S/I	T/E	А	P/P	S/I	T/E	А	P/P	S/I	T/E	Α	P/P	S/I	T/E	А		
<b>Low</b> disturbance at AA (see #12i)	Е	Е	Е	Н	Е	Е	Н	н	Е	Н	Н	М	Е	Н	М	М	Е	Н	М	М		
Moderate disturbance at AA see #12i)	Н	Н	н	н	Н	Н	Н	М	Н	Н	М	М	Н	М	М	٦	Н	М	L	L		
High disturbance at AA (see #12i)	М	М	М	L	М	М	L	L	М	М					L	L	-	L	L			
										IVI	L	L	М	L						L		
							above :	and t	he ma	atrix b	/ildlife	o arri	ive at	[checl	k] the	funct						
Evidence of v					Except	tional	above	and t	the ma	atrix bo	/ildlife	o arri	ive at	[checl	k] the t	funct g (ii) derat					Low	1
Evidence of v Substantial					Except	tional	above	and t	the ma	atrix be V High	/ildlife	o arri	ive at	[checl	k] the f	funct g (ii) derat					Low .7M	
Evidence of v Substantial Moderate					Except	tional	above a	and t	he ma	atrix bo	/ildlife	o arri	ive at	[checl	k] the f	funct g (ii) derat					Low	
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i. Habitat Quality and	Known	/ Suspec	ted Fish	Specie	s in A	A (usen	natrix to	arrive a	t[check	the funct	ional po	ints and	d rating)					
Duration of surface water in AA		Pe	manent / I	Perennial	l			Se	easonal /	Intermitten	t			Tem	porary/	Epheme	eral	
Aquatic hiding / resting / escape cover	Opt	timal	Adeq	uate	Po	oor	Opti	mal	Ade	quate	Po	or	Opti	mal	Adeo	quate	Po	or
Thermal cover optimal/ suboptimal	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S	0	S
FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.3L
FWP TierII or Native Game fish species	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L
FWP Tier III or Introduced Game fish	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L	.1L
FWP Non-Game Tier IV or No fish species	.5M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.4M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.1L	.1L	.1L

	and to AA.					
Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially for ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score car a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisayes, reduce score in i above by 0.1: Modified	nnot exceed 1 or be less culvert, dike, or other m TMDL development with ance plant or animal spe	nan-made structure ( h listed "Probable Im	npaired Üses" includii	ng cold or warm		
b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning a comments) for native fish or introduced game fish		If yes, add 0.1 to	nctuary pool, upwellin the adjusted score in d Rating	•	•	
iii. Final Score and Rating: 0 NA	Comments: No fish	habitat within m	nitigation site; no	perennial wa	ater.	
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetla channel or overbank flow, click  NA here	ands subject to flooding very and proceed to 14F.)	via in-channel or ove	erbank flow. If wetlan	ds in AA are no	ot flooded from in-	
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the n  Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)		- C, D, E Modera	al points and rating) ately entrenched – B stream type		A, F, G stream	
% of flooded wetland classified as forested and/or scrub/shrub	75% 25-75%	<25% 75%	25-75% <25%		5-75% <25%	
AA contains <b>no outlet or restricted outlet</b> AA contains <b>unrestricted outlet</b>	1H .9H	.6M .8H	.7M .5M	1 -	.3L .2L	
	.9H   .8H	.5M .7M	.6M .4M	.3L	.2L .1L	
Slightly Entrenched  ER = >2.2  C stream type  D stream type  E stream	Moderately I ER = 1.4 type B stream	41 – 2.2		Entrenched R = 1.0 – 1.4 F stream type	G stream type	
2 x Bankfull Dej	pth Bankfull De	epth (	Flood-pro	one Width lth		
Floodprone width	/ Bankfull width		= Entrer	nchment		
ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (check)?  Comments:  Flooding does not occur on channel or overbank flow.	Y O N 📵					in-
<ul> <li>14F. Short and Long Term Surface Wat upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. 14G.)</li> <li>i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, us water durations are as follows: P/P = perm.</li> </ul>	If no wetlands in the A	AA are subject to a arrive at [check]	flooding or ponding the functional point	g, dick	IA here and proceed  Abbreviations for surf	to face
further definitions of these terms].)  Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic	>5 acre feet		1.1 to 5 acre feet	inpoi ai y/e pi lei	≤1 acre foot	13 101
flooding or ponding	70 act 1861		1.1 55 8016 1661		=1 au e 100t	

turther definitions of these terms].)										
Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding		>5 acre feet		1.	1 to 5 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	1H	.9Н	.8H	.8Н	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	
Wetlands in AA flood or pond < 5 out of 10 years	.9Н	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L	

**Comments:** Estimated that AA ponds greater than 5 out of 10 years with approximately 1.77 acres inundated to approximately 0.5 feet.

14G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Retention and Removal: (Applies to wetlands with potential to receive sediments, nutrients, or toxicants through influx of surface or ground water or direct input. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to such input, click  $\ \square$  NA here and proceed i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating [H = high, M = moderate, or L Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL levels within AA AA receives or surrounding land use with potential development for "probable causes" related to sediment, to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use compounds at levels such that other functions are with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs eutrophication present. of eutrophication present. % cover of wetland vegetation in AA ≥ 70% < 70% Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA No No No Yes No AA contains no or restricted outlet .8H .5M .5M .4M .3L .2L 1H .7M AA contains unrestricted outlet .9H .7M .6M .4M .4M .3L .2L .1L Comments: Isolated depressional wetland cells do not have outlets. 14H Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization: (Applies only if AA occurs on or within the banks or a river, stream, or other natural or man-made drainage, or on the shoreline of a standing water body which is subject to wave action. If 14H does not apply, click ✓ NA here and proceed to 14I.) Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating) % Cover of wetland streambank or Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation shoreline by species with stability ratings Permanent / Perennial Seasonal / Intermittent Temporary / Ephemeral of ≥6 (see Appendix F) ≥ 65% 1H .9H .7M .6M .5M 35-64% .7M .1L < 35% .2L .3L The AA does not occur on stream bank or drainage. No wave action occurs in depression wetland areas when inundated. Comments: 14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support: i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [check]) General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.) General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.) M М Н Н F/H Н Μ M M M L Н М L N/A ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14l.i.); Factor C = whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet; the final three rows pertain to duration of surface water in the AA, where P/P, S/I, and T/E are as previously defined, and A = "absent" [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].) Vegetated component 1-5 acres Vegetated component <1 acre Vegetated component >5 Moderate В High Moderate High High Moderate Yes C Yes Nο Yes Nο Yes No Yes Nο Yes Nο Yes No Yes Nο Nο Yes No P/P 1E .7H .8H .5M .2L .6M .4M .9H .6M .7H .4M .5M .3L .8H .6M .6M .4M .3L S/I .9H .6M .7H .4M .5M .3L .8H .5M .6M .3L .4M .7H .5M .5M .3L .3L .2L .2L .8H .5M .6M .3L .4M .2L .7H .4M .5M .2L .3L .1L .6M .4M .4M .2L .2L .1L T/E/A iii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1.) Vegetated Upland Buffer (VUB): Area with ≥ 30%

plant cover, ≤ 15% noxious weed or ANVS cover, and that is not subjected to periodic mechanical mowing or clearing (unless for weed

to the score in ii above and adjust rating accordingly: Modified Rating

Adjacent upland buffer with greater than 30% plant cover.

a) Is there an average ≥ 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around ≥ 75% of the AA circumference? Y 🔘 N 🔘 If yes, add 0.1

control).

Comments:

ii. Recharge Indicators  The AA is a slope wetland Springs or seeps are known or observed Vegetation growing during domant season/drought Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope Seeps are present at the wetland edge AA permanently flooded during drought periods Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface Other:  iii. Recharge Indicators  Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer Wetland contains inlet but no outlet Stream is a known 'losing' stream; discharge volume decreases Other:  Other:  iii. Rating (use the information from i and ii above and the table below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)  Duration of saturation at AA Wetlands FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE OR WITH WATER											
iii. Rating (use the inform	nation from i a			uration at AA		OM GROUNDV	VATER DISC	HARGE OR WITH	I WATER		
Criteria			P/P		S/I		Т	None	,		
Groundwater Discharge or R	echarge		1H		.7M		.4M	.1L			
Insufficient Data/Information						NA			_		
Vegetation areas.  14K. Uniqueness: i. Rating (working from to				rive at [chec	k] the functio	nal points an		ate in created	uepressio	mai wetia	
Replacement potential	or mature wetland <b>or</b>	e (>80 yr-old	ciation listed	cited rai diversity (	not contain pre types <b>and</b> (#13) is high ociation listed the MTNHP	structural or contains as "S2" by	cited rai	s not contain pro re types or asso actural diversity low-moderate	ciations		
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	commo	abundant	rare	common	abundant	rare	common	abundant		
Low disturbance at AA (#12i)	1H	.9H	.8H	.8H	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L		
<b>Moderate</b> disturbance at AA (#12i)	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L		
High disturbance at AA (#12i)	.8H	.7H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.1L		
14L. Recreation/Education i. Is the AA a known or potential to the proceed to the second seco	otential rec./o the overall	ed. site: (ch summary ar	neck) Y    nd rating page)	NО	(if 'Yes' cont	tinue with the	evaluation;	if 'No' then clic			
ii. Check categoric Other iii. Rating (use the matrix						onsumptive	rec.; <u></u> No	n-consumptive	rec.;		
Known or Potential Recreation  Public ownership or public ea			c access (no pe	rmission rea	uired)		k	nown Poter	ntial 5H		
Private ownership with gener					,				IM		
Private or public ownership v	without genera	Il public acce	ss, or requiring	permission f	or public acce	ess			5L		
Comments: Access is permitted with	nout permiss	sion with th	e exception	of the polic	e shooting r	range.					
General Site Notes											
Anticipate higher wildlife		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·									

# FUNCTION & VALUE SUMMARY & OVERALL RATING FOR WETLAND/SITE #(S): Kindsfater - created wetland

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0	1	0	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	Н	.9	1	1.593	V
C. General Wildlife Habitat	L	.3	1	0.531	
D. General Fish Habitat	NA	0	0	0	
E. Flood Attenuation	NA	0	0	0	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	L	.3	1	0.531	V
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	М	.7	1	1.239	V
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA	0	0	0	
Production Export/Food Chain Support	L	.3	1	0.531	
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	М	.7	1	1.239	V
K. Uniqueness	L	.2	1	0.354	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	Н	.2	NA	0.354	
Totals:		3.6	8	6.372	
Percent of Possible Score			45 %		

Category I Wetland: (must satisfy one of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category II)  Score of 1 functional point for Listed/Proposed Threatened or Endangered Species; or  Score of 1 functional point for Uniqueness; or  Score of 1 functional point for Flood Attenuation and answer to Question 14E.ii is "yes"; or  Percent of possible score > 80% (round to nearest whole #).
Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied and meets any one of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category IV)  Score of 1 functional point for MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat; or  Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; or  Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish Habitat; or  "High" to "Exceptional" ratings for both General Wildlife Habitat and General Fish/Aquatic Habitat; or  Score of .9 functional point for Uniqueness; or  Percent of possible score > 65% (round to nearest whole #).
Category III Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I, II, or IV not satisfied)
Category IV Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I or II are not satisfied and all of the following criteria are met; otherwise go to Category III)  "Low" rating for Uniqueness; and Vegetated wetland component < 1 acre (do not include upland vegetated buffer); and Percent of possible score < 35% (round to nearest whole #).

# **OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA RATING:** (check appropriate category based on the criteria outlined above)

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# MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project name Kindsf	intor		2. MDT pro	: a a ##	СТ	PX-0056(56)			trol#	5034		
1. Project name Kindsf	alei		Z. WIDT PIO	jeci#	311	FX-0030(30)		Con	iti Oi#	5034		
3. Evaluation Date 7/24/2	014 <b>4. Evaluators</b>	E. Nyo	quist	5.	Wetl	and/Site# (s)	Kindsfate	er - existii	ng wetl	and/preservati		
6. Wetland Location(s): T	2S <b>R</b> 2	5E	Sec1 6		Т	R		Sec2				
Approx Stationing or Milepo	osts											
Watershed 10070004	Wa	atersh	ed/County	Upper	Yellov	vstone Waters	shed/Yellov	wstone C	ounty			
7. Evaluating Agency	Confluence for MDT					8. Wetland	0170 00r00			33.1		
Purpose of Evaluation									ed e a			
☐ Wetlands potentially aff			How assessed:				Measured e.g. by GPS					
					<ol><li>9. Assesssment area</li><li>(AA) size (acres)</li></ol>				33.1			
☐ Mitigation Wetlands: pr						How assess	ed:	Measured e.g. by GPS				
✓ Mitigation Wetlands: post construction												
☐ Other												
10. Classification of Wetlar	nd and Aquatic Habitats	in AA	4									
HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)		Modifier (0	Cowardi	in)	Water Re	egime		% of A	<b>VA</b>		
Slope	Emergent Wetland		Partly Drain	ned		Seasonal/In	termittent	80				
Slope	Scrub-Shrub Wetland		Partly Drain	ned		Seasonal/In	termittent			20		
			1									
			1									
11. Estimated Relative Abun	ndance Common											
12. General Condition of A												
<ul> <li>i. Disturbance: (use matrix to aquatic nuisance vegetation)</li> </ul>		ppropri	ate response -	- see inst	ruction	is for Montana-li	isted noxiou	is weed ar	nd			
		14			1	conditions adjacent	•	i '		h a suith a season d		
		Managed in predominantly natural state; is not grazed,			Land not cultivated, but may be moderately grazed or hayed or			or logge	Land cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to substantial fill			
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		roads or buildings; and noxious weed or ANVS cover is <=15%.				oads or buildings; r or ANVS cover is		building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >=30%.				
AA occurs and is managed in predomir	nantly natural state: is not											
grazed, hayed, logged, or otherwise converted; does not contain			low disturbance			low disturbance			moderate disturbance			
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high road or building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >=30%.			high disturbance			high disturbance			high disturbance			
Comments: (types of disturb The wetland mitigation site was to existing wetlands, and reveous higher elevations appear to be	s recently constructed (2 getation. Existing wetland	012 th ds (pre	e-construction	ո) were լ	preser	ved and rehab	oilitated. Pi	reserved	wetland	d areas with		
ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, other exotic species:												
Leafy spurge, Canada thistle, houndstongue, spotted knapweed, field bindweed												
iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat  The AA consists of pre-existing slope/depressional wetland areas located within a historic gravel pit/wetland site. Wetland mitigation												
construction was completed in early spring 2013 and 2014 is the second monitoring year for the expanded wetland site. Land use surrounding the AA includes commercial developments, agriculture (grazing), transporation (railroad and Interstate), and a shooting range within the site.												

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" vegetated classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above) Modified Initial Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes? Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA Rating Rating >=3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes NA NΑ NA Н 2 (or 1 if forested) classes NA NΑ NA Μ 1 dass, but not a monoculture Μ L YFS> <NO 1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises>=90% of total cover) NA NΑ NA Comments: Emergent wetland community is dominant with areas of scrub-shrub wetland. SECTION PERTAINING to FUNCTIONS VALUES ASSESSMENT 14A. Habitat for Federally Listed or Proposed Threatened or Endangered Plants or Animals: i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions): Primary or critical habitat (list species)  $\bigcirc$  D  $\bigcirc$  S Secondary habitat (list Species) Incidental habitat (list species)  $\bigcirc$  D  $\bigcirc$  S ✓ S No usable habitat ii. Rating (use the condusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating) Highest Habitat Level doc/primary sus/primary doc/secondary sus/secondary doc/incidental sus/incidental None Functional Points and .9H .8H 1H .7M .3L .1L 0L Rating USFWS list for species in Yellowstone County Sources for documented use 14B. Habitat for plant or animals rated S1, S2, or S3 by the Montana Natural Heritage Program: (not including species listed in14A above) i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions): Primary or critical habitat (list species) ● D ○ S Plains spadefoot (S3) OD OS Secondary habitat (list Species) Incidental habitat (list species) No usable habitat ii. Rating (use the conclusions from above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	None
S1 Species: Functional Points and Rating	1H	8H	.7M	6M	.2L	1L	OL
S2 and S3 Species: Functional Points and Rating	.9H	7M	.6M	5M	2L	.1L	_ OL

Sources for documented use Observations of approximately 40 plains spadefoot during 2013 site visit, none observed in 2014.

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FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9Н	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.3L
FWP Tier II or Native Game fish species	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L
FWP Tier III or Intro duced Game fish	.8H	.7М	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L	.1L
FWP Non-Game Tier IV or No fish species	.5M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.4M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.1L	.1L	.1L

Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially four	nd in AA:									
ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score can a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a c current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of T fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisar yes, reduce score in I above by 0.1: Modified R	culvert, dike MDL deve	e, or other m lopment with	an-made <sup>'</sup> s n listed "Pro	obable Im <sub>l</sub>	paired Úses	" including	g cold or w	varm water	he If	
b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning all comments) for native fish or introduced game fish?		er critical hab		dd 0.1 to	ctuary pool, the adjusted I Rating				1	
iii. Final Score and Rating: 0 NA	Comment	s: No fish	habitat p	oresent v	within the	site as	no pere	nnial wat	er exists.	
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlan channel or overbank flow, click NA here a	ds subject and procee	to flooding ved to 14F.)	via in-chanr	nel or over	bank flow.	f wetland	s in AA ar	e not floode	ed from in-	
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% of flooded wetland classified as forested and/or scrub/shrub	75%	25-75%	<25%	75%	25-75%	<25%	75%	25-75%	<25%	
AA contains no outlet or restricted outlet	1H	.9Н	.6M	.8H	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	
AA contains unrestricted outlet	.9H	.8H	.5M	.7M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L	
Slightly Entrenched ER = >2.2		Moderately I					ntrenched = 1.0 - 1.4			
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ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to fluithin 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (check)?	ooding AN	D are man-n	nade featui	res which	may be sign	ificantly d	lamaged b	y floods loo	cated	
Comments: Wetlands are not subject to			nnel or o	verbanl	k flow as t	here ar	e no wa	terways	on site.	
14F. Short and Long Term Surface Wate upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. If 14G.)	no wetla	nds in the A	AA are sul	bject to fl	ooding or p	onding,	dick [	NA her	e and procee	ed to
<ul> <li>i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use water durations are as follows: P/P = perma</li> </ul>										
further definitions of these terms].)		- ,			-,		,			
Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic		>5 acre feet			1.1 to 5	acre feet			≤1 acre foot	

further definitions of these terms].)									
Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding		>5 acre feet		1.	1 to 5 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 ≥ <b>5 out of 10 years</b>	1H	.9Н	.8H	.8Н	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
Wetlands in AA flood or pond < 5 out of 10 years	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

**Comments:** Estimated that AA ponds greater than 5 out of 10 years with approximately 25 acres inundated to approximately 0.5 feet.

14G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Retention and Removal: (Applies to wetlands with potential to receive sediments, nutrients, or toxicants through influx of surface or ground water or direct input. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to such input, click 

NA here and proceed i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating [H = high, M = moderate, or L Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL levels within AA AA receives or surrounding land use with potential development for "probable causes" related to sediment, to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use compounds at levels such that other functions are with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs eutrophication present. of eutrophication present. % cover of wetland vegetation in AA ≥ 70% < 70% Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA No No Yes No Yes No AA contains no or restricted outlet .8H .7M .5M .5M .4M .3L .2L 1H AA contains unrestricted outlet .9H .7M .6M .4M .4M .3L .2L .1L Comments: Unrestricted drainage from the bench down to meadow below. 14H Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization: (Applies only if AA occurs on or within the banks or a river, stream, or other natural or man-made drainage, or on the shoreline of a standing water body which is subject to wave action. If 14H does not apply, click ✓ NA here and proceed to 14I.) Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating) % Cover of wetland streambank or Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation shoreline by species with stability ratings Permanent / Perennial Seasonal / Intermittent Temporary / Ephemeral of ≥6 (see Appendix F) ≥ 65% 1H .9H .7M .7M .6M .5M 35-64% .1L < 35% .2L .3L Wetlands do not occur along stream bank, open water not likely subject to wave action. Comments: 14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support: i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [check]) General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.) General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.) M М Н Н F/H Н Μ M M M L Н М L N/A ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14l.i.); Factor C = whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet; the final three rows pertain to duration of surface water in the AA, where P/P, S/I, and T/E are as previously defined, and A = "absent" [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].) Vegetated component 1-5 acres Vegetated component <1 acre Vegetated component >5 Moderate В High Moderate High High Moderate Yes C Yes Nο Yes Nο Yes No Yes Nο Yes Nο Yes No Yes Nο Nο Yes No P/P 1E .7H .8H .5M .2L .6M .4M .9H .6M .7H .4M .5M .3L .8H .6M .6M .4M .3L S/I .9H .6M .7H .4M .3L .8H .5M .6M .3L .4M .2L .7H .5M .5M .3L .3L .2L .5M .8H .5M .6M .3L .4M .2L .7H .4M .5M .2L .3L .1L .6M .4M .4M .2L .2L .1L T/E/A iii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1.) Vegetated Upland Buffer (VUB): Area with ≥ 30% plant cover, ≤ 15% noxious weed or ANVS cover, and that is not subjected to periodic mechanical mowing or clearing (unless for weed control). a) Is there an average ≥ 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around ≥ 75% of the AA circumference? Y 🌘 N 🔘 If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above and adjust rating accordingly: Modified Rating

Comments: Surface outlets draining wetlands down-slope to meadow below site.

i. Discharge Indi The AA is a slope wet Springs or seeps are Vegetation growing di Wetland occurs at the Seeps are present at	Wetla	neable substra and contains am is a knowr	inlet but no o	ithout underly utlet	ving impeding layer			
AA permanently flood Wetland contains and Shallow water table a Other:	led during dro outlet, but no	ought periods inlet						
i. Rating (use the inform	nation from i			uration at AA	Wetlands FRO	OM GROUNDY	VATER DISCH	IARGE OR WITH WATER
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Groundwater Discharge or Re	echarge		1H		.7M		.4M	None .1L
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Saturation  4K. Uniqueness: Rating (working from to			of AA during	rive at [chec	k] the functio	nal points an	d rating)	
Replacement potential	or matur wetland <b>o</b>	s fen, bog, v e (>80 yr-old r plant assoc 51" by the M	iation listed	cited rar diversity (	not contain pre types <b>and</b> #13) is high occiation listed the MTNHP	structural or contains as "S2" by	cited rare and stru	not contain previously e types or associations ctural diversity (#13) is low-moderate
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	commo n	abundant	rare	common	abundant	rare	common abundant
Low disturbance at AA #12i)	1H	.9H	.8H	.8H	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M .3L
Moderate disturbance at AA (#12i)	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L .2L
ligh disturbance at AA #12i)	.8H	.7H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L .1L
4L. Recreation/Educatio Is the AA a known or po	otential rec./ to the overall	ed. site: (ch summary an	eck) Y    id rating page)	мO	(if 'Yes' cont	tinue with the	evaluation;	if 'No' then click <b>NA</b>
ii. Check categorie ☐Other ii. Rating (use the matrix						onsumptive r	rec.; <u>l</u> VNor	n-consumptive rec.;
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access is permitted with	out permiss	sion with th	e exception (	of the polic	e shooting i	range.		
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Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0	1	0	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	Н	.9	1	29.79	V
C. General Wildlife Habitat	L	.3	1	9.93	
D. General Fish Habitat	NA	0	0	0	
E. Flood Attenuation	NA	0	0	0	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	Н	.9	1	29.79	
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	Н	.9	1	29.79	V
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA	0	0	0	
Production Export/Food Chain Support	М	.6	1	19.86	V
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	М	.7	1	23.17	V
K. Uniqueness	L	.2	1	6.62	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	Н	.2	NA	6.62	
Totals:		4.7	8	155.57	
Percent of Possible Score			58.75 %		

Category I Wetland: (must satisfy one of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category II)  Score of 1 functional point for Listed/Proposed Threatened or Endangered Species; or  Score of 1 functional point for Uniqueness; or  Score of 1 functional point for Flood Attenuation and answer to Question 14E.ii is "yes"; or  Percent of possible score > 80% (round to nearest whole #).	
Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied and meets any one of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category IV)  Score of 1 functional point for MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat; or  Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; or  Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish Habitat; or  "High" to "Exceptional" ratings for both General Wildlife Habitat and General Fish/Aquatic Habitat; or  Score of .9 functional point for Uniqueness; or  Percent of possible score > 65% (round to nearest whole #).	
Category III Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I, II, or IV not satisfied)	
Category IV Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I or II are not satisfied and all of the following criteria are met; otherwise go to Category III)  "Low" rating for Uniqueness; and Vegetated wetland component < 1 acre (do not include upland vegetated buffer); and Percent of possible score < 35% (round to nearest whole #).	

### **OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA RATING:** (check appropriate category based on the criteria outlined above)

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# Appendix C

Project Area Photographs

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Kindsfater Yellowstone County, Montana



Photo Point 1 Bearing: 280 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 14 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 1 Bearing: 280 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 14
Taken in 2014



Photo Point 2 Bearing: 280 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 13 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 2 Bearing: 280 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 13 Taken in 2014



Photo Point 3
Bearing: 0 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 9
Taken in 2013



Photo Point 3
Bearing: 0 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 9
Taken in 2014



Photo Point 4 Bearing: 200 Degrees

**Location:** Wetland Cell 12 **Taken in 2013** 



Photo Point 4
Bearing: 200 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 12 Taken in 2014



Photo Point 5
Bearing: 10 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 11 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 5
Bearing: 10 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 11 Taken in 2014



Photo Point 6 Bearing: 150 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 10 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 6 Bearing: 150 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 10 Taken in 2014



Photo Point 7
Bearing: 90 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 5 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 7
Bearing: 90 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 5
Taken in 2014



Photo Point 8 Bearing: 315 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 2 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 8 Bearing: 315 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 2 Taken in 2014



Photo Point 9
Bearing: 90 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 1
Taken in 2013



Photo Point 9
Bearing: 90 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 1
Taken in 2014



Photo Point 10 Bearing: 140 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 3 Taken in 2013



Photo Point 10 Bearing: 140 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 3
Taken in 2014



Photo Point 11 Bearing: 150 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 7
Taken in 2013



Photo Point 11 Bearing: 150 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 7 Taken in 2014



Photo Point 12 Bearing: 230 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 6
Taken in 2013



Photo Point 12 Bearing: 230 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 6
Taken in 2014



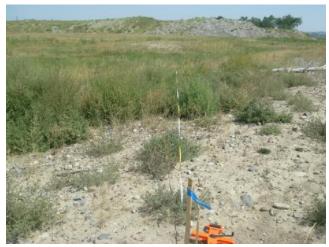
Transect 1 – Start Bearing: 240 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 14 Taken in 2013



Transect 1 – Start Bearing: 240 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 14 Taken in 2014



Transect 1 – Finish Bearing: 50 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 14 Taken in 2013



Transect 1 – Finish
Bearing: 50 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 14 Taken in 2014



Transect 2 – Start Bearing: 225 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 8
Taken in 2013



Transect 2 – Start Bearing: 225 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 8 Taken in 2014



Transect 2 – Finish Bearing: 40 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 8 Taken in 2013



Transect 2 – Finish
Bearing: 40 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 8
Taken in 2014



Transect 3 – Start Bearing: 290 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 4
Taken in 2013



Transect 3 – Start Bearing: 290 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 4
Taken in 2014



Transect 3 – Finish Bearing: 110 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 8 Taken in 2013



Transect 3 – Finish Bearing: 110 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 8 Taken in 2014



**Data Point** – K-1u **Bearing:** 10 Degrees

Location: Veg community 6 Taken in 2014



Data Point – K-1w Bearing: 100 Degrees

Location: Veg community 3 Taken in 2014



Data Point – K-2w Bearing: 90 Degrees

**Location:** Veg community 3 **Taken in 2014** 



Data Point – K-3w Bearing: 180 Degrees

Location: Wetland Cell 3
Taken in 2014



Data Point – K-3u Bearing: 270 Degrees

Location: Veg community 1/4 Taken in 2014

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# Appendix D

Project Plan Sheets

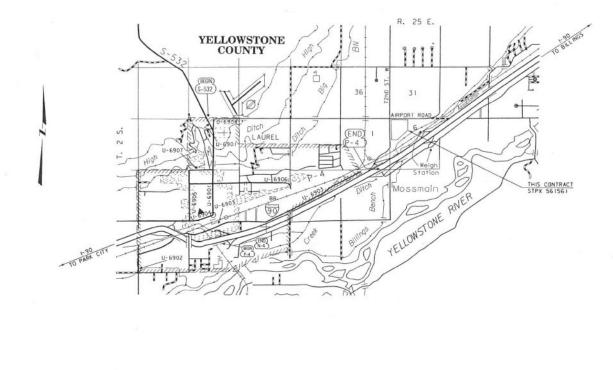
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# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STPX 56(56) AQUATIC RESOURCES MITIGATION KINDSFATER WETLAND YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

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### **NOTES**

### TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

REFER TO SECTION 208 OF THE MOT DETAILED DRAWINGS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

ALL INSTALLED TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL MATERIALS IN DR ADJACENT TO MATERS OF THE U.S. MUST BE COMPOSED AND CONSTRUCTED OF 100% BIODEGRADABLE FIBERS, NETTING AND STITCHING.

#### CLEARING AND GRUBBING

CLEAR AND GRUB TO STAKED GRADING LIMITS. INCLUDE THE COST OF CLEARING AND GRUBBING IN THE UNIT PRICE BID FOR UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION.

#### WETLANDS

WETLANDS EXIST ADJACENT TO THE ROADWAY AND BEYOND THE PROJECT WELLANDS EXIST ADJACENT TO THE ROADWAY AND BEYOND THE PROJECT LIMITS, METLAND AREAS AND PERMITTED WELLAND IMPACT AREAS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS HAVE BEEN DEL NEATED AND ARE SHOWN ON THE PLANS. ANY ACTION IMPACTING WETLAND AREAS WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE PERMITTING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR.



PERMITTED WETLAND IMPACTED AREAS

#### SOILS INFORMATION

THE PLAN SHEETS INCLUDE MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS MHERE SOL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED. THE COMPLETE SOL BORING LOOS FOR THESE LOCATIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS. TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL AVARABLE INFORMATION. CONTACT THE MOT DEOTECNINCAL SECTION AT (406) 444-6281.

#### UTILITIES

CALL THE UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CENTER (1-800-424-5555) OR OTHER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE MARKING AND LOCATION OF ALL LINES AND SERVICES

#### SURVEY DATA

DTM FILES FORMATTED FOR TRIMBLE, LEICA, AND TOPCON SURVEY CONTROLLERS ARE AVALABLE UPON REGUEST. CONTACT WADE SALYARDS, MOT WETLAND ENGINEER, AT 444-0451.

#### COMBINATION SCALE FACTOR

ALL COORDINATES ARE STATE PLANE (SEE CONTROL DIAGRAM). CSF FOR THE PROJECT IS 0. 99948655.

#### TOPSOIL SALVAGING AND PLACING

TOPSOIL QUANTITIES SHOWN IN THE PLANS ARE SUFFICIENT TO RE-TOPSOIL IN AREAS WHERE CUTS OF FILLS EXCEED 1 FOOT. ALL REMAINING GRADING IS CONSIDERED UNCLASSE FOR EXCAVATION. COORDINATE TABLE ELEVATIONS ARE TO FINISHED GRADE FOLLOWING TOPSOIL PLACEMENT.

### MONITORING WELLS

ALL MONITOR WELLS ARE TO BE LEFT IN PLACE UNDISTURBED.

### LINEAR & LEVEL DATA

BEARING SOURCE

LEVEL DATUM SOURCE

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#### BENCH MARKS

SEE CONTROL TRAVERSE ABSTRACT FOR BENCHMARK INFORMATION

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IN ADDITION, ALL NEW PROJECT MARKS ESTABLISHED IN THIS SURVEY (ASO34 THROUGH J5034) WERE CONSTRAINED VERTICALLY, USING THE ORTHOMETRIC HEIGHTS DERIVED FROM DIFFERENTIAL LEVELING.

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	CONTROL MARK ABSTRACT										
POINT NAME/NUMBER	N OR Y COORD INATE	E OR X COORDINATE	POINT	LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION							
A5174	523, 803, 624	2, 172, 357, 202	3, 256. 70	FOUND 2" ALUMINUM MDT CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED AS174 2006, AT MP O. I ON FRONTAGE ROAD (ACCESS TO SHOTGUN WILLE'S), 29 SOUTH OF CENTER LINE OF DITCH BANK.							
05174	529, 332, 412	2, 180, 147, 638	3, 232, 42	FOUND 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED D5174 2006, AT MP 1.9 ON FRONTAGE ROAD, 31' SOUTH OF CENTERLINE OF FRONTAGE ROAD, 8' WEST OF WITNESS POST IN EAST/WEST FENCE.							
A5034	524, 852, 310	2, 173, 106, 557	3, 254, 86	SET 2° ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED ASO34. ON EAST SIDE OF 72ND STREET APROX. 150 FEET SOUTH OF RAL ROAD CROSSING AND 20 FEET SOUTH OF CHEVRON SIGN. CAP 15 4.5 FEET EAST OF X MARKED IN GUARDRAIL, 0.4 MULES EAST OF EXIT OVER PAST.							
B5034	526, 657, 762	2, 173, 080, 639	3, 296, 48	SET 2" ALUMNUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED BSDAY 2006, O. B MILES EAST OF EXIT DVERPASS, DN EAST SIGE OF 72ND STREET, ACROSS THE ROAD FROM BRIVE WAY, A CATE POST BEARS SOUTHWEST 80.5 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST 76,0 FEET IS AMOTHER GATE POST, CAP FALLS 8.6 FEET EAST OF EDGE OF PAYMENT.							
C5034	528, 208, 189	2, 173, 072, 093	3, 297, 52	SET 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED C5034 2006, 486 FEET SOUTH OF INTERSECTION TO TEND AND AIRPORT ROAD. 21.4 FEET TO EDGE OF PAVEMENT, AND 25.2 FEET NORTH EAST OF SIGN POST.							
05034	528, 684, 449	2, 173, 841, 523	3, 295, 61	SET 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED D5034 2006, ON SOUTH SIDE OF AIRPORT ROAD, 780 FEET EAST OF INTERSECTION OF AIRPORT ROAD AND 72ND STREET, 16.4 FEET FROM EDGE OF PAYEWENT. A POWER POLE IS 43.2 FEET WEST OF CAP.							
E5034	528, 653, 209	2, 174, 616, 514	3, 309, 16	SET 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED E5034 2006. ON TOP OF BERM ON SOUTH SIDE OF AIRPORT ROAD, AND ACROSS FROM THE CEMENT PLANT. POWER POLE IS S56'36' W, T1. T FEET. AND ANDTHER AT N64'E. 92.2 FEET							
F5034	528, 704, 550	2, 176, 801, 405	3, 289. 05	SET 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED F5034 2006, ON SOUTH SIDE OF AIRPORT ROAD, APROX, IS FEET WEST OF GATE ON FENCE LINE, 5 FEET NORTH OF FENCE, AND 0.7 MILES EAST OF INTERSECTION TO 2700 STREET AND AIRPORT ROAD.							
G5034	528, 245, 613	2, 175, 462, 622	3, 293. 63	SET 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH CROUND STAMPED 0504 2006, ON SOUTH SIDE OF AIRPORT ROAD, APROX. IS FEET WEST OF GATE ON FENCE LINE. 5 FEET NORTH OF FENCE, AND 0.7 MILES EAST. OF INTERSECTION TO 72ND STREET AND AIRPORT ROAD.							
H5034	527, 548. 136	2, 174, 827, 935	3, 294, 80	SET 2" ALUMINUM CAP FLUSH WITH GROUND STAMPED H5034 2006, ON TOP OF SMALL BLUFF, MOD FEET EAST OF THE TOP OF SLOPE, AND 71 FEET SOUTH OF THE TOP OF SLOPE LOOKING TOWARD THE RAL ROAD TRACKS.							
J5034	526, 653, 710	2, 173, 801, 670	3, 274. 02	SET 2 ALL MINIM CAP FLUSH MITH GROUND STAMPED USDS4, ON THE TOP OF A SMALL BLUFF SET 2 ALL MINIM CAP FLUSH MITH GROUND STAMPED USDS4, ON THE TOP OF A SMALL BLUFF COTTONNOOD TREES ARE ABOUT COMMON OUT OF THE MAIN WELLAND AREA. A PATCH OF NEAR THE RAIL ROAD TRACES. 40 FEET SOUTH OF CAP, PROM MINICH YOU CAN SEE ASD34, NEAR THE RAIL ROAD TRACES.							
0 44	533, 384, 189	2, 170, 421. 056	3, 304, 07	FOUND NGS BENCH MARK DISC MARKED "D 44 1931" IN TOP OF CONCRETE MONUMENT PER DATA							

2 MDT OF TRANSPORTATION 9/12/2012	DESIGNED BY REVIEWED BY	$\overline{}$	WETLAND PLANS	KINDSFATI	R WETLAND	PROJECT NO. STPX 56(56
OF TRANSPORTATION 8:55:54 AM CPS - U2180	CHECKED BY		YELLOWSTONE COUNTY	CSF = 0.99948655	UPN NUMBER 5034000	SHEET 3 OF 25

## **SUMMARY**

		(	GRADI	NG
		cubic y	ards*	
STATION	UNCL. EXC.	UNCL. BORROW	EMB.	REMARKS
-	-		230	SHOOTING RANGE BERM
	4,710			WETLAND CELL I
	3,890			WETLAND CELL 2
	3,275			WETLAND CELL 3
	6,670			WETLAND CELL 4
	3,715			WETLAND CELL 5
	4, 265			WETLAND CELL 6
	3,560			WETLAND CELL 7
	5,375			WETLAND CELL B
	4, 355			WETLAND CELL 9
	2, 330			WETLAND CELL 10
	1,660			WETLAND CELL 11
	3,500			WETLAND CELL 12
	885		65	SWALES
TOTAL	48, 190		# 295	

<sup>\*</sup> QUANTITIES SHOWN ARE IN-PLACE, NO SHRINK/SWELL FACTORS HAVE BEEN APPLIED. # FOR INFORMATION ONLY

				REVEGET	ATION		
STATION		bic rds*		acres		lump sum	
	WETLAND SOIL	TOPSOIL SALVAGING	WETLANI	SEEDING	CONDITION	TREE & SHRUB PLANTING	REMARKS
	SALVAGE	& PLACING	WETLAND	UPLAND			
						1.0	BASE BID AREA
		50					SHCOTING RANGE BERM**
		750					WETLAND CELL I
		660					WETLAND CELL 2
		560					WETLAND CELL 3
		1, 375					WETLAND CELL 4
		720					WETLAND CELL 5
		860					WETLAND CELL 6
		800					WETLAND CELL 7
		1,290					WETLAND CELL 8
		820					WETLAND CELL 9
		600					WETLAND CELL 10
		540					WETLAND CELL II
		850					WETLAND CELL 12
		565					SWALES
	-		28.1		28.1		WETLAND AREAS
TOTAL		10, 440	28. 1		28.1	1.0***	

6-INCH SALVAGE DEPTH.
 SALVAGE AND PLACE TOPSOIL FROM THE STOCKPILES ALONG LAUREL AIRPORT ROAD (SEE SPECIAL PROVISIONS).
 SEE SHEET 5.

(	CONSTRU	JCTION	SURVEY & LAYOUT
STAT	ION	lump sum	REMARKS
FROM	то	1	
		1.0	BASE BID SURVEY
TOT	AL	1.0	

							SURF	ACING									
		linear feet				tons	tons AGGREGATE		EGATE		BITUMINOUS MATERIAL		AGG. TREATMENT	square			
						10000			square yards	tons	cubic	yards	to	ns	tons	yards	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
	GROSS	NET	*	-	FOR	HYDRATED LIME	COVER GRADE 4A	PLANT MIX BIT. SURF. GRADE D	CRUSHED AGG. COURSE	TRAFFIC GRAVEL	ASPHALT CEMENT PG 64-28	SEAL CRS-2P	DUST PALLIATIVE	BIT. PAVEMENT REMOVAL	REMARKS		
									25						EXISTING ACCESS ROAD		
TOTAL									25		-						

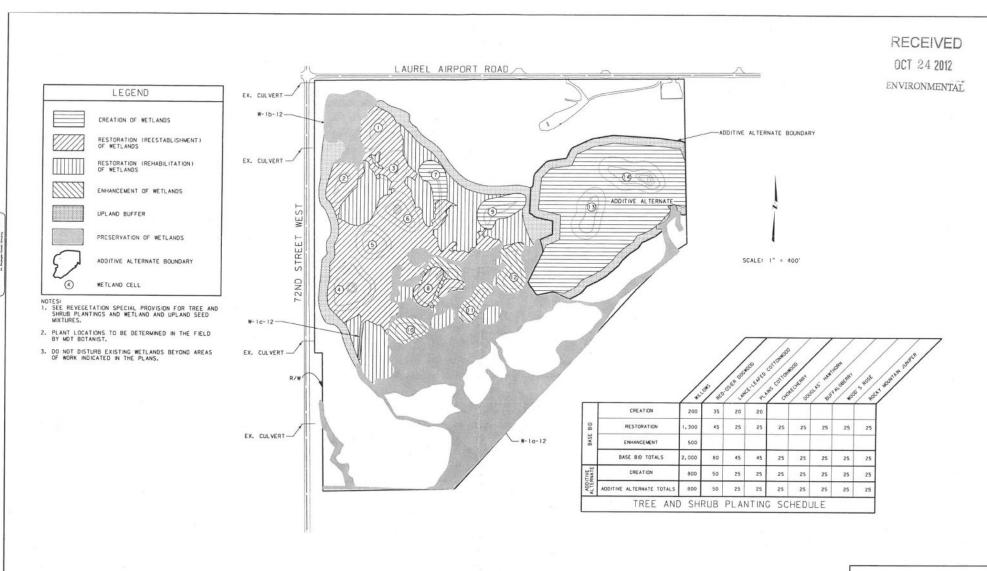
NOTE: SEE ACCESS ROAD SECTION FOR CRUSHED AGGREGATE THICKNESS

							FE	NCING					
		each				linear feet							
STATION	CI	HAIN LINK F	ENCE	FARM FENCE	CHAIN LI	NK PANEL	FARM FEN	ICE PANEL	PANEL REMOVE CHAIN	CHAIN LINK GATE		FARM GATE METAL TYPE G-3	REMARKS
	4'0"	5'0"	6.04		SINGLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE	FENCE*	SINGLE	DOUBLE	METAL TIPE G-3	
			1,401		4	11			1,179		24		SHOOTING RANGE
TOTAL			1,401		4	11			~		24		

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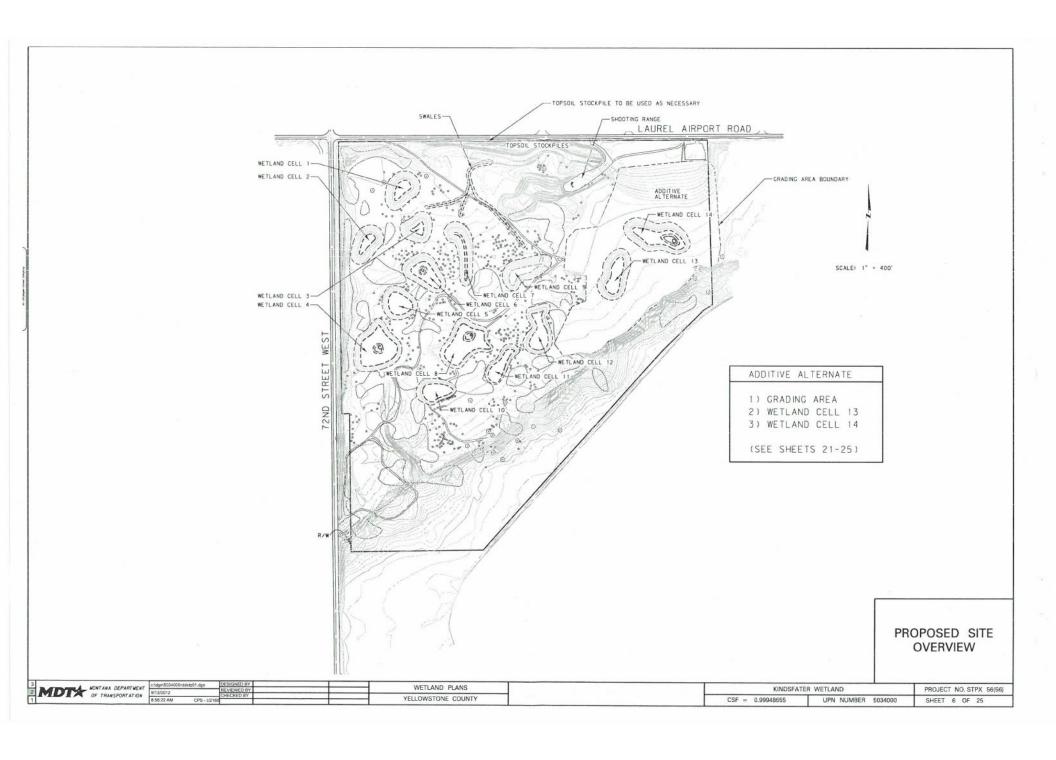
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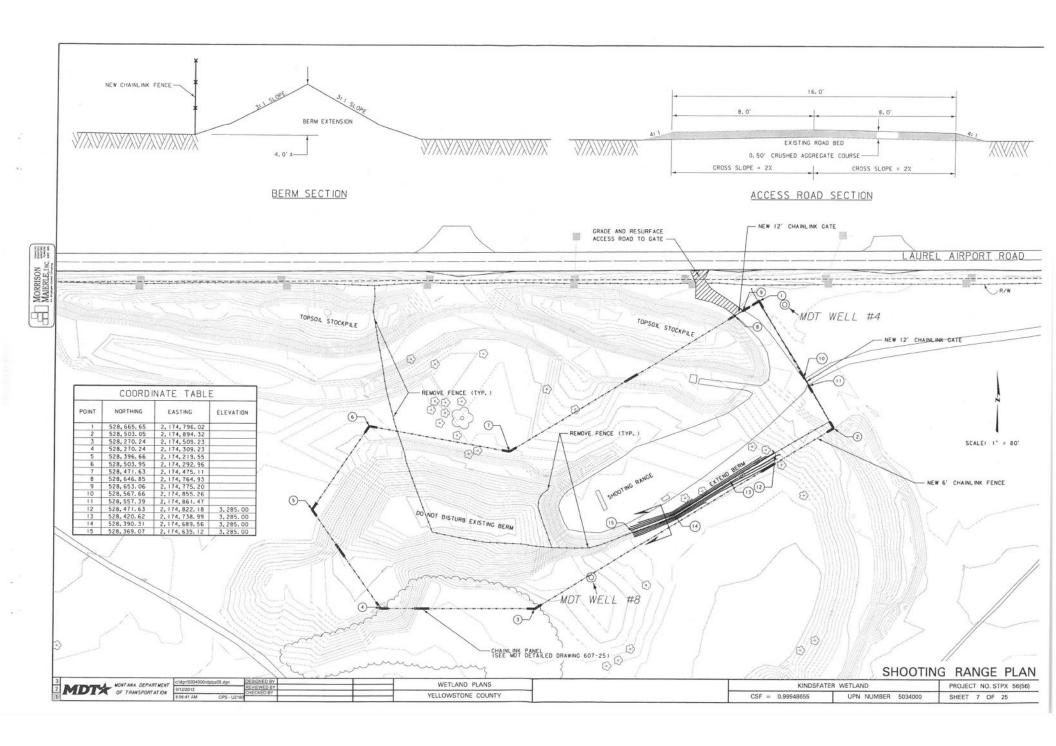


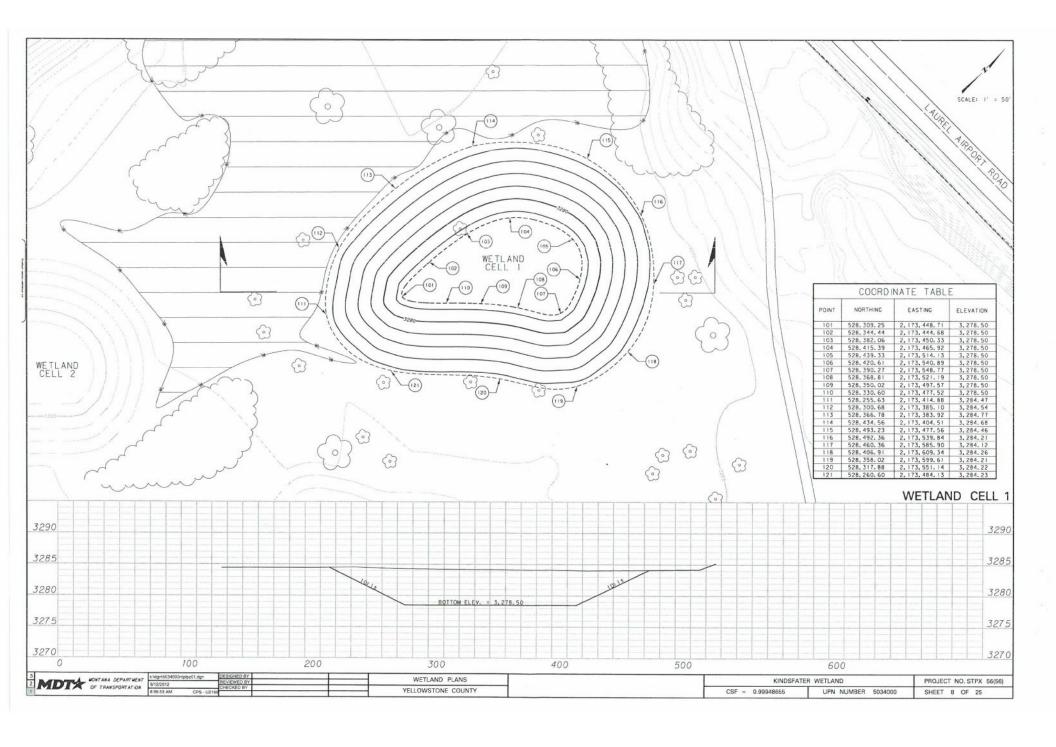


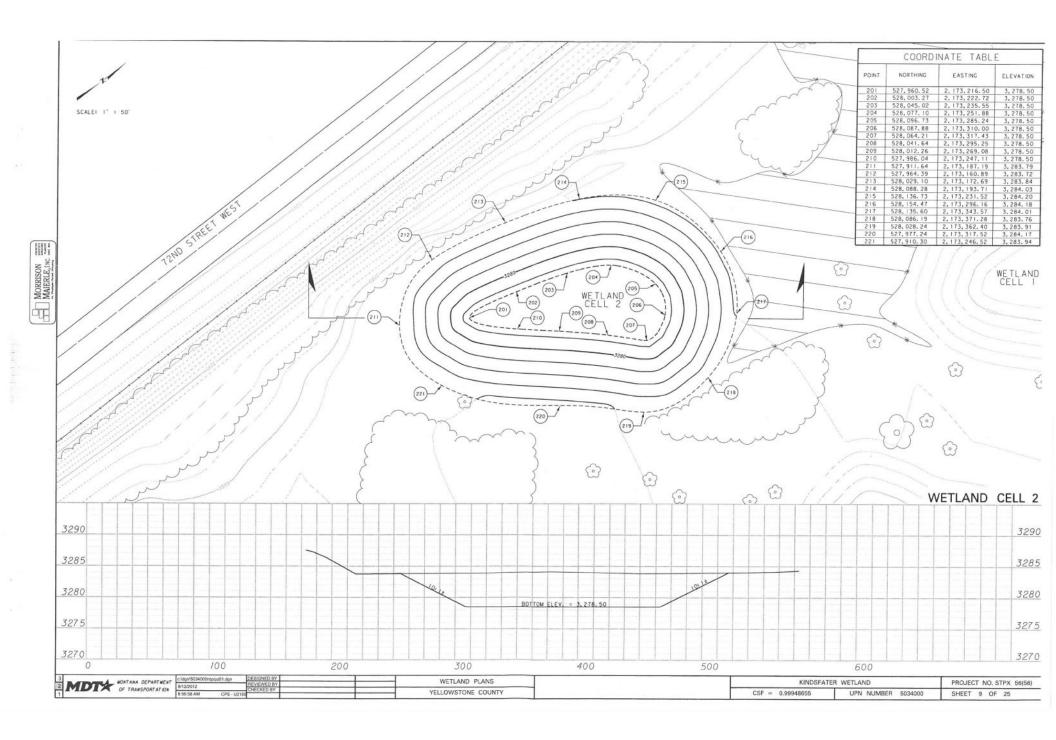
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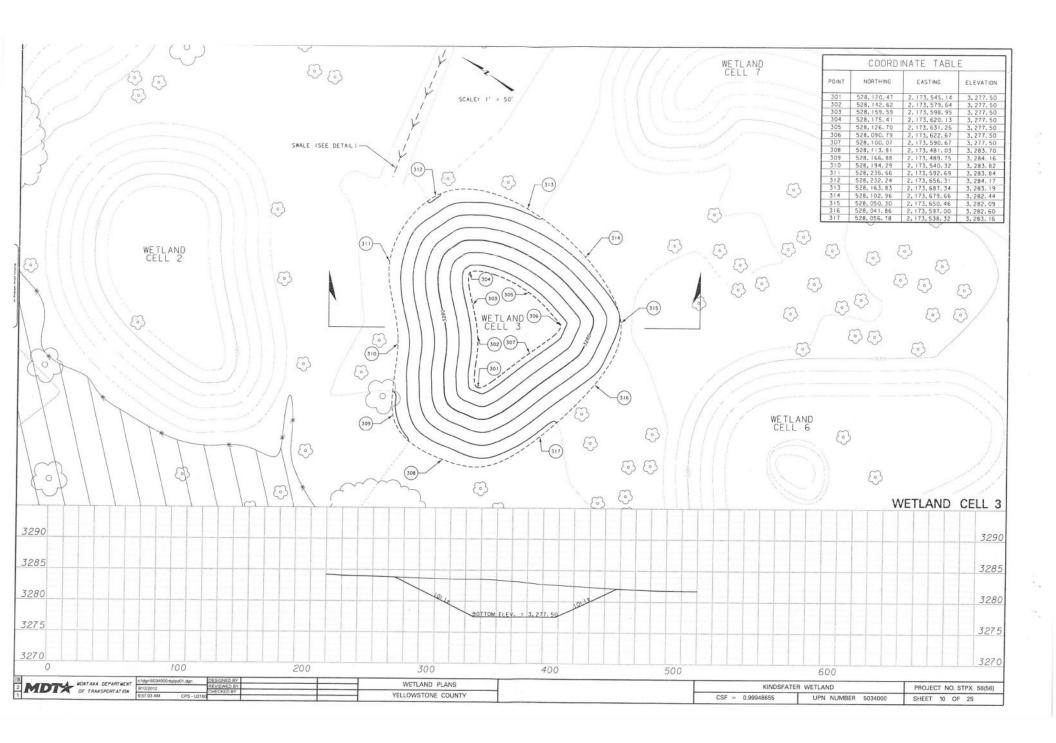
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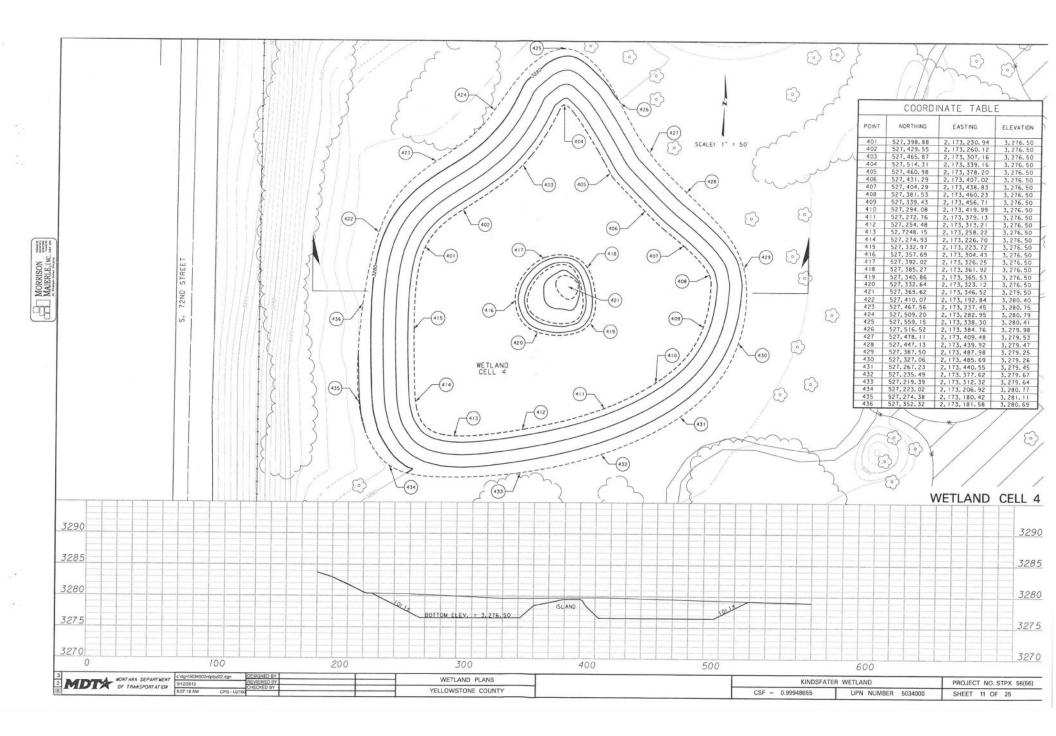


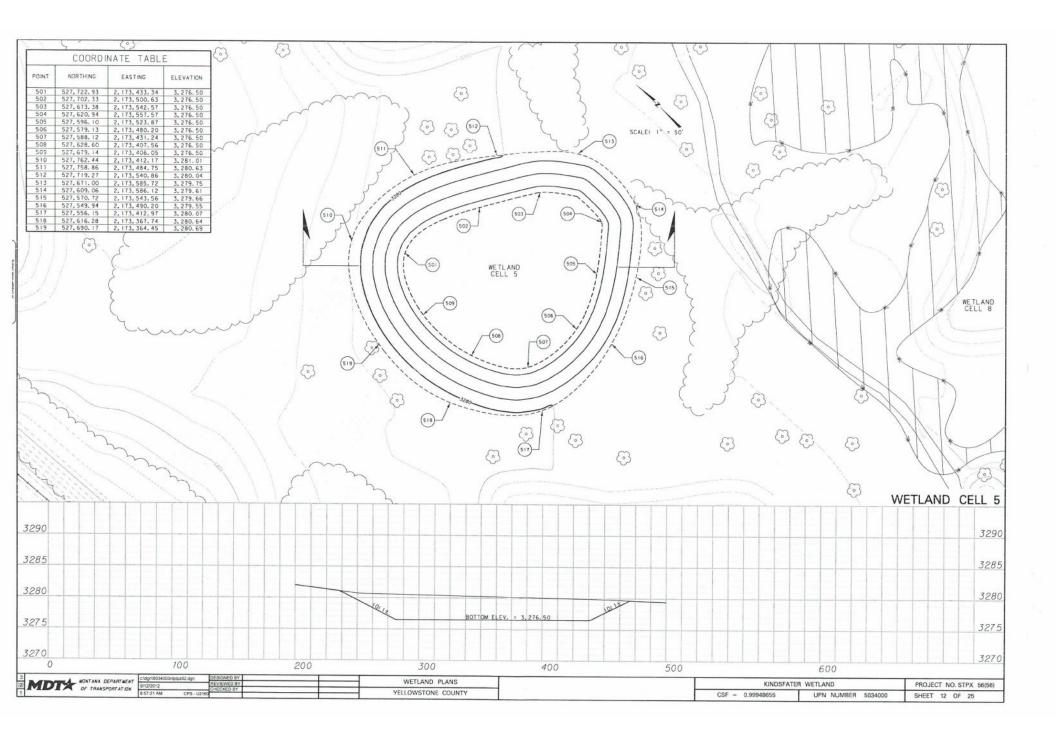


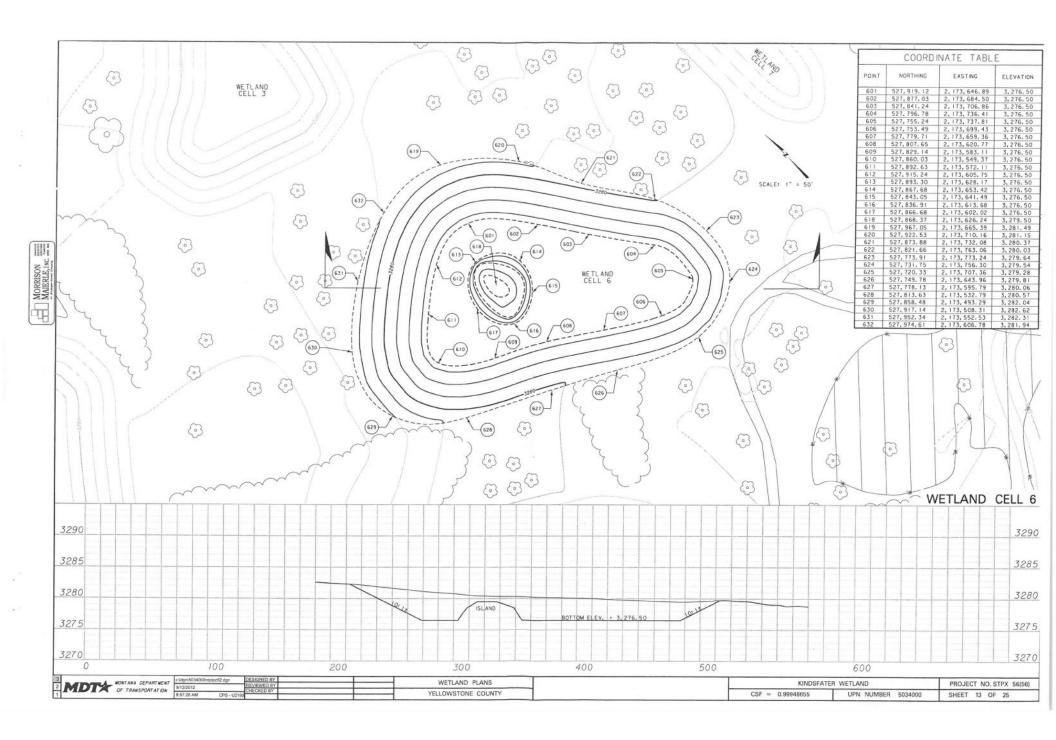


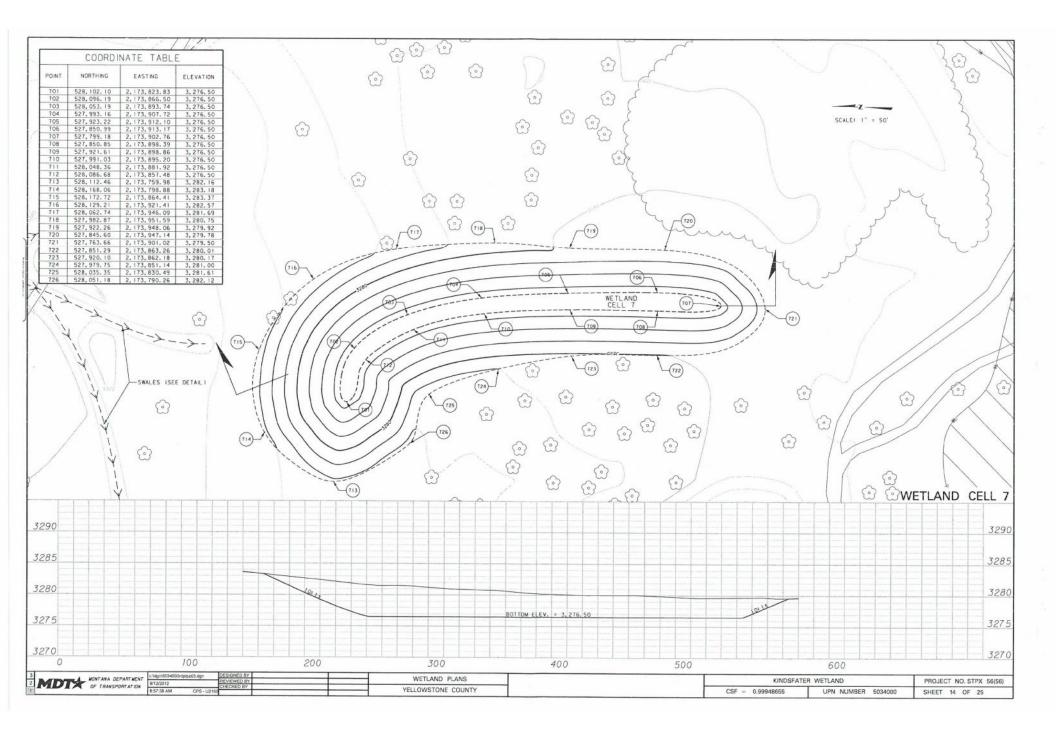


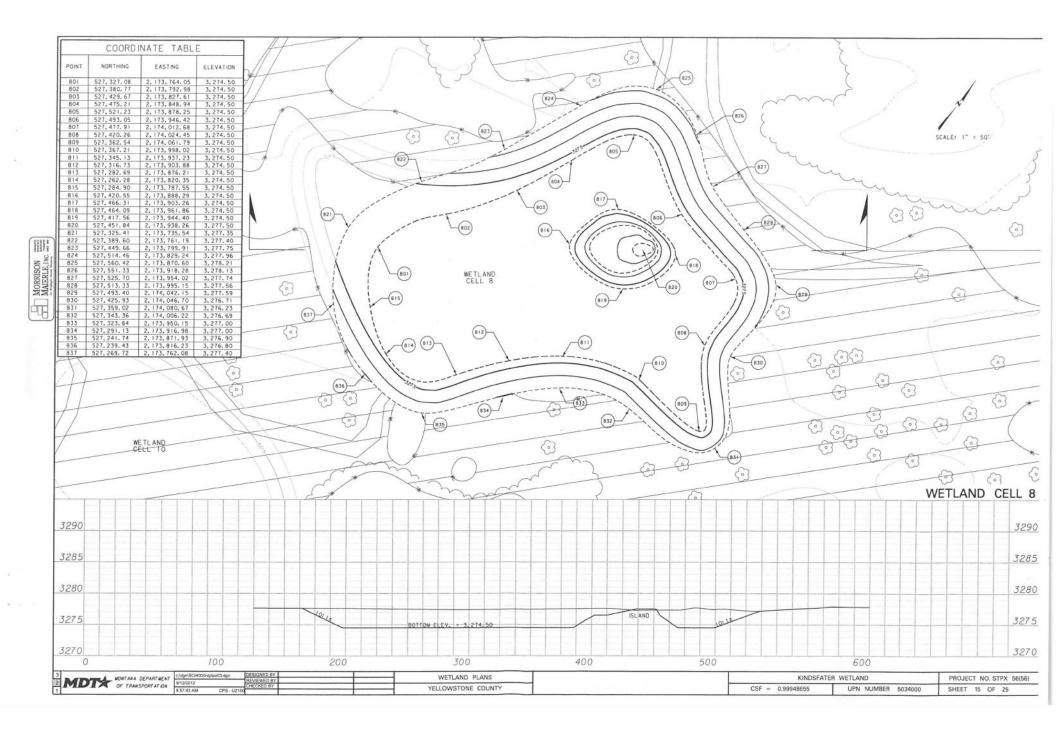


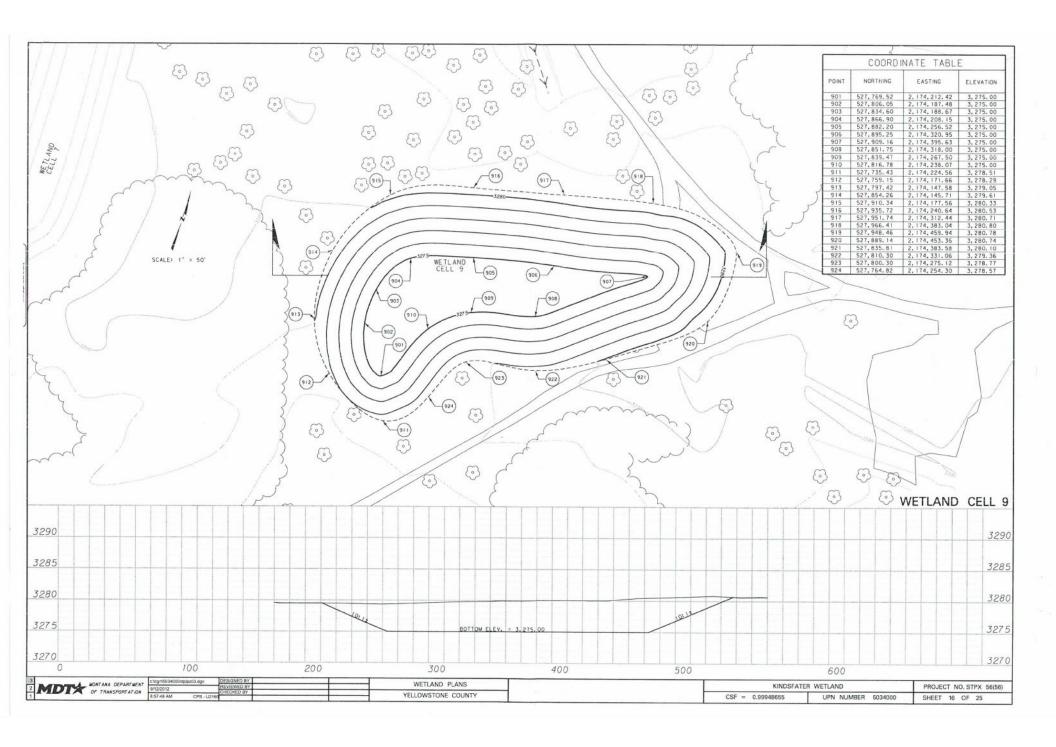


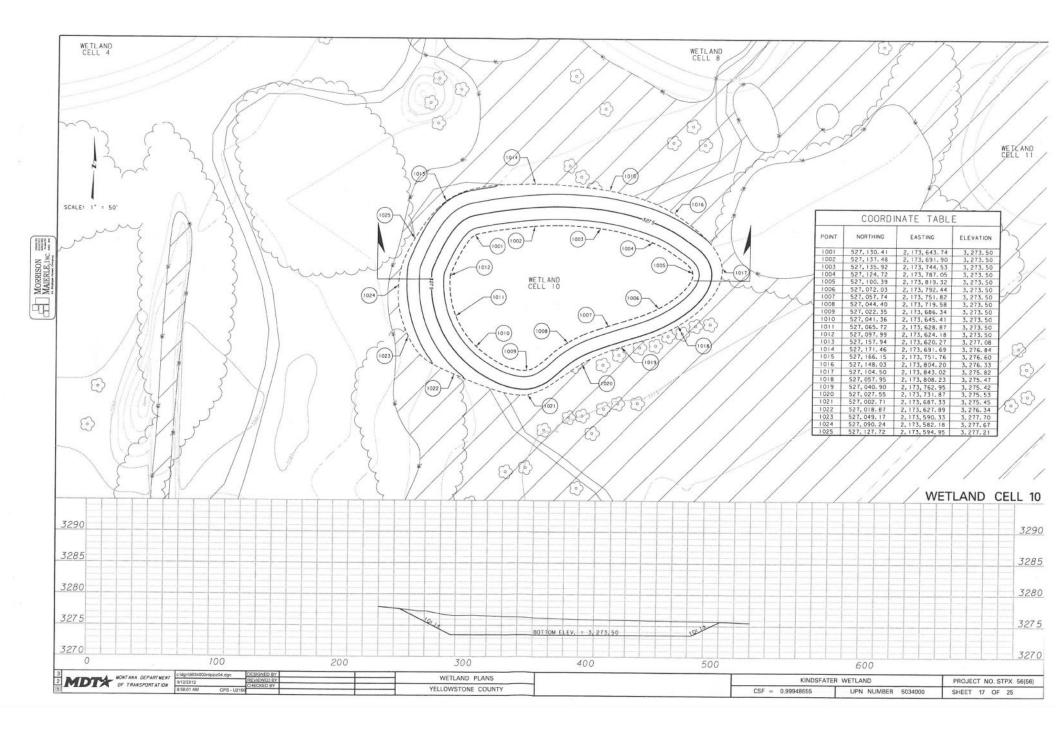


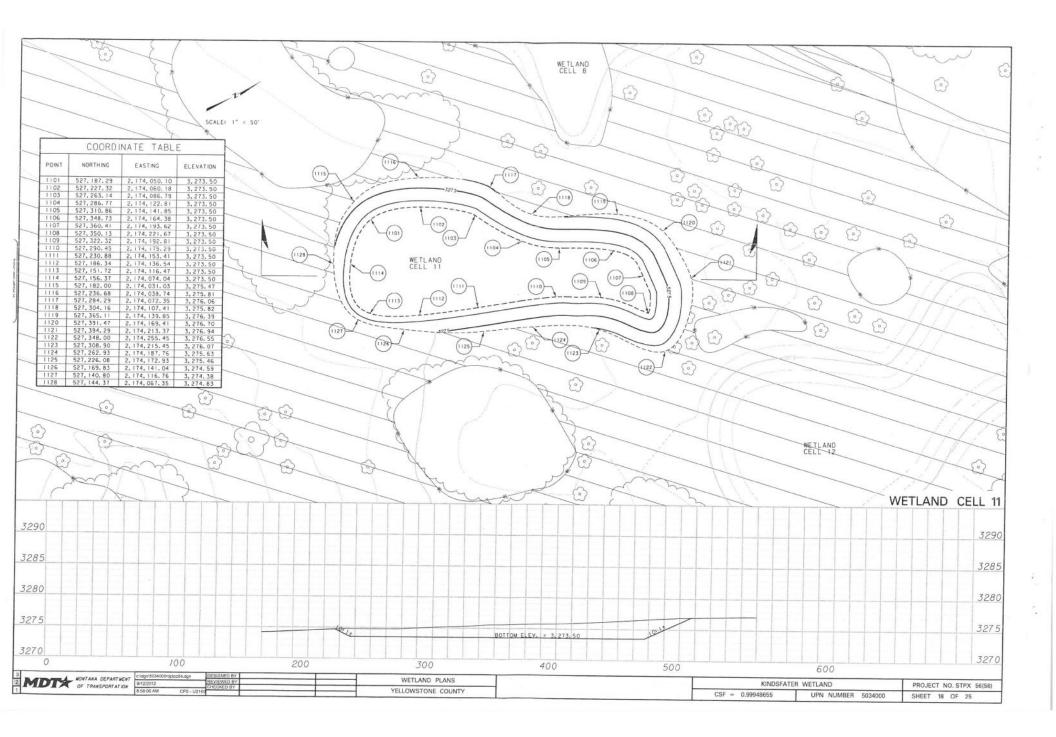


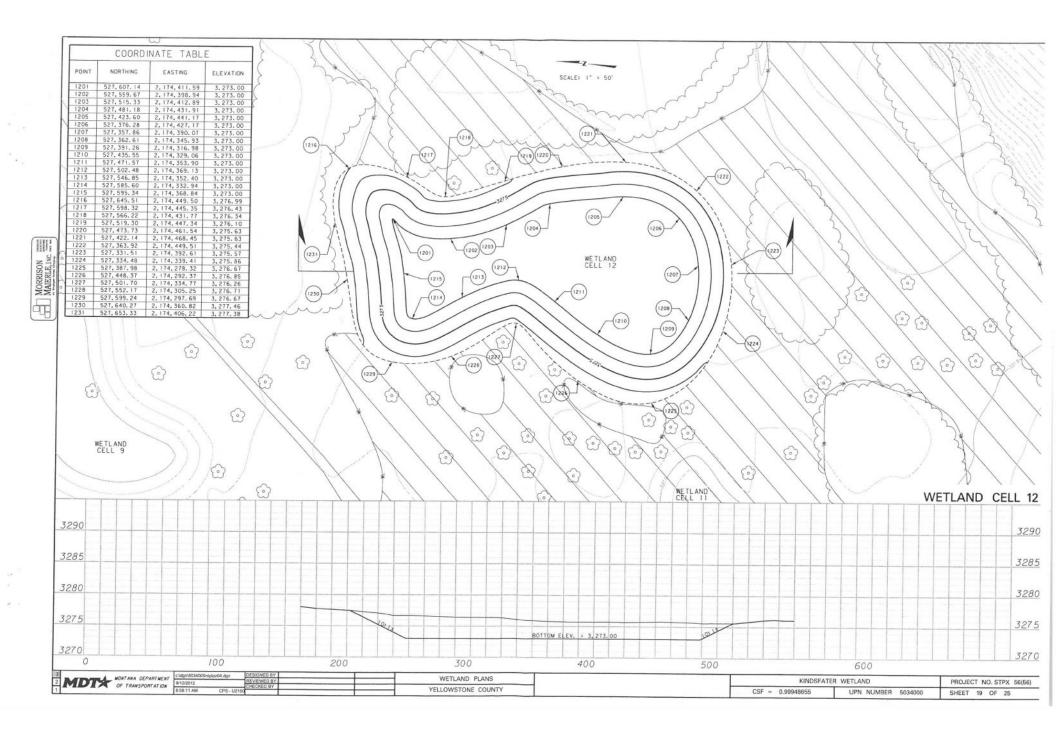


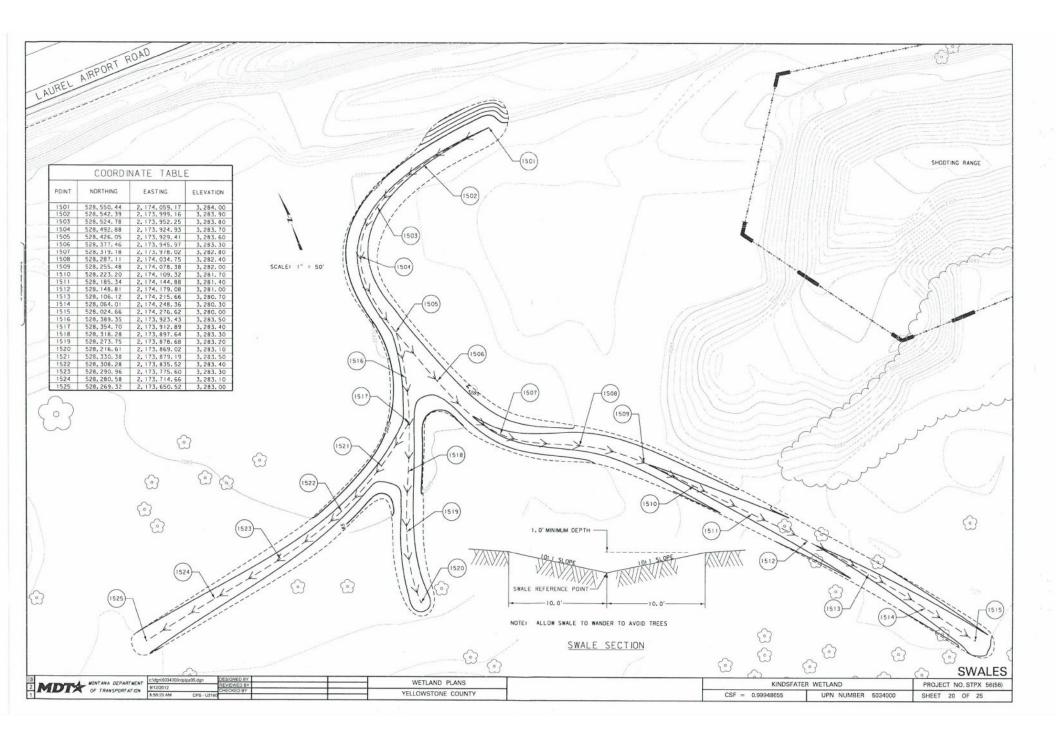












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## **SUMMARY**

			GRADI	NG
		cubic y	ards*	
STATION	UNCL. EXC.	UNCL. BORROW	EMB.	REMARKS
	297, 200			CRADING AREA
	5, 665			METLAND CELL 13
	7,505			METLAND CELL 14
TOTAL	310, 370			

<sup>\*</sup> QUANTITIES SHOWN ARE IN-PLACE, NO SHRINK/SWELL FACTORS HAVE BEEN APPLIED.

	CONSTRU	ICTION	SURVEY & LAYOUT
STATION		lump	REMARKS
FROM	TO		
		1.0	ADDITIVE ALTERNATE SURVEY
TOTAL		1.0	

				REVEGET	ATION			
STATION		bic irds	acres			lump sum		
	WETLAND SOIL SALVAGE	TOPSOIL SALVAGING & PLACING	WETLAND	SEEDING	CONDITION	TREE & SHRUB PLANTING	REMARKS	
			WETLAND	UPLAND				
						1,0	ADDITIVE ALTERNATE AREA	
		7,525	15.9		15.9		GRADING AREA	
			1.2		1.2		WETLAND CELL 13	
			1.6		1.6		WETLAND CELL 14	
TOTAL		7,525	18, 7		18.7	1.0*		

\* SEE SHEET 5.

							FE	NCING						
	linear feet				each			linear feet						
STATION	С	HAIN LINK FI	ENCE	WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCE	CHAIN LI	NK PANEL	WILDLIFE	FRIENDLY PANEL	REMOVE	CHAIN LINK GATE	Tradition Court			REMARKS
	4'0"	5'0"	6'0"	(TYPE 1-FM)*	SINGLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE	FENCE"	SINGLE	DOUBLE	METAL TYPE G-3		
	-			991				-	498 1,064					
TOTAL				991			2	2	~		-		EAST BOUNDARY	

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3	-	WETLAND PLANS	KINDSFATE	KINDSFATER WETLAND PROJECT NO. STPX		
OF TRANSPORTATION BISB:38 AM CPS-U2160 CHECKED BY		YELLOWSTONE COUNTY	CSF = 0.99948655	UPN NUMBER 5034000	SHEET 22 OF 25	

