Montana Department of Transportation Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Report

FORSYTH – NORTHWEST MITIGATION SITES: FORSYTH WEST, MIDDLE, AND EAST

Project Overview

MDT Project: STTP 14 (9)259, UPN #4059

Watershed: Watershed #14 – Middle Yellowstone

Monitoring Year: 2023

Years Monitored: 11th year of monitoring

Corps Permit Number: NWO-2002-90-599 and NWO-2006-90676 MTB

Monitoring Conducted By: Confluence Consulting Inc. for MDT

Dates Monitoring Was Conducted: June 6th – June 9th, 2023

Purpose of the Approved Project:

The Forsyth – Northwest (FNW) sites were developed to mitigate for a cumulative total of 8.98 acres of wetland impacts associated with two Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) highway construction projects: (1) the Volborg – North and South project, constructed in 2004, and (2) the FNW project, constructed in 2012. Wetland compensatory mitigation ratios from the Montana Regulatory Program of the US Army Corps of Engineers, dated April 2005, were used to determine the anticipated mitigation credits outlined in the approved wetland mitigation plan, which indicated that the project could earn 11.79 acres of wetland mitigation credit. Four individual mitigation sites in close proximity to each other were constructed as part of this project and include the Treasure County Line, Forsyth West, Forsyth Middle, and Forsyth East. Monitoring at the Treasure County Line site was completed in 2017. This report encompasses only the three remaining Forsyth sites monitored in 2023.

Site Locations:

West site - Latitude: 46.33927, **Longitude:** –106.876743

Middle site - Latitude: 46.323159**, Longitude:** -106.843010

East site - Latitude: 46.31969, **Longitude:** -106.83657

County: Rosebud **Nearest Town:** Forsyth, MT

Map Included: Yes, Figure 1

Mitigation Site Construction Started: Spring 2012 **Construction Ended:** Fall 2012 Embankment repairs made in Spring 2017

Dates of Any Recent Corrective or Maintenance Activities (since previous report):

Activity: None **Date:** NA

Specific recommendations for corrective actions: Continue to treat noxious weeds, especially at the Middle site.

Anticipated Wetland Credit Acres: 11.79

Wetland Credit Acres Generated to Date: 5.92

Wetland Acreage within the Project Area: 5.67

Mudflat Acreage within the Project Area: 0.0

Open Water within the Project Area: 6.42 acres

Previous Monitoring Reports:
https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland-mitigation.aspx

Monitoring Period: 5 years from construction completion or until concurrence by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The monitoring period was extended because of adaptive management actions in 2017 to repair a failed dike structure at the FNW-West mitigation site.

Requirements (from approved mitigation plan, banking instrument, or Department of Army (DA) permit conditions)

Summary of Performance Standards: Formal performance standards were not developed as part of the mitigation plan for these sites. All three sites have developed wetland habitat as intended and contain wetland vegetation, hydric soils, and indicators of wetland hydrology. All of the sites are stable; the East and West sites have less than 5 percent total noxious weed cover, and the Middle site has less than 10 percent noxious weed cover. All three sites are functioning as designed, however, the West site has recently lost wetland acreage credits due to changes in how the USACE is awarding credit for open water and mud flats.

Summary Data: Combined West, Middle, and East Sites

Wetland Delineation – The total wetland acreage delineated at the three FNW sites in 2023 was 5.67 acres of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetland. Additionally, 6.42-acres of open water were mapped at the FNW-West site. No open water or mud flats were identified at the FNW -Middle or FNW-East sites. Across the three sites, wetland area increased by 2.36 in 2023. Open water acreage at the West site decreased by 1.84 acres, and no mudflats were observed (Table 1; Figures A-3 and A-4, Appendix A).

The adaptive management strategies implemented in 2017 (repair of a breached earthen embankment to original design) at the FNW-West site has resulted in broader inundation across the site, and in response to the inundation, some areas that were previously delineated as wetland were delineated as open water in 2020-2023. Less open water was observed in 2023 than in 2022, owing entirely to increased *Schoenoplectus maritimus* growth at the FNW-West site, which created enough cover to be considered wetland habitat rather than open water. All areas delineated as mudflat habitat in 2021 and 2022 were either inundated or had developed enough vegetation to be considered PEM wetland in 2023. The increased inundation also resulted in minor expansions of the wetland boundaries in a few areas around the wetland perimeter (Table 1).

In 2020, the USACE provided guidance on open water, defining it as, "areas of open water of any depth with less than 5% rooted emergent vegetation, no vegetation, submerged non-rooted vegetation, and/or submerged vegetation rooted in the substrate that does not extend above the water surface" (Green 2022). Options to assign credit acres for open water and mud flat habitats are still pending, and therefore wetland acreage credited to this site from 2020-2023 is significantly less than what was reported in 2019 and earlier.

Table 1. Wetland Habitat Acreages Delineated at the FNW Sites (2015 and 2020–2022)

Site	2015 (acres)	2021 (acres)			2022 (acres)			2023 (acres)		
		Wetland	Open Water	Mud flat	Wetland	Open Water	Mud flat	Wetland	Open Water	Mud flat
FNW-West	6.01	1.66	7.60	1.36	1.86	8.26	0.51	4.25	6.42	0.00
FNW-Middle	0.49	0.58	-	-	0.58	-	-	0.58	-	-
FNW-East	0.46	0.59	-	-	0.74	-	-	0.84	-	-
Total	**6.96**	**2.83**	**7.6**	**1.36**	**3.18**	**8.26**	**0.51**	**5.67**	**6.42**	**0.00**

Functional Assessment – The FNW-East and FNW-Middle sites are considered Category III wetlands, and the FNW- West site is a Category II wetland (Table 2) that received MWAM scores of 68%, 44%, and 53% respectively. All three sites generated a combined total of 30.66 Functional Units in 2023 (Table 9).

Photographs – Photographs were taken at all three FNW sites in 2023 and are provided in Appendix C. The photographs taken at permanent photo points, transect endpoints, and data points are presented alongside photos from the first year of monitoring. Please refer to previous years' monitoring reports for photographs from all other years (https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland-mitigation.aspx).

Wildlife – Wildlife species that were observed directly or indirectly at the three monitoring sites during the 2023 field surveys are listed in the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring forms for each site (Appendix B). Many bird species were observed at the West site, some birds were observed at the East site, and no birds were observed at the Middle site.

Table 2. 2023 Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) Functional Value Summary for the Forsyth Northwest Sites. Values shown are the actual functional points scored by each site.

Function and Value Parameters From the 2008 Montana Wetland Assessment Method	FNW-West	FNW-Middle	FNW-East
Listed/Proposed Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Species Habitat	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)
Montana Natural Heritage Program (MTNHP) Species Habitat	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
General Wildlife Habitat	Exceptional (1)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.4)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	Low (0.2)	N/A	N/A
Flood Attenuation	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)
Short- and Long-Term, Surface-Water Storage	High (1)	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.6)
Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	Mod (0.7)	High (0.8)	High (1.0)
Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	Mod (0.7)	NA	N/A
Production Export/Food Chain Support	High (0.8)	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.4)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	High (1)	N/A	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Mod (0.4)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)
Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	High (0.2)	N/A	N/A
Actual Points/Possible Points	**7.5/11**	**3.5/8**	**4.8/9**
% of Possible Score Achieved	**68%**	**44%**	**53%**
Overall Category	**II**	**III**	**III**

[(a)] Assessment area included wetland, open water, and mud flats.

Summary Data: Specific to the FNW-West Site

FNW-West Site Vegetation – Nine vegetation communities, identified based on plant composition and dominance, were mapped on the FNW–West site in 2023. The vegetation communities have changed significantly over the last few years as a result of increased inundation across the site. Much of the vegetation that previously grew in the inundated areas has died off, including woody species such as cottonwood and willow, and the inundated areas have developed emergent vegetation communities comprising of cattail and bullrush species.

In 2023, the plant community composition had changed enough in some areas of the site to necessitate the elimination of a few previously described community types and the addition of a few new community types. In 2023, Upland Type 5 – *Symphoricarpos albus*/*Pascopyrum smithii* was changed to Upland Type 23 – *Symphoricarpos albus*/*Elymus repens*, and Wetland Type 18 - *Hordeum jubatum/Typha spp.* was changed to Wetland Type 22 - *Eleocharis palustris/bare ground*. A new community type, Wetland Type 21 – *Schoenoplectus spp./Open water* was also added in 2023. Emergent wetland communities are found scattered throughout the inundated areas of the site and around the fringes of the inundated areas. Inundated areas with less than 5% cover of emergent vegetation are

represented by Wetland Type 17 – Open Water/Aquatic Macrophytes. The Mudflat Community was created to classify previously inundated areas that were exposed in 2021 and 2022 and have less than 5% vegetative cover, however none of these areas were observed during the 2023 site visit due to the expansion of vegetation communities with greater than >5% vegetative cover.

The community composition for each community type is provided in full detail on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring forms (Appendix B), and the community boundaries are shown on Figure A-3 (Appendix A). The following vegetation community types were identified at the FNW-West mitigation site in 2023:

- Upland Type 1 – *Bromus tectorum/Sarcobatus vermiculatus*
- Upland Type 6 – *Pascopyrum smithii/Bromus tectorum*
- Upland Type 20 - *Thlaspi arvense/Lepidium perfoliatum*
- Upland Type 23 – *Symphoricarpos albus/Elymus repens*
- Wetland Type 8 – *Typha latifolia/Eleocharis palustris*
- Wetland Type 16 - *Alopecurus arundinaceus/Hordeum jubatum*
- Wetland Type 17 – Open Water/Aquatic Macrophytes.
- Wetland Type 21 – *Schoenoplectus sp./Open Water*
- Wetland Type 22 – *Eleocharis palustris/Bare ground*

Vegetation cover was measured along two transects in 2023, on foot for the terrestrial portions and by kayak for the aquatic portions (Tables 3 & 4; Figure A-2, Appendix A). Table 3 summarizes the data for T-1 which is 282 feet long and intersects Upland Type 6, Wetland Type 18, Wetland Type 21, and aquatic community 17 (open water). The amount of open water along T-1 increased from 88 to 89 percent between 2022 and 2023 and mudflat coverage decreased from 4% to 0%. The total amount of vegetation increased by 9% (Table 3).

Table 3. Data Summary for T-1 From 2016 Through 2023 at the FNW-West Site

Monitoring Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Transect Length (feet)	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	7	5	1	1	2	3	2	3
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	5	5	1	1	2	3	2	4
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	4	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	26	18	5	4	9	7	8	13
Total Hydrophytic Species	5	4	0	1	3	1	1	1
Total Upland Species	21	14	5	4	6	6	7	12
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	90	46	5	10	3	3	4	13
Estimated % Unvegetated	10	54	95	65	97	97	96	87
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	37	34	0	30	3	4	3	6
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	63	66	5	5	5	5	5	5
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	95	65	92	89	88	89
% Transect Length Comprising of Mudflat	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0

T-2 is 261 feet long and intersects Upland Types 5 and 6, and Wetland Types 21 and 17 (open water). Eighty-seven percent of the transect crossed open water habitat in 2023. Total vegetative cover along the transect was 11 percent (Table 4).

Detailed data collected along each transect are provided in the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form in Appendix B. Photographs of the transect end points are provided in Appendix C.

Sixteen noxious weed patches were mapped at FNW-West in 2023, which is an increase of 6 patches since 2023. All noxious weed patches were comprised of four Priority 2B species. Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) was observed in trace, low and moderate cover classes at seven locations. One moderately sized patch and one low cover class patch of leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) were observed. Six salt cedar (*Tamarix chinensis*) individuals that had not been previously observed were found along the northeast boundary of the project area. (Figure A-3; Appendix A). Two other noxious weed patches were added in 2023 and were comprised of Canada thistle and field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), and two Canada thistle patches increased in size and percent cover. The amount of leafy spurge cover on the southeast portion of the site also increased from trace to moderate cover in one patch, and from trace to low cover in another patch. Across all plant communities, a total of 84 plant species have been identified on the site from 2013 through 2023 (Table B-1; Appendix B).

Table 4. Data Summary for T-2 From 2016 Through 2023 at the FNW-West Site

Monitoring Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Transect Length (feet)	**261**	**261**	**261**	**261**	**261**	**261**	**261**	**261**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	3
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
Total Vegetative Species	28	19	13	15	19	20	21	19
Total Hydrophytic Species	8	9	4	5	6	7	6	5
Total Upland Species	20	10	9	10	13	13	15	14
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	82	92	20	20	3	3	5	11
Estimated % Unvegetated	13	8	80	80	97	97	95	89
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	87	87	90	90	2	3	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	13	13	10	10	7	7	10	13
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	91	87	85	87
% Transect Length Comprising of Mudflat	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0

FNW-West Site Hydrology – The main source of hydrology at the FNW-West site is surface runoff from precipitation events in the East Spring Coulee, which flows directly into the site. Additional hydrology is provided by a seasonally high groundwater table and flood flows from nearby Big Porcupine Creek. The mitigation site likely received heavy runoff from Big Porcupine Creek and East Spring Coulee in the spring of 2023, which was unusually wet. In addition, MDT aerial photographs taken several weeks after the site visit show the FNW-West site inundated by floodwater.

Indicators of wetland hydrology observed at the FNW-West site included surface water, high water table, surface soil cracks, algal mats, inundation on aerial imagery, and oxidized rhizospheres on living roots.

FNW-West Site Soils – Soil test pits were excavated at six locations (DP01-03w and DP01-03u; Appendix A). All test pits were located in areas originally mapped as the Marvan silty clay soil series (NRCS 2022). Nearly all soil horizons had matrix colors on the 2.5Y soil color chart, and textures ranged from silty clay to sandy loam. Wetland soils contained 5-30% redoximorphic features in the form of concentrations and depletions. The two hydric soil indicators observed were redox dark surface and depleted matrix.

Summary Data: Specific to FNW-Middle Site

FNW-Middle Site Vegetation – Vegetation communities were identified based on plant composition and dominance. The following vegetation community types were identified at FNW-Middle in 2022:

- Upland Type 6 – *Pascopyrum smithii/Convulvulus arvensis*
- Wetland Type 5 – *Hordeum jubatum/Eleocharis palustris*

The community type name for the upland areas was updated from Upland Type 3 (*Pascopyrum smithii/Elymus canadensis*) in 2023 to Upland Type 6 (*Pascopyrum smithii/Convulvulus arvensis)* as this name is more reflective of the current composition. The community composition for each community type is provided in full detail on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B), and the community boundaries are shown on Figure A-6 (Appendix A). Eighteen occurrences of Priority 2B noxious weeds, Canada thistle and field bindweed were observed at the site in 2023. Cover classes of the weed infestations ranged from trace to moderate (Figure A-6, Appendix A) with four previously observed patches increasing in cover. Field bindweed cover increased notably between 2022 and 2023, and infestations now range from low to high. One Canada thistle patch mapped in the central portion of the site was not observed in 2023, and another Canada thistle patch decreased from moderate to low cover. A total of 61 plant species were identified on the site from 2013 through 2023 (for a comprehensive plant list, see Table B-2; Appendix B).

Vegetation cover was measured along one transect (T-1) at FNW-Middle in 2023 (Figure A-5, Appendix A). T-1 is 50 feet long and intersects Upland Type 3 and Wetland Type 5. Twenty-eight percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat in 2023, the number of hydrophytic species observed decreased by one, and the amount of hydrophytic species cover remained the same as in 2022. Twenty-one species were observed along T-1 in 2022, and the total amount of vegetative cover remained the same as in 2023 (Table 5). Detailed data collected along T-1 are provided in the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form in Appendix B. Photographs of the transect end points are provided in Appendix C.

Table 5. Data Summary for T-1 From 2016 Through 2023 at the FNW-Middle Site

Monitoring Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Transect Length (feet)	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**	**50**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	11	17	17	16	24	22	23	21
Total Hydrophytic Species	3	4	5	4	11	6	7	6
Total Upland Species	8	13	12	12	13	16	16	15
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	85	83	85	85	85	85	87	87
Estimated % Unvegetated	15	17	15	15	15	15	13	13
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	30	38	38	38	24	24	28	28
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	70	62	62	62	76	76	72	72
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising of Mudflat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FNW-Middle Site Hydrology – This site is situated near an abandoned meander bend that is associated with Big Porcupine Creek. The site may experience occasional flooding during high flows in Big Porcupine Creek but is not intended to exhibit perennial hydrology because of its proximity to Montana Highway 12. The excavated depression was likely saturated earlier in the year, but was not inundated or saturated on June 9th, 2023 when the field survey was completed. Hydrologic indicators that were

observed at this site included water-stained leaves, oxidized rhizospheres on living roots, inundation observed on aerial imagery, and surface soil cracks.

FNW-Middle Site Soils – Soil test pits were examined at four locations (DP01-2w and DP01-2u; Figure A-5, Appendix A), and all locations were within what was originally mapped as the Harlem silty clay soil series by the NRCS (2022). DP01w and DP02w are located within Wetland Type 5, *Hordeum jubatum/Eleocharis palustris* while DP01u and DP02u are in Upland Type 3 – *Pascopyrum smithii/Elymus canadensis*. Soil colors for all sample points were found on the 2.5Y color chart, and textures were either clay or silty clay. In the wetland sample pits, 1-25% redoximorphic concentrations were observed, and both profiles met requirements for the depleted matrix hydric soil indicator. No hydric soil indicators were observed within either upland sample pit.

Summary Data: Specific to FNW-East Site

FNW-East Site Vegetation – Vegetation communities were identified based on plant composition and dominance. The following vegetation community types were identified in 2022:

- Upland Type 3 – *Pascopyrum smithii/Elymus spp.*
- Wetland Type 5 – *Hordeum jubatum/Aloepecurus spp.*

The community type name for the wetland areas was updated from Wetland Type 4 (*Hordeum jubatum/Eleocharis palustris*) in 2023 to Wetland Type 5 (*Hordeum jubatum/Aloepecurus spp.)* as this name is more reflective of the current composition. The community composition for each community type is provided in full detail on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B), and community boundaries are shown on Figure A-3 (Appendix A).

A total of 59 plant species were identified on the site from 2013 through 2023 (for a comprehensive plant list, see Table B-3; Appendix B). Infestations of three Priority 2B noxious weeds, field bindweed, Canada thistle, and saltcedar were mapped in seven locations (Figure A-9, Appendix A). Saltcedar appeared to have been eradicated in 2022, but one individual was observed in the southeast corner of the site in 2023. One new Canada thistle patch was mapped in the southwest portion of the site, and one field bindweed patch increased from low to moderate cover. No woody plants were installed at the FNW-East site. However, mature cottonwoods and willows adjacent to the site appear to be acting as a source population for the cottonwood and willow seedlings that have begun to colonize the site.

Vegetation cover was measured along two transects (T-1 and T-2) at FNW-East in 2023 (Figure A-8, Appendix A). T-1 is 125 feet long and intersects Upland Type 3, and Wetland Type 5. Fifty-two percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat, and total vegetative cover was 97% which is an increase of 1% since 2022. The number of vegetative species decreased by 1 and the number of hydrophytic species observed along the transect remained the same between 2022 and 2023 (Table 6). Detailed data collected along each transect are provided in the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form in Appendix B. Photographs of the transect end points are provided in Appendix C.

T-2 is 181 feet long and intersects Upland Type 3 and Wetland Type 5. In 2023, sixty-one percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat, a one percent increase from 2022. The number of hydrophytic species observed along the transect increased by 1 since 2022, and the total number of upland species observed decreased by one. Total vegetative cover has remained constant at 98 percent since 2017 (Table 7).

FNW-East Site Hydrology – The FNW-East site is very similar to the FNW-Middle site. The main sources of hydrology at the FNW-East site are shallow groundwater, direct precipitation, surface runoff from adjacent uplands, and overland flooding from nearby Big Porcupine Creek. In fact, MDT aerial photography taken several weeks after the site visit show this site inundated by floodwater from Big Porcupine Creek. Old meander scars of Big Porcupine Creek with relict and contemporary wetland characteristics are located directly adjacent to the site. Hydrologic indicators that were observed at this site included sulfidic odor, soil saturation, inundation visible on aerial imagery, and high-water table.

Table 6. Data Summary for T-1 From 2016 Through 2022 at the FNW-East Site

Monitoring Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Transect Length (feet)	**125**	**125**	**125**	**125**	**125**	**125**	**125**	**125**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	22	17	17	16	16	14	15	14
Total Hydrophytic Species	9	7	7	7	4	2	2	2
Total Upland Species	11	10	10	9	12	12	13	12
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	90	95	95	95	95	95	96	97
Estimated % Unvegetated	10	5	5	5	5	5	4	3
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	50	50	52	52	52	52	52	52
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	50	50	48	48	48	48	48	48
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising of Mudflat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7. Data Summary for T-2 From 2016 Through 2022 at the FNW-East Site

Monitoring Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Transect Length (feet)	**181**	**181**	**181**	**181**	**181**	**181**	**181**	**181**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	26	11	14	15	10	12	15	15
Total Hydrophytic Species	6	4	6	6	2	3	4	5
Total Upland Species	20	7	8	9	8	9	11	10
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	94	98	98	98	98	98	98	98
Estimated % Unvegetated	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	44	55	55	55	55	60	60	61
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	56	45	45	45	45	40	40	39
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising of Mudflat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FNW-East Site Soils – Soil test pits were examined in six locations (DP01-03w and DP01-03u; Appendix A), and all locations were within what was originally mapped as the Harlem silty clay soil series (NRCS 2022). All dominant matrix colors were found on the 2.5Y soil color chart. Wetland soils contained 1-5% redoximorphic concentrations and had textures ranging from silty clay loam to clay. One hydric soil indicator, depleted matrix, was observed across all wetland sample pits. No hydric soil indicators were observed in the upland sample pits, although soils were moist from recent rains.

Mitigation Credit Summary: All Sites

The three FNW sites produced 6.79 credit acres combined in 2023. However, the number of credit acres earned does not include any credits for either the open water or the mud flats that are present at the FNW West site. Once credit ratios are determined for these two habitat types, the site will likely receive additional credit acres. Options to include open water and mudflats in the mitigation crediting scheme require approval from USACE and are currently pending. Given that crediting ratios are unknown for these two habitat types, the FNW mitigation sites will need to earn an additional 8.33 credits to satisfy the 12.95 debits acres impacted by the Volborg – North and South and Forsyth Northwest construction projects (Table 8).

Table 8. 2023 Credit/Debit Summary for the Forsyth – Northwest Project

Project Site	Actual Acres	Mitigation Credit Type	Debit Ratio	Credit Acres
West Site (Site 1)	2.96	Establishment (Creation) (all wetland minus preservation)	1:1	2.96
	1.29	Preservation	4:1	0.32
	3.01	Upland Buffer	5:1	0.60
	6.42	Open Water[a]	TBD	TBD
	0.0	Mud Flat[a]	TBD	TBD
Middle Site (Site 2)	0.58	Establishment (Creation)	1:1	0.58
	1.22	Upland Buffer	5:1	0.24
East Site (Site 3)	0.84	Establishment (Creation)	1:1	0.84
	1.90	Upland Buffer	5:1	0.38
Total	**18.22**	**Total Credits**		**5.92**

[(a)] Open water and mud flat credit ratio and associated credit acreage are to be determined (TBD)

Functional Unit Credit Summary: All Sites

The 2023 functional unit credits summary is summarized in Table 9. A total of 30.66 functional unit credits were generated at the Forsyth NW site after applying the appropriate mitigation ratios to the 2023 wetland acreage and multiplying that value by the points generated from the 2023 MWAM Assessment.

Table 9. Functional Unit Credits Summary for Forsyth NW

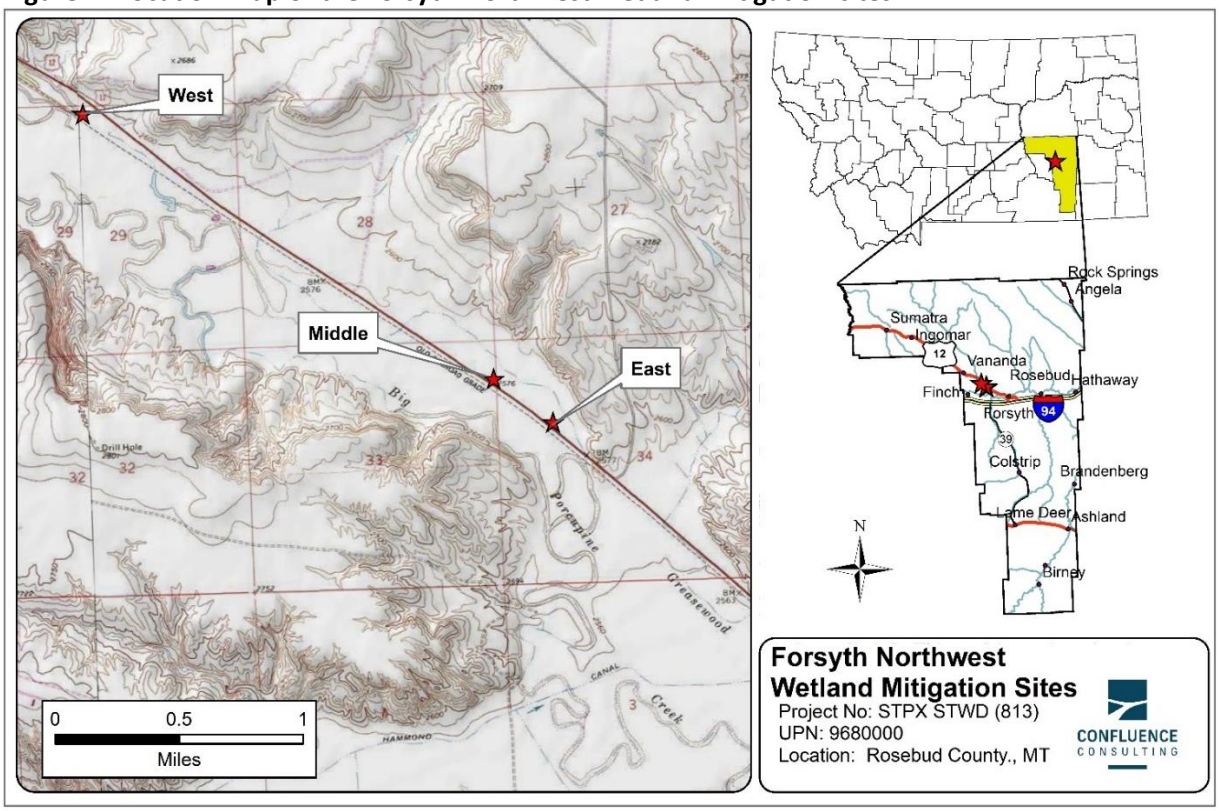
Project Site	Mitigation Credit Type	2023 Delineated acres	Ratio	2023 Mitigation Credit Acres	MWAM Actual Points	Functional Unit Credits
West Site (Site 1)	Establishment (Creation) (all wetland minus preservation)	2.96	1:1	2.96	7.50	22.20
	Preservation	1.29	4:1	0.32	7.50	2.40
	Open Water	6.42	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Mud Flat	0.0	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Middle Site (Site 2)	Establishment (Creation)	0.58	1:1	0.58	3.5	2.03
East Site (Site 3)	Establishment (Creation)	0.84	1:1	0.84	4.8	4.03
	Total	**12.09**	-	**4.12**	-	**30.66**

Conclusions

Formal performance standards were not developed as part of the mitigation plan for the FNW sites. All three sites have developed wetland habitat as intended and positive indicators of wetland vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology have been consistently observed across all monitoring years. All sites are stable and have appropriate amounts of vegetative cover. Noxious weed cover increased slightly between the 2022 and 2023 monitoring events, but all three sites still have less than 10 percent total noxious weed cover.

The FNW-East and West sites were wetter in 2023 than in the previous four years while the Middle site remained relatively dry. Wetland acreage remained the same at the FNW-Middle site between 2022 and 2023 and increased by 0.1 acres and by 2.36 acres at the FNW-East and West sites respectively during the same timeframe. These changes are likely the result of large amounts of precipitation experienced in the spring of 2023, and the corresponding continued drought cessation. Should similar conditions persist over the next year, the wetland acreage is likely to increase again in 2024. The FNW-West site contained less open water in 2023 than in 2022 and 2021 due to increased vegetation growth (especially from *Schoenoplectus maritimus*) which changed the classification of some areas from open water to PEM wetland. All of the habitat mapped as mudflat in 2021 and 2022 was mapped as PEM wetland in 2023 largely owing to recent rain events which increased inundation at the site (at least temporarily).Maps, Plans, Photos

Figure 1. Location map of the Forsyth Northwest wetland mitigation sites.



Project Area Maps/Figures: See Appendix A.

Data Forms: See Appendix B (Site Monitoring form, Table B-1: plant list, USACE data forms, and MWAM forms).

Photos: See Appendix C.

Plans: See Appendix D of 2013 Forsyth Northwest Monitoring Report located on the MDT website at this link:

https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland-mitigation.aspx

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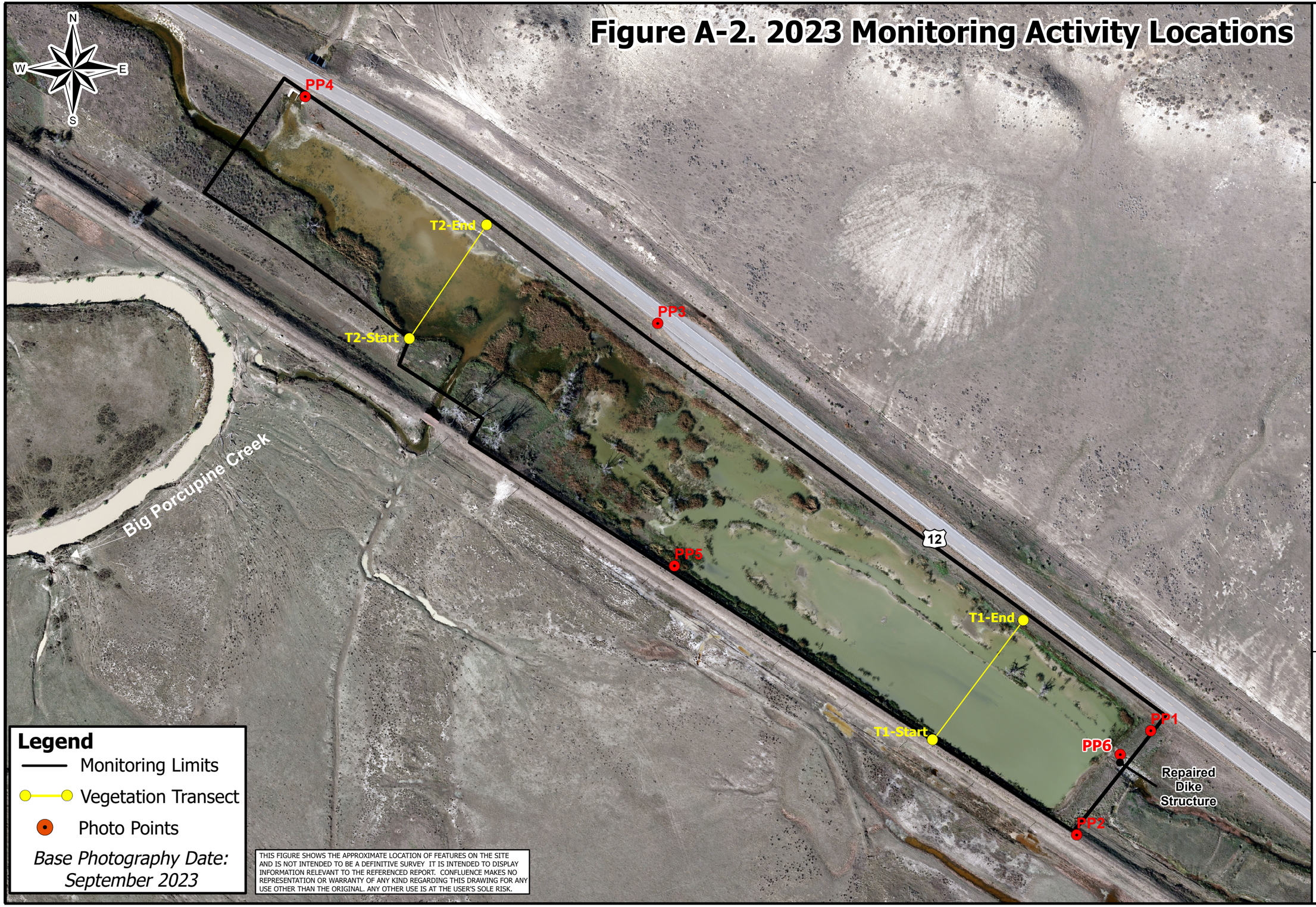
APPENDIX A
PROJECT AREA MAPS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Forsyth Northwest – West, Middle, and East Sites
Rosebud County, Montana

Figure A-2. 2023 Monitoring Activity Locations



Legend

- Monitoring Limits
- Vegetation Transect
- Photo Points

Base Photography Date: September 2023

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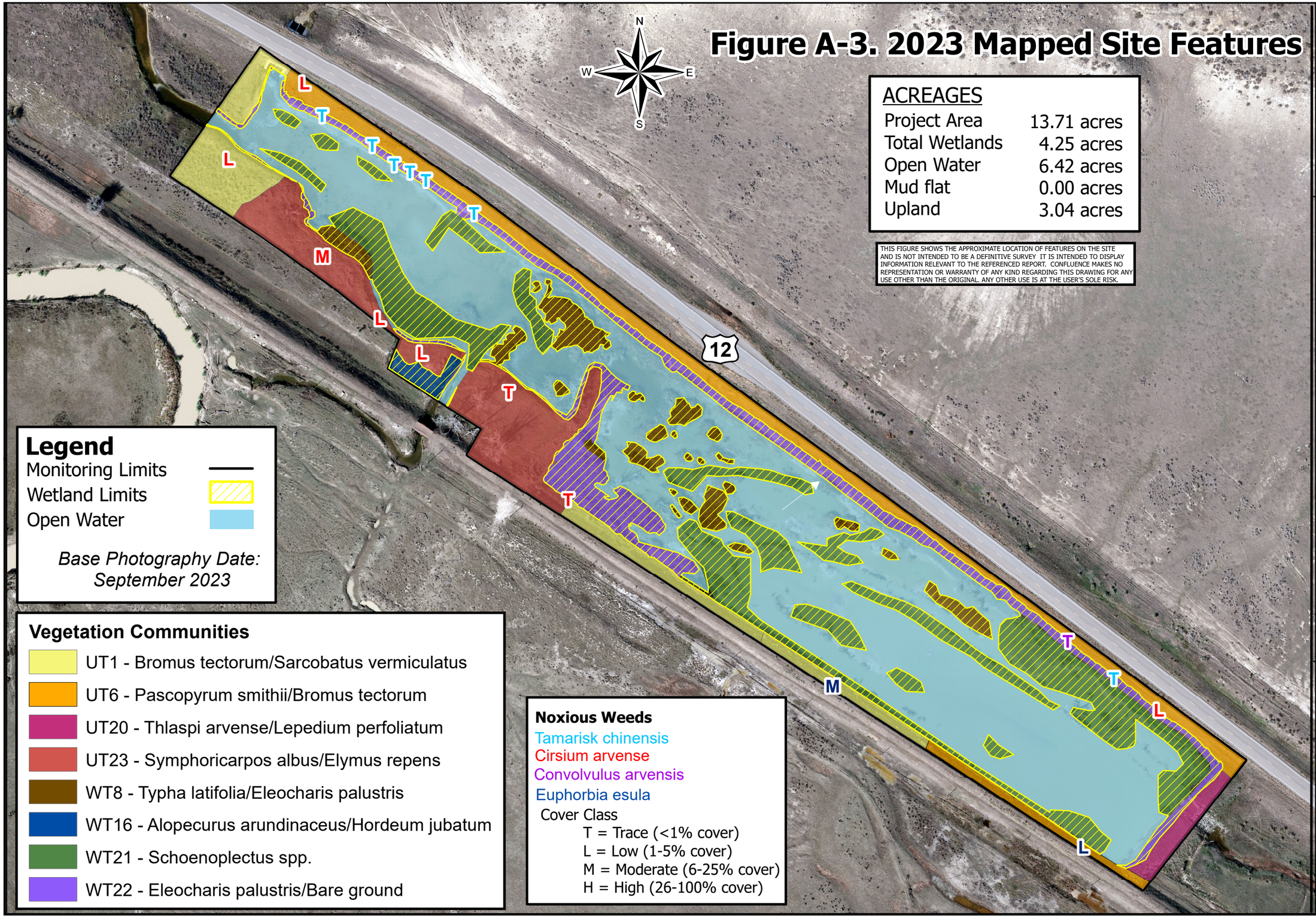
Forsyth NW - West Site
2023 Monitoring Activity Locations

0 65 130 260 390 520 650 Feet

Project:	STTP 14(9)259
Location:	Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date:	November 20, 2023
Project Manager:	R. McEldowney
Drawn By:	RCJ

Figure A-3. 2023 Mapped Site Features



ACREAGES	
Project Area	13.71 acres
Total Wetlands	4.25 acres
Open Water	6.42 acres
Mud flat	0.00 acres
Upland	3.04 acres

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Legend

Monitoring Limits

Wetland Limits

Open Water

Base Photography Date: September 2023

Vegetation Communities

- UT1 - Bromus tectorum/Sarcobatus vermiculatus
- UT6 - Pascopyrum smithii/Bromus tectorum
- UT20 - Thlaspi arvense/Lepedium perfoliatum
- UT23 - Symphoricarpos albus/Elymus repens
- WT8 - Typha latifolia/Eleocharis palustris
- WT16 - Alopecurus arundinaceus/Hordeum jubatum
- WT21 - Schoenoplectus spp.
- WT22 - Eleocharis palustris/Bare ground

Noxious Weeds

Tamarisk chinensis

Cirsium arvense

Convolvulus arvensis

Euphorbia esula

Cover Class

T = Trace (<1% cover)

L = Low (1-5% cover)

M = Moderate (6-25% cover)

H = High (26-100% cover)

CONFLUENCE CONSULTING

Forsyth NW - West Site

2023 Mapped Site Features

0 65 130 260 390 520 650 Feet

Project:	STTP 14(9)259
Location:	Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date:	November 20, 2023
Project Manager:	R. McEldowney
Drawn By:	RCJ

Figure A-4. 2023 Wetland Delineation

Legend

- Monitoring Limits
- Pre-Project Wetlands
- Wetland Area - 2023
- Open Water - 2023
- Mud Flats - 2023
- Data Points

Base Photography Date: September 2023

Project Area	13.71 acres
Pre-Project Wetlands	1.29 acres
Wetlands - 2023	4.25 acres
Mud flat - 2023	0.00 acres
Open Water - 2023	6.42 acres

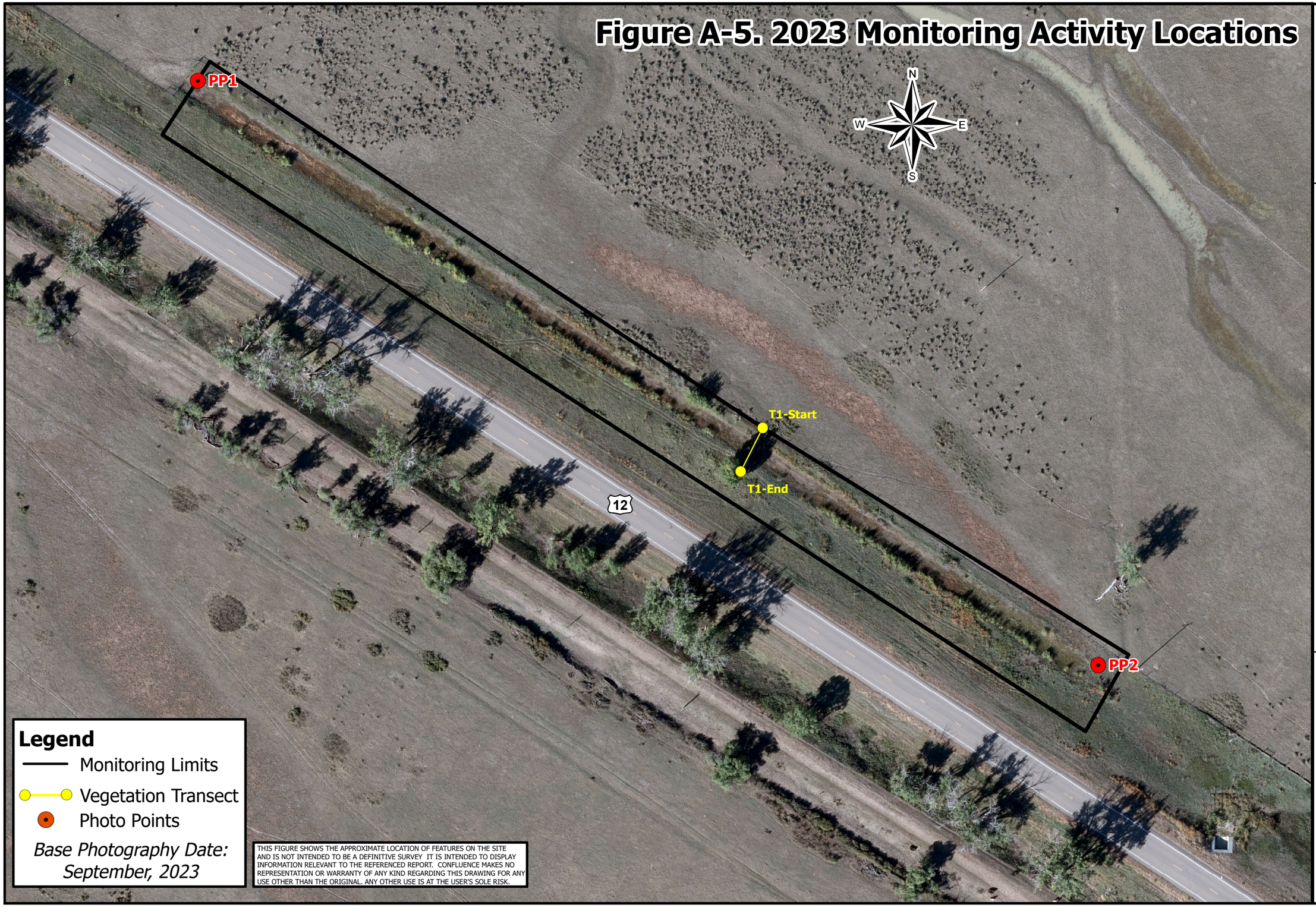
CONFLUENCE CONSULTING

Forsyth NW - West Site
2023 Wetland Delineation

0 65 130 260 390 520 650 Feet

Project: STTP 14(9)259
Location: Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date: November 20, 2023
Project Manager: R. McEldowney
Drawn By: RCJ

Figure A-5. 2023 Monitoring Activity Locations



Legend

- Monitoring Limits
- Vegetation Transect
- Photo Points

Base Photography Date: September, 2023

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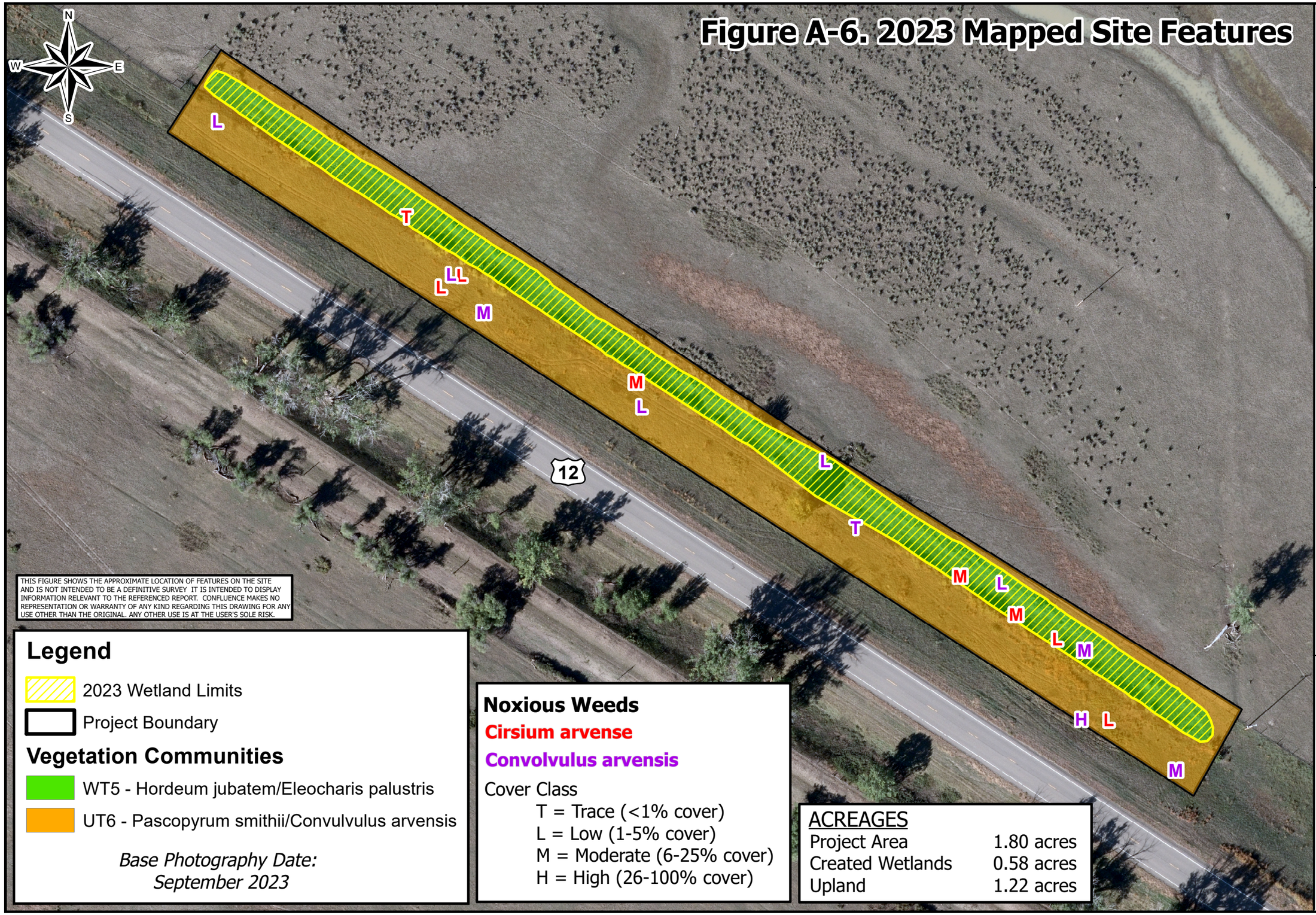
Forsyth NW - Middle Site
2023 Monitoring Activity Locations

0 30 60 120 180 240 300 Feet

Project: STTP 14(9)259
Location: Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date: November 20, 2023
Project Manager: R. McEldowney
Drawn By: RCJ

Figure A-6. 2023 Mapped Site Features



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Legend

- 2023 Wetland Limits
- Project Boundary

Vegetation Communities

- WT5 - Hordeum jubatem/Eleocharis palustris
- UT6 - Pascopyrum smithii/Convulvulus arvensis

Base Photography Date: September 2023

Noxious Weeds

Cirsium arvense

Convolvulus arvensis

Cover Class

T = Trace (<1% cover)
L = Low (1-5% cover)
M = Moderate (6-25% cover)
H = High (26-100% cover)

ACREAGES	
Project Area	1.80 acres
Created Wetlands	0.58 acres
Upland	1.22 acres

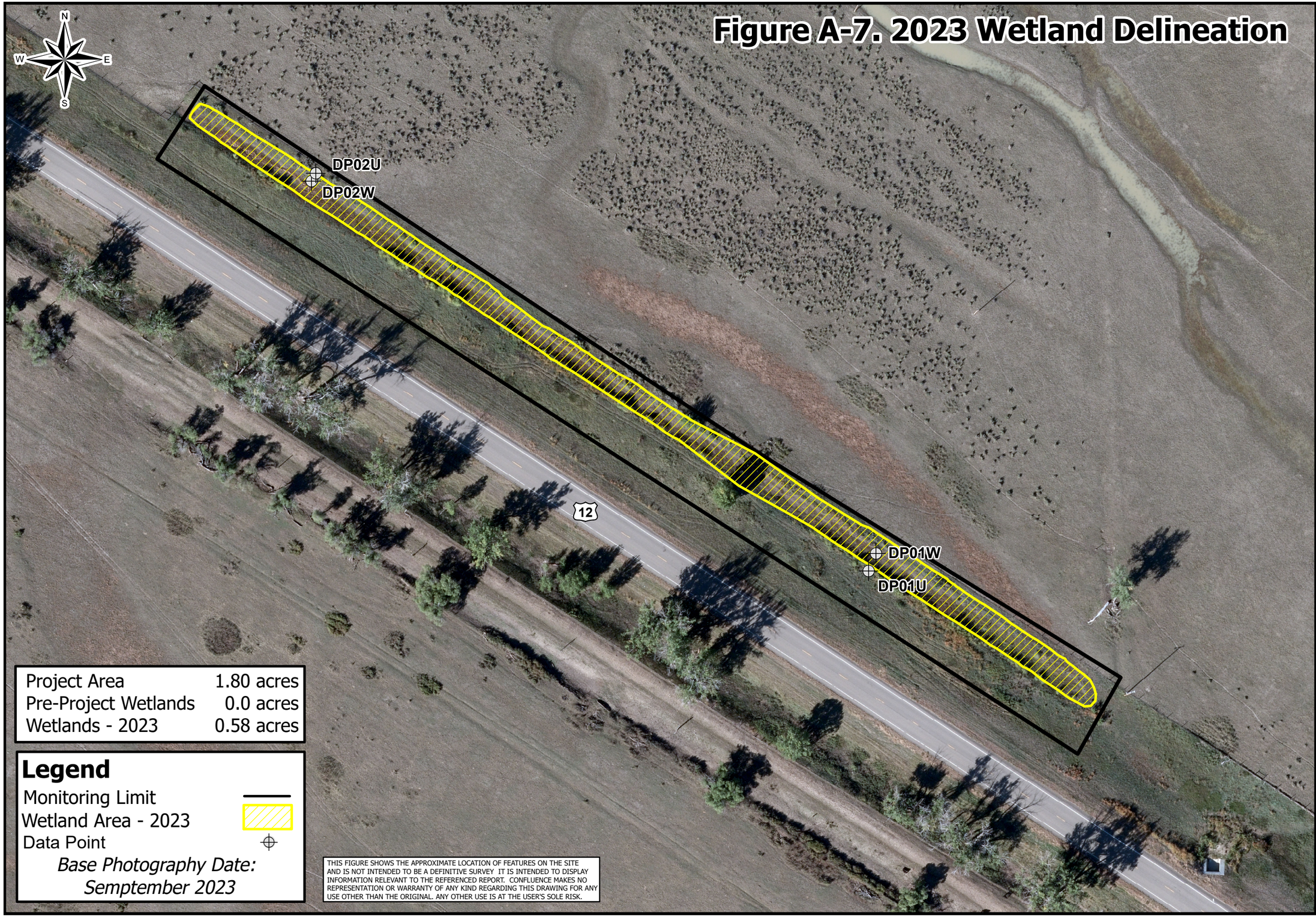
CONFLUENCE CONSULTING

Forsyth NW - Middle Site
2023 Mapped Site Features

0 30 60 120 180 240 300 Feet

Project: STTP 14(9)259
Location: Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date: November20, 2023
Project Manager: R. McEldowney
Drawn By: RCJ

Figure A-7. 2023 Wetland Delineation



Project Area	1.80 acres
Pre-Project Wetlands	0.0 acres
Wetlands - 2023	0.58 acres

Legend

Monitoring Limit

Wetland Area - 2023

Data Point

Base Photography Date: Semptember 2023

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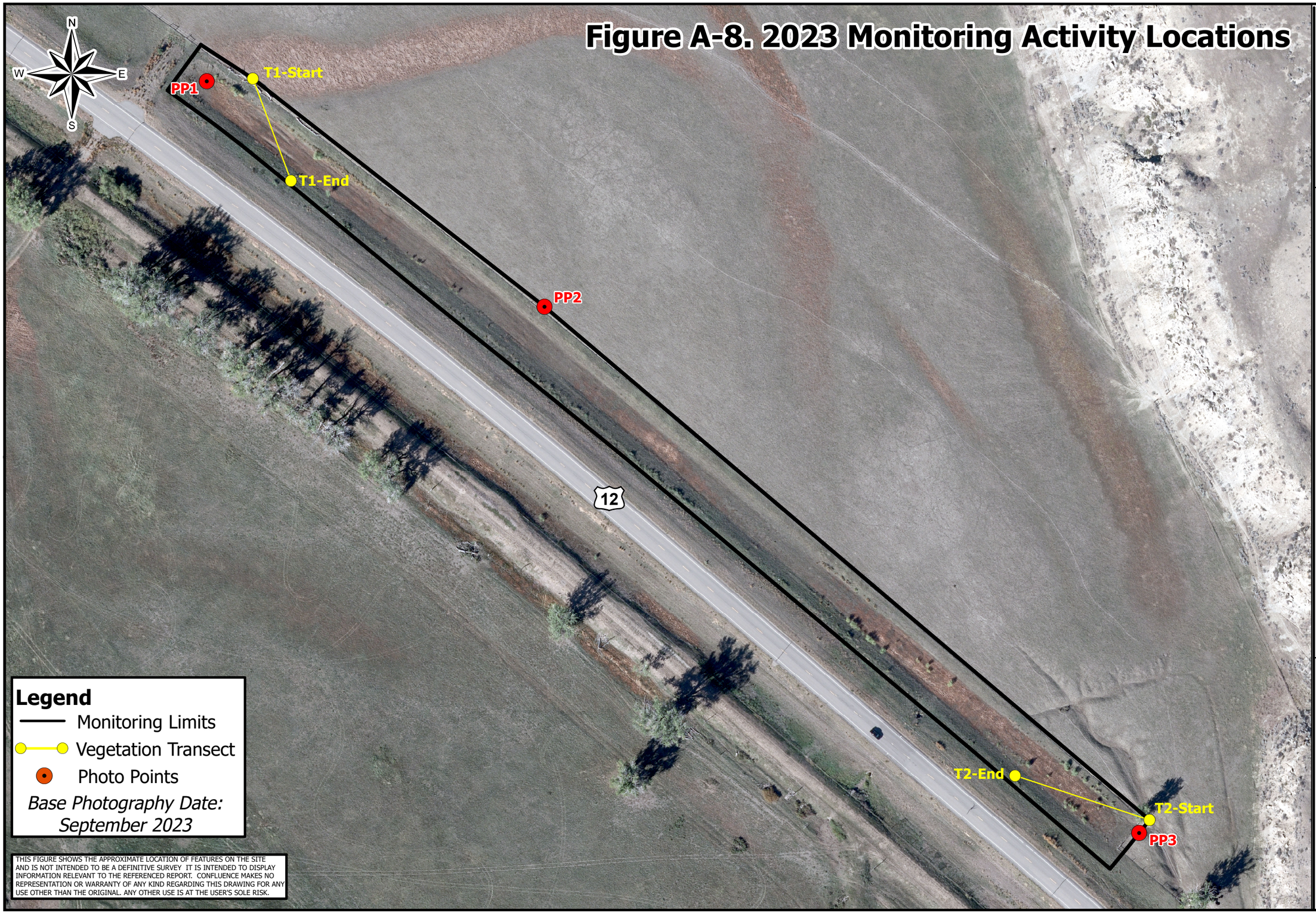
Forsyth NW - Middle Site
2023 Wetland Delineation

0 30 60 120 180 240 300 Feet

Project:	STTP 14(9)259
Location:	Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date:	November 20, 2023
Project Manager:	R. McEldowney
Drawn By:	RCJ

Figure A-8. 2023 Monitoring Activity Locations



Legend

- Monitoring Limits
- Vegetation Transect
- Photo Points

Base Photography Date: September 2023

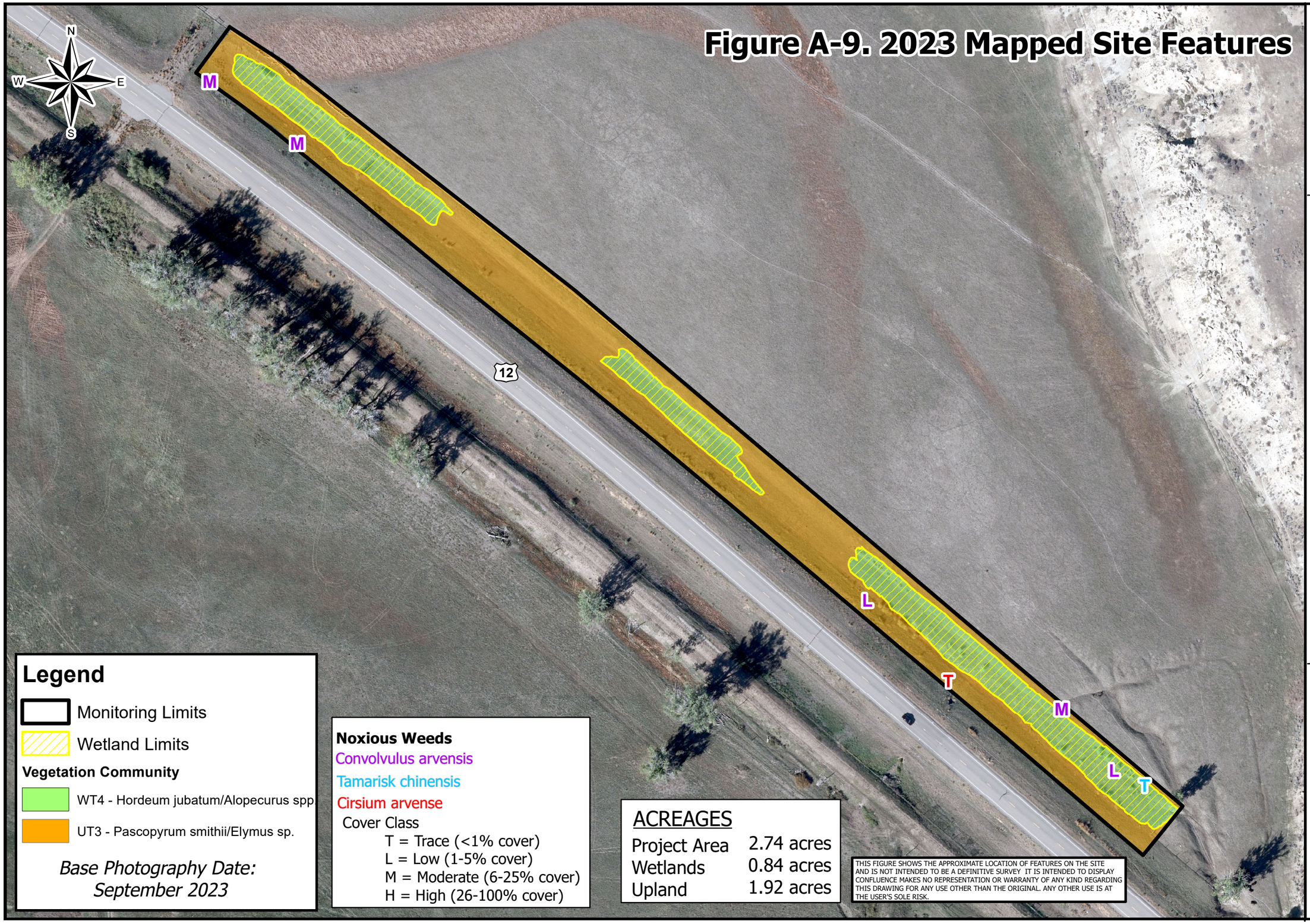
CONFLUENCE CONSULTING

Forsyth NW - East Site
2023 Monitoring Activity Locations

0 50 100 200 300 400 500 Feet

Project:	STTP 14(9)259
Location:	Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date:	November 20, 2023
Project Manager:	R. McEldowney
Drawn By:	RCJ

Figure A-9. 2023 Mapped Site Features



Legend

- Monitoring Limits
- Wetland Limits

Vegetation Community

- WT4 - Hordeum jubatum/Alopecurus spp.
- UT3 - Pascopyrum smithii/Elymus sp.

Base Photography Date: September 2023

Noxious Weeds

Convolvulus arvensis

Tamarisk chinensis

Cirsium arvense

Cover Class

T = Trace (<1% cover)
L = Low (1-5% cover)
M = Moderate (6-25% cover)
H = High (26-100% cover)

ACREAGES	
Project Area	2.74 acres
Wetlands	0.84 acres
Upland	1.92 acres

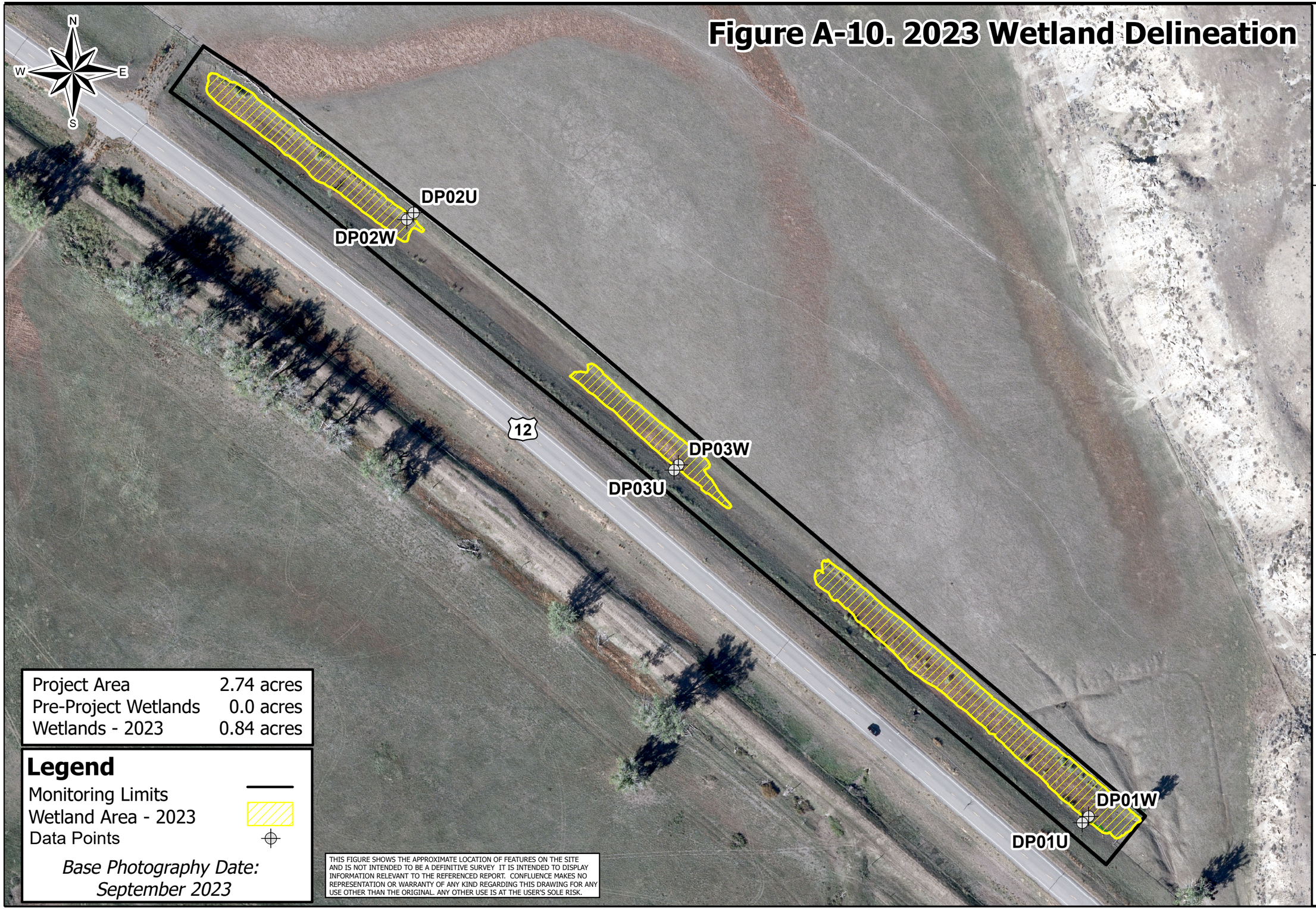
CONFLUENCE CONSULTING

Forsyth NW - East Site
2023 Mapped Site Features

0 50 100 200 300 400 500 Feet

Project:	STTP 14(9)259
Location:	Rosebud Co., Montana
Map Date:	November 20, 2023
Project Manager:	R. McEldowney
Drawn By:	RCJ

Figure A-10. 2023 Wetland Delineation



Project Area	2.74 acres
Pre-Project Wetlands	0.0 acres
Wetlands - 2023	0.84 acres

Legend

Monitoring Limits

Wetland Area - 2023

Data Points

Base Photography Date: September 2023

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Forsyth NW - East Site
2023 Wetland Delineation

0 50 100 200 300 400 500 Feet

Project: STTP 14(9)259

Location: Rosebud Co., Montana

Date: November 20, 2023

Project Manager: R. McEldowney

Drawn By: RCJ

APPENDIX B
MONITORING FORMS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Forsyth Northwest – West, Middle, and East Sites
Rosebud County, Montana

MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Site: Forsyth NW - East Assessment Date/Time 6/9/2023

Person(s) conducting the assessment: R. Jones

Weather: Partly sunny, 70 degrees F Location: ~8 miles NW of Forsyth

MDT District: Glendive Milepost: ~262.3 on US 12

Legal Description: T 7N R 39E Section(s) 34

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/15/2013 Monitoring Year: 11 #Visits in Year: 1

Size of Evaluation Area: 2.74 (acres)

Land use surrounding wetland:

Agriculture and US Highway 12.

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: Precipitation, runoff, flooding from Big Porcupine Creek

Inundation: ☑ Average Depth: 0.75 **(ft)** Range of Depths: 0.5-1.0 **(ft)**

Percent of assessment area under inundation: 80 %

Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: 0 **(ft)**

If assessment area is not inundated then are the soils saturated within 12 inches of surface: No

Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, etc:

Surface water, saturated to surface, geomorphic position, oxidized rhizospheres on living roots.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Record depth of water surface below ground surface, in feet.

Additional Activities Checklist:

☐ Map emergent vegetation-open water boundary on aerial photograph.

☑ Observe extent of surface water during each site visit and look for evidence of past surface water elevations (drift lines, erosion, vegetation staining, etc.)

☐ Use GPS to survey groundwater monitoring well locations, if present.

Hydrology Notes:

Site was very wet on the day of investigation. The site visit was initially planned for 06/08/2023 but due to high water levels the wetlands could not be delineated and thus the site visit was conducted on 06/09/2023.

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Site Forsyth NW - East

(Cover Class Codes **0** = < 1%, **1** = 1-5%, **2** = 6-10%, **3** = 11-20%, **4** = 21-50% , **5** = >50%)

Community # 3 **Community Type:** Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus spp. **Acres** 1.92

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	1	Alopecurus arundinaceus	1
Ambrosia psilostachya	0	Bare Ground	3
Bassia scoparia	0	Bromus arvensis	1
Bromus japonicus	3	Bromus tectorum	0
Chenopodium album	1	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elymus canadensis	1	Elymus repens	1
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Helianthus annuus	0
Hordeum jubatum	1	Lactuca serriola	2
Lepidium perfoliatum	2	Linum lewisii	0
Medicago sativa	0	Melilotus officinalis	0
Opuntia sp	0	Pascopyrum smithii	4
Poa compressa	1	Poa pratensis	2
Populus angustifolia	0	Populus tremuloides	0
Ratibida columnifera	0	Rumex crispus	0
Schedonorus pratensis	1	Sisymbrium altissimum	0
Thlaspi arvense	1	Tragopogon dubius	1

Comments:

Total cover has increased since 2022.

Community # 5 **Community Type:** Hordeum jubatum / Alopecurus spp. **Acres** 0.84

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	3	Alopecurus pratensis	2
Bare Ground	0	Convolvulus arvensis	0
Eleocharis palustris	1	Elymus repens	0
Hordeum jubatum	2	Lactuca serriola	1
Lepidium perfoliatum	0	Open Water	3
Pascopyrum smithii	1	Poa compressa	1
Poa pratensis	1	Populus deltoides	1
Puccinellia nuttalliana	0	Rumex crispus	0
Salix fragilis	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1
Schoenoplectus maritimus	0	Thlaspi arvense	2
Tragopogon dubius	0		

Comments:

Reduced cover from Hordeum jubatum across site, and increased cover from Eleocharis palustris and Alopecurus arundinaceus in wetlands.

Total Vegetation Community Acreage **2.76**

VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Site: Forsyth NW - East Date: 6/9/2023

Transect Number: 1 **Compass Direction from Start:** 145

Interval Data:

Ending Station 32 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus sp.

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	3	Bromus japonicus	0
Helianthus annuus	1	Lactuca serriola	1
Lepidium perfoliatum	1	Medicago sativa	0
Pascopyrum smithii	5	Sisymbrium altissimum	0
Thlaspi arvense	2	Tragopogon dubius	0

Ending Station 97 Community Type: alopecurus sp. / Open Water

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	5	Alopecurus pratensis	2
Open Water	5		

Ending Station 125 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus sp.

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	1
Bromus japonicus	5	Chenopodium album	0
Convolvulus arvensis	2	Elymus trachycaulus	0
Lactuca serriola	0	Lepidium perfoliatum	0
Pascopyrum smithii	0	Poa compressa	2
Thlaspi arvense	0		

Transect Notes:

Increased cover from Eleocharis palustris and Alopecurus arundinaceus since 2022.

Transect Number: 2 **Compass Direction from Start:** 280

Interval Data:

Ending Station 21 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus spp

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	3	Convolvulus arvensis	0
Hordeum jubatum	0	Lactuca serriola	0
Pascopyrum smithii	5	Poa compressa	1
Populus angustifolia	0	Tragopogon dubius	0

Ending Station 131 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Eleocharis palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Eleocharis palustris	0	Hordeum jubatum	1
Lactuca serriola	3	Open Water	3
Pascopyrum smithii	5	Poa compressa	3
Puccinellia nuttalliana	1	Salix fragilis	1
Tragopogon dubius	0		

Ending Station 181 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus spp.

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	4	Bromus japonicus	1
Chenopodium album	1	Lactuca serriola	0
Pascopyrum smithii	4	Poa compressa	2
Rumex crispus	1	Thlaspi arvense	1

Transect Notes:

Increased vegetative cover from Eleocharis palustris and Alopecurus arundinaceus since 2022. Open water was due to inundation from recent heavy precipitation.

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

Forsyth NW - East

Comments

No planted woody vegetation.

Forsyth NW - East

WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? No

If yes, type of structure: _____

How many? _____

Are the nesting structures being used? No

Do the nesting structures need repairs? No

Nesting Structure Comments:

Species	#Observed	Behavior	Habitat
Eastern Kingbird	1	L, FO, BP	UP
Mallard	2		
Meadowlark	2	FO	
Western Kingbird	2	L, FO, BP	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

Wildlife Comments:

No wildlife noted during the 2023 field survey.

Forsyth NW - East

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
DP01u	46.320907	-106.838693		
DP01w	46.32093	-106.83866		
DP02u	46.32043	-106.83774		
DP02w	46.320438	-106.837783		
DP03u	46.318974	-106.835472		
DP03w	46.318997	-106.835454		
DP04u	46.319845	-106.836901		
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PP-1	46.321003	-106.838814	125	Photo Point 1
PP-2	46.320068	-106.837128	210	Photo Point 2
PP-3	46.318233	-106.834335	305	Photo Point 3
T-1 end	46.320297	-106.838493	325	Transect 1 end
T-1 start	46.321045	-106.838486	145	Transect 1 start
T-2 end	46.318417	-106.834923	100	Transect 2 end
T-2 start	46.318336	-106.834175	280	Transect 2 start

Comments:

Forsyth NW - East

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

☑ One photo from the wetland toward each of the four cardinal directions
☐ One photo showing upland use surrounding the wetland.
☐ One photo showing the buffer around the wetland
☑ One photo from each end of each vegetation transect, toward the transect

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

In 2023, 0.84-acres or wetland were delineated, an increase of 0.10-acres from 2022.

Functional Assessments

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

Functional Assessment Comments:

Category 3 wetland.

Maintenance

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

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? No

If yes, are the structures in need of repair?

If yes, describe the problems below.

N/A

MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Site: Forsyth NW - Middle Assessment Date/Time 6/8/2023

Person(s) conducting the assessment: R. Jones

Weather: Partly sunny, 75 degrees F Location: ~9 miles NW of Forsyth

MDT District: Glendive Milepost: ~262 on US 12

Legal Description: T 7N R 39E Section(s) 33

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/15/2013 Monitoring Year: 11 #Visits in Year: 1

Size of Evaluation Area: 1.8 (acres)

Land use surrounding wetland:

Rangeland adjacent to Highway 12.

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: Precipitation, runoff, and overflow from ditch

Inundation: ☐ Average Depth: 0 **(ft)** Range of Depths: 0 **(ft)**

Percent of assessment area under inundation: 0 %

Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: 0 **(ft)**

If assessment area is not inundated then are the soils saturated within 12 inches of surface: No

Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, etc:

Geomorphic position, surface soil cracks, water stained leaves.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Record depth of water surface below ground surface, in feet.

Additional Activities Checklist:

☑ Map emergent vegetation-open water boundary on aerial photograph.

☑ Observe extent of surface water during each site visit and look for evidence of past surface water elevations (drift lines, erosion, vegetation staining, etc.)

☐ Use GPS to survey groundwater monitoring well locations, if present.

Hydrology Notes:

Site still exhibited increasingly marginal wetland habitat again in 2023. This trend has been consistent over the last 4 years.

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Site Forsyth NW - Middle

(Cover Class Codes **0** = < 1%, **1** = 1-5%, **2** = 6-10%, **3** = 11-20%, **4** = 21-50% , **5** = >50%)

Community # 5 **Community Type:** Hordeum jubatum / Eleocharis palustris **Acres** 0.58

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Bromus arvensis	1
Chenopodium album	1	Cirsium arvense	2
Convolvulus arvensis	1	Deschampsia elongata	1
Eleocharis palustris	2	Elymus lanceolatus	1
Elymus repens	1	Elymus trachycaulus	2
Grindelia squarrosa	3	Hordeum jubatum	0
Juncus balticus	0	Lactuca serriola	3
Lepidium perfoliatum	0	Medicago sativa	0
Nassella viridula	1	Pascopyrum smithii	4
Poa compressa	2	Poa palustris	0
Poa pratensis	1	Populus deltoides	1
Puccinellia nuttalliana	1	Rumex crispus	0
Salix lutea	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1
Schoenoplectus maritimus	1	Thlaspi arvense	0
Tragopogon dubius	1		

Comments:

As in previous years, this community continued to display reduced cover from hyrophytic species and increased cover from FACU in 2023.

Community # 6 **Community Type:** Pascopyrum smithii / Convolvulus arvensis **Acres** 1.22

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Bromus arvensis	2
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus japonicus	0
Bromus tectorum	0	Chenopodium album	1
Cirsium arvense	2	Convolvulus arvensis	3
Elymus canadensis	1	Elymus elymoides	1
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Grindelia squarrosa	2
Hordeum jubatum	0	Juncus balticus	0
Lactuca serriola	2	Linum lewisii	1
Melilotus officinalis	0	Pascopyrum smithii	4
Poa palustris	0	Poa pratensis	2
Populus deltoides	1	Ratibida columnifera	1
Rosa woodsii	2	Rumex crispus	0
Sarcobatus vermiculatus	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1
Symphoricarpos albus	2	Taraxacum officinale	0
Thlaspi arvense	0	Tragopogon dubius	1

Comments:

Upland community surrounding wetland swale. Community type name changed from CT3 in 2023 to reflect decrease in Elymus canadensis and increase in Convulvulus arevensis.

Total Vegetation Community Acreage **1.8**

VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Site: Forsyth NW - Middle Date: 6/8/2023

Transect Number: 1 **Compass Direction from Start:** 205

Interval Data:

Ending Station 14 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus canadensis

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Chenopodium album	2
Convolvulus arvensis	1	Elymus canadensis	2
Grindelia squarrosa	0	Juncus balticus	1
Pascopyrum smithii	4	Schedonorus pratensis	0
Taraxacum officinale	0	Tragopogon dubius	0

Ending Station 28 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Eleocharis palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Deschampsia elongata	1
Eleocharis palustris	0	Elymus repens	0
Hordeum jubatum	2	Juncus balticus	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Pascopyrum smithii	2
Poa palustris	2	Poa pratensis	1
Puccinellia nuttalliana	1	Schedonorus pratensis	4
Thlaspi arvense	0	Tragopogon dubius	0

Ending Station 50 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Elymus canadensis

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	3	Elymus trachycaulus	0
Pascopyrum smithii	2	Poa pratensis	3
Populus deltoides	4	Schedonorus pratensis	0
Symphoricarpos albus	2		

Transect Notes:

Increase in prickly lettuce along wetland portion of transect in 2023.

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

Forsyth NW - Middle

Comments

No planted woody vegetation. Young volunteer cottonwoods and willows are becoming more common around edge of wetland.

Forsyth NW - Middle

WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? No

If yes, type of structure: _____

How many? _____

Are the nesting structures being used? No

Do the nesting structures need repairs? No

Nesting Structure Comments:

Species	#Observed	Behavior	Habitat

Bird Comments

No birds observed in 2023.

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

Wildlife Comments:

No wildlife or sign observed during the 2023 field survey.

Forsyth NW - Middle

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
DP01u	46.322287	-106.841307		
DP01w	46.322321	-106.841281		
PP-1	46.322174	-106.840996	300	Photo Point 1:
PP-2	46.323803	-106.844337	120	Photo Point 2:
T-1 end	46.322754	-106.842438	25	Transect 1 end:
T-1 start	46.322948	-106.842323	205	Transect 1 start:

Comments:

Forsyth NW - Middle

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

☑ One photo from the wetland toward each of the four cardinal directions
☑ One photo showing upland use surrounding the wetland.
☑ One photo showing the buffer around the wetland
☑ One photo from each end of each vegetation transect, toward the transect

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

0.58 acres of wetlands delineated in 2023.

Functional Assessments

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

Functional Assessment Comments:

Category 3 wetland.

Maintenance

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

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? No

If yes, are the structures in need of repair?

If yes, describe the problems below.

N/A.

MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Site: Forsyth NW - West Assessment Date/Time 6/8/2023

Person(s) conducting the assessment: R. Jones

Weather: Partly sunny, 75 degrees F Location: ~15 miles NW of Forsyth

MDT District: Glendive Milepost: RP 280 on US 12

Legal Description: T 7N R 39E Section(s) 20 & 29

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/15/2013 Monitoring Year: 11 #Visits in Year: 1

Size of Evaluation Area: 13.71 (acres)

Land use surrounding wetland:

Agriculture, grazing, US 12

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: Big Porcupine Cr., E.Spring Coulee, runoff, seasonally high ground water.

Inundation: ☑ Average Depth: 2 **(ft)** Range of Depths: 0.5-4 **(ft)**

Percent of assessment area under inundation: 85 %

Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: 2 **(ft)**

If assessment area is not inundated then are the soils saturated within 12 inches of surface: No

Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, etc:

Majority of the wetland area inundated in 2023. Much of the mudflats observed in 2021 and 2022 were inundated in 2023.Water was flowing over the dike at time of monitoring.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Record depth of water surface below ground surface, in feet.

Additional Activities Checklist:

☐ Map emergent vegetation-open water boundary on aerial photograph.

☑ Observe extent of surface water during each site visit and look for evidence of past surface water elevations (drift lines, erosion, vegetation staining, etc.)

☐ Use GPS to survey groundwater monitoring well locations, if present.

Hydrology Notes:

Hydrologic sources include Big Porcupine Creek, East Spring Coulee, and a high water table.

Mitigation area receives surface water from East Spring Creek Coulee and periodic flooding of Big Porcupine Creek. The majority of the site was inundated during the 2023 site visit and average water depth was estimated to be 18-24". The site supports extended periods of inundation as is evidenced by drowned woody vegetation, absence of herbaceous vegetation around the edges of the open water, and the development of a Schoenoplectus spp. commuinity.

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Site Forsyth NW - West

(Cover Class Codes **0** = < 1%, **1** = 1-5%, **2** = 6-10%, **3** = 11-20%, **4** = 21-50% , **5** = >50%)

Community # 1 **Community Type:** Bromus tectorum / Sarcobatus vermiculatus **Acres** 0.79

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Bassia scoparia	1
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus tectorum	2
Chenopodium album	1	Elymus repens	2
Euphorbia esula	1	Galium triflorum	0
Hordeum jubatum	1	Opuntia polyacantha	0
Pascopyrum smithii	2	Poa pratensis	2
Sarcobatus vermiculatus	2	Schedonorus pratensis	2
Thlaspi arvense	1	Yucca glauca	0

Comments:

Sarcobartus vermiculatus observed in poor condition.

Community # 6 **Community Type:** Pascopyrum smithii / Bromus tectorum **Acres** 0.99

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Achnatherum hymenoides	1	Agropyron cristatum	0
Bare Ground	2	Bassia scoparia	1
Bromus arvensis	1	Bromus japonicus	2
Bromus tectorum	1	Chenopodium album	1
Elymus canadensis	1	Elymus lanceolatus	1
Elymus trachycaulus	2	Euphorbia esula	0
Helianthus annuus	1	Hordeum jubatum	0
Lepidium perfoliatum	1	Linum lewisii	1
Medicago sativa	0	Melilotus officinalis	2
Pascopyrum smithii	5	Poa pratensis	1
Sisymbrium altissimum	1	Thlaspi arvense	2

Comments:

Some areas previously classified as CT 6 have transitioned to CT 1.

Community # 8 **Community Type:** Typha latifolia / Eleocharis palustris **Acres** 0.58

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Eleocharis palustris	0	Open Water	2
Populus deltoides	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	0
Schoenoplectus maritimus	1	Sonchus arvensis	1
Spartina pectinata	1	Typha angustifolia	3
Typha latifolia	4		

Comments:

CT 8 acreage did not appear to increase in 2023, but the exisiting stands have increaed in density.

Community # 16 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Hordeum jubatum **Acres** 0.08

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	4	Bare Ground	1
Cirsium arvense	0	Eleocharis lanceolata	0
Elymus repens	0	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0
Hordeum jubatum	2	Pascopyrum smithii	0
Poa compressa	1	Rumex crispus	1
Sagittaria cuneata	1		

Comments:

Hordeum jubatum cover increased in 2023.

Community # 17 **Community Type:** Open Water / Aquatic macrophytes **Acres** 6.42

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Aquatic macrophytes	0	Bare Ground	1
Eleocharis palustris	0	Open Water	5
Schedonorus pratensis	0	Schoenoplectus maritimus	1
Typha angustifolia	1	Typha latifolia	1

Comments:

Open water decresed in 2023 due to increased dominace of Schoenoplectus maritimus throughout the open water cell.

Community # 20 **Community Type:** Thlaspi arvense / Lepidium perfoliatum **Acres** 0.14

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Bromus tectorum	2
Chenopodium album	2	Lepidium perfoliatum	4
Pascopyrum smithii	2	Sarcobatus vermiculatus	0
Thlaspi arvense	2		

Comments:

Community type on SE end of project area.

Community # 21 Community Type: Schoenoplectus sp. / Open Water **Acres** 0.31

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Open Water	5	Schoenoplectus maritimus	4

Comments:

New community type added in 2023.

Community # 22 Community Type: Eleocharis palustris / Bare Ground **Acres** 1.19

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	4	Carex sp.	0
Chenopodium album	2	Distichlis spicata	1
Eleocharis palustris	3	Elymus trachycaulus	0
Hordeum jubatum	1	Iva axillaris	1
Lactuca serriola	0	Open Water	1
Pascopyrum smithii	1	Poa pratensis	0
Polygonum aviculare	0	Populus deltoides	0
Puccinellia nuttalliana	2	Rumex crispus	0
Salicornia rubra	0	Schoenoplectus maritimus	1
Spartina pectinata	0	Typha angustifolia	2
Typha latifolia	1		

Comments:

This community type was created to replace CT9, Eleocharis palustris/Open Water as a result of the need to classify open water as its own community type and the need for a new wetland community that fringes open water. CT was renamed from CT18 Hordeum jubatum/Typha spp. in 2023.

Community # 23 Community Type: Symphoricarpos albus / Elymus repens **Acres** 1.18

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bassia scoparia	0
Bromus inermis	1	Carex sp.	0
Chenopodium album	1	Cirsium arvense	2
Eleocharis lanceolata	0	Elymus repens	3
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	2	Hordeum jubatum	0
Iva axillaris	2	Pascopyrum smithii	1
Poa compressa	2	Poa pratensis	3
Ribes sp.	1	Sarcobatus vermiculatus	1
Symphoricarpos albus	3	Thlaspi arvense	1

Comments:

Upland community type changes from CT5 (Symphoricarpos albus/Pascopyrum smithii) in 2023 due to reduction of Pascopyrum smithii and increase in Elymus repens.

Total Vegetation Community Acreage **11.68**

VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Site: Forsyth NW - West Date: 6/8/2023

Transect Number: 1 **Compass Direction from Start:** 25

Interval Data:

Ending Station 11 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Bromus tectorum

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	1	Bare Ground	1
Bromus tectorum	3	Euphorbia esula	3
Medicago sativa	1	Pascopyrum smithii	2
Poa pratensis	3	Sisymbrium altissimum	1

Ending Station 18 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Open Water	4	Rumex crispus	1
Schoenoplectus maritimus	4		

Ending Station 264 Community Type: Aquatic macrophytes / Open Water

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Open Water	5	Schoenoplectus maritimus	0

Ending Station 282 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Typha spp.

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Chenopodium album	2
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Hordeum jubatum	1
Pascopyrum smithii	3	Poa pratensis	2
Schoenoplectus maritimus	0		

Transect Notes:

Majority of this transect was inundated during the 2023 monitoring event

Transect Number: 2 **Compass Direction from Start:** 25

Interval Data:

Ending Station 7 Community Type: Symphoricarpos albus / Pascopyrum smithii

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Cirsium arvense	0
Eleocharis lanceolata	0	Elymus repens	4
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0	Hordeum jubatum	0
Iva axillaris	3	Pascopyrum smithii	0
Poa pratensis	2	Symphoricarpos albus	0

Ending Station 19 Community Type: Open Water / Aquatic macrophytes

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Eleocharis palustris	0	Open Water	4
Schoenoplectus maritimus	1	Typha angustifolia	1

Ending Station 42 Community Type: Schoenoplectus maritimus /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Open Water	4	Schoenoplectus maritimus	4

Ending Station 155 Community Type: Open Water / Aquatic macrophytes

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Open Water	5	Schoenoplectus maritimus	1

Ending Station 231 Community Type: Schoenoplectus maritimus /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Open Water	4	Schoenoplectus maritimus	4

Ending Station 261 Community Type: Pascopyrum smithii / Bromus tectorum

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bromus arvensis	0
Bromus tectorum	1	Chenopodium album	1
Elymus lanceolatus	1	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Hordeum jubatum	0	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Pascopyrum smithii	2	Poa pratensis	2
Sisymbrium altissimum	1		

Transect Notes:

Significant increase in Schoenoplectus maritimus along transect, enough to necessitate the addtion of a new community type (CT 21).

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

Forsyth NW - West

Comments

No woody vegetation planted at site. Natural recruitment of cottonwoods and willows is occurring.

Forsyth NW - West

WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? No

If yes, type of structure: _____

How many? _____

Are the nesting structures being used? No

Do the nesting structures need repairs? No

Nesting Structure Comments:

Species	#Observed	Behavior	Habitat
Bald Eagle	1		
Common Nighthawk	2	FO	UP
Killdeer	2	F, N	MF, UP
Mallard	4	F, L	OW, MA
Northern Shoveler	2	F	OW
Red-winged Blackbird	2	L, N	MA
Sandhill Crane	1		
Sandpiper Sp.	1	F	MF
Snipe	1	F	MF
Turkey Vulture	1		
Western Kingbird	3		
Western Tanager	1		
Willet	3	F	MF, MA

Bird Comments

Many ducks on the site, not all could be identified.

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
Badger?		No	No	Yes	uncertian which species this den belongs to
Deer		Yes	Yes	No	
Fox	1	No	No	Yes	
Muskrat	1	No	No	Yes	Swimming
Raccoon	2	Yes	No	No	
Turtle sp.	9	No	No	No	Observed sunning

Wildlife Comments:

A diversity of wildlife and bird species utilize this site.

Forsyth NW - West

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
DP01u	46.338269	-106.875452		
DP01w	46.338301	-106.875412		
DP02u	46.336647	-106.871571		
DP02w	46.336665	-106.871635		
DP03u	46.339438	-106.875645		
DP03w	46.339408	-106.875679		
DP04u	46.340222	-106.877354		
DP04w	46.340203	-106.877312		
PP-1	46.336914	-106.871132	270	Photo Point 1 (Pano):
PP-2	46.336468	-106.871811	350	Photo Point 2 (Pano):
PP-3	46.339088	-106.874611	230	Photo Point 3 (Pano):
PP-4	46.340237	-106.877312	210	Photo Point 4 (Pano):
PP-5	46.337817	-106.874587	45	Photo Point 5 (Pano):
PP-6	46.3368	-106.8714	300	Completed Dike:
PP-6a	46.3368	-106.8714	120	Completed Dike:
T-1 end	46.337456	-106.872063	205	Transect 1 end:
T-1 start	46.33691	-106.872772	25	Transect 1 start:
T-2 end	46.339561	-106.875854	205	Transect 2 end:
T-2 start	46.339001	-106.87645	25	Transect 2 start:

Comments:

Forsyth NW - West

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

☑ One photo from the wetland toward each of the four cardinal directions
☑ One photo showing upland use surrounding the wetland.
☑ One photo showing the buffer around the wetland
☑ One photo from each end of each vegetation transect, toward the transect

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

Wetland boundaries continue to expand.

Functional Assessments

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

Functional Assessment Comments:

Category II wetland.

Maintenance

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

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? Yes

If yes, are the structures in need of repair? No

If yes, describe the problems below.

The dike appears to be functioning well.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW West City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S29 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 10

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.338586 Long: -106.873999 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 138 - Marvan silty clay, warm, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Very wet conditions

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hesperostipa comata	30	✔	UPL
2. Pascopyrum smithii	25	✔	FACU
3. Bromus arvensis	10		FACU
4. Elymus trachycaulus	10		FACU
5. Iva axillaris	5		FAC
6. Elymus repens	5		FACU
7. Melilotus officinalis	3		FACU
8. Distichlis spicata	2		FACW
9.			
10.			
	90 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	2	x 2 =	4
FAC species	5	x 3 =	15
FACU species	53	x 4 =	212
UPL species	30	x 5 =	150
Column Totals:	90 (A)		381 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.23

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No dominant hydrophytic vegetation was present at the sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 2	2.5Y 5/3	100					Sandy Clay Loam	
2 - 16	2.5Y 5/3	99	2.5Y 3/6	1			Sandy Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW West | City/County: Rosebud County | Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT | State: Montana | Sampling Point: DP01W

Investigator(s): R Jones | Section, Township, Range: S29 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor | Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave | Slope (%): 5

Subregion (LRR): G 60B | Lat: 46.338546 | Long: -106.874046 | Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 138 - Marvan silty clay, warm, 0 to 2 percent slopes | NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ____ No ✔

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No ____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	

Remarks:

Raining hard and very muddy conditions at this wetland sample point.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Distichlis spicata	20	✔	FACW
2. Iva axillaris	7	✔	FAC
3. Puccinellia nuttalliana	5		OBL
4. Chenopodium rubrum	3		OBL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	35 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 68

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	8	x 1 =	8
FACW species	20	x 2 =	40
FAC species	7	x 3 =	21
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	35 (A)		69 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.97

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Hydrophytic vegetation is present by passing the dominance test and generating a prevalence index below three.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 5	2.5Y 4/2	70	7.5YR 4/4	30	D	PL / M	Sandy Clay Loam	
5 - 16	2.5Y 4/3	70	N 4/2	25	D	M	Sandy Clay	
5 - 16			7.5YR 3/4	5	C	PL / M		
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ✔ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: ___

Depth (inches): ___

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Many prominent redoximorphic concentrations within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ✔ High Water Table (A2)
- ✔ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ✔ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ✔ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): ___

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 10

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Surface water within 5 feet of sample site. Algal mats, saturation to the soil surface, a water table at a depth of 10 inches, surface soil cracks, the geomorphic position of the point, and a positive FAC-neutral test indicate wetland hydrology at this location.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW West City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S29 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 30

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.337964 Long: -106.874882 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 138 - Marvan silty clay, warm, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Due to recent rains, the sample site is wetter than previous years, which were much drier than the long-term average.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus inermis	50	✔	UPL
2. Symphoricarpos albus	5		UPL
3. Ribes sp.	3		UPL
4. Convolvulus arvensis	2		UPL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	60	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 42

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	60	x 5 =	300
Column Totals:	60 (A)		300 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 5.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	10YR 2/1	100					Sandy Loam	
4 - 12	10YR 2/1	100					Loamy Sand	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: Rock refusal

Depth (inches): 12

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Remarks:

Very dry soils.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW West City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S29 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 3

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.337977 Long: -106.87487 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 138 - Marvan silty clay, warm, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	

Remarks:

Narrow fringe next to old railroad berm.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	50	✔	FACW
2. Bromus inermis	20	✔	UPL
3. Distichlis spicata	10		FACW
4. Rumex crispus	5		FAC
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	85 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 15

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	60	x 2 =	120
FAC species	5	x 3 =	15
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	20	x 5 =	100
Column Totals:	85 (A)		235 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.76

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

A prevalence index of less than 3 indicates hydrophytic vegetation at this point.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 7	10YR 2/1	100					Sandy Clay Loam	May be darker due to bits of charcoal
7 - 10	2.5Y 4/2	90	2.5Y 4/6	10			Sandy Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ✔ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: Rock refusal

Depth (inches): 10

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the second horizon. Although this soil does not qualify for any hydric soil indicators due to the shallow depth of the pi, this soil does meet the NRCS definition of a hydric soil in that it, "formed under conditions of saturation, flooding or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part."

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ✔ High Water Table (A2)
- ✔ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ✔ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ✔ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): ___

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 5

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Open water within 2 feet of sample point. Saturation to the soil surface, a water table at a depth of 5 inches, inundation visible on aerial imagery, oxidized rhizospheres along living roots, the geomorphic position of the point, and a positive FAC-neutral test indicate wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW West City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP03U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S29 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 5

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.337084 Long: -106.871305 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 138 - Marvan silty clay, warm, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____ No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____ No ✔	

Remarks:

Upland point located at southeastern portion of the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Pascopyrum smithii	20	✔	FACU
2. Elymus trachycaulus	20	✔	FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	40 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 60

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	40	x 4 =	160
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	40 (A)		160 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 2	2.5Y 4/3	100					Silty Clay Loam	
2 - 15	2.5Y 4/3	75	2.5Y 3/2	10			Silty Clay	10% Relict redox.
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-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: Rock refusal

Depth (inches): 15

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Soils looked purple when dry, but turned brown when wet. Redoximorphic concentrations were observed to be relict features, and no hydric soil indicators were observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW West City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP03W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S29 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Fringe Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 5

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.337064 Long: -106.871331 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 138 - Marvan silty clay, warm, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	

Remarks:

Due to recent rains, sample site is wetter than usual.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Distichlis spicata	35	✔	FACW
2. Hordeum jubatum	30	✔	FACW
3. Elymus trachycaulus	15		FACU
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	80 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 20

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	65	x 2 =	130
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	15	x 4 =	60
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	80 (A)		190 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.38

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Hydrophytic vegetation is present having a prevalence index less than 3 and passing the dominace test.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 2	2.5Y 4/2	100					Silty Clay	Very wet
2 - 10	2.5Y 4/2	90	2.5Y 5/6	10	C	M	Clay	
10 - 14	2.5Y 4/2	30	2.5Y 5/6	15			Sandy Clay Loam	
-			7.5YR 3/4	15				
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ✔ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** ✔ **No** ___

Remarks:

Decomposing log and organic matter located at 14+ inches. Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ✔ Surface Water (A1)
- ✔ High Water Table (A2)
- ✔ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ✔ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ✔ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 4

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 5

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** ✔ **No** ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Soil is very saturated. 4 inches of surface water within the plot, inundation visible on aerial imagery, a water table at a depth of 5 inches, oxidized rhizospheres along living roots, geomorphic position, and a positive FAC-neutral test indicates wetland hydrology at this point.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW Middle City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S33 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 1

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.322588 Long: -106.841942 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✔ No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✔ No _____

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Upland sample point adjacent to DP01W.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Rosa woodsii	15	✔	FACU
2. Populus angustifolia	3		FACW
3.			
4.			
5.			
	18 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Poa pratensis	25	✔	FACU
2. Pascopyrum smithii	20	✔	FACU
3. Rosa woodsii	15		FACU
4. Poa compressa	10		FACU
5. Cirsium arvense	5		FACU
6. Convolvulus arvensis	2		UPL
7. Lactuca serriola	1		FAC
8.			
9.			
10.			
	78 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 22

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	3	x 2 =	6
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	90	x 4 =	360
UPL species	2	x 5 =	10
Column Totals:	96 (A)		379 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.95

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 0.5	2.5Y 3/2	100					Clay	
0.5 - 12	2.5Y 4/2	100					Silty Clay	
12 - 16	2.5Y 4/3	100					Clay	15% gypsum salts
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

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- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
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- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ✔ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Remarks:

Gypsum crystals were present within the soil column, and could be a sign of a high water table or due to the surrounding sedimentary rock formations and parent materials of the soils.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW Middle City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-07-11

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S33 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 1

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.322632 Long: -106.841913 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✔ No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✔ No _____

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	

Remarks:

Normal conditions exist.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Salix exigua	5	✔	FACW
2. Salix amygdaloides	5	✔	FACW
3. Populus angustifolia	2		FACW
4.			
5.			
	12	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Poa palustris	30	✔	FACW
2. Pascopyrum smithii	30	✔	FACU
3. Cirsium arvense	10		FACU
4. Eleocharis palustris	10		OBL
5. Hordeum jubatum	5		FACW
6. Convolvulus arvensis	3		UPL
7. Tragopogon dubius	1		UPL
8. Lactuca serriola	1		FAC
9.			
10.			
	90	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 3 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 75.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	10	x 1 =	10
FACW species	47	x 2 =	94
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	40	x 4 =	160
UPL species	4	x 5 =	20
Column Totals:	102 (A)		287 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.81

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Hydrophytic vegetation is present by passing the dominance test, and a prevalence index below three.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 5	2.5Y 4/2	100					Silty Clay	
5 - 9	2.5Y 4/3	50					Silty Clay	
5 - 9	2.5Y 5/2	50					Silty Clay	
9 - 16	2.5Y 5/2	75	7.5YR 4/3	25	C	PL / M	Silty Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ✔ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Many distinct redoximorphic concentrations within the depleted matrix from 9-16 inches.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ✔ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ✔ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Soil is very moist. Inundation visible on aerial imagery, surface soil cracks, a positive FAC-neutral test, and the geomorphic position of the point indicates wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW Middle City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S33 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 15

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.323648 Long: -106.843923 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✔ No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✔ No _____

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Upland sample point adjacent to DP02W.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Sarcobatus vermiculatus	7	✔	FAC
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	7 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Pascopyrum smithii	55	✔	FACU
2. Lepidium perfoliatum	10		FAC
3. Chenopodium album	1		FACU
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	66 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 34

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	17	x 3 =	51
FACU species	56	x 4 =	224
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	73 (A)		275 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.77

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 2	2.5Y 4/3	100					Silty Clay Loam	
2 - 16	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
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- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW Middle City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S33 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 1

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.323628 Long: -106.843939 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ✔ No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ✔ No _____

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	

Remarks:

Sample point located within wetland cell.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Eleocharis palustris	25	✔	OBL
2. Elymus trachycaulus	20	✔	FACU
3. Hordeum jubatum	5		FACW
4. Pascopyrum smithii	5		FACU
5. Lactuca serriola	5		FAC
6. Helianthus annuus	2		FACU
7. Chenopodium album	2		FACU
8. Bromus annus	1		UPL
9.			
10.			
	65	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 35

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	25	x 1 =	25
FACW species	5	x 2 =	10
FAC species	5	x 3 =	15
FACU species	29	x 4 =	116
UPL species	1	x 5 =	5
Column Totals:	65 (A)		171 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.63

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

A prevalence index below three indicates the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	2.5Y 4/2	85	2.5Y 3/6	15	C	PL	Silty Clay	
4 - 9	2.5Y 4/3	99	2.5Y 5/6	1	C	M	Clay	
4 - 9			2.5Y 3/2	20	C	M	Clay	
9 - 16	2.5Y 4/2	98	2.5Y 5/6	2	C	M	Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
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- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ✔ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ✔ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ✔ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ✔ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Water stained leaves, oxidized rhizospheres along living roots, surface soil cracks and the geomorphic position of the point indicate wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW East City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S34 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 15

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 46.318332 Long: -106.834496 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification:

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ____ No ✔

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Soils are wet from recent rains.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Pascopyrum smithii	45	✔	FACU
2. Poa pratensis	13	✔	FACU
3. Bromus arvensis	2		FACU
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	60 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 40

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	60	x 4 =	240
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	60 (A)		240 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 3	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay Loam	
3 - 13	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay	dry
13 - 16	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay	moist
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Remarks:

Top 1 inch is saturated from recent rain.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No _____ Depth (inches): 1

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Surface soil saturation from recent rain. Wetland hydrology is not present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW East City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S34 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 0

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 46.318352 Long: -106.834463 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification:

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ____ No ✔

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No ____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	

Remarks:

Heavy rains the night before saturated the area.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Salix amygdaloides	15	✔	FACW
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	15 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	70	✔	FACW
2. Salix amygdaloides	10		FACW
3. Poa palustris	5		FACW
4. Poa pratensis	3		FACU
5. Pascopyrum smithii	2		FACU
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	90 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	100	x 2 =	200
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	5	x 4 =	20
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	105 (A)		220 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.10

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Hydrophytic vegetation present.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	2.5Y 5/2	100					Silty Clay	
4 - 14	2.5Y 4/2	93	2.5YR 5/8	1	C	M	Clay	
4 - 14			2.5YR 2.5/1	5	C	M		
4 - 14			2.5Y 5/4	1	C	M		
14 - 16	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay	
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ✔ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Hydrogen sulfide odor observed within and below second soil horizon.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ✔ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ✔ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Soils are saturated to surface. Open water within 6 feet of sample spot.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW East City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-07-11

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S34 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Swale Local relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 15

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.320514 Long: -106.837722 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Sample point not located within a wetland.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Pascopyrum smithii	53	✔	FACU
2. Bromus arvensis	5		FACU
3. Chenopodium album	5		FACU
4. Agropyron cristatum	2		UPL
5. Helianthus annuus	1		FACU
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	66	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 34

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	64	x 4 =	256
UPL species	2	x 5 =	10
Column Totals:	66 (A)		266 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.03

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 2	2.5Y 4/3	100					Silty Clay Loam	dry
2 - 11	2.5Y 4/2	100					Silty Clay	dry
11 - 13	2.5Y 4/3	100					Clay	Hardpan
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: Hardpan

Depth (inches): 13

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW East City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S34 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 0

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.320491 Long: -106.837756 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ____ No ✔

Are Vegetation ____, Soil ____, or Hydrology ____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No ____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No ____	

Remarks:

Sampled area is a wetland.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	70	✔	FACW
2. Poa pratensis	2		FACU
3. Pascopyrum smithii	2		FACU
4. Eleocharis palustris	1		OBL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	75 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 25

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	1	x 1 =	1
FACW species	70	x 2 =	140
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	4	x 4 =	16
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	75 (A)		157 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.09

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Hydrophytic vegetation is present.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	2.5Y 5/2	100					Silty Clay Loam	
4 - 16	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ✔ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** ✔ **No** ___

Remarks:

Hydrogen sulfide odor observed in second soil horizon.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ✔ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ✔ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ✔ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 8

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** ✔ **No** ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Hydrogen sulfidic odor and saturated to 8 inches.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW East City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP03U

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S34 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Swale Local relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 10

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.319596 Long: -106.836468 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes _____ No ✔
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No ✔	

Remarks:

Upland sample point adjacent to DP03w.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus arvensis	75	✔	FACU
2. Pascopyrum smithii	5		FACU
3. Lactuca serriola	3		FAC
4. Tragopogon dubius	2		UPL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	85 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 15

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	3	x 3 =	9
FACU species	80	x 4 =	320
UPL species	2	x 5 =	10
Column Totals:	85 (A)		339 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.99

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03U

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 3	2.5Y 4/2	100					Clay	
3 - 12	2.5Y 5/2	100					Silty Clay	
12 - 16	2.5Y 4/3	100					Silty Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ___ High Water Table (A2)
- ___ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ___ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes _____ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** _____ **No** ✔

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Forsyth NW East City/County: Rosebud County Sampling Date: 2023-06-09

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP03W

Investigator(s): R Jones Section, Township, Range: S34 T7N R39E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 1

Subregion (LRR): G 60B Lat: 46.319614 Long: -106.836446 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: 98 - Harlem silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded NWI classification: Not mapped

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No ✔ (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No ✔

Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ✔ No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ✔	No _____	

Remarks:

Wetland sample point located in the middle wetland cell within the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	65	✔	FACW
2. Poa pratensis	15		FACU
3. Pascopyrum smithii	10		FACU
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	90 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC−): 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	65	x 2 =	130
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	25	x 4 =	100
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	90 (A)		230 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.56

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Hydrophytic vegetation present at sample site.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03W

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	2.5Y 4/2	100					Silty Clay Loam	very wet
4 - 9	2.5Y 5/2	100					Clay	
9 - 14	2.5Y 5/2	92	2.5Y 3/1	2	C	M	Clay	
9 - 14			10YR 5/8	5	C	M		
-								
-								
-								
-								

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. [2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
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Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- ___ High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- ___ Reduced Vertic (F18)
- ___ Red Parent Material (TF2)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Excavating the pit further was not practical due to groundwater collapsing the side walls of the hole. Although no hydric soil indicator was observed, the soil meets the NRCS definition of a hydric soil.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- ___ Surface Water (A1)
- ✔ High Water Table (A2)
- ✔ Saturation (A3)
- ___ Water Marks (B1)
- ___ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ___ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ___ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ___ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ___ Inundation Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ___ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- ___ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ___ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- ___ Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- ___ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ___ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ✔ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ___ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ___ No ✔ Depth (inches): _____

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 0

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

Pit filled in from groundwater. Additionally, a positive FAC-neutral test indicates wetland hydrology.

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: Forsyth NW - East **2. MDT Project #:** STPP 14(9)259 **Control #:** 9680000

3. Evaluation Date: 06/09/2023 **4. Evaluator(s):** R Jones **5. Wetlands/Site #(s):** Forsyth NW - East

6. Wetland Location(s): i. Legal: T7N,R39E,34 **Latitude/Longitude:** 46.319774, -106.836602 : Center of AA

ii. Approx. Stationing or Mileposts: ~262.3 on US 12

iii. Watershed: 13

Watershed Name, County: Middle Yellowstone, Rosebud

7. a. Evaluating Agency: CCI for MDT

b. Purpose of Evaluation:

1. ___ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
2. ___ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
3. X Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
4. ___ Other:

8. Wetland size: 0.840 acres (measured)

9. Assessment area (AA): 0.840 acres (measured)

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
D	EM	E	SI	100.00

Abbreviations: *(see manual for definitions)*

HGM Classes: Riverine (**R**), Depressional (**D**), Slope (**S**), Mineral Soil Flats (**MSF**), Organic Soil Flats (**OSF**), Lacustrine Fringe (**LF**);

Cowardin Classes: Rock Bottom (**RB**), Unconsolidated bottom (**UB**), Aquatic Bed (**AB**), Unconsolidated Shore (**US**), Moss-lichen Wetland (**ML**), Emergent Wetland (**EM**), Scrub-Shrub Wetland (**SS**), Forested Wetland (**FO**)

Modifiers: Excavated (**E**), Impounded (**I**), Diked (**D**), Partly Drained (**PD**), Farmed (**F**), Artificial (**A**)

Water Regimes: Permanent / Perennial (**PP**), Seasonal / Intermittent (**SI**), Temporary / Ephemeral (**TE**)

11. Estimated relative abundance: (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin, see definitions)

ABUNDANT

12. General condition of AA:

i. Disturbance: (use matrix below to determine [circle] appropriate response – see instructions for Montana-listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species (**ANVS**) list)

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

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): Wetlands expanded again in 2023 and more willow growth was observed.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, & other exotic vegetation species: Convolvulus arvensis

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat: AA is a roadside depression excavated parallel to US 12. Surrounding land includes agriculture (grazing) and a secondary highway.

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" ***vegetated*** classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above)

Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA	Initial Rating	Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes?		Modified Rating
>= 3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes	H	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	M	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	**M**	<-- NO	YES -->	L
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises >= 90% of total cover)	L	NA	NA	NA

Comments: Emergent vegetation is dominant but cottonwood saplings and willows are becoming well established. Some portions of the site may eventually transition to PSS.

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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
		Monarch butterfly(S)

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	*doc/primary*	*sus/primary*	*doc/secondary*	*sus/secondary*	*doc/incidental*	*sus/incidental*	*None*
Functional Points and Rating	1H	.9H	.8M	.7M	.3L	**.1L**	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): USFWS IPaC

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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
Scarlet Ammannia - Ammannia robusta,		Great Blue Heron(S) - S2S3

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] 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	0L
***S2 and S3 Species:** Functional Points and Rating*	**.9H**	.7M	.6M	.5M	.2L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): MTNHP SOC report for T7N R39E reported an Ammannia observation in 2013.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA (circle substantial, moderate, or low based on supporting evidence):

Substantial (based on any of the following [check]):
- ___ observations of abundant wildlife #s or high species diversity (during any period)
- ___ abundant wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ___ presence of extremely limiting habitat features not available in the surrounding area
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):
- X few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- X little to no wildlife sign
- ___ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Moderate (based on any of the following [check]):
- ___ observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- ___ common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ___ adequate adjacent upland food sources
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

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

Structural diversity (see #13)	High								Moderate								Low			
Class cover distribution (all vegetated classes)	Even				Uneven				Even				Uneven				Even			
Duration of surface water in >=10% of AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A
Low disturbance at AA (see #12i)	E	E	E	H	E	E	H	H	E	H	H	M	E	H	M	M	E	H	M	M
Moderate disturbance at AA (see #12i)	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	H	**H**	M	M	H	M	M	L	H	M	L	L
High disturbance at AA (see #12i)	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L	M	M	L	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

iii. Rating (use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Evidence of wildlife use (i)	*Wildlife habitat features rating (ii)*			
	Exceptional	High	Moderate	Moderate
Substantial	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M
Moderate	.9H	.7M	.5M	.3L
Minimal	.6M	**.4M**	.2L	.1L

Comments: Dead deer (likely roadkill) observed during site visit. This area is close to the roadway and will likely never achieve a high wildlife habitat rating.

14D. General Fish Habitat Rating: (Assess this function if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [i.e., fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If the AA is not used by fish, fish use is not restorable due to habitat constraints, or is not desired from a management perspective [such as fish entrapped in a canal], then mark **X NA** and proceed to 14E.)

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

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA (use matrix to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Duration of surface water in AA	Permanent / Perennial						Seasonal / Intermittent						Temporary / Ephemeral					
Aquatic hiding / resting / escape cover	Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor	
Thermal cover optimal / suboptimal	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
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 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

Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially found in AA:

ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity or is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see Appendix E) occur in fish habitat? ___ If yes, reduce score in i above by 0.1.

*b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area, etc.- specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ___ If yes, add 0.1 to the adjusted score in **i** or **iia.***

iii. Final Score and Rating: NA **Comments:** No fish habitat exists on site.

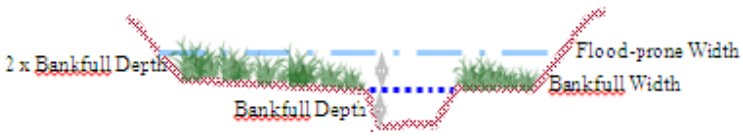
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, mark ___ **NA** and proceed to 14F.)

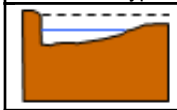
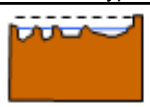
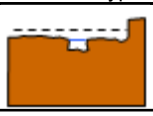
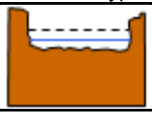
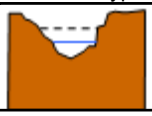
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)	Slightly entrenched - C, D, E stream types			Moderately entrenched – B stream type			Entrenched-A, F, G stream types		
% 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	.9H	.6M	.8H	.7M	**.5M**	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.8H	.5M	.7M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Entrenchment ratio (ER) estimation – see User's Manual for additional guidance. Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width)/(bankfull width) Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 x maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

64 /	42 =	**1.52**
Flood-prone width	*Bankfull width*	*Entrenchment ratio (ER)*



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

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding **AND** are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (circle)? ___ **Comments:** AA subject to overbank flows from Big Porcupine Creek.

14F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage: (Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, ___ **NA** and proceed to 14G.)

i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding	>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	.9H	.8H	.8H	**.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: AA subject to ponding following large precipitation or runoff events. Entire depression was heavily ponded on 06/07/2023. Surface water depth was approximately 6-24" and had receded to 6-12" within the wetland cells by 06/09/2023. Entire area was flooded in July during time of aerial imagery capture.

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, ___ **NA** and proceed to 14H.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating [H=high, M=moderate, or L=low])

Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input levels within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds at levels such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.			
% cover of wetland vegetation in AA	>= 70%		< 70%		>= 70%		< 70%	
Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	**1H**	.8H	.7M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.7M	.6M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Entire depression was heavily ponded on 06/07/2023. Surface water depth was approximately 6-24" and had receded to 6-12" within the wetland cells by 06/09/2023.

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, **X** **NA** and proceed to 14I.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

*% Cover of **wetland** streambank or shoreline by species with stability ratings of >=6 (see **Appendix F**).*	*Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation*		
	Permanent / Perennial	Seasonal / Intermittent	Temporary / Ephemeral
>= 65%	1H	.9H	.7M
35-64%	.7M	.6M	.5M
35%	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: NA - no open water exists on site.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [circle])

General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.)	**General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.)**		
	E/H	M	L
E/H	H	H	M
M	H	M	M
L	M	M	L
N/A	H	**M**	L

ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14I.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].)

A	Vegetated component >5 acres						Vegetated component 1-5 acres						Vegetated component < 1 acre					
B	High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low	
C	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
P/P	1H	.7M	.8H	.5M	.6M	.4M	.9H	.6M	.7M	.4M	.5M	.3L	.8H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L
S/I	.9H	.6M	.7M	.4M	.5M	.3L	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7M	.5M	.5M	**.3L**	.3L	.2L
T/E/A	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7M	.4M	.5M	.2L	.3L	.1L	.6M	.4M	.4M	.2L	.2L	.1L

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? ___**X**___ *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above.*

iv. Final Score and Rating: 0.40M **Comments:** Food chain support and production and export is limited due to the size and location of the site.

14J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge: (check the appropriate indicators in i & ii below)

i. Discharge Indicators

___	The AA is a slope wetland
___	Springs or seeps are known or observed
___	Vegetation growing during dormant season/drought
___	Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope
___	AA permanently flooded during drought periods
___	Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet
X	Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface
X	Other: AA hydrologically connected to a historic oxbow.

ii. Recharge Indicators

___	Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer
___	Wetland contains inlet but no outlet
___	Stream is a known 'losing' stream; discharge volume decreases
___	Other:

iii. Rating (use the information from i and ii above and the table below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

	Duration of saturation at AA Wetlands *FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE OR WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM*			
Criteria	P/P	S/I	T	None
Groundwater Discharge or Recharge	1H	**.7M**	.4M	.1L
Insufficient Data/Information	N/A			

Comments: Inundation was observed on site in 2023.

14K. Uniqueness:

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Replacement potential	AA contains fen, bog, warm springs or mature (>80 yr-old) forested wetland **or** plant association listed as "S1" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types **and** structural diversity (#13) is high **or** contains plant association listed as "S2" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types or associations **and** structural diversity (#13) is low-moderate		
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	common	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**
High disturbance at AA (#12i)	.8H	.7M	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: AA is part of a roadside ditch.

14L. Recreation/Education Potential: (affords "bonus" points if AA provides recreation or education opportunity)

i. Is the AA a known or potential rec./ed. site: (circle) ___ (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then mark **X** **NA** and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: ___Educational/scientific study; ___Consumptive rec.; ___Non-consumptive rec.; ___Other :

iii. Rating:

Known or Potential Recreation or Education Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	.2H	.15H
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	.15H	.1M
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	.1M	.05L

Comments: AA small, adjacent to highway, and with no recreation or education potential.

General Site Notes
Wetland area increased by 0.1 acres since 2022, and 0.24 since 2021. Additional acreage expansion is anticipated in future years provided the current climatic conditions persist.

FUNCTION & VALUE SUMMARY & OVERALL RATING FOR WETLAND/SITE #(S): Forsyth NW - East

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Wetland Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0.10	1	0.08	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	H	0.90	1	0.76	*
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	0.40	1	0.34	
D. General Fish Habitat	NA				
E. Flood Attenuation	M	0.50	1	0.42	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	M	0.60	1	0.50	*
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	1.00	1	0.84	*
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA				
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	M	0.40	1	0.34	
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	M	0.70	1	0.59	*
K. Uniqueness	L	0.20	1	0.17	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	NA				
Totals:		4.80	9.00	4.04	
Percent of Possible Score			53%		

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)

X "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
X 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: III

Summary Comments: Site is recovering from several years of drought. The wetlands have expanded over the last two years and will likely continue to do so. Willow growth and expansion has been overserved over the last year.

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: Forsyth NW **2. MDT Project #:** STPP 14(9)259 **Control #:** 9680000

3. Evaluation Date: 06/01/2022 **4. Evaluator(s):** R Jones **5. Wetlands/Site #(s):** Forsyth NW- Middle

6. Wetland Location(s): i. Legal: T7N,R39E,33 ;T7N,R39E,34 **Latitude/Longitude:**

ii. Approx. Stationing or Mileposts: ~262.3 on US 12

iii. Watershed: 4

Watershed Name, County: Middle Yellowstone, Rosebud

7. a. Evaluating Agency: CCI for MDT

b. Purpose of Evaluation:

1. ___ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
2. ___ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
3. X Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
4. ___ Other:

8. Wetland size: 0.580 acres (measured)

9. Assessment area (AA): 0.580 acres (measured)

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
D	EM	E	SI	100.00

Abbreviations: *(see manual for definitions)*

HGM Classes: Riverine (**R**), Depressional (**D**), Slope (**S**), Mineral Soil Flats (**MSF**), Organic Soil Flats (**OSF**), Lacustrine Fringe (**LF**);

Cowardin Classes: Rock Bottom (**RB**), Unconsolidated bottom (**UB**), Aquatic Bed (**AB**), Unconsolidated Shore (**US**), Moss-lichen Wetland (**ML**), Emergent Wetland (**EM**), Scrub-Shrub Wetland (**SS**), Forested Wetland (**FO**)

Modifiers: Excavated (**E**), Impounded (**I**), Diked (**D**), Partly Drained (**PD**), Farmed (**F**), Artificial (**A**)

Water Regimes: Permanent / Perennial (**PP**), Seasonal / Intermittent (**SI**), Temporary / Ephemeral (**TE**)

11. Estimated relative abundance: (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin, see definitions)

ABUNDANT

12. General condition of AA:

i. Disturbance: (use matrix below to determine [circle] appropriate response – see instructions for Montana-listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species (**ANVS**) list)

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

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): Site is adjacent to a highway. The adjacent right-of-way is mowed, sprayed for weeds and plowed.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, & other exotic vegetation species: Canada thistle and field bindweed cover have increased since 20222 and 2021.

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat: AA very similar to Forsyth NW - East, only smaller. AA includes a linear, excavated roadside depression parallel to US 12. Surrounding land includes agriculture (grazing) and highway.

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" ***vegetated*** classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above)

Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA	**Initial Rating**	**Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes?**		**Modified Rating**
>= 3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes	H	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	M	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	**M**	<-- NO	YES -->	L
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises >= 90% of total cover)	L	NA	NA	NA

Comments: PEM wetland, willow growth increased between 2021 and 2022.

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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
		Monarch butterfly(S)

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	*doc/primary*	*sus/primary*	*doc/secondary*	*sus/secondary*	*doc/incidental*	*sus/incidental*	*None*
Functional Points and Rating	1H	.9H	.8M	.7M	.3L	**.1L**	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): USFWS IPaC

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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
Scarlet Ammannia - Ammannia robusta		Great Blue Heron(S) - S2S3

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] 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	0L
***S2 and S3 Species:** Functional Points and Rating*	**.9H**	.7M	.6M	.5M	.2L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): MTNHP SOC report for T7N R39E reported an Ammannia observation in 2013, which was also observed by MDT consultant in subsequent years.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA (circle substantial, moderate, or low based on supporting evidence):

Substantial (based on any of the following [check]):
- ___ observations of abundant wildlife #s or high species diversity (during any period)
- ___ abundant wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ___ presence of extremely limiting habitat features not available in the surrounding area
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):
- X few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- X little to no wildlife sign
- ___ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Moderate (based on any of the following [check]):
- ___ observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- ___ common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ___ adequate adjacent upland food sources
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

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

Structural diversity (see #13)	High								Moderate								Low			
Class cover distribution (all vegetated classes)	Even				Uneven				Even				Uneven				Even			
Duration of surface water in >=10% of AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A
Low disturbance at AA (see #12i)	E	E	E	H	E	E	H	H	E	H	H	M	E	H	M	M	E	H	M	M
Moderate disturbance at AA (see #12i)	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	H	**H**	M	M	H	M	M	L	H	M	L	L
High disturbance at AA (see #12i)	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L	M	M	L	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

iii. Rating (use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Evidence of wildlife use (i)	*Wildlife habitat features rating (ii)*			
	Exceptional	High	Moderate	Moderate
Substantial	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M
Moderate	.9H	.7M	.5M	.3L
Minimal	.6M	**.4M**	.2L	.1L

Comments: No wildlife sign observed during field survey. This area is close to the roadway and will likely never achieve a high wildlife habitat rating.

14D. General Fish Habitat Rating: (Assess this function if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [i.e., fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If the AA is not used by fish, fish use is not restorable due to habitat constraints, or is not desired from a management perspective [such as fish entrapped in a canal], then mark **X NA** and proceed to 14E.)

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

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA (use matrix to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Duration of surface water in AA	Permanent / Perennial						Seasonal / Intermittent						Temporary / Ephemeral					
Aquatic hiding / resting / escape cover	Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor	
Thermal cover optimal / suboptimal	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
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 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

Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially found in AA:

ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity or is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see Appendix E) occur in fish habitat? ___ If yes, reduce score in i above by 0.1.

*b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area, etc.- specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ___ If yes, add 0.1 to the adjusted score in **i** or **iia.***

iii. Final Score and Rating: NA **Comments:** Not applicable.

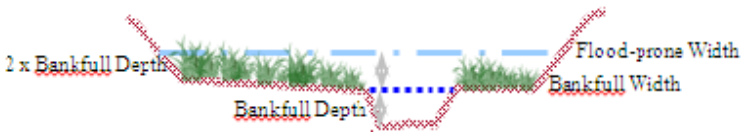
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, mark ___ **NA** and proceed to 14F.)

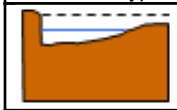
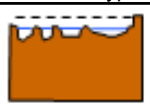
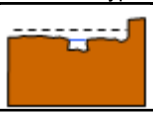
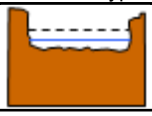
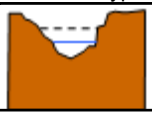
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)	Slightly entrenched - C, D, E stream types			Moderately entrenched – B stream type			Entrenched-A, F, G stream types		
% 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	.9H	.6M	.8H	.7M	**.5M**	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.8H	.5M	.7M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Entrenchment ratio (ER) estimation – see User's Manual for additional guidance. Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width)/(bankfull width) Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 x maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

64 /	42 =	**1.52**
Flood-prone width	*Bankfull width*	*Entrenchment ratio (ER)*



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

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding **AND** are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (circle)? ___ **Comments:** AA is subject to overbank flows from Big Porcupine Creek.

14F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage: (Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, ___**NA** and proceed to 14G.)

i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding	>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	.9H	.8H	.8H	.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: AA subject to ponding from snowmelt, precipitation and overland flow from adjacent roads and uplands.

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, ___**NA** and proceed to 14H.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating [H=high, M=moderate, or L=low])

Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input levels within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds at levels such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.			
% cover of wetland vegetation in AA	>= 70%		< 70%		>= 70%		< 70%	
Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	1H	**.8H**	.7M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.7M	.6M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Enclosed basin will filter sediment, nutrients, and toxicants well.

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, **X** **NA** and proceed to 14I.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

*% Cover of **wetland** streambank or shoreline by species with stability ratings of >=6 (see **Appendix F**).*	*Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation*		
	Permanent / Perennial	Seasonal / Intermittent	Temporary / Ephemeral
>= 65%	1H	.9H	.7M
35-64%	.7M	.6M	.5M
35%	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Not applicable.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [circle])

General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.)	**General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.)**		
	E/H	M	L
E/H	H	H	M
M	H	M	M
L	M	M	L
N/A	H	**M**	L

ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14I.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].)

A	Vegetated component >5 acres						Vegetated component 1-5 acres						Vegetated component < 1 acre					
B	High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low	
C	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
P/P	1H	.7M	.8H	.5M	.6M	.4M	.9H	.6M	.7M	.4M	.5M	.3L	.8H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L
S/I	.9H	.6M	.7M	.4M	.5M	.3L	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7M	.5M	.5M	**.3L**	.3L	.2L
T/E/A	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7M	.4M	.5M	.2L	.3L	.1L	.6M	.4M	.4M	.2L	.2L	.1L

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? ___*If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above.*

iv. Final Score and Rating: 0.30L **Comments:** Site has limited food chain value.

14J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge: (check the appropriate indicators in i & ii below)

i. Discharge Indicators

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

ii. Recharge Indicators

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

iii. Rating (use the information from i and ii above and the table below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

	Duration of saturation at AA Wetlands *FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE OR WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM*			
Criteria	P/P	S/I	T	None
Groundwater Discharge or Recharge	1H	.7M	.4M	.1L
Insufficient Data/Information	**N/A**			

Comments: AA w/out permeable substrate, holds surface water eventually lost to evaporation.

14K. Uniqueness:

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Replacement potential	AA contains fen, bog, warm springs or mature (>80 yr-old) forested wetland **or** plant association listed as "S1" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types **and** structural diversity (#13) is high **or** contains plant association listed as "S2" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types or associations **and** structural diversity (#13) is low-moderate		
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	common	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**
High disturbance at AA (#12i)	.8H	.7M	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Habitat within AA typical of roadside wetland ditch.

14L. Recreation/Education Potential: (affords "bonus" points if AA provides recreation or education opportunity)

i. Is the AA a known or potential rec./ed. site: (circle) ___ (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then mark **X** **NA** and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: ___Educational/scientific study; ___Consumptive rec.;___Non-consumptive rec.; ___Other :

iii. Rating:

Known or Potential Recreation or Education Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	.2H	.15H
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	.15H	.1M
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	.1M	.05L

Comments: AA small, adjacent to highway, and with no recreation or education potential.

General Site Notes
Noxious weed cover increased in 2023.

FUNCTION & VALUE SUMMARY & OVERALL RATING FOR WETLAND/SITE #(S): Forsyth NW- Middle

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Wetland Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0.10	1	0.06	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	H	0.90	1	0.52	*
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	0.40	1	0.23	*
D. General Fish Habitat	NA				
E. Flood Attenuation	M	0.50	1	0.29	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	L	0.30	1	0.17	*
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	0.80	1	0.46	*
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA				
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	L	0.30	1	0.17	
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	NA				
K. Uniqueness	L	0.20	1	0.12	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	NA				
Totals:		3.50	8.00	2.02	
Percent of Possible Score			44%		

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)

X "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
X 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: III

Summary Comments: Marginal wetland site that provides limited ecological value.

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: Forsyth NW- East

2. MDT Project #: STPP 14(9)259 **Control #:** 9680000

3. Evaluation Date: 06/01/2022 **4. Evaluator(s):** R Jones

5. Wetlands/Site #(s): Forsyth NW- West

6. Wetland Location(s): i. Legal: T7N,R39E,20 ;T7N,R39E,29 **Latitude/Longitude:** 46.338472, -106.874619 : Center of AA

ii. Approx. Stationing or Mileposts: RP 280 on US 12

iii. Watershed: 14

Watershed Name, County: Middle Yellowstone, Rosebud

7. a. Evaluating Agency: CCI for MDT

b. Purpose of Evaluation:

1. ___ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
2. ___ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
3. X Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
4. ___ Other:

8. Wetland size: 4.250 acres (measured)

9. Assessment area (AA): 10.670 acres (measured)

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
R	EM	E	PP	13.40
R	UB	E	PP	5.00
R	UB	I	PP	81.60

Abbreviations: *(see manual for definitions)*

HGM Classes: Riverine (**R**), Depressional (**D**), Slope (**S**), Mineral Soil Flats (**MSF**), Organic Soil Flats (**OSF**), Lacustrine Fringe (**LF**);

Cowardin Classes: Rock Bottom (**RB**), Unconsolidated bottom (**UB**), Aquatic Bed (**AB**), Unconsolidated Shore (**US**), Moss-lichen Wetland (**ML**), Emergent Wetland (**EM**), Scrub-Shrub Wetland (**SS**), Forested Wetland (**FO**)

Modifiers: Excavated (**E**), Impounded (**I**), Diked (**D**), Partly Drained (**PD**), Farmed (**F**), Artificial (**A**)

Water Regimes: Permanent / Perennial (**PP**), Seasonal / Intermittent (**SI**), Temporary / Ephemeral (**TE**)

11. Estimated relative abundance: (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin, see definitions)

COMMON

12. General condition of AA:

i. Disturbance: (use matrix below to determine [circle] appropriate response – see instructions for Montana-listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species (**ANVS**) list)

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

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): Construction activities in 2017 to repair the dike structure temporarily increased disturbance rating at the site to high in 2017, was reduced to moderate in 2018, and reduced to low in 2020.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, & other exotic vegetation species: Euphorbia esula, Cirsium arvense

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat: AA includes existing and constructed wetlands within floodplain of Big Spring Coulee and Big Porcupine Creek. Surrounding land includes US 12 and rangeland that supports livestock grazing

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" ***vegetated*** classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above)

Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA	**Initial Rating**	**Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes?**		**Modified Rating**
>= 3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes	H	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	M	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	**M**	<-- NO	YES -->	L
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises >= 90% of total cover)	L	NA	NA	NA

Comments: This site consists of a mosaic of emergent wetlands and open water.

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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
		Monarch butterfly(S)

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	*doc/primary*	*sus/primary*	*doc/secondary*	*sus/secondary*	*doc/incidental*	*sus/incidental*	*None*
Functional Points and Rating	1H	.9H	.8M	.7M	.3L	**.1L**	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): USFWS IPaC

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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
Scarlet Ammannia - Ammannia robusta		Great Blue Heron(S) - S2S3

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] 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	0L
***S2 and S3 Species:** Functional Points and Rating*	**.9H**	.7M	.6M	.5M	.2L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): Ammannia observed within AA in 2019.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA (circle substantial, moderate, or low based on supporting evidence):

Substantial (based on any of the following [check]):
- X observations of abundant wildlife #s or high species diversity (during any period)
- __ abundant wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- X presence of extremely limiting habitat features not available in the surrounding area
- __ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):
- __ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- __ little to no wildlife sign
- __ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- __ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Moderate (based on any of the following [check]):
- __ observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- __ common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- __ adequate adjacent upland food sources
- __ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

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

Structural diversity (see #13)	High								Moderate								Low			
Class cover distribution (all vegetated classes)	Even				Uneven				Even				Uneven				Even			
Duration of surface water in >=10% of AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A
Low disturbance at AA (see #12i)	E	E	E	H	E	E	H	H	**E**	H	H	M	E	H	M	M	E	H	M	M
Moderate disturbance at AA (see #12i)	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	H	H	M	M	H	M	M	L	H	M	L	L
High disturbance at AA (see #12i)	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L	M	M	L	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

iii. Rating (use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Evidence of wildlife use (i)	*Wildlife habitat features rating (ii)*			
	Exceptional	High	Moderate	Moderate
Substantial	**1E**	.9H	.8H	.7M
Moderate	.9H	.7M	.5M	.3L
Minimal	.6M	.4M	.2L	.1L

Comments: The site was full of waterfowl during the 2023 site visit. Turtles and frogs were also observed.

14D. General Fish Habitat Rating: (Assess this function if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [i.e., fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If the AA is not used by fish, fish use is not restorable due to habitat constraints, or is not desired from a management perspective [such as fish entrapped in a canal], then mark ___ **NA** and proceed to 14E.)

Type of Fishery: Cold Water **(CW)** ___ Warm Water **(WW)** **X** **Use the CW or WW guidelines in the user manual to complete the matrix**

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA (use matrix to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Duration of surface water in AA	Permanent / Perennial						Seasonal / Intermittent						Temporary / Ephemeral					
Aquatic hiding / resting / escape cover	Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor	
Thermal cover optimal / suboptimal	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
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 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

Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially found in AA: Direct observation

ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity or is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see Appendix E) occur in fish habitat? ___ If yes, reduce score in i above by 0.1.

*b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area, etc.- specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ___ If yes, add 0.1 to the adjusted score in **i** or **iia.***

iii. Final Score and Rating: 0.2L **Comments:** Increased inundation and bull rush establishment improved fish habitat in 2023. While the site was not designed to provide fish habitat, fish have been using the site.

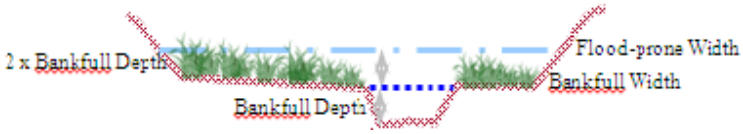
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, mark ___ **NA** and proceed to 14F.)

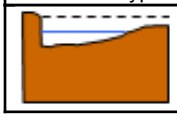
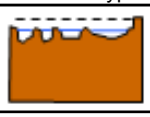
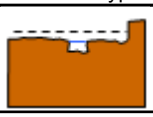
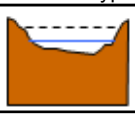
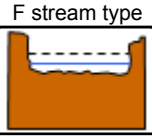
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)	Slightly entrenched - C, D, E stream types			Moderately entrenched – B stream type			Entrenched-A, F, G stream types		
% 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	.9H	.6M	.8H	.7M	**.5M**	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.8H	.5M	.7M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Entrenchment ratio (ER) estimation – see User's Manual for additional guidance. Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width)/(bankfull width) Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 x maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

64 /	42 =	**1.52**
Flood-prone width	*Bankfull width*	*Entrenchment ratio (ER)*



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

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding **AND** are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (circle)? ___ **Comments:** The site provides flood attenuation functions for the adjacent Big Porcupine Creek.

14F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage: (Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, ___**NA** and proceed to 14G.)

i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding	>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**	.9H	.8H	.8H	.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: Site has been moved into the perennial category due to consistent inundation over the last three years.

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, ___**NA** and proceed to 14H.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating [H=high, M=moderate, or L=low])

Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input levels within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds at levels such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.			
% cover of wetland vegetation in AA	>= 70%		< 70%		>= 70%		< 70%	
Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	1H	.8H	**.7M**	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.7M	.6M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Open/standing water was present across 47 percent of the site in 2023. Although vegetation cover increased since 2022 total vegetation cover is still less than 70 percent.

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, ___**NA** and proceed to 14I.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

*% Cover of **wetland** streambank or shoreline by species with stability ratings of >=6 (see **Appendix F**).*	*Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation*		
	Permanent / Perennial	Seasonal / Intermittent	Temporary / Ephemeral
>= 65%	1H	.9H	.7M
35-64%	**.7M**	.6M	.5M
35%	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Shoreline has a significant amount of stabilizing vegetation when the water is high - at lower water levels, the shoreline is primarily bare mudflat.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [circle])

General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.)	**General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.)**		
	E/H	M	L
E/H	H	H	M
M	H	M	M
L	**M**	M	L
N/A	H	M	L

ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14I.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].)

A	Vegetated component >5 acres						Vegetated component 1-5 acres						Vegetated component < 1 acre					
B	High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low	
C	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
P/P	1H	.7M	.8H	.5M	.6M	.4M	.9H	.6M	**.7M**	.4M	.5M	.3L	.8H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L
S/I	.9H	.6M	.7M	.4M	.5M	.3L	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7M	.5M	.5M	.3L	.3L	.2L
T/E/A	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7M	.4M	.5M	.2L	.3L	.1L	.6M	.4M	.4M	.2L	.2L	.1L

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? ___**X** *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above.*

iv. Final Score and Rating: 0.80H **Comments:** Upland buffer between northern boundary of AA and highway greater than 50ft.

14J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge: (check the appropriate indicators in i & ii below)

i. Discharge Indicators

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

ii. Recharge Indicators

	Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer
	Wetland contains inlet but no outlet
	Stream is a known 'losing' stream; discharge volume decreases
	Other:

iii. Rating (use the information from i and ii above and the table below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

	Duration of saturation at AA Wetlands *FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE OR WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM*			
Criteria	P/P	S/I	T	None
Groundwater Discharge or Recharge	**1H**	.7M	.4M	.1L
Insufficient Data/Information	N/A			

Comments: Site hydrology is combination of seasonally high groundwater table and runoff. Water is held on the site via an impoundment (dike).

14K. Uniqueness:

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

Replacement potential	AA contains fen, bog, warm springs or mature (>80 yr-old) forested wetland **or** plant association listed as "S1" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types **and** structural diversity (#13) is high **or** contains plant association listed as "S2" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types or associations **and** structural diversity (#13) is low-moderate		
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	common	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
High disturbance at AA (#12i)	.8H	.7M	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: AA is becoming less structurally diverse as vegetation intolerant to inundation dies off. However, some natural recruitment of cottonwoods is occurring in mesic areas.

14L. Recreation/Education Potential: (affords "bonus" points if AA provides recreation or education opportunity)

i. Is the AA a known or potential rec./ed. site: (circle) **X** (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then mark ___ **NA** and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: ___Educational/scientific study; **X** Consumptive rec.; **X** Non-consumptive rec.; ___Other :

iii. Rating:

Known or Potential Recreation or Education Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	**.2H**	.15H
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	.15H	.1M
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	.1M	.05L

Comments: Property is owned by MDT, and is easily accessible. Known bird and wildlife viewing and hunting use.

General Site Notes
Site provided highly valuable habitat to shorebirds and waterfowl in 2023, along with floodwater storage.

FUNCTION & VALUE SUMMARY & OVERALL RATING FOR WETLAND/SITE #(S): Forsyth NW- West

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Wetland Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0.10	1	1.07	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	H	0.90	1	9.60	
C. General Wildlife Habitat	E	1.00	1	10.67	*
D. General Fish Habitat	L	0.20	1	2.13	
E. Flood Attenuation	M	0.50	1	5.34	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	H	1.00	1	10.67	*
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	M	0.70	1	7.47	
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	M	0.70	1	7.47	
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	H	0.80	1	8.54	*
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	H	1.00	1	10.67	*
K. Uniqueness	M	0.40	1	4.27	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	H	0.20	1	2.13	
Totals:		7.50	11.00	80.03	
Percent of Possible Score			68%		

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**
__X__ 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**
__X__ 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: II

Summary Comments: This site continues to evolve and develop more complex wetland habitat following several years of inundation.

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass	UPL
Algae, green	Algae, green	OBL
Alisma triviale	Northern Water-Plantain	OBL
Alopecurus arundinaceus	Creeping Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Alopecurus pratensis	Field Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Ambrosia psilostachya	Perennial Ragweed	FACU
Ammannia robusta	Grand Redstem	OBL
Artemisia frigida	Fringed Sage	UPL
Bassia scoparia	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Bromus arvensis	Japanese Brome	UPL
Bromus carinatus	California Brome	UPL
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	UPL
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Chorispora tenella	Crossflower	UPL
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	UPL
Descurainia pinnata	Western tanseymustard	UPL
Descurainia sophia	Herb Sophia	UPL
Echinochloa crus-galli	Large Barnyard Grass	FAC
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus canadensis	Nodding Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus sp.	Wild Rye	UPL
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Euphorbia esula	Leafy Spurge	UPL
Filago arvensis	Field Fluffweed	UPL
Glyceria elata	Tall Manna Grass	OBL
Grindelia squarrosa	Curly-Cup Gumweed	UPL
Helianthus annuus	Common Sunflower	FACU
Hesperostipa comata	Needle-and-Thread	UPL
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	FAC
Lepidium perfoliatum	Clasping Pepperwort	FAC
Linum lewisii	Prairie Flax	UPL
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	UPL
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
Muhlenbergia asperifolia	Alkali Muhly	FACW
Pascopyrum smithii	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU
Poa compressa	Flat-stem Blue Grass	FACU
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Blue Grass	FACU
Polygonum aviculare	Yard Knotweed	FACU

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	FAC
Puccinellia nuttalliana	Nuttall's Alkali Grass	OBL
Ratibida columnifera	Prairie Coneflower	UPL
Rumex acetosella	Common Sheep Sorrel	FAC
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock	FAC
Sagittaria cuneata	Arum-Leaf Arrowhead	OBL
Salix exigua	Narrow-Leaf Willow	FACW
Salix fragilis	Fragile Willow	FAC
Schedonorous pratensis	Meadow False Rye Grass	FACU
Schoenoplectus maritimus	Saltmarsh Club-Rush	OBL
Sisymbrium altissimum	Tall Hedge-Mustard	FACU
Solanum rostratum	Buffalo Bur	UPL
Spartina pectinata	Freshwater Cord Grass	FACW
Tamarix chinensis	Salt-cedar	UPL
Taraxacum officinale	Common Dandelion	FACU
Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress	FACU
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard	UPL
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL
Typha latifolia	Broad-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL
Veronica sp.	Speedwell	UPL

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New species identified in 2023 are **bolded**.

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Alisma triviale	Northern Water-Plantain	OBL
Alopecurus pratensis	Field Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Ambrosia psilostachya	Perennial Ragweed	FACU
Ammannia robusta	Grand Redstem	OBL
Avena fatua	Wild Oats	UPL
Bassia scoparia	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Bromus arvensis	Japanese Brome	UPL
Bromus carinatus	California Brome	UPL
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	UPL
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Cirsium arvense	Canadian Thistle	FACU
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	UPL
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair Grass	FACW
Deschampsia elongata	Slender Hair Grass	FAC
Echinochloa crus-galli	Large Barnyard Grass	FAC
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus canadensis	Nodding Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus elymoides	Western-Bottlebrush grass	FACU
Elymus lanceolatus	Streamside Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Euphorbia esula	Leafy Spurge	UPL
Filago arvensis	Field Fluffweed	UPL
Glyceria grandis	American Manna Grass	OBL
Grindelia squarrosa	Curly-Cup Gumweed	UPL
Helianthus annuus	Common Sunflower	FACU
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	FAC
Lepidium perfoliatum	Clasping Pepperwort	FAC
Linum lewisii	Prairie Flax	UPL
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
Muhlenbergia asperifolia	Alkali Muhly	FAC
Nassella viridula	Barkworth Green Needlegrass	UPL
Panicum capillare	Common Panic Grass	FAC
Pascopyrum smithii	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU
Poa compressa	Flat-Stem Blue Grass	FACU
Poa palustris	Fowl Blue Grass	FACW
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Blue Grass	FACU
Polygonum aviculare	Yard Knotweed	FACU
Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	FAC

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Bromus arvensis	Japanese Brome	UPL
Bromus carinatus	California Brome	UPL
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Puccinellia nuttalliana	Nuttall's Alkali Grass	OBL
Ratibida columnifera	Prairie Coneflower	UPL
Rosa arkansana	Prairie Rose	FACU
Rumex acetosella	Common Sheep Sorrel	FAC
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock	FAC
Salix amygdaloides	Peach-Leaf Willow	FACW
Salix exigua	Narrow-Leaf Willow	FACW
Salix fragilis	Fragile Willow	FAC
Salix lutea	Yellow Willow	FACW
Sarcobatus vermiculatus	Greasewood	FAC
Schedonorus pratensis	Meadow False Rye Grass	FACU
Schoenoplectus maritimus	Saltmarsh Club-Rush	OBL
Setaria pumila	Yellow Bristle Grass	FACU
Solanum rostratum	Buffalo Bur	UPL
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry	UPL
Tamarix chinensis	Salt-cedar	UPL
Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress	FACU
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard	UPL
Typha latifolia	Broad-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL
Xanthium strumarium	Rough Cockleburr	FAC

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Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass	UPL
Algae, green	Algae, green	UPL
Alisma triviale	Northern Water-Plantain	OBL
Alopecurus arundinaceus	Creeping Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Alopecurus pratensis	Field Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Ambrosia psilostachya	Perennial Ragweed	FACU
Ammannia robusta	Grand Redstem	OBL
Artemisia frigida	Fringed Sage	UPL
Bassia scoparia	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Bromus arvensis	Japanese Brome	UPL
Bromus carinatus	California Brome	UPL
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	UPL
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	UPL
Descurainia sophia	Herb Sophia	UPL
Echinochloa crus-galli	Large Barnyard Grass	FAC
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus canadensis	Nodding Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus sp.	Wild Rye	UPL
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Euphorbia esula	Leafy Spurge	UPL
Filago arvensis	Field Fluffweed	UPL
Glyceria elata	Tall Manna Grass	OBL
Grindelia squarrosa	Curly-Cup Gumweed	UPL
Helianthus annuus	Common Sunflower	FACU
Hesperostipa comata	Needle-and-Thread	UPL
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	FAC
Lepidium perfoliatum	Clasping Pepperwort	FAC
Linum lewisii	Prairie Flax	UPL
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	UPL
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
Muhlenbergia asperifolia	Alkali Muhly	FACW
Pascopyrum smithii	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU
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APPENDIX C

PROJECT AREA PHOTOGRAPHS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Forsyth Northwest – West, Middle, and East Sites
Rosebud County, Montana

Forsyth Northwest – West Site: Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point 1: Located near NE Corner of SE End; Bearing 270 degrees; Year 2013

Photo Point 1: Located near NE Corner of SE End; Bearing 270 degrees; Year 2023

Photo Point 2: Located near SW Corner of SE End; Bearing 350 degrees; Year 2013

Photo Point 2: Located near SW Corner of SE End; Bearing 350 degrees; Year 2023

Forsyth Northwest – West Site: Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point 3: Located near NE side near middle of site; Bearing 230 degrees; Year 2013

Photo Point 3: Located near NE side near middle of site; Bearing 230 degrees; Year 2023

Photo Point 4: Located near NE corner of NW end; Bearing 210 degrees; Year 2013

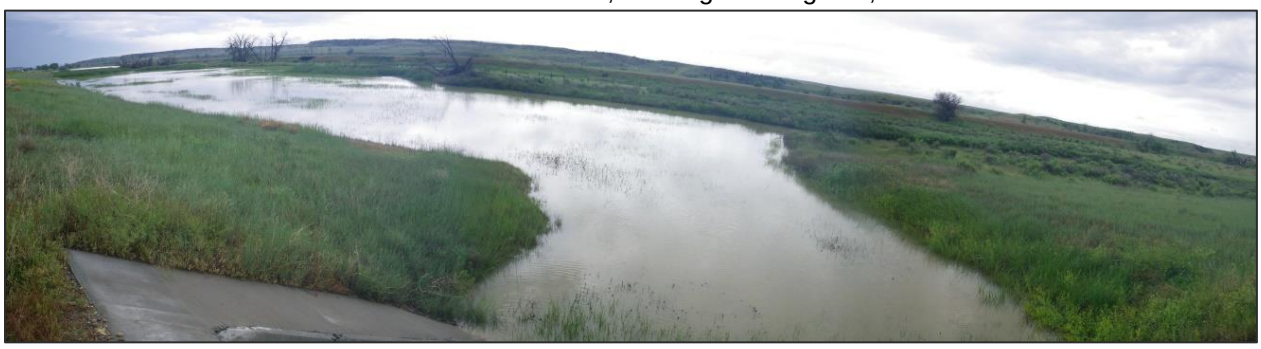

Photo Point 4: Located near NE corner of NW end; Bearing 210 degrees; Year 2023

Forsyth Northwest – West Site: Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point 5: Located near SW side near middle of site; Bearing 45 degrees; Year 2013

Photo Point 5: Located near SW side near middle of site; Bearing 45 degrees; Year 2023

Photo Point 6 **Location:** Center of new dike
Bearing: 300 degrees **Year:** 2017

Photo Point 6 **Location:** Center of new dike
Bearing: 300 degrees **Year:** 2023

Photo Point 6 **Location:** Center of new dike
Bearing: 120 degrees **Year:** 2017

Photo Point 6 **Location:** Center of new dike
Bearing: 120 degrees **Year:** 2023

Forsyth Northwest – West Site: Transect Photographs

Transect 1: Start **Location:** SE end of site
Bearing: 25 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 1: Start **Location:** SE end of site
Bearing: 25 degrees **Year:** 2023

Transect 1: End **Location:** SE end
Bearing: 205 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 1: End **Location:** SE end
Bearing: 205 degrees **Year:** 2023

Transect 2: Start **Location:** NW End
Bearing: 25 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 2: Start **Location:** NW End
Bearing: 25 degrees **Year:** 2023

Forsyth Northwest – West Site: Transect and Data Point Photographs

Transect 2: End
Bearing: 205 degrees
Location: Northwest End
Year: 2013

Transect 2: End
Bearing: 205 degrees
Location: Northwest End
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP01w
Location: N side of site
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP01u
Location: N side of site
Year: 2023

Data point: DP02w
Location: SW Side
Year: 2023

Data point: DP02u
Location: SW Side
Year: 2023

Forsyth Northwest – West Site: Data Point Photographs

Data Point: DP03w **Location:** NE side of site
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP03u **Location:** NE side of site
Year: 2023

Additional Photo 1: **Location:** SW side of site looking W
Year: 2023

Additional Photo 2: **Location:** SW side of site looking NW
Year: 2023

Forsyth Northwest – Middle: Photo Point and Transect Photographs

Photo Point: 1 **Location:** Northwest End
Bearing: 120 degrees **Year:** 2013

Photo Point: 1 **Location:** Northwest End
Bearing: 120 degrees **Year:** 2023

Photo Point: 2 **Location:** Southeast end
Bearing: 300 degrees **Year:** 2013

Photo Point: 2 **Location:** Southeast end
Bearing: 300 degrees **Year:** 2023

Transect 1: Start **Location:** Middle of Site
Bearing: 205 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 1: Start **Location:** Middle of Site
Bearing: 205 degrees **Year:** 2023

Forsyth Northwest – Middle: Transect and Data Point Photographs

Transect 1: End
Bearing: 25 degrees
Location: Middle of Site
Year: 2013

Transect 1: End
Bearing: 25 degrees
Location: Middle of Site
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP01w
Location: Southeast end
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP01u
Location: Southeast end
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP02w
Location: Southeast end
Year: 2023

Data Point: DP02u
Location: Southeast end
Year: 2023

Forsyth Northwest – East Site: Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point: 1 **Location**: NW end of site
Bearing: 125 degrees **Year** 2013

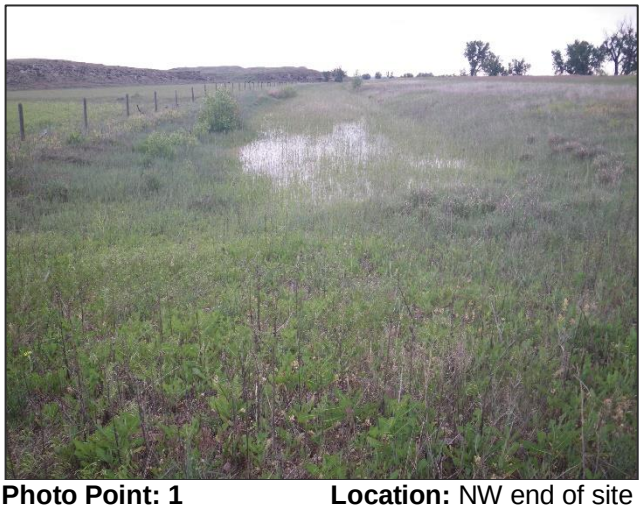

Photo Point: 1 **Location:** NW end of site
Bearing: 125 degrees **Year**: 2023

Photo Point 2: Located near Center of Site along the northwest boundary; Bearing 210 degrees; Year 2013

Photo Point 2: Located near Center of Site along the northwest boundary; Bearing 210 degrees; Year 2023

Photo Point: 3 **Location:** SE end of site
Bearing: 305 degrees **Year**: 2013

Photo Point: 3 **Location:** SE end of site
Bearing: 305 degrees **Year:** 2023

Forsyth Northwest – East Site: Transect Photographs

Transect 1: Start **Location:** Northwest End
Bearing: 145 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 1: Start **Location:** Northwest End
Bearing: 145 degrees **Year:** 2023

Transect 1: End **Location:** Northwest End
Bearing: 325 degrees **Year**: 2013

Transect 1: End **Location**: Northwest End
Bearing: 325 degrees **Year:** 2023

Transect 2: Start **Location:** Southeast End
Bearing: 280 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 2: Start **Location:** Southeast End
Bearing: 280 degrees **Year:** 2023

Forsyth Northwest – East Site: Transect and Data Point Photographs

Transect 2: End **Location:** Southeast End
Bearing:100 degrees **Year:** 2013

Transect 2: End **Location:** Northwest End
Bearing: 100 degrees **Year:** 2023

Data point: DP01w **Location:** Southwest End
Year: 2023

Data point: DP01u **Location**: Southwest End
Year: 2023

Data point: DP02w **Location:** Northwest Side
Year: 2023

Data point: DP02u **Location:** Northwest Side
Year: 2023

Forsyth Northwest – East Site: Data Point Photographs

Data point: DP03w **Location:** Southeast Side
Year: 2023

Data point: DP03u **Location:** Southeast Side
Year: 2023