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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Rostad Ranch 2016 Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Report presents the results of the fourth year of postconstruction monitoring at the Rostad Ranch wetland mitigation site. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Rostad Ranch project is located in the southwest quarter of Section 12 and the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 11 East, Meagher County, Montana. The property is located approximately 0.6 mile northeast of Martinsdale, Montana, as illustrated in Figure 1-1. The site was constructed to provide MDT with an estimated 39.70 acres of wetland mitigation credits on a private ranch that had been historically used for grazing cattle and hay production.

The entire 60-acre mitigation site is protected long-term by an MDT wetland conservation easement agreement with the landowner. A fence that was installed along the boundaries of the wetland conservation easement demarcates the site.

Figures A-2 and A-3 in Appendix A show the 2016 monitoring activity locations and mapped site features, respectively. The MDT Mitigation Site Monitoring form, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Determination Data forms for the Great Plains (GP) Region [USACE, 2010], and the 2008 MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) forms [Berglund and McEldowney, 2008] are included in Appendix B. Project site photographs are included in Appendix C, and the Preliminary Design Plan and Profile is provided in Appendix D.

The Rostad Ranch site is located within Watershed #10 – Musselshell River Basin. Wetlands were developed at this location to provide compensatory mitigation for wetland impacts associated with future transportation projects in the Musselshell River Basin. The Rostad Ranch site was selected based on site evaluations and project feasibility assessments initiated by MDT in 2002.

The project objectives include the following:

- Provide 39.70 acres of wetland mitigation credits that result from restoration, creation, rehabilitation, and preservation within the site.
- Establish three types of wetland vegetation communities, including:
    1. Palustrine emergent wet meadow
    2. Palustrine scrub/shrub
    3. Emergent zones around the open-water areas
    4. Upland buffer established around the wetland perimeter.

The project credit ratios as presented in the *Rostad Ranch Wetland Mitigation Plan, Meagher County, Montana* [MDT, 2007], which was approved by the USACE, are shown in Table 1-1.

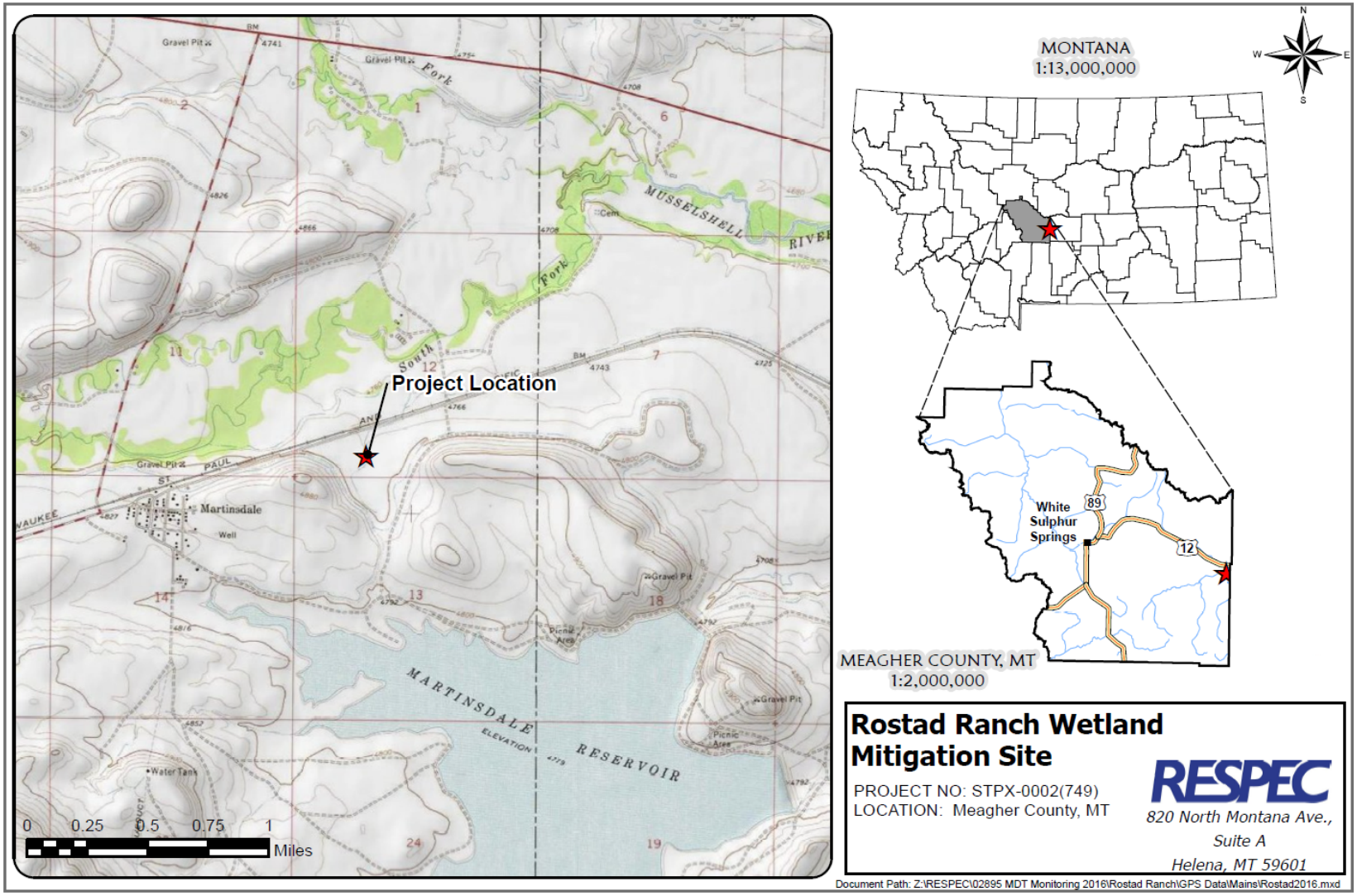


Figure 1-1. Project Location of the Rostad Ranch Site.

Table 1-1. Wetland Credit Determination for the Rostad Ranch Site

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Proposed Wetland Type[(a)]	Anticipated Mitigation Area (acres)	Approved Mitigation Ratios[(b)]	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (acres)
Restoration (Reestablishment)	Palustrine emergent and scrub/shrub	27.11	1:1	27.11
Creation (Establishment)	Palustrine emergent and scrub/shrub	9.84	1:1	9.84
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	Palustrine emergent	2.63	1.5:1	1.75
Preservation	Palustrine, scrub/shrub	0.25	4:1	0.06
Upland Buffer	N/A	6.76	5:1	1.35
Permanent Wetland Impact	N/A	N/A	1:1	–0.41
Totals	**Site Acreage**	**46.59**	**Credit Acreage**	**39.70**

(a) Cowardin et al. [1979].

(b) Mitigation credit ratios used were from the Montana Corps Regulatory Programs 2005 Wetland Credit Ratios [USACE, 2005].

The USACE-approved performance standards are listed below.

1. **Wetland Characteristics:** All of the restored, created, enhanced, and preserved wetlands within the project limits will meet the three parameter criteria for hydrology, vegetation, and soils established for determining wetland areas as outlined in the 1987 *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (1987 Wetland Manual) [Environmental Laboratory, 1987] and the 2010 *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Manual: Great Plains Region (Version 2.0)* (2010 Regional Supplement) [USACE, 2010]. These methodologies were used to establish baseline wetland conditions on site.

    a. **Wetland Hydrology Success** will be achieved where wetland hydrology is observed according to technical guidelines in the above-referenced documents. The USACE technical standard for monitoring wetland hydrology requires 14 or more consecutive days of flooding or ponding, or a water table that is 12 inches (30 centimeters) or less below the soils surface during the growing season at a minimum frequency of 5 years in 10 (50 percent or higher probability).

    b. **Hydric Soil Success** will be achieved where hydric soil conditions are present (per the most recent Natural Resource Conservation Service definitions for hydric soil) or appear to be forming, the soil is sufficiently stable to prevent erosion, and the soil is able to support plant cover. Soil sampling will be conducted during the course of the monitoring period to determine if wetland areas are exhibiting characteristics of hydric soils per the 1987 Wetland Manual. Because typical hydric soil indicators may require long periods to form, a lack of distinctive hydric soil features will not be considered a failure if hydrologic and vegetation success is achieved.

    c. **Hydrophytic Vegetation Success** will be achieved where combined absolute cover of facultative or wetter species is greater than or equal to 70 percent and state-listed noxious

weeds do not exceed 5 percent absolute cover. The following concept of "dominance," as defined in the 2010 Regional Supplement, will be applied during future routine wetland determinations in the created/restored wetlands: "*Subjectively determine the dominant species by estimating those having the largest relative basal area (woody overstory), greatest height (woody understory), greatest percentage of aerial cover (herbaceous understory), and/or greatest number of stems (woody vines).*"

i. **Woody Plants –** Plantings will be considered successful where they exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years. MDT anticipates that natural colonization of woody plant species from nearby sources after construction activities are complete. The rate and extent of natural woody plant colonization will depend on factors such as habitat availability, animal activity, seed sources, and other natural selection factors.

ii. **Herbaceous Plants –** At the conclusion of the monitoring period, ocular coverage of desirable hydrophytic vegetation (wetland plants listed as OBL, FACW, and FAC) will be at least 80 percent. A wetland seed mix was prepared for this site that included tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*), Northwest Territory sedge (*Carex utriculata*), Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), American slough grass (*Beckmannia syzigachne*), American manna grass (*Glyceria grandis*), and bluejoint reed grass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*).

2. **Open-Water Areas:** The intent of the project is to provide seasonal open water in the wetland enhancement areas where excavation in the existing wetland and upland will be completed. Open water that is established within the designated open-water areas will be considered successful and creditable if it does not exceed 10 percent of the total wetland acreage (39.83 acres).
3. **Upland Buffer:** Success will be achieved when noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent of cover within the buffer areas on site. Any area within the creditable buffer zone disturbed by project construction must have at least 50 percent aerial cover of desirable upland plant species by the end of the monitoring period.
4. **Weed Control:** Implementation of weed control will be based on annual monitoring of the site to determine the weed species present and degree of infestation within the site. Based on the monitoring results, control measures will be implemented by MDT to reduce and eventually minimize infestations of state-listed noxious weed species within the site.
5. **Fencing:** Fencing for the proposed mitigation site has been installed along the perimeter of the easement boundary to protect the integrity of the wetland from disturbance that may be detrimental to the site. The installed fencing is designed to be wildlife-friendly to allow for wildlife movement into and out of the site.

Construction entailed filling of existing ditches, excavating and grading the site to distribute water across the site, and creating open-water areas. The primary source of wetland hydrology for the site is groundwater. A groundwater seep located in the south portion of the site provides water to the site during high groundwater periods. Surface water from an irrigation ditch that runs along the south boundary of the site augments the site hydrology. A diversion structure was installed at the south end of the project to direct irrigation water onto the site to recharge groundwater.

Revegetation tasks included using a combination of wetland seed mixes, native tree/shrub plantings, and willow cuttings that were collected from a variety of native species found in the area. Mitigation habitat types that were developed on the site through the construction process include restored open water; created, restored, and enhanced wetland areas; and upland buffer areas. Specific revegetation tasks were developed for each habitat type.

Monitoring the site will be completed according to MDT's *Standard Monitoring Protocol*, which has been used for all of the MDT wetland mitigation sites since 1998. Monitoring will be implemented for a minimum of 5 years or longer as determined by the USACE Montana Regulatory Office's review of the annual monitoring reports for the site. The USACE will make the final decision as to whether the site has met wetland success criteria.

2.0 METHODS

The first year of monitoring at the Rostad Ranch site was completed on August 21, 2013. During this visit, MDT established permanent photo points and vegetation transects within the site. The 2016 monitoring event was completed on June 27, 2016. Information for the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form and Wetland Determination Data forms was recorded in the field during the site investigation (Appendix B). Monitoring activity sites were located with a global positioning system (GPS) and are illustrated on Figure A-2 (Appendix A). Data-collection activities included a wetland delineation, vegetation community mapping, vegetation transect monitoring, soil and hydrology data collection, bird- and wildlife-use documentation, photographic documentation, functional assessment, and a nonengineering examination of the infrastructure established within the mitigation project area.

2.1 HYDROLOGY

The presence of hydrological indicators as outlined on the Wetland Determination Data form was assessed at four data points established within the project area. The hydrologic indicators were evaluated according to features observed in situ during the site visit. The data were recorded on the Wetland Determination Data forms (Appendix B). Hydrologic assessments allow mitigation goals that address inundation and saturation requirements to be evaluated.

Technical criteria for wetland hydrology guidelines have been established as "permanent or periodic inundation, or soil saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface for a significant period (12.5 percent of the growing season) during the growing season" [USACE, 2010]. Systems with continuous inundation or saturation for greater than 12.5 percent of the growing season are considered jurisdictional wetlands. The growing season is defined for purposes of this report as the number of days when a 50 percent probability exists that the minimum daily temperature is greater than or equal to 28.5 degrees Fahrenheit [USACE, 2010]. Temperature data recorded for the meteorological station at the Martinsdale 3NNW, Montana (245387), weather station, which is located approximately 3.3 miles northwest of the site, have a median (5 years in 10) growing season length of 119 days. Areas that were defined as wetlands would require 15 days of inundation or saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface to meet the hydrology criteria.

Soil pits that were excavated during the wetland delineation were used to evaluate groundwater levels within 18 inches of the ground surface. The data were recorded on the Wetland Determination Data forms (Appendix B).

2.2 VEGETATION

The boundaries of general dominant-species-based vegetation communities were determined in the field during the active growing season and subsequently delineated on the 2016 aerial photographs. The percent cover of dominant species within a community type was estimated and recorded using the following values: 0 (< 1 percent), 1 (1–5 percent), 2 (6–10 percent), 3 (11–20 percent), 4 (21–50 percent), and 5 (> 50 percent) (Appendix B). Community types were named based on the predominant vegetation species that characterized each mapped polygon (Figure A-3, Appendix A).

Temporal changes in vegetation were evaluated through annual assessments of a static belt transect established in August 2013 (Figure A-2, Appendix A). Vegetation composition was assessed and recorded along three vegetation belt transects (T-1, T-2, and T-3), which are approximately 10 feet wide and 422, 453, and 320 feet long, respectively (Figure A-2, Appendix A). The transect endpoints were recorded with a resource-grade GPS unit. The survival of woody species that were planted on the site was recorded during each monitoring event.

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

The *Montana Noxious Weed List* (July 2015), prepared by the Montana Department of Agriculture [2015], was used to categorize weeds identified within the site. The location of noxious weeds was noted in the field during the investigation and mapped on the 2016 aerial photos (Appendix A). The noxious weed species that were identified are color-coded. The locations are denoted with the symbol "**x**", "▲", or "■," which represent 0.0–0.1 acre, 0.1–1.0 acre, or greater than 1.0 acre in extent, respectively. The letters T, L, M, and H represent the cover classes and stand for less than 1 percent, 1–5 percent, 6–25 percent, and 26–100 percent, respectively.

2.3 SOIL

Soil information was obtained from the *Web Soil Survey for Meagher County Area* [US Department of Agriculture (USDA), 2012] and in situ soil descriptions. Soil cores were excavated by using a Montana sharpshooter shovel and evaluated according to procedures outlined in the 1987 Wetland Manual [Environmental Laboratory, 1987] and the 2010 Regional Supplement [USACE, 2010]. A description of the soil profile, including hydric soil indicators when present, was recorded on the Wetland Determination Data form for each profile (Appendix B).

2.4 WETLAND DELINEATION

Waters of the US, including special aquatic sites and jurisdictional wetlands, were delineated throughout the project area according to criteria established in the 1987 Wetland Manual and the 2010 Regional Supplement. The technical criteria for hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soil, and wetland hydrology that were described in the 2010 Regional Supplement must be satisfied to delineate a representative area as jurisdictional. The name and indicator status of plant species was derived from the 2016 National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) [Lichvar et al., 2016]. A routine level-2 on-site determination method [Environmental Laboratory, 1987] was used to delineate jurisdictional areas within the project boundaries. The information was recorded onto the Wetland Determination Data forms (Appendix B).

The wetland boundary was determined in the field based on changes in plant communities and/or hydrology and changes in soil characteristics. Topographic relief boundaries within the project area were also examined and cross-referenced with soil and vegetation communities as supportive information for this delineation. Vegetation composition, soil characteristics, and hydrology were assessed at likely wetland and adjacent upland locations. If all three parameters met the criteria, the area was designated as wetland and mapped by vegetation community type. If any one of the parameters did not exhibit positive wetland indicators, the area was determined to be upland unless the site was classified as an atypical situation, potential problem area, or special aquatic site (i.e., mudflat). The wetland boundary was surveyed and identified on the 2016 aerial photographs. Wetland areas were calculated using GIS methods.

2.5 WILDLIFE

Observations and other positive indicators of use by mammal, reptile, amphibian, and bird species were recorded on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring forms during each of the site visits. Indirect-use indicators, including tracks, scat, burrows, eggshells, skins, and bones, were also recorded. These signs were recorded while traversing the site for other required activities. Direct sampling methods, such as snap traps, live traps, and pitfall traps, were not used. A comprehensive wildlife species list of animals observed from 2013 through 2016 was compiled for this report.

2.6 FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT

The 1999 MDT MWAM [Berglund, 1999] was used to evaluate the functions and values of the 3.4 acres of existing wetlands identified on the site in 2004. The 2008 MDT MWAM [Berglund and McEldowney, 2008] was used to evaluate functions and values of wetlands delineated on the site from 2013 through 2016. This method provides an objective means of assigning wetlands an overall rating and provides regulators with a means of assessing mitigation success based on wetland functions. Functions are self-sustaining properties of a wetland ecosystem that exist in the absence of society and relate to ecological significance without regard to subjective human values [Berglund and McEldowney, 2008]. Field data for this assessment were collected during the site visit. MWAM forms were completed for one assessment area (AA) that included both created and existing wetlands within the mitigation site (Appendix B).

2.7 PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Monitoring at photo points provided supplemental information that documented wetland, upland, and transect conditions; site trends; and current land uses that surround the site. Photographs were taken at established photo points throughout the site during the site visit (Appendix C). Photo-point locations were recorded with a resource-grade GPS unit (Figure A-2, Appendix A).

2.8 GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM DATA

Site features and survey points were collected by using a resource-grade (± 1 meter) Trimble R1 GNSS GPS receiver and companion Android tablet during the 2016 monitoring season. The collected data were then transferred to a personal computer, imported into GIS, and projected in Montana State Plane Single Zone NAD 83 meters. Site features and survey points that were located with GPS included wetland boundaries, fence boundaries, photo points, transect endpoints, noxious weed infestations, and wetland data points.

2.9 MAINTENANCE NEEDS

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

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 HYDROLOGY

Climate data from the meteorological station at the Martinsdale 3 NNW, Montana (245387), weather station recorded an average annual precipitation rate of 13.61 inches from January 1893 to July 2012 [Western Region Climate Center, 2013]. The historic precipitation average from January to August (1893–2012) was 10.55 inches. This station, however, was missing precipitation data for the latter part of 2011 through 2014. The Lennep 6 WSW (244954) weather station [Western Regional Climate Center, 2016] is located near the site (approximately 11 miles southwest) and has a period of record that extends from August 1959 through August 2016. Based on data recorded from the Lennep Station for the January through August time period, precipitation totals for this region were 12.50 inches (long-term average), 16.32 inches (2011), 9.42 inches (2012), 12.3 inches (2013), 14.27 inches (2014), 11.77 inches (2015), and 10.81 inches (2016). The data that were collected after construction indicate below-average precipitation in 2012, 2015, and 2016; near-average precipitation in 2013; and above-average precipitation in 2014.

The hydrology for the site is supplied from multiple sources, including a shallow seasonal groundwater table, groundwater that emerges from a natural spring located near the narrow-leaf willow (*Salix exigua*) stand in the south portion of the site, direct precipitation, surface runoff, and surface-water diversion out of an adjacent irrigation canal. Construction included excavating and grading to fill drainage ditches, distributing water across the site, creating open-water areas, and installing a diversion structure in the south end of the site to direct irrigation water to the site. MDT has secured water rights to use surface water as a secondary source of hydrology to supplement the groundwater

and ensure long-term viability of the site. The irrigation canal originates west of Martinsdale and is supplied by flows from the South Fork Musselshell River.

During the 2016 field survey, approximately 45 percent of the wetland area was inundated, including one wetland depression that was impounded by a constructed dike in the northern half of the site and one excavated depression located in the south half of the site. MDT turned the irrigation water into the Rostad site on May 5; this water was shut off on June 14 because of a lack of water by the irrigation district. During that time, MDT used approximately 80-acre-feet of water to supplement the wetlands because of the lack of precipitation this spring. Overall precipitation levels were below average between 2015 and 2016, and the lack of snowpack affected moisture regimes for the entire watershed and site in 2016.

Water depths ranged from 0.25 to 2.0 feet and averaged 0.5 foot. Water depth at the edge of the open-water boundary was 0.5 foot. Vegetation around the perimeter of the open boundary increased in 2015 from previous years. Areas that were not inundated exhibited seasonal soil saturation to the ground surface. Evidence of wetland hydrology observed on the site in 2016 included drainage patterns, soil saturation, high water table, oxidized rhizospheres on living roots, geomorphic position, water marks, drift deposits, and a positive FAC-neutral test.

Four data points were sampled to determine the upland and wetland boundaries (Wetland Determination Data forms, Appendix B). DP1-W and DP2-W were located near the center of the site in areas that met the wetland criteria. Wetland hydrology indicators at DP1-W, which is located near the edge of a created wetland cell, included drainage patterns and a positive FAC-neutral test. DP2-W was located in a newly delineated wetland swale and included the following wetland hydrology indicators: a high water table within 2 inches of the soil surface, saturation to the ground surface, oxidized rhizospheres on living roots, drainage patterns, and a positive FAC-neutral test. No primary or secondary indicators of wetland hydrology were observed at DP1-U or DP2-U, which are located upslope of the wetland data points in upland community Type 8.

To date, wetland hydrology has been lacking across the site, which has resulted in the creation, reestablishment, and rehabilitation of fewer acres of wetland than were originally proposed for the site. Generally speaking, the northwest and southeast quadrants of the site are not becoming inundated during the growing season and have not converted from upland to wetland plant communities as intended.

3.2 VEGETATION

A total of 65 plant species were identified on the site from 2013 through 2016, as provided in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1. Vegetation Species Observed From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site (Page 1 of 2)

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	FACU
Agropyron cristatum	**Crested Wheatgrass**	**NI**
Agrostis gigantea	Black Bent	FACW
Algae, green	Algae, green	NL
Alopecurus pratensis	Field Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Amaranthus retroflexus	Red-Root	FACU
Ambrosia acanthicarpa	Flat-spine Ragweed	NL
Aster sp.	Aster	NL
Bassia scoparia	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Beckmannia syzigachne	American Slough Grass	OBL
Berteroa incana	Hoary False-alyssum	NL
Brassica kaber	Brassica kaber	NL
Bromus arvensis	Field Brome	FACU
Bromus carinatus	California Brome	NL
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Carex nebrascensis	Nebraska Sedge	OBL
Carex utriculata	Northwest Territory Sedge	OBL
Centaurea stoebe	Spotted Knapweed	NL
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Chenopodium sp.	Goosefoot	NL
Cirsium arvense	Canadian Thistle	FACU
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	NL
Cynoglossum officinale	Gypsy-Flower	FACU
Cyrtorhyncha cymbalaria	Alkali Buttercup	OBL
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair Grass	FACW
Descurainia sophia	Herb Sophia	NL
Downingia laeta	Great Basin Calico Flower	NL
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Epilobium ciliatum	Fringed Willowherb	FACW
Glyceria grandis	American Manna Grass	OBL
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	**American Licorice**	**FACU**
Helianthus annuus	Common Sunflower	FACU
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW

Table 3-1. Vegetation Species Observed From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site (Page 2 of 2)

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Juncus articulatus	Joint-Leaf Rush	OBL
Juncus balticus	Baltic Rush	FACW
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	OBL
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	FAC
Lepidium densiflorum	Miner's Pepperwort	FAC
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	UPL
Melilotus albus	White Sweet-Clover	NL
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
Mentha arvensis	**American Wild Mint**	**FACW**
Pascopyrum smithii	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canary Grass	FACW
Phleum pratense	Common Timothy	FACU
Poa palustris	Fowl Blue Grass	FACW
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Blue Grass	FACU
Polypogon monspeliensis	Annual Rabbit's-Foot Grass	FACW
Populus angustifolia	Narrow-Leaf Cottonwood	FACW
Populus balsamifera	Balsam Poplar	FACW
Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	FAC
Potentilla gracilis	Graceful Cinquefoil	FAC
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock	FAC
Rumex occidentalis	Western Dock	OBL
Salix exigua	Narrow-Leaf Willow	FACW
Schedonorus pratensis	Meadow False Rye Grass	FACU
Sonchus arvensis	Field Sow-Thistle	FAC
Tanacetum vulgare	Common Tansy	FACU
Taraxacum officinale	Common Dandelion	FACU
Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress	FACU
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard	NL
Trifolium arvense	Rabbit-foot Clover	NL
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	FACU
Trifolium repens	White Clover	FACU
Typha latifolia	Broad-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL
Veronica peregrina	Neckweed	FACW

(a) 2016 NWPL [Lichvar et al., 2016].
New species that were identified in 2016 are **bolded.**

Vegetation plant communities were identified by plant composition and dominance. The following six vegetation community types were identified in 2016:

- Upland Type 8 – *Bromus inermis/Trifolium* spp.
- Wetland Type 2 – *Juncus balticus/Carex nebrascensis*
- Wetland Type 3 – *Salix exigua*
- Wetland Type 5 – *Glyceria grandis/Typha latifolia*
- Wetland Type 6 – Open Water/Aquatic Macrophytes
- Wetland Type 7 – *Phalaris arundinacea*.

Wetland Type 7 was a new community in 2016. The community composition is provided in full detail on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B), and the community boundaries are shown on Figure A-3 (Appendix A). These community types are discussed below.

Upland community Type 8 – *Bromus inermis/Trifolium* spp. was identified on approximately 45.04 acres across the site. This community was previously identified as Type 1 – *Phleum pretense*/*Trifolium* spp. from 2013 through 2015. The community generally represented undisturbed uplands that were historically used for hay and cattle production and areas where spoils from excavation activities were deposited. A total of 42 species were identified within the community. Dominant species included smooth brome (*Bromus inermis*) and white clover (*Trifolium repens*), with lesser percent coverage of creeping wild rye (*Elymus repens*), meadow false rye grass (*Schedonorus pratensis*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*), red clover (*Trifolium pratense*), and yellow sweet-clover (*Melilotus officinalis*).

Wetland community Type 2 – *Juncus balticus/Carex nebrascensis* characterized a majority of the wetland areas delineated from 2013 through 2016. The community was mapped across 10.9 acres within the creation, reestablishment, and rehabilitation areas of the site. A total of 35 species were identified within the community. Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), Nebraska sedge (*Carex nebrascensis*), and American slough grass (*Beckmannia syzigachne*) were dominant components of this community. Other species included fox-tail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*), tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), common spike-rush (*Eleocharis palustris*), and narrow-leaf willow (*Salix exigua*).

Wetland community Type 3 – *Salix exigua* was identified within the 0.31-acre preexisting wetland area in the southern end of the site that remained undisturbed during 2012 construction. Narrow-leaf willow dominated the area. Many willow cuttings were installed around this community, which exhibited an approximate 50 percent survival during the 2016 field survey. This community is expected to expand over time, as indicated by the willow saplings/cuttings noted around the margins of the community. Fowl blue grass (*Poa palustris*), tufted hair grass, Nebraska sedge, Northwest Territory sedge (*Carex utriculata*), field meadow-foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), American slough grass, black bentgrass (*Agrostis gigantea*), broad-leaf cat-tail (*Typha latifolia*), common spike-rush, and neckweed (*Veronica peregrina*) were also identified within the community.

Wetland community Type 5 – *Glyceria grandis/Typha latifolia* was observed around the margins of inundated cells located in the south and north half of the site. The 2.24-acre community was dominated by emergent species, including American manna grass, broad-leaf cat-tail, common spike-rush, and American slough grass. This community showed an increase of 2.21 acres across the site in 2016 and replaced Type 6 because of lower water levels on the site in 2016.

Wetland community Type 6 – Open Water/Aquatic Macrophytes was identified on 0.64 acre and included two inundated areas: one was impounded by a constructed dike in the northern half of the site, and the other is an excavated depression located in the southern half of the site. Emergent and submergent species are expected to continue to establish in subsequent monitoring years. Twelve species were observed within the community, including common spike-rush, broad-leaf cat-tail, American slough grass, American manna grass (*Glyceria grandis*), and Great Basin calico flower (*Downingia laeta*). A trace amount of green algae (a protist) was present in the open water.

Wetland community Type 7 – *Phalaris arundinacea* was identified on 0.82 acre of the site along the southern edge of the impounded wetland on the northern half of the site. This community type is seasonally inundated and replaced Type 2 – *Juncus balticus/Carex nebrascensis* from previous years' monitoring. The increase in reed canary grass could be attributed to seeds being introduced to the site from supplemental irrigation flows and increased seed germination from low water levels in recent years.

Vegetation cover was measured along three transects at the site in 2016 (Figure A-2, Appendix A). The data recorded on T-1 (Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form, Appendix B) are summarized in tabular and graphical formats in Table 3-2 and Charts 3-1 and 3-2, respectively. Photographs of the transect ends are provided in Appendix C. T-1 extends 422 feet from a corner of the easement area into the large wetland depression that was impounded by the constructed dike. The transect intercepted upland community Type 8 – *Bromus inermis/Trifolium* spp. and wetland community Types 2, 5, 6, and 7. Ten hydrophytic and sixteen upland species were identified along the transect. Types 5 and 7 were new to the transect in 2016 as the vegetation communities adjust to differing water levels in the impoundment.

Data collected on T-2 (Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form, Appendix B) are summarized in tabular and graphic formats in Table 3-3 and Charts 3-3 and 3-4, respectively. Photographs at the transect endpoints are provided in Appendix C. This transect began at a mature narrow-leaf cottonwood (*Populus angustifolia*) tree near the entrance of the site, extended 453 feet, and alternated between upland community Type 8 – *Bromus inermis/Trifolium* spp. and wetland community Type 2 – *Juncus balticus/Carex nebrascensis*. Seven hydrophytic and eighteen upland species were identified along the transect. Hydrophytic vegetation composed 70 percent of T-2 in 2016.

Table 3-2. Data Summary for T-1 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site

Monitoring Year	2013	2014	2015	2016
Transect Length (feet)	**422**	**422**	**422**	**422**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	4	3	3	4
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	3	5
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	2	4
Total Vegetative Species	27	30	30	26
Total Hydrophytic Species	9	9	9	10
Total Upland Species	18	21	21	16
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	90	95	95	95
Estimated % Unvegetated	10	5	5	5
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	30.6	30.3	47.2	59.0
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	56.9	52.8	52.8	41.0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	12.6	16.8	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0	0	0

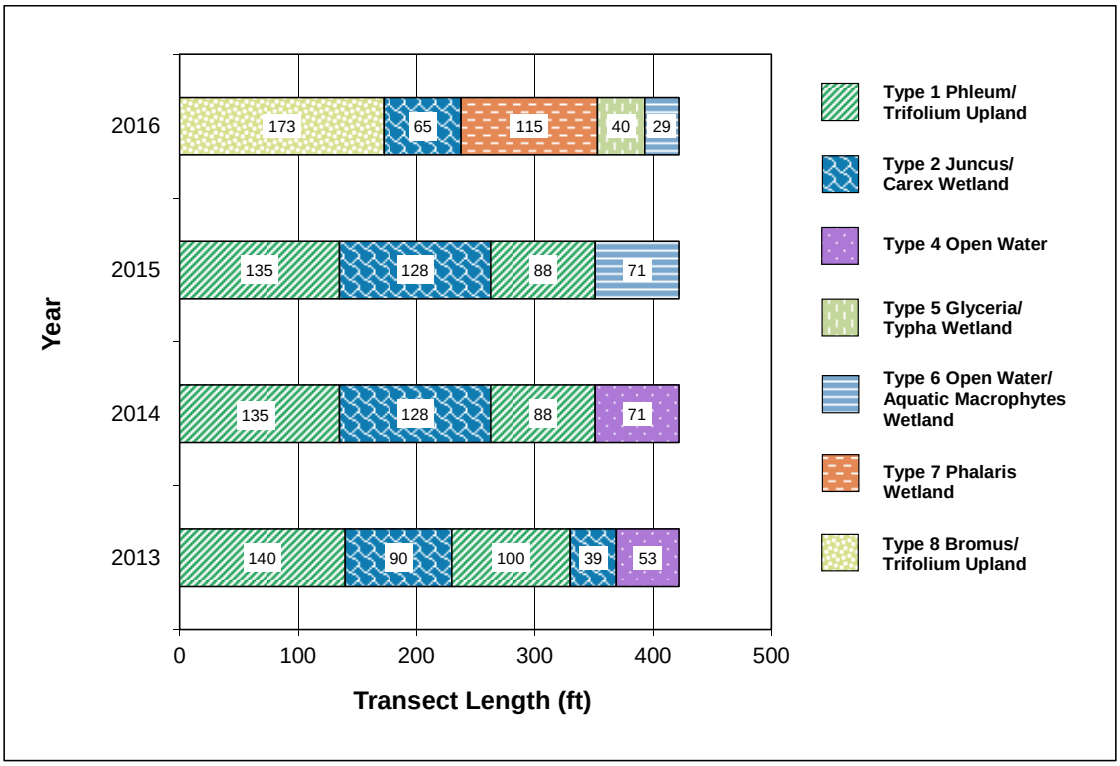


Chart 3-1. Transect Maps Showing Community Types on T-1 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site.

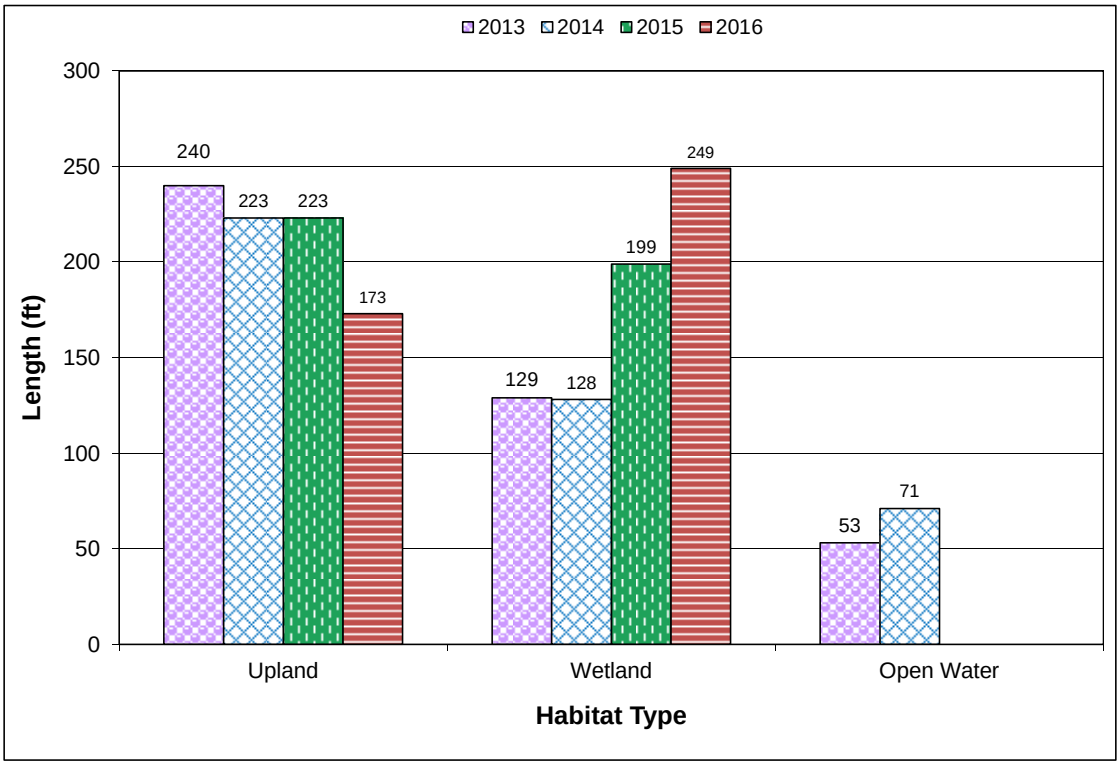


Chart 3-2. Length of Habitat Types Within T-1 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site.

Table 3-3. Data Summary for T-2 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site

Monitoring Year	2013	2014	2015	2016
Transect Length (feet)	**453**	**453**	**453**	**453**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	4	4	4	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	26	27	27	25
Total Hydrophytic Species	8	7	7	7
Total Upland Species	18	20	20	18
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	90	95	95	95
Estimated % Unvegetated	10	5	5	5
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	44.6	55.2	55.2	70.0
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	55.4	44.8	44.8	30.0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0	0	0

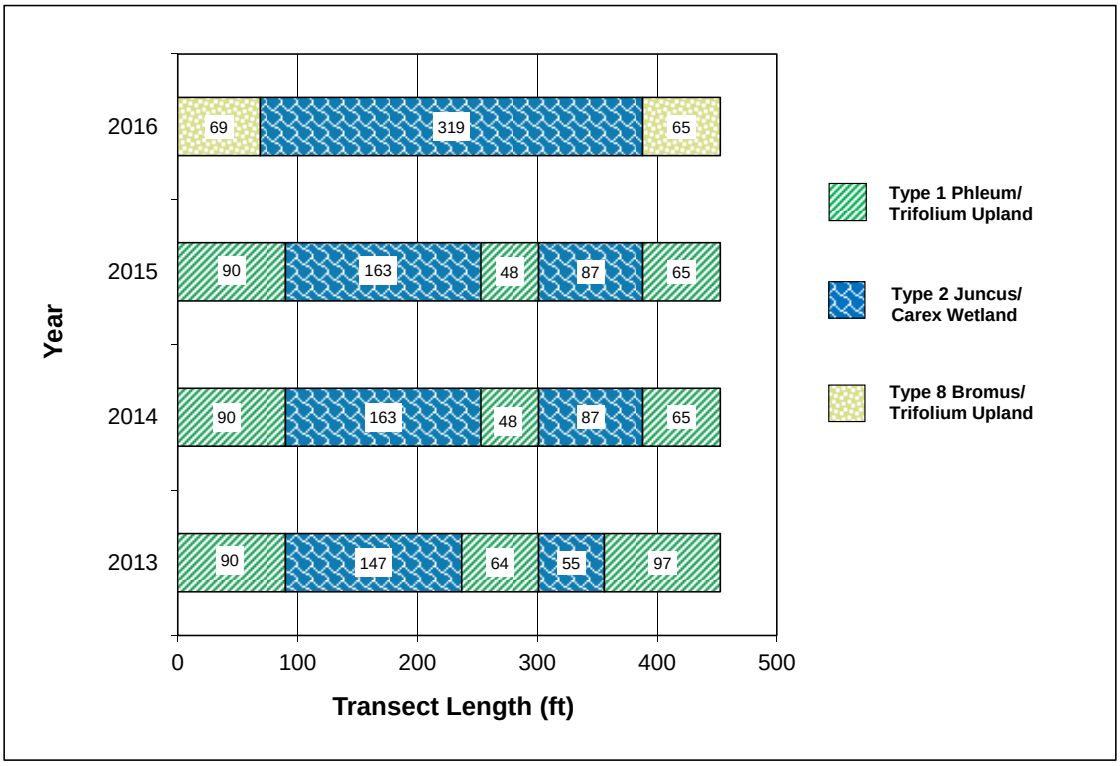


Chart 3-3. Transect Maps Showing Community Types on T-2 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site.

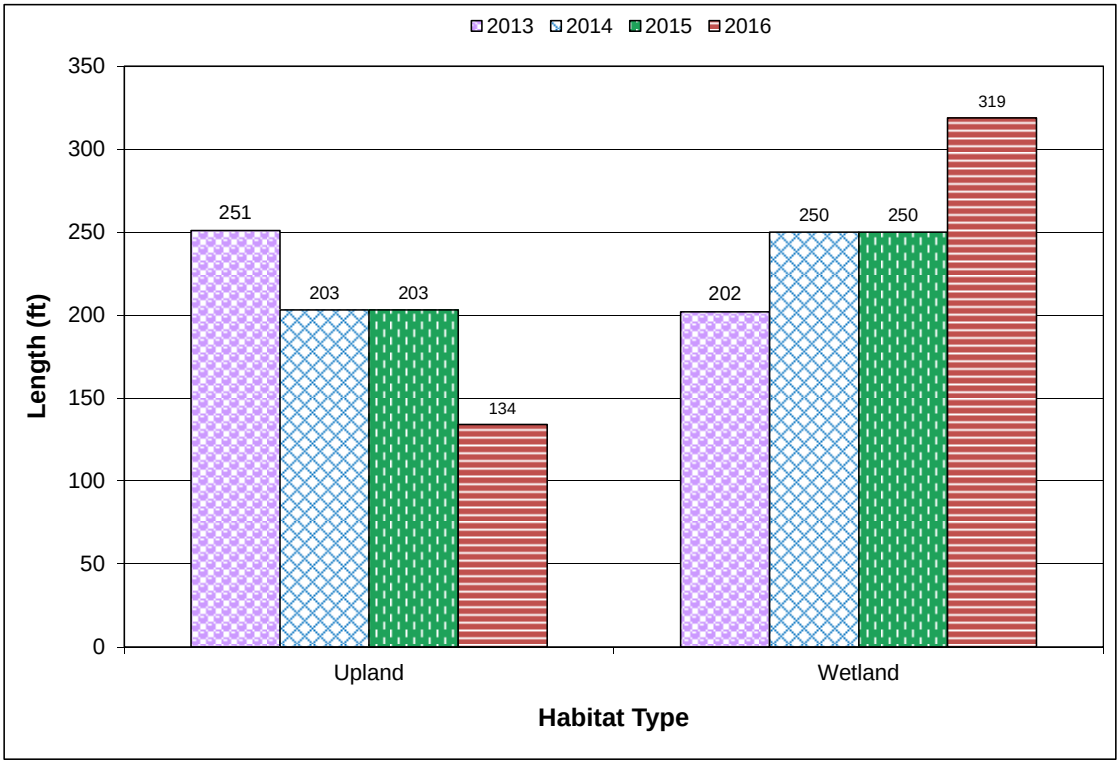


Chart 3-4. Length of Habitat Types Within T-2 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site.

T-3 was established in the south end of the mitigation site and traversed the excavated reestablishment and rehabilitation credit areas. Data collected on T-3 (Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form, Appendix B) are summarized in tabular and graphic formats in Table 3-4 and Charts 3-5 and 3-6, respectively. T-3 also began at a mature narrow-leaf cottonwood tree and extended east for 320 feet (Figure A-2, Appendix A). Photographs of the transect endpoints are shown in Appendix C. This transect originated in upland community Type 8, transitioned into wetland community Type 2, continued through wetland community Types 5 – *Glyceria grandis/Typha latifolia* and 6 – Open Water/Aquatic Macrophytes, and ended in wetland community Type 2. Wetland community Type 5 replaced a majority of the open water observed on the transect in 2013. Hydrophytic vegetation communities represented 93.4 percent of the transect intervals. Bare ground accounted for approximately 10 percent of the transect. Because of the presence of an active sandhill crane next at the east end of this transect (Figure A-2, Appendix A), field crews expedited their review of this transect and did not stretch a tape or walk the entire transect. No changes were apparent in the transect communities from 2015 based on a rapid assessment of the area.

Table 3-4. Data Summary for T-3 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site

Monitoring Year	2013	2014	2015	2016
Transect Length (feet)	**320**	**320**	**320**	**320**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	3	4	4	4
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	3	4	4
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	2	3	3
Total Vegetative Species	25	31	31	31
Total Hydrophytic Species	14	16	16	16
Total Upland Species	11	15	15	15
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	85	90	90	90
Estimated % Unvegetated	15	10	10	10
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	65.3	88.4	93.4	93.4
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	28.1	5	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0	0	0

Priority 2B noxious weeds that were identified within the Rostad Ranch site included hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), gypsy-flower (*Cynoglossum officinale*), field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), and common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*). A total of 33 infestation areas were mapped in 2016 and range in size from less than 0.1 acre to greater than 1 acre in size. The majority of the infestations, with cover classes that range from trace (less than 1 percent) to moderate (6–25 percent), were located at the edge of the constructed wetlands in upland community Type 8 – *Bromus inermis/Trifolium* spp. Many of the infestations appear to have established on the site before mitigation construction; eight new infestations were observed and documented during the field survey in 2014, five additional infestations in 2015, and three in 2016.

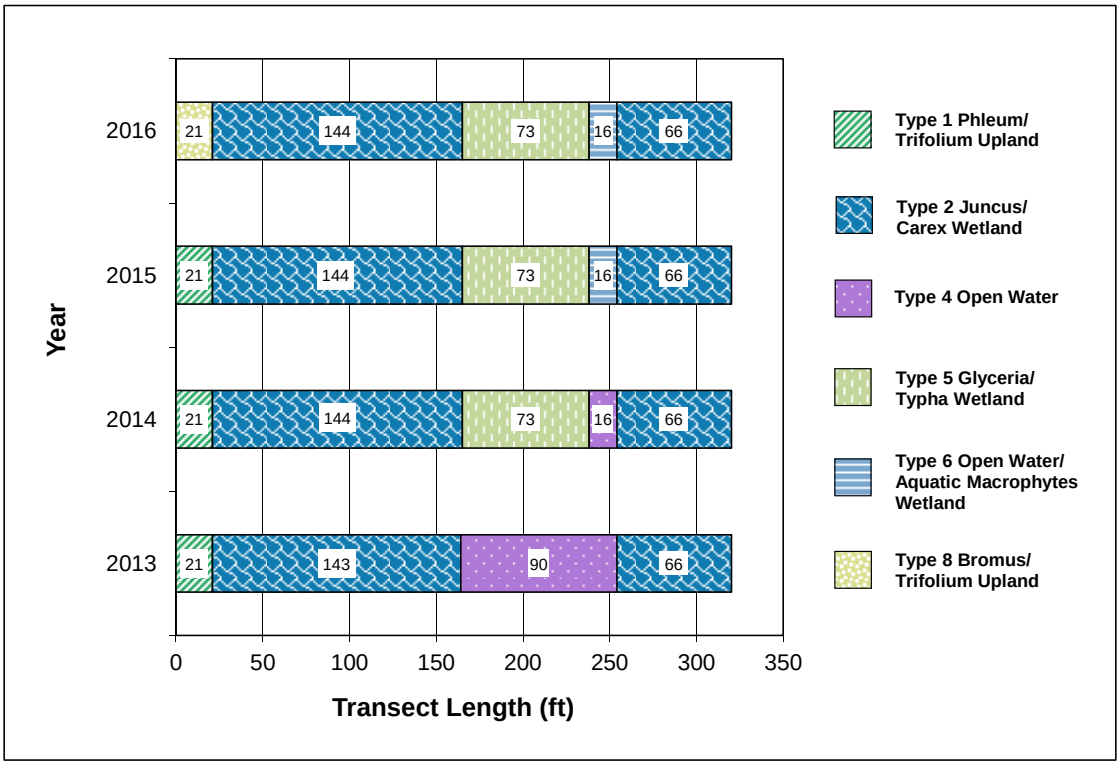


Chart 3-5. Transect Maps Showing Community Types on T-3 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site.

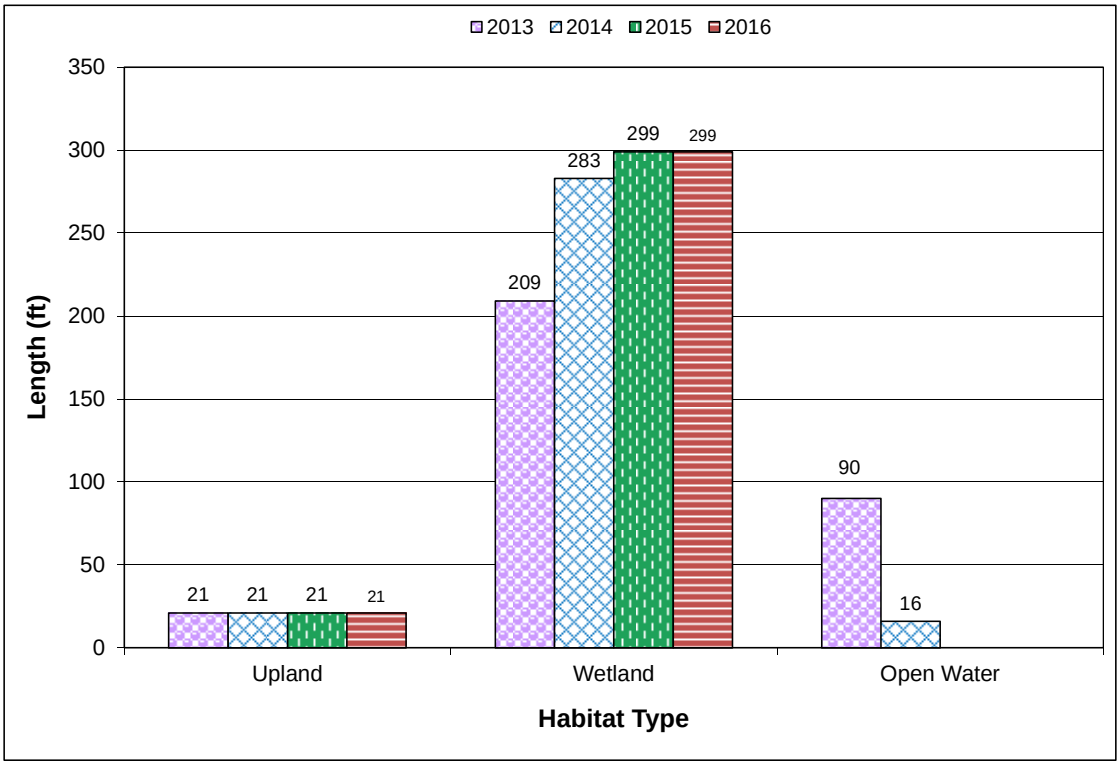


Chart 3-6. Length of Habitat Types Within T-3 From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site.

Approximately 2,000 willow cuttings were planted throughout the excavated areas. An estimated 50 percent of the willow cuttings survived through 2016. The cuttings appeared healthy and vigorous with some sign of browse. A total of 100 black cottonwoods (*Populus balsamifera*) and 100 quaking aspens (*Populus tremuloides*) were installed around the perimeter of the proposed open-water areas in 2012. Survival of these containerized, 5-gallon plant materials was also estimated at 50 percent in 2016. Natural recruitment of woody species may be occurring, but extremely tall grass in the herbaceous layer makes surveying for and identify planted and volunteer shrubs across the site very difficult.

3.3 SOIL

Soils on the site were mapped in the *Web Soil Survey for Meagher County Area* [USDA, 2012] as the Varney-Notter cobbly loam and Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam soil series. The Varney-Notter cobbly loam mapped soil unit was located across the northern half of the site while the Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam mapped soil unit was located across the southern half. Both series generally consist of very deep, well-drained soils formed in alluvium. The mapped soil units were not identified on the *Montana Hydric Soils List* [USDA, 2015].

Soil test pits were excavated at four locations, all within what was originally mapped as the Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam soil series (Figure A-2, Appendix A). DP1-W and DP2-W are located in areas that exhibited hydric soils. The soil at DP1-W, which is located at the edge of an excavated depression, consisted of an upper 6-inch very dark gray (10YR 3/1) sandy loam and a lower 12-inch dark gray (10YR 4/1) sandy loam with 5 percent yellowish-brown (10YR 5/8) redoximorphic concentrations. The soil met the criteria for depleted below dark surface (A11) and classification as a hydric soil. The soil profile at DP2-W, which is located in a drainage area between two wetland cells, revealed an upper 4-inch black (10YR 2/1) sandy clay loam and a lower 16-inch black (10YR 2/1) sandy clay loam with 15 percent yellowish-brown (10YR 5/6) redoximorphic concentrations. The soil met the criteria for redox dark surface (F6) and classification as a hydric soil. DP1-U, which is located upslope from DP1-W, displayed a dark grayish-brown (10YR 4/2) sandy clay loam and did not meet the criteria for any hydric soil indicators. DP2-U, which is located upslope from DP2-W, exhibited a dark grayish-brown (10YR 4/2) sandy clay loam and did not meet the criteria for any hydric soil indicators.

3.4 WETLAND DELINEATION

Four data points were evaluated in 2016 to determine the wetland and upland boundaries at this site (Figure A-2, Appendix A; Wetland Determination Data forms, Appendix B). DP1-W and DP2-W are located in areas that met the wetland criteria. The total wetland acreage delineated in 2016, including preexisting wetland areas, was 14.96 acres, which is an increase of 0.56 acre since 2014. The delineated acreages are provided in Table 3-5. The proposed wetland areas that were identified within the mitigation plan were overlaid with the wetlands surveyed in 2016 to identify the extent of wetlands within each crediting area. The 2016 wetland delineation included 0.25 acre within the preservation credit area, 9.97 acres within the reestablishment credit area, 1.56 acres within the wetland rehabilitation credit area, and 3.18 acres within the creation credit area. To date, the site is 31.63 acres short of the intended goal of 46.59 acres across the site. This lack of wetland development is directly

related to the lack of adequate hydrology across the site. One of the reasons the site is not receiving adequate hydrology is because of the inadequate water distribution across the site. MDT and the engineering company responsible for the design at the site are undertaking adaptive management actions during the fall/winter of 2016/2017 to provide a better distribution of water across portions of the site.

Table 3-5. Total Wetland Acres Delineated From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site

Wetland and Upland Habitats	2013 Delineated Acres	2014 Delineated Acres	2015 Delineated Acres	2016 Delineated Acres
Project Area	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Created Wetlands	1.07	2.68	3.18	3.18
Restoration Wetlands (Reestablishment)	10.89	9.91	9.91	9.97
Restoration Wetlands (Rehabilitation)	1.53	1.56	1.56	1.56
Preservation Wetlands	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Total Wetlands	**13.74**	**14.40**	**14.90**	**14.96**

3.5 WILDLIFE

A comprehensive list of birds and other wildlife species that were observed directly or indirectly from 2011 through 2016 is presented in Table 3-6 and the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form in Appendix B. White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), pronghorn antelope (*Antilocapra americana*), Richardson's ground squirrel (Urocitellus richardsonii), unidentified tadpoles, and 14 bird species were observed in 2016. Wildlife observations in 2016 are bolded in Table 3-6. During the 2016 site visit, an active sandhill crane nest with two eggs was observed in the south part of the site. The adult crane that was tending to the nest flushed when crews unknowingly approached to within 10 feet when work began on T-3. The nest was located directly in line with the transect, so crews expedited work in the immediate area so as to allow the adult to return to the nest, which was critical because of the high temperature. The adult returned to the nest after crews left that part of the site.

3.6 FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT

The 1999 MDT MWAM [Berglund, 1999] was used to evaluate the three existing wetlands that were identified within the site in 2004. The 2008 MWAM [Berglund and McEldowney, 2008] has been used to evaluate the site from 2013 through 2016. All of the wetlands that were identified from 2013 through 2016 were evaluated as one AA. The results of the 2004 and 2013–2016 assessments are summarized in Table 3-7. The completed 2016 MWAM form is included in Appendix B.

The 2004 assessment identified 3.4 acres of Category III wetlands. The majority of the existing wetlands within the site before construction consisted of man-made drainage and irrigation ditches that had been constructed to drain and disperse water throughout the site. The only remnants of the historic wetlands are a willow thicket and roadside drainage ditch. The preexisting wetlands averaged 34 percent of the possible score and attained a total of 12.46 functional units. Wetlands across the site remain Category III with high ratings for Montana Natural Heritage Program (MTNHP) species habitat, sediment/nutrient/toxicant removal, sediment/shoreline stabilization, and production export/ food chain support.

Table 3-6. Wildlife Species Observed From 2013 Through 2016 at the Rostad Ranch Site

Common Name	Scientific Name
Amphibian	
Boreal Chorus Frog	*Pseudacris maculata*
Frog Sp.	***Unidentified***
Bird	
American Goldfinch	*Spinus tristus*
American Robin	***Turdus migratorius***
American White Pelican	*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
Bank Swallow	*Riparia riparia*
Blue-winged Teal	*Anas discors*
Bobolink	***Dolichonyx oryzivorus***
Brewer's Blackbird	***Euphagus cyanocephalus***
Canada Goose	*Branta canadensis*
Common Grackle	*Quiscalus quiscula*
Eastern Kingbird	***Tyrannus tyrannus***
Grasshopper Sparrow	*Ammodramus savannarum*
Green-winged Teal	*Anas crecca*
Killdeer	***Charadrius vociferus***
Mallard	*Anas platyrhynchos*
Northern Flicker	***Colaptes auratus***
Northern Harrier	*Circus cyaneus*
Northern Shoveler	*Anas clypeata*
Red-tailed Hawk	*Buteo jamaicensis*
Red-winged Blackbird	***Agelaius phoeniceus***
Ring-necked Pheasant	***Phasianus colchicus***
Sandhill Crane	***Grus canadensis***
Sparrow sp.	***Unidentified***
Spotted Sandpiper	***Actitis macularius***
Tree Swallow	***Tachycineta bicolor***
Western Meadowlark	***Sturnella neglecta***
Willet	*Tringa semipalmata*
Wilson's Snipe	*Gallinago delicata*
Yellow-headed Blackbird	***Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus***
Black Bear	*Ursus americanus*
Coyote	*Canis latrans*
Deer sp.	*Odocoileus* sp.
Muskrat	*Ondatra zibethicus*
Pronghorn	***Antilocapra americana***
Raccoon	*Procyon lotor*
Richardson's Ground Squirrel	***Urocitellus richardsonii***
White-tailed Deer	***Odocoileus virginianus***

Species that were identified in 2016 are **bolded.**

Table 3-7. Functions and Values of the Rostad Ranch Site From 2004 and 2013 Through 2016

Function and Value Parameters From the Montana Wetland Assessment Method	2004[a] W-1-04	2004[a] W-2-04	2004[a] W-3-04	2013[b]	2014[b]	2015[b]	2016[b]
Listed/Proposed Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species Habitat	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0)	Low (0)	Low (0)
MTNHP Species Habitat	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
General Wildlife Habitat	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.5)	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Flood Attenuation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Short- and Long-Term Surface-Water Storage	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	High (0.8)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)
Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	High (1.0)	High (1.0)
Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	N/A	N/A	Mod (0.6)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
Production Export/Food Chain Support	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Low (0.3)	High (0.9)	Mod (0.6)	High (0.8)	High (0.8)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	High (1.0)	High (1.0)	N/A	High (1.0)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.2)	Mod (0.4)	Low (0.2)	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)
Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.05)	Low (0.05)	Low (0.05)	Low (0.05)
Actual Points/Possible Points	**3.9/10**	**3.9/10**	**1.9/8**	**5.25/8**	**4.65/9**	**5.75/9**	**5.75/9**
% of Possible Score Achieved	**39.0%**	**39.0%**	**24.0%**	**65.6%**	**51.7%**	**63.9%**	**63.9%**
Overall Category	**III**	**III**	**III**	**II**	**III**	**III**	**III**
Total Acreage of Assessed Wetlands Within Site Boundaries	**1.2**	**1.8**	**0.4**	**13.74**	**14.40**	**14.90**	**14.96**
Functional Units (acreage × actual points)	**4.68**	**7.02**	**0.76**	**72.1**	**67.0**	**85.7**	**86.02**

(a) 1999 MWAM form [Berglund, 1999].
(b) 2008 MWAM form [Berglund and McEldowney, 2008].

3.7 PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Photographs that were taken at photo points 1–7 (PP1 to PP7), transect endpoints, and wetland determination data points are shown in Appendix C.

3.8 MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Priority 2B noxious weeds that were identified within the Rostad Ranch site included hoary alyssum, spotted knapweed, Canadian thistle, gypsy-flower, field bindweed, and common tansy. A total of 33 infestation areas were mapped in 2016; these areas range in size from less than 0.1 acre to greater than 1 acre in size. The majority of the infestations, with cover classes that range from trace (less than 1 percent) to moderate (6–25 percent), were located at the edge of the constructed wetlands in upland community Type 1. A weed contractor with MDT treated 2 acres (4.4 percent of the upland buffer) of

the site in July 2016, with treatment concentrated in areas of infestation by the six noxious weed species observed on site. MDT has an ongoing weed-control program for their mitigation sites that includes an annual assessment of weeds identified at each location during the yearly monitoring and treatment of mapped weeds to contain and control identified populations.

The wildlife-friendly fence that was installed around the easement area was intact during the 2016 site visit. Seven bluebird boxes were installed around the site perimeter in 2012 and were in good condition in 2016. Swallows occupied two bird boxes during the 2016 site visit. The irrigation headgate structure was in good condition during the 2016 site visit. A small amount of fine sediment was beginning to accumulate in the stilling pool but did not appear to inhibit hydrology or the function of the structure. During future monitoring efforts, inspecting this structure and stilling pool is recommended to ensure proper functionality. Also, no indicators of hydrology were observed in the northwestern portion of the site during the 2016 monitoring event.

3.9 CURRENT CREDIT SUMMARY

Table 3-8 summarizes the estimated wetland credits based on the USACE-approved credit ratios and the wetland delineation completed in June 2016. Proposed mitigation credits from the 2007 *Rostad Ranch Mitigation Plan, Meagher County, Montana* [MDT, 2007] included reestablishing 27.11 wetland acres, rehabilitating 2.63 wetland acres, creating 9.84 wetland acres, preserving 0.25 wetland acre, and maintaining 6.76 acres of upland buffer (Table 3-8). The wetland acreages that were delineated in 2016 included 9.97 acres of reestablished wetlands, 1.56 acres of rehabilitated wetland, 3.18 acres of created wetland, and 0.25 acre of preservation wetland (community Type 3 – *Salix exigua*). The total mitigation credit estimated in 2016, including the upland buffer credit and the deduction for the 0.41-acre wetland impact incurred during mitigation construction, totaled 15.19 credit acres.

Table 3-9 provides a summary of the approved performance standards and success criteria based on site conditions documented in 2016. All of the wetlands that were delineated at the Rostad Ranch site in 2016 satisfied the three criteria of wetland hydrology, hydrophytic vegetation, and hydric soils. Willow stakes that were planted within the site exhibited a 50 percent survival rate during the third year of planting, which is down from 2015; however, not all of the live cuttings may have been located because of tall grass. Even at 50 percent, this criteria is still being met. Although the site was recently disturbed from construction efforts in 2012, vegetation is successfully establishing, with aerial coverage by desirable plants estimated at greater than 90 percent. The coverage of state-listed noxious weeds in the upland buffer was approximately 5 percent in 2016. The cover of noxious weeds within the delineated wetlands was less than 5 percent. The extent of the open water surveyed in 2016 composed approximately 4 percent of the total wetland acreage, which is below the cap of 10 percent stipulated in the USACE-approved performance criteria. The percentage of open water may continue to decrease as additional emergent wetlands develop on the site. The entire 60-acre easement area has been fenced to exclude grazing.

Table 3-8. Summary of Wetland Credits at the Rostad Ranch Site From 2013 Through 2016

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Wetland Type[a]	Approved Mitigation Ratio[b]	Anticipated Mitigation Area (acres)	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (acres)	2013 Delineated Mitigation Areas (acres)	2013 Estimated Mitigation Credit (acres)	2014 Delineated Mitigation Areas (acres)	2014 Estimated Mitigation Areas (acres)	2015 Delineated Mitigation Areas (acres)	2015 Estimated Mitigation Credit (acres)	2016 Delineated Mitigation Areas (acres)	2016 Estimated Mitigation Credit (acres)
Restoration (Reestablishment)	Palustrine emergent	1:1	27.11	27.11	10.89	10.89	9.91	9.91	9.91	9.91	9.96	9.96
Creation (Establishment)	Palustrine emergent	1:1	9.84	9.84	1.07	1.07	2.68	2.68	3.18	3.18	3.18	3.18
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	Palustrine emergent	1.5:1	2.63	1.75	1.53	1.02	1.56	1.04	1.56	1.04	1.56	1.04
Preservation	Palustrine, scrub/shrub	4:1	0.25	0.06	0.25	0.06	0.25	0.06	0.25	0.06	0.25	0.06
Upland Buffer	N/A	5:1	6.76[c]	1.35	6.76	1.35	6.76	1.35	6.76	1.35	6.76	1.35
Permanent Wetland Impact	N/A	1:1	N/A	–0.41	N/A	–0.41	N/A	–0.41	N/A	–0.41	N/A	–0.41
Totals			**46.59**	**39.70**	**20.50**	**13.98**	**21.16**	**14.63**	**21.66**	**15.13**	**21.72**	**15.19**

(a) Cowardin et al. [1979].
(b) The mitigation credit ratios that were used are from the Montana Corps Regulatory Programs 2005 Wetland Credit Ratios [USACE, 2005].
(c) The anticipated upland buffer credit was used until wetland areas expand to full extent.

Table 3-9. Summary of Performance Standards and Success Criteria (Page 1 of 2)

Performance Standards	Success Criteria	Criteria Achieved Y/N	Discussion
Wetland Characteristics	The three parameter criteria for hydrology, vegetation, and soils are met as outlined in the 1987 Wetland Manual and 2010 Regional Supplement.	Y	Wetland habitat areas within the mitigation site meet the three parameter criteria.
Wetland Hydrology	Soil saturation is present for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season.	Y	Wetland habitat areas within the site exhibit soil saturation for a minimum 12.5 percent of growing season.
Hydric Soil	Hydric soil conditions are present or appear to be forming.	Y	The recently constructed wetland complex exhibits weak hydric soil development in areas that had been originally identified as upland before construction. Preexisting hydric soil characteristics are present in several areas that had been identified as wetland before project construction.
	Soil is sufficiently stable to prevent erosion.	Y	Disturbed soil is stable and does not exhibit signs of erosion.
	Soil is able to support plant cover.	Y	Plant cover has continued to develop across disturbed soils.
Hydrophytic Vegetation	Combined absolute cover of facultative or wetter species is greater than or equal to 70 percent.	Y	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation (OBL, FACW, and FAC).
	Noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent cover.	Y	Many noxious weed infestations have been mapped across this site, primarily outside of site wetlands. Estimated noxious weed cover within delineated wetlands is below 5 percent.
Woody Plants	Plantings exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years.	Y	Approximately 75 percent of the woody plantings observed were alive in 2015, which exceeds the 50 percent survival rate.
Herbaceous Plants	At the conclusion of the monitoring period, ocular coverage of desirable hydrophytic vegetation will be at least 80 percent.	Y	Created wetlands generally exhibited greater than 90 percent vegetation cover during the 2016 monitoring event and showed increased vegetation cover from 2013.
Open-Water Areas	Open water that is established within the designated wetland cells will be considered successful and creditable if open water does not exceed 10 percent of the total wetland acreage.	Y	Open water was mapped within 4 percent of the total wetland acreage in 2016. These areas are exhibiting emergent vegetation development and are anticipated to continue to develop aquatic macrophyte communities within the 5-year monitoring period.

Table 3-9. Summary of Performance Standards and Success Criteria (Page 2 of 2)

Performance Standards	Success Criteria	Criteria Achieved Y/N	Discussion
Upland Buffer	Success will be achieved when noxious weeds do no exceed 5 percent cover within the buffer areas on site.	Y	Many noxious weed infestations, including field bindweed, gypsy-flower, Canadian thistle, spotted knapweed, common tansy, and hoary alyssum were mapped within the site in 2016. Noxious weeds are currently estimated to cover right at 5 percent of the upland buffer within the conservation easement area. MDT will need to continue to implement weed-control measures to continue to meet these criteria.
	Any area that was disturbed within creditable buffer zone must have at least 50 percent aerial cover of desirable upland plant species by the end of the monitoring period.	Y	Upland buffers that surround wetland areas within the site exhibited greater than 50 percent aerial cover of non-weed species in 2016.
Weed Control	Weed-control measures are implemented to minimize and/or eliminate infestations of state-listed noxious weed species within the site.	Y	State-listed noxious weed species across the site have been estimated at 5 percent absolute cover in 2016.
Fencing	Wildlife-friendly fencing is installed along the easement boundaries.	Y	Wildlife-friendly fencing has been installed around the easement boundaries and is in good condition.

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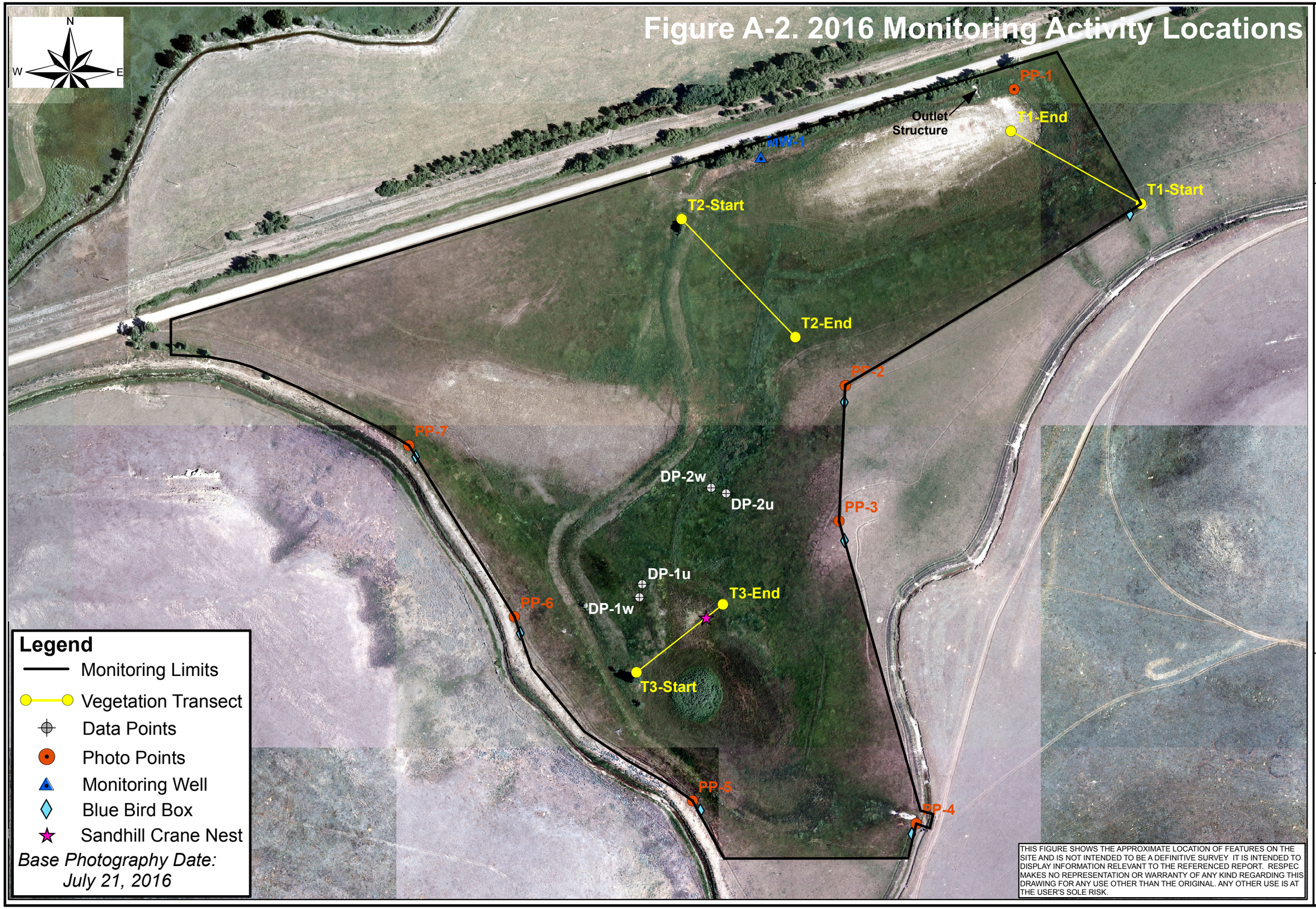
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APPENDIX A
PROJECT AREA MAPS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Rostad Ranch Mitigation Site
Meagher County, Montana

Figure A-2. 2016 Monitoring Activity Locations



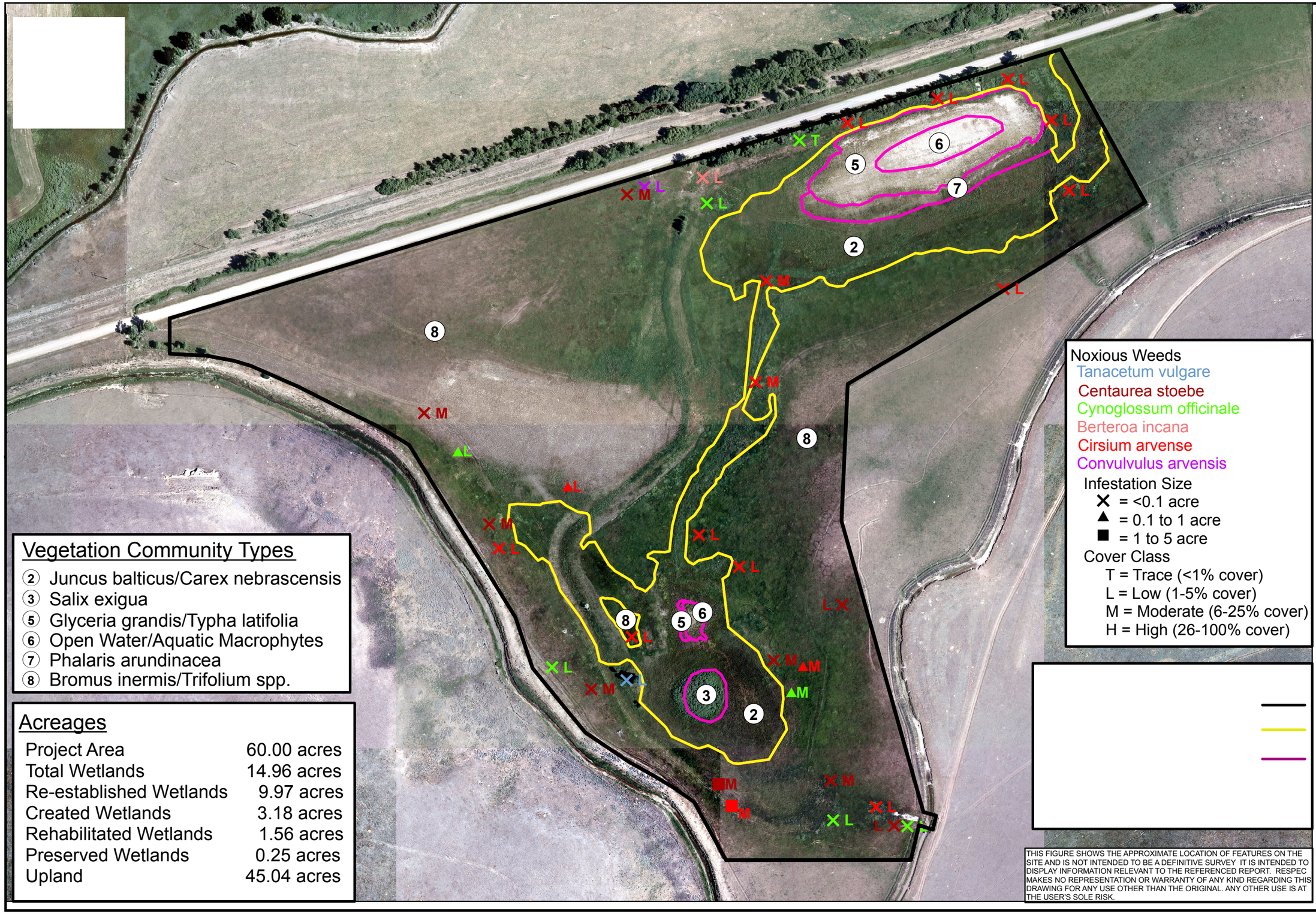
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Helena, MT 59601

Rostad Ranch Wetland Mitigation Site
2016 Monitoring Activity Locations

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Location:	Meagher Co., Montana
Date:	September 2016
Project Manager:	M. Traxler
Drawn By:	J. Rosenbaum

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Rostad Ranch Wetland Mitigation Site
2016 Mapped Site Features

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Project: 02895
Location: Meagher Co., Montana
Date: September 2016
Project Manager: M. Traxler
Drawn By: J. Rosenbaum

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APPENDIX B
MONITORING FORMS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Rostad Ranch Mitigation Site
Meagher County, Montana

RESPEC/MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Name: **Rostad Ranch** Project Number: _____
Assessment Date: **June 27, 2016** Person(s) conducting the assessment: **M. and T. Traxler**
Location: **Martinsdale, Montana** MDT District: **Billings**
Milepost: _____
Legal Description: T **8N** R **11E** Section **12 and 13**
Weather Conditions: **Sunny, 75 degrees** Time of Day: **Noon**
Initial Evaluation Date: **August 21, 2013** Monitoring Year: **4** # Visits in Year: **1**
Size of evaluation area: **60 acres** Land use surrounding wetland: **Agriculture**

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: **Groundwater, supplemental hydrology from ditch/headgate, surface runoff**
Inundation: **Present** Average Depth: **0.5 feet** Range of Depths: **0.25-2 ft.**
Percent of assessment area under inundation: **45%**
Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: **0.5 feet**
If assessment area is not inundated then are the soils saturated within 12 inches of surface: **Yes**
Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, etc.):
Drainage patterns, soil saturation, water marks, drift deposits, oxidized rhizospheres on living roots, geomorphic position, FAC-nuetral test

Groundwater Monitoring Wells: **Present**
Record depth of water below ground surface (in feet):

Well Number	Depth	Well Number	Depth	Well Number	Depth
MW-1					

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.

COMMENTS / PROBLEMS:
MW-1 groundwater level >6 feet below ground surface. Additional hydrology is being provided to the site and wetland boundary is expanding. Evidence of recent flow from ditch through diversion structure.

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Community Number: **8** Community Title (main spp): **Bromus inermis / Trifolium spp.**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Bromus inermis	5 = > 50%	Pascopyrum smithii	1 = 1-5%
Trifolium repens	3 = 11-20%	Phleum pratense	1 = 1-5%
Schedonorus pratensis	2 = 6-10%	Populus angustifolia	1 = 1-5%
Elymus repens	2 = 6-10%	Taraxacum officinale	1 = 1-5%
Melilotus officinalis	2 = 6-10%	Trifolium pratense	1 = 1-5%
Achillea millefolium	1 = 1-5%	Centaurea stoebe	1 = 1-5%

Comments / Problems: **Previously recorded as community Type 1 with a prevalence of Phleum pratense. Upland communities across the site are dominated by Bromus inermis in 2016,**

Community Number: **2** Community Title (main spp): **Juncus balticus / Carex nebrascensis**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Carex nebrascensis	4 = 21-50%	Open Water	1 = 1-5%
Juncus balticus	4 = 21-50%	Poa palustris	1 = 1-5%
Beckmannia syzigachne	3 = 11-20%	Sonchus arvensis	1 = 1-5%
Phalaris arundinacea	2 = 6-10%	Deschampsia caespitosa	1 = 1-5%
Hordeum jubatum	2 = 6-10%	Rumex crispus	1 = 1-5%
Eleocharis palustris	1 = 1-5%	Typha latifolia	1 = 1-5%

Comments / Problems: **Wet meadow, revegetation successful since 2013.**

Community Number: **3** Community Title (main spp): **Salix exigua /**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Salix exigua	5 = > 50%	Alopecurus pratensis	1 = 1-5%
Deschampsia caespitosa	2 = 6-10%	Carex nebrascensis	1 = 1-5%
Poa palustris	2 = 6-10%	Agrostis gigantea	+ = < 1%
Beckmannia syzigachne	1 = 1-5%	Veronica peregrina	+ = < 1%
Carex utriculata	1 = 1-5%	Typha latifolia	+ = < 1%
Eleocharis palustris	1 = 1-5%		

Comments / Problems: **Undisturbed salix community near southern extent of monitoring boundary.**

Community Number: **5** Community Title (main spp): **Glyceria grandis / Typha latifolia**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Glyceria grandis	4 = 21-50%		
Typha latifolia	3 = 11-20%		
Eleocharis palustris	3 = 11-20%		
Open Water	3 = 11-20%		
Beckmannia syzigachne	2 = 6-10%		

Comments / Problems: _____

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES (continued)

Community Number: **6** Community Title (main spp): **Open Water / Aquatic macrophytes**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Open Water	5 = > 50%	Carex nebrascensis	+ = < 1%
Eleocharis palustris	1 = 1-5%	Juncus balticus	+ = < 1%
Typha latifolia	1 = 1-5%	Polypogon monspeliensis	+ = < 1%
Beckmannia syzigachne	1 = 1-5%	Downingia laeta	+ = < 1%
Glyceria grandis	1 = 1-5%	Rumex crispus	+ = < 1%
Algae, green	+ = < 1%	Veronica peregrina	+ = < 1%

Comments / Problems: **Originally designated as open water community type #4 in previous survey years. Species composition had combined areal coverage greater than 5%, thus wetland community type #6 was created to reflect this increase in vegetation cover in 2015.**

Community Number: **7** Community Title (main spp): **Phalaris arundinacea /**

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover
Phalaris arundinacea	5 = > 50%		
Elymus trachycaulus	3 = 11-20%		
Poa pratensis	1 = 1-5%		
Trifolium pratense	1 = 1-5%		
Medicago sativa	+ = < 1%		
Thlaspi arvense	1 = 1-5%		

Comments / Problems: **This community type has developed around the south edge of the north empoundment. This type is new in 2016.**

Community Number: ___ Community Title (main spp): _____

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover

Comments / Problems: _____

Community Number: ___ Community Title (main spp): _____

Dominant Species	% Cover	Dominant Species	% Cover

Comments / Problems: _____

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

Plant Species	Number Originally Planted	Number Observed	Mortality Causes
Populus balsamifera	100		Estimated 50% survival
Populus tremuloides	100		Estimated 50% survival
Salix spp.	2000		Estimated 50% survival

Comments / Problems: Willow stakes were planted in spring 2013. Due to tall herbaceous vegetation, locating all plantings was difficult during the site visit. Especially difiicult was locating plants (stems) that had died. Those plants observed looked healthy with minor deer browse noted. Survival in 2016 was estimated at 50% survival based on the number of live stems observed. Mortality causes unknown but may be a result of dry site conditions since the site has not developed wetland acreage as anticipated.

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: **Rostad Ranch** Date: **June 29, 2016** Examiner: **M. and T. Traxler**
Transect Number: **1** Approximate Transect Length: **428 feet** Compass Direction from Start: **290˚** Note: _____

Transect Interval Length: **173 feet (station 0-173)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Bromus inermis / Trifolium spp.	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Bromus inermis	4 = 21-50%
Poa palustris	2 = 6-10%
Trifolium pratense	2 = 6-10%
Achillea millefolium	1 = 1-5%
Medicago sativa	1 = 1-5%
Phleum pratense	1 = 1-5%
Tragopogon dubius	1 = 1-5%
Aster sp.	1 = 1-5%
Pascopyrum smithii	1 = 1-5%
Taraxacum officinale	1 = 1-5%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **65 feet (station 173-238)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Juncus balticus / Carex nebrascensis	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Poa palustris	3 = 11-20%
Juncus balticus	3 = 11-20%
Carex nebrascensis	2 = 6-10%
Phalaris arundinacea	2 = 6-10%
Trifolium pratense	2 = 6-10%
Eleocharis palustris	1 = 1-5%
Deschampsia caespitosa	1 = 1-5%
Phleum pratense	1 = 1-5%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **115 feet (station 238-353)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Phalaris arundinacea	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Phalaris arundinacea	5 = > 50%
Elymus trachycaulus	3 = 11-20%
Poa pratensis	1 = 1-5%
Trifolium pratense	1 = 1-5%
Thlaspi arvense	1 = 1-5%
Medicago sativa	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **40 feet (station 353-393)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Glyceria grandis / Typah latifolia	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Glyceria grandis	2 = 6-10%
Phalaris arundinacea	2 = 6-10%
Typha latifolia	2 = 6-10%
Eleocharis palustris	2 = 6-10%
Rumex crispus	2 = 6-10%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: **Rostad Ranch** Date: **June 29, 2016** Examiner: **M. and T. Traxler**
Transect Number: **1** Approximate Transect Length: **428 feet** Compass Direction from Start: **290˚** Note: _____

Transect Interval Length: **35 feet (station 393-428)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Open Water / Aquatic macrophytes	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Open Water	5 = > 50%
Glyceria grandis	5 = > 50%
Eleocharis palustris	2 = 6-10%
Typha latifolia	2 = 6-10%
Beckmannia syzigachne	1 = 1-5%
Carex nebrascensis	1 = 1-5%
Juncus balticus	1 = 1-5%
Rumex crispus	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length:	
Vegetation Community Type:	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length:	
Vegetation Community Type:	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length:	
Vegetation Community Type:	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: **Rostad Ranch** Date: **June 29, 2016** Examiner: **M. and T. Traxler**
Transect Number: **2** Approximate Transect Length: **453 feet** Compass Direction from Start: **120˚** Note: _____

Transect Interval Length: **69 feet (station 0-69)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Bromus inermis / Trifolium spp.	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Bromus inermis	5 = > 50%
Trifolium pratense	3 = 11-20%
Melilotus officinalis	3 = 11-20%
Elymus repens	2 = 6-10%
Bare Ground	1 = 1-5%
Cirsium arvense	1 = 1-5%
Taraxacum officinale	1 = 1-5%
Chenopodium album	1 = 1-5%
Descurainia sophia	1 = 1-5%
Poa palustris	1 = 1-5%
Phleum pratense	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **319 feet (station 69-388)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Juncus balticus / Carex nebrascensis	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Juncus balticus	4 = 21-50%
Carex nebrascensis	3 = 11-20%
Trifolium pratense	2 = 6-10%
Phleum pratense	2 = 6-10%
Phalaris arundinacea	4 = 21-50%
Poa pratensis	2 = 6-10%
Salix exigua	1 = 1-5%
Typha latifolia	1 = 1-5%
Bare Ground	1 = 1-5%
Pascopyrum smithii	1 = 1-5%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **65 feet (station 388-453)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Bromus inermis / Trifolium spp.	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Bromus inermis	4 = 21-50%
Poa pratensis	2 = 6-10%
Elymus trachycaulus	2 = 6-10%
Juncus balticus	2 = 6-10%
Pascopyrum smithii	2 = 6-10%
Elymus repens	2 = 6-10%
Achillea millefolium	1 = 1-5%
Phalaris arundinacea	1 = 1-5%
Trifolium pratense	1 = 1-5%
Phleum pratense	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length:	
Vegetation Community Type:	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: **Rostad Ranch** Date: **June 29, 2016** Examiner: **M. and T. Traxler**
Transect Number: **3** Approximate Transect Length: **320 feet** Compass Direction from Start: **30˚** Note: **Transect visually estimated due to active sandhill crane nest on transect. 2015 species list and cover used in 2016.**

Transect Interval Length: **21 feet (station 0-21)**
Vegetation Community Type: Bromus inermis / Trifolium spp.

Plant Species	Cover
Populus angustifolia	4 = 21-50%
Elymus repens	2 = 6-10%
Amaranthus retroflexus	1 = 1-5%
Brassica kaber	1 = 1-5%
Phleum pratense	1 = 1-5%
Bare Ground	1 = 1-5%
Bromus arvensis	1 = 1-5%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **144 feet (station 21-165)**
Vegetation Community Type: Juncus balticus / Carex nebrascensis

Plant Species	Cover
Hordeum jubatum	3 = 11-20%
Deschampsia caespitosa	3 = 11-20%
Juncus balticus	2 = 6-10%
Carex nebrascensis	1 = 1-5%
Epilobium ciliatum	1 = 1-5%
Beckmannia syzigachne	1 = 1-5%
Juncus bufonius	1 = 1-5%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **73 feet (station 165-238)**
Vegetation Community Type: Glyceria grandis / Typha latifolia

Plant Species	Cover
Glyceria grandis	4 = 21-50%
Typha latifolia	3 = 11-20%
Eleocharis palustris	3 = 11-20%
Beckmannia syzigachne	2 = 6-10%
Open Water	2 = 6-10%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length: **16 feet (station 238-254)**
Vegetation Community Type: Open Water / Aquatic macrophytes

Plant Species	Cover
Open Water (<6" deep in 2016, 95% vegetated)	5 = > 50%
Typha latifolia	2 = 6-10%
Algae, green	1 = 1-5%
Downingia laeta	+ = < 1%
Glyceria grandis	+ = < 1%
Polypogon monspeliensis	+ = < 1%
Veronica peregrina	+ = < 1%
Beckmannia syzigachne	+ = < 1%
Eleocharis palustris	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Site: **Rostad Ranch** Date: **June 29, 2016** Examiner: **M. and T. Traxler**
Transect Number: **3** Approximate Transect Length: **320 feet** Compass Direction from Start: **30˚** Note: _____

Transect Interval Length: **66 feet (station 254-320)**	
Vegetation Community Type: Juncus balticus / Carex nebrascensis	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Eleocharis palustris	3 = 11-20%
Typha latifolia	2 = 6-10%
Elymus trachycaulus	2 = 6-10%
Beckmannia syzigachne	1 = 1-5%
Hordeum jubatum	1 = 1-5%
Deschampsia caespitosa	1 = 1-5%
Juncus balticus	1 = 1-5%
Pascopyrum smithii	1 = 1-5%
Melilotus officinalis	+ = < 1%
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length:	
Vegetation Community Type:	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

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Total Vegetative Cover:	%

Transect Interval Length:	
Vegetation Community Type:	
Plant Species	**Cover**
Total Vegetative Cover:	%

MDT WETLAND MONITORING – VEGETATION TRANSECT

Cover Estimate		Indicator Class	Source
+ = < 1%	3 = 11-10%	+ = Obligate	P = Planted
1 = 1-5%	4 = 21-50%	- = Facultative/Wet	V = Volunteer
2 = 6-10%	5 = > 50%	0 = Facultative	

Percent of perimeter developing wetland vegetation (excluding dam/berm structures): ___ %

Establish transects perpendicular to the shoreline (or saturated perimeter). The transect should begin in the upland area. Permanently mark this location with a standard metal fencepost. Extend the imaginary transect line towards the center of the wetland, ending at the 3 foot depth (in open water), or at the point where water depths or saturation are maximized. Mark this location with another metal fencepost.

Estimate cover within a 10 foot wide "belt" along the transect length. At a minimum, establish a transect at the windward and leeward sides of the wetland. Remember that the purpose of this sampling is to monitor, not inventory, representative portions of the wetland site.

Comments: _____

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.

Location	Photograph Frame #	Photograph Description & Lat/Long	Compass Reading (°)
PP-1		Photo Point 1 (Pano): 46.463894 / -110.292686	140-240
PP-2		Photo Point 2 (Pano): 46.461612 / -110.294534	180-70
PP-3		Photo Point 3 (Pano): 46.460579 / -110.294502	160-360
PP-4		Photo Point 4 (Pano): 46.458241 / -110.29377	190-340
PP-5		Photo Point 5 (Pano): 46.458417 / -110.296185	300-110
PP-6		Photo Point 6 (NNE): 46.459839 / -110.298195	30
PP-6		Photo Point 6 (ESE): 46.459839 / -110.298195	100
PP-7		Photo Point 7 (Pano): 46.461119 / -110.299371	0-300
T-1 start		Transect 1 start: 46.463043 / -110.291222	290
T-1 end		Trasnect 1 end: 46.463577 / -110.29274	110
T-2 start		Transect 2 start: 46.46286 / -110.296341	130
T-2 end		Transect 2 end: 46.46191 / -110.295059	310
T-3 start		Transect 3 start: 46.459347 / -110.296814	30
T-3 end		Transect 3 end: 46.459827 / -110.295876	210
DP-1W		Wetland soil pit #1: 46.462577 / -110.294263	
DP-1U		Upland soil pit #1: 46.462457 / -110.294063	

Comments / Problems: **Photos for DP-2W and DP-2U were not taken. No soil pits were dug at these sites to minimize disturbance of a nearby sandhill crane nest.**

GPS SURVEYING

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

GPS Checklist:

- ☒ Upland/wetland boundary.
- ☒ 4-6 landmarks that are recognizable on the aerial photograph.
- ☒ Start and End points of vegetation transect(s).
- ☒ Photograph reference points.
- ☐ Groundwater monitoring well locations.
- ☒ Bird nest boxes.

Comments / Problems: _____

WETLAND DELINEATION

(attach COE delineation forms)

At each site conduct these checklist items:

- ☒ Delineate wetlands according to the 1987 Army COE manual and regional supplement.
- ☒ Delineate wetland – upland boundary onto aerial photograph.

Comments / Problems: _____

FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT

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

Comments / Problems: _____

MAINTENANCE

Were man-made nesting structure installed at this site? **Yes**
If yes, do they need to be repaired? **No**
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 working properly and in good working order? **Yes**
If no, describe the problems below.

Comments / Problems: _____

WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? **Yes**
If yes, type of structure: **Box** How many? **7**
Are the nesting structures being used? **Yes**
Do the nesting structures need repairs? **No**

Mammals and Herptiles

Mammal and Herptile Species	Number Observed	Indirect Indication of Use			
		Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Other
White-tailed Deer	1	☐	☐	☐	
Pronghorn	3	☐	☐	☐	
Richardson's Ground Squirrel	1	☐	☐	☐	
Frog sp.	1	☐	☐	☐	Tadpole
		☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	
		☐	☐	☐	

Additional Activities Checklist:
NA Macroinvertebrate Sampling (if required)

Comments / Problems: Two bird boxes in use by tree swallows. In addition to the 3 pronghorn observed on-site, 1 dead pronghorn was observed on the adjacent property.

BIRD SURVEY – FIELD DATA SHEET

Site: **Rostad Ranch** Date: **6/27/16**
Survey Time: _____ to _____

Bird Species	#	Behavior	Habitat	Bird Species	#	Behavior	Habitat
Northern Flicker	1	L	UP				
American Robin	1	L	UP				
Eastern King Bird	1	L	UP				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	8	L FO	MA UP				
Killdeer	1	F	MF				
Spotted Sandpiper	1	F	MF				
Red-winged Blackbird	17	L F FO	MA UP				
Tree Swallow	4	BP FO	UP				
Bobolink	3	L	UP				
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	L	UP				
Brewer's Blackbird	16	FO L	UP				
Sandhill Crane	2	FO N	UP MA				
Western Meadowlark	2	FO	UP				
Sparrow sp.	4	L	UP				

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

HABITAT CODES
AB = Aquatic bed
FO = Forested
I = Island
MA = Marsh
MF = Mud Flat
OW = Open Water
SS = Scrub/Shrub
UP = Upland buffer
WM = Wet meadow
US = Unconsolidated shore

Weather: _____

Notes: _____

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Rostad Ranch **City/County:** Meagher **Sampling Date:** 27-Jun-16

Applicant/Owner: MDT **State:** MT **Sampling Point:** **DP-1U**

Investigator(s): M. and T. Traxler **Section, Township, Range:** S 12 T 8N R 11E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Footslope **Local relief (concave, convex, none):** convex **Slope:** 1.5% 0.9 °

Subregion (LRR): LRR F **Lat.:** 46.462457 **Long.:** -110.294063 **Datum:** WGS_19

Soil Map Unit Name: Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam, 2 to 8 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 ◉

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes ○ No ◉

Remarks:
Upland sample point. Formerly R1-u

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

FWS Region: GP

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Rel.Strat. Cover	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
5.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 Foot Radius)				
1. Bromus inermis	80	☑	76.2%	UPL
2. Cirsium arvense	20	☐	19.0%	FACU
3. Sisymbrium altissimum	5	☐	4.8%	FACU
4.	0	☐	0.0%	
5.	0	☐	0.0%	
6.	0	☐	0.0%	
7.	0	☐	0.0%	
8.	0	☐	0.0%	
9.	0	☐	0.0%	
10.	0	☐	0.0%	
	105	= Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)

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

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (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	25	x 4 =	100	
UPL species	80	x 5 =	400	
Column Totals:	105	(A)	500	(B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.762

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.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Remarks:
Smooth brome is dominant grass in this upland plot.

*Indicator suffix = National status or professional decision assigned because Regional status not defined by FWS.

Soil

Sampling Point: DP-1U

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-18	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy Clay Loam	

1Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains ²Location: 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 Muck 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 and 73 of LRR H)**

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ☐ 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
- ☐ Coastal Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
- ☐ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
- ☐ High Plains Depressions (F16) **(LRR H outside of MLRA 72 and 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 Visible 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, monitor well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No indicators observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Rostad Ranch **City/County:** Meagher **Sampling Date:** 27-Jun-16

Applicant/Owner: MDT **State:** MT **Sampling Point:** **DP-1W**

Investigator(s): M. and T. Traxler **Section, Township, Range:** S 12 T 8N R 11E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Lowland **Local relief (concave, convex, none):** concave **Slope:** 1.5% 0.9 °

Subregion (LRR): LRR F **Lat.:** 46.462577 **Long.:** -110.294263 **Datum:** WGS_19

Soil Map Unit Name: Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam, 2 to 8 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 ○

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:
Formerly R1-w.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

FWS Region: -?-

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Rel.Strat. Cover	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
5.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 Foot Radius)				
1. Carex nebrascensis	5	☐	5.0%	OBL
2. Eleocharis palustris	5	☐	5.0%	OBL
3. Juncus balticus	60	☑	60.0%	FACW
4. Poa palustris	30	☑	30.0%	FACW
5.	0	☐	0.0%	
6.	0	☐	0.0%	
7.	0	☐	0.0%	
8.	0	☐	0.0%	
9.	0	☐	0.0%	
10.	0	☐	0.0%	
	100	= Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

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

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

	Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	10	x 1 =	10
FACW species	90	x 2 =	180
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	100	(A)	190 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.9

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- ☑ **1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation**
- ☑ **2 - Dominance Test is > 50%**
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- ☐ **Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)**

[1] **Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

Dominance test is 100% and Prevalence Index is 1.9.

*Indicator suffix = National status or professional decision assigned because Regional status not defined by FWS.

Soil

Sampling Point: DP-1W

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)		%	Redox Features Color (moist)		%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-6	10YR	3/1	100						Sandy Loam	
6-18	10YR	4/1	95	10YR	5/8	5	C	M	Sandy Clay Loam	

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

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

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- ☐ 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:

Redox features starting at 6 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)
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Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ☐ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
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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, monitor well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

soil was moist to surface but not saturated in upper 18". Site overall was drier than normal. Had been saturated earlier in growing season.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Rostad Ranch **City/County:** Meagher **Sampling Date:** 27-Jun-16

Applicant/Owner: MDT **State:** MT **Sampling Point:** **DP-2U**

Investigator(s): M. and T. Traxler **Section, Township, Range:** S 12 T 8N R 11E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Undulating **Local relief (concave, convex, none):** convex **Slope:** 1.0% 0.6 °

Subregion (LRR): LRR F **Lat.:** 46.458892 **Long.:** -110.294915 **Datum:** WGS_19

Soil Map Unit Name: Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam, 2 to 8 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 sample point. Formerly R2-u. Data is same as 2015 data point. Detailed investigation was not completed in 2016 at this point to minimize disturbance to active sandhill crane nest nearby.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

FWS Region: GP

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Rel.Strat. Cover	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
5.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 Foot Radius)				
1. Bromus inermis	45	☑	45.0%	UPL
2. Pascopyrum smithii	40	☑	40.0%	FACU
3. Poa palustris	10	☐	10.0%	FACW
4. Poa pratensis	5	☐	5.0%	FACU
5.	0	☐	0.0%	
6.	0	☐	0.0%	
7.	0	☐	0.0%	
8.	0	☐	0.0%	
9.	0	☐	0.0%	
10.	0	☐	0.0%	
	100	= Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)

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

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

	Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0	
FACW species	10	x 2 =	20	
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0	
FACU species	45	x 4 =	180	
UPL species	45	x 5 =	225	
Column Totals:	100	(A)	425	(B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.25

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.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ○ No ◉

Remarks:
Dominance Test is 0.00% and Prevalence Index > 3.0.

*Indicator suffix = National status or professional decision assigned because Regional status not defined by FWS.

Soil

Sampling Point: DP-2U

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-24	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy Clay Loam	

1Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains ²Location: 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 Muck 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 and 73 of LRR H)**

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ☐ 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
- ☐ Coastal Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
- ☐ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
- ☐ High Plains Depressions (F16) **(LRR H outside of MLRA 72 and 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 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 Visible 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, monitor well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

No hydrology indicators observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Rostad Ranch **City/County:** Meagher **Sampling Date:** 27-Jun-16

Applicant/Owner: MDT **State:** MT **Sampling Point:** **DP-2W**

Investigator(s): M. and T. Traxler **Section, Township, Range:** **S** 12 **T** 8N **R** 11E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Swale **Local relief (concave, convex, none):** concave **Slope:** 1.5% 0.9 °

Subregion (LRR): LRR F **Lat.:** 46.459122 **Long.:** -110.295368 **Datum:** WGS_19

Soil Map Unit Name: Delpoint variant-Marmarth-Cabbart loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes **NWI classification:** PEM

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 ○

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

Formerly R2-w. Data is same as 2015 data point. Detailed investigation was not completed in 2016 at this point to minimize disturbance to active sandhill crane nest nearby.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

FWS Region: GP

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Rel.Strat. Cover	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
3.	0	☐		
4.	0	☐		
5.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 Foot Radius)				
1. Alopecurus pratensis	10	☐	10.0%	FACW
2. Carex nebrascensis	10	☐	10.0%	OBL
3. Phalaris arundinacea	80	☑	80.0%	FACW
4.	0	☐	0.0%	
5.	0	☐	0.0%	
6.	0	☐	0.0%	
7.	0	☐	0.0%	
8.	0	☐	0.0%	
9.	0	☐	0.0%	
10.	0	☐	0.0%	
	100	= Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 Foot Radius)				
1.	0	☐		
2.	0	☐		
	0	= Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)

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

Percent of dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

	Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	10	x 1 =	10	
FACW species	90	x 2 =	180	
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0	
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0	
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0	
Column Totals:	100	(A)	190	(B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.9

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.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ◉ No ○

Remarks:

Dominance Test is 100.00% and Prevalence Index < 3.0.

*Indicator suffix = National status or professional decision assigned because Regional status not defined by FWS.

Soil

Sampling Point: DP-2W

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)		%	Redox Features Color (moist)		%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-4	10YR	2/1	100						Sandy Clay Loam	
4-20	10YR	2/1	85	10YR	5/6	15	C	M	Sandy Clay Loam	

1Type: C=Concentration. D=Depletion. RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains ²Location: 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)
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- ☐ Sandy Muck Mineral (S1)
- ☐ 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G, H)
- ☐ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR F)
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Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ☐ 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
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- ☐ 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:

Hydric soil indicators noted - redox features at 4 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 Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
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- ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
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- ☐ 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):	2
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes ◉	No ○	Depth (inches):	0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ◉ No ○

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

Remarks:

MDT MONTANA WETLAND ASSESSMENT FORM (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: Rostad Ranch **2. MDT Project #:** STPX-0002(749) **3. Control #:** 5565

3. Evaluation Date: 6/27/2016 **4. Evaluator(s):** M&T Traxler **5. Wetland/Site #(s):** Rostad Ranch - created and existing wetland

6. Wetland Location(s): Township 8 N, Range 11 E, Section 12; Township 8 N, Range 11 E, Section 13

Approximate Stationing or Roadposts: _____

Watershed: 10 - Musselshell **County:** Meagher _____

7. Evaluating Agency: RESPEC for MDT

Purpose of Evaluation:

- ☐ **Wetland potentially affected by MDT project**
- ☐ **Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction**
- ☒ **Mitigation wetlands; post-construction**
- ☐ **Other** _____

8. Wetland Size (acre): _____ (visually estimated)
14.9 (measured, e.g. GPS)

9. Assessment Area (AA) Size (acre): _____ (visually estimated)
(see manual for determining AA) 14.9 (measured, e.g. GPS)

10. CLASSIFICATION OF WETLAND AND AQUATIC HABITATS IN AA (See manual for definitions.)

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% OF AA
Slope	Emergent Wetland	Excavated	Seasonal / Intermittent	78
Slope	Scrub-Shrub Wetland		Seasonal / Intermittent	2
Depressional	Unconsolidated Bottom	Excavated	Seasonal / Intermittent	6
Depressional	Emergent Wetland	Excavated	Seasonal / Intermittent	14

Comments: _____

11. ESTIMATED RELATIVE ABUNDANCE (of similarly classified sites within the same Major Montana Watershed Basin; see manual.)
common

12. GENERAL CONDITION OF AA

i. Disturbance: Use matrix below to select the appropriate response; see manual for Montana listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species lists.

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%.	---	---	---
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 30%.	---	moderate disturbance	---
AA cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to relatively substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >30%.	---	---	---

Comments (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.)**:** The wetland mitigation site was constructed in Fall 2012/Spring 2013. Extensive excavation occurred to create depressional areas and spread out water across the site. Site was revegetated Fall 2012/Spring 2013 with good growth observed during the first growing season (2013) following construction activities. Significant increases in vegetative growth were observed in 2014 and 2015 since the 2013 monitoring effort. Decreased disturbance from cultivation, grazing, and construction since 2013 led to moderate disturbance rating in 2016.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, and other exotic vegetation species: Spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, houndstongue, hoary alyssum, field bindweed, common tansy

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat: The AA is a historically drained wetland area/meadow that was heavily grazed by cattle. A drainage ditch bisected the property prior to wetland mitigation construction. Existing wetlands were expanded through construction activities with emergent and scrub-shrub wetland communities present. Surrounding land use includes transportation (county road, historic railroad berm), agriculture (hay production and cattle grazing), and the South Fork of the Musselshell River located to the north of the mitigation site.

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 one is forested) classes	---	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	mod	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	---	←NO	YES→	---
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises 90% of total cover)	---	NA	NA	NA

Comments: Emergent and scrub-shrub vegetation classes

Wetland/Site #(s): Rostad Ranch - created and existing wetland

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

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain: Check box based on definitions in manual.

Primary or critical habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
Secondary habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
Incidental habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
No usable habitat ☒ S

ii. Rating: Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14A(i) above, select the corresponding functional point and rating.

Highest Habitat Level	Doc/Primary	Sus/Primary	Doc/Secondary	Sus/Secondary	Doc/Incidental	Sus/Incidental	None
Functional Point/Rating	---	---	---	---	---	---	0L

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records): USFWS list for Meagher County; no habitat specifications present for species or documented occurences.

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

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain: Check box based on definitions in manual.

Primary or critical habitat (**list species**) ☒ D ☐ S Downingia laeta (S2S3)
Secondary habitat (**list species**) ☒ D ☐ S Long-billed curlew (S3B); Mountain plover (S2B)
Incidental habitat (**list species**) ☐ D ☐ S _____
No usable habitat ☐ S

ii. Rating: Based on the strongest habitat chosen in 14A(i) above, select the corresponding functional point and rating.

Highest Habitat Level	Doc/Primary	Sus/Primary	Doc/Secondary	Sus/Secondary	Doc/Incidental	Sus/Incidental	None
S1 Species Functional Point/Rating	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S2 and S3 Species Functional Point/Rating	.9H	---	---	---	---	---	---

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records): Observations of Downingia laeta in wetland during 2013-2015 site visits; past observations of curlew/plover

14C. GENERAL WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING

i. Evidence of Overall Wildlife Use in the AA: Check 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
- ☐ interview with local biologist 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
- ☐ interview with local biologist with knowledge of 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
- ☐ interview with local biologist with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife Habitat Features: Working from top to bottom, check 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 in terms 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 manual 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)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
☒ **Moderate Disturbance** at AA (see #12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	M	---	---	---	---	---	---
☐ **High Disturbance** at AA (see #12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

iii. Rating: Use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Evidence of Wildlife Use (i)	**Wildlife Habitat Features Rating (ii)**			
	☐ **Exceptional**	☐ **High**	☒ **Moderate**	☐ **Low**
☐ **Substantial**	---	---	---	---
☒ **Moderate**	---	---	.5M	---
☐ **Minimal**	---	---	---	---

Comments: Site appears to be getting use by white-tailed deer and numerous bird species. Active Sandhill Crane nest observed in wetlands in 2016.

Wetland/Site #(s): Rostad Ranch - created and existing wetland

14D. GENERAL FISH HABITAT ☒ **NA** (proceed to 14E)

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 check the NA box and proceed to 14E.

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].

Type of Fishery: ☐ Cold Water (**CW**) ☐ Warm Water (**WW**) **Use the CW or WW guidelines in the manual to complete the matrix.**

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA: Use matrix to select the functional point 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	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FWP Tier II or **Native Game** fish species	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FWP Tier III or **Introduced Game** fish	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FWP Non-Game Tier IV or **No** fish species	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Sources used for identifying fish spp. potentially found in AA: _____

ii. Modified Rating: NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1.0 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?* ☐ **YES**, reduce score in **i** by 0.1 = __ or ☒ **N0**

b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area; specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ☐ **YES**, add to score in **i** or **iia** 0.1 = __ or ☒ **N0**

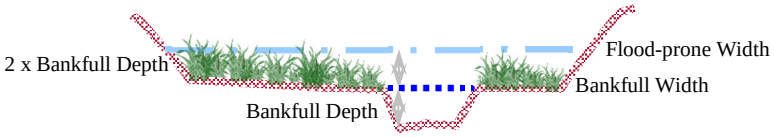
iii. Final Score and Rating: _ **Comments:** No perennially flowing water within AA for fish habitat.

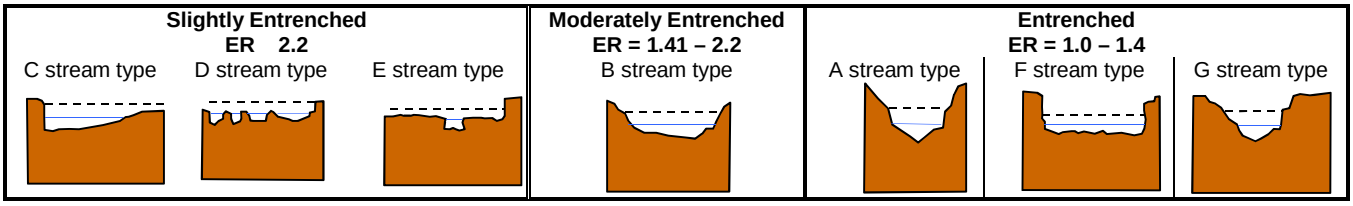
14E. FLOOD ATTENUATION ☒ **NA** (proceed to 14F)

Applies only to wetlands that are subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow.
If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, check the NA box and proceed to 14F.

Entrenchment Ratio (ER) Estimation (see 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.

_____ / _____ = _____
flood prone width / bankfull width = entrenchment ratio





i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point 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		
Percent 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**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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? ☐ YES ☒ NO **Comments:** No flooding occurs via in-channel or overbank flow.

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14F. SHORT AND LONG TERM SURFACE WATER STORAGE ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14G)

Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow.
If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, then check the NA box and proceed to 14G.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see manual 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**	---	---	---	---	.6M	---	---	---	---
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **< 5 out of 10 years**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Comments: Depressional area and portions of slope wetlands maintain water seasonally/intermittently. Approximately 6.7 acres inundated to 0.5 foot (6.7 acres x 0.5 foot = 3.35 acre feet).

14G. SEDIMENT / NUTRIENT / TOXICANT / RETENTION AND REMOVAL ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14H)

Applies to wetland 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, check the NA box and proceed to 14H.

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Sediment, Nutrient, and Toxicant Input Levels within AA	**AA receives or surrounding land use has potential to deliver 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 is on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants or AA receives or surrounding land use has potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.**			
% Cover of Wetland Vegetation in AA	☒ **≥ 70%**		☐ **< 70%**		☐ **≥ 70%**		☐ **< 70%**	
Evidence of Flooding / Ponding in AA	☒ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	1H	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Comments: More than 80 percent of the non-open water area is covered with wetland vegetation. A restricted outlet is located on the depressional area as a constructed overflow channel.

14H. SEDIMENT / SHORELINE STABILIZATION ☐ **NA** (proceed to 14I)

Applies only if AA occurs on or within the banks of a river, stream, or other natural or man-made drainage, or on the shoreline of a standing water body which is subject to wave action.
If 14H does not apply, check the NA box and proceed to 14I.

% 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%**	---	.9H	---
☐ **35-64%**	---	---	---
☐ **< 35%**	---	---	---

Comments: AA supports open water areas subject to wave action.

14I. PRODUCTION EXPORT / FOOD CHAIN SUPPORT

i. Level of Biological Activity: Synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat rates (select).

General Fish Habitat Rating (14Diii)	**General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14Ciii)** ☐ **E/H**	☒ **M**	☐ **L**
☐ **E/H**	---	---	---
☐ **M**	---	---	---
☐ **L**	---	---	---
☒ **NA**	---	M	---

ii. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14Ii); Factor C = whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet; the final three rows pertain to the duration of surface water in the AA, where P/P, S/I, and T/E were previously defined, and A = "absent" [see manual 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	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
S/I	---	---	.7M	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
T/E/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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14I. PRODUCTION EXPORT / FOOD CHAIN SUPPORT (continued)

iii. Modified Rating: Note: Modified score cannot exceed 1.0 or be less than 0.1.

Vegetated Upland Buffer: 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).
Is there an average 50-foot wide vegetated upland buffer around 75% of the AA's perimeter? ☒ **YES**, add 0.1 to score in **ii** = 0.80 ☐ **NO**

iv. Final Score and Rating: .8H **Comments:** Moderate biologial activity; no fish habitat; vegetative component >5 acres with a upland buffer.

14J. GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE / RECHARGE
Check the appropriate indicators in i and 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.
- ☐ Seeps are present at the wetland edge.
- ☒ AA permanently flooded during drought periods.
- ☒ Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet.
- ☐ Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface.
- ☐ Other: _____

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 select the functional point and rating.

Criteria	Duration of Saturation at AA Wetlands ***FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE*** or ***WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM*** ☐ P/P	☒ S/I	☐ T	☐ None
☒ **Groundwater Discharge or Recharge**	---	.7M	---	---
☐ **Insufficient Data/Information**	---			

Comments: Seasonal water regime within AA.

14K. UNIQUENESS

i. Rating: Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to select the functional point 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)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
☒ **Moderate Disturbance** at AA (#12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.3L	---
☐ **High Disturbance** at AA (#12i)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Comments: _____

14L. RECREATION / EDUCATION POTENTIAL ☐ NA (proceed to Overall Summary and Rating page)
Affords 'bonus' points if AA provides a recreational or educational opportunity.

i. Is the AA a known or potential recreational or educational site? ☒ **YES**, go to ii. ☐ **NO**, check the NA box.

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: ☐ Educational/Scientific Study ☐ Consumptive Recreational ☒ Non-consumptive recreational ☐ Other: _____

iii. Rating: Use the matrix below to select the functional point and rating.

Known or Potential Recreational or Educational Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	---	---
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	---	---
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	---	.05L

Comments: Currently no recreation/education occurs at the site.

15. GENERAL SITE NOTES: A supplemental hydrology source was identified in 2014 -2016 during the site visits. Water is entering the site along the southern boundary from the ditch located upslope. This additional hydrology has resulting in minor increased wetland acreage in 2015/2016.

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Function & Value Variables	Rating – Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage	Indicate the Four Most Prominent Functions with an Asterisk
A. Listed / Proposed T&E Species Habitat	low 0.00	1.00	0	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	high 0.90	1.00	13.41	*
C. General Wildlife Habitat	mod 0.50	1.00	7.45	
D. General Fish Habitat	NA	NA	0	
E. Flood Attenuation	NA	NA	0	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	mod 0.60	1.00	8.94	
G. Sediment / Nutrient / Toxicant Removal	high 1.00	1.00	14.9	*
H. Sediment / Shoreline Stabilization	high 0.90	1.00	13.41	*
I. Production Export / Food Chain Support	high 0.80	1.00	11.92	*
J. Groundwater Discharge / Recharge	mod 0.70	1.00	10.43	
K. Uniqueness	low 0.30	1.00	4.47	
L. Recreation / Education Potential (bonus point)	low 0.05		0.745	
Total Points	**5.75**	**9**	**86.02 Total Functional Units**	
Percent of Possible Score 64% (round to nearest whole number)				

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; if not 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 (AA) RATING: Check the appropriate category based on the criteria outlined above.

☐ **I** ☐ **II** ☒ **III** ☐ **IV**

APPENDIX C
PROJECT AREA PHOTOGRAPHS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Rostad Ranch Mitigation Site
Meagher County, Montana



Photo Point 1 – Panorama; Location: Northeast Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2013



Photo Point 1 – Panorama; Location: Northeast Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2014



Photo Point 1 – Panorama; Location: Northeast Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2015



Photo Point 1 – Panorama; Location: Northeast Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2016



Photo Point 2 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Corner; Bearing 125 degrees; Year 2013



Photo Point 2 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Corner; Bearing 125 degrees; Year 2014



Photo Point 2 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Corner; Bearing 125 degrees; Year 2015



Photo Point 2 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Corner; Bearing 125 degrees; Year 2016



Photo Point 3 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Line; Bearing 280 degrees; Year 2013



Photo Point 3 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Line; Bearing 280 degrees; Year 2014



Photo Point 3 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Line; Bearing 280 degrees; Year 2015



Photo Point 3 – Panorama; Location: East Fence Line; Bearing 280 degrees; Year 2016



Photo Point 4 – Panorama; Location: SE Fence Corner; Bearing 240 degrees; Year 2013



Photo Point 4 – Panorama; Location: SE Fence Corner; Bearing 240 degrees; Year 2014



Photo Point 4 – Panorama; Location: SE Fence Corner; Bearing 240 degrees; Year 2015



Photo Point 4 – Panorama; Location: SE Fence Corner; Bearing 240 degrees; Year 2016



Photo Point 5 – Panorama; Location: SW Fence Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2013



Photo Point 5 – Panorama; Location: SW Fence Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2014



Photo Point 5 – Panorama; Location: SW Fence Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2015



Photo Point 5 – Panorama; Location: SW Fence Corner; Bearing 200 degrees; Year 2016



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2013



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2014



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2015



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2016



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 100 degrees Year 2013



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 100 degrees Year 2014



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 100 degrees Year 2015



Photo Point 6 Location: West Fence Line
Bearing 100 degrees Year 2016



Photo Point 7 – Panorama; Location: West Fence Corner; Bearing 90 degrees; Year 2013



Photo Point 7 – Panorama; Location: West Fence Corner; Bearing 90 degrees; Year 2014



Photo Point 7 – Panorama; Location: West Fence Corner; Bearing 90 degrees; Year 2015



Photo Point 7 – Panorama; Location: West Fence Corner; Bearing 90 degrees; Year 2016

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Transect 1: Start Location: NE Branch of site
Bearing 290 degrees Year 2013



Transect 1: Start Location: NE Branch of site
Bearing 290 degrees Year 2014



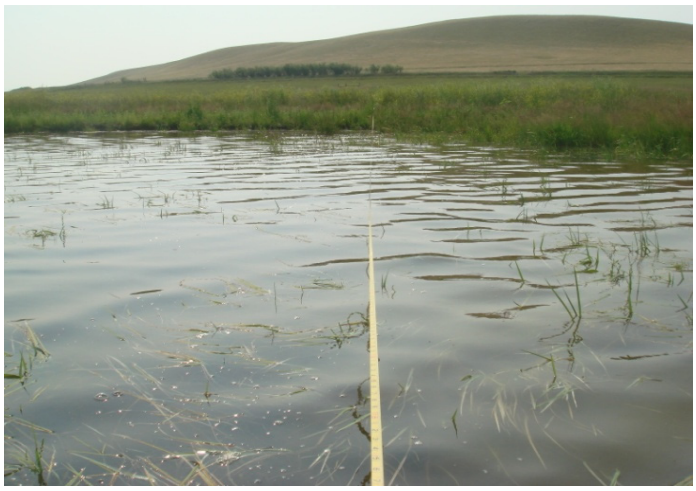
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Transect 1: End Location: NE Branch of site
Bearing 110 degrees Year 2013



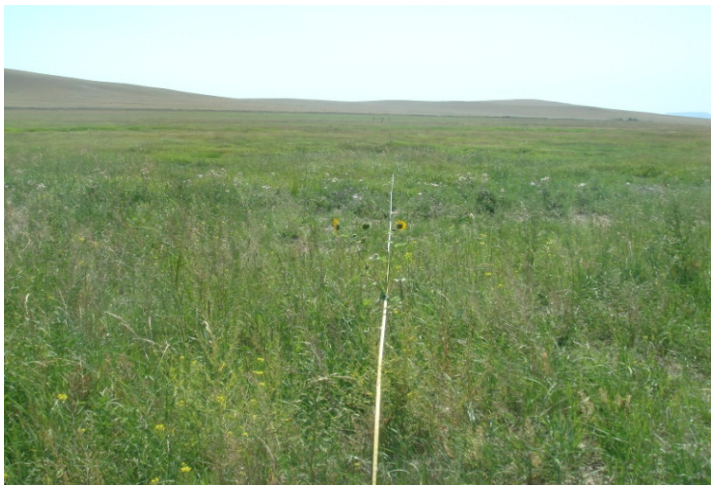
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Transect 1: End Location: NE Branch of site
Bearing 110 degrees Year 2016



Transect 2: Start Location: North Central
Bearing 130 degrees Year 2013



Transect 2: Start Location: North Central
Bearing 130 degrees Year 2014



Transect 2: Start Location: North Central
Bearing 130 degrees Year 2015



Transect 2: Start Location: North Central
Bearing 130 degrees Year 2016



Transect 2: End Location: North Central
Bearing 310 degrees Year 2013



Transect 2: End Location: North Central
Bearing 310 degrees Year 2014



Transect 2: End Location: North Central
Bearing 310 degrees Year 2015



Transect 2: End Location: North Central
Bearing 310 degrees Year 2016



Transect 3: Start Location: South Portion of site
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2013



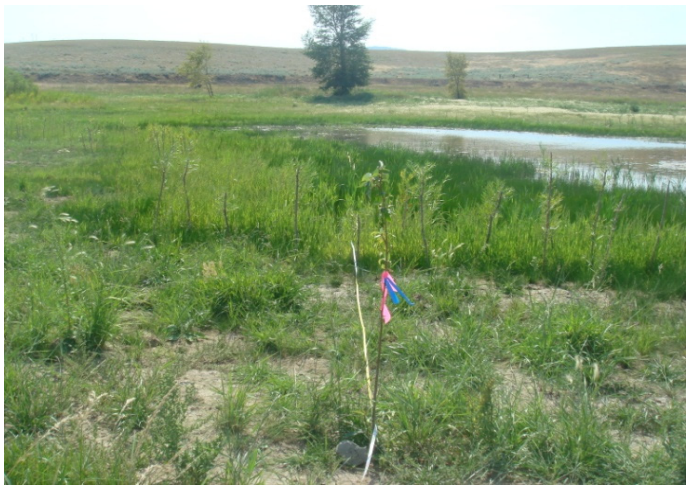
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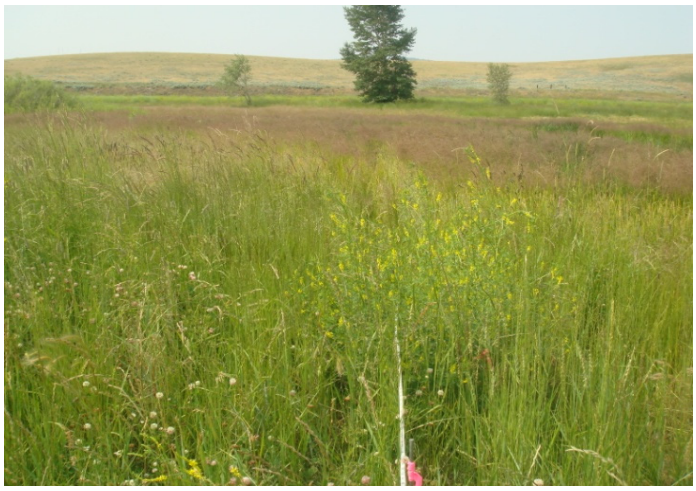
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Bearing 30 degrees Year 2014



Transect 3: End Location: South Portion of site
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2015



Transect 3: End Location: South Portion of site
Bearing 30 degrees Year 2016

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Data Point: DP-1W Location: South portion of site Year 2016	Data Point: DP-1U Location: South portion of site Year 2016

APPENDIX D
PROJECT PLAN SHEETS

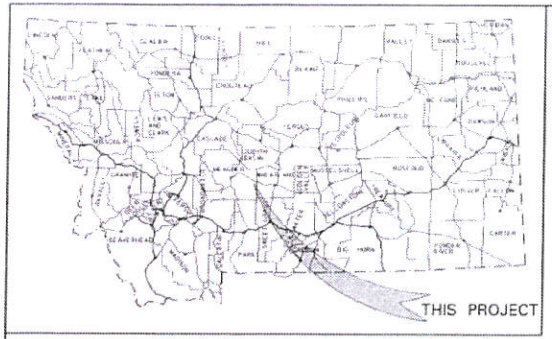
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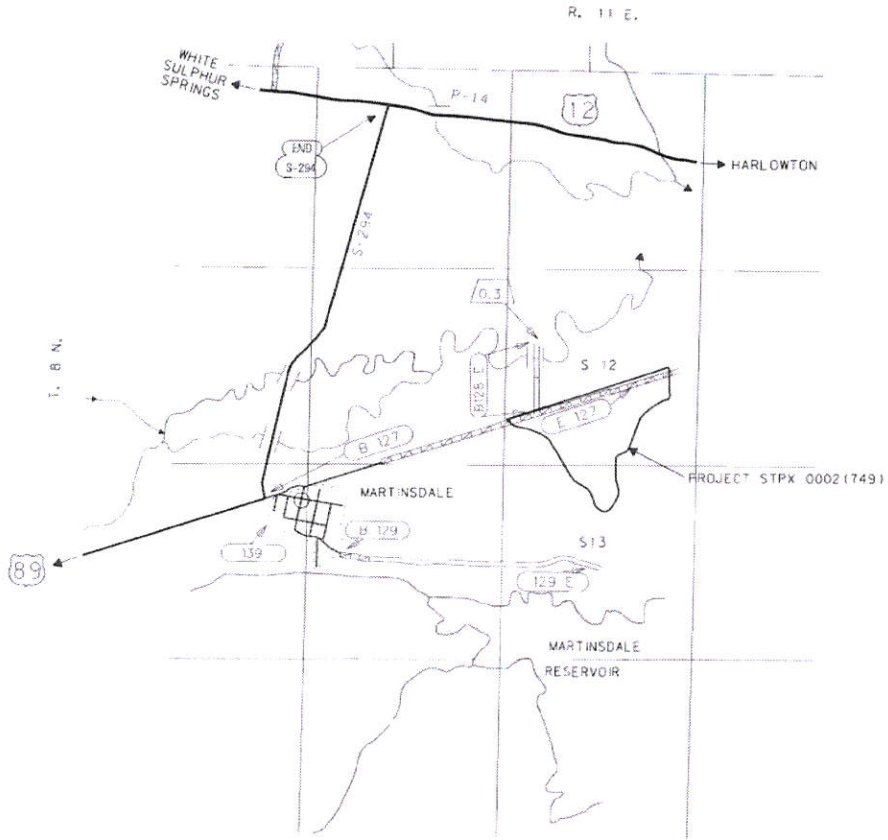
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TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

REFER TO SECTION 208 OF THE MDT DETAILED DRAWINGS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. INSTALL TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL MEASURES AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ENGINEER. PAYMENT TO BE DETERMINED BY USING THE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL RATE SCHEDULE AND PAID FOR UNDER MISCELLANEOUS WORK. ALL INSTALLED TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS MUST BE COMPOSED AND CONSTRUCTED OF 100% BIODEGRADABLE FIBERS, NETTING, AND STITCHING.

SOILS INFORMATION

TO OBTAIN THE COMPLETE SOILS INFORMATION CONTACT THE MDT GEOTECHNICAL SECTION AT (406) 444-6281.

UTILITIES

CONTACT THE UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION CENTER AT 1-800-424-5555 OR OTHER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE MARKING AND LOCATION OF ALL LINES AND SERVICES BEFORE EXCAVATING.

CLEARING AND GRUBBING

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

TOPSOIL SALVAGING AND PLACING

TOPSOIL QUANTITIES SHOWN IN THE PLANS ARE SUFFICIENT TO RE-TOPSOIL IN AREAS WHERE CUTS OR FILLS EXCEED 1.8 DOT. ALL REMAINING GRADING IS CONSIDERED UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION.

PIEZOMETER REMOVAL

SEE SHEET 10 FOR LOCATIONS OF PIEZOMETERS ON THE PROJECT. ABANDON WELLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARM 36.21.810.

WETLANDS

ONLY WETLANDS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS HAVE BEEN DELINEATED. WETLANDS MAY EXIST BEYOND THE PROJECT LIMITS AND ANY ACTION AFFECTING SUCH WETLANDS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR.

WETLANDS LEGEND

DELINEATED WETLANDS

IMPACTED WETLANDS

COMBINATION SCALE FACTOR

ALL SURVEY AND STAKING WILL REQUIRE THE USE OF A COMBINATION SCALE FACTOR (CSF) 0.99922160. ALL DIMENSIONS ON THE PLANS ARE GRID DIMENSIONS AND MUST BE DIVIDED BY THE CSF TO ARRIVE AT GROUND DIMENSIONS.

SURVEY DATA

DTM FILES FORMATTED FOR TRIMBLE, LEICA, AND TOPCON SURVEY CONTROLLERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. CONTACT WADE SALYARDS, MDT WETLAND ENGINEER, AT 444-7645.

LINEAR & LEVEL DATA

BEARING SOURCE

NAD 83 (1992)

LEVEL DATUM SOURCE

NAVD 88

BENCH MARKS

SEE CONTROL ABSTRACT FOR BENCHMARK INFORMATION

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CONTROL DIAGRAM

Control marks 1 through 7 were established to provide control in the areas of future wetlands mitigation. MDT secondary control procedures were used to establish the state plane coordinates and GPS derived orthometric heights of the new control.

Coordinates shown hereon are referenced to the Montana Coordinate System NAD83(1992), International feet. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88, U.S. feet (Geoid03). Redundant GPS RTK methods of survey were used to tie this survey to MDT control survey CN 4889, which was tied to the National Spatial Reference System through first-order order or better control points "A 295", "880RESET" and "KB12", using GPS static procedures with dual-frequency GPS receivers.

In order to maintain a relative accuracy of 1:50,000, one Combination Scale Factor can be used for this project: .99922160, which is the Combination Scale Factor for CN 4889.

CONTROL MARK ABSTRACT

POINT NAME/NUMBER	N OR Y COORDINATE	E OR X COORDINATE	POINT ELEVATION	LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
2JEB	820116.709	1755843.913	4837.13	FOUND USCG BENCHMARK "2" FROM THE JUNCTION OF HIGHWAY 294 AND 12, GO 2 MILES WEST ALONG HIGHWAY 12. THE MARK IS 95' NORTHWEST OF AND 68' SOUTHWEST OF A 17' ROAD GOING NORTH OFF OF HIGHWAY 12, 21' WEST OF AN IRRIGATION DITCH CROSSING HIGHWAY 12, 1' NORTH OF SOUTH R/W FENCE AND POST WITH SURVEY MARKER SIGN. BRASS CAP STAMPED "2" JEB, 1972.
7TE	815622.843	1771445.444	4735.58	FOUND MDT CONTROL CAP AT MP 17.55. A STANDARD MDT CONTROL CAP ON 5/8" REBAR 0.05M BELOW GROUND STAMPED "7TE 2003". CAP IS 25' NORTH OF THE PTA, 19' NORTH OF CORNER IN NORTH R/W FENCE WEST OF THE NORTH ROAD TO MARTINSDALE INTERSTATE COLONY, 62' WEST OF WEST FENCE ALONG THE ROAD, 42' WEST OF AN IRRIGATION DITCH, 15' EAST OF A POWER POLE "TAP 6", AND ON HIGH POINT ABOVE AN IRRIGATION DITCH. WITNESS POSTS SET 7' NORTH AND SOUTH.
1	807908.594	1757815.256	4781.01	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "1 2008". MARK IS 2.6' NORTH OF THE SOUTH R/W FENCE OF MARTINSDALE ROAD, 15' WEST OF AN APPROACH, AND 2.6' NORTH OF A WITNESS POST.
2	808455.543	1769626.308	4770.8	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "2 2008". MARK IS 2' SOUTH OF THE SOUTH R/W FENCE OF MARTINSDALE ROAD, 1.1' WEST OF A FENCE CORNER, 35' WEST OF AN APPROACH, AND 2' SOUTH OF A WITNESS POST.
3	808076.674	1776875.668	4775.16	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "3 2008". MARK IS 100' SOUTH OF THE SOUTH R/W FENCE OF MARTINSDALE ROAD, AND 2' NORTH OF A WITNESS POST.
4	807613.353	1786869.291	4787.83	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "4 2008". MARK IS 1' SOUTH OF THE SOUTH R/W FENCE OF MARTINSDALE ROAD, 150' EAST OF A DIVERSION STRUCTURE, AND 2' SOUTH OF A WITNESS POST.
5	807432.042	1795572.531	4808.98	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "5 2008". MARK IS 2' NORTH OF AN EAST-WEST FENCE AND 2' SOUTH OF A WITNESS POST.
6	808616.342	1788550.880	4806.07	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "6 2008". MARK IS IN AN OPEN FIELD, 30' EAST OF AN IRRIGATION CANAL, AND 2' SOUTH OF A WITNESS POST.
7	805935.671	1768185.498	4817.40	SET MDT CONTROL CAP, FLUSH WITH GROUND, STAMPED "7 2008". MARK IS ON TOP OF THE EAST BANK OF CANAL, 80' NORTH OF AN EAST-WEST FENCE, 120' SOUTHEAST OF CONCRETE DIVERSION STRUCTURE, AND 2' SOUTH OF A WITNESS POST.

NOTE: CONTROL DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE



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SUMMARY

GRADING

TOTAL	cubic yards: UNCL EXC	EXCESS EXCAVATION	EMB *	REMARKS
	9,400	9,400		SITE GRADING
	500		500	KEYED BERM
TOTAL	9,900	# 9,400	# 500	

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NOTE: 20% SHRINK FACTOR APPLIED TO GRADING

REVEGETATION

STATION FROM	STATION TO	lump sum: REVEGETATION	lump sum: TREE & SHRUB PLANTING **	cubic yards: TOPSOIL SALVAGING & PLACING	acres: WETLAND SEEDING	REMARKS
		1	1	22,235	35.83	
TOTAL		1	1	22,235		

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** SEE SHEET 17 FOR CONCEPTUAL REVEGETATION PLAN

ABANDON PIEZOMETER

STATION	ITEM DESCRIPTION	square yards	cubic yards	each	REMARKS
	ABANDON WELL			4	SEE SHEET 10 FOR LOCATIONS
TOTAL				4	

CULVERTS (INCLUDED IN CULVERT SUMMARY RECAP)

CULVERT	BASIC BID ITEMS: linear feet: CULVERT PIPE in	LENGTH OF PIPE	RELAY CULVERT	CLEAN CULVERT	REMOVE CULVERT	cubic yards: CULVERT EXC. **	FOUND-ATION MATERIAL	BEDDING MATERIAL	CLASS "DD" CONCRETE	CULVERT RIPRAP CLASS	square yards: GEOTEX-TILE #	PIPE OPTIONS in: CONCRETE STEEL - 2 2/3 x 1/2 CORR ALUMINUM - 2 2/3 x 1/2 CORR	CLASS OR TYPE	COATING *	END SECTIONS LEFT	END SECTIONS RIGHT	cubic yards: FOUND-ATION MATERIAL	BEDDING MATERIAL	CLASS "DD" CONCRETE	CULVERT RIPRAP CLASS	square yards: GEOTEX-TILE #	linear feet: HEIGHT OF COVER	SKEW ANGLE	CULVERT IN PL. in x ft	REMARKS
CULVERT A					23.0																			18 X 23.0 CMP	REMOVE
CULVERT B					75.0																			18 X 75.0 CMP	REMOVE
CULVERT C					22.0																			18 X 22.0 CMP	REMOVE
CULVERT D					42.0																			18 X 42.0 CMP	REMOVE
TOTAL					162.0																				

BROAD-CRESTED WEIR

STATION FROM	STATION TO	cubic yards: BANK PROTECTION	square yards: TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT	each: CANAL GATE	each: HEAD GATE	each: TRASH GUARD	each: CHECK	each: TURNOUT	each: REMOVE IRRIGATION STRUCTURE	REMARKS
		TYPE 3	TYPE C350	1	1					BROAD-CRESTED WEIR
TOTAL		35	120							

CULVERT SUMMARY RECAP

BASIC BID	linear feet: NEW PIPE (TOTAL)	linear feet: RELAY CULVERT	linear feet: CLEAN CULVERT	linear feet: REMOVE CULVERT	cubic yards: FOUND-ATION MATERIAL	cubic yards: BEDDING MATERIAL	cubic yards: CLASS "DD" CONCRETE	cubic yards: CULVERT RIPRAP CLASS	square yards: GEOTEXTILE	square yards: PERM EROS CNTRL CLASS
				162.0						
TOTAL				162.0						

FENCING

STATION FROM	STATION TO	linear feet: WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCE TYPE 1 - FM	linear feet: WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCE TYPE 1 - FW	REMOVE FENCE	each: WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCE PANEL SINGLE	each: WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCE PANEL DOUBLE	each: DEADMAN	linear feet: FARM GATE* TYPE G2	linear feet: FARM GATE* TYPE G3	REMARKS
		2,592.4		2,592.4	4	1		12		
		495.2			1	1		12		
		974.6			2	2				
		379.2			1	1				
		838.9			2	2				
		2,155.8			1	4		12		
		530.3			1	1				
		99.9			1	1				
		2,271.7			4					
TOTAL		8,397.5		# 2,592.4	12	14		36		

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DIVERSION STRUCTURE

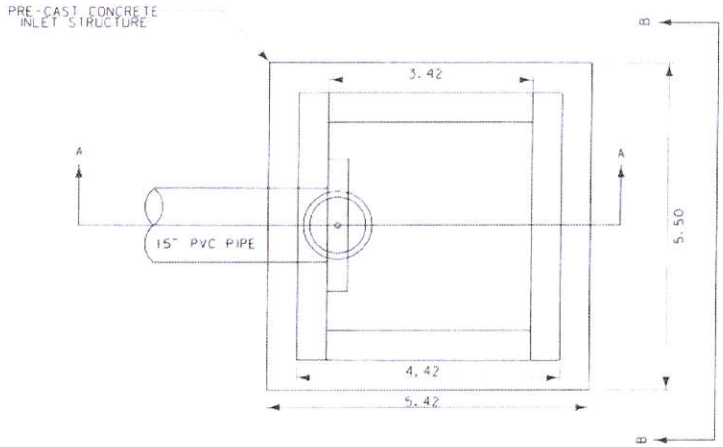
DIVERSION	cubic yard: CLASS "DD" CONC.	cubic yard: BANK PROTECTION TYPE 3	square yard: TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT TYPE C350	each: CANAL GATE 15 in	each: HEAD GATE 15 in	feet: PVC PIPE 15 in	lump sum: TOTAL	REMARKS
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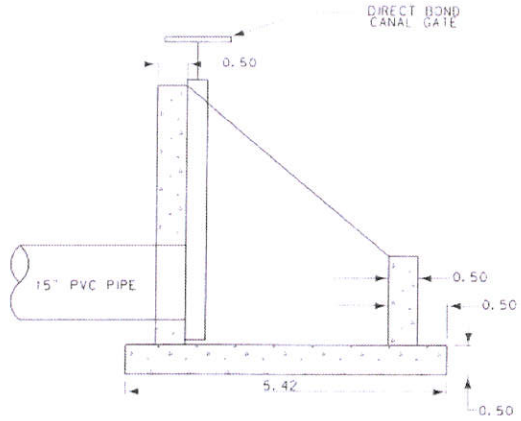
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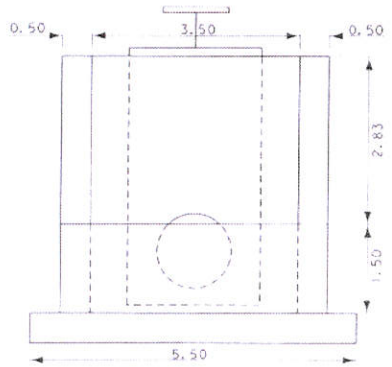
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SECTION B-B

DIVERSION INLET STRUCTURE

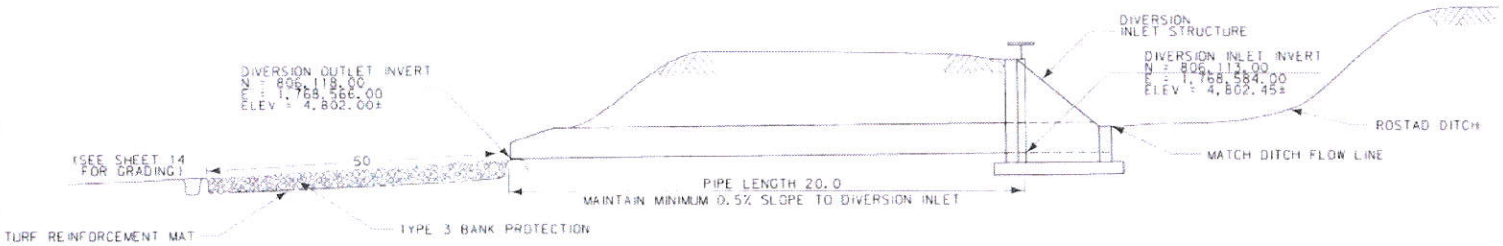
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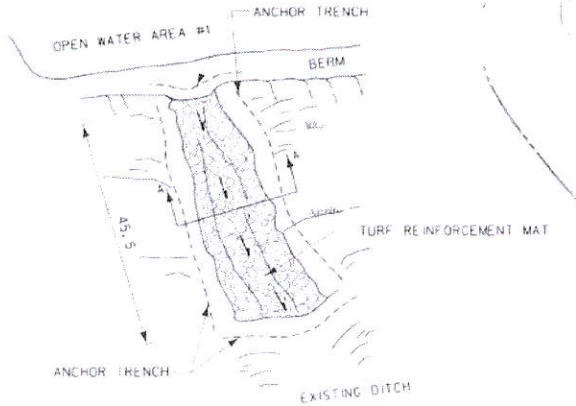
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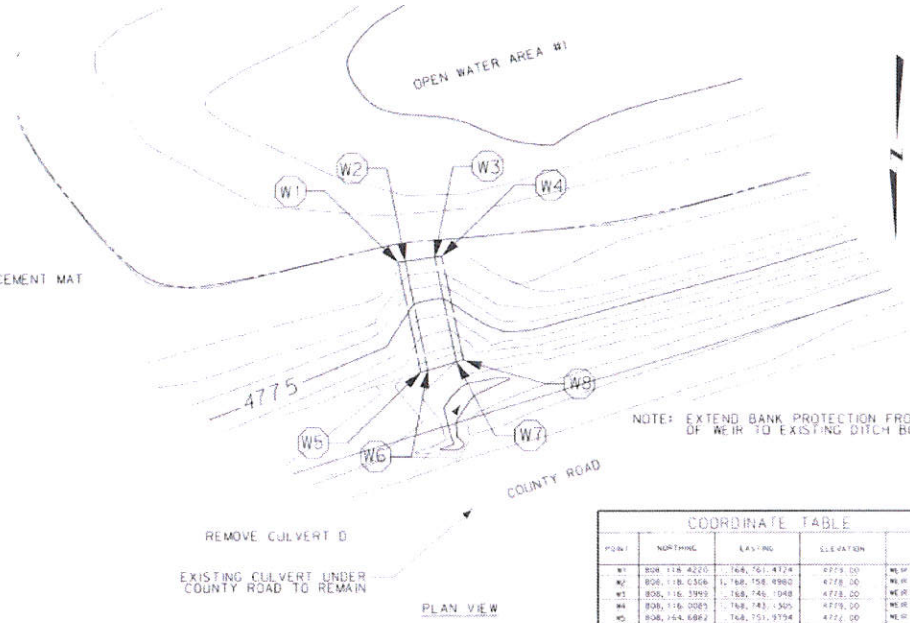
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SECTION A-A

COORDINATE TABLE

POINT	NORTHING	EASTING	ELEVATION	REMARKS
W1	806,118.4220	1,768,761.4724	4779.00	WEIR
W2	806,118.0306	1,768,758.8980	4778.00	WEIR
W3	806,116.3999	1,768,746.1048	4778.00	WEIR
W4	806,116.0085	1,768,743.1305	4779.00	WEIR
W5	806,164.6882	1,768,751.9794	4772.00	WEIR
W6	806,163.8578	1,768,749.0815	4771.00	WEIR
W7	806,160.2978	1,768,737.0578	4771.00	WEIR
W8	806,159.5674	1,768,734.1453	4772.00	WEIR

BROAD-CRESTED WEIR

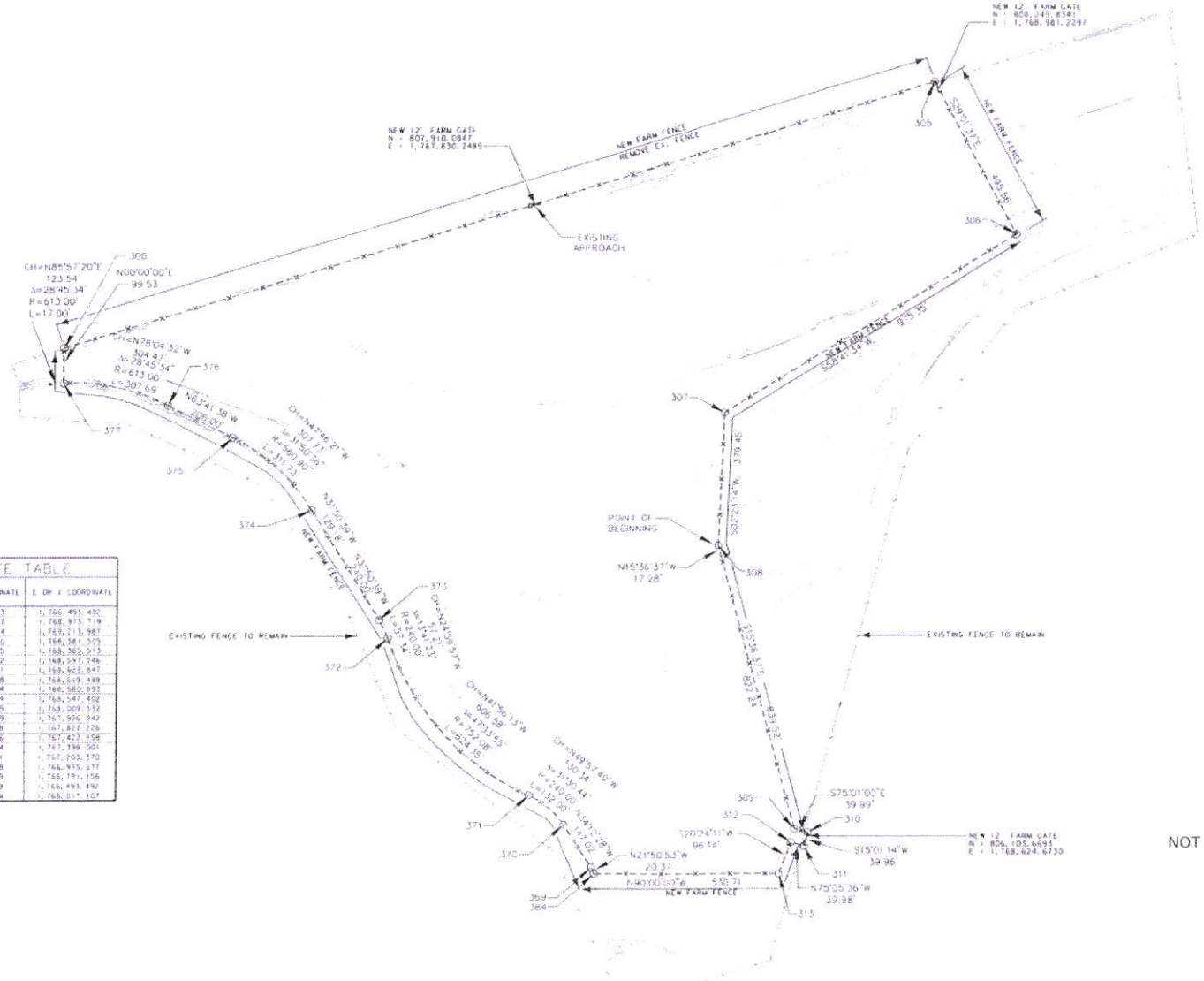
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POINT #	N OR Y COORDINATE	E OR X COORDINATE
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305	808,259.427	1,768,975.719
306	807,828.454	1,769,215.987
307	807,320.936	1,768,341.305
308	806,941.205	1,768,363.513
309	806,133.292	1,768,591.246
310	806,122.953	1,768,623.647
311	806,084.388	1,768,619.489
312	806,094.684	1,768,583.895
313	806,084.524	1,768,547.402
369	806,023.515	1,768,909.532
370	806,145.009	1,767,926.942
371	806,228.788	1,767,827.226
372	806,679.656	1,767,422.158
373	806,731.464	1,767,398.001
374	807,044.831	1,767,703.370
375	807,751.488	1,766,935.617
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377	807,405.549	1,766,493.492
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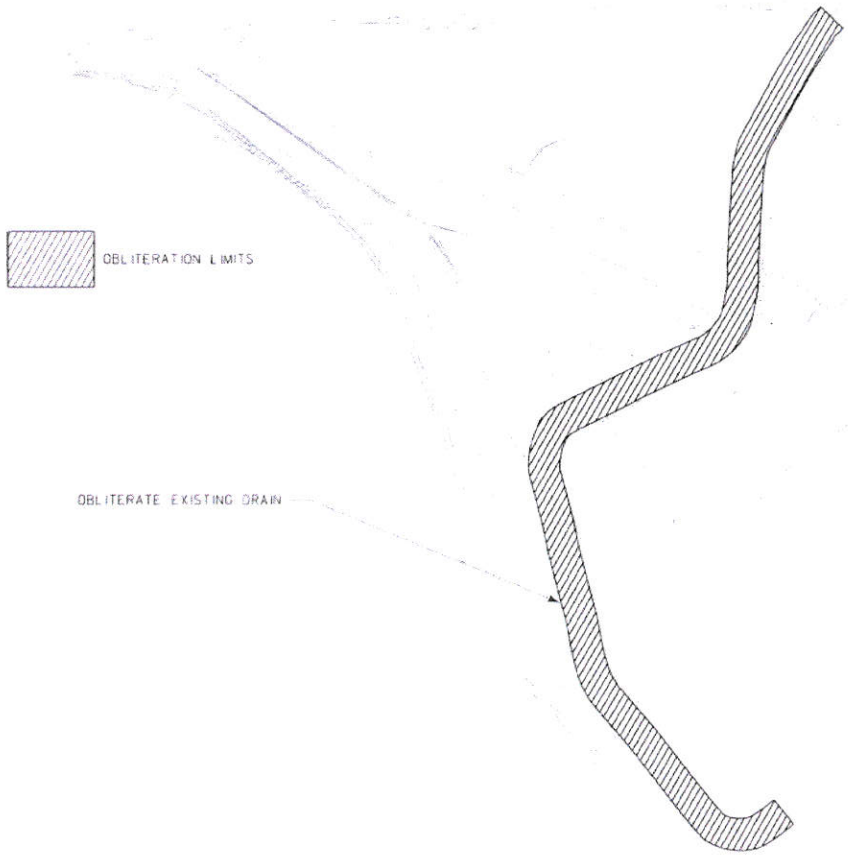
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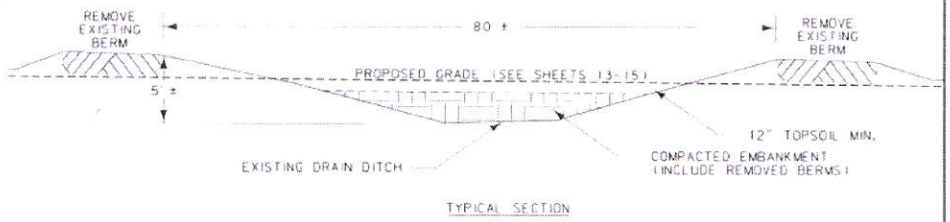
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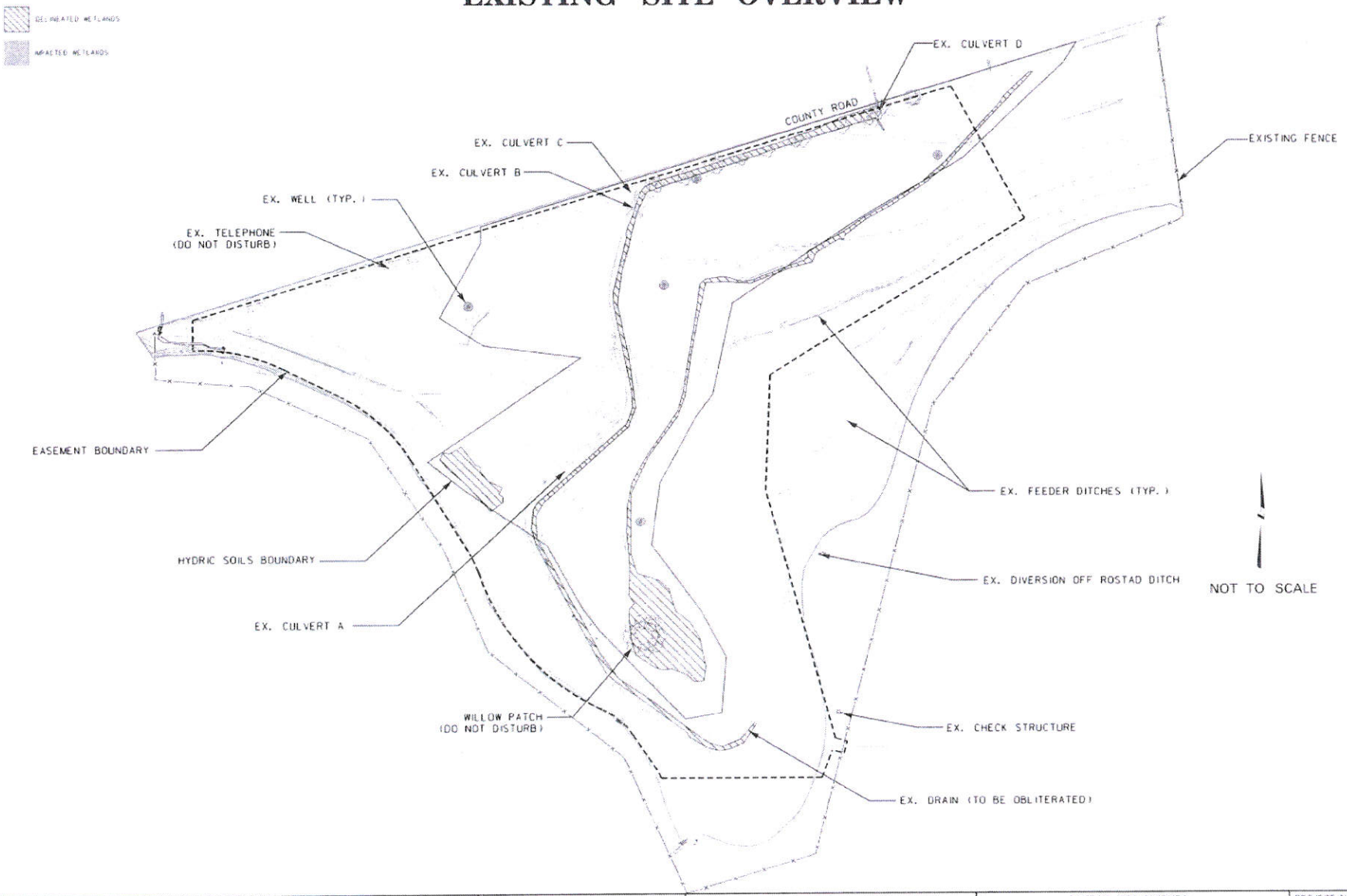
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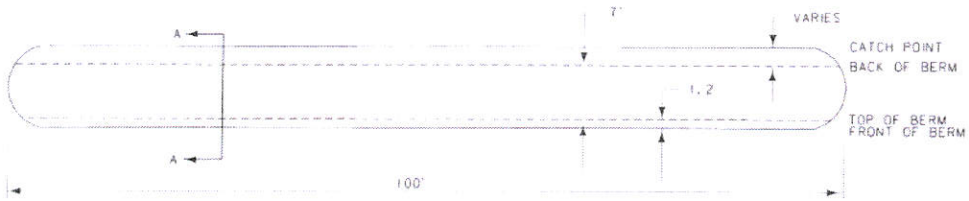
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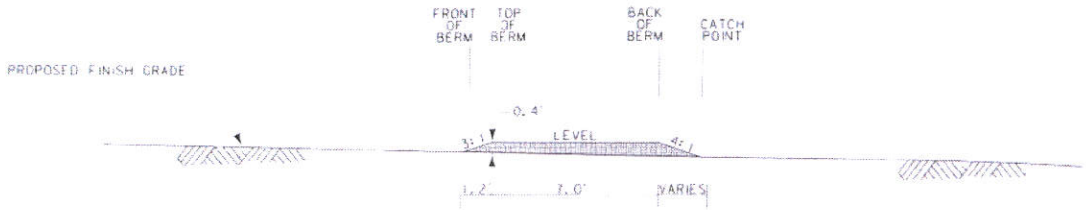
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PLAN VIEW



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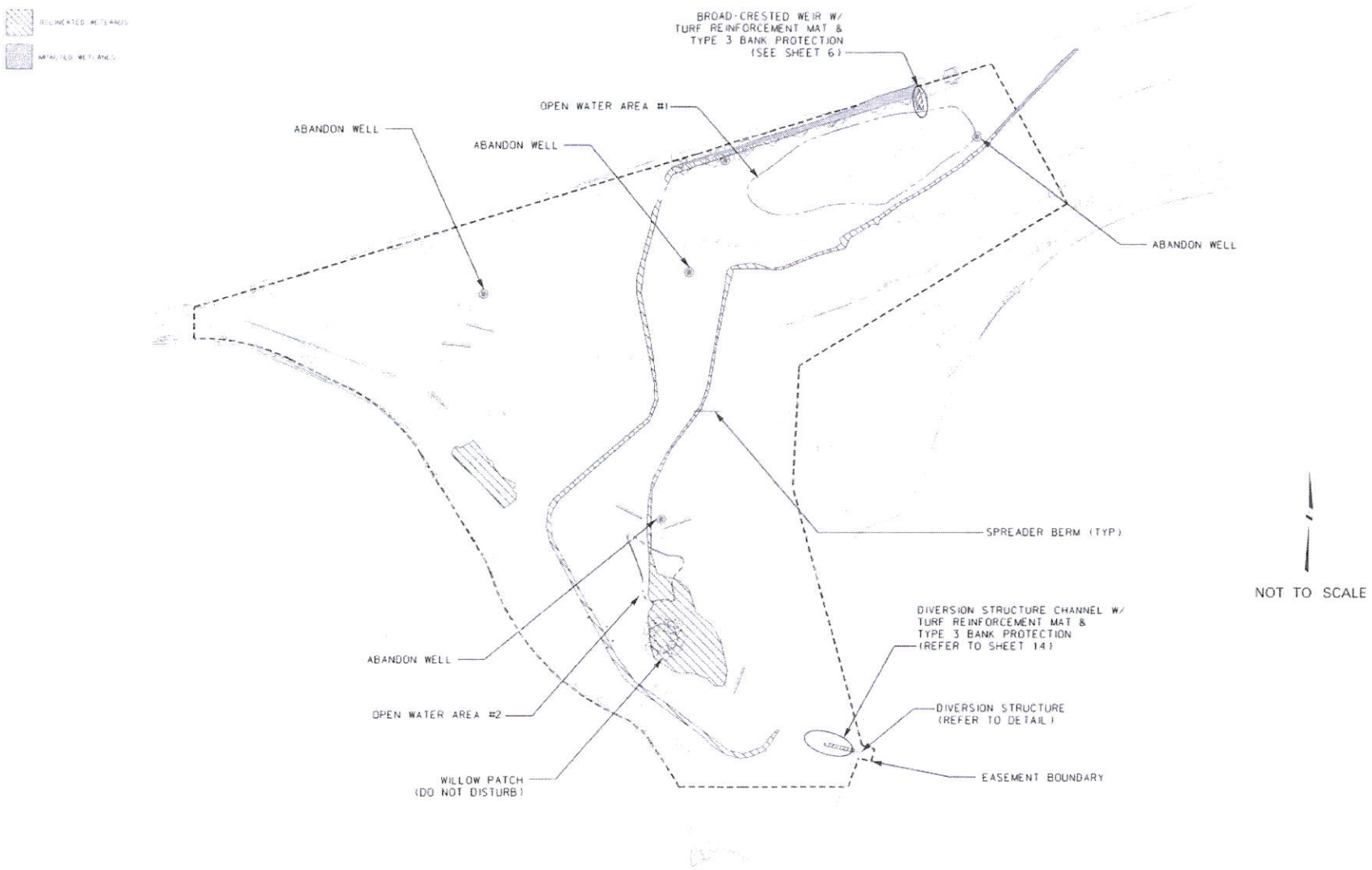
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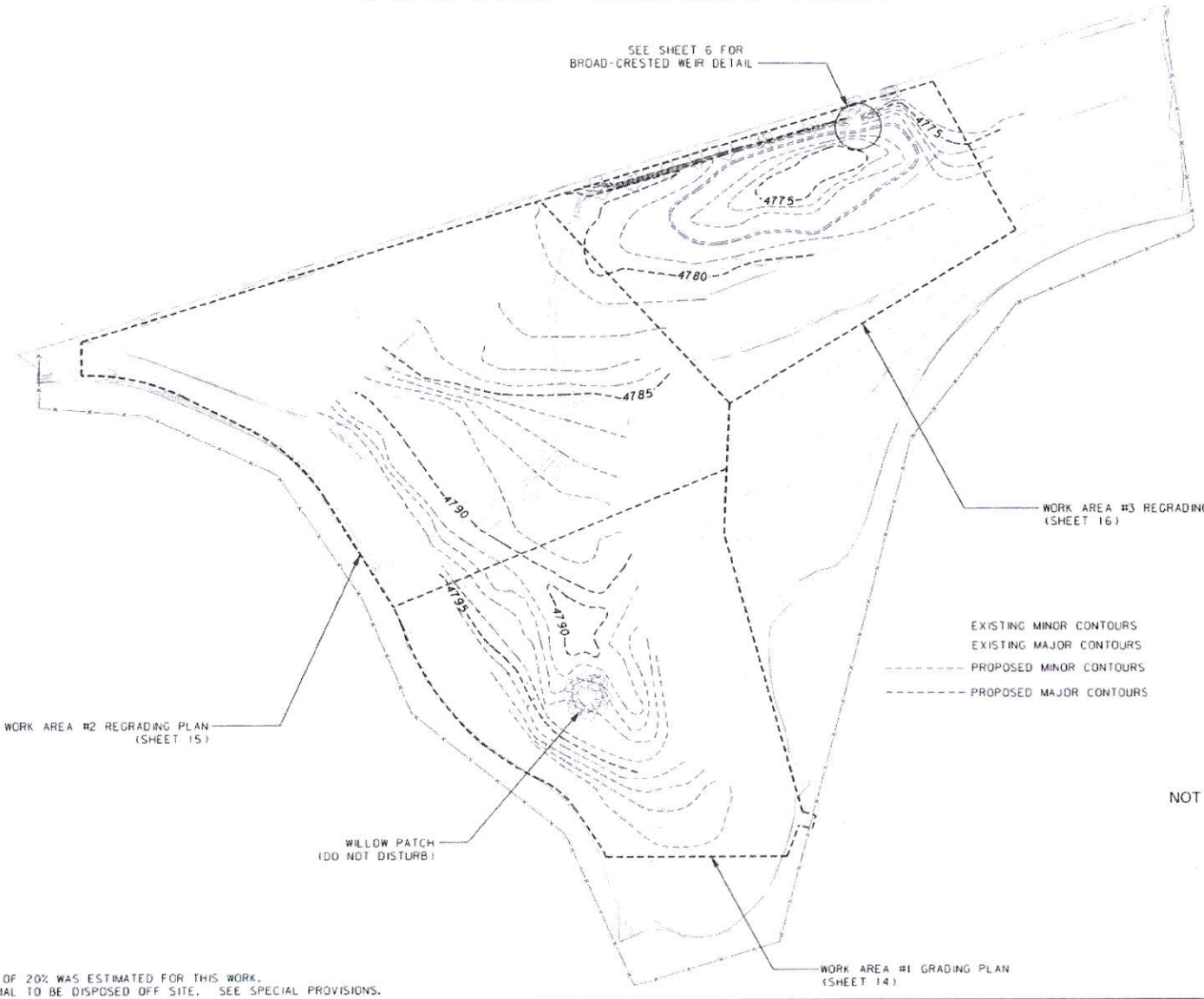
PROPOSED SITE OVERVIEW



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PROPOSED GRADING PLAN

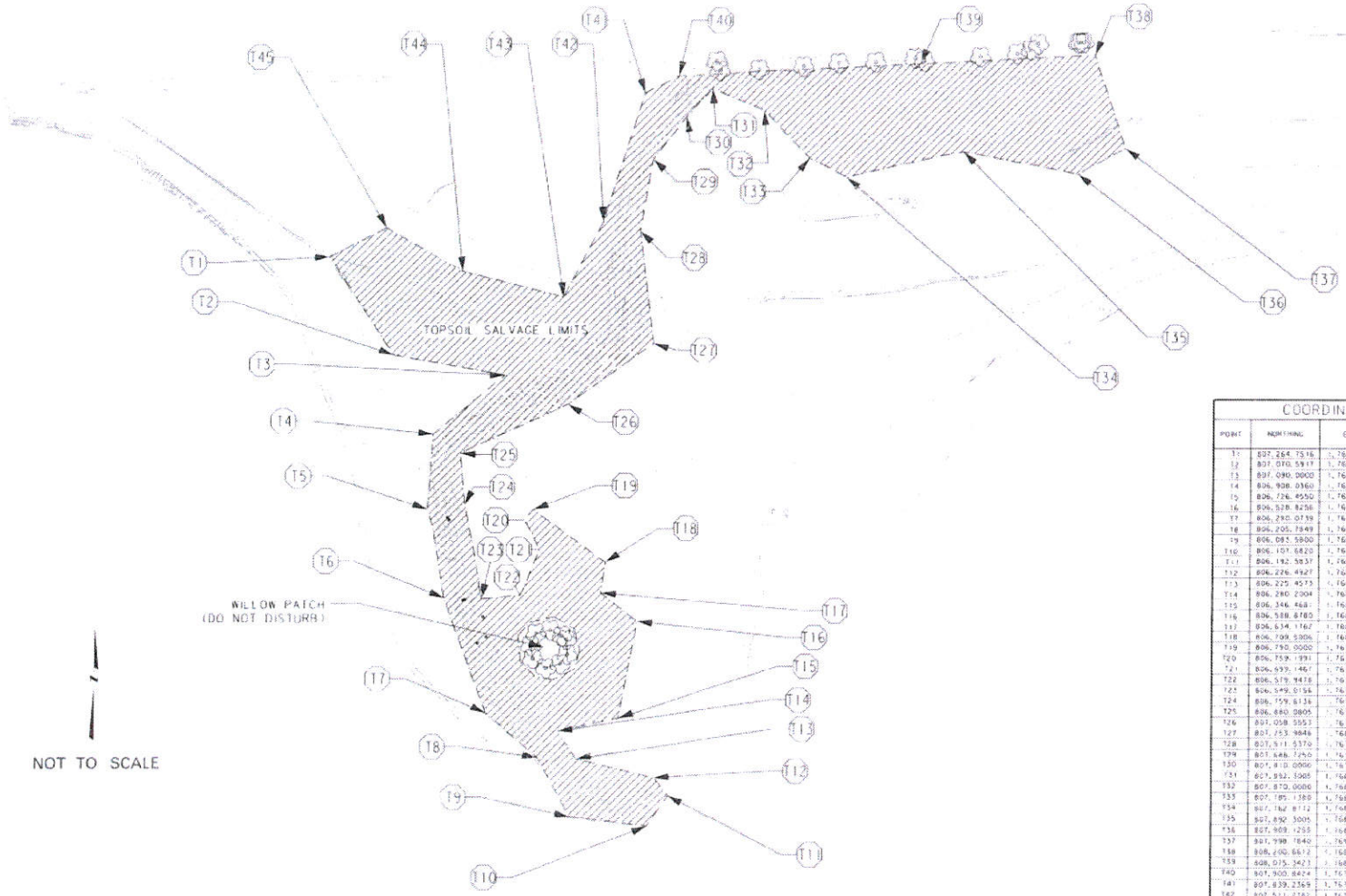


NOTE: A SHRINK FACTOR OF 20% WAS ESTIMATED FOR THIS WORK.
ALL WASTE MATERIAL TO BE DISPOSED OFF SITE. SEE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

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TOPSOIL SALVAGE PLAN



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COORDINATE TABLE

POINT	NORTHING	EASTING	REMARKS
T1	807,264.7516	1,767,491.8279	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T2	807,070.5917	1,767,413.5161	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T3	807,090.0000	1,767,880.0000	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T4	806,908.0360	1,767,556.9172	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T5	806,726.4550	1,767,583.5919	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T6	806,528.8256	1,767,683.0355	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T7	806,290.0739	1,767,853.0918	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T8	806,205.7849	1,768,002.1935	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T9	806,085.5800	1,768,115.3939	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T10	806,107.6820	1,768,303.4900	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T11	806,192.5837	1,768,334.8125	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T12	806,226.4927	1,768,290.2898	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T13	806,225.4573	1,768,096.1548	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T14	806,280.2004	1,768,055.9230	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T15	806,346.4681	1,768,170.3144	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
T16	806,588.8780	1,768,154.1365	TOPSOIL SALVAGE LIMIT
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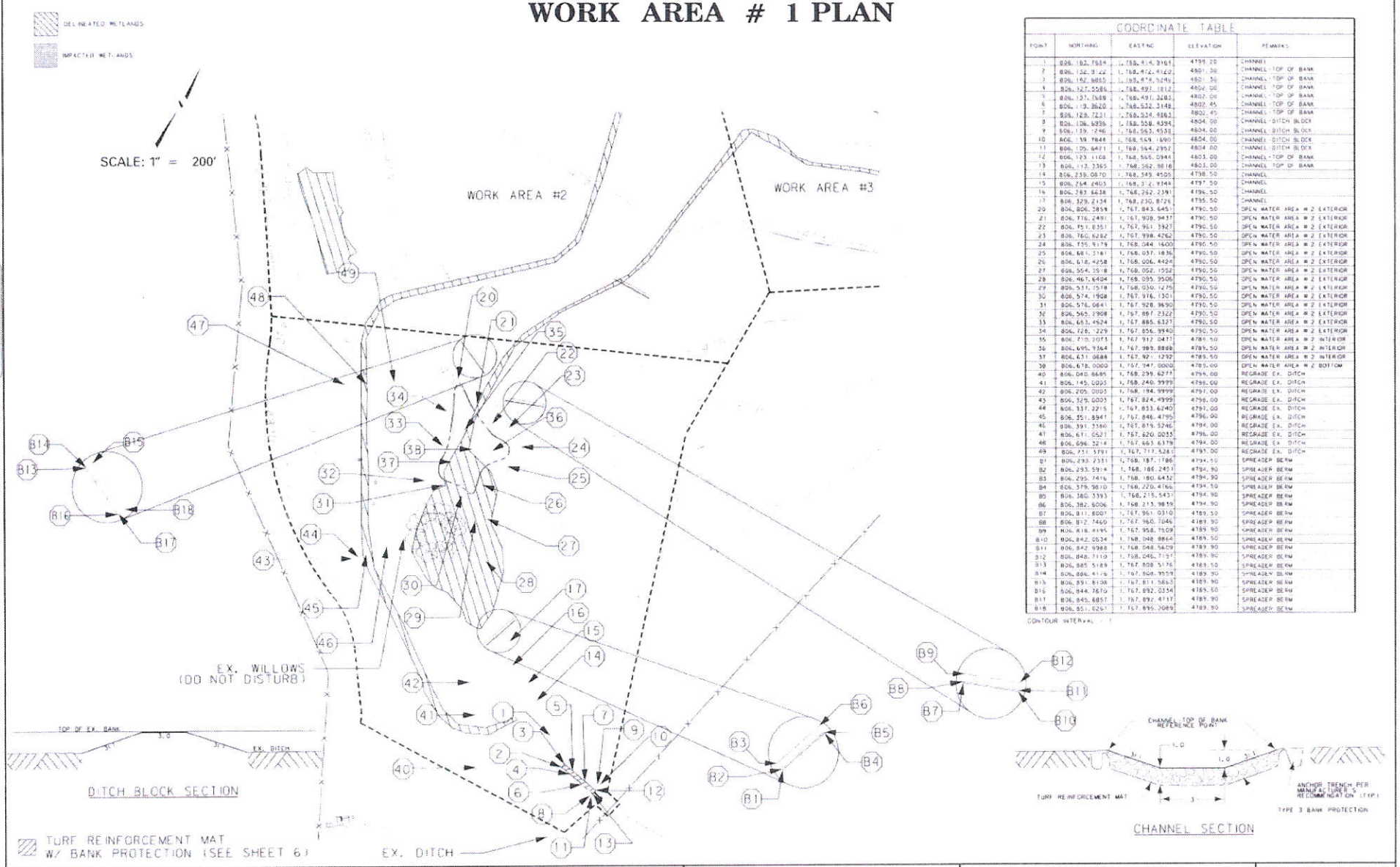
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NOTE: SALVAGE TOPSOIL A MINIMUM OF 10 INCHES IN THE AREA SHOWN.
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WORK AREA # 1 PLAN



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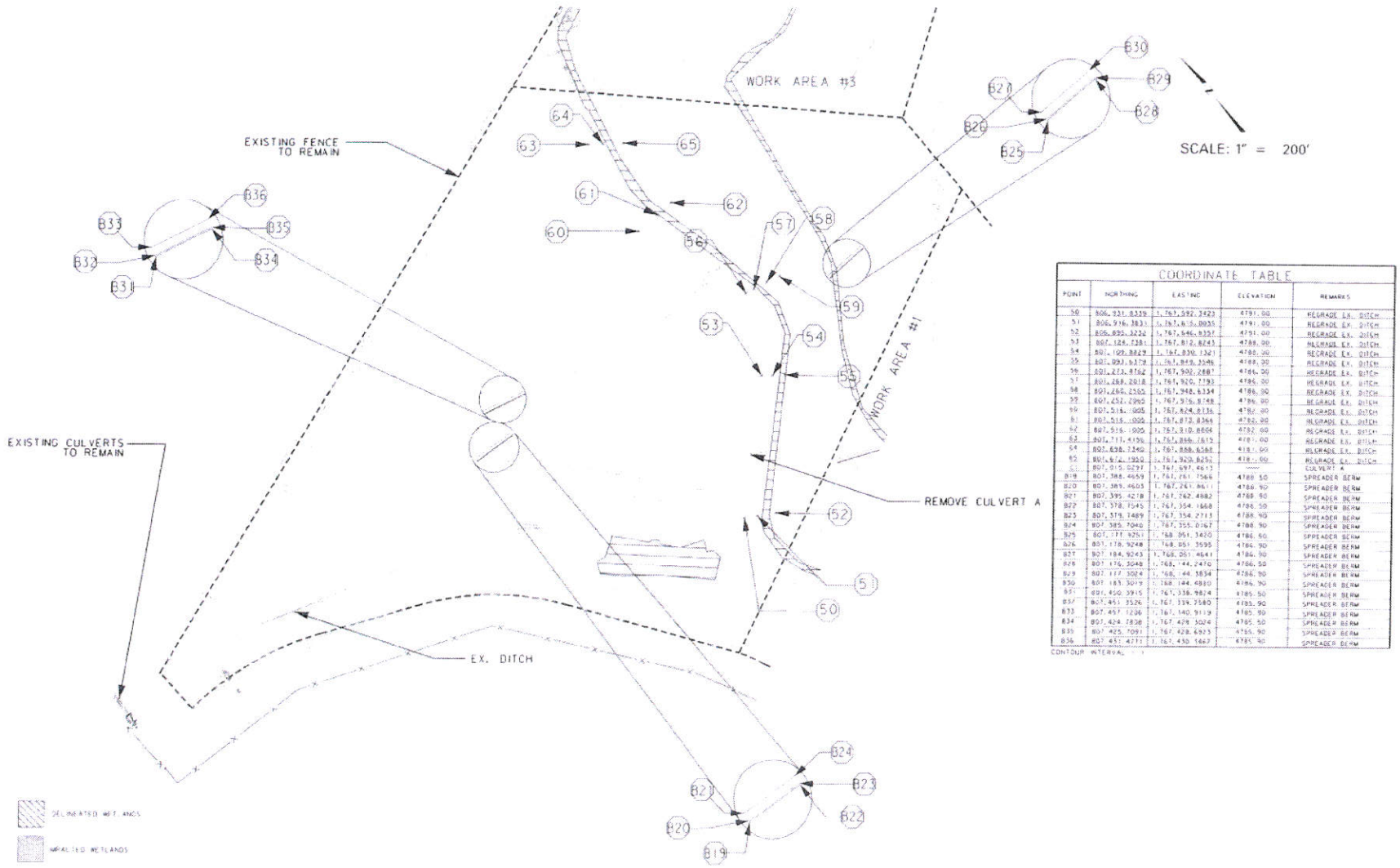
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9	806,139.7246	1,768,563.4538	4804.99	CHANNEL - DITCH BLOCK
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45	806,351.8947	1,767,846.4795	4796.90	REGRADE EX. DITCH
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WORK AREA # 2 PLAN



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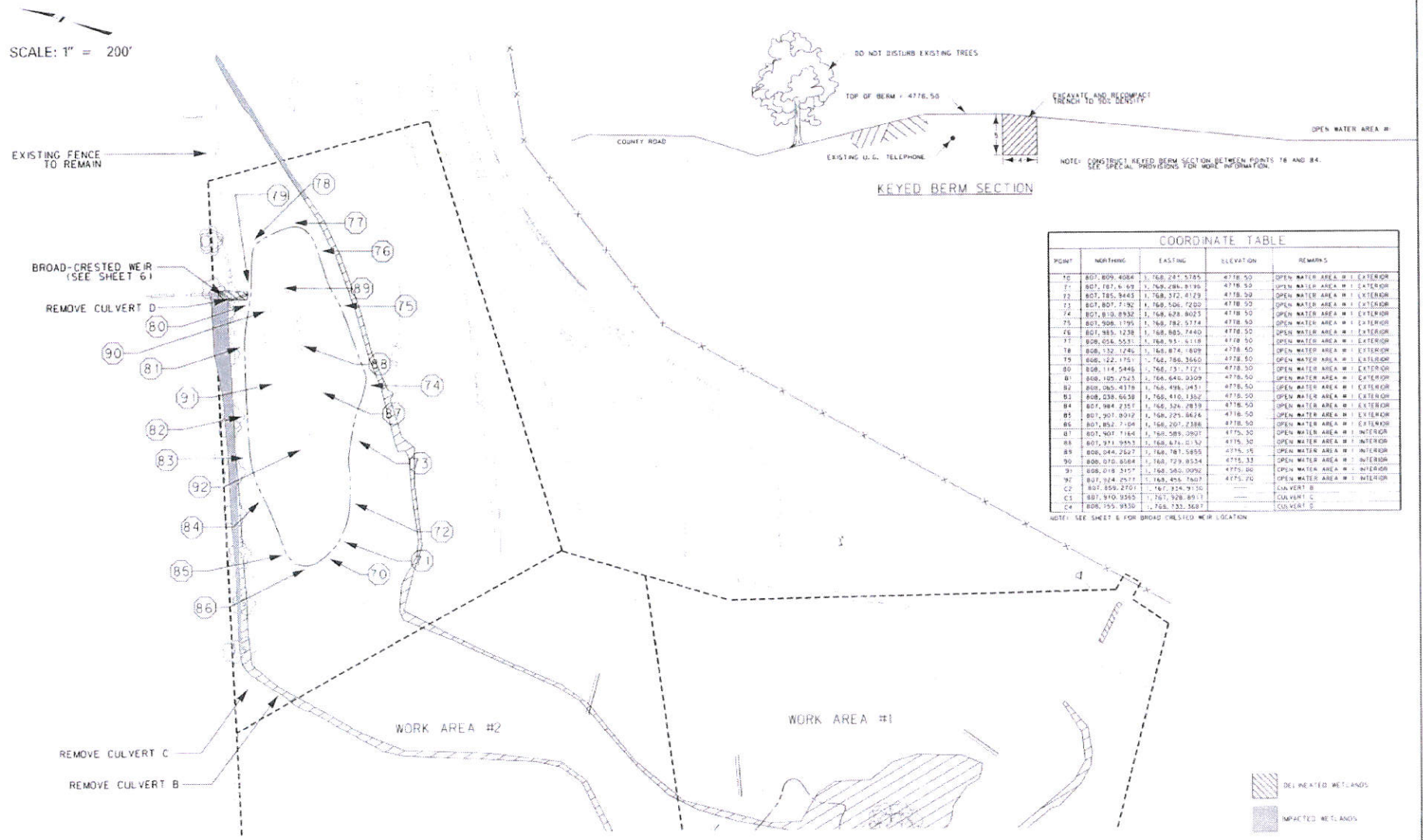
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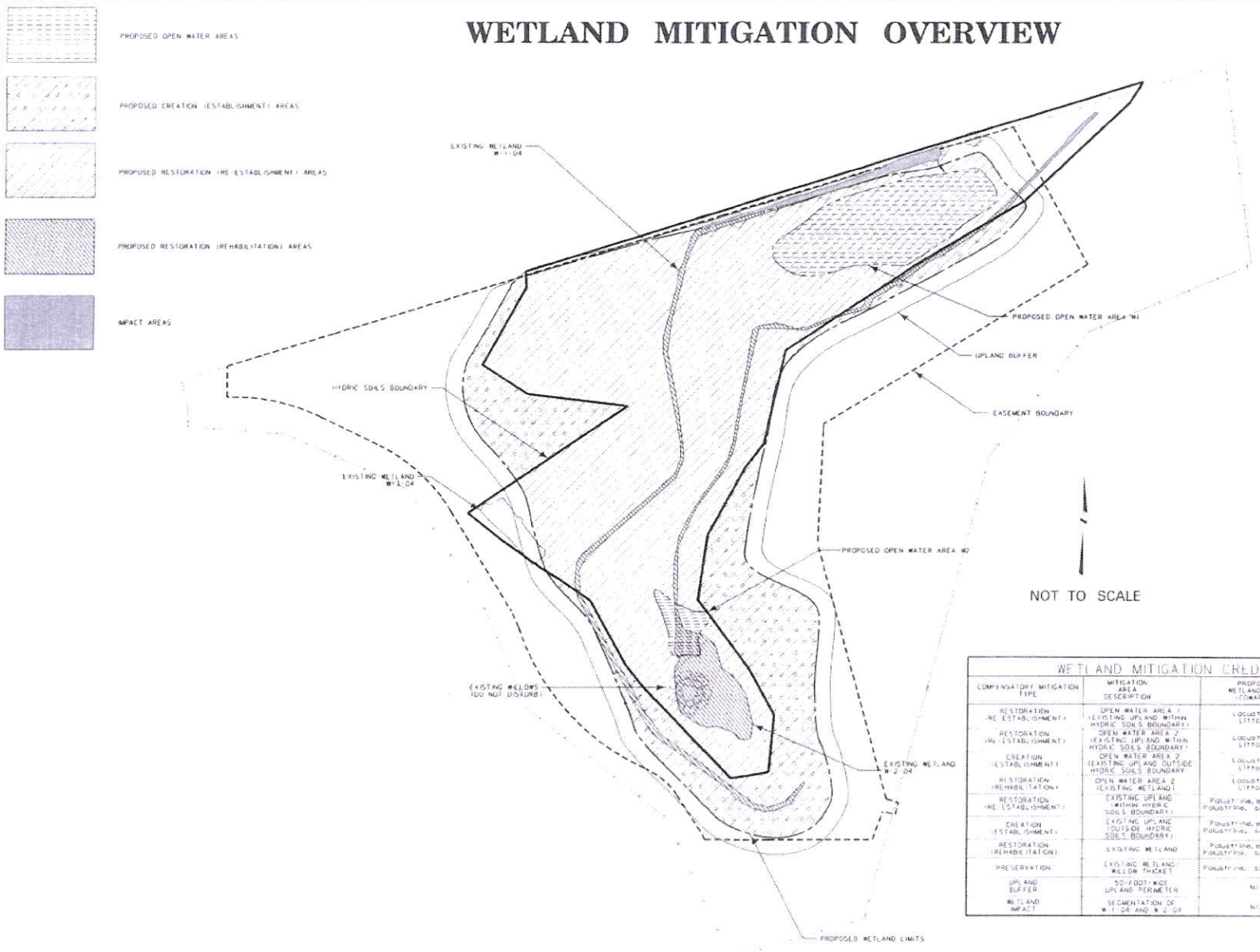
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86	807,852.7184	1,768,207.2388	4778.50	OPEN WATER AREA #1 EXTERIOR
87	807,907.7184	1,768,589.0907	4775.30	OPEN WATER AREA #1 INTERIOR
88	807,971.9553	1,768,674.0132	4775.30	OPEN WATER AREA #1 INTERIOR
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90	808,070.8084	1,768,729.8534	4775.33	OPEN WATER AREA #1 INTERIOR
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92	807,924.2577	1,768,456.7607	4775.70	OPEN WATER AREA #1 INTERIOR
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C3	807,970.9365	1,767,928.8913	------	CULVERT C
C4	808,755.9530	1,768,733.3687	------	CULVERT D

NOTE: SEE SHEET 6 FOR BROAD CRESTED WEIR LOCATION

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WETLAND MITIGATION OVERVIEW



WETLAND MITIGATION CREDITING STRATEGY TABLE

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION TYPE	MITIGATION AREA DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED WETLAND TYPE (COWARDIN)	MITIGATION SURFACE AREA (acres)	ANTICIPATED MITIGATION RATIO	ANTICIPATED MITIGATION CREDIT (acres)
RESTORATION (RE-ESTABLISHMENT)	OPEN WATER AREA 1 (EXISTING UPLAND WITHIN HYDRIC SOILS BOUNDARY)	Lacustrine, Littoral	3.21	1:1	3.21
RESTORATION (RE-ESTABLISHMENT)	OPEN WATER AREA 2 (EXISTING UPLAND WITHIN HYDRIC SOILS BOUNDARY)	Lacustrine, Littoral	0.45	1:1	0.45
CREATION (ESTABLISHMENT)	OPEN WATER AREA 2 (EXISTING UPLAND OUTSIDE HYDRIC SOILS BOUNDARY	Lacustrine, Littoral	0.04	1:1	0.04
RESTORATION (REHABILITATION)	OPEN WATER AREA 2 (EXISTING WETLAND)	Lacustrine, Littoral	0.39	1.5:1	0.29
RESTORATION (RE-ESTABLISHMENT)	EXISTING UPLAND (WITHIN HYDRIC SOILS BOUNDARY)	Palustrine, emergent/ Palustrine, scrub-shrub	23.45	1:1	23.45
CREATION (ESTABLISHMENT)	EXISTING UPLAND (OUTSIDE HYDRIC SOILS BOUNDARY)	Palustrine, emergent/ Palustrine, scrub-shrub	9.90	1:1	9.90
RESTORATION (REHABILITATION)	SPREADING WETLAND	Palustrine, emergent/ Palustrine, scrub-shrub	2.33	1.5:1	1.55
PRESERVATION	EXISTING WETLAND WILLOW THICKET	Palustrine, scrub-shrub	0.25	4:1	0.06
UPLAND BUFFER	50-FOOT-WIDE UPLAND PERIMETER	N/A	6.76	5:1	1.35
WETLAND IMPACT	SEGMENTATION OF W-1-04 AND W-2-04	N/A	N/A	1:1	0.41
				TOTAL MITIGATION CREDIT =	39.70

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CONCEPTUAL REVEGETATION PLAN

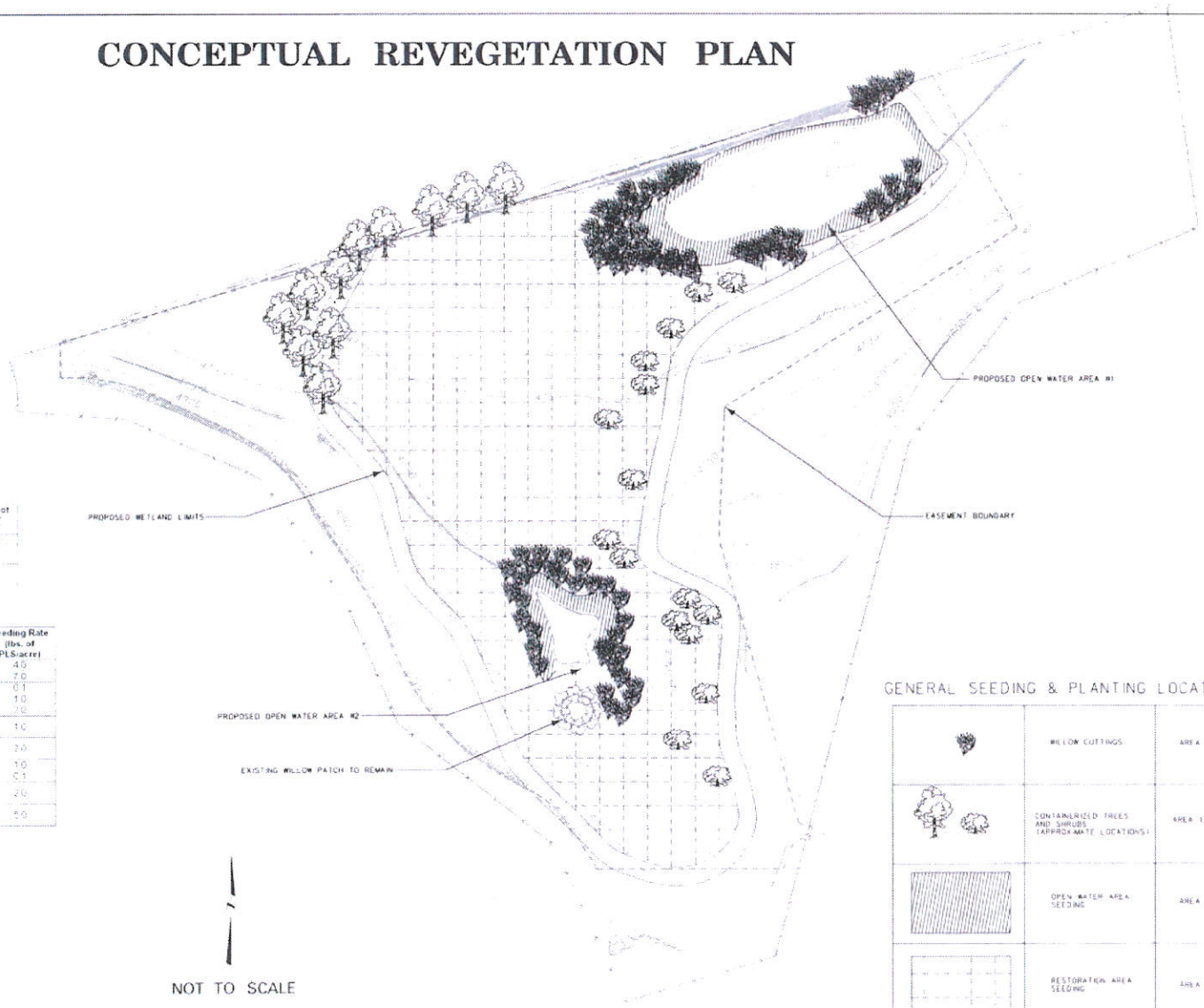


Table 1. Live Plantings

Area Descriptions 16A	Species – Common Name	Species – Scientific Name	Planting Methodology	Number of Plants*
2	Willows**	Salix species	Cuttings	2,500
1, 3	quaking aspen	Populus tremuloides	Containerized trees (5 gallon)	100
	black cottonwood	Populus balsamifera	Containerized trees (5 gallon)	100

*Plant locations to be provided in the field by MDT personnel
** Willow cuttings should be from a variety of species found in the region

Table 2. Seed Mixtures

Area Descriptions 16A	Species – Common Name	Species – Scientific Name	Seeding Rate (lbs. of PLS/acre)
Wetland Seed Mixture – Open Water Areas (2)	American mannagrass	Glyceria grandis	4.0
	American sloughgrass	Beckmannia syzigachne	7.0
	Baltic rush	Juncus balticus	0.1
	Heaked sedge	Carex utriculata	1.0
	Nebraska sedge	Carex nebrascensis	1.0
Wetland Seed Mixture – Restoration Area (1)	Northern tufted hairgrass	Deschampsia cespitosa	1.0
	Northern tufted hairgrass	Deschampsia cespitosa	2.0
	Bluejoint reedgrass	Calamagrostis canadensis	1.0
	Baltic rush	Juncus balticus	0.1
	Pearl slender wheatgrass	Elymus trachycaulus	2.0
	Rosana western wheatgrass	Pascopyrum smithii	5.0

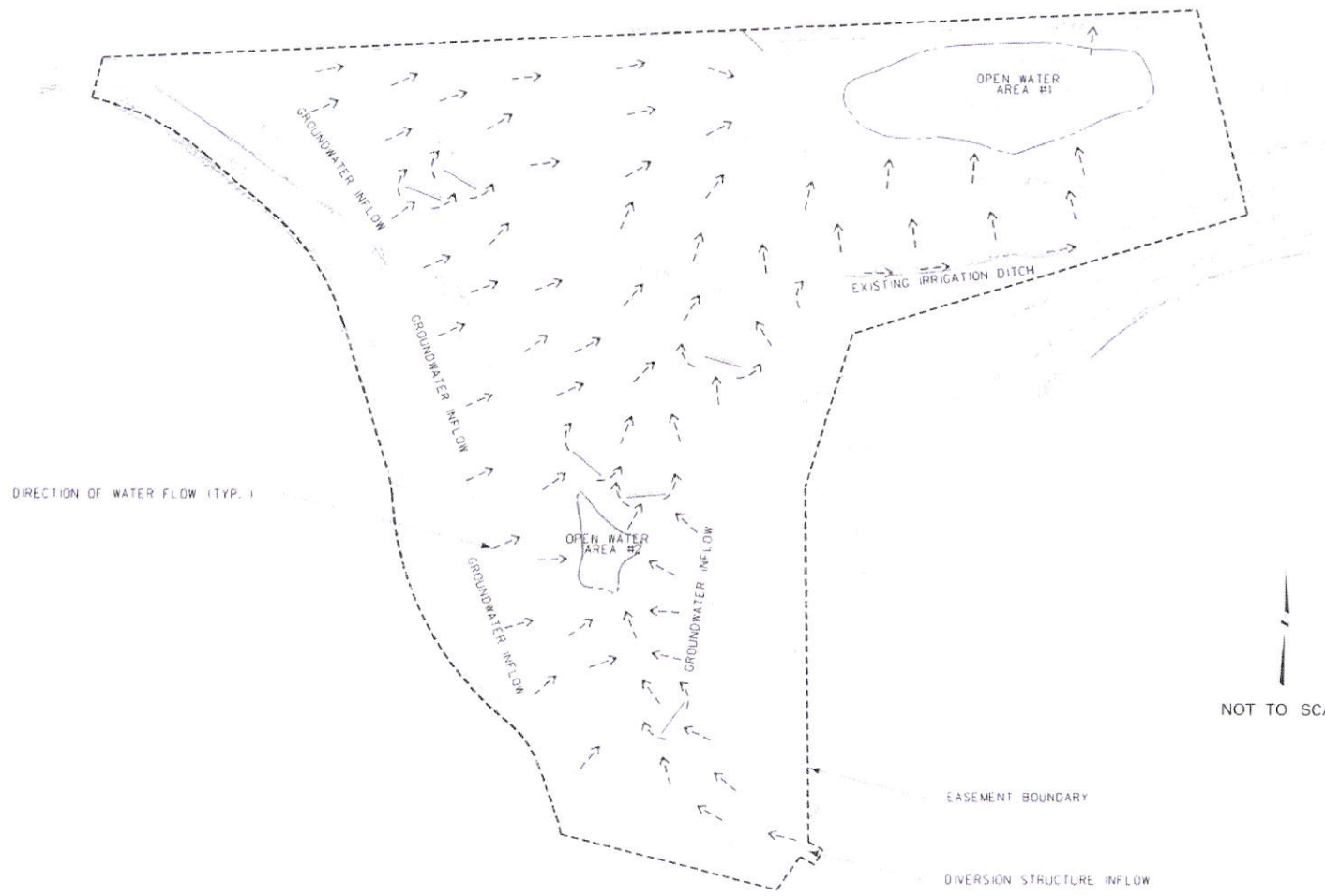
*Seed application rate by drill seeding (rates double for broadcast seeding)

GENERAL SEEDING & PLANTING LOCATIONS

	WILLOW CUTTINGS	AREA 2
	CONTAINERIZED TREES AND SHRUBS (APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS)	AREA 1 & 3
	OPEN WATER AREA SEEDING	AREA 2
	RESTORATION AREA SEEDING	AREA 1

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WATER DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW



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