Montana Department of Transportation Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Report

KINDSFATER MITIGATION SITE

Project Overview

MDT Project Number: STPX 56 (56) UPN # 5034

Watershed: Watershed #13 – Upper Yellowstone River Basin

Monitoring Year: 2021

Years Monitored: 9th year of monitoring

Corps Permit Number: NWO-2007-00824-MTB

Monitoring Conducted By: Confluence Consulting Inc

Dates Monitoring Was Conducted: June 15-16, 2021

Purpose of the Approved Project:

The site is intended to provide 32.7 acres of wetland mitigation credits to assist Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) in meeting compensatory mitigation requirements for proposed construction projects in Watershed #13 – Upper Yellowstone. The objectives of this project include creation, restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetland habitat within the historic Kindsfater gravel pit. Construction included excavating 14 wetland cells to shallow groundwater elevation that range in size from 0.24 to 1.39 acres.

Site Location:

Latitude: 45.693478 **Longitude:** –108.693517

County: Yellowstone **Nearest Town:** Laurel, MT

Map Included: See Figure 1, page 10

Mitigation Site Construction Started: 2012 **Construction Ended:** 2012

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

Activity: Weed spraying was delayed to October 2021 due to Stage 2 fire restrictions across all areas of Montana from June through September 2021. **Date:** October 2021

Specific recommendations for additional corrective actions: Confluence recommends that MDT assess the need for additional woody plantings.

Anticipated Wetland Credit Acres: 32.7

Wetland Credit Acres Generated to Date: 23.0

Previous Monitoring Reports:
https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland_mitigation.shtml

Monitoring Period: 5 years from construction completion or until concurrence by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Requirements (from approved mitigation plan, banking instrument, and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit conditions)

Performance Standards: A summary of performance standards established for the Kindsfater site and discussion of achievement status for each criterion is provided in Table 1. In 2021, the site achieved 13 of the 14 success criteria.

Table 1. Summary of Performance Standards

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	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site meet the three-parameter criteria, as documented in the USACE wetland determination data forms (Appendix B).
Wetland Hydrology	Soil saturation present for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season.	Y	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site exhibit soil saturation for a minimum 12.5 percent of the growing season, as documented by areas of inundation shown in aerial imagery and in the USACE wetland determination data forms (Appendix A and B).
Hydric Soil	Hydric soil conditions present or appear to be forming.	Y	The constructed wetland complex exhibits hydric soil development, with redoximorphic features and the presence of other prominent hydric soil indicators observed within many of the excavated depressions.
	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 and expand across disturbed soils.
Hydrophytic Vegetation	Achieved when hydrophytic vegetation is dominant, per technical guidelines outlined in the 1987 Wetland Manual and 2010 Regional Supplement.	Y	Areas identified as wetland habitat within the mitigation site support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation (OBL, FACW, and FAC) as documented in the USACE wetland determination data forms (Appendix B).
	Noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent cover.	Y	Although several noxious weed infestations have been mapped across the site, these infestations are generally located outside of excavated wetlands. Overall, the estimated noxious weed cover within delineated wetlands is less than 5 percent.
	Hydrophytic vegetation success will include achieving a minimum overall vegetation cover of 80 percent in created wetland areas within 5 years following site construction.	Y	The majority of created wetlands exhibited 80 percent hydrophytic vegetation cover during the 2021 monitoring event. All wetlands that were designed to provide 80 percent vegetative cover are currently achieving that performance standard.
Woody Plants	Plantings will be considered successful where they exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years.	N	Approximately 14 percent of the woody plantings observed were alive in 2021, which does not meet the 50 percent survival criteria. However, volunteer woody cover within wetland cells 13 and 14 exhibited a cover class of 5 (>50 percent), and within wetland cell 9 a cover class of 4 (21-50 percent).
Open-Water Areas	Open water that is established within the designated wetland cells will be considered successful and creditable.	Y	Open water areas, with less than 5 percent vegetative cover, were mapped within cells 1 and 2. Shallow ponded water areas, with greater than 5 percent vegetative cover were also observed on site within many of the other wetland cells. Overall water depths ranged from 1 to 24 inches deep. A variety of herbaceous and woody hydrophytic species comprised the vegetated areas.
Upland Buffer	Success will be achieved when noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent cover within the buffer areas on site.	Y	Noxious weed cover was less than 5 percent cover within upland buffer areas, which included infestations of field bindweed, leafy spurge, and Canada thistle. MDT will continue to implement weed-control measures to maintain this criterion.

Performance Standards	Success Criteria	Criteria Achieved Y/N	Discussion
Upland Buffer	Any area disturbed within creditable buffer zones must have at least 50 percent aerial cover of non-weed species by the end of the monitoring period.	Y	Upland buffers surrounding wetland areas exhibited greater than 50 percent aerial cover of non-weed species.
Weed Control	Success will be achieved where <5 percent absolute cover of noxious weed species occurs across the site.	Y	The absolute cover of state-listed noxious weed species across the entire site was estimated at approximately 5 percent in 2021. Field bindweed infestations were the most prevalent noxious weed occurrences observed during the 2021 monitoring event.
Fencing	Install wildlife-friendly fencing along the easement boundaries.	Y	Wildlife-friendly fencing has been installed around the easement boundaries and is in good condition.

Summary Data

Wetland Delineation – The total wetland acreage delineated in 2021 (including preexisting wetland areas) was 37.6 acres, which is a 2.9-acre increase from the 2020 acreage (34.7 acres). The greatest increase in wetland acreage occurred within the reestablishment (restoration) areas, with an additional 1.9 acres delineated in 2021. The delineation confirmed 18.8 acres in preservation areas, 10.4 acres in the restoration areas (reestablishment and rehabilitation), 3.0 acres in the enhancement area, and 5.3 acres of created wetland in the excavated cells (Table 2). In 2020, the USACE (N. Green, personal communication, May 6, 2020) provided guidance on open water, defining it as "areas of open water of any depth with less than 5% rooted emergent vegetation, no vegetation, submerged non-rooted vegetation, and/or submerged vegetation rooted in the substrate that does not extend above the water surface." In accordance with this recent USACE guidance, open water accounted for 0.5-acre of the mitigation site in 2021 (Table 2). Uplands accounted for the remaining 77.7 acres of the mitigation site. USACE wetland determination data forms [USACE, 2010] are provided in Appendix B.

Table 2. Wetland & Aquatic Habitat Acreage Delineated From 2015 Through 2021 at the Kindsfater Site

Habitat Type	2015 Acreage	2016 Acreage	2017 Acreage	2018 Acreage	2019 Acreage	2020 Acreage	2021 Acreage
Preservation	21.3	20.3	20.5	17.6	17.4	18.4	18.8
Reestablishment (Restoration)	7.9	7.8	6.8	6.1	7.3	7.4	9.3
Rehabilitation (Restoration)	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Enhancement	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0
Establishment (Creation)	1.8	2.0	2.2	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.3
Open Water	--	--	--	--	--	0.4	0.5
Total Wetland & Aquatic Habitat	**34.9**	**34.4**	**33.4**	**32.4**	**33.3**	**35.1**	**38.0**

Vegetation – A total of 147 plant species were identified on the site from 2013 through 2021, including three new upland species in 2021 - choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana*), golden currant (*Ribes aureum*), and field fluffweed (*Filago arvensis*) (see plant list in Appendix B). Vegetation communities were identified by species composition and dominance. The following vegetation community types were identified in 2021:

- Upland Type 4 – *Elaeagnus angustifolia*
- Upland Type 6 – *Elymus trachycaulus/Bromus* spp.
- Upland Type 12 – *Alopecurus arundinaceus/Poa pratensis*
- Upland Type 14 – *Elymus* spp*./Bromus* spp*.*
- Upland Type 15 – *Bromus* spp*./Nassella viridula*
- Upland Type 17 – *Bromus* spp*./Poa pratensis*
- Wetland Type 2 – *Eleocharis palustris/Schoenoplectus* spp.
- Wetland Type 3 – *Alopecurus arundinaceus/Poa palustris*
- Wetland Type 5 – *Typha latifolia*
- Wetland Type 8 – *Populus deltoides*
- Wetland Type 9 – *Salix exigua*
- Wetland Type 10 – *Poa palustris*
- Wetland Type 11 – *Phalaris arundinacea*
- Wetland Type 16 – *Juncus* spp*./Carex* spp*.*

The species composition for each community type is provided in detail on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B), and the community boundaries are shown on Figure A-3 (Appendix A).

Vegetation cover was measured along three transects in 2021 (Figure A-2, Appendix A). Details of each transect are provided in the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B). Photographs of the transect end points are provided in Appendix C. Table 3 summarizes the data for T-1. T-1 is 300 feet long and intersected upland community Type 15 and wetland community Types 8 and 9. Wetland habitat was consistent with that observed in 2020, representing 53 percent of the transect. Total vegetative cover along this transect was 85 percent in 2021. The total number of plant species observed along the transect decreased by one upland species from 2020 to 2021. Annual shifts in species dominance and general presence/absence of species are normal and expected within plant communities.

Table 3. Data Summary for T-1 From 2017 Through 2021 at the Kindsfater Site

Monitoring Year	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**
Transect Length (feet)	**300**	**300**	**300**	**300**	**300**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	4	4	4	4	4
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	4	5	3	3	3
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	38	35	40	35	34
Total Hydrophytic Species	13	12	12	8	8
Total Upland Species	25	23	28	27	26
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	75	85	84	85	85
Estimated % Unvegetated	25	15	16	15	15

Monitoring Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	40.3	49.3	55	53	53
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	59.7	50.7	45	47	47
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Data collected on T-2 (Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form, Appendix B) are summarized in Table 4. T-2 is 388 feet long and intersects wetland community Types 2 and 3; 100 percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat in 2021, which has remained constant since monitoring began in 2013. Total vegetative cover along this transect was 92 percent in 2021, representing a 2 percent increase since 2020. The total number of hydrophytic and upland plant species observed along the transect remained constant from 2020 to 2021.

Table 4. Data Summary for T-2 From 2017 Through 2021 at the Kindsfater Site

Monitoring Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Transect Length (feet)	**388**	**388**	**388**	**388**	**388**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	3	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	39	26	27	21	21
Total Hydrophytic Species	23	20	20	12	12
Total Upland Species	16	6	7	9	9
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	65	75	88	90	92
Estimated % Unvegetated	35	25	12	10	8
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	100	100	100	100	100
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Data collected on T-3 (Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form, Appendix B) are summarized in Table 5. T-3 is 292 feet long and intersected wetland community Types 3 and 5. Wetland habitat represented 100 percent of the transect in 2021, representing an 8 percent increase since 2020. The northwestern end of T3, previously identified as upland community Type 14, was delineated as wetland in 2021 and included in wetland community Type 3 due to a shift in dominance to creeping meadow-foxtail (*Alopecurus arundinaceus*). Total vegetative cover along this transect was 92 percent in 2021, representing an increase of 2 percent since 2020. The total number of hydrophytic and upland plant species observed along the transect remained constant from 2020 to 2021.

Table 5. Data Summary for T-3 From 2017 Through 2021 at the Kindsfater Site

Monitoring Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Transect Length (feet)	**292**	**292**	**292**	**292**	**292**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	1	1	2	2	2
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	3	3	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	2	2	2

Monitoring Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Vegetative Species	31	23	24	27	27
Total Hydrophytic Species	19	11	15	14	14
Total Upland Species	12	12	9	13	13
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	75	85	88	90	92
Estimated % Unvegetated	25	15	12	10	8
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	89.7	91.8	91.8	91.8	100
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	10.3	8.2	8.2	8.2	0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Montana State-Listed Priority 2B noxious weeds identified within the Kindsfater mitigation site in 2021 included spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), salt cedar (*Tamarix chinensis*), and gypsy-flower (*Cynoglossum officinale*). Infestation areas, with the exception of isolated occurrences, were mapped in 2021 and are shown on Figure A-3 in Appendix A. MDT has an ongoing weed-control program for their mitigation sites that includes an annual assessment of identified weed populations and application of herbicide treatment for the specific weed species and location. MDT's weed contractor was unable to complete noxious weed spraying at the Kindsfater site prior to the June 2021 monitoring event due to Stage 2 fire restrictions across the state that limited access to MDT properties. The absolute cover of state-listed noxious weed species across the entire site was estimated at 5 percent in 2021, which narrowly meets the achievement threshold for this performance standard. However, noxious weed treatment occurred in October 2021, following the monitoring event.

Cuttings and containerized materials were planted in approximately 27 clusters (Figure A-2, Appendix A) around the Kindsfater site following construction completion. The woody planting zones were generally located around the excavated wetland cells. Each individual cluster was monitored in 2021 with the number of live plants counted and recorded by species. Approximately 14 percent of the observed plantings were alive during the 2021 evaluations, which is consistent with that observed in 2020. Low survival is likely a result of insufficient moisture availability when the plantings were initially installed. A few additional volunteer *Juniperus scopulorum*, *Rosa woodsii*, and *Shepherdia argentea* plants were observed during the June 2020 and 2021 monitoring events. Volunteer cover by species such as *Populus deltoides, Salix exigua,* and *Salix lutea* within wetland cells 13 and 14 exhibited a cover class of 5 (>50 percent), and within wetland cell 9 a cover class of 4 (21-50 percent). The planted and surviving species are listed on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B).

Hydrology – The hydrology for the site is supplied from multiple sources, including a shallow seasonal groundwater table, direct precipitation, and surface runoff. During the June 2021 monitoring, all areas that had been defined as wetlands across the site were inundated, saturated, or exhibited signs of periodic saturation within 12 inches (1 foot) of the ground surface. Shallow surface water was documented in nearly all cells, with the exception of 13 and 14, and ranged in depth from 1-20 inches. Constructed cells 1 and 2 were identified as open water areas in 2021, surrounded by an emergent wetland fringe. Constructed cells 7, 9, 13, and 14 represented isolated wetland depressions surrounded by upland habitat. The remaining constructed cells were situated within a contiguous wetland mosaic with frequent surface drainages between cells. Shallow groundwater flows through the cells that were constructed along the upper terrace, then discharges into the natural slope wetlands to recharge the depressional wetlands along the lower terrace.

Long-term groundwater monitoring conducted by the US Geological Survey (USGS) at the Kindsfater site indicates that groundwater levels steadily declined through 2015, potentially a result of prolonged

drought conditions in the region. According the USGS, groundwater elevations in some areas of the site are also influenced by the active gravel mining operation north of the site, and to a lesser extent from a large irrigation canal just south of the site [USGS, 2020]. Groundwater levels within the site have steadily increased since 2015, which may be a result of higher-than-average precipitation in the region in 2017 through 2019, a change in irrigation discharge, and/or dewatering practices from the nearby gravel operation. Precipitation accumulation for this area in 2021 reported 9.16 inches from January through November, which is slightly lower than the accumulation reported in 2020 (12.81 inches), and substantially lower than the historic accumulation average of 14.23 inches. Monitoring efforts completed by the USGS in 2021 shows groundwater levels in a portion of site 3.07 to 3.53 feet below the land surface elevation of 3,285 feet from April through September (Table 6) [USGS, 2021]. The 2021 data indicate groundwater levels in some areas of the site, between April and September, were on average higher than 2015 through 2019, and similar to groundwater levels observed in 2020.

Table 6. 2021 USGS Groundwater Well Data for the Kindsfater Site

2021 Discrete water-level measurements		
Date	Time Mountain Time	Depth to water level, feet below land surface
4/12/2021	12:03 pm	3.24
6/17/2021	9:20 am	3.81
8/24/2021	2:20 pm	3.07
9/24/2021	9:45 am	3.53

Soils – The Yellowstone County Soil Survey [NRCS, 2021] indicates that five soil series were mapped within the monitoring area and include the Bew silty clay loam, Shorey gravelly loam, Wanetta clay loam, Larim gravelly loam, and alluvial land (wet). In the 1970's much of the site was excavated for gravel and borrow material, therefore the original soil mapping may not necessarily represent existing conditions at the site. Paired soil pits were excavated at 12 locations (24 pits) across the site (Figure A-2, Appendix A). Soil textures within wetland test pits ranged from sandy loam to clay. Hydric soil indicators, observed in all but one wetland test pit, DP01w, included depleted matrix, redox dark surface, loamy gleyed matrix, and hydrogen sulfide. Wetland test pit, DP01w, lacked hydric soil indicators; however, it exhibited the hydrologic indicators oxidized rhizospheres on living roots, geomorphic position, and passing the FAC-neutral test; all dominant plant species were FACW, and the wetland boundary had an abrupt edge.

Soil textures within upland test pits ranged from loamy sand to silty clay. One upland test pit, DP04u, exhibited a depleted matrix, but no additional indicators of hydrology or hydrophytic vegetation were observed. There were no hydric soil indicators observed in any of the other upland test pits. Additional field observations for the 24 data points are provided in the wetland determination data forms in Appendix B.

Photographs – Photographs were taken at photo points 1–12 (PP1 to PP12), transect endpoints, and data points and are provided in Appendix C with comparisons between 2021 and the first year of monitoring. Please refer to previous years' monitoring reports for all previous annual photographs (https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland_mitigation.shtml).

Functional Assessment – The 2021 results of the functional assessments are summarized in the Table 7. A completed Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) form [Berglund and McEldowney, 2008] for the Kindsfater Site is provided in Appendix B. Overall, the existing and created wetlands rate as Category III wetlands and the site has generated 195.52 Functional Units.

Table 7. Montana Wetland Assessment Method Summary for the Kindsfater Site

Function and Value Parameters From the 2008 Montana Wetland Assessment Method	2021 AA1 (Existing Wetlands)	2021 AA2 (Established (Created) Wetlands)
Listed/Proposed Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Species Habitat	Low (0)	Low (0)
Montana Natural Heritage Program Species (MTNHP) Habitat	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
General Wildlife Habitat	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.7)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	N/A	N/A
Flood Attenuation	N/A	N/A
Short- and Long-Term, Surface-Water Storage	High (0.9)	Mod (0.6)
Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	High (0.9)	High (1.0)
Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA	NA
Production Export/Food Chain Support	High (0.8)	High (0.8)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Low (0.3)	Low (0.3)
Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	High (0.2)	High (0.2)
Actual Points/Possible Points	**5.2/8**	**5.2/8**
% of Possible Score Achieved	**65%**	**65%**
Overall Category	**III**	**III**
Total Acreage of Assessed Wetlands Within Site Boundaries	**32.3**	**5.3**
Functional Units (acreage × actual points)	**167.96**	**27.56**

*AA1 – 'Existing Wetlands' includes Preserved, Restored, and Enhanced Wetland Areas

Wildlife – Nineteen bird species were identified in 2021 across the site. In addition to the bird species, chorus frogs were observed in wetlands across the site, white-tailed deer and a vole species were observed.

Credit Summary – Table 8 summarizes the current estimated wetland credits based on the USACE-approved credit ratios [USACE, 2005] and the wetland delineation that was completed in June 2021. A total of 37.6 acres of wetland habitat were delineated at the Kindsfater site in 2021, including 5.3 acres of creation, 9.3 acres of reestablishment, 1.1 acre of rehabilitation, 3.0 acres of enhancement, and 18.8 acres of wetland preservation. A total of 45.3 acres, including 7.3 acres of upland buffer and 0.5-acre of open water, were used to calculate the mitigation credit acres. After applying the USACE-approved ratios to these values, a total of 23.0 acres of mitigation credits have been estimated in 2021, which is 9.7 acres below the targeted 32.7 credit acres that were anticipated at this site. Wetland and aquatic habitat acreage has increased over the last three years and is expected to continue if groundwater elevations remain high across the site.

Table 8. Wetland Mitigation Credits Estimated for the Kindsfater Ranch Site (2019–2021)

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Mitigation Area Description	Wetland Type[a]	Anticipated Mitigation Surface Area (acres)	USACE-Approved Mitigation Ratios	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (acres)	2019 Delineated Acres	2019 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2020 Delineated Acres	2020 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2021 Delineated Acres	2021 Mitigation Credit (acres)
Creation (Establishment)	Wetland Cells 7, 9, 13, & 14	Lacustrine emergent	4.6	1:1	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.3
Restoration (Reestablishment)	Wetland Cells 1–6 and partial Cell 18	Lacustrine emergent and Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	14.0	1:1	14.0	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	9.3	9.3
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	Areas adjacent to Wetland Cells 1–12	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	9.2	1.5:1	6.1	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.8
Enhancement	Wetland Cells 10–12 & Partial Cell 8	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	3.1	3:1	1.0	2.9	0.9	2.9	1.0	3.0	1.0
Preservation	Existing Wetland Areas	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	21.9	4:1	5.5	17.4	4.4	18.4	4.6	18.8	4.7
Upland Buffer	50-foot-wide upland perimeter around the site boundary	N/A	7.3	5:1	1.5	7.3	1.5	7.3	1.5	7.3	1.5
Open Water	Wetland Cells 1 & 2	Palustrine emergent, aquatic bed	N/A	1:1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Total			**60.1**		**32.7**	**40.6**	**19.5**	**42.4**	**20.5**	**45.3**	**23.0**

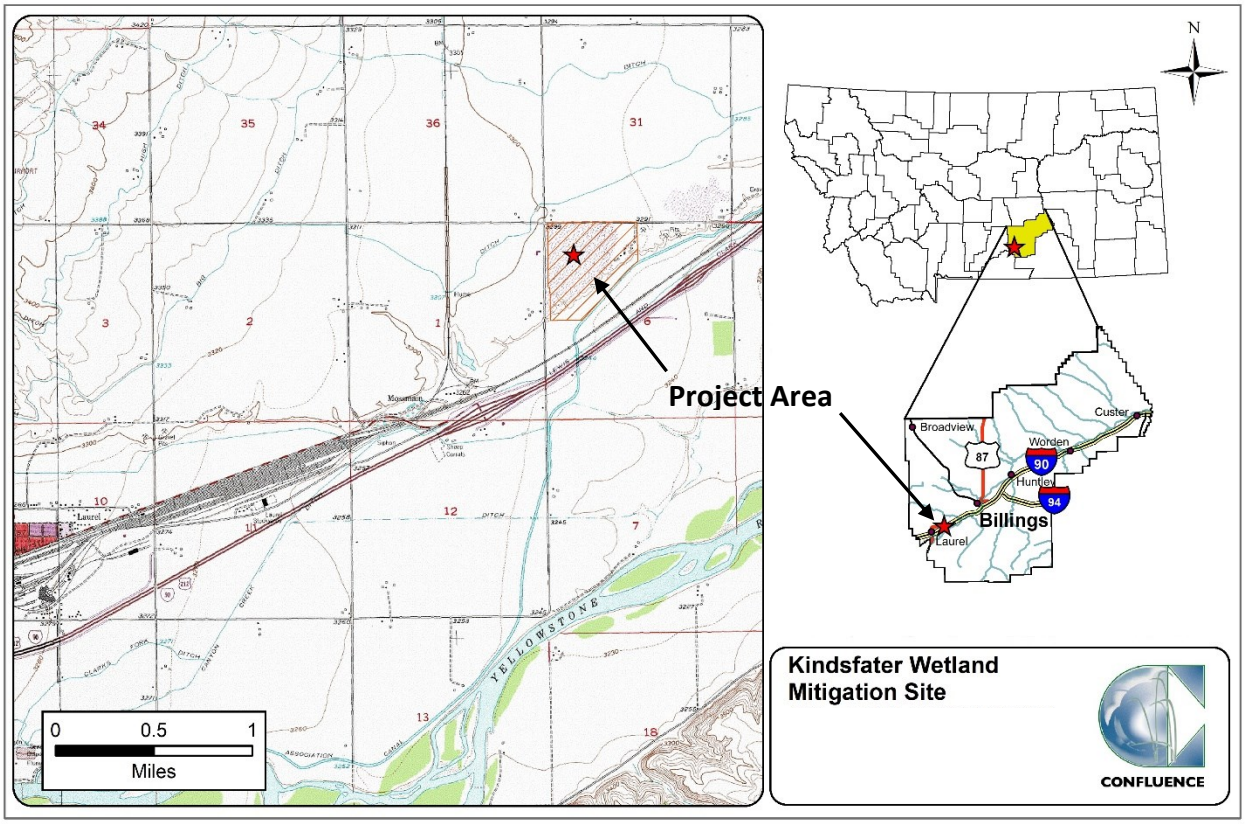
(a) FGDC 2013.

(b) Mitigation crediting for Open Water was approved by the USACE in permit # NWO-2007-00824-MTB for this project.

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Maps, Plans, Photos

Figure 1. Site Location Map



Project Area Maps/Figures: See Appendix A (Figure A-2 – 2021 Monitoring Activity Locations; Figure A-3 – 2021 Mapped Site Features; and Figure A-4 – 2021 Wetland Delineation)

Data Forms: See Appendix B (Site Monitoring form, USACE data forms, MWAM forms)

Plant List: See Table B-1 in Appendix B

Photos: See Appendix C

Plans: See Appendix D of 2018 Monitoring Report
https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/planning/wetlands/2018-REPORTS/2018-FINAL-Rostad-Ranch.PDF

Conclusions

Based on the results of the ninth year of monitoring, the Kindsfater mitigation site is developing into a diverse wetland ecosystem. The site is meeting all but one of the project's performance standards. Woody planting survival was estimated at 14 percent in 2021. However, volunteer cover by species such as *Populus deltoides, Salix exigua,* and *Salix lutea* within wetland cells 13 and 14 exhibited a cover class of 5 (>50 percent), and within wetland cell 9 a cover class of 4 (21-50 percent). The site is slowly trending positively toward anticipated mitigation credit goals but may need adaptive management intervention to meet these goals.

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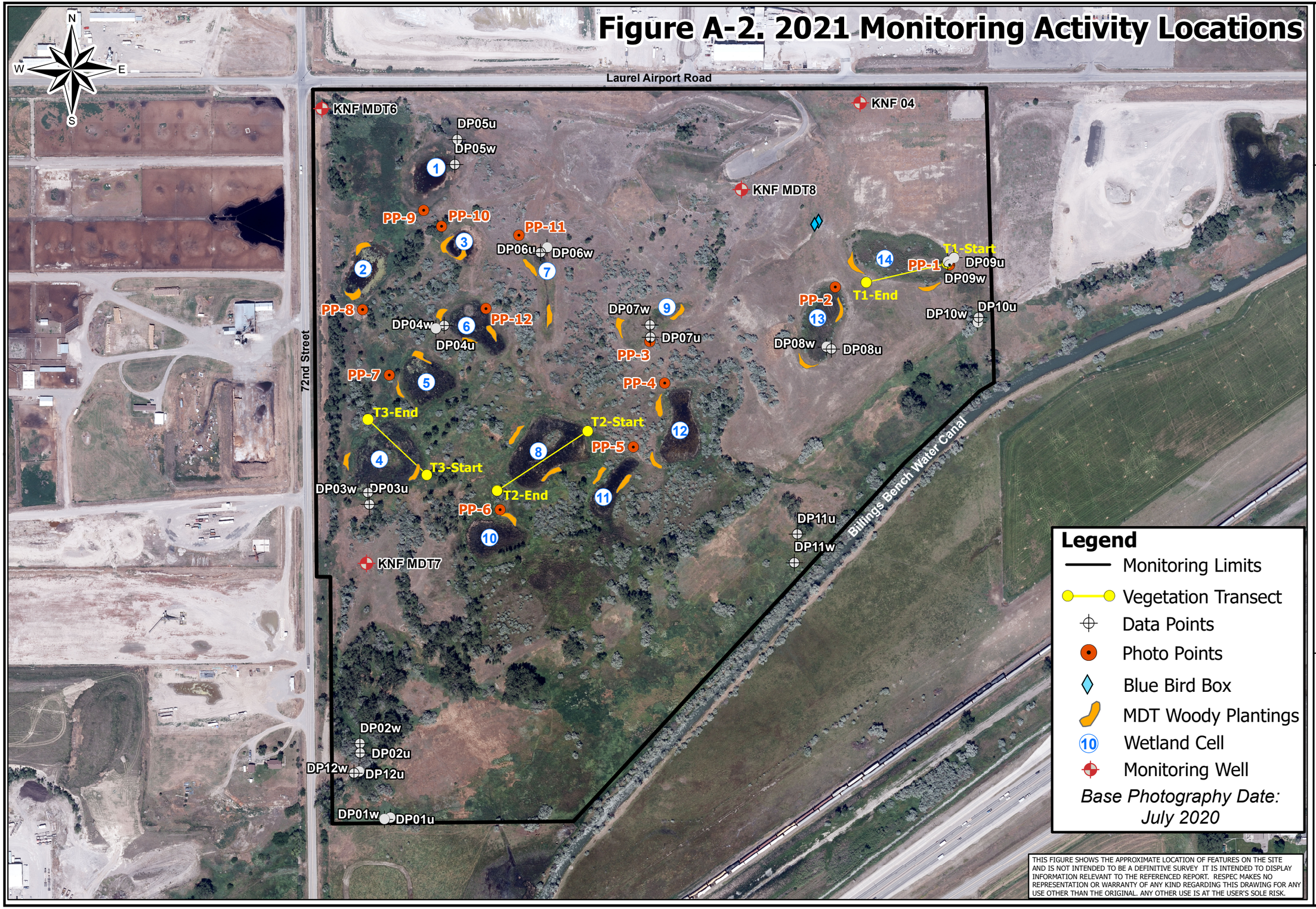
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APPENDIX A
PROJECT AREA MAPS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Kindsfater
Yellowstone County, Montana

Figure A-2. 2021 Monitoring Activity Locations



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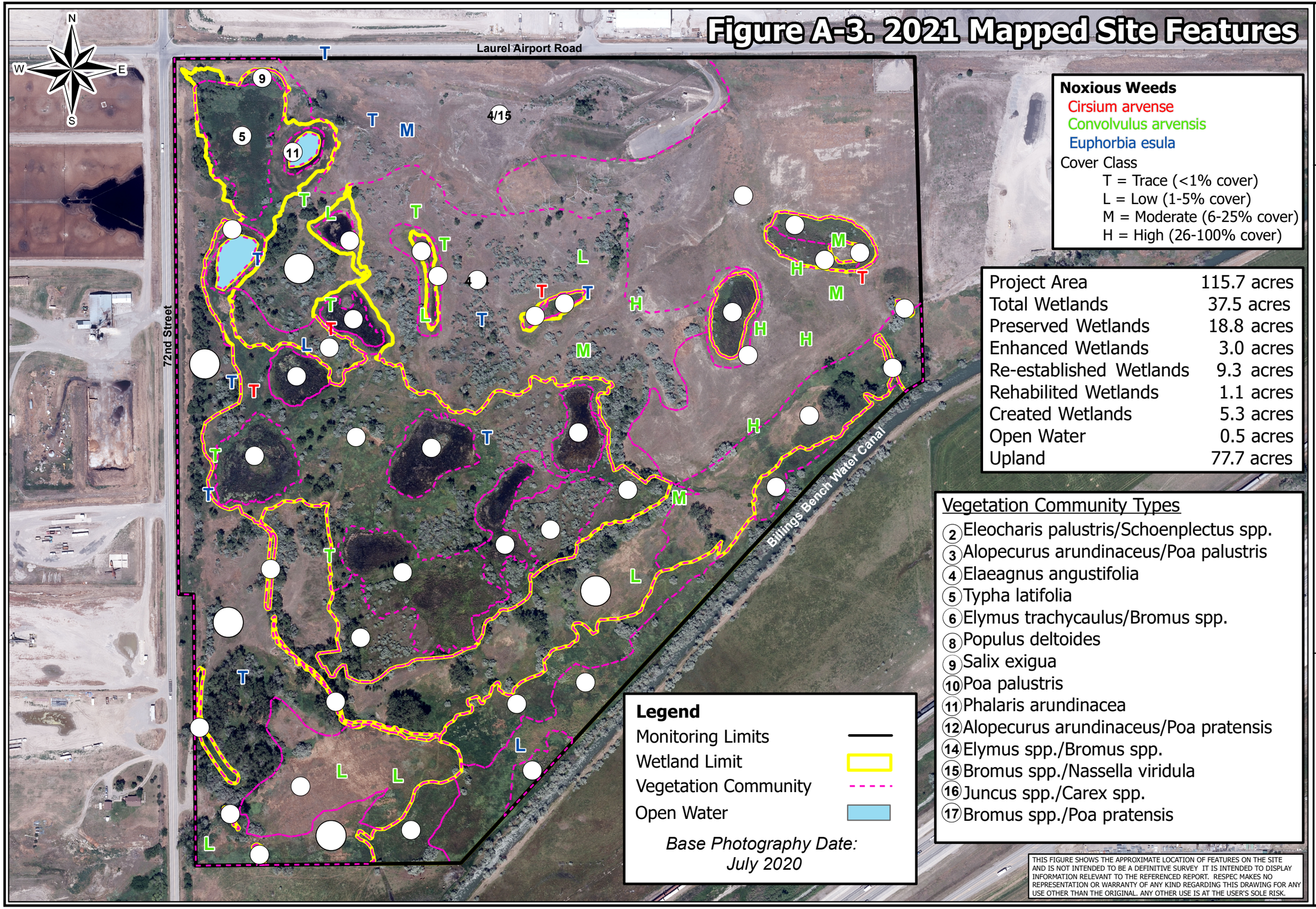
Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site
2021 Monitoring Activity Locations

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Location: Yellowstone Co., Montana
Date: July 2021
Project Manager: R McEldowney
Drawn By: RQ

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Figure A-3. 2021 Mapped Site Features



Noxious Weeds
- Cirsium arvense
- Convolvulus arvensis
- Euphorbia esula

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

Project Area	115.7 acres
Total Wetlands	37.5 acres
Preserved Wetlands	18.8 acres
Enhanced Wetlands	3.0 acres
Re-established Wetlands	9.3 acres
Rehabilited Wetlands	1.1 acres
Created Wetlands	5.3 acres
Open Water	0.5 acres
Upland	77.7 acres

Vegetation Community Types
- (2) Eleocharis palustris/Schoenplectus spp.
- (3) Alopecurus arundinaceus/Poa palustris
- (4) Elaeagnus angustifolia
- (5) Typha latifolia
- (6) Elymus trachycaulus/Bromus spp.
- (8) Populus deltoides
- (9) Salix exigua
- (10) Poa palustris
- (11) Phalaris arundinacea
- (12) Alopecurus arundinaceus/Poa pratensis
- (14) Elymus spp./Bromus spp.
- (15) Bromus spp./Nassella viridula
- (16) Juncus spp./Carex spp.
- (17) Bromus spp./Poa pratensis

Legend
- Monitoring Limits
- Wetland Limit
- Vegetation Community
- Open Water

Base Photography Date: July 2020

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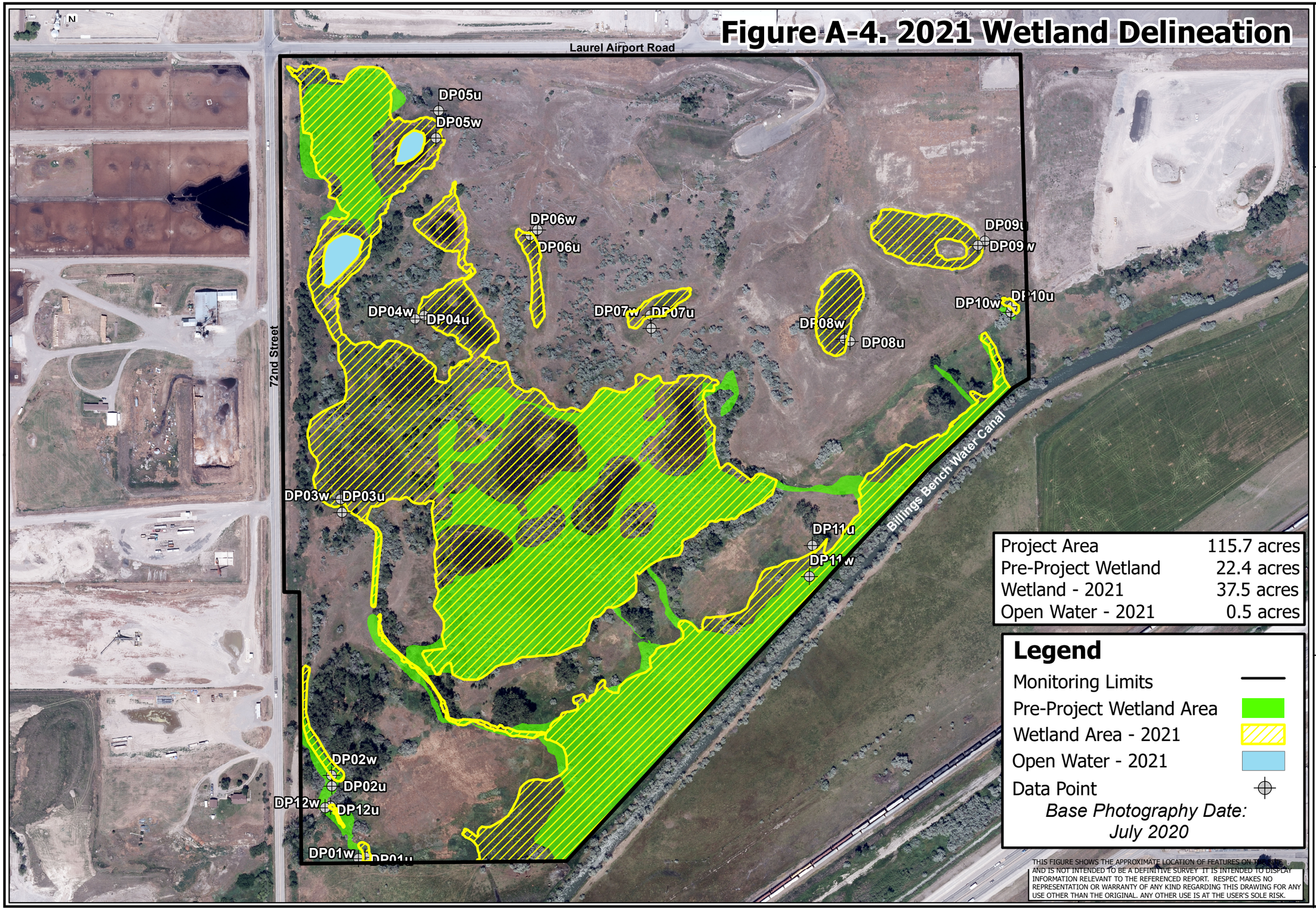
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2021 Mapped Site Features

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Figure A-4. 2021 Wetland Delineation



Project Area	115.7 acres
Pre-Project Wetland	22.4 acres
Wetland - 2021	37.5 acres
Open Water - 2021	0.5 acres

Legend

- Monitoring Limits
- Pre-Project Wetland Area
- Wetland Area - 2021
- Open Water - 2021
- Data Point

Base Photography Date: July 2020

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2021 Wetland Delineation

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Project: STPX 56 (56)
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APPENDIX B
MONITORING FORMS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Kindsfater
Yellowstone County, Montana

MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Site: Kindsfater Assessment Date/Time 6/15/2021

Person(s) conducting the assessment: R Quire, S Weyant, J Trilling

Weather: 102 degrees, partly cloudy Location: Laurel, MT

MDT District: Billings Milepost: NA

Legal Description: T 2S R 25E Section(s) 6

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/22/2013 Monitoring Year: 9 #Visits in Year: 1

Size of Evaluation Area: 115.69 (acres)

Land use surrounding wetland:

Commercial and agriculture including a gravel mining operation to the north and hay fields to the NW.

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: Groundwater

Inundation: ☑ Average Depth: 0.4 **(ft)** Range of Depths: 0.1-2 **(ft)**

Percent of assessment area under inundation: 15 %

Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: 0.4 **(ft)**

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:

Saturation visible on aerial imagery, saturation to surface, shallow ponded water/recent ponding in several of the wetland cells, sulfidic odor, water marks, geomorphic position, and drainage patterns.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells

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

Well ID	Water Surface Depth (ft)
KNF 04	18.7
KNF MDT 8	11
KNF MDT6	10.8
KNF MDT7	3.65

Additional Activities Checklist:

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

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

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

Hydrology Notes:

There are several wells within this site that are monitored by the USGS and are included on Figure A-2. Depths are Below Land Surface (BLS) and measurements were taken by the USGS on 7/20/2021.

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Site Kindsfater

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

Community # 2 **Community Type:** Eleocharis palustris / Schoenoplectus spp. **Acres:** 3.06

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	2
Carex pellita	2	Eleocharis palustris	2
Juncus balticus	1	Juncus gerardii	1
Open Water	4	Phalaris arundinacea	2
Populus deltoides	1	Salix exigua	2
Salix lutea	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	2
Schoenoplectus pungens	2	Scirpus microcarpus	1
Typha latifolia	1	Veronica anagallis-aquatica	1

Comments:

PEM wetland community.

Community # 3 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Poa palustris **Acres:** 13.29

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agrostis stolonifera	0	Alopecurus arundinaceus	4
Bare Ground	1	Bromus inermis	0
Bromus tectorum	2	Carex aquatilis	1
Carex nebrascensis	1	Carex pellita	0
Carex utriculata	1	Convolvulus arvensis	0
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	Eleocharis palustris	0
Elymus repens	2	Elymus trachycaulus	2
Juncus balticus	0	Lycopus asper	1
Mentha arvensis	0	Pascopyrum smithii	1
Persicaria amphibia	0	Phalaris arundinacea	1
Poa palustris	3	Poa pratensis	3
Populus deltoides	2	Salix lutea	0
Schedonorus pratensis	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	1	Sisymbrium loeselii	0
Sonchus arvensis	1	Thlaspi arvense	0
Tragopogon dubius	0	Typha latifolia	0

Comments:

Existing wetland community. Many other species were recorded representing 1 percent or less. Noted young Populus deltoides seedlings along the western boundary. This CT expanded in 2021, in areas newly delineated as wetland, along the western boundary, replacing portions of upalnd CTs 4/14 and 12.

Community # 4 **Community Type:** Elaeagnus angustifolia / **Acres:** 0

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bromus inermis	1	Bromus tectorum	2
Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	Elaeagnus commutata	1
Elymus repens	1	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Populus balsamifera	1	Populus deltoides	2

Comments:

Scrub-shrub and forested community interspersed throughout upland community types 14 and 15. Acreages for 4/14 and 4/15 mixed communities are 37.96 acres and 10.90 acres, respectively. Acreages for community types 4, 14, and 15 were not calculated for each individual community type.

Community # 5 **Community Type:** Typha latifolia / **Acres:** 7.42

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	1
Carex aquatilis	1	Carex pellita	1
Carex utriculata	1	Eleocharis palustris	1
Juncus balticus	1	Marrubium vulgare	1
Open Water	2	Persicaria amphibia	1
Phalaris arundinacea	1	Poa palustris	0
Polypogon monspeliensis	1	Populus deltoides	1
Salix exigua	1	Salix lutea	1
Schoenoplectus acutus	3	Schoenoplectus pungens	1
Solanum dulcamara	1	Typha latifolia	5

Comments:

Pre-construction existing wetland community but has expanded from 2018 to 2021. This community is also interspersed throughout wetland community Type 3, in a 1.70-acre area, which is not included in the 7.42 acre area provided above.

Community # 8 **Community Type:** Populus deltoides / **Acres:** 1.09

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Bromus inermis	0
Carex praegracilis	1	Cirsium arvense	0
Convolvulus arvensis	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Eleocharis palustris	2	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Juncus balticus	1	Juncus gerardii	1
Medicago lupulina	0	Poa palustris	2
Polypogon monspeliensis	1	Populus deltoides	4
Salix exigua	3	Salix lutea	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	2	Sonchus arvensis	0

Comments:

Natural encroachment of young Populus deltoides seedlings and saplings were the dominant species across several of the depressional wetlands. In 2019 through 2021, a few cells transitioned from a dominance of Populus deltoides to Schoenoplectus spp./Eleocharis palustris or Typha latifolia due to standing water.

Community # 9 **Community Type:** Salix exigua / **Acres:** 0.88

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bromus inermis	0
Cirsium arvense	0	Eleocharis palustris	1
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Epilobium ciliatum	1
Juncus balticus	2	Juncus gerardii	1
Nepeta cataria	0	Poa palustris	2
Populus deltoides	2	Salix exigua	4
Salix lutea	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	2
Schoenoplectus pungens	2	Scirpus microcarpus	1
Typha latifolia	1		

Comments:

Wetland CT first classified in 2016. Since 2016, it has continued to expand slowly across portions of the depressional wetlands, including NW of Cell 1 near N site boundary, Cell 9, and Cell 14.

Community # 10 **Community Type:** Poa palustris / **Acres:** 0.06

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bromus japonicus	2
Carex nebrascensis	1	Cirsium arvense	0
Eleocharis palustris	1	Elymus trachycaulus	2
Lactuca serriola	0	Phalaris arundinacea	0
Poa palustris	4	Poa pratensis	2
Polypogon monspeliensis	0	Salix exigua	1

Comments:

In 2020 and 2021 only observed in cell 9.

Community # 11 **Community Type:** Phalaris arundinacea / **Acres:** 5.01

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Elymus repens	1
Phalaris arundinacea	5		

Comments:

Noted an increase in this community type in 2018 thru 2021, especially along the lower bench and the in the northwest corner of the project area.

Community # 12 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Poa pratensis **Acres:** 0.99

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	1	Agrostis stolonifera	1
Alopecurus arundinaceus	4	Bare Ground	1
Bromus inermis	1	Bromus tectorum	2
Carex pellita	0	Cirsium arvense	0
Elaeagnus angustifolia	2	Eleocharis palustris	1
Elymus repens	2	Elymus trachycaulus	2
Juncus balticus	1	Phalaris arundinacea	0
Poa palustris	1	Poa pratensis	3
Populus deltoides	2	Salix lutea	0
Schoenoplectus pungens	0	Typha latifolia	0

Comments:

Upland CT first classified in 2017, located near the western project boundary. This CT contracted in 2021, replaced by ~0.19 acre of newly delineated wetland and wetland CT 3.

Community # 14 **Community Type:** Elymus spp. / Bromus spp. **Acres:** 0.71

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	1	Alopecurus arundinaceus	0
Artemisia frigida	1	Bare Ground	1
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus japonicus	2
Bromus tectorum	3	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	Elymus lanceolatus	1
Elymus repens	4	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Melilotus officinalis	0	Nassella viridula	1
Pascopyrum smithii	1	Phalaris arundinacea	0
Poa pratensis	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1
Sisymbrium loeselii	1	Thlaspi arvense	1
Tragopogon dubius	1		

Comments:

Upland CT first classified in 2018 that has continued to expand across upland areas at the site in 2021, due in part to the expansion and increase in cover by creeping wild rye and cheat grass. This community is primarily interspersed throughout upland community Type 4, in a 37.96-acre area, which is not included in the 0.71 acre area provided above.

Community # 15 **Community Type:** Bromus spp. / Nassella viridula **Acres:** 20.44

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	2	Agrostis stolonifera	1
Artemisia dracunculus	1	Artemisia frigida	1
Bare Ground	3	Bromus inermis	2
Bromus japonicus	1	Bromus tectorum	5
Cirsium arvense	0	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elymus repens	1	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Erodium cicutarium	1	Heterotheca villosa	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Marrubium vulgare	1
Medicago lupulina	1	Medicago sativa	1
Melilotus officinalis	1	Nassella viridula	3
Opuntia polyacantha	0	Poa compressa	1
Poa palustris	1	Poa pratensis	1
Salix exigua	0	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Sporobolus cryptandrus	1	Taraxacum officinale	1
Tragopogon dubius	1	Verbena bracteata	1

Comments:

Upland CT first classified in 2018, due to the increase in Nassella viridula and decrease of Agropyron cristatum (CT 7). This community is also interspersed throughout upland community Type 4, in a 10.90-acre area, which is not included in the 20.44 acre area provided above. In 2021, cheatgrass abundance and distribution expanded across this CT, with its cover increasing from a cover class of 4 in 2020 to 5 in 2021. This is likely due in part to the abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions experienced at this site in 2020 and 2021, elevated winter temperatures, earlier onset of warmer spring temperatures, and increased CO2 in the atmosphere - all conditions that promote the success of this non-native winter annual grass.

Community # 16 **Community Type:** Juncus spp. / Carex spp. **Acres:** 3.18

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Carex aquatilis	2
Carex nebrascensis	2	Carex pellita	2
Carex utriculata	1	Eleocharis palustris	1
Juncus balticus	3	Juncus gerardii	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Persicaria amphibia	1
Phalaris arundinacea	2	Typha latifolia	2

Comments:

Wetland CT first classified in 2018 where Juncus spp. had replaced small areas of CT 5 and CT 2. In 2019 Carex spp. was added as a codominant, which was confirmed in 2020 and 2021. In 2021, wetland acreage and acreage within this CT expanded along a ditch within the southwestern portion of the project area.

Community # 17 **Community Type:** Bromus spp. / Poa pratensis **Acres:** 8.7

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	1
Bromus inermis	3	Bromus tectorum	3
Cirsium arvense	1	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elymus repens	1	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Pascopyrum smithii	2
Poa compressa	1	Poa pratensis	3

Comments:

An upland community type observed 2018-2021, identified along portions of the the lower slope and terrace in the southern portion of the project, formerly upland CT 6 (Elymus trachycaulus/Bromus spp.).

Total Vegetation Community Acreage ***115.7***

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

VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Site: Kindsfater Date: 6/15/2021

Transect Number: 1 **Compass Direction from Start:** 240

Interval Data:

Ending Station 10 **Community Type:** Bromus spp. / Nassella viridula

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	0	Bare Ground	3
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus tectorum	5
Convolvulus arvensis	0	Melilotus officinalis	0
Nassella viridula	1	Sporobolus cryptandrus	1
Taraxacum officinale	0	Tragopogon dubius	0

Ending Station 60 **Community Type:** Salix exigua /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bromus inermis	1
Cirsium arvense	1	Juncus balticus	2
Juncus gerardii	1	Nepeta cataria	0
Poa palustris	1	Populus deltoides	3
Salix exigua	4	Salix lutea	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	2		

Ending Station 145 **Community Type:** Bromus spp. / Nassella viridula

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agrostis stolonifera	1	Artemisia frigida	1
Bare Ground	3	Bromus inermis	1
Bromus japonicus	2	Bromus tectorum	4
Cirsium arvense	1	Elymus repens	1
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Heterotheca villosa	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Marrubium vulgare	1
Melilotus officinalis	0	Nassella viridula	3
Sisymbrium altissimum	1	Sporobolus cryptandrus	2

Ending Station 253 **Community Type:** Populus deltoides /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bromus inermis	1
Cirsium arvense	1	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Juncus balticus	2	Medicago lupulina	0
Poa palustris	1	Populus deltoides	4
Salix exigua	4	Salix lutea	3
Schoenoplectus pungens	1	Sonchus arvensis	1

Ending Station 300 **Community Type:** Bromus spp. / Nassella viridula

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	0	Bare Ground	3
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus japonicus	4
Bromus tectorum	4	Cirsium arvense	1
Convolvulus arvensis	0	Erodium cicutarium	1
Lactuca serriola	0	Medicago lupulina	0
Nassella viridula	3	Poa compressa	1
Poa palustris	1	Poa pratensis	1
Salix exigua	1	Sporobolus cryptandrus	1
Tragopogon dubius	1		

Transect Notes:

Minimal change observed in interval length, species presence, and their associated cover class between 2020 and 2021.

Transect Number: 2 **Compass Direction from Start:** 225

Interval Data:

Ending Station 18 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Poa palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agrostis stolonifera	1	Alopecurus arundinaceus	4
Bromus inermis	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Eleocharis palustris	1	Elymus repens	1
Phalaris arundinacea	1	Poa palustris	1
Populus deltoides	0	Salix lutea	0
Schoenoplectus pungens	1		

Ending Station 320 **Community Type:** Eleocharis palustris / Schoenoplectus spp.

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	2
Carex pellita	1	Eleocharis palustris	3
Juncus balticus	1	Juncus gerardii	1
Open Water	4	Salix exigua	2
Salix lutea	2	Schoenoplectus acutus	3
Schoenoplectus pungens	2	Typha latifolia	1
Veronica anagallis-aquatica	1		

Ending Station 388 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Poa palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	5	Bare Ground	2
Carex pellita	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Juncus balticus	1	Phalaris arundinacea	0
Poa palustris	2	Poa pratensis	3
Populus deltoides	1	Schoenoplectus pungens	1
Typha latifolia	1		

Transect Notes:

Minimal change observed in interval length, species presence, and their associated cover class between 2020 and 2021.

Transect Number: 3 **Compass Direction from Start:** 290

Interval Data:

Ending Station 40 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Poa palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	5	Bare Ground	2
Carex aquatilis	1	Carex nebrascensis	1
Carex utriculata	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	0
Lycopus asper	1	Persicaria amphibia	1
Phalaris arundinacea	1	Poa palustris	2
Poa pratensis	1	Populus deltoides	1
Schoenoplectus acutus	1	Sonchus arvensis	0
Typha latifolia	1		

Ending Station 265 **Community Type:** Typha latifolia /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	2
Carex aquatilis	2	Carex pellita	1
Carex utriculata	2	Eleocharis palustris	1
Juncus balticus	1	Open Water	2
Persicaria amphibia	1	Phalaris arundinacea	2
Poa palustris	1	Populus deltoides	1
Salix exigua	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	3
Typha latifolia	4		

Ending Station 292 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / Poa palustris

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	3	Bare Ground	2
Bromus tectorum	0	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	Elymus repens	4
Phalaris arundinacea	2	Poa pratensis	1
Schedonorus pratensis	2	Sisymbrium loeselii	1
Thlaspi arvense	0	Tragopogon dubius	0

Transect Notes:

Noted several dead and dying Russian olive shrubs in wetland cell, likely from prolonged inundation. Minimal change observed in interval length, species presence, and their associated cover class between 2020 and 2021.

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

Kindsfater

Planting Type	#Planted	#Alive	Notes
Cornus alba	130	0	
Crataegus douglasii	50	0	
Juniperus scopulorum	50	7	
Populus spp.	140	45	
Prunus virginiana	50	0	
Rosa woodsii	50	2	
Salix spp.	2800	415	Salix exigua best survival
Shepherdia argentea	50	2	
TOTAL	3320	472	~14% survival

Comments

Approximately 27 woody planting areas were mapped by MDT in 2013, generally located around the excavated basins. Locations for the planted vegetation are shown on Figure A-2. During the 2021 monitoring, each individual planting group was monitored and live woody plants were counted by species. Approximately 14% of the planted woody plants were alive in 2021. Salix spp. and Populus spp. volunteers are filling in around several wetland cells.

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WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? No

If yes, type of structure: _____

How many? _____

Are the nesting structures being used? No

Do the nesting structures need repairs? No

Nesting Structure Comments:

Species	#Observed	Behavior	Habitat
American Robin	1	L	
American White Pelican	9	FO	
Blue-winged Teal	7		
Brewer's Blackbird	2	FO, L	
Common Grackle	2		
Common Yellowthroat	7		
Eastern Kingbird	1		
European Starling	6	FO	
Great Blue Heron	3	L	
House Wren	1		
Killdeer	6		
Mallard	18		
Mourning Dove	7		
Red-tailed Hawk	2		
Red-winged Blackbird	25	F, FO, L	
Ring-necked Pheasant	5	FO, L	
Western Meadowlark	1		
Yellow Warbler	1		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	11	F, FO, L	

Bird Comments

Blue-winged Teal female observed with four ducklings. Mallards observed with many ducklings.

BEHAVIOR CODES

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

HABITAT CODES

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

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

Mammals and Herptiles

Species	# Observed	Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Comments
Chorus Frogs	2	No	No	No	
vole sp.	3	No	No	No	
White-tailed Deer	5	No	No	No	

Wildlife Comments:

This site provides a diversity of habitat features for bird and other wildlife.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Photograph Checklist:

☐ One photograph for each of the four cardinal directions surrounding the wetland.

☑ At least one photograph showing upland use surrounding the wetland. If more than one upland exists then take additional photographs.

☑ At least one photograph showing the buffer surrounding the wetland.

☑ One photograph from each end of the vegetation transect, showing the transect.

Photo #	Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Description
DP01u	45.689949	-108.698262		
DP01w	45.689962	-108.698178		
DP02u	45.690596	-108.69859		
DP02w	45.690689	-108.698593		
DP03u	45.693026	-108.698427		
DP03w	45.693142	-108.698444		
DP04u	45.694734	-108.697475		
DP04w	45.694765	-108.697358		
DP05u	45.696582	-108.69715		
DP05w	45.696337	-108.697189		
DP06u	45.695514	-108.695913		
DP06w	45.695467	-108.696004		
DP07u	45.694629	-108.694484		
DP07w	45.694749	-108.694491		
DP08u	45.694495	-108.691964		
DP08w	45.694515	-108.692032		
DP09u	45.695375	-108.690242		
DP09w	45.695335	-108.69033		
DP10u	45.694743	-108.689922		
DP10w	45.694789	-108.689909		
DP11u	45.69269	-108.692467		
DP11w	45.692414	-108.692512		
DP12u	45.690402	-108.69868		
DP12w	45.690414	-108.698608		
PP-1	45.69342	-108.690247	280	Wetland cell 14
PP-10	45.694847	-108.698418	140	Wetland cell 3
PP-11	45.695892	-108.697601	350	Wetland cell 7

PP-12	45.694939	-108.696663	230	Wetland cell 6
PP-2	45.695136	-108.691839	280	Wetland cell 13
PP-3	45.694612	-108.69443	0	Wetland cell 9
PP-4	45.694935	-108.691902	200	Wetland cell 12
PP-5	45.694748	-108.694458	10	Wetland cell 11
PP-6	45.694084	-108.694321	150	Wetland cell 10
PP-7	45.698065	-108.698065	90	Wetland cell 5
PP-8	45.694939	-108.698429	315	Wetland cell 2
PP-9	45.694302	-108.698044	90	Wetland cell 1
T-1-E	45.695072	-108.691437	50	Transect 1 end
T-1-S	45.695357	-108.690285	240	Transect 1 start
T-2-E	45.693184	-208.696573	40	Transect 2 end
T-2-S	45.693763	-108.695288	225	Transect 2 start
T-3-E	45.693317	-108.698486	110	Transect 3 end
T-3-S	45.693317	-108.697517	290	Transect 3 start

Comments:

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS CHECKLIST

Hydrology

☐ Map emergent vegetation/open water boundary on aerial photos.
☐ Observe extent of surface water. Look for evidence of past surface water elevations (e.g. drift lines, vegetation staining, erosion, etc).

Photos

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

Vegetation

☑ Map vegetation community boundaries

☑ Complete Vegetation Transects

Soils

☑ Assess soils

Wetland Delineations

☑ Delineate wetlands according to applicable USACE protocol (1987 form or Supplement)
☑ Delineate wetland – upland boundary onto aerial photograph.

Wetland Delineation Comments

The total wetland acreage delineated in 2021 (including preexisting wetland areas) was 37.6 acres, which is a 2.9-acre increase from the 2020 acreage (34.7 acres).

Functional Assessments

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

Functional Assessment Comments:

Overall the existing and created wetlands rate as Category 3 wetlands.

Maintenance

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

If yes, do they need to be repaired?

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

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

into or out of the wetland? Yes

If yes, are the structures in need of repair? Yes

If yes, describe the problems below.

Fence near the MDT green entrance gate along the southwest boundary needs repair.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.689949 Long: -108.698262 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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 located upslope of DP01w.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Asclepias speciosa	1	☐	FAC
Conium maculatum	1	☐	FACW
Elymus repens	63	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 35

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	1 X 2	2
FAC species	1 X 3	3
FACU species	63 X 4	252
UPL species	0 X 5	0
Column Totals	65 (A)	257 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.95

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=35%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-15	10YR 3/1	100					Clay Loam	

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP01w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.689962 Long: -108.698178 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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: PEM depressional wetland in SW corner of site.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Elymus repens	5	☐	FACU
Phalaris arundinacea	85	☑	FACW

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 10

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	0	X 1	0
FACW species	85	X 2	170
FAC species	0	X 3	0
FACU species	5	X 4	20
UPL species	0	X 5	0
Column Totals	90 (A)		190 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.11

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☑ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=10%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive rapid test, a positive dominance test, and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-10	10YR 3/1	100					Silt Loam	
10-16	10YR 3/1	98	7.5YR 4/6	2	C	PL	Silt Loam	

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks: Although no hyrdic soil indicators were observed, the area is considered wetland. Vegetation was dominated by FACW species, multiple indicators of hydrology were present, and the wetland-nonwetland boundary was abrupt (1987 Environmental Laboratory, USACE Wetlands Delineation Manual).

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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: Soils moist. Evidence of wetland hydrology includes oxidized rhizosperes on living roots, geomorphic position, and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 3

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.690596 Long: -108.69859 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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 located upslope of DP02w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Elaeagnus angustifolia	45	☑	FACU

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)			
Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)			
Asperugo procumbens	40	☑	UPL
Bromus racemosus	13	☑	NL
Galium aparine	1	☐	FACU
Marrubium vulgare	1	☐	FACU
Schedonorus pratensis	5	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 40

Dominance Test worksheet

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (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	57	X 4	228
UPL species	53	X 5	265
Column Totals	110 (A)		493 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.48

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=40%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-13	10YR 3/2	100					Loamy Sand	
13+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP02w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.690689 Long: -108.698593 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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: PEM depressional wetland in SW corner of site.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Phalaris arundinacea	60	☑	FACW

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 40

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	0 X 1	0
FACW species	60 X 2	120
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	0 X 4	0
UPL species	0 X 5	0
Column Totals	60 (A)	120 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☑ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=40%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive rapid test, a positive dominance test, and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-12	10YR 3/1	98	7.5YR 4/6	2	C	PL	Sandy Clay Loam	
12+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common along pore linings.

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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: Soils moist. Evidence of wetland hydrology includes oxidized rhizosperes on living roots, geomorphic position, and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP03u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Undulating Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 2

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.693026 Long: -108.698427 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: So: Shorey gravelly loam, 1-4% 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 located upslope of DP03w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	☐	FACU
Populus deltoides	10	☑	FAC

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)			
Elaeagnus angustifolia	10	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)			
Bromus tectorum	5	☐	NL
Convolvulus arvensis	1	☐	NL
Elymus repens	10	☐	FACU
Poa pratensis	60	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 24

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 33.3 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	0 X 2	0
FAC species	10 X 3	30
FACU species	81 X 4	324
UPL species	6 X 5	30
Column Totals	97 (A)	384 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.96

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=24%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03u

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

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

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP03w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.693142 Long: -108.698444 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: So: Shorey gravelly loam, 1-4% 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: PEM depressional wetland near western project boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Alopecurus arundinaceus	25	☑	FACW
Carex nebrascensis	1	☐	OBL
Phalaris arundinacea	2	☐	FACW
Schoenoplectus acutus	2	☐	OBL
Typha latifolia	10	☑	OBL

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 60

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	13	X 1	13
FACW species	27	X 2	54
FAC species	0	X 3	0
FACU species	0	X 4	0
UPL species	0	X 5	0
Column Totals	40 (A)		67 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.68

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☑ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter/shallow ponded water=60%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive rapid test, a positive dominance test, and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	%	Redox Features Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-12	10YR 2/1	100					Sandy Clay Loam	
12+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Sulfidic odor 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): 3

Water Table Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology include 3 inches of surface water, a high water table, soils saturated to surface, sulfidic odor, geomorphic position and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP04u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694734 Long: -108.697475 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm: Bew silty clay loam, 0-1% 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 ☐	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ☐ No ☑
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ☐	No ☑	

Remarks: Upland sample point located upslope of DP04w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Populus deltoides	5	☑	FAC

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)			
Elaeagnus angustifolia	10	☑	FACU
Populus deltoides	5	☑	FAC

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)			
Convolvulus arvensis	1	☐	NL
Elymus repens	15	☑	FACU
Equisetum arvense	1	☐	FAC
Poa pratensis	30	☑	FACU
Taraxacum officinale	2	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 51

Dominance Test worksheet

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 40.0 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	0 X 2	0
FAC species	11 X 3	33
FACU species	57 X 4	228
UPL species	1 X 5	5
Column Totals	69 (A)	266 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.86

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=51%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP04u

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
0-12	10YR 4/2	95	7.5YR 4/6	5	C	M	Silty Clay	
12+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks: Although a depleted matrix was observed in soil test pit, the area is considered upland. The data point did not exhibit hydrophytic vegetation or wetland hydrology during site visit.

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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: Soil slightly moist. No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP04w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694765 Long: -108.697358 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm: Bew silty clay loam, 0-1% 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: PEM depressional wetland in wetland cell 6. Vegetation is still transitioning in this recently inundated wetland area from a dominance of FACU species to more hydrophytic species.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Alopecurus arundinaceus	25	☑	FACW
Elymus repens	45	☑	FACU
Poa pratensis	15	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 15

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50.0 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	25 X 2	50
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	60 X 4	240
UPL species	0 X 5	0
Column Totals	85 (A)	290 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.41

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☑ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter/shallow ponded water=15%. Vegetation is still transitioning in this recently inundated wetland area from a dominance of FACU species to more hydrophytic species.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP04w

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
0-11	10YR 4/1	95	7.5YR 4/6	5	C	M	Sandy Loam	
11+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

- ☑ Surface Water (A1)
- ☑ High Water Table (A2)
- ☑ Saturation (A3)
- ☐ Water Marks (B1)
- ☐ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ☐ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ☐ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ☐ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ☐ Inundation 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): 1

Water Table Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Area surrounding wetland edge is transitioning to wetland. This wetland area is expected to increase in size in future monitoring years if precipitation levels increase and shallow groundwater persists. Evidence of wetland hydrology include 1 inch of surface water, a high water table, soils saturated to surface, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP05u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 9

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.696582 Long: -108.69715 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm: Bew silty clay loam, 0-1% 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 located upslope of DP05w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Populus deltoides	10	☑	FAC

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)			
Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)			
Bromus tectorum	43	☑	NL
Convolvulus arvensis	2	☐	NL
Descurainia sophia	10	☐	NL
Elymus repens	30	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 15

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 25.0 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	0 X 2	0
FAC species	10 X 3	30
FACU species	35 X 4	140
UPL species	55 X 5	275
Column Totals	100 (A)	445 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.45

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=15%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP05u

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
0-14	10YR 4/3	100					Clay Loam	**Cobbly.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: Soil dry. No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP05w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 9

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.696337 Long: -108.697189 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm: Bew silty clay loam, 0-1% 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: PEM depressional wetland near northwestern corner of site. Vegetation is still transitioning in this recently inundated wetland area from a dominance of FACU species to more hydrophytic species.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Elymus repens	68	☑	FACU
Thlaspi arvense	2	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 30

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	70	X 4	280
UPL species	0	X 5	0
Column Totals	70 (A)		280 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☑ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=30%. Vegetation is still transitioning in this recently inundated wetland area from a dominance of FACU species to more hydrophytic species.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP05w

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
0-12	10YR 4/1	100					Sandy Clay Loam	
12+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Sulfidic odor 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): 2

Water Table Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology include 2 inches of surface water, a high water table, soils saturated to surface, water stained leaves, sulfidic odor, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP06u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 27

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.695514 Long: -108.695913 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm: Bew silty clay loam, 0-1% 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 located upslope of DP06w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Bromus tectorum	80	☑	NL
Convolvulus arvensis	1	☐	NL
Descurainia sophia	2	☐	NL
Sporobolus cryptandrus	5	☐	FACU
Thlaspi arvense	1	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 11

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	6 X 4	24
UPL species	83 X 5	415
Column Totals	89 (A)	439 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.93

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=11%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP06u

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
0-12	10YR 3/1	100					Clay Loam	
12+							Gravel	**Gravel bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP06w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.695467 Long: -108.696004 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm: Bew silty clay loam, 0-1% 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: PEM depressional wetland in wetland cell 7.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Elymus repens	15	☑	FACU
Juncus balticus	35	☑	FACW
Persicaria lapathifolia	1	☐	OBL

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 49

Dominance Test worksheet

Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC:	1	(A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:	2	(B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	50.0	% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	1 X 1	1
FACW species	35 X 2	70
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	15 X 4	60
UPL species	0 X 5	0
Column Totals	51 (A)	131 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.57

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter/shallow ponded water=49%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP06w

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
0-16	10Y 4/1	95	7.5YR 4/6	5	C	M, PL	Clay	**Gleyed matrix.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the gleyed matrix and along pore linings.

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): 6

Water Table Present? Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology include 6 inches of surface water, a high water table, soils saturated to surface, sulfidic odor, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP07u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 9

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694629 Long: -108.694484 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf: Wanetta clay loam, 0-1% 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 located upslope of DP07w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Elaeagnus angustifolia	15	☑	FACU

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)			
Elaeagnus angustifolia	15	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)			
Bromus tectorum	5	☐	NL
Elymus repens	40	☑	FACU
Poa pratensis	40	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 15

Dominance Test worksheet

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (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	110 X 4	440
UPL species	5 X 5	25
Column Totals	115 (A)	465 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.04

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=15%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP07u

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
0-12	10YR 4/2	100					Clay Loam	
12+							Gravel	**Gravel bottom.**

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

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

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

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP07w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694749 Long: -108.694491 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf: Wanetta clay loam, 0-1% 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: PEM/PSS depressional wetland in wetland cell 9 near center of site.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum (Plot size (30 Foot Radius))	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size (15 Foot Radius))

Salix exigua	30	☑	FACW

Herbaceous Stratum (Plot size (5 Foot Radius))

Elymus repens	10	☐	FACU
Juncus balticus	20	☑	FACW
Poa compressa	5	☐	FACU
Poa palustris	20	☑	FACW

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size (30 Foot Radius))

Percent Bare Ground 45

Dominance Test worksheet

Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC: 3 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (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	0 X 1	0
FACW species	70 X 2	140
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	15 X 4	60
UPL species	0 X 5	0
Column Totals	85 (A)	200 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.35

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☑ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=45%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive rapid test, a positive dominance test, and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP07w

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
0-14	10Y 3/1	30					Clay	**Gleyed; mixed matrix**
0-14	10YR 4/2	60	7.5YR 4/6	10	C	M,PL	Clay	**Mixed matrix**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the mixed matrix and along pore linings. Matrix 60% depleted, 30% gleyed.

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): 11

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology include a high water table, soils saturated to surface, geomorphic position and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP08u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 9

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694495 Long: -108.691964 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf: Wanetta clay loam, 0-1% 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 located upslope of DP08w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Bromus inermis	25	☑	UPL
Bromus tectorum	2	☐	NL
Cirsium arvense	5	☐	FACU
Convolvulus arvensis	2	☐	NL
Elymus repens	30	☑	FACU
Tragopogon dubius	1	☐	NL

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 35

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	0 X 2	0
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	35 X 4	140
UPL species	30 X 5	150
Column Totals	65 (A)	290 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.46

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=35%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP08u

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
0-15	10YR 4/2	100					Clay	

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP08w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694515 Long: -108.692032 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf: Wanetta clay loam, 0-1% 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: PSS depressional wetland in wetland cell 13.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	☐	FACU
Populus deltoides	10	☑	FAC
Salix exigua	25	☑	FACW
Salix lutea	5	☐	FACW

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Eleocharis palustris	15	☑	OBL
Juncus balticus	50	☑	FACW
Poa compressa	5	☐	FACU
Schoenoplectus acutus	5	☐	OBL

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 25

Dominance Test worksheet

Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC: 4 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 4 (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	20	X 1	20
FACW species	80	X 2	160
FAC species	10	X 3	30
FACU species	10	X 4	40
UPL species	0	X 5	0
Column Totals	120 (A)		250 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.08

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=25%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive dominance test and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP08w

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
0-9	10YR 4/1	30					Clay	**Mixed matrix**
0-9	N 4/0	60	7.5YR 4/6	10	C	M, PL	Clay	**Gleyed; mixed matrix**
9+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the gleyed matrix and along pore linings. Matrix 60% gleyed, 30% depleted.

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): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology includes soils saturated to surface, sulfidic odor, geomorphic position and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP09u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 9

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.695375 Long: -108.690242 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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 located upslope of DP09w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Bromus tectorum	40	☑	NL
Nassella virdula	2	☐	NL
Sporobolus cryptandrus	10	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 48

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	0 X 2	0
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	10 X 4	40
UPL species	42 X 5	210
Column Totals	52 (A)	250 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.81

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=48%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP09u

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
0-12	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy Clay Loam	
12+							Gravel	

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP09w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.695335 Long: -108.69033 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf: Wanetta clay loam, 0-1% 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 ☐	**Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?** Yes ☑ No ☐
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes ☑	No ☐	

Remarks: PSS depressional wetland in wetland cell 14, near eastern project boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	☐	FACU
Salix exigua	55	☑	FACW

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Carex praegracilis	14	☑	FACW
Elymus repens	5	☑	FACU
Marrubium vulgare	1	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 35

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.7 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	69 X 2	138
FAC species	0 X 3	0
FACU species	11 X 4	44
UPL species	0 X 5	0
Column Totals	80 (A)	182 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.28

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=35%. Salix exigua accounts for much of the cover observed within 5' herb plot. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive dominance test and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP09w

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
0-10	10YR 4/2	95	10YR 5/8	5	C	PL	Clay	
10+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common along pore linings.

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): 6

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology include saturation within 6 inches of the soil surface, geomorphic position, and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP10u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 70

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694743 Long: -108.689922 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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 located upslope of DP10w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Elaeagnus angustifolia	25	☑	FACU

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Bromus inermis	20	☑	UPL
Convolvulus arvensis	50	☑	NL
Poa pratensis	15	☐	FACU
Symphyotrichum falcatum	2	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 13

Dominance Test worksheet

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (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	42 X 4	168
UPL species	70 X 5	350
Column Totals	112 (A)	518 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.63

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=13%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP10u

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
0-12	10YR 3/2	100					Clay Loam	
12+							Gravel	**Gravel bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP10w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 9

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.694789 Long: -108.689909 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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: PEM slope wetland near eastern project boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Alopecurus arundinaceus	10	☑	FACW
Bromus inermis	5	☐	UPL
Carex pellita	5	☐	OBL
Elymus repens	10	☑	FACU
Mentha arvensis	5	☐	FACW
Solanum dulcamara	5	☐	FACU
Typha latifolia	30	☑	OBL

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 30

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.7 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	35	X 1	35
FACW species	15	X 2	30
FAC species	0	X 3	0
FACU species	15	X 4	60
UPL species	5	X 5	25
Column Totals	70 (A)		150 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.14

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=30%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive dominance test and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP10w

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
0-14	10YR 3/1	93	7.5YR 4/6	7	C	M, PL	Clay Loam	
14+							cobbles	

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the matrix and along pore linings.

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): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology include soils saturated to surface, drain patter, geomorphic position and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP11u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 18

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.69269 Long: -108.692467 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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 located upslope of DP11w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Populus deltoides	45	☑	FAC

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Bromus inermis	20	☑	UPL
Convolvulus arvensis	5	☐	NL
Pascopyrum smithii	25	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 50

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 33.3 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	0 X 2	0
FAC species	45 X 3	135
FACU species	25 X 4	100
UPL species	25 X 5	125
Column Totals	95 (A)	360 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.79

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=50%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP11u

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
0-12	10YR 3/2	100					Clay Loam	**Cobbly**
12+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/15/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP11w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

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

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.692414 Long: -108.692512 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: An: Alluvial land, wet NWI classification: PEM1Cx: Freshwater E

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: PEM depressional wetland along eastern project boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum (Plot size (30 Foot Radius))	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size (15 Foot Radius))

Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum (Plot size (5 Foot Radius))

Alopecurus arundinaceus	15	☑	FACW
Asclepias speciosa	1	☐	FAC
Juncus balticus	40	☑	FACW
Lepidium campestre	1	☐	NL
Poa pratensis	7	☐	FACU
Sisymbrium altissimum	1	☐	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size (30 Foot Radius))

Percent Bare Ground 35

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.7 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:
OBL species	0 X 1	0
FACW species	55 X 2	110
FAC species	1 X 3	3
FACU species	13 X 4	52
UPL species	1 X 5	5
Column Totals	70 (A)	170 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.43

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☑ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=35%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a positive dominance test and a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP11w

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
0-15	10YR 2/2	85	7.5YR 4/6	15	C	M	Clay Loam	
15+							Rock	**Rock bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations many within the matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

- ☐ Surface Water (A1)
- ☐ High Water Table (A2)
- ☑ Saturation (A3)
- ☐ Water Marks (B1)
- ☐ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ☐ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ☐ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ☐ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ☐ Inundation 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): 6

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology includes saturation within 6 inches of the soil surface, geomorphic position, and a positive FAC-Neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/16/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP12u

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 47

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.690402 Long: -108.69868 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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 located upslope of DP12w and wetland boundary.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status
Populus deltoides	40	☑	FAC

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)			
Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	☑	FACU
Prunus virginiana	10	☑	FACU
Rosa woodsii	5	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)			
Bromus inermis	60	☑	UPL
Conium maculatum	3	☐	FACW
Elymus repens	27	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 10

Dominance Test worksheet

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 16.7 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	X 1	0
FACW species	3	X 2	6
FAC species	40	X 3	120
FACU species	47	X 4	188
UPL species	60	X 5	300
Column Totals	150 (A)		614 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.09

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☐ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☐ NO ☑

Remarks:

BG/litter=10%. Data point is dominated by upland vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP12u

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
0-14	10YR 3/2	100					Clay Loam	**Cobbly.**
14+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: No evidence of 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, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone Sampling Date: 6/16/2021

Applicant/Owner: MDT State: Montana Sampling Point: DP12w

Investigator(s): R Quire, S Weyant Section, Township, Range: 6 2S 25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillside Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 27

Subregion (LRR): LRR F Lat: 45.690414 Long: -108.698608 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI: Larim gravelly loam, 15-35% 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: PEM/PSS slope wetland in SW corner of site.

VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants

Tree Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

	Absolute % Cover:	Domiant Species?	Indicator Status

Sapling/Shrub Stratum Plot size (15 Foot Radius)

Prunus virginiana	2	☑	FACU
Ribes aureum	5	☑	FACU

Herbaceous Stratum Plot size (5 Foot Radius)

Carex praegracilis	40	☑	FACW
Juncus balticus	2	☐	FACW
Nasturtium officinale	10	☐	OBL
Rumex crispus	3	☐	FAC
Schedonorus arundinaceus	15	☑	FACU

Woody Vine Stratum Plot size (30 Foot Radius)

Percent Bare Ground 30

Dominance Test worksheet

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 25.0 % (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	10	X 1	10
FACW species	42	X 2	84
FAC species	3	X 3	9
FACU species	22	X 4	88
UPL species	0	X 5	0
Column Totals	77 (A)		191 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.48

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators

- ☐ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ☐ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ☑ 3 - Prevalence Index is <= 3.0
- ☐ 4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in remarks or on separate sheet.
- ☐ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
- ☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)

Indicators of hydric sil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic for #3, 4, 5.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ☑ NO ☐

Remarks:

BG/litter=30%. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP12w

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
0-11	10YR 4/2	98	7.5YR 4/6	2	C	M	Sandy Clay Loam	**Cobbly.**
11+							Cobbles	**Cobble bottom.**

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☐

Remarks: Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

- ☑ Surface Water (A1)
- ☐ High Water Table (A2)
- ☑ Saturation (A3)
- ☐ Water Marks (B1)
- ☐ Sediment Deposits (B2)
- ☐ Drift Deposits (B3)
- ☐ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- ☐ Iron Deposits (B5)
- ☐ Inundation 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): 1

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

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ☑ No ☐ Depth (inches): 0

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☑ No ☐

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

Remarks: Evidence of wetland hydrology includes 1 inch of surface water and soils saturated to surface.

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008

1. Project name Kindsfater **2. MDT project#** STPX 56(56) **Control#** 5034

3. Evaluation Date 9/14/2021 **4. Evaluators** R Quire **5. Wetland/Site# (s)** Kindsfater - created wetland

6. Wetland Location(s): **T** 2S **R** 25E **Sec1** 6 **T** **R** **Sec2**

Approx Stationing or Mileposts

Watershed 13 - Upper Yellowstone **Watershed/County** Yellowstone

7. Evaluating Agency CCI for MDT

8. Wetland size acres 5.3

How assessed: Measured e.g. by GPS

Purpose of Evaluation

- ☐ **Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project**
- ☐ **Mitigation Wetlands: pre-construction**
- ☑ **Mitigation Wetlands: post construction**
- ☐ **Other**

9. Assesssment area (AA) size (acres) 5.3

How assessed: Measured e.g. by GPS

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
Depressional	Emergent Wetland	Excavated	Seasonal/Intermittent	50
Depressional	Scrub-Shrub Wetland	Excavated	Seasonal/Intermittent	45
Depressional	Aquatic Bed	Excavated	Seasonal/Intermittent	5

11. Estimated Relative Abundance Common

12. General Condition of AA

i. Disturbance: (use matrix below to determine [circle] appropriate response – see instructions for Montana-listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species (**ANVS**) 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%.	low disturbance	low disturbance	moderate disturbance
AA not cultivated, but may be moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged; or has been subject to relatively minor clearing, fill placement, or hydrological alteration; contains few roads or buildings; noxious weed or ANVS cover is <=30%.	moderate disturbance	moderate disturbance	high disturbance
AA cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to relatively substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >=30%.	high disturbance	high disturbance	high disturbance

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc)

The wetland mitigation site was constructed in 2012/2013 and included substantial excavation, modification/rehabilitation to existing wetlands, and revegetation.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, other exotic species:

Euphorbia esula, Cirsium arvense, Convolvusus arvensis

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat

The AA consists of excavated depressional wetland cells within a historic gravel pit/wetland site. Wetland mitigation construction was completed in 2013 and 2021 is the ninth monitoring year for the expanded wetland site. Land use surrounding the AA includes commerical developments, agriculture (grazing), transportation (railroad and interstate), and a shooting range within the site.

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" ***vegetated*** classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above)

Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA	Initial Rating	Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes?		Modified Rating
>=3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes	H	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	M	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	M	<NO	YES>	L
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises>=90% of total cover)	L	NA	NA	NA

Comments: Palustrine emergent vegetation, aquatic bed and young palustrine scrub-shrub communities developing.

SECTION PERTAINING to FUNCTIONS VALUES ASSESSMENT

14A. Habitat for Federally Listed or Proposed Threatened or Endangered Plants or Animals:

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species) ◉ D ◉ S

Secondary habitat (list Species) ◉ D ◉ S

Incidental habitat (list species) ◉ D ◉ S

No usable habitat ☑ S

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	None
Functional Points and Rating	1H	.9H	.8H	.7M	.3L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use USFWS list for species in Yellowstone County; no habitat specifications/known occurrences

14B. Habitat for plant or animals rated S1, S2, or S3 by the Montana Natural Heritage Program: (not including species listed in14A above)

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species) ◉ D ○ S Plains spadefoot (S3)

Secondary habitat (list Species) ◉ D ◉ S

Incidental habitat (list species) ◉ D ◉ S

No usable habitat ☐ S

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	None
S1 Species: *Functional Points and Rating*	1H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.2L	.1L	0L
S2 and S3 Species: *Functional Points and Rating*	.9H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.2L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use Observed approximately 40 plains spadefoot during the 2013 site visit and MDT identified this species during a 2019 site visit ; none observed in 2014-2018 or 2020-21.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA (check substantial, moderate, or low based on supporting evidence): Moderate

Substantial (based on any of the following [check]):

- ☐ observations of abundant wildlife #s or high species diversity (during any period)
- ☐ abundant wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ☐ presence of extremely limiting habitat features not available in the surrounding area
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):

- ☐ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- ☐ little to no wildlife sign
- ☐ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Moderate (based on any of the following [check]):

- ☑ observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- ☑ common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ☑ adequate adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife habitat features (Working from top to bottom, 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 instructions for further definitions of these terms])

Structural diversity (see #13)	High								Moderate								Low			
Class cover distribution (all vegetated classes)	Even				Uneven				Even				Uneven				Even			
Duration of surface water in ≥ 10% of AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A
Low disturbance at AA (see #12i)									E	H	H	M	E	H	M	M				
Moderate disturbance at AA (see #12i)									H	H	M	M	H	M	M	L				
High disturbance at AA (see #12i)	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L	M	M	L	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

iii. Rating (use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Evidence of wildlife use (i)	*Wildlife habitat features rating (ii)*			
	Exceptional	High	Moderate	Low
Substantial	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M
Moderate	.9H	.7M	.5M	.3L
Minimal	.6M	.4M	.2L	.1L

Comments Wildlife rating is expected to increase in subsequent monitoring years.

14D. General Fish Habitat Rating: (Assess this function if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [i.e., fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If the AA is not used by fish, fish use is not restorable due to habitat constraints, or is not desired from a management perspective [such as fish entrapped in a canal], then check ☑ **NA** here and proceed to 14E.)

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA (use matrix to arrive at [check the functional points and rating)

Duration of surface water in AA	Permanent / Perennial						Seasonal / Intermittent						Temporary / Ephemeral					
Aquatic hiding / resting / escape cover	Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor	
Thermal cover optimal / suboptimal	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.3L
FWP Tier II or Native Game fish species	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L
FWP Tier III or Introduced Game fish	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L	.1L
FWP Non-Game Tier IV or No fish species	.5M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.4M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.1L	.1L	.1L

Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially found in AA:

ii. Modified Rating (**NOTE:** Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)
a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity ***or*** *is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support,* ***or*** *do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see* ***Appendix E****) occur in fish habitat?* **Y** ◯ **N** ◉ *If yes, reduce score in* ***i*** *above by 0.1:* **Modified Rating**

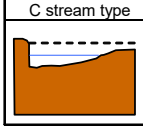
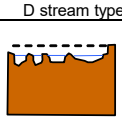
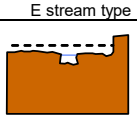
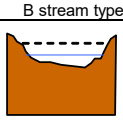
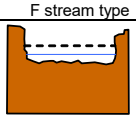
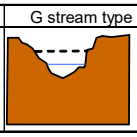
b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area, etc.- specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ◯ **Y** ◉ **N** *If yes, add 0.1 to the adjusted score in* ***i*** *or* ***iia*** *above:*
Modifed Rating

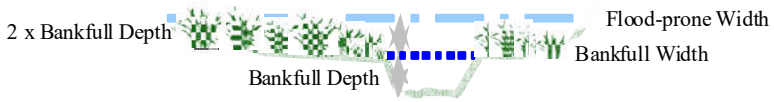
iii. Final Score and Rating: 0 NA **Comments:** No fish habitat within mitigation site; no perennial water.

14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, click ☑ **NA** here and proceed to 14F.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)	Slightly entrenched - C, D, E stream types			Moderately entrenched – B stream type			Entrenched-A, F, G stream types		
% of flooded wetland classified as forested and/or scrub/shrub	75%	25-75%	<25%	75%	25-75%	<25%	75%	25-75%	<25%
AA contains **no outlet or restricted outlet**	1H	.9H	.6M	.8H	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.8H	.5M	.7M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Slightly Entrenched ER = >2.2			**Moderately Entrenched ER = 1.41 – 2.2**	**Entrenched ER = 1.0 – 1.4**		
C stream type	D stream type	E stream type	B stream type	A stream type	F stream type	G stream type
						



Floodprone width / **Bankfull width** = **Entrenchment ratio**

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 (check)? **Y** ◯ **N** ◉

Comments: Flooding does not occur on the site as groundwater is the primary hyrdology source; no flooding occurs from in channel or overbank flow.

14F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage: (Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, click ☐ **NA** here and proceed to 14G.)

i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding	>5 acre feet			1.1 to 5 acre feet			≤1 acre foot		
Duration of surface water at wetlands within the AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	P/P	S/I	T/E	P/P	S/I	T/E
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **≥ 5 out of 10 years**	1H	.9H	.8H	.8H	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **< 5 out of 10 years**	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Estimated that AA ponds greater than 5 out of 10 years with approximately 5.3 acres inundated to approximately 0.5 feet (5.3*0.5=2.65 acre feet).

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

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating [H = high, M = moderate, or L = low])

Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input levels within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds at levels such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants **or** AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.			
% cover of wetland vegetation in AA	≥ 70%		< 70%		≥ 70%		< 70%	
Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	1H	.8H	.7M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.7M	.6M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Isolated depressional wetland cells do not have outlets. Percent cover of wetland vegetation increased to greater than 70% within the majority of wetland cells.

14H Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization: (Applies only if AA occurs on or within the banks or a river, stream, or other natural or man-made drainage, or on the shoreline of a standing water body which is subject to wave action. If 14H does not apply, click ☑ **NA** here and proceed to 14I.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

*% Cover of **wetland** streambank or shoreline by species with stability ratings of ≥6 (see **Appendix F**).*	*Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation*		
	Permanent / Perennial	Seasonal / Intermittent	Temporary / Ephemeral
≥ 65%	1H	.9H	.7M
35-64%	.7M	.6M	.5M
< 35%	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: The AA does not occur on a stream bank or drainage. No wave action occurs in depression wetland areas when inundated.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [check])

General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.)	**General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.)**		
	E/H	M	L
E/H	H	H	M
M	H	M	M
L	M	M	L
N/A	H	M	L

ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14I.i.); Factor C = whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet; the final three rows pertain to duration of surface water in the AA, where P/P, S/I, and T/E are as previously defined, and A = "absent" [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

A	Vegetated component >5 acres						Vegetated component 1-5 acres						Vegetated component <1 acre					
B	High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low	
C					Yes		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No			Yes		Yes	
P/P				.5M	.6M	.4M		.6M				.3L		.6M	.6M		.3L	
S/I	.9H			.4M	.5M			.5M				.2L		.5M	.5M		.3L	
T/E/A	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7H	.4M		.2L			.6M	.4M	.4M	.2L	.2L	.1L

iii. Modified Rating (**NOTE:** Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1.) **Vegetated Upland Buffer (VUB)**: Area with ≥ 30% plant cover, ≤ 15% noxious weed or ANVS cover, and that is not subjected to periodic mechanical mowing or clearing (unless for weed control).

a) Is there an average ≥ 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around ≥ 75% of the AA circumference? **Y** ◉ **N** ○ *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in **ii** above and adjust rating accordingly:* **Modified Rating** .8H

Comments: Adjacent upland buffer with greater than 30% plant cover. 5.3 acres primarily vegetated of wetland within AA

14J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge: (check the appropriate indicators in i & ii below)

i. Discharge Indicators

- ☐ The AA is a slope wetland
- ☐ Springs or seeps are known or observed
- ☐ Vegetation growing during dormant season/drought
- ☐ Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope
- ☐ 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 arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

	Duration of saturation at AA Wetlands *FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE OR WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM*			
Criteria	P/P	S/I	T	None
Groundwater Discharge or Recharge	1H	.7M	.4M	.1L
Insufficient Data/Information		NA		

Comments: All wetland cells with shallow surface water or cells saturated to surface; gravel substrate in created depressional wetland areas.

14K. Uniqueness:

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Replacement potential	AA contains fen, bog, warm springs or mature (>80 yr-old) forested wetland **or** plant association listed as "S1" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types **and** structural diversity (#13) is high **or** contains plant association listed as "S2" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types or associations **and** structural diversity (#13) is low-moderate		
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	common	abundant	rare	common	abundant	rare	common	abundant
Low disturbance at AA (#12i)	1H	.9H	.8H	.8H	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L
Moderate disturbance at AA (#12i)	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L
High disturbance at AA (#12i)	.8H	.7H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Wetlands are considered common, site has moderate disturbance, and structural diversity is moderate.

14L. Recreation/Education Potential: (affords "bonus" points if AA provides recreation or education opportunity)

i. Is the AA a known or potential rec./ed. site: (check) **Y** ◉ **N** ○ (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then click ☐ **NA** here and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

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

iii. Rating (use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Known or Potential Recreation or Education Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	.2H	.15H
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	.15H	.1M
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	.1M	.05L

Comments:

Access is permitted without permission with the exception of the police shooting range.

General Site Notes

Anticipate higher wildlife ratings in subsequent monitoring years. Wetland acreage increased by 0.4 acres since 2020.

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

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0	1	0.00	☐
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	H	.9	1	4.77	☑
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	.7	1	3.71	☑
D. General Fish Habitat	NA	0	0	0.00	☐
E. Flood Attenuation	NA	0	0	0.00	☐
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	M	.6	1	3.18	☐
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	1	1	5.30	☑
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA	0	0	0.00	☐
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	H	.8	1	4.24	☑
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	M	.7	1	3.71	☐
K. Uniqueness	L	.3	1	1.59	☐
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	H	.2	NA	1.06	☐
Totals:		5.2	8	27.56	
Percent of Possible Score			**65** %		

Category I Wetland: (must satisfy **one** of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category II)
- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for Listed/Proposed Threatened or Endangered Species; **or**
- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for Uniqueness; **or**
- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for Flood Attenuation **and** answer to Question 14E.ii is "yes"; **or**
- ☐ Percent of possible score > 80% (round to nearest whole #).

Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied **and** meets any **one** of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category IV)
- ☐ Score of 1 functional point for MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish Habitat; **or**
- ☐ "High" to "Exceptional" ratings for **both** General Wildlife Habitat **and** General Fish/Aquatic Habitat; **or**
- ☐ Score of .9 functional point for Uniqueness; **or**
- ☐ Percent of possible score > 65% (round to nearest whole #).

Category III Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I, II, or IV not satisfied)

☑

Category IV Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I or II are not satisfied and all of the following criteria are met; otherwise go to Category III)
- ☐ "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
- ☐ Vegetated wetland component < 1 acre (do not include upland vegetated buffer); **and**
- ☐ Percent of possible score < 35% (round to nearest whole #).

OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA RATING:
(check appropriate category based on the criteria outlined

I	II	III	IV

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008

1. Project name Kindsfater **2. MDT project#** STPX 56(56) **Control#** 5034

3. Evaluation Date 6/16/2021 **4. Evaluators** R Quire **5. Wetland/Site# (s)** Kindsfater - existing wetland

6. Wetland Location(s): **T** 2S **R** 25E **Sec1** 6 **T** **R** **Sec2**

Approx Stationing or Mileposts

Watershed 13 - Upper Yellowstone **Watershed/County** Yellowstone

7. Evaluating Agency CCI for MDT

8. Wetland size acres 32.3

Purpose of Evaluation

How assessed:

☐ **Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project**

9. Assesssment area (AA) size (acres) 32.3

☐ **Mitigation Wetlands: pre-construction**

How assessed: Measured e.g. by GPS

☑ **Mitigation Wetlands: post construction**

☐ **Other**

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
Slope	Emergent Wetland	Partly Drained	Seasonal/Intermittent	80
Slope	Scrub-Shrub Wetland	Partly Drained	Seasonal/Intermittent	20

11. Estimated Relative Abundance Common

12. General Condition of AA

i. Disturbance: (use matrix below to determine [circle] appropriate response – see instructions for Montana-listed noxious weed and aquatic nuisance vegetation species (**ANVS**) 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%.	low disturbance	low disturbance	moderate disturbance
AA not cultivated, but may be moderately grazed or hayed or selectively logged; or has been subject to relatively minor clearing, fill placement, or hydrological alteration; contains few roads or buildings; noxious weed or ANVS cover is <=30%.	moderate disturbance	moderate disturbance	high disturbance
AA cultivated or heavily grazed or logged; subject to relatively substantial fill placement, grading, clearing, or hydrological alteration; high road or building density; or noxious weed or ANVS cover is >=30%.	high disturbance	high disturbance	high disturbance

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc)

The wetland mitigation site was constructed in 2012 and 2013 which consisted of substantial excavation, modification/rehabilitation of existing wetlands, and revegetation. Existing wetlands (pre-construction) were preserved and rehabilitated.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, other exotic species:

Euphorbia esula, Cirsium arvense, Convolvulus arvensis, Cynoglossum officinale

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat

The AA consists of pre-existing slope/depressional wetland areas located within a historic gravel pit/wetland site. Wetland mitigation constructed was completed in early spring 2013 and 2021 is the ninth monitoring year for the expanded wetland site. Land use surrounding the AA includes commercial developments, agriculture (grazing), transportation (railroad and interstate), and a shooting range within the site.

13. Structural Diversity: (based on number of "Cowardin" ***vegetated*** classes present [do not include unvegetated classes], see #10 above)

Existing # of "Cowardin" Vegetated Classes in AA	Initial Rating	Is current management preventing (passive) existence of additional vegetated classes?		Modified Rating
>=3 (or 2 if 1 is forested) classes	H	NA	NA	NA
2 (or 1 if forested) classes	M	NA	NA	NA
1 class, but not a monoculture	M	<NO	YES>	L
1 class, monoculture (1 species comprises>=90% of total cover)	L	NA	NA	NA

Comments: Emergent wetland community is dominant with areas of scrub-shrub wetland.

SECTION PERTAINING to FUNCTIONS VALUES ASSESSMENT

14A. Habitat for Federally Listed or Proposed Threatened or Endangered Plants or Animals:

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species) ◉ D ◉ S

Secondary habitat (list Species) ◉ D ◉ S

Incidental habitat (list species) ◉ D ◉ S

No usable habitat ☑ S

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	None
Functional Points and Rating	1H	.9H	.8H	.7M	.3L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use USFWS list for species in Yellowstone County

14B. Habitat for plant or animals rated S1, S2, or S3 by the Montana Natural Heritage Program: (not including species listed in14A above)

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (check one based on definitions contained in instructions):

Primary or critical habitat (list species) ◉ D ○ S Plains spadefoot (S3)

Secondary habitat (list Species) ◉ D ◉ S

Incidental habitat (list species) ◉ D ◉ S

No usable habitat ☐ S

ii. Rating (use the conclusions from i above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Highest Habitat Level	doc/primary	sus/primary	doc/secondary	sus/secondary	doc/incidental	sus/incidental	None
S1 Species: *Functional Points and Rating*	1H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.2L	.1L	0L
S2 and S3 Species: *Functional Points and Rating*	.9H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.2L	.1L	0L

Sources for documented use Observed approximately 40 plains spadefoot during the 2013 site visit and MDT identified this species during a 2019 site visit ; none observed in 2014-2018 or 2020-21.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

i. Evidence of overall wildlife use in the AA (check substantial, moderate, or low based on supporting evidence): Moderate

Substantial (based on any of the following [check]):

- ☐ observations of abundant wildlife #s or high species diversity (during any period)
- ☐ abundant wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ☐ presence of extremely limiting habitat features not available in the surrounding area
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):

- ☐ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- ☐ little to no wildlife sign
- ☐ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

Moderate (based on any of the following [check]):

- ☑ observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- ☑ common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- ☑ adequate adjacent upland food sources
- ☐ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife habitat features (Working from top to bottom, 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 instructions for further definitions of these terms])

Structural diversity (see #13)	High								Moderate								Low			
Class cover distribution (all vegetated classes)	Even				Uneven				Even				Uneven				Even			
Duration of surface water in ≥ 10% of AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A	P/P	S/I	T/E	A
Low disturbance at AA (see #12i)									E	H	H	M	E	H	M	M				
Moderate disturbance at AA (see #12i)									H	H	M	M	H	M	M	L				
High disturbance at AA (see #12i)	M	M	M	L	M	M	L	L	M	M	L	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

iii. Rating (use the conclusions from i and ii above and the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Evidence of wildlife use (i)	*Wildlife habitat features rating (ii)*			
	Exceptional	High	Moderate	Low
Substantial	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M
Moderate	.9H	.7M	.5M	.3L
Minimal	.6M	.4M	.2L	.1L

Comments Expect wildlife use/rating to increase in subsequent monitoring years.

14D. General Fish Habitat Rating: (Assess this function if the AA is used by fish or the existing situation is "correctable" such that the AA could be used by fish [i.e., fish use is precluded by perched culvert or other barrier, etc.]. If the AA is not used by fish, fish use is not restorable due to habitat constraints, or is not desired from a management perspective [such as fish entrapped in a canal], then check ☑ **NA** here and proceed to 14E.)

i. Habitat Quality and Known / Suspected Fish Species in AA (use matrix to arrive at [check the functional points and rating)

Duration of surface water in AA	Permanent / Perennial						Seasonal / Intermittent						Temporary / Ephemeral					
Aquatic hiding / resting / escape cover	Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor		Optimal		Adequate		Poor	
Thermal cover optimal / suboptimal	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S	O	S
FWP Tier I fish species	1E	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.3L
FWP Tier II or Native Game fish species	.9H	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L
FWP Tier III or Introduced Game fish	.8H	.7M	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.7M	.6M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.2L	.1L
FWP Non-Game Tier IV or No fish species	.5M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.4M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.2L	.1L	.1L	.1L

Sources used for identifying fish sp. potentially found in AA:

ii. Modified Rating (**NOTE:** Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)
a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity ***or*** *is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support,* ***or*** *do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see* ***Appendix E****) occur in fish habitat?* **Y** ◯ **N** ◉ *If yes, reduce score in* ***i*** *above by 0.1:* **Modified Rating**

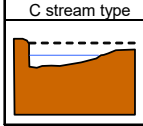
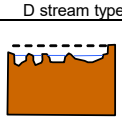
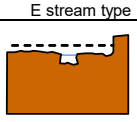
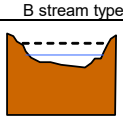
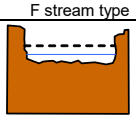
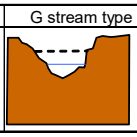
b) Does the AA contain a documented spawning area or other critical habitat feature (i.e., sanctuary pool, upwelling area, etc.- specify in comments) for native fish or introduced game fish? ◯ **Y** ◉ **N** *If yes, add 0.1 to the adjusted score in* ***i*** *or* ***iia*** *above:*
Modifed Rating

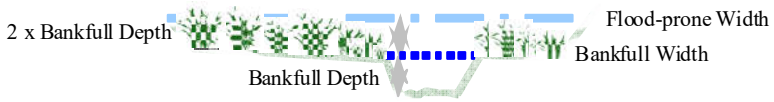
iii. Final Score and Rating: 0 NA **Comments:** No fish habitat within mitigation site.

14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, click ☑ **NA** here and proceed to 14F.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Estimated or Calculated Entrenchment (Rosgen 1994, 1996)	Slightly entrenched - C, D, E stream types			Moderately entrenched – B stream type			Entrenched-A, F, G stream types		
% of flooded wetland classified as forested and/or scrub/shrub	75%	25-75%	<25%	75%	25-75%	<25%	75%	25-75%	<25%
AA contains **no outlet or restricted outlet**	1H	.9H	.6M	.8H	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.8H	.5M	.7M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Slightly Entrenched ER = >2.2			**Moderately Entrenched ER = 1.41 – 2.2**	**Entrenched ER = 1.0 – 1.4**		
C stream type	D stream type	E stream type	B stream type	A stream type	F stream type	G stream type
						



Floodprone width _____ / **Bankfull width** _____ = **Entrenchment ratio** _____

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 (check)? **Y** ◯ **N** ◉

Comments: Wetlands are not subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow as there are no waterways on site.

14F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage: (Applies to wetlands that flood or pond from overbank or in-channel flow, precipitation, upland surface flow, or groundwater flow. If no wetlands in the AA are subject to flooding or ponding, click ☐ **NA** here and proceed to 14G.)

i. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating. Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; and T/E = temporary/ephemeral [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

Estimated maximum acre feet of water contained in wetlands within the AA that are subject to periodic flooding or ponding	>5 acre feet			1.1 to 5 acre feet			≤1 acre foot		
Duration of surface water at wetlands within the AA	P/P	S/I	T/E	P/P	S/I	T/E	P/P	S/I	T/E
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **≥ 5 out of 10 years**	1H	.9H	.8H	.8H	.6M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
Wetlands in AA flood or pond **< 5 out of 10 years**	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Estimated that AA ponds greater than 5 out of 10 years with approximately 27 acres inundated to approximately 0.5 feet.

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

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating [H = high, M = moderate, or L = low])

Sediment, nutrient, and toxicant input levels within AA	AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds at levels such that other functions are not substantially impaired. Minor sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.				Waterbody on MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development for "probable causes" related to sediment, nutrients, or toxicants **or** AA receives or surrounding land use with potential to deliver high levels of sediments, nutrients, or compounds such that other functions are substantially impaired. Major sedimentation, sources of nutrients or toxicants, or signs of eutrophication present.			
% cover of wetland vegetation in AA	≥ 70%		< 70%		≥ 70%		< 70%	
Evidence of flooding / ponding in AA	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AA contains **no or restricted outlet**	1H	.8H	.7M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L	.2L
AA contains **unrestricted outlet**	.9H	.7M	.6M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Unrestricted drainage from the bench down to meadow below.

14H Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization: (Applies only if AA occurs on or within the banks or a river, stream, or other natural or man-made drainage, or on the shoreline of a standing water body which is subject to wave action. If 14H does not apply, click ☑ **NA** here and proceed to 14I.)

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

*% Cover of **wetland** streambank or shoreline by species with stability ratings of ≥6 (see **Appendix F**).*	*Duration of surface water adjacent to rooted vegetation*		
	Permanent / Perennial	Seasonal / Intermittent	Temporary / Ephemeral
≥ 65%	1H	.9H	.7M
35-64%	.7M	.6M	.5M
< 35%	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Wetlands do not occur along stream bank, open water not likely subject to wave action.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

i. Level of Biological Activity (synthesis of wildlife and fish habitat ratings [check])

General Fish Habitat Rating (14D.iii.)	**General Wildlife Habitat Rating (14C.iii.)**		
	E/H	M	L
E/H	H	H	M
M	H	M	M
L	M	M	L
N/A	H	M	L

ii. Rating (Working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating. Factor A = acreage of vegetated wetland component in the AA; Factor B = level of biological activity rating from above (14I.i.); Factor C = whether or not the AA contains a surface or subsurface outlet; the final three rows pertain to duration of surface water in the AA, where P/P, S/I, and T/E are as previously defined, and A = "absent" [see instructions for further definitions of these terms].)

A	Vegetated component >5 acres						Vegetated component 1-5 acres						Vegetated component <1 acre					
B	High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low		High		Moderate		Low	
C					Yes		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No			Yes		Yes	
P/P				.5M	.6M	.4M		.6M				.3L		.6M	.6M		.3L	
S/I	.9H			.4M	.5M			.5M				.2L		.5M	.5M		.3L	
T/E/A	.8H	.5M	.6M	.3L	.4M	.2L	.7H	.4M		.2L			.6M	.4M	.4M	.2L	.2L	.1L

iii. Modified Rating (**NOTE:** Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1.) **Vegetated Upland Buffer (VUB)**: Area with ≥ 30% plant cover, ≤ 15% noxious weed or ANVS cover, and that is not subjected to periodic mechanical mowing or clearing (unless for weed control).

a) Is there an average ≥ 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around ≥ 75% of the AA circumference? **Y** ◉ **N** ○ *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in **ii** above and adjust rating accordingly:* **Modified Rating** .8H

Comments: Adjacent upland buffer with greater than 30% plant cover.

14J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge: (check the appropriate indicators in i & ii below)

i. Discharge Indicators

- [x] The AA is a slope wetland
- [ ] Springs or seeps are known or observed
- [ ] Vegetation growing during dormant season/drought
- [x] Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope
- [ ] Seeps are present at the wetland edge
- [ ] AA permanently flooded during drought periods
- [x] Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet
- [ ] Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface
- [ ] Other:

ii. Recharge Indicators

- [ ] Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer
- [ ] Wetland contains inlet but no outlet
- [ ] Stream is a known 'losing' stream; discharge volume decreases
- [ ] Other:

iii. Rating (use the information from i and ii above and the table below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

	Duration of saturation at AA Wetlands *FROM GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE OR WITH WATER THAT IS RECHARGING THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM*			
Criteria	P/P	S/I	T	None
Groundwater Discharge or Recharge	1H	.7M	.4M	.1L
Insufficient Data/Information		NA		

Comments: PEM/PSS wetland present at the toe of slope; receives groundwater from terrace above.

14K. Uniqueness:

i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Replacement potential	AA contains fen, bog, warm springs or mature (>80 yr-old) forested wetland **or** plant association listed as "S1" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types **and** structural diversity (#13) is high **or** contains plant association listed as "S2" by the MTNHP			AA does not contain previously cited rare types or associations **and** structural diversity (#13) is low-moderate		
Estimated relative abundance (#11)	rare	common	abundant	rare	common	abundant	rare	common	abundant
Low disturbance at AA (#12i)	1H	.9H	.8H	.8H	.6M	.5M	.5M	.4M	.3L
Moderate disturbance at AA (#12i)	.9H	.8H	.7M	.7M	.5M	.4M	.4M	.3L	.2L
High disturbance at AA (#12i)	.8H	.7H	.6M	.6M	.4M	.3L	.3L	.2L	.1L

Comments: Site is not unique for this area.

14L. Recreation/Education Potential: (affords "bonus" points if AA provides recreation or education opportunity)

i. Is the AA a known or potential rec./ed. site: (check) **Y** (●) **N** (○) (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then click ☐ **NA** here and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

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

iii. Rating (use the matrix below to arrive at [check] the functional points and rating)

Known or Potential Recreation or Education Area	Known	Potential
Public ownership or public easement with general public access (no permission required)	.2H	.15H
Private ownership with general public access (no permission required)	.15H	.1M
Private or public ownership without general public access, or requiring permission for public access	.1M	.05L

Comments:

Access is permitted without permission with the exception of the police shooting range.

General Site Notes

Wetland acreage within this AA increased in 2021 as compared to 2020, which was unexpected when considering the extreme drought conditions present across most of MT during the 2021 growing season.

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

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Estimated AA Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0	1	0.00	☐
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	H	.9	1	29.07	☑
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	.5	1	16.15	☐
D. General Fish Habitat	NA	0	0	0.00	☐
E. Flood Attenuation	NA	0	0	0.00	☐
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	H	.9	1	29.07	☑
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	.9	1	29.07	☑
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	NA	0	0	0.00	☐
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	H	.8	1	25.84	☑
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	M	.7	1	22.61	☐
K. Uniqueness	L	.3	1	9.69	☐
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	H	.2	NA	6.46	☐
Totals:		5.2	8	167.96	
Percent of Possible Score			**65** %		

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)

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Category IV Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I or II are not satisfied and all of the following criteria are met; otherwise go to Category III)
- ☐ "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
- ☐ Vegetated wetland component < 1 acre (do not include upland vegetated buffer); **and**
- ☐ Percent of possible score < 35% (round to nearest whole #).

OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA RATING:
(check appropriate category based on the criteria outlined

I	II	III	IV

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Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status(a)
Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	FACU
Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass	UPL
Agrostis stolonifera	Spreading Bent	FACW
Alopecurus arundinaceus	Creeping Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Alyssum alyssoides	Pale or Yellow Alyssum	UPL
Alyssum desertorum	Dwarf Alyssum	UPL
Amaranthus retroflexus	Red-Root	FACU
Artemisia absinthium	Common Sagewort	UPL
Artemisia dracunculus	Wild Tarragon	UPL
Artemisia frigida	Fringed Sage	UPL
Artemisia michauxiana	Michaux Sagewort	FAC
Asclepias speciosa	Showy Milkweed	FAC
Atriplex suckleyi	Suckley's Saltbush	UPL
Bassia scoparia (Kochia scoparia)	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Berteroa incana	Hoary False Alyssum	UPL
Brassica nigra	Black Mustard	UPL
Bromus arvensis	Field Brome	FACU
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Bromus japonicus	Japanese Brome	UPL
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	UPL
Calamagrostis canadensis	Bluejoint	FACW
Carduus nutans	Musk Thistle	UPL
Carex aquatilis	Leafy Tussock Sedge	OBL
Carex nebrascensis	Nebraska Sedge	OBL
Carex pellita	Wooly Sedge	OBL
Carex praegracilis	Clustered Field Sedge	FACW
Carex utriculata	Northwest Territory Sedge	OBL
Centaurea stoebe	Spotted Knapweed	UPL
Centaurium exaltatum	Centaury	UPL
Ceratophyllum demersum	Coon's-Tail	OBL
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Chenopodium sp.	Goosefoot	NA
Cirsium arvense	Canadian Thistle	FACU
Cirsium vulgare	Bull Thistle	UPL
Conium maculatum	Poison-Hemlock	FACW
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	UPL
Cornus alba	Red Osier	FACW
Crepis atribarba	Hawksbeard	UPL
Cynoglossum officinale	Gypsy-Flower	FACU
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair Grass	FACW
Descurainia sophia	Flixweed Tansymustard	UPL
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian-Olive	FACU

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Elaeagnus commutata	American Silver-Berry	UPL
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus lanceolatus	Streamside Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Epilobium ciliatum	Fringed Willowherb	FACW
Equisetum hyemale	Tall Scouring-Rush	FACW
Equisetum laevigatum	Smooth Scouring Rush	FACW
Erigeron caespitosus	Tufted Fleabane	UPL
Erigeron canadensis	Canada Horseweed	FACU
Erodium cicutarium	Stork's bill	UPL
Euphorbia esula	Leafy Spurge	UPL
Filago arvensis	**Field Fluffweed**	**UPL**
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash	FAC
Fumaria vaillantii	Fumitory	UPL
Galium aparine	Sticky-Willy	FACU
Gaura parviflora	Butterfly Weed	UPL
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	American Licorice	FACU
Grindelia squarrosa	Curly-Cup Gumweed	FACU
Helianthus annuus	Common Sunflower	FACU
Hesperostipa comata	Needle-and-Thread	UPL
Heterotheca villosa	Golden-Aster	UPL
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW
Hyoscyamus niger	Black Henbane	UPL
Juncus articulatus	Joint-Leaf Rush	OBL
Juncus balticus	Baltic Rush	FACW
Juncus ensifolius	Dagger-Leaf Rush	FACW
Juncus gerardii	Saltmarsh Rush	FACW
Juncus longistylis	Long-style Rush	FACW
Juncus torreyi	Torrey's Rush	FACW
Juniperus scopulorum	Rocky Mountain Juniper	UPL
Koeleria macrantha	Prairie Junegrass	UPL
Lactuca serriola	Prickly Lettuce	FAC
Lemna minor	Common Duckweed	OBL
Lepidium campestre	Field Pepperweed	UPL
Lepidium perfoliatum	Clasping Pepperwort	FACU
Logfia arvensis	Fluffweed	UPL
Lycopus asper	Rough Water-Horehound	OBL
Marrubium vulgare	White Horehound	FACU
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	FACU
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	UPL
Melilotus albus	White Sweetclover	FACU

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Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status(a)
Melilotus officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
Mentha arvensis	American Wild Mint	FACW
Muhlenbergia asperiflora	Alkali Muhly	FACW
Nassella viridula	Green Needlegrass	UPL
Nasturium officinale	Water Cress	OBL
Nepeta cataria	Catnip	FACU
Oenothera villosa	Hairly Evening-Primrose	FACU
Onopordum acanthium	Scotch Thistle	UPL
Opuntia polyacantha	Plains Pricklypear	UPL
Panicum capillare	Common Panic Grass	FAC
Pascopyrum smithii	Western-Wheat Grass	FACU
Persicaria amphibia	Water Smartweed	OBL
Persicaria lapathifolia	Dock-Leaf Smartweed	OBL
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canary Grass	FACW
Physalis longifolia	Long-leaf Ground Cherry	UPL
Poa compressa	Flat-Stem Blue Grass	FACU
Poa palustris	Fowl Blue Grass	FACW
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Blue Grass	FACU
Polygonum aviculare	Yard Knotweed	FACU
Polypogon monspeliensis	Annual Rabbit's-Foot Grass	FACW
Populus angustifolia	Narrow-Leaf Cottonwood	FACW
Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	FAC
Potentilla pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Cinquefoil	FACU
Prunus virginiana	**Choke Cherry**	**FACU**
Ranunculus gmelinii	Lesser Yellow Water Buttercup	FACW
Ratibida columnifera	Prairie Coneflower	UPL
Ribes aureum	**Golden Currant**	**FACU**
Rosa woodsii	Wood's Rose	FACU
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock	FAC
Rumex salicifolius	Willow Dock	FACW
Salix exigua	Narrow-Leaf Willow	FACW
Salix lutea (S. eriocephala)	Yellow Willow	FACW
Salix sp.	Willow	NA
Salsola tragus	Prickly Russian-Thistle	FACU
Schedonorus arundinaceus	Tall False Rye Grass	FAC
Schedonorus pratensis	False Meadow Rye	FACU
Schoenocrambe linifolia	Flax-leaf Plains Mustard	UPL
Schoenoplectus acutus	Hard-Stem Club-Rush	OBL
Schoenoplectus pungens	Three-Square	OBL
Scirpus microcarpus	Red-Tinge Bulrush	OBL
Silene latifolia	White Cockle	UPL
Sisymbrium altissimum	Tall Hedge-Mustard	FACU
Sisymbrium loeselii	Smallpod Tumble Mustard	UPL

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Solanum dulcamara	Climbing Nightshade	FACU
Solidago canadensis	Canadian Goldenrod	FACU
Sonchus arvensis	Field Sow-Thistle	FAC
Sphaeralcea coccinea	Scarlet Globemallow	UPL
Sporobolus cryptandrus	Sand Dropseed	FACU
Tanacetum vulgare	Common Tansy	FACU
Taraxacum officinale	Common Dandelion	FACU
Thlaspi arvense	Field Pennycress	FACU
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard	UPL
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL
Typha latifolia	Broad-Leaf Cat-Tail	OBL
Ulmus americana	American Elm	FAC
Verbascum thapsus	Great Mullein	UPL
Verbena bracteata	Carpet Vervain	FACU
Veronica anagallis-aquatica	Blue Water Speedwell	OBL
Veronica peregrina	Neckweed	FACW
Vicia americana	American Purple Vetch	FACU
Vicia sativa	Garden Vetch	FACU
Xanthium strumarium	Rough Cockleburr	FAC
Zeltnera exaltata	Desert Mountain-pink	FACW

(a) 2018 NWPL (USACE 2018)

New species identified in 2021 are **bolded**.

APPENDIX C
PROJECT AREA PHOTOGRAPHS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
Kindsfater
Yellowstone County, Montana

Kindsfater: Photo Point Photographs



Photo Point: 1. View of eastern edge of Cell 14 looking W
Bearing: 280 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 1. View of eastern edge of Cell 14 looking W
Bearing: 280 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 2. View of western side of Cell 13 looking SW
Bearing: 280 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 2. View of western side of Cell 13 looking SW
Bearing: 280 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 3. View of southern edge of Cell 9 looking NE
Bearing: 0 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 3. View of southern edge of Cell 9 looking NE
Bearing: 0 degrees Year: 2021

Kindsfater: Photo Point Photographs



Photo Point: 4. View of Cell 12 looking S
Bearing: 200 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 4. View of Cell 12 looking S
Bearing: 200 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 5. View of Cell 11 looking SW
Bearing: 10 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 5. View of Cell 11 looking SW
Bearing: 10 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 6. View of western side of Cell 10 looking SW
Bearing: 150 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 6. View of western side of Cell 10 looking SW
Bearing: 150 degrees Year: 2021

Kindsfater: Photo Point Photographs



Photo Point: 7. View of western side of Cell 5 looking east
Bearing: 90 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 7. View of western side of Cell 5 looking east
Bearing: 90 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 8. View of western edge of Cell 2 looking NW
Bearing: 315 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 8. View of western edge of Cell 2 looking NW
Bearing: 315 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 9. View of Cell 1 looking N
Bearing: 90 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 9. View of Cell 1 looking N
Bearing: 90 degrees Year: 2021

Kindsfater: Photo Point Photographs



Photo Point: 10. View of northern portion of Cell 3 looking SE
Bearing: 140 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 10. View of northern portion of Cell 3 looking SE
Bearing: 140 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 11. View of Cell 7 looking SE
Bearing: 150 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 11. View of Cell 7 looking SE
Bearing: 150 degrees Year: 2021



Photo Point: 12. View of Cell 6 looking W
Bearing: 230 degrees Year: 2013



Photo Point: 12. View of Cell 6 looking W
Bearing: 230 degrees Year: 2021

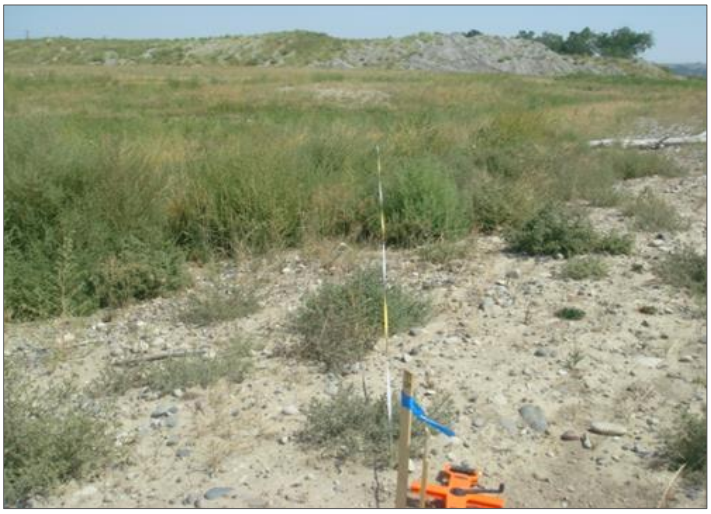
Kindsfater: Transect Photographs



Transect 1: Start Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 240 degrees Year: 2013



Transect 1: Start Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 240 degrees Year: 2021



Transect 1: End Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 50 degrees Year: 2013



Transect 1: End Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 50 degrees Year: 2021



Transect 2: Start Location: Wetland Cell 8
Bearing: 225 degrees Year 2013



Transect 2: Start Location: Wetland Cell 8
Bearing: 225 degrees Year 2021

Kindsfater: Transect Photographs



Transect 2: End
Bearing: 40 degrees
Location: Wetland Cell 8
Year 2013



Transect 2: End
Bearing: 40 degrees
Location: Wetland Cell 8
Year 2021



Transect 3: Start
Bearing: 290 degrees
Location: Wetland Cell 4
Year 2013



Transect 3: Start
Bearing: 290 degrees
Location: Wetland Cell 4
Year 2021



Transect 3: End
Bearing: 290 degrees
Location: Wetland Cell 4
Year 2013



Transect 3: End
Bearing: 290 degrees
Location: Wetland Cell 4
Year 2021

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP01w Location: Veg Community 11
Year 2021



Data Point: DP01u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2021



Data Point: DP02w Location: Veg Community 11
Year 2021



Data Point: DP02u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2021



Data Point: DP03w Location: Veg Community 5
Year 2021



Data Point: DP03u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2021

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP04w Location: Veg Community 5
Year 2021



Data Point: DP04u Location: Veg Community 12
Year 2021



Data Point: DP05w Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2021



Data Point: DP05u Location: Veg Community 4/15
Year 2021



Data Point: DP06w Location: Veg Community 16
Year 2021



Data Point: DP06u Location: Veg Community 4/14
Year 2021

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP07w Location: Veg Community 9
Year 2021



Data Point: DP07u Location: Veg Community 10
Year 2021



Data Point: DP08w Location: Veg Community 8
Year 2021



Data Point: DP08u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2021



Data Point: DP09w Location: Veg Community 9
Year 2021



Data Point: DP09u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2021

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP10w Location: Veg Community 11
Year 2021



Data Point: DP10u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2021



Data Point: DP11w Location: Veg Community 3
Year 2021



Data Point: DP11u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2021



Data Point: DP12w Location: Veg Community 16
Year 2021



Data Point: DP12u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2021