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: 2023

Years Monitored: 11th year of monitoring

Corps Permit Number: NWO-2007-00824-MTB

Monitoring Conducted By: Confluence Consulting Inc

Dates Monitoring Was Conducted: June 7-8, 2023

Purpose of the Approved Project:

The site is intended to provide 32.7 acres of wetland mitigation credits to assist the 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 the 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 2, page 12

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

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

Activity: N/A

Specific recommendations for additional corrective actions: Continue to implement noxious weed-control measures in 2024. Repair the damaged fence on the southwest boundary of the mitigation site.

Anticipated Wetland Credit Acres: 32.7

Wetland Credit Acres Generated to Date: 23.7

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

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

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 a discussion of achievement status for each criterion are provided in Table 1. In 2023, 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, as well as in the USACE wetland determination data forms (Appendix A and B). Water depths ranged from 1 to 38 inches deep.
Hydric Soil	Hydric soil conditions present or appear to be forming.	Y	The constructed wetland complex exhibits hydric soil development. In 2023, five different hydric soil indicators were observed in wetlands across the site.
	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 2023 monitoring event. All wetlands that were designed to provide 80 percent vegetative cover are currently achieving this performance standard.

Performance Standards	Success Criteria	Criteria Achieved Y/N	Discussion
Woody Plants	Plantings will be considered successful where they exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years.	N	This performance criterion was not achieved in the specified time period. In 2023, volunteer and planted woody cover was observed in wetland cells 9, 13, and 14. Total aerial cover of woody species within wetlands is approximately 35%.
Open-Water Areas	Open water that is established within the designated wetland cells will be considered successful and creditable.	Y	Areas with less than 5% vegetative cover were mapped as open water (Cell 1, 2, and 3). Shallow ponded water areas, with greater than 5 percent vegetative cover, were also observed on site within many of the other wetland cells as designed.
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 within upland buffer areas. MDT will continue to implement weed-control measures to maintain this criterion.
	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 less than 5 percent in 2023.
Fencing	Install wildlife-friendly fencing along the easement boundaries.	Y	Wildlife-friendly fencing around the easement boundaries is in good condition.

Summary Data

Wetland Delineation – The wetland acreage delineated in 2023 decreased 1.02-acres from the previous year, totaling 38.18-acres (including preexisting wetlands; Table 2). The delineation confirmed 19.04 acres in preservation areas, 10.28 acres in the restoration areas (reestablishment (9.24-acres) and rehabilitation (1.04-acres)), 3.04 acres in the enhancement area, and 5.82 acres of created wetland in the excavated cells (Table 2). The wetland boundary expanded in the northwest corner of the site around wetland cell 9, as well as along the boundary where wetlands on the upper and lower terrace connect. However, the wetland boundary receded in some areas of the upper terrace where a hydrophytic vegetation community is no longer present and evidence of hydrology and hydric soil development is lacking.

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

USACE guidance, open water accounted for 0.74-acre of the mitigation site in 2023 (Table 2). Uplands accounted for the remaining 76.78 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 2019 Through 2023 at the Kindsfater Site.

Habitat Type	2019 Acreage	2020 Acreage	2021 Acreage	2022 Acreage	2023 Acreage
Preservation	17.40	18.37	18.85	19.10	19.04
Re-establishment (Restoration)	7.30	7.41	9.30	10.10	9.24
Rehabilitation (Restoration)	1.00	1.12	1.14	1.10	1.04
Enhancement	2.90	2.92	3.04	3.00	3.04
Creation	4.70	4.88	5.25	5.90	5.82
Open Water	N/A	0.40	0.47	0.70	0.74
Total Wetland & Aquatic Habitat	**33.30**	**35.10**	**38.04**	**39.90**	**38.92**

Vegetation – A total of 154 plant species were identified on the site from 2013 through 2023, including two new species in 2023. Indian hemp (*Apocynum cannabinum*) was misidentified as Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) in 2022. The correction of this misidentified species is reflected in the comprehensive plant species list for the site (Appendix B, Table B-1). Vegetation communities were identified by species composition and dominance. The dominant Upland Type (UT) at the site is UT 18 (*Bromus tectorum*), which was first documented in 2022 to reflect the proliferation of cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) in the uplands across the site. Some of the upland areas have combined vegetation communities, such as UT 4/18 and 5/19, because a mosaic of two communities exists within an area and could not be individually mapped. 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 in Figure A-3 (Appendix A).

The following vegetation community types were identified in 2023:

- Upland Type 4 – *Elaeagnus angustifolia*
- Upland Type 14 – *Elymus* spp*./Bromus* spp*.*
- Upland Type 17 – *Bromus* spp*./Poa pratensis*
- Upland Type 18 – *Bromus tectorum*
- Upland Type 20 – *Populus deltoides/Elaeagnus angustifolia*
- Wetland Type 2 – *Eleocharis palustris/Schoenoplectus* spp.
- Wetland Type 5 – *Typha latifolia*
- Wetland Type 8 – *Populus deltoides*
- Wetland Type 9 – *Salix exigua*
- Wetland Type 11 – *Phalaris arundinacea*
- Wetland Type 16 – *Juncus* spp*./Carex* spp*.*
- Wetland Type 19 – *Alopecurus arundinaceus*

Vegetation cover was measured along three transects in 2023 (Figure A-2, Appendix A). Details of each transect are provided in the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring form (Appendix B). Photographs of the transect endpoints are provided in Appendix C. Table 3 summarizes the data for T-1. T-1 extends 300 feet through wetland type (WT) 8 and 9, and UT 14. Total vegetative cover along this transect remains consistent with previous years at 85 percent. The total number of species along the transect remained at 32, but the number of hydrophytic species decreased by one. T-1 extends across cell 14, which was inundated with up to 1.5' of water.

Table 3. Data Summary for T-1 From 2018 Through 2023 at the Kindsfater Site.

Monitoring Year	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Transect Length (feet)	**300**	**300**	**300**	**300**	**300**	**300**
Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	4	4	4	4	3	3
Vegetation Communities along Transect	5	3	3	3	3	3
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	35	40	35	34	32	32
Total Hydrophytic Species	12	12	8	8	12	11
Total Upland Species	23	28	27	26	20	21
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	85	84	85	85	85	85
Estimated % Unvegetated	15	16	15	15	15	15
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	49	55	53	53	48	48
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	51	45	47	47	52	52
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	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 WT 5 and 19; 100 percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat in 2023, which has remained static since monitoring began in 2013. Total vegetative cover decreased significantly in 2022 as a result of inundation in cell 8, which shifted the vegetation from WT 2 to WT 5. Total vegetative cover was again estimated at 25% in 2023, and inundation in the cell was up to 2 feet deep. The total number of species observed along the transect decreased by two from the previous year due to declines in upland species. However, the number of hydrophytic species increased by one.

Table 4. Data Summary for T-2 From 2018 Through 2023 at the Kindsfater Site.

Monitoring Year	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Transect Length (feet)	**388**	**388**	**388**	**388**	**388**	**388**
Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	1
Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	3	2	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	1	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	26	27	21	21	22	20
Total Hydrophytic Species	20	20	12	12	13	14
Total Upland Species	6	7	9	9	9	6
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	75	88	90	92	25	25
Estimated % Unvegetated	25	12	10	8	75	75
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	100	100	100	100	100	100
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	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 intersects WT 5 and WT 19. The transect has been comprised entirely of wetland habitat since 2021. Total vegetative cover along this transect was estimated at 90 percent, consistent with observations in 2022. The total number of species observed along the transect continued to decline and totaled eleven in 2023. This may be attributed to a dominance of rhizomatous nonnative grasses and cattails along the wetland fringe of cell 8.

Table 5. Data Summary for T-3 From 2018 Through 2023 at the Kindsfater Site.

Monitoring Year	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Transect Length (feet)	**292**	**292**	**292**	**292**	**292**	**292**
Vegetation Community Transitions along Transect	1	2	2	2	2	2
Vegetation Communities along Transect	2	3	3	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	2	2	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	23	24	27	27	17	11
Total Hydrophytic Species	11	15	14	14	6	5
Total Upland Species	12	9	13	13	11	6
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	85	88	90	92	90	90
Estimated % Unvegetated	15	12	10	8	10	10
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	91.8	91.8	91.8	100	100	100
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	8.2	8.2	8.2	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Unvegetated Open Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Transect Length Comprising Mudflat	0	0	0	0	0	0

Montana State-Listed Priority 2B noxious weeds identified within the Kindsfater mitigation site in 2023 included Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), and isolated occurrences of salt cedar (*Tamarix chinensis*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and gypsy-flower (*Cynoglossum officinale*). Infestation areas, with the exception of isolated occurrences, were mapped in 2023 and are shown in Figure A-3 (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. As part of that weed control program, weeds were treated within the site in September 2023. The absolute cover of state-listed noxious weed species across the entire site was estimated at less than 5 percent in 2023.

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. The success criteria of at least fifty percent survival of woody plants after five years was not met during the fifth monitoring event in 2017. Planting clusters were observed in 2023, and the survival rate appeared to be consistent with that reported in 2022. Volunteers of Rocky Mountain juniper (*Juniperus scopulorum)*, Woods' rose (*Rosa woodsii)*, and silver buffalo-berry (*Shepherdia argentea*) were observed in the mitigation site. Additionally, Eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides)*, narrow-leaf willow (*Salix exigua)*, and yellow willow (*Salix lutea)* in wetland cells 9, 13, and 14 are thriving and expanding. 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 2023 monitoring, all areas defined as wetlands across the site were inundated, saturated, or exhibited signs of periodic saturation within 12 inches of the ground surface. Prior to the monitoring event, the area had received 5.66 inches of rain over a three-day period (June 2-4; NRCS 2023). The resulting surface water retention was observed as higher-than-normal surface water in wetland cells and inundation in some upland areas. Certain upland vegetation communities were observed under water, indicating atypical hydrology during the site visit.

Shallow surface water was documented within all wetland cells and ranged in depth from 1-38 inches. Constructed cells 1-3 were identified as open water areas 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 as designed for a flow through system to accommodate surface runoff from storm events. Shallow groundwater and storm water runoff 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. The reactivated wetland area that connects the upper terrace to the lower terrace was observed with overland flow during the monitoring event. Northwest and immediately upgradient of sampling points DP03u/DP03w, a small channel approximately 12 inches wide with flowing water was observed. The channel is incised approximately 4 inches with a bed of unconsolidated gravels and cobbles, and no wetland fringe. Because this ephemeral channel does not support wetland vegetation or hydric soil development, it was not mapped as wetland in 2023 (Appendix A, Figure A-4).

Long-term groundwater monitoring of four wells conducted by the US Geological Survey (USGS) at the Kindsfater site indicates that groundwater levels steadily declined from 2006 through 2015, potentially a result of prolonged drought conditions in the region and de-watering by the active gravel operation to the north of the site (Figure 1). According to 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, by 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. Monitoring efforts completed

by the USGS in 2023 show groundwater levels have followed a similar pattern across the site and have ranged from a high of roughly 2.2 feet below ground surface (BGS) at well MDT7 to a low of approximately 22 feet BGS at well MDT6 (Figure 1).

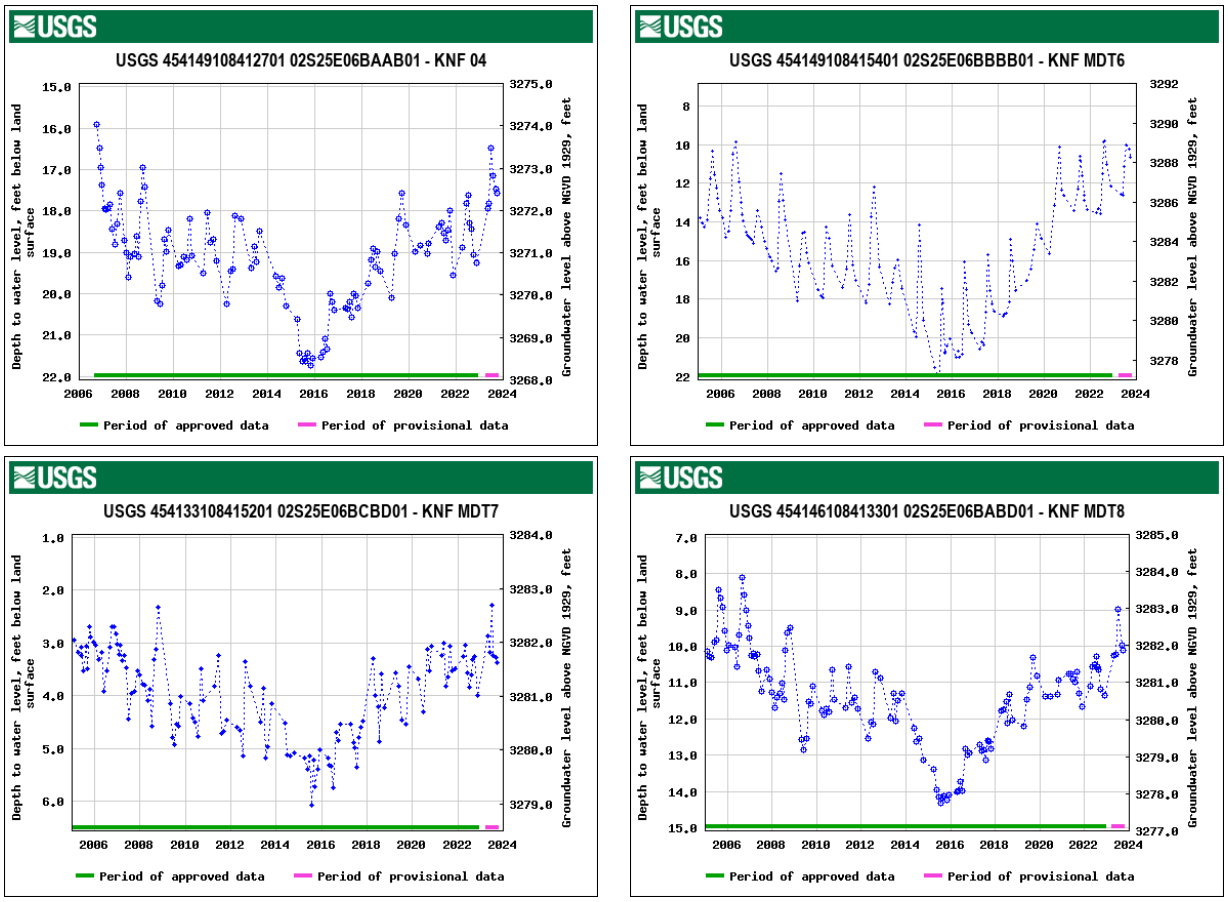


Figure 1. USGS Groundwater Well Data from 2006-2023

Soils – The Yellowstone County Soil Survey (NRCS, 2023) indicates that five soil series were mapped within the monitoring area, including the Bew silty clay loam, Shorey gravelly loam, Wanetta clay loam, Larim gravelly loam, and alluvial land (wet). In the 1970s, much of the site was excavated for gravel and borrow material; consequently, 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). Many of the soil test pits encountered a barrier of cobbles as shallow as 8" and were not excavated further. Soil textures within wetland test pits ranged from sandy loam to clay. Hydric soil indicators were observed in all wetland test pits. Hydric soil indicators reported at the site in 2023 included depleted matrix, sandy mucky mineral, sandy redox, hydrogen sulfide, and loamy mucky mineral.

Soil textures in upland test pits ranged from loamy sand to clay. Although one upland test pit (DP05u) demonstrated a depleted matrix, the data point and the surrounding area did not support a hydrophytic vegetation community or show evidence of wetland hydrology, despite the recent high precipitation events. Complete 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 2023 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.aspx).

Functional Assessment – The 2023 results of the functional assessments are summarized in Table 6. In 2023, the state rank of the plains spadefoot (*Spea bombifons*) was increased to S4 and its species of concern (SOC) status removed. This decision was based on findings of recent nocturnal surveying efforts that indicate the perceived rarity of the species was due to a lack of historical surveying efforts and detection difficulty (MTNHP 2023b). The plains spadefoot has previously been recorded at the Kindsfater site and is believed to persist there. As a result of the increased S4 rating for the species, the score for MTNHP habitat decreased from high (0.9) to low (0). The corresponding decrease in total MWAM points shifted the wetlands from Category II to Category III. A completed Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) form (Berglund and McEldowney, 2008) for the Kindsfater Site is provided in Appendix B. Functional Unit Crediting for the Kindsfater site can be found in Table 8.

Table 6. Montana Wetland Assessment Method Summary for the Kindsfater Site.

Function and Value Parameters From the 2008 Montana Wetland Assessment Method	2023 AA1 (Existing Wetlands)	2023 AA2 (Established (Created) Wetlands)
Listed/Proposed Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Species Habitat	Low (0)	Low (0)
Montana Natural Heritage Program Species (MTNHP) Habitat	Low (0)	Low (0)
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	High (0.9)	Mod (0.7)
Production Export/Food Chain Support	High (0.8)	High (0.8)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Low (0.3)	Mod (0.5)
Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	High (0.2)	High (0.2)
Actual Points/Possible Points	**5.1/9**	**5.2/9**
% of Possible Score Achieved	**57%**	**58%**
Overall Category	**III**	**III**

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

Wildlife – In 2023, a total of twenty-three bird species were identified at the Kindsfater wetland mitigation site. Chorus frogs were heard in wetlands and tracks, burrows, and scat indicated use by white-tailed deer and other mammals. Six dead common carp were also observed decaying on the banks and fringe of the open water cell in wetland cell 2.

Credit Summary – Table 7 summarizes the estimated wetland credits based on the USACE-approved credit ratios (USACE, 2005) and the wetland delineation that was completed in June 2023. A total of 38.18 acres of wetland habitat were delineated at the Kindsfater site in 2023, including 5.82 acres of creation, 9.24 acres of reestablishment, 1.04 acres of rehabilitation, 3.04 acres of enhancement, and 19.04 acres of wetland preservation. A total of 46.2 acres, including 7.3 acres of upland buffer and 0.74-acre of open water, were used to calculate the mitigation credit acres. After applying the USACE-approved ratios to these values, a total of 23.7 acres of mitigation credits were estimated in 2023, which is 9.0 credit acres below the targeted 32.7 credit acres anticipated at this site. This deficiency in credit generation is primarily due to a lack of wetland development in the re-establishment and rehabilitation areas of the site.

Table 7. Wetland Mitigation Credits Estimated for the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site (2021-2023).

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Mitigation Area Description	Wetland Type (Cowardin)	Anticipated Mitigation Surface Area (acres)	USACE Approved Mitigation Ratios	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (acres)	2021 Delineated Acres [(c)]	2021 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2022 Delineated Acres [(c)]	2022 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2023 Delineated Acres [(c)]	2023 Mitigation Credit (acres)
Creation (Establishment)	Wetland Cells 7, 9, 13 & 14	Lacustrine emergent	4.6	1:1	4.6	5.25	5.25	5.90	5.90	5.82	5.82
Restoration (Re-establishment)	Wetland Cells 1-6 and partial Cell 18	Lacustrine emergent and Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	14.0	1:1	14.0	9.30	9.30	10.10	10.10	9.24	9.24
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	Areas adjacent to Wetland Cells 1-12	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	9.2	1.5:1	6.1	1.14	0.76	1.10	0.73	1.04	0.69
Enhancement	Wetland Cells 10-12 & partial Cell 8	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	3.1	3:1	1.0	2.90	1.01	3.00	1.00	3.04	1.01
Preservation	Existing Wetland Areas	Palustrine emergent, scrub-shrub	21.9	4:1	5.5	18.85	4.71	19.10	4.78	19.04	4.76
Upland Buffer	50-foot wide upland perimeter	N/A	7.3	5:1	1.5	7.30	1.46	7.30	1.46	7.30	1.46
Open Water	Wetland Cells 1, 2, & 3	Palustrine emergent	TBD	1:1	TBD	0.5	0.47	0.70	0.70	0.74	0.74
		Totals	**60.1**		**32.7**	**45.34**	**22.96**	**47.20**	**24.67**	**46.22**	**23.73**

(a) FGDC 2013.

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

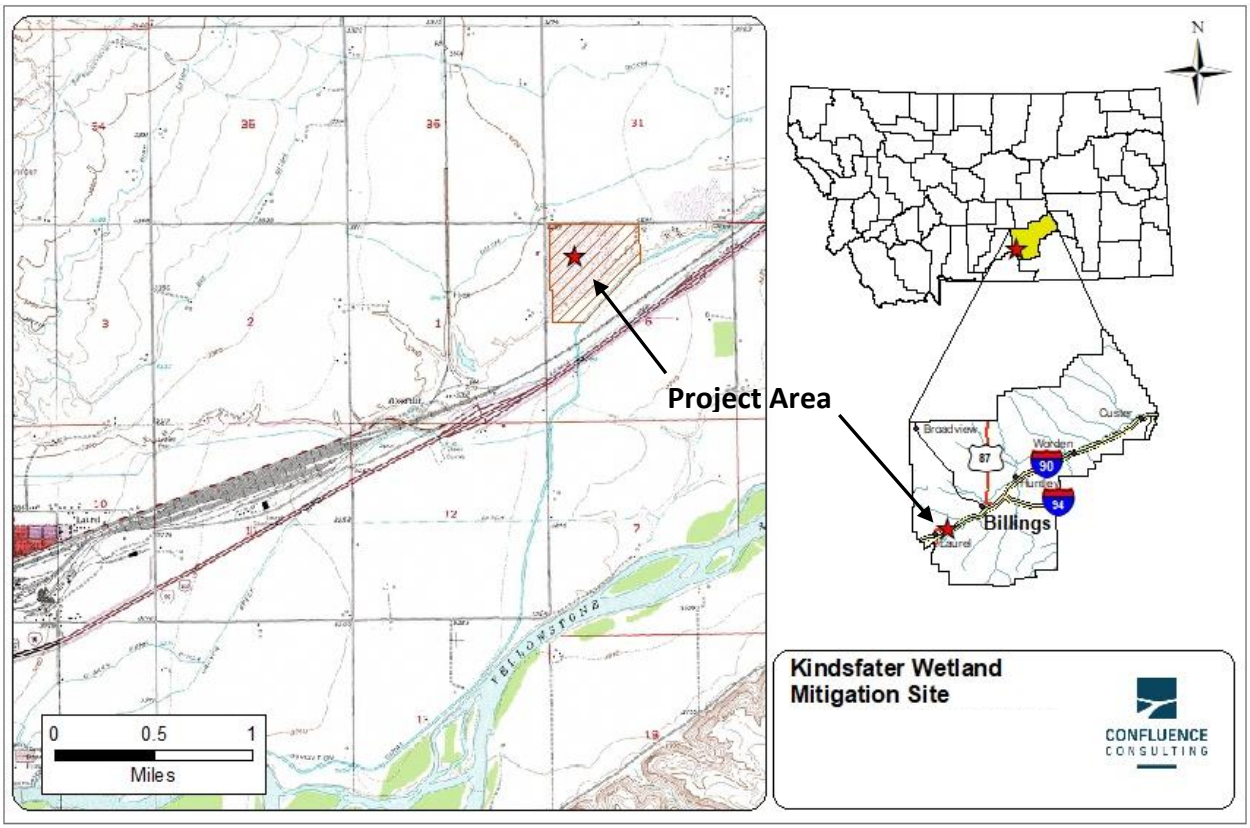
Functional Unit Credits Summary – The 2023 functional units summary is summarized in Table 8. A total of 111.90 functional units were generated at the Kindsfater site after applying the appropriate mitigation ratios to the 2023 wetland acreage and multiplying that value by the points generated from each assessment area.

Table 8. Functional Units Credit Summary for the Kindsfater Site.

Mitigation Type	2023 Delineated Acreage	Ratio	2023 Mitigation Credit Acres	MWAM Actual Points	Functional Units
Creation (Establishment)	5.82	1:1	5.82	5.20	30.26
Restoration (Reestablishment)	9.24	1:1	9.24	5.20	48.05
Restoration (Rehabilitation)	1.04	1.5:1	0.69	5.20	3.59
Enhancement	3.04	3:1	1.01	5.20	5.25
Preservation	19.04	4:1	4.76	5.20	24.75
Functional Units (Mitigation Credit Acres × Actual Points)					111.90

Maps, Plans, Photos

Figure 2. Site Location Map



Project Area Maps/Figures: See Appendix A (Figure A-2 – 2023 Monitoring Activity Locations; Figure A-3 – 2023 Mapped Site Features; and Figure A-4 – 2023 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 Kindsfater Monitoring Report located at this website**:** https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland-mitigation.aspx

Conclusions

Based on the results of the eleventh year of monitoring, the Kindsfater mitigation site continues to develop into a diverse wetland ecosystem. The site has met all but one of the project's performance standards since 2019. The performance standard for woody planting survival will not be achieved in the future as it is a time-constrained success criteria. However, cover provided by volunteer willows (*Salix* spp.) and Eastern cottonwood, particularly in wetland cells 9, 13, and 14, provide a structural diversity and constitute scrub-shrub habitat.

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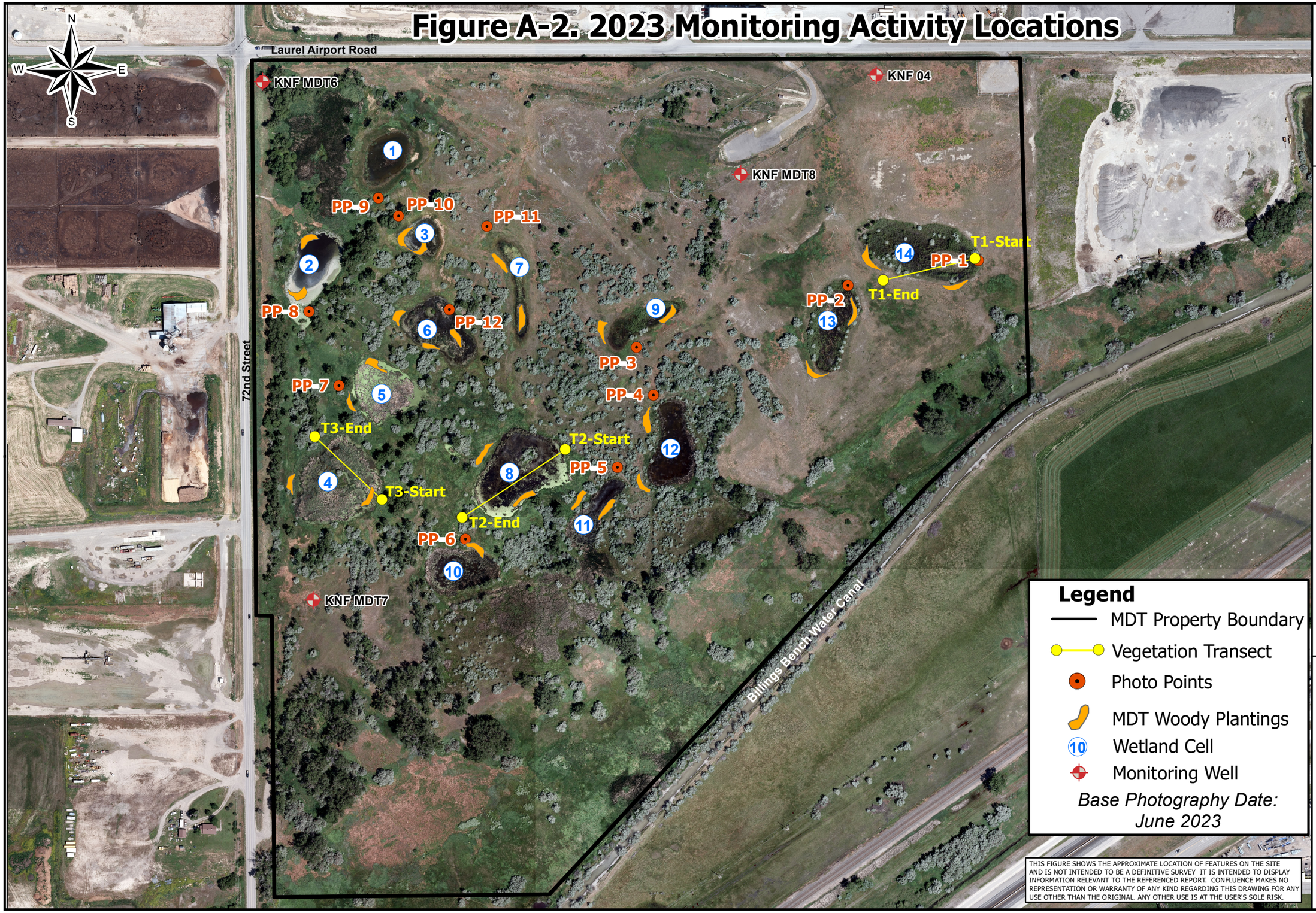
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APPENDIX A
PROJECT AREA MAPS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
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Yellowstone County, Montana

Figure A-2. 2023 Monitoring Activity Locations



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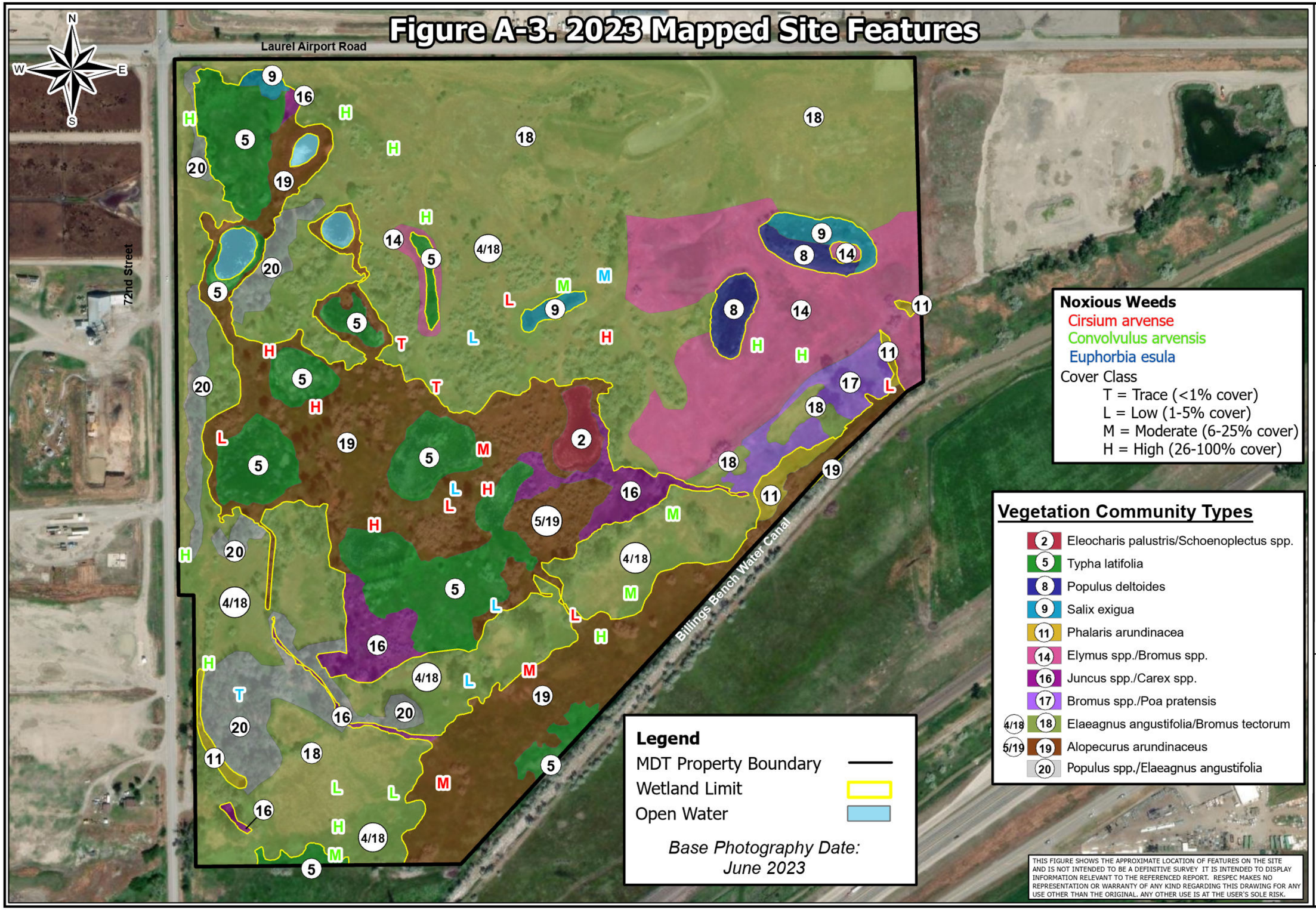
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2023 Monitoring Activity Locations

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Project:	STPX-STWD(813)
Location:	Yellowstone Co., Montana
Date Map Created:	October 2023
Project Manager:	R McEldowney
Drawn By:	SNW

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Figure A-3. 2023 Mapped Site Features



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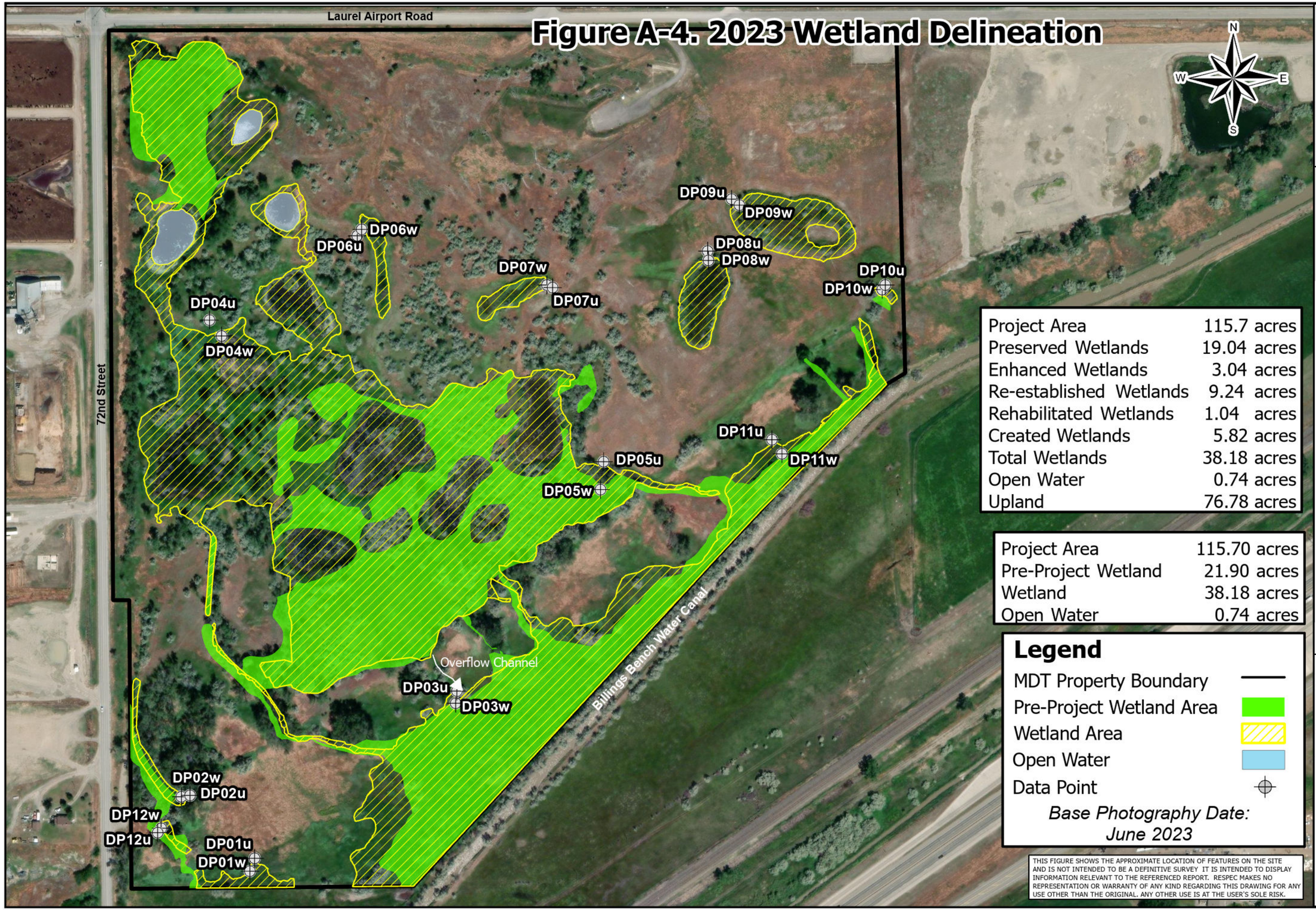
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Project:	STPX-STWD(813)
Location:	Yellowstone Co., Montana
Date Map Created:	January 2024
Project Manager:	R McEldowney
Drawn By:	SNW

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Figure A-4. 2023 Wetland Delineation



Project Area	115.7 acres
Preserved Wetlands	19.04 acres
Enhanced Wetlands	3.04 acres
Re-established Wetlands	9.24 acres
Rehabilitated Wetlands	1.04 acres
Created Wetlands	5.82 acres
Total Wetlands	38.18 acres
Open Water	0.74 acres
Upland	76.78 acres

Project Area	115.70 acres
Pre-Project Wetland	21.90 acres
Wetland	38.18 acres
Open Water	0.74 acres

Legend

- MDT Property Boundary
- Pre-Project Wetland Area
- Wetland Area
- Open Water
- Data Point

Base Photography Date: June 2023

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Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site
2023 Wetland Delineation

0 150 300 600 900 1,200 Feet

Project:	STPX-STWD(813)
Location:	Yellowstone Co., Montana
Date Map Created:	January 2024
Project Manager:	R McEldowney
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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 6/6/2023

Person(s) conducting the assessment: J Trilling, S Weyant, K Kane

Weather: 95 degrees, sunny 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: 10 #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, precipitation

Inundation: ☑ Average Depth: 1.5 **(ft)** Range of Depths: 0-5 **(ft)**

Percent of assessment area under inundation: 20 %

Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: 0.5 **(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, aquatic fauna, 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	17.2
KNF MDT 8	9.96
KNF MDT6	10
KNF MDT7	3.23

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 7/27/2023.

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:** 0.72

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	2
Carex pellita	2	Eleocharis palustris	4
Juncus balticus	1	Juncus compressus	1
Open Water	4	Phalaris arundinacea	2
Populus deltoides	1	Salix exigua	2
Salix lutea	1	Schoenoplectus pungens	3
Scirpus microcarpus	1	Typha latifolia	1
Veronica anagallis-aquatica	1		

Comments:

PEM wetland community. This WT persists in one location (Wetland Cell 12) in the center of the site.

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

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Asclepias speciosa	0	Bromus inermis	1
Bromus tectorum	2	Carex praegracilis	0
Convolvulus arvensis	0	Elaeagnus angustifolia	5
Elaeagnus commutata	1	Elymus repens	1
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Euphorbia esula	0
Poa pratensis	1	Populus balsamifera	1
Populus deltoides	2		

Comments:

Scrub-shrub and forested community interspersed throughout UT 18. The acreage for UT 4 is not calculated separately from UT 18.

Community # 5 **Community Type:** Typha latifolia / **Acres:** 10.86

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	1
Carex nebrascensis	1	Carex pellita	2
Carex utriculata	1	Cirsium arvense	0
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	Eleocharis palustris	1
Elymus repens	0	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus compressus	2	Lemna minor	0
Marrubium vulgare	1	Open Water	2
Persicaria amphibia	1	Phalaris arundinacea	1
Poa palustris	0	Poa pratensis	0
Polypogon monspeliensis	1	Populus deltoides	1
Salix exigua	1	Salix lutea	1
Schoenoplectus acutus	2	Schoenoplectus pungens	1
Solanum dulcamara	1	Taraxacum officinale	0
Typha latifolia	5	Veronica anagallis-aquatica	0

Comments:

Pre-construction existing wetland community which has expanded from 2018 to 2023. This community is also interspersed across 1.7-acres of WT 19, which is not included in the 10.86 acres area provided above.

Community # 8 **Community Type:** Populus deltoides / **Acres:** 1.2

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

Comments:

PSS wetland type. Natural encroachment of Populus deltoides seedlings and saplings observed in several depressional wetland cells now comprise the dominant vegetation in these areas.

Community # 9 **Community Type:** Salix exigua / **Acres:** 1.14

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bromus inermis	0
Cardaria chalepense	0	Carex praeceptorum	1
Cirsium arvense	0	Eleocharis palustris	1
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Epilobium ciliatum	1
Juncus balticus	2	Juncus compressus	1
Nepeta cataria	0	Poa palustris	1
Populus deltoides	2	Salix exigua	5
Salix lutea	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	2
Schoenoplectus pungens	2	Scirpus microcarpus	1
Solanum dulcamara	1	Typha latifolia	1

Comments:

WT first documented in 2016. Since 2016, this WT has continued to expand slowly across portions of the depressional wetlands including NW of Cell 1, Cell 9, and Cell 14.

Community # 11 **Community Type:** Phalaris arundinacea / **Acres:** 0.85

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Cirsium arvense	0
Elymus repens	2	Juncus balticus	1
Phalaris arundinacea	5	Poa pratensis	1
Taraxacum officinale	0		

Comments:

This WT comprises two pre-existing wetland areas (near the west boundary and the east boundary), as well as portions of created wetlands on the lower terrace (southeast quadrant of the site).

Community # 14 **Community Type:** Elymus spp. / Bromus spp. **Acres:** 11

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	1	Alopecurus arundinaceus	0
Alyssum alyssoides	1	Artemisia frigida	1
Bare Ground	1	Bromus inermis	2
Bromus japonicus	2	Bromus tectorum	4
Cirsium arvense	1	Convolvulus arvensis	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1	Elymus lanceolatus	1
Elymus repens	4	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Erodium cicutarium	1	Heterotheca villosa	0
Lactuca serriola	0	Marrubium vulgare	0
Medicago lupulina	0	Melilotus officinalis	0
Nassella viridula	1	Pascopyrum smithii	1
Phalaris arundinacea	0	Poa compressa	0
Poa pratensis	1	Salix exigua	0
Schedonorus pratensis	1	Sisymbrium loeselii	1
Sonchus arvensis	0	Sporobolus cryptandrus	0
Thlaspi arvense	1	Tragopogon dubius	1
Verbascum thapsus	0		

Comments:

Much of the area that was classified as UT 14 and UT 4/14 in 2021 was remapped as UT 18 and 4/18 in 2023 due to the prevalence of Bromus tectorum across the site. This UT is primarily present at the eastern portion of the site where Elymus species are still a major component of the dry upland areas.

Community # 16 **Community Type:** Juncus spp. / Carex spp. **Acres:** 3.03

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Carex aquatilis	1
Carex aurea	1	Carex nebrascensis	2
Carex pellita	3	Carex utriculata	1
Eleocharis palustris	1	Juncus balticus	3
Juncus compressus	1	Juncus torreyi	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Persicaria amphibia	0
Phalaris arundinacea	2	Typha latifolia	2

Comments:

WT first classified in 2018 where Juncus spp. had replaced small areas of WT 5 and WT 2. In 2019, Carex spp. was added as codominant. This community was largely unchanged from 2022-2023. In general, areas mapped as WT 16 had 1"-2" of standing water.

Community # 17 **Community Type:** Bromus spp. / Poa pratensis **Acres:** 1.73

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:

UT 17 was greatly reduced in size in 2022 due to UT 18 replacing a large portion of this UT. In 2023, this community is largely the same as reported in the previous year, but has decreased slightly in acreage.

Community # 18 **Community Type:** Bromus tectorum / **Acres:** 14.96

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	2	Alyssum alyssoides	1
Artemisia frigida	0	Bare Ground	2
Bassia scoparia	0	Bromus inermis	2
Bromus japonicus	1	Bromus tectorum	5
Convolvulus arvensis	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	0
Elymus repens	2	Elymus trachycaulus	1
Erodium cicutarium	0	Juncus balticus	0
Lactuca serriola	0	Nassella viridula	1
Poa pratensis	2	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Sisymbrium loeselii	0	Sporobolus cryptandrus	1
Thlaspi arvense	0	Tragopogon dubius	0

Comments:

This UT, created in 2022, replaced many areas of UT 4/14, 4/15, 15, and 17 due to the increased dominance of Bromus tectorum throughout uplands. The prevalence of Bromus tectorum across the site has greatly increased and is expected to replace more of UT 14 and 17 in the future. The acreage reported for this UT does not include 43.34-acres mapped as UT 4/18.

Community # 19 **Community Type:** Alopecurus arundinaceus / **Acres:** 18.68

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

Comments:

This WT comprises a majority of the wetland acres between excavated wetland cells, as well as the wet meadow habitat on the lower terrace along the southeast site boundary.

Community # 20 **Community Type:** Populus spp. / Elaeagnus angustifolia **Acres:** 5.77

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Asperugo procumbens	0	Bromus inermis	2
Bromus tectorum	1	Convolvulus arvensis	0
Dactylis glomerata	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	4
Elymus repens	2	Elymus repens	2
Galium aparine	1	Lactuca serriola	1
Phalaris arundinacea	1	Poa pratensis	3
Populus angustifolia	4	Populus deltoides	4
Rhamnus cathartica	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1
Thlaspi arvense	1		

Comments:

This UT was created in 2023 to distinguish cottonwood galleries at the site which were previously lumped into UT 4/18.

*Note that Total Vegetation Community Acreage does not sum to the total 115.7-acres of the project area. Open water and areas mapped as two community types (i.e. 4/18) are not included in this calculation.

Total Vegetation Community Acreage **69.94**

VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Site: Kindsfater Date: 6/6/2023

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

Interval Data:

Ending Station 35 Community Type: Salix exigua /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	0	Juncus balticus	2
Populus deltoides	2	Salix exigua	5
Salix lutea	1	Schoenoplectus pungens	0

Ending Station 118 Community Type: Elymus spp. / Bromus spp.

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Agropyron cristatum	1	Bare Ground	3
Bromus inermis	2	Bromus japonicus	0
Bromus tectorum	4	Cirsium arvense	1
Convolvulus arvensis	2	Elymus repens	1
Elymus trachycaulus	0	Heterotheca villosa	1
Lactuca serriola	1	Marrubium vulgare	1
Nassella viridula	3	Sporobolus cryptandrus	2
Verbascum thapsus	0		

Ending Station 226 Community Type: Populus deltoides /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Asclepias speciosa	1	Bare Ground	0
Bromus inermis	1	Carex nebrascensis	0
Carex praegracilis	2	Cirsium arvense	1
Convolvulus arvensis	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Eleocharis palustris	2	Elymus repens	0
Elymus trachycaulus	1	Juncus balticus	2
Lactuca serriola	1	Medicago lupulina	0
Poa palustris	1	Populus deltoides	4
Salix exigua	4	Salix lutea	3
Schoenoplectus pungens	1	Sonchus arvensis	1
Taraxacum officinale	0		

Ending Station 300 Community Type: Elymus spp. / Bromus spp.

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

Transect Notes:

Recent precipitation has resulted in 18' of surface water at T-1 start.

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

Interval Data:

Ending Station 331 Community Type: Alopecurus arundinaceus / Typha latifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	2
Carex nebrascensis	0	Carex pellita	1
Cirsium arvense	0	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Elymus repens	2	Juncus balticus	0
Juncus compressus	0	Lemna minor	1
Open Water	5	Phalaris arundinacea	4
Poa pratensis	1	Salix exigua	0
Salix lutea	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	1	Taraxacum officinale	1
Typha latifolia	2	Veronica anagallis-aquatica	0

Ending Station 388 Community Type: Alopecurus arundinaceus /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	5	Bare Ground	1
Carex praegracilis	0	Cirsium arvense	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	2	Juncus balticus	1
Phalaris arundinacea	0	Poa pratensis	3
Populus deltoides	1		

Transect Notes:

T-2 start is now located in WT 5. During the 2022 monitoring event, open water was noted to have increased significantly. These conditions were present along the transect again in 2023, and the total number of species observed have correspondingly decreased.

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

Interval Data:

Ending Station 13 Community Type: Alopecurus arundinaceus /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	5	Bare Ground	0
Poa pratensis	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	0

Ending Station 252 Community Type: Typha latifolia /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Lemna minor	1
Open Water	2	Persicaria amphibia	0
Phalaris arundinacea	2	Schoenoplectus acutus	3
Typha latifolia	5		

Ending Station 292 Community Type: Alopecurus arundinaceus /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	3	Bare Ground	0
Convolvulus arvensis	0	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Elymus repens	1	Phalaris arundinacea	3
Poa pratensis	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1

Transect Notes:

A decrease in species diversity is noteable along this transect. This is a result of in the increased depth of inundation in the excated wetland cell. Monocultures of creeping meadow-foxtail at the vegetation/open water boundary are drowning. This area may diversify with more water tolerant species (i.e. Carex spp.) observed elsewhere in the site in future years.

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

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Planting Type	#Planted	#Alive	Notes
Cornus alba	130		
Crataegus douglasii	50		
Juniperus scopulorum	50		
Populus spp.	140		
Prunus virginiana	50		
Rosa woodsii	50		
Salix spp.	2800		
Shepherdia argentea	50		
TOTAL	3320		

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. Survival of woody plantings was not quantitatively assessed during the 2023 monitoring event because the success criteria is tied to survival after a five year period. However, volunteer woody species (Salix spp. and Populus spp.) are observed across the site, particularly in the excavated wetland cells in the east portion of the site. The woody vegetation provides important structural and habitat diversity for birds and other wildlife.

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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 Redstart	1	L	
American Robin	3	L, F	
Bald Eagle	1	FO	
Barn Swallow	5	FO	
Blue Jay	1	FO	
Canada Goose	1	FO	
Common Grackle	2	L	
Common Yellowthroat	5	L, FO	
European Starling	30	L, FO	
House Wren	4	L, FO	
Killdeer	2	L, FO, F	
Mallard	2	L	
Marsh Wren	2	L	
Mourning Dove	2	L	
Pheasant	1	F	
Red-winged Blackbird	25	L, FO, F	
Sandhill Crane	2	F, N	
Song Sparrow	4	L	
Sora	1	F	
Western Wood-Pewee	1	L	
Wilson's Snipe	3	L, F, N	
Yellow Warbler	4	L, F	
Yellow-headed Black Bird	2	L, F	

Bird Comments

A total of 23 bird species were observed at the mitigation the site in 2023.

BEHAVIOR CODES

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

HABITAT CODES

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

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

Mammals and Herptiles

Species	# Observed	Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Comments
Chorus frog	1	No	No	No	Heard
White-tailed Deer	1	No	Yes	Yes	Game trails, scat, and beds

Wildlife Comments:

This site provides a diversity of habitat features for bird and other wildlife. Six dead common carp (Cyprinus carpio) were observed decaying on the fringe of the open water area and shores of wetland cell 2.

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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	45.690153	-108.697518		
DP01w	45.690046	-108.697576		
DP02u	45.690684	-108.69828		
DP02w	45.690674	-108.698383		
DP03u	45.691533	-108.695087		
DP03w	45.691431	-108.695103		
DP04u	45.694652	-108.697989		
DP04w	45.694518	-108.697848		
DP05u	45.693436	-108.69331		
DP05w	45.693203	-108.693351		
DP06u	45.695344	-108.696219		
DP06w	45.695398	-108.696165		
DP07u	45.694895	-108.693897		
DP07w	45.694917	-108.693964		
DP08u	45.695186	-108.692045		
DP08w	45.695108	-108.692036		
DP09u	45.695618	-108.691753		
DP09w	45.695568	-108.69166		
DP10u	45.694887	-108.689932		
DP10w	45.69485	-108.689969		
DP11u	45.693605	-108.691301		
DP11w	45.693486	-108.691184		
DP12u	45.690375	-108.69867		
DP12w	45.690412	-108.698628		
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 2023 (including preexisting wetland areas) was 38.18 acres. A total of 0.74-acres of open water were delineated in wetland cells 1, 2, and 3.

Functional Assessments

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

Functional Assessment Comments:

The overall rating for the assessment areas at the mitigation site is Category 3.

Maintenance

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

If yes, do they need to be repaired?

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

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

into or out of the wetland? No

If yes, are the structures in need of repair?

If yes, describe the problems below.

The wire fence (near the MDT green entrance gate) along the southwest boundary of the site has been cut and needs repair.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.690153 Long: -108.697518 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point located north of DP01w in Bromus tectorum/Elaeagnus angustifolia upland community type. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Pascopyrum smithii	35	✔	FACU
2. Bromus tectorum	20	✔	UPL
3. Convolvulus arvensis	5		UPL
4. Poa pratensis	5		FACU
5. Sisymbrium loeselii	1		UPL
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	66	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 34

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	40	x 4 =	160
UPL species	26	x 5 =	130
Column Totals:	66 (A)		290 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.39

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Pascopyrum smithii and Bromus tectorum are the dominant upland species at this data point. No hydrophytic vegetation indicators observed.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 4.0	10YR 2/2	100.0					Loam	
4.0 - 14.0	10YR 3/2	100.0					Sandy 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: cobbles

Depth (inches): 14

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.690046 Long: -108.697576 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: An - Alluvial land, wet 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. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Juncus balticus	50	✔	FACW
2. Elymus lanceolatus	40	✔	FACU
3. Poa pratensis	3		FACU
4. Lepidium campestre	3		UPL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	96	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 4

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	50	x 2 =	100
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	43	x 4 =	172
UPL species	3	x 5 =	15
Column Totals:	96 (A)		287 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.99

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Juncus balticus and Elymus lanceolatus are the dominant species at this data point and the wetland fringe around the cattail patch. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 4.0	10YR 3/1	100					Loam	
4.0 - 16.0	10YR 5/2	97.0	5YR 4/6	3	C	M	Sandy 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:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 4

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Evidence of wetland hydrology includes high water table, soil saturation, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.690684 Long: -108.69828 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site. Upland sample point adjacent to DP02w and wetland cell 2.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Populus deltoides	25	✔	FAC
2. Elaeagnus angustifolia	20	✔	FACU
3.			
4.			
	45	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	10	✔	FACU
2. Rhamnus cathartica	5	✔	FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
	15	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Schedonorus pratensis	30	✔	FACU
2. Elymus repens	15	✔	FACU
3. Asperugo procumbens	10		UPL
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	55	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 45

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 16.67 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	25	x 3 =	75
FACU species	80	x 4 =	320
UPL species	10	x 5 =	50
Column Totals:	115 (A)		445 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.87

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Vegetation at this data point is dominated by the upland species Schedonorus pratensis and Elymus repens. No hydrophytic vegetation indicators observed.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 13.0	10YR 3/2	100.0					Clay Loam	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: cobbles

Depth (inches): 13

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No _____ Depth (inches): 4

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:

Normal circumstances are not present, and recent rains and surface runoff have resulted in wetland hydrology at this area. However, the data point lacks hydric soil development and supports an upland plant community and is therefore non-wetland.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.690674 Long: -108.698383 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PEM, depressional wetland. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Phalaris arundinacea	60	✔	FACW
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	60 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 40

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	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[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Data point is located in a monoculture of Phalaris arundinacea. 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 3	10YR 3/2	100.0					Sandy Loam	gravel
3 - 16	10R 5/1	60	5YR 4/6	40	C	M	Sandy Loam	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: cobbles

Depth (inches): 16

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations many within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 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 includes surface water, high water table, soil saturation, geomorphic position, and a positive fac-neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.691533 Long: -108.695087 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site. Upland data point located on hillside above DP03w.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	10	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
	10 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	50	✔	FACU
2. Asclepias speciosa	10		FAC
3. Artemisia absinthium	8		UPL
4. Cirsium arvense	5		FACU
5. Phalaris arundinacea	5		FACW
6. Poa pratensis	5		FACU
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	83 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 17

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	5	x 2 =	10
FAC species	10	x 3 =	30
FACU species	70	x 4 =	280
UPL species	8	x 5 =	40
Column Totals:	93 (A)		360 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.87

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ____ No ✔

Remarks:

Data point is located in a vegetation community dominated by upland grasses. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation indicators observed.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 6.0	10YR 2/1	100.0					Loam	
8.0 - 16.0	10YR 5/3	60.0					Clay Loam	
-	10YR 3/1	40.0					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: cobbles

Depth (inches): 16

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No _____ Depth (inches): 5

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

The saturation recorded is likely attributed to recent heavy rainfall. Sustained wetland hydrology is not present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.691431 Long: -108.695103 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PEM, depressional/riverine wetland. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Populus deltoides	10	✔	FAC
2. Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	✔	FACU
3.			
4.			
	15	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	50	✔	FACW
2. Cirsium arvense	10		FACU
3. Poa pratensis	10		FACU
4. Carex nebrascensis	5		OBL
5. Asclepias speciosa	2		FAC
6. Carex praegracilis	1		FACW
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	78	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 22

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.67 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	5	x 1 =	5
FACW species	51	x 2 =	102
FAC species	12	x 3 =	36
FACU species	25	x 4 =	100
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	93 (A)		243 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.61

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Vegetation at the data point is largely dominated by Alopecurus arundinaceus. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 8.0	5Y 2.5/1	100.0					Silt Loam	moist
8 - 18	10YR 5/2	93	10YR 5/6	7	C	PL / M	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:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 1

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Evidence of wetland hydrology includes high water table, soil saturation, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.694652 Long: -108.697989 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm - Bew silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site. Upland data point located north of DP04w and Wetland Cell 5.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	5	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus inermis	70	✔	UPL
2. Poa pratensis	7		FACU
3. Convolvulus arvensis	5		UPL
4. Cirsium arvense	5		FACU
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	87	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 13

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	17	x 4 =	68
UPL species	75	x 5 =	375
Column Totals:	92 (A)		443 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.82

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Data point is dominated by the upland grass Bromus inermis. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation indicators observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	10YR 3/3	100					Loam	
4 - 12	10YR 4/1	100					Sandy Clay	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: Cobble bottom

Depth (inches): 12

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed. Soils dry throughout the profile.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): S Weyant, K Kane Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.694518 Long: -108.697848 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm - Bew silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PEM, depressional wetland. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site. Sample point located within Wetland Cell 5.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	100	✔	FACW
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	100 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

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

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Data point is located in the Alopecurus arundinaceus dominant community. 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: DP04w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 6	10YR 3/2	100					Mucky Sand	Gravelly
6 - 16	5Y 4/1	98	7.5YR 5/8	2	C	M	Sandy Clay Loam	Gravels/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:

Sandy mucky mineral observed in upper horizon. Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common 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 Vis ble on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- ___ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- ___ Salt Crust (B11)
- ___ Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- ___ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ___ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- ___ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- ___ Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 3

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 16

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Standing water observed the same elevation as the sample point within the adjacent cattail marsh in wetland cell 5. Evidence of wetland hydrology includes high water table, soil saturation, geomorphic position, and a positive fac-neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling, S Weyant, K Kane Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.693436 Long: -108.69331 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point located north of DP05w. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	70	✔	FACU
2. Agropyron cristatum	10		UPL
3. Bromus tectorum	5		UPL
4. Poa pratensis	5		FACU
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	90	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	75	x 4 =	300
UPL species	15	x 5 =	75
Column Totals:	90 (A)		375 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.17

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Elymus repens is the dominant upland grass at this data point. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 14	10YR 4/2	90	5YR 4/4	10	C	M	Sandy 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: Cobble bottom

Depth (inches): 14

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Although the criteria for depleted matrix is met, this data point does not support a hydrophytic vegetation community, and is not supported by wetland hydrology.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trillings Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.693203 Long: -108.693351 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PEM, depressional/slope wetland. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	10	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
	10 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Phalaris arundinacea	60	✔	FACW
2. Juncus balticus	10		FACW
3. Sonchus arvensis	3		FAC
4. Lycopus asper	3		OBL
5. Carex aurea	2		OBL
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	78 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 22

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	5	x 1 =	5
FACW species	70	x 2 =	140
FAC species	3	x 3 =	9
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	88 (A)		194 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.20

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Data point is dominated by Alopecurus arundinaceus. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes a prevalence index less than or equal to 3.0.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 8	10YR 4/1	97	7.5YR 4/6	3	C	M	Loamy Sand	Sandy Redox
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[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: Cobble bottom

Depth (inches): 8

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the sandy matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 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 includes high water table, saturation, geomorphic position, and a positive fac-neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): S Weyant Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.695344 Long: -108.696219 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm - Bew silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point located in the upland area west of Wetland Cell 7. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	✔	FACU
2. Juniperus scopulorum	1		
3.			
4.			
5.			
	6 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	50	✔	FACU
2. Bromus tectorum	30	✔	UPL
3. Elymus hispidus	5		
4. Convolvulus arvensis	3		UPL
5. Poa pratensis	2		FACU
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	90 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	57	x 4 =	228
UPL species	33	x 5 =	165
Column Totals:	90 (A)		393 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.37

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Data point is dominated by the upland grasses Elymus repens and Bromus tectorum. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 8	7.5YR 5/2	100					Sandy Clay Loam	
8 - 18	10YR 3/2	100					Sandy Loam	Gravelly/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 hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-19

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

Investigator(s): S Weyant Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.695398 Long: -108.696165 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Bm - Bew silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PEM, depressional wetland. Sample point located along the west boundary of Wetland Cell 7 where prolonged inundation appears to be expanding the wetland cell. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	40	✔	FACU
2. Poa pratensis	20	✔	FACU
3. Typha latifolia	10		OBL
4. Lemna minor	1		OBL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	71 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 29

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	11	x 1 =	11
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	60	x 4 =	240
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	71 (A)		251 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.54

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ____ No ✔

Remarks:

Although the data point lacked a hydrophytic vegetation indicator, hydrophytic species were present, hydric soil development was observed, and the data point is supported by wetland hydrology (1987 COE Wetland Delineation Manual). The data point is located on the margins of the wetland where the boundary appears to be expanding due to prolonged inundation.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 5	10YR 5/1	100					Clay Loam	
5 - 12	10YR 5/1	97	7.5YR 5/8	3	C	PL	Clay Loam	
12 - 16	2.5Y 4/1	95	5G 2.5/1	3	D	M	Clay Loam	Mn Concentrations
-			7.5YR 5/8	2	C	M	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:

Sulfidic odor observed. Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 8.5

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 includes surface water, high water table, soil saturation, aquatic invertebrates (snails), sulfidic odor, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling, K Kane Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.694895 Long: -108.693897 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf - Wanetta clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point located east of Wetland Cell 9. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Medicago lupulina	35	✔	FACU
2. Bromus tectorum	15	✔	UPL
3. Convolvulus arvensis	10		UPL
4. Erodium cicutarium	5		UPL
5. Sporobolus cryptandrus	3		FACU
6. Alyssum alyssoides	3		UPL
7. Tragopogon dubius	1		UPL
8.			
9.			
10.			
	72	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 28

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	38	x 4 =	152
UPL species	34	x 5 =	170
Column Totals:	72 (A)		322 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.47

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Vegetation community at the data point is comprised of disturbance oriented upland species including Medicago lupulina and Bromus tectorum.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 13	10YR 4/2	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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 13

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

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 34

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.694917 Long: -108.693964 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf - Wanetta clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PSS, depressional wetland. Data point located on the east end of Wetland Cell 9. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Salix exigua	60	✔	FACW
2. Elaeagnus angustifolia	5		FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
	65 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Cirsium arvense	7	✔	FACU
2. Poa palustris	5	✔	FACW
3. Epilobium ciliatum	5	✔	FACW
4. Schoenoplectus pungens	3		OBL
5. Elymus trachycaulus	3		FACU
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	23 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 77

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	3	x 1 =	3
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:	88 (A)		203 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.31

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Salix exigua is the dominant species at this data point. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 14	10YR 5/1	100					Clay Loam	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 14

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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 includes surface water, high water table, soil saturation, geomorphic position, saturation on aerial imagery, and a positive fac-neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling, K Kane Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.695186 Long: -108.692045 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf - Wanetta clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point located north of Wetland Cell 13. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus tectorum	20	✔	UPL
2. Convolvulus arvensis	15	✔	UPL
3. Sporobolus cryptandrus	10		FACU
4. Agropyron cristatum	2		UPL
5. Sporobolus cryptandrus	2		UPL
6. Alyssum alyssoides	1		UPL
7. Erodium cicutarium	1		UPL
8.			
9.			
10.			
	51	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 49

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	41	x 5 =	205
Column Totals:	51 (A)		245 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.80

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Dominant vegetation at this sample point includes the upland species Bromus inermis and Convolvulus arvensis. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 12	10YR 4/2	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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 12

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.695108 Long: -108.692036 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf - Wanetta clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PSS, depressional wetland. Data point located at the north end of Wetland Cell 13. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	10	✔	FACU
2. Populus deltoides	2		FAC
3.			
4.			
	12	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Salix exigua	80	✔	FACW
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	80	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus inermis	5	✔	UPL
2. Convolvulus arvensis	5	✔	UPL
3. Schoenoplectus pungens	3	✔	OBL
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	13	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 87

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 40.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	3	x 1 =	3
FACW species	80	x 2 =	160
FAC species	2	x 3 =	6
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	10	x 5 =	50
Column Totals:	105 (A)		259 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.47

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

The dominant vegetation at this data point is Salix exigua in the shrub strata. Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 5/1	98	10YR 6/1	2	C	M	Clay Loam	Depleted 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)
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- ___ 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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 16

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Faint redoximorphic concentrations few within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 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 soil saturation and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling, K Kane Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.695618 Long: -108.691753 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf - Wanetta clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland data point located west of Wetland Cell 14. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Convolvulus arvensis	25	✔	UPL
2. Bromus japonicus	10	✔	UPL
3. Nassella viridula	7		UPL
4. Bromus tectorum	3		UPL
5. Poa compressa	2		FACU
6. Bromus inermis	2		UPL
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	49	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 51

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	2	x 4 =	8
UPL species	47	x 5 =	235
Column Totals:	49 (A)		243 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.96

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland vegetation at this data point is dominated by Convolvulus arvensis and Bromus japonicus. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 12	10YR 4/2	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: Cobble bottom

Depth (inches): 12

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.695568 Long: -108.69166 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Wf - Wanetta clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PSS, depressional wetland. Data point located at the west end of Wetland Cell 14. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Populus deltoides	15	✔	FAC
2. Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	✔	FACU
3.			
4.			
	20 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Salix exigua	35	✔	FACW
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	35 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Schoenoplectus pungens	15	✔	OBL
2. Bromus inermis	10	✔	UPL
3. Cirsium arvense	2		FACU
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	27 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 73

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 60.00 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	15	x 1 =	15
FACW species	35	x 2 =	70
FAC species	15	x 3 =	45
FACU species	7	x 4 =	28
UPL species	10	x 5 =	50
Column Totals:	82 (A)		208 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.54

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Salix exigua in the shrub stata is the dominant species at this data point. 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 5/1	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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 16

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 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 includes high water table, saturation, and geomorphic position.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.694887 Long: -108.689932 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland data point on hillside north and upgradient of DP10w. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	5	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
	5 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	65	✔	FACU
2. Poa compressa	5		FACU
3. Bromus inermis	5		UPL
4. Bromus tectorum	3		
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	78 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 22

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	75	x 4 =	300
UPL species	5	x 5 =	25
Column Totals:	80 (A)		325 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.06

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ____ No ✔

Remarks:

Vegetation at this data point is dominated by Elymus repens. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 8	10YR 3/3	100					Sandy Loam	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: Cobble bottom

Depth (inches): 8

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

Soil is nearly saturated due to recent heavy rains. No sustained wetland hydrology present.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.69485 Long: -108.689969 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site. Sample point located within wetland cell 10.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	15	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
	15 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus	85	✔	FACW
2. Carex pellita	5		OBL
3. Bromus inermis	2		UPL
4. Cirsium arvense	1		FACU
5. Convolvulus arvensis	1		UPL
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	94 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 6

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	5	x 1 =	5
FACW species	85	x 2 =	170
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	16	x 4 =	64
UPL species	3	x 5 =	15
Column Totals:	109 (A)		254 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.33

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- ___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
- ✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]
- ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
- ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Evidence of hydrophytic vegetation includes 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 4	10YR 2/2	100					Mucky Loam/Clay	saturated
4 - 14	10YR 2/2	100					Loam	saturated. Loamy muck mineral
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 14

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Hydric soils are present.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Wetland hydrology presented with hydrogen sulfide odor and soil is saturated.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.693605 Long: -108.691301 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland data point located at toe of slope. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

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

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 15

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	85	x 5 =	425
Column Totals:	85 (A)		425 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 5.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Bromus inermis is the dominant vegetation in this area. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 18	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy 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 hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-08

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.693486 Long: -108.691184 Datum: NAD 83

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

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/riverine wetland. This point is located on a diffuse wetland boundary that gradually transitions from reed canary grass and creeping meadow-foxtail to smooth brome. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	0	= Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Carex praegracilis	35	✔	FACW
2. Juncus balticus	30	✔	FACW
3. Bromus arvensis	10		FACU
4. Alopecurus arundinaceus	10		FACW
5. Asclepias speciosa	1		FAC
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	86	= Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0	= Total Cover	

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 14

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	75	x 2 =	150
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	86 (A)		193 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.24

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Carex praegracilis and Juncus balticus are the dominant species at this wetland data point. 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: DP11w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 3.0	10YR 3/2	100.0					Loam	High OM Content
3.0 - 12.0	10YR 4/1	100.0	10YR 4/6	3.0	C	M	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:

Prominent redoximorphic concentrations common within the depleted matrix.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 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 soil saturation, geomorphic position, and a positive fac-neutral test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 20

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.690375 Long: -108.69867 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland data point on hillside near DP12u. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site and inundated this area.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Populus deltoides	30	✔	FAC
2.			
3.			
4.			
	30 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Prunus virginiana	5	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	5 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus inermis	80	✔	UPL
2. Conium maculatum	2		FACW
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	82 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 18

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 33.33 (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	2	x 2 =	4
FAC species	30	x 3 =	90
FACU species	5	x 4 =	20
UPL species	80	x 5 =	400
Column Totals:	117 (A)		514 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.39

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ____ No ✔

Remarks:

Bromus inermis is the dominant species at this data point. No evidence of hydrophytic vegetation observed.

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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 10.0	10YR 2/1	100.0					Sandy 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: Cobble bottom

Depth (inches): 10

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No _____ Depth (inches): 3

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:

The observed soil saturation is due to recent precipitation. This area does not receive sustained wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: Kindsfater City/County: Yellowstone County Sampling Date: 2023-06-07

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

Investigator(s): J Trilling Section, Township, Range: S06 T2S R25E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Backslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): Linear Slope (%): 20

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.690412 Long: -108.698628 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: LI - Larim gravelly loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: Not Mapped

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

PEM, slope wetland. Recent heavy rains have increased soil saturation across the site.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. Populus deltoides	20	✔	FAC
2.			
3.			
4.			
	20 = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Prunus virginiana	5	✔	FACU
2. Ribes aureum	5	✔	FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
	10 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Carex praegracilis	50	✔	FACW
2. Rumex crispus	10		FAC
3. Nasturtium officinale	5		OBL
4. Schedonorus pratensis	5		FACU
5. Solanum dulcamara	2		FACU
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	72 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30)			
1.			
2.			
	0 = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 28

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	5	x 1 =	5
FACW species	50	x 2 =	100
FAC species	30	x 3 =	90
FACU species	17	x 4 =	68
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	102 (A)		263 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.58

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No ____

Remarks:

Carex praegracilis is the dominant species at this data point. 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)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0.0 - 10.0	10YR 5/1	100					Sandy Loam	Cobbly/Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

[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: Cobbles

Depth (inches): 10

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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 includes surface water, high water table, soil saturation, and geomorphic position. Water is flowing from a seep over this sample point.

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: Kindsfater - Created Wetlands
2. MDT Project #: STPX 56 (56) **Control #:** 5034
3. Evaluation Date: 11/10/2023 **4. Evaluator(s):** S Weyant
5. Wetlands/Site #(s): Kindsfater - Created Wetlands
6. Wetland Location(s): i. Legal: T2S,R25E,6
Latitude/Longitude: 45.694719, -108.694721 : Central area of creation wetlands in the mitigation site.
ii. Approx. Stationing or Mileposts:
iii. Watershed: 13
Watershed Name, County: Upper Yellowstone, Yellowstone

7. a. Evaluating Agency: CCI for MDT
b. Purpose of Evaluation:
1. ___ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
2. ___ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
3. X Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
4. ___ Other:

8. Wetland size: 5.820 acres (measured)
9. Assessment area (AA): 5.820 acres (measured)

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
D	AB	E	SI	5.00
D	EM	E	SI	50.00
D	SS	E	SI	45.00

Abbreviations: *(see manual for definitions)*

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

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

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

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

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

12. General condition of AA:

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

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

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): The site is managed in a natural state and contains less than 5% noxious weeds.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, & other exotic vegetation species: Euphorbia esula, Cirsium arvense, Convolvulus arvensis, Bromus tectorum

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. "Created Wetlands" are those that were not classified preserved, enhanced, re-established, and rehabilitated wetlands. Construction at the wetland mitigation site was completed in 2013. Land use surrounding the AA includes commercial developments, a gravel pit, 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 (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions): No usable habitat

Primary or critical habitat (list species) **Secondary habitat (list species)** **Incidental habitat (list species)**

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

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

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): No T&E species are recorded at the mitigation site (USFWS 2023, MTNHP 2023).

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

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions): No usable habitat

Primary or critical habitat (list species) **Secondary habitat (list species)** **Incidental habitat (list species)**

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

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

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): The SOC status of the plains spadefoot (Spea bombifrons), which was previously documented at and believed to persist at the site, has been increased to S4 with recent survey results. No other SOC have been recently reported at the site.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

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

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

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):
- ___ 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]):
- X observations of scattered wildlife groups or individuals or relatively few species during peak periods
- X common occurrence of wildlife sign such as scat, tracks, nest structures, game trails, etc.
- X adequate adjacent upland food sources
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

ii. Wildlife habitat features (Working from top to bottom, circle appropriate AA attributes in matrix to arrive at rating. Structural diversity is from #13. For class cover to be considered evenly distributed, the most and least prevalent vegetated classes must be within 20% of each other interms of their percent composition of the AA (see #10). Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral; and A = absent [see instructions for further definitions of these terms])

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

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

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

Comments: The site includes upland cottonwood galleries, scrub shrub and emergent wetland, and open water habitat which provides structurally diverse wildlife habitat.

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

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

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

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

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

ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity or is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see Appendix E) occur in fish habitat? ___ If yes, reduce score in i above by 0.1.

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

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

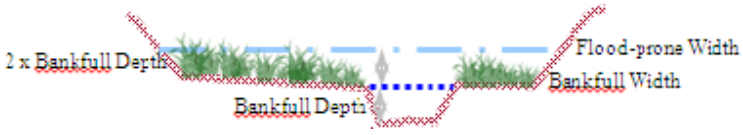
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, mark **X NA** and proceed to 14F.)

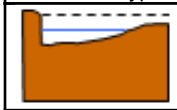
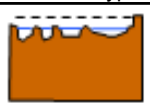
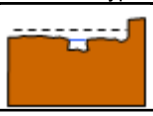
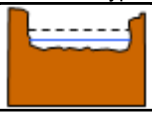
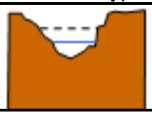
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

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

Entrenchment ratio (ER) estimation – see User's Manual for additional guidance. Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width)/(bankfull width) Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 x maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

/	=	
Flood-prone width	*Bankfull width*	*Entrenchment ratio (ER)*



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

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding **AND** are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (circle)? ___ **Comments:** Flooding at the site does not occur 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, ___ **NA** and proceed to 14G.)

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

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

Comments: 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, ___ **NA** and proceed to 14H.)

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

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

Comments: Isolated depressional wetland cells do not have outlets. Percent cover of wetland vegetation in the AA is greater than 70%.

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

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

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

Comments: Seasonal open water exists within excavated wetland cells. Most of the shorelines are dominated by deep rooted pants such as reed canarygrass or creeping meadow-foxtail, but some cells in the northern portion of the site have shorelines vegetated with shallow rooted annuals such as cheatgrass.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

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

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

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

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

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

a) Is there an average >= 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around >= 75% of the AA circumference? **X** *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above.*

iv. Final Score and Rating: 0.80H **Comments:** The upland buffer around the AA has greater than 30% plant cover. Greater than 5 acres of wetland in the AA are vegetated.

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

i. Discharge Indicators

___	The AA is a slope wetland
___	Springs or seeps are known or observed
___	Vegetation growing during dormant season/drought
___	Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope
___	AA permanently flooded during drought periods
___	Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet
X	Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface
___	Other:

ii. Recharge Indicators

X	Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer
___	Wetland contains inlet but no outlet
___	Stream is a known 'losing' stream; discharge volume decreases
___	Other:

iii. Rating (use the information from i and ii above and the table below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

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

Comments: Wetland cells demonstrated shallow surface water or saturation to the soil surface; gravel substrate in created depressional wetland areas.

14K. Uniqueness:

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

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

Comments: This wetland type is considered common in the 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: (circle) **X** (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then mark ___ **NA** and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: **X** Educational/scientific study; **X** Consumptive rec.; **X** Non-consumptive rec.; ___Other :

iii. Rating:

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

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

General Site Notes
The SOC status of the plains spadefoot (Spea bombifrons), which was previously documented at and believed to persist at the site, has been removed. No other SOC have been documented at the site, resulting in a score of zero for this value. The change in score shifts the wetlands from Category II to Category III.

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

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Wetland Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0.00	1	0.00	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	L	0.00	1	0.00	
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	0.70	1	4.07	*
D. General Fish Habitat	NA				
E. Flood Attenuation	NA				
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	M	0.60	1	3.49	
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	1.00	1	5.82	*
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	M	0.60	1	3.49	
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	H	0.80	1	4.66	*
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	M	0.70	1	4.07	*
K. Uniqueness	M	0.50	1	2.91	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	H	0.20	1	1.16	
Totals:		5.10	9.00	29.67	
Percent of Possible Score			57%		

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: III

Summary Comments: Created wetland acreage decreased slightly in 2023 (0.08 acres).

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: Kindsfater - Existing Wetlands **2. MDT Project #:** STPX 56 (56) **Control #:** 5034

3. Evaluation Date: 11/13/2023 **4. Evaluator(s):** S Weyant **5. Wetlands/Site #(s):** Kindsfater - Existing Wetland

6. Wetland Location(s): i. Legal: T2S,R25E,6 **Latitude/Longitude:** 45.693343, -108.696369 : Central area of pre-existing wetlands at the mitigation site.

ii. Approx. Stationing or Mileposts:

iii. Watershed: 13

Watershed Name, County: Upper Yellowstone, Yellowstone

7. a. Evaluating Agency: CCI for MDT

b. Purpose of Evaluation:

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

8. Wetland size: 32.360 acres (measured)

9. Assessment area (AA): 32.360 acres (measured)

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
S	EM	PD	SI	80.00
S	SS	PD	SI	20.00

Abbreviations: *(see manual for definitions)*

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

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

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

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

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

COMMON

12. General condition of AA:

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

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

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): The mitigation site is managed in a natural state and contains less than 5% noxious weeds.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, & other exotic vegetation species: Euphorbia esula, Cirsium arvense, Convolvulus arvensis, Cynoglossum officinale, Bromus tectorum

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat: The AA is a historic gravel pit/wetland site and includes pre-existing slope/depressional wetland areas. Wetland mitigation construction was completed in early spring 2013. Land use surrounding the AA includes commercial developments, agriculture (grazing), transportation (railroad and interstate). A shooting range is included 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: Cowardin classes present within the mitigation site includes emergent and scrub shrub. Woody vegetation in the wetlands provides important structural and habitat diversity for wildlife.

SECTION PERTAINING to FUNCTIONS & VALUES ASSESSMENT

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

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions): No usable habitat

Primary or critical habitat (list species) **Secondary habitat (list species)** **Incidental habitat (list species)**

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

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

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): No T&E species have been reported at the mitigation site (MTNHP 2023, USFWS 2023)

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

i. AA is Documented (D) or Suspected (S) to contain (circle one based on definitions contained in instructions): No usable habitat

Primary or critical habitat (list species) **Secondary habitat (list species)** **Incidental habitat (list species)**

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

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

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): The SOC status of the plains spadefoot (Spea bombifrons), which was previously documented at and believed to persist at the site, has been increased to S4 with recent survey results. No other SOC have been recently reported at the site.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

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

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

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

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

___ 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]):

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

ii. Wildlife habitat features (Working from top to bottom, circle appropriate AA attributes in matrix to arrive at rating. Structural diversity is from #13. For class cover to be considered evenly distributed, the most and least prevalent vegetated classes must be within 20% of each other interms of their percent composition of the AA (see #10). Abbreviations for surface water durations are as follows: P/P = permanent/perennial; S/I = seasonal/intermittent; T/E = temporary/ephemeral; and A = absent [see instructions for further definitions of these terms])

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

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

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

Comments: The site includes upland cottonwood galleries, scrub shrub and emergent wetland, and open water habitat which provides structurally diverse wildlife habitat.

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

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

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

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

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

ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity or is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see Appendix E) occur in fish habitat? ___ If yes, reduce score in i above by 0.1.

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

iii. Final Score and Rating: NA **Comments:** No fish habitat within mitigation site.

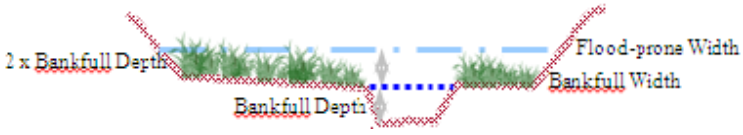
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, mark **X NA** and proceed to 14F.)

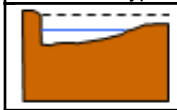
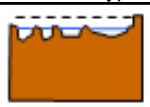
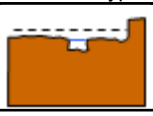
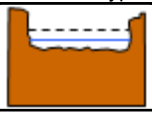
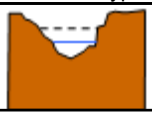
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

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

Entrenchment ratio (ER) estimation – see User's Manual for additional guidance. Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width)/(bankfull width) Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 x maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

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Flood-prone width	*Bankfull width*	*Entrenchment ratio (ER)*



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

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding **AND** are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (circle)? ___ **Comments:** 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, ___**NA** and proceed to 14G.)

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

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

Comments: Wetlands in the AA flood from precipitation and groundwater. It is estimated that the AA ponds greater than 5 out of 10 years (approximately 27 acres inundated roughly 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, ___**NA** and proceed to 14H.)

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

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

Comments: Unrestricted drainage from slope wetlands on the upper terrace to the depressional wetlands on the lower terrace.

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

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

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

Comments: Seasonal open water exists within excavated wetland cells. Most of the shorelines are dominated by deep rooted plants such as reed canary grass, broadleaf cattail, and Russian olive.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

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

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

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

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

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

a) Is there an average >= 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around >= 75% of the AA circumference? ___**X** *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above.*

iv. Final Score and Rating: 0.80H **Comments:** The upland buffer around the AA has greater than 30% vegetative 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
- ___ 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 [circle] the functional points and rating)

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

Comments: PEM/PSS wetland at the toe of slope; receives groundwater from slope wetlands on terrace above.

14K. Uniqueness:

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

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

Comments: 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: (circle) **X** (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then mark ___ **NA** and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

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

iii. Rating:

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

Comments: Access is permitted without permission with the exception of the police shooting range, to which access is prohibited.

General Site Notes
The SOC status of the plains spadefoot (Spea bombifrons), which was previously documented at and believed to persist at the site, has been removed. No other SOC have been documented at the site, resulting in a score of zero for this value. The change in score shifts the wetlands from Category II to Category III.

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 Wetland Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0.00	1	0.00	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	L	0.00	1	0.00	
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	0.50	1	16.18	
D. General Fish Habitat	NA				
E. Flood Attenuation	NA				
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	H	0.90	1	29.12	*
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	0.90	1	29.12	*
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	H	0.90	1	29.12	*
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	H	0.80	1	25.89	*
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	M	0.70	1	22.65	
K. Uniqueness	L	0.30	1	9.71	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	H	0.20	1	6.47	
Totals:		5.20	9.00	168.26	
Percent of Possible Score			58%		

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

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

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

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

OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA RATING: III

Summary Comments: The existing wetlands at the Kindsfater Wetland Mitigation Site increased from Category III to Category II in 2022. The wetlands are again ranked Category II in 2023.

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: 2023



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: 2023



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: 2023

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: 2023



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: 2023



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: 2023

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: 2023



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: 2023



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: 2023

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: 2023



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: 2023



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: 2023

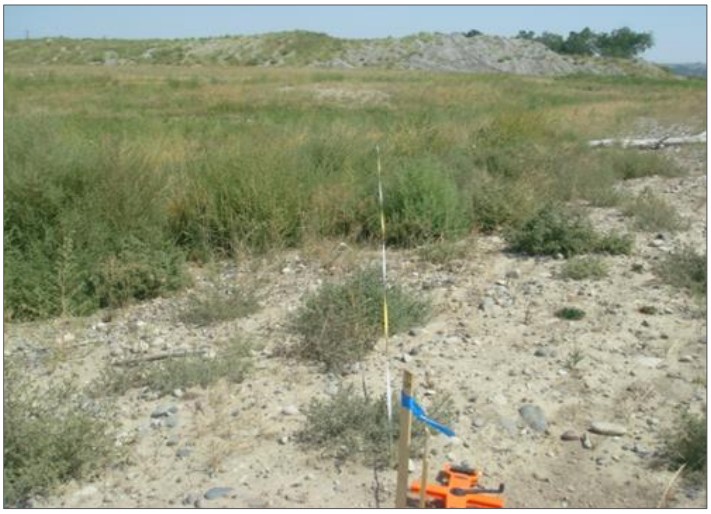
Kindsfater: Transect Photographs



Transect 1: Start Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 240 degrees Year: 2013



Transect 1: Start Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 240 degrees Year: 2023



Transect 1: End Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 50 degrees Year: 2013



Transect 1: End Location: Wetland Cell 14
Bearing: 50 degrees Year: 2023



Transect 2: Start Location: Wetland Cell 8
Bearing: 225 degrees Year 2013



Transect 2: Start Location: Wetland Cell 8
Bearing: 225 degrees Year 2023

Kindsfater: Transect Photographs



Transect 2: End Location: Wetland Cell 8
Bearing: 40 degrees Year 2013



Transect 2: End Location: Wetland Cell 8
Bearing: 40 degrees Year 2023



Transect 3: Start Location: Wetland Cell 4
Bearing: 290 degrees Year 2013



Transect 3: Start Location: Wetland Cell 4
Bearing: 290 degrees Year 2023



Transect 3: End Location: Wetland Cell 4
Bearing: 290 degrees Year 2013



Transect 3: End Location: Wetland Cell 4
Bearing: 290 degrees Year 2023

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP01w Location: Veg Community 5
Year 2023



Data Point: DP01u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2023



Data Point: DP02w Location: Veg Community 11
Year 2023



Data Point: DP02u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2023



Data Point: DP03w Location: Veg Community 5
Year 2023



Data Point: DP03u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2023

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP04w Location: Veg Community 5
Year 2023



Data Point: DP04u Location: Veg Community 12
Year 2023



Data Point: DP05w Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2023



Data Point: DP05u Location: Veg Community 4/15
Year 2023



Data Point: DP06w Location: Veg Community 16
Year 2023



Data Point: DP06u Location: Veg Community 4/14
Year 2023

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP07w Location: Veg Community 9
Year 2023



Data Point: DP07u Location: Veg Community 10
Year 2023



Data Point: DP08w Location: Veg Community 8
Year 2023



Data Point: DP08u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2023



Data Point: DP09w Location: Veg Community 9
Year 2023



Data Point: DP09u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2023

Kindsfater: Data Point Photographs



Data Point: DP10w Location: Veg Community 11
Year 2023



Data Point: DP10u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2023



Data Point: DP11w Location: Veg Community 3
Year 2023



Data Point: DP11u Location: Veg Community 17
Year 2023



Data Point: DP12w Location: Veg Community 16
Year 2023



Data Point: DP12u Location: Veg Community 14
Year 2023