

**YEAR 4 MONITORING REPORT**

**ROSES CREEK STREAM MITIGATION SITE**  
Burke County, North Carolina  
NC DMS Project # 96309

Prepared for:



**NCDEQ Division of Mitigation Services (DMS)**  
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Construction Completed: May 2016  
Visual Assessment Data Collected: Jan 2019, May 2019, Aug 2019, Sept 2019, Nov 2019  
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Mitigation Project Name      Roses Creek Stream Restoration Site  
DMS ID                              96309  
River Basin                         Catawba  
Cataloging Unit                 03050101

County                                Burke  
Date Project Instituted        2/14/2014  
Date Prepared                    7/15/2019

USACE Action ID                2014-00517  
NCDWR Permit No               2014-0194

Credit Release Milestone	Stream Credits						Wetland Credits							
	Scheduled Releases (Stream)	Warm	Cool	Cold	Anticipated Release Year (Stream)	Actual Release Date (Stream)	Scheduled Releases (Forested)	Riparian Riverine	Riparian Non-riverine	Non-riparian	Scheduled Releases (Coastal)	Coastal	Anticipated Release Year (Wetland)	Actual Release Date (Wetland)
Potential Credits (Mitigation Plan)				5,009.600										
Potential Credits (As-Built Survey)				5,009.600										
1 (Site Establishment)	N/A				N/A	N/A	N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
2 (Year 0 / As-Built)	30%			1,502.880	2016	9/22/2016	N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
3 (Year 1 Monitoring)	10%			500.960	2017	4/3/2017	N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
4 (Year 2 Monitoring)	10%			500.960	2018	4/25/2018	N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
5 (Year 3 Monitoring)	10%			500.960	2019	4/26/2019	N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
6 (Year 4 Monitoring)	5%				2020		N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
7 (Year 5 Monitoring)	10%				2021		N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
8 (Year 6 Monitoring)	5%				2022		N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
9 (Year 7 Monitoring)	10%				2023		N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A
Stream Bankfull Standard	10%			500.960	2019	4/26/2019								
Total Credits Released to Date				3,506.720										

NOTES:

CONTINGENCIES:

  
Signature of Wilmington District Official Approving Credit Release

27 Sept 2019

Date

- 1 - For NCDMS, no credits are released during the first milestone
- 2 - For NCDMS projects, the second credit release milestone occurs automatically when the as-built report (baseline monitoring report) has been made available to the NCIRT by posting it to the NCDMS Portal, provided the following criteria have been met:
  - 1) Approval of the final Mitigation Plan
  - 2) Recordation of the preservation mechanism, as well as a title opinion acceptable to the USACE covering the property
  - 3) Completion of all physical and biological improvements to the mitigation site pursuant to the mitigation plan
  - 4) Receipt of necessary DA permit authorization or written DA approval for projects where DA permit issuance is not required
- 3 - A 15% reserve of credits is to be held back until the bankfull event performance standard has been met



February 7, 2020

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RE: NCDEQ – Division of Mitigation Services  
Roses Creek MY 4 Monitoring Report  
DMS Project Number: 96309  
Response to DMS Review Comments on Draft Year 4 Monitoring Report for Roses Creek

Mr. Tsomides:

As per your letter dated January 24, 2020, we have reviewed and addressed DMS review comments as follows:

1. Please include the 8/27/2019 IRT meeting minutes and USACE and DWR comments, as an Appendix, and reference in the report.

*Response: IRT meeting minutes have been included as Appendix D.*

2. There were concerns noted at the 08/2019 IRT meeting about tributary discharge and maintenance of single thread channel as opposed to wetland complex. HDR states that single channel flow was obvious during winter months, in UT1 and UT3. On what basis was this assessment made? Please provide more detail (e.g., dates of observation, correlation with rain events, photos, video or hydrologic data), if available, supporting single channel flow.

*Response: Aerial photos were taken with a drone on January 29, 2020 and have been included as Figures 3.11 – 3.16.*

3. Similarly, it is stated that single channel flow is evident throughout UT2 except for the upper 100 LF or so (just below the pond and farm road, to XS-9), and that the stream is functioning as intended. During the 08/2019 site visit, thick herbaceous vegetation had established and appeared to be trapping sediments along several sections of this reach. Since apparent lack of single channel flow has been noted as a concern, any additional data would be helpful that might support single channel flow.

*Response: See aerial photos on Figures 3.13 and 3.14. Based on aerial evidence of single channel flow throughout UT 2 in January 2020, HDR revised the report narrative as follows:*

*“UT 1 and UT 3 have remained stable over the past monitoring year. Thick herbaceous vegetation along the stream banks makes it difficult to see the channels during the growing season in some areas but single channel flow is obvious during winter months (see Figures 3.11 – 3.16). During a site visit in August 2019 it was noted that sediment from the soil farm road had deposited in the bed of UT 2 just downstream of the culvert and partially diverted base flow through the floodplain over the upstream most 100 feet of UT 2. Diverted flow re-entered the channel just downstream of the constructed berm near cross section 9. Single channel flow was evident throughout UT 2 downstream of cross section 9 and the stream was functioning as intended through this reach. Based on aerial photos taken in January 2020 (Figures 3.13 and 3.14), single channel flow was evident throughout the entirety of UT 2.”*

4. Fig 5.3 x-axis label has distance rather than time as a label.

*Response: The x-axis label has been corrected and Figure numbers for the Figure 5 series were changed to Figure 4 series to match figure numbering in the MY4 report.*

5. Vegetation Visual Assessment –Invasives treatment is mentioned as occurring in 2019. Please provide date(s) of treatment here (at least month-year), and in Table 2 (Project Activity and Reporting History).

*Response: Dates of treatments (January and September 2019) were added to the report narrative and Table 2.*

6. Surface Water Level Meter Data – If available, rain data should be shown concurrently, with the most consecutive days/dates during which criteria were met.

*Response: Rain data has been added to Surface Water Level figures.*

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call (919.232.6637)

Sincerely,  
HDR | ICA



Vickie Miller

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## 1.0 PROJECT SUMMARY

The following report summarizes the vegetation establishment and stream stability for Year 4 monitoring for the Roses Creek Site (hereafter referred to as the "Site") in Burke County, North Carolina.

### 1.1 Goals and Objectives

Primary goals for the Site, as detailed in the Roses Creek Stream Mitigation Site Mitigation Plan (ICA Engineering 2015) include:

1. Reducing water quality stressors and providing/enhancing flood attenuation.
2. Restoring and enhancing aquatic, semi-aquatic and riparian habitat.
3. Restoring and enhancing habitat connectivity with adjacent natural habitats.

The following objectives accomplish the goals listed above:

1. Reducing water quality stressors and providing/enhancing flood attenuation through:
  - a. Restoring the existing degraded, straightened and incised/entrenched streams as primarily a Priority 1 restoration where bankfull and larger flows can access the floodplain allowing nutrients, sedimentation, trash and debris from upstream runoff to settle from floodwaters to the extent practical. Restoring a stable dimension, pattern, and profile will ensure the channel will transport and attenuate watershed flows and sediment loads without aggrading or degrading.
  - b. Restore channel banks by relocating the channel, excavating bankfull benches, placing in-stream structures to reduce shearing forces on outside meander bends, and planting native vegetative species to provide soil stability, thus reducing stream bank stressors.
  - c. Reducing point source (i.e. cattle and equipment crossings) and non-point source (i.e. stormwater runoff through pastures) pollution associated with on-site agricultural operations (hay production and cattle) by exclusionary fencing from the stream and riparian buffer and by eliminating all stream crossings from the easement.
  - d. Plant a vegetative buffer on stream banks and adjacent floodplains to treat nutrient enriched surface runoff from adjacent pastureland associated with on-site agricultural operations.
  - e. Restoring riparian buffers adjacent to the streams that are currently maintained for hay production that will attenuate floodwaters, in turn reducing stressors from upstream impacts.
2. Restoring and enhancing aquatic, semi-aquatic and riparian habitat through:
  - a. Restoration of a sinuous gravel bed channel that promotes a stable bed form and accommodates benthic macroinvertebrate and fish propagation. Additionally, woody materials such as log structures, overhanging planted vegetation and toe wood/brush toe in submerged water will provide a diversity of shading, bed form and foraging opportunities for aquatic organisms.
  - b. Restoring native vegetation to the stream channel banks and the adjacent riparian corridor, that is currently grass dominated, will diversify flora and create a protected habitat corridor, which will provide an abundance of available foraging and cover habitat for a multitude of amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds.
3. Restoring and enhancing habitat connectivity with adjacent natural habitats through:

- a. Planting the riparian buffer with native vegetation.
- b. Protection of the restored community will ensure a protected wildlife corridor between the Site and the upstream and downstream mature riparian buffers and upland habitats.
- c. Converting approximately 15 acres from existing agricultural land to riparian buffer protected by permanent conservation easement.

## **1.2 Success Criteria**

Monitoring of restoration efforts will be performed until success criteria are fulfilled. Monitoring includes stream channel/hydraulics and vegetation. In general, the restoration success criteria, and required remediation actions, are based on the Stream Mitigation Guidelines (USACE et al. 2003) and the Ecosystem Enhancement Program Monitoring Requirements and Performance Standards for stream and/or Wetland Mitigation (NCEEP 2011). Project success criteria are further detailed in the Baseline Monitoring Document & As-Built Baseline Report (HDR|ICA 2016).

## **1.3 Background Summary**

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) contracted HDR|ICA to restore 4,746 linear feet of Roses Creek and three of its unnamed tributaries within the Site to assist in fulfilling stream mitigation needs in the watershed. The Site is located approximately 12 miles northwest of downtown Morganton in Burke County, NC. The Site contains Roses Creek and three unnamed headwater tributaries of Roses Creek (UT 1, UT 2 and UT 3). The Site is located within the 03050101060030 14-digit Hydrologic Unit, which is also a DMS Targeted Hydrologic Unit for Cataloging Unit 03050101 of the Catawba River Basin. Roses Creek is classified as a Water Supply Watershed (WS-III), as it is part of the headwaters that feed Lake Rhodhiss. The Site is comprised of one property owned by Robert B. Sisk and Martha M. Sisk (PIN # 1767479652) (known as the Sisk Farm). Additional information concerning project history is presented in Table 2.

## **1.4 Visual Vegetation Assessment**

Visual assessment of on-site vegetation suggests that planted stems are becoming well established and volunteer stems are becoming more evident. The herbaceous vegetation is also becoming better established as previously noted bare areas are showing a dense community of annual and perennial species. Overall, visual observations indicate that the Site is performing well enough to meet the vegetative performance standard of 260 stems per acre in Year 5.

Chinese privet and multiflora rose were observed and treated downstream of STA 14+75 along UT 1. Invasive stems were mechanically removed, and the stumps were treated with herbicide twice in 2019 (January and September, 2019). In addition, privet was observed downstream of STA 37+00 in the left floodplain of Roses Creek. HDR plans to conduct additional treatments in 2020 to control the spread of invasive species on-site. HDR will continue to monitor these areas closely.

## **1.5 Visual Stream Assessment**

Roses Creek remains stable and functioning as designed. Bank erosion areas repaired in 2018 continue to benefit from the establishment of vegetation along the channel toes and bank. During Year 4, eight small areas of minor to moderate erosion were noted on Roses Creek as depicted in the Current Conditions Plan View (CCPV). Maturing vegetation along the stream banks should



stabilize these areas over time. HDR will monitor areas of erosion closely over the next year. A beaver dam was discovered near STA 41+80 in August 2019, and backwater effects extended to approximately STA 38+00. The dam was removed in September 2019 and the stream is currently stable at this location. Photos of the dam before and after removal are presented in figures 3.1-3.6. The beavers were removed from the Site to discourage construction of future dams; however, an additional beaver dam was observed near STA 31+50 in December 2019. HDR will coordinate with APHIS to trap beaver and remove the dam at this location in 2020.

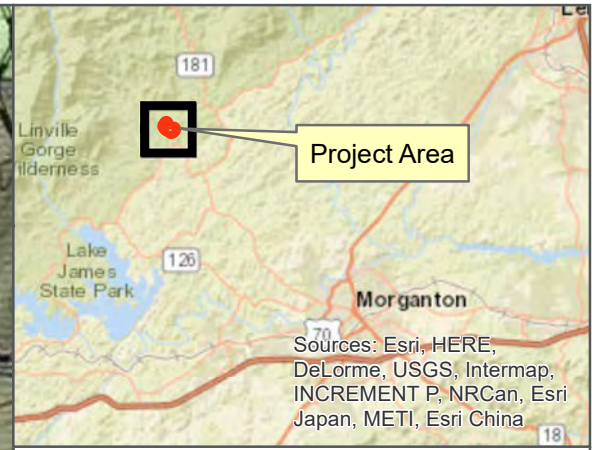
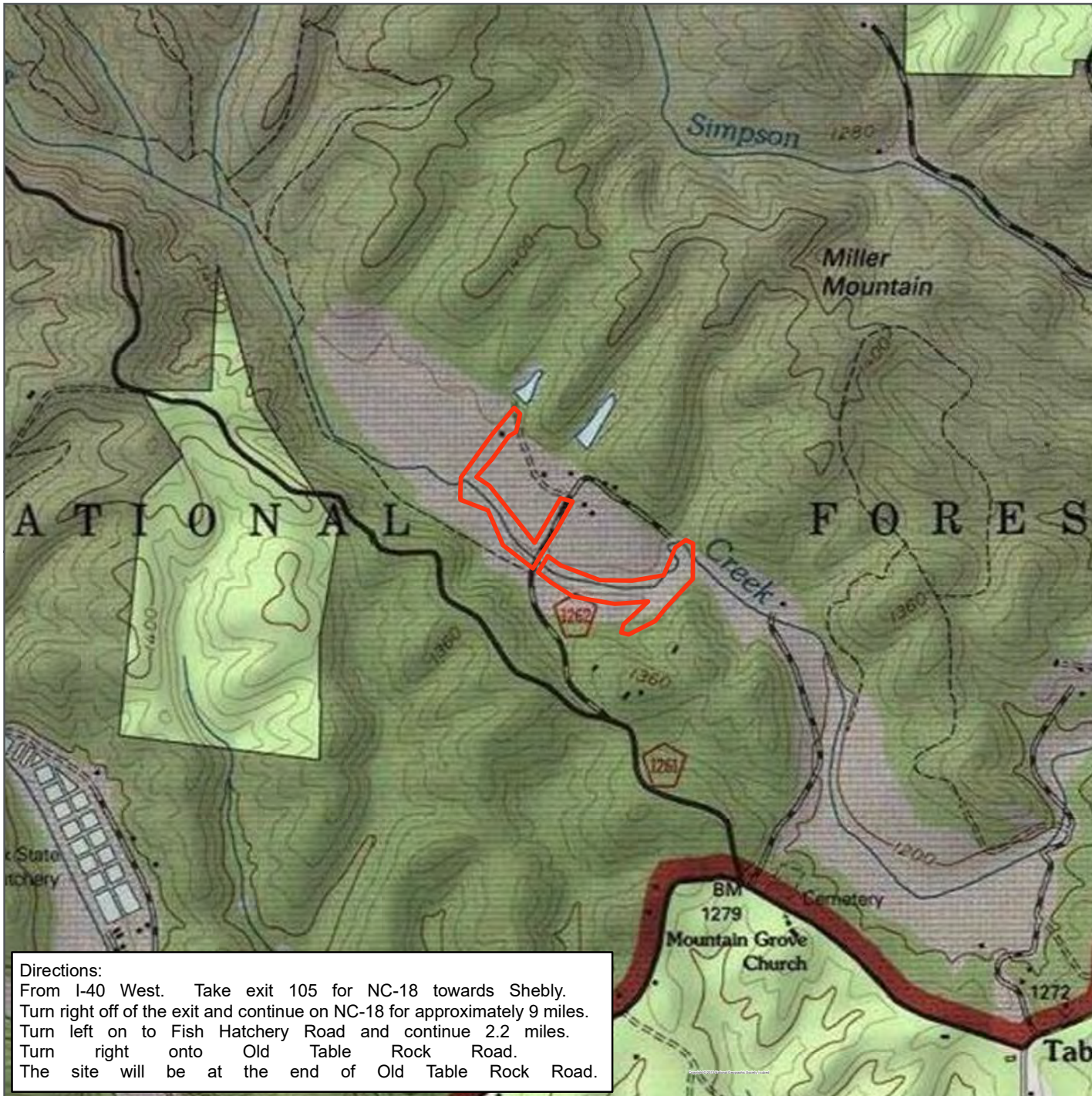
UT 1 and UT 3 have remained stable over the past monitoring year. Thick herbaceous vegetation along the stream banks makes it difficult to see the channels during the growing season in some areas but single channel flow is obvious during winter months (see Figures 3.11 – 3.16). During a site visit in August 2019 it was noted that sediment from the soil farm road had deposited in the bed of UT 2 just downstream of the culvert and partially diverted base flow through the floodplain over the upstream most 100 feet of UT 2. Diverted flow re-entered the channel just downstream of the constructed berm near cross section 9. Single channel flow was evident throughout UT 2 downstream of cross section 9 and the stream was functioning as intended through this reach. Based on aerial photos taken in January 2020 (Figures 3.13 and 3.14), single channel flow was evident throughout the entirety of UT 2. Based on water level data obtained using the Hobo U20 pressure transducers installed in the bottom of each tributary, all three tributaries have indicated constant flow for a span of 30+ consecutive days at least once this past year. Water level data is provided in Appendix C.

## 2.0 REFERENCES

- Lee, Michael T., R. K. Peet, S. D. Roberts, and T. R. Wentworth. 2006. CVS-EEP Protocol for Recording Vegetation, Version 4.0 (<http://cvs.bio.unc.edu/methods.htm>).
- Weakley, Alan S. 2011. Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States (online). Available: [http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/FloraArchives/WeakleyFlora\\_2011-May-nav.pdf](http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/FloraArchives/WeakleyFlora_2011-May-nav.pdf) [May 15, 2011]. University of North Carolina Herbarium, North Carolina Botanical Garden, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix A. Project Vicinity Map and Background Tables**



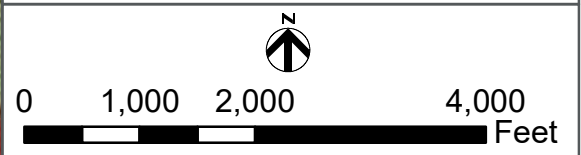
## Legend

█ Project Easement

The subject project site is an environmental restoration site of the NCDEQ Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) and is encompassed by a recorded conservation easement, but is bordered by land under private ownership. Therefore access by the general public is not permitted. Access by authorized personnel of state and federal agencies or their designees/contractors involved in the development, monitoring, and stewardship of the restoration site is permitted within the terms and timeframes of their defined, pre-approved roles. Any intended site visitation or activity by any person outside of these previously sanctioned activities/roles requires prior coordination with DMS.

### ROSES CREEK STREAM MITIGATION SITE

#### VICINITY MAP BURKE COUNTY, NC



**Directions:**  
 From I-40 West. Take exit 105 for NC-18 towards Shebly. Turn right off of the exit and continue on NC-18 for approximately 9 miles. Turn left on to Fish Hatchery Road and continue 2.2 miles. Turn right onto Old Table Rock Road. The site will be at the end of Old Table Rock Road.



FIGURE 1

**Table 1. Project Components and Mitigation Credits**

Roses Creek, Burke County DMS Project No. 96309									
Credit Summary									
	Stream SMU		Riparian Wetland WMU		Non- riparian Wetland		Buffer	Nitrogen Nutrient Offset	Phosphorous Nutrient Offset
Type	R	RE	R	RE	R	RE			
Totals	5,009.6								
Project Components									
Project Component or Reach ID	Stationing/ Location		Existing Footage/ Acreage	Approach (PI, PII, etc.)	Restoration or Restoration Equivalent	Restoration Footage or Acreage	Mitigation Ratio	SMU	
Roses Creek	10+00- 41+81		3,643	PI	Restoration	3,181	1:1	3,121*	
Roses Creek	41+81- 42+19		38	-	EII	38	2.5:1	15	
UT 1	10+00- 12+54; 16+11- 16+46		267	PI	Restoration	289	1:1	289	
UT 1	12+54- 16+11; 16+46- 19+30		641	-	EII	641	2.5:1	256	
UT 2	10+00- 17+07		610	PI	Restoration	707	1:1	707	
UT 3	10+00- 16+21		558	PI	Restoration	621	1:1	621	
Total	NA		5,757	PI	Restoration/ EII	5,477	1-2.5:1	5,009.6	

\* Stream Mitigation Units decreased by 60 to account for break in easement at the stream crossing on Sisk Farm Road

Component Summation						
Restoration Level	Stream (linear feet)	Riparian Wetland (acres)		Non-Riparian Wetland (acres)	Buffer (square feet)	Upland (acres)
		Riverine	Non-Riverine			
Restoration	4,798					
Enhancement II	679					

**Table 2. Project Activity and Reporting History**

<b>Activity or Report</b>	<b>Data Collection Complete</b>	<b>Completion or Delivery</b>
Mitigation Plan	September 2015	September 2015
Final Design – Construction Plans	September 2015	March 2016
Construction	February 25, 2016	May 18, 2016
Temporary S&E Mix Applied to Entire Project Area	--	May 18, 2016
Permanent Seed Mix Applied to Entire Project Area	--	May 18, 2016
Bare Root, Containerized, and B&B plantings for Entire Project Area	--	May 27, 2016
Mitigation Plan/As-built (Year 0 Monitoring-Baseline)	May 2016	July 2016
Year 1 Monitoring	November 2016	January 2017
Stream Morphology	November 2016	--
Vegetation	August 2016	--
Supplemental Planting	--	February 2017
Year 2 Monitoring	August 2017	November 2017
Stream Morphology	June 2017	--
Vegetation	August 2017	--
Supplemental Planting	--	February 2018
Year 3 Monitoring	August 2018	November 2018
Stream Morphology	March 2018	--
Vegetation	August 2018	--
Structural Repairs	--	October 2018
Year 4 Monitoring	November 2019	December 2019
Stream Morphology	--	--
Vegetation	--	--
Dam Removal	--	September 2019
Invasive Treatment		Jan. and Sept. 2019
Year 5 Monitoring		
Stream Morphology		
Vegetation		
Year 6 Monitoring		
Stream Morphology		
Vegetation		
Year 7 Monitoring		
Stream Morphology		
Vegetation		

**Table 3. Project Contacts Table**

<b>Designer</b> Primary project design POC	ICA Engineering 555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 900 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Vickie Miller (919) 232-6600
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<b>Structural Repair Contractor</b> Structural Repair Contractor POC	Land Mechanic Designs, Inc. 126 Circle G Lane Willow Spring, NC 27592 Lloyd Glover (919) 639-6132
<b>Planting Contractor</b> Planting Contractor POC	Land Mechanic Designs, Inc. 126 Circle G Lane Willow Spring, NC 27592 Lloyd Glover (919) 639-6132
<b>Supplemental Planting Contractor</b> Supplemental Planting Contractor POC	River Works, Inc. 114 W Main Street, Suite 106 Clayton, NC 27520 Bill Wright (919) 590-5193
<b>Seeding Contractor</b> Seeding Contractor POC	Land Mechanic Designs, Inc. 126 Circle G Lane Willow Spring, NC 27607 Lloyd Glover (919) 639-6132
Seed Mix Sources	Green Resources – Triangle Office
Nursery Stock Suppliers	1) Dykes and Son Nursery, McMinnville, TN 2) Foggy Mountain Nursery (live stakes)
<b>Monitoring Performers</b>	HDR ICA 555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 900 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Alex DiGeronimo (LMG) (843) 830-1536
Stream Monitoring POC	HDR ICA 555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 900 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Alex DiGeronimo (LMG) (843) 830-1536
Vegetation Monitoring POC	HDR ICA 555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 900 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Alex DiGeronimo (LMG) (843) 830-1536

**Table 4. Project Information**

<b>Project Information</b>				
Project Name		Roses Creek Stream Mitigation Site		
County		Burke		
Project Area (acres)		17.3		
Project Coordinates (latitude and longitude)		35.850953, -81.819541		
<b>Project Watershed Summary Information</b>				
Physiographic Province		Piedmont / Mountain		
River Basin		Catawba		
USGS Hydrologic Unit 8-digit	03050101	USGS Hydrologic Unit 14-digit	03050101060030	
NCDWQ Sub-basin		03-08-31		
Project Drainage Area (acres)		Roses: 3,309, UT 1: 35, UT 2: 47, UT 3: 10		
Project Drainage Area Percentage of Impervious Area		<1%		
CGIA Land Use Classification		Agricultural/Pasture		
Ecoregion		Northern Inner Piedmont		
Geological Unit		Zabg: Alligator Back Formation; Gneiss		
<b>Reach Summary Information</b>				
Parameters	Roses Creek	UT 1	UT 2	UT 3
Length of reach (linear feet)	3,681 existing	900 existing	610 existing	558 existing
Valley Classification	VIII	VIII	VIII	VIII
Drainage Area (acres)	3,309	35	47	13
NCDWQ Stream Identification Score	56	30	33.5	34
NCDWQ Water Quality Classification	WS-III; Tr	WS-III; Tr	WS-III; Tr	WS-III; Tr
Morphological Description (stream type)	E4, B4, and F4	B5, F5	B5	B5, G5
Evolutionary Trend	Simon's Stages: Premodified » Constructed » Degradation and Widening	Could maintain a B type channel in majority of reach Or F » B	G » B/E	G » B

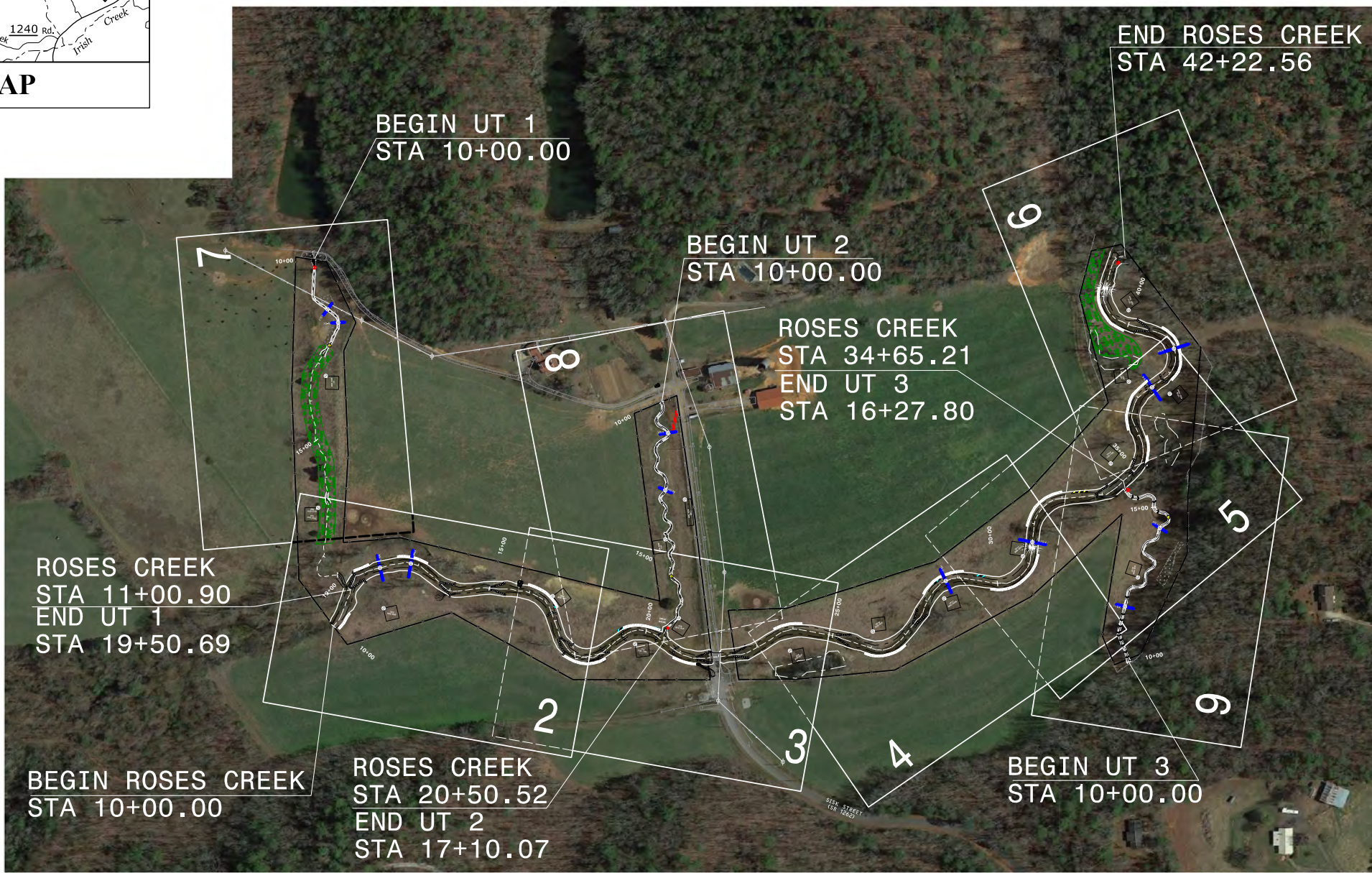
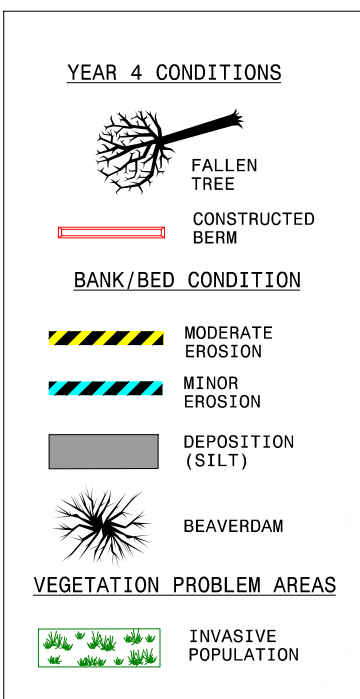
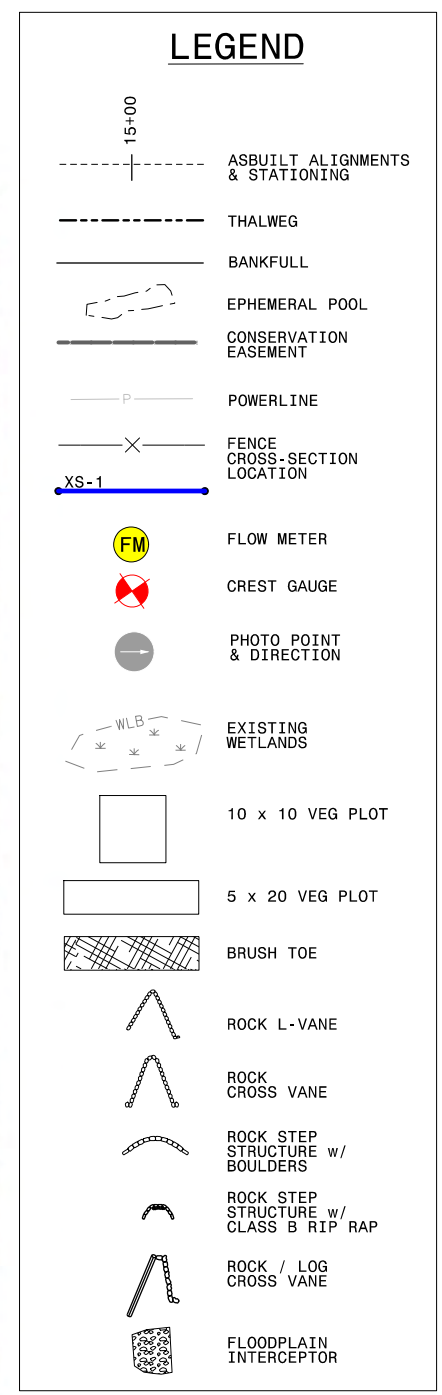
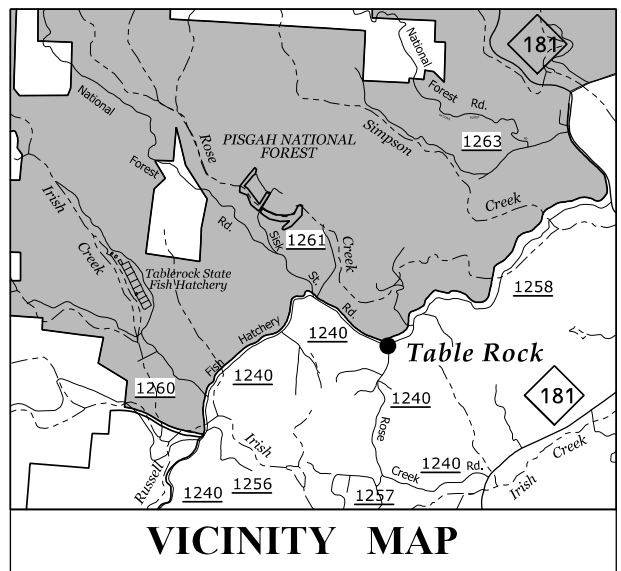
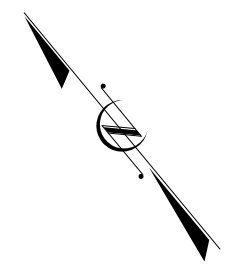
<b>Regulatory Considerations (cont.)</b>			
Coastal Zone Management (CZMA)/ Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)	No	N/A	N/A
FEMA Floodplain Compliance	Yes	Yes	CLOMR/LOMR
Essential Fisheries Habitat	No	N/A	N/A



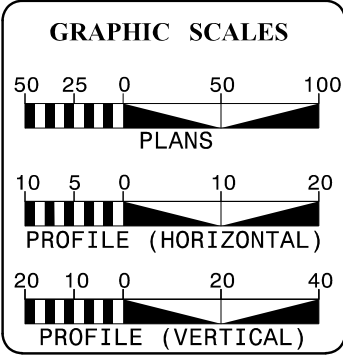
## **Appendix B. Visual Assessment Data**

# CURRENT CONDITIONS PLAN VIEW (CCPV) ROSES CREEK

LOCATION: BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
 LAT: 35° 51' 01" N      LONG: -81° 49' 11" W  
 TYPE OF WORK: CCPV PLANS - YEAR 4



**CONTRACT: ROSES CREEK DMS PROJECT #: 96309**



ROSES CREEK	UT 1	UT 2	UT 3
DESIGN STREAM TYPE = C4	DESIGN STREAM TYPE = C5	DESIGN STREAM TYPE = C5	DESIGN STREAM TYPE = C5
BANKFULL AREA (FT <sup>2</sup> ) = 66.4	BANKFULL AREA (FT <sup>2</sup> ) = 2.1	BANKFULL AREA (FT <sup>2</sup> ) = 2.1	BANKFULL AREA (FT <sup>2</sup> ) = 2.6
CROSS-SECTIONED	CROSS-SECTIONED	CROSS-SECTIONED	CROSS-SECTIONED
BANKFULL WIDTH (FT) = 30.5	BANKFULL WIDTH (FT) = 5.0	BANKFULL WIDTH (FT) = 5.0	BANKFULL WIDTH (FT) = 5.5
MAX DEPTH (FT) = 2.72	MAX DEPTH (FT) = 0.58	MAX DEPTH (FT) = 0.58	MAX DEPTH (FT) = 0.63
WIDTH / DEPTH RATIO = 14.0	WIDTH / DEPTH RATIO = 13.0	WIDTH / DEPTH RATIO = 13.0	WIDTH / DEPTH RATIO = 13.1
DRAINAGE AREA (MI <sup>2</sup> ) = 5.17	DRAINAGE AREA (MI <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.06	DRAINAGE AREA (MI <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.07	DRAINAGE AREA (MI <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.02
BANKFULL SLOPE(FT/FT) = 0.0062	BANKFULL SLOPE(FT/FT) = 0.0021	BANKFULL SLOPE(FT/FT) = 0.0021	BANKFULL SLOPE(FT/FT) = 0.0021

	PROJECT LENGTH	
	PROPOSED DESIGN STREAM LENGTH	ASBUILT STREAM LENGTH
ROSES CREEK	= 3,219.20 FT	3,222.56 FT
UT 1	= 930.38 FT	950.69 FT
UT 2	= 707.59 FT	710.07 FT
UT 3	= 621.03 FT	627.80 FT

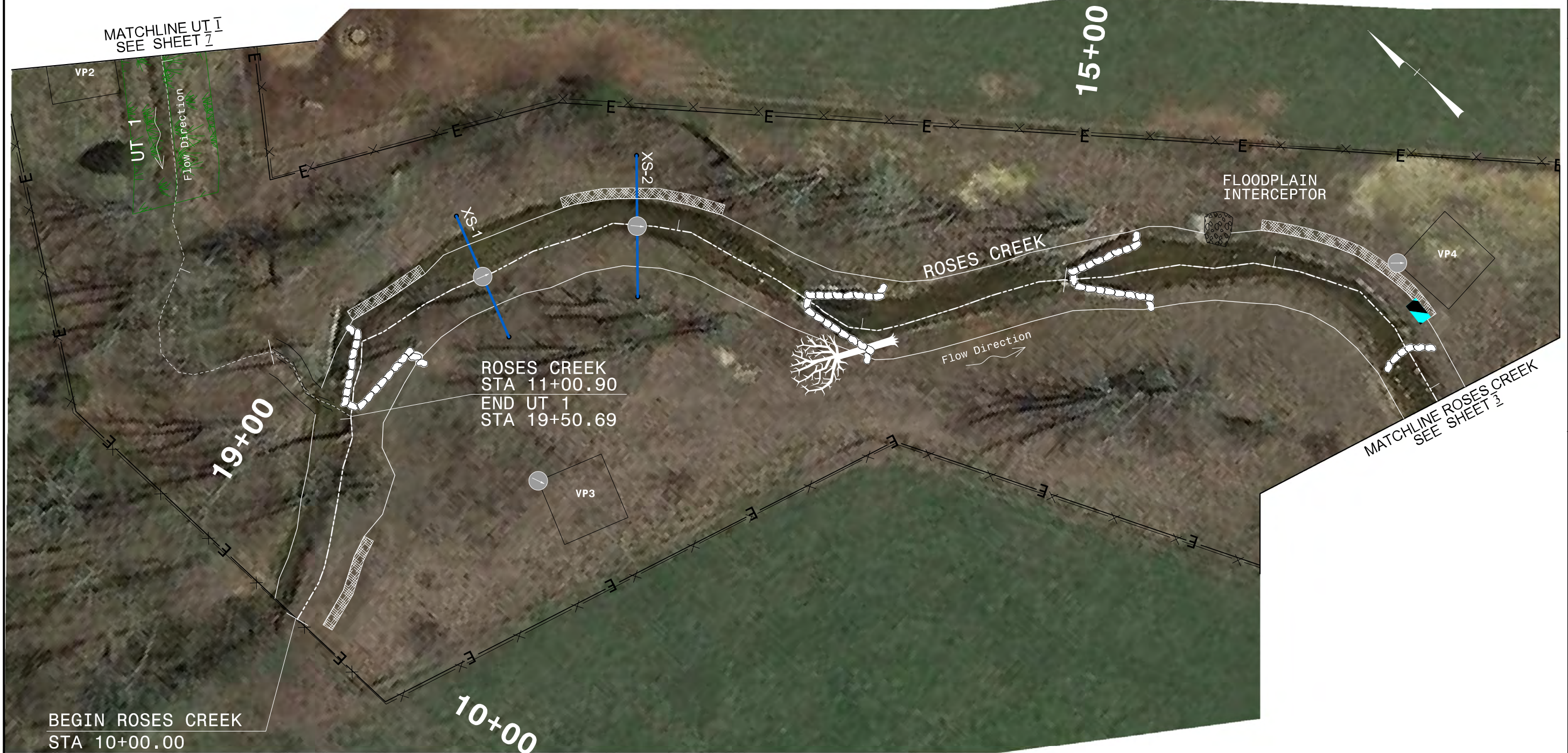
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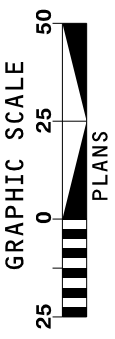
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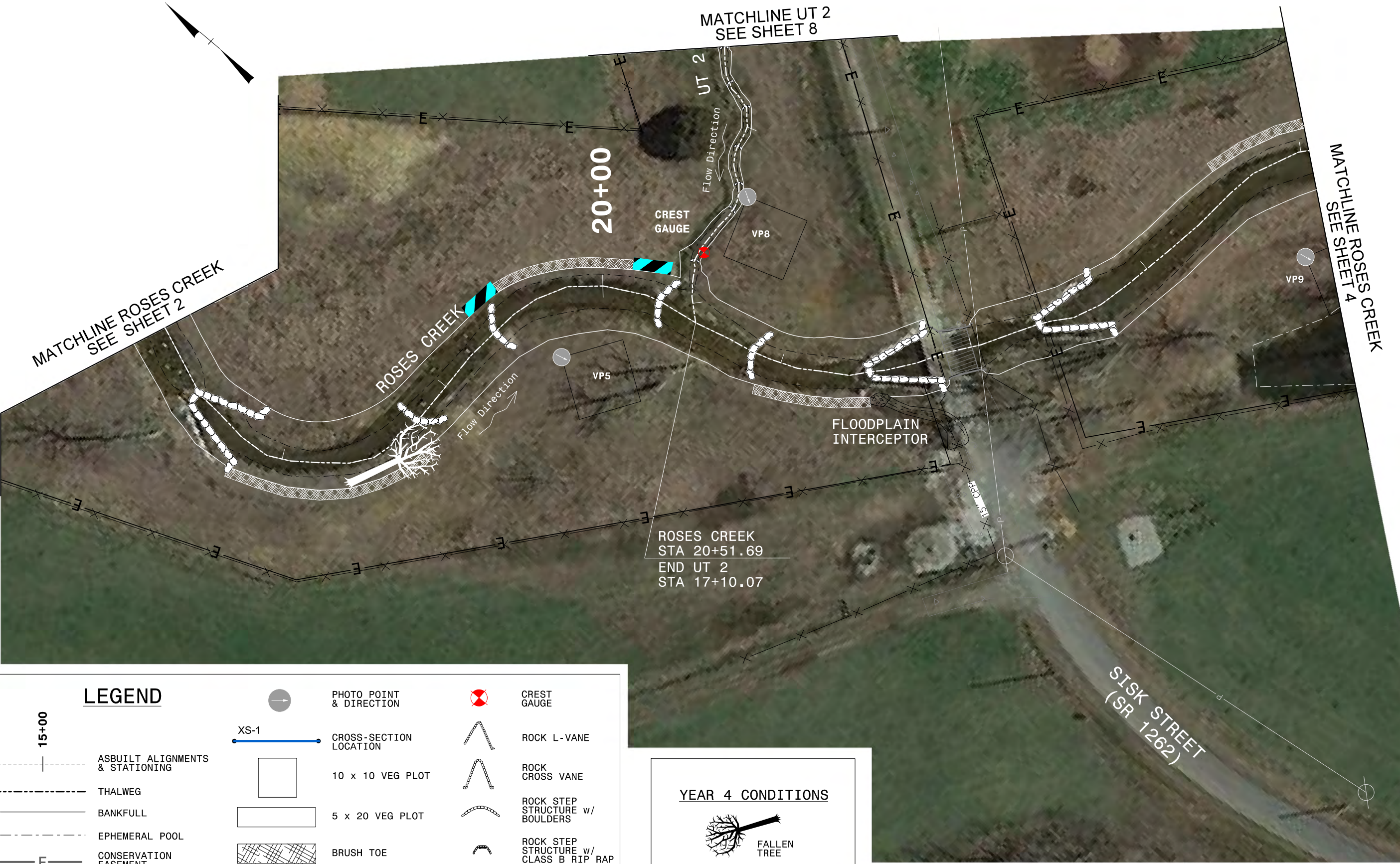
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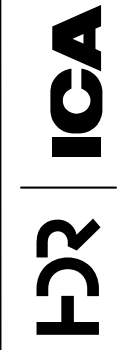
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	ROCK L-VANE
	ROCK CROSS VANE
	ROCK STEP STRUCTURE w/ BOULDERS
	ROCK STEP STRUCTURE w/ CLASS B RIP RAP
	FLOODPLAIN INTERCEPTOR

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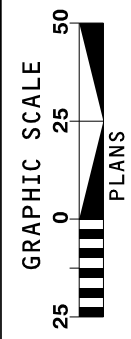
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---+--- 15+00	PHOTO POINT & DIRECTION	⊗	CREST GAUGE
---	CROSS-SECTION LOCATION	—XS-1—	ROCK L-VANE
---	10 x 10 VEG PLOT	□	ROCK CROSS VANE
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---	BRUSH TOE	▨	ROCK STEP STRUCTURE w/ CLASS B RIP RAP
---E---	POWER LINE	—P---	FLOODPLAIN INTERCEPTOR
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- FALLEN TREE
- BANK/BED CONDITION
- MINOR EROSION

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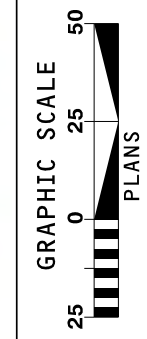
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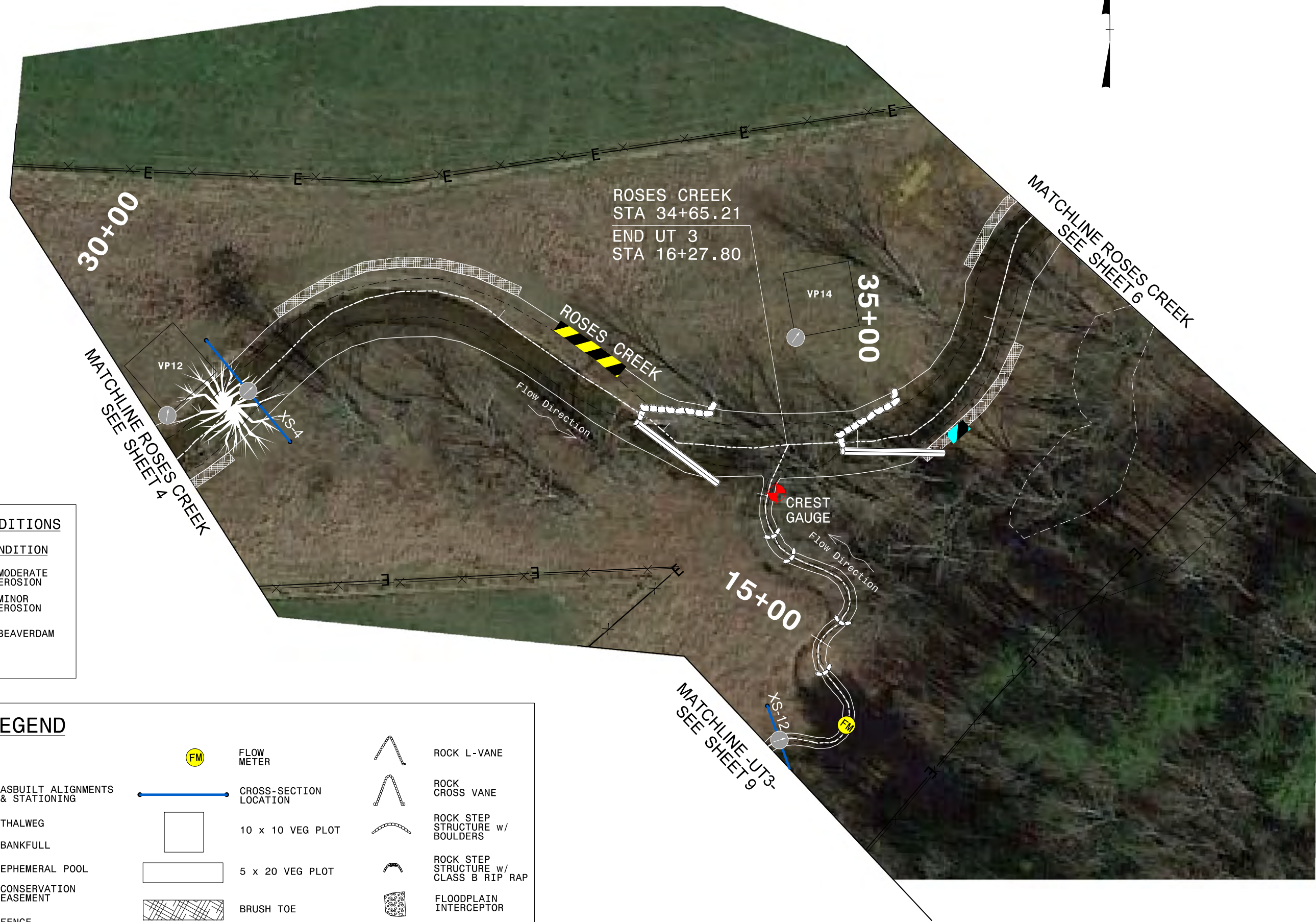


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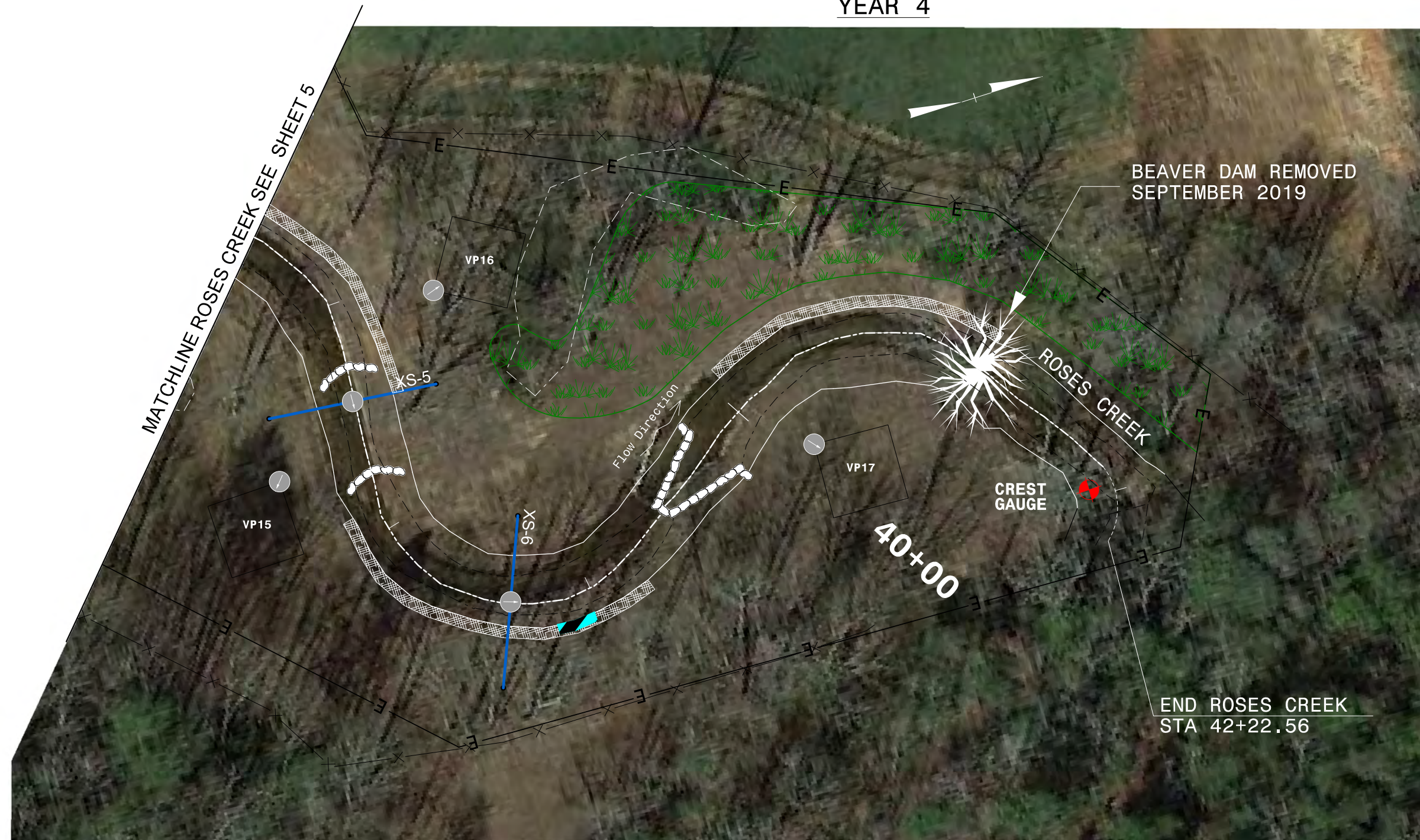
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- BEAVERDAM

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BANKFULL	5 x 20 VEG PLOT	ROCK / LOG CROSS VANE	FLOODPLAIN INTERCEPTOR	
EPHEMERAL POOL	BRUSH TOE			
CONSERVATION EASEMENT	PHOTO POINT & DIRECTION			
FENCE				
CREST GAUGE				

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	THALWEG		5 x 20 VEG PLOT
	BANKFULL		BRUSH TOE
	EPHEMERAL POOL		PHOTO POINT & DIRECTION
	CONSERVATION EASEMENT		CREST GAUGE
	FENCE		ROCK L-VANE
	CROSS-SECTION LOCATION		ROCK CROSS VANE
			ROCK STEP STRUCTURE w/ BOULDERS
			ROCK STEP STRUCTURE w/ CLASS B RIP RAP
			FLOODPLAIN INTERCEPTOR

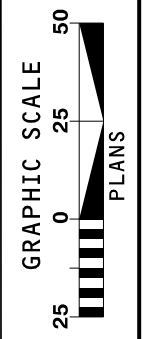
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**BANK/BED CONDITION**

- MINOR EROSION
- BEAVERDAM

**VEGETATION PROBLEM AREAS**

- INVASIVE POPULATION



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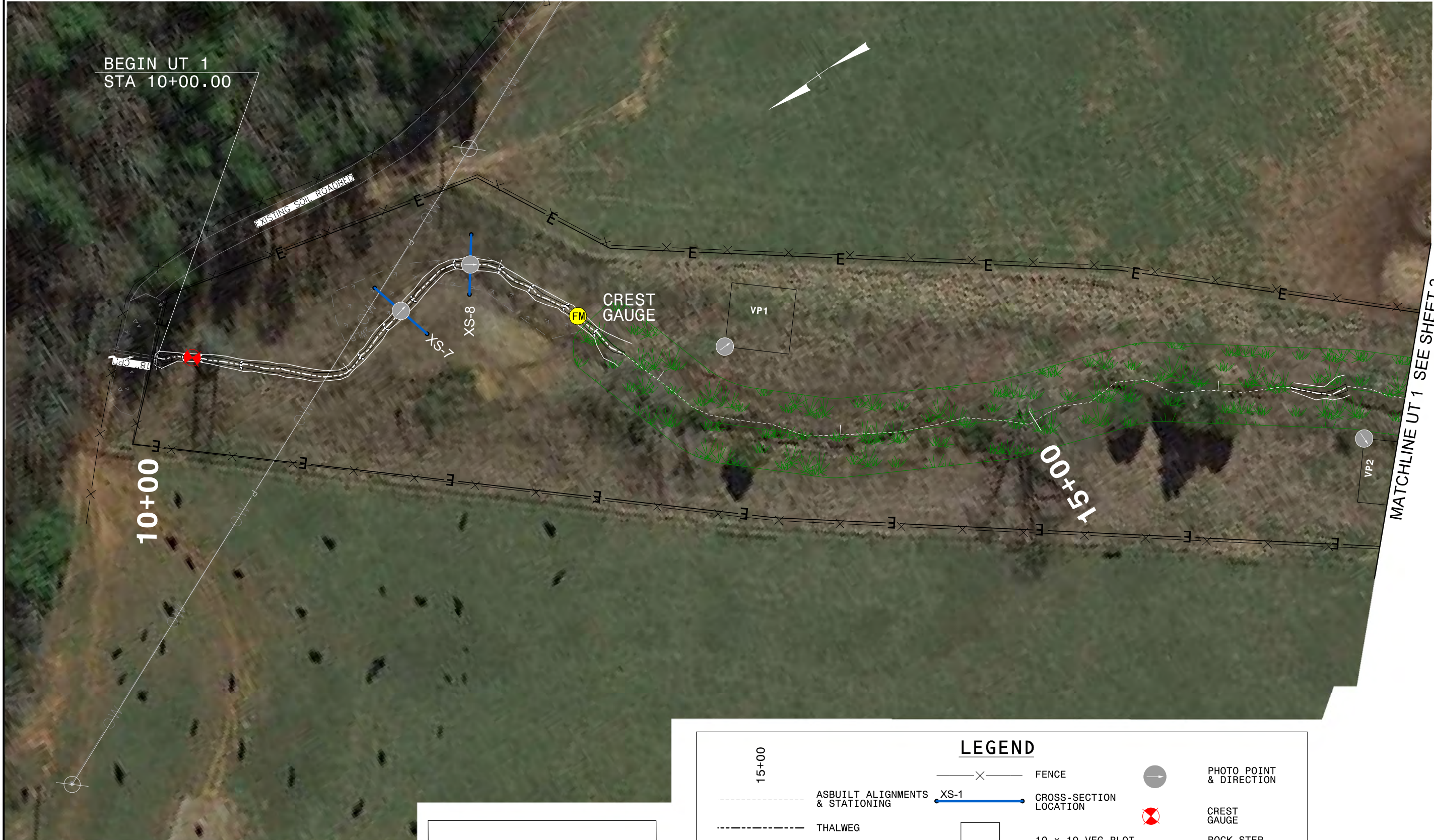
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EXISTING SOIL ROADBED

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**VEGETATION PROBLEM AREAS**

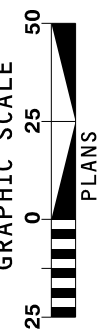


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**LEGEND**

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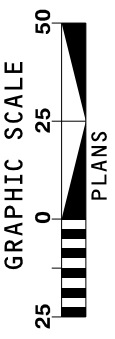
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-----	-----	BANKFULL	□	10 x 10 VEG PLOT
-----	-----	EPHEMERAL POOL	□	5 x 20 VEG PLOT
-----E-----	-----E-----	CONSERVATION EASEMENT	○	PHOTO POINT & DIRECTION
	○		⊗	CREST GAUGE
	○		[Pattern]	BRUSH TOE
	○		[Structure]	ROCK STEP STRUCTURE w/ CLASS B RIP RAP
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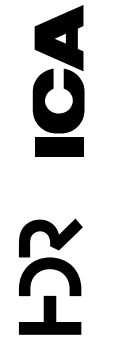
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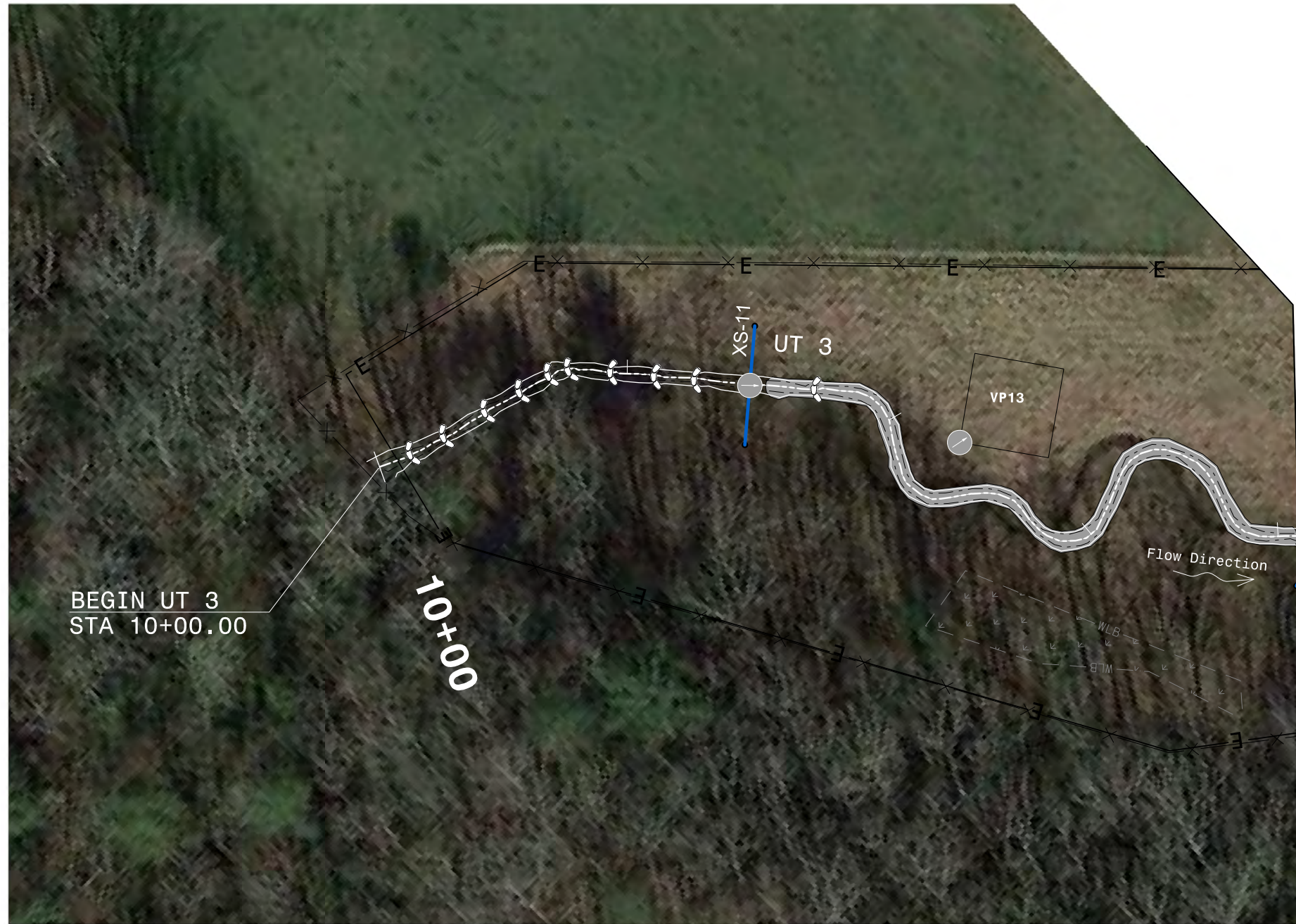


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DEPOSITION (SILT)

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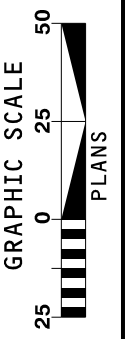
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	CONSERVATION EASEMENT		FLOODPLAIN INTERCEPTOR
	FENCE		
	PHOTO POINT & DIRECTION		



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**Table 5: Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment**  
 Reach ID: Roses Creek  
 Assessed Length: 3,121 FT

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability (Riffle and Run units)	1. <u>Aggradation</u> - Bar formation/growth sufficient to significantly deflect flow laterally (not to include point bars)			0	0	100%
		2. <u>Degradation</u> - Evidence of downcutting			0	0	100%
	2. Riffle Condition	1. <u>Texture/Substrate</u> - Riffle maintains coarser substrate	17	17			100%
	3. Meander Pool Condition	1. <u>Depth</u> Sufficient (Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth $\geq$ 1.6)	18	18			100%
		2. <u>Length</u> appropriate (>30% of centerline distance between tail of upstream riffle and head of downstream riffle)	18	18			100%
	4. Thalweg Position	1. Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	17	17			100%
		2. Thalweg centering at downstream of meander (Glide)	17	17			100%
2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroding	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			8	160	97.0%
	2. Undercut	Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does NOT include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat.			0	0	100%
	3. Mass Wasting	Bank slumping, calving, or collapse			0	0	100%
<b>Totals</b>					0	0	100.0%
3. Engineered Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs.	19	19			100%
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	19	19			100%
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms.	19	19			100%
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does not exceed 15%. (See guidance for this table in EEP monitoring guidance document)	19	19			100%
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~ Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth ratio > 1.6. Rootwads/logs providing some cover at base-flow.	19	19			100%

**Table 5a: Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment**  
 Reach ID: UT1  
 Assessed Length: 234 LF

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability (Riffle and Run units)	1. <u>Aggradation</u> - Bar formation/growth sufficient to significantly deflect flow laterally (not to include point bars)			0	0	100%
		2. <u>Degradation</u> - Evidence of downcutting			0	0	100%
	2. Riffle Condition	1. <u>Texture/Substrate</u> - Riffle maintains coarser substrate	0	0			100%
	3. Meander Pool Condition	1. <u>Depth</u> Sufficient (Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth $\geq$ 1.6)	2	2			100%
		2. <u>Length</u> appropriate (>30% of centerline distance between tail of upstream riffle and head of downstream riffle)	2	2			100%
	4. Thalweg Position	1. Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	3	3			100%
		2. Thalweg centering at downstream of meander (Glide)	3	3	100%		
	2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroding	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0
2. Undercut		Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does <u>NOT</u> include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat.	0			0	100%
3. Mass Wasting		Bank slumping, calving, or collapse	0			0	100%
<b>Totals</b>					0	0	100.0%
3. Engineered Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs.	12	12			100%
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	12	12			100%
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms.	12	12			100%
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does <u>not</u> exceed 15%. (See guidance for this table in EEP monitoring guidance document)	12	12			100%
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~ Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth ratio $\geq$ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at base-flow.	12	12			100%

**Table 5b: Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment**  
 Reach ID: UT2  
 Assessed Length: 707 LF

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability (Riffle and Run units)	1. <u>Aggradation</u> - Bar formation/growth sufficient to significantly deflect flow laterally (not to include point bars)			1	333	53%
		2. <u>Degradation</u> - Evidence of downcutting			0	0	100%
	2. Riffle Condition	1. <u>Texture/Substrate</u> - Riffle maintains coarser substrate	22	22			100%
	3. Meander Pool Condition	1. <u>Depth</u> Sufficient (Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth $\geq$ 1.6)	21	21			100%
		2. <u>Length</u> appropriate (>30% of centerline distance between tail of upstream riffle and head of downstream riffle)	21	21			100%
	4. Thalweg Position	1. Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	22	22			100%
		2. Thalweg centering at downstream of meander (Glide)	22	22			100%
	2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroding	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion				0
2. Undercut		Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does <u>NOT</u> include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat.	0			0	100%
3. Mass Wasting		Bank slumping, calving, or collapse	0			0	100%
<b>Totals</b>					0	0	100.0%
3. Engineered Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs.	21	21			100%
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	21	21			100%
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms.	21	21			100%
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does <u>not</u> exceed 15%. (See guidance for this table in EEP monitoring guidance document)	21	21			100%
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~ Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth ratio $\geq$ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at base-flow.	21	21			100%

**Table 5c: Visual Stream Morphology Stability Assessment**  
**Reach ID: UT3**  
**Assessed Length: 620 LF**

Major Channel Category	Channel Sub-Category	Metric	Number Stable, Performing as Intended	Total Number in As-built	Number of Unstable Segments	Amount of Unstable Footage	% Stable, Performing as Intended
1. Bed	1. Vertical Stability (Riffle and Run units)	1. <u>Aggradation</u> - Bar formation/growth sufficient to significantly deflect flow laterally (not to include point bars)			1	255	59%
		2. <u>Degradation</u> - Evidence of downcutting			0	0	100%
	2. Riffle Condition	1. <u>Texture/Substrate</u> - Riffle maintains coarser substrate	13	13			100%
	3. Meander Pool Condition	1. <u>Depth</u> Sufficient (Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth $\geq$ 1.6)	12	12			100%
		2. <u>Length</u> appropriate (>30% of centerline distance between tail of upstream riffle and head of downstream riffle)	13	13			100%
	4. Thalweg Position	1. Thalweg centering at upstream of meander bend (Run)	13	13			100%
		2. Thalweg centering at downstream of meander (Glide)	13	13	100%		
	2. Bank	1. Scoured/Eroding	Bank lacking vegetative cover resulting simply from poor growth and/or scour and erosion			0	0
2. Undercut		Banks undercut/overhanging to the extent that mass wasting appears likely. Does <u>NOT</u> include undercuts that are modest, appear sustainable and are providing habitat.	0			0	100%
3. Mass Wasting		Bank slumping, calving, or collapse	0			0	100%
<b>Totals</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
3. Engineered Structures	1. Overall Integrity	Structures physically intact with no dislodged boulders or logs.	14	14			100%
	2. Grade Control	Grade control structures exhibiting maintenance of grade across the sill.	14	14			100%
	2a. Piping	Structures lacking any substantial flow underneath sills or arms.	14	14			100%
	3. Bank Protection	Bank erosion within the structures extent of influence does <u>not</u> exceed 15%. (See guidance for this table in EEP monitoring guidance document)	14	14			100%
	4. Habitat	Pool forming structures maintaining ~ Max Pool Depth : Mean Bankfull Depth ratio $\geq$ 1.6 Rootwads/logs providing some cover at base-flow.	14	14			100%

**Table 6. Vegetation Condition Assessment**

**Planted Acreage 15.81**

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Planted Acreage
1. Bare Areas	Very limited cover of both woody and herbaceous material.	0.05 Acres	Pink polygons filled with green x's	0	0.00	0.0%
2. Low Stem Density Areas	Woody stem densities clearly below target levels based on MY3, 4, or 5 stem count criteria.	0.1 Acres	Blue cross hatch pattern	0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>						
3. Areas of Poor Growth Rates or Vigor	Areas with woody stems of a size class that are obviously small given the monitoring year.	0.1 Acres	Pattern and color.	0	0	0%
<b>Cumulative Total</b>						

**Easement Acreage 17.33**

Vegetation Category	Definitions	Mapping Threshold	CCPV Depiction	Number of Polygons	Combined Acreage	% of Easement Acreage
4. Invasive Areas of Concern	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale)	1000 SF	Green grass pattern.	2	0.8	5%
5. Easement Encroachment Areas	Areas or points (if too small to render as polygons at map scale)	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Figure 3.1 – 3.16 Problem Areas and Aerial Photos**



**3.1 Minor erosion at 19+50**



**3.2 Minor erosion at 20+10**



**3.3 Beaver dam near STA 41+25**



**3.4 Backwater effects from dam STA 38+00**



**3.5 Beaver dam removal near STA 41+25**



**3.6 UT 2 dense bank vegetation STA 10+75**





**3.7 Beaver dam at 31+50**



**3.8 Recent sediment deposits at head of UT 2**



**3.9 Privet downstream of 37+00**



**3.10 Privet downstream of 37+00**



**3.11 UT 1 aerial evidence of single channel flow**



**3.12 UT 1 aerial evidence of single channel flow**



**3.13 UT 2 aerial evidence of single channel flow**



**3.14 UT 2 aerial evidence of single channel flow**



**3.15 UT 3 aerial evidence of single channel flow**



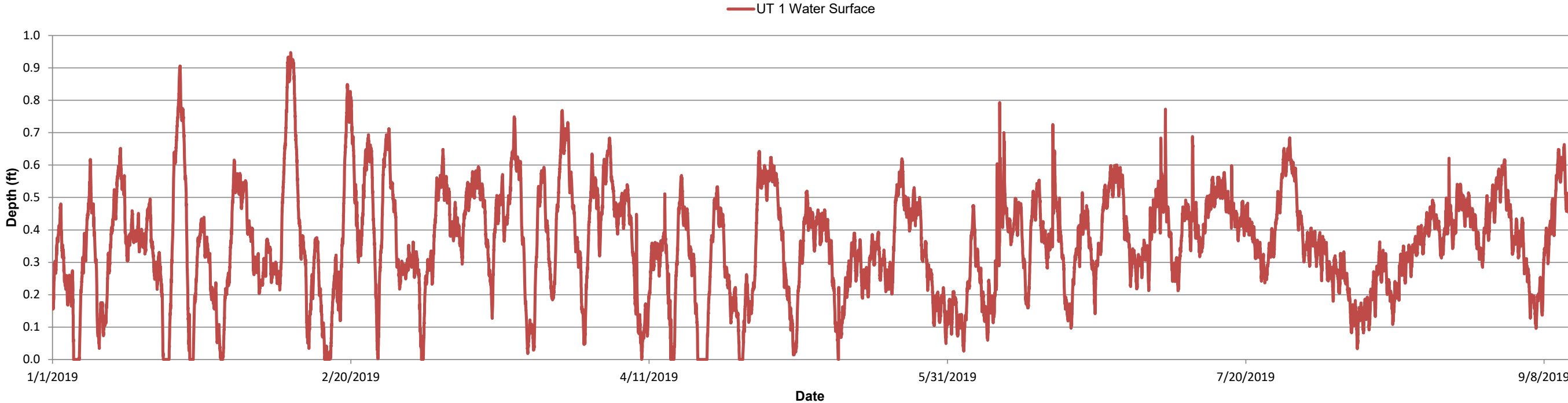
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**Appendix C. Hydrologic Data**

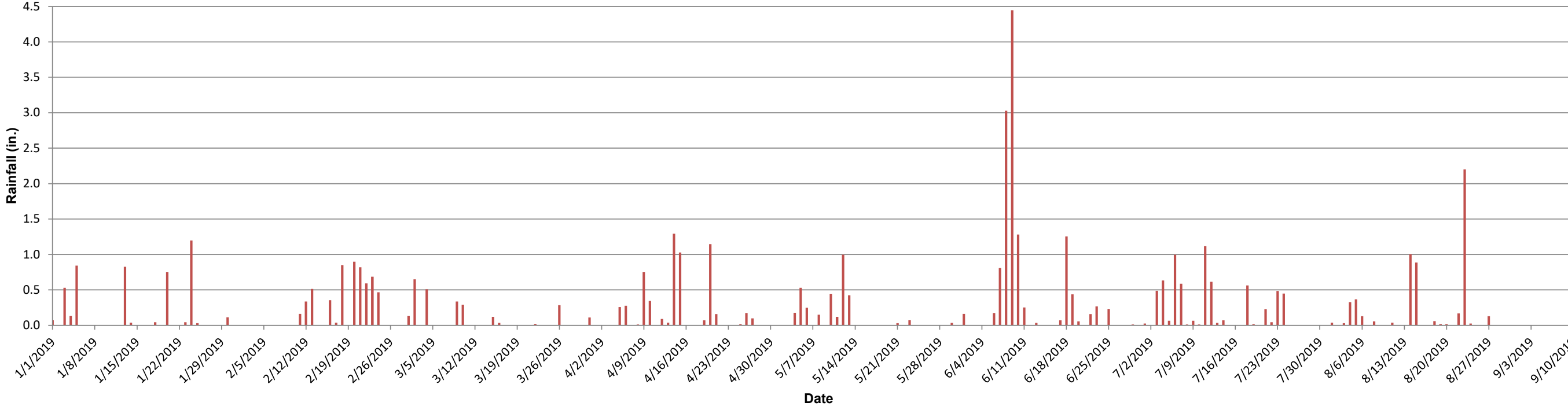
**Table 7. Verification of Bankfull Events**

Date	Crest Gauge Info		Gauge Reading (ft)	Gauge Elevation (ft)	Crest Elevation (ft)	Bankfull Elevation (ft)	Height above Bankfull (ft)
	Site	Sta.					
10/5/2016	1	Roses Creek Lower	0.00	1212.11	N/A	1213.93	N/A
10/5/2016	2	UT 1	0.00	1267.45	N/A	1267.95	N/A
10/5/2016	3	UT 2	0.35	1227.81	1228.16	1228.19	N/A
10/5/2016	4	UT 3	0.25	1216.94	1217.19	1217.36	N/A
11/22/2016	1	Roses Creek Lower	0.00	1212.11	N/A	1213.93	N/A
11/22/2016	2	UT 1	0.00	1267.45	N/A	1267.95	N/A
11/22/2016	3	UT 2	0.00	1227.81	N/A	1228.19	N/A
11/22/2016	4	UT 3	0.35	1216.94	1217.29	1217.36	N/A
6/2/2017	1	Roses Creek Lower	1.89	1212.11	1214.00	1213.93	0.07
6/2/2017	2	UT 1	0.80	1267.45	1268.25	1267.95	0.30
6/2/2017	3	UT 2	1.50	1227.81	1229.31	1228.19	1.12
6/2/2017	4	UT 3	1.80	1216.94	1218.74	1217.36	1.38
8/15/2017	1	Roses Creek Lower	0.50	1212.11	1212.61	1213.93	N/A
8/15/2017	2	UT 1	0.38	1267.45	1267.83	1267.95	N/A
8/15/2017	3	UT 2	0.85	1227.81	1228.66	1228.19	0.47
8/15/2017	4	UT 3	1.64	1216.94	1218.58	1217.36	1.22
3/28/2018	1	Roses Creek Lower	2.83	1212.11	1214.94	1213.93	1.01
3/28/2018	2	UT 1	0.38	1267.45	1267.83	1267.95	N/A
3/28/2018	3	UT 2	2.50	1227.81	1230.31	1228.19	2.12
3/28/2018	4	UT 3	1.38	1216.94	1218.32	1217.36	0.96
8/6/2018	1	Roses Creek Lower	3.75	1212.11	1215.86	1213.93	1.93
8/6/2018	2	UT 1	1.13	1267.45	1268.58	1267.95	0.63
8/6/2018	3	UT 2	2.54	1227.81	1230.35	1228.19	2.16
8/6/2018	4	UT 3	2.92	1216.94	1219.86	1217.36	2.50
1/29/2019	1	Roses Creek Lower	2.68	1212.11	1214.79	1213.93	0.86
1/29/2019	2	UT 1	0.67	1267.45	1268.12	1267.95	0.17
1/29/2019	3	UT 2	1.29	1227.81	1229.10	1228.19	0.91
1/29/2019	4	UT 3	1.29	1216.94	1218.23	1217.36	0.87

Figure 4.1 UT 1 Water Level

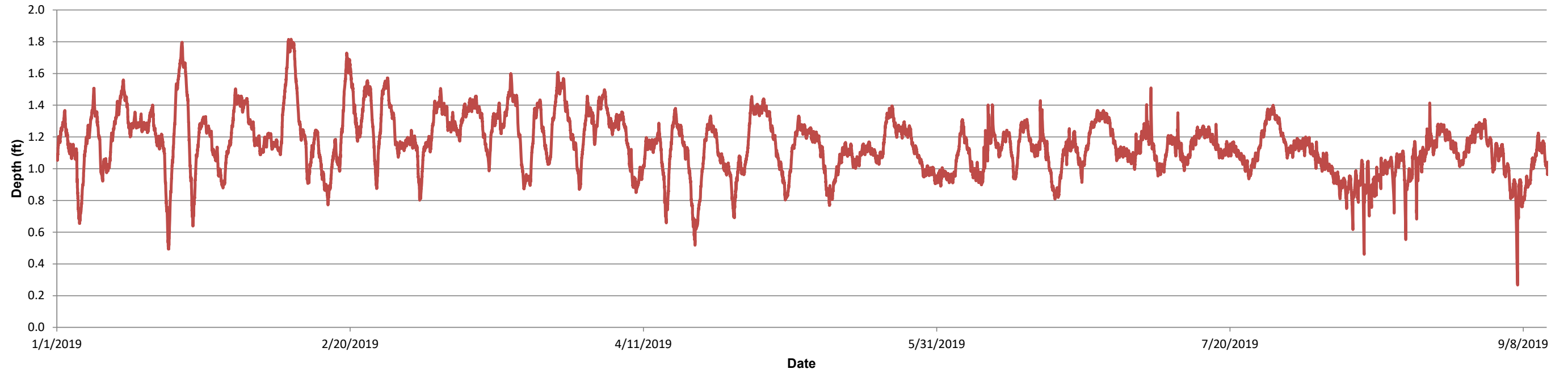


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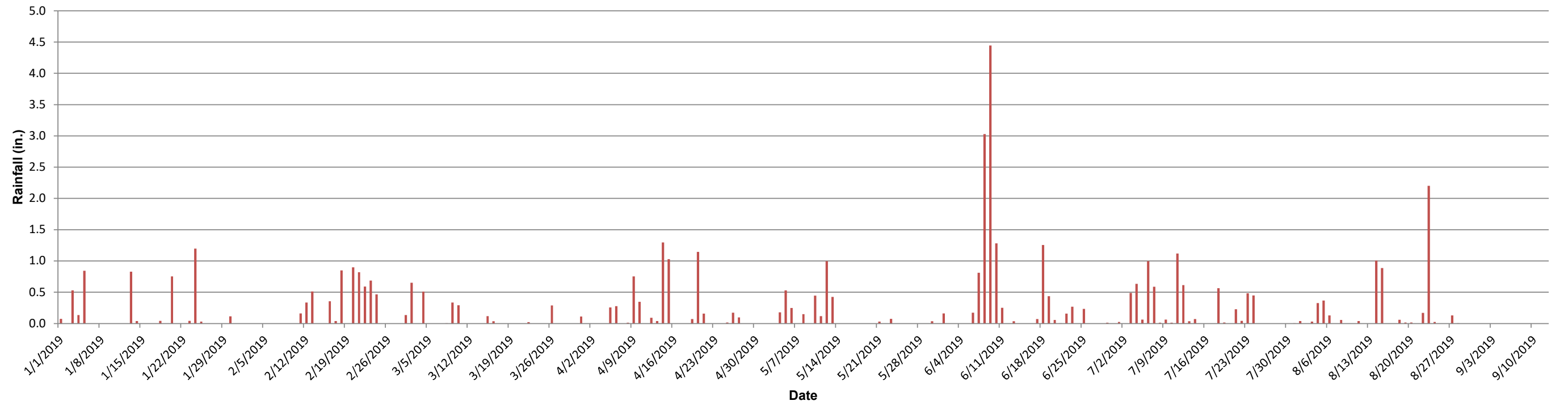


### Figure 4.2 UT 2 Water Level

— UT 2 Water Surface

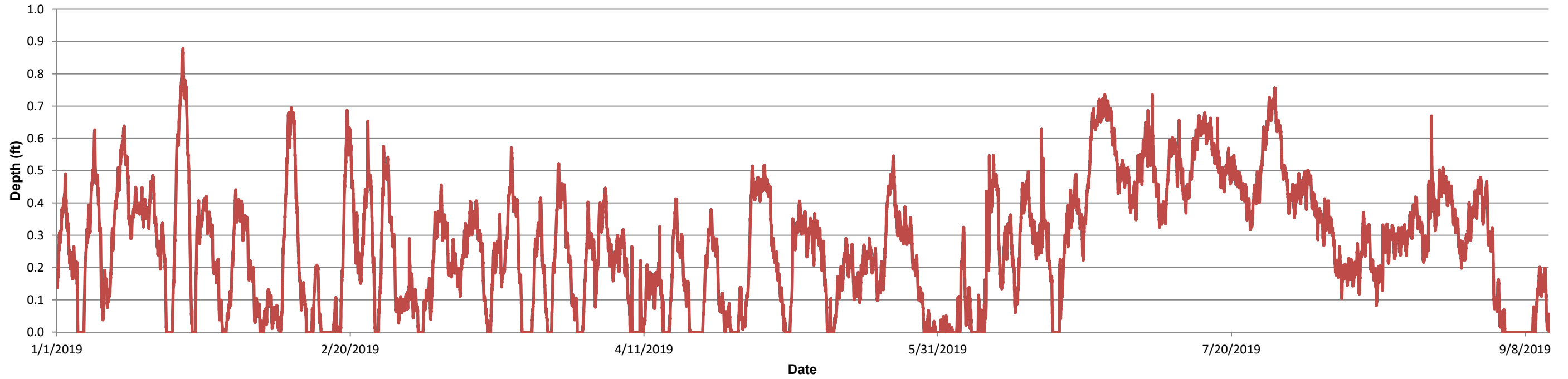


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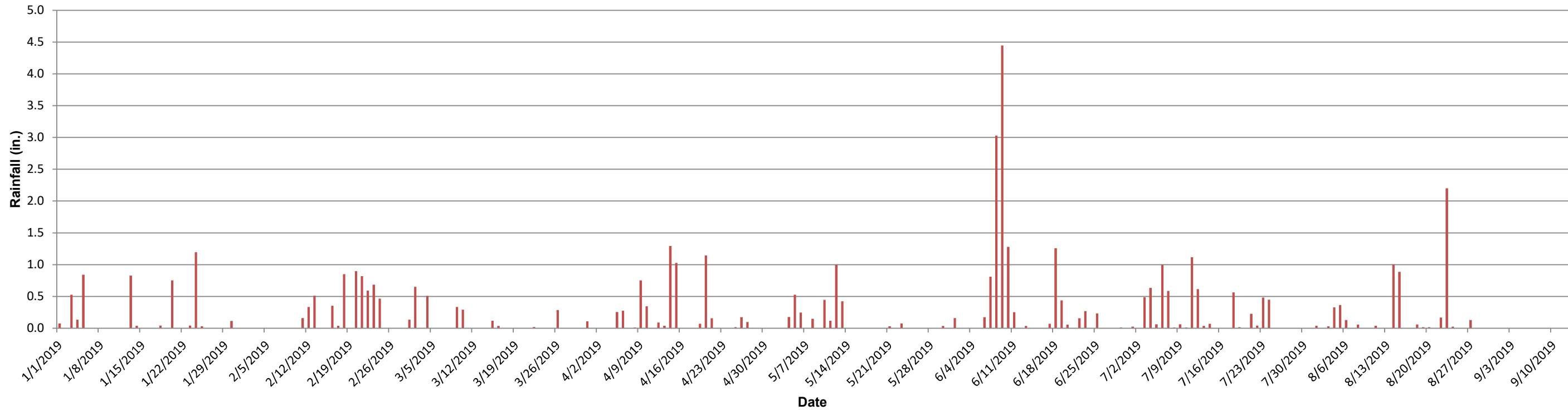


### Figure 4.3 UT 3 Water Level

— UT 3 Water Surface



### Daily Precipitation





**Appendix D. IRT Meeting Minutes (08/27/2019)**

# Meeting Minutes

Project: Roses Creek Stream Mitigation Site (DMS # 96309)

Subject: IRT Credit Release Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Location: Burke County

Attendees: Todd Tugwell (USACE)

Kim Browning (USACE)

Mac Haupt (DWR)

Erin Davis (DWR)

Paul Wiesner (DMS)

Harry Tsomides (DMS)

Tim Baumgartner (DMS)

Melonie Allen (DMS)

Joe Famularo (DMS)

Ryan Smith (HDR)

Chris Smith (HDR)

The IRT Credit Release Meeting for the Roses Creek Stream Mitigation Site was held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the project site in Burke County. The following represents highlights of discussions that occurred during the site visit:

1. Chris Smith provided a synopsis of the project site to begin the meeting.
2. The IRT expressed concern over the following items at this stage in monitoring (year 4):
  - a. Vegetation.
    - i. 2 vegetation plots along UT 1 are not currently meeting success criteria
      1. Supplemental planting occurred during 2018.
    - ii. Invasive Plants: Privet has been treated along UT 1 multiple times this year but no measures were taken prior to 2019.
  - b. Repair areas along Roses Creek.
  - c. Tributary discharge and maintenance of single thread channel as opposed to wetland complex.

## **Site Walk**

1. Discussion regarding the current condition of the tributaries. UT 2 and UT 3 are the tributaries of concern:
  - a. HDR observed that the monitoring cross sections for the tributaries do not show aggradation or significant alteration in cross sectional dimension.

- b. HDR observed that the flow gauge data indicates all the tributaries meet performance standard requirements.
  - c. There is flow through the restored channels, however, there is also water flowing in the floodplains of UT 2 and UT 3.
  - d. Dense, low growing vegetation (juncus/carex/salix/polygonum) is prevalent along several reaches of UT 2 and UT 3's channel side slopes and floodplain. The IRT expressed concern that vegetation is constricting channel flow and could in the future cause enough aggradation within the channels to the point that they function as a linear wetland rather than the channel functioning as a stream. HDR reiterated that monitoring cross-sectional data confirms that the channel is maintaining its dimension even though the vegetation is admittedly dense which restricts the ability to visually identify sections of existing bed and bank within some restored channel reaches.
  - e. Some sediment entered the upstream extent of UT 2 due to a soil access road that had not been stabilized immediately following construction completion. The road is now stabilized, however there is still sediment that is slowly being mobilized downstream.
  - f. The IRT indicated that stream reaches proposed for stream mitigation credit should function as streams and be considered jurisdictional streams by the regulatory agencies at project closeout. The IRT noted that stream channels that are determined to be non-jurisdictional will not be eligible to receive stream mitigation credit. The IRT suggested documenting stream conditions with photos and videos during winter when plants are dormant in an effort to more clearly identify the channel bed and bank. The IRT noted that there has been allowances for providers to maintain vegetation on channel banks through the first two monitoring years. They did not recommend this for this site during the visit, but noted it as a potential tool for future sites.
  - g. There was discussion during the site walk on if flow gauges should be moved further upstream compared with their current locations. At the end of the walk it was determined that the tributaries appear to display sufficient flow and that it may not be necessary to relocate flow gauges.
2. Continued treatment of invasives including but not limited to privet and multi-flora rose is necessary though project closeout.
3. Vegetation on UT 1 was a concern prior to the site walk due to low survival rates within monitoring plots as noted in the monitoring report. However, during the site walk woody vegetation was noted to be dense along UT 1, displaying healthy vigor and survivability. HDR will review monitoring plots to determine if monitored vegetation within the plots is accurate and/or if vegetation with the plots is representative of survivability along UT 1 and will detail the information in the MY4 (2019) report.
4. Beaver have entered the site near the downstream terminus of restoration on Roses Creek (have built one dam and began a second). The IRT noted that beaver management should begin and removal of the dam is necessary. Beaver inspection, management and dam removal should be completed until project closeout.
  - a. NOTE: As of September 11, 2019 the beaver dams have been removed and an eradication program has begun through a contract with the USDA APHIS.
5. The IRT noted that overall the site is functioning well (both streams, repairs from storm events and vegetation). The IRT noted issues on both UT 2 and UT 3 that have potential credit

implications. The IRT was willing to release stream credits for MY3 (2018) as long as the remaining amount of unreleased credits exceeded the potential stream credits associated with both UT2 and UT3. The IRT indicated that they would review the MY4 report and any supplemental data provided and discuss the project and additional project credit release at the 2020 IRT credit release meeting.

6. The IRT noted that HDR should document any adaptive management measures and discuss measures during the credit release meeting in April 2020. Any significant adaptive management must be pre-approved by the IRT before implementation.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tugwell, Todd J CIV USARMY CESAW (US) [<mailto:Todd.J.Tugwell@usace.army.mil>]

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Subject: [External] FW: Roses Creek\_DMS# 96309: IRT Credit Release Site Visit (8-27-19) Meeting Minutes

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Paul, see below.

Thanks,

Todd

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From: Tugwell, Todd J CIV USARMY CESAW (US)

Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 1:07 PM

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Paul, just a couple comments:

1. under the site walk, l.f., I would stress that we do not want vegetation manipulation along the channel on this project, not that is just not recommended.

2. I believe we noted some evidence of livestock within the buffer that should be noted in the minutes.

Thanks,

Todd

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Erin B [<mailto:erin.davis@ncdenr.gov>]

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These meeting minutes generally reflect my field notes with the noticeable omission of the evidence of cattle present along UT1. Also, I had noted that sections of the adjacent fencing connected to the easement area could use reinforcement (areas that were down and allowed us to cross) and it's recommended HDR notify the landowner.

Erin B. Davis, PWS

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All:

The meeting minutes from the August 27, 2019 Roses Creek IRT credit release site visit are attached for your review.

Please let us know if you have any additional comments, questions or concerns.

Chris and Ryan,

Please include the final meeting minutes (including any additional IRT comments) in the MY4 report as an Appendix.

Thanks

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