



# **Wetland Delineation And Categorization**

**Parcels 2167415 & 2167413  
Section 33 T. 33 N. R. 39 E.W.M.  
Olivia Dyer**

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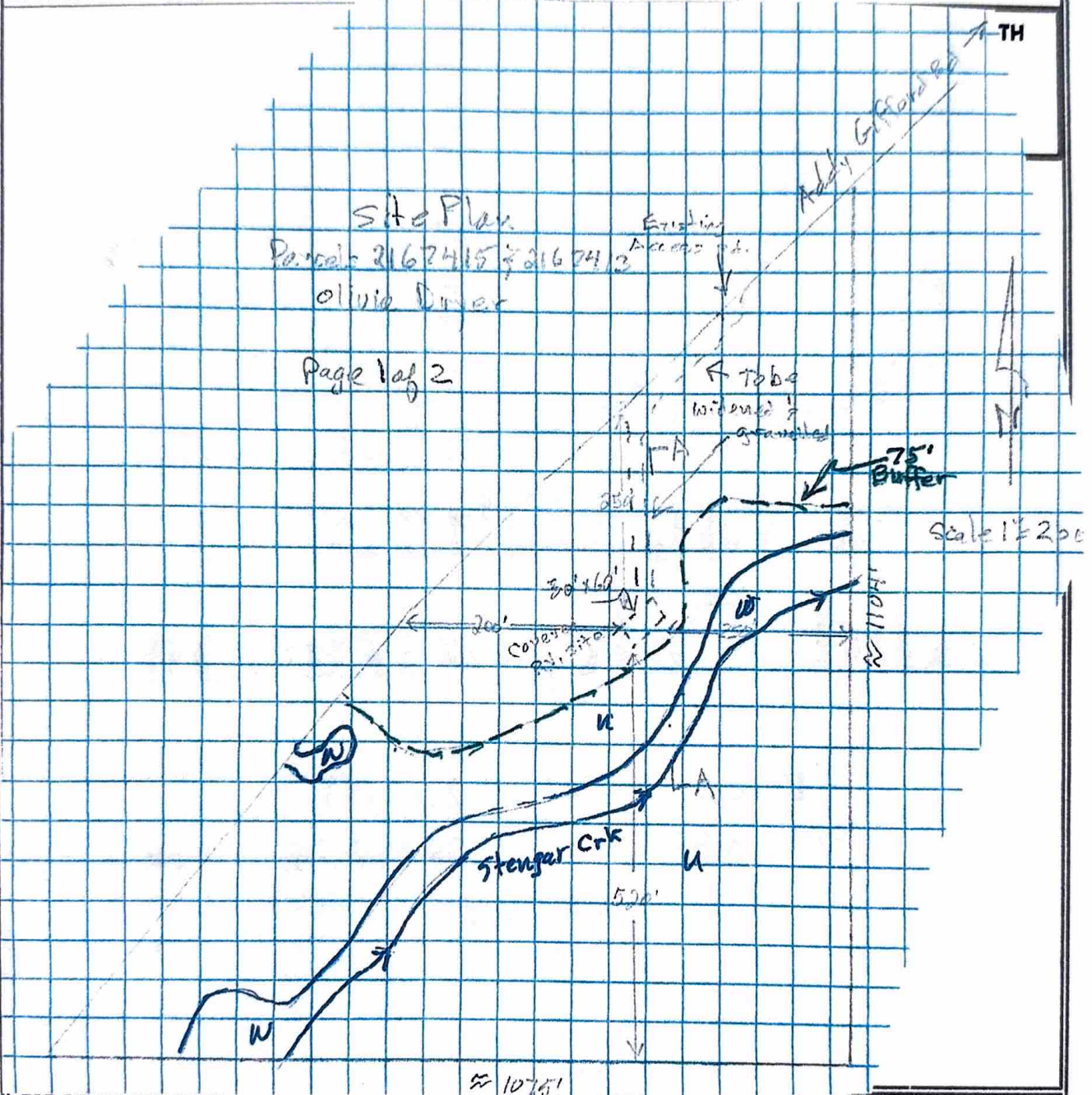
# SITE PLAN

SITE ADDRESS:  
None Assigned

NAME:  
Olivia Dyer

PARCEL #  
2167415 & 2167423

DATE:  
May 2024



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Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

ANY modifications to this site plan will require additional review & approval by Stevens County Planning.



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**PHOTO 1:** Access road to parcel will be re-graded and graveled to improve all weather access.



**PHOTO 2:** Stream channel is incised.



## Summary of Findings

Parcel Number 2167415 & 2167413

This wetland determination was completed using wetland identification protocols identified in the 1987 Corps of Engineer Wetland Delineation Manual (Regional Supplement -- Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0) adopted by Washington State in March of 2011.

The wetlands were Categorized using Ecology's Eastern Washington Wetland Rating System (Jan. 2015). Copies of the Rating Work Sheets are attached.

The field work was completed on site in April, 2024. Data Forms (Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast) -Version 2.0 are attached as part of the complete wetland report, as are all required maps.

These wetlands are:

☐ **Lake Fringe wetlands** ☐ Category I ☐ Category II ☐ Category III ☐ Category IV  
☐ **Depressional wetlands** ☐ Category I ☐ Category II ☐ Category III ☐ Category IV  
☐ **Slope wetlands** ☐ Category I ☐ Category II ☐ Category III ☐ Category IV  
☒ **Riverine wetlands.** ☐ Category I ☒ Category II ☐ Category III ☐ Category IV

Any wetlands within 250 feet of the project that are not on this property have been remotely evaluated using the best available information as required by Ecology's Eastern Washington Wetland Rating System.

The acreage of the wetland being rated is approximately 4 Acres. The wetland on this project covers approximately 1 Acres.

The wetland Category is for the entire wetland being rated. The method is not sensitive enough, or complex enough, to allow division of a wetland into smaller units based on level of disturbance, property lines, or plant communities (Wetland Rating System for Eastern WA:2014 Update Jan.1 2015 No.4 pg. 14).

This Parcel is under the Jurisdiction of the Stevens County Critical Areas Ordinance. Buffers for Wetlands are based on 2 factors: 1. Land use intensity, 2. Habitat Score.

**Land use intensity** on this project is **Low** (1 Residence on 1 to >5 acres (this Parcel is 20 - acres)).

**Habitat Score** on the Wetland Rating System for Eastern WA is 7 points.

Stevens County's CAO (Table 13.30.020 (C)) wetland Buffers (Low Intensity Use) Cat. II wetland is 75 feet.

**Riparian buffer** (13.40.020 (B) (1a) Ag. & Rural) Type F (slopes < 10%) 85 ft. Buffer from the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM).

A table of contents is included in the wetland report, listing all required maps, figures, etc.

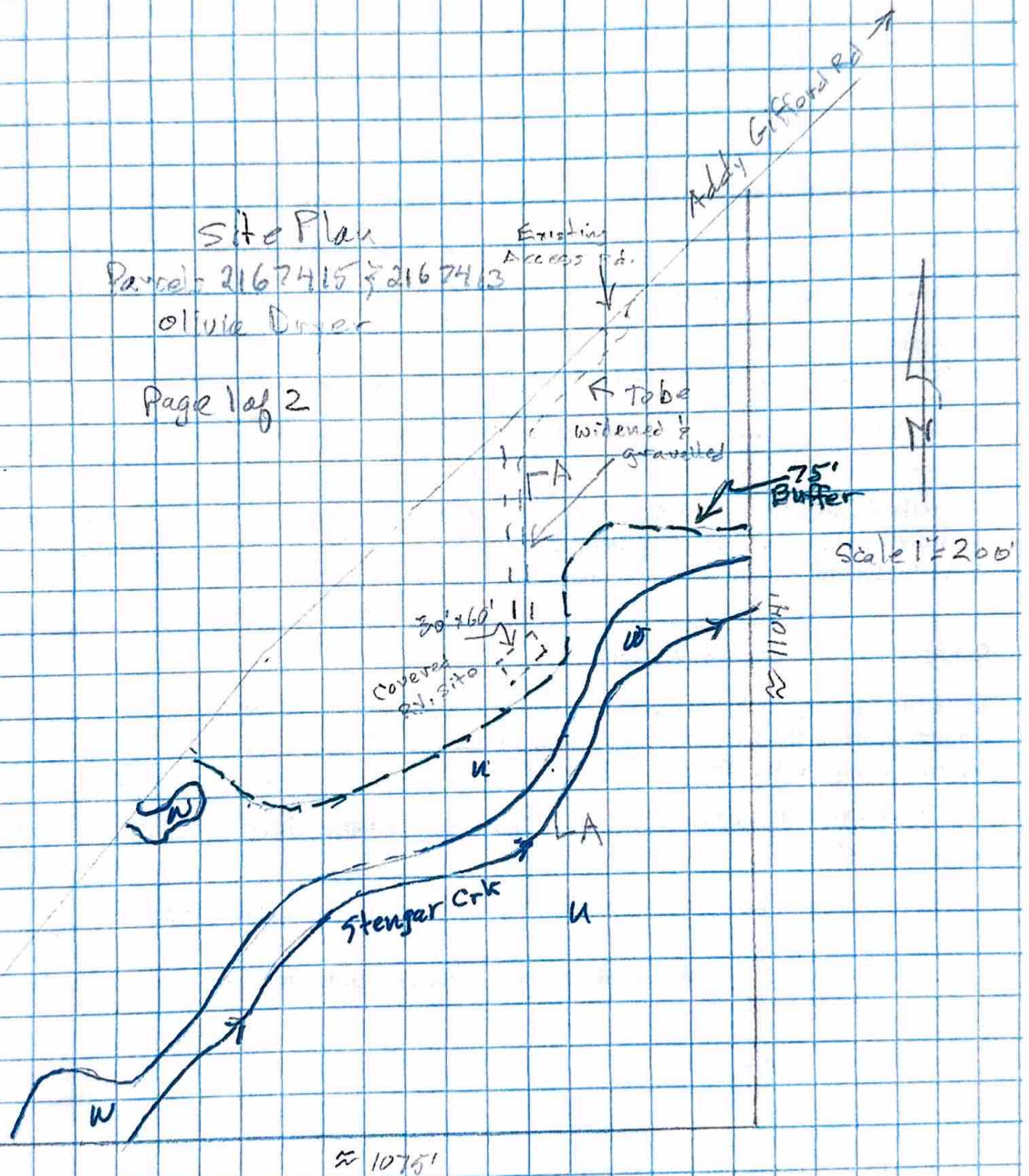
That in accordance with all accepted standards, practices, and procedures of professional land management, I certify the foregoing to be true and accurate.



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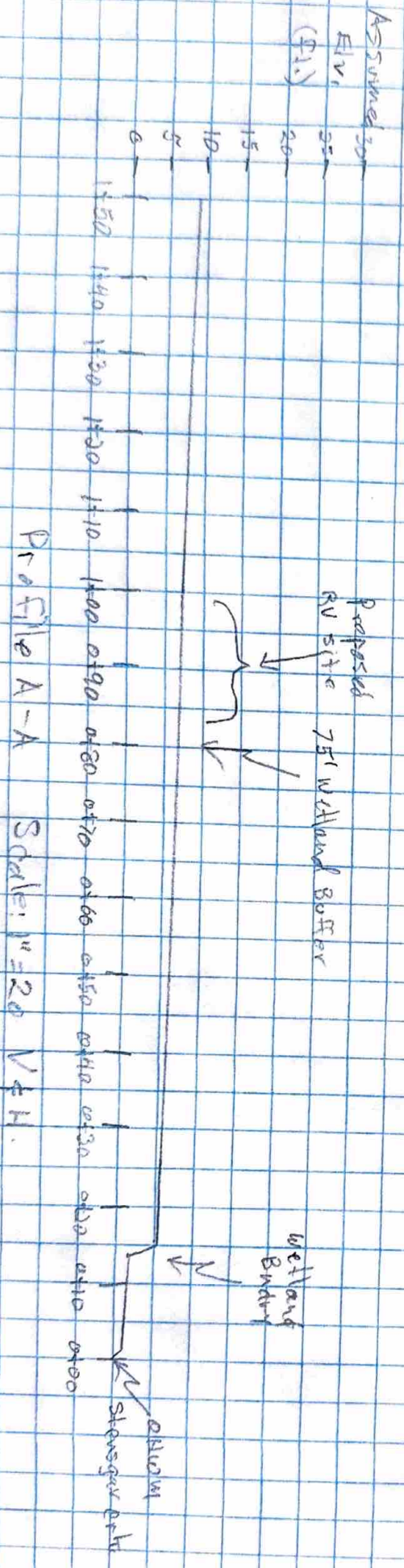
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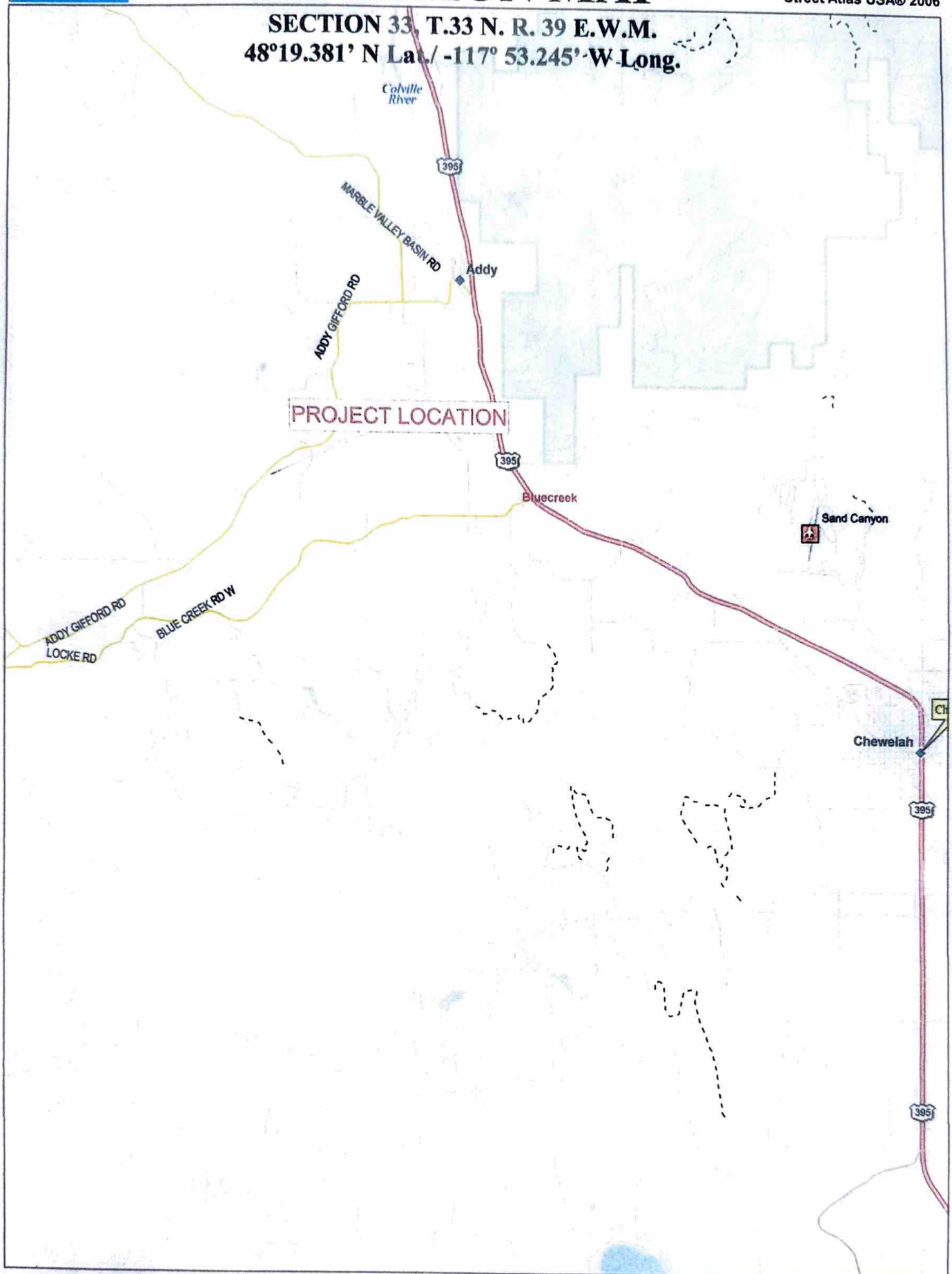
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# LOCATION MAP

SECTION 33, T.33 N. R. 39 E.W.M.  
48°19.381' N Lat./ -117° 53.245' W Long.



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TN  
X  
MN (13.3°E)  
A

Scale 1 : 100,000

0 1 2 3 4 mi  
1" = 1.58 mi Data Zoom 11-0



2163004 S28

2161800 S27

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Adams Clifford Rd

S33

Steele Creek

2167415

T33 R39

S34

2168000

2167413

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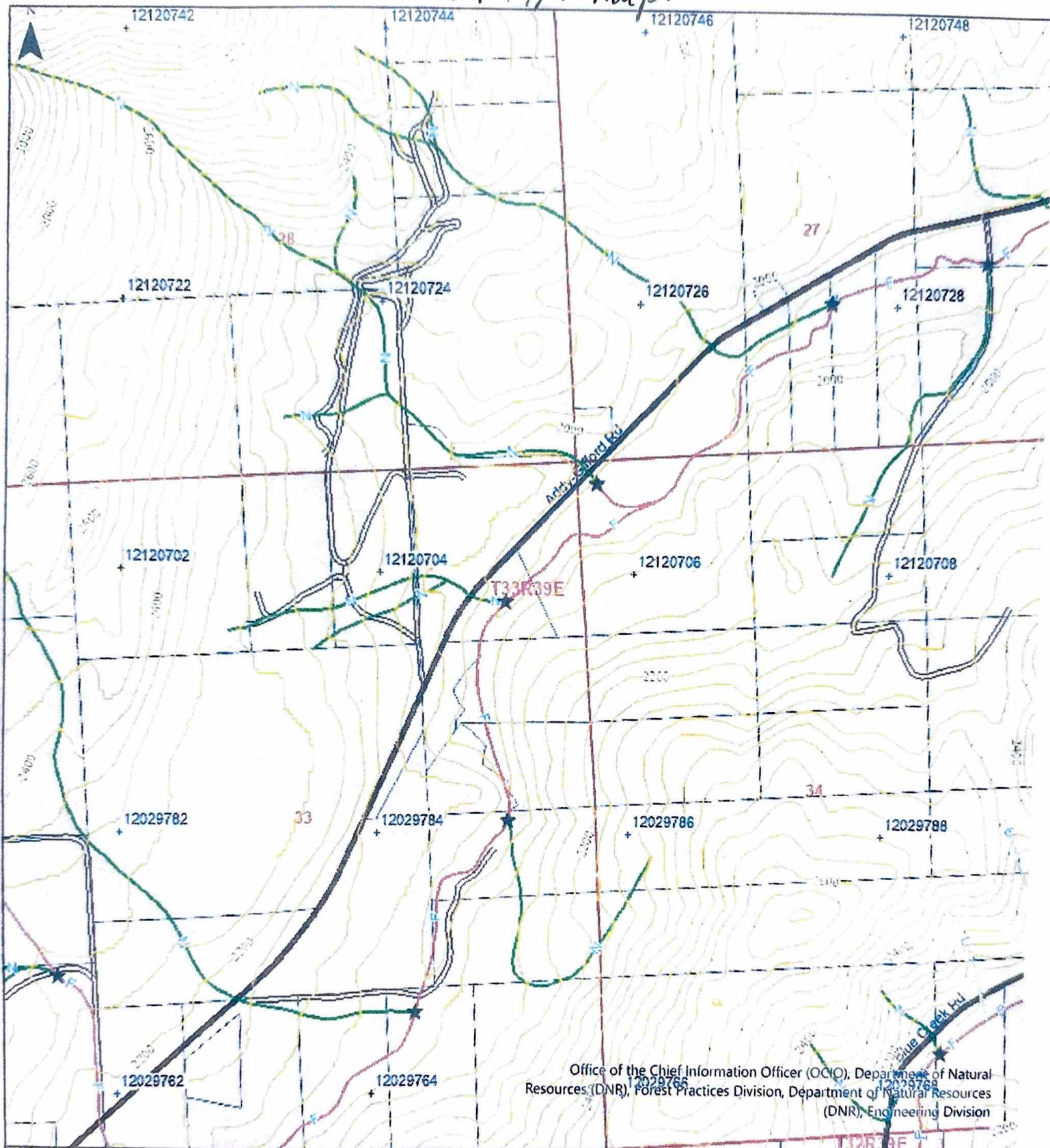
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# Water Type Map.



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## Map Symbols

- |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| --- Harvest Boundary    | ⊙ Landing            |
| - - - Road Construction | ▽ Waste Area         |
| ~ Stream                | ⬆ Clumped WRTS/GRTS  |
| ▨ RMZ / WMAZ Buffers    | ⬆ Existing Structure |
| ⊗ Rock Pit              |                      |

## Additional Information

Extreme care was used during the compilation of this map to ensure its accuracy. However, due to changes in data and the need to rely on outside information, the Department of Natural Resources cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions, and therefore, there are no warranties that accompany this material.

## Legal Description

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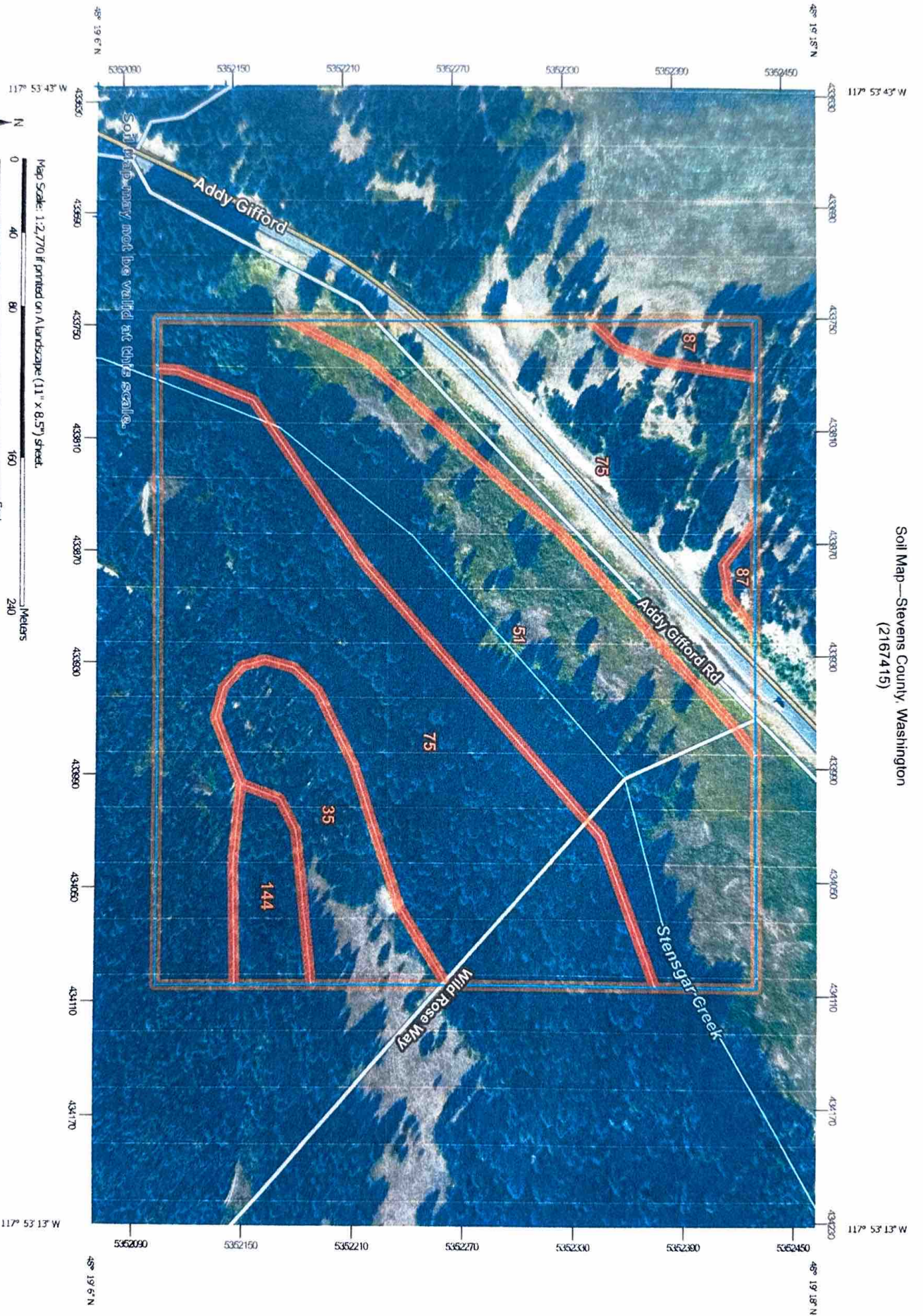
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Approximate Scale : 1:12,000  
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Soil Map—Stevens County, Washington  
(2167415)






























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Web Soil Survey  
National Cooperative Soil Survey



## MAP LEGEND

	Area of Interest (AOI)		Spill Area
	Area of Interest (AOI)		Stony Spot
	Soils		Very Stony Spot
	Soil Map Unit Polygons		Wet Spot
	Soil Map Unit Lines		Other
	Soil Map Unit Points		Special Line Features
	Special Point Features		Water Features
	Blowout		Streams and Canals
	Borrow Pit		Transportation
	Clay Spot		+++
	Closed Depression		Rails
	Gravel Pit		Interstate Highways
	Gravelly Spot		US Routes
	Landfill		Major Roads
	Lava Flow		Local Roads
	Marsh or swamp		Background
	Mine or Quarry		Aerial Photography
	Miscellaneous Water		
	Perennial Water		
	Rock Outcrop		
	Saline Spot		
	Sandy Spot		
	Severely Eroded Spot		
	Sinkhole		
	Slide or Slip		
	Sodic Spot		

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

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Survey Area Data: Version 21, Aug 29, 2023

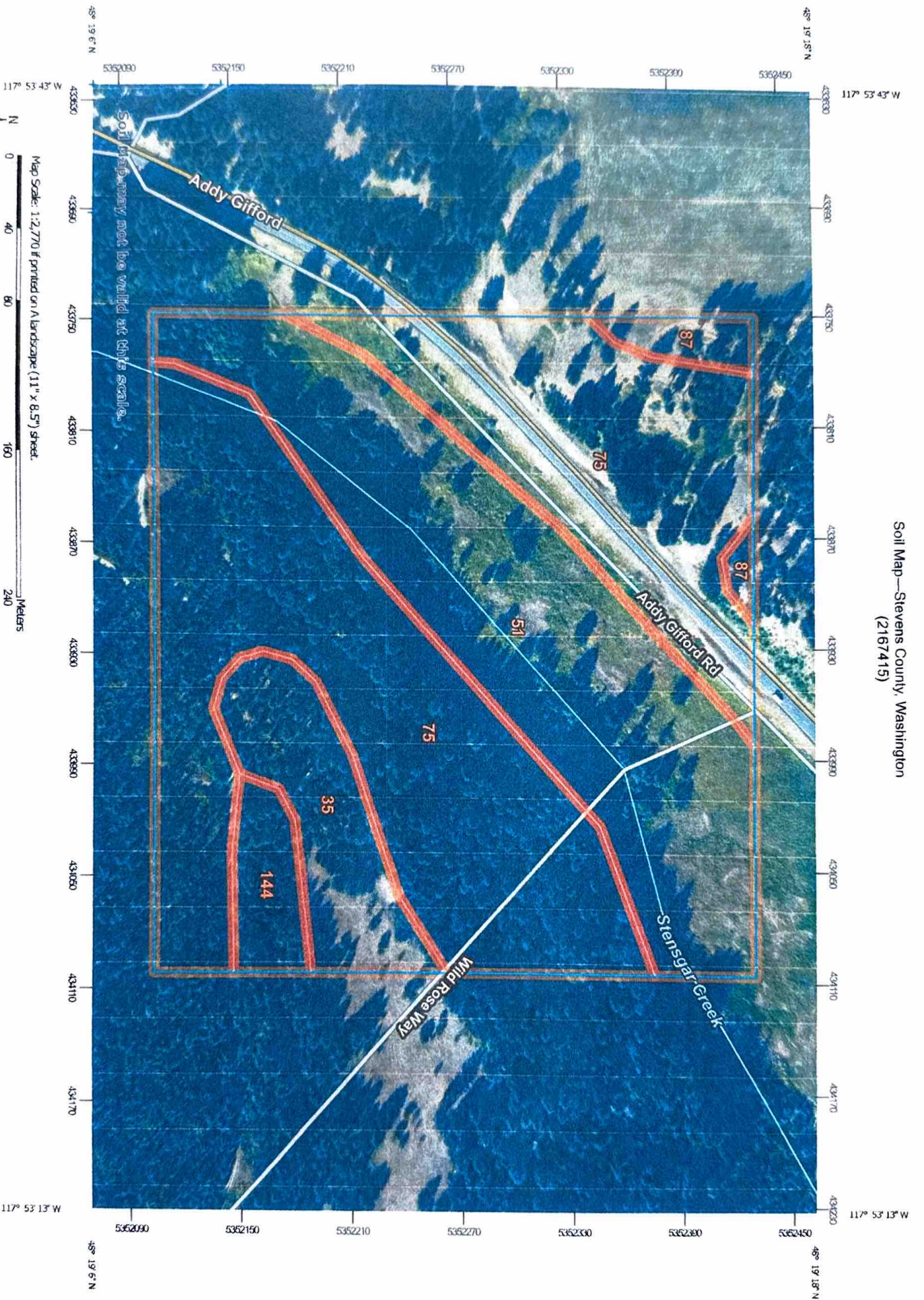
Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Sep 4, 2022—Sep 24, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.



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## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
35	Bonner silt loam, 0 to 10 percent slopes	2.4	8.2%
51	Chamokane loam	9.0	31.2%
75	Donavan stony loam, 30 to 65 percent slopes	16.0	55.3%
87	Green Bluff silt loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes	0.6	2.1%
144	Martella ashy silt loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes	0.9	3.2%
Totals for Area of Interest		28.8	100.0%












2167415



April 10, 2024

**Wetlands**

- |   |                                |   |                                   |   |          |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
|  | Estuarine and Marine Deepwater |  | Freshwater Emergent Wetland       |  | Lake     |
|   | Estuarine and Marine Wetland   |  | Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland |  | Other    |
|   |                                |   | Freshwater Pond                   |   | Riverine |

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# WETLANDS AND DEEPWATER HABITATS CLASSIFICATION

## SYSTEM

## L-LACUSTRINE

## SUBSYSTEM

### 1 - LIMNETIC

### 2 - LITORAL

## CLASS

RM - ROCK  
BOTTOM

UB - UNCONSOLIDATED  
BOTTOM

AB - AQUATIC  
BED

OW - OPEN WATER  
UNKNOWN BOTTOM

RS - ROCKY  
SHORE

US - UNCONSOLIDATED  
SHORE

## SUBCLASS

1 BEDROCK  
2 RUBBLE

1 COBBLE-GRAVEL  
2 SAND  
3 MUD  
4 ORGANIC

1 ALGAL  
2 AQUATIC MOSS  
3 ROOTED VASCULAR  
4 FLOATING VASCULAR  
5 UNKNOWN SUBMERGENT  
6 UNKNOWN SURFACE

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4 ORGANIC  
5 VEGETATED

2 NONPERSISTENT

## SYSTEM

## P - PALUSTRINE

## CLASS

RM - ROCK  
BOTTOM

UB - UNCONSOLIDATED  
BOTTOM

AB - AQUATIC  
BED

OW - OPEN WATER  
UNKNOWN BOTTOM

RS - ROCKY  
SHORE

US - UNCONSOLIDATED  
SHORE

FO - FORESTED

OW - OPEN WATER  
UNKNOWN BOTTOM

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## MODIFIERS

In order to more adequately describe the wetland and deepwater habitats one or more of the water regime, chemistry, soil, or special modifiers may be applied at the class or lower level in the hierarchy. The farmed modifier may also be applied to the ecological system.

MODIFIERS				
WATER REGIME		WATER CHEMISTRY	SOIL	SPECIAL MODIFIERS
NON-TIDAL		Inland Salinity	g Organic n Mineral	b. Beaver d. Partially drained f. Farmed h. Disclumped k. Sand/Rock l. Artificial substrate s. Spoil x. Excavated z. None
A. Temporarily Flooded B. Saturated C. Seasonally Flooded D. Seasonally Flooded, Well-Drained E. Seasonally Flooded, Saturated F. Semi-permanently Flooded G. Intermittently Flooded		7 Hypersaline 8 Eusaline 9 Mesohaline 0 Fresh	pH Modifiers for All Fresh Water a Acid c Circumneutral i Alkaline	
H. Permanently Flooded J. Intermittently Flooded K. Artificially Flooded U. Unknown				



# WETLAND DOCUMENTATION RECORD

## GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

Applicant/Landowner: <u>Olivia Dyer</u>	County/State: <u>Stevens WA</u>
Field Investigator: <u>Jim Cleton</u>	Date: <u>4/24/22</u>
Legal Description: <u>Parcels</u>	Section: <u>33</u> T. <u>32</u> N. R. <u>39</u> E.W.M.
GPS Coordinates: N <u>48.19.381</u>	W <u>117.53245</u>
Elevation: _____	Notes: _____

Site map attached showing location, Base line(s), transect location(s) and plot locations.

### GEOMORPHIC DATA

#### 1. DEPRESSIONAL

1. VERNAL POOL	2. BOG	3. POTHOLE	4. SIZE (ac)
5. DEPTH (ft)	6. OUTLET? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	OTHER:	

#### 2. RIVERINE

Stream Name: <u>Stranger Creek</u>	Stream Flow (cfs) <u>2 cfs</u>	Average Land Slope (%) <u>1-10%</u>
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#### 3. FRINGE

1. Estuarine	2. Lacustrine	3. Average Width (ft)
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#### 4. SLOPE

Average Land Slope (%)	Concentrated Flow?	Surface Water?
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#### Antecedent Moisture Conditions

1. Prior Month Rainfall (in) <u>.60</u>	2. Normal (in) <u>1.01</u>	3. Station Name: <u>Colville</u>
4. Prior Week Rainfall (in) <u>.0</u>	5. Normal (in) <u>.25</u>	6. Current Weather ( <u>sunny</u> , rain)

#### Soil information:

Soil Mapping Unit No.(s) Chamokane loam

#### Transects required

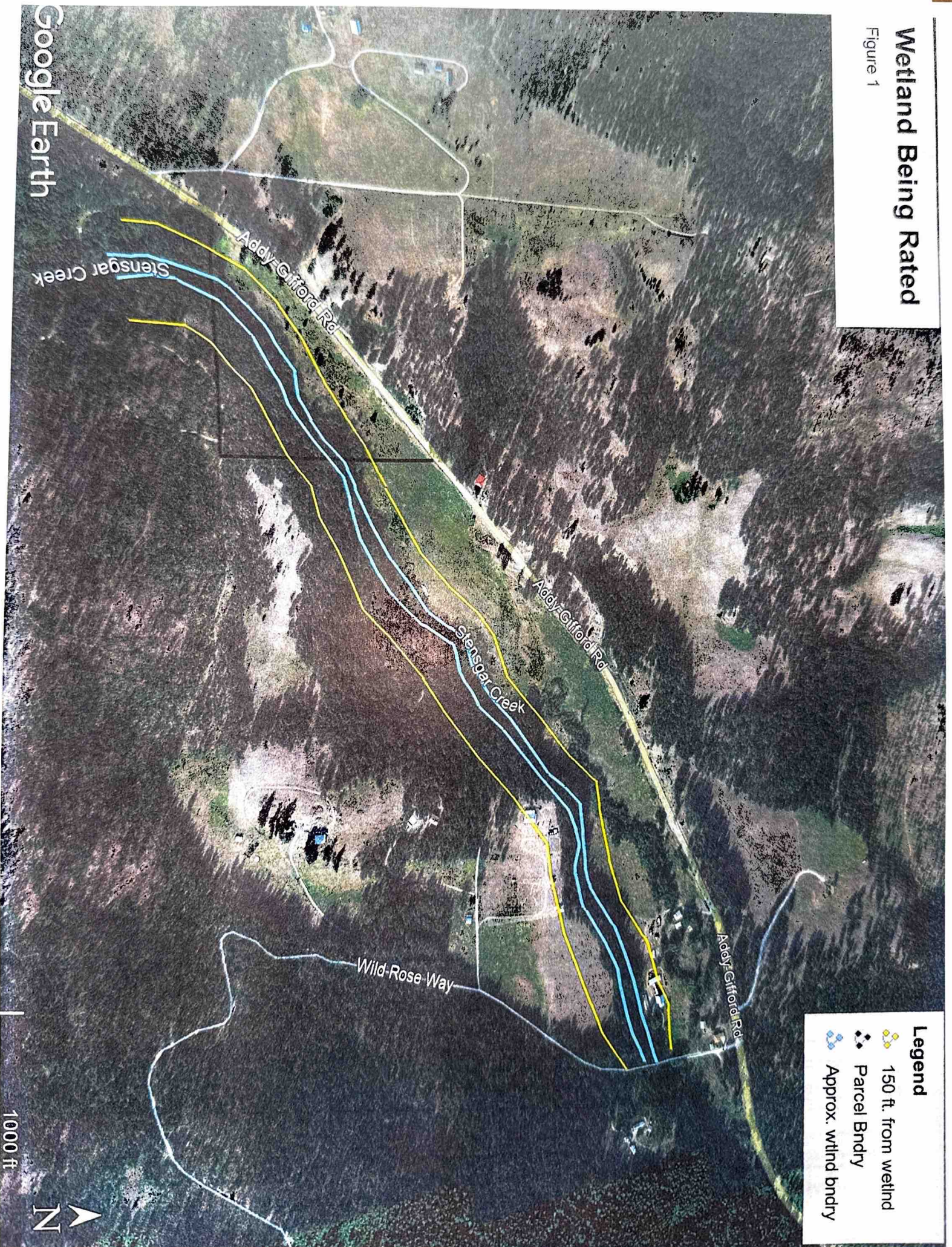
Baseline length: <u>300</u> Ft. <.25 miles to 1 mile <input type="checkbox"/> 1 mile to 2 miles <input type="checkbox"/> 2 miles to 4 miles <input type="checkbox"/>	Transects: 1 or 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/>	Notes: (If modified number of transects explain)
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Wetland >5 Acres ☐ Y ☒ N



# Wetland Being Rated

Figure 1





# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Parcel 5 2167415 / 2167413 City/County: Stevens Sampling Date: 4/24/24  
 Applicant/Owner: Olivia Dyer State: WA Sampling Point: 1  
 Investigator(s): Jim Clanton Section, Township, Range: 33-33-39  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley Bottom Label relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 1-5%  
 Subregion (LRR): E Lat: 48°19.20.12 Long: -117°53.16.63 Datum: GPS  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Chamokane Loam NWI classification:   
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☒ No ☐ (If no, explain in Remarks)  
 Are Vegetation  Soil  or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are 'Normal Circumstances' present? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 Are Vegetation  Soil  or Hydrology No 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Remarks:			

## VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.

Tier Stratum (Plot size: <u>20x20</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Strata	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>Pinus ponderosa</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u></u> (A)
2. <u></u>				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u></u> (B)
3. <u></u>				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u></u> (A/B)
4. <u></u>				Prevalence Index worksheet:
Sapling/Strub Stratum (Plot size: <u>10x10</u> )				Total % Cover of <u></u> <u></u> <u></u>
1. <u>Salix alba</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	OBL species <u></u> x 1 = <u></u>
2. <u>Rosa woodsii</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>	FACW species <u></u> x 2 = <u></u>
3. <u></u>				FAC species <u></u> x 3 = <u></u>
4. <u></u>				FACU species <u>70</u> x 4 = <u>280</u>
5. <u></u>				UPL species <u>30</u> x 5 = <u>150</u>
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>10x10</u> )				Column Totals: <u>100</u> (A) <u>430</u> (B)
1. <u>Bromus inermis</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Lp1</u>	Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.3</u>
2. <u>Poa bulbosa</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
3. <u></u>				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
4. <u></u>				2 - Dominance Test is >50%
5. <u></u>				3 - Prevalence Index is >3.0
6. <u></u>				4 - Morphological Adaptations (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
7. <u></u>				5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants
8. <u></u>				Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain)
9. <u></u>				Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
10. <u></u>				
11. <u></u>				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u></u> )				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. <u></u>				
2. <u></u>				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u></u>				
Remarks:				



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Remarks:			

## VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>20x20</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (AB)
1. <u>Alnus incana</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
2. <u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	
3. <u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	
4. <u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	
<u>30</u> = Total Cover				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of <u>      </u> Multiply by: OBL species <u>      </u> x 1 = <u>      </u> FACW species <u>100</u> x 2 = <u>200</u> FAC species <u>      </u> x 3 = <u>      </u> FACU species <u>      </u> x 4 = <u>      </u> UPL species <u>      </u> x 5 = <u>      </u> Column Totals: <u>100</u> (A) <u>200</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2.0</u>
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>10x10</u> ) 1. <u>Cornus sericea</u> <u>10</u> <u>N</u> <u>FACW</u>				
2. <u>      </u>				
3. <u>      </u>				
4. <u>      </u>				
<u>10</u> = Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>10x10</u> ) 1. <u>Phlox pilularis</u> <u>60</u> <u>Y</u> <u>FACW</u>				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is <3.0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
2. <u>      </u>				
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11. <u>      </u>				
<u>60</u> = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>      </u> ) 1. <u>      </u> 2. <u>      </u> <u>      </u> = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>      </u>				
Remarks:				



## RATING SUMMARY – Eastern Washington

Name of wetland (or ID #): Dyer Date of site visit: 4/24/2024Rated by Jim Gleaton Trained by Ecology? ☒ Yes ☐ No Date of training 2011HGM Class used for rating Riverine Wetland has multiple HGM classes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

NOTE: Form is not complete with out the figures requested (figures can be combined).

Source of base aerial photo/map: Google EarthOVERALL WETLAND CATEGORY II (based on functions ☒ or special characteristics ☐ )

### 1. Category of wetland based on FUNCTIONS

       Category I - Total score = 22 - 27  
  X   Category II - Total score = 19 - 21  
       Category III - Total score = 16 - 18  
       Category IV - Total score = 9 - 15

FUNCTION	Improving Water Quality	Hydrologic	Habitat	
List appropriate rating (H, M, L)				
Site Potential	M	M	M	
Landscape Potential	M	M	H	
Value	H	M	M	Total
Score Based on Ratings	7	6	7	20

Score for each  
function based  
on three  
ratings  
(order of ratings  
is not  
important)

9 = H, H, H  
 8 = H, H, M  
 7 = H, H, L  
 7 = H, M, M  
 6 = H, M, L  
 6 = M, M, M  
 5 = H, L, L  
 5 = M, M, L  
 4 = M, L, L  
 3 = L, L, L

### 2. Category based on SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS of wetland

CHARACTERISTIC	Category
Vernal Pools	
Alkali	
Wetland of High Conservation Value	
Bog and Calcareous Fens	
Old Growth or Mature Forest - slow growing	
Aspen Forest	
Old Growth or Mature Forest - fast growing	
Floodplain forest	
None of the above	X



## HGM Classification of Wetland in Eastern Washington

For questions 1 - 4, the criteria described must apply to the entire unit being rated.

If the hydrologic criteria listed in each question do not apply to the entire unit being rated, you probably have a unit with multiple HGM classes. In this case, identify which hydrologic criteria in questions 1 - 4 apply, and go to Question 5.

1. Does the entire unit meet both of the following criteria?

- ☐ The vegetated part of the wetland is on the water side of the Ordinary High Water Mark of a body of permanent open water (without any plants on the surface) that is at least 20 ac (8 ha) in size
- ☐ At least 30% of the open water area is deeper than 10 ft (3 m)

☒ NO - go to 2

☐ YES - The wetland class is **Lake Fringe** (Lacustrine Fringe)

2. Does the entire wetland unit meet all of the following criteria?

- ☒ The wetland is on a slope (*slope can be very gradual*),
- ☒ The water flows through the wetland in one direction (unidirectional) and usually comes from seeps. It may flow subsurface, as sheetflow, or in a swale without distinct banks;
- ☒ The water leaves the wetland without being impounded.

☐ NO - go to 3

☒ YES - The wetland class is **Slope**

**NOTE:** Surface water does not pond in these type of wetlands except occasionally in very small and shallow depressions or behind hummocks (depressions are usually <3 ft diameter and less than 1 foot deep).

3. Does the entire wetland unit meet all of the following criteria?

- ☒ The unit is in a valley, or stream channel, where it gets inundated by overbank flooding from that stream or river;
- ☒ The overbank flooding occurs at least once every 10 years.

☐ NO - go to 4

☒ YES - The wetland class is **Riverine**

**NOTE:** The Riverine wetland can contain depressions that are filled with water when the river is not flooding.

4. Is the entire wetland unit in a topographic depression in which water ponds, or is saturated to the surface, at some time during the year. *This means that any outlet, if present, is higher than the interior of the wetland.*

☐ NO - go to 5

☐ YES - The wetland class is **Depressional**

5. Your wetland unit seems to be difficult to classify and probably contains several different HGM classes. For example, seeps at the base of a slope may grade into a riverine floodplain, or a small stream within a Depressional wetland has a zone of flooding along its sides. GO BACK AND IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE HYDROLOGIC REGIMES DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 1 - 4 APPLY TO DIFFERENT AREAS IN THE WETLAND UNIT (make a rough sketch to help you decide). Use the following table to identify the appropriate class to use for the rating system if you have several HGM classes present within the wetland unit being scored.



<b>RIVERINE WETLANDS</b>		Points (only 1 score per box)
<b>Water Quality Functions</b> - Indicators that the site functions to improve water quality		
R 1.0. Does the site have the potential to improve water quality?		
R 1.1. Area of surface depressions within the Riverine wetland that can trap sediments during a flooding event:		
Depressions cover $> \frac{1}{3}$ area of wetland	points = 6	1
Depressions cover $> \frac{1}{10}$ area of wetland	points = 3	
Depressions present but cover $< \frac{1}{10}$ area of wetland	points = 1	
No depressions present	points = 0	
R 1.2. Structure of plants in the wetland (areas with $> 90\%$ cover at person height; <b>not</b> Cowardin classes):		
Forest or shrub $> \frac{2}{3}$ the area of the wetland	points = 10	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest or shrub $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3}$ area of the wetland	points = 5	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ungrazed, herbaceous plants $> \frac{2}{3}$ area of wetland	points = 5	
Ungrazed herbaceous plants $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3}$ area of wetland	points = 2	
Forest, shrub, and ungrazed herbaceous $< \frac{1}{3}$ area of wetland	points = 0	
Total for R 1		6

**Rating of Site Potential** If score is: ☐ 12 - 16 = H ☒ 3 - 11 = M ☐ - 5 = L

Record the rating on the first page

R 2.0. Does the landscape have the potential to support the water quality function of the site?		
R 2.1. Is the wetland within an incorporated city or within its UGA?	Yes = 2 No = 0	0
R 2.2. Does the contributing basin to the wetland include a UGA or incorporated area?	Yes = 1 No = 0	0
R 2.3. Does at least 10% of the contributing basin contain tilled fields, pastures, or forests that have been clearcut within the last 5 years?	Yes = 1 No = 0	1
R 2.4. Is $> 10\%$ of the area within 150 ft of the wetland in land uses that generate pollutants?	Yes = 1 No = 0	0
R 2.5. Are there other sources of pollutants coming into the wetland that are not listed in questions R 2.1 - R 2.4?		0
Sources	Yes = 1 No = 0	
Total for R 2		1

**Rating of Landscape Potential** If score is: ☐ 3 - 6 = H ☒ 1 or 2 = M ☐ = L

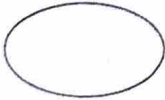
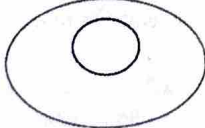

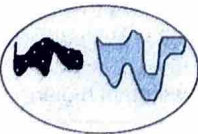

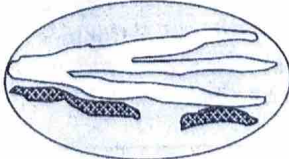
Record the rating on the first page

R 3.0. Is the water quality improvement provided by the site valuable to society?		
R 3.1. Is the wetland along a stream or river that is on the 303(d) list or on a tributary that drains to one within 1 mi?	Yes = 1 No = 0	0
R 3.2. Does the river or stream have TMDL limits for nutrients, toxics, or pathogens?	Yes = 1 No = 0	1
R 3.3. Has the site been identified in a watershed or local plan as important for maintaining water quality? (Answer YES if there is a TMDL for the drainage in which the unit is found).	Yes = 2 No = 0	2
Total for R 3		3

**Rating of Value** If score is: ☒ 2 - 4 = H ☐ 1 = M ☐ 0 = L

Record the rating on the first page



These questions apply to wetlands of all HGM classes.		(only 1 score per box)
<b>HABITAT FUNCTIONS</b> - Indicators that site functions to provide important habitat		
H 1.0. Does the wetland have the potential to provide habitat for many species?		
H 1.1. Structure of plant community: Check the Cowardin vegetation classes present and categories of emergent plants. Size threshold for each category is $\geq \frac{1}{4}$ ac or $\geq 10\%$ of the wetland if wetland is $< 2.5$ ac. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic bed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergent plants 0 - 12 in (0-30 cm) high are the highest layer and have <math>&gt; 30\%</math> cover</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergent plants <math>&gt; 12 - 40</math> in (<math>&gt; 30-100'</math> cm) high are the highest layer with <math>&gt; 30\%</math> cover</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergent plants <math>&gt; 40</math> in (<math>&gt; 100</math> cm) high are the highest layer with <math>&gt; 30\%</math> cover</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrub-shrub (areas where shrubs have <math>&gt; 30\%</math> cover)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Forested (areas where trees have <math>&gt; 30\%</math> cover)</li> </ul>		4 or more checks: points = 3 3 checks: points = 2 2 checks: points = 1 1 check: points = 0  1
H 1.2. Is one of the vegetation types Aquatic Bed?		Yes = 1    No = 0  0
H 1.3. <u>Surface water</u> H 1.3.1. Does the wetland have areas of open water (without emergent or shrub plants) over at least $\frac{1}{4}$ ac OR 10% of its area during the March to early June OR in August to the end of September? Answer YES for Lake Fringe wetlands. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes = 3 points & go to H 1.4    No = go to H 1.3.2 H 1.3.2. Does the wetland have an intermittent or permanent, and unvegetated stream within its boundaries, or along one side, over at least $\frac{1}{4}$ ac or 10% of its area? Answer yes only if H 1.3.1 is No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes = 3    No = 0		        3
H 1.4. <u>Richness of plant species</u> Count the number of plant species in the wetland that cover at least $10 \text{ ft}^2$ . Different patches of the same species can be combined to meet the size threshold. You do not have to name the species. Do not include Eurasian milfoil, reed canarygrass, purple loosestrife, Russian olive, Phragmites, Canadian thistle, yellow-flag iris, and saltcedar (Tamarisk) # of species <u>4</u> Scoring: $> 9$ species: points = 2 4 - 9 species: points = 1 $< 4$ species: points = 0		        1
H 1.4. <u>Interspersion of habitats</u> Decide from the diagrams below whether interspersions among types of plant structures (described in H 1.1), and unvegetated areas (open water or mudflats) is high, moderate, low, or none. Use map of Cowardin and emergent plant classes prepared for questions H 1.1 and map of open water from H 1.3. If you have four or more plant classes or three classes and open water, the rating is always high.		1
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>None = 0 points</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Low = 1 point</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Moderate = 2 points</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Riparian braided channels with 2 classes</p> </div> </div> <p>All three diagrams in this row are HIGH = 3 points</p>		



## CATEGORIZATION BASED ON SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Please determine if the wetland meets the attributes described below and circle the appropriate category.

NOTE: A wetland may meet the criteria for more than one set of special characteristics. Record all those that apply. NOTE: All wetlands should also be characterized based on their functions.

Wetland Type	Category
Check off any criteria that apply to the wetland. List the category when the appropriate criteria are met.	
<b>SC 1.0. Vernal Pools</b> Is the wetland <b>less than 4000 ft<sup>2</sup></b> , and does it meet at least <b>two</b> of the following criteria? <input type="checkbox"/> Its only source of water is rainfall or snowmelt from a small contributing basin and has no groundwater input. <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland plants are typically present only in the spring; the summer vegetation is typically upland annuals. <i>If you find perennial, obligate, wetland plants, the wetland is probably NOT a vernal pool.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> The soil in the wetland is shallow [ $< 1$ ft (30 cm) deep] and is underlain by an impermeable layer such as basalt or clay. <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water is present for less than 120 days during the wet season. <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Go to <b>SC 1.1</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Not vernal pool</b> </div>	
<b>SC 1.1.</b> Is the vernal pool relatively undisturbed in February and March? <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Go to <b>SC 1.2</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Not a vernal pool with special characteristics</b> </div>	
<b>SC 1.2.</b> Is the vernal pool in an area where there are at least 3 separate aquatic resources within 0.5 mi (other wetlands, rivers, lakes etc.)? <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes = <b>Category II</b>      <input type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Category III</b> </div>	
<b>SC 2.0. Alkali wetlands</b> Does the wetland meet <b>one</b> of the following criteria? <input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has a conductivity $> 3.0$ mS/cm. <input type="checkbox"/> The wetland has a conductivity between 2.0 and 3.0 mS, and more than 50% of the plant cover in the wetland can be classified as "alkali" species (see Table 4 for list of plants found in alkali systems). <input type="checkbox"/> If the wetland is dry at the time of your field visit, the central part of the area is covered with a layer of salt. <b>OR</b> does the wetland unit meet two of the following three sub-criteria? <input type="checkbox"/> Salt encrustations around more than 75% of the edge of the wetland <input type="checkbox"/> More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the plant cover consists of species listed on Table 4 <input type="checkbox"/> A pH above 9.0. All alkali wetlands have a high pH, but please note that some freshwater wetlands may also have a high pH. Thus, pH alone is not a good indicator of alkali wetlands. <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes = <b>Category I</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Not an alkali wetland</b> </div>	
<b>SC 3.0. Wetlands of High Conservation Value (WHCV)</b> <b>SC 3.1.</b> Has the WA Department of Natural Resources updated their website to include the list of Wetlands of High Conservation Value? <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Go to <b>SC 3.2</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - Go to <b>SC 3.3</b> </div> <b>SC 3.2.</b> Is the wetland listed on the WDNR database as a Wetland of High Conservation Value? <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes = <b>Category I</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Not WHCV</b> </div> <b>SC 3.3.</b> Is the wetland in a Section/Township/Range that contains a Natural Heritage wetland? <a href="http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpnwetlands.pdf">http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/datasearch/wnhpnwetlands.pdf</a> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - <b>Contact WNHP/WDNR and to SC 3.4</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Not WHCV</b> </div> <b>SC 3.4.</b> Has WDNR identified the wetland within the S/T/R as a Wetland of High Conservation Value and listed it on their website? <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes = <b>Category I</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No = <b>Not WHCV</b> </div>	



## Appendix B: WDFW Priority Habitats in Eastern Washington

Priority habitats listed by WDFW (see complete descriptions of WDFW priority habitats, and the counties in which they can be found, in: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2008. Priority Habitat and Species List. Olympia, Washington. 177 pp.

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00165/wdfw00165.pdf> or access the list from here:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/>

Count how many of the following priority habitats are within 330 ft (100 m) of the wetland unit: **NOTE:** This question is independent of the land use between the wetland unit and the priority habitat.

- ☐ **Aspen Stands:** Pure or mixed stands of aspen greater than 1 ac (0.4 ha).
- ☐ **Biodiversity Areas and Corridors:** Areas of habitat that are relatively important to various species of native fish and wildlife (full descriptions in WDFW PHS report).
- ☐ **Old-growth/Mature forests:** Old-growth east of Cascade crest – Stands are highly variable in tree species composition and structural characteristics due to the influence of fire, climate, and soils. In general, stands will be >150 years of age, with 10 trees/ac (25 trees/ha) that are > 21 in (53 cm) dbh, and 1-3 snags/ac (2.5-7.5 snags/ha) that are > 12-14 in (30-35 cm) diameter. Downed logs may vary from abundant to absent. Canopies may be single or multi-layered. Evidence of human-caused alterations to the stand will be absent or so slight as to not affect the ecosystem's essential structures and functions. Mature forests – Stands with average diameters exceeding 21 in (53 cm) dbh; crown cover may be less than 100%; decay, decadence, numbers of snags, and quantity of large downed material is generally less than that found in old-growth; 80-200 years old west and 80-160 years old east of the Cascade crest.
- ☐ **Oregon White Oak:** Woodland stands of pure oak or oak/conifer associations where canopy coverage of the oak component is important (full descriptions in WDFW PHS report p. 158 – see web link above).
- ☒ **Riparian:** The area adjacent to aquatic systems with flowing water that contains elements of both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which mutually influence each other.
- ☐ **Caves:** A naturally occurring cavity, recess, void, or system of interconnected passages under the earth in soils, rock, ice, or other geological formations and is large enough to contain a human.
- ☐ **Cliffs:** Greater than 25 ft (7.6 m) high and occurring below 5000 ft elevation.
- ☐ **Talus:** Homogenous areas of rock rubble ranging in average size 0.5 - 6.5 ft (0.15 - 2.0 m), composed of basalt, andesite, and/or sedimentary rock, including riprap slides and mine tailings. May be associated with cliffs.
- ☒ **Snags and Logs:** Trees are considered snags if they are dead or dying and exhibit sufficient decay characteristics to enable cavity excavation/use by wildlife. Priority snags have a diameter at breast height of > 20 in (51 cm) in western Washington and are > 6.5 ft (2 m) in height. Priority logs are > 12 in (30 cm) in diameter at the largest end, and > 20 ft (6 m) long.
- ☐ **Shrub-steppe:** A nonforested vegetation type consisting of one or more layers of perennial bunchgrasses and a conspicuous but discontinuous layer of shrubs (see Eastside Steppe for sites with little or no shrub cover).
- ☐ **Eastside Steppe:** Nonforested vegetation type dominated by broadleaf herbaceous flora (i.e., forbs), perennial bunchgrasses, or a combination of both. Bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*) is often the prevailing cover component along with Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), Sandberg bluegrass (*Poa secunda*), rough fescue (*F. campestris*), or needlegrasses (*Achnatherum* spp.).
- ☐ **Juniper Savannah:** All juniper woodlands.







**Note:** All vegetated wetlands are by definition a priority habitat but are not included in this list because they are addressed elsewhere.






# Base Map

Figure 2

## LEGEND:

- BASE LINE:   
PLOT NO. & LOCATION:   
WETLAND BOUNDARY:   
WETLAND:   
UPLAND:   
APPROX. PARCEL BNDRY: 

## Legend

-  Wetland Bndry  
 Approx. Parcel Bndry  
 Creek (Type F)

500 ft

