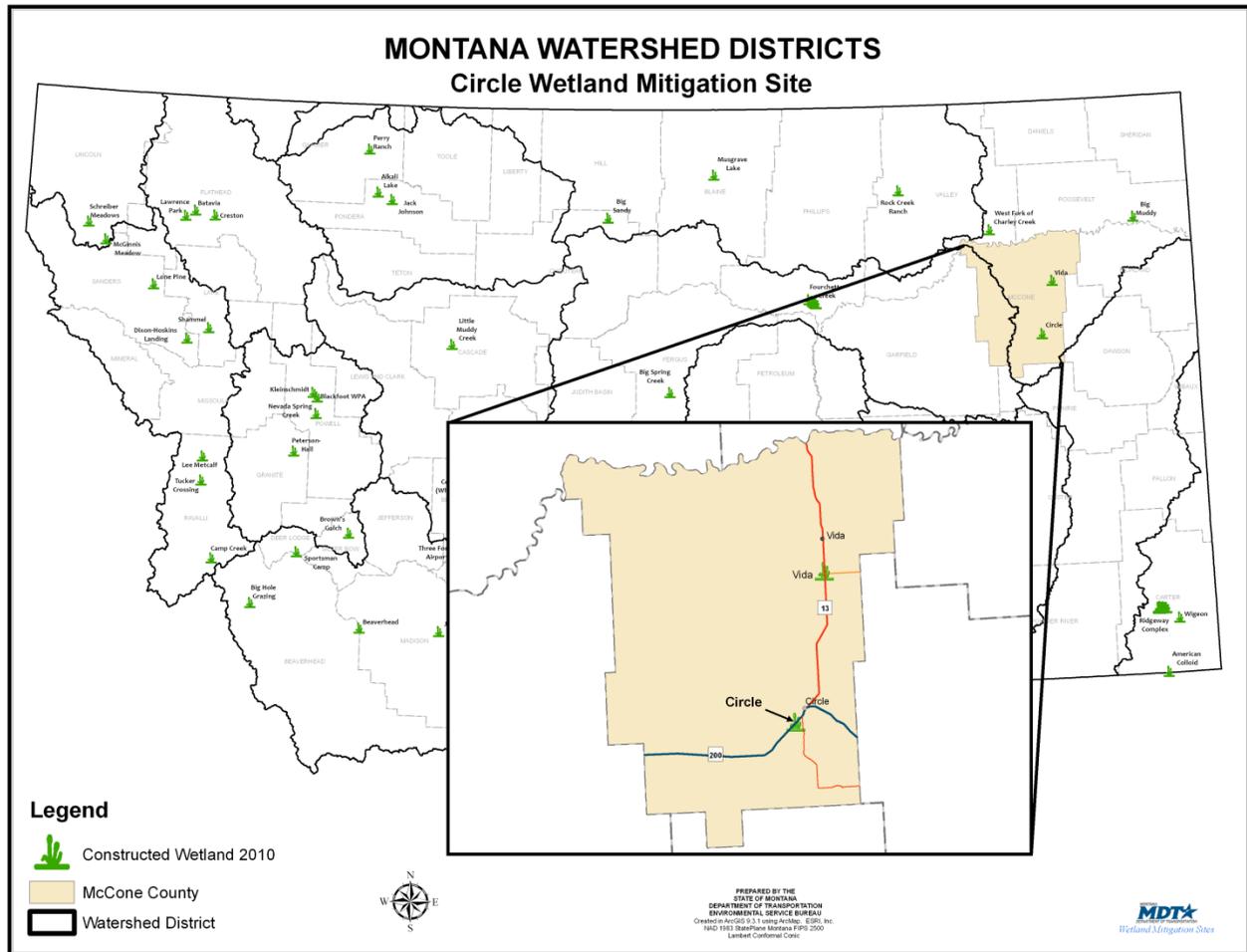


# CIRCLE

Watershed # 12-Lower Missouri River Basin  
McCone County, Montana



**LAND OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE**

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Circle wetland is located in McCone County directly adjacent to US Highway 200 and was constructed in 1999 to expand an existing old oxbow channel of the Redwater River located within Watershed # 12 – Lower Missouri River Basin. The Circle mitigation project was developed on a privately owned property and is protected by an MDT Wetland Conservation Easement. This project has developed approximately 7.6 acres of wetland habitat since constructed and will be utilized to mitigate other transportation project impacts within the watershed.

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## WETLAND INHABITANTS

<b>Birds</b>  American coot ( <i>Fulica Americana</i> ) Barn Swallow ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> ) Black Tern ( <i>Chlidonias niger</i> ) Eastern Kingbird ( <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> ) Greater Yellow Legs ( <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i> ) Blue winged teal ( <i>Anas discors</i> ) Cinnamon teal ( <i>Anas cyanoptera</i> ) Common Nighthawk ( <i>Chordeiles minor</i> ) Common snipe ( <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> )	<b>Killdeer</b> ( <i>Charadrius vociferous</i> ) Mallard ( <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> ) Red-winged Black bird ( <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> ) Spotted sandpiper ( <i>Actitis macularia</i> ) Tree Swallow ( <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> ) Western Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella neglecta</i> ) Willet ( <i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i> ) <b>Wilson's Phalarope</b> ( <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i> )
<b>MAMMALS</b>  Deer tracks ( <i>Odocoileus</i> spp.) Coyote tracks ( <i>Canis latrans</i> )	

<sup>1</sup>**Bolded** species were observed during the 2004 monitoring. All other species were observed during one or more of the previous monitoring years, but not during 2004.



**American coot**



**Willet**

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## WETLAND VEGETATION

### Dominant wetland vegetation

*Five community types were observed:*

**Type 1-** Western Wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*)

**Type 2-** Bulrush species (*Scirpus spp.*)

**Type 3-** Bulrush species (*Scirpus spp.*) and Saltgrass (*Distichlis stricta*)

**Type 4-** Common rush (*Juncus effuses*) and Clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*)

**Type 5-** Saltgrass (*Distichlis stricta*) and Foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*)



**Common Rush**

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