Montana Department of Transportation Wetland Mitigation Monitoring Report

JTX – TUNNICLIFF RANCH MITIGATION SITE

Project Overview

MDT Project Number: STPX-STWD (056) UPN# 7286

Watershed: Watershed #14 – Middle Yellowstone

Monitoring Year: 2024

Years Monitored: 9th year of monitoring

Corps Permit Number: NWO-2010-01938-MTH

Monitoring Conducted By: Confluence Consulting Inc

Dates Monitoring Was Conducted: June 19-21, 2024

Purpose of the Approved Project:

The site was constructed to provide 29.63 acres of compensatory wetland mitigation credits for wetland impacts associated with future transportation project-related projects in Watershed #14 – Middle Yellowstone. Construction consisted of excavating a series of 13 cells ranging in size from 0.33 to 1.50 acres. Eight woody planting enclosures, with 1,650 containerized woody plantings, were constructed around the periphery of excavated cells to establish scrub/shrub wetland and riparian habitat.

Site Location:

Latitude: 45.83953 **Longitude:** - 107.59887

County: Big Horn **Nearest Town:** Hardin, MT

Map Included: Figure 1

Mitigation Site Construction Started: Fall/2015 **Construction Ended:** Winter/2016

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

Activity: Weed management activities continue to control noxious weed infestations found within the site. **Date:** September 2023 & August 2024

Specific recommendations for any additional corrective actions: MDT will continue to work with the landowner, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) on weed control to bring noxious weed cover back below the 5% threshold. MDT is working towards developing adaptive management activities with MFWP to address woody vegetation deficiencies and fencing enclosures within the site. Two of the bird boxes on the west fence line are no longer present at the site and MDT may want to replace them.

Anticipated Wetland Credit Acres: 29.63

Wetland Credit Acres Generated to Date: 13.51

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

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

Requirements (from approved mitigation plan, banking instrument, or Department of Army (DA) permit conditions)

Performance Standards: A summary of performance standards established for the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch site and whether they are being achieved is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary of Performance Standards in 2024

Performance Standards	Success Criteria	Criteria Achieved Y/N	Discussion
Wetland Characteristics	The three parameter criteria for hydrology, vegetation, and soils are met as outlined in the 1987 Wetland Manual and 2010 Great Plains Regional Supplement.	Y	All 13 excavated cells contain wetlands and meet the wetland hydrology, vegetation, and soil requirements. Wetlands had developed across 8.85 acres of the site.
Wetland Hydrology	Soil saturation is present for at least 12.5 percent of the growing season.	Y	All 13 excavated cells were saturated near the surface, and some contained standing water during the monitoring event.
Hydric Soil	Hydric soil conditions are present or appear to be forming.	Y	All excavated cells within the mitigation site exhibit hydric soil indicators (e.g., sulfidic odor, depleted matrix, redox dark surface).
	Soil is sufficiently stable to prevent erosion.	Y	Disturbed soil is stable and does not exhibit signs of erosion.
	Soil is able to support plant cover.	Y	Vegetative cover was estimated to be 85% across disturbed upland areas and 75-90% across various wetland areas. Soils on the site are supporting plant cover.
Hydrophytic Vegetation	Wetland plant communities are delineated as hydrophytic by using technical guidelines.	Y	All 13 excavated cells had developed wetland plant communities.
	Hydrophytic vegetation success will include achieving a minimum overall vegetation cover of 70 percent in created wetland areas within 5 years after site construction.	Y	Vegetative cover within the excavated cells ranged from 75-90% and all wetland cells have achieved success for this standard.
Noxious Weeds	Noxious weeds do not exceed 5 percent cover.	N	Noxious weeds were identified in upland locations across the site. Noxious weed cover across the site was 7%.
Woody Plants	Plantings exceed 50 percent survival after 5 years.	N	Less than 1 percent of the woody plants installed at the site were alive.
Open Water	Open water will be considered successful and creditable when wetland vegetation establishes in the form of either emergent, floating and/or submerged species of plants.	Y	Open water seasonally fills the excavated cells which are vegetated with emergent plant communities.
Functional Assessment	The site will be considered fully functional and creditable when it achieves an overall Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) rating of Category II or better at the end of the compensatory monitoring period.	Y	The site has achieved a Category III rating.

Summary Data

Wetland Delineation – A total of 8.85 emergent wetland acres were delineated within the 13 wetland cells at the JXT Tunnicliff mitigation site during the 2024 monitoring event. Wetland acreage within the site decreased by 0.18 acres between the 2023 and 2024 monitoring events but is still higher than the wetland acreage prior to 2022.

Before construction, MDT identified two small palustrine emergent wetlands in the southeastern corner of the site and a smaller palustrine emergent wetland along the eastern boundary, which altogether totaled 0.03 acre. These small wetlands were preserved during construction and were identified and mapped during the 2024 monitoring event. No changes were noted from previous years (Figure A-3, Appendix A).

Functional Assessment – The JTX Tunnicliff mitigation site has developed into a Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) Category III wetland (Table 2; Appendix B). In 2024, the MWAM determination decreased from category II back to a category III wetland due to a lower MTNHP species habitat score. This score was lower because Merriam's shrew and Preble's shrew were both absent from the 2024 observed species occurrences section of the MTNHP report and had been moved to the other potential species section.

Table 2. MWAM Summary for the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Site

MWAM Function and Value Parameters	2017	2021	2022	2023	2024
Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	Low (0.0)	Low (0.0)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)	Low (0.1)
MTNHP Species Habitat	Low (0.1)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	High (0.9)	Mod (0.6)
General Wildlife Habitat	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
General Fish/Aquatic Habitat	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Flood Attenuation	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)	Mod (0.6)
Short- and Long-Term Surface Water Storage	Mod (0.6)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)	High (0.9)
Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	Mod (0.7)	High (1)	High (1)	High (1)	High (1)
Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mod (0.6)
Production Export/Food Chain Support	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)	Mod (0.5)
Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)	Mod (0.7)
Uniqueness	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.4)	Mod (0.4)
Recreation/Education Potential	High (0.2)	High (0.2)	High (0.2)	High (0.2)	High (0.2)
Actual Points/Possible Points	**4.0/9**	**5.6/9**	**5.7/9**	**6.0/9**	**6.3/10**
% of Possible Score Achieved	**44%**	**62%**	**63%**	**67%**	**63%**
Overall Category	**III**	**III**	**III**	**II**	**III**

Vegetation - All desirable vegetation communities observed within the mitigation site appeared healthy in 2024, and the effects of the previous drought were less noticeable, the cattails (*Typha angustifolia*) appear to be increasing in dominance. Wetland plant communities exhibited increased coverage from obligate and FAC-wet species, and the upland plant communities were healthy even though the intermediate wheatgrass (*Thinopyrum intermedium*) appeared drier than in previous years. A total of 73 plant species have been identified at the site over the last 9 years; with one additional species (*Carex utriculata*) observed in 2024 (Table B-1; Appendix B).

Four upland community types and two wetland community types were identified and mapped at the site in 2024 (Figure A-3, Appendix A). Dominant plant species observed within each community are listed on the Wetland Mitigation Site Monitoring forms (Appendix B). Most of the excavated cells have developed wetland communities dominated by *Schoenoplectus* spp*./Typha angustifolia* (i.e. Wetland Type 14). For the past few years, the wetland plant communities in cells 1, 2, 3, and 10 were still becoming established and thus the community type named "transitional wetland". In 2021, the transitional vegetation in this community changed and the community type renamed as Wetland Type 13 (*Hordeum jubatum/Elymus repens*), which reflected the increase in hydrophytic vegetation that has been observed between 2019 and 2021. In 2024, cell 8/9 saw the largest change with Wetland Type 13 moving in and creating a donut around Wetland Type 14.

The vegetation community types identified on the site in 2024 are as follows:

- Upland Type 6 – *Pascopyrum smithii/Poa pratensis*
- Upland Type 7 – *Schedonorus pratensis*
- Upland Type 8 – *Thinopyrum intermedium*
- Upland Type 12 – *Elaeagnus angustifolia/Thinopyrum intermedium*
- Wetland Type 13 –*Hordeum jubatum/Elymus repens*
- Wetland Type 14 – *Schoenoplectus spp./Typha angustifolia*

Vegetation cover was measured along two transects (T-1 and T-2) in 2024 (Figure A-2, Appendix A). T-1 is 792 feet long and intersects plant communities consisting of Upland Type 8 – *Thinopyrum intermedium* and Wetland Type 14 – *Schoenoplectus* spp./*Typha angustifolia*. Sixty three percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat, which is an increase since 2023. Total vegetative cover decreased in 2024, due to increased amounts of open water patches within the wetland cells (Table 3).

Table 3. Data Summary for T-1 from 2018 Through 2024 at the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Site.

Monitoring Year	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	6	5	5	6	4	6	6
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Vegetative Species	21	21	26	21	27	33	34
Total Hydrophytic Species	9	9	8	9	12	15	16
Total Upland Species	12	12	18	12	15	18	18
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	75	95	95	95	90	93	92
Estimated % Unvegetated	25	5	5	5	10	7	8
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	53	56	58	57	77	59	63
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	47	44	42	43	23	41	37
% Transect Length Comprising Standing Water Transitional Wetland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

T-2 is 900 feet long and intersects Upland Type 8 and Wetland Types 13 and 14. Fifty-three percent of the transect crossed wetland habitat in 2024, which is an increase since 2023. Vegetative cover decreased slightly in 2024, due to increased amounts of standing water patches within the wetland cells (Table 4).

The three small preservation wetlands identified within the monitoring area before site development were not assigned a community type because of their small size (total 0.03 acre). Wetland species associated with these small wetland pockets include creeping meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus arundinaceus*), Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), and sedges (*Carex* spp.).

Table 4. Data Summary for T-2 from 2018 Through 2024 at the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Site.

Monitoring Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Vegetation Community Transitions Along Transect	5	5	5	7	8	7	12
Vegetation Communities Along Transect	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities Along Transect	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Vegetative Species	11	11	21	20	21	30	29
Total Hydrophytic Species	6	6	10	11	11	15	15
Total Upland Species	5	5	11	9	10	15	14
Estimated % Total Vegetative Cover	65	85	85	85	80	87	86
Estimated % Unvegetated	35	15	15	15	20	13	14
% Transect Length Comprising Hydrophytic Vegetation Communities	14	14	68	54	84	48	53
% Transect Length Comprising Upland Vegetation Communities	33	33	32	46	16	52	47
% Transect Length Comprising Standing Water Transitional Wetland	53	53	0	0	0	0	0

Weed infestations containing state-listed Priority 2B noxious weeds were mapped at the JTX – Tunnicliff mitigation site in 2024. Most noxious weed infestations were in the upland buffer areas and assigned trace, low, moderate, and high cover classes (less than 1%, 1-5%, 6-25% and 26-100% cover respectively). This year, a "low" cover occurrence of field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) was observed (Figure A-3, Appendix A). Multiple "trace" populations of Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) were mapped in 2024. Additionally, a "low" cover class patch and two "high" cover class patches near the northeast corner and southeast corner of the site. Many populations of Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*) ranging from "trace" to "high" were mapped.

Noxious weed cover was estimated at 7% across the site, which is above the performance standard threshold. This level of cover was likely the result of a wet spring. The site was treated in the fall of 2023 by weed contractors for MDT, but Canada thistle and Russian knapweed cover appears to have increased. The site was treated for Canada thistle, houndstongue, and salt cedar plant, on August 21st, 2024.

Eight woody plant enclosures (PE-1 through PE-8) were monitored for woody plant survival in 2024 by walking and recording live woody stems (Figure A-3 Appendix A). A total of 1,650 containerized woody plants were installed in the eight plant enclosures in 2016. Woody species planted at the site include silver buffalo-berry (*Shepherdia argentea*), Douglas' Hawthorne (*Crataegus douglasii*), silverberry (*Elaeagnus commutata*), common chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), plains cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), box elder (*Acer negundo*), and bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*). Planted woody vegetation survival was estimated at 1% in 2024, with a total of 11 live individuals observed, all contained within PE-6. In July 2020, a lightning sparked grassfire burned approximately 4.5 acres, including approximately half of PE-01 and three quarters of PE-03 (Figure A-3, Appendix A). Any live woody vegetation remaining within PE-01 and PE-03 were destroyed by the fire. Within PE-06, PE-07, and PE-08, numerous volunteer Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia)* were observed but appeared to be struggling in 2024. Intact wildlife fencing around enclosures was effective in keeping wildlife away from plantings, as no signs of

browse were noted in those enclosures containing surviving woody plantings. In 2024, PE-05 had a hole in the west end of the fence and multiple other enclosures had sagging points, PE-04, PE-06 and PE-08.

Hydrology – Alluvial groundwater is the primary hydrologic source for wetland development at the JTX-Tunnicliff site, with precipitation and overbank flooding from the adjacent Bighorn River serving as secondary hydrologic sources. Pools of shallow surface water were observed in multiple excavated cells at the site during the 2024 site visit, but all contained emergent vegetation and thus were not mapped as open water.

Three groundwater monitoring wells are located within the site, and two of the wells are regularly monitored by the US Geologic Survey (USGS well #455029107355601 and #455016107360402). The 2024 data for these wells indicates that groundwater depths ranged from approximately 3.06-7.46 feet below the ground surface elevation of 2,835.4 feet between May and September. These wells are in upland areas, where the ground surface elevation is approximately 3.4 and 5.6 feet above the wetland cell design elevation of 2832.0 feet, for MW-1 and MW-7A respectively. Therefore, the groundwater depths recorded in the monitoring wells likely correspond with groundwater depths ranging from approximately 1.98 feet above ground surface elevation to 2.86 feet below the ground surface elevation within the excavated wetland cells (Table 5; USGS 2024a, USGS 2024b).

Table 5. 2024 USGS Groundwater Well Data for the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Site.

Date	Mountain Time	Depth to water level, feet below land surface	Approximate depth to groundwater relative to wetland cell design elevation
2024 discrete water-level measurements for Well #1			
5/14/2024	1:21 pm	3.06	+0.34
6/27/2024	2:09 pm	4.34	-0.94
8/2/2024	2:45 pm	5.97	-2.57
8/16/2024	2:40 pm	6.02	-2.62
9/30/2024	1:58 pm	6.26	-2.86
2024 discrete water-level measurements for Well #7A			
5/14/2024	1:34 pm	3.62	+1.98
6/27/2024	2:37 pm	5.21	+0.39
8/16/2024	10:15 am	7.02	-1.42
8/16/2024	7:20 pm	6.97	-1.37
9/30/2024	7:05	7.46	-1.86
10/16/2024	11:42	7.42	-1.82

Hydrologic indicators encountered within excavated wetland cells across the site included algal mat or crust, hydrogen sulfide odor, geomorphic position, a positive FAC-neutral test, near surface soil saturation, a high-water table, and surface water.

Soils – Soil pits were excavated at paired sample plots for all 10 wetland cells (Figure A-2 – Appendix A). Wetland soil pits were located inside the excavated depressions and upland soil pits were located upslope of and outside of the wetland boundaries. Soil textures within the wetland soil pits ranged from loamy sand to clay loam, with one instance of silty clay at SP09w and a thin layer of muck at SP02w. The depleted matrix (F3) hydric soil indicator was observed within every wetland soil pit. Additionally, hydrogen sulfide (A4) and 1 cm muck (A9) indicators were observed at some of the soil pits. Soil textures within upland soil pits ranged from loamy sand to clay. No hydric soil indicators were met in the upland

pits, however a few points displayed redox concentrations (a common criteria seen in depleted matrixes) but were determined not to be an indicator and is explained in the remarks. Although these observations are worth noting, no evidence of wetland hydrology was observed, and an upland vegetation community was present. Saturation was observed at upland sample point SP01u, however this was determined not to qualify as wetland because no indicators were met for hydrophytic vegetation or hydric soil. Additional field observations for the 20 sample plots are provided in the wetland determination data forms in Appendix B.

Photographs – Photographs were taken at photo points 1–4 (PP1 to PP4), transect endpoints, and data points and are provided in Appendix C, with comparisons between 2024 and the first year of monitoring. Please refer to previous years' monitoring reports for all previous annual photographs (https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/brochures/wetland-mitigation.aspx).

Credit Summary

Functional Unit Credits – The 2024 functional unit credits are summarized in Table 6. A total of 55.95 functional unit credits were generated at the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Mitigation site after applying the appropriate mitigation ratios to the 2024 wetland acreage and multiplying that value by the points generated from the 2024 MWAM Assessment.

Table 6. Functional Unit Credit Summary for JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Mitigation Site in 2024.

Mitigation Type	2024 Delineated Acreage	Ratio	2024 Mitigation Credit Acres	MWAM Actual Points[a]	Functional Unit Credits
Creation (Establishment)	8.85	1:1	8.85	6.30	55.76
Creation (Re-establishment)	0.0	5:1	0	6.30	TBD
Preservation	0.03	1:1	0.03	6.30	0.19
Functional Unit Credits (Mitigation Credit Acres × Actual Points)					**55.95**

[a] Montana Wetland Assessment Method (MWAM) forms can be found in Appendix B

Wetland Mitigation Credits– As of June 2024, the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch site had developed 13.51 mitigation credit acres (Table 7). The site received 8.85 credit-acres for wetland development, which is a 0.18 credit-acre decrease from 2023.

The original mitigation credit strategy called for the eight woody plant enclosures to be credited at 5:1 if the enclosures were successful in producing scrub/shrub habitat across the site. With less than 1 percent of the woody plants surviving in 2024, the woody planting credit metric is not being met, and no credits have been achieved for these areas. Additional credits from the site include 0.03 acres for preservation of existing wetlands on the site before construction and 4.63 acres of upland buffer credit. Table 6 summarizes the current estimated wetland credits based on the USACE-approved credit ratios (USACE 2005) and the wetland delineation that was completed in June 2024.

Wildlife – Twelve bird species were identified at the site in 2024. Bird boxes one and eight were full of nesting material. Deer tracks and several beds were observed at the site, as well as a baby rattlesnake, vole, and frog.

Table 7. Wetland Mitigation Credits Estimated for the JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch Site (2016–2024)

Compensatory Mitigation Type	Mitigation Area Description	Wetland Type[(a)]	Anticipated Mitigation Surface Area (acres)	USACE-Approved Mitigation Ratios	Anticipated Mitigation Credit (acres)	2016 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2022 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2023 Mitigation Credit (acres)	2024 Mitigation Credit (acres)
Creation (Establishment)	Depressional wetlands	Palustrine emergent and palustrine scrub/shrub	26.85	1:1	26.85	0	11.24	9.03	8.85
Creation (Reestablishment)	Woody plant enclosures	Palustrine scrub/shrub	2.73	5:1	0.55	0.5	0	0	0
Preservation	Pre-project Wetlands	Palustrine Emergent	0.03	1:1	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Upland Buffer	100-foot-wide upland perimeter	N/A	10.98	5:1	2.2	0	4.51	4.61	4.63
Totals			**40.6**		**29.63**	**0.5**	**15.78**	**13.67**	**13.51**

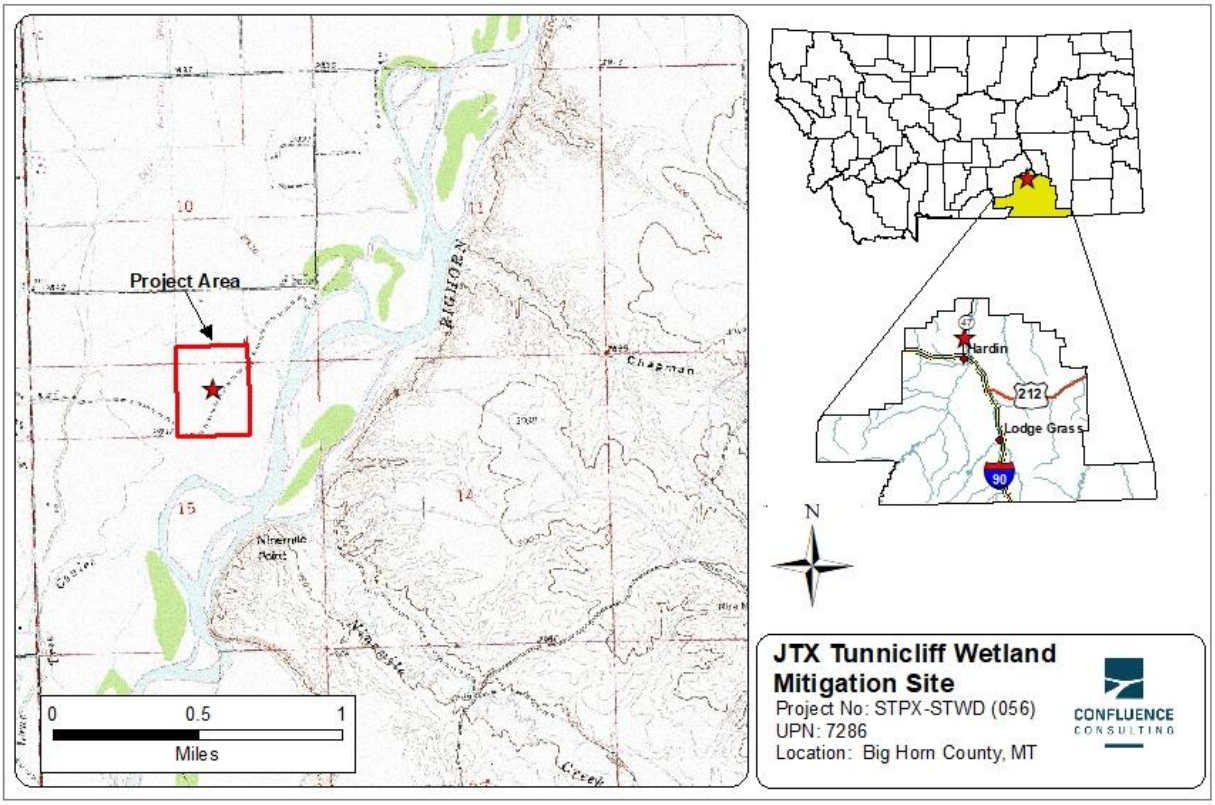
Conclusions

In the ninth year of monitoring, the JTX-Tunnicliff mitigation site met all but two of the established performance standards. Overall, vegetation communities have high amounts of cover, and the wetland areas are becoming well developed. Wetland development is expected to continue without any active management.

However, active management will be required to achieve success for the performance standards not being met. Noxious weed cover increased between 2023 and 2024 with several new infestations observed and higher cover in a couple pre-existing patches. Following the trend seen in 2023, total noxious weed cover is now greater than 5% across the site and no longer meets the performance standards. The standard which requires that woody plant survival exceeds 50 percent after 5 years was not met in 2024 and MDT is discussing adaptive management considerations in cooperation with the landowner MFWP, and the Corps.

Maps, Plans, Photos

Figure 1. Site Location Map



Project Area Maps/Figures: See Appendix A (Monitoring Activity Locations; Mapped Site Features; and Wetland Delineation)

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

Photos: See Appendix C (Photo Points, Paired Sampling Point Photos, and Transect Photos)

Plans: See Appendix D of 2016 JTX-Tunnicliff Wetland Monitoring Report

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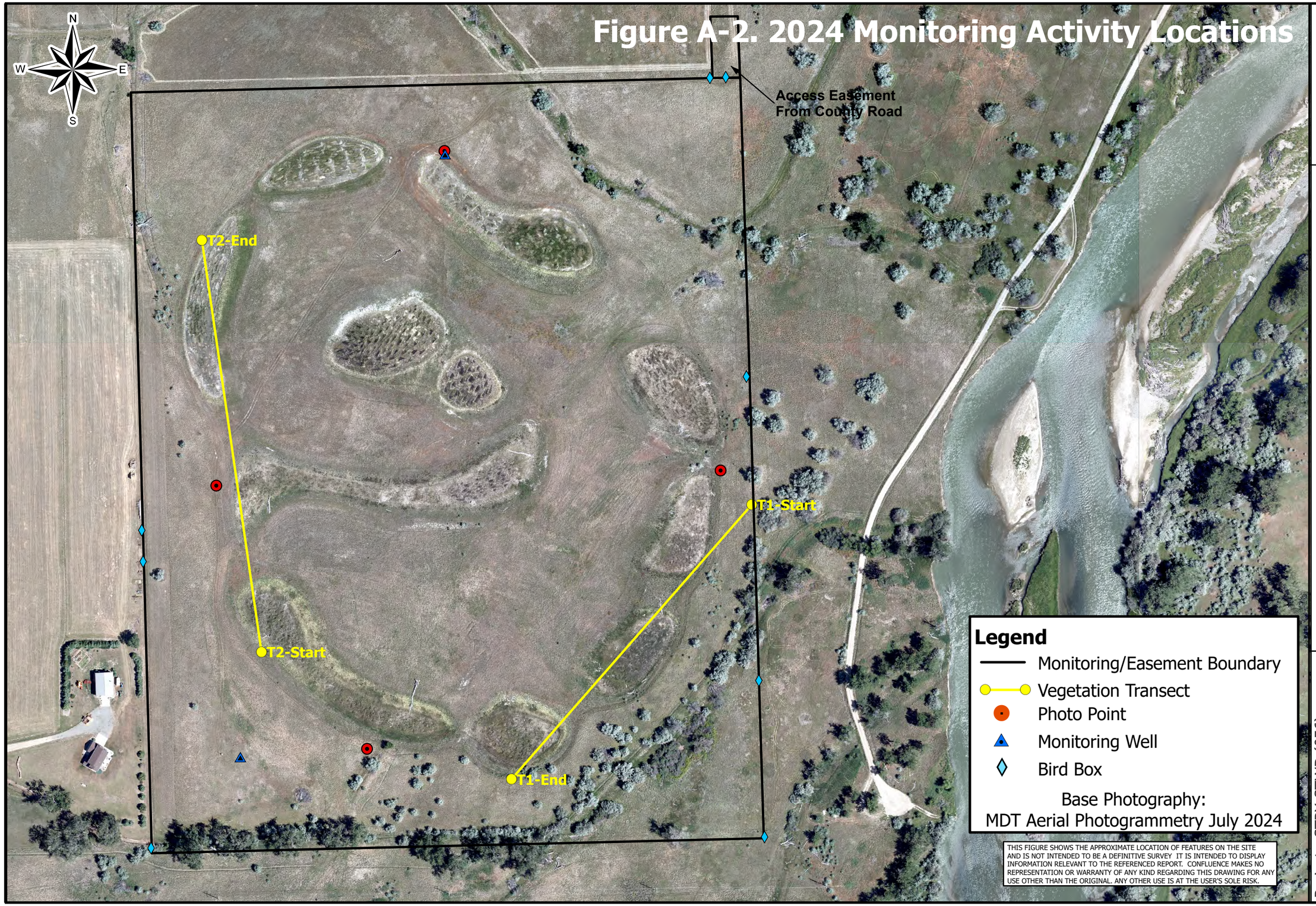
APPENDIX A
PROJECT AREA MAPS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch
Big Horn County, Montana

Figure A-2. 2024 Monitoring Activity Locations



Legend

- Monitoring/Easement Boundary
- Vegetation Transect
- Photo Point
- Monitoring Well
- Bird Box

Base Photography:
MDT Aerial Photogrammetry July 2024

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JTX Tunnicliff Wetland Mitigation Site
2024 Monitoring Activity Locations

0 80 160 320 480 640 800 Feet

Project:	STPX-STWD (056)
Location:	Big Horn Co., Montana
Map Creation Date:	9/20/2024
Project Manager:	R McEldowney
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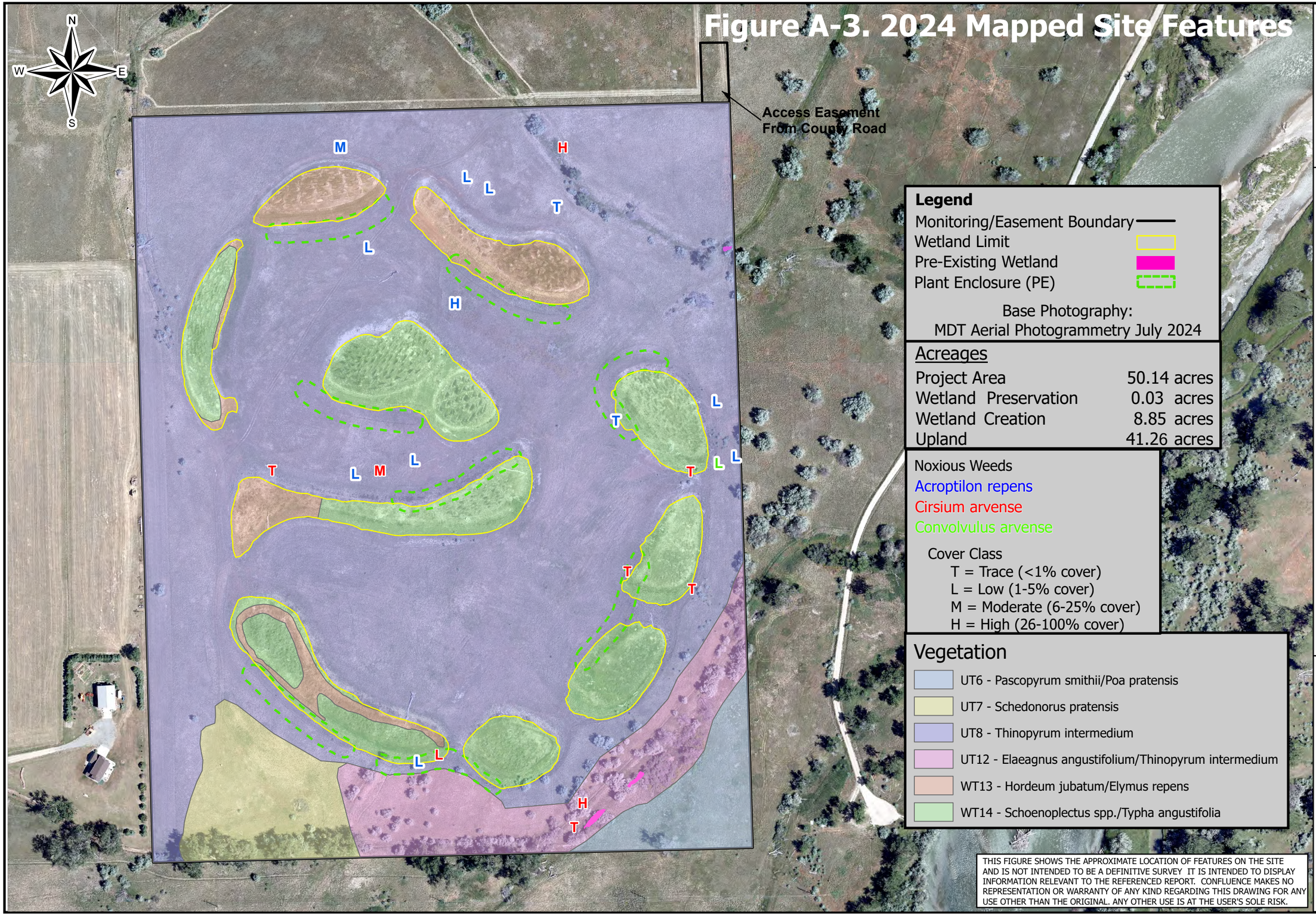
Figure A-3. 2024 Mapped Site Features



Legend

- Monitoring/Easement Boundary
- Wetland Limit
- Pre-Existing Wetland
- Plant Enclosure (PE)

Base Photography:
MDT Aerial Photogrammetry July 2024

Acreages

Project Area	50.14 acres
Wetland Preservation	0.03 acres
Wetland Creation	8.85 acres
Upland	41.26 acres

Noxious Weeds
- Acroptilon repens
- Cirsium arvense
- Convolvulus arvense

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

Vegetation
- UT6 - Pascopyrum smithii/Poa pratensis
- UT7 - Schedonorus pratensis
- UT8 - Thinopyrum intermedium
- UT12 - Elaeagnus angustifolium/Thinopyrum intermedium
- WT13 - Hordeum jubatum/Elymus repens
- WT14 - Schoenoplectus spp./Typha angustifolia

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JTX Tunnicliff Wetland Mitigation Site
2024 Mapped Site Features

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Project: STPX STWD (056)
Location: Big Horn Co., Montana
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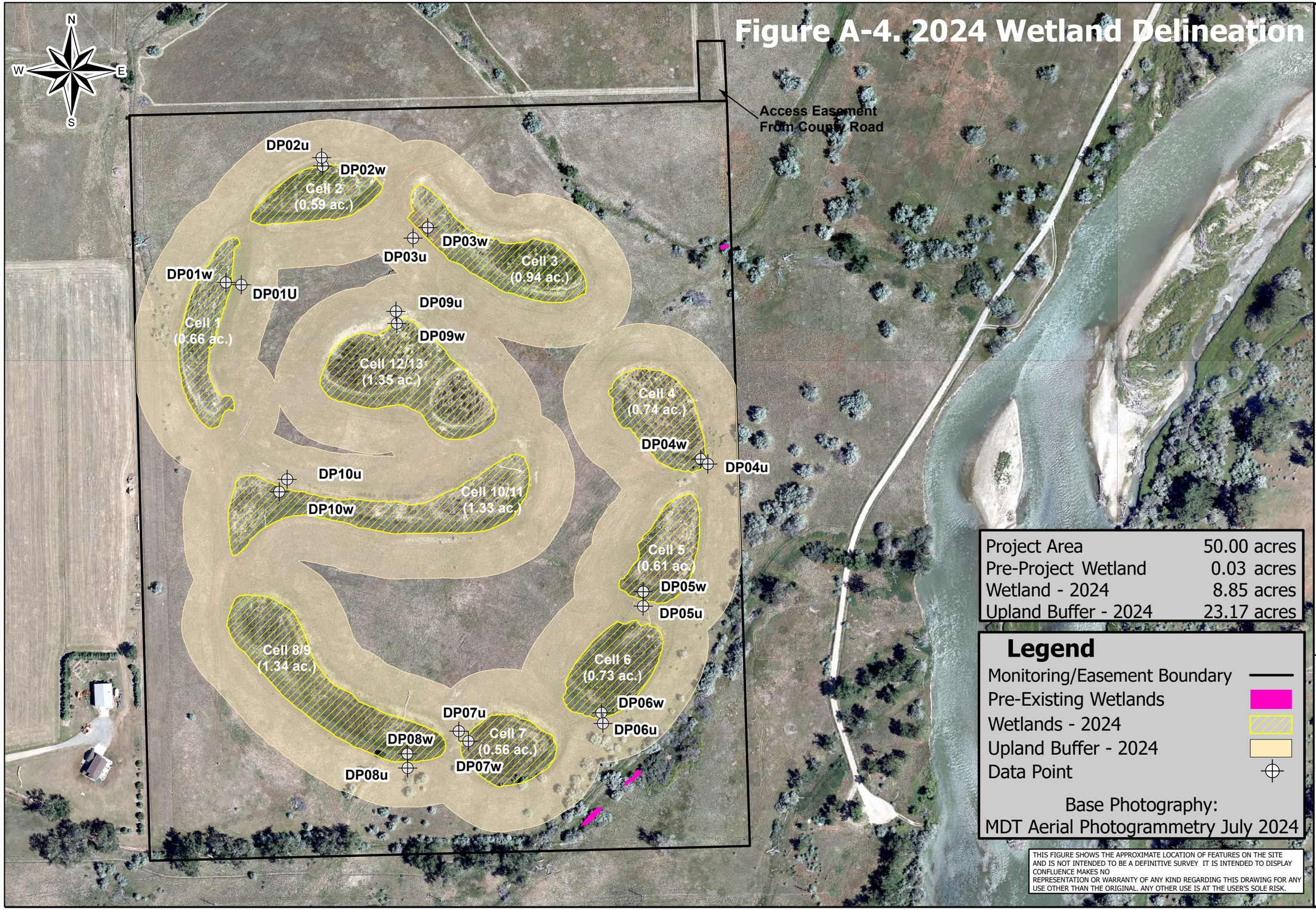
Figure A-4. 2024 Wetland Delineation



Project Area	50.00 acres
Pre-Project Wetland	0.03 acres
Wetland - 2024	8.85 acres
Upland Buffer - 2024	23.17 acres

Legend

- Monitoring/Easement Boundary
- Pre-Existing Wetlands
- Wetlands - 2024
- Upland Buffer - 2024
- Data Point

Base Photography:
MDT Aerial Photogrammetry July 2024

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APPENDIX B
MONITORING FORMS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch
Big Horn County, Montana

MDT WETLAND MITIGATION SITE MONITORING FORM

Project Site: JTX-Tunnicliff Assessment Date/Time 6/19/2024

Person(s) conducting the assessment: R McEldowney, R Baumgarten

Weather: Sunny, 76 degrees Location: Hardin

MDT District: Billings Milepost:

Legal Description: T 1N R 33E Section(s) 15

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/15/2016 Monitoring Year: 9 #Visits in Year: 1

Size of Evaluation Area: 50 (acres)

Land use surrounding wetland:

Rural home sites and Grant Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

HYDROLOGY

Surface Water Source: Groundwater, occasional flooding from the Big Horn River.

Inundation: ☑ Average Depth: 0.5 **(ft)** Range of Depths: 0-1 **(ft)**

Percent of assessment area under inundation: 7 %

Depth at emergent vegetation-open water boundary: 0 **(ft)**

If assessment area is not inundated then are the soils saturated within 12 inches of surface: Yes

Other evidence of hydrology on the site (ex. – drift lines, erosion, stained vegetation, etc:

All standing water areas contained emergent vegetation and none qualified as "open water".

Groundwater Monitoring Wells

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

Well ID	Water Surface Depth (ft)
MW-1	4.34
MW-7A	5.21

Additional Activities Checklist:

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

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

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

Hydrology Notes:

Well readings listed above are from USGS readings on 6/27/2024. Both depths are Below Land Surface (BLS).

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Site JTX-Tunnicliff

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

Community # 6 **Community Type:** Pascopyrum smithii / Poa pratensis **Acres** 1.44

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Acroptilon repens	0	Bromus inermis	3
Bromus japonicus	0	Elymus repens	1
Galium aparine	3	Lepidium perfoliatum	0
Pascopyrum smithii	3	Poa pratensis	4
Sisymbrium altissimum	4	Thinopyrum intermedium	3

Comments:

Upland plant community located in the southeastern corner of project area; species and cover consistent with previous observations in 2024.

Community # 7 **Community Type:** Schedonorus pratensis / **Acres** 2.19

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Acroptilon repens	0	Alopecurus pratensis	0
Arctium lappa	0	Asclepias sp.	0
Bromus inermis	1	Bromus japonicus	1
Cirsium arvense	0	Convolvulus arvensis	0
Cynoglossum officinale	0	Dactylis glomerata	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	0	Hordeum jubatum	0
Iva axillaris	0	Poa pratensis	2
Ribes aureum	0	Rosa woodsii	0
Schedonorus pratensis	3	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Symphoricarpos albus	0	Thinopyrum intermedium	2
Thlaspi arvense	1	Tragopogon dubius	0

Comments:

Grass dominated upland plant community in the SW portion of the site. No change in acreage observed in 2024.

Community # 8 **Community Type:** Thinopyrum intermedium / **Acres** 34.2

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Acroptilon repens	0	Alopecurus arundinaceus	0
Asclepias speciosa	0	Atriplex argentea	0
Bare Ground	1	Bassia scoparia	0
Bromus arvensis	0	Bromus inermis	1
Bromus japonicus	1	Bromus riparius	0
Bromus tectorum	1	Chenopodium album	1
Chenopodium rubrum	0	Cirsium arvense	0
Convolvulus arvensis	1	Descurainia sophia	0
Elaeagnus angustifolia	0	Elymus repens	2
Equisetum arvense	0	Galium aparine	1
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	1	Grindelia squarrosa	0
Hordeum jubatum	0	Iva axillaris	1
Juncus balticus	0	Lactuca serriola	0
Lepidium perfoliatum	1	Medicago sativa	0
Melilotus officinalis	0	Pascopyrum smithii	0
Poa pratensis	1	Poa secunda	0
Schedonorus pratensis	2	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Sporobolus airoides	0	Standing Water	0
Taraxacum officinale	1	Thinopyrum intermedium	5
Thlaspi arvense	1	Tragopogon dubius	0
Xanthium strumarium	0		

Comments:

Upland plant community observed throughout the majority of the mitigation site. Acreage increased slightly in 2024 due to wetland contraction in cells 4, 5, and 6.

Community # 12 **Community Type:** Elaeagnus angustifolia / Thinopyrum intermedium **Acres** 3.46

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Acroptilon repens	0	Alopecurus arundinaceus	1
Bromus inermis	2	Carex sp.	0
Cirsium arvense	1	Cynoglossum officinale	0
Echinocystis lobata	0	Elaeagnus angustifolia	3
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	1	Salix fragilis	0
Shepherdia argentea	1	Symphoricarpos albus	1
Taraxacum officinale	1	Thinopyrum intermedium	4

Comments:

Upland plant community located in the southern portion of project area. In 2024, species and cover was consistent with previous observations.

Community # 13 **Community Type:** Hordeum jubatum / Elymus repens **Acres** 2.5

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	3
Chenopodium album	0	Chenopodium rubrum	0
Distichlis spicata	2	Elaeagnus angustifolia	0
Elymus repens	3	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	0	Juncus balticus	0
Juncus torreyi	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	0
Puccinellia nuttalliana	2	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus maritimus	2	Schoenoplectus pungens	1
Sisymbrium altissimum	0	Thinopyrum intermedium	1
Thlaspi arvense	0	Typha angustifolia	1
Typha latifolia	0		

Comments:

Community continues to trend toward becoming more hydrophytic and salt tolerant. A few areas previously classified as this community type have been reclassified to CT9. In 2024, acreage increased due to new observations of CT13 in cells 8/9.

Community # 14 **Community Type:** Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia **Acres** 6.35

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Alopecurus pratensis	0
Asclepias speciosa	0	Bare Ground	2
Beckmannia syzigachne	0	Bromus arvensis	0
Carex utriculata	0	Chenopodium album	0
Chenopodium rubrum	0	Cirsium arvense	0
Descurainia sophia	0	Distichlis spicata	1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	0	Eleocharis palustris	0
Elymus repens	1	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0
Hordeum jubatum	1	Iva axillaris	0
Juncus balticus	2	Juncus torreyi	2
Lepidium perfoliatum	0	Puccinellia nuttalliana	2
Rumex crispus	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus americanus	0	Schoenoplectus maritimus	2
Schoenoplectus pungens	1	Sisymbrium altissimum	0
Standing Water	2	Thinopyrum intermedium	0
Thlaspi arvense	0	Typha angustifolia	2
Typha latifolia	0	Xanthium strumarium	0

Comments:

This community type number and name were changed in 2023 to reflect the reduced dominance of Typha latifolia and increase in Typha angustifolia. In 2024, acreage was lost to CT13 in cell 8/9 and slight wetland reduction in cells 4, 5, and 6.

Total Vegetation Community Acreage **50.14**

VEGETATION TRANSECTS

Site: JTX-Tunnicliff Date: 6/19/2024

Transect Number: 1 **Compass Direction from Start:** 200

Interval Data:

Ending Station 153 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Atriplex argentea	0	Bare Ground	1
Bromus inermis	2	Chenopodium album	1
Cirsium arvense	1	Convolvulus arvensis	0
Descurainia sophia	0	Elymus repens	1
Equisetum arvense	0	Galium aparine	0
Iva axillaris	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	0
Melilotus officinalis	1	Poa pratensis	0
Schedonorus pratensis	1	Taraxacum officinale	0
Thinopyrum intermedium	5		

Ending Station 247 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	3	Asclepias speciosa	0
Bare Ground	2	Chenopodium rubrum	1
Cirsium arvense	1	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	2
Juncus torreyi	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	0
Schoenoplectus maritimus	0	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Standing Water	1	Thinopyrum intermedium	1
Typha angustifolia	1	Typha latifolia	1
Xanthium strumarium	0		

Ending Station 311 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Atriplex argentea	0
Bare Ground	2	Chenopodium album	1
Galium aparine	0	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	1	Lactuca serriola	0
Lepidium perfoliatum	1	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Thinopyrum intermedium	3	Thlaspi arvense	2

Ending Station 563 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	4	Asclepias speciosa	0
Bare Ground	2	Carex utriculata	1
Chenopodium album	1	Chenopodium rubrum	1
Cirsium arvense	0	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	2
Juncus torreyi	0	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Schoenoplectus acutus	1	Schoenoplectus maritimus	0
Schoenoplectus pungens	2	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Standing Water	2	Thinopyrum intermedium	1
Thlaspi arvense	2	Typha angustifolia	2
Typha latifolia	1	Xanthium strumarium	0

Ending Station 633 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Bromus inermis	0
Chenopodium album	1	Chenopodium rubrum	1
Cirsium arvense	1	Elaeagnus angustifolia	0
Elymus repens	1	Hordeum jubatum	1
Iva axillaris	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Poa pratensis	1	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Taraxacum officinale	0	Thinopyrum intermedium	3
Thlaspi arvense	1	Xanthium strumarium	0

Ending Station 784 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	1
Chenopodium album	0	Elaeagnus angustifolia	1
Elymus repens	0	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0
Hordeum jubatum	3	Iva axillaris	2
Juncus balticus	1	Juncus torreyi	0
Schoenoplectus acutus	1	Schoenoplectus maritimus	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	3	Standing Water	3
Typha angustifolia	2	Typha latifolia	0

Ending Station 792 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	3
Chenopodium rubrum	1	Cirsium arvense	0
Elymus repens	0	Iva axillaris	1
Juncus balticus	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Poa secunda	1	Schedonorus pratensis	1
Sisymbrium altissimum	1	Thinopyrum intermedium	3

Transect Notes:

Wetland area along the transect decreased slightly in 2024 with the receding of wetland boundaries in cells 5 and 6. Sisymbium altissimum and Thlaspi arvense cover appear to be increasing along the transect.

Transect Number: 2 **Compass Direction from Start:** 330

Interval Data:

Ending Station 4 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	2
Chenopodium album	1	Chenopodium rubrum	0
Descurainia sophia	1	Distichlis spicata	0
Eleocharis palustris	0	Elymus repens	1
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0	Hordeum jubatum	3
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Puccinellia nuttalliana	0
Rumex crispus	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	0
Schoenoplectus maritimus	2	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Standing Water	1	Thlaspi arvense	1
Typha angustifolia	2	Typha latifolia	0

Ending Station 15 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Elymus repens

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	3
Chenopodium rubrum	1	Distichlis spicata	0
Elymus repens	2	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Puccinellia nuttalliana	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	3	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Thinopyrum intermedium	1	Thlaspi arvense	1

Ending Station 110 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	2
Chenopodium album	1	Chenopodium rubrum	0
Descurainia sophia	1	Distichlis spicata	0
Eleocharis palustris	0	Elymus repens	1
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0	Hordeum jubatum	3
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Puccinellia nuttalliana	0
Rumex crispus	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	0
Schoenoplectus maritimus	2	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Standing Water	0	Thlaspi arvense	1
Typha angustifolia	2	Typha latifolia	0

Ending Station 135 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Elymus repens

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	3
Chenopodium rubrum	1	Distichlis spicata	0
Elymus repens	2	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Puccinellia nuttalliana	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	3	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Thinopyrum intermedium	1	Thlaspi arvense	2

Ending Station 155 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	2
Chenopodium album	1	Chenopodium rubrum	0
Descurainia sophia	1	Distichlis spicata	0
Eleocharis palustris	0	Elymus repens	1
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0	Hordeum jubatum	3
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Puccinellia nuttalliana	0
Rumex crispus	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	0
Schoenoplectus maritimus	2	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Standing Water	1	Thlaspi arvense	1
Typha angustifolia	2	Typha latifolia	0

Ending Station 254 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	1	Bromus arvensis	1
Chenopodium album	1	Chenopodium rubrum	1
Descurainia sophia	1	Glycyrrhiza lepidota	0
Hordeum jubatum	2	Iva axillaris	1
Lepidium perfoliatum	1	Sisymbrium altissimum	3
Thinopyrum intermedium	4	Thlaspi arvense	2

Ending Station 354 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Elymus repens

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	2	Bare Ground	3
Chenopodium rubrum	1	Distichlis spicata	0
Elymus repens	2	Hordeum jubatum	2
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus balticus	1
Juncus torreyi	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	1
Puccinellia nuttalliana	0	Schoenoplectus acutus	1
Schoenoplectus pungens	3	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Thinopyrum intermedium	1	Thlaspi arvense	2

Ending Station 546 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Chenopodium album	2
Descurainia sophia	1	Elymus repens	5
Hordeum jubatum	2	Iva axillaris	1
Juncus balticus	1	Lactuca serriola	0
Lepidium perfoliatum	1	Pascopyrum smithii	0
Schedonorus pratensis	0	Sisymbrium altissimum	1
Thinopyrum intermedium	1	Thlaspi arvense	2
Tragopogon dubius	0		

Ending Station 608 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Elymus repens

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare ground	3
Distichlis spicata	2	Elymus repens	1
Hordeum jubatum	1	Iva axillaris	1
Standing Water	3	Thinopyrum intermedium	1
Typha angustifolia	1		

Ending Station 710 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	2	Chenopodium album	1
Descurainia sophia	0	Elymus repens	4
Hordeum jubatum	3	Iva axillaris	1
Standing Water	0	Thinopyrum intermedium	4
Thlaspi arvense	0		

Ending Station 725 Community Type: Hordeum jubatum / Elymus repens

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus arundinaceus	1	Bare Ground	3
Distichlis spicata	2	Elymus repens	1
Hordeum jubatum	3	Iva axillaris	1
Standing Water	3	Thinopyrum intermedium	1
Typha angustifolia	1		

Ending Station 870 Community Type: Schoenoplectus spp. / Typha angustifolia

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Alopecurus pratensis	2	Bare Ground	2
Chenopodium album	1	Distichlis spicata	1
Elymus repens	1	Hordeum jubatum	4
Iva axillaris	1	Juncus torreyi	0
Puccinellia nuttalliana	1	Schoenoplectus acutus	0
Schoenoplectus maritimus	0	Standing Water	5
Typha angustifolia	2		

Ending Station 900 Community Type: Thinopyrum intermedium /

Species	Cover class	Species	Cover class
Bare Ground	4	Bromus japonicus	1
Chenopodium album	1	Elymus repens	2
Hordeum jubatum	1	Lepidium perfoliatum	2
Sisymbrium altissimum	1	Thinopyrum intermedium	4
Thlaspi arvense	1		

Transect Notes:

In 2024, mustard species were observed to be inceasing across multiple intervals in the start of the transect. Typha angustifolia and CT14 continues to follow the trend observed in 2023. Hordeum jabatum and CT 13 appear to be expanding along transect 2 during 2024.

PLANTED WOODY VEGETATION SURVIVAL

JTX-Tunnicliff

Planting Type	#Planted	#Alive	Notes
PE-1	0	0	3/4 burned in July 2020. No survival of planted woody vegetation observed
PE-2	0	0	Heavy grass and weedy forb competition has elminated woody vegetation
PE-3	0	0	1/3 burned in 2020, no survival of planted woody vegetation observed
PE-4	0	0	No survival of planted woody vegetation observed
PE-5	0	0	~2 volunteer Russian Olives
PE-6	11	11	11 plains cottonwood, ~8 volunteer Russian Olives
PE-7	0	0	No survival of planted woody vegetation observed
PE-8	0	0	No survival of planted woody vegetation observed
Total Live	11	11	1% Survival (of original 1650 planted)

Comments

1,650 containerized woody plants were installed in 8 planting areas. All plantings were in 1 gallon containers except for cottonwood which were in 5 gallon containers. Very little survivorship of woody species plantings has been observed over the years. Some woody species have volunteered at the site but woody coverage is still quite low.

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WILDLIFE

Birds

Were man-made nesting structures installed? Yes

If yes, type of structure: Bird boxes

How many? 8

Are the nesting structures being used? Yes

Do the nesting structures need repairs? No

Nesting Structure Comments:

Nesting boxes one and eight on the site were full of nesting material in 2024.

Species	#Observed	Behavior	Habitat
House Wren	1	L	
Mourning Dove	1	L	
Red-winged Blackbird	5	L	
Bank Swallow	3	L	
Cliff Swallow	4	L	
Western Meadowlark	3	L	
Killdeer	2	FO	
Phalarope	2	N	
Sandhill Crane	2	F	
Pheasant	3	F	
Yellow Warbler	1	BD	
Mallard	1	F	

Bird Comments

In 2024, a total of 12 species were observed.

BEHAVIOR CODES

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

HABITAT CODES

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

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

Mammals and Herptiles

Species	# Observed	Tracks	Scat	Burrows	Comments
Rattle Snake	1	No	No	No	
Vole sp.	1	No	No	No	
White-tailed Deer	1	Yes	No	No	

Wildlife Comments:

Deer beds common

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Photograph Checklist:

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

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

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

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

Photo #	Latitude	Longitude	Bearing	Description
DP01u	45.8407441	-107.6006187		
DP01w	45.8407605	-107.6007518		
DP02u	45.8415034	-107.5998952		
DP02w	45.841453	-107.5998869		
DP03u	45.8410019	-107.5991183		
DP03w	45.8410637	-107.5989887		
DP04u	45.8395882	-107.5966079		
DP04w	45.8396189	-107.5966682		
DP05u	45.8387358	-107.5971998		
DP05w	45.8388231	-107.5971956		
DP06u	45.8380302	-107.5975732		
DP06w	45.8380948	-107.5975846		
DP07u	45.8380043	-107.5988251		
DP07w	45.8379424	-107.5987443		
DP08u	45.8377883	-107.5992775		
DP08w	45.8378746	-107.5992771		
DP09u	45.84056	-107.5992825		
DP09w	45.8404864	-107.5992772		
DP10u	45.8395569	-107.6002621		
DP10w	45.8394828	-107.6003329		
PP 1, Photo 2:	45.83945617	-107.5966157	270	PP-1
PP 1, Photo 3:	45.83945617	-107.5966157	220	PP-1
PP 2, Photo 1:	45.83785325	-107.5996803	315	PP-2
PP 2, Photo 2:	45.83785325	-107.5996803	0	PP-2
PP 2, Photo 3:	45.83785325	-107.5996803	45	PP-2
PP 3, Photo 1:	45.83943906	-107.6009084	140	PP-3
PP 3, Photo 2:	45.83943906	-107.6009084	100	PP-3

PP 3, Photo 3:	45.83943906	-107.6009084	45	PP-3
PP 4, Photo 1:	45.84139478	-107.5988983	105	PP-4
PP 4, Photo 2	45.84139478	-107.5988983	160	PP-4
PP 4, Photo 3	45.84139478	-107.5988983	240	PP-4
PP1, Photo 1:	45.83945617	-107.5966157	320	PP-1
Transect 1 end:	45.83765226	-107.5984577	50	T-1 end
Transect 1 start:	45.8392488	-107.5963573	200	T-1 start
Transect 2 end:	45.84089981	-107.6009804	160	T-2 end
Transect 2 start:	45.83844422	-107.6005579	330	T-2 start

Comments:

JTX-Tunnicliff

ADDITIONAL ITEMS CHECKLIST

Hydrology

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

Photos

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

Vegetation

☑ Map vegetation community boundaries

☑ Complete Vegetation Transects

Soils

☑ Assess soils

Wetland Delineations

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

Wetland Delineation Comments

Wetland boundaries were mapped in the field, not from aerial imagery

Functional Assessments

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

Functional Assessment Comments:

Category III wetland.

Maintenance

Were man-made nesting structure installed at this site? Yes

If yes, do they need to be repaired? No

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

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

into or out of the wetland? No

If yes, are the structures in need of repair?

If yes, describe the problems below.

See planted veg and bird box comments for repairs needed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8407441 Long: -107.6006187 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point at northeast end of cell 1. Wetland hydrology is present, but is not representative of the vegetation and soil at this location.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	45	✔	FACU
2. Thlaspi arvense	7		FACU
3. Sisymbrium altissimum	5		UPL
4. Hordeum jubatum	3		FACW
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	60 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 40

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	3	x 2 =	6
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	52	x 4 =	208
UPL species	5	x 5 =	25
Column Totals:	60 (A)		239 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.98

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by Elymus repens.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 10	10YR 4/1	100					Loam	
10 - 14	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy Loam	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes ✔ No _____ Depth (inches): 10

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

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

Remarks:

Saturation at 10 inches provides primary indicator for wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8407605 Long: -107.6007518 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point located at the northeast end of cell 1.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	15	✔	FACW
2. Alopecurus pratensis	5	✔	FACW
3. Chenopodium album	3		FACU
4. Elymus repens	3		FACU
5. Cirsium arvense	1		FACU
6. Lactuca serriola	1		FAC
7. Polygonum erectum	1		FAC
8. Rumex crispus	1		FAC
9.			
10.			
	30 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 70

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	20	x 2 =	40
FAC species	3	x 3 =	9
FACU species	7	x 4 =	28
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	30 (A)		77 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.56

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by Hordeum jubatum.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP01w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 15	10YR 4/2	85	10YR 4/6	5	C		Clay Loam	
0 - 15			N 4/0	10	D	M	Clay Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 8

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Soil saturated to the surface. Surface water located 4 feet to west.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S10 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8415034 Long: -107.5998952 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point approx. 5 feet higher than it's wetland pair, located in the north-central portion of cell 2. Hydric soil is present, but not representative of the vegetation and hydrology at this location.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Thinopyrum intermedium	70	✔	UPL
2. Elymus repens	10		FACU
3. Lepidium perfoliatum	5		FAC
4. Acroptilon repens	3		UPL
5. Bromus arvensis	1		UPL
6. Sisymbrium altissimum	1		UPL
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	90 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 10

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	5	x 3 =	15
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	75	x 5 =	375
Column Totals:	90 (A)		430 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.77

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by Thinopyrum intermedium.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 5	10YR 4/2	100					Clay	
5 - 16	10YR 3/1	100					Silty Clay	Abundant salt or gypsum crystals.
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

Salt/gypsum crystals provide a unique hydric soil indicator for clay soils located in the Great Plains.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S10 T1N R33E

Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Closed Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 4

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.841453 Long: -107.5998869 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point in north-central portion of cell 2.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	30	✔	FACW
2. Alopecurus pratensis	2		FACW
3. Rumex crispus	1		FAC
4. Typha angustifolia	1		OBL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	34 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 66

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	1	x 1 =	1
FACW species	32	x 2 =	64
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	34 (A)		68 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, sample point meets three hydrophytic vegetation indicators indicative of a hydrophytic plant community.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP02w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 0.5	10YR 2/2	90	N 3/0	10	D	M	Muck	Sulfidic odor.
0.5 - 16	10YR 4/1	95	10YR 4/4	5	C	M	Sandy Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Sulfidic odor detected in first layer, with a depleted matrix in the second horizon.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 10.5

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Surface water located 2 ft south of sample point. Saturated to the surface and a sulfidic odor detected.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S10 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8410019 Long: -107.5991183 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point on the southwest side of cell 3.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Lepidium perfoliatum	50	✔	FAC
2. Elymus repens	10		FACU
3. Descurainia sophia	1		UPL
4. Hordeum jubatum	1		FACW
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	62 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 38

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	1	x 2 =	2
FAC species	50	x 3 =	150
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	1	x 5 =	5
Column Totals:	62 (A)		197 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.17

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Upland sample point although dominated by Lepidium perfoliatum, it does not meet other hydrophytic vegetation parameters.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 15	10YR 4/3	100					Sandy Clay Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S10 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8410637 Long: -107.5989887 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point on the southwest side of cell 3.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Puccinellia nuttalliana	20	✔	OBL
2. Lepidium perfoliatum	15	✔	FAC
3. Hordeum jubatum	10	✔	FACW
4. Chenopodium album	1		FACU
5. Rumex crispus	1		FAC
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	47 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 53

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	20	x 1 =	20
FACW species	10	x 2 =	20
FAC species	16	x 3 =	48
FACU species	1	x 4 =	4
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	47 (A)		92 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.95

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by OBL and FACW vegetation and provides a prevalence index less that 3.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP03w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 4/2	97	10YR 4/6	3	C	M	Silty Clay Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 6

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Surface water 8 ft north of sample point. Saturated to the surface and the presence of an algal mat or crust indicate previous surface inundation at this location.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8395882 Long: -107.5966079 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point located on upper edge of the wetland cell 4.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	7	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	7 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Bromus arvensis	15	✔	FACU
2. Bromus inermis	15	✔	UPL
3. Elymus repens	5		FACU
4. Acroptilon repens	2		UPL
5. Erigeron canadensis	2		FACU
6. Hordeum jubatum	1		FACW
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	40 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 60

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	1	x 2 =	2
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	29	x 4 =	116
UPL species	17	x 5 =	85
Column Totals:	47 (A)		203 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.31

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by UPL and FACU vegetation that does not meet any hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP04u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 6	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy Loam	
6 - 14	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy Sand	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8396189 Long: -107.5966682 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point on southeast corner of cell 4.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Juncus balticus	10	✔	FACW
2. Typha angustifolia	7	✔	OBL
3. Eleocharis palustris	5		OBL
4. Erigeron canadensis	3		FACU
5. Hordeum jubatum	3		FACW
6. Bromus arvensis	1		FACU
7. Chenopodium album	1		FACU
8. Rumex crispus	1		FAC
9. Sisymbrium altissimum	1		UPL
10.			
	32 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 68

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	12	x 1 =	12
FACW species	13	x 2 =	26
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	5	x 4 =	20
UPL species	1	x 5 =	5
Column Totals:	32 (A)		66 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.06

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by FACW and OBL vegetation and meets three hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP04w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 7	10YR 4/1	98	10YR 4/6	2	C	M	Loam	
7 - 16	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy Sand	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

Depleted matrix indicator observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 11

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

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

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

Remarks:

High water table, saturated to the surface, passes FAC-Neutral test, and geomorphology position all indicate wetland hydrology.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8387358 Long: -107.5971998 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point at south end of cell 5.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Thlaspi arvense	25	✔	FACU
2. Elymus repens	10	✔	FACU
3. Lepidium perfoliatum	10	✔	FAC
4. Alopecurus pratensis	5		FACW
5. Hordeum jubatum	5		FACW
6. Chenopodium album	3		FACU
7. Sisymbrium altissimum	2		UPL
8. Descurainia sophia	1		UPL
9.			
10.			
	61 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 39

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	10	x 2 =	20
FAC species	10	x 3 =	30
FACU species	38	x 4 =	152
UPL species	3	x 5 =	15
Column Totals:	61 (A)		217 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.55

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by FACU vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP05u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 11	10YR 4/2	95	10YR 4/6	5	C	M	Loam	
11 - 15	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy Sand	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

Redox present in upper portion of profile. May be relict, or a result of soil mixing during construction.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed. The site appears to get inundated infrequently.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8388231 Long: -107.5971956 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point on the south side of cell 5.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	20	✔	FACW
2. Juncus balticus	15	✔	FACW
3. Typha angustifolia	15	✔	OBL
4. Schoenoplectus pungens	3		OBL
5. Sissymbryium altissimum	3		UPL
6. Rumex crispus	2		FAC
7. Thlaspi arvense	2		FACU
8.			
9.			
10.			
	60 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 40

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	18	x 1 =	18
FACW species	35	x 2 =	70
FAC species	2	x 3 =	6
FACU species	2	x 4 =	8
UPL species	3	x 5 =	15
Column Totals:	60 (A)		117 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.95

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by OBL and FACW vegetation, meeting 3 hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP05w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 8	10YR 4/1	90	10YR 4/6	10	C	M	Clay Loam	
8 - 16	10YR 4/2	95	10YR 4/6	5	C		Sandy Loam	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix with redox concentrations throughout the soil profile.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 10.5

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Site has saturated soils to the surface, a high water table. Surface water Is present within 7 feet of the sample point.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8380302 Long: -107.5975732 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point at south end of cell 6.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	2		FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	2 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Thinopyrum intermedium	70	✔	UPL
2. Melilotus officinalis	5		FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	75 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 25

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	7	x 4 =	28
UPL species	70	x 5 =	350
Column Totals:	77 (A)		378 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.90

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by Thinopyrum intermedium.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP06u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	2.5Y 5/3	99	10YR 4/6	1	C	PL	Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8380948 Long: -107.5975846 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point at the south end of cell 6.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	= Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	35	✔	FACW
2. Typha angustifolia	15	✔	OBL
3. Juncus balticus	5		FACW
4. Alopecurus pratensis	3		FACW
5. Rumex crispus	1		FAC
6. Schoenoplectus pungens	1		OBL
7. Thlaspi arvense	1		FACU
8.			
9.			
10.			
	61 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	= Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 39

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	16	x 1 =	16
FACW species	43	x 2 =	86
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	1	x 4 =	4
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	61 (A)		109 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.78

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM dominated by OBL and FACW vegetation, meeting 3 hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP06w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Redox Features Type[1]	Redox Features Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 4/2	95	10YR 4/6	5	C		Silty Clay Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: ___

Depth (inches): ___

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Sulfidic odor and depleted matrix prove the soil is hydric.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 2

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Saturated to the surface and a sulfidic odor are proof of wetland hydrology. Surface water occurs 10 ft north of the sample point.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8380043 Long: -107.5988251 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point on northwest side of cell 7.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	= Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	= Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Thlaspi arvense	35	✔	FACU
2. Elymus repens	15	✔	FACU
3. Lepidium perfoliatum	10		FAC
4. Chenopodium album	3		FACU
5. Lactuca serriola	3		FAC
6. Hordeum jubatum	2		FACW
7. Alopecurus pratensis	1		FACW
8. Bromus arvensis	1		FACU
9.			
10.			
	70 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	= Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 30

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	3	x 2 =	6
FAC species	13	x 3 =	39
FACU species	54	x 4 =	216
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	70 (A)		261 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.72

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point did not meet any hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP07u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 15	10YR 4/2	100					Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8379424 Long: -107.5987443 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point on west side of cell 7.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	20	✔	FACW
2. Juncus balticus	10	✔	FACW
3. Schoenoplectus pungens	10	✔	OBL
4. Typha angustifolia	2		OBL
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	42 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 58

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	12	x 1 =	12
FACW species	30	x 2 =	60
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	42 (A)		72 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.71

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by Hordeum jubatum and Juncus balticus, meeting 3 of the hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP07w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 9	10YR 4/1	95	10YR 4/6	5	C		Clay Loam	
9 - 16	10YR 4/1	90	10YR 4/6	5	C		Loamy Sand	
9 - 16			N 3/0	5	D	M	Loamy Sand	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix observed as primary indicator for hydric soil.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 2

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Surface water located 12 feet to the east. Sample point is saturated to the surface and has a high water table.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8377883 Long: -107.5992775 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point on southwest side of cell 8.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1. Elaeagnus angustifolia	7	✔	FACU
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	7 = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Thinopyrum intermedium	75	✔	UPL
2. Acroptilon repens	5		UPL
3. Alopecurus pratensis	5		FACW
4. Melilotus officinalis	2		FACU
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	87 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 13

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	5	x 2 =	10
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	9	x 4 =	36
UPL species	80	x 5 =	400
Column Totals:	94 (A)		446 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.74

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by Thinopyrum intermedium.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP08u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 4/2	100					Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8378746 Long: -107.5992771 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point in the southwest area of cell 8, within the enclosure.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	40	✔	FACW
2. Schoenoplectus maritimus	7		OBL
3. Schoenoplectus pungens	7		OBL
4. Alopecurus pratensis	5		FACW
5. Elymus repens	5		FACU
6. Rumex crispus	4		FAC
7. Juncus balticus	2		FACW
8.			
9.			
10.			
	70 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 30

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	14	x 1 =	14
FACW species	47	x 2 =	94
FAC species	4	x 3 =	12
FACU species	5	x 4 =	20
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	70 (A)		140 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by FACW and OBL vegetation, meeting 3 of the hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP08w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 10	10YR 4/1	97	10YR 4/6	3	C	M	Loam	Sulfidic odor
10 - 16	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy Sand	Gravelly
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Sulfidic odor and depleted matrix indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 2

Water Table Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 7.5

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Saturated to the surface with the water table observed at 7.5 inches. Sulfidic odor in the first soil horizon. Surface water is present 8 feet to the north.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-20

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.84056 Long: -107.5992825 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point in the central-northern portion of cell 12.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Thinopyrum intermedium	35	✔	UPL
2. Distichlis spicata	15	✔	FACW
3. Elymus repens	10		FACU
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	60 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 40

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	15	x 2 =	30
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	10	x 4 =	40
UPL species	35	x 5 =	175
Column Totals:	60 (A)		245 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.08

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by Thinopyrum intermedium and Distichlis spicata, but did not meet any hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP09u

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

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

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

No hydric soil indicators observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No ✔

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8404864 Long: -107.5992772 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point in the central northern portion of cell 12/13.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Agrostis stolonifera	25	✔	FACW
2. Distichlis spicata	20	✔	FACW
3. Schoenoplectus maritimus	3		OBL
4. Hordeum jubatum	2		FACW
5. Polygonum erectum	2		FAC
6. Thlaspi arvense	2		FACU
7. Chenopodium album	1		FACU
8. Descurainia sophia	1		
9. Erigeron canadensis	1		FACU
10.			
	57 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 43

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	3	x 1 =	3
FACW species	47	x 2 =	94
FAC species	2	x 3 =	6
FACU species	4	x 4 =	16
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	56 (A)		119 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.12

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

PEM, dominated by FACW vegetation.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP09w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 4/1	95	10YR 4/6	5	C	M	Silty Clay	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix observed as primary indicator for hydric soil.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes ✔ No ___ Depth (inches): 6

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Saturated to the surface. Algal mat/crust indicates higher surface water levels. Surface water present 6 feet south of sample point.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8395569 Long: -107.6002621 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Upland sample point in northwest portion of cell 10/11.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Elymus repens	65	✔	FACU
2. Erigeron canadensis	1		FACU
3. Hordeum jubatum	1		FACW
4. Lactuca serriola	1		FAC
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	68 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 32

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	1	x 2 =	2
FAC species	1	x 3 =	3
FACU species	66	x 4 =	264
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	68 (A)		269 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.95

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No ✔

Remarks:

Upland sample point dominated by Elymus repens and did not meet any hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP10u

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 9	10YR 4/1	98	10YR 4/6	2	C	M	Silty Clay Loam	
9 - 16	10YR 4/2	100					Sandy Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

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

Remarks:

Soil is moist. Redox concentrations may be relict.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

No evidence of wetland hydrology observed.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: JTX TUNNICLIFF City/County: Big Horn County Sampling Date: 2024-06-19

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

Investigator(s): McEldowney Section, Township, Range: S15 T1N R33E

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

Subregion (LRR): G 58A Lat: 45.8394828 Long: -107.6003329 Datum: NAD 83

Soil Map Unit Name: Hh - Haverson and Lohmiller soils, wet NWI classification: None

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

Wetland sample point in the northwest portion of cell 10/11.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
	_____ = Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft r)			
1. Hordeum jubatum	15	✔	FACW
2. Alopecurus pratensis	10	✔	FACW
3. Schoenoplectus pungens	3		OBL
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
	28 = Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft r)			
1.			
2.			
	_____ = Total Cover		

% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 72

Dominance Test worksheet:

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

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

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

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	3	x 1 =	3
FACW species	25	x 2 =	50
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	0	x 4 =	0
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	28 (A)		53 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.89

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

✔ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

✔ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

✔ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

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

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ✔ No _____

Remarks:

Wetland sample point dominated by FACW vegetation and met 3 of the hydrophytic vegetation indicators.

SOIL

Sampling Point: DP10w

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

Depth (inches)	Matrix Color (moist)	Matrix %	Redox Features Color (moist)	Redox Features %	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0 - 16	10YR 4/1	95	10YR 4/6	5	C		Loam	
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								
-								

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

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

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

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

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

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

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ✔ No ___

Remarks:

Depleted matrix with 5% redox concentrations observed.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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

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

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

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

Field Observations:

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

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

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

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ✔ No ___

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

Remarks:

Saturated to the surface.

MDT Montana Wetland Assessment Form (revised March 2008)

1. Project Name: JTX Tunnicliff **2. MDT Project #:** STPP STWD (056) **Control #:** 9680000

3. Evaluation Date: 06/19/2024 **4. Evaluator(s):** R McEldowney, R Baumgarten **5. Wetlands/Site #(s):** JTX Tunnicliff

6. Wetland Location(s): i. Legal: T1N,R33E,10 ;T1N,R33E,15 **Latitude/Longitude:** 45.83953, -107.59887 :

ii. Approx. Stationing or Mileposts: NA

iii. Watershed: 14

Watershed Name, County: Middle Yellowstone, Big Horn

7. a. Evaluating Agency: CCI for MDT

b. Purpose of Evaluation:

1. ___ Wetlands potentially affected by MDT project
2. ___ Mitigation wetlands; pre-construction
3. X Mitigation wetlands; post-construction
4. ___ Other:

8. Wetland size: 8.850 acres (measured)

9. Assessment area (AA): 8.850 acres (measured)

10. Classification of Wetland and Aquatic Habitats in AA

HGM Class (Brinson)	Class (Cowardin)	Modifier (Cowardin)	Water Regime	% of AA
D	EM	E	SI	100

Abbreviations: *(see manual for definitions)*

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

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

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

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

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

COMMON

12. General condition of AA:

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

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

Comments: (types of disturbance, intensity, season, etc.): Vegetation in AA is well established. Burn area from 2020 is nearly undetectable.

ii. Prominent noxious, aquatic nuisance, & other exotic vegetation species: Convolvulus arvensis, Cirsium arvense, and Acroptilon repens.

iii. Provide brief descriptive summary of AA and surrounding land use/habitat: Fishing access site, large parcel homesites, and ranching.

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

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

Comments: Site contains multiple PEM wetlands.

SECTION PERTAINING to FUNCTIONS & VALUES ASSESSMENT

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

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

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
		Monarch Butterfly(S)

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

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

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): USFWS T&E list for Big Horn County

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

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

Primary or critical habitat (list species)	**Secondary habitat (list species)**	**Incidental habitat (list species)**
	Bur oak (2017)(D) - S2S3	Great Blue Heron(S) - S2S3
	Greater Sage-Grouse (2023)(D) - S2S3	

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

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

Sources for documented use (e.g. observations, records, etc): 2024 MTNHP Environmental Summary Report.

14C. General Wildlife Habitat Rating:

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

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

Minimal (based on any of the following [check]):
- ___ few or no wildlife observations during peak use periods
- ___ little to no wildlife sign
- ___ sparse adjacent upland food sources
- ___ interviews with local biologists with knowledge of the AA

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

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

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

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

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

Comments: Deer tracks and 12 bird species observed in 2024.

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

Type of Fishery: Cold Water **(CW)** ___ Warm Water **(WW)** ___ **Use the CW or WW guidelines in the user manual to complete the matrix**

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

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

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

ii. Modified Rating (NOTE: Modified score cannot exceed 1 or be less than 0.1)

a) Is fish use of the AA significantly reduced by a culvert, dike, or other man-made structure or activity or is the waterbody included on the current final MDEQ list of waterbodies in need of TMDL development with listed "Probable Impaired Uses" including cold or warm water fishery or aquatic life support, or do aquatic nuisance plant or animal species (see Appendix E) occur in fish habitat? ___ If yes, reduce score in i above by 0.1.

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

iii. Final Score and Rating: NA **Comments:** No fish habitat within AA.

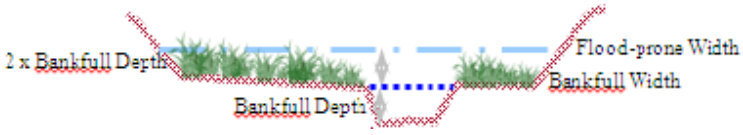
14E. Flood Attenuation: (Applies only to wetlands subject to flooding via in-channel or overbank flow. If wetlands in AA are not flooded from in-channel or overbank flow, mark ___ **NA** and proceed to 14F.)

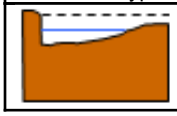
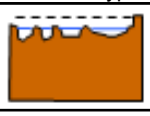
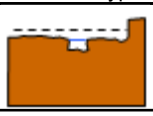
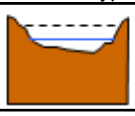
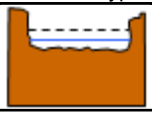
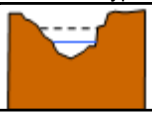
i. Rating (working from top to bottom, use the matrix below to arrive at [circle] the functional points and rating)

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

Entrenchment ratio (ER) estimation – see User's Manual for additional guidance. Entrenchment ratio = (flood-prone width)/(bankfull width) Flood-prone width = estimated horizontal projection of where 2 x maximum bankfull depth elevation intersects the floodplain on each side of the stream.

700 /	250 =	**2.8**
Flood-prone width	*Bankfull width*	*Entrenchment ratio (ER)*



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

ii. Are ≥10 acres of wetland in the AA subject to flooding **AND** are man-made features which may be significantly damaged by floods located within 0.5 mile downstream of the AA (circle)? ___ **Comments:** AA was flooded by the Bighorn River in 2023. Entrenchment ratio estimated from aerial photography and not measured in field. River is C-type.

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

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

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

Comments: Due to the depth of the excavated cells relative to the surrounding uplands, this site is capable of providing a large amount of surface water storage.

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

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

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

Comments: AA has the potential to receive sediment/nutrient/toxicants from surface or groundwater.

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

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

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

Comments: Small amounts of shallow surface water observed in 2024. Wetland shoreline dominated by vegetation communities including Schoenoplectus spp., Typha angustifolia, Hordeum jubatum, and Elymus repens.

14I. Production Export/Food Chain Support:

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

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

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

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

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

a) Is there an average >= 50 foot-wide vegetated upland buffer around >= 75% of the AA circumference? ___**X** *If yes, add 0.1 to the score in ii above.*

iv. Final Score and Rating: 0.50M **Comments:** Moderate biological activity; qualifying upland buffer exists.

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

i. Discharge Indicators

	The AA is a slope wetland
	Springs or seeps are known or observed
X	Vegetation growing during dormant season/drought
	Wetland occurs at the toe of a natural slope
	AA permanently flooded during drought periods
	Wetland contains an outlet, but no inlet
X	Shallow water table and the site is saturated to the surface
	Other:

ii. Recharge Indicators

X	Permeable substrate present without underlying impeding layer
	Wetland contains inlet but no outlet
	Stream is a known 'losing' stream; discharge volume decreases
	Other:

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

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

Comments: The site was designed to have excavated wetland cells that utilize high groundwater tables as the primary hydrologic source.

14K. Uniqueness:

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

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

Comments: Wetland type is common in the Bighorn River floodplain.

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

i. Is the AA a known or potential rec./ed. site: (circle) **X** (if 'Yes' continue with the evaluation; if 'No' then mark ___ **NA** and proceed to the overall summary and rating page)

ii. Check categories that apply to the AA: **X** Educational/scientific study; ___Consumptive rec.; ___Non-consumptive rec.; ___Other :

iii. Rating:

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

Comments: Site owned by MFWP and part of larger Grant Marsh WMA property.

General Site Notes
Wetland area decreased slightly between 2023 and 2024 monitoring events.

FUNCTION & VALUE SUMMARY & OVERALL RATING FOR WETLAND/SITE #(S): JTX Tunnicliff

Function & Value Variables	Rating	Actual Functional Points	Possible Functional Points	Functional Units: (Actual Points x Wetland Acreage)	Indicate the four most prominent functions with an asterisk (*)
A. Listed/Proposed T&E Species Habitat	L	0.10	1	0.89	
B. MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat	M	0.60	1	5.31	
C. General Wildlife Habitat	M	0.70	1	6.20	*
D. General Fish Habitat	NA				
E. Flood Attenuation	M	0.60	1	5.31	
F. Short and Long Term Surface Water Storage	H	0.90	1	7.97	*
G. Sediment/Nutrient/Toxicant Removal	H	1.00	1	8.85	*
H. Sediment/Shoreline Stabilization	M	0.60	1	5.31	
I. Production Export/Food Chain Support	M	0.50	1	4.43	
J. Groundwater Discharge/Recharge	M	0.70	1	6.20	*
K. Uniqueness	M	0.40	1	3.54	
L. Recreation/Education Potential (bonus points)	H	0.20	1	1.77	
Totals:		6.30	10.00	55.78	
Percent of Possible Score			63%		

Category I Wetland: (must satisfy one of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category II)

____ Score of 1 functional point for Listed/Proposed Threatened or Endangered Species; **or**
____ Score of 1 functional point for Uniqueness; **or**
____ Score of 1 functional point for Flood Attenuation and answer to Question 14E.ii is "yes"; **or**
____ Percent of possible score > 80% (round to nearest whole #).

Category II Wetland: (Criteria for Category I not satisfied and meets any one of the following criteria; otherwise go to Category IV)

____ Score of 1 functional point for MT Natural Heritage Program Species Habitat; **or**
____ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Wildlife Habitat; **or**
____ Score of .9 or 1 functional point for General Fish Habitat; **or**
____ "High" to "Exceptional" ratings for **both** General Wildlife Habitat **and** General Fish/Aquatic Habitat; **or**
____ Score of .9 functional point for Uniqueness; **or**
____ Percent of possible score > 65% (round to nearest whole #).

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

Category IV Wetland: (Criteria for Categories I or II are not satisfied and all of the following criteria are met; otherwise go to Category III)

____ "Low" rating for Uniqueness; **and**
____ Vegetated wetland component 1 acre (do not include upland vegetated buffer); **and**
____ Percent of possible score 35% (round to nearest whole #).

OVERALL ANALYSIS AREA RATING: III

Summary Comments: AA provides valuable functions and services within the Bighorn River floodplain.

Table B-1. JTX Tunnicliff Wetland Mitigation Site. Comprehensive Vegetation Species List 2017-2024

Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Acer negundo	Box Elder	FAC
Acroptilon repens	Russian Knapweed	UPL
Agropyron cristatum	Crested Wheatgrass	UPL
Alopecurus arundinaceus	Creeping Meadow-Foxtail	FACW
Arctium lappa	Greater Burdock	UPL
Asclepias speciosa	Showy Milkweed	FAC
Atriplex argentea	Silverscale Saltbush	UPL
Bassia scoparia	Mexican-Fireweed	FACU
Beckmannia syzigachne	American Slough Grass	OBL
Brassica sp.	Mustard sp.	NA
Bromus arvensis (japonicus)	Field Brome	FACU
Bromus ciliatus	Fringed Brome	FAC
Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	UPL
Carex utriculata	**Northwest Territory Sedge**	**OBL**
Chenopodium album	Lamb's-Quarters	FACU
Chenopodium glaucum	Oak-Leaf Goosefoot	FAC
Chenopodium rubrum	Red Goosefoot	OBL
Cirsium arvense	Canadian Thistle	FACU
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	UPL
Crataegus douglasii	Douglas Hawthorne	FAC
Cynoglossum officinale	Gypsy-Flower	FACU
Dactylis glomerata	Orchardgrass	FACU
Descurania sophia	Herb Sophia	UPL
Distichlis spicata	Coastal Salt Grass	FACW
Echinocystis lobata	Wild Cucumber	FAC
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian-Olive	FACU
Elaeagnus commutata	Silverberry	UPL
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-Rush	OBL
Elymus hispidus	Intermediate Wheatgrass	UPL
Elymus repens	Creeping Wild Rye	FACU
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender Wild Rye	FACU
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	FAC
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash	FAC
Galium aparine	Sticky-Willy	FACU
Glycyrrhiza lepidota	American Licorice	FACU
Hordeum jubatum	Fox-Tail Barley	FACW
Iva axillaris	Deer-root	FAC
Juncus balticus	Baltic rush	FACW
Juncus torreyi	Torrey's Rush	FACW
Lepidium perfoliatum	Clasping Pepperwort	FAC
Leymus cinereus	Great Basin Lyme Grass	UPL
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	FACU
Medicago sativa	Alfalfa	UPL

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Scientific Names	Common Names	GP Indicator Status[(a)]
Melilotis albus	White Sweet-Clover	UPL
Melilotis officinalis	Yellow Sweet-Clover	FACU
Pascopyrum smithii	Western Wheatgrass	FACU
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Blue Grass	FACU
Poa secunda	Curly Blue Grass	FACU
Populus deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	FAC
Prunus virginiana	Common Chokecherry	FACU
Puccinellia nuttaliana	Nutall's Alkali Grass	OBL
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak	FACU
Rosa woodsii	Wood's Rose	FACU
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock	FAC
Salix fragilis	Crack Willow	FAC
Schedonorus pratensis	False Meadow Rye	FACU
Shepherdia argentea	Silver Buffalo-Berry	UPL
Schoenoplectus acutus	Hard-Stem Club-Rush	OBL
Schoenoplectus americanus	Chairmaker's Club-rush	OBL
Schoenoplectus maritimus	Saltmarsh Club-rush	OBL
Schoenoplectus pungens	Three-Square	OBL
Sisymbrium altissimum	Tall Hedge-Mustard	FACU
Sporobolus airoides	Alkali-sacaton	FAC
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry	UPL
Taraxacum officinale	Common Dandelion	FACU
Thinopyrum ponticum	Tall Wheatgrass	UPL
Tragopogon dubius	Meadow Goat's-beard	UPL
Trifolium fragiferum	Strawberry-head Clover	FAC
Trifolium repens	White Clover	FACU
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-leaf Cat-tail	OBL
Typha latifolia	Broad-leaf Cat-tail	OBL
Xanthium strumarium	Rough Cocklebur	FAC

[(a)] 2020 NWPL (USACE 2020)

New species identified in 2024 are **bolded.**

APPENDIX C
PROJECT AREA PHOTOGRAPHS

MDT Wetland Mitigation Monitoring
JTX – Tunnicliff Ranch
Big Horn County, Montana

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point: 1 Location: Looking NW at Cell 4
Bearing: 320 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 1 Location: Looking NW at Cell 4
Bearing: 320 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 1 Location: Looking east across property
Bearing: 270 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 1 Location: Looking east across property
Bearing: 270 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 1 Location: Looking SW at Cell 5
Bearing: 220 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 1 Location: Looking SW at Cell 5
Bearing: 220 degrees Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point: 2 Location: Looking NW at Cell 9
Bearing: 315 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 2 Location: Looking NW at Cell 9
Bearing: 315 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 2 Location: Looking North at Cell 8/9
Bearing: 0 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 2 Location: Looking North at Cell 8/9
Bearing: 0 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 2 Location: Looking NE at Cell 8
Bearing: 45 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 2 Location: Looking NE at Cell 8
Bearing: 45 degrees Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point: 3 Location: Looking SE at Cell 13
Bearing: 140 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 3 Location: Looking SE at Cell 13
Bearing: 140 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 3 Location: Looking E. at Cell 13
Bearing: 100 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 3 Location: Looking East at Cell 13
Bearing: 100 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 3 Location: W side of property Looking NE
Bearing: 45 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 3 Location: W side of property Looking NE
Bearing: 45 degrees Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Photo Point Photographs

Photo Point: 4 Location: Looking E at Cell 3
Bearing: 105 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 4 Location: Looking East at Cell 3
Bearing: 105 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 4 Location: Looking South at Cell 3
Bearing: 160 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 4 Location: Looking South at Cell 3
Bearing: 160 degrees Year: 2024

Photo Point: 4 Location: Looking West at Cell 2
Bearing: 240 degrees Year: 2016

Photo Point: 4 Location: Looking West at Cell 2
Bearing: 240 degrees Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Transect Photographs

Transect 1: Start Location: SE corner of property
Bearing: 230 degrees Year: 2016

Transect 1: Start Location: SE corner of property
Bearing: 230 degrees Year: 2024

Transect 1: End Location: SE corner of property
Bearing: 50 degrees Year: 2016

Transect 1: End Location: SE corner of property
Bearing: 50 degrees Year: 2024

Transect 2: Start Location: West side of property
Bearing: 350 degrees Year: 2016

Transect 2: Start Location: West side of property
Bearing: 350 degrees Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Transect and Data Point Photographs

Transect 2: End
Bearing: 170 degrees
Location: West side of property
Year: 2016

Transect 2: End
Bearing: 170 degrees
Location: West side of property
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP01w
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 1

Data Point: DP01u
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 1

Data Point: DP02w
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 2

Data Point: DP02u
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 2

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Transect and Data Point Photographs

Data Point: DP03w Location: Cell 3
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP03u Location: Cell 3
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP04w Location: Cell 4
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP04u Location: Cell 4
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP05w Location: Cell 5
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP05u Location: Cell 5
Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Transect and Data Point Photographs

Data Point: DP06w Location: Cell 6
Year: 2024

Data Point: D06u Location: Cell 6
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP07w Location: Cell 7
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP07u Location: Cell 7
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP08w Location: Cell 8/9
Year: 2024

Data Point: DP08u Location: Cell 8/9
Year: 2024

JTX Tunnicliff: 2024 Transect and Data Point Photographs

Data Point: DP09w
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 12/13

Data Point: DP09u
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 12/13

Data Point: DP10w
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 10/11

Data Point: DP10u
Year: 2024
Location: Cell 10/11