

FUTURE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

All sections must be addressed, or the application will be considered invalid

## I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

| Α. | Applicant Name: C                               | lark Fork Coalition |              |              |         |                |                   |
|----|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
|    | Mailing Address:                                | 10 S 4th St W #1    |              |              |         |                |                   |
|    | City: Missoula                                  |                     | State:       | MT           | Zip:    | 59801          |                   |
|    | Telephone: 406-542-                             | 0539                | E-mail:      | karen@clark  | fork.or | g              |                   |
| В. | Contact Person (if different than applicated    | nt): Jed Whiteley   | ,            |              |         |                |                   |
|    | Address: 1401 S 4th                             | St W #1             |              |              |         |                |                   |
|    | City: Missoula                                  |                     | State:       | MT           | Zip:    | 59801          |                   |
|    | Telephone: 406-531-                             | 0256                | E-mail:      | jed@clarkfor | rk.org  |                |                   |
| C. | Landowner and/or Le<br>(if different than appli |                     | n Creek Mea  | dows HOA     |         |                |                   |
|    | Mailing Address:                                | D Box 3502          |              |              |         |                |                   |
|    | City: Missoula                                  |                     | State:       | MT           | Zip:    | 59806          |                   |
|    | Telephone: 406-360-                             | 3327                | E-mail:      | w.r.darling@ | hotma   | il.com         |                   |
| PR | OJECT INFORMATIO                                | N                   |              |              |         |                |                   |
| Α. | Project Name: O'Brie                            | en Creek Meadows    | Stream Rest  | oration      |         |                |                   |
|    | River, stream, or lake                          | O'Brien Creek       |              |              |         |                |                   |
|    | Location: Township                              | : T13N              | Range:       | R20W         |         | Section:       | S27, S34          |
|    | Latitude:                                       | 46.8494             | _ Longitude: | -114.1108    |         | Within project | (decimal degrees) |
|    | County: Missoula                                |                     |              |              |         |                |                   |

The purpose of the project is to increase wild and native trout populations in the O'Brien Creek and Bitterroot watersheds. The project will achieve this by creating habitat for trout, promoting migration of trout from the Bitterroot River to spawning areas and cold water refugia, and by decreasing the impacts of sediment on the salmonid populations of O'Brien Creek and the Bitterroot River.

II.

C. Brief Project Description (attach additional information to end of application):

The 25.4 square-mile O'Brien Creek watershed in Missoula County is an important tributary to the Bitterroot River due to it being a key spawning tributary and stronghold for native Westslope cutthroat trout. O'Brien Creek lies directly adjacent to Missoula populace in area with extremely high fishing demand and few small tribs producing recruitment. The creek has experienced extensive human uses for more than a century, including a railroad in the valley bottom for timber extraction, a grain mill at the confluence with the Bitterroot, severe manipulation from ditching and irrigation withdrawals, road development and timber harvest in the uplands, among others uses.

These land uses contributed to degradation of the fishery but the Clark Fork Coalition (CFC), along with state and federal agencies, have been working for decades to restore the creek and it's riparian habitat. FWP took the lead on upgrading the crossing at Blue Mountain Road and restoring the reach below Blue Mountain Road to the confluence with the Bitterroot River while the Lolo National Forest hass completed large scale road decomissioning in the uplands of the O'Brien Creek drainage. In 2014 CFC completed the acquisition of all the senior water rights and converted them to instream flow, permanently reconnecting the creek to the Bitterroot. Now CFC is working with private landowners, the State of Montana and the Forest Service to address habitat, passage and sediment issues on the creek. All of these were identified as limiting factors on O'Brien Creek in the Bitterroot Watershed Restoration Plan that was updated in 2020.

For this project CFC is working with the O'brien Creek Meadows HOA and the upstream landowner to restore a ~900 ft reach of O'brien Creek that is immediately upstream of the Blue Mountain Road reach FWP previously restored. The project will reduce sediment loading, restore stream and floodplain function, improve riparian and instream wildlife habitat, and dissipate flood energy.

The following treatments are proposed on approximately 900 feet of O'Brien Creek:

- Channel Reshaping and Realignment
- Floodplain reconnection
- Large wood installation
- Riparian planting
- Installation of two 36" relief culverts

Our goal is to construct the project in the fall of 2023. In addition to this project CFC is working with the Lolo National Forest, FWP, River Design Group and Geum Environmental to survey over 1.5 miles of O'Brien Creek that lies on the National Forest in order to identify ~2,500 ft of the stream to restore with the goal of increasing/improving Westslope cutthroat trout habitat and spawning sites.

Please note that we have removed Reach 1 from the project as called out on the plan set after reviewing cost vs benefits gained with the local FWP fish biologist and MT DEQ 319 personnel.

### D. What was the cause of habitat degradation and how will the project correct the cause?

The habitat was degraded by the historic removal of wood from the stream, straightening of the creek by the construction of O'Brien Creek Road and an undersized culvert at the Tripple Creek Road crossing. This project will address all 3 negative impacts by adding LWD habitat structures, meandering the creek through a new channel in the meadow and adding two 36" relief culverts to the Tripple Creek Rd crossing that will handle up to a q100 streamflow event.



Lolo National Forest, Hillsdale Estates, MT FWP, MT DEQ, Westslope Chapter Trout Unlimited, Missoula Valley Water Quality District

## **III.** MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING (attach additional information to end of application):

A 20-year maintenance commitment is required\*. Please confirm that you will ensure A. this protection and describe your approach. Attach any relevant maintenance plans. *\*If it is a water leasing project, describe the length of the agreement.* 

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CFC and the landowner have a signed landowner agreement formalizing a commitment to maintaining and protecting the project for a 20 year period. CFC has a flow monitoring site at the bottom of the project reach and will be visiting the site at least 5-8 times a year so any violoation of this agreement will be quickly noticed and rectified.

Will grazing be part of or adjacent to the project? If so, describe or attach land management plans,
B. including short term and long term grazing regimes. If the landowner is not the applicant, please describe their involvement in the project. *If you want assistance with grazing plan development, note your need.*

No grazing will take place in or adjacent to the project area.

Will the project be monitored to determine if goals were met? If so, what are the short-term andC. long-term plans to assess benefits and lessons learned? Were pre-project data collected? Will monitoring information be shared with FWP?

Yes. CFC is planning to conduct pre-project monitoring during the summer of 2023 and DEQ has already conducted Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) monitoring on the project reach. Our monitoring pre- and post- project monitoring plans include R1\R4 (abridged) fish habitat monitoring, Greenline, photo points, and container plant survival monitoring. With help from FWP, we hope to collect post-project fish population data (FWP has conducted pre-project fish population monitoring). These monitoring efforts will help inform us of project effectiveness, as well as keep us aware of any maintenance that needs to happen on site. All data will be shared with FWP.

## IV. PROJECT BENEFITS (attach additional information to end of application):

A. What species of fish will benefit from this project?

Westslope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, mountain whitefish. In addition O'Brien Creek is designated as Critical Bull Trout habitat but there is no clear evidence of their presence at the current time.

## B. How will the project protect or enhance wild fish habitat?

The project will enhance wild and native fish habitat by improving instream habitat complexity; enhancing riparian cover and function; decreasing water temperatures and sediment load to the creek. Adding large woody debris into the system which is currently nearly devoid of wood and building a new meandering channel to replace the current straightened reach will greatly increase complexity and lowering floodplains will improve floodplain-channel connectivity. This new connectivity in an entrenched stream will help riparian plants become established, providing riparian cover for wild trout and cooling water temperatures.

These treatments are also expected to reduce sediment load to the creek by preventing new erosion and allowing the channelized section of stream an opportunity to slow down and disperse high flows.

C. What is the expected improvement to fish populations, both short term and long term? How might the project translate to angler success?

The lower Bitterroot River is a recruitment-limited fishery with intense fishing pressure. O'Brien Creek supports high trout densities and high conservation value for native cutthroat trout. O'Brien Creek is one of three primary tributaries within the lower Bitterroot River system that provide trout recruitment to the fishery.

In the short term, this project will provide increased aquatic habitat and riparian cover for wild trout, leading to higher densities in this reach. In the long term, this project, in conjunction with other completed flow and habitat restoration projects in O'Brien Creek should result in improved fish passage and habitat and greater numbers of wild trout in the Lower Bitterroot River

D. Will the project increase public fishing opportunity for wild fish and, if so, how? Is public fishing allowed onsite? If not, describe how the public would access the project benefits.

While the bottom of the project reach does cross under a county road giving the public legal fishing access below the high water mark the principle positive impact to fishing opportunities for the public is the positive impact on the Lower Bitterroot River fishery.

E. Aside from angling, what local or large-scale public benefits will be realized from this project?

In addition to the fishery benefits this project will increase the riparian corridor on O'Brien Creek, reduce sediment from entering the Bitterroot River which was recently delisted for sediment and protect a county road from washing out during a flood event.

F. Will the project interfere with water or property rights of adjacent landowners? (explain):

No water rights are involved with the project and there will be no interference with the property rights of adjacent landowners.

G. Will the project result in the development of commercial recreational use on the site (including paid access)? Explain:

No

H. Is this project associated with the reclamation of past mining activity?

No

Each approved project applicant must enter into a written agreement with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks specifying terms and duration of the project. The applicant must obtain all applicable permits prior to project construction. A competitive bid process must be followed when using State funds.

## V. AUTHORIZING STATEMENT

I (we) hereby declare that the information and all statements to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge and that the project or activity complies with rules of the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

Applicant Signature:

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Digitally signed by Karen Knudsen Date: 2022.11.15 14:52:35 -07'00' Date:

11/15/2022

Submittal: Applications must be signed and received on or before November 15 and May 15 to be considered for the subsequent funding period. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.

| Mail to: | FWP Future Fisheries  | Email: | Future Fisheries Coordinator                              |
|----------|-----------------------|--------|---|
|          | Fish Habitat Bureau   |        | FWPFFIP@mt.gov  |
|          | PO Box 200701         |        | (electronic submissions must be signed)                   |
|          | Helena, MT 59620-0701 |        | For files over 10MB, use https://transfer.mt.gov and send |
|          |                       |        | to mmcgree@mt.gov   |

# BUDGET TEMPLATE SHEET FOR FUTURE FISHERIES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

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Both tables must be completed or the application will be returned

|  |                    | PROJECT COS          |                            |         |            |    | • •                       |     |                          | IBUTIONS                                   |         |           |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|----|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--|---------|-----------|
| WORK ITEMS<br>(Itemize by<br>Category)<br>Personnel*** | NUMBER OF<br>UNITS | UNIT<br>DESCRIPTION* | COST/UNIT                  |         | TOTAL COST | FU | TURE FISHERIES<br>REQUEST |     | TCH (Cash<br>Services)** | OTHER<br>(Not part of this<br>application) |         | TOTAL     |
| Survey   | 1                  | LS                   | \$3,000.00                 | ¢       | 3,000.00   |    |                           |     | 3,000.00                 |  | \$      | 3,000.00  |
| Design   |                    | LS                   | \$3,000.00                 |         | 24,000.00  |    |                           |     | 24,000.00                |  | э<br>\$ | 24,000.00 |
| Engineering  |                    | LS                   | \$24,000.00                | э<br>\$ | -          |    |                           |     | 24,000.00                |  | \$      | 24,000.00 |
| Permitting   |                    | LS                   | \$4,000.00                 |         | 4,000.00   |    |                           |     | 4,000.00                 |  | \$      | 4,000.00  |
| Oversight  |                    | LS                   | \$15,000.00                |         | 15,000.00  |    |                           |     | 15,000.00                |  | \$      | 15,000.00 |
|  |                    |                      | +.0,000.000                | \$      | -          |    |                           |     |                          |  | \$      | -         |
|  |                    |                      | Sub-Total                  | \$      | 46,000.00  | \$ | -                         | \$  | 46,000.00                | \$-  | \$      | 46,000.00 |
| Travel   |                    | I                    |                            |         | ,          |    |                           | н · | ,                        |  | и ·     | ,         |
| Mileage  | 400                | mile                 | \$0.54                     | \$      | 216.00     |    |                           |     | 216.00                   |  | \$      | 216.00    |
| Per diem   |                    |                      |                            | \$      | -          |    |                           |     |                          |  | \$      | -         |
|  |                    |                      | Sub-Total                  | \$      | 216.00     | \$ | -                         | \$  | 216.00                   | \$-  | \$      | 216.00    |
| Construction Ma  |                    |                      |                            |         |            |    |                           |     |                          |  |         |           |
| Alluvium   | 181                | CY                   | \$20.00                    | \$      | 3,620.00   |    |                           |     | 3,620.00                 |  | \$      | 3,620.00  |
| Wood and Brush   | 1                  | LS                   | \$7,000.00                 | \$      | 7,000.00   |    | 7,000.00                  |     |                          |  | \$      | 7,000.00  |
| Willow Cuttings<br>Restoration                         | 4165               | EA                   | \$1.00                     | \$      | 4,165.00   |    | 4,165.00                  |     |                          |  | \$      | 4,165.00  |
| plants   | 1                  | LS                   | \$2,500.00                 | ¢       | 2,500.00   |    | 2,500.00                  |     |                          |  | \$      | 2,500.00  |
| 40' 3ft dia CMP  |                    | EA                   | \$4,800.00                 |         | 9,600.00   |    | 4,800.00                  |     | 4,800.00                 |  | \$      | 9,600.00  |
| Crushed  |                    |                      | \$ 1,000100                | Ψ       | 0,000.00   |    | 1,000100                  |     | 1,000100                 |  | Ŷ       | 0,000100  |
| aggregate  | 110                | CY                   | \$35.00                    | \$      | 3,850.00   |    |                           |     | 3,850.00                 |  | \$      | 3,850.00  |
| asphalt  | 960                | SF                   | \$2.00                     | \$      | 1,920.00   |    |                           |     | 1,920.00                 |  | \$      | 1,920.00  |
| Exclosure<br>fencing                                   | 2500               | LF                   | \$6.00                     |         | 15,000.00  |    |                           |     | 15,000.00                |  | \$      | 15,000.00 |
|  |                    |                      |                            | \$      | -          |    |                           |     |                          |  | \$      | -         |
|  |                    |                      | Sub-Total                  | \$      | 47,655.00  | \$ | 18,465.00                 | \$  | 29,190.00                | \$-  | \$      | 47,655.00 |
| Equipment, Lab   |                    |                      | <b>*</b> • • • • • • • • • |         |            |    |                           | 1   |                          |  |         |           |
| Mobilization   | 1                  | LS                   | \$10,000.00                | \$      | 10,000.00  |    |                           |     | 10,000.00                |  | \$      | 10,000.00 |
| Clearwater<br>diversion, BMP's                         | 1                  | LS                   | \$1,500.00                 | \$      | 1,500.00   |    |                           |     | 1,500.00                 |  | \$      | 1,500.00  |
| Excavate,Haul<br>and Place<br>Material                 | 1070               | CY                   | \$5.00                     | \$      | 5,350.00   |    | 5,350.00                  |     |                          |  | \$      | 5,350.00  |
| Install<br>exclosures                                  |                    | LS                   | \$4,000.00                 |         | 4,000.00   |    | ,                         |     | 4,000.00                 |  | \$      | 4,000.00  |

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| Construct<br>Channel  |     |    |               |      |                |                   |               |      |                  |
| Streambed   | 233 | LF | \$23.00       | \$   | 5,359.00       | 5,359.00          |               |      | \$<br>5,359.00   |
| Construct LWD<br>Structures                                   | 4   | EA | \$700.00      | \$   | 2,800.00       | 2,800.00          |               |      | \$<br>2,800.00   |
| Construct Step<br>Pool Structures                             | 4   | EA | \$500.00      | \$   | 2,000.00       | 2,000.00          |               |      | \$<br>2,000.00   |
| Construct<br>Vegetated Wood<br>Matrix Type 1<br>(Riffles)     | 278 | LF | \$13.00       | \$   | 3,614.00       | 3,614.00          |               |      | \$<br>3,614.00   |
| Construct<br>Vegetated Wood<br>Matrix Type 2<br>(Transitions) | 325 | LF | \$18.00       | \$   | 5,850.00       | 5,850.00          |               |      | \$<br>5,850.00   |
| Install Vegetated<br>Brush Trench                             | 150 | LF | \$3.00        | \$   | 450.00         | 450.00            |               |      | \$<br>450.00     |
| Culvert Install   | 1   | LS | \$25,000.00   | \$   | 25,000.00      |                   | 25,000.00     |      | \$<br>25,000.00  |
| Contingency   | 1   | LS | \$9,381.00    | \$   | 9,381.00       |                   | 9,381.00      |      | \$<br>9,381.00   |
|   |     |    |               | \$   | -              |                   |               |      | \$<br>-          |
|   |     |    | Sub-Total     | \$   | 75,304.00      | \$ 25,423.00      | \$ 49,881.00  | \$-  | \$<br>75,304.00  |
|   |     |    | TOTALS        | \$   | 169,175.00     | \$ 43,888.00      | \$ 125,287.00 | \$-  | \$<br>169,175.00 |

O'Brien Creek Meadows Stream Restoration

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

<u>All of the columns in the budget table and the matching contribution table MUST be completed appropriately or the application will be invalid.</u> Please see the example budget sheet for additional clarification.

\*Units = feet, hours, inches, etc. Do not use lump sum unless there is no other way to describe the costs.

\*\*Can include in-kind materials. Justification for in-kind labor (e.g. hourly rates used). Do not use government salaries as match. Describe here or in text.

\*\*\*The Review Panel suggests that design and oversight costs associated with a proposed project not exceed 15% of the total project budget. If design and oversight costs are in excess of 15%, applications must include a justification or minimum of two competitive bids for the cost of undertaking the project.

\*\*\*\*The Review Panel recommends a maximum fencing cost of \$1.50 per foot. Additional costs may be the responsibility of the applicant and/or partners.

Additional details:

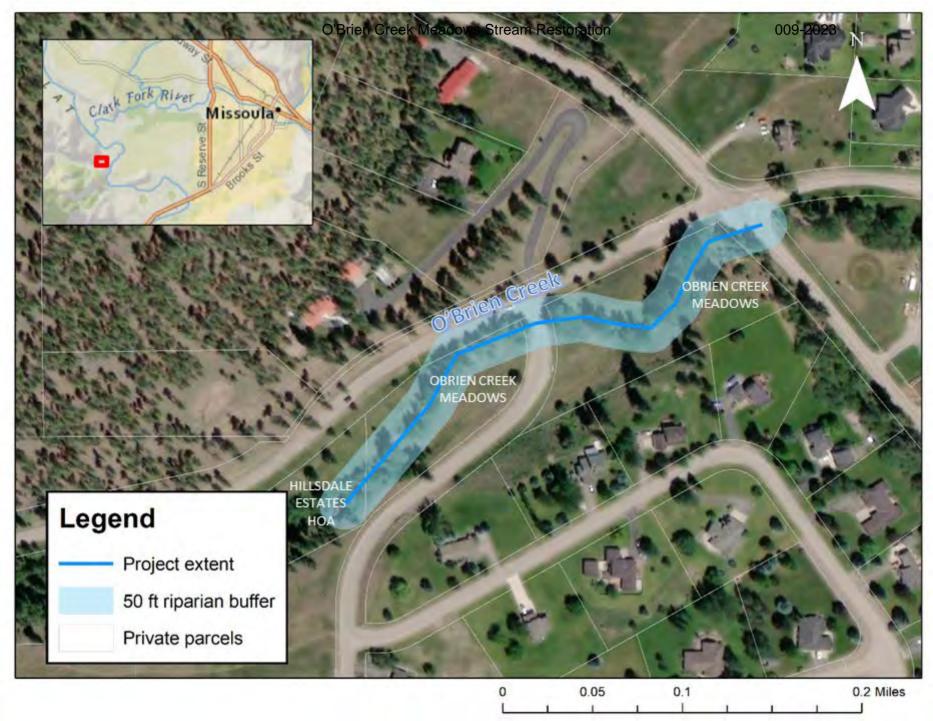
| APPLICATION MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS  |      |     |    |           |    |           |                |  |
|---|------|-----|----|-----------|----|-----------|----------------|--|
| (do not include requested funds or contributions not associated with the application) |      |     |    |           |    |           |                |  |
| CONTRIBUTOR   | IN-K | IND |    | CASH      |    | TOTAL     | Secured? (Y/N) |  |
| DEQ 319   | \$   | -   | \$ | 82,287.00 | \$ | 82,287.00 | Y              |  |
| DEQ 319   | \$   | -   | \$ | 38,000.00 | \$ | 38,000.00 | Ν              |  |

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| Landowners |     | 9  | 5,000.00     | \$<br>5,000.00   | N |
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| TOTALS     | \$- | 97 | 5 125,287.00 | \$<br>125,287.00 |   |

| OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS<br>(contributions not associated with the application) |        |   |    |   |    |   |                |
|--|--------|---|----|---|----|---|----------------|
| CONTRIBUTOR IN-KIND CASH TOTAL Secured? (                                  |        |   |    |   |    |   | Secured? (Y/N) |
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## O'brien Creek Spring 2019 Photos



Large cut bank at the top of Reach 3



O'brien Creek left it's banks spring of 2019 and flooded large areas due to massive sediment aggradation



Out migrating spawning Westslope Cutthroat trout stranded due to large sediment plug choking creek

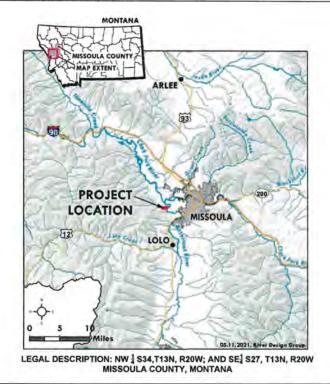
# O'BRIEN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT FINAL DESIGN PLAN SET

#### PROJECT PARTNERS



COALITION CLARK FORK COALITION 140 S 4TH STREET WEST #1 MISSOULA, MONTANA 59801 HELENA, MONTANA 59601

#### O'BRIEN CREEK VICINITY MAP



DEO

HILLSDALE ESTATES PROPERTY

MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

O'BRIEN CREEK MEADOWS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CLARK FORK COALITION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ), HILLSDALE ESTATES PROPERTY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, AND O'BRIEN CREEK MEADOWS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, RETAINCE PRIVE DESIGN FORUP, INC. TO PREPARE A RESORATION PLAN. FOR A 0.3-MILE REACH OF LOWER O'BRIEN CREEK, A TRIBUTARY TO THE BITTERROOT RIVER NEAR MISSOULA, MONTANA. BOTH WATERBOOKS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS IMPAIRED BY THE DEQ. THE DRAWINGS CONTAINED IN THIS PLAN SET REPRESENT A 95% DESIGN LEVEL EQUIVALENT.

8.2

8.3

6.0 CHANNEL CROSS SECTION DIMENSIONS

8.0 LARGE WOOD STRUCTURE DETAIL

8.1 VEGETATED WOOD MATRIX DETAIL

8.4 VEGETATED BRUSH TRENCH DETAIL

9.0 PLANTING AND FENCING PLAN

CHANNEL LOG STEP POOL DETAIL

CONSTRUCTED CHANNEL STREAMBED DETAIL

CONDITIONS

6.1 DESIGN CRITERIA

7.0 CROSS SECTIONS

7.1 CROSS SECTIONS

9.1 SEEDING PLAN

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- 5.3 GRADING PLAN AND PROFILE REACH 2
- 5.4 PLAN VIEW AND PROFILE REACH 3
- 5.5 ROTATIONAL SLOPE FAILURE PLAN

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. CONTOUR INTERVAL IS NOTED ON DRAWINGS.
- 2. SLOPES DESIGNATED AS 2:1, 1.5:1, ET CETERA, ARE THE RATIOS OF HORIZONTAL DISTANCE TO VERTICAL DISTANCE.
- 3. DIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN IN FEET AND TENTHS OF A FOOT.
- SURVEY DATA WAS COLLECTED UTILIZING SURVEY GRADE GPS IN SEPTEMBER 2021. FIELD DATA SUPPLEMENTED LIDAR DATA COLLECTED IN SPRING, 2019 TO COMPLETE THE EXISTING GROUND SURFACE. ALL SURVEY DATA WAS COORDINATED BY RDG.
- ALL EXISTING CONDITIONS ARE TO BE VERIFIED IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS SHALL BE MADE AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
- 6. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATIONS OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.
- 7. EXISTING PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH LIE WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED WILL BE REMOVED BY THE OWNER PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION, OR ABANDONED IN PLACE.
- PROTECT ALL TREES AND LAND AREAS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION, STAGING OF EARTHWORK LIMITS. DEACESE CARE IN AREAS NOT SO MARKED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DAMAGE TO NATURAL VEGETATION.

#### STANDARD OF PRACTICE

RIVER DESIGN GROUP, INC. WORKS EXCLUSIVELY IN THE RIVER ENVIRONMENT AND UTILIZES THE MOST CURRENT AND ACCEPTED PRACTICES AVAILABLE FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN OF RIVER, FLOODPLAIN, AND AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS. CURRENT STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN OF RESTORATION PROJECTS, CURRENT STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN OF RESTORATION PROJECTS, VARY DEPENDING ON PROJECT GOALS, STABILITY CRITERIA INCLUDE DESIGNING STREAMBED AND STREAMBANK STRUCTURES FOR THE 25-YR RECURRENCE UTIFYALD ISCHARGE FLOOD. REGIONAL CURVES WERE USED TO EVALUATE BANKFULL DISCHARGE, AND HIGHER RETURN INTERVAL DISCHARGES INCLUDING THE 200-YEAR FLOW.



COVER PAGE AND NOTES O'BRIEN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT MISSOULA, MONTANA

- 10. EXCAVATION, TRENCHING, SHORING, AND SHIELDING SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR PERFORMING THE WORK, THESE DRAWINGS ARE NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE MEANS OR METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION.
- 11. EXCAVATION SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF OSHA 29 CFR PART 1926, SUBPART P, EXCAVATIONS. ACTUAL SLOPES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SLOPES AS INDICATED ON DRAWINGS.

9. THE PROJECT SPONSOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL PERMITS AND EASEMENTS INCLUDING ALL FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL PERMIT

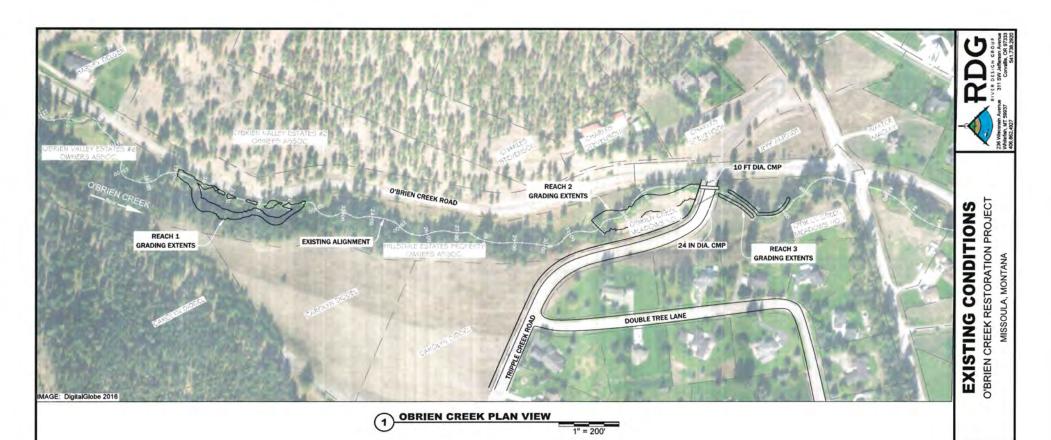
- 12. AT LEAST ONE EXCAVATOR SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH MACHINE GRADE GPS ((L1/L2/GLONASS)). CONSTRUCTION AREAS WILL BE STAKED OUT PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION USING SURVEY GRADE GPS (L1/L2/GLONASS).
- 13. ENGINEER WILL PROVIDE SURVEY CONTROL AND GRADING SURFACES FOR EQUIPMENT WITH GPS MACHINE CONTROL CAPABILITY. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SURVEY STAKING AND LAYOUT FOR CONSTRUCTION,
- 14. VERTICAL TOLERANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE WILL BE 0.3 FEET. HORIZONTAL TOLERANCE WILL BE 1.0 FEET.
- 15. CONTRACTOR SHALL CONFIRM QUANTITIES. REPORTED VOLUMES ARE NEATLINE AND DO NOT INCLUDE ADJUSTMENTS FOR COMPACTION OR OTHER FACTORS.

#### REUSE OF DRAWINGS

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#### **O'BRIEN CREEK WATERSHED DESCRIPTION**

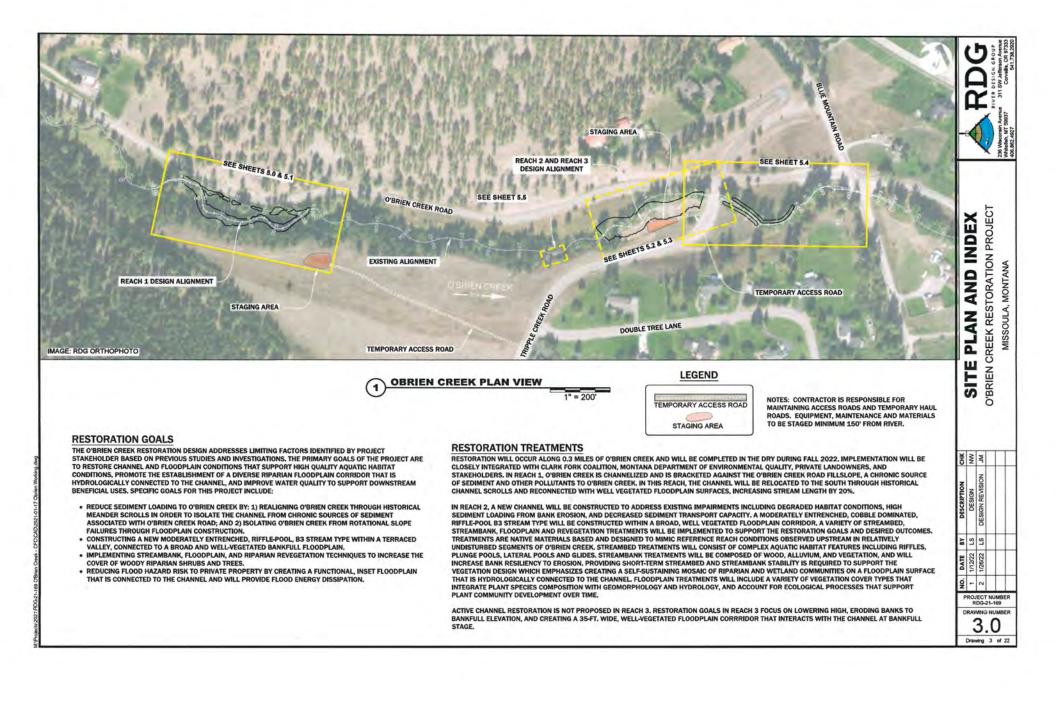
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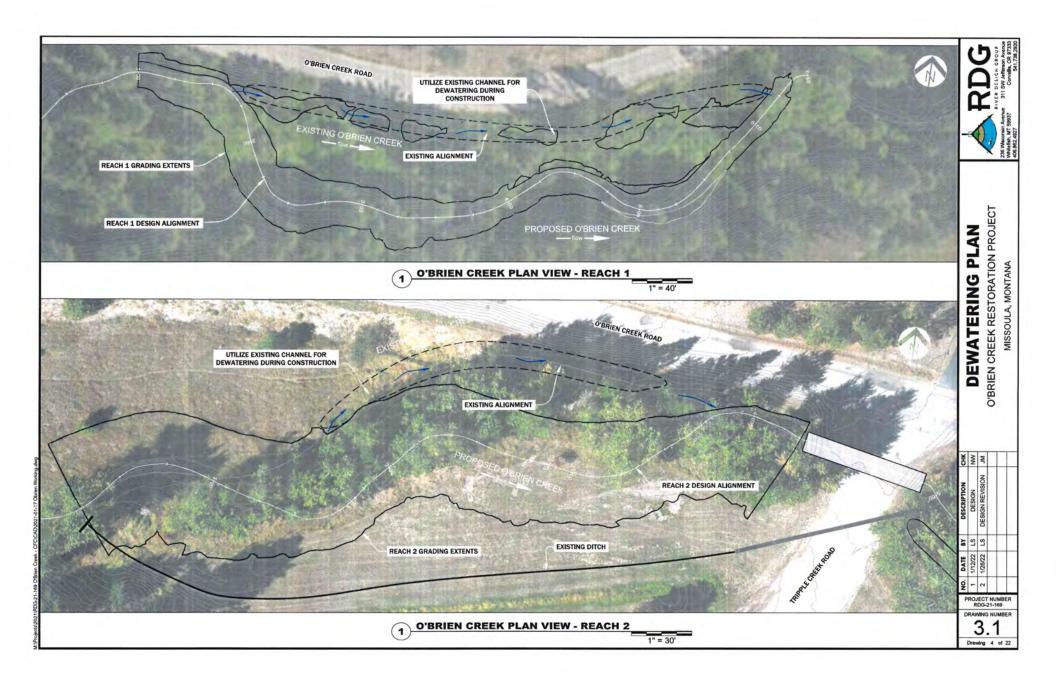
#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

STREAM INVENTORIES COMPLETED BY THE US FOREST SERVICE IN 2019 IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE AQUATIC HABITAT AND STREAM CHANNEL CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE O'BRIEN CREEK WATERSHED (US55, 2019), THESE EFFORTS WERE UNDERTAKEN, IN PART, TO SUPPORT TMDL SEDIMENT LOAD REDUCTION TARGETS FOR THE BITTERROOT RIVER, WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN IMPAIRED WATERSHED/ WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN IMPAIRED WATERSHED, INCLUDING A MASSIVE BANK FAILURE IN 2019 THAT RESULTED IN LARGESCALE CHANNEL DEPOSITIONS AND INSTABILITY IN THE LOWER REACHES OF O'BRIEN CREEK UPSTREAM OF TRIPPLE CREEK ROAD, AFTER THE BANK FAILURE, THE O'BRIEN CREEK MEADOW HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION WAS GRANTED A TWO-PHASE 310 PERMIT BY MISSOULA CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY ACTIONS TO REMOVE THE SUBSTRATE DEPOSITION, PHASE 1 WORK WAS COMPLETED IN 2019 AND INVOLVED REMOVING SUBSTRATE DEPOSITION AND RETURNING WOOD TO THE CHANNEL.

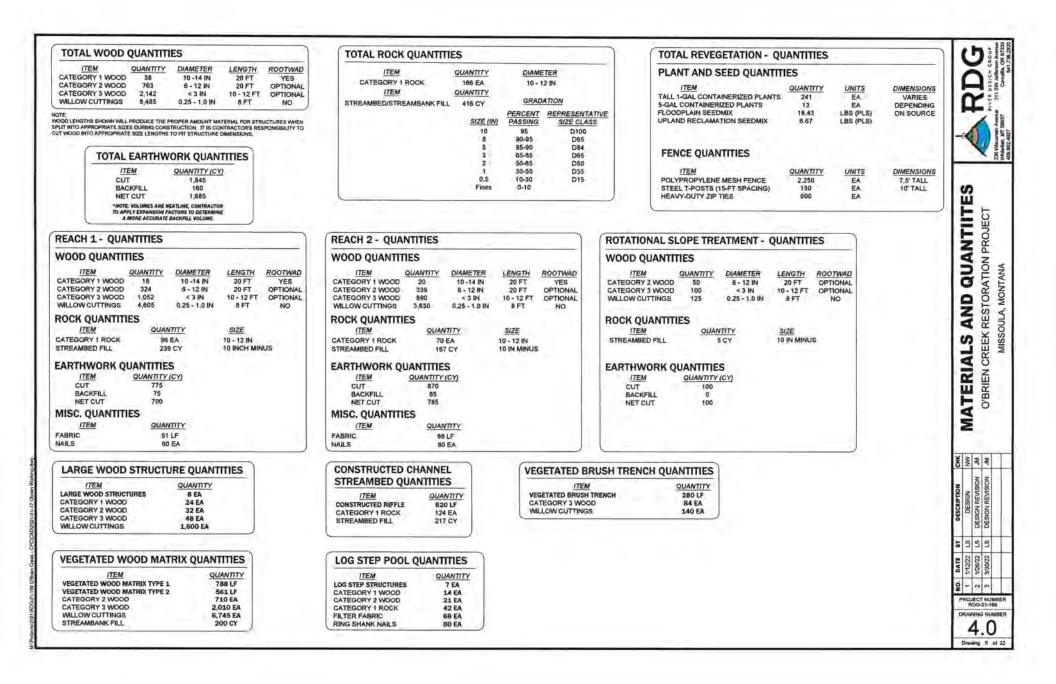
RIVER DESIGN GROUP, INC. WAS RETAINED BY CLARK FORK COALITION. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AND MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, TO PREPARE RESTORATION PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 WORK WHICH HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL INVOLVE REHABILITATING THE CHANNEL TO IMPROVE STREAM FUNCTION AND REDUCE OR ALTOGETHER ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE. CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION PLAN BRAWINGS INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN SET ILLUSTRATE THE PREFERRED RESTORATION ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SITE, WHICH INCLUDES RESTORING CONDITIONS THAT SUPPORT THE RECOVERY OF RIVER, FLOODPLAIN, AND AQUATIC HABITAT CONDITIONS.

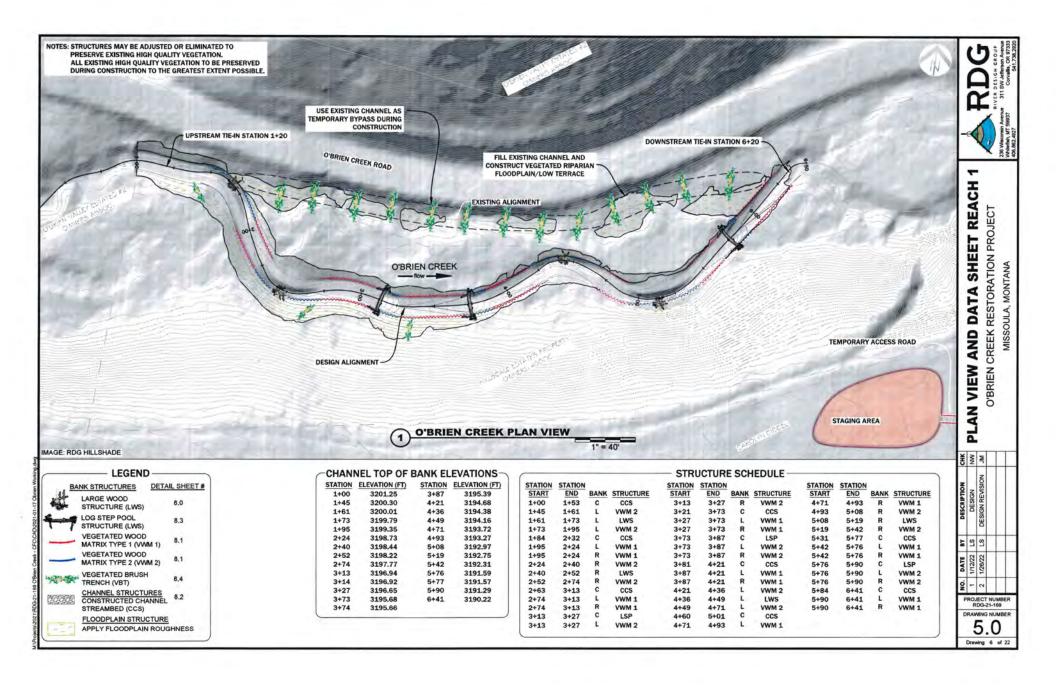


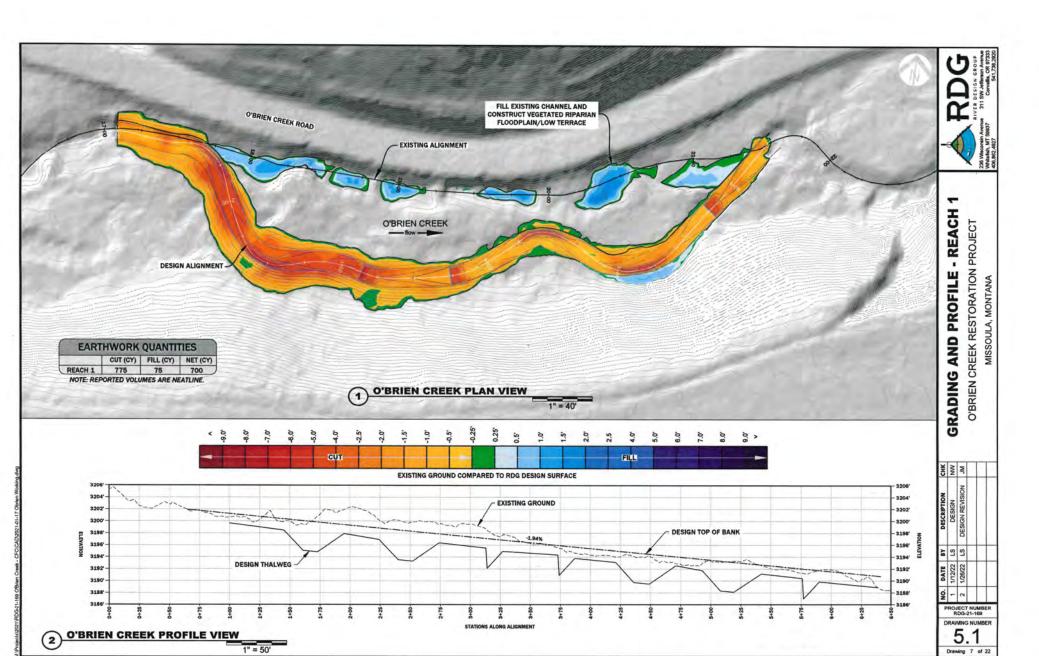


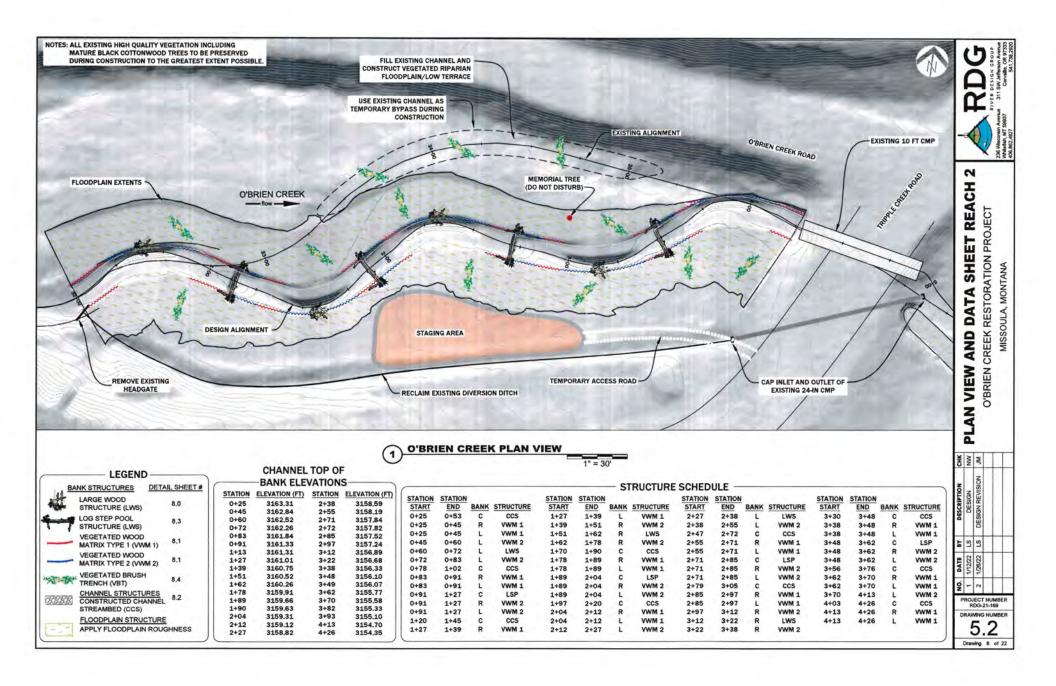


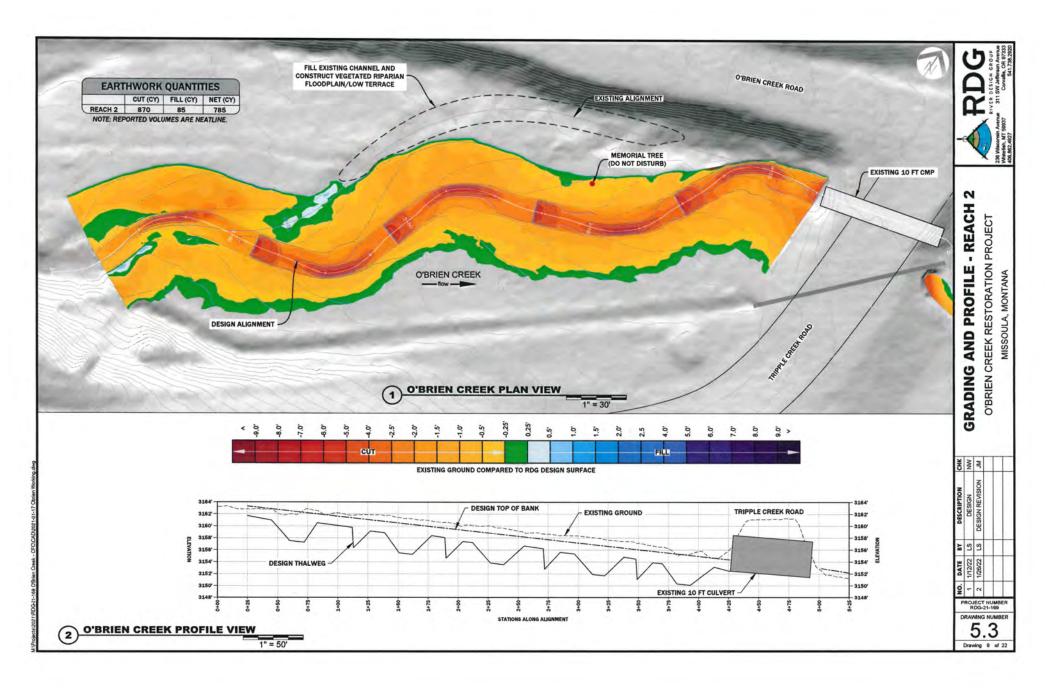




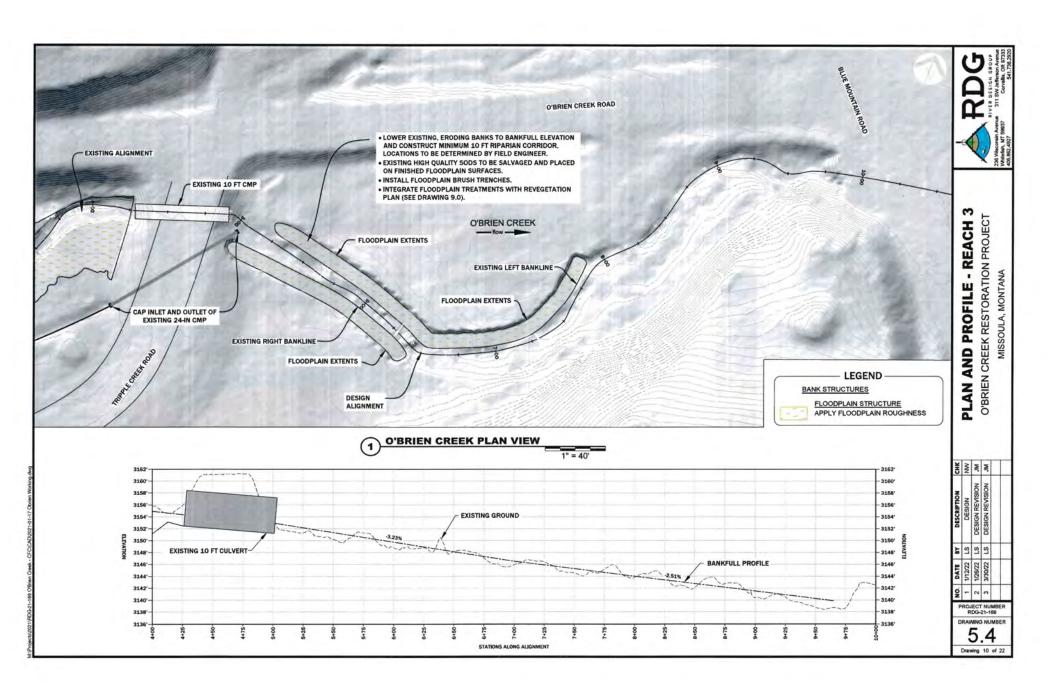


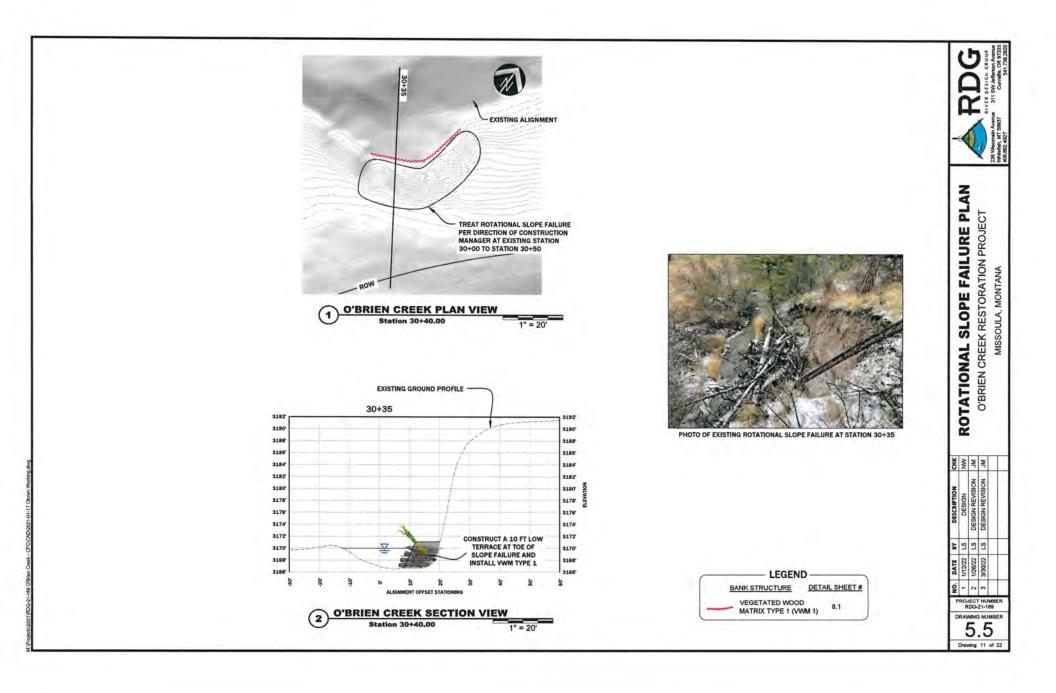


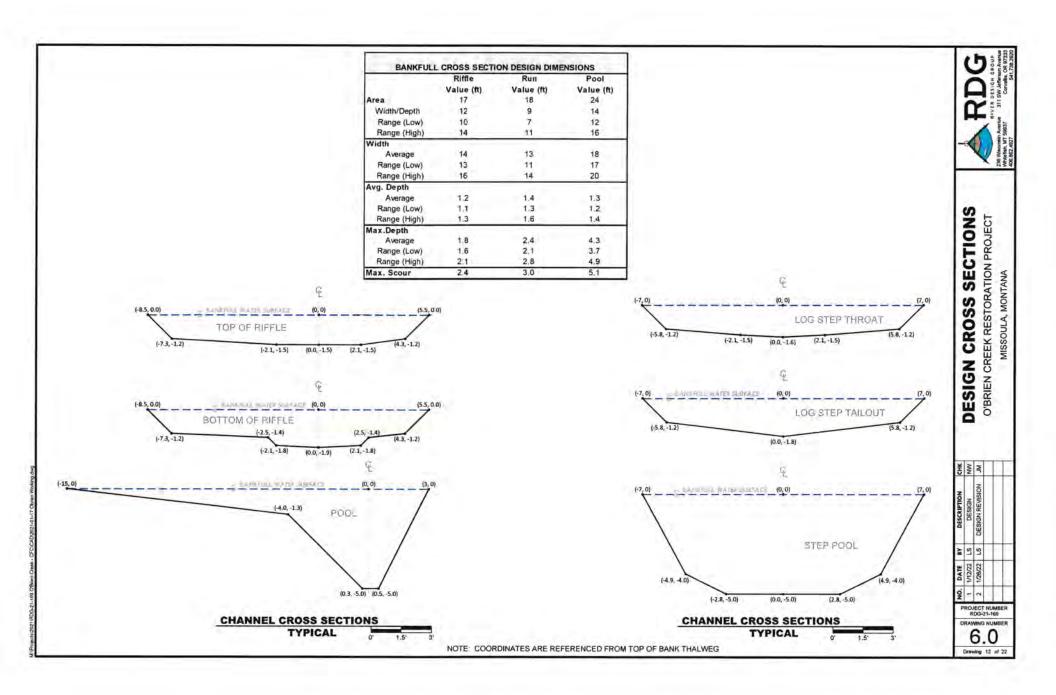




## O'Brien Creek Meadows Stream Restoration







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| Stream Type                | B3/4 (Cobble/Gravel Bed)  |
| Valley Type                | Confined Alluvial Valley  |
| Bankfull Discharge         | 80 cfs (+/-15cfs)         |
| Valley Slope               | 0.024 ft/ft               |
| Sinuosity                  | 1.2                       |
| Channel Slope              | 0.019 fl/ft to 0.22 fl/ft |
| <b>Reach Average Slope</b> | 0.009 11/11 000.0         |
| Bed Shear Stress           | 1.6 lbs/ft2               |
| Mobile Particle Size       | 77 mm - 123 mm (LC-SB)    |
| Mean Velocity              | 4.1 fps - 4.6 fps         |

| Variable            | Value<br>(ft) | Dimensionless<br>Ratio |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Bankfull Width      | 14            |                        |
| Radius of Curvature | -             |                        |
| Average             | 35            | 2.5                    |
| Range (Low)         | 42            | 3                      |
| Range (High)        | 56            | 4.0                    |
| Meander Length      |               |                        |
| Average             | 197           | 14.0                   |
| Range (Low)         | 141           | 10.0                   |
| Range (High)        | 254           | 18.0                   |
| Belt Width          |               |                        |
| Average             | 85            | 6.0                    |
| Range (Low)         | 42            | 3.0                    |
| Range (High)        | 113           | 8.0                    |

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| Variable                     | Feature<br>Length (ft) | Dimensionless<br>Ratio* | Slope Range<br>(ft/ft) | Dimensionless<br>Ratio** |
| Riffle                       |                        |                         |                        |                          |
| Average                      | 40                     | 2.8                     | 0.0380                 | 1.9                      |
| Range (Low)                  | 13                     | 1.0                     | 0.0280                 | 1.4                      |
| Range (High)                 | 70                     | 4.5                     | 0.0480                 | 2.4                      |
| Run                          |                        |                         |                        |                          |
| Average                      | 14                     | 1.0                     | 0.0360                 | 1.8                      |
| Range (Low)                  | 11                     | 0.8                     | 0.0220                 | 1.1                      |
| Range (High)                 | 19                     | 1.2                     | 0.0500                 | 2.5                      |
| Pool                         | -                      | 1                       |                        |                          |
| Average                      | 35                     | 2.5                     | 0.0040                 | 0.2                      |
| Range (Low)                  | 13                     | 1.0                     | 0.0020                 | 0.1                      |
| Range (High)                 | 70                     | 4.5                     | 0.0060                 | 0.3                      |
| Glide                        | -                      |                         |                        |                          |
| Average                      | 16                     | 1.15                    | 0.0030                 | 0.15                     |
| Range (Low)                  | 14                     | 1.1                     | 0,0020                 | 0.1                      |
| Range (High)                 | 20                     | 1.3                     | 0.0040                 | 0.2                      |
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| Pool Spacing                 |                        |                         |                        |                          |
| Average                      | 71                     | 5.0                     | 1 1 mg                 |                          |
| Range (Low)                  | 39                     | 3.0                     | N/A                    | N/A                      |
| Range (High)                 | 124                    | 8.0                     |                        |                          |

\*\* Relative to reach-averaged water surface slope (0.02 ft/ft).

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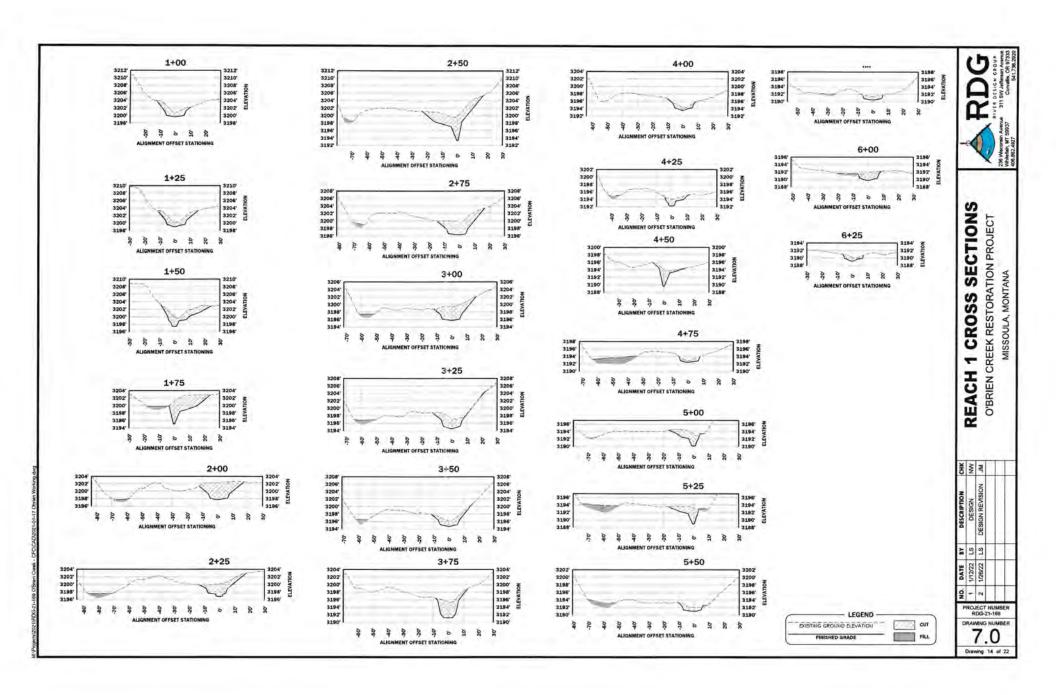
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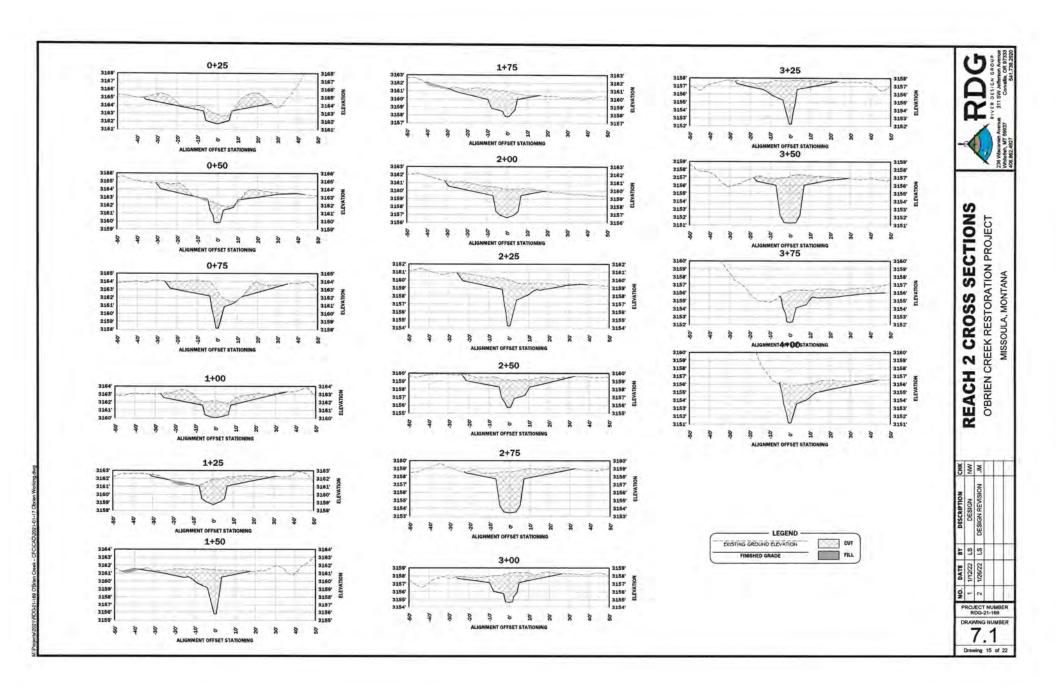
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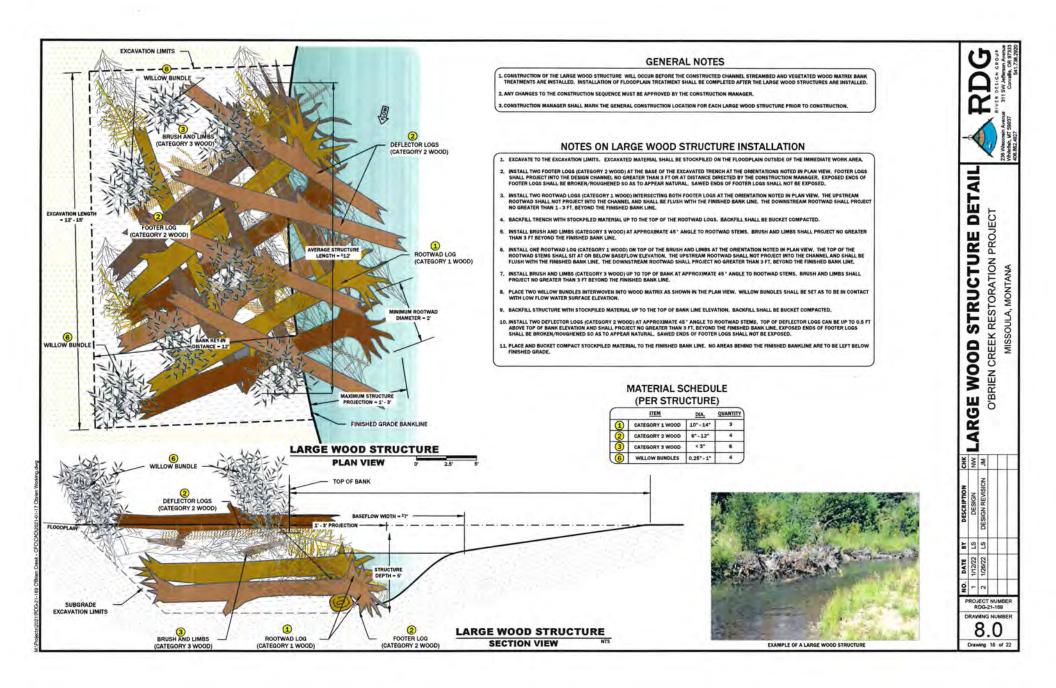
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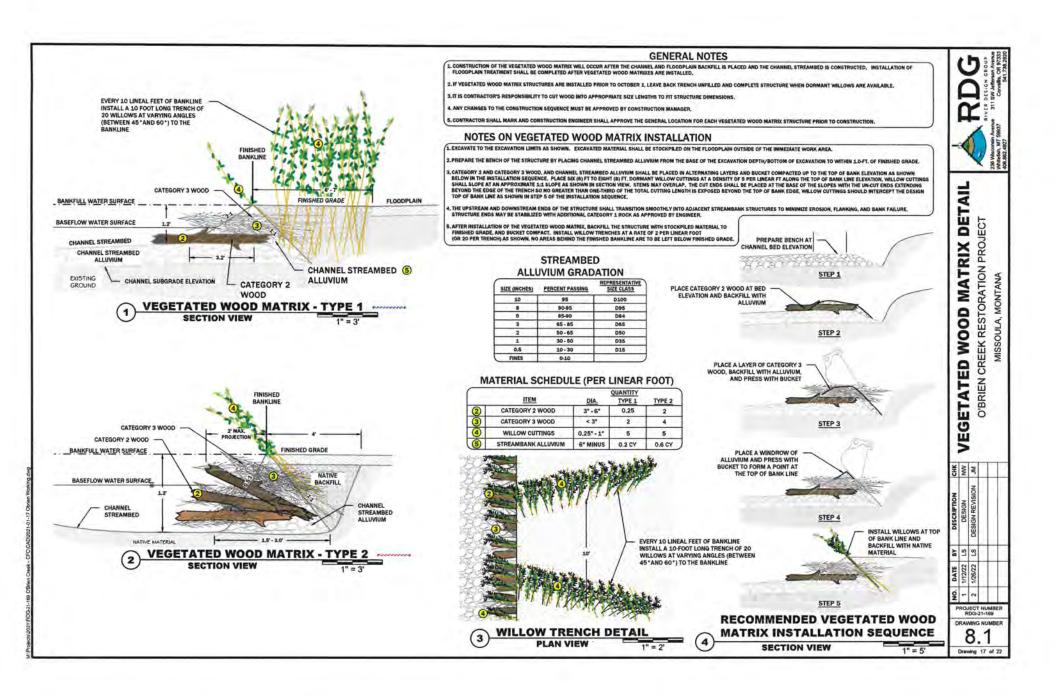
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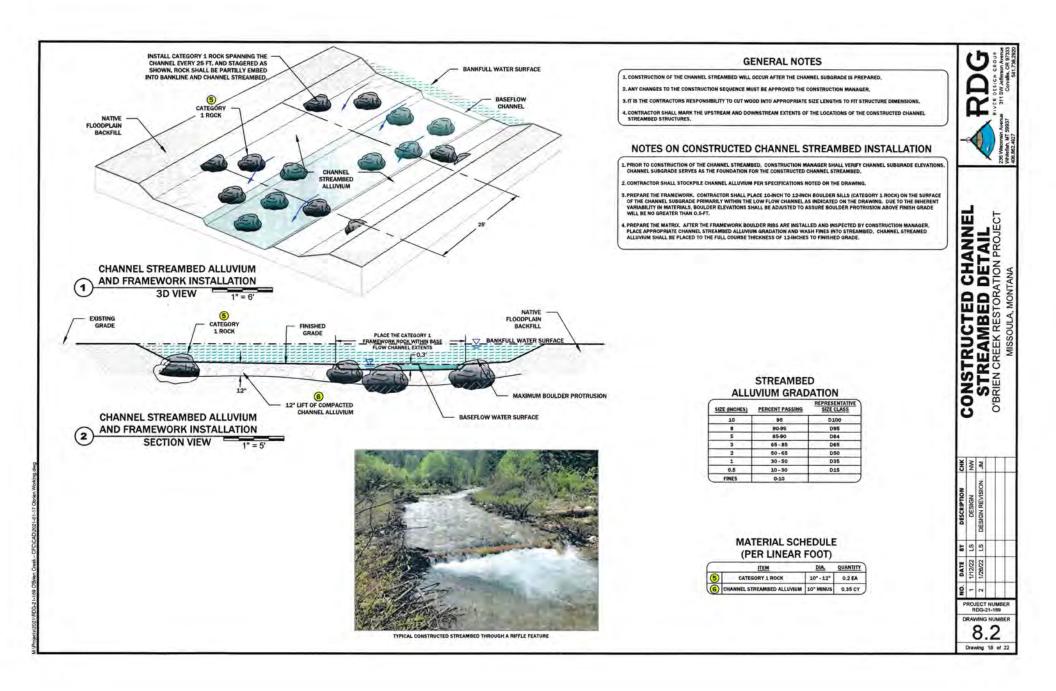


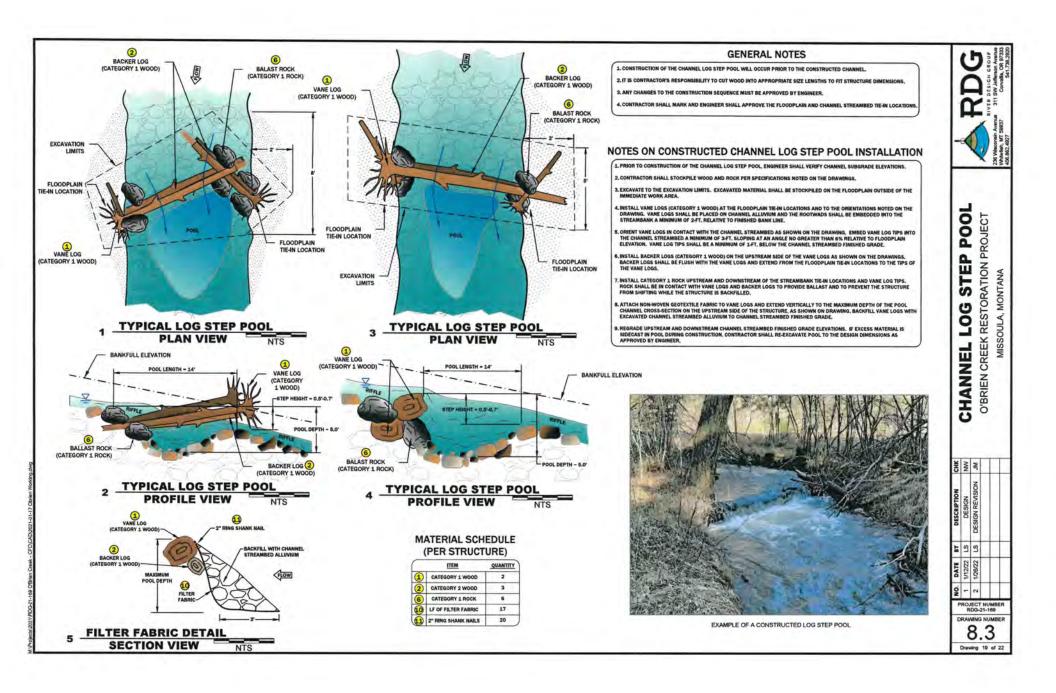


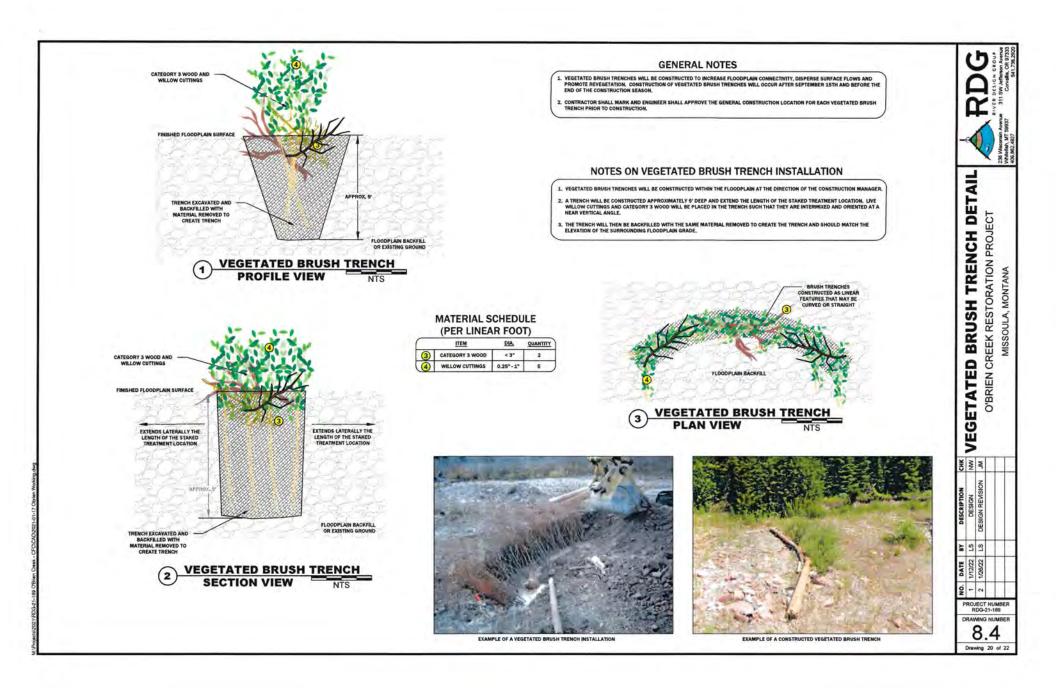


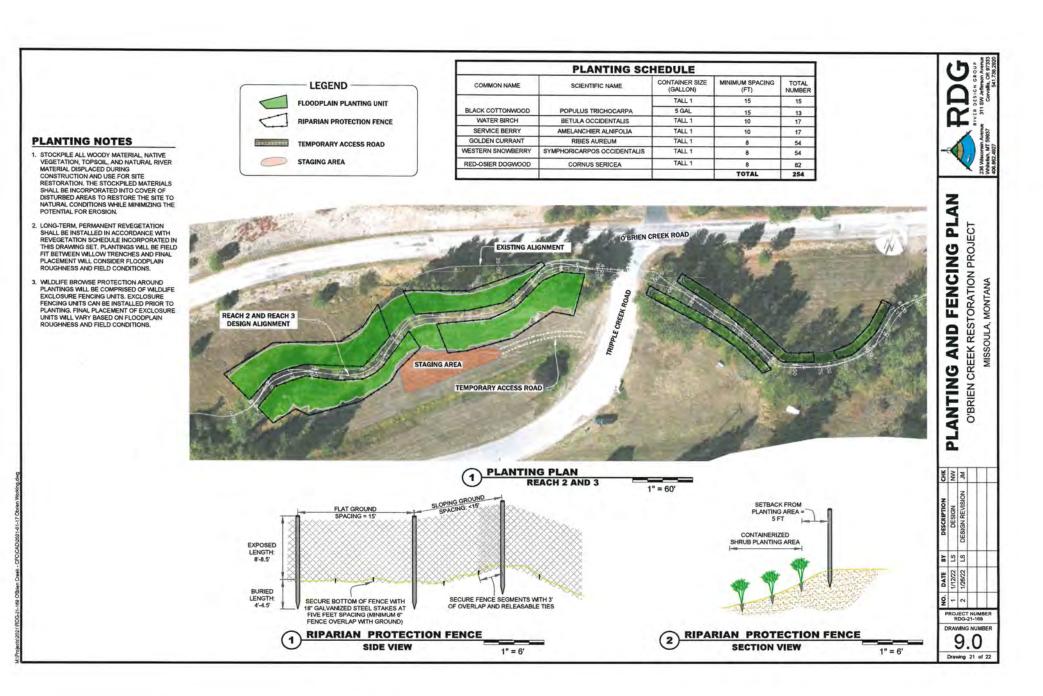
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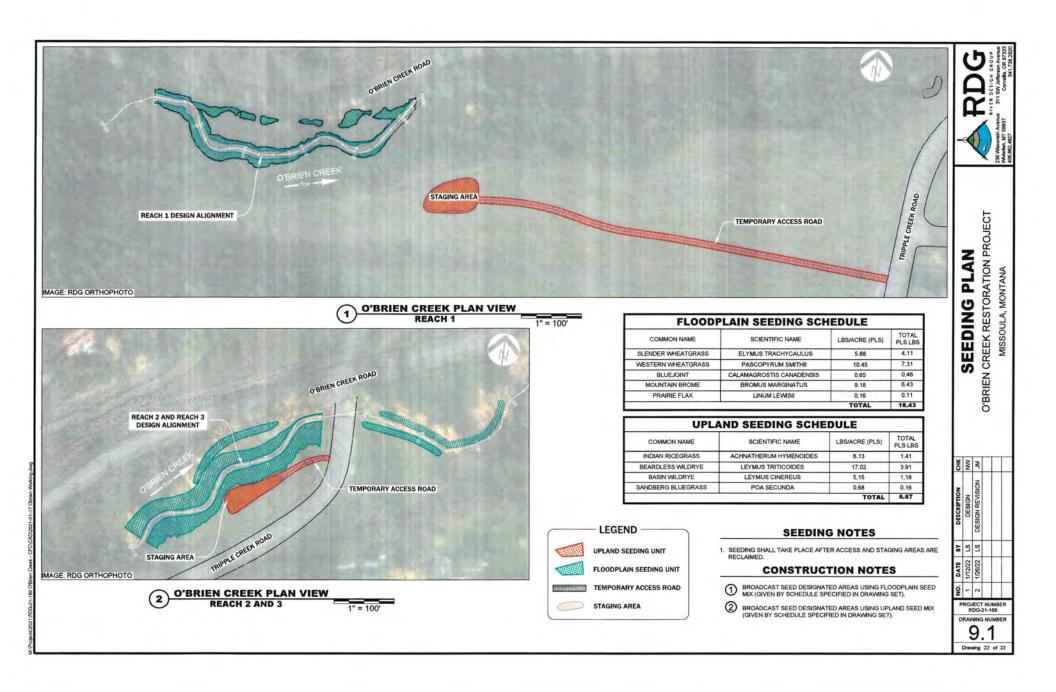












## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT between Clark Fork Coalition and O'Brien Creek Meadows HOA (Landowner)

This Cooperative AGREEMENT, dated as of August \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the "Effective Date") is entered into between the Clark Fork Coalition, a Montana nonprofit corporation, at 140 S. 4th Street West, Unit 1, Missoula, MT 59801 ("CFC"), and the O'Brien Creek Meadows Home Owners Association, PO Box 3502, Missoula, MT 59806("Landowner"). CFC and Landowner are sometimes referred to collectively herein as the "PARTIES." In consideration of the mutual covenants and stipulations described below, CFC and the Landowner agree as follows:

**1. PURPOSE AND GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION**: The purpose of this Agreement is for the Clark Fork Coalition and the Landowner to agree on restoration work to be performed by the Coalition on O'Brien Creek on Landowner's property (the "Project"). The Project will include work on or near Landowner's communal property, located generally south of O'Brien Creek Road, in the S2S2 of Section 27, and the N2N2 of Section 34, both in Twp 13N, Rge 20W in Missoula County. CFC and Landowner have the mutual desire to cooperate in carrying out the activities contemplated herein and this Agreement sets forth the obligations of both CFC and Landowner.

**2. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF WORK:** In 2019, a stream bank failure into O'Brien Creek resulted in deposition of sediment into the channel and floodplain of the O'Brien Creek Meadows HOA's common area (i.e. the Project area). In 2019, CFC oversaw emergency actions taken to remove the substrate deposition in the main channel and return wood into the stream channel (Phase 1). This Agreement will allow CFC to implement Phase 2 of the Project to rehabilitate the stream channel, improve stream function and enhance the ecological function of the stream and adjacent riparian area. Phase 2 will include increasing stream sinuosity, raising channel profile access to the floodplain, adding log step pools, re-aligning the channel into existing channels to avoid road fill erosion, and revegetating the riparian area. The Scope of Work for CFC is further described in the Project Plan Set attached as Exh. A.

**<u>3. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE</u>**: This Agreement shall begin on the Signing Date of this Agreement and terminate on December 31, 2041. All work described in the Scope of Work except for post-project monitoring will take place between July, 2022 and December, 2022.

**4. COST OF THE PROJECT:** As consideration for Landowner's consent under this Agreement, the CFC will raise funds and pay for all costs for the Project. Landowner may contribute funding toward the Project, but CFC's responsibilities under this Agreement are not contingent upon the receipt of such funds from the Landowner.

5. CFC'S RESPONSIBILITIES: CFC, its employees, agents, and agency partners shall:

a. Provide technical support, all monetary funding and in-kind support for the Project (as described in Scope of Work and Cost of Project);

- Provide oversight of the Project, including but not limited to grant writing, acquisition of necessary permits, Project coordination, management and oversight of construction activities and all other activities related to the Project;
- c. Perform long-term monitoring of the Project;
- d. Provide prompt notice to Landowner of any specific areas of concern related to the Project, and repair or replace Project improvements should they become endangered, change or destroyed through natural means; and
- e. Prepare any and all reports.

## 6. LANDOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Landowner, its employees, and agents shall:

- f. Guarantee ownership of the above-described lands and warrant that there are no outstanding rights that will interfere with this cooperative Agreement;
- g. Allow for and maintain a minimum riparian buffer of 25-feet as measured horizontally from the ordinary high-water mark;
- h. Use reasonable efforts to protect the restoration improvements and, except in cases of emergency or Force Majeure as described in paragraph 10, refrain from removing or impeding the restoration investments for a minimum of 20 years following completion of the Project.
- i. Allow access for post-treatment monitoring for the life of the agreement.

7. AGREEMENT CONDITIONED ON FUNDING: Landowner acknowledges that funding for the Project is dependent upon availability of state, federal, and non-federal funds subject to circumstances beyond the control of CFC. CFC shall not be liable for failure to provide funds committed to the Project if those funds have been withheld for events or circumstances beyond the control of CFC. However, if funding fails, CFC shall release Landowner from its obligations under this Agreement.

**8.** COOPERATION AND ACCESS: The Parties shall cooperate as needed in the performance of the Scope of Work. Landowner shall give unrestricted access to CFC for the Project site as needed for CFC to perform its obligations under this Agreement, including any required inspections. CFC will give 24-hour notice to Landowner of any required visits.

**9. FORCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE PARTIES:** Neither party shall be liable to the other party, nor deemed to be in breach of this Agreement, for failure or delay in performance arising from a Force Majeure. Force Majeure means an event beyond the reasonable control of the affected party, and which the party is unable to prevent or provide against by exercising reasonable diligence. If Landowner fails to meet terms of the Agreement due to circumstances beyond its control, Landowner shall release CFC from its obligations under this Agreement. If CFC fails to meet terms of the Agreement due to circumstances beyond its control, CFC shall release Landowner from its obligations under this Agreement.

**10. INDEMNITY:** CFC agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Landowner for any damages, loss or injuries incurred during the Project, except for damages and injuries caused by willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Landowner. CFC shall maintain its general liability policy for bodily injury, death or loss, or damage to property of third persons or other liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. In addition, both CFC and Landowner shall be named as additional insured parties on the Project Contractor's general liability policy bodily injury, death or loss, or damage to property of third persons or other liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

**11. ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION:** The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties in like manner as upon the original parties. This Agreement may not be assigned without the express, written consent of the parties.

**12. AMENDMENT:** This Agreement may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of Landowner and CFC. No other communication between the parties shall modify or be part of this Agreement except by express written consent. This Agreement may be terminated in writing by either party with thirty (30) days notice.

**13. TERMINATION:** This Agreement may be terminated in writing by either party by providing thirty (30) days advance notice. If Landowner terminates this Agreement, fails to comply with terms and conditions of this Agreement, fails to respond to reasonable requests from CFC to take corrective actions, or the restoration site is degraded due to purposeful or negligent activities of the Landowner, Landowner shall reimburse CFC for the cost of the habitat developments on a pro rata basis.

14. GOVERNING LAW: The law of the State of Montana governs this Agreement.

**15. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS:** If a suit, action or arbitration is instituted in connection with any controversy arising out of this Agreement or to enforce any rights hereunder, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover such amount as the court may adjudge reasonable as attorneys' or paralegals' fees at trial or on any appeal or review, in addition to all other amounts provided by law.

### 16. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS:

CFC is exclusively responsible for all management aspects of this Project. The principal contacts for this Agreement are:

<u>CFC Project/Contract Officer:</u> Adam Switalski Clark Fork Coalition PO Box 7593 Missoula, MT 59807 Tel. 406-396-1941 Email: Adam@clarkfork.org Landowner Bill Darling, HOA President O'Brien Creek Meadows HOA PO Box 3502 Missoula, MT 59806 Tel. 406-360-3327 Email: w.r.darling@hotmail.com CLARK FORK COALITION

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Executive Director

O'BRIEN CREEK MEADOWS HOA

8.4.21 Date:

Bill Darling HOA President

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October 26, 2021

319 Review Committee Montana Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620

RE: Clark Fork Coalition 319 Grant Application

Dear 319 Review Committee,

The Missoula Valley Water Quality District would like to extend our support for the Clark Fork Coalition 319 application to reduce pollutant loading to Miller and O'Brien Creeks. This project aligns with the goals of the Missoula Valley Water Quality District to improve water quality across the district and within the watershed that supplies our sole source aquifer.

Thank you for the opportunity to demonstrate our support for this project.

Sincerely, Elen Erro

Elena Evans Hydrogeologist Missoula Valley Water Quality District

### O'Brien Creek Meadows Stream Restoration

O'Brien Creek Meadow HOA, INC PO Box 3502 Missoula, MT 59806-3502

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October 29, 2019

Department of Environmental Quality – 319 Program P.O. Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as the O'Brien Creek Meadow HOA's endorsement of the proposed rehabilitation work for the segment of O'Brien Creek that flows through our common area. We understand that the Clark Fork Coalition is working on our behalf to assist with funding support for necessary rehabilitation that will fulfill both our 310 stream permit requirements and contribute to the overall watershed restoration planning efforts.

We have learned a lot about O'Brien Creek since our segment of stream jumped its banks this year (and two years prior). We have a diverse group of landowners that largely are genuinely interested in helping to improve stream conditions, and as importantly, we realize that stream maintenance and associated costs will return until the stream is functioning better. The process of grant writing and all the parties involved to make projects happen is very complex, and we welcome the assistance from the Clark Fork Coalition. We also have several landowners that have helped with the stream work this year, and we plan to provide additional assistance as we have the expertise, time, resources, and majority support.

We are just learning of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's role in managing streams to improve water quality and perform watershed restoration planning and funding. We greatly appreciate your support of this important proposal. As we've also come to understand, funding support is very limited, making funding from your 319 Program critical to our success. To help ourselves and our mutual success, we want to hire very experienced stream professionals and will do all that we can to produce a very high quality product. With this in mind, we hope that restoration work on our property may also provide the state and local agencies with an example that can be used on other work in O'Brien Creek and perhaps other watersheds. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Burks President O'Brien Creek Meadow Home Owners Association, Inc



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October 28, 2021

To Whom it may concern,

The WestSlope Chapter of Trout Unlimited (WSCTU) works to preserve, protect and restore cold water fisheries in the Missoula area. Collectively, the chapter represents over 900 passionate anglers that care deeply about our mission. We write to express our support for three different projects being proposed by the Clark Fork Coalition on tributaries of the lower Bitterroot River:

- O'brien Creek Meadows Stream Restoration: This project aims to use a variety of treatments to reduce sediment loading, restore stream and floodplain function, improve riparian and in-stream wildlife habitat, and dissipate flood energy on a 2500 foot section of O'brien Creek.
- <u>Upper O'Brien Creek Stream Restoration</u>: This project proposes to address non-point sediment issues and fish habitat on upper O'Brien Creek by working with the Forest Service to reduce sediment loading, restore stream and floodplain function, and improve in-stream wildlife habitat. The project is focused on a 1.5 mile section of the creek where the stream is entrenched, has little in-stream wood, and is encroaching into road fills.
- <u>Miller Creek Mile 7 Project</u>: This project proposes to address sedimentation issues and degraded habitat on a section of Miller Creek. Treatments such as floodplain grading, woody debris matrix, riparian shrub plantings with enclosure fences, a hardened crossing for livestock, and other treatments to re-connect the creek to its floodplain, slow and disperse high flows, and increase riparian habitat will be used.

Given the benefits these projects will have for cold-water fisheries and watershed health, WSCTU supports their implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mark Kuipers President