

Standard Checklist

Name of Riparian-Wetland Area: Finch Creek

Date: August 9, 2004 Segment/Reach ID: Reach 13 PFC 702

Miles: _____ Elevation: _____ GPS: N 36, 22. 887' W 121, 34. 916'

ID Team Observers: Danica Zupic, Ben Eichorn Time: _____

Yes	No	N/A	HYDROLOGY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1) Floodplain above bankfull is inundated in "relatively frequent" events
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2) Where beaver dams are present they are active and stable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3) Sinuosity, width/depth ratio, and gradient are in balance with the landscape setting (i.e., landform, geology, and bioclimatic region)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4) Riparian-wetland area is widening or has achieved potential extent
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5) Upland watershed is not contributing to riparian-wetland degradation

Yes	No	N/A	VEGETATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6) There is diverse age-class distribution of riparian-wetland vegetation (recruitment for maintenance/recovery)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7) There is diverse composition of riparian-wetland vegetation (for maintenance/recovery)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8) Species present indicate maintenance of riparian-wetland soil moisture characteristics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9) Streambank Vegetation is comprised of those plants or plant communities that have root masses capable of withstanding high-streamflow events
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10) Riparian-wetland plants exhibit high vigor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11) Adequate riparian-wetland vegetative cover is present to protect banks and dissipate energy during high flows
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12) Plant communities are an adequate source of coarse and/or large woody material (for maintenance/recovery)

Yes	No	N/A	EROSION/DEPOSITION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13) Floodplain and channel characteristics (i.e., rocks, overflow channels, coarse and/or large woody material) are adequate to dissipate energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14) Point bars are revegetating with riparian-wetland vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15) Lateral stream movement is associated with natural sinuosity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16) System is vertically stable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17) Stream is in balance with the water and sediment being supplied by the watershed (i.e., no excessive erosion or deposition)

Summary Determination

Functional Rating:

Proper Functioning Condition
Functional—At Risk
Nonfunctional
Unknown

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Trend for Functional—At Risk:

Upward
Downward
Not Apparent

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Are factors contributing to unacceptable conditions outside the control of the manager?

Yes
No

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If yes, what are those factors?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flow regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Upstream channel conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channelization | <input type="checkbox"/> Road encroachment | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil field water discharge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Augmented flows | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | |



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

Remarks

This reach begins at the beginning of a series of buttressed banks on the north side of the creek (See Picture 1).

There are two eroding hillsides within this reach, one on each side of the creek (See Picture 2).

There is one significant side-channel near the beginning of the reach.

There is one wooden bridge that is becoming undercut (See Picture 3).

There is one large concrete summer dam with no culvert that is severely undercut and therefore is a fish impediment in low flows. There is a large PVC pipe protruding into the creek right above the dam, apparently used to extract water during higher flows (See Picture 4).

There are numerous large metal and PVC pipes strewn throughout the creek throughout about a hundred yards of this reach.

Vegetation is dense and vigorous throughout this reach, however a handful of dead alders were observed (See Picture 5-of dense vegetation).

This reach ends at GPS: N36, 23.018, W121, 35.163.

Checklist Comments

#5,17 There is excessive sediment deposition in this reach due to undercutting and bank erosion and other unknown upland sources.

#16 There is one noteworthy dirt slide on the southern bank toward the beginning of the reach.



Picture 4



Picture 5