SQUIRREL CREEK CROSS-SECTION MONITORING October 23-25, 2009

This narrative report addresses channel monitoring of Squirrel Creek downstream of slope stabilization treatments constructed just below the _____ Mine. Steep sideslopes left behind after removal of an old tailings dam were treated with a variety of geotextile configurations during the summer or 2009 to minimize upslope erosion and sediment loading of the stream channel. Although the timeframe for channel response may be slow at this elevation, the intended outcome is establishment of bank vegetation along Squirrel Creek, with associated changes in channel morphology and ecology.

On October 24th and 25th, eleven cross sections were established across Squirrel Creek beginning in the middle of the treatment area and extending downstream to near the U.S. Forest Service road crossing below the site. Cross sections were placed at 100+/-foot intervals along the channel, beginning approximately 100 feet upstream of the fence line at the road crossing and extending upstream well into the treatment area. Cross sections ranged in length from 32 to 63 feet, and spacing ranged from 89 to 114 feet between sections.

Longitudinal Survey of Cross Section Headpins

Headpins for the cross sections consisted of varying lengths of ½" rebar set near ground surface at each end of each section. A longitudinal survey of the headpins tied them all together to generate a data set suitable for HEC-RAS modeling. The longitudinal survey of headpins proceeded from downstream to upstream; headpin elevations were then checked from upstream to downstream during the cross section surveys (see below). Maximum difference in headpin elevations between the longitudinal survey and the cross section surveys was .03 feet; thus, the rod-and-level survey technique used in 2009 yielded slightly greater accuracy than would be afforded by survey-grade GPS.

Since no reference-marks were provided for the study reach, the survey set the left head pin on the first cross section (LHP#1) at 100.00 feet, and all other headpins are related to this datum. During the field survey, a *cadastral-survey* corner marker was discovered just downstream of the headpin set on the right end of cross section 7 (RHP#7). No elevation was listed on the survey cap; however, if a true elevation has been established for this corner, the entire 2009 survey can be converted to true elevations. It might also be a good idea to use a survey-grade GPS to locate the headpin locations for future reference.

For the record, 'left' and 'right' designations in this survey are established facing downstream.

Recovery of Headpins for Future Surveys of Channel Cross Sections

Because of harsh conditions at this site (high altitude, chemical contamination, sparse channel vegetation, etc.), channel response to upland treatments likely will be slow. Repeat surveys could be done annually, but re-survey at 3- to 5-year intervals may be sufficient to document response. The challenge in any kind of repeat survey is finding the headpins from the original survey after a period

of time has elapsed. The following procedure is recommended for this purpose and should probably occur late in the year (although not as late as this year) after vegetation leaf-off. Each time the survey is repeated, the headpins should be sprayed with fluorescent paint for subsequent surveys.

Longitudinal distances between cross sections were measured along the east side of the low-flow channel (right side as you look *upstream*). Beginning at the fence crossing the creek above the Forest Service road crossing, a tape measure should be used to locate the first cross section upstream using the distance provided in the field notes and spreadsheets. At the approximate location of the cross section, stretch a tape perpendicular to the channel with the zero point of the tape on the left bank (looking downstream to match the field notes), and the left edge of water at the distance indicated in the 2009 notes for left edge of water (LEW). Continue to stretch the tape to the entire headpin-toheadpin cross-section distance given in the 2009 notes. You should now be very close to the original headpins on both banks. If at least one of the pins is not discovered, check the headpin photographs that were provided with the 2009 survey. Most of these show at least one nearby feature for each pin. If neither headpin is discovered, a metal detector may be required to locate the rebar headpin on one or both banks. Generally, this will always be the case if the original pins are buried by a major flood event. Once a headpin has been located on one side of the stream, the pin-to-pin distances in the cross section notes can be used with the tape to find the pin on the other side of the stream. After the first cross section is properly located, the procedure is repeated to recover the headpins for each successive cross section.

Cross Section Surveys

As mentioned above, 11 channel cross sections were surveyed beginning at the top of the reach and continuing downstream to the first set of headpins. For all but the most downstream transect (#1), the sections were surveyed with a stadia rod and auto-level. For this reason, initial distance measurements were determined from stadia readings (i.e., [top – bottom] x 100 = distance) and represent distance from the survey instrument (auto-level). These distances were converted to horizontal station from left head pin (looking downstream) for cross section construction in Excel and HEC-RAS. For the most downstream transect, the cross section was surveyed with the laser level (for training purposes), and horizontal distances were taken from a Kevlar tag line. For all cross sections, horizontal station 0 is set on the left headpin (LHP).

In the spreadsheet containing all of the field data, the first "cross-section" tab contains all the transect data needed for plotting and comparison with later surveys. Later in the spreadsheet are two additional "xsec" tabs containing the data as entered into a spreadsheet from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). This tool turned out to be far less helpful than was originally anticipated

Pebble-Count for Determination of Bed-Material Particle-Size Distribution

A pebble count was completed for determining the particle-size distribution of bed materials in the study reach. The 2009 survey used a longitudinal sampling scheme whereby particles were retrieved every 4 to 10 steps, and particle size determined with an aluminum particle-size analyzer template. The results are presented in the field notes and spreadsheet. Whereas an adequate number of particles were sampled for the analysis, sampling was hindered by the extreme cold and the nature of the substrate in the low-flow channel. Channel substrate in the low-flow channel was mildly imbricated

and <u>extremely</u> indurated, probably as a result of chemical reactions occurring between the water column and the substrate. An alternative sampling scheme for future characterization of the substrate is proposed below.

Future Consideration for Sampling Bed Material for Size Analysis

Since bed material in the low flow channel is heavily indurated and difficult to sample, an alternative sampling scheme is proposed that would primarily sample particles outside the low-flow channel. Throughout most of the surveyed reach, the high-flow channel is significantly wider than the low flow channel and is characterized as having a similar range of bed-sediment sizes as occur in the low-flow channel, but without the cementation caused by chemical reactions with the water. In other words, bed sediments in the high-flow channel would be much easier to sample and would still represent particle sizes available for transport during high-flow events (which is the only time bed material is transported anyway). For this reason, the recommended sampling scheme for future pebble-counts should be to sample 10 or more particles along each cross section, rather than a strictly longitudinal survey down the low-flow channel. With such a scheme, only one or two clasts from each cross section would occur in the low-flow channel, but the overall particle-size distribution might be more representative of the total load available for transport.

Monitoring Reach

Stream: Squirrel Creek
Watershed: Kerber Creek
Location: Above Bonanza

 (Approx.)
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 38.2947

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 County:
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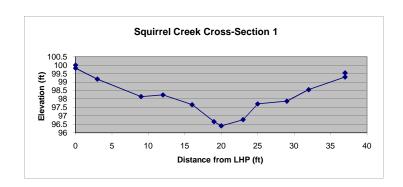
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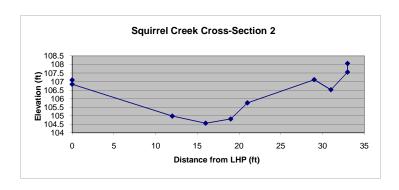
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	114.15	6.09	108.06	RHP#2	
	114.15	7.06	107.09	LHP#2	
	114.15	2.39	111.76	LHP#3	
	114.15	2.32	111.83	RHP#3	
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	125.21	7.72	117.49	RHP#4	
	125.21	6.25	118.96	LHP#4	
	125.21	2.82	122.39	LHP#5	
	125.21	2.15	123.06	RHP#5	
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	137.19	1.27	135.92	LHP#7	
	137.19	0.9	136.29	RHP#7	
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16.13	152.42		136.29	(Backsight on RHP#7)	
	152.42	13.51	138.91	Cadastral Survey Corner Marker	
	152.42	16.49	135.93	LHP#7 (check)	
	152.42	10.49	141.93	LHP#8	
	152.42	8.5	143.92	RHP#8	
	152.42	5.03	147.39	RHP#9	
	152.42	4.14	148.28	LHP#9	
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	168.22	13.47	154.75	LHP#10	
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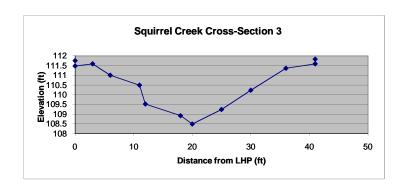
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	16	97.66	
	19	96.66	LEW
	20	96.41	thalweg
	23	96.78	REW
	25	97.71	
	29	97.87	
	32	98.55	
	37	99.3	GR at pin
	37	99.54	top RHP#1



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	Station		Elevation	Remarks
		0	107.09	top LHP#2
		0	106.84	GR at pin
		12	104.98	LEW
		16	104.56	thalweg
		19	104.81	REW
		21	105.75	
		29	107.11	
		31	106.52	
		33	107.55	GR at pin
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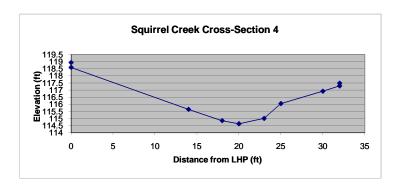


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	0	111.48	GR at pin
	3	111.59	
	6	111	
	11	110.49	
	12	109.52	
	18	108.92	LEW
	20	108.49	thalweg
	25	109.24	REW
	30	110.23	
	36	111.36	
	41	111.59	GR at pin
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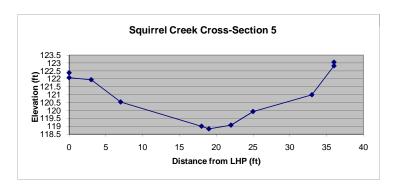


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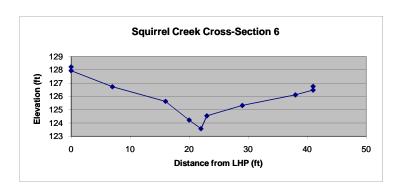
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	18	114.85	LEW
	20	114.63	thalweg
	23	115.01	REW
	25	116.05	
	30	116.92	
	32	117.29	Gr at pin
	32	117.48	top RHP#4



Station		Elevation	Remarks
	0	122.38	top LHP#5
	0	122.07	GR at pin
	3	121.94	
	7	120.53	
	18	119	LEW
	19	118.83	thalweg
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	25	119.93	
	33	120.99	
	36	122.82	GR at pin
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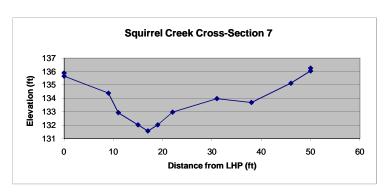


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	16	125.63	
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	22	123.57	thalweg
	23	124.54	REW
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Section 7

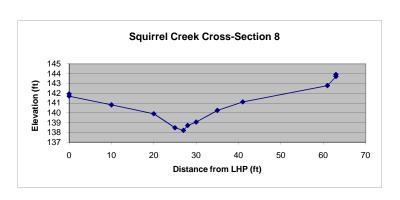
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	17	131.56	REW
	19	132.02	
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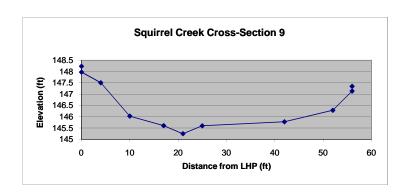
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Cadastral Survey Corner Marker

Station	<u>Ele</u>	vation	Remarks
	0	141.93	top LHP#8
	0	141.7	GR at pin
	10	140.81	
	20	139.9	
	25	138.47	LEW
	27	138.2	thalweg
	28	138.71	REW
	30	139.05	
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	41	141.11	
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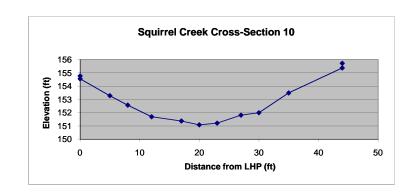


Station	Elevation		<u>Remarks</u>
	0	148.24	top LHP#9
	0	147.98	GR at pin
	4	147.51	
	10	146.03	
	17	145.61	LEW
	21	145.25	thalweg
	25	145.6	REW
	42	145.78	
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	56	147.14	GR at pin
	56	147.35	top RHP#9

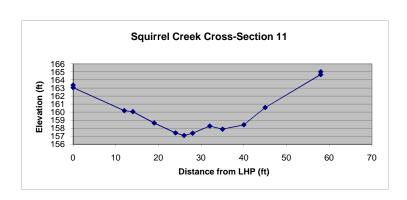


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Station		Elevation	Remarks
	0	154.77	top LHP#10
	0	154.55	GR at pin
	5	153.28	
	8	152.57	
	12	151.7	
	17	151.38	LEW
	20	151.09	thalweg
	23	151.22	REW
	27	151.82	
	30	152	
	35	153.49	
	44	155.37	GR at pin
	44	155.72	top RHP#10



Station	<u>Ele</u>	evation evation	Remarks Programme 1
	0	163.36	top LHP#11
	0	163.05	GR at pin
	12	160.18	
	14	160.05	
	19	158.64	
	24	157.41	LEW
	26	157.08	thalweg
	28	157.37	REW
	32	158.26	
	35	157.87	
	40	158.42	
	45	160.57	
	58	164.68	GR at pin
	58	165.03	top RHP#11



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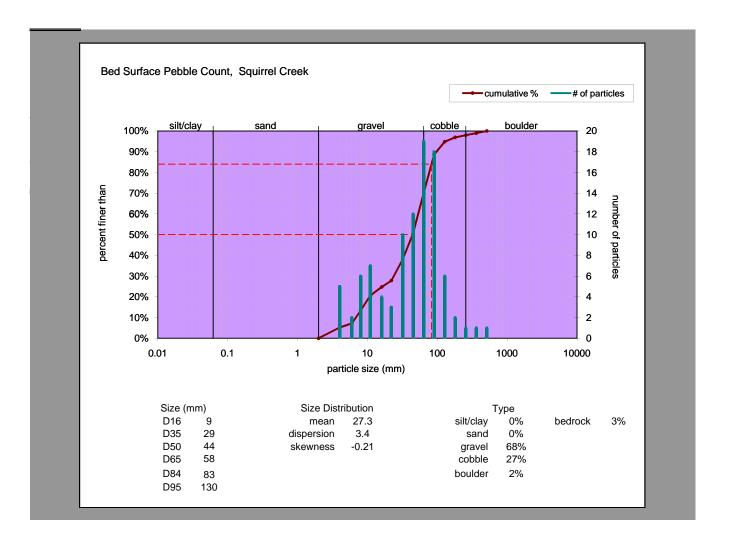
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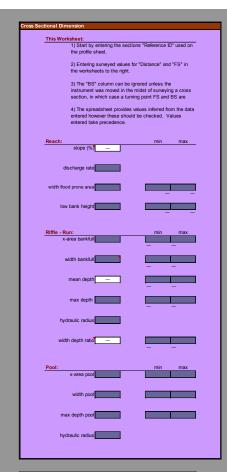
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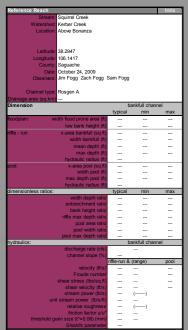
Channel Materials

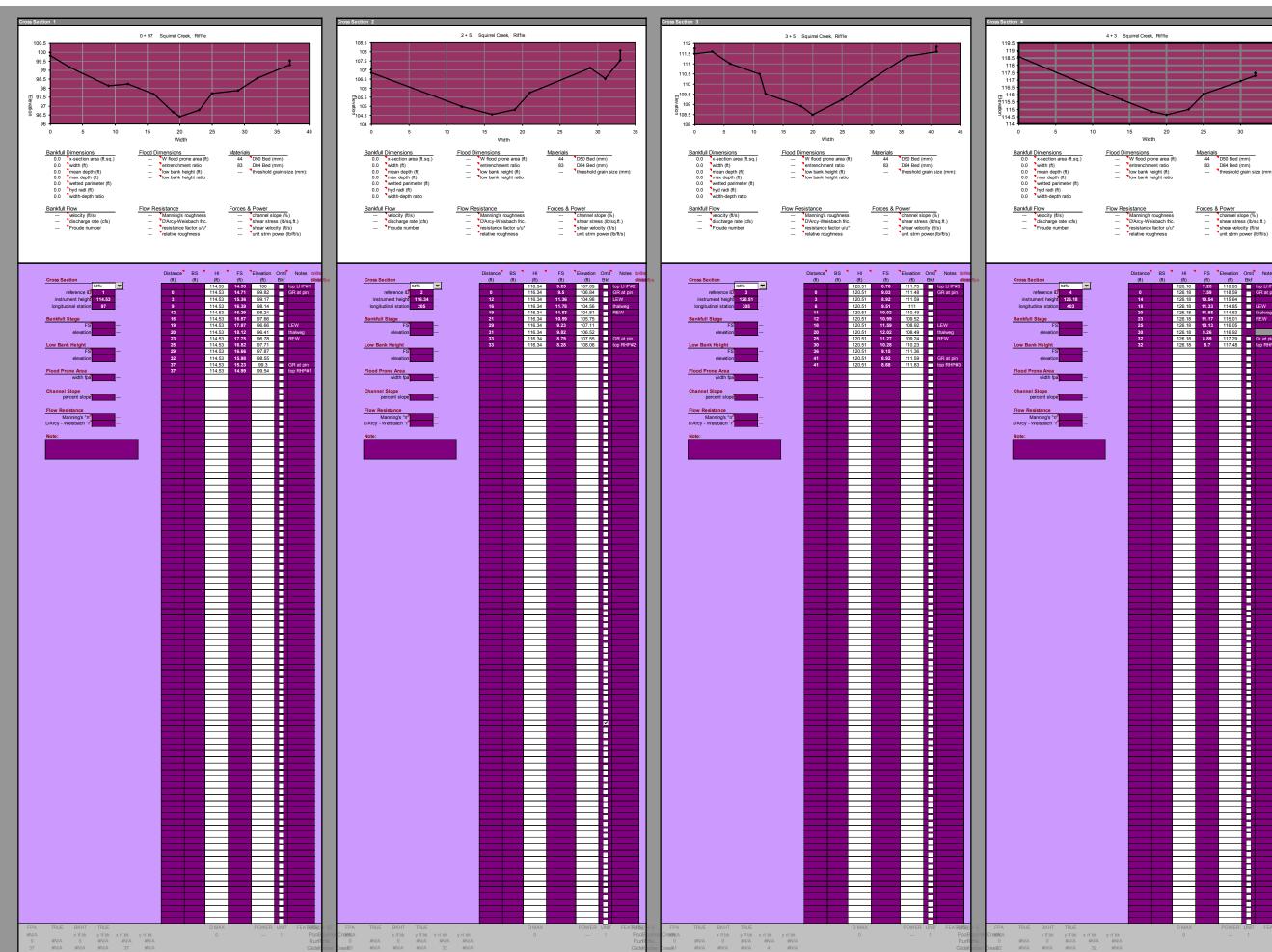
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	Surface	
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D35 (mm)	29	
D50 (mm)	44	
D65 (mm)	58	
D84 (mm)	83	
D95 (mm)	130	
mean (mm)	27.3	
dispersion	3.4	
skewness	-0.21	
Shape Facto		
% Silt/Clay	0%	
% Sand	0%	
% Gravel	68%	
% Cobble	27%	
% Boulder	2%	
% Bedrock	3%	
% Clay Harc		
% Detritus/V		
% Artificial		
Largest Mob		

Material S	Size Range (mm)	Count	
silt/clay	0 - 0.062		
very fine sand	0.062 - 0.125		
fine sand	0.125 - 0.25		
medium sand	0.25 - 0.5		
coarse sand	0.5 - 1		
very coarse sand	1 - 2		
very fine gravel	2 - 4	5	
fine gravel_	4 - 6	2	
fine gravel	6 - 8	6	
medium gravel	8 - 11	7	
medium gravel	11 - 16	4	
coarse gravel	16 - 22	3	
coarse gravel	22 - 32	10	
very coarse gravel _	32 - 45	12	
very coarse gravel	45 - 64	19	
small cobble	64 - 90	18	
medium cobble	90 - 128	6	
large cobble	128 - 180	2	
very large cobble	180 - 256	1	
small boulder	256 - 362	1	
small boulder	362 - 512	1	
medium boulder_	512 - 1024		
large boulder	1024 - 2048		
very large boulder	2048 - 4096		
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clay hardpan			
detritus/wood			
artificial -			
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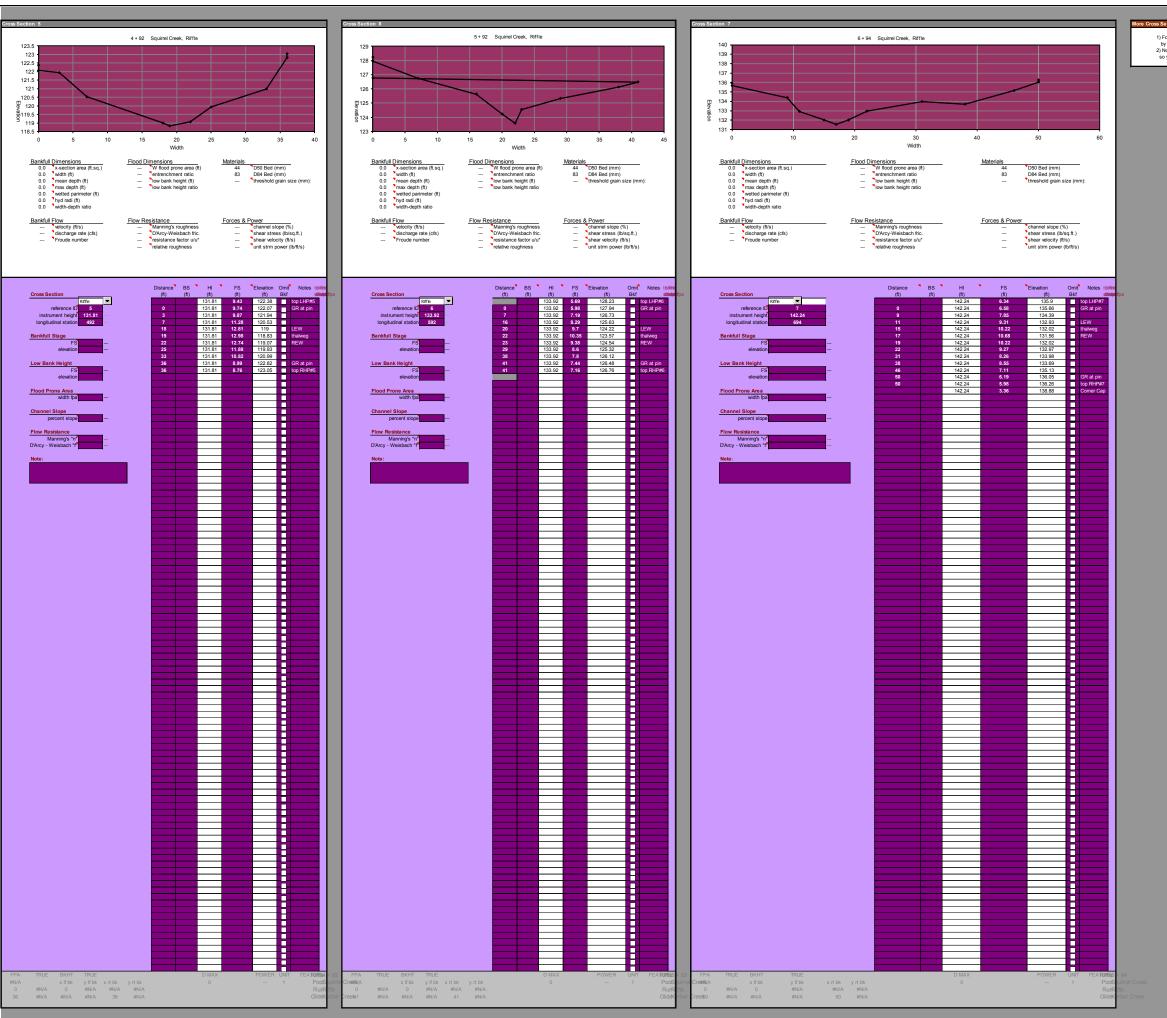


Materials

44 D50 Bed (mm)

83 D84 Bed (mm)

--- **Threshold grain size (mm):



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