

Standard Checklist

Name of Riparian-Wetland Area: Finch Creek

Date: August 3, 2004

Segment/Reach ID: Reach 7

PFC 708

Miles: _____ Elevation: 1709 GPS: N 36, 21. 479' W 121, 32. 924'

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

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Trend for Functional—At Risk:

Upward
Downward
Not Apparent

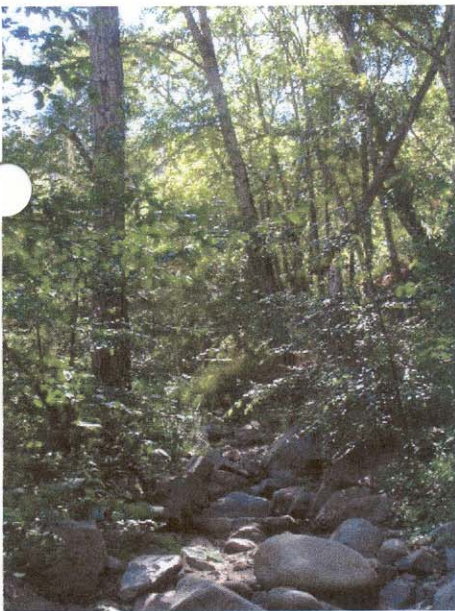
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Are factors contributing to unacceptable conditions outside the control of the manager?

Yes
No

If yes, what are those factors?

Flow regulations Mining activities Upstream channel conditions
 Channelization Road encroachment Oil field water discharge
 Augmented flows Other (specify) _____



Picture 1

Remarks

This reach begins at the property line of the Hastings Natural History Preserve.

There are three significant overflow channels in this reach. The canopy is very dense with large mature maples, sycamores, buckeyes, alders and willows (See Picture 1). This thick canopy leaves most of the riparian corridor very shaded and few areas with open sky were encountered.

There was seepage in a series of small pools with about 25 yoy.

Bridge 539 is undercut (See Picture 3).

This reach ended at bridge 539 at
GPS: N 36, 22.050 W 121, 33.513 Elevation: 1658 feet



Picture 2

Checklist Comments

#6-12 There is a strong presence of upland species in this reach and a few dying/dead alders observed (See Picture 2).

#16 There are a few undercut banks and minor bank erosion (See Picture 4).



Picture 3



Picture 4