



Cost-Share Proposal Form for NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Project 2188 TAC Funds

Project 2188 (Madison-Missouri River) License Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement (PM&E) projects are required to offset impacts to river resources from the continued operation of one or more of NWE's nine hydro developments (Hebgen, Madison, Hauser, Holter, Black Eagle, Rainbow, Cochrane, Ryan and Morony Dams). PM&E projects need to be prioritized toward in-river or on-the-ground measures that directly benefit fisheries and/or wildlife populations and their habitats:

Priority 1: 2188 License projects which meet License Article requirements and PM&E for fisheries or wildlife populations or their habitats within the main stem Madison River (Hebgen Reservoir to Three Forks) or Missouri River (Hauser Reservoir to Fort Peck Reservoir)

Priority 2: 2188 License projects which meet License Article requirements and PM&E for fisheries or wildlife populations or their habitats in primary tributaries or on adjacent lands and, in doing so, provide PM&E for Madison River (Hebgen Reservoir to Three Forks) or Missouri River (Hauser Reservoir to Fort Peck Reservoir) resources.

Priority 3: 2188 License PM&E projects which meet License Article requirements by providing scientific or other tangible PM&E benefits to Madison-Missouri River fisheries or wildlife populations or their habitats. These projects must be located in the greater Missouri River drainage upstream from Fort Peck Reservoir, but not necessarily located on the main stem Madison River or Missouri River or their adjacent lands or primary tributaries.

All TAC project proposals must include the following information:

Project Title: Pugsley Bridge Bank Stabilization

Date:10/29/2024

Explain how this Project addresses a specific Project 2188 License Article(s): Article 417 addresses this project by "provide(ing) funding to the Montana FWP for fisheries PM&E work in the middle Missouri River and the Great Falls area, including providing assistance to the FWS and Montana FWP for ongoing evaluation of pallid sturgeon in the Missouri River downstream of Morony dam;", because this bank stabilization project is intended to help address downstream erosion, landowner tolerance and protect important infrastructure during elevated spring releases from Tiber Dam aimed at promoting pallid sturgeon spawning in the Marias River and evaluating experimental releases.

Provide justification for Priority 1, 2 or 3 (above) that you selected: Priority 2

Project Sponsor (submitted by): Luke Holmquist – Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Diane Roberts – Liberty County Conservation District

Location of Proposed Project:

Marias River, immediately downstream of Pugsley Bridge on the North Bank near Chester Montana.

Geocode (in decimal degrees ex 46.89743) (Bridge) Lat; _48.29134____ Long: __-111.04619____ (Project) Lat; _48.29125___ Long: __-111.04440_____

Total Project Cost: \$170,357

\$121,514 – construction

\$48,843 – survey, development of alternatives, and preliminary design.

TAC Funds (Cost-Share) Requested for Project: \$20,000

I. Introduction; brief statement of project to be completed with pertinent background information.

This project aims to stabilize the river left (north) bank immediately downstream of Pugsley Bridge. The project area is located on the Marias River downstream of Pugsley Bridge (Figure 1) on an outside bend of the river and has been subject to erosion and accelerated down-valley meander bend migration. Phase 1 of this project was completed circa 2014 and consisted of riprapping approximately 330 linear feet of streambank downstream of Pugsley Bridge. Since 2014, river bend erosion and migration has accelerated downstream of the Phase 1 project area. The landowner, Liberty County Conservation District, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks have worked with River Design Group (RDG) to develop a preliminary restoration design to stabilize the eroding bank using strategies and techniques that will protect Pugsley Road and improve aquatic habitat conditions for trout and native species including pallid sturgeon. RDG presented 3 alternatives to a group of stakeholders and Alternative 2 was selected to move on the 50% design level equivalent.

II. Objectives; explicit statement(s) of what is intended to be accomplished.

The project will treat approximately 352 linear feet of eroding streambank downstream of the Phase 1 rip rap treatment.

III. Methods; description of how Project objectives will be accomplished.

This alternative effectively treats the eroding terrace by providing bank stabilization measures through the entire outside bank line. A vegetated wood matrix will span the entire project and two large wood structures would be installed at the apex of the meander and in the lower 25-feet of treated bankline. The proposed low terrace bench would encroach into the river by approximately 15-feet from the existing vertical bank line, smoothing out the current tortuous meander. The upper terrace scarp would be Daylighted at a 2(h):1(v) slope. Preliminary design plans with more details are shown at the end of this proposal.

IV. Schedule; when the Project work will begin and end.

Spring to Fall of 2025

V. Personnel; who will do the work? Identify Project leader or principal investigator.

Diane Roberts (Liberty County CD) – Project Lead – liaison between other stakeholders Luke Holmquist (FWP Biologist) – Coordination, acquire funding in coordination with CD. RDG – Construction oversight Contractor - TBD

VI. Project budget must include amounts for the following:

Pugsley Bridge Bank Stabilization Cost Opinion - Alternative 2

				ALTERNATIVE 2 ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE		
WORK ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	_	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	
1	MOBILIZATION, DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$22,000	\$22,000	
2	DEVELOP ACCESS ROADS, AND STAGING	AREAS 1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	
4	FURNISH WOOD	1	LS	\$12,000	\$12,000.00	
5	FURNISH 8-INCH MINUS ALLUVIUM	528	CY	\$35	\$18,480.00	
6	FURNISH BALLAST ROCK	20	CY	\$60	\$1,200.00	
7	FURNISH WILLOWS	5,200	EA	\$1.5	\$7,800.00	
8	EXCAVATE, HAUL, AND PLACE BACKFILL	600	CY	\$12	\$7,200.00	
9	INSTALL LARGE WOOD STRUCTURES	2	EA	\$5,000	\$10,000.00	
10	INSTALL VEGETATED WOOD MATRIX	352	LF	\$50	\$17,600.00	
11	INSTALL WILLOW TRENCH	528	LF	\$3	\$1,584.00	
12	INSTALL FLOODPLAIN TREATMENT	0.26	LS	\$2,500	\$650.00	
13	CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, AS-BUILT DRAWINGS & CERTIFICATION	1.0	LS	\$21,000	\$21,000.00	
	TOTAL ALTERNATIVE 2 COST OPINION: (\$)					

 AC = Acres
 EA = Each
 SY = Square Yards
 Kgal = 1,000 Gallons

 CY = Cubic Yards
 LF = Linear Feet
 LS = Lump Sum
 LBS = Pounds

- All cost-share sources and amounts, including estimation of "in-kind" contributions
 - o \$50,000 Tiber Fish Fund proposal will be submitted in Winter of 2024/2025
 - o \$60,000 Future Fisheries Funds application submitted November 2024
 - o \$48,843 State Wildlife Grant (FWP) survey work and preliminary design of alternatives (completed)

*NorthWestern Energy TAC funds will not be used for agency overhead on projects that do not fund personnel. Applications for materials and equipment should not contain overhead.

- VII. Deliverables; describe work product (reports, habitat restoration, etc.) which will result from this Project. How will "success" for this project be monitored or demonstrated?
 - Deliverables will be a completed bank stabilization project immediately downstream of Pugsley Bridge on the river left bank of the Marias River. A report with photos will be submitted upon project completion.
- VIII. Cultural Resources. Cultural Resource Management (CRM) requirements for any activity related to this Project must be completed and documented to NWE as a condition of any TAC grant. TAC funds may not be used for any land-disturbing activity, or the modification, renovation, or removal of any buildings or structures until the CRM consultation process has been completed. Agency applicants must submit a copy of the proposed project to a designated Cultural Resource Specialist for their agency. Private parties or non-governmental organizations are encouraged to submit a copy of their proposed project to a CRM consultant they may have employed. Private parties and non-governmental organizations may also contact the NWE representative for further information or assistance. Applications submitted without this section completed, will be held by the TAC, without any action, until the information has been submitted.

Summarize here how you will complete requirements for Cultural Resource Management:

Cultural Resource Management requirements will be completed by Northwestern Energy prior to the start of ground disturbance.

IX. Water Rights. For projects that involve development, restoration or enhancement of wetlands, please describe how the project will comply with the Montana DNRC's "Guidance for Landowners and Practitioners Engaged in Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities", issued by the Water Resources Division on 9 March 2016.

Summarize here how you will comply with Montana water rights laws, policies and guidelines:

No water right changes will occur with this bank stabilization project. A SPA 124 and USACE 404 permit will be required for the project.

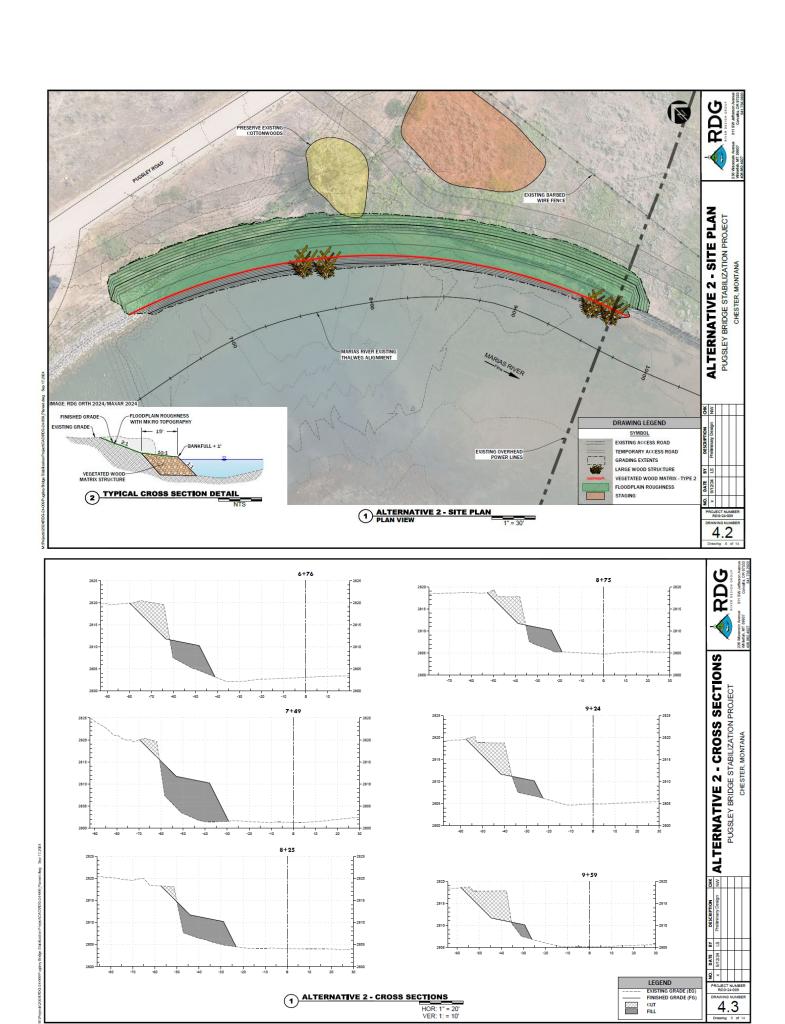
All TAC Project proposals should be 7 pages or less and emailed (as a WORD file) to each of:

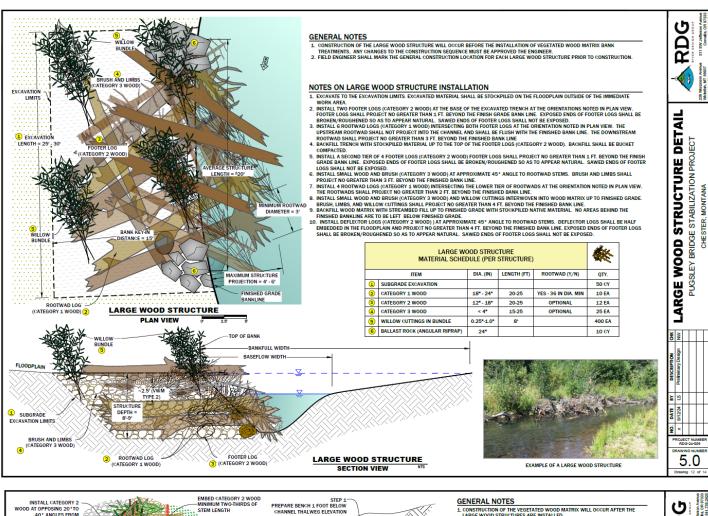
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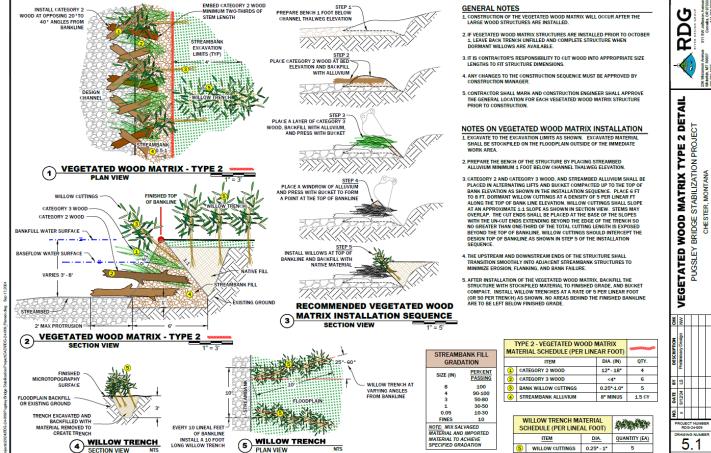
Further questions about TAC proposals or Project 2188 license requirements or related issues may be addressed to:

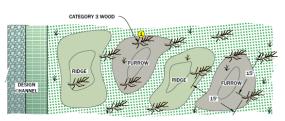
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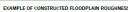
MICROTOPOGRAPHY AND FLOODPLAIN WOOD PLACEMENT
PLAN VIEW NTS

FINISHED MICROTOPOGRAPHY SURFACE (FLOODPLAIN SEEDING PER PLAN) BANKFULL WATER STREAMBANK TREATMENTS PER PLAN

(2) MICROTOPOGRAPHY AND FLOODPLAIN WOOD PLACEMENT SECTION VIEW NTS

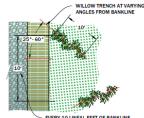
FLOODPLAIN TREATMENT				
ITEM	DIA. (IN)	LENGTH	QUANTITY (EA)	UNIT
1 CATEGORY 3 WOOD	<4°	15' - 25'	25	% COVER*







EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTED FLOODPLAIN ROUGHNESS



EVERY 10 LINEAL FEET OF BANKLINE INSTALL A 10 FOOT LONG WILLOW TRENCH FLOODPLAIN WILLOW TRENCH
PLAN VIEW NTS

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FINISHED -	4
MICROTOPOGRAPHY SURFACE	
FLOODPLAIN BACKFILL OR EXISTING GROUND	3'
TRENCH EXCAVATED AND BACKFILLED WITH MATERIAL	~
REMOVED TO CREATE TRENCH	

4 FLOODPLAIN WILLOW TRENCH
SECTION VIEW NTS

	VILLOW TRENCH MA CHEDULE (PER LINE		
	ITEM	DIA.	QUANTITY (EA)
3	WILLOW CUTTINGS	0.25" - 1"	5

NOTES ON WILLOW TRENCH INSTALLATION

- WILLOW TRENCHES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
- CONSTRUCTION OF WILLOW TRENCHES WILL OCCUR AFTER OCTOBER 1ST AND BEFORE THE END OF THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON
- CONTRACTOR SHALL MARK AND ENGINEER SHALL APPROVE THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOCATION FOR EACH VEGETATED WILLOW TRENCH PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- A TRENCH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED APPROXIMATELY 5' DEEP AND EXTEND THE LENGTH OF THE STAKED TREATMENT LOCATION. LIVE WILLOW CUTTINGS WILL BE PLACED IN THE TRENCH SUCH THAT THEY ARE INTERMIXED AND ORIENTED AT A NEAR VERTICAL ANGLE.
- THE TRENCH WILL THEN BE BACKFILLED WITH THE SAME MATERIAL REMOVED TO CREATE THE TRENCH AND SHOULD MATCH THE ELEVATION OF THE SURROUNDING FLOODPLAIN GRADE.

NOTES ON FLOODPLAIN ROUGHNESS INSTALLATION

1. CONTRACTOR SHALL DEVELOP MICROTOPOGRAPHY AND PLACE WOODY MATERIAL IN THE CONSTRUCTED FLOODPLAIN

- TRANSPORT CATEGORY 2. AND CATEGORY 3 WOOD FROM FROM DESIGNATED STOCKPILE AREAS, PLACE CATEGORY 2 WOOD AT A RATE OF 35 PIECES PER ACRE AND SPACED AT AN ALERAGE DISTANCE OF 20 FEET FROM OTHER CATEGORY 2 WOOD. PLACE CATEGORY 3 WOOD SO IT COVERS 25 PERCENT OF THE FLOODPLAIN SURFACE (APPROXIMATELY 250 PEECS PER ACRE).
- 3. BURY CATEGORY 2 WOOD WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN SURFACE, WITH ONE HALF OF THE LENGTH BURIED TO A DEPTH OF 2-FT., AND ONE HALF EXPOSED A MAXIMUM OF 2-FT ABOVE FINISHED GRADE AS SHOWN ON DRAWING. PLACE CATEGORY 3 WOOD ON THE SURFACE. CATEGORY 3 WOOD DOES NOT NEED TO BE BURIED.
- 4. CONSTRUCT LOW AND HIGH FEATURES (RIDGES AND FURROWS) AS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS. MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF RIDGES AND DEPTH OF FURF SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN 0.5-FT. RELATIVE TO FINISHED FLOODPLAIN SURFACE.

DESIGN INTENT

PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS TREATMENT IS TO CREATE CHARACTERISTICS ON NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FLOODPLAIN SURFACES THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THE CONDITIONS ON NATURAL VEGETATED FLOODPLAIN SURFACES.

PLACEMENT CRITERIA: TREATMENTS ARE APPLIED TO FLOODPLAIN SURFACES THAT LACK ROUGHNESS ELEMENTS AND VEGETATION

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: FLOODPLAIN ROUGHNESS TREATMENTS REDUCE THE RISK OF SURFACE EROSION AND INCREASE THE RETENTION OF SEDIMENT AND MUTRENIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIPARIAN VEGETATION. FLOODPLAIN ROUGHNESS IS APPLIED USING TWO METHODS: (J.) MIRCROTOPOGRAPHY GRADING MAD (2) WOODY DEBRIS PLALEMENT, MIRCROTOPOGRAPHY GRADING WIGHT OF A UNEVER SURFACE OF FURROWS AND RIDGES ON THE FLOODPLAIN. WOODY DEBRIS WILL PROVIDE STABLIST AND CONTRIBUTE CRADING MATTER TO FLOODPLAIN SOURCES FOR THE STANDARD OF WOODY DEBRIS IS REQUIRED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT DURING OVERBAIN FLOWS.





FLOODPLAIN ROUGHNESS DETAIL

MONTANA CHESTER,

PUGSLEY BRIDGE STABILIZATION PROJECT

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	PROJECT NUMBER RDG-24-009					
	DRAWING NUMBER					

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