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Re: Response to El Paso County Review Comments  
Redtail Ranch Subdivision  
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El Paso County, Colorado

RMG – Rocky Mountain Group (RMG) prepared a Geology and Soils report (RMG Job No. 162652, last dated March 4, 2019) for the proposed residential development project comprising 12 single-family residential lots located at the parcel no.'s referenced above. The report was reviewed by personnel of the El Paso County Planning & Community Development in September 2018 and again in February 2019. The majority of the original comments were addressed in the revised Geology and Soils Report.

Per the February 2019 redlines on the last dated January 18, 2019 RMG report, additional comments to be addressed are as follows and for clarity and ease of review we have reiterated each of the EPC Comments followed by our response.

- **EPC County Comment:** *"Was the previous Appendix A, "Guideline Site Grading Specifications" removed intentionally?"*

RMG Response: Yes, overlot grading activities are not proposed and Appendix A is not applicable, so it was removed for clarification.

- **EPC County Comment:** *"Existing pond to remain and obtain "Exempt Stock Tank" permit?" as denoted on RMG's Figure 3, Concept Plan and Figure 4, Concept Plan with Test Boring and Test Pit Location Plan.*

RMG Response: It is RMG's understanding that the pond is to be filled in on Lot 3, as noted on the revised Figure 18, General Geology and Engineering Map.

- **EPC County Comment:** *"Were the remaining 4 pages deleted intentionally?"* In reference to Appendix A, USGS Seismic Output.

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RMG Response: No, only the Summary was added in the report dated January 18, 2019. The remaining pages have been included in the revision dated March 12, 2019.

I hope this provides the information you have requested. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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## **GEOLOGY AND SOILS REPORT and Wastewater Study with Detention Storage Criteria**

**Redtail Ranch Subdivision  
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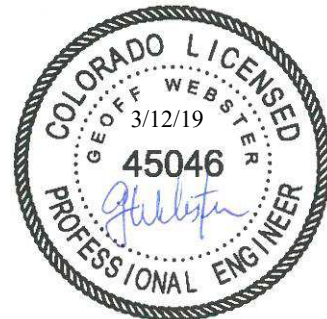
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# 1.0 GENERAL SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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## 1.1 Project Location

The project lies in the northeast portion of Section 9, Township 12 South, Range 65 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian in El Paso County, Colorado. The approximate location of the site is shown on the Site Vicinity Map, Figure 1.

## 1.2 Existing Land Use

The parcels included in this investigation are partially developed land and are currently owned by one owner. After the 2013 Black Forest fire multiple structures were destroyed and have been demolished and removed from site along with all the resulting debris. It is our understanding that septic fields along with the tanks are to remain on site. Since the Black Forest fire, aggressive thinning of the destroyed trees and structures has occurred. A staging area for equipment exists in the northeastern quadrant of one of the center parcels. Pine trees that have been stripped lie in organized piles across the site.

## 1.3 Project Description

The Redtail Ranch development currently consists of four parcels. It is proposed the combined 67.94 acres is to be subdivided into 12 five to six acres parcels. Each parcel is to contain one new single-family residence with a well and septic based on the Preliminary Plan provided by NES, Inc. last dated March 4, 2019.

# 2.0 QUALIFICATIONS OF PREPARERS

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This Geology and Soils report was prepared by a professional geologist as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes section 34-1-201(3) and by a qualified geotechnical engineer as defined by policy statement 15, "Engineering in Designated Natural Hazards Areas" of the Colorado State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. (Ord. 96-74; Ord. 01-42)

The principle investigators for this study are Kelli Zigler, P.G. and Geoff G. Webster, P.E. Ms. Zigler is a Professional Geologist as defined by State Statute (C.R.S 34-1-201) with over 17 years of experience in the geological and geotechnical engineering field. Ms. Kelli Zigler holds a B.S. in Geology from the University of Tulsa. Ms. Zigler has supervised and performed numerous geological and geotechnical field investigations in Colorado.

Geoff Webster, P.E. is a licensed Professional Engineer with over 33 years of experience in the structural and geotechnical engineering fields. Mr. Webster is a professional engineer and holds a Master's degree from the University of Central Florida. Mr. Webster has supervised and performed numerous geological and geotechnical field investigation programs in Colorado and other states.

## 3.0 STUDY OVERVIEW

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The purpose of this investigation is to characterize the general geotechnical and geologic site conditions, and present our opinions of the potential effect of these conditions on the proposed development of single-family residences within the referenced site. As such, our services exclude evaluation of the environmental and/or human, health-related work products or recommendations previously prepared, by others, for this project.

This study has been prepared in accordance with the requirements outlined in the El Paso County Land Development Code (LDC) specifically Chapter 8 last updated 01/06/2015 applicable sections include 8.4.9. and the Engineering Criteria Manual (ECM), specifically Appendix C last updated July 29, 2015.

This report presents the findings of the study performed by RMG relating to the geotechnical and geologic conditions of the above-referenced site. Revisions and modifications to the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report may be issued subsequently by RMG based upon additional observations made during grading and construction which may indicate conditions that require re-evaluation of some of the criteria presented in this report.

### 3.1 Scope and Objective

This report presents the findings of our Geology and Soils Investigation for the Redtail Ranch development located in northern El Paso County, Colorado.

The purpose of our report is to adhere to the guidelines outlined in Appendix C of the ECM and Chapter 8.4.9 of the LDC. The occurrences of potential geologic hazards were evaluated and our opinions of the observed conditions on the proposed development with the respect to the intended usage are outlined in this report.

This report presents the findings of the study performed by RMG-Rocky Mountain Group (RMG) relating to the geology and soil conditions of the above-referenced site.

### 3.2 Site Evaluation Techniques

The information included in this report has been compiled from:

- Field reconnaissance
- Geologic and topographic maps
- Review of selected publicly available, pertinent reports
- Available aerial photographs
- Exploratory borings
- Laboratory testing of representative site soil and rock samples
- Geologic research and analysis
- Site development plans prepared by others

Geophysical investigations were not considered necessary for characterization of the site geology. Monitoring programs, which typically include instrumentation and/or observations for changes in groundwater, surface water flows, slope stability, subsidence, and similar conditions, are not known to exist and were not considered applicable for the scope of this report.

### 3.3 Previous Studies and Field Investigation

Reports of previous geotechnical engineering/geologic investigations for this site were available for our review and are listed below.

1. *Preliminary Subsurface Soil Investigation Report, 12855 Linwood Lane, Lot 4, Sec 9-12-65, El Paso County, Colorado*, prepared by Colorado Engineering & Geotechnical Group, Inc. Project # 082-0280 dated October 13, 2008.

## 4.0 SITE CONDITIONS

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### 4.1 Proposed Land Use and Zoning

The site is generally located north and west of the intersection of Vollmer Road and Shoup Road, Colorado Springs, El Paso County. The site includes four parcels and has a combined total acreage of approximately 67.9 acres, on which there has been multiple non-permanent structures placed along with parked heavy equipment in a "yard" located north of Linwood Lane. Figure 1 presents the general boundaries of our investigation.

The parcels included are:

1. Schedule No. 5209000129, addressed as 12760 Vollmer Road, 23.52 acres,
2. Schedule No. 5209000128, addressed as 12950 Vollmer Road, 4.51 acres,
3. Schedule No. 5209002008, addressed as 12855 Linwood Lane, 30.34 acres,
4. Schedule No. 5209002006, addressed as 12980 Ward Lane, 9.57 acres.

Based upon our review of the Public Record Real Estate Property Search provided by El Paso County Assessors web-site, the parcels of land are zoned "RR-5 – Residential Rural". The surrounding properties are also county zoned as "RR-5 – Residential Rural".

### 4.2 Topography

In general, the site has rolling hills with relatively flat to moderate slopes. The overall slope of the site is generally down to the south and east with approximately 30 to 40 feet of elevation difference from the northwest corner to the southeast corner of the property.

### 4.3 Vegetation

The majority of the site consists of cleared trees and vegetation. Deciduous trees and vegetation are denser through the center of the property from the north to the south.

## 5.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION

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### 5.1 Drilling

The subsurface conditions within the property were explored by drilling nine exploratory borings on March 14, 2018 extending to depths of approximately 20 feet below the existing ground surface. The

test borings were performed to explore the subsurface soils underlying the proposed site. The number of borings is in excess of the minimum one test boring per 10 acres of development up to 100 acres and one additional boring for every 25 acres of development above 100 acres as required by the ECM, Section C.3.3.

The test borings were drilled with a power-driven, continuous-flight auger drill rig. Samples were obtained during drilling of the test borings in general accordance with ASTM D-1586 utilizing a 2-inch O.D. Split Barrel sampler. Results of the penetration tests are shown on the drilling logs. The Test Boring and Test Pit Logs are presented in Figures 6 through 11.

In conjunction with the test borings, three 8-foot deep test pits were excavated to obtain preliminary soils information for the proposed Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS).

## **5.2 Laboratory Testing**

Soil laboratory testing was performed as part of this investigation. The laboratory tests included moisture content, dry density, grain-size analyses and Atterberg Limits. Swell/Consolidation tests were not performed on the onsite non-expansive silty sand and sandstone. A Summary of Laboratory Test Results is presented in Figure 13. Soils Classification Data is presented in Figures 14 and 15.

# **6.0 GEOLOGIC AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

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## **6.1 Geologic Conditions**

Based upon review of the *Geologic Map of the Black Forest Quadrangle, El Paso County, Colorado* the site reconnaissance and exploratory drilling, the site is underlain by the Dawson Formation.

The geology at the site and surrounding area generally consists of a silty to clayey sand overlying the Dawson Formation. The Black Forest Quadrangle is presented in Figure 17.

## **6.2 General Geology**

Our field investigation included a site reconnaissance with consideration given to geologic features and significant surficial deposits.

In general, the geology at the site consists of alluvium soils overlying the Dawson formation. Two geologic units were mapped at the site as:

- Af – Man-placed fill – associated with the removal of the existing structures after the Black Forest fire.
- Tkda – Dawson Formation early to middle? Eocene – Upper part of the Dawson Formation is dominated by very thick-bedded to massive cross-bedded, pebbly arkose to Arkosic pebble conglomerate. The sandstones are poorly sorted and have high clay contents which are usually thinly bedded.

*The General Geology and Engineering Geology Map is presented in Figure 18.*

### 6.3 U.S. Soil Conservation Service

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service along with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has identified the soils on the property as:

- 26 – Elbeth sandy loam, 8 to 15% slopes. Properties of the sandy loam include, well-drained soils, depth of the water table is anticipated to be greater than 6.5 feet, run-off is anticipated to be medium, frequency of flooding and/or ponding is none, and landforms include hills.
- 40 – Kettle gravelly loamy sand, 3 to 8% slopes. Properties of the loamy sand include, somewhat excessively drained soils, depth of the water table is anticipated to be greater than 6.5 feet, run-off is anticipated to be low, frequency of flooding and/or ponding is none, and landforms include hills.

*The USDA Soil Survey Map is presented in Figure 16.*

### 6.4 Subsurface Materials

The subsurface materials encountered in the test borings were classified using the Unified Soils Classification System (USCS) and the materials were grouped into the general categories of silty to clayey sand (SM, SC, SW-SC), overlying sandstone bedrock.

Additional descriptions and the interpreted distribution (approximate depths) of the subsurface materials are presented on the Test Boring and Test Pit Logs presented in Figures 6 through 11. The classifications shown on the logs are based upon the engineer's classification of the samples at the depths indicated. Stratification lines shown on the logs represent the approximate boundaries between material types and the actual transitions may be gradual and vary with location.

### 6.5 Bedrock Conditions

Bedrock was encountered in all nine of the test borings for this investigation. The bedrock beneath the site is considered to be part of the Dawson Formation – facies unit five which consists of silty sandstone. The bedrock was encountered at depths ranging from the existing ground surface to approximately 6 feet below the surface. The Dawson formation is thick-bedded to massive, generally light colored arkose, pebbly, and pebble conglomerate. The sandstones are poorly sorted with high clay contents.

The sandstone is generally permeable, well drained, and has good foundation characteristics.

### 6.6 Structural Features

Structural features such as schistosity, folds, zones of contortion or crushing, joints, shear zones or faults were not observed on the site, surrounding the site or in the soil samples collected for laboratory testing.

### 6.7 Surficial (Unconsolidated) Deposits

Various lake and pond sediments, swamp accumulations, sand dunes, marine and non-marine terrace deposits, talus accumulations, creep or slope wash were not observed on the site. Slump and slide debris were not observed on the site.

## **6.8 Drainage of Water and Groundwater**

The overall topography of the site slopes down from the north to the south, southeast towards Black Squirrel Creek and Burgess Creek. Groundwater was not encountered in the test borings at the time of drilling.

Black Squirrel Creek and Burgess Creek are currently defined drainage ways that are approximately a mile to the east and west, respectively of the site. It is not anticipated that the drainage of Black Squirrel Creek will adversely impact construction on the property.

## **6.9 Features of Special Significance**

Features of special significance such as accelerated erosion, (advancing gully head, badlands or cliff reentrants) were not observed on the property. Features indicating settlement or subsidence such as fissures, scarplets and offset reference features were also not observed on the property.

Features indicating creep, slump or slide masses in bedrock and surficial deposits were also not observed on the property.

## **6.10 Engineering Geology**

The Engineering Geology is presented below. Charles Robinson and Associates (1977) have mapped one environmental engineering unit on the site as:

- 1A – Stable alluvium, colluvium and bedrock on flat to gentle slopes (0 to 5%).

*The Engineering Geology is presented in the General Geology and Engineering Geology Map in Figure 18.*

## **6.11 Mineral Resources**

Under the provision of House Bill 1529, it was made a policy by the State of Colorado to preserve for extraction commercial mineral resources located in a populous county. Review of the *Master Plan for Mineral Extraction, Map 2* indicates the site is not identified as an aggregate resource. Extraction of the sand and sandstone resources are not considered to be economical compared to materials available elsewhere within the county.

## **6.12 Permeability**

The permeability of a soil measures how well air and water can flow within the soil. Soil permeability varies according to the type of soil and other factors.

The infiltration rate of a soil refers to how much water a type of soil can absorb over a specific time period. Infiltration rates are determined by soil permeability and surface conditions, and usually are measured in inches per hour.

The soils encountered in the test borings, at the time of drilling were silty to clayey sand and sandstone. The permeability of the sands is anticipated to be moderate to high. The permeability of the sandstone is anticipated to be low.

## 7.0 POTENTIAL GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

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The El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual recognizes and delineates the difference between hazards and constraints. A geologic hazard is one of several types of adverse geologic conditions capable of causing significant damage or loss of property and life. Geologic hazards are defined in Section C.2.2 Sub-section E.1 of the ECM. A geologic constraint is one of several types of adverse geologic conditions capable of limiting or restricting construction on a particular site. Geologic constraints are defined in Section C.2.2 Sub-section E.2 of the ECM. The following sections discuss potential geologic conditions that commonly exist within El Paso County, Colorado.

### 7.1 Landslides

Landslides are a form of mass wasting slope failure that consists of relatively rapid downward sliding, falling, or flowing of a mass of soil, rock, or a mixture of the two. Landslides typically have one or more distinct failure surfaces. They typically occur on slope sides where the shear strength of a material is exceeded by the driving mass or weight of the material and may be induced by the presence of groundwater, heavy precipitation, and seismic events.

The entire area appears to lie outside the mapped areas of previous landslide and/or unstable slopes according to the electronic (online) version of the Colorado Landslide Inventory map prepared by the Colorado Geological Survey (CGS) located at:

<https://cologeosurvey.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9dd73db7fbc34139abe51599396e2648>

Neither unstable slopes nor apparent signs of ongoing slope movement were observed on the property.

### 7.2 Rockfall

Rockfall is the falling of a newly detached mass of rock from a cliff or down a very steep slope, and is considered to be a type of landslide with a very rapid rate of down-slope movement. It usually occurs on mountainsides or other steep slopes during periods of abundant moisture and frequent freeze-thaw cycles, and is caused by the loss of support from underneath or detachment from a larger rock mass. Ice wedging, root growth, or ground shaking, erosion or chemical weathering may start the fall. The rocks may freefall, bounce, tumble, roll, or slide down slope and can vary considerably in size.

The subject site does not have steep slopes with large boulders above or around it to generate rockfall. The subject property is not considered to be prone to rockfall.



### 7.3 Debris Flow and Debris Fans

Debris flows consist of water with a high sediment load of sand, cobbles and boulders flowing down a stream, ravine, canyon, arroyo or gully, and are typically activated by heavy or long-term rains or snowmelts which cause rapid erosion and transport of surficial materials down slope of drainages. Debris fans are created when debris flows reach a valley with a much lower gradient. As the energy level drops, the sediment load is deposited creating the fan shape.

The potential for the development of significant debris flows was not observed on the surface of the property.

### 7.4 Faults and Seismicity

Review of the *Geologic Map of the Colorado Springs Quadrangle* and *Map of Areas Susceptible to Differential Heave in Expansive, Steeply Dipping Bedrock, City of Colorado Springs, Colorado* indicates the Ute Pass Fault lies approximately 10 miles to the west of the proposed residential development. According to the CGS, these faults are not considered to be recently active. However, they have been active during geologic times and could affect the site if they did rupture.

Information presented by the CGS indicates that several recent earthquakes have occurred in the vicinity of the Ute Pass Fault near Colorado Springs and Woodland Park. The earthquakes, with magnitudes in the range of 3.0 to 3.9, occurred approximately from 1962 to 2007.

Earthquakes felt at this site will most likely result from minor shifting of the granite mass within the Pikes Peak Batholith which includes pull from minor movements along faults found in the Denver basin. Ground motions resulting from small earthquakes are more likely to affect structures at this site and will likely only affect slopes stability to a minimal degree.

In accordance with the International Building Code, 2012/2015, seismic design parameters have been determined for this site. The Seismic Site Class has been interpreted from the results of the soil test boring drilled within the project site. The USGS seismic design tool has been used to determine the seismic response acceleration parameters. USGS output is presented in Appendix B. The soil on this site is not considered susceptible to liquefaction. The following recommended Seismic Design Parameters are based upon Seismic Site Class C, and a 2 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years. The Seismic Design Category is "C".

Period (sec)	Mapped MCE Spectral Response Acceleration (g)		Site Coefficients		Adjusted MCE Spectral Response Acceleration (g)		Design Spectral Response Acceleration (g)	
0.2	S <sub>s</sub>	0.174	F <sub>a</sub>	1.2	S <sub>ms</sub>	0.208	S <sub>ds</sub>	0.139
1.0	S <sub>1</sub>	0.058	F <sub>v</sub>	1.7	S <sub>m1</sub>	0.099	S <sub>d1</sub>	0.066

Notes: MCE = Maximum Considered Earthquake  
g = acceleration due to gravity

The USGS Seismic Output is presented in Appendix B.

## 7.5 Steeply Dipping Bedrock

Steeply dipping bedrock is a geological hazard common along the Rocky Mountain Front Range piedmont where uplifted sedimentary formations containing thin layers of moderately to highly expansive shale are encountered near the ground surface e.g., Noe and Dodson 1995; Noe 1997. Problematic formations in the region, most notably the Pierre Shale, are characterized by relatively thin vertically oriented beds that can exhibit dissimilar swelling characteristics from one particular bed to the next.

The site lies outside of the mapped zone of areas susceptible to differential heave in expansive steeply dipping bedrock. Bedrock was encountered in all nine of the test borings drilled for this investigation. Indications of dipping bedrock were not observed in the soil samples collected. The site is generally not considered to be prone to steeply dipping bedrock.

## 7.6 Unstable or Potentially Unstable Slopes

Slope stability is the potential of soil covered slopes to withstand and undergo movement. The stability of a slope is determined by the balance of shear stress and shear strength. Previously stable slopes may initially be affected by preparatory factors, making the slope conditionally unstable. Factors that may trigger a slope failure may be climatic events that can make a slope actively unstable, leading to mass movements. Mass movements can be caused by an increase in shear stress, such as loading, lateral pressure, and transient forces. Alternatively, shear strength may be decreased by weathering, changes in pore water pressure, and organic material.

According to the LDC, Chapter 8.4.2 Section B.3 Unsuitable Building Areas, areas that are identified as having certain characteristics "... shall be deemed unsuitable for building and shall be identified as no build areas on the plat." One such characteristic is "Areas where slopes are greater than 30%." These areas have typically been designated as "No Build" areas in the recent past.

Unstable slopes greater than 30 percent or apparent signs of ongoing slope movement were not observed around or on the property. The subject site is also not in an area identified as containing unstable slopes in the Colorado Landslide Inventory map referenced in section 7.1 of this report.

### Mitigation

Long term fill slopes should be limited to areas supported by foundation walls or other engineered components, unless adequately benched into the bedrock. Long term cut slopes in the upper soil should be limited to no steeper than 3:1 (horizontal:vertical).

We believe the surficial soils will classify as Type C materials as defined by OSHA in 29CFR Part 1926, date January 2, 1990. OSHA requires temporary slopes made in Type C materials be laid back at ratios no steeper than 1.5:1 (horizontal to vertical) unless the excavation is shored or braced. Flatter slopes will likely be necessary should groundwater conditions occur.

## 7.7 Ground Subsidence

Subsidence is the motion of the ground surface (usually, the Earth's surface) as it shifts downward relative to a datum such as sea-level.

Common causes of land subsidence from human activity are pumping water, oil, and gas from underground reservoirs; dissolution of limestone aquifers (sinkholes); collapse of underground mines; drainage of organic soils; and initial wetting of dry soils (hydrocompaction).

The presence of sinkholes and collapse were not observed on the site. The site lies outside of the Colorado Springs Subsidence Investigation report (Dames and Moore, 1985). Evidence of underground mining in the presence of coal was not encountered in the test boring samples. The site is generally not considered to be prone to ground subsidence.

## **7.8 Hydrocompactive and Potentially Expansive Soils (Moisture Sensitive Soils)**

The subsurface materials at the site generally consist of silty to clayey sand overlying the Dawson Formation. Based on the test borings performed on site, the silty to clayey sand and sandstone generally possess low swell potential. Expansive soils and bedrock were not identified on this site. However, the Dawson formation is known to have interbedded claystone seams. The claystone generally possess low to moderate swell potential. It is anticipated that if these materials are encountered can readily be mitigated with typical construction practices common to this region of El Paso County, Colorado.

### Mitigation

Shallow foundations are anticipated for structures within this development. Foundation design and construction are typically adjusted for expansive soils. Mitigation of expansive soils and bedrock are typically accomplished by overexcavation and replacement with structural fill, subexcavation and replacement with on-site moisture-conditioned soils, and/or the installation of deep foundation systems. If loose sands are encountered, mitigation of hydrocompactive soils can be accomplished by overexcavation and replacement with structural fill, subexcavation and replacement with on-site moisture-conditioned soils, and/or the use of a geogrid reinforced fill.

## **7.9 Radon**

*"Radon Act 51 passed by Congress set the natural outdoor level of radon gas (0.4 pCi/L) as the target radon level for indoor radon levels.*

Black Forest, CO and the 80808 zip code located in El Paso County, has an EPA assigned Radon Zone of 1. A radon zone of 1 predicts an average indoor radon screening level greater than 4 pCi/L, which is above the recommended levels assigned by the EPA. Black Forest is located in a high risk area of the country. *The EPA recommends you take corrective measures to reduce your exposure to radon gas.*

Most of Colorado is generally considered to have the potential of high levels of radon gas, based on the information provided at: [http://county-radon.info/CO/El\\_Paso.html](http://county-radon.info/CO/El_Paso.html). There is not believed to be unusually hazardous levels of radon from naturally occurring sources at this site.

### Mitigation

Radon hazards are best mitigated at the building design and construction phases. Providing increased ventilation of basements, crawlspaces, creating slightly positive pressures within structures, and sealing of joints and cracks in the foundations and below-grade walls can help mitigate radon hazards.

## 7.10 Flooding and Surface Drainage

Based on our review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Panel No. 08041C0325F and the online ArcGIS El Paso County Risk Map, the entire site does not lie within the 100 or 500-year floodplain of Black Squirrel Creek or Burgess Creek. The FEMA Map is presented in Figure 19.

The areas of concern (that will be addressed) are as follows.

1. It is our understanding the existing "stock" pond along Linnwood Lane near the western property line of Lot 5 is to remain and may be partially filled in to meet the current drainage criteria. Once the stock pond meets the current drainage criteria it may be utilized as a portion of the new proposed detention pond. The proposed detention pond is to be located in a drainage easement/no build area.
2. An existing stock pond with a dam is currently located near the center of the western property line of Lot 3. The stock pond is to be filled in prior to any construction on the lot.
3. A natural drainage transverses the southeast corner of Lot 4. The drainage is to remain and the placement of the residence and OWTS will need to be outside the drainage pathway.
4. Several small stock ponds are currently located near the southeast corner of the property along the southern portion of Lot 9 and the northcentral portion of Lot 7. The stock ponds were dry at the time of the site reconnaissance on March 14, 2018. The stock ponds in this area are to be filled in.
5. A secondary detention pond is proposed to be located near the southeast corner and is to be located in a drainage easement/no build area.

## 7.11 Springs and High Groundwater

Based on the site observations, review of the Black Forest Quadrangle and Google Earth images dating back to September 1999, springs do not appear to originate on the subject site. Groundwater was not encountered at the time of drilling for this investigation.

Fluctuations in groundwater and subsurface moisture conditions may occur due to variations in rainfall and other factors not readily apparent at this time. Development of the property and adjacent properties may also affect groundwater levels.

### Mitigation:

Shallow or perched groundwater was not encountered in the test borings at the time drilling on March 14, 2018. It is our opinion that at this time there is no evidence to raise the grade and/or limit the possibility of basement foundations. However, if shallow groundwater conditions are encountered during the Site Specific Soils Investigations and Open Excavation Observations, mitigations can include a combination of surface and subsurface drainage systems, vertical drainboard, etc.

In general, if groundwater was encountered within 4 to 6 feet of the proposed basement slab elevation, an underslab drain should be anticipated in conjunction with the perimeter drain. Perimeter drains are anticipated for each individual lot to prevent the infiltration of water and to help control wetting of potentially expansive and hydrocompactive soils in the immediate vicinity of foundation elements. It must be understood that the drain is designed to intercept some types of subsurface moisture and not others. Therefore, the drain could operate properly and not mitigate all moisture problems relating to foundation performance or moisture intrusion into the basement area.

## 7.12 Erosion and Corrosion

The upper sands encountered at the site are susceptible to erosion by wind and flowing water. The sandstone at this site typically has low resistivity values (less than 2,000 ohm-cm) and is likely to be potentially corrosive to buried, ferrous metal piping and other structures.

### Mitigation:

Due to the nature of the soils on the site it is anticipated that the majority of the surficial soils (silty to clayey sand) is subject to erosion by wind or water. The majority of the site has had the vegetation and trees stripped due to the Black Forest fire. The vegetation is slowly recovering and will reduce the potential for any future erosion. During construction disturbance of the site most likely will occur around the building site and may require regrading and revegetation. Further recommendations for Erosion Control are discussed in section 7.15

## 7.13 Surface Grading and Drainage

Shallow or perched groundwater was not encountered in the test borings at the time drilling on March 14, 2018. It is our opinion that at this time there is no evidence to raise the grade and/or limit the possibility of basement foundations. However, if shallow groundwater conditions are encountered during the Site Specific Soils Investigations and Open Excavation Observations, mitigations can include a combination of surface and subsurface drainage systems, vertical drainboard, etc.

The ground surface should be sloped from the buildings with a minimum gradient of 10 percent for the first 10 feet. This is equivalent to 12 inches of fall across this 10-foot zone. If a 10-foot zone is not possible on the upslope side of the structure, then a well-defined swale should be created a minimum 5 feet from the foundation and sloped parallel with the wall with a minimum slope of 2 percent to intercept the surface water and transport it around and away from the structure. Roof drains should extend across backfill zones and landscaped areas to a region that is graded to direct flow away from the structure. Homeowners should maintain the surface grading and drainage recommended in this report to help prevent water from being directed toward and/or ponding near the foundations.

Landscaping should be selected to reduce irrigation requirements. Plants used close to foundation walls should be limited to those with low moisture requirements and irrigated grass should not be located within 5 feet of the foundation. To help control weed growth, geotextiles should be used below landscaped areas adjacent to foundations. Impervious plastic membranes are not recommended.

Irrigation devices should not be placed within 5 feet of the foundation. Irrigation should be limited to the amount sufficient to maintain vegetation. Application of more water will increase the likelihood of slab and foundation movements.

The recommendations listed in this report are intended to address normal surface drainage conditions, assuming the presence of groundcover (established vegetation, paved surfaces, and/or structures) throughout the regions upslope from this structure. However, groundcover may not be present due to a variety of factors (ongoing construction/development, wildfires, etc.). During periods when groundcover is not present in the "upslope" regions, higher than normal surface drainage conditions may occur, resulting in perched water tables, excess runoff, flash floods, etc. In these cases, the surface drainage recommendations presented herein (even if properly maintained) may not mitigate all groundwater problems or moisture intrusion into the structure.

We recommend that the site plan be prepared with consideration of increased runoff during periods when groundcover is not present on the upslope areas.

#### **7.14 Fill Soils**

Fill soils were not encountered at the time of drilling. However, one known septic field and one septic tank lie on each proposed Lot 2 and Lot 5. Additional fill soils could include (but are not limited to) non-engineered fills, fill soils containing trash or debris, contaminated, fill soils that appear to have been improperly placed and/or compacted, etc. If unsuitable soils are encountered during the Site Specific Soils Investigation and/or the Open Excavation Observation, they may require removal (overexcavation) and replacement with compacted structural fill.

##### Mitigation

Existing fill soils may be encountered in the locations of the previous structures and/or septic fields. It is recommended the soils associated with the septic fields remain undisturbed. If the soils associated with the septic fields are disturbed they will be considered unsuitable for any reuse onsite (overlot fill, structural fill and exterior backfill) and should be removed from the site and property disposed of.

If any other man-placed fill is encountered, it is considered unsuitable for support of foundations. If unsuitable fill soils are encountered during construction, they should be removed (overexcavated) and replaced with compacted structural fill. If contaminated soils from the septic fields are encountered all soils should be removed and disposed of properly. The zone of overexcavation shall extend to the bottom of the unsuitable fill zone and shall extend at least that same distance beyond the building perimeter (or lateral extent of any fill, if encountered first). Provided that this recommendation is implemented, the presence of this fill is not considered to pose a risk to the proposed new structures.

#### **7.15 Proposed Grading, Erosion Control, Cuts and Masses of Fill**

Overlot grading and masses of fill are not anticipated. Based on the test borings performed for this investigation that the excavations will encounter silty to clayey sands near the surface overlying sandstone bedrock. The on-site sand soils can be used as site grading fill.

The on-site soils are mildly susceptible to wind and water erosion. Minor wind erosion and dust may be an issue for a short time during and immediately after construction. Should the problem be considered severe during construction, watering of the cut areas may be required. Once construction is complete, vegetation should be re-established.

Prior to placement of overlot fill or removal and recompaction of the existing materials, topsoil, low-density native soil, fill and organic matter should be removed from the fill area. The subgrade should be scarified, moisture conditioned to within 2% of the optimum moisture content, and recompacted to the same degree as the overlying fill to be placed. The placement and compaction of fill should be periodically observed and tested by a representative of RMG during construction.

## 7.16 Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

It is our understanding that On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) are proposed for the subdivision. Individual well and septic systems are proposed for each new residence. The site was evaluated in general accordance with the El Paso Land Development Code, specifically sections 8.4.8. Three 8-foot deep test pits were performed across the site to obtain a general understanding of the soil and bedrock conditions. The Test Pits Logs are presented in Figures 11 and 12.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as discussed in section 6.3 consisted of sandy loam and loamy sand. Limiting layers were not encountered in the test pits. The long term acceptance rates (LTAR) associated with the soils observed in the test pits range from 0.35 to 0.50 (soil types 0 to 3) gallons per day per square foot. Signs of seasonal groundwater were not observed in the test pits.

Contamination of surface and subsurface water resources should not occur provided the OWTS sites are evaluated and installed according to the El Paso County Board of Health Guidelines and property maintained.

Treatment areas at a minimum, must achieve the following:

- Treatment areas must be 4 feet above groundwater or bedrock as defined by the Definitions 8.3.4 of the Regulations of the El Paso County Board of Health, Chapter 8 OWTS Regulations, most recently amended May 23, 2018;
- Each lot (after purchase) prior to construction of an OWTS will require an OWTS report prepared per *the Regulations of the El Paso County Board of Health, Chapter 8 OWTS Regulations*. During the site reconnaissance, a minimum of two 8-foot deep test pits will need to be excavated in the vicinity of the proposed treatment area;
- Comply with any physical setback requirements of Table 7-1 of the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment (EPCHDE);
- Treatment areas are to be located a minimum 100 feet from any well (existing or proposed), including those located on adjacent properties per Table 7-2 per the EPCHDE;
- Each lot shall be designed to insure that a minimum of 2 sites are appropriate for a OWTS and do not fall within the restricted areas identified on the General Geology and Engineering Map, Figure 18, (e.g. existing ponds, existing septic fields that may remain);
- It is not recommended that the existing septic systems be utilized for new construction. The existing systems were constructed between 1964 and 1994. The average life span of systems constructed between those dates was approximately 20 to 30 years. It is unlikely the existing septic systems will meet the current criteria for a Transfer of Title Inspection per 8.4 (O).6 per EPCHDE;
- If an existing system is to be removed (e.g. tank, components and/or soil) they should be disposed of properly;
- New treatment areas are not to be located within the existing septic field areas unless the existing system has been properly disposed of.

It is our opinion that if the EPCHDE physical setback requirements are met for each lot, there are no restrictions on the placement of the individual Onsite Wastewater Systems.

Soil and groundwater conditions at the site are suitable for individual treatment systems. It should be noted that the LTAR values stated above are for the test pit locations performed for this report only. The LTAR values may change throughout the site. If an LTAR value of less than 0.35 (or soil types 3 to 5)

are encountered at the time of the site specific OWTS evaluation an "engineered system" will be required.

## 8.0 BEARING OF GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS UPON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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Geologic hazards (as described in section 7.0 of this report) and geologic constraints (also as described in section 7.0 of this report) other than Seismicity, Radioactivity/Radon Gas and the potential for uncontrolled fill were not found to be present at this site. These hazards can be satisfactorily mitigated through proper engineering and design contraction practices and avoidance when deemed necessary.

Undocumented fill soils are anticipated in the vicinity of the previous structures. It is our understanding that the existing structures have been demolished and all debris and deleterious materials have been removed. If existing fill from the structures is encountered the soil may be processed in the grading activities that may take place, however dependent on the individual home sites; the existing fill may not be encountered. It is recommended that if contaminated soil from the existing septic fields is encountered it should be removed of and disposed of properly.

It is recommended that a site specific Subsurface Soil Investigation be performed for all proposed structures to verify the conditions of any existing fill.

The proposed development is to consist of the construction of a residential development to include well and septic and associated site improvements. Shallow foundations are anticipated for the structures on site. It is our opinion that the existing geologic and engineering conditions will not be constraints on the proposed development.

## 9.0 BURIED UTILITIES

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Based upon the conditions encountered in the exploratory test borings, we anticipate that the soils encountered in the individual utility trench excavations will consist of native silty to clayey sand and sandstone. It is anticipated that the sands will be encountered at loose to medium dense relative densities and the sandstone at medium hard to hard relative densities.

We believe the sand will classify as Type C materials as defined by OSHA in 29 CFR Part 1926. OSHA requires that temporary excavations made in Type B and C materials be laid back at ratios no steeper than 1:1 (horizontal to vertical) and 1½:1 (horizontal to vertical), respectively, unless the excavation is shored and braced. Excavations deeper than 20 feet, or when water is present, should always be braced or the slope designed by a professional engineer.

Each lot is to have an individual well and septic and utility mains such as water and sanitary sewer lines are not anticipated to be placed beneath paved roadways.

## 10.0 PAVEMENTS

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Sanctuary Pines and the new portion of Ward Road are currently not paved and are anticipated to require a pavement design.



Roadways throughout the proposed new development are anticipated to be classified as Rural Local in accordance with Appendix D of the El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual. The actual pavement section design for individual streets will be completed following overlot grading and rough cutting of the street subgrade.

For preliminary planning purposes, estimated composite asphalt pavement and gravel sections have been evaluated based on current design criteria. For purposes of this report, we anticipate the subgrade soils will primarily have American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Soil Classifications of A-2-6 and A-1-b with an estimated design subgrade "R-values" on the order of approximately 20 to 25.

<b>Estimated Pavement Section</b>		
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Composite Sections Asphalt/Base (in.)</b>	<b>Gravel Roads</b>
Rural Local – Extension of Ward Lane and new Sanctuary Pines	3.0 in. / 4.0 in.	6.0 in. min.

<sup>1</sup>Minimum section thickness per El Paso County ECM

The above value is for preliminary planning purposes and may vary upon final design, dependent upon the soil material used for subgrade construction.

## 11.0 ANTICIPATED FOUNDATION SYSTEMS

Based on the information presented previously, conventional shallow foundation systems consisting of standard spread footings/stemwalls are anticipated to be suitable for the proposed residential structures. It is assumed that the deepest basement excavation cuts will be approximately 6 to 8 feet below the final ground surface not including overexcavation or subexcavation which may be required.

Expansive clay and claystone were not encountered in the test borings. If expansive soils are encountered near foundation or floor slab bearing levels, overexcavation and replacement with nonexpansive structural fill will be required. Overexcavation depths of about 3 feet should be anticipated. However, depending on the soil conditions encountered in the site specific subsurface soil investigations, overexcavation to deeper depths may be required.

If loose sands are encountered, they may require additional compaction to achieve the allowable bearing pressure indicated in this report. In some cases, removal and recompaction may be required for loose soils. Similarly, if shallow groundwater conditions are encountered and result in unstable soils unsuitable for bearing of residential foundations, these soils may require stabilization prior to construction of foundation components.

***The foundation system for each lot should be designed and constructed based upon recommendations developed in a detailed site specific Subsurface Soil Investigation completed after site development activities are complete.*** The recommendations presented in the Subsurface Soil Investigation should be verified following the excavation on each lot and evaluation of the building loads.

## **11.1 Subexcavation and Moisture-Conditioned Fill**

Based upon the field exploration and laboratory testing, subexcavation and replacement is not anticipated. However, prior to performing excavation and/or filling operations, vegetation, organic and deleterious material shall be cleared and disposed of in accordance with applicable requirements. The excavation should extend to a minimum depth below and laterally beyond the bottom of foundations as determined based on final grading plans.

## **11.2 Foundation Stabilization**

Groundwater and loose soils were not encountered at the time of drilling, however if moisture conditions encountered at the time of the foundation excavation result in water flow into the excavation and/or destabilization of the foundation bearing soils, stabilization techniques should be implemented. Various stabilization methods can be employed, and can be discussed at the time of construction. However, a method that affords potentially a reduced amount of overexcavation (versus other methods) and provides increased performance under moderately to severely unstable conditions is the use of a layered geogrid and structural fill system.

Additionally, dependent upon the rate of groundwater flow into the excavation, a geosynthetic vertical drain and an overexcavation perimeter drain may be required around the lower portions of the excavation to allow for installation of the layered geogrid and structural fill system.

## **11.3 Foundations Drains**

A subsurface perimeter drain is recommended around portions of the structure which will have habitable or storage space located below the finished ground surface. This includes crawlspace areas but not the walkout trench, if applicable.

Shallow groundwater conditions were not encountered in the test borings at the time of field exploration. However, the proposed detention ponds may be located at a higher elevation than the proposed foundations. Depending on the conditions encountered during the lot specific Subsurface Soil Investigation and the conditions observed at the time of the Open Excavation Observation, additional subsurface drainage systems may be recommended.

One such system is an underslab drainage layer to help intercept groundwater before it enters the slab area should the groundwater levels rise. In general, if groundwater was encountered within 4 to 6 feet of the proposed basement slab elevation, an underslab drain should be anticipated. Another such system would consist of a subsurface drain and/or vertical drain board placed around the perimeter of the overexcavation to help intercept groundwater and allow for proper placement and compaction of the replacement structural fill. Careful attention should be paid to grade and discharge of the drain pipes of these systems.

It must be understood that the drain systems are designed to intercept some types of subsurface moisture and not others. Therefore, the drains could operate properly and not mitigate all moisture problems relating to foundation performance or moisture intrusion into the basement area.

## 11.4 Structural Fill

Areas to receive structural fill should have topsoil, organic material, or debris removed. The upper 6 inches of the exposed surface soils should be scarified and moisture conditioned to facilitate compaction (usually within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content) and compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Standard Proctor test (ASTM D-698) or to a minimum of 92 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor test (ASTM D-1557) prior to placing structural fill.

Structural fill placed on slopes should be benched into the slope. Maximum bench heights should not exceed 4 feet, and bench widths should be wide enough to accommodate compaction equipment.

Structural fill shall consist of granular, non-expansive material. It should be placed in loose lifts not exceeding 8 to 12 inches, moisture conditioned to facilitate compaction (usually within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content) and compacted to a minimum of 92 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor test, ASTM D-1557. The materials should be compacted by mechanical means.

Materials used for structural fill should be approved by RMG prior to use. Structural fill should not be placed on frozen subgrade or allowed to freeze during moisture conditioning and placement.

## 11.5 Design Parameters

The allowable bearing pressure of the surface sands should be determined by a detailed site specific Subsurface Soil Investigation. Bearing directly on expansive soils (if encountered) is not recommended.

# 12.0 DETENTION STORAGE CRITERIA

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This section has been prepared in accordance with the requirements outlined in the El Paso County Land Development Code (LDC), the Engineering Criteria Manual (ECM) Section 2.2.6 and Appendix C.3.2.B, and the El Paso County (EPC) Drainage Criteria Manual, Volume 1 Section 11.3.3.

## 12.1 Soil and Rock Design Parameters

TB-1 and TB-8 were located in the general vicinities of the proposed Detention Facility No. 2 and Sand Filter Basin 1, respectively. RMG has performed laboratory tests of soil from across the proposed development. Based upon field and laboratory testing, the following soil and rock parameters are typical for the soils likely to be encountered, and are recommended for use in detention pond embankment design.

Soil Description	Unit Weight (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	Friction Angle (degree)	Active Earth Pressure, Ka	Passive Earth Pressure, Kp	At Rest Earth Pressure, Ko	Unconfined compressive Strength (kip/ft <sup>2</sup> )
Alluvial Soil	110	30	0.33	3.0	0.50	-

## 12.2 Embankment Recommendations

Drainage Improvement Plans have been reviewed for Redtail Ranch, Filing No. 1, prepared by Classic Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, last dated November 14, 2018. Based on the review of the Drainage Improvement Plans the proposed ground surface elevation of the embankments in the proposed detention ponds (Pond 1 Outfall Channel and Detention Facility No. 2) is approximately four to six feet higher in elevation than the existing ground surface. Embankments are to be constructed with a maximum 3:1 slope. Embankments should be constructed in accordance with applicable sections of the El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual, the El Paso County Drainage Criteria Manual, and the El Paso County Land Development Code. The following recommendations are in accordance with the El Paso county DCM Volume 2, Extended Detention Basin (EDB), Design Procedure and Criteria, paragraph 8.

The ground area to receive embankments should be cleared and grubbed to a minimum depth of two-feet to remove grass, shrubs, trees, roots, stumps, and other organic material. The exposed soil should be moisture conditioned to facilitate compaction (usually within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content) and compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor test (ASTM D-1557). The prepared surface should present a firm and stable condition.

Embankment should be constructed as structural fill on a prepared stable base. On-site native soil when screened of all deleterious material and cobbles greater than 6-inches in any dimension is suitable for embankment construction. Structural fill should be placed in 10-inch loose lifts and moisture conditioned to facilitate compaction (usually within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content) and compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor test (ASTM D-1557).

Structural fill placed on slopes should be benched into the slope. Maximum bench heights should not exceed 4 feet, and bench widths should be wide enough to accommodate compaction equipment. Structural fill should not be placed on frozen subgrade or allowed to freeze during moisture conditioning and placement. To verify the condition of the compacted soils, density tests should be performed during placement. The first density tests should be conducted when 24 inches of fill have been placed

## 13.0 ADDITIONAL STUDIES

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The findings, conclusions and recommendations presented in this report were provided to evaluate the suitability of the site for future development. Unless indicated otherwise, the test borings, laboratory test results, conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are not intended for use for design and construction of individual OWTS or foundations. ***A site specific Subsurface Soil Investigation will be required for all proposed structures including (but not limited to) residences, retaining walls and pumphouses, etc.***

To develop recommendations for construction of the proposed roadways, a pavement design investigation should be performed. This investigation should consist of additional test borings, soil laboratory testing and specific recommendations for the design and construction of roadway pavement sections.

## 14.0 CONCLUSIONS

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Based upon our evaluation of the geologic conditions, it is our opinion that the proposed development is feasible. The potential for uncontrolled fill is not considered a geologic hazard that is considered unusual for the Front Range region of Colorado. Mitigation of geologic hazards is most effectively accomplished by avoidance. However, where avoidance is not a practical or acceptable alternative, geologic hazards should be mitigated by implementing appropriate planning, engineering, and local construction practices.

Potential mitigation alternatives for the uncontrolled fill include (but are not limited to) overexcavation and replacement of unsuitable soils with newly compacted and moisture conditioned structural fill which is commonly used in the El Paso County vicinity.

Revisions and modifications to the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report may be issued subsequently by RMG based upon additional observations made during grading and construction which may indicate conditions that require re-evaluation of some of the criteria presented in this report.

## 15.0 CLOSING

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This report is for the exclusive purpose of providing geologic hazards information and preliminary geotechnical engineering recommendations. The scope of services did not include, either specifically or by implication, evaluation of wild fire hazards, environmental assessment of the site, or identification of contaminated or hazardous materials or conditions. Development of recommendations for the mitigation of environmentally related conditions, including but not limited to, biological or toxicological issues, are beyond the scope of this report. If the owner is concerned about the potential for such contamination or conditions, other studies should be undertaken.

This report has been prepared for **Michael Ludwig** in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering and engineering geology practices. The conclusions and recommendations in this report are based in part upon data obtained from review of available topographic and geologic maps, review of available reports of previous studies conducted in the site vicinity, a site reconnaissance, and research of available published information, soil test borings, soil laboratory testing, and engineering analyses. The nature and extent of variations may not become evident until construction activities begin. If variations then become evident, RMG should be retained to re-evaluate the recommendations of this report, if necessary.

Our professional services were performed using that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised, under similar circumstances, by geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists practicing in this or similar localities. RMG does not warrant the work of regulatory agencies or other third parties supplying information which may have been used during the preparation of this report. No warranty, express or implied, is made by the preparation of this report. Third parties reviewing this report should draw their own conclusions regarding site conditions and specific construction techniques to be used on this project.

If we can be of further assistance in discussing the contents of this report or analysis of the proposed development, from a geotechnical engineering and/or geologic hazards point-of-view, please feel free to contact us.

## FIGURES



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## SITE VICINITY MAP

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## USGS TOPO MAP

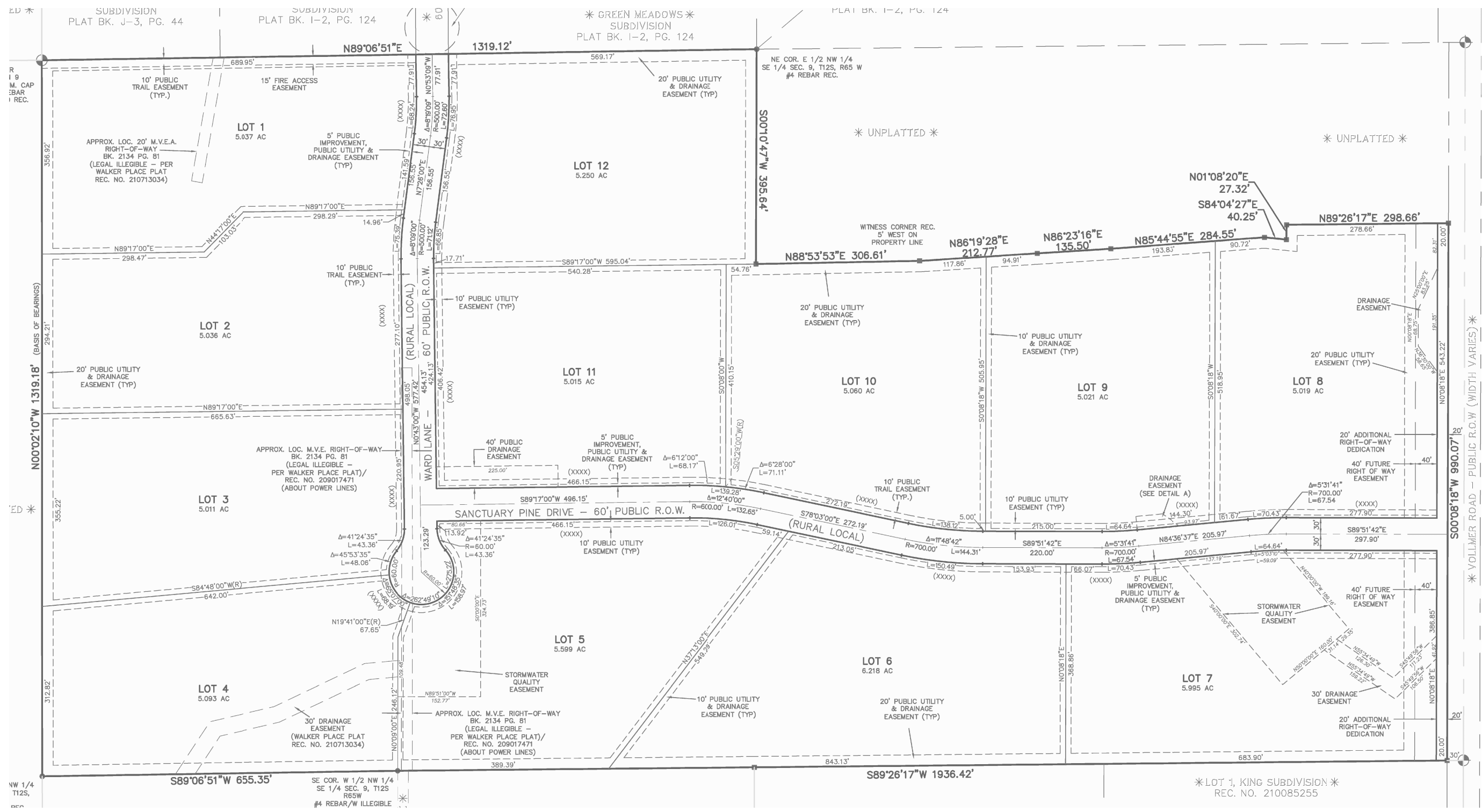
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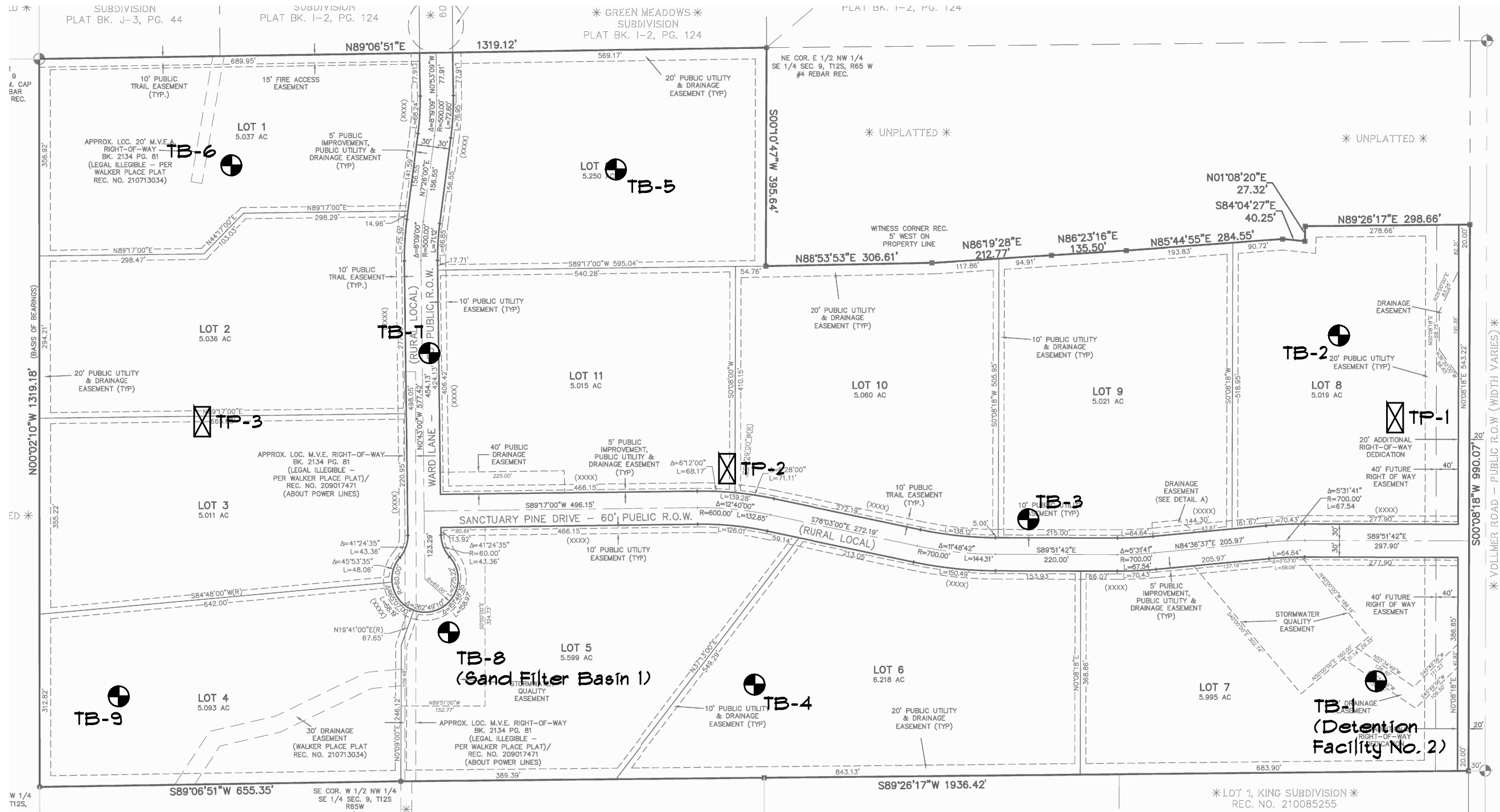
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CONCEPT PLAN WITH TEST  
BORING AND TEST PIT  
LOCATION PLAN

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FIG-4

## SOILS DESCRIPTION



SANDSTONE



SILTY SAND



SILTY TO CLAYEY SAND



SANDY LOAM

## SYMBOLS AND NOTES



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STANDARD PENETRATION TEST - MADE BY DRIVING A SPLIT-BARREL SAMPLER INTO THE SOIL BY DROPPING A 140 LB. HAMMER 30", IN GENERAL ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D-1586. NUMBER INDICATES NUMBER OF HAMMER BLOWS PER FOOT (UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED).



FREE WATER TABLE



BULK

DISTURBED BULK SAMPLE



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UNDISTURBED CALIFORNIA SAMPLE - MADE BY DRIVING A RING-LINED SAMPLER INTO THE SOIL BY DROPPING A 140 LB. HAMMER 30", IN GENERAL ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D-3550. NUMBER INDICATES NUMBER OF HAMMER BLOWS PER FOOT (UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED).

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RMG SOIL TYPE - SEE REPORT TEXT FOR DESCRIPTION

4.5

WATER CONTENT (%)

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### EXPLANATION OF TEST BORING LOGS

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FIGURE No. 5

DATE 5/18/18

TEST BORING: 1 DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE	TEST BORING: 2 DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE
SAND, SILTY TO CLAYEY, dark brown to dark gray, dense, moist	5			48	9.2		SAND, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan and dark brown to dark gray, medium dense, moist	5			27	10.9	
SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to gray, hard, moist	10			50/9"	10.8		SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to olive and gray, firm to hard, moist	10			48	11.9	
	15			50/9"	9.0			15			50	17.1	
	20			50/8"	11.8			20			50/11"	13.8	

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TEST BORING: <b>3</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: GROUNDWATER @ 14.5 ' 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE	TEST BORING: <b>4</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE
SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to gray, hard, moist to wet	5			50/9"	7.8		SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to brown and reddish brown, hard to very hard, moist	5			50/6"	6.4	
	10			50/8"	7.5			10			50/9"	8.3	
	15			50/9"	14.1			15			50/7"	5.6	
	20			50/8"	13.9			20			50/7"	5.2	

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FIGURE No. 7

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TEST BORING: <b>5</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE	TEST BORING: <b>6</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE
SAND, SILTY TO CLAYEY, brown to dark brown, moist							SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to brown and olive, hard, moist						
SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to olive and gray, medium hard to very hard, moist	5			47	9.5			5			50/11"	9.2	
	10			50/9"	8.3			10			50/10"	9.5	
	15			50/9"	5.6			15			50/8"	8.9	
	20			50/6"	5.2			20				--	

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TEST BORING: 7 DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE	TEST BORING: 8 DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	BLOWS PER FT.	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE
SAND, SILTY, tan to dark brown, moist	5			30	7.3		SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan to gray, hard, moist	5			50/10"	9.5	
SANDSTONE, SILTY TO CLAYEY, tan and brown to gray, medium hard to hard, moist	10			50/8"	8.8			10			50	10.7	
	15			50/9"	7.7			15			50/11"	11.3	
	20			50/9"	11.9			20			50	12.7	

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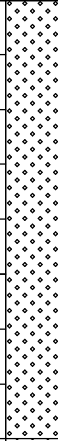
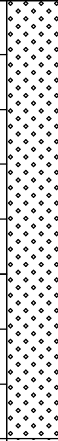
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TEST PIT No.: <b>TP-1</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE	TEST PIT No.: <b>TP-2</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE
SOIL TYPE 2A, SANDY LOAM, dark brown, moist, granular, massive - LTAR 0.50	5					SOIL TYPE 2A, SANDY LOAM, dark brown, moist, granular, massive - LTAR 0.50	5				

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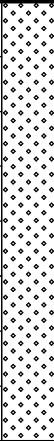


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TEST PIT No.: <b>TP-3</b> DATE DRILLED: 3/14/18 REMARKS: NO GROUNDWATER ON 3/14/18	DEPTH (FT)	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	WATER CONTENT %	SOIL TYPE	
SOIL TYPE 2A, SANDY LOAM, dark brown, moist, granular, massive - LTAR 0.50	5					

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FIGURE No. 12

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Test Boring No.	Depth	Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	% Retained No.4 Sieve	% Passing No. 200 Sieve	FHA Expansion Pressure (psf)	% Swell @ 1000 psf	USCS Classification
1	4.0	9.2		33	19	10.5	16.9			SC
1	9.0	10.8		NP	NP	4.9	37.2			SM
1	14.0	9.0		NP	NP	10.3	28.7			SM
1	19.0	11.8								
2	4.0	10.9								
2	9.0	11.9		NP	NP	9.6	17.6			SM
2	14.0	17.1								
2	19.0	13.8								
3	4.0	7.8								
3	9.0	7.5								
3	14.0	14.1								
3	19.0	13.9		34	19	10.7	17.0			SC
4	4.0	6.4								
4	9.0	8.3								
4	14.0	5.6								
4	19.0	5.2								
5	4.0	9.5								
5	9.0	8.3								
5	14.0	5.6								
5	19.0	5.2								
6	4.0	9.2		36	16	13.7	19.4			SC
6	9.0	9.5								
6	14.0	8.9								
6	19.0	6.7								
7	4.0	7.3								
7	9.0	8.8		33	19	5.8	20.5			SC
7	14.0	7.7								
7	19.0	11.9								
8	4.0	9.5								
8	9.0	10.7		34	19	6.9	15.3			SC
8	14.0	11.3		37	19	7.9	15.3			SC
8	19.0	12.7								
9	4.0	9.3								
9	9.0	9.0		34	18	19.2	11.4			SW-SC

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Test Boring No.	Depth	Water Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	% Retained No.4 Sieve	% Passing No. 200 Sieve	FHA Expansion Pressure (psf)	% Swell @ 1000 psf	USCS Classification
9	14.0	10.8								
9	19.0	10.1								

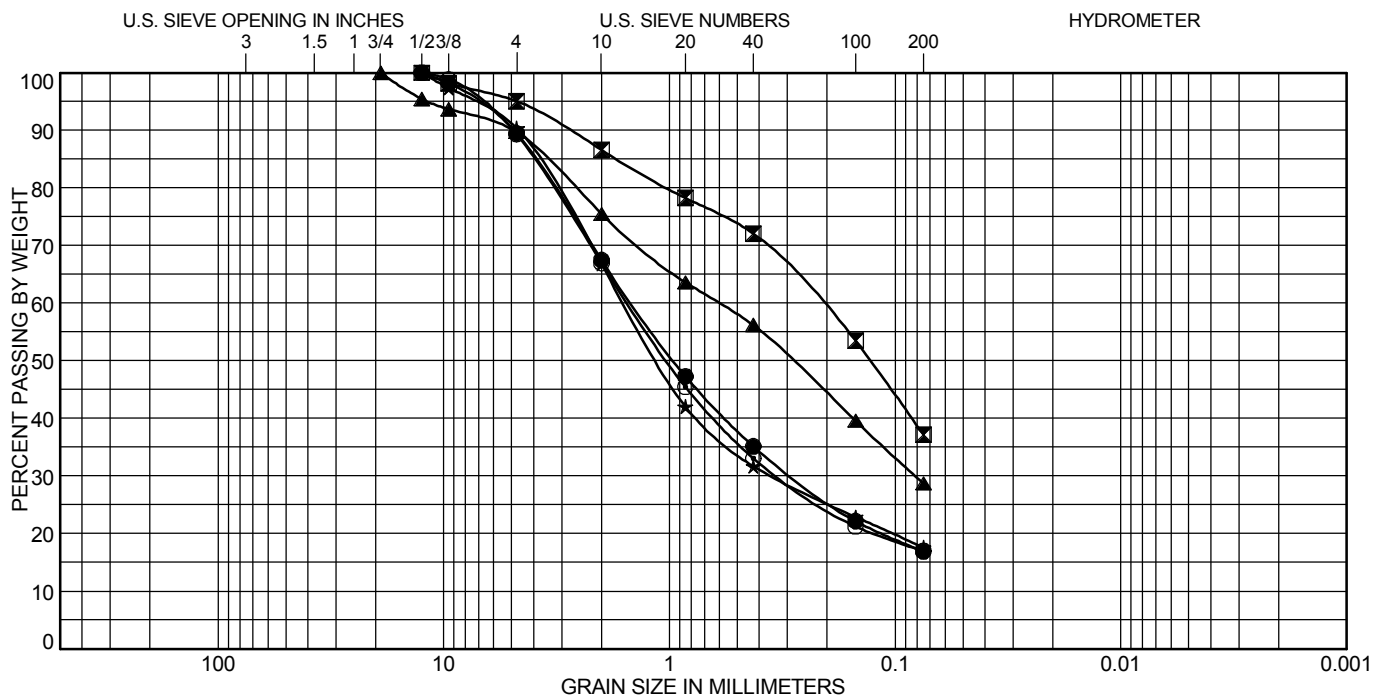
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Test Boring	Depth (ft)	Classification	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● 1	4.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)	33	14	19		
☒ 1	9.0	SILTY SAND(SM)	NP	NP	NP		
▲ 1	14.0	SILTY SAND(SM)	NP	NP	NP		
★ 2	9.0	SILTY SAND(SM)	NP	NP	NP		
⊙ 3	19.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)	34	15	19		

Test Boring	Depth (ft)	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
● 1	4.0	10.5	72.6	16.9	
☒ 1	9.0	4.9	57.9	37.2	
▲ 1	14.0	10.3	61.0	28.7	
★ 2	9.0	9.6	72.8	17.6	
⊙ 3	19.0	10.7	72.3	17.0	

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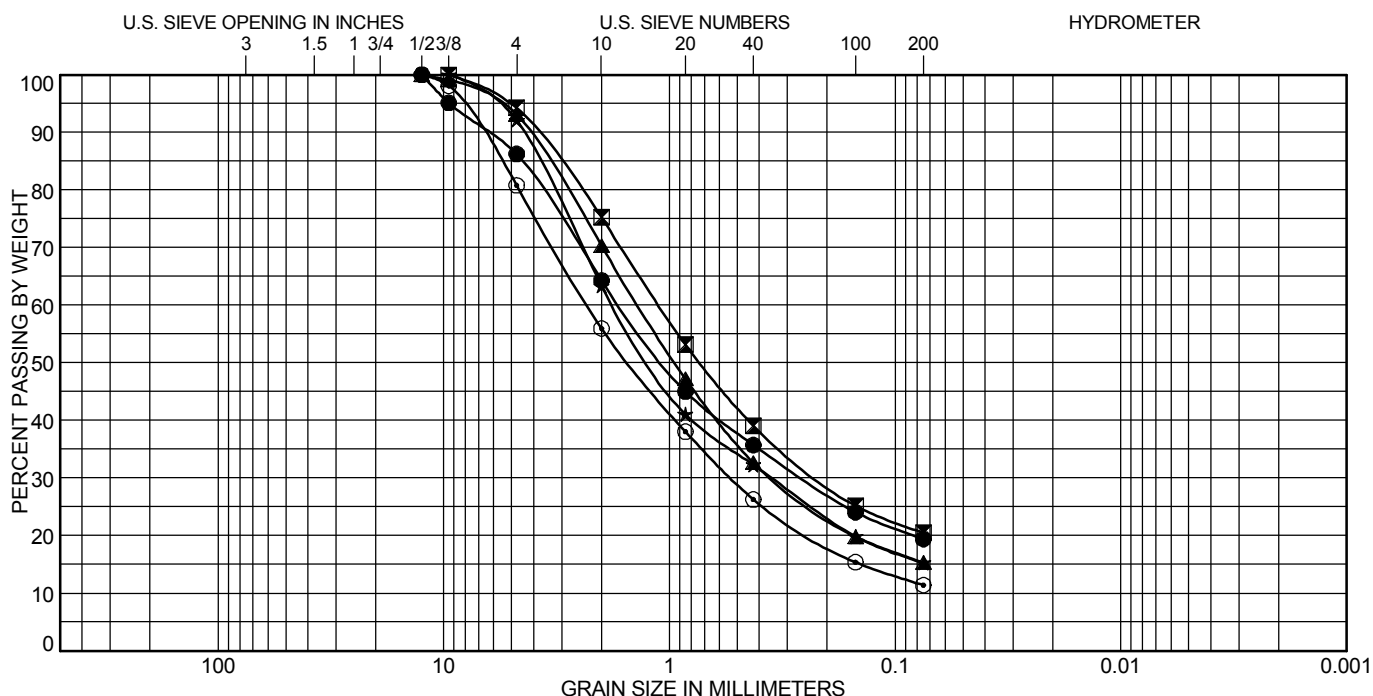


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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Test Boring	Depth (ft)	Classification	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● 6	4.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)	36	20	16		
⊠ 7	9.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)	33	14	19		
▲ 8	9.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)	34	15	19		
★ 8	14.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)	37	18	19		
⊙ 9	9.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with CLAY and GRAVEL(SW-SC)	34	16	18	2.1	39.2

Test Boring	Depth (ft)	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
● 6	4.0	13.7	66.9	19.4	
⊠ 7	9.0	5.8	73.8	20.5	
▲ 8	9.0	6.9	77.8	15.3	
★ 8	14.0	7.9	76.8	15.3	
⊙ 9	9.0	19.2	69.4	11.4	

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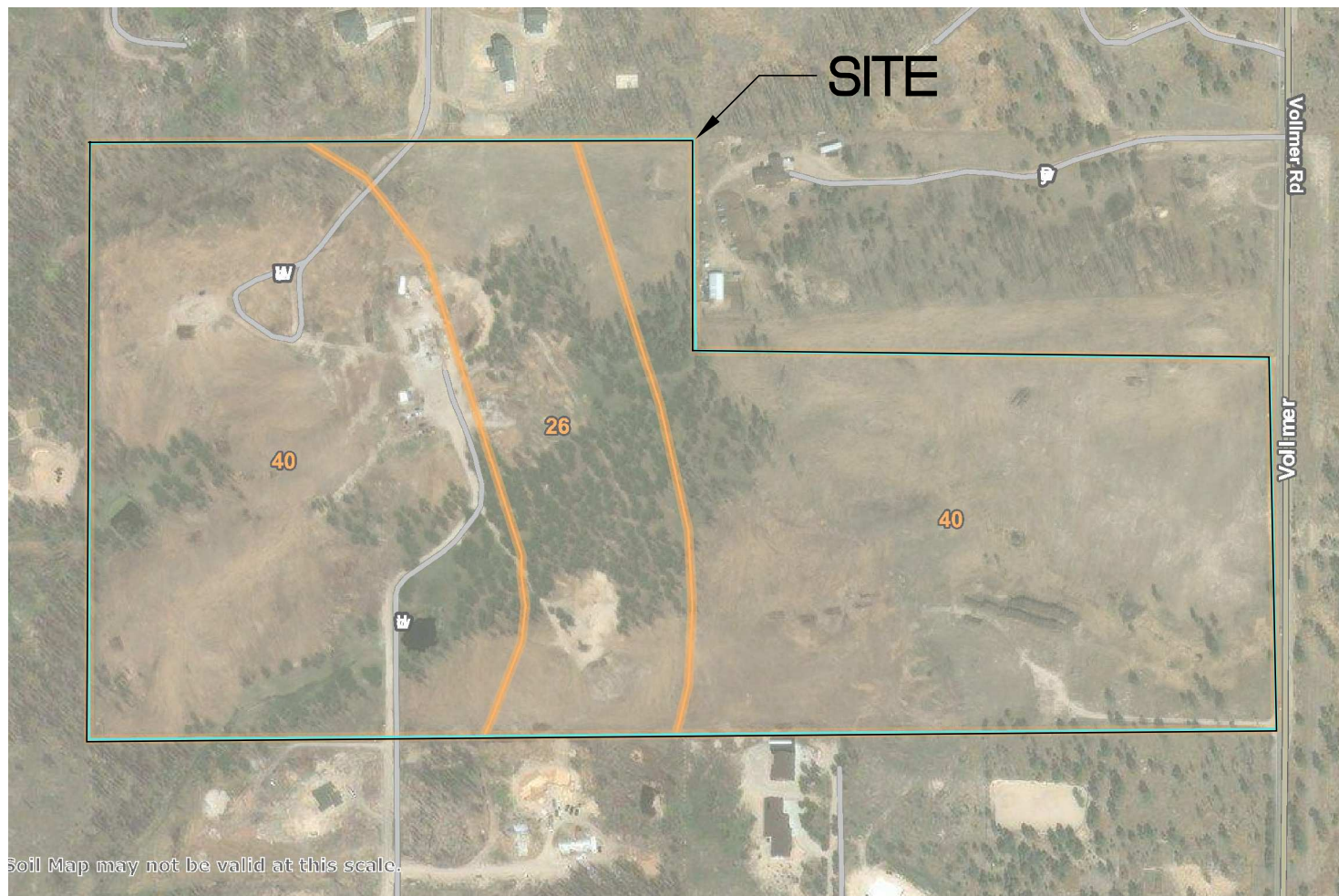


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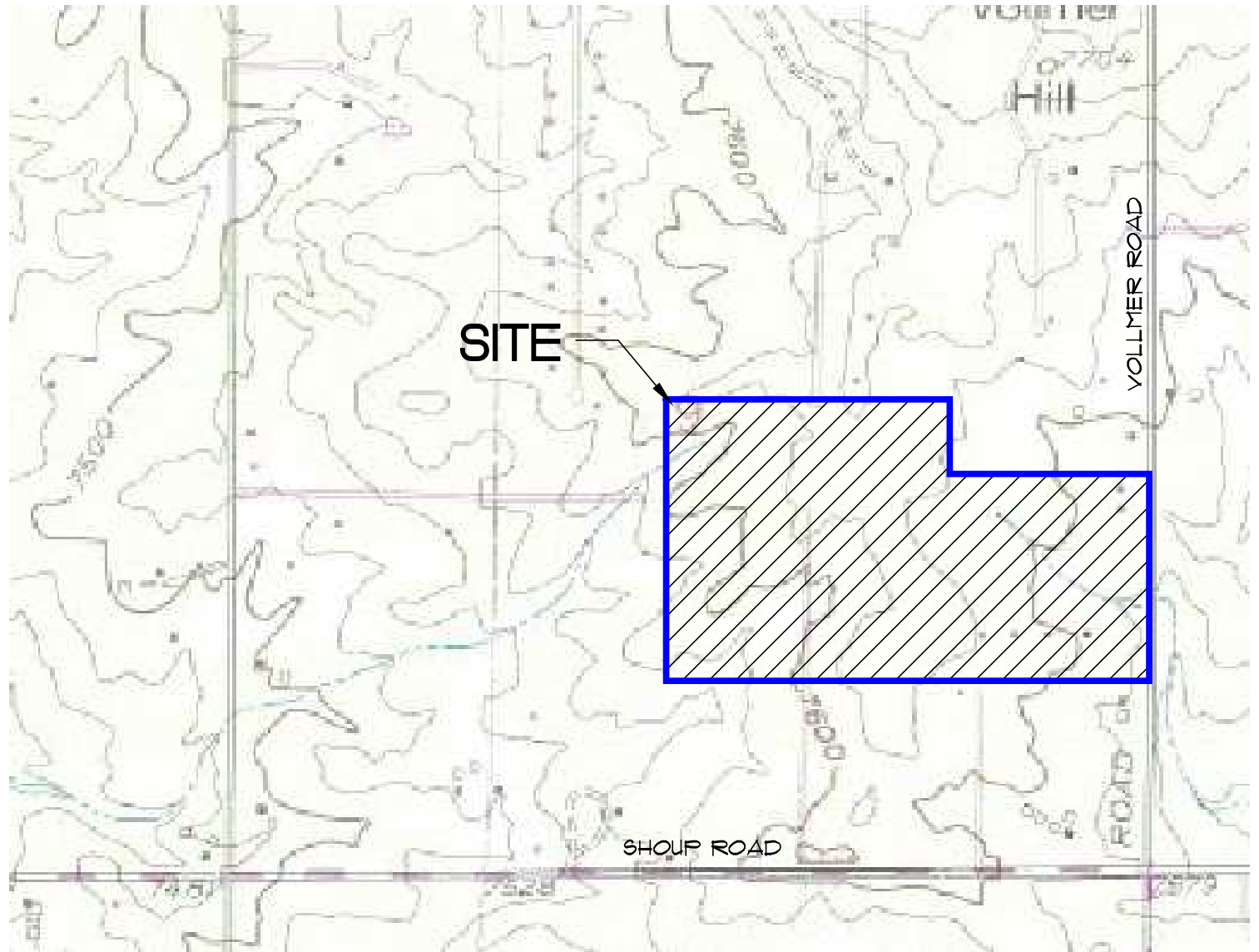
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# APPENDIX A

## USGS Seismic Output



# Design Maps Detailed Report

2012/2015 International Building Code (39.01779°N, 104.66337°W)

Site Class C – “Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock”, Risk Category I/II/III

## Section 1613.3.1 — Mapped acceleration parameters

Note: Ground motion values provided below are for the direction of maximum horizontal spectral response acceleration. They have been converted from corresponding geometric mean ground motions computed by the USGS by applying factors of 1.1 (to obtain  $S_s$ ) and 1.3 (to obtain  $S_1$ ). Maps in the 2012/2015 International Building Code are provided for Site Class B. Adjustments for other Site Classes are made, as needed, in Section 1613.3.3.

From [Figure 1613.3.1\(1\)](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

$$S_s = 0.174 \text{ g}$$

From [Figure 1613.3.1\(2\)](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

$$S_1 = 0.058 \text{ g}$$

## Section 1613.3.2 — Site class definitions

The authority having jurisdiction (not the USGS), site-specific geotechnical data, and/or the default has classified the site as Site Class C, based on the site soil properties in accordance with Section 1613.

2010 ASCE-7 Standard – Table 20.3-1  
SITE CLASS DEFINITIONS

Site Class	$\bar{v}_s$	$\bar{N}$ or $\bar{N}_{ch}$	$\bar{s}_u$
A. Hard Rock	>5,000 ft/s	N/A	N/A
B. Rock	2,500 to 5,000 ft/s	N/A	N/A
C. Very dense soil and soft rock	1,200 to 2,500 ft/s	>50	>2,000 psf
D. Stiff Soil	600 to 1,200 ft/s	15 to 50	1,000 to 2,000 psf
E. Soft clay soil	<600 ft/s	<15	<1,000 psf
Any profile with more than 10 ft of soil having the characteristics:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plasticity index <math>PI &gt; 20</math>,</li> <li>• Moisture content <math>w \geq 40\%</math>, and</li> <li>• Undrained shear strength <math>\bar{s}_u &lt; 500</math> psf</li> </ul>			
F. Soils requiring site response analysis in accordance with Section 21.1	See Section 20.3.1		

For SI: 1ft/s = 0.3048 m/s 1lb/ft<sup>2</sup> = 0.0479 kN/m<sup>2</sup>

## Section 1613.3.3 — Site coefficients and adjusted maximum considered earthquake spectral response acceleration parameters

TABLE 1613.3.3(1)  
VALUES OF SITE COEFFICIENT  $F_a$

Site Class	Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration at Short Period				
	$S_s \leq 0.25$	$S_s = 0.50$	$S_s = 0.75$	$S_s = 1.00$	$S_s \geq 1.25$
A	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
C	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
D	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0
E	2.5	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.9
F	See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7				

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of  $S_s$

**For Site Class = C and  $S_s = 0.174$  g,  $F_a = 1.200$**

TABLE 1613.3.3(2)  
VALUES OF SITE COEFFICIENT  $F_v$

Site Class	Mapped Spectral Response Acceleration at 1-s Period				
	$S_1 \leq 0.10$	$S_1 = 0.20$	$S_1 = 0.30$	$S_1 = 0.40$	$S_1 \geq 0.50$
A	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
B	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
C	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
D	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5
E	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.4
F	See Section 11.4.7 of ASCE 7				

Note: Use straight-line interpolation for intermediate values of  $S_1$

**For Site Class = C and  $S_1 = 0.058$  g,  $F_v = 1.700$**

**Equation (16-37):**

$$S_{MS} = F_a S_S = 1.200 \times 0.174 = 0.208 \text{ g}$$

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**Equation (16-38):**

$$S_{M1} = F_v S_1 = 1.700 \times 0.058 = 0.099 \text{ g}$$

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Section 1613.3.4 — Design spectral response acceleration parameters

**Equation (16-39):**

$$S_{DS} = \frac{2}{3} S_{MS} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.208 = 0.139 \text{ g}$$

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**Equation (16-40):**

$$S_{D1} = \frac{2}{3} S_{M1} = \frac{2}{3} \times 0.099 = 0.066 \text{ g}$$

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## Section 1613.3.5 — Determination of seismic design category

TABLE 1613.3.5(1)

SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY BASED ON SHORT-PERIOD (0.2 second) RESPONSE ACCELERATION

VALUE OF $S_{DS}$	RISK CATEGORY		
	I or II	III	IV
$S_{DS} < 0.167g$	A	A	A
$0.167g \leq S_{DS} < 0.33g$	B	B	C
$0.33g \leq S_{DS} < 0.50g$	C	C	D
$0.50g \leq S_{DS}$	D	D	D

For Risk Category = I and  $S_{DS} = 0.139g$ , Seismic Design Category = A

TABLE 1613.3.5(2)

SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY BASED ON 1-SECOND PERIOD RESPONSE ACCELERATION

VALUE OF $S_{D1}$	RISK CATEGORY		
	I or II	III	IV
$S_{D1} < 0.067g$	A	A	A
$0.067g \leq S_{D1} < 0.133g$	B	B	C
$0.133g \leq S_{D1} < 0.20g$	C	C	D
$0.20g \leq S_{D1}$	D	D	D

For Risk Category = I and  $S_{D1} = 0.066g$ , Seismic Design Category = A

Note: When  $S_1$  is greater than or equal to  $0.75g$ , the Seismic Design Category is **E** for buildings in Risk Categories I, II, and III, and **F** for those in Risk Category IV, irrespective of the above.

Seismic Design Category  $\equiv$  "the more severe design category in accordance with Table 1613.3.5(1) or 1613.3.5(2)" = A

Note: See Section 1613.3.5.1 for alternative approaches to calculating Seismic Design Category.

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