

1992 Reservoir Drawdown Test

Lower Granite and Little Goose Dams

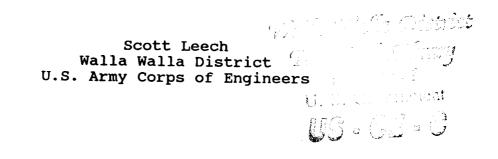
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WAVE EROSION ANALYSIS FOR EMBANKMENTS 1992 Reservoir Drawdown Test Lower Granite and Little Goose Dams



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TEST DRAWDOWN 1992 OF LITTLE GOOSE AND LOWER GRANITE DAMS WAVE EROSION ANALYSIS

1. INTRODUCTION.

In accordance with recommendations contained in the Record of Decision for the 1992 Options Analysis Document/Environmental Impact Statement for the Columbia River Salmon Flow Measures, a test drawdown of Little Goose and Lower Granite Reservoirs was conducted during the period of 1 to 31 March 1992. The drawdown test enabled the Corps of Engineers to evaluate the effects and feasibility of conducting reduced reservoir water levels on a regular basis. The lowering of water levels within the reservoirs theoretically would increase instream velocities that potentially would move salmon smolts downstream at a faster rate, which would theoretically increase their survival.

Lowering reservoir levels below the riprap armor on embankments raised concerns over the level of protection provided by the exposed rockfill. Wave erosion (surface erosion) reduces the factor of safety for slope stability by increasing slope angles. Maintaining dam and levee embankment stability is critical to the integrity and safety of the lower Snake River projects. In order to evaluate the adequacy of the rockfill in a wave environment, design wave heights were used to determine the rock slope protection required. The calculated protection was then compared to the existing rockfill.

2. PROTECTION ANALYSIS.

To evaluate the adequacy of the rockfill in a wave environment, a design wave height was determined with the aid of site meteorological data using the procedure contained in ETL 1110-2-305, 16 February 1984. The ETL called for a 50-year storm to determine the design wave height. After the wave height was determined, the rock slope protection was determined in accordance with the procedure of EM 1110-2-2300, 10 May 1982.

a. Lower Granite Dam North Embankment. The north embankment of Lower Granite Dam is protected from wave action from the crest to elevation 719 feet above mean sea level (fmsl) with riprap, below which the embankment slope is protected by rockfill. The lowest reservoir level expected during the drawdown period was anticipated to be 691 fmsl.

According the contract specifications and construction history, the granite rockfill material was well graded having a maximum particle size of 100 pounds (12 inches) and a minimum particle size of 1 inch. The rockfill thickness is 2.7 feet taken perpendicular to the slope. For protection during a 50year storm, a maximum size particle of 127 pounds and minimum particle size of 3 - 3/4 inches is required with a minimum thickness of 11.3 inches. Thus the existing rockfill may contain some undersized particles which may be washed out should the significant wave be experienced during the drawdown period. However, the as-built thickness compensates to a certain extent for the deficiency of smaller size particles. During the short period of the drawdown, the design event is unlikely to occur. It should also be noted that the prevailing winds at the site tend to blow the waves directly away from the dam.

b. Little Goose Dam North Embankment. Similar to Lower Granite Dam, riprap protection for the north embankment of Little Goose Dam extends from the crest to 628 fmsl, below which the embankment is protected by rockfill. During the drawdown, the lowest reservoir level expected was 617 fmsl.

The existing rockfill consists of a maximum particle size of 1000 pounds and a minimum particle size of 50 pounds. The thickness of the rockfill when measured perpendicular to the slope is 3.1 feet. For the 50-year storm environment, a maximum particle size of 302 pounds and a minimum particle size of 9.4 pounds is required with a minimum thickness of 1.3 feet. The existing rockfill exceeds the calculated values and should be adequate against anticipated wave action.

Lewiston Levees. The Lewiston levee slopes are protectc. ed with riprap from the crest to 730 fmsl, below which the slopes are protected by rockfill. At a flow of 40,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), the water surface elevation will be above 730 fmsl proceeding upstream from about river mile (RM) 3 on the Clearwater River. North and East Lewiston levee sections above RM 3 will be adequately protected through the entire drawdown sequence. Portions of the North and East levees downstream of RM 3, and the West levee will be areas where the drawdown water surface elevation falls below the riprap zone into the rockfill. The rockfill was originally specified to have an average particle size of 20 pounds (6 inches) with the material finer than six inches being not more than 20 percent finer than 1/2 inch and not more than 5 percent finer than the number 200 sieve.

Due to the multi-directional nature of the levees, the prevailing wind direction will have a greater influence than at Lower Granite and Little Goose Dams. The fetch, however, to affected embankments will be minimal. Considering maximum design winds, speeds on the order of 70 miles per hour (mph) would yield wave heights on the order of four feet. From meteorological wind data for Lewiston, maximum clocked speeds of 40 mph have been recorded for a ten year event. For the short period of the drawdown, the probability of a greater than 40 mph wind is low. As the period of drawdown is comparable to the period of initial reservoir filling it is not unreasonable to assume the existing rockfill, although relatively fine graded may be adequate. The possibility does exists for damage due to wave action should a major storm be experienced during the drawdown.

APPENDIX C

SETTLEMENT GAGES

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Lowering reservoir levels lowers the factor of safety for slope stability by removing the laterial support from the reservoir and increasing the slope load factor (additional soil height and weight from undrained soil). Wave erosion (surface erosion) also reduces the factor of safety for slope stability by increasing slope angles. Settlement due to a reduction in bearing capacities and material consolidation, once buoyant forces are removed, was also a concern. Rebounding of the embankment materials when pressure is removed while the soil remains in contact with free water, or from swelling of overcompacted soil when pressures are removed, and piping of finer materials from excess pore pressures were also potential hazards.

Maintaining dam embankment stability is critical to the integrity and safety of the lower Snake River projects. In order to detect movement in the event of embankment instability, existing settlement gages were monitored for the Lower Granite, Little Goose, and Lewiston levee system embankments. Potential movement could result from slope failure, consolidation (or settlement), rebound, piping, or surface erosion. Movement was monitored daily in order to prevent excessive deformation of the embankments.

2. EQUIPMENT AND MONITORING SCHEDULE.

Settlement gage locations for Little Goose and Lower Granite Dams are shown on plates 1 and 7 respectively. A detailed drawing showing the settlement gage configuration at Little Goose Dam is shown on plate 2. The settlement gages are situated in the impervious core materials. No detailed drawing was found for gages located at Lower Granite Dam. The gages at Lower Granite Dam are believed to have the same configuration as those located at Little Goose Dam; however, the gages are located in the same

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flush mount box as the piezometers. From reviewing field logs, it is believed that the piezometers were installed first. Plate 14 shows the location of the crossarm settlement gages for the West and North Lewiston levees. A detailed drawing showing the crossarm settlement gage configuration is shown on plate 15. For the Lewiston levee settlement gages three measurements were taken at different elevations for each gage location. The uppermost reading (N 0+00 and W 0+00) is situated within the gravel fill. The second reading (N Stop #1 and W Stop #1) is situated in the impervious core material with the third reading (N Stop #2 and W Stop #2) situated in the impervious cutoff.

Drawdown settlement gages monitoring schedules are shown on plates 3, 8, and 16 for Little Goose Dam, Lower Granite Dam, and the Lewiston levees respectively. For Little Goose Dam daily readings were not started until 16 March. For Lower Granite Dam and the Lewiston levees, daily readings were started at the beginning of March, and taken until mid-March, then readings were made on alternate days through the end of the month. All settlement gages had pre- and post-drawdown readings taken by the Corps survey crew. These readings were first-order class II accuracy. All other readings were taken by a contract survey crew and were third-order accuracy. Readings taken for the crossarm settlement gages for the Lewiston levees were done by steel tape and chain.

3. DRAWDOWN SETTLEMENT GAGE REACTION.

a. Little Goose Dam. Plates 4 and 5 show line graphs of the settlement gages readings for Little Goose Dam. The maximum differentials seen for the settlement gages at Little Goose Dam for the period of 30 January through 30 May fall between 0.006' and 0.013'. The accuracy for the survey is plus or minus 0.005'. After viewing the graphs it is believed that the apparent pattern seen can be attributed to equipment calibration and precision of the surveys. The maximum movement, after considering the accuracy of the survey, would be around 1/10 of an inch for SG-3.

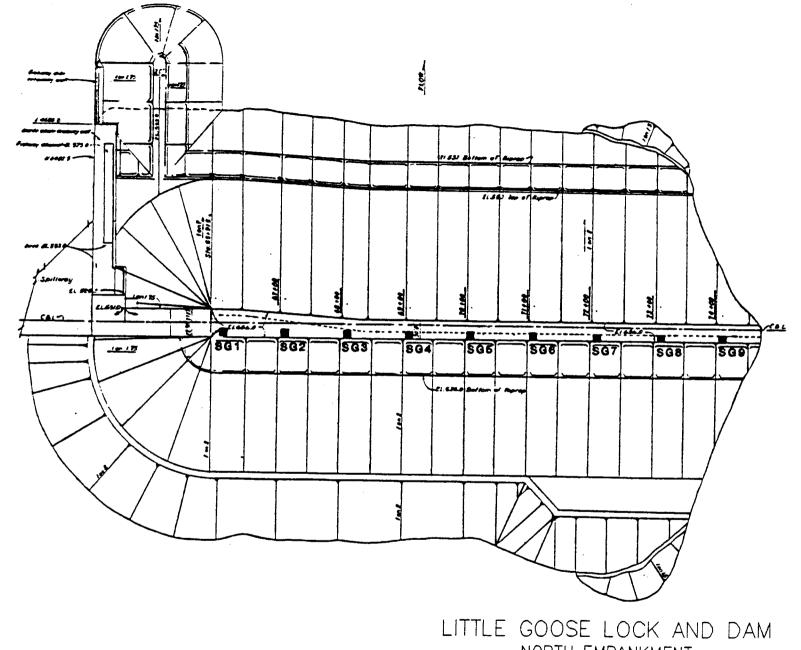
b. Lower Granite Dam. Plates 9, 10, and 11 show line graphs of the settlement gages readings for Lower Granite Dam. The maximum differentials seen for the settlement gages at Lower Granite Dam for the period of 14 February through 15 May fall between 0.006' and 0.010'. The accuracy for the survey is plus or minus 0.005'. After viewing the graphs it is believed that the apparent pattern seen is mostly attributed to equipment calibration and precision of the surveys. The maximum movement, after considering the accuracy of the survey, would be around 1/16 of an inch for SG-2.

c. <u>Lewiston Levees</u>. Plates 17 through 23 shown line graphs of the crossarm settlement gages readings for the North and West Lewiston levees. The maximum differentials for the North levee gages for the period of 2 March through 2 April fall between 0.013' and 0.018'. The accuracy for the survey is plus or minus

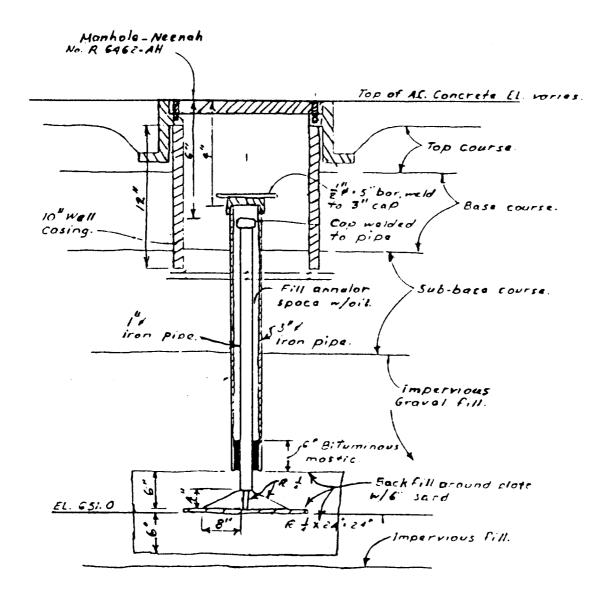
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0.01'. After viewing the graphs it is believed that the apparent pattern following the drawdown water levels is attributed to the accuracy of the survey readings. The maximum differentials for the West levee gages for the same period fall between 0 .030' and 0.048'. The differential for the West levee readings can be attributed to lower readings taken on 3 and 4 March and higher readings taken on 13 and 14 March. Neglecting these readings, all other readings show negligible movement. The higher and lower readings, when compared to the water levels taken at the confluence, do not indicate any pattern.

In conclusion, no movement was detected for the Little Goose and Lower Granite Dam embankments, nor for the West and North Lewiston levee embankments. The preliminary summary indicated that there was some settlement and rebound. This report concludes that this movement can be attributed to equipment calibration and survey precision for all the monitored embankments.



NORTH EMBANKMENT SETTLEMENT GAGES' LOCATIONS - PLAN VIEW



LITTLE GOOSE LOCK AND DAM SINGLE-POINT SETTLEMENT GAGE SECTION VIEW

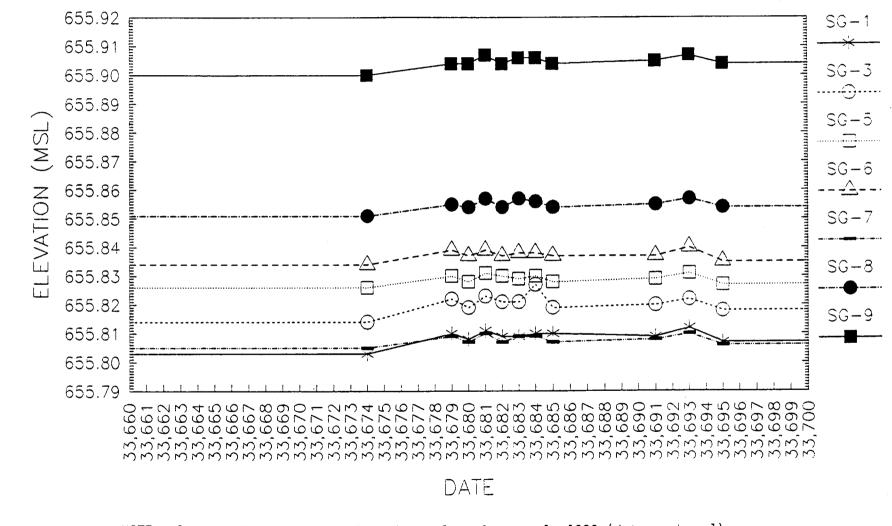
DRAWDOWN SETTLEMENT GAGE MONITORING SCHEDULE

LITTLE GOOSE DAM

02/ /75	Baseline Survey by Corps
02/30/92	Baseline Survey by Corps
03/11/92	Daily Readings by Corps
03/16/92 through 03/22/92	Daily Readings by Contractor
03/28/92	Daily Reading by Contractor
03/30/92	Daily Reading by Contractor
04/01/92	Daily Reading by Contractor
05/30/92	Reading by Corps

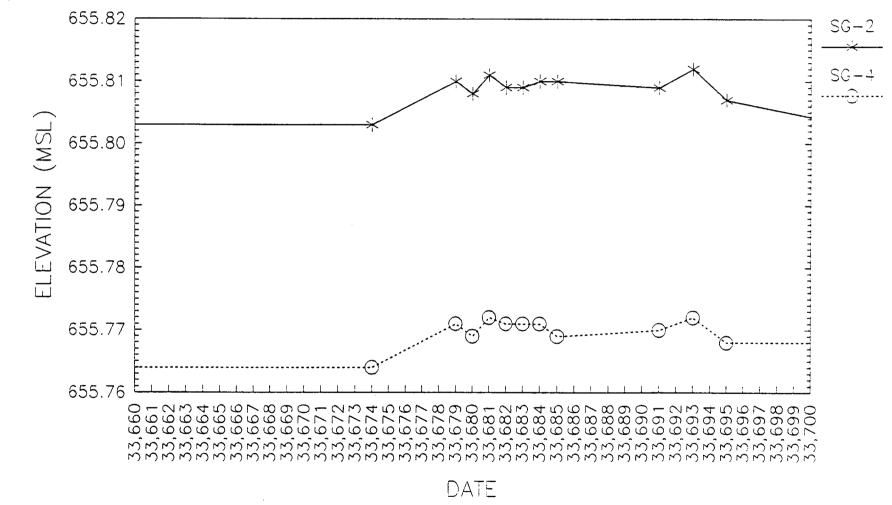
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LITTLE GOOSE DAM 1992 DRAWDOWN SETTLEMENT GAGE READINGS



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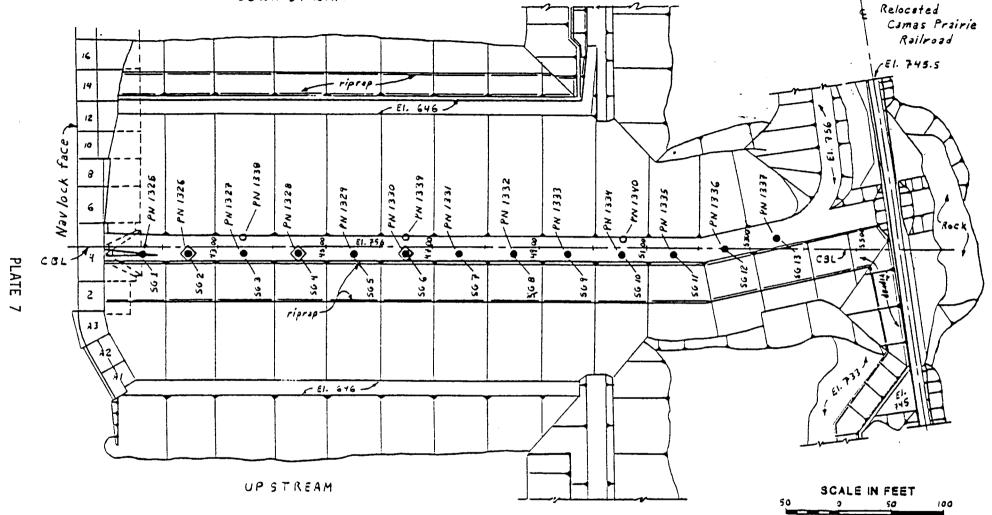
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DOWN STREAM



LEGEND:

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- O PORE PRESSURE METER

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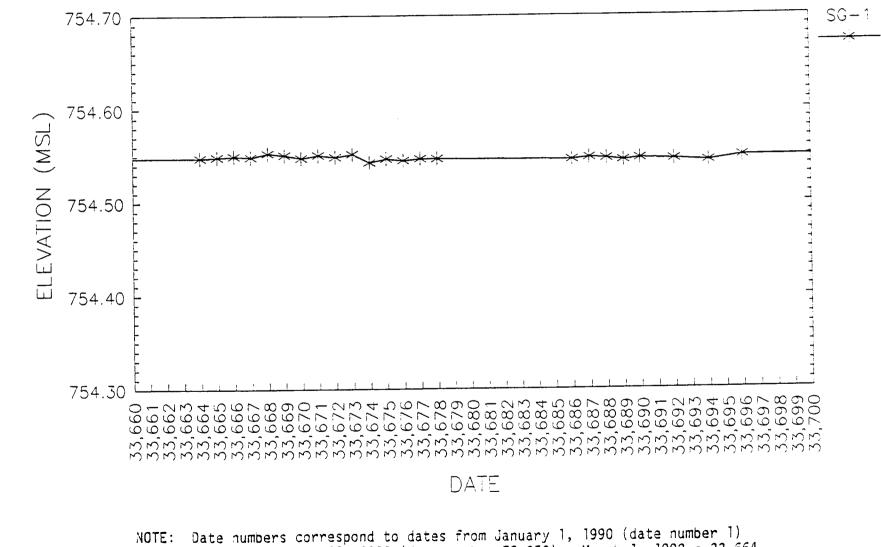
DRAWDOWN SETTLEMENT GAGE MONITORING SCHEDULE

LOWER GRANITE DAM

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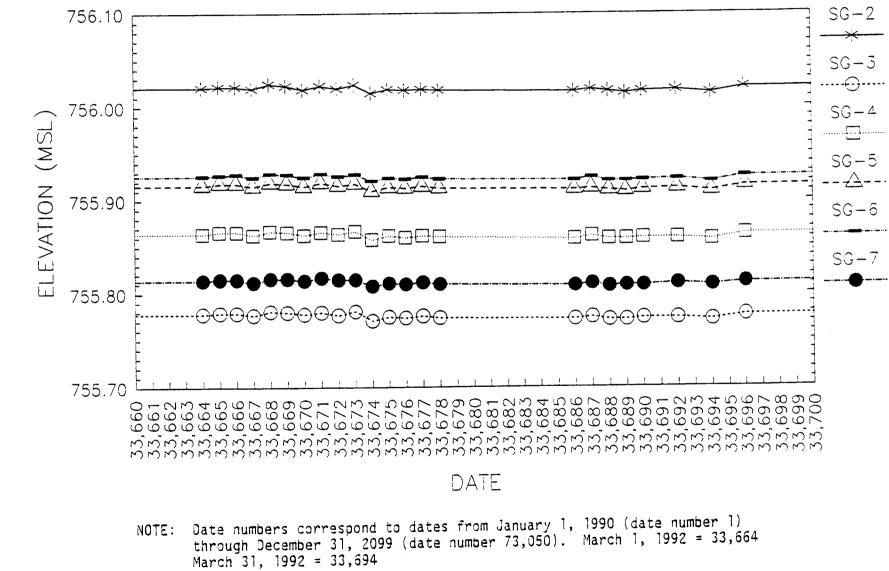
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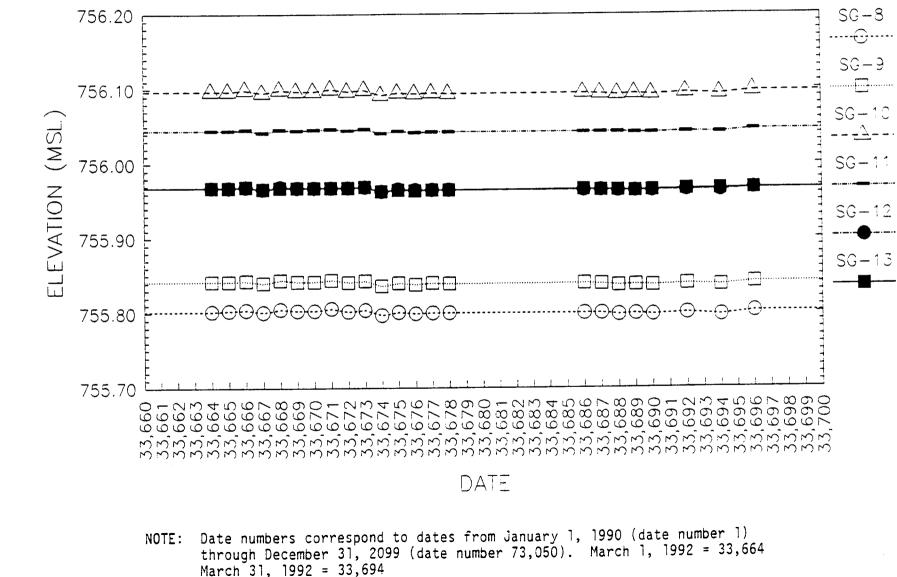


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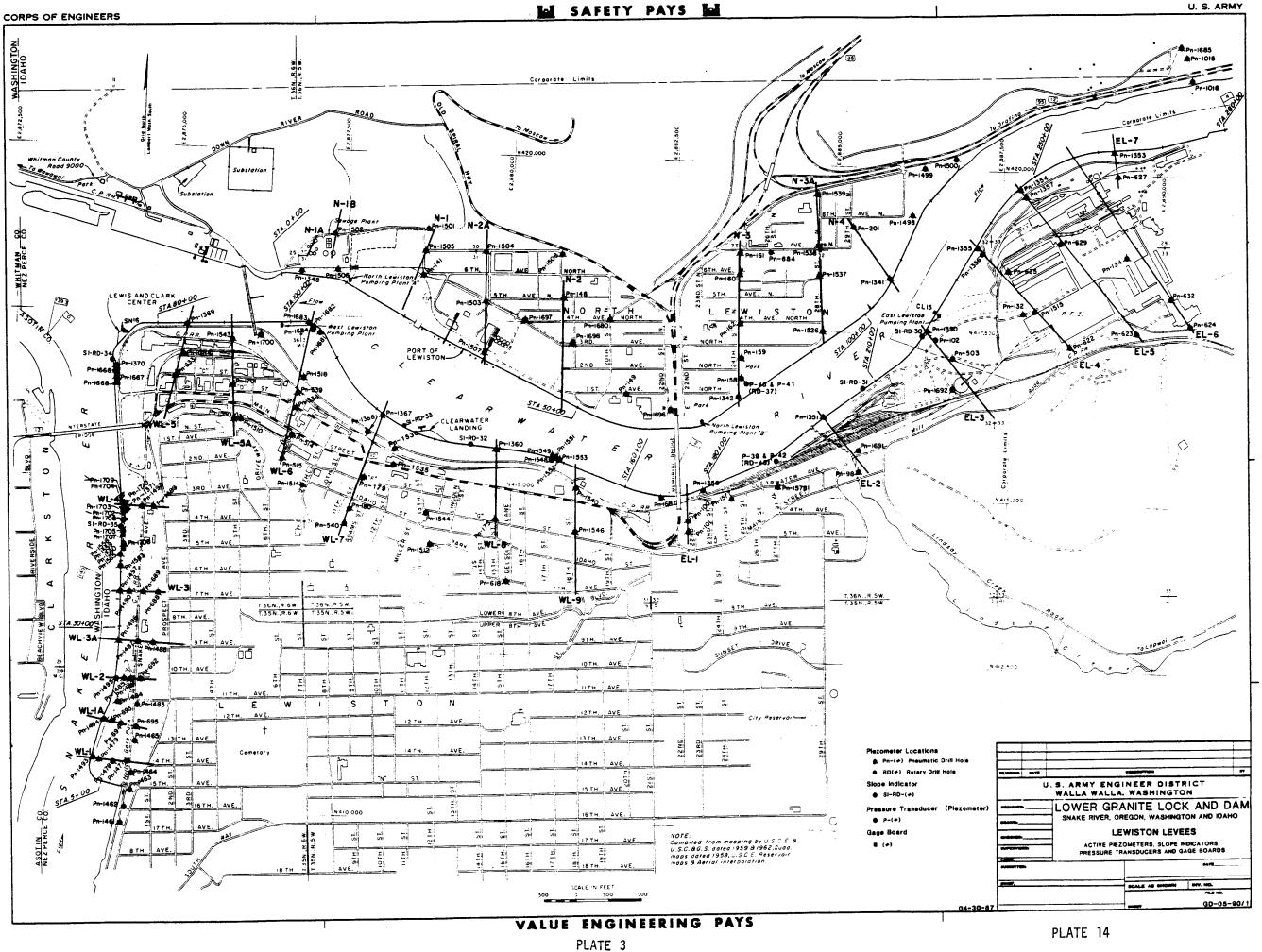


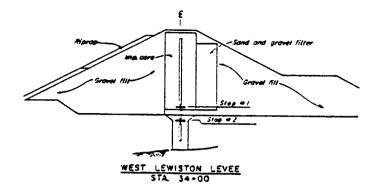
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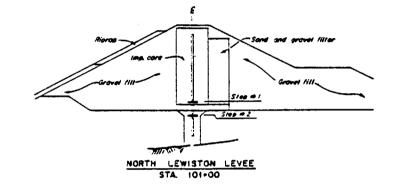


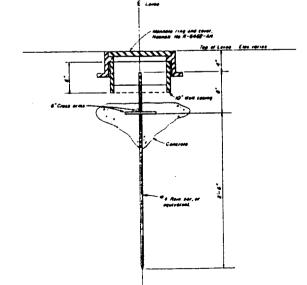
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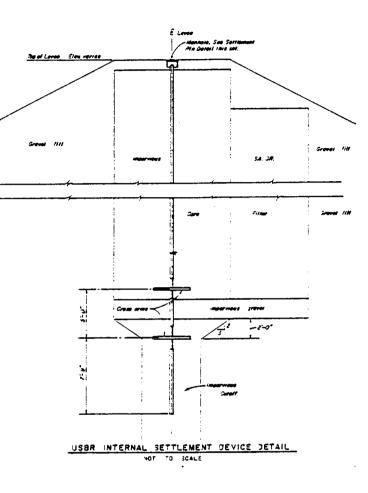








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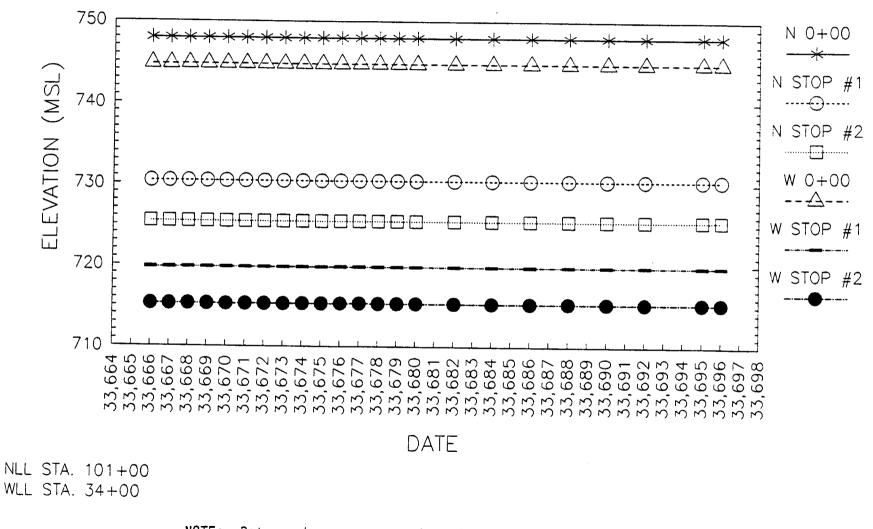
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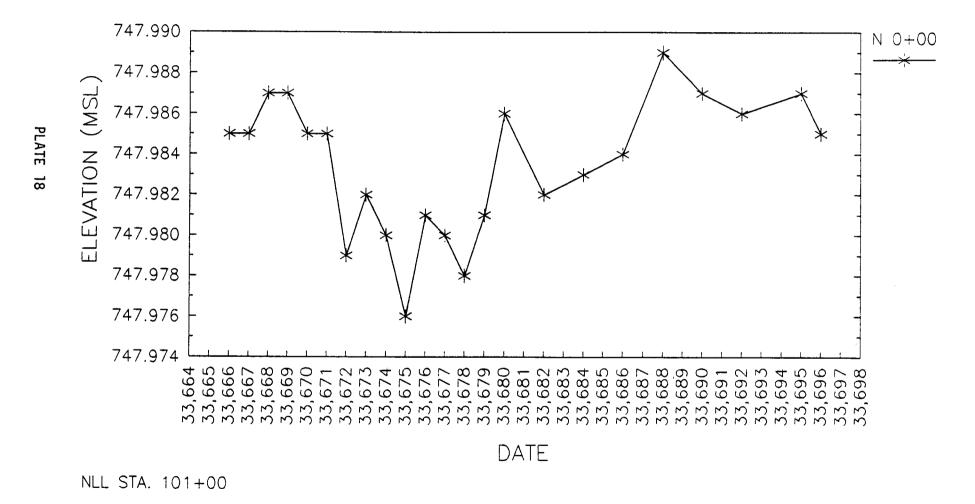
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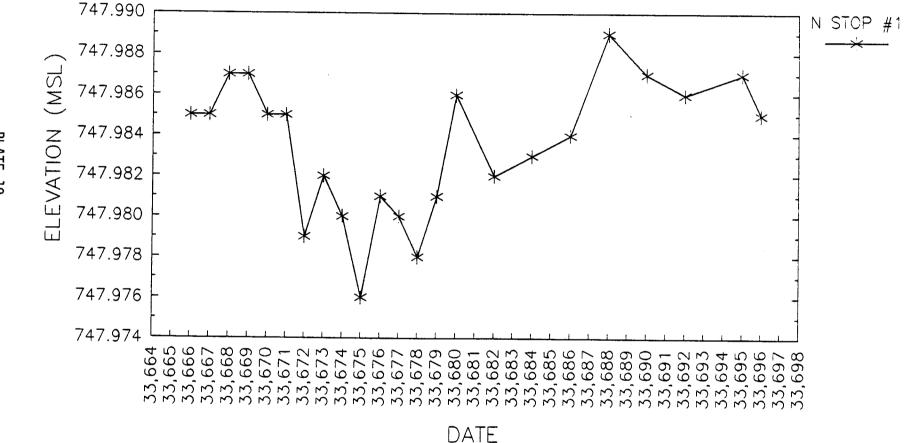
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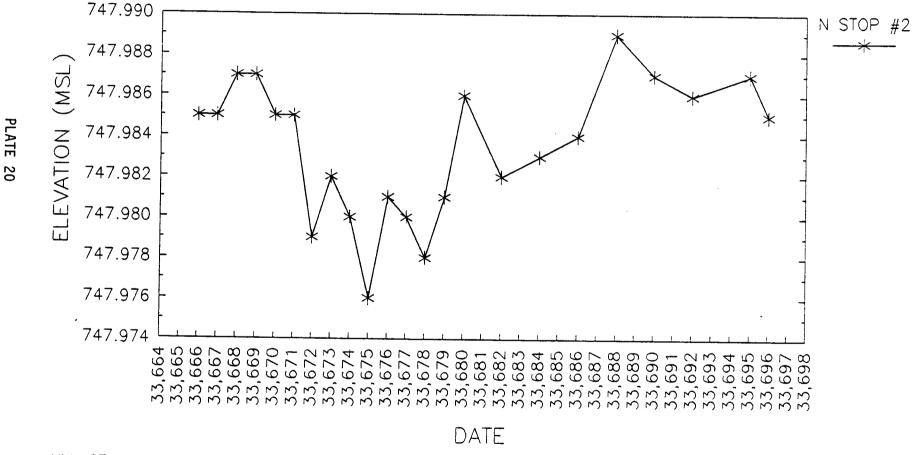
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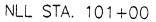


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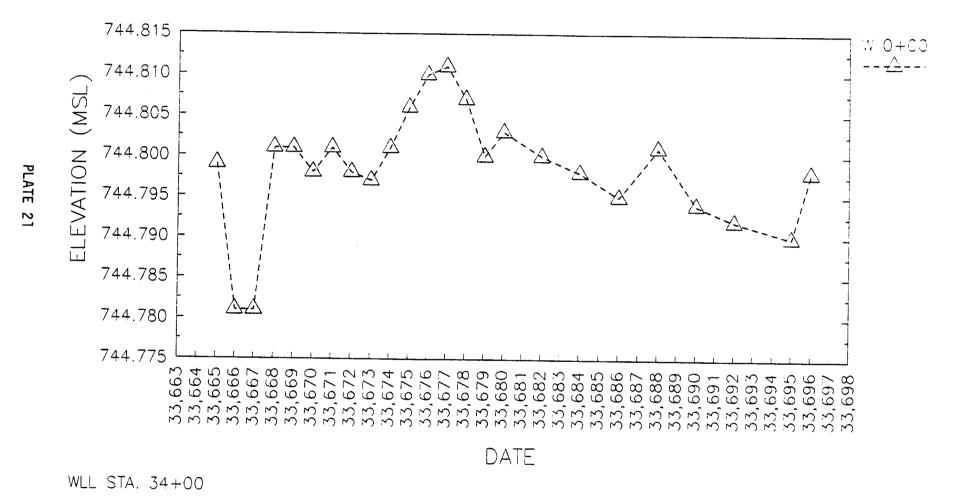






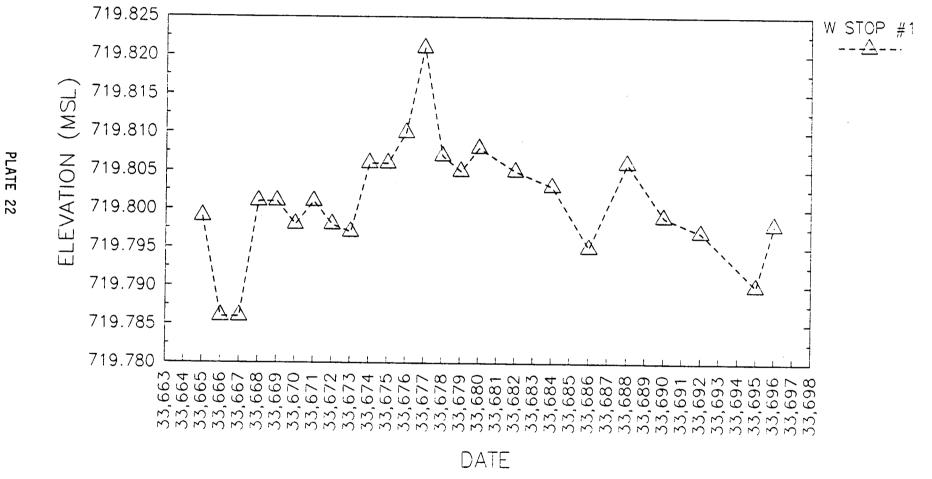
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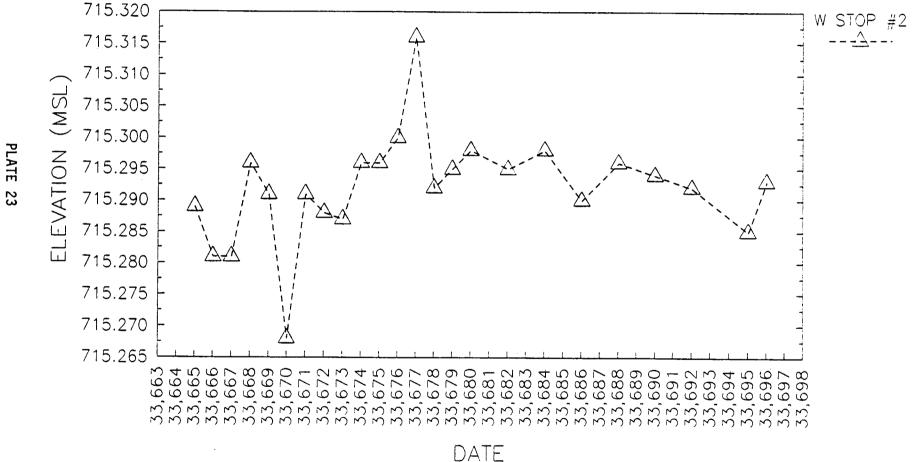




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LEWISTON LEVEES - CROSSARM SURVEY DATA

02-Mar 03-Mar 04-Mar 05-Mar 06-Mar 07-Mar 08-Mar 09-Mar 10-Mar 11-Mar 12-Mar 13-Mar 14-Mar 15-Mar 16-Mar 17-Mar 19-Mar 21-Mar 33665 33666 33667 33668 33669 33670 33671 33672 33673 33673 33674 33675 33676 33677 33678 33679 33680 33682 33684 N. 0+00 747.982 747.985 747.985 747.987 747.987 747.985 747.985 747.979 747.982 747.980 747.976 747.981 747.980 747.978 747.981 747.986 747.982 747.983 $^{\circ}$ N. Stop #1 730.412 730.415 730.415 730.417 730.417 730.415 730.409 730.412 730.410 730.411 730.416 730.410 730.408 730.411 730.416 730.412 730.413 $^{\circ}$ N. Stop #2 725.442 725.445 725.445 725.447 725.447 725.440 725.434 725.432 725.440 725.436 725.441 725.445 725.443 725.442 725.443 $^{\circ}$ W. 0+00 744.799 744.781 744.781 744.801 744.801 744.798 744.801 744.798 744.797 744.801 744.801 744.807 744.800 744.800 744.800 744.800 744.798 $^{\circ}$ W. Stop #1 719.799 719.786 719.786 719.801 719.798 719.801 719.798 719.797 719.806 719.806 719.810 719.821 719.807 719.805 719.808 719.805 719.803 $^{\circ}$ W. Stop #2 715.289 715.281 715.281 715.296 715.291 715.268 715.291 715.288 715.287 715.296 715.296 715.300 715.316 715.292 715.295 715.298 715.295 715.298 $^{\circ}$
 23-Mar
 25-Mar
 27-Mar
 29-Mar
 01-Apr
 02-Apr

 33686
 33688
 33690
 33692
 33695
 33696

 N. 0+00
 747.984
 747.989
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 747.986
 747.987
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 N. stop #1
 730.414
 730.419
 730.417
 730.416
 730.417
 730.425

 N. stop #2
 725.444
 725.447
 725.446
 725.446
 725.450

 W. 0+00
 744.795
 744.801
 744.794
 744.792
 744.790
 744.798

 W. stop #1
 719.795
 719.806
 719.799
 719.797
 719.790
 719.798

 W. stop #2
 715.290
 715.296
 715.294
 715.292
 715.285
 715.293