

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Stream Condition Inventory (SCI)

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Field Form #1

Sensitive Reach Location and Layout

Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:

District:

Observers:

Stream:

Reach #:

Elevation @ SSR:

Date:

Stream Classification: Rosgen (circle 1 # and 1 letter) - A B C D E F G 1 2 3 4 5 6
 Montgomery & Buffington (circle 1) - Response Transport

Directions to Start of Sensitive Reach (continue on reverse):

Sensitive Reach Layout Information

Site Location		Distance from SSR (m)	GPS Data			
#	Abbr.		WP#	UTME	UTMN	Zone
1	SSR	0				
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
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15						
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Abbreviations

SSR - Start of Sensitive Reach
 ESR - End of Sensitive Reach
 SSS - Start of Survey Segment
 ESS - End of Survey Segment
 R1 to R4 - Macroinvertebrate Riffles
 XS1 - Cross-sections (up to XS3)
 WD1 - Width to Depth (up to WD5)
 WP# - Way point Number
 BM - Benchmark

SSR Data

Reference Object:

Benchmark Type:

Bearing: BM to SSR

Distance: BM to SSR

Note: record bearing in degrees magnetic north.

Sensitive Reach Sketch

Sketch stream pattern and indicate flow direction; show SSR benchmark, bearing and distance; show all applicable site locations and distances from SSR; show north arrow and adjacent location features (roads, trails etc.).

Photo Reminder! Photograph SSR and ESR (up and down stream, left and right bank), and SSS and ESS if there is a survey segment within the sensitive reach. Also photograph from SSR Benchmark to SSR and vice versa. Record on Photo Log (form #10)

Macroinvertebrate Data (collected from sensitive reach)

Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:

District: _____ Observers: _____

Stream: _____

Reach #: _____ Date: _____

Type of Site (circle one): **Test** or **Reference** and **Perennial** or **Intermittent**

Sampler Type: _____ Mesh Size (microns): _____ Total area sampled (ft.²): _____

Site Measurements

Riffle Dimensions and Location	Riffle 1		Riffle 2		Riffle 3		Riffle 4	
Length (m)								
Width (m)								
Distance form Start of Sensitive Reach								
Location of Macroinvertebrate Samples	Riffle 1		Riffle 2		Riffle 3		Riffle 4	
	Site 1	Site 2	Site 1	Site 2	Site 1	Site 2	Site 1	Site 2
% Up from Riffle Bottom								
Distance Up from Riffle Bottom								
% from Riffle Left Edge								
Distance from Riffle Left Edge								

Water Chemistry

Total Alkalinity: _____ ppm CaCO₃ Conductivity: _____ uS/cm²

Photo Reminder! Photograph each riffle, looking upstream. Photograph overview of riffle area - upstream from 1st riffle, downstream from 4th riffle and other overview photos as desired. Record on Photo Log (form #10).

Macroinvertebrate Sketches (collected from sensitive reach)

Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:

District:

Observers:

Stream:

Reach #:

Date:

Sketch each riffle (show shape relative to channel, location of sample points and any other key features).

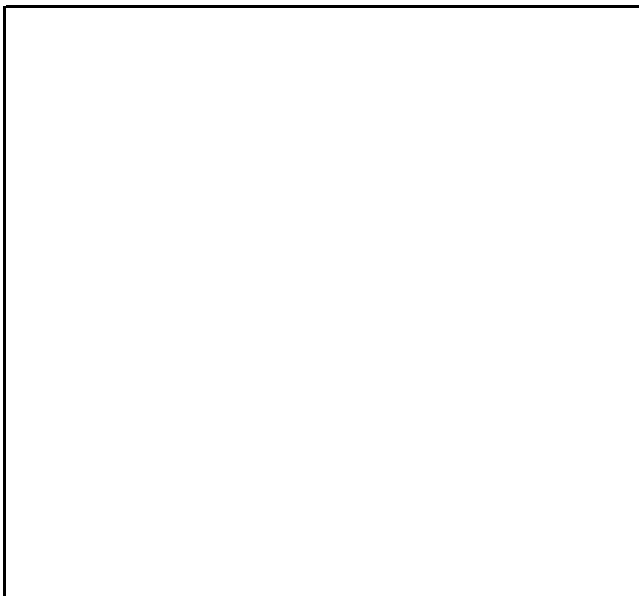
Riffle 1



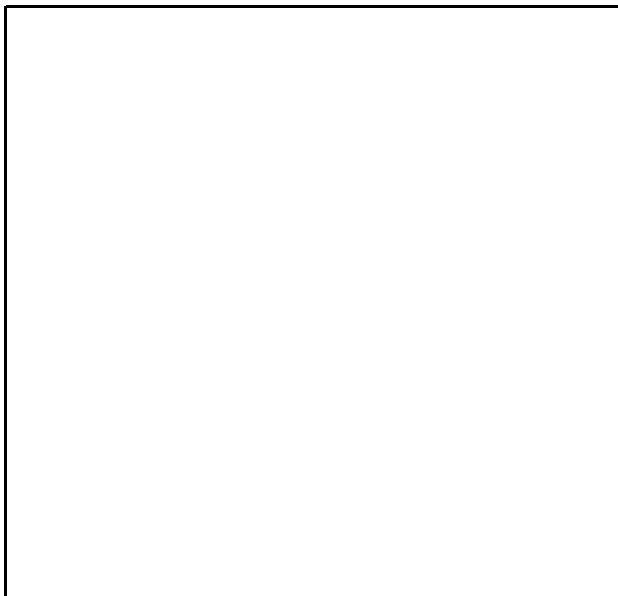
Riffle 2



Riffle 3



Riffle 4



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Field Form #3

Particle Count (collected from sensitive reach)

Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:

District:

Observers:

Stream:

Reach #:

Date:

Particle Size Class			Streambed Particle Count									
			Riffle 1		Riffle 2		Riffle 3		Riffle 4		Row Sum	
			Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry
mm	Class											
Fines	< 2	1										
Gravels	2 - 2.8	2										
	2.8 - 4	3										
	4 - 5.6	4										
	5.6 - 8	5										
	8.0 - 11	6										
	11 - 16	7										
	16 - 22.6	8										
	22.6 - 32	9										
	32 - 45	10										
Cobbles	45 - 64	11										
	64 - 90	12										
	90 - 128	13										
	128 - 180	14										
Boulders	180 - 256	15										
	256 - 512	16										
Bedrock	> 512	17										
Column Tally											Total Wet	Total Dry

Note: Circle all estimated values.

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Field Form #4

**Cross-section and Width-to-depth Candidate Sites
and Large Woody Debris (LWD) (collected from sensitive reach)**

Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:

District:	Observers:
Stream:	
Reach #:	Date:

Candidate Sites (randomly select 3 x-section sites and up to 5 W/D sites)													
Candidate Site #													
Distance from SR Start													
Selected x-section #													
Selected W/D #													

Woody Debris Tally (Dead and Downed Wood)			
Bankfull Stage Width:		Min. Debris Length (=1/2 average bankfull width):	
Number of Pieces			
Single		Aggregate ¹	
		Number of pieces in each aggregate	
Sum of Single Pieces		Sum of Aggregate Pieces	

1 - An aggregate is 4 or more pieces of connected woody debris that are each greater than 1/2 bankfull width.

Number of Rootwads²	Tally:	Sum:
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2 - A root wad is the base of a tree whose bole is about the same length or shorter than the diameter of the root mass.

Identification of Survey Segment	
A.	Sensitive Reach Length (m) _____ B. A minus 1000m _____ (if A is greater than 1000m)
C.	Random # between 1 and B _____
D.	Survey Segment lies between C (Survey Segment Start) _____ and 1000+C (Survey Segment End) _____

Comments:

Cross-section Diagram and Location Sketch (collected from sensitive reach)

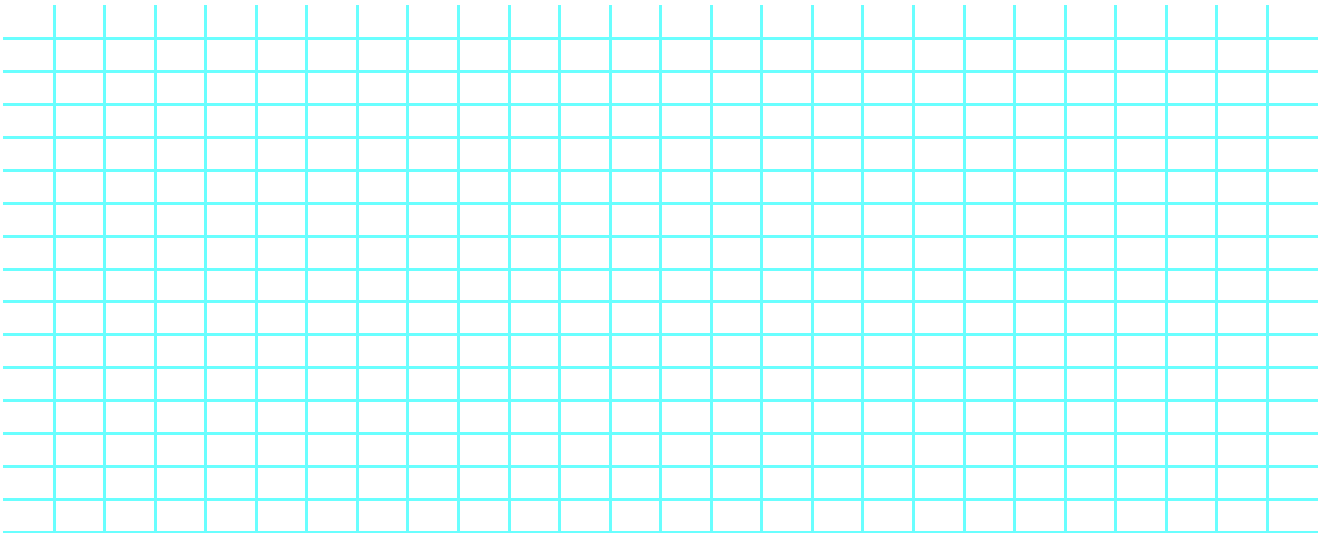
Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:

District:	Observers:
Stream:	
Reach #:	Date:
Cross Section #:	Distance From Start of Sensitive Reach:

Cross-section Diagram

Left Bank

Right Bank



Cross-section Location Sketch

Sketch stream channel and flow direction; benchmark location, left and right pin location, north arrow, and natural features that help ID site (i.e., large boulders or large trees). Record benchmark and pin data below sketch. Record bearings in degrees magnetic north.

BM Type:	Bearing: BM To LP	Distance: BM to RP	BM: UTME
LP Type:	Distance: BM to LP	Distance: LP to RP	BM: UTMN
RP Type:	Bearing: BM To RP	BM: Way pt.#	BM: Zone

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Streambank Stability, Stream Shading, Streamshore Water Depth,
Streambank Angle and Aquatic Fauna (collected from survey segment)

Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:	
District:	Observers:
Stream:	
Reach #:	Date:
Transect Interval (m): _____	

Bank	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
Transect #	1		2		3		4		5	
Stability Rating ¹										
Shading ²										
Shore Depth ³										
Bank Angle ⁴										
Aquatic Fauna ⁵										
Transect #	6		7		8		9		10	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										
Transect #	11		12		13		14		15	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										
Transect #	16		17		18		19		20	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										
Transect #	21		22		23		24		25	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										

1 - Stability Rating: #1 >75% cover, #2 >75% cover with instability elements (cracking, bank failure, etc.), #3 <75% cover.

2 - Record to nearest percent (i.e., 38)

3 - Record only on reaches with gradient < 2%, to nearest 0.01 m (i.e., 0.12). If bank angle is > 90 degrees, shore depth is zero.

4 - Record only on reaches with gradient < 2%, to nearest degree (i.e., 75, 120)

5 - Record 4-character code for herptofauna (Apx. E) and numeric code for fish (Apx. F). Put remarks on Form 10.

Note: circle all estimated values.

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Forest/National Park/Other Ownership:	
District:	Observers:
Stream:	
Reach #:	Date:

Bank	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
Transect #	26		27		28		29		30	
Stability Rating ¹										
Shading ²										
Shore Depth ³										
Bank Angle ⁴										
Aquatic Fauna ⁵										
Transect #	31		32		33		34		35	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										
Transect #	36		37		38		39		40	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										
Transect #	41		42		43		44		45	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										
Transect #	46		47		48		49		50	
Stability Rating										
Shading										
Shore Depth										
Bank Angle										
Aquatic Fauna										

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