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Revised Montana Stream Mitigation Procedure

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<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Montana.aspx>

The most current version of the Montana Stream Mitigation Procedure which is applicable to all USACE regulated activities within the state of Montana which require stream mitigation is available at the following website:

<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Montana/Mitigation.aspx>

The MTSMP has been revised to streamline the document, make it more user friendly, and to encourage stream mitigation that incorporates the responsible management of riparian buffers into every stream mitigation plan.

Please review the document in its entirety to become familiar with the current procedure. Below is a brief summary of changes:

Under Debiting Calculations:

Stream Type has 3 categories (Ephemeral, Intermittent, and Perennial) instead of four.

Stream Status definitions and multiplier values have been revised.

Existing Condition – Impaired multiplier value has been revised.

Dominant Impact – definitions, including Bank Stabilization Multipliers, have been revised and multiplier values have been revised.

Location of Mitigation, Comparative Stream Order of Mitigation Site, and Legal Protection on Mitigation Site as well as Mitigation Timing have all been moved from the credit tables to the debiting tables. Values for these factors have also been adjusted.

***Note that Permit Conditions are no longer allowed as a means of providing site protection for mitigation areas.**

Under Crediting Calculations:

Stream and Riparian Crediting Calculations have been combined.

Each stream side is calculated separately instead of using a reach multiplier.

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