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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Asheville Regulatory Field Office
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Asheville, NC 28801-5006

ATTN: Mr. Steve Kichefski, NCDOT Regulatory Coordinator

Subject: **Request for Modification to the Section 404 Individual Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification** for the proposed US 221 Widening from US 421 to US 221 Business/NC 88 in Jefferson in Watauga and Ashe Counties. Federal Aid Project No. STP-0221(13), Division 11, TIP No. R-2915, WBS 34518.1.1.

Reference: USACE Individual Permit Action ID SAW-2012-00882, January 7, 2015.
USACE Individual Permit Modification Action ID SAW-2012-00882, August 31, 2016.
NCDWR Project No. 20140762, Certification No. 4001, September 8, 2014.
NCDWR Project No. 20140764_v2, Certification No. 4001, August 23, 2016.
NCDWR Project No. 20140762_v3, Certification No. 4001, April 28, 2017.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to request a modification to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Individual Permit and North Carolina Division of Water Resources Section 401 Certification for the above referenced project. The original 2014 permit application and subsequent 2016 and 2017 modifications (referenced above) presented final impacts for R-2915A, R-2915B, R-2915C, and R-2915D. This modification presents changes to one permit site in the B Section needed as a result of a wing wall modification at the outlet of the new culvert at Site 1B to prevent the wing wall from extending into Gap Creek. The angle of one wing wall has been changed to better tie it into the existing stream bank, resulting in 20 linear feet of additional bank stabilization along Gap Creek to prevent the culvert wing from being undermined during high water events.

All changes in impacts due to the additional bank stabilization at Site 1B in the B Section are in ***red***. Please see the enclosed revised permit drawings for Section B.

Summary of R-2915 Jurisdictional Impacts:

The preliminary projected impacts for the overall (Sections A-E) project will be approximately 3.11 acres of permanent wetland impacts, 0.15 acre of temporary wetland impacts, ***8,176 linear feet of permanent stream impacts*** (6,983 linear feet of fill and ***1,193 linear feet of bank stabilization***), and 0.34 acre of temporary stream impacts (see Tables 1 and 2 for a breakdown of impacts by Section).

Table 1 – Summary of Wetland Impacts for R-2915

Section	Design Stage	Wetland Impact Type	Wetland Impact Area (ac)	Wetland Impacts Requiring Mitigation (ac)
R-2915A	Final	Perm. Wetland Fill	0.48	0.57*
		Excavation in Wetlands	0.01	
		Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands	0.08	
		Hand Clearing in Wetlands	0.05†	
R-2915B	Final	Perm. Wetland Fill	0.32	0.43*
		Excavation in Wetlands	0.04	
		Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands	0.06	
		Temporary Fill in Wetlands	0.15	
R-2915C	Final	Perm. Wetland Fill	0.22	0.27*
		Excavation in Wetlands	--	
		Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands	0.05	
R-2915D	Final	Perm. Wetland Fill	1.01	1.32
		Excavation in Wetlands	0.01	
		Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands	0.30	
R-2915E	Preliminary	Perm. Wetland Fill	0.43	0.52
		Excavation in Wetlands	--	
		Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands	0.09	
Total				3.11

†Additionally, 0.01 acre of temporary fill in wetlands will occur in the hand clearing areas for erosion control measures

* Values are based on rounding, due to calculating totals with actual numbers to the thousandths

Table 2 – Summary of Stream Impacts for R-2915

Section	Design Stage	Stream Impact Type	Impact Length (lf)	Temporary Impacts (ac)	Stream Impacts Requiring Mitigation (lf)
R-2915A	Final	Permanent Fill	1,119	--	1,119
		Bank Stabilization	402	--	
		Temporary	--	0.05	
R-2915B	Final	Permanent Fill	493	--	493*
		Bank Stabilization	431	--	
		Temporary	--	0.15	
R-2915C	Final	Permanent Fill	2,339	--	2,339
		Bank Stabilization	234	--	
		Temporary	--	0.09	
R-2915D	Final	Permanent Fill	2,627	--	2,627
		Bank Stabilization	126	--	
		Temporary	--	0.05	
R-2915E	Preliminary	Permanent Fill	405	--	405
		Temporary	--	<0.01	
Total			8,176	0.34	6,983

* See Table 4

Tables 3 and 4 summarize the impacts to jurisdictional water resources for the final design of R-2915B. Site numbers correspond with the permit (hydraulic) drawings included in this application. The stream and wetland numbers correspond to the NRTR. A brief description of the impact sites that have changed since the 2014 permit application will follow the tables.

Table 3 – R-2915B Wetland Impacts*

Site	Wetland Number	Wetland Size (ac)	Permanent Fill in Wetlands (ac)	Excavation (ac)	Mechanized Clearing (ac)	Temporary Fill in Wetlands (ac)	Impacts Requiring Mitigation (ac)
4	W11	0.26	<0.01	--	<0.01	0.15	<0.01
5	W11	0.26	<0.01	--	--	--	<0.01
6	W11	0.26	<0.01	--	--	--	<0.01
7	W11	0.26	0.05	0.03	--	--	0.08
8	W12	0.05	<0.01	--	<0.01	--	<0.01
11	W14	0.02	<0.01	--	<0.01	--	<0.01
12	W15**	0.12	0.12	--	<0.01	--	0.12
14	W16	0.04	--	0.01	<0.01	--	0.02
15	W126**	0.19	0.14	--	0.05	--	0.19
Total Impacts:		0.32	0.04	0.06	0.15	0.43***	

* All wetlands impacted are riparian

** Total take of wetland

*** Values are based on rounding, due to calculating totals with actual numbers to the thousandths

Table 4 – R-2915B Stream Impacts

Site	Stream Name & Intermittent (I) or Perennial (P) ¹	Stream Number	Impact Type	Impact Length (linear feet)	Temporary Impacts (acres)	Mitigation Requirement ² (linear feet)
1A	UT to Gap Creek (P)	S32	Perm. Fill	170	--	USACE & DWR
			Bank Stabilization	44	--	DWR
			Temp Fill	--	<0.01	--
1B	Gap Creek (P)	S1	Perm. Fill	15	--	USACE & DWR
			Bank Stabilization	55	--	DWR (only 35')
			Temp Fill	--	<0.01	--
2	UT to Gap Creek (P)	S35	Perm. Fill	34	--	USACE
			Bank Stabilization	--	--	--
			Temp Fill	--	--	--
3	UT to Gap Creek (P)	S35	Perm. Fill	71	--	USACE
			Bank Stabilization	--	--	--
			Temp Fill	--	--	--
4	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--
5	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--
6	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--
7	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--
8	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--

Table 4 continued – R-2915B Stream Impacts

Site	Stream Name & Intermittent (I) or Perennial (P) ¹	Stream Number	Impact Type	Impact Length (linear feet)	Temporary Impacts (acres)	Mitigation Requirement ² (linear feet)		
9	UT to Gap Creek (P)	S36	Perm. Fill	124	--	USACE		
			Bank Stabilization	23	--	--		
			Temp. Fill	--	--	--		
10	Gap Creek (P)	S1	Perm. Fill	--	--	--		
			Bank Stabilization	154	--	DWR		
			Temp. Fill	--	0.02	--		
11	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--		
12	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--		
13	UT to Gap Creek (P)	S40	Perm. Fill	52	--	USACE		
			Bank Stabilization	--	--	--		
			Temp. Fill	--	<0.01	--		
14	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--		
15	N/A (wetland only)	--	--	--	--	--		
16	UT to Gap Creek (P)	S42	Perm. Fill	27	--	USACE		
			Bank Stabilization	9	--	--		
			Temp. Fill	--	--	--		
17	Gap Creek (P)	S1	Perm. Fill	--	--	--		
			Bank Stabilization	54	--	DWR		
			Temp. Fill	--	--	--		
18	Gap Creek (P)	S1	Perm. Fill	--	--	--		
			Bank Stabilization	53	--	DWR		
			Temp. Fill	--	--	--		
19	South Fork New River (P)	S43	Perm. Fill	--	--	--		
			Bank Stabilization	--	--	--		
			Temp. Fill	--	0.12	--		
20	South Fork New River (P)	S43	Perm. Fill	--	--	--		
			Bank Stabilization	19	--	--		
			Temp. Fill	--	--	--		
21	South Fork New River (P)	S43	Perm. Fill	--	--	--		
			Bank Stabilization	20	--	--		
			Temp. Fill	--	--	--		
Total Temporary Impacts:				--	0.15³	--		
Total Permanent Impacts (Perm. Fill + Bank Stabilization):				924	--	--		
Permanent Impacts Requiring DWR Mitigation:				525	--	--		
Permanent Impacts Requiring USACE Mitigation:				493	--	--		
Total Impacts Requiring Mitigation:				493	--	†		

1 – All streams are Class C; Tr+ waters except S43 (South Fork New River), which is WS-V; HQW

2 – Mitigation for bank stabilization impacts req'd by DWR – not req'd by USACE, add'l 20' at Site 1B not subject

3 – Values are based on rounding, due to some of the individual impacts being <0.01 acre

† – Final mitigation requirement will be up to the USACE and DWR

Permit Site 1B: As a result of the culvert replacement and extension, there will be 15 lf of permanent impact to Gap Creek (S1). Additionally there will *55 lf of bank stabilization* and <0.01 acre (6 lf) of temporary impacts to Gap Creek at the outlet of the culvert carrying S32.

MITIGATION

At this time, DMS is providing compensatory mitigation for Sections A, B, C, and D impacts. Table 5 summarizes the total mitigation needs as 2.59 acres of wetlands impacts and 6,578 linear feet of stream impacts. *No additional mitigation is required due to the added stream bank stabilization at Site 1B in the B Section as it does not constitute a loss of water.* Compensatory mitigation for Section E will be provided accordingly during the subsequent permit modification. This modification will occur when final design on the remaining Section has been completed.

Table 5 – Summary of Mitigation Requested from DMS

Section	Design Stage	Wetland Impacts Requiring Mitigation (ac)	Stream Impacts Requiring Mitigation (lf)
R-2915A	Final	0.57	1,119
R-2915B	Final	0.43	493
R-2915C	Final	0.27	2,339
R-2915D	Final	1.32	2,627
Total		2.59	6,578

REGULATORY APPROVALS

Section 404: Application is hereby made for a modification to the USACE Individual 404 Permit as required for the above-described activities.

Section 401: We are hereby requesting a modification to the 401 Water Quality Certification from the N.C. Division of Water Resources.

A copy of this application and distribution list will also be posted on the NCDOT website at:
<http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Erin Cheely at ekcheely@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6108.

Sincerely,

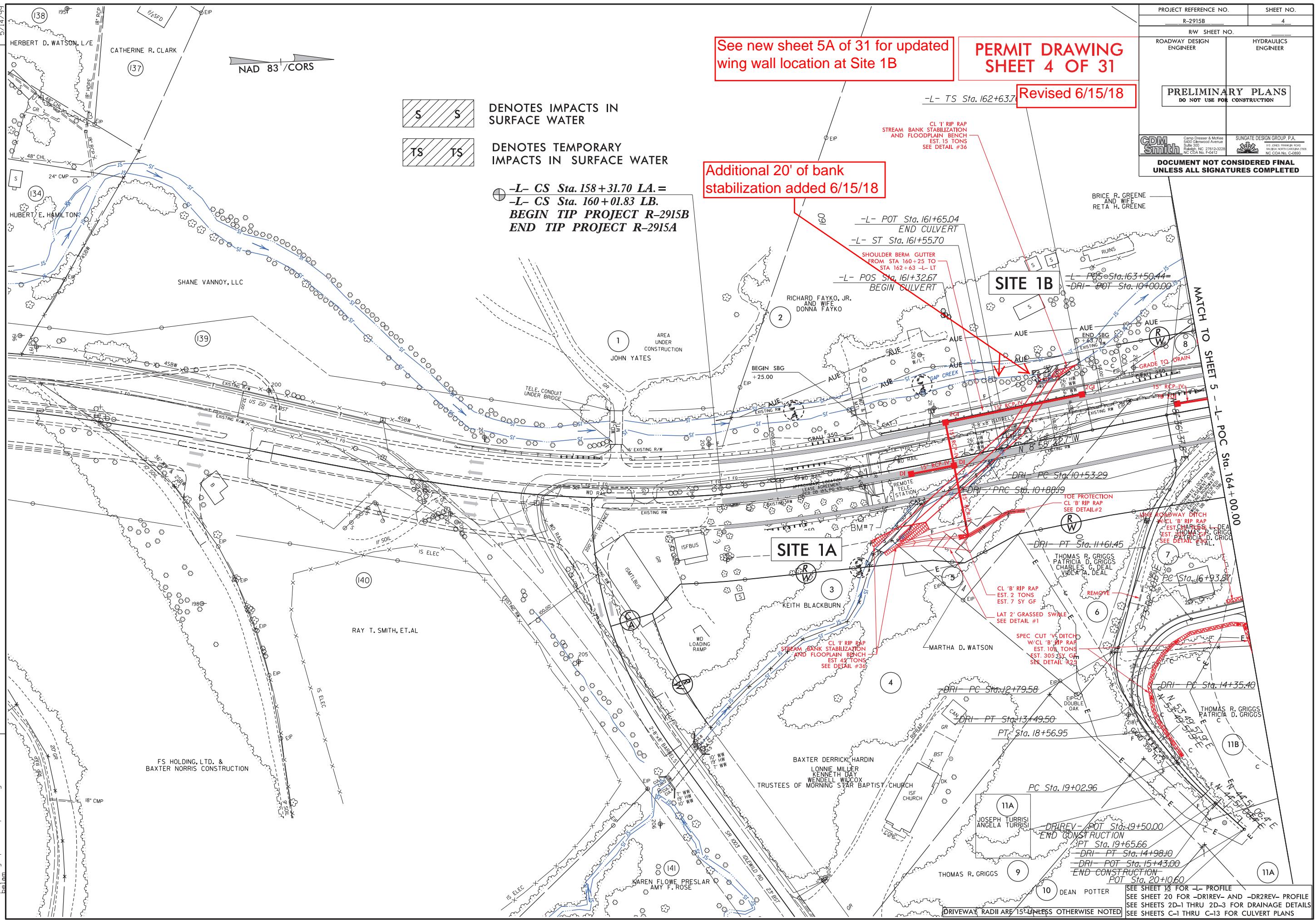


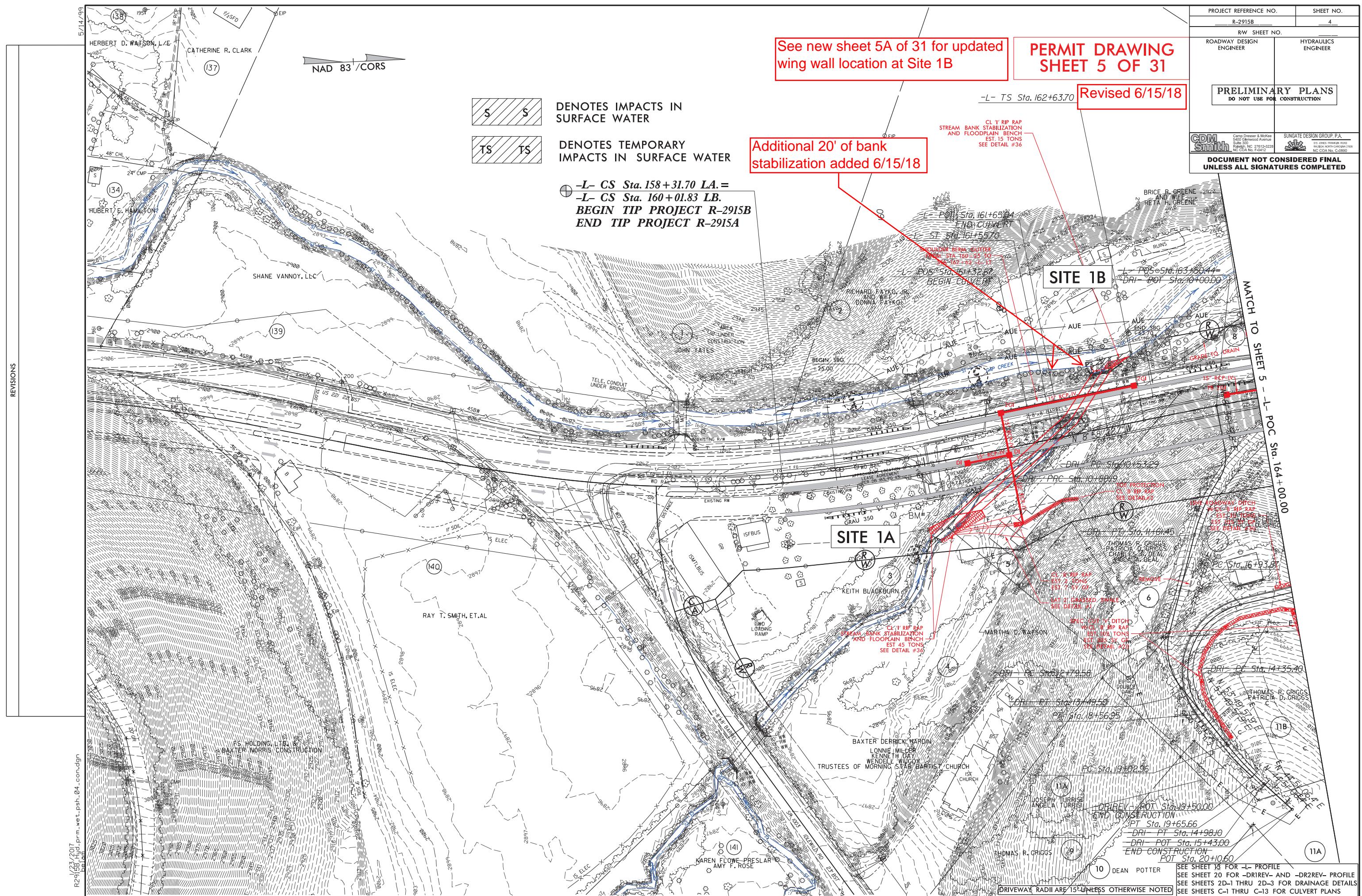
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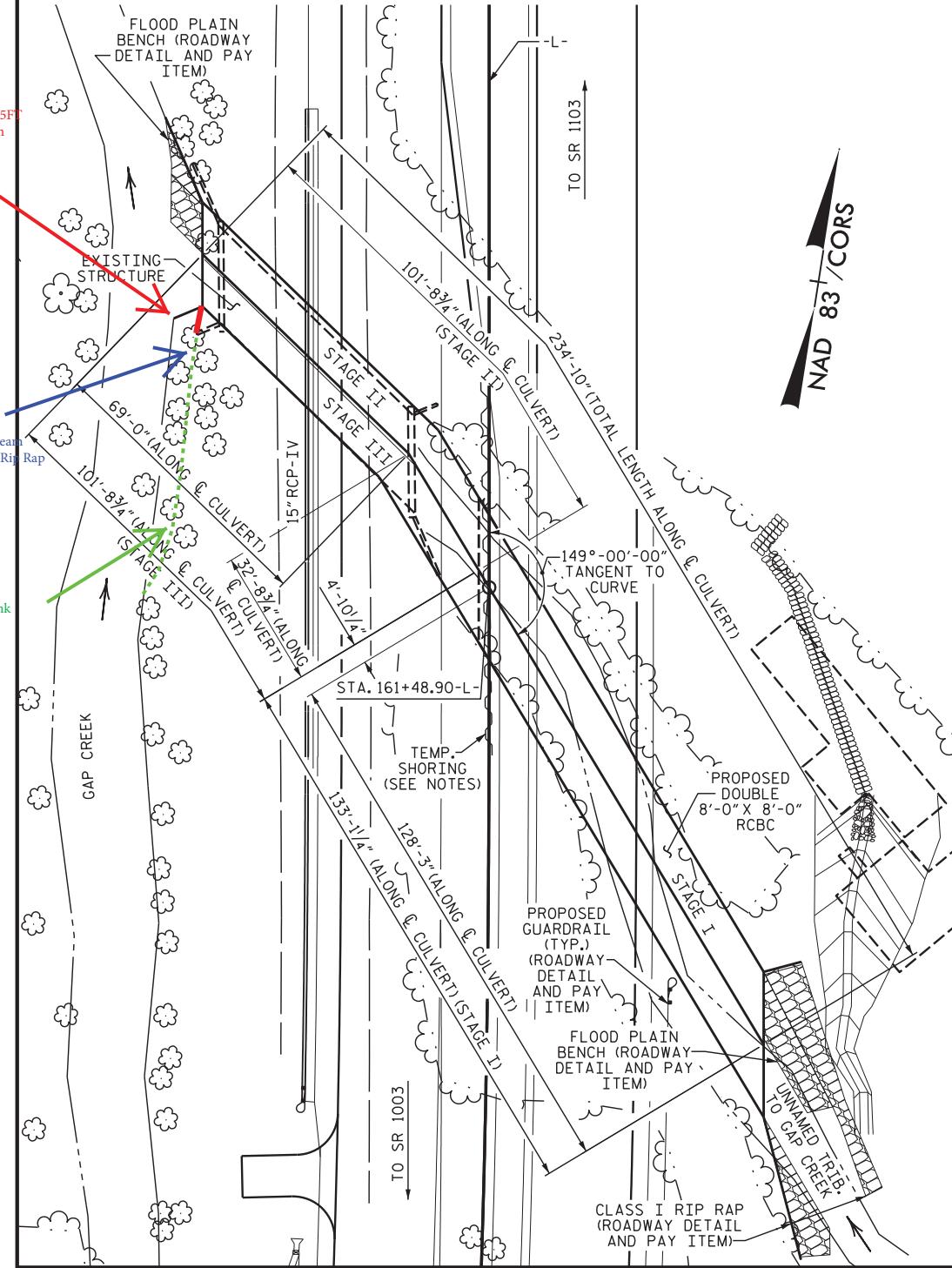
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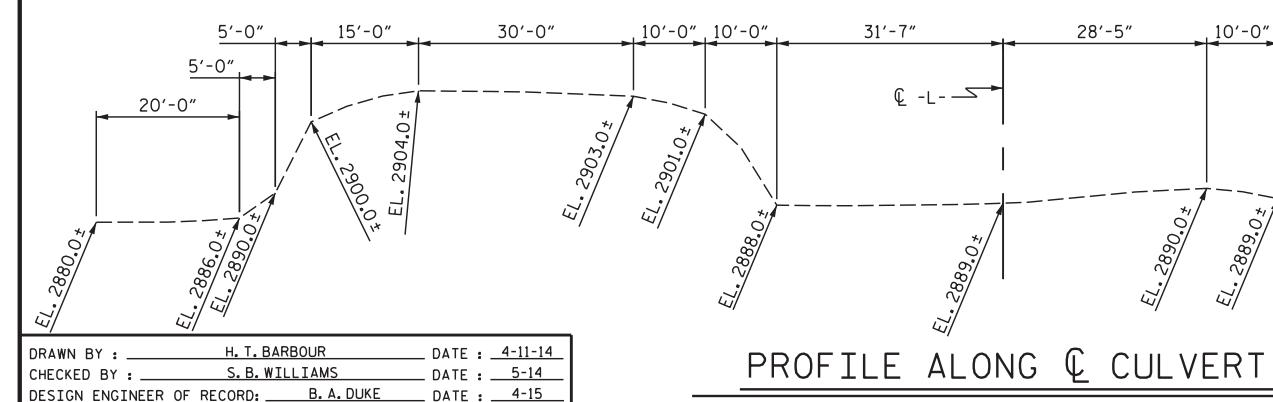
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LOCATION SKETCH



PROFILE ALONG CULVERT

DRAWN BY : H. T. BARBOUR DATE : 4-11-14
CHECKED BY : S. B. WILLIAMS DATE : 5-14
DESIGN ENGINEER OF RECORD: B. A. DUKE DATE : 4-15

ASSUMED LIVE LOAD = HL-93 OR ALTERNATE LOADING.

DESIGN FILL = 11.29 (MIN.), 11.68 (MAX.)

FOR OTHER DESIGN DATA AND NOTES, SEE STANDARD NOTES SHEET.

AFTER SERVING AS A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE THE EXISTING DOUBLE BARREL 8 FT. X 8 FT. REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERT LOCATED AT THE SAME LOCATION AS THE PROPOSED CULVERT SHALL BE REMOVED.

3"Ø WEEP HOLES INDICATED ARE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS.

CONCRETE IN THE CULVERT TO BE POURED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

STAGE I

1. WING FOOTINGS FOR WING 1 AND WING 2, FLOOR SLAB AND EDGE BEAM INCLUDING 4" VERTICAL WALLS TO THE CONSTRUCTION JOINT FOR STAGE I.

2. REMAINING PORTIONS OF WALLS FULL HEIGHT, WING 1 AND WING 2 FULL HEIGHT FOLLOWED BY CONCRETE SILLS AND ROOF SLAB WITH EDGE BEAM TO THE STAGE I CONSTRUCTION JOINT.

STAGE II

1. REMOVE EXISTING CULVERT.
2. WING 3 FOOTING AND FLOOR SLAB INCLUDING 4" OF ALL VERTICAL WALLS, EDGE BEAM AND CURTAIN WALL TO STAGE II CONSTRUCTION JOINTS.

3. REMAINING PORTIONS OF WALLS FULL HEIGHT AND WING 3 FULL HEIGHT, CONCRETE SILLS.

STAGE III

1. WING 4 FOOTING AND REMAINING FLOOR SLAB WITH EDGE BEAM INCLUDING 4" OF EXTERIOR VERTICAL WALL AND REMAINING CURTAIN WALL.
2. REMAINING PORTIONS OF WALLS FULL HEIGHT, WING 4 FULL HEIGHT AND CONCRETE SILLS.
3. ROOF SLAB FOR STAGES II & III, HEADWALL AND EDGE BEAM.

THE RESIDENT ENGINEER SHALL CHECK THE LENGTH OF THE CULVERT BEFORE STAKING IT OUT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT WILL PROPERLY TAKE CARE OF THE FILL.

STEEL IN THE BOTTOM SLAB OF STAGE I ONLY MAY BE SPLICED AT THE PERMITTED CONSTRUCTION JOINT AT THE CONTRACTOR'S OPTION. EXTRA WEIGHT OF STEEL DUE TO THE SPLICES WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE CONTRACTOR.

TRANSVERSE CONSTRUCTION JOINTS SHALL BE USED IN THE BARREL, SPACED TO LIMIT THE POURS TO A MAXIMUM OF 70 FEET. LOCATION OF JOINTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE SAMPLES OF REINFORCING STEEL AS FOLLOWS: FOR PROJECTS REQUIRING UP TO 400 TONS OF REINFORCING STEEL, ONE 30 INCH SAMPLE OF EACH SIZE BAR USED, AND FOR PROJECTS REQUIRING OVER 400 TONS OF REINFORCING STEEL, TWO 30 INCH SAMPLES OF EACH SIZE BAR USED. THE BARS FROM WHICH THE SAMPLES ARE TAKEN MUST THEN BE SPLICED WITH REPLACEMENT BARS OF THE SIZE AND LENGTH OF THE SAMPLE, PLUS A MINIMUM LAP SPLICE OF THIRTY BAR DIAMETERS. PAYMENT FOR THE SAMPLES OF REINFORCING STEEL SHALL BE CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL TO VARIOUS PAY ITEMS.

ROADWAY DATA

GRADE POINT ELEV. @ STA 161+48.90-L- = 2905.10
BED ELEV. @ STA. 161+48.90-L- = 2885.70
ROADWAY SLOPES = 2:1

HYDRAULIC DATA

DESIGN DISCHARGE = 550 CFS
FREQUENCY OF DESIGN FLOOD = 50 YR.
DESIGN HIGH WATER ELEV. = 2893.00
DRAINAGE AREA = 1.2 SQ. MI.
BASE DISCHARGE (Q100) = 650 CFS
BASE HIGH WATER ELEV. = 2893.43

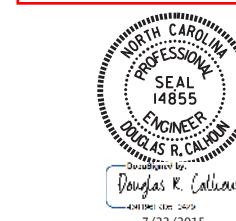
OVERTOPPING FLOOD DATA

OVERTOPPING DISCHARGE = > 900 CFS
FREQUENCY OF OVERTOPPING FLOOD = > 500 YR.
OVERTOPPING FLOOD ELEV. = 2904.40

OVERTOPPING DISCHARGE = > 900 CFS
FREQUENCY OF OVERTOPPING FLOOD = > 500 YR.
OVERTOPPING FLOOD ELEV. = 2904.40

CULVERT EXCAVATION	LUMP SUM
REMOVAL OF EXISTING STRUCTURE	LUMP SUM
FOUNDATION CONDITIONING MATERIAL	
STAGE I	207 TONS
STAGE II & III	158 TONS
TOTAL	365 TONS

PERMIT DRAWING
SHEET 5A of 31
added 6/15/18



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RALEIGH					
DOUBLE 8 FT. X 8 FT. CONCRETE BOX CULVERT					
REVISIONS					
NO.	BY:	DATE:	NO.	BY:	DATE:
1			3		
2			4		

SHEET NO. C06-1
TOTAL SHEETS 13

WETLAND PERMIT IMPACT SUMMARY										
			WETLAND IMPACTS					SURFACE WATER IMPACTS		
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size / Type	Permanent Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Temp. Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Excavation in Wetlands (ac)	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Hand Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Permanent SW impacts (ac)	Temp. SW impacts (ac)	Existing Channel Impacts Permanent (ft)
1A	159+80 / 160+40 -L- RT	BANK STABILIZATION (TRIB.)						0.01	< 0.01	44
	160+40 / 161+80 -L-	CULVERT (TRIB.)						0.05		170
1B	162+15 / 162+30 -L- LT	CULVERT (GAP CREEK)						< 0.01	< 0.01	15
	162+15 / 162+65 -L- LT	BANK STABILIZATION (GAP CREEK)						< 0.01		55
2	165+73 -L-	BDO / 30" RCP						< 0.01		5
	166+00 -L- LT	TAIL DITCH						< 0.01		29
3	15+32 / 15+00 -DR1REV-	24" PIPE						< 0.01		71
4	172+58 / 172+85 -L- LT	12" RCP	< 0.01	0.15		< 0.01				
5	174+00 -L- LT	30" CSP	< 0.01							
6	178+50 -L- LT	24" CSP	< 0.01							
7	180+00 / 182+00 -L- LT	ROAD FILL	0.05		0.03					
8	186+21 / 186+43 -L- LT	ROAD FILL	< 0.01			< 0.01				
9	187+63 / 189+15 -L-	36" RCP						0.01		124
	189+35 / 189+45 -L- LT	BANK STABILIZATION						< 0.01		23
10	197+20 / 198+90 -L-	BANK STABILIZATION						0.02		154
	198+80 / 198+90 -L-	WORKPAD / CULVERT REMOVAL						0.02		57
11	207+00 / 207+05 -L- RT	ROAD FILL	< 0.01			< 0.01				
12	208+72 / 209+51 -L- RT	ROAD FILL	0.12			< 0.01				
13	209+23 -L- LT	24" Pipe						< 0.01	< 0.01	52
14	210+01 / 210+36 -L- LT	ROAD FILL			0.01	< 0.01				
15	215+54 / 217+43 -L- RT	ROAD FILL	0.14			0.05				
16	217+48 -L- LT	60" RCP						< 0.01		27
	217+45 -L- LT	BANK STABILIZATION						< 0.01		9
SUBTOTALS*:			0.32	0.15	0.04	0.06		0.12	0.03	778
										92

*Rounded totals are sum of actual impacts

NOTES:

Site 10: Total Permanent Pier Impacts = 25.1 SF = 0.0006 AC

Site 15: Fill Impacts = 0.14 ac, Mechanized Clearing Impacts=0.013, Total Take Impacts=0.036

NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

4-4-2017

R-2915B ASHE COUNTY

ON US 221 FROM SR 1003 (IDLEWILD RD)

TO NORTH OF SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER

SHEET 30 OF 31

WETLAND PERMIT IMPACT SUMMARY

*Rounded totals are sum of actual impacts

NOTES:

Site 19: Total Permanent Pier Impacts = 150.8 SF = 0.003 AC

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4-4-2017

R-2915B ASHE COUNTY

ON US 221 FROM SR 1003 (IDLEWILD RD)

ON US 221 FROM SR 1008 (IDEWILD RD)
TO NORTH OF SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER

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