

**Phase 1 Final Design Deliverable**  
**Camp Bird Removal Action**

**Site Name:** Camp Bird Mine

**Site ID:** A8H9

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**Introduction**

This narrative and the enclosed drawings are being provided as a requirement under the Camp Bird Mine Removal Action Work Plan (Work Plan) in support of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Caldera Mineral Resources, LLC (Caldera).

In general, the work being completed at the Site is on a design/build basis with back-up conceptual drawings that do not perfectly reflect the past or future construction activities. However, the drawings combined with the following narrative represents the final design deliverable for all of the Phase 1 Tasks. There will likely be changes to the designs in the future as construction continues, and Caldera will provide physical updates to the designs at EPA's request.

**Phase 1 Task 1: Obtain restoration materials**

Topsoil is being obtained from the following sources:

- The large stockpile of colluvium mixed with blast rock, comprising the left bank of Imogene Creek from the pipe bridge downstream to the low water crossing, and extending west towards the historic houses.
- East and behind the P1T2 tailings cell where the native slope has been exposed by the excavation of tailings
- Accumulated topsoil that was on top of the bedrock bench east and above the P1T2 tailings cell
- Accumulated topsoil that will be excavated to build and grade the constructed drainage that will capture and divert all seeps and storm water upgradient from the historic tailings.
- The natural alluvial fan extending south and parallel with Canyon Creek that was exposed from excavating tailings from the slope and toe of the P1T2 tailings.

Rip-rap, bank stabilization and vane arm materials are being obtained from the following sources:

- Stockpiling of large boulders, and blasting of oversized boulders throughout the Site.
- Blasting of exposed bedrock along the water tank road.
- Blasting of exposed bedrock east and upgradient of the P1T2 tailings cell, at the future location of the constructed drainage.
- Blasting of the exposed bedrock bench along the east margin of the access road, from the main mine area to the P1T2 tailings area.
- Blasting of exposed bedrock along the right bank of Canyon Creek, from the narrow pinch point downstream to the end of the natural bedrock bench that formerly comprised the right bank of Canyon Creek

- Screening of the DRMS stockpile.
- Screening of the alluvium and large boulders accumulated in Imogene Creek.
- Screening of alluvium accumulated in the right bank of Canyon Creek from the confluence, downstream to the P1T2 tailings area.
- Screening of alluvium accumulated at the large flat nose at the confluence of Imogene and Sneffels Creeks, which forms the left bank of the Sneffels and Canyon Creeks.
- The rock slide at U.S. Mountain will only be used as a last resort if all of the above sources are exhausted.

Inert, angular waste rock (if needed for geotechnical stability or for coverage of exposed tailings) can be obtained by reducing the slopes of the existing waste rock piles on Site.

Hydromulch with a combination of soil media, fertilizer, native seed and other amendments (e.g. pH adjustments) will be used to cover exposed tailings on slopes too steep for conventional capping or if there is a shortage of topsoil or waste rock.

### **Phase 1 Task 2: Stabilize downstream historic tailings**

The drawing for P1T2 is conceptual and does not reflect the exact conditions. As of the date of this submittal, the entire downstream historic tailings cell has been regraded, shaped and prepped for capping. The slopes on all sides have been reduced to the minimum grade possible without compromising the structural integrity of underlying slime layers. Tailings have been removed entirely from the toe, which is now comprised of a natural colluvial deposit that was buried beneath 10s of feet of windblown tailings sand.

The former bisecting channel was completely filled with materials generated from the slope reduction, and the fill material in the mouth of the former channel has been armored and compacted with a wedge of large angular boulders and high quality topsoil. The drain placed in the bisecting channel will remain in place to ensure long term structural integrity of the material placed in the void. Removal of tailings at the toe resulted in a large 20' wide bench that will serve as an access route to maintain the drain and toe of the pile as needed.

Most of the trees were removed from the bench, with the exception of those that were growing at the base of the former toe. After removal of the windblown sand at the toe, the trees are now as much as 10' from the newly exposed colluvium toe. The large boulder at the toe was removed entirely along with several smaller boulders that were too large to move without blasting.

The channel on the backside of the tailings pile is still under construction. The channel will be built above a bench of bedrock that was lowered while producing restoration materials. Where appropriate the channel will be lined with 24mil woven poly liner and reinforced with 140N geotextile fabric as needed. The liner will be placed to capture all evidence of seepage that once fed the former bisecting channel that cut through the tailings. Rip-rap blended with topsoil will be placed on the liner and will comprise the substrate of the constructed channel. Check dams will be placed periodically to eliminate erosion of the channel during high flow events. The road built to access the tailings pile will remain passable to provide access for long term maintenance.

The top of the tailings pile will be gently graded so that the crest of the slopes forms a ridge, and behind the crest/ridge, the top will be gently graded backwards towards a single point where the access road and constructed channel first intersect with the pile to minimize long term storm water maintenance.

The top and slopes of the tailings cell will be amended with organic fertilizer, wood chips, then capped with topsoil generated from multiple sources. A native seed mix, unique to the Site, will be hand broadcast onto the topsoil then dragged over to protect from wind.

A series of water guns will be placed in the following summer to irrigate the reclaimed tailings pile. Trees and willows will be planted at select locations along the toe and slopes for added stability. Water sources will be from the water rights owned by Caldera at the Site.

Erosion control features such as downed trees, silt fence, erosion logs, and hydromulch will be used as needed to prevent storm water erosion prior to vegetation taking hold.

### **Phase 1 Task 3: Stabilize upstream historic tailings**

Construction has not started, so the drawings combined with the Work Plan narrative, accurately reflect the current design concepts anticipated for next year.

### **Phase 1 Task 4: Enhance and reinforce streams adjacent to historic tailings**

#### Imogene Creek:

Imogene Creek from the pipe bridge to the low water crossing is completed. The stream channel was quadrupled in size, a large sinuous bend was constructed, all loose mine debris and loose boulders were removed, and 3 vane arms with accompanying bank stabilization were constructed. Large boulders were used for bank stabilization beneath and adjacent to the pipe bridge. The banks of Imogene were laid back to approximately 3H:1V. Approximately 30 feet of the secondary discharge pipe was dismantled to remove the pipe from the stream channel and bank. All old cribbing along the right and left banks was removed and replaced with bank stabilization boulders. Mine features pinned to bedrock (e.g. historic trestle footers and the foundation for the coarse ore bin) were left in place due to their strength and historical significance.

Imogene Creek from the low water crossing to the confluence with Sneffels Creek will be addressed during the next construction season. Installation of 2, 20'x12' pieces of corrugated metal pipe (CMP) may be used to build a permanent crossing over Imogene Creek below the area that was worked on in 2017. Exact designs depend on numerous factors (e.g. location of bedrock, location of slimes, gradient of stream, etc.) that will be revealed as debris removal and excavation occurs next year.

The nose deflecting Imogene Creek at the confluence with Sneffels Creek will be removed and the resulting slope on the right bank will be heavily armored.

Ideally a bench the width of heavy equipment will be constructed along the toe from the low water crossing in Imogene Creek to the end of the upstream historic tailings pile along Canyon Creek. However, there may be limiting factors (e.g. proximity of slimes, powerline locations, etc.) that prohibit or limit construction of a bench.

Sneffels Creek:

The drawings accurately reflect the current design concepts.

Canyon Creek:

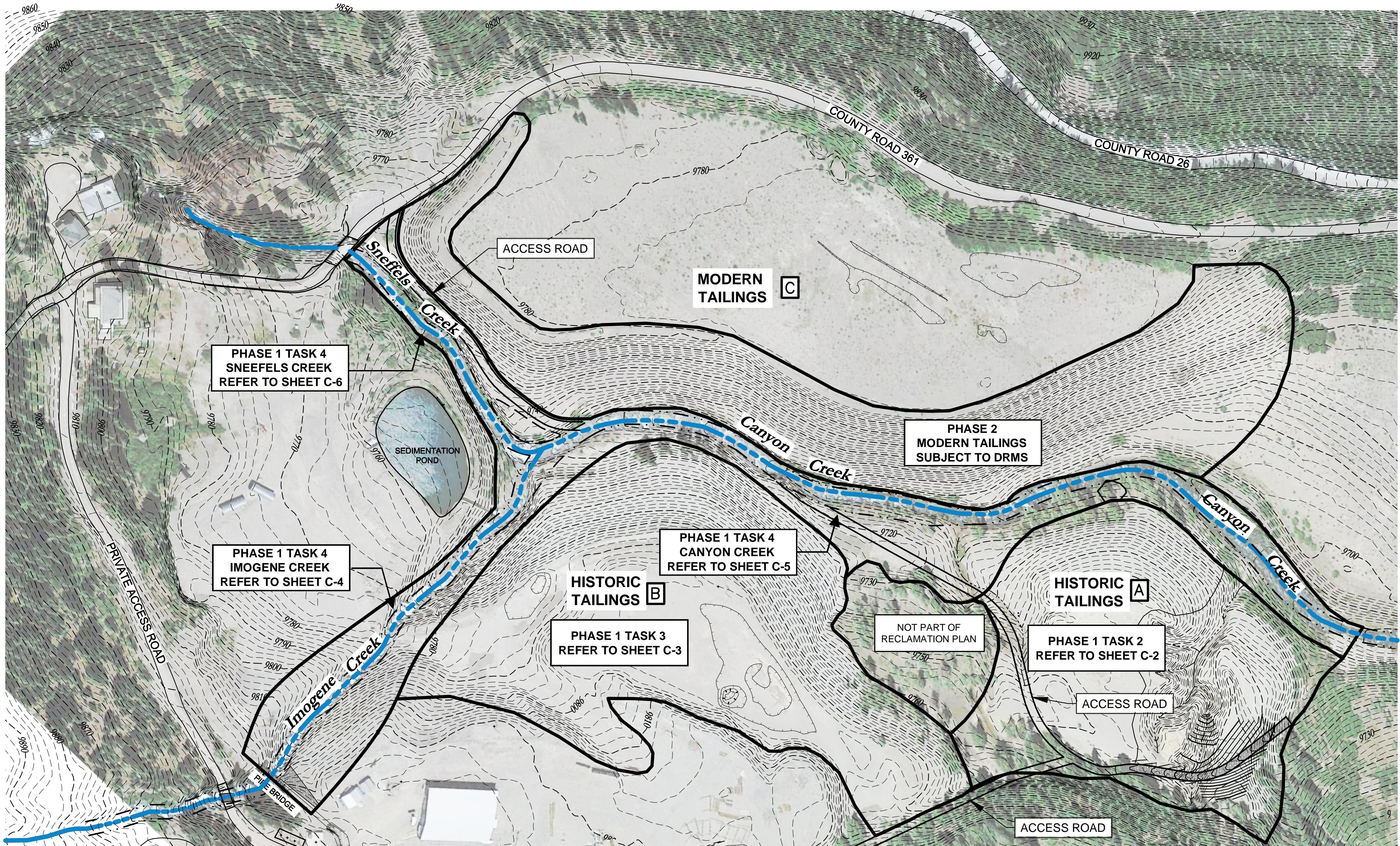
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Tailings have been removed from the flood plain bench from the terminus of the upstream historic tailings to the terminus of the downstream historic tailings. Bedrock has been blasted into vane arm and bank stabilization materials where exposed on the right bank of Canyon Creek. As the toe of the modern tailings is armored, the channel of Canyon Creek will shift to the east where the bedrock has been removed.

The large boulder in the floodplain down gradient from P1T2 tailings pile has been blasted and completely removed and most trees that could constrict high flows were removed.

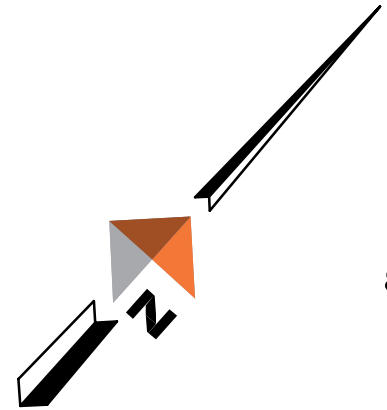
Tailings in the once hummocky area between the upstream and downstream historic tailings have been regraded and mixed in with topsoil. Seeps and springs have been exposed along the bedrock contact and these will be captured and routed along the floodplain bench to establish riparian vegetation.





- PHASE 1 TASK 2:
- EXCAVATE EAST TAILINGS AND FILL UNNAMED DRAINAGES.
  - REVEGETATE EASTERN HISTORIC TAILINGS **A**
- PHASE 1 TASK 3:
- SHAPE AND REVEGETATE HISTORIC TAILINGS **B**
- PHASE 1 TASK 4:
- IMOGENE CREEK RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION
  - CANYON CREEK RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION
  - SNEFFELS CREEK RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION

- NOTES
- Reclamation boundary and topography provided by Caldera Minerals, LLC.
  - Image from Google Earth 7/27/2014.



SITE PLAN

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SCALE IN FEET

2' CONTOUR INTERVAL

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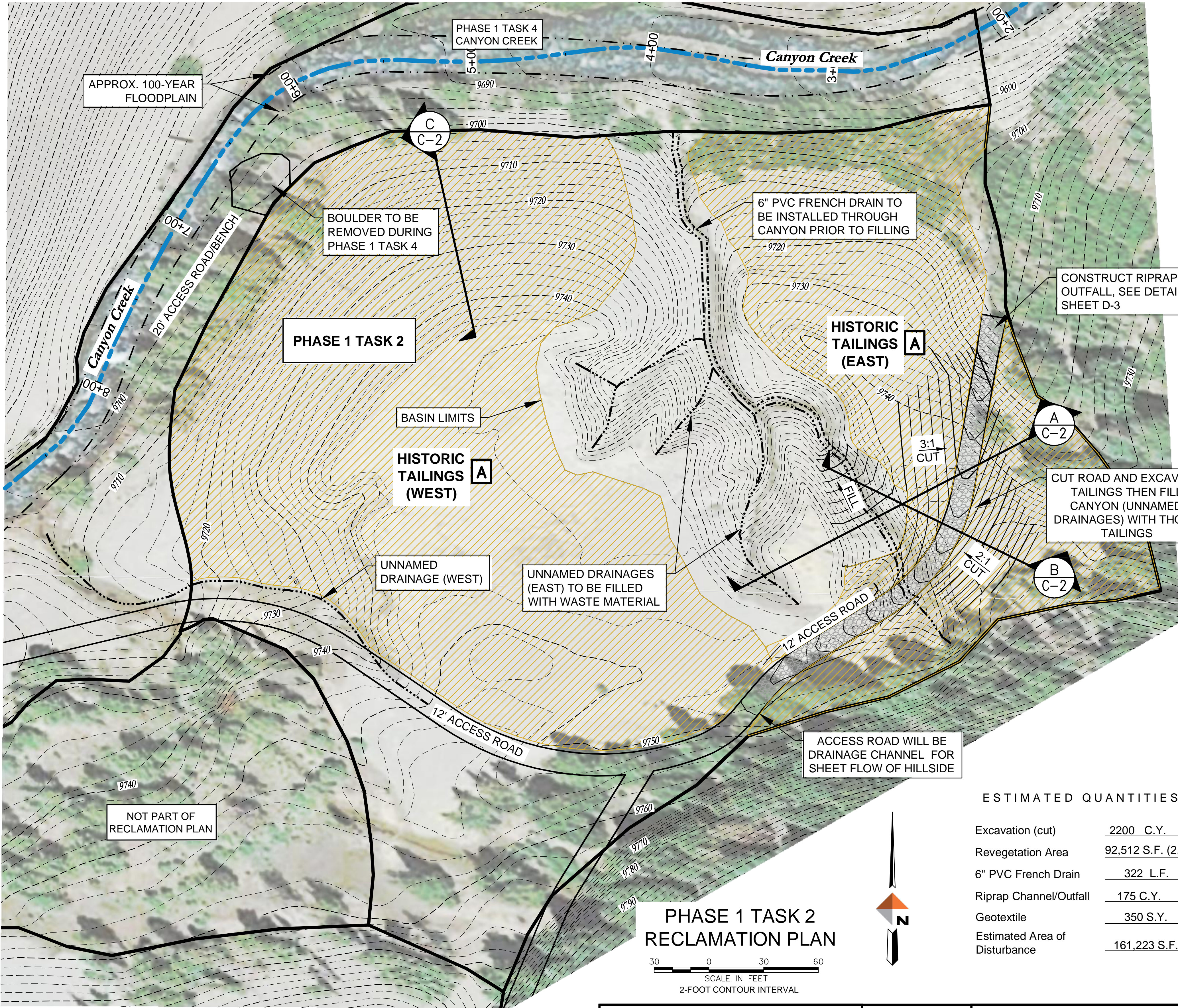
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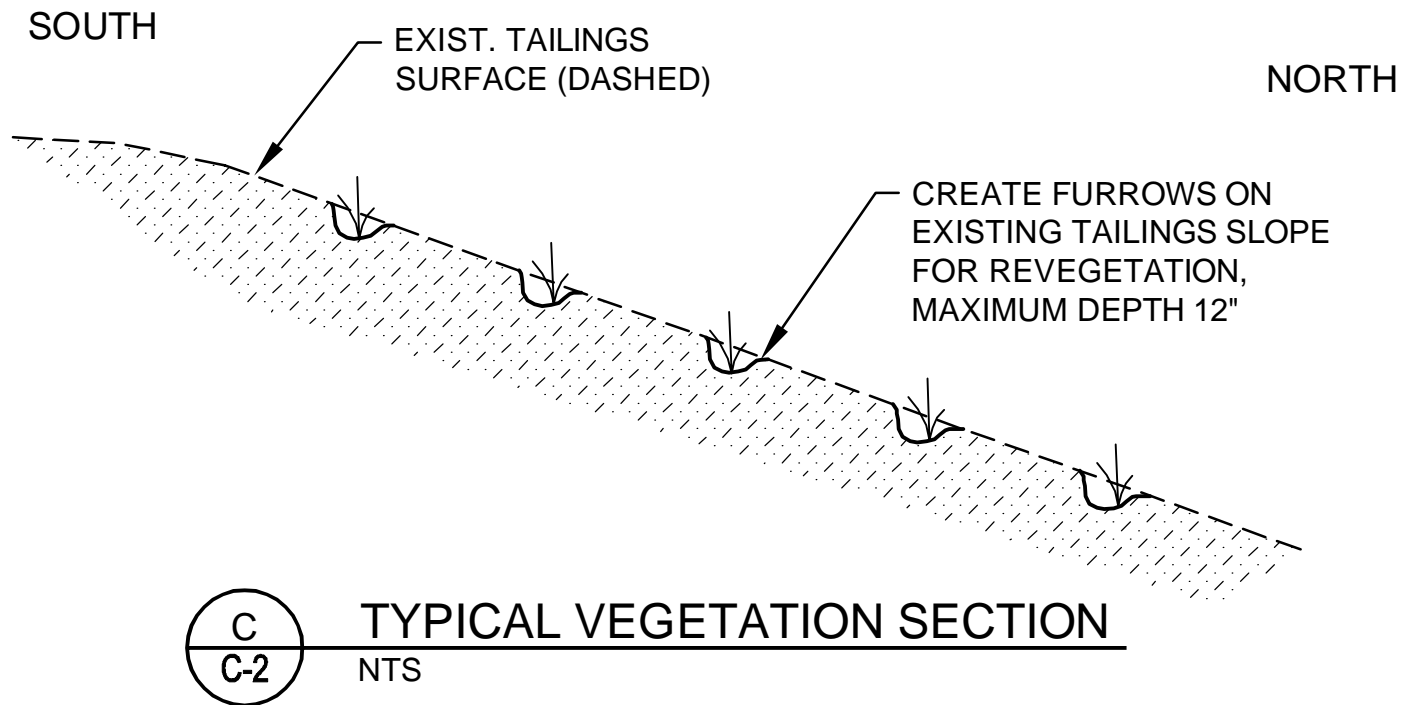
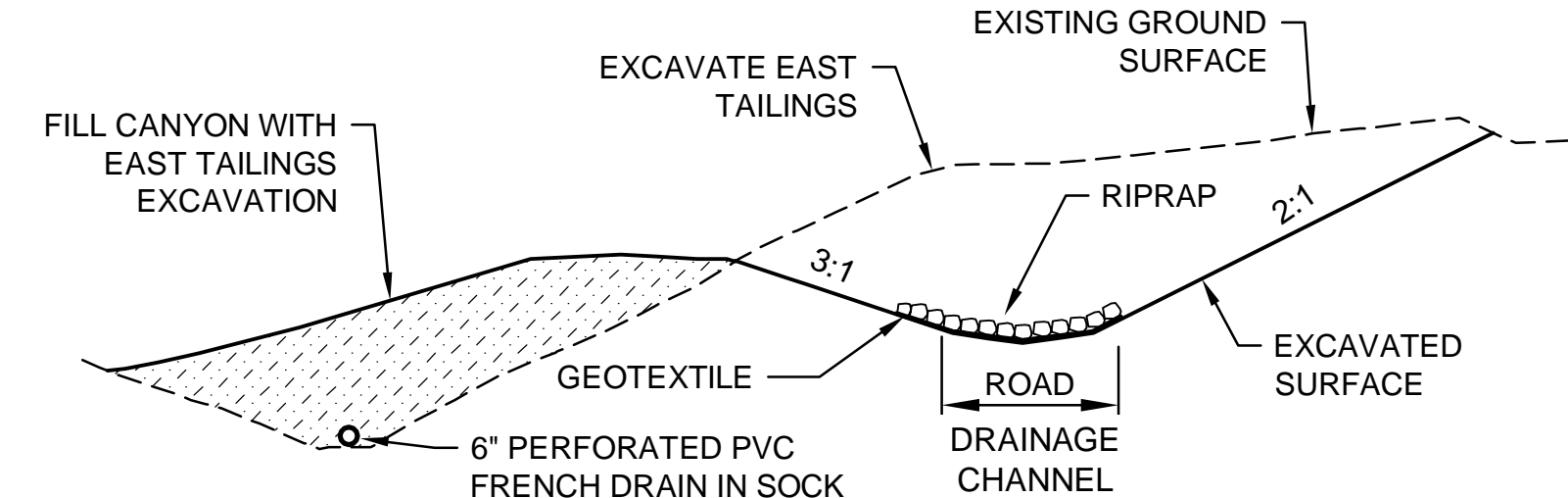
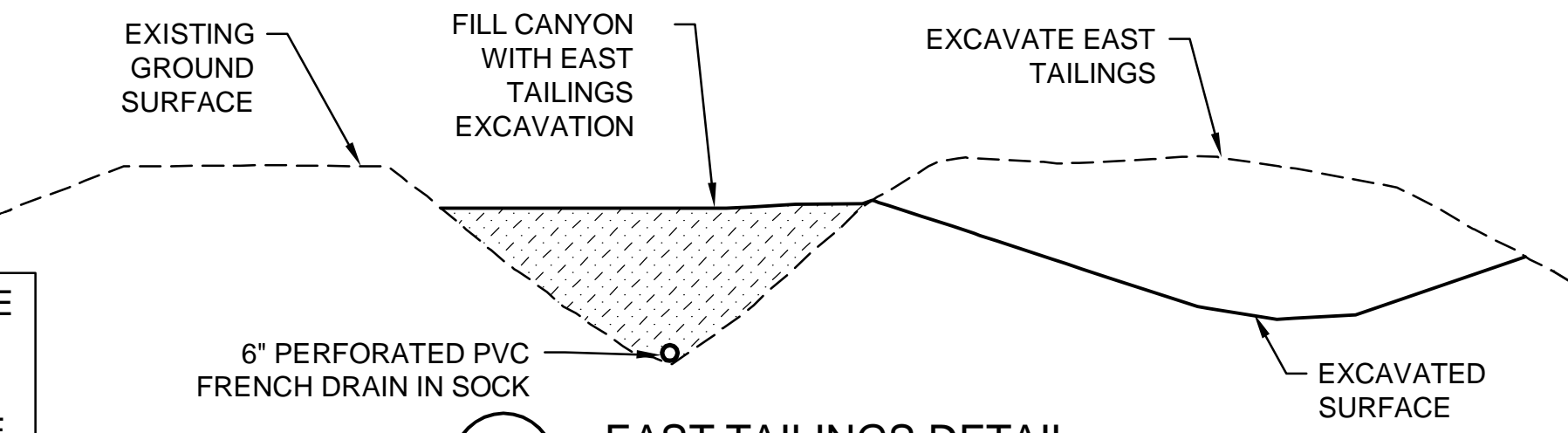


PHASE 1 TASK 2 WORK PLAN (2017)

1. Cut access roads for construction equipment. Road will eventually become the drainage outfall after excavation and revegetation.
2. Excavate tailings material at southeast area and fill Unnamed Drainage (East) with those tailings.
3. Revegetation of slopes by contractor using approved seed mix, and Erosion Control Measures (ECM's) (see Sheet D-3).

LEGEND

- Phase/Task Boundary
- Creek Flowline
- Drainage Flowline
- Approximate 100-Yr. Floodplain
- Approximate Limits of Revegetation
- 6" PVC French Drain
- Drainage Channel Riprap



ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Excavation (cut)	2200 C.Y.
Revegetation Area	92,512 S.F. (2.12 AC.)
6" PVC French Drain	322 L.F.
Riprap Channel/Outfall	175 C.Y.
Geotextile	350 S.Y.
Estimated Area of Disturbance	161,223 S.F.

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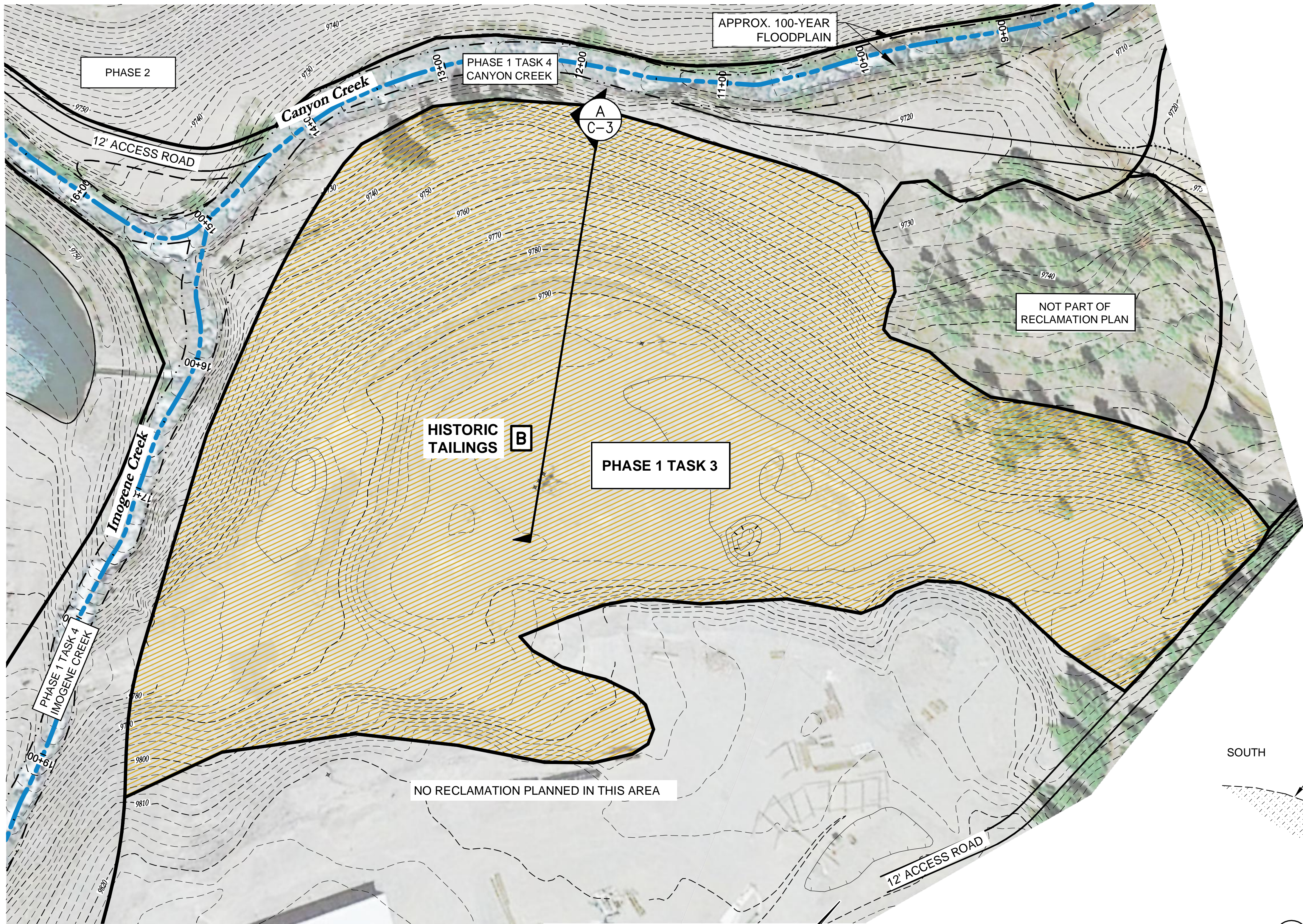
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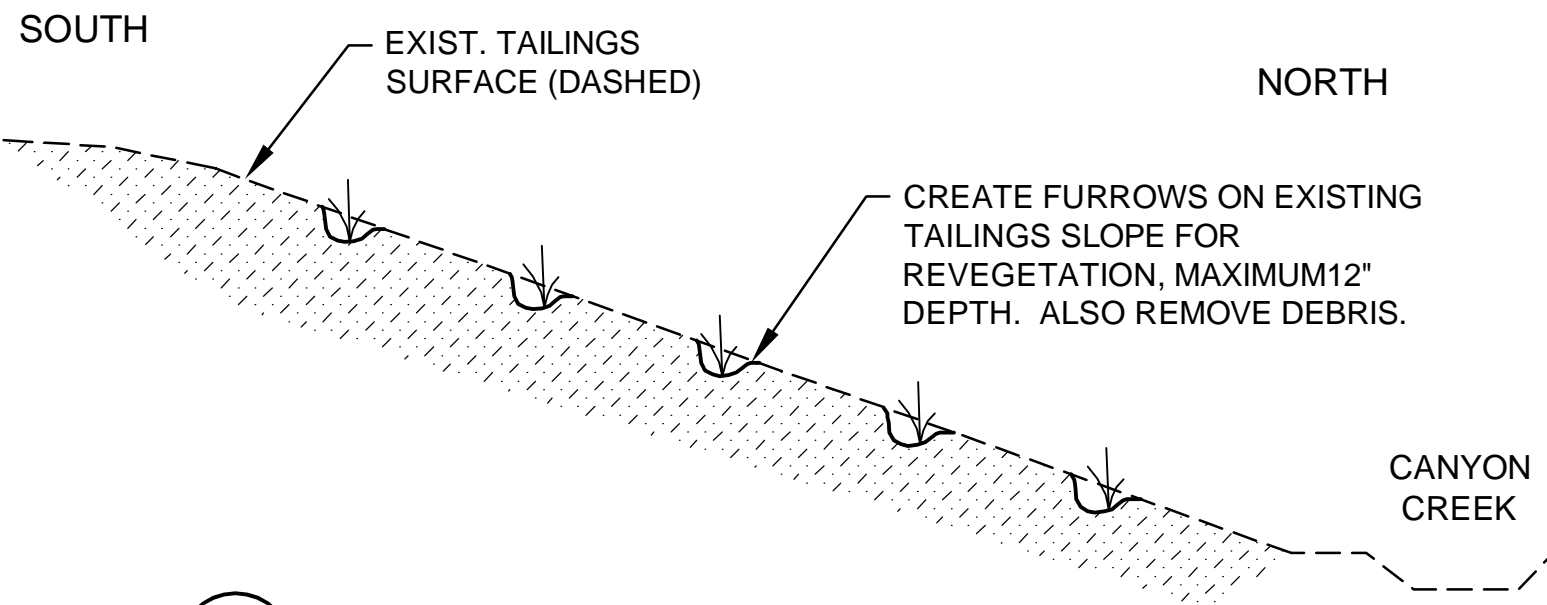
1. Develop access roads as needed for constructing current and future areas.
2. Regrade Historic Tailings **B** for revegetation by contractor. Remove timbers and debris as part of this task.
3. Revegetation by contractor using approved seed mix and Erosion Control Measures (ECM's) (See Sheet D-3).

LEGEND

- Phase/Task Boundary
- Creek Flowline
- Drainage Flowline
- Approximate 100-Yr. Floodplain
- Approximate Limits of Revegetation

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Regrading	500 C.Y.
Revegetation Area	218,903 S.F. (5.03 AC.)
Estimated Area of Disturbance	499,528 S.F.



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TYPICAL VEGETATION SECTION  
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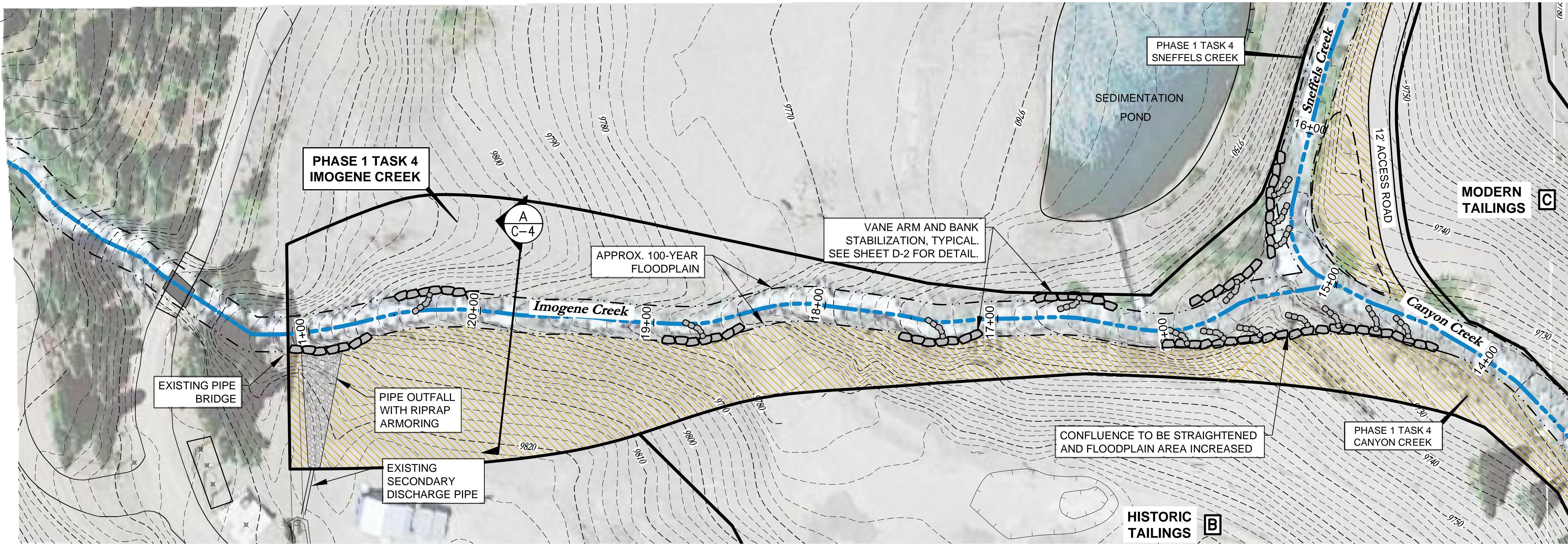
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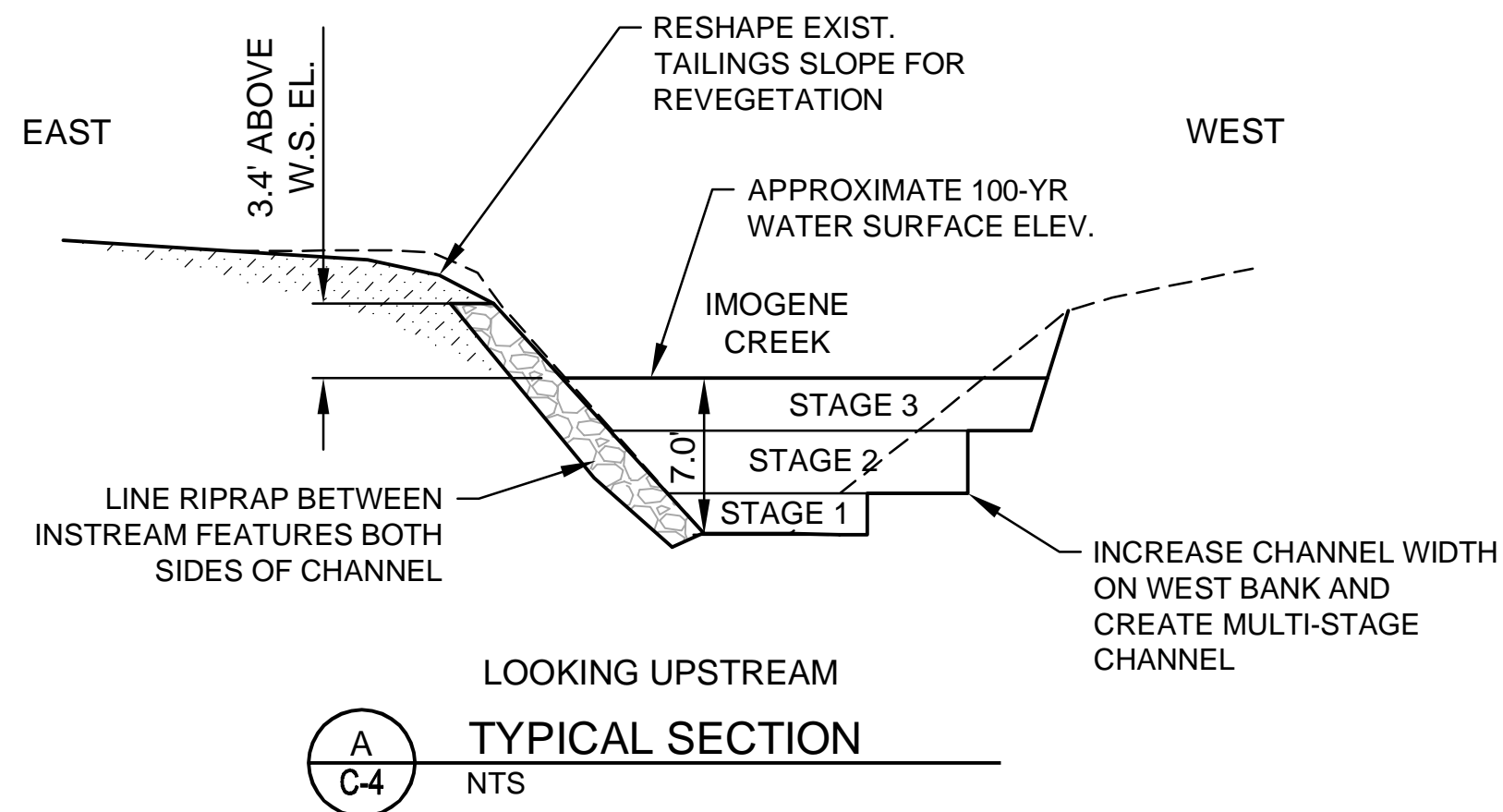
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PHASE 1 TASK 4, IMOGENE CREEK  
RECLAMATION PLAN



ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Excavation (cut)	215 C.Y.
Vane Arms	9
Riprap Armoring	700 L.F.
Bank Stabilization	320 C.Y.
Revegetation Area	23,642 S.F. (0.54 AC.)
Estimated Area of Disturbance	54,200 S.F.

LEGEND

- Phase/Task Boundary
- Creek Flowline
- Drainage Flowline
- Approximate 100-Yr. Floodplain
- Approximate Limits of Revegetation
- Vane Arm and Bank Stabilization (See note 4)

PHASE 1 TASK 4  
IMOGENE CREEK WORK PLAN (2017)

- Contractor to lay back historic tailings on east bank of Imogene Creek to accommodate stream restoration. Should slurry ("slime") be encountered, cease work and contact DOWL for guidance to stabilize slope. Existing mine debris (timbers, metal debris, etc.) shall be removed.
- Contractor to install stream restoration features, which includes reshaping channel and installing boulder vane arms as generally shown herein and armoring both banks. Actual locations and dimensions of will be determined by contractor during construction.
- Revegetation in areas shown using approved seed mix and Erosion Control Measures (ECM's) (See Sheet D-3).
- Vane arm location, extent and quantities are approximate. Location will be determined in the field.

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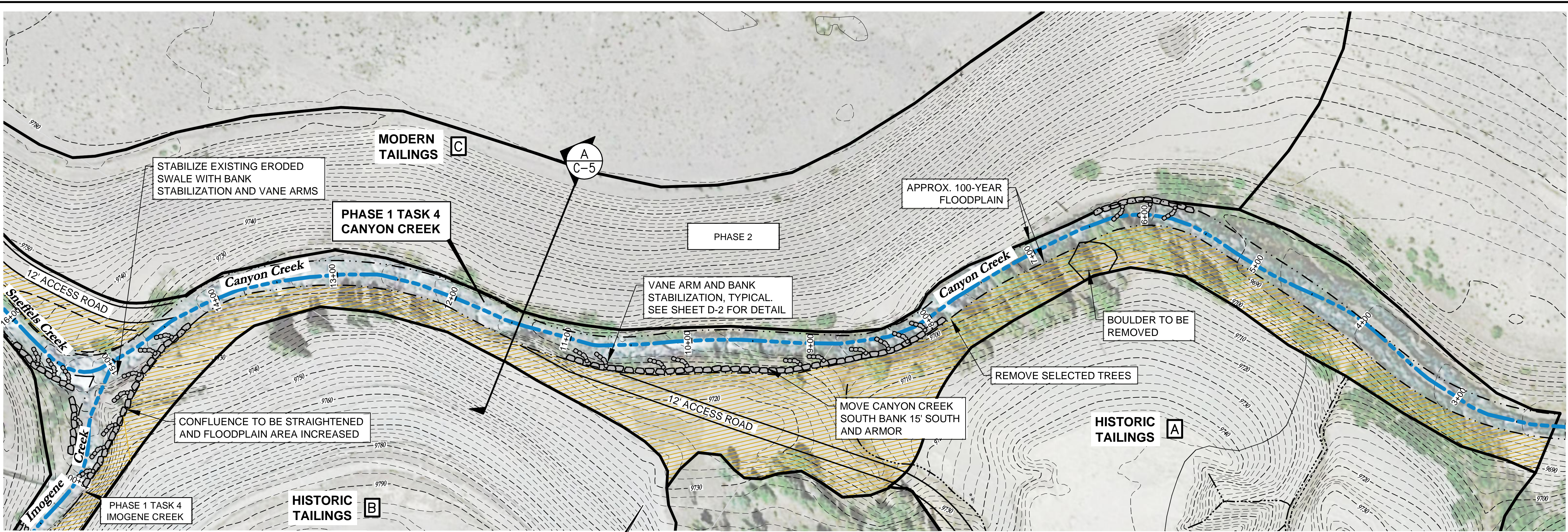


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PHASE 1 TASK 4 - CANYON CREEK RECLAMATION PLAN



ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Boulder Removal	1
Cut	837 C.Y.
Riprap Armoring	500 L.F.
Vane Arms	14
Revegetation Area	50,133 S.F. (1.15 AC.)
Estimated Area of Disturbance	89,935 S.F.

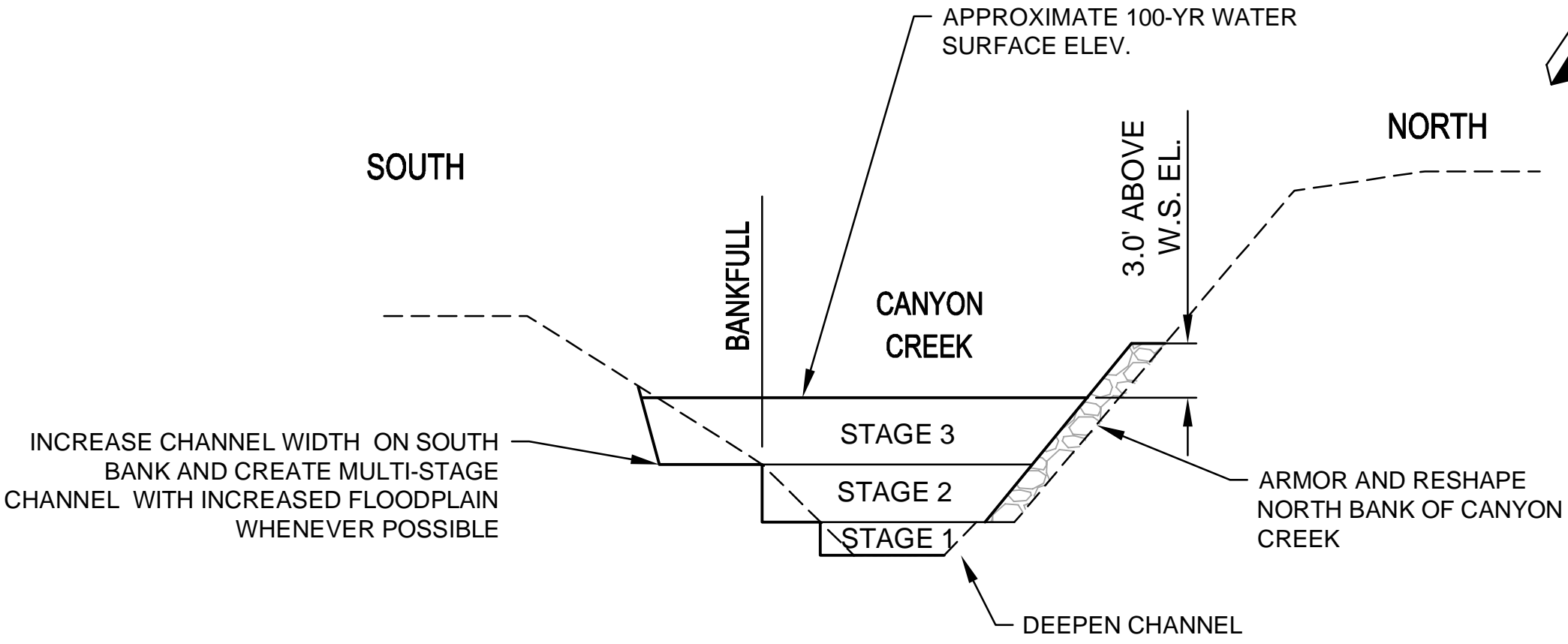
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- Phase/Task Boundary
- Creek Flowline
- Drainage Flowline
- Approximate 100-Yr. Floodplain
- Approximate Limits of Revegetation
- Vane Arm and Bank Stabilization (See note 8)

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PHASE 1 TASK 4  
CANYON CREEK WORK PLAN (2018)

- Develop access road on south bank of Canyon Creek for construction/vegetation access.
- Remove large boulder by approved method to create required stream restoration material.
- Contractor to thin density of trees along south bank to open channel within floodplain.
- Reshape Canyon Creek north and south banks.
- Install stream restoration features including multi-stage channel, vane arms, scour pools and riprap armoring of banks in the general locations shown herein. Actual locations and dimensions will be determined in the field.
- No excavation of the north bank will be permitted.
- Revegetate a strip above the instream work using approved seed mix and Erosion Control Measures (ECM's).
- Vane arm location, extent and quantities are approximate. Location will be determined in the field.



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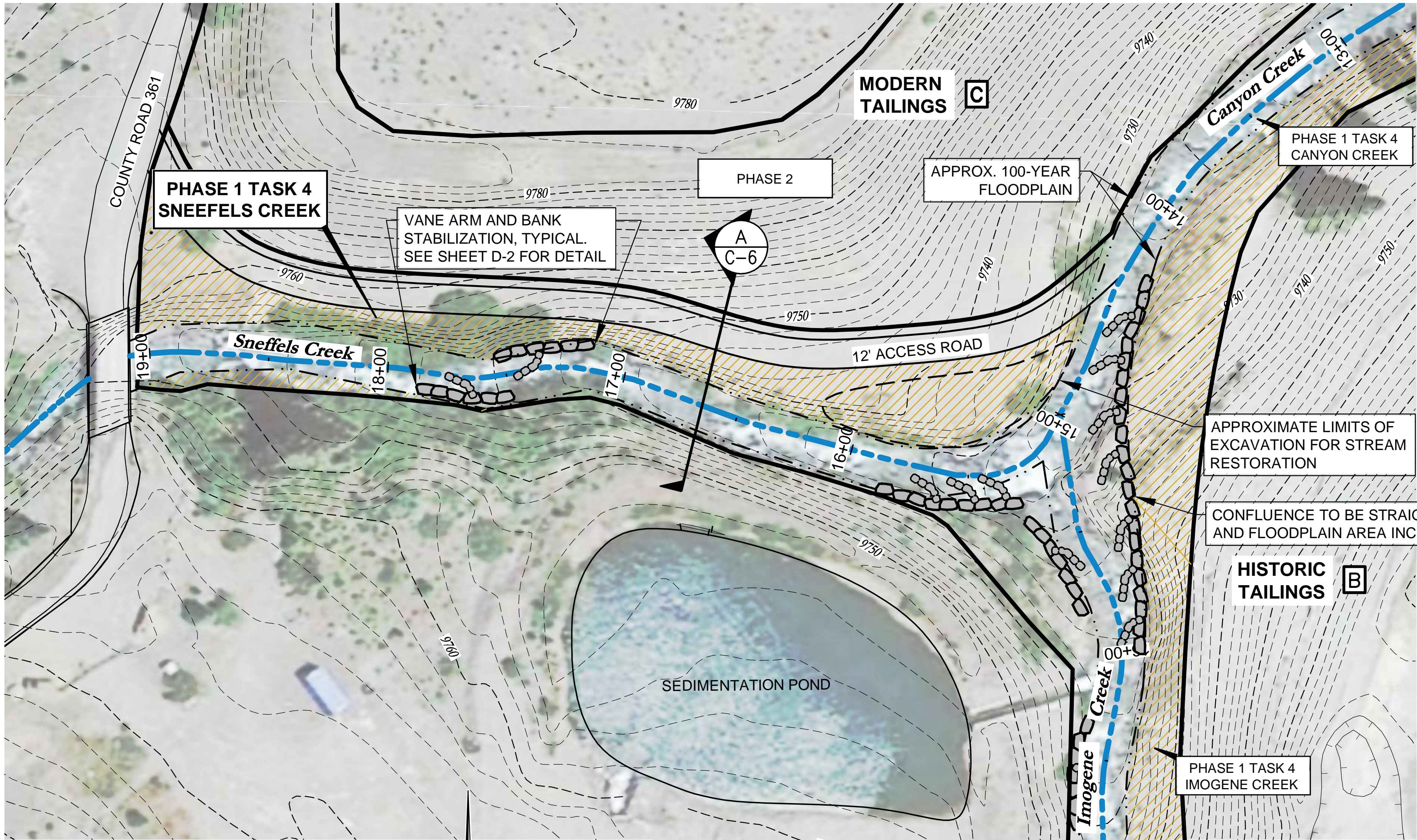
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PHASE 1 TASK 4, SNEFFELS CREEK  
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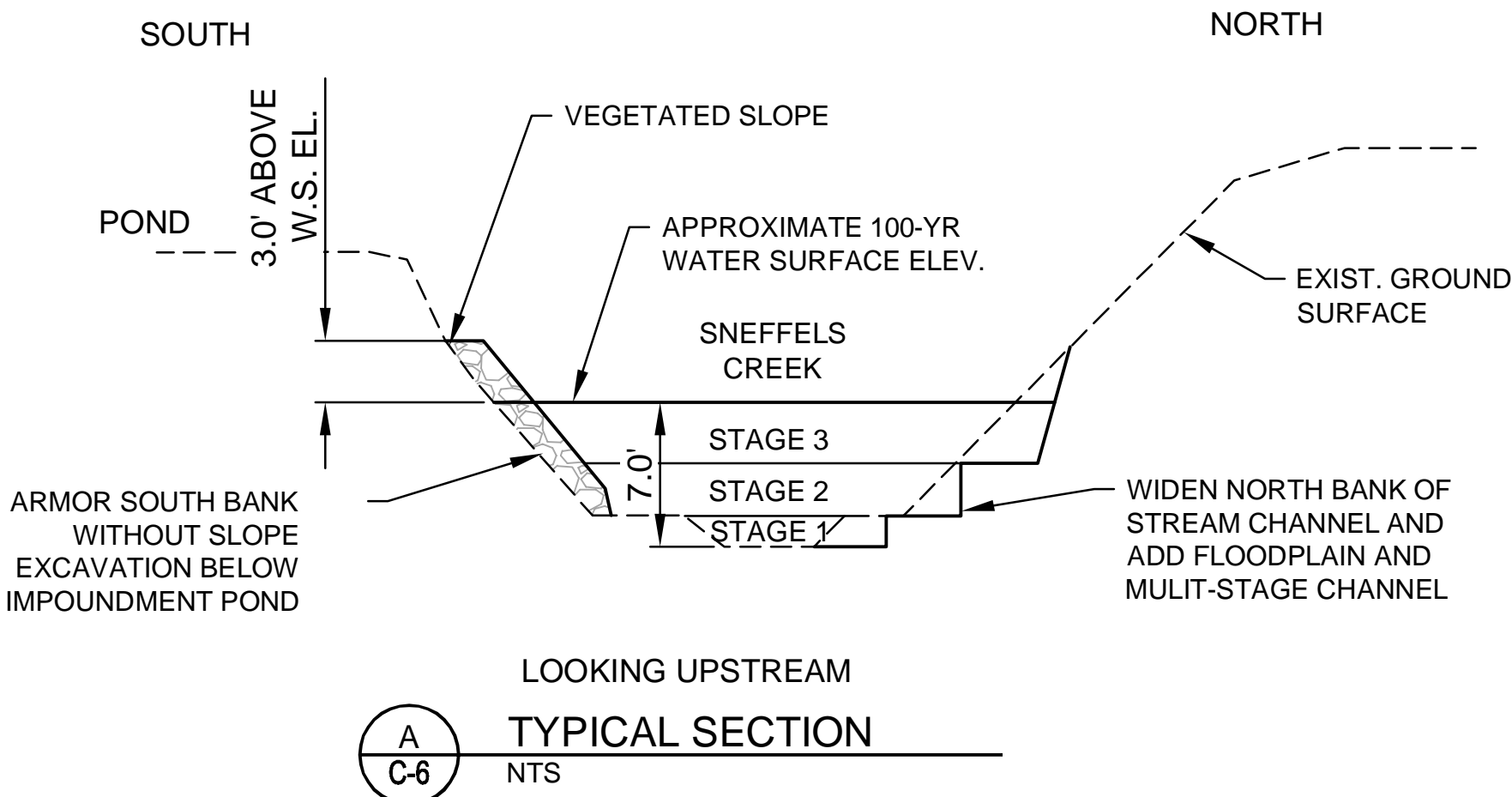
Cut	720 C.Y.
Vane Arms	5
Armoring	200 L.F.
Revegetation Area	9,077 S.F. (0.21 AC.)
Estimated Area of Disturbance	24,913 S.F.

PHASE 1 TASK 4  
SNEFFELS CREEK WORK PLAN (2018)

1. Develop access road for construction/vegetation equipment access to Phase 1 Task 4 Area.
2. Excavate north bank of Sneffels Creek and Imogene Creek confluence as shown. Should slurry ("slime") be encountered, cease work and contact DOWL for guidance to stabilize slope per accepted site methods (see Sheet D-1).
3. Install stream restoration features, which includes reshaping Sneffels Creek, installing boulder vane arms and scour pools and adding multi-stage floodplain. Actual locations and dimensions will be decided in the field.
4. Revegetate using approved seed mix and Erosion Control Measures (ECM's) (See Sheet D-3).
5. Vane arm location, extent and quantities are approximate. Location will be determined in the field.

LEGEND

- Phase/Task Boundary
- Creek Flowline
- Drainage Flowline
- Approximate 100-Yr. Floodplain
- Approximate Limits of Revegetation
- Vane Arm and Bank Stabilization (See note 5)



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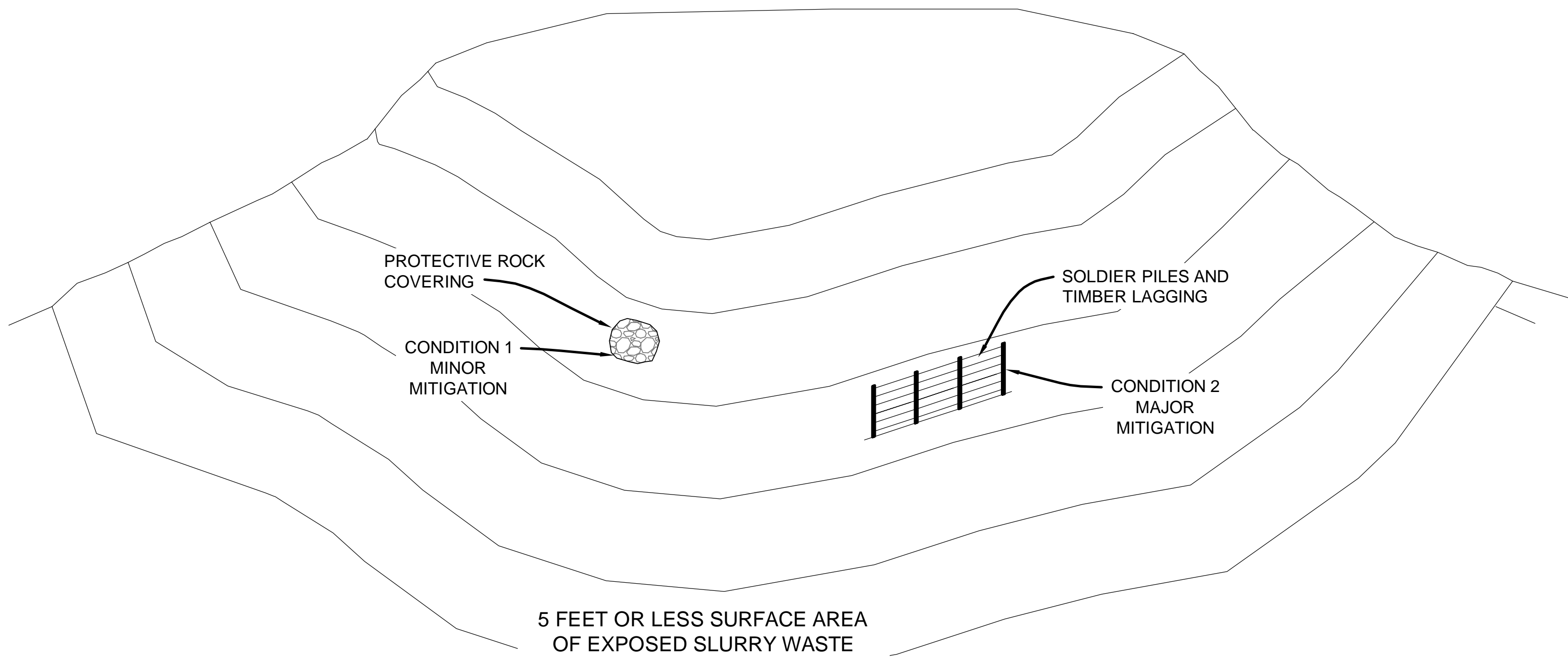


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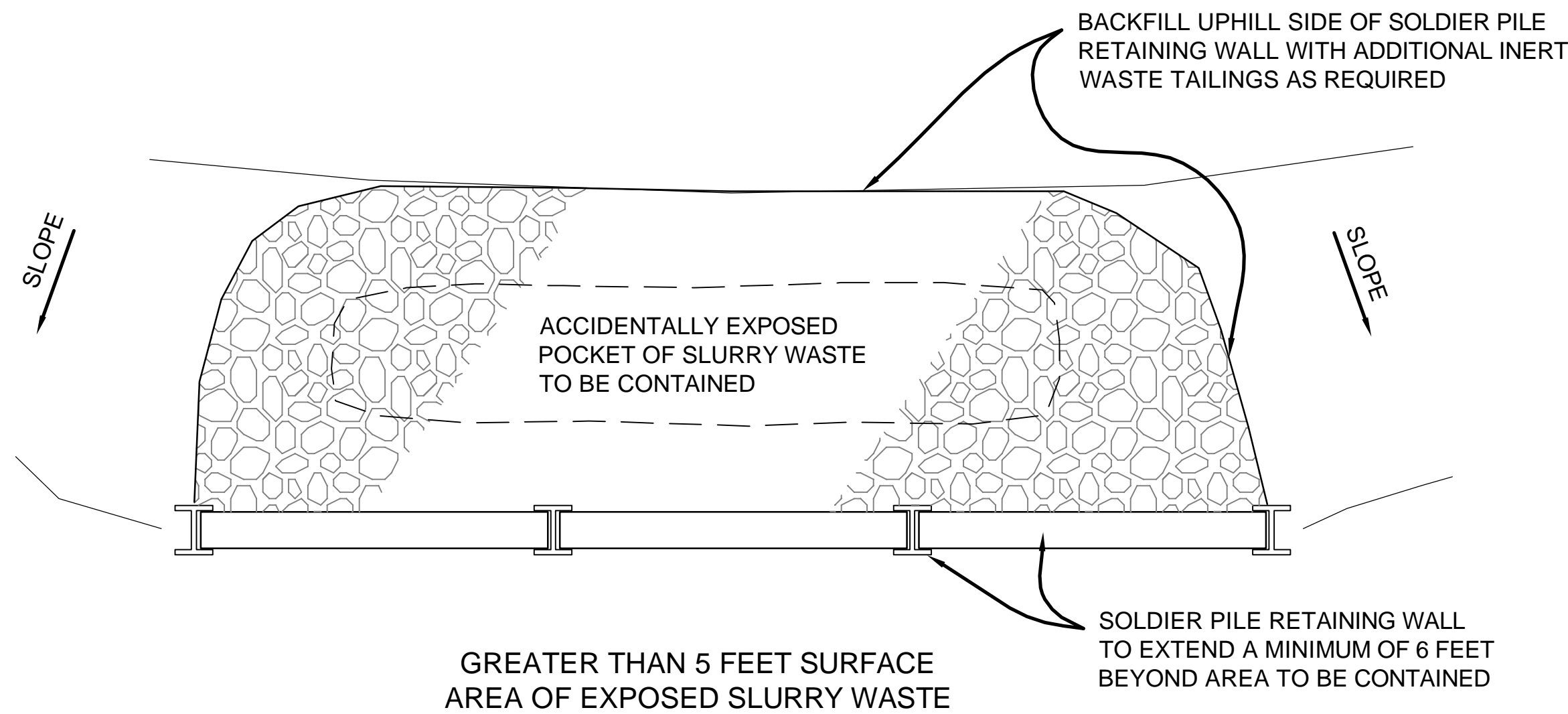
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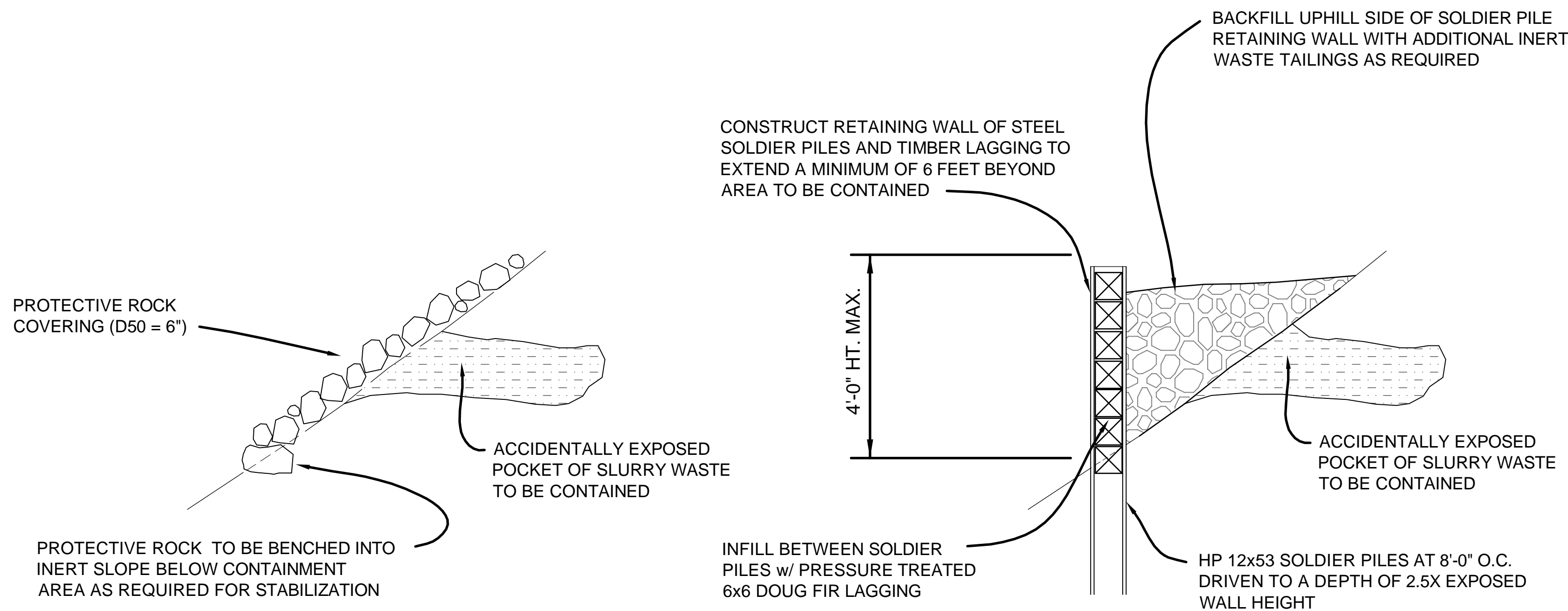
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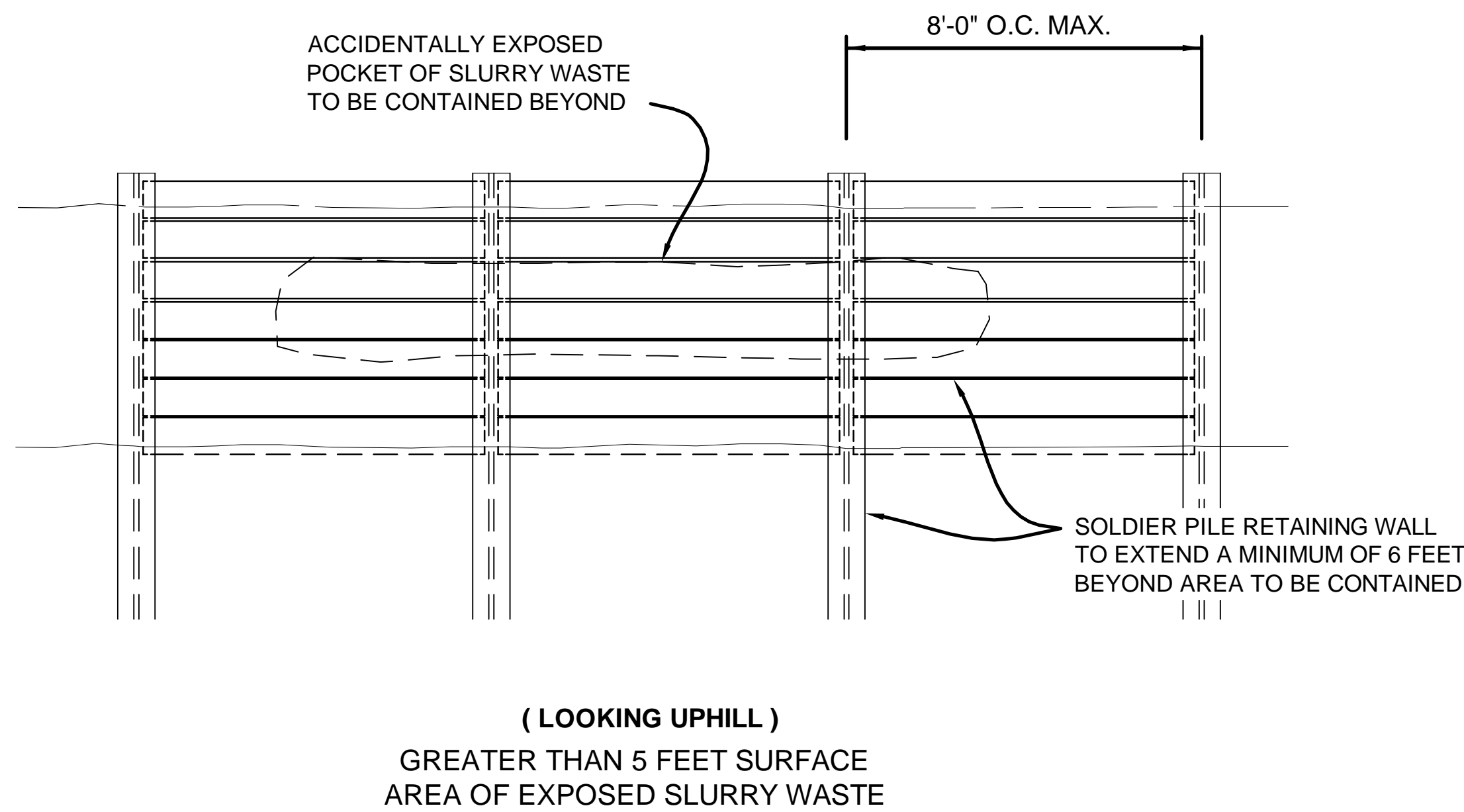
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5 FEET OR LESS SURFACE AREA OF EXPOSED SLURRY WASTE

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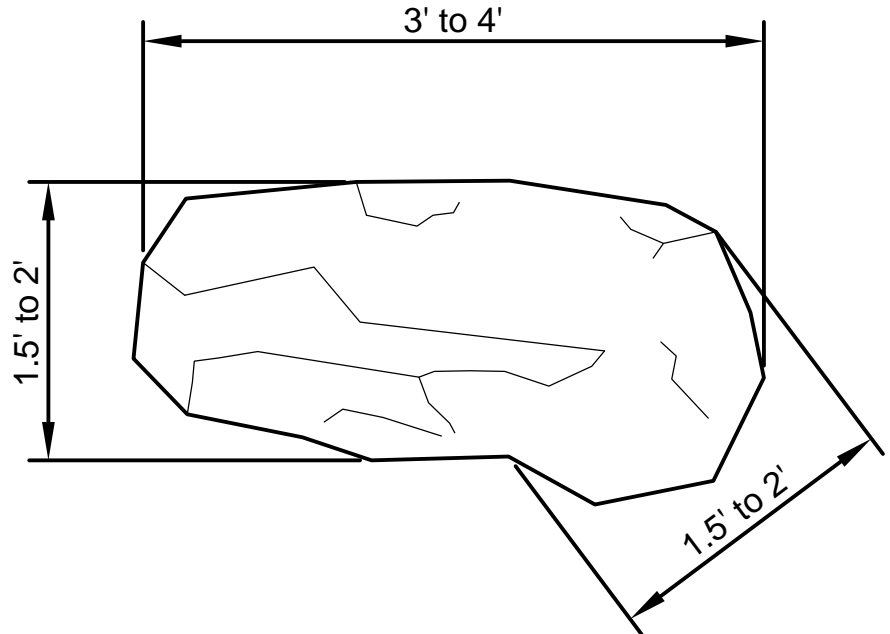
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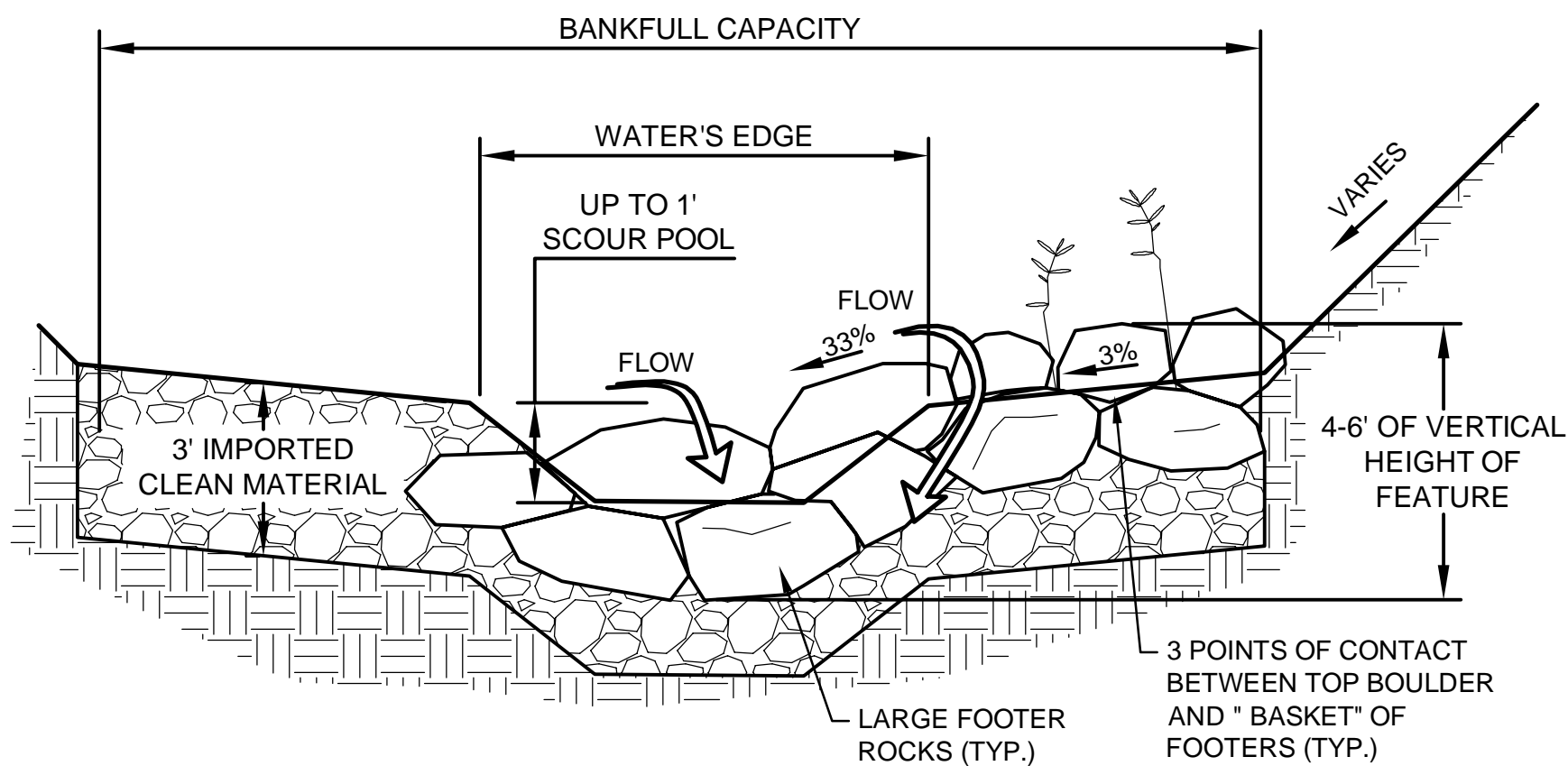
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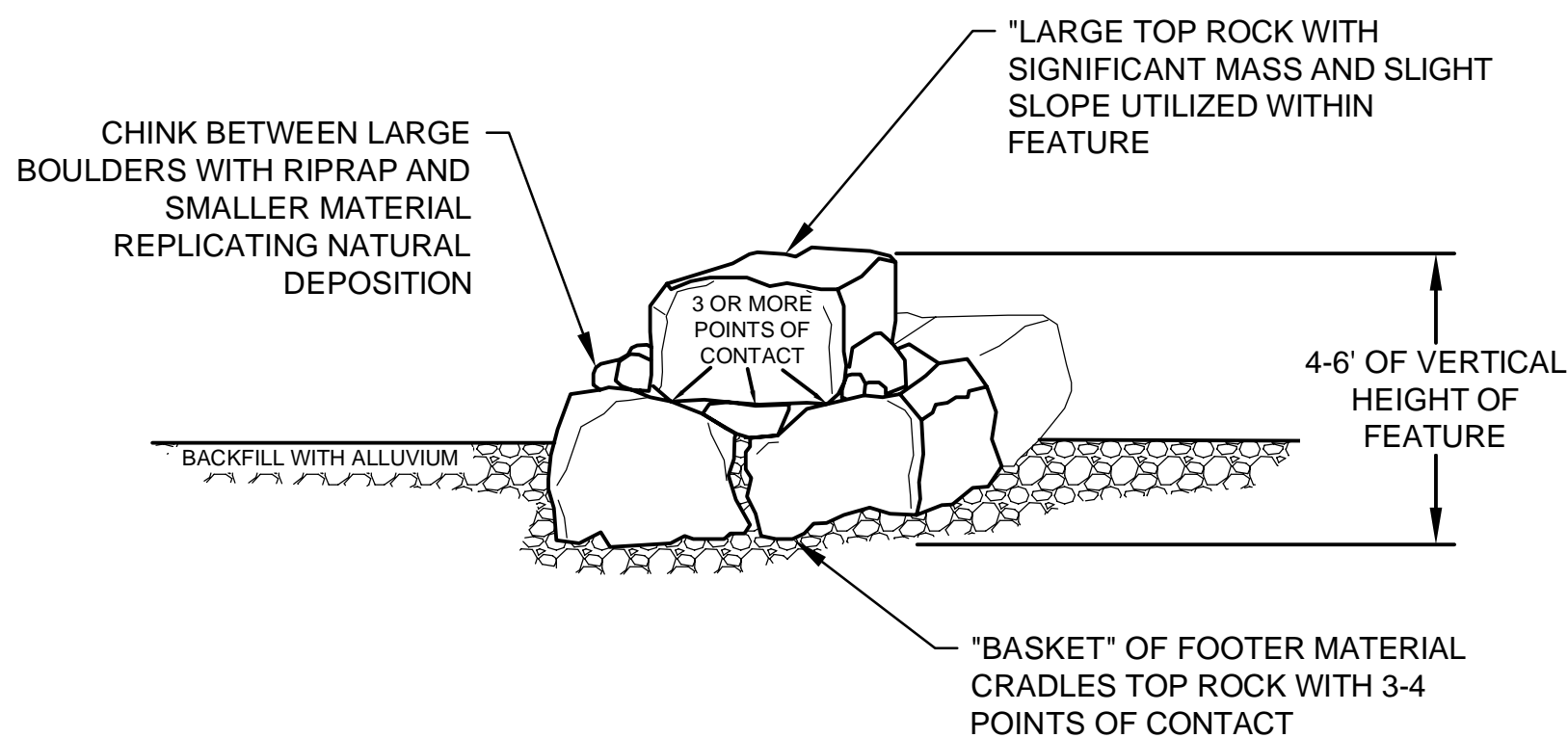




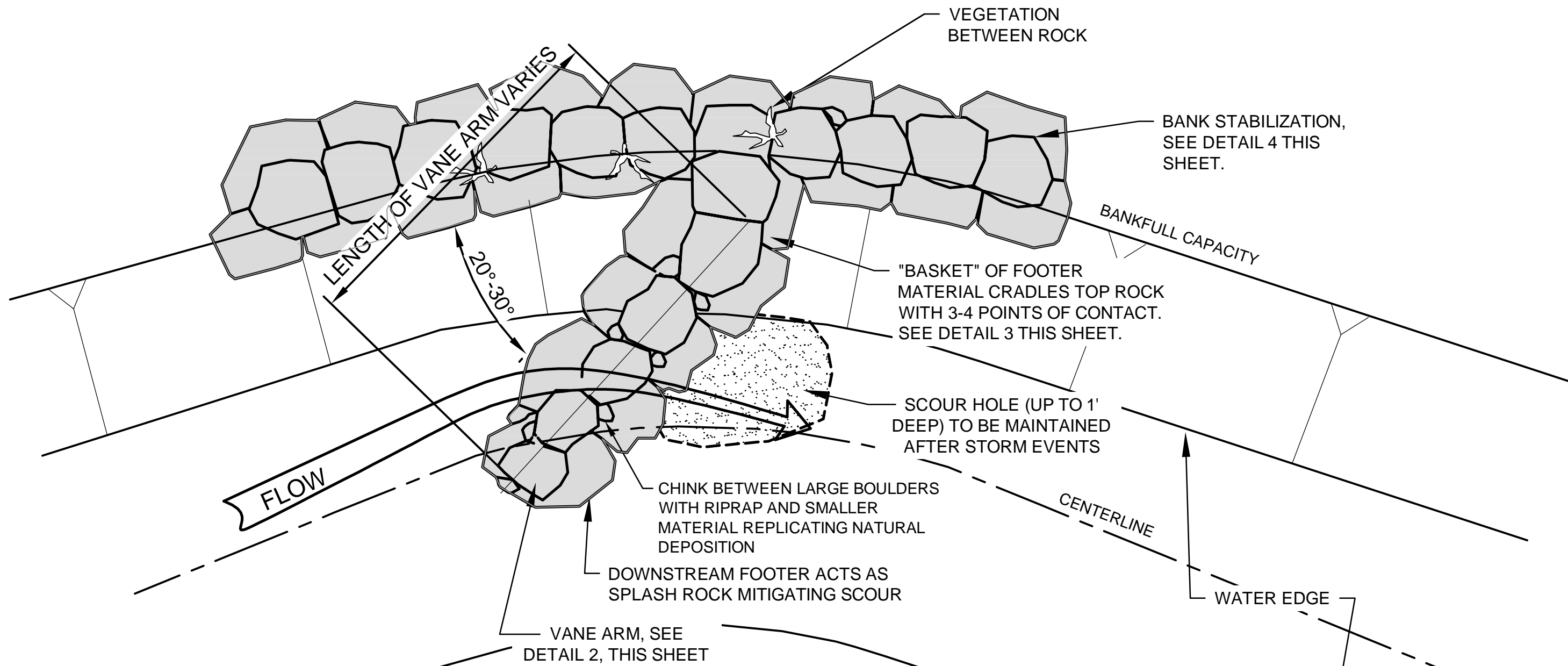
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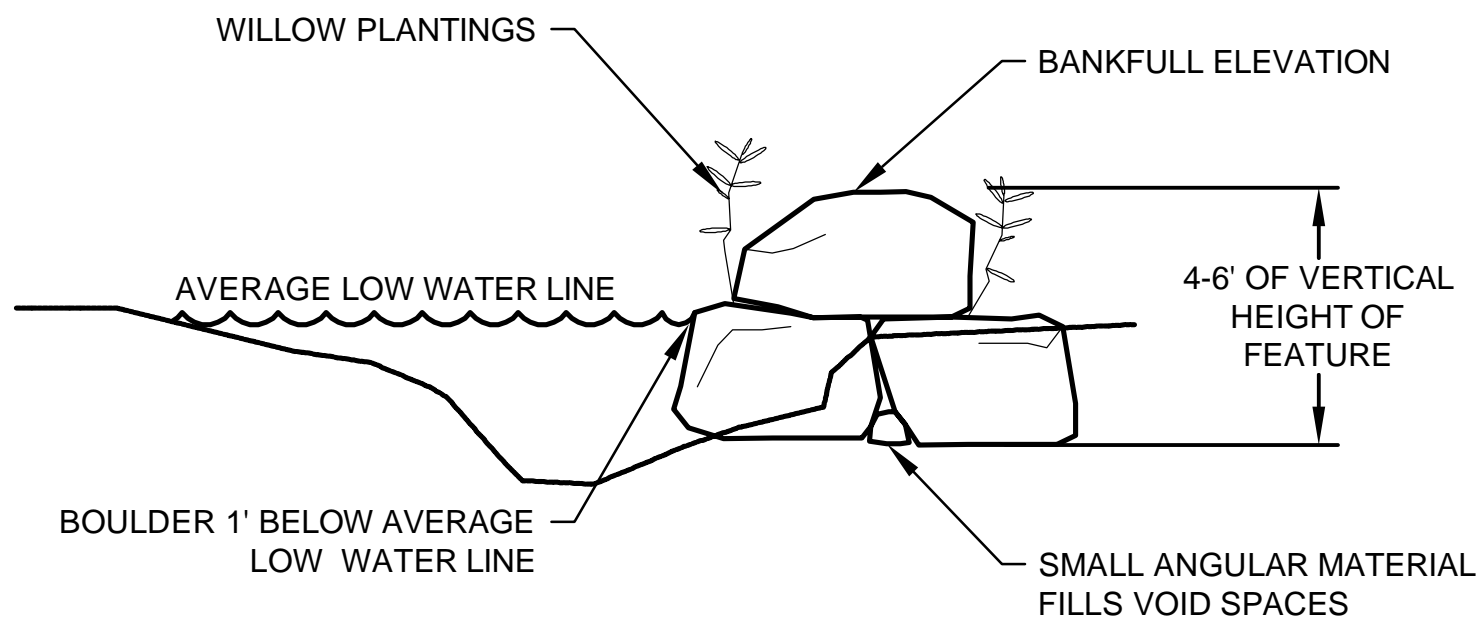
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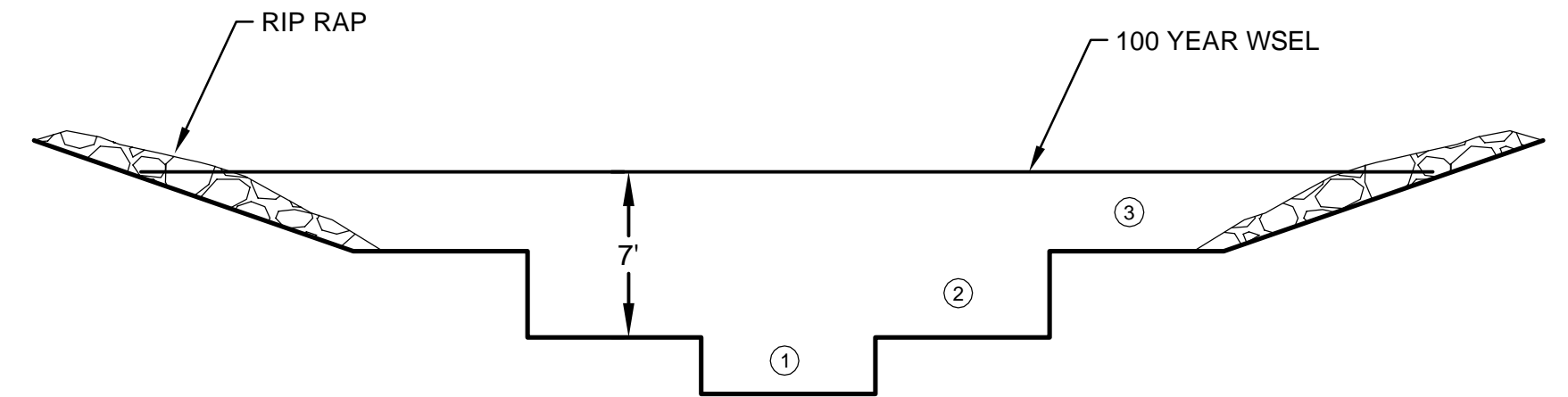
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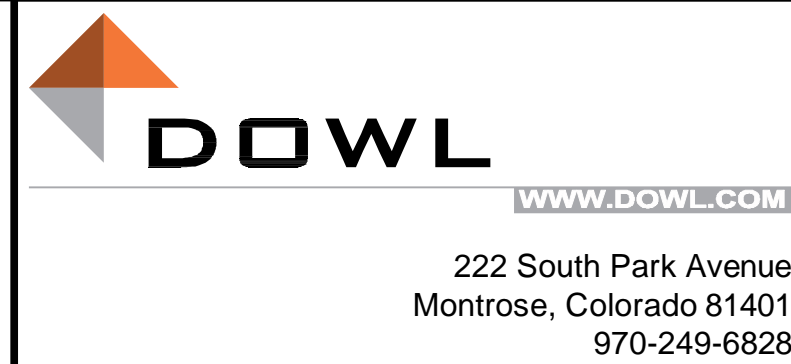
ACTUAL CHANNEL SECTIONS FOR EACH STREAM  
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CAMP BIRD MINE RECLAMATION  
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REVEGETATION PROCESS

- STEP 1. Soil Preparation - Includes shaping, contouring, and furrowing
- STEP 2. Soil Conditioning - Hydraulic application of soil conditioners to neutralize pH. Sulfur for pH > 8.0, Agricultural lime for pH < 6.0
- STEP 3. Soil Amendment - Hydro-mulching of prepared/conditioned slopes with Proganics, Richlawn, QuantumGrow Lite and QuantumGrow VCS, seed mix ( see below )and tackifier as directed by Triton
- STEP 4. Erosion Control Measure ( ECM ) - Hydraulic application of ECOFlex HP ECM at rate prescribed by Triton

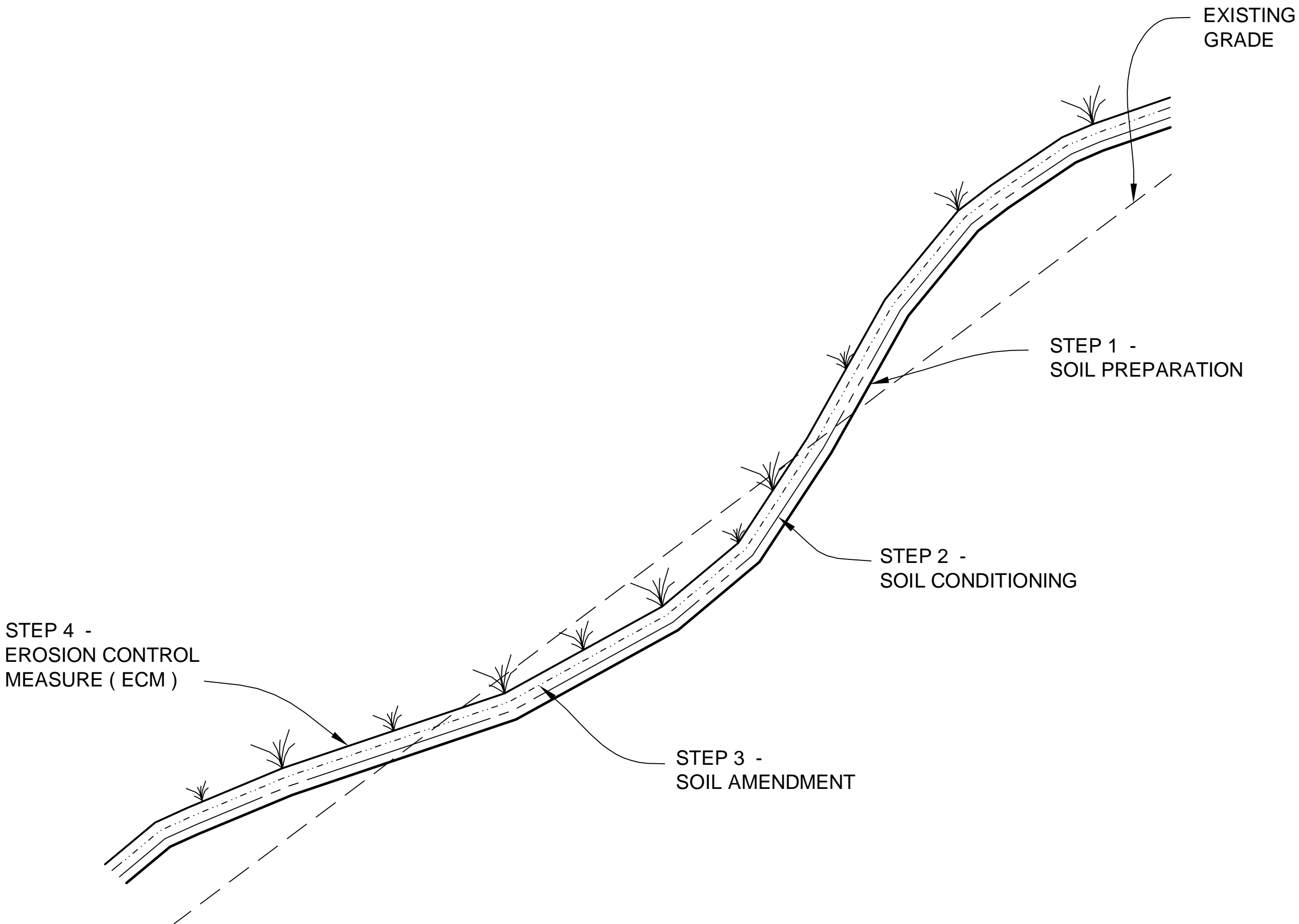
Estimated Application Rates :

- Sulfur ( pH > 8.0 ) - 1500 to 2000 lbs./acre
- Agricultural lime ( pH < 6.0 ) - 2000 to 3000 lbs./acre
- Proganics - 5000 lbs./acre
- Richlawn - 2000 lbs./acre
- QuantumGrow Lite - 1 gal./acre
- QuantumGrow VCS - 1 gal./acre

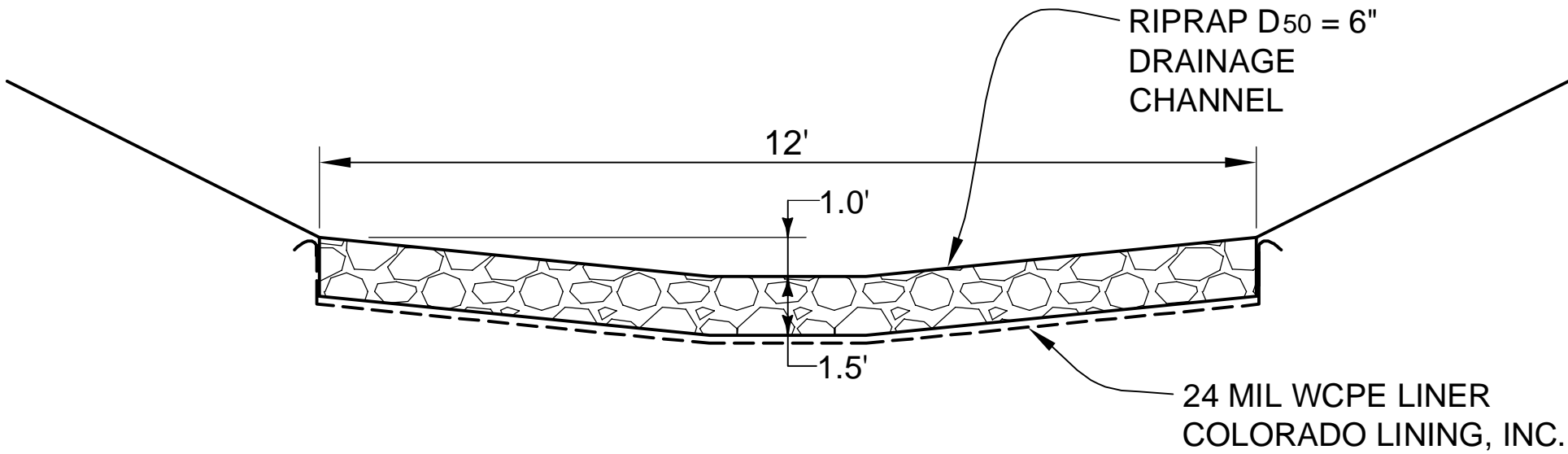
Seed Mix - "Native Ecomix" designed for a high altitude setting in the San Juan Mountains from Southwest Seed Company :

- 35% Slender Wheatgrass ( 7 lbs./acre )
- 35% Mountain Brome ( 7 lbs./acre )
- 10% Blue Bunch Wheat Grass ( 2 lbs./acre )
- 10% Canadian Wild Rye ( 2 lbs./acre )
- 10% Lewis Flax ( 2 lbs/acre )

ECOFlex HP - 3000 to 3500 lbs./acre



1 D-3 SCHEMATIC REVEGETATION DIAGRAM NTS



2 D-3 RIPRAP CHANNEL & OUTFALL DETAIL NTS

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