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Stream: Wheeler Creek

LLID: 1211925457947

Basin: Klickitat River

HUC Number: 17070106

Ecoregion: Columbia River Gorge

Watershed Area: 25.2 km²

Survey Dates: Reach 1 – April 26-28, 2011

Reach 2 – April 29, 2011

Survey Crew: Reach 1 – Nicolas Romero and David Lindley

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Introduction:

The Rapid Aquatic Habitat Assessment Protocol (RAHAP) is designed to provide quantitative information on stream habitat and fish distribution at the watershed scale. Data collected from the stream inventory surveys are used to provide baseline information for fisheries biologists, hydrologists, and foresters to guide natural resources management and land use practices on Yakama Nation Southern Ceded lands. This protocol establishes hierarchical spatial context and fish habitat relationships at habitat unit, reach, and basin scales. The spatially continuous method is useful when the scale(s) necessary to detect pattern are unknown. This level of pattern detection is useful to managers for refining study designs; locating, identifying, and prioritizing projects; and establishing reference or control sites for project design. Existing stream inventory protocols were reviewed during the development of the RAHAP methodology. Upon review, two widely used Pacific Northwest stream classification systems, Washington Timber, Fish, and Wildlife (TFW) Monitoring Program and the Aquatic Inventory Project (AIP), were incorporated into the RAHAP methodology (Moore et al. 2010, Pleus et al. 1999, and Schuett-Hames et al. 1999).

RAHAP quantifies both the abiotic and biotic state of aquatic habitat. The abiotic components are: geomorphic reach segments, habitat units, bedrock features, wood pieces, wood jams, and streamflow. These physical parameters are coupled with a separate one-pass fish survey that ties fish abundance to habitat. The geomorphic reach and habitat unit level delineation methodology was derived primarily from AIP (Moore et al. 2010). The wood piece and wood jam inventories follow protocols established by Schuett-Hames et al. 1999. Yakama Nation Fisheries personnel identified bedrock features as habitat of interest and subsequently developed survey methodologies. Refer to Romero and Lindley 2012 for the complete RAHAP protocol.

Survey Level Descriptions:

The Wheeler Creek habitat survey began at the confluence with the Klickitat River (rkm 17.7) and extended upstream approximately 1.8 kilometers. The habitat survey ended at a waterfall that delineated the upstream extent to salmonid anadromy. Two reaches were delineated over the length of the habitat survey. A tributary junction delineated Reach 1 from Reach 2. A narrow v-shaped valley was the dominant valley form encountered. The stream channel was generally constrained by alternating terrace and hillslope.

Two side channels were encountered on the survey. The stream gradient was 4.8%. The total wetted area quantified was 7,989.9 m². The average wetted and bankfull widths were 3.9 and 8.2 meters, respectively. Cobble and boulder were the dominant substrate accounting for approximately 73% of the primary channel substrate area. Gravel comprised an additional 19% of the quantified primary channel substrate. Riffle was the most common geomorphic unit delineated comprising 50% of the primary channel wetted area and 46% of the length. A total of 33 pools were quantified, with only one of the pools located in a secondary channel. The average residual pool depth was 0.58 meters. Approximately one-third of the pools had a maximum depth ≥1 meter. The number of pools/kilometer and pools ≥1 meter /kilometer was estimated at 17.3 and 5.2, respectively. Pool frequency was measured at 7 (bankfull widths/pool).

Ponderosa Pines and Oregon White Oaks were the most common upslope trees. Willow was the dominant riparian vegetation. The canopy covered approximately 63% of the wetted area. A total of 50 pieces of large wood were counted resulting in a frequency of 2.75 pieces/100 meters and a volume of 0.8m³/100 meters. Deciduous tree species accounted for 37 of the 50 pieces and 77% of the wood volume. Logs accounted for 47 of the 50 pieces and 77% of the wood volume. None of the large wood pieces qualified as key pieces. Of the 50 large wood pieces, 21, 44, 13, and 6 were located completely or partially in the wetted channel, within bankfull but outside of the wetted channel, above the bankfull channel, and flood plain/terrace, respectively. Of the pieces exhibiting a level of stability, unstable, pinned and buried stability forms were observed in 54%, 48% and 4% of the pieces, respectively. Four pieces functioned as a pool forming agent. Large wood pieces were most commonly oriented upstream (28%) followed by perpendicular (26%), parallel (24%), and downstream (22%). There was one large wood jam observed over the course of the survey.

A total of 31 distinct bedrock features were quantified. The cumulative measured length was 473.3 meters. The dominant cross-sectional shape was sloped bedrock, which accounted for 25 of 31 identified bedrock rock features. Bedrock cliff and ledge accounted for the remaining 11 and 8 bedrock features, respectively. Thirteen bedrock features projected into the wetted channel.

Reach Level Descriptions:

Reach 1 began at the confluence with the Klickitat River (rkm 17.7) and extended upstream approximately 1.6 kilometers. A tributary junction delineated the end of Reach 1. The reach was characterized by a broad valley. The stream channel was constrained by a hillslope on the northeast

bank and road on the southeast bank. The reach gradient was 4.6%. Two side channels were encountered on the survey.

The total wetted area for the primary and secondary channels was 6,930 m² and 306.4 m², respectively. The average wetted and bankfull widths for the primary channel were 4.1 and 8.5 meters, respectively. Cobble and Boulder were the dominant substrate accounting for approximately 38% and 35% of the reach wetted area, respectively. Gravel comprised an additional 19% of the quantified substrate. Riffles were the most common geomorphic unit delineated comprising 51% of the wetted area and 47% of the survey length. A total of 26 pools were quantified for the primary channel. The primary channel average residual pool depth was 0.58 meters. Nine of the pools had a maximum depth ≥1 meter. The number of primary channel pools/kilometer and pools ≥1 meter/kilometer was estimated at 16.2 and 5.6, respectively. Pool frequency was measured at 7.3 (bankfull widths/pool).

Ponderosa Pines and Oregon White Oaks were the most common upslope trees. Willow was the dominant riparian vegetation. The canopy covered approximately 59% and 90% of the primary and secondary channel wetted area, respectively. A total of 43 primary channel wood pieces were counted resulting in a frequency of 2.7 pieces/100 meters and a volume of 0.5 m³/100 meters. Of the 43 large wood pieces, 16, 37, 9, and 4 were located completely or partially in the wetted channel, within but outside of the bankfull channel, above the bankfull channel, and flood plain/terrace, respectively. All 43 pieces were logs. Deciduous tree species accounted for 30 pieces and 60% of the wood volume. The remaining 13 logs were classified as unknown. The majority of large wood pieces were pinned (56%) followed by pieces that were unstable (47%) and buried (5%). There were 3 pieces that functioned as a pool forming agent. Large wood pieces were most commonly oriented parallel (28%) to the stream channel, followed by perpendicular (28%), upstream (23%) and downstream (21%). One large wood jam was counted consisting of 14 total pieces and 1.68 meters³ of wood.

A total of 28 distinct primary channel bedrock features were quantified. The cumulative measured length was 452.3 meters. The identified bedrock features were comprised of 24 slopes, 10 cliffs, and 8 ledges. Twelve of the features projected into the wetted channel and 4 features functioned as hydraulic surface controls.

In addition to the primary channel, two side channels were encountered on the survey. The total wetted area quantified for the secondary channels was 306.4 m². The two side channels consisted of 8 habitat units and a combined length of 87 meters. There was one pool quantified for the secondary channel and had an average residual pool depth of 0.36 meters.

Reach 2 began 1.6 kilometers upstream from the confluence with the Klickitat River (rkm 17.7) and extended upstream 211.8 meters. The habitat survey ended at a waterfall barrier that delineated the upstream extent to salmonid anadromy. A tributary junction delineated Reach 1 from Reach 2. The reach was characterized by a narrow v-shaped valley. The stream channel was generally constrained by alternating terrace and hillslope.

A primary channel was the only channel type encountered. The reach gradient was 6.6%. The total wetted area quantified was 753.1 m². The average wetted and bankfull widths were 3.5 and 5.1 meters,

respectively. Boulders and cobble were the dominant substrate accounting for 70% of the substrate area. Gravel comprised an additional 22% of the quantified substrate. Cascade was the most common geomorphic unit delineated comprising 41% of the wetted area and 41% of the survey length. A total of 6 pools were quantified. The average residual pool depth was 0.59 meters. One of the pools had a maximum depth ≥ 1 meter. The number of pools/kilometer and pools ≥ 1 meter/kilometer was estimated at 28.3 and 4.7, respectively. Pool frequency was measured at 6.9 (bankfull widths/pool).

Ponderosa Pines and Oregon White Oaks were the most common upslope trees. Willow and Big Leaf Maple were the dominant and sub-dominant riparian vegetation, respectively. The canopy covered approximately 89% of the wetted area. A total of 7 large wood pieces were counted resulting in a frequency of 3.3 pieces/100 meters and a volume of 2.9 m³/100 meters. Deciduous tree species accounted for all of the pieces and 100% of the wood volume. Logs accounted for 4 of the 7 pieces and 44% of the wood volume. Of the 7 large wood pieces, 5, 7, 4, and 2 were located completely or partially in the wetted channel, within bankfull but outside of the wetted channel, above the bankfull channel, and flood plain/terrace, respectively. All large wood pieces were unstable and one piece was pool forming. Large wood pieces were most commonly oriented upstream (57%) followed by downstream (29%), and perpendicular (14%). There were no large wood jams observed over the course of the survey.

A total of 2 distinct bedrock features were quantified. The cumulative measured length was 18 meters. One encountered bedrock features was sloped and the other a cliff. The sloped bedrock feature projected into the wetted area and functioned as a hydraulic surface control.

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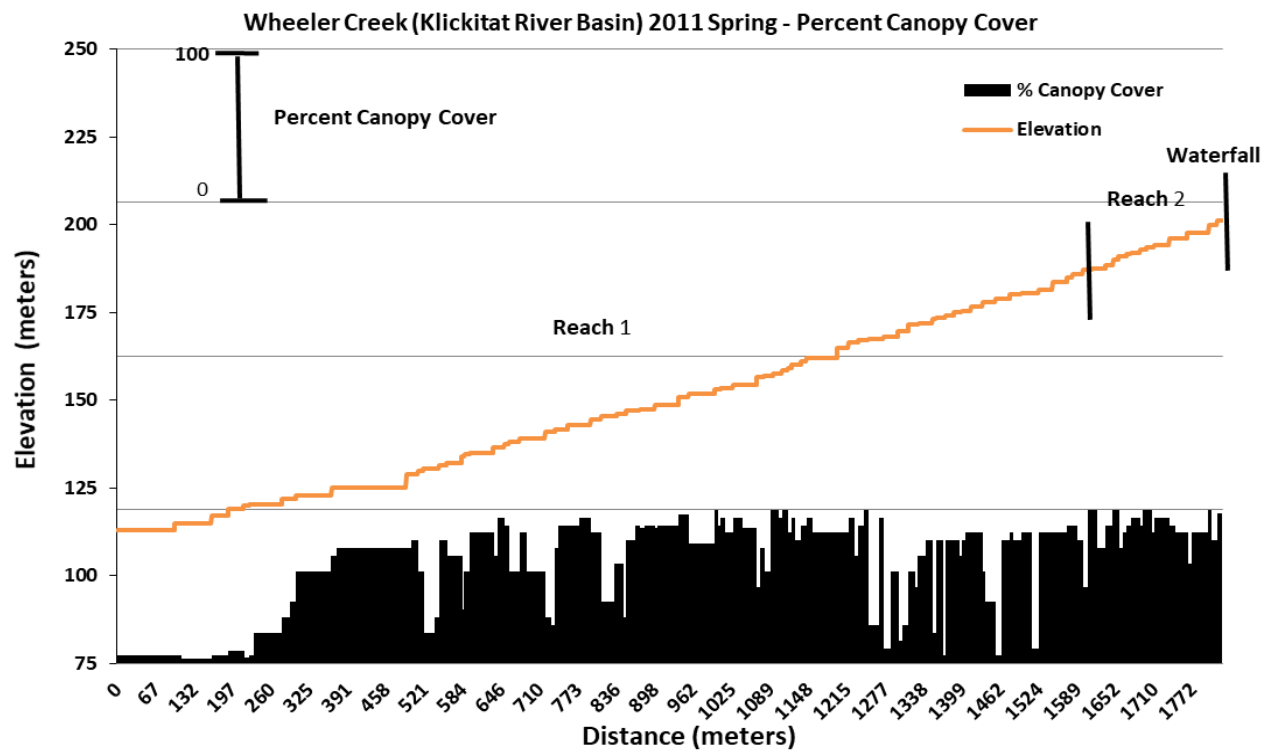
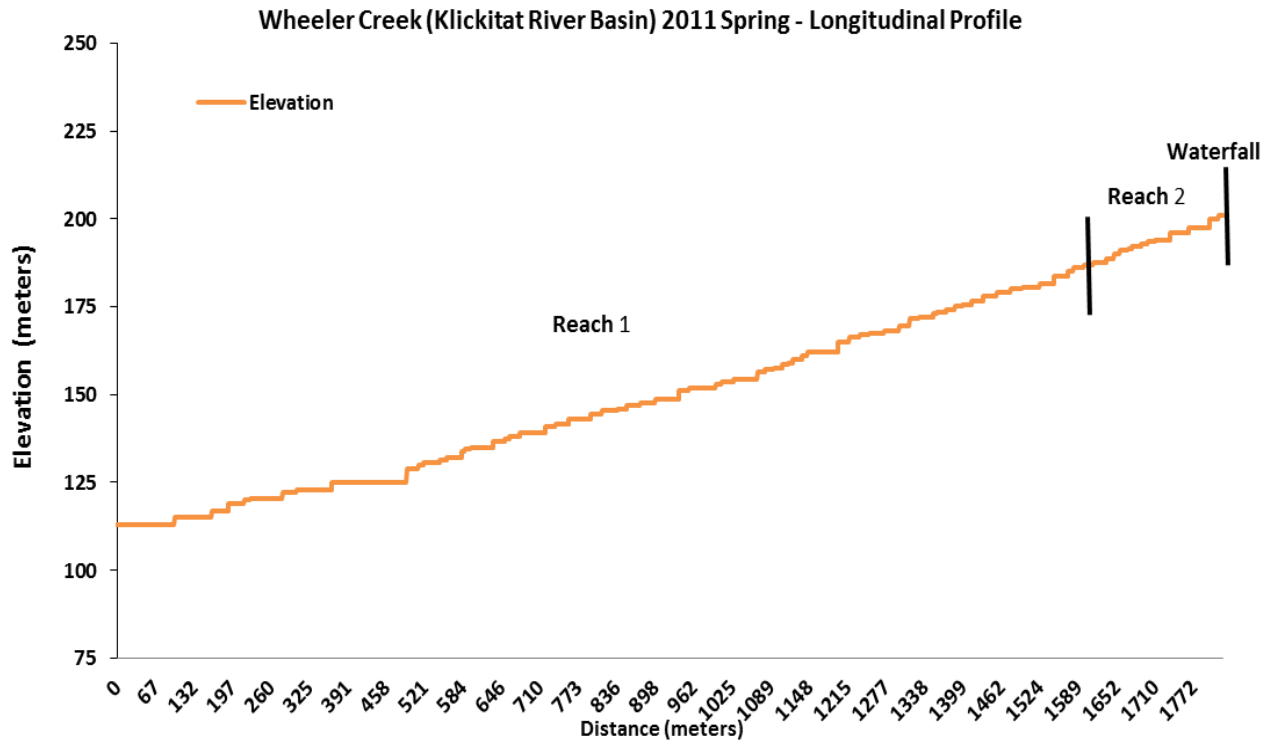
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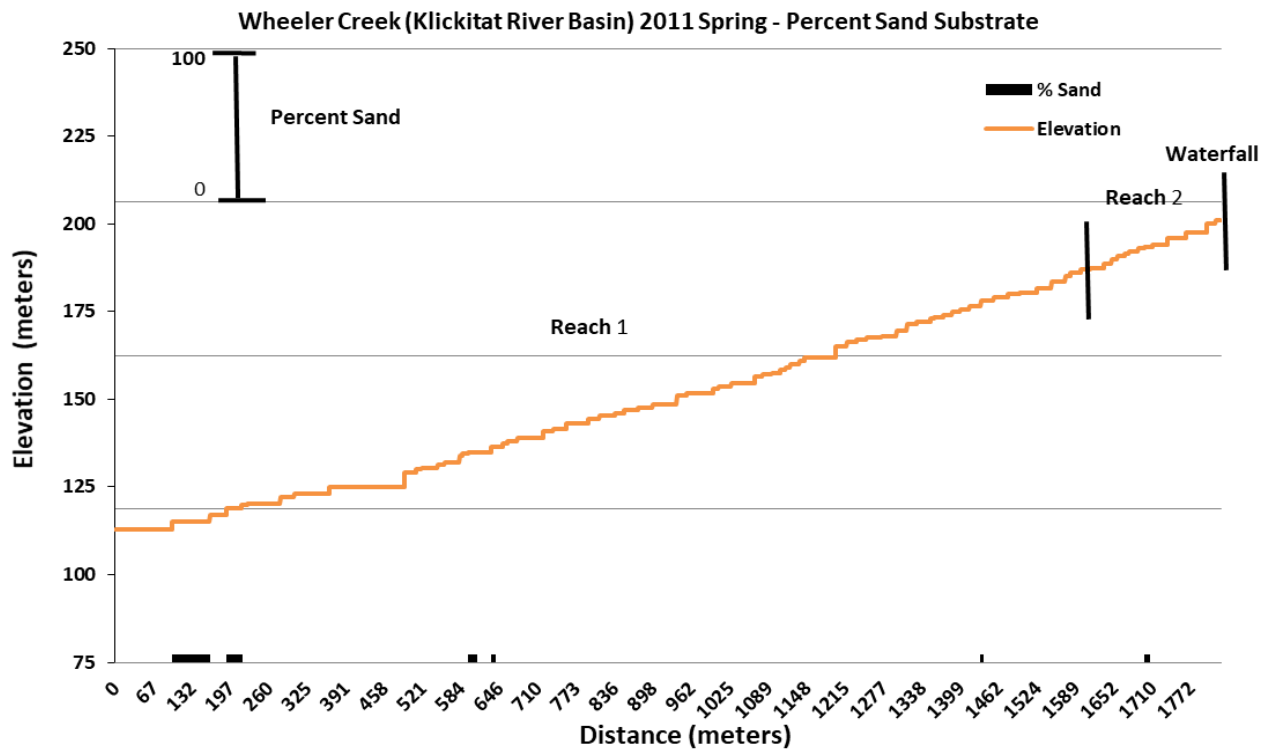
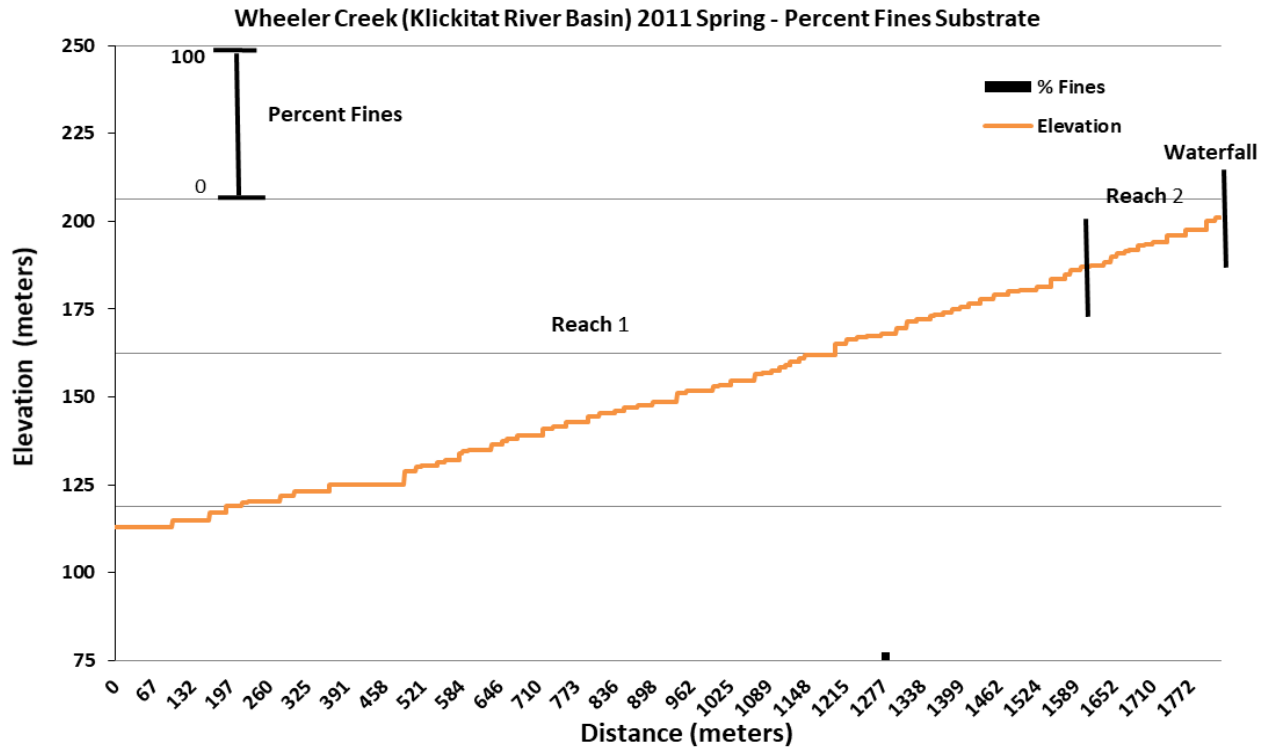
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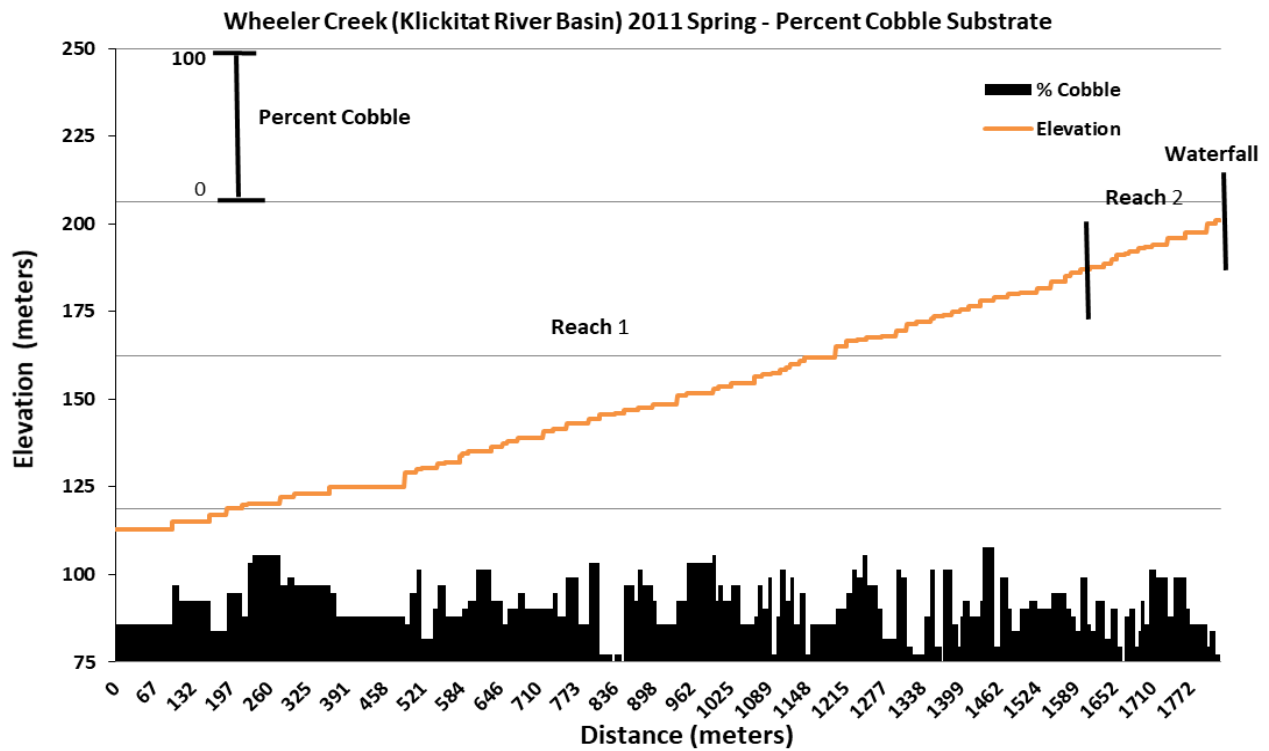
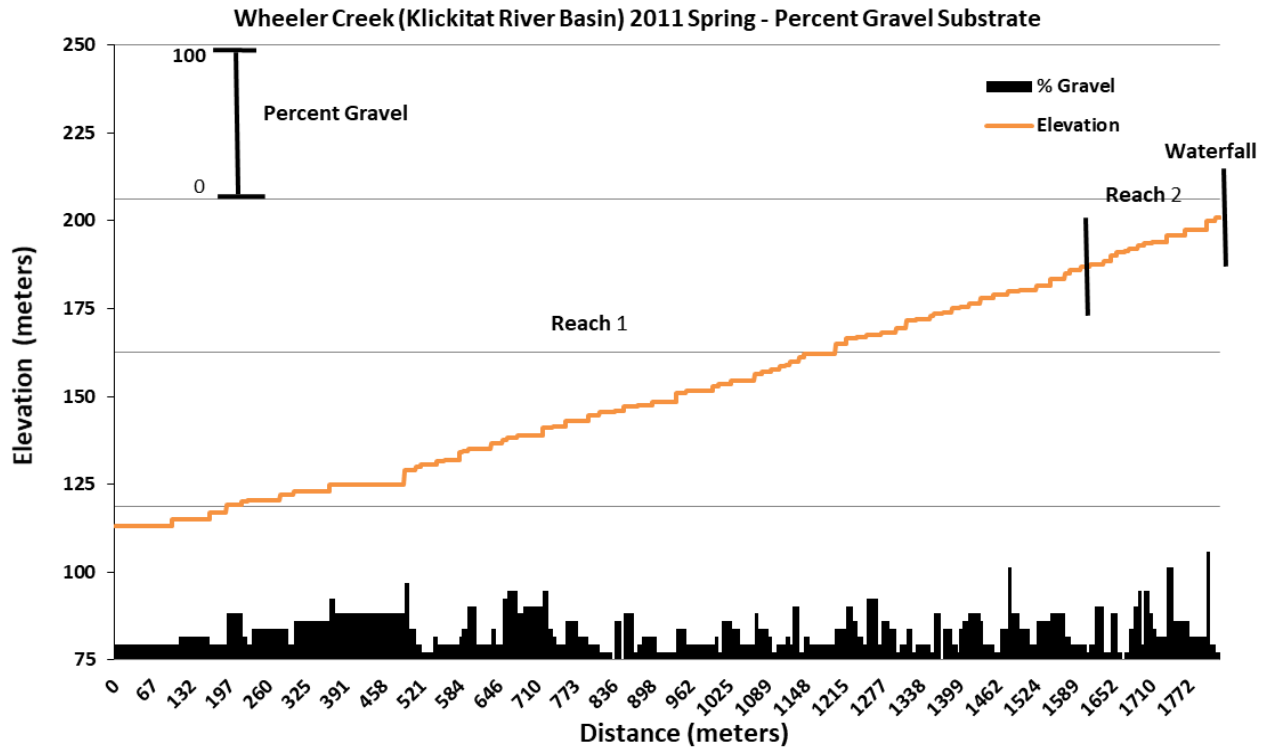
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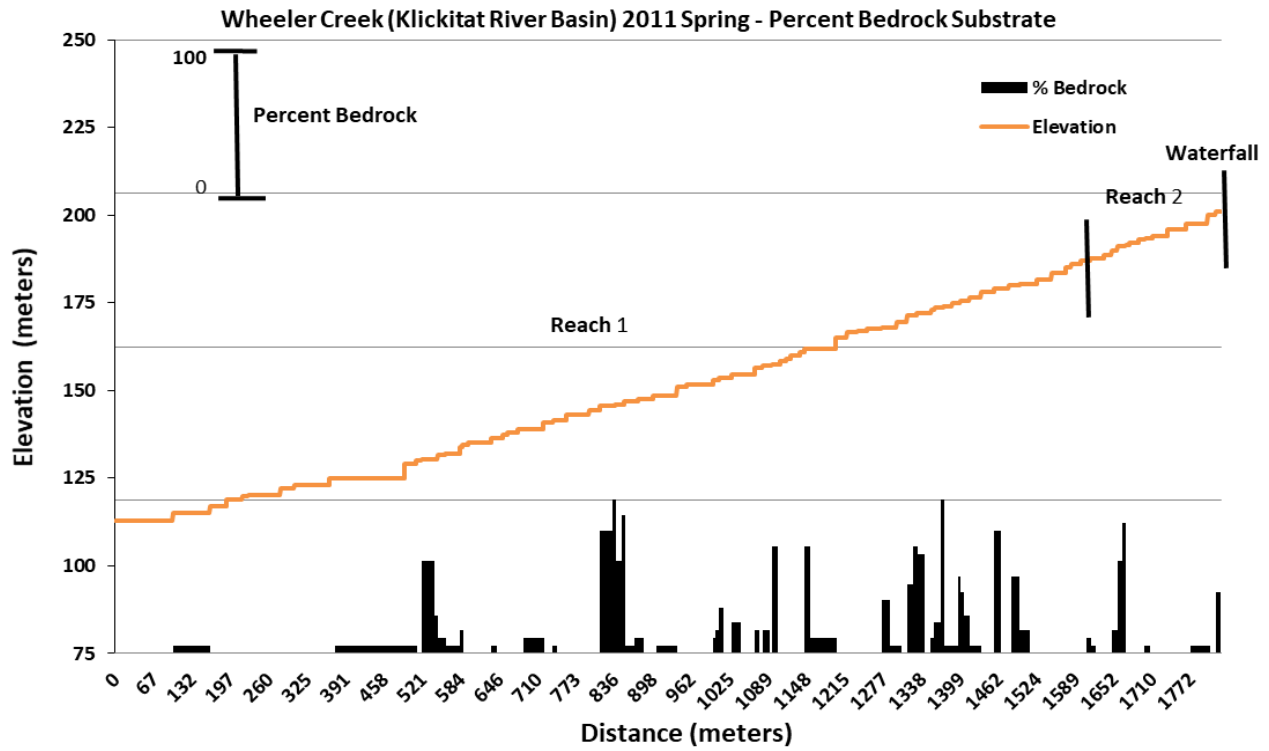
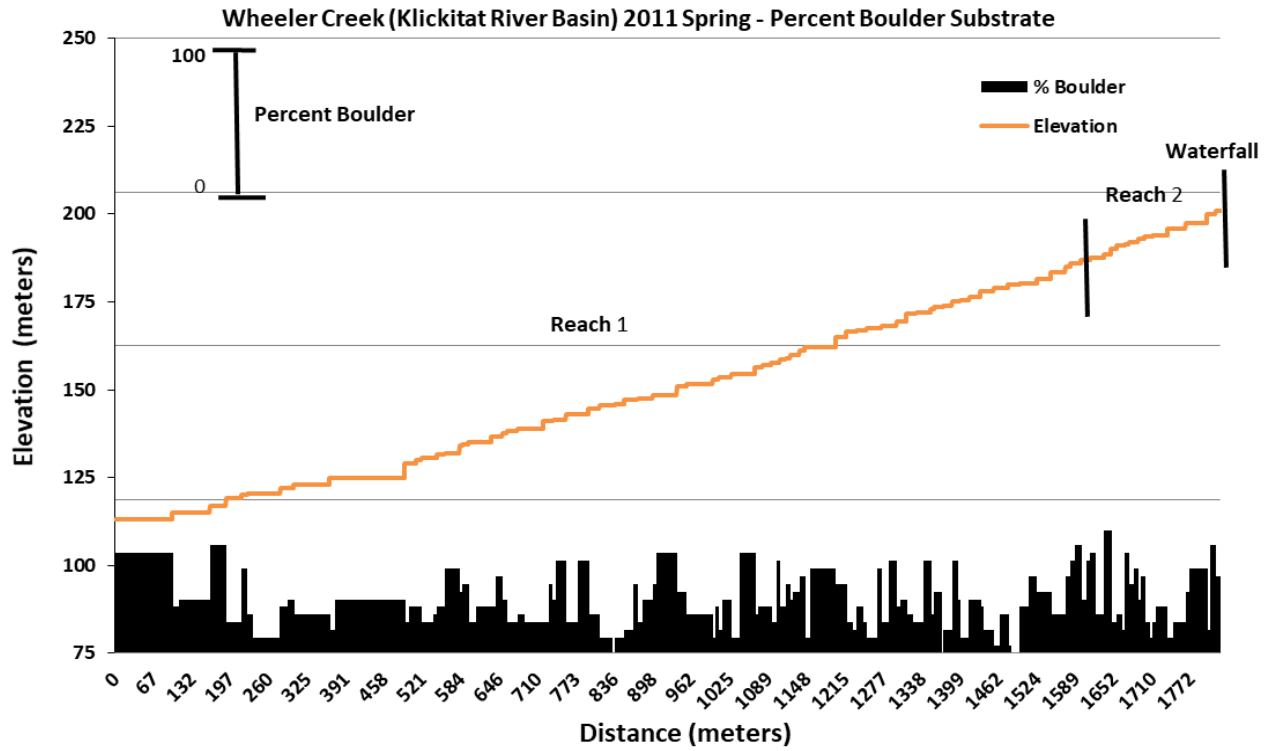
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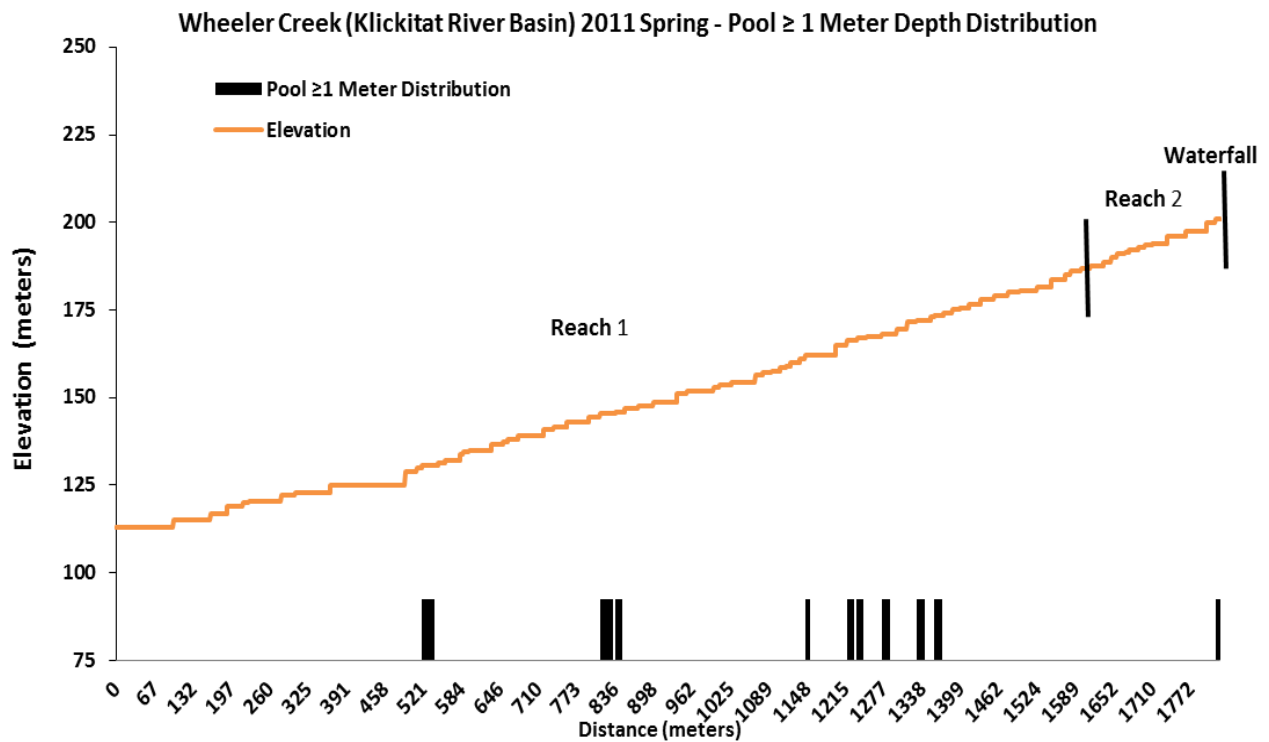
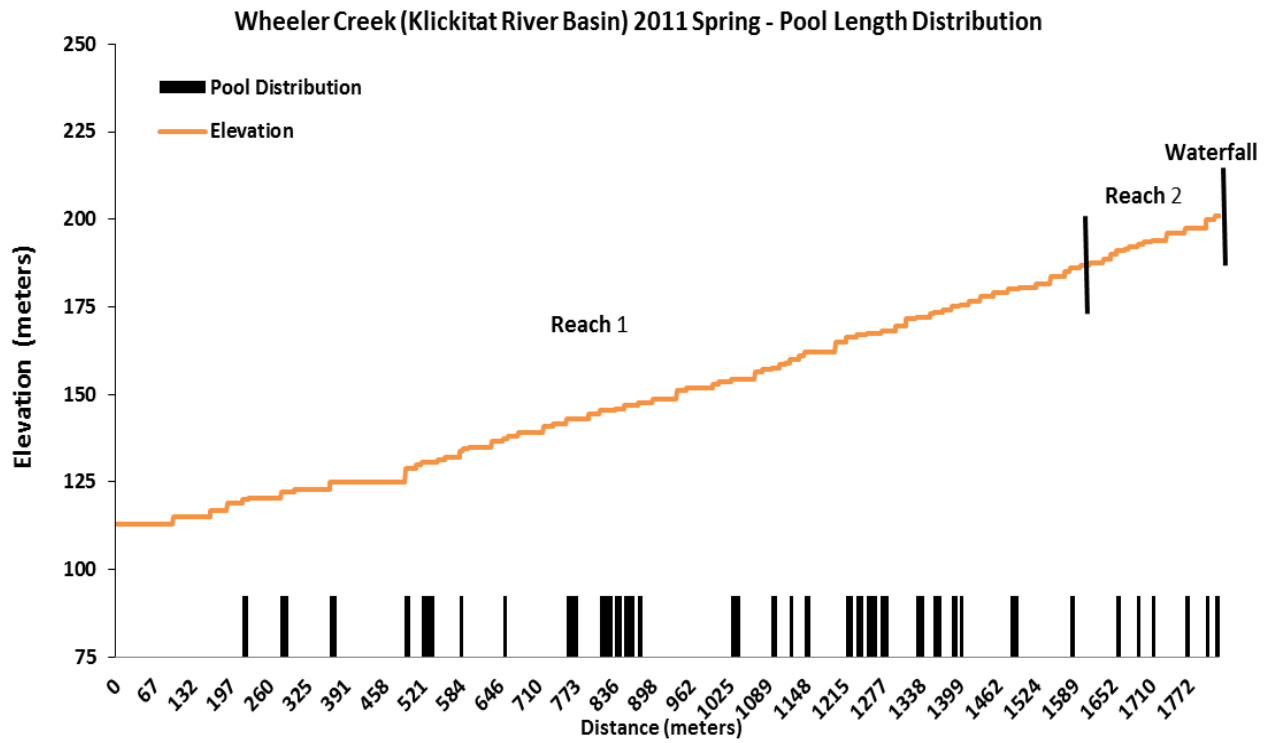
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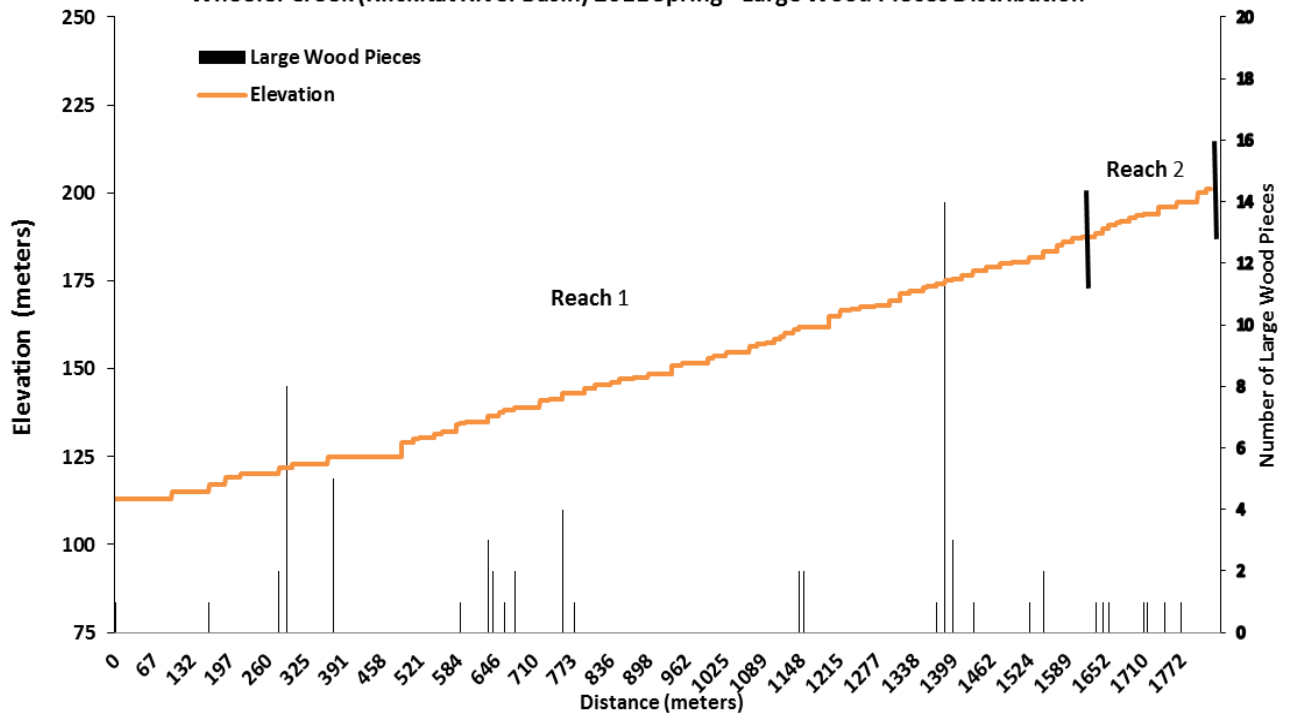




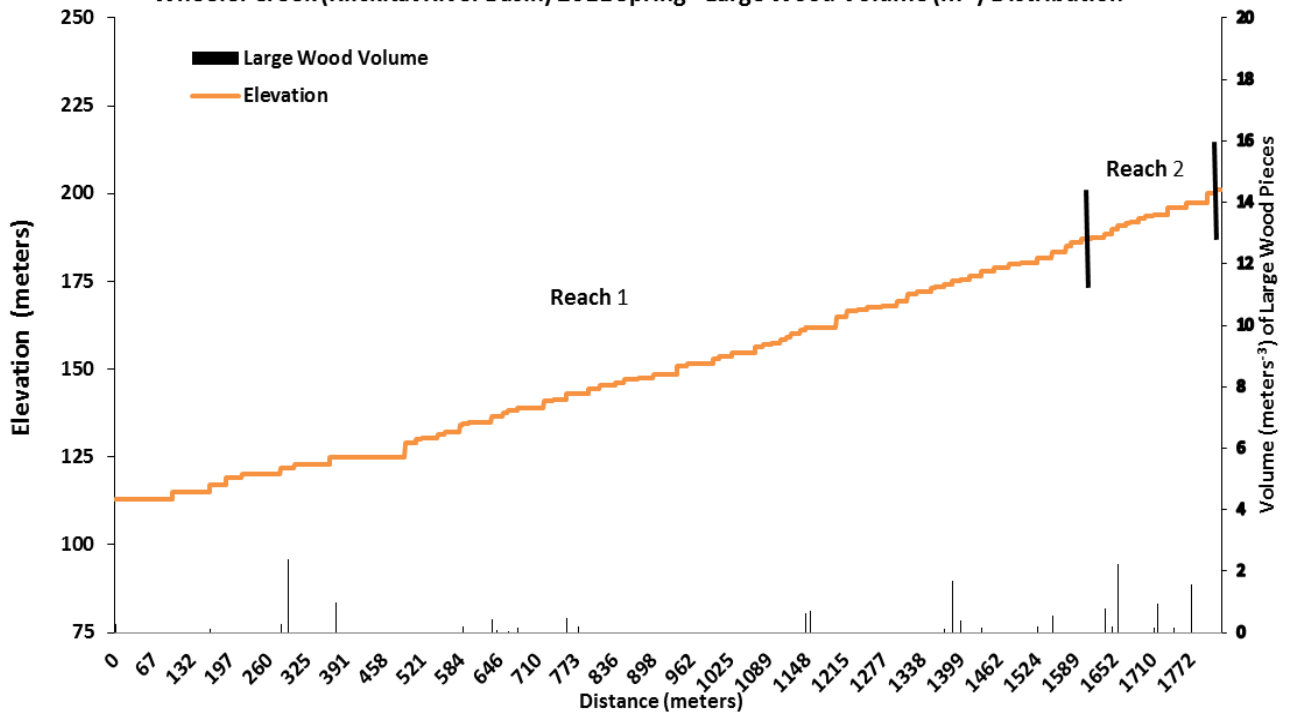




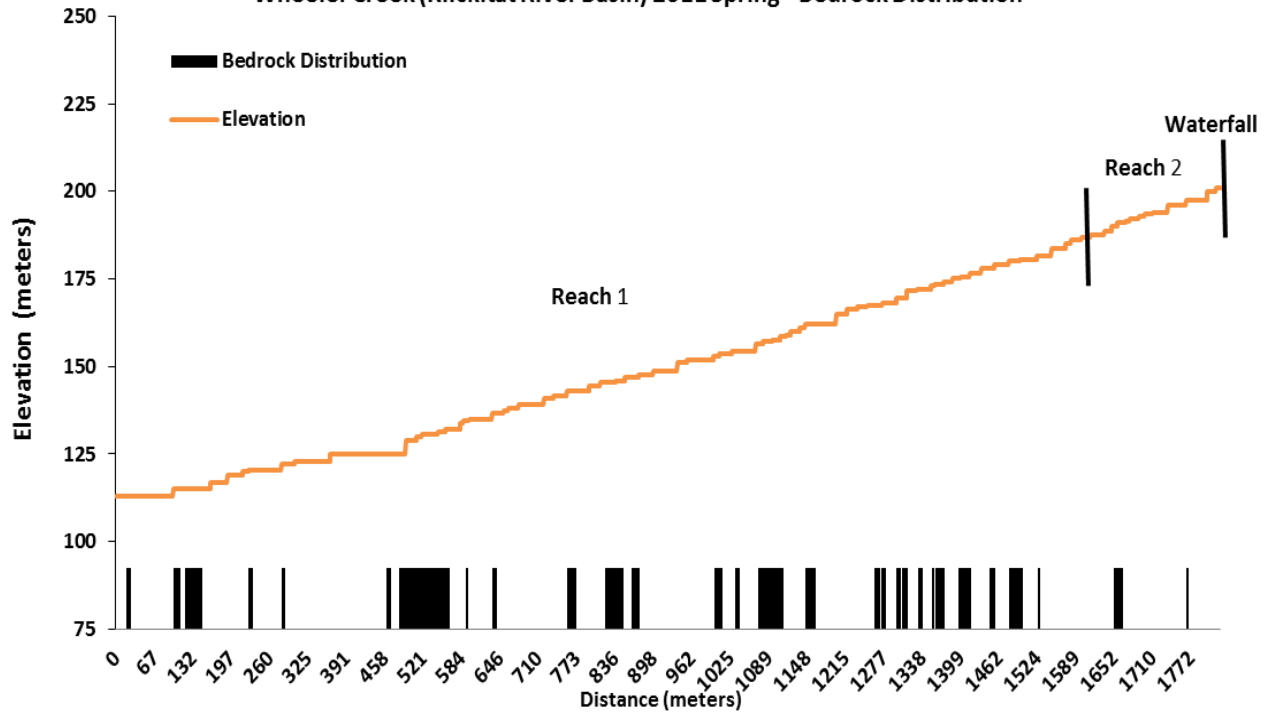
Wheeler Creek (Klickitat River Basin) 2011 Spring - Large Wood Pieces Distribution



Wheeler Creek (Klickitat River Basin) 2011 Spring - Large Wood Volume (m³) Distribution



Wheeler Creek (Klickitat River Basin) 2011 Spring - Bedrock Distribution



Summary Tables:

Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Habitat Inventory

Survey Stream: Wheeler Creek	Reach: 1
Report Date: 02/18/2021	Survey Date: 04/26-4/28/2011
Start Location: 45.79509258, -121.1928294	End Location: 45.79270994, -121.1734864
Start Elevation: 113 m	End Elevation: 187 m
Reach Forming Agent: Tributary Junction	Reach Ending Agent: Tributary Junction

CHANNEL SUMMARY

Channel Characteristics (m)

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>No. Units</u>	<u>Length (m)</u>	<u>Area (m²)</u>	<u>Gradient (%)</u>	<u>Dry Units</u>
Primary	110	1,607.7	6,930.4	4.6	0
Secondary	8	87.0	306.4	-	0

Channel Dimensions (m)

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>Avg. Length</u>	<u>Avg. Wetted</u> <u>Width</u>	<u>Avg. Bankfull</u> <u>Width</u>	<u>LB Undercut</u> <u>Bank Length</u>	<u>RB Undercut</u> <u>Bank Length</u>
Primary	14.6	4.1	8.5	0.0	0.67
Secondary	10.9	3.3	-	0.0	0.0

Substrate Summary

<u>Hab Type</u>	<u>Substrate Percent Wetted Area</u>						<u>Substrate Wetted Area</u>					
	<u>Fin</u>	<u>Snd</u>	<u>Grv</u>	<u>Cbl</u>	<u>Bld</u>	<u>Bdrk</u>	<u>Fin</u>	<u>Snd</u>	<u>Grv</u>	<u>Cbl</u>	<u>Bld</u>	<u>Bdrk</u>
Pools	0.4	0.0	21.5	31.7	21.4	24.9	4.5	0.0	248.3	366.3	247.2	287.9
Glides	0.0	0.8	21.7	40.4	26.2	10.9	0.0	5.3	138.2	257.7	167.2	69.8
Runs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Riffles	0.0	0.6	20.5	43.9	32.5	2.5	0.0	20.7	759.0	1,625.7	1,203.8	94.2
Rapids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cascades	0.0	0.0	13.1	30.4	51.6	4.9	0.0	0.0	228.6	530.5	899.1	85.6
Steps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Backwater	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoves	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iso Pools	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Obscured	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dry	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culverts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.1	0.4	19.0	38.4	34.8	7.4	4.5	26.0	1,374.0	2,780.1	2,517.2	537.5

**Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic
Habitat Inventory**

Survey Stream: Wheeler Creek	Reach: 2
Report Date: 02/18/2021	Survey Date: 04/29/2011
Start Location: 45.79270994, -121.1734864	End Location: 45.79320967, -121.170899
Start Elevation: 187 m	End Elevation: 201 m
Reach Forming Agent: Tributary Junction	Reach Ending Agent: Waterfall Barrier

CHANNEL SUMMARY

Channel Characteristics (m)

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>No. Units</u>	<u>Length (m)</u>	<u>Area (m²)</u>	<u>Gradient (%)</u>	<u>Dry Units</u>
Primary	24	211.8	753.1	6.6	0
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

Channel Dimensions (m)

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Unit Avg. Length</u>	<u>Avg. Wetted Width</u>	<u>Avg. Bankfull Width</u>	<u>LB Undercut Bank Length</u>	<u>RB Undercut Bank Length</u>
Primary	8.8	3.5	5.1	0.0	0.0
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

Substrate Summary

<u>Hab Type</u>	<u>Substrate Percent Wetted Area</u>						<u>Substrate Wetted Area</u>					
	<u>Fin</u>	<u>Snd</u>	<u>Grv</u>	<u>Cbl</u>	<u>Bld</u>	<u>Bdrk</u>	<u>Fin</u>	<u>Snd</u>	<u>Grv</u>	<u>Cbl</u>	<u>Bld</u>	<u>Bdrk</u>
Pools	0.0	0.0	24.4	20.9	33.8	21.0	0.0	0.0	32.1	27.5	44.4	27.6
Glides	0.0	1.4	37.5	27.8	30.9	2.4	0.0	1.5	39.5	29.2	32.6	2.5
Runs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Riffles	0.0	0.0	26.3	45.3	25.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	55.5	95.5	54.7	5.4
Rapids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cascades	0.0	0.0	12.7	26.3	53.6	7.4	0.0	0.0	38.8	80.3	163.6	22.6
Steps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Backwater	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoves	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iso Pools	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Obscured	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dry	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culverts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.2	22.0	30.9	39.2	7.7	0.0	1.5	165.8	232.6	295.3	58.0

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HABITAT SUMMARY

Geomorphic Habitat Type Summary

<u>Habitat Type</u>	<u>Primary Channel (PC)</u>					<u>Secondary Channel (SC)</u>				
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Avg. Width</u>	<u>Wetted Area</u>	<u>% Wetted</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Avg. Width</u>	<u>Wetted Area</u>	<u>% Wetted</u>
	<u>Units</u>	<u>(m)</u>	<u>(m)</u>	<u>(m²)</u>	<u>Area (m²)</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>(m)</u>	<u>(m)</u>	<u>(m²)</u>	<u>Area (m²)</u>
Pools	26	282.6	4.1	1,135.2	16.4	1	6.3	3.0	18.9	6.2
Glides	20	170.7	3.6	617.7	8.9	1	6.6	3.1	20.5	6.7
Runs	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Riffles	34	774.7	4.3	3,607.8	52.1	3	29.4	2.9	93.1	30.4
Rapids	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cascades	26	379.7	4.1	1,569.8	22.7	2	44.7	3.9	173.9	56.8
Steps	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Backwater	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoves	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Isolated Pools	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Obscured	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dry Channel	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culvert	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	110	1,607.7	4.1	6,930.5	100	8	87.0	3.3	306.4	100

Pool Summary

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Total Pool #</u>	<u>PC Pool #</u>	<u>SC Pool #</u>	<u># Pools/KM</u>	<u># PC Pools/KM</u>	<u># SC Pools/KM</u>
All Pools	27	26	1	15.9	16.2	11.5
Pools ≥1m	9	9	-	5.3	5.6	-
Pool frequency (channel widths/pool)	7.4	7.3	-			
Residual pool depth (avg)	0.58	0.58	0.36			

**Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic
Habitat Inventory**

Survey Stream: Wheeler Creek	Reach: 2
Report Date: 02/18/2021	Survey Date: 04/29/2011
Start Location: 45.79270994, -121.1734864	End Location: 45.79320967, -121.170899
Start Elevation: 187 m	End Elevation: 201 m
Reach Forming Agent: Tributary Junction	Reach Ending Agent: Waterfall Barrier

HABITAT SUMMARY

Geomorphic Habitat Type Summary

Habitat Type	Primary Channel (PC)					Secondary Channel (SC)				
	No. Units	Length (m)	Avg. Width (m)	Wetted Area (m ²)	% Wetted Area (m ²)	No. Units	Length (m)	Avg. Width (m)	Wetted Area (m ²)	% Wetted Area (m ²)
Pools	6	34.0	3.8	131.6	17.5	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Glides	4	31.9	3.3	105.3	14.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Runs	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Riffles	6	59.6	3.5	211.0	28.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rapids	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cascades	7	86.3	3.5	305.3	40.5	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Steps	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Backwater	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoves	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Isolated Pools	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Obscured	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dry Channel	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culvert	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	24	211.8	3.5	753.2	100	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Pool Summary

Variable	Total	PC	SC	#	# PC	# SC
	Pool #	Pool #	Pool #	Pools/KM	Pools/KM	Pools/KM
All Pools	6	6	-	28.3	28.3	-
Pools ≥1m	1	1	-	4.7	4.7	-
Pool frequency (channel widths/pool)	6.9	6.9	-			
Residual pool depth (avg)	0.59	0.59	-			

**Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic
Habitat Inventory**

Survey Stream: Wheeler Creek

Reach: 1 and 2

Report Date: 02/18/2021

Survey Date: 04/26-4/29/2011

Start Location: 45.79509258, -121.1928294

End Location: 45.79320967, -121.170899

Start Elevation: 113 m

End Elevation: 201 m

Reach Forming Agent: Tributary Junction

Reach Ending Agent: Waterfall Barrier

STREAM CHANNEL AND HABITAT SUMMARY

Channel Summary

Channel Type	No. Units	Total	Wetted	Avg	Avg	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
		Length (m)	Area (m ²)	Width (m)	Bankfull Width (m)							
PC	134	1,819.5	7,683.6	4.0	8.2	4.8	0.1	0.4	19.1	37.7	35.1	7.7
SC	8	87	306.4	3.3	0.0	-	0.3	0.0	22.4	38.7	36.4	2.2

Geomorphic Habitat Type Summary

Habitat Type	Primary Channel (PC)					Secondary Channel (SC)				
	No. Units	Length (m)	Avg. Width (m)	Wetted Area (m ²)	% Wetted Area(m ²)	No. Units	Length (m)	Avg. Width (m)	Wetted Area (m ²)	% Wetted Area (m ²)
Pools	32	316.6	4.0	1,266.8	16.5	1	6.3	3.0	18.9	6.2
Glides	24	202.6	3.6	723.0	9.4	1	6.6	3.1	20.5	6.7
Runs	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Riffles	40	834.3	4.1	3,818.7	49.7	3	29.4	2.9	93.1	30.4
Rapids	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cascades	33	466.0	4.0	1,875.1	24.4	2	44.7	3.9	173.9	56.8
Steps	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Backwater	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoves	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Isolated Pools	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Obscured	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dry Channel	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culvert	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	134	1,819.5	4.0	7,683.6	100	8	87.0	3.3	306.4	100

Pool Summary

Variable	Total Pool #	PC Pool #	SC Pool #	# Pools/KM	# PC Pools/KM	# SC Pools/KM
All Pools	33	32	1	17.3	17.6	11.5
Pools ≥1m	10	10	0	5.2	5.5	-
Pool frequency (channel widths/pool)	7.0	6.9	-			
Residual pool depth (avg)	0.58	0.59	0.36			

**Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic
Habitat Inventory**

Survey Stream: Wheeler Creek	Reach: 1
Report Date: 02/18/2021	Survey Date: 04/26-4/28/2011
Start Location: 45.79509258, -121.1928294	End Location: 45.79270994, -121.1734864
Start Elevation: 113 m	End Elevation: 187 m
Reach Forming Agent: Tributary Junction	Reach Ending Agent: Tributary Junction

RIPARIAN AND LARGE WOOD PIECES SUMMARY

Riparian Characteristics

<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Canopy Cover Area (m²)</u>	<u>Total % Canopy Cover</u>	<u>Unit Avg. % Canopy Cover</u>	<u>Dom Canopy Species</u>	<u>Sub-dom Canopy Species</u>
Primary	4,052.8	58.5	65.1	Willow	Willow
Secondary	274.7	89.7	86.4	Big Leaf Maple	Red Alder

Large Wood Piece Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Primary Channel</u>	<u>#Pieces</u>	<u>Volume (m³)</u>	<u>Pieces/100 m</u>	<u>Volume (m³)/100 m</u>
Primary	All Pieces ¹	43	8.5	2.7	0.5
	Key Pieces ²	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Logs	43	8.5	2.7	0.5
	Rootwads	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Conifer	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Deciduous	30	5.1	1.9	0.3
	Unknown	13	3.4	0.8	0.2
Secondary	All Pieces ¹	-	-	-	-
	Key Pieces ²	-	-	-	-
	Logs	-	-	-	-
	Rootwads	-	-	-	-
	Conifer	-	-	-	-
	Deciduous	-	-	-	-

¹Minimum Qualifying Large Wood Piece (≥2 m x ≥0.10 m dia.); ² Minimum Qualifying Key Pieces (≥2.5 m³)

Large Wood Piece Zone Location Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Zone 1 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 2 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 3 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 4 (%)</u>
Primary	43	16 (37.2)	37 (86.0)	9 (20.9)	4 (9.3)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

*Pieces may span multiple zones

*Zone 1 (wetted channel); Zone 2 (within bankfull); Zone 3 (above bankfull); Zone 4 (flood plain/terrace/hillslope)

Large Wood Piece Stability and Pool Forming Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Rooted (%)</u>	<u># Buried (%)</u>	<u># Pinned (%)</u>	<u># Unstable (%)</u>	<u># Pool Forming (%)</u>
Primary	43	0 (0.0)	2 (4.7)	24 (55.8)	20 (46.5)	3 (7.0)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Orientation Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Parallel (%)</u>	<u># Perpendicular (%)</u>	<u># Downstream (%)</u>	<u># Upstream (%)</u>
Primary	43	12 (27.9)	12 (27.9)	9 (20.9)	10 (23.3)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic Habitat Inventory

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RIPARIAN AND LARGE WOOD PIECES SUMMARY

Riparian Characteristics

<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Canopy Cover Area (m²)</u>	<u>Total % Canopy Cover</u>	<u>Unit Avg. % Canopy Cover</u>	<u>Dom Canopy Species</u>	<u>Sub-dom Canopy Species</u>
Primary (PC)	668.9	88.8	90.1	Willow	Big Leaf Maple
Secondary (SC)	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Primary Channel</u>	<u>#Pieces</u>	<u>Volume (m³)</u>	<u>Pieces/100 m</u>	<u>Volume (m³)/100 m</u>
Primary	All Pieces ¹	7	6.1	3.3	2.9
	Key Pieces ²	0	-	-	-
	Logs	4	2.7	1.9	1.3
	Rootwads	3	3.4	1.4	1.6
	Conifer	0	-	-	-
	Deciduous	7	6.1	3.3	2.9
Secondary	All Pieces ¹	-	-	-	-
	Key Pieces ²	-	-	-	-
	Logs	-	-	-	-
	Rootwads	-	-	-	-
	Conifer	-	-	-	-
	Deciduous	-	-	-	-

¹Minimum Qualifying Large Wood Piece (≥2 m x ≥0.10 m dia.); ² Minimum Qualifying Key Pieces (≥2.5 m³)

Large Wood Piece Zone Location Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Zone 1 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 2 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 3 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 4 (%)</u>
Primary	7	5 (71.4)	7 (100)	4 (57.1)	2 (28.6)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

*Pieces may span multiple zones

*Zone 1 (wetted channel); Zone 2 (within bankfull); Zone 3 (above bankfull); Zone 4 (flood plain/terrace/hillslope)

Large Wood Piece Stability and Pool Forming Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Rooted (%)</u>	<u># Buried (%)</u>	<u># Pinned (%)</u>	<u># Unstable (%)</u>	<u># Pool Forming (%)</u>
Primary	7	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	7 (100)	1 (14.3)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Orientation Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Parallel (%)</u>	<u># Perpendicular (%)</u>	<u># Downstream (%)</u>	<u># Upstream (%)</u>
Primary	7	0 (0.0)	1 (14.3)	2 (28.6)	4 (57.1)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic Habitat Inventory

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STREAM RIPARIAN AND LARGE WOOD PIECES SUMMARY

Riparian Characteristics

<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Canopy Cover Area (m²)</u>	<u>Total % Canopy Cover</u>	<u>Unit Avg. % Canopy Cover</u>	<u>Dom Canopy Species</u>	<u>Sub-dom Canopy Species</u>
Primary	4,721.8	61.5	69.5	Willow	Willow
Secondary	274.7	89.7	86.4	Big Leaf Maple	Willow

Large Wood Piece Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Primary Channel</u>	<u>#Pieces</u>	<u>Volume (m³)</u>	<u>Pieces/100 m</u>	<u>Volume (m³)/100 m</u>
Primary	All Pieces ¹	50	14.6	2.7	0.8
	Key Pieces ²	0	-	-	-
	Logs	47	11.2	2.6	0.6
	Rootwads	3	3.4	0.2	0.2
	Conifer	0	-	-	-
	Deciduous	37	11.2	2.0	0.6
	Unknown	13	3.4	0.7	0.2
	Secondary	All Pieces ¹	-	-	-
	Key Pieces ²	-	-	-	-
	Logs	-	-	-	-
	Rootwads	-	-	-	-
	Conifer	-	-	-	-
	Deciduous	-	-	-	-

¹Minimum Qualifying Large Wood Piece (≥2 m x ≥0.10 m dia.); ² Minimum Qualifying Key Pieces (≥2.5 m³)

Large Wood Piece Zone Location Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Zone 1 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 2 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 3 (%)</u>	<u># Zone 4 (%)</u>
Primary	50	21 (42.0)	44 (88.0)	13 (26.0)	6 (12.0)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

*Pieces may span multiple zones

*Zone 1 (wetted channel); Zone 2 (within bankfull); Zone 3 (above bankfull); Zone 4 (flood plain/terrace/hillslope)

Large Wood Piece Stability and Pool Forming Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Rooted (%)</u>	<u># Buried (%)</u>	<u># Pinned (%)</u>	<u># Unstable (%)</u>	<u># Pool Forming (%)</u>
Primary	50	0 (0.0)	2 (4.0)	24 (48.0)	27 (54.0)	4 (8.0)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Orientation Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u># Parallel (%)</u>	<u># Perpendicular (%)</u>	<u># Downstream (%)</u>	<u># Upstream (%)</u>
Primary	50	12 (24.0)	13 (26.0)	11 (22.0)	14 (28.0)
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-

**Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic
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LARGE WOOD JAM SUMMARY

Large Wood Jam Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Avg # Pieces</u>	<u>Jam Frequency¹</u>	<u># Jams/KM</u>
Primary	1	14	14	189.8	0.62
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-

¹Jam frequency (total bankfull channel widths/jam)

Large Wood Jam Composition Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u>Large Wood Piece Size</u>				<u>#Rtwd Key Pieces</u>	<u>#Log Key Pieces</u>
			<u>#Rootwad (Dia≥20cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia≥10>20cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia20<50cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia≥50cm)</u>		
Primary	1	14	0	11	3	0	0	0
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Zone Location and Pool Forming Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u>Wetted Channel Area (%)</u>	<u>Bankfull Channel Area (%)</u>	<u>Flood plain/Terrace Area (%)</u>	<u>Pool Forming (%)</u>
Primary	1	1 (100)	0	0	0
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-

*A jam was assigned to wetted or bankfull zone if a LWD piece extended 0.1 meters into a zone

**Klickitat Monitoring and Evaluation Project and Klickitat Water Enhancement Project Rapid Aquatic
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LARGE WOOD JAM SUMMARY

Large Wood Jam Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u># Pieces</u>	<u>Avg # Pieces</u>	<u>Jam Frequency¹</u>	<u># Jams/KM</u>
Primary	0	-	-	-	-
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-

¹Jam frequency (total bankfull channel widths/jam)

Large Wood Jam Composition Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u>Large Wood Piece Size</u>					<u>#Log Key Pieces</u>
			<u>#Rootwad (Dia≥20cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia≥10>20cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia20<50cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia≥50cm)</u>	<u>#Rtwd Key Pieces</u>	
Primary	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Zone Location and Pool Forming Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u>Wetted Channel Area (%)</u>	<u>Bankfull Channel Area (%)</u>	<u>Flood plain/Terrace Area (%)</u>	<u>Pool Forming (%)</u>
Primary	0	-	-	-	-
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-

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STREAM LARGE WOOD JAM SUMMARY

Large Wood Jam Inventory Summary

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Primary	1	14	14	189.8	0.62
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-

¹Jam frequency (total bankfull channel widths/jam)

Large Wood Jam Composition Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u>Total Pieces</u>	<u>Large Wood Piece Size</u>					<u>#Log Key Pieces</u>
			<u>#Rootwad (Dia≥20cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia≥10>20cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia20<50cm)</u>	<u>#Log (Dia≥50cm)</u>	<u>#Rtwd Key Pieces</u>	
Primary	1	14	0	11	3	0	0	0
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Large Wood Piece Zone Location and Pool Forming Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total Jams</u>	<u>Wetted Channel Area (%)</u>	<u>Bankfull Channel Area (%)</u>	<u>Flood plain/Terrace Area (%)</u>	<u>Pool Forming (%)</u>
Primary	1	1 (100)	0	0	0
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-

*A jam was assigned to wetted or bankfull zone if a LWD piece extended 0.1 meters into a zone

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BEDROCK FEATURE SUMMARY

Bedrock Feature Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total #</u>	<u># Left Bank Loc</u>	<u># Right Bank Loc</u>	<u># Channel Bottom Loc</u>	<u># Channel Span Loc</u>	<u>Total Length (m)</u>
Primary	28	9	18	2	3	452.3
Secondary	1	0	1	0	0	3.0

Bedrock Feature Characteristic Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u># Ledge</u>	<u># Slope</u>	<u># Cliff</u>	<u># Projecting</u>	<u># Non- projecting</u>	<u># Surface Control</u>
Primary	8	24	10	12	16	4
Secondary	0	1	0	1	0	0

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Bedrock Feature Inventory Summary

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Primary	2	1	1	1	0	18.0
Secondary	0	-	-	-	-	-

Bedrock Feature Characteristic Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u># Ledge</u>	<u># Slope</u>	<u># Cliff</u>	<u># Projecting</u>	<u># Non- projecting</u>	<u># Surface Control</u>
Primary	0	1	1	1	1	1
Secondary	-	-	-	-	-	-

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STREAM BEDROCK FEATURE SUMMARY

Bedrock Feature Inventory Summary

<u>Channel Type</u>	<u>Total #</u>	<u># Left Bank Loc</u>	<u># Right Bank Loc</u>	<u># Channel Bottom Loc</u>	<u># Channel Span Loc</u>	<u>Total Length (m)</u>
Primary	30	10	19	3	3	470.3
Secondary	1	0	1	0	0	3.0

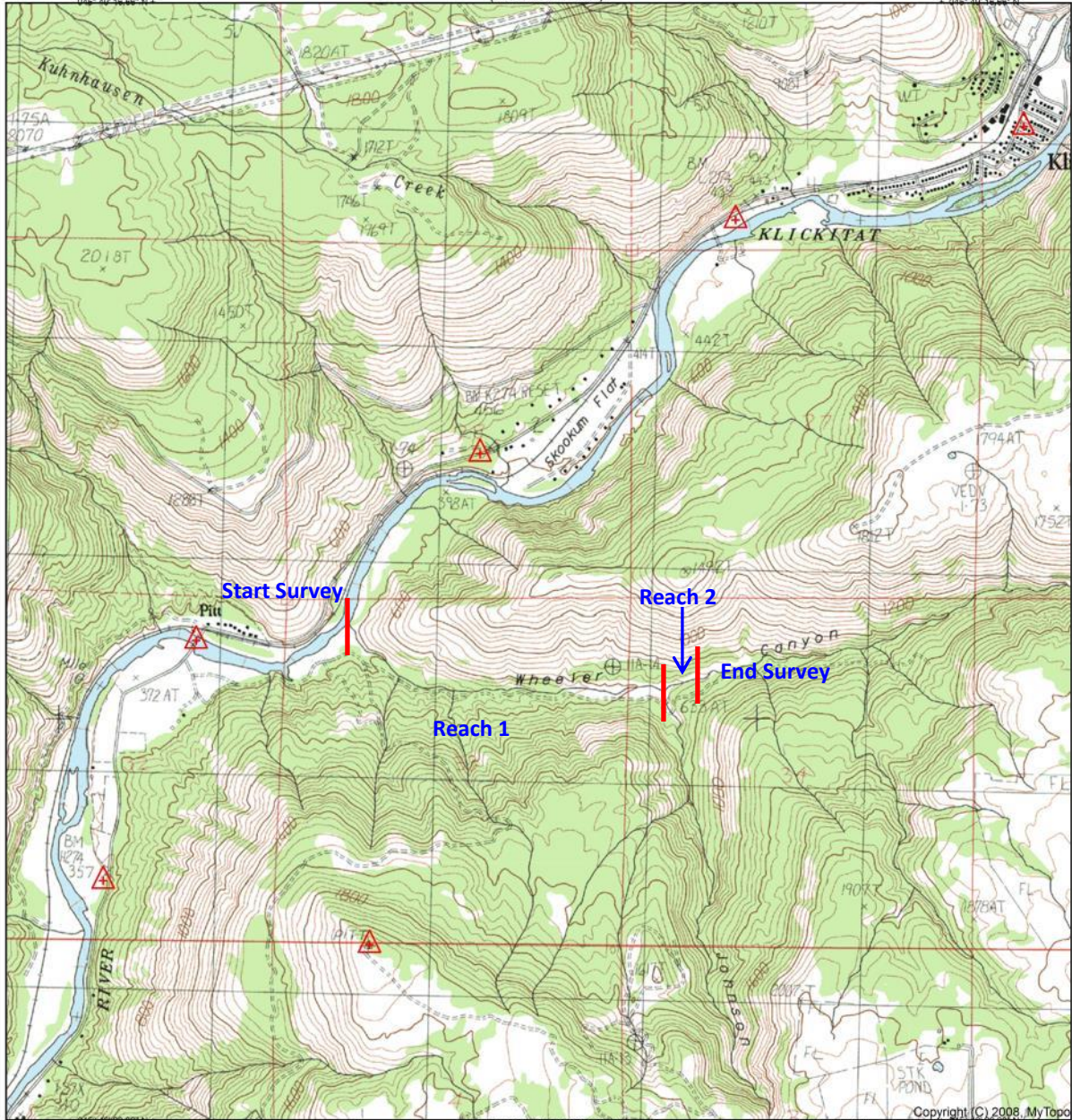
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Primary	8	25	11	13	17	5
Secondary	0	1	0	1	0	0

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North American 1983 Datum (NAD83)
Lambert Conformal Conic Projection

To place on the predicted North American
1927 move the projection lines 17M S and
92M W

Declination



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SCALE 1:24000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
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Wheeler Creek (Klickitat River Basin) 2011 Spring Habitat Survey – Reach 1 Photos



Unit 1 – Downstream view of riffle at survey start



Unit 18 – Upstream view of bedrock scour pool



Unit 43 – Lateral view of bedrock cascade



Unit 79 – Upstream view of pool



Unit 98 – Upstream view of glide



Unit 105 – Downstream view of cascade

Wheeler Creek (Klickitat River Basin) 2011 Spring Habitat Survey – Reach 2 Photos



Unit 2 – Upstream view of glide



Unit 7 – Upstream view of cascade



Unit 9 – Upstream view of glide



Unit 18 – Upstream view of riffle



Unit 19 – Upstream view of boulder scour pool



Units 23/24 – Survey ending plunge pool and waterfall