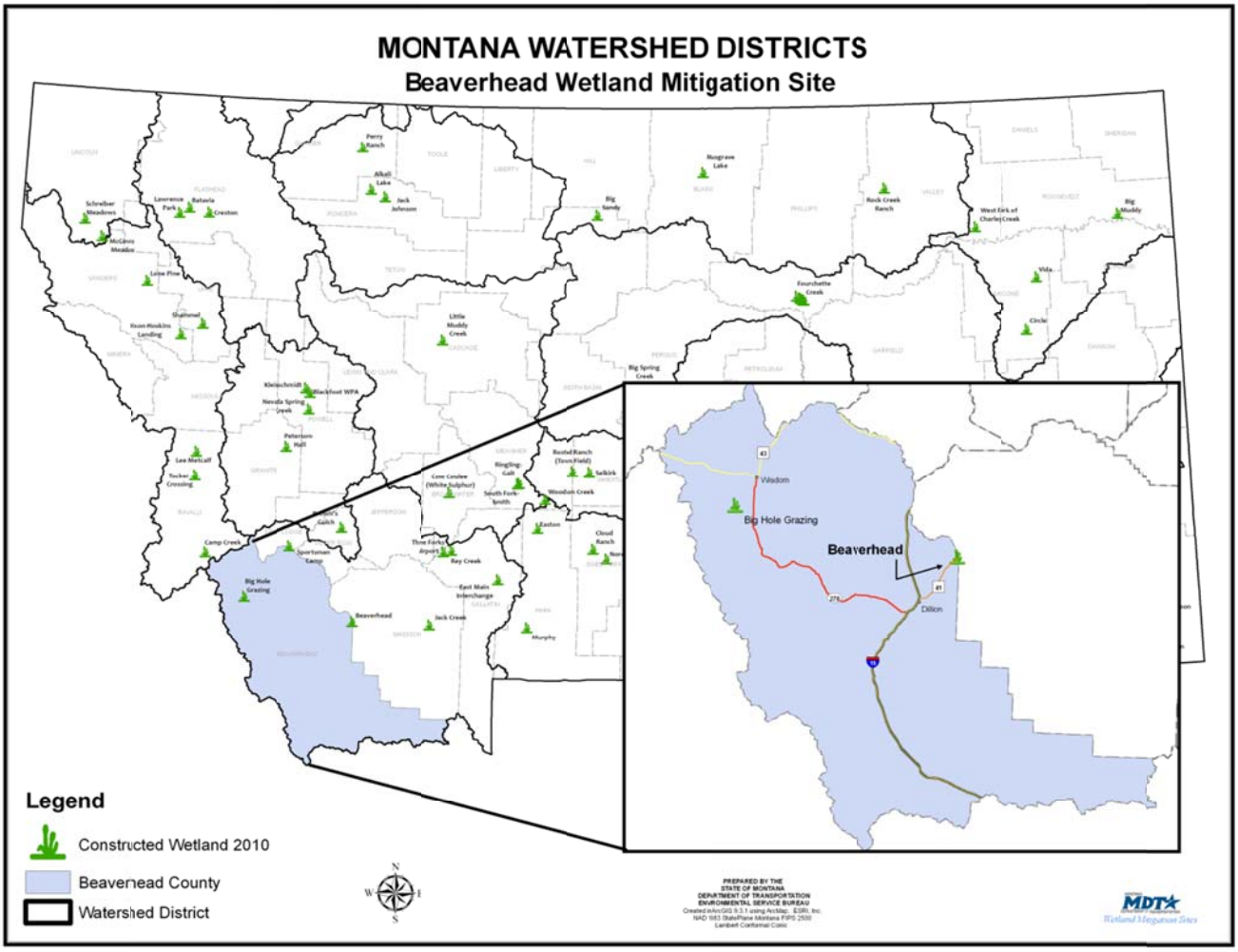
BEAVERHEAD

Watershed # 6-Upper Missouri River Basin
Beaverhead County, Montana



LAND OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Beaverhead wetland mitigation site was developed to mitigate wetland impacts associated with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) projects in Watershed # 6 (Upper Missouri River Basin). The mitigation site is located within a conservation easement on private property northeast of Dillon on Highway 41. This restoration project was designed to provide approximately 52 acres of mitigation credits to mitigate transportation projects in the watershed. Since 1997, the site has developed approximately 118 acres of wetlands and open water habitat.

WETLAND INHABITANTS

FISH	
None	
AMPHIBIAN	
None	
REPTILES	
Garter Snake (*Thamnophis* spp.) Painted Turtle	
BIRDS	
American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) **American Coot** (*Fulica americana*) American Dipper (*Cinclus*) **Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) **Black-billed Magpie** (*Pica pica*) Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) **Blue-winged Teal** (*Anas discors*) Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) **Canada Goose** (*Branta canadensis*) **Cinnamon Teal** (*Anas cyanoptera*) **Cliff Swallow** (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) **Common Goldeneye** (*Bucephala clangula*) Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) **Eared Grebe** (*Podiceps nigricollis*) Franklins Gull (*Larus pipixcan*) **Forster's Tern** (*Sterna forsteri*) Gadwall (*Anas strepera*) **Great Blue Heron** (*Ardea herodias*) Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*)	**Horned Lark** (*Eremophila alpestris*) **Killdeer** (*Charadrius vociferous*) **Lesser Scaup** (*Aythya affinis*) **Long-billed Dowitcher** (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) **Mallard** (*Anas platyrhynchos*) **Marsh Wren** (*Cistothorus palustris*) **Northern Harrier** (*Circus cyaneus*) **Northern Pintail** (*Anas acuta*) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) **Northern Shoveler** (*Anas clypeata*) **Raven** (*Corvus corax*) Plover (*Charadrius spp.*) Red-head Duck (*Aythya americana*) **Red-tail Hawk** (*Buteo jamaicensis*) **Red-winged Blackbird** (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) **Sandhill Crane** (*Grus canadensis*) Sora (*Porzana carolina*) **Tree Swallow** (*Tachycineta bicolor*) Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*) Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*) Western Bluebird (*Sialia mexicana*) **Western Meadowlark** (*Sturnella neglecta*) **Wilson's Phalarope** (*Phalaropus tricolor*) **Yellow-headed Blackbird** (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)
MAMMALS	
Coyote (*Canis latrans*) Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*) **Muskrat** (*Ondatra zibethicus*) Northern River Otter (*Lutra canadensis*)	Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*) **White-tailed Deer** (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

[1]**Bolded** species indicate those observed during 2006.



Great Blue Heron



Northern River Otter

WETLAND VEGETATION

Dominant wetland vegetation

Four wetland community types were observed:

Type 2- Bulrush (*Scirpus spp.)*

Type 5- Meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus practensis)* and Rush (*Juncus)*

Type 6- Meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus practensis)* and Bulrush (*Scirpus spp)*

Type 8- Pondweed (*Potamogeton spp)* and Water smartweed/ Prostrate knotweed (*Polygonum amphibium/aviculare)*

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