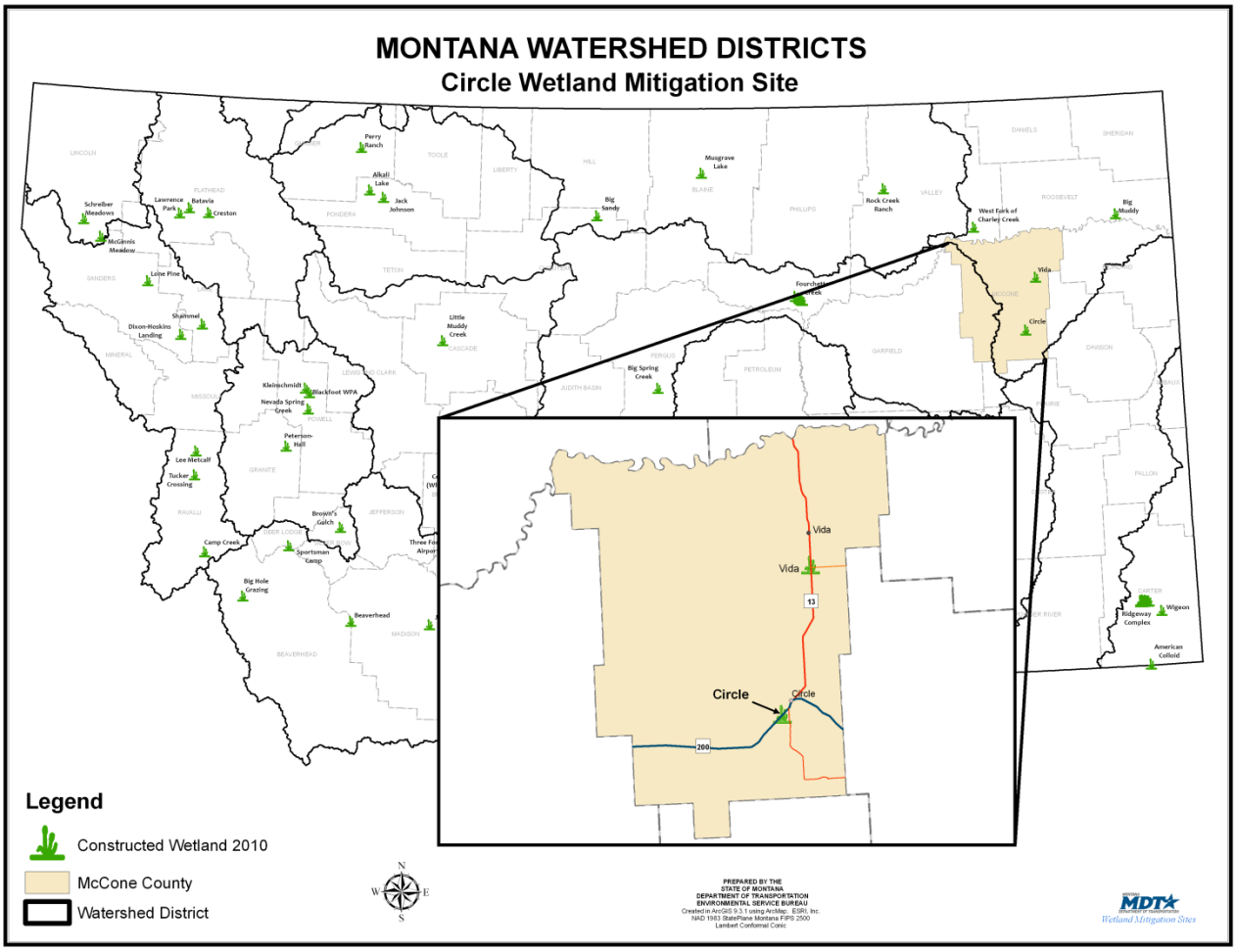
CIRCLE

Watershed # 12-Lower Missouri River Basin
McCone County, Montana



LAND OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Circle wetland is located in McCone County directly adjacent to US Highway 200 and was constructed in 1999 to expand an existing old oxbow channel of the Redwater River located within Watershed # 12 – Lower Missouri River Basin. The Circle mitigation project was developed on a privately owned property and is protected by an MDT Wetland Conservation Easement. This project has developed approximately 7.6 acres of wetland habitat since constructed and will be utilized to mitigate other transportation project impacts within the watershed.

WETLAND INHABITANTS

Birds	
American coot (*Fulica Americana*)	**Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*)**
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)	Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)	Red-winged Black bird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)
Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)	Spotted sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)
Greater Yellow Legs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)	Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)
Blue winged teal (*Anas discors*)	Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*)
Cinnamon teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)	Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)
Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*)	**Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*)**
Common snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)	
MAMMALS	
Deer tracks (*Odocoileus* spp.)	
Coyote tracks (*Canis latrans*)	

[1] **Bolded** species were observed during the 2004 monitoring. All other species were observed during one or more of the previous monitoring years, but not during 2004.



American coot



Willet

WETLAND VEGETATION

Dominant wetland vegetation

Five community types were observed:

Type 1- Western Wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii)*

Type 2- Bulrush species (*Scirpus spp.)*

Type 3- Bulrush species (*Scirpus spp.*) and Saltgrass (*Distichlis stricta)*

Type 4-Common rush (*Juncus effuses)* and Clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis)*

Type 5- Saltgrass (*Distichlis stricta)* and Foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum)*



Common Rush

Circle



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