



# R & E Grant Application 13 Biennium

Project #:  
13-072

## *Thief Valley Reservoir Culvert*

### ***Project Information***

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**R&E Project Request:** \$18,905.00  
**Match Funding:** \$19,146.00  
**Total Project:** \$38,051.00  
**Start Date:** 9/1/2014  
**End Date:** 6/30/2015  
**Project Email:** anjalina.johnston@or.nacdnet.net  
**Project Biennium:** 13 Biennium  
**Organization:** Keating Soil and Water Conservation District

### ***Fiscal Officer***

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**Name:** Whitney Collins  
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**Telephone:** 541-523-7121 x109  
**Email:** whitney.collins@or.nacdnet.net

### ***Applicant Information***

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**Name:** Anjalina Johnston  
**Address:** 3990 Midway Dr.  
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**Telephone:** 541-523-7121 x111  
**Email:** anjalina.johnston@or.nacdnet.net

### ***Past Recommended or Completed Projects***

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This applicant has no previous projects that match criteria.

### ***Project Summary***

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This project is NOT part of ODFW's 25 Year Angling Plan.

**Activity Type:** Access

**Summary:** Thief Valley Reservoir supports a fast growing population of stocked rainbow trout, and is a popular fishing location for anglers in Union and Baker Counties. Currently, Cusick Creek; a tributary to Thief Valley Reservoir is being restored to its historic channel through an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board restoration grant. The historic channel will pass through a culvert that isn't adequately sized for fish passage and high flows of Cusick Creek. The solution is to install a multi-

plate bottomless arch culvert (15' x5', 9", 36' long), remove the undersized culvert, and provide adequate passage for fish and high flow events.

**Objectives:** To purchase and install one multi-plate bottomless arch culvert (15 feet x5 feet, 9 inch, 36 feet long) that will be located on Cusick Creek and will be placed in its historic channel. The culvert will rest on pre-cast concrete footers. The channel through the culvert will be constructed with a rock gradation to reduce the possibility of piping through the substrate. Additionally, fine sediment will be washed through after construction to further ensure no piping occurs. The slope of the channel will be 2.1%. The channel will contain embedded large rock to provide velocity breaks at higher flows as well as a low flow micro-channel that will provide fish passage at minimum flows. The culvert is designed to provide for flows above the 100 year (551 cfs) event. The new culvert will provide fish passage from Thief Valley Reservoir back to the historic Cusick Creek channel, and its tributaries. This project will open up 15.45 miles of stream and fish habitat for Rainbow Trout, as the existing culvert is a barrier to fish passage. This project will preserve access as it will allow Cusick Creek's high flows to pass through the culvert and avoid washing out the road. This popular fishing destination will be available for anglers in the area, and create additional fishing opportunities in the Cusick Creek channel between the reservoir and the new culvert.

**Fishery Benefits:** This project will protect angler access to the reservoir directly above the dam and to the river immediately below dam, as well as creating additional fishing opportunities in the historic Cusick Creek stream channel between the reservoir and the new culvert. The installation of the culvert will preserve access as Cusick Creek's flows will be able to pass unrestricted through the culvert. The plantings that will be installed will reduce bank erosion, improving water quality, and eliminating the sediment that is entering into Cusick Creek and Thief Valley Reservoir. The new fish passable culvert will open up 15.45 miles of fish habitat.

**Watershed Benefits:** This project will improve fish passage from Thief Valley Reservoir to the historic Cusick Creek. The new historic Cusick Creek stream channel will result in increased stream flows, which will greatly benefit habitat and fish passage as it will open 15.45 miles of stream and fish habitat for rainbow trout, blue gill, black crappie, bass, yellow perch, red side shiner, sculpin, and red band trout. Currently, Cusick Creek has severely cut stream banks, which are sloughing into the water, increasing the sediment and turbidity. The newly restored creek channel will increase water quality by eliminating these undercut banks and decreasing sediment entering the stream. Willow cuttings will be planted both upstream and downstream of the culvert. These plantings will be the primary rehabilitation method and will provide additional stability over time.

**Current Situation:** Currently, at the project site, Cusick Creek is being restored. This restoration includes moving Cusick Creek back into its historic channel. However, this channel currently has an undersized culvert in place. This culvert is not fish passable and will not be able to handle Cusick Creek high flows.

**Alternatives:** We considered installing a bridge in this location. However, the costs for the

bridge were more expensive than the multi-plate bottomless arch culvert.

**Designer:** The project has already been designed by Resource Specialists, Inc. engineering firm, through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) restoration grant and the Keating Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

**Methods:** One (15 feet x 5 feet, 9 inch, 36 feet long) multi- plate bottomless arch culvert will be purchased. The current undersized culvert will be removed and the new multi-plate bottomless arch culvert will be installed. The installation is estimated to take place in Sept/Oct of 2014. It is expected that the area will be dry during that time frame so no dewatering will be required. The existing culvert will be removed and the area will be graded using an excavator. Once final grade is established and inspected, the pre-cast footers will be installed. The stream channel through the culvert will be installed as shown on the design drawings. The multi-plate culvert will be assembled and backfilled as per the manufacture's specifications. The roadway will be constructed as shown on the design drawings. The impact area for such installation is typically very low so minimal rehabilitation work will be needed. Willow cuttings will be planted both upstream and downstream of the culvert. The plantings will be the primary rehabilitation method and will provide additional stability to the banks over time.

**Inspector:** The Keating SWCD, Resource Specialist, Inc. and ODFW.

**Funding Elements:** The R & E funds will be used for the purchase of the culvert, materials for installation, the installation, and the labor.

**Partners:** Yes

Keating SWCD - inspection, project oversight, monitoring  
Resource Specialist, Inc. - inspection, project oversight  
OWEB - engineering design and construction oversight  
Adjacent Landowner (Bruce Hummel)- provide fill material, base aggregate, weed control, seeding

**Existing Plan:** No

**Affected Contacted:** Yes

**Affected Supportive:** Yes

**Affected Comments:** Keating SWCD helped the landowner acquire a grant through OWEB to restore Cusick Creek and return it to its historic channel.

### ***Project Schedule/Participants/Funding***

Activity	Date	Participants
Project Stakeout	6/29/2014	Engineer
Instream Work Period/Construction Begins	7/1/2014	Contractor/ Engineer

Instream Work Period/ Construction Ends	10/31/2014	Contractor/ Engineer
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**Affected**

**Species:** Rainbow Trout  
 Red Band Trout  
 Red Side Shiner  
 Sculpin

**Project Permits**

Name	Issued By	Secured?	Date Secured	Date Expected
General Authorization Permit	DSL	No	1/1/0001	5/1/2014
Joint Permit Application	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	No	1/1/0001	7/1/2014

**Project Monitoring**

Organization	Address	Activity	Frequency
Keating Soil and Water Conservation District	3990 Midway Drive Baker City, OR 97814	Photo Monitoring	Once per year for two years after project completion

**Project Maintenance**

This project has no maintenance plans.

**Project Match Funding**

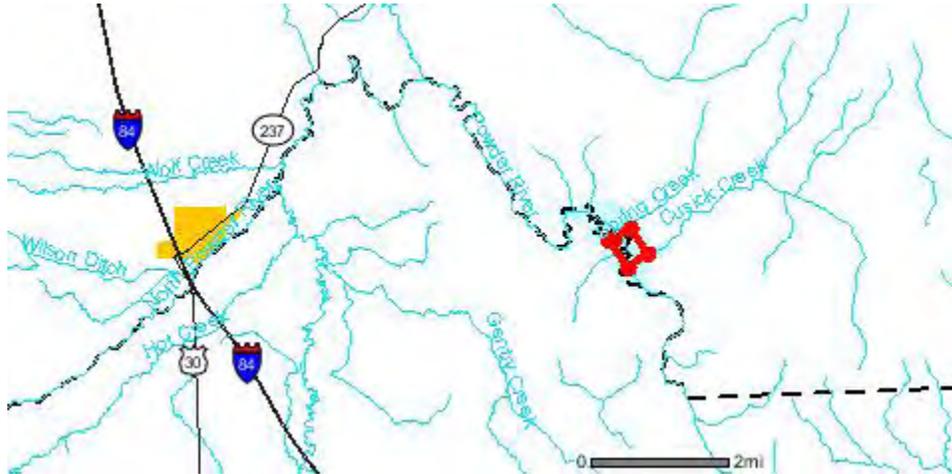
Funding Source	Cash	In-Kind	Other	Description	Total	Secured?	Conditions?	Comments
R&E Request	\$18,905.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	For supplies/ materials/ and installation costs	\$18,905.00	No	No	
Adjacent Landowner	\$0.00	\$2,670.00	\$0.00	Provide fill material, base aggregate, fencing, weed control, and seeding	\$2,670.00	Yes	No	
OWEB	\$0.00	\$15,620.00	\$0.00	Engineering design and construction oversight	\$15,620.00	Yes	No	
Keating Soil and Water Conservation District	\$0.00	\$856.00	\$0.00	Time and labor of monitoring and travel	\$856.00	Yes	No	
				Total Match Funding:	\$38,051.00			

## Project Budget

Item	Item Type	Units	Unit Cost	R&E Funds	Match Funds	Total
Engineering	Contracted Services	1	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Monitoring	Contracted Services	20	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$520.00
Base Aggregate	Supplies/Materials /Services	5	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Fencing	Supplies/Materials /Services	400	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fill Material	Supplies/Materials /Services	53	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$795.00
Fill Material	Supplies/Materials /Services	27	\$15.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$405.00
Labor	Supplies/Materials /Services	1	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Large Rock	Supplies/Materials /Services	100	\$25.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Plate Arch Culvert	Supplies/Materials /Services	1	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00
Precast Block	Supplies/Materials /Services	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Removal	Supplies/Materials /Services	160	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00
Seeding	Supplies/Materials /Services	2	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Weed Control	Supplies/Materials /Services	4	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
10 Site Visits @ 60 miles round trip @ \$0.56/ mile	Travel	10	\$33.60	\$0.00	\$336.00	\$336.00
					<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$38,051.00</b>

## Project Map

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## Additional Files

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[Engineer Designs for Culvert](#)

[Signature Authorization Page](#)

[Thief Valley Culvert Photos](#)

## Kevin Herkamp

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**From:** Johnston, Anjalina - NRCS-CD, Baker City, OR <Anjalina.Johnston@or.nacdnet.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2014 10:00 AM  
**To:** Kevin Herkamp  
**Subject:** RE App 13-072 Thief Valley

**From:** Timothy Bailey [<mailto:timothy.d.bailey@state.or.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Anjalina - NRCS-CD, Baker City, OR  
**Subject:** Cusick Creek Culvert

Jalina,

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, I met with you and Gabe Williams of Resource Specialists, Inc. to discuss the preliminary plans for habitat restoration and installation of a culvert on Cusick Creek in southern Union County. Cusick Creek is a tributary of the Powder River and is occupied by inland redband trout. Gabe provided an overview of the designs for habitat restoration and for the new culvert installation. From this overview and 50% design drawings provided to me, it appears the proposed culvert will meet ODFW criteria for fish passage. However, I have not at this point given the plans a thorough review. Once I receive 90% plans, I will review and either provide passage approval, or specify improvements needed to meet our criteria.

Tim Bailey  
La Grande District Fish biologist  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
107 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
La Grande, OR 97850

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## Signature Authorization Page

I hereby make an application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the R&E Program as described in my project application.

I understand that if my project is approved for funding, the following will apply:

- All project sponsors must sign a grant agreement containing the terms and conditions on which funding will be released.
- Project expenses which occur before the grant agreement is signed or after the expiration date will not be paid by the R&E Program.
- Copies of all necessary permits must be submitted to the R&E Program.
- Project sponsors must certify compliance with local, state, and federal regulations and laws.
- Landowner, monitoring and maintenance agreements must be submitted to the R&E Program.
- Regular progress reports may be required, and at the end of each project a Completion Report must be submitted.
- Educational products resulting from projects are public domain.
- All information submitted to either party under this application is subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act.

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Applicant: Keating Soil and Water Conservation District

Date: 3/31/2014

Fiscal Officer:

Date:

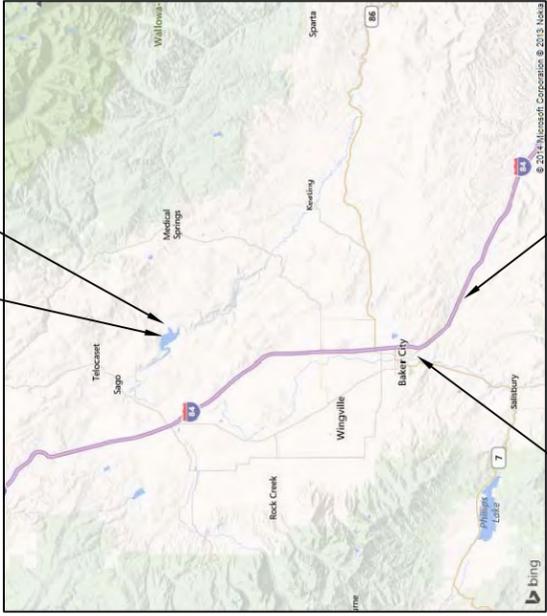
  
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# CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR: CUSICK CREEK STREAM IMPROVEMENTS

KEATING SWCD  
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T6S, R40E, S23

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PROJECT SITE



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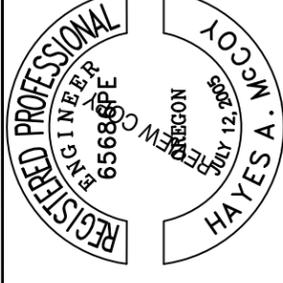
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OF SURVEY



BEGINNING  
OF SURVEY

CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR:



RENEWAL DATE: 12/31/14

DRAWING STATUS:	
CROSSING/MEANDER:	2/9/14

**Resource Specialists INC.**  
P.O. BOX 25  
BEND, OR 97709  
(541) 771-6911  
gabe@rslngr.com

PROJECT:  
CUSICK CREEK  
ARCH PLATE CULVERT  
PROJECT LOCATION:  
UNION COUNTY, OREGON  
CLIENT:  
KEATING SWCD

DRAWN BY: HAM  
SHEET TITLE:  
COVER SHEET  
DRAWING:  
**CC1.1**

## LEGEND

- EXISTING CONTOUR (1')
- EXISTING CONTOUR (5')
- FINISH CONTOUR (1')
- FINISH CONTOUR (5')
- BYPASS PIPE
- OHW LINE
- EXISTING THALWEG
- CONSTRUCTED THALWEG
- TOP OF BANK
- EDGE OF WATER
- ORDINARY HIGH WATER
- EXISTING POWER POLE
- EXISTING TREE

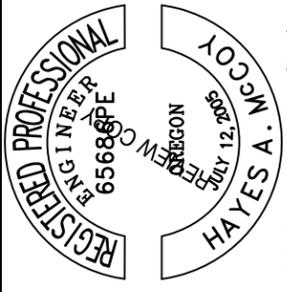
## CONSTRUCTION QUANTITIES

### MATERIALS

- ARCH PLATE CULVERT 1 EA.
- PRE-CAST FOOTERS 2 EA.
- 3/4"-0" AGG. (FOR FOOTERS) 3 CY
- LARGE ROCK (12"-36") 550 CY
- 3'x3'x4' ROCK 20 EA.
- 2'x2'x3' ROCK 18 EA.
- WILLOW CUTTINGS 2250 EA.
- EXCAVATION (CUT) 2770 CY
- EXCAVATION (FILL) 1510 CY
- REMOVAL WITHIN OHW 135 CY
- FILL WITHIN OHW 35 CY

## SHEET INDEX

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- CC1.2 OVERALL SITE PLAN
- CC1.3 WILLOW DETAIL
- CC2.1 THALWEG 0+00 TO 7+00
- CC2.2 THALWEG 7+00 TO 14+00
- CC2.3 THALWEG 14+00 TO 21+02
- CC3.1 ARCH PLATE CULVERT PLAN
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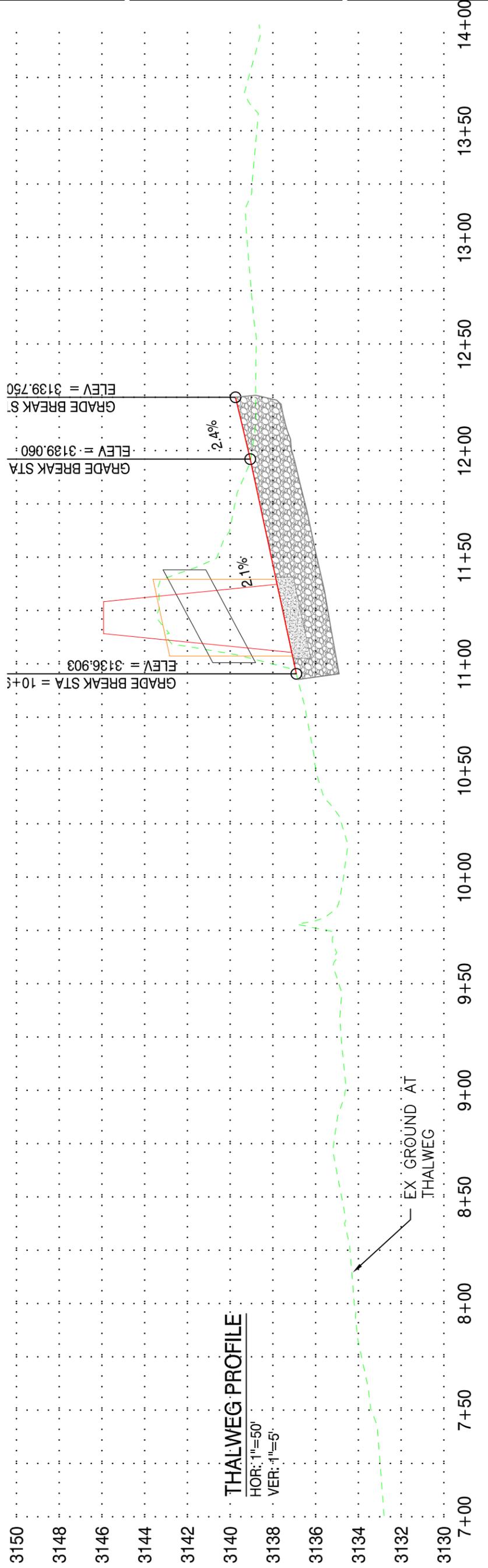
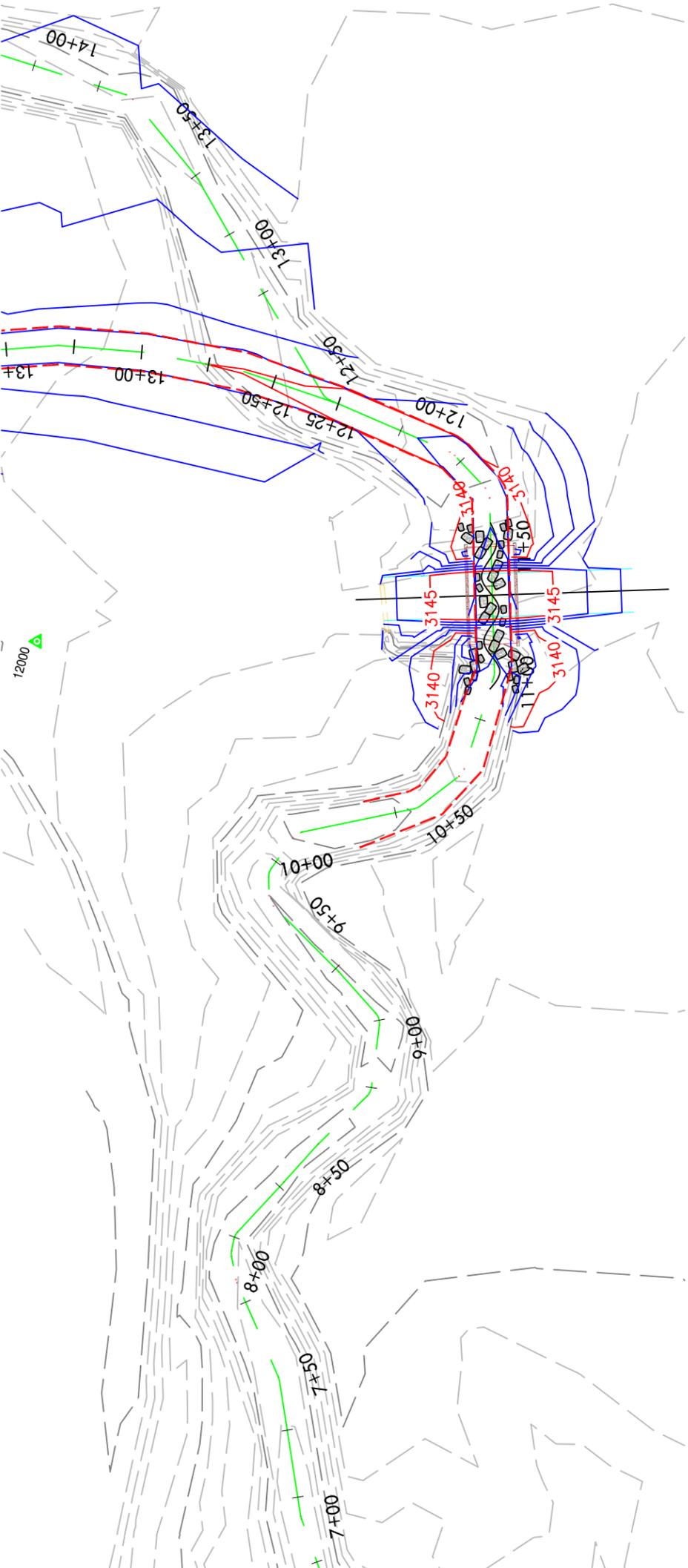
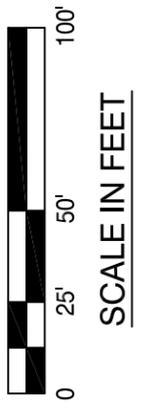
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**THALWEG PROFILE**

HOR: 1"=50'  
 VER: 1"=5'

EX GROUND AT  
 THALWEG



HAYES A. MCCOY  
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OREGON  
COMMISSION EXPIRES  
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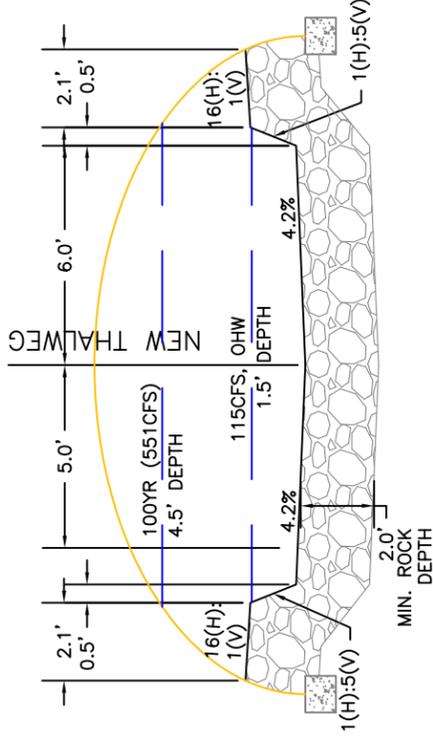
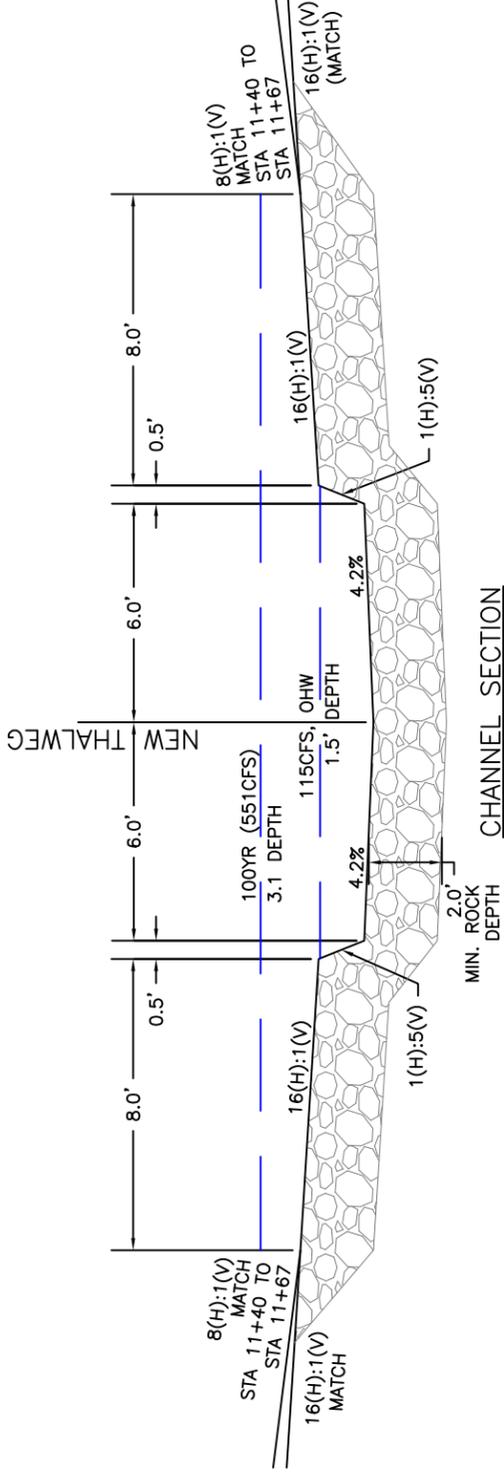
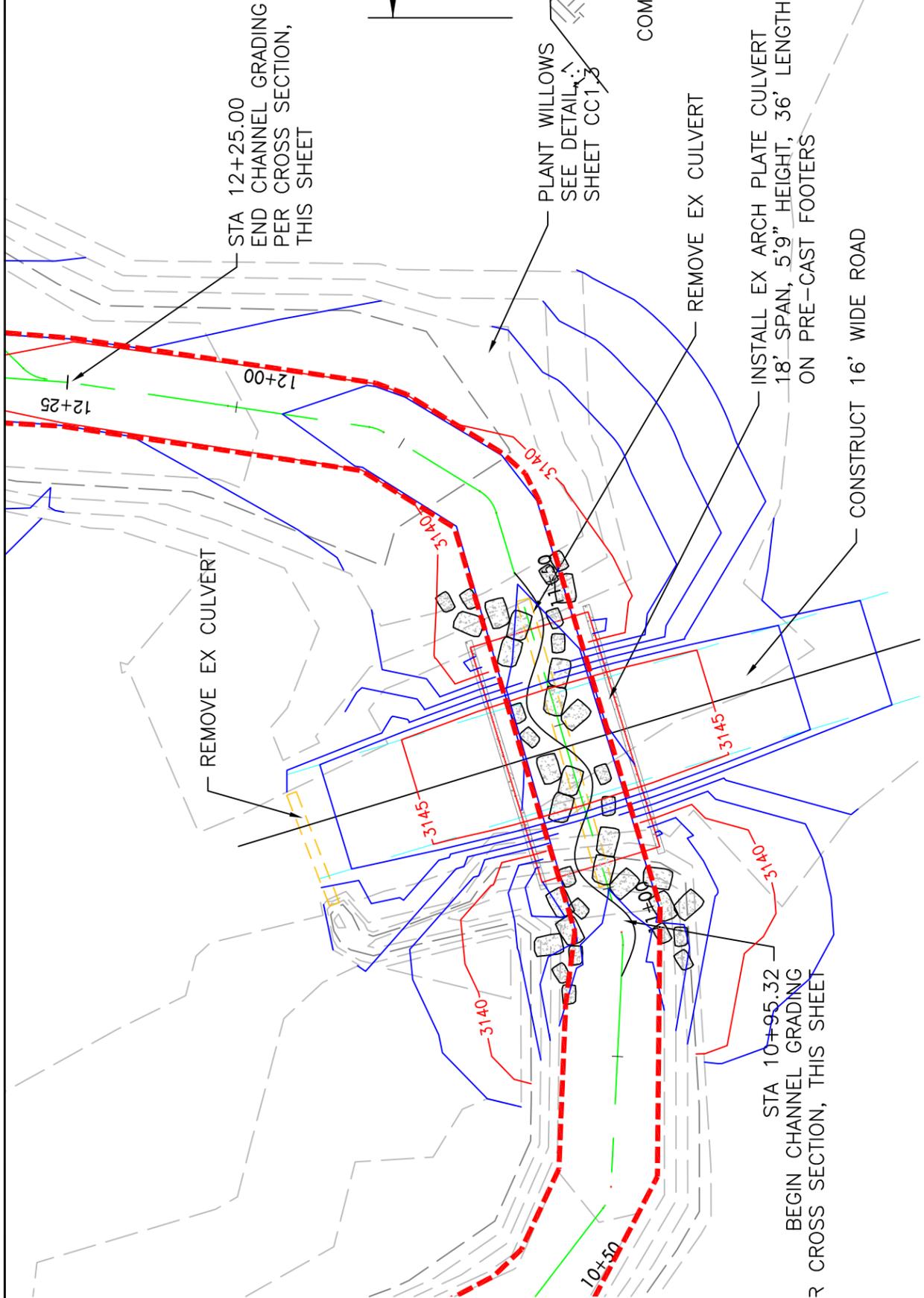
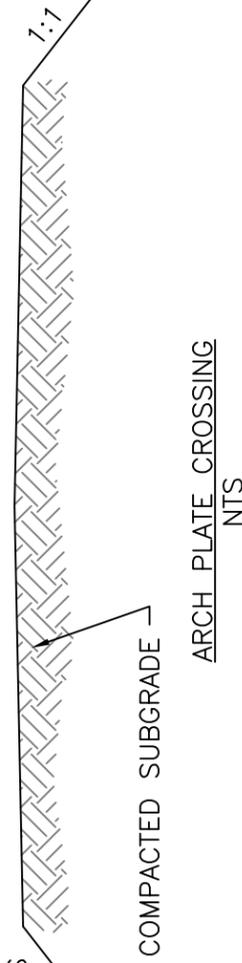
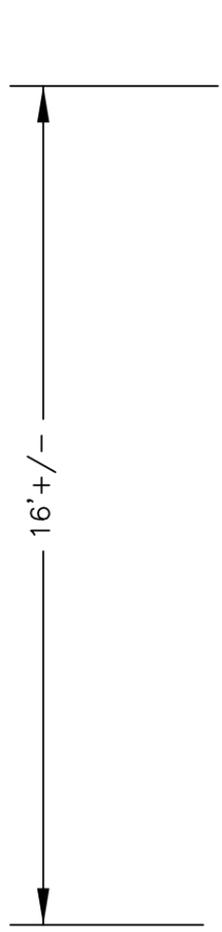
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ARCH PLATE SITE PLAN  
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SCALE IN FEET





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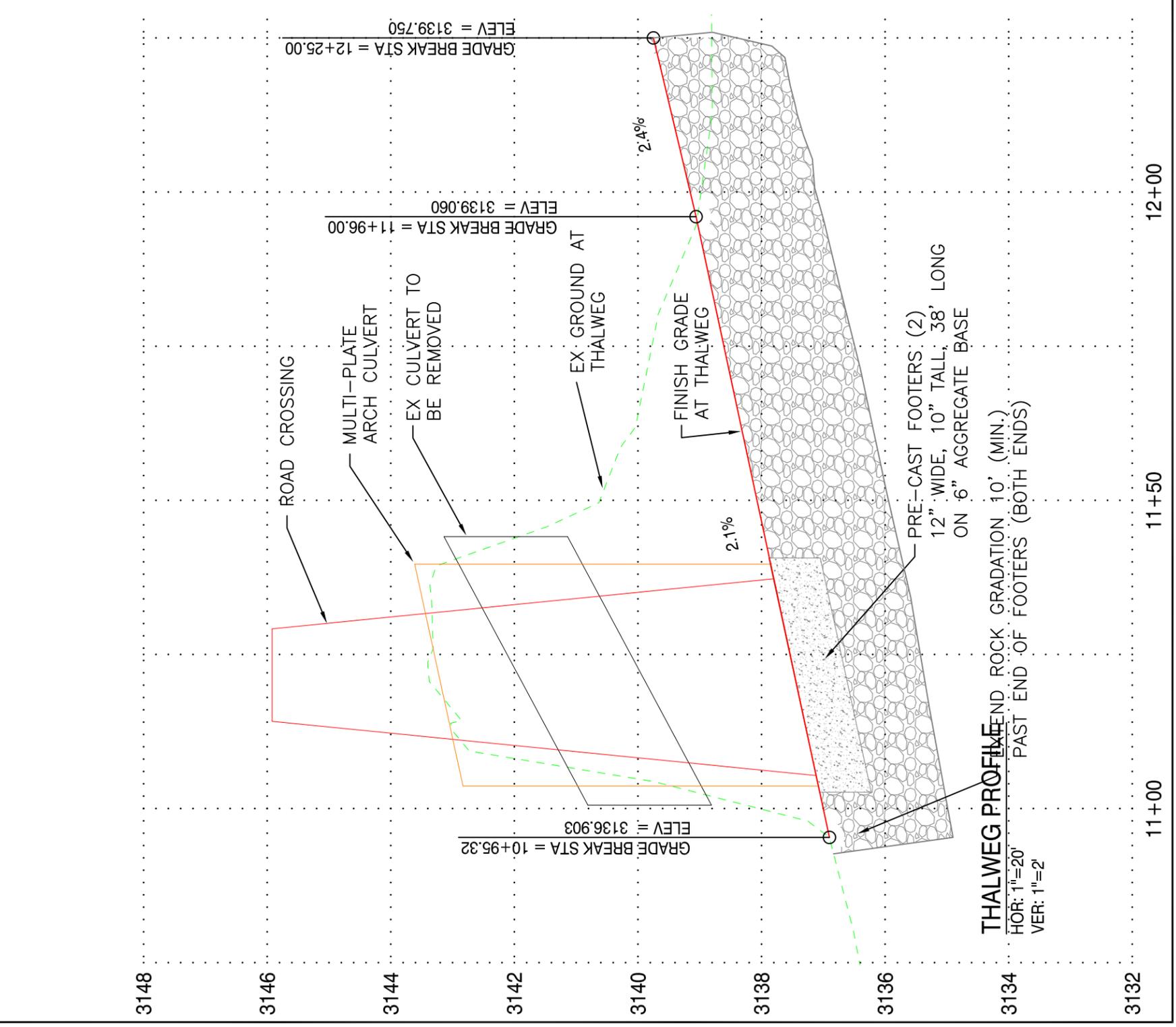
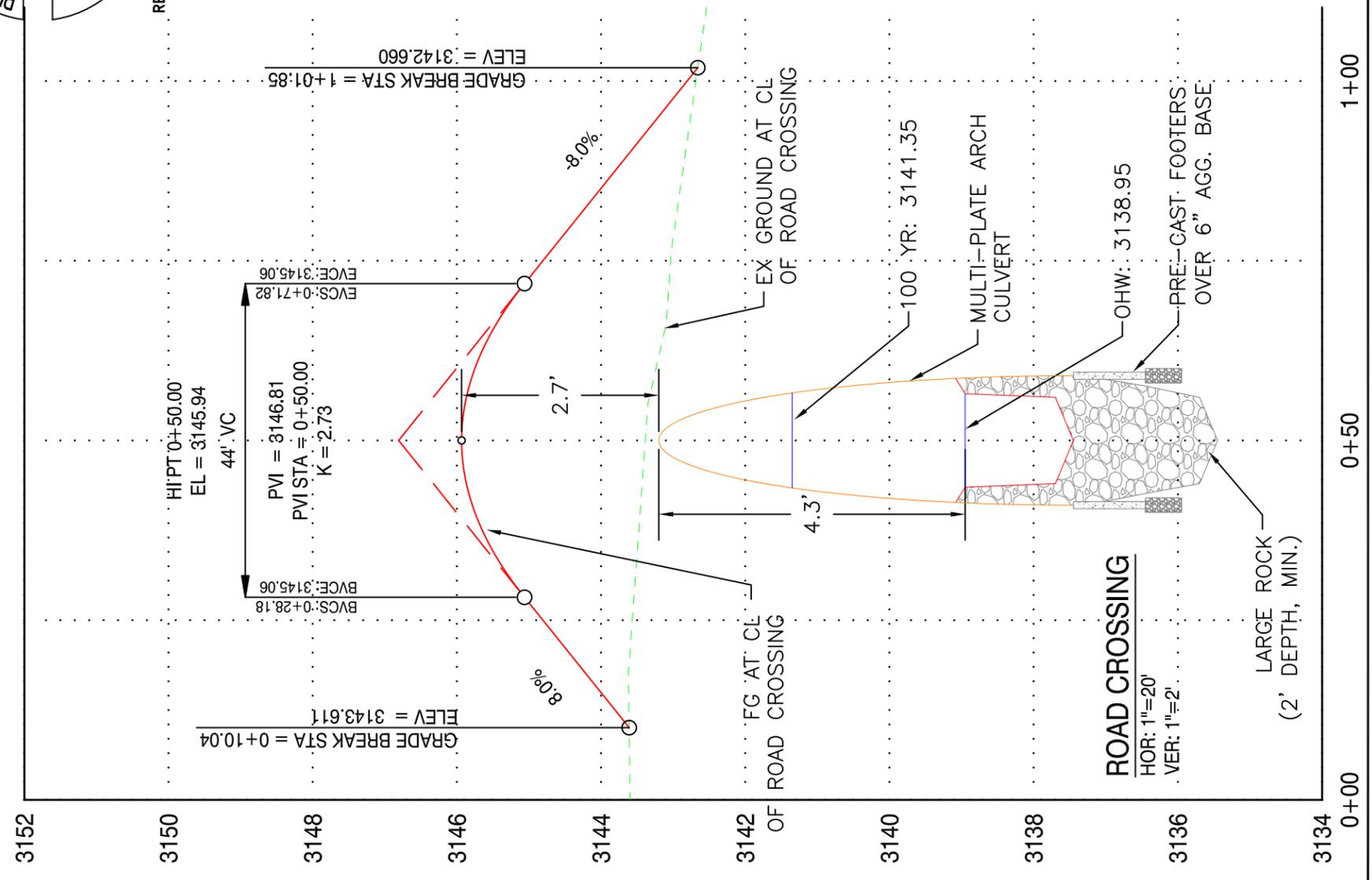
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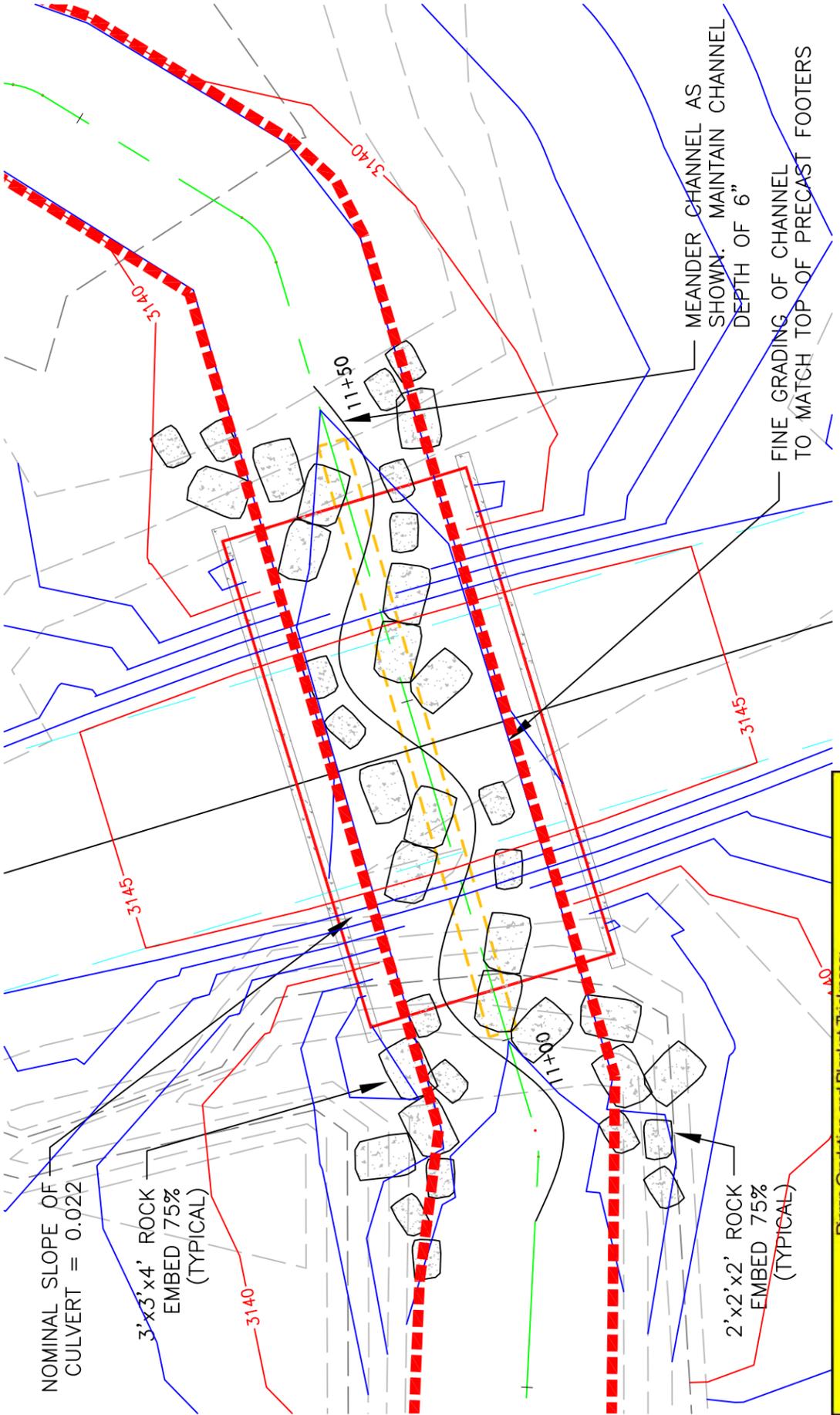
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**THALWEG PROFILE**  
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 VER: 1"=2'



NOMINAL SLOPE OF  
CULVERT = 0.022

3'x3'x4' ROCK  
EMBED 75%  
(TYPICAL)

2'x2'x2' ROCK  
EMBED 75%  
(TYPICAL)

MEANDER CHANNEL AS  
SHOWN. MAINTAIN CHANNEL  
DEPTH OF 6"

FINE GRADING OF CHANNEL  
TO MATCH TOP OF PRECAST FOOTERS

Riprap Gradation and Blanket Thickness:			
Percent Passing	Lower Limit (inches)	Upper Limit (inches)	
100	24.5	32.7	
85	21.3	29.5	
50	16.4	24.5	
15	4.9	8.2	
Blanket Thickness		32.7	inches

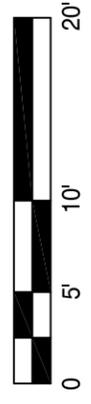
**ROCK NOTES**

ALL ROCK SHALL BE DURABLE, SOUND, DENSE (SG=2.65 MIN), FREE FROM CRACKS, SEAMS, AND OTHER DEFECTS THAT WOULD TEND TO INCREASE DETERIORATION FROM WEATHERING. ROCK FRAGMENTS SHALL BE ANGULAR TO SUBROUNDED IN SHAPE WITH THE LEAST DIMENSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL ROCK FRAGMENT NOT LESS THAN ONE-THIRD THE GREATEST DIMENSION.

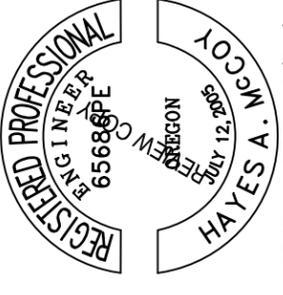
BLEND LOWER END OF STREAM SIMULATION INTO NATURAL CHANNEL. USE MATERIAL SIZES SPECIFIED IN ROCK GRADATION TABLE. MINIMIZE DISTURBANCE TO AREA UPSTREAM OF THE CULVERT. ALLOW NATURAL FINE MATERIALS AND NATURAL COBBLES TO WASH THROUGH THE STREAM SIMULATION WORK ONCE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE TO FURTHER MINIMIZE THE CHANCE OF PIPING THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTED CHANNEL.



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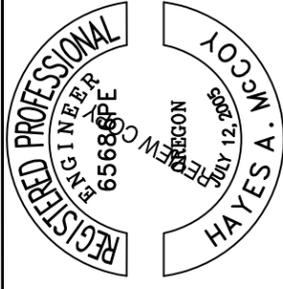
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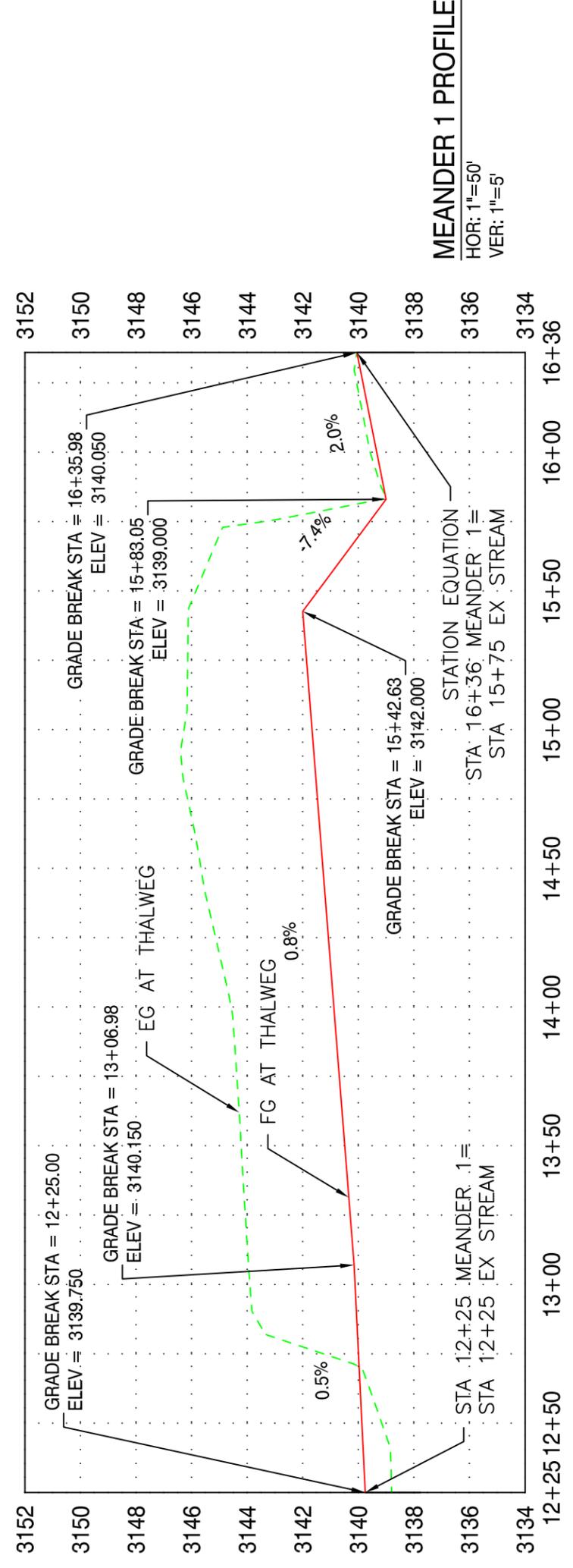
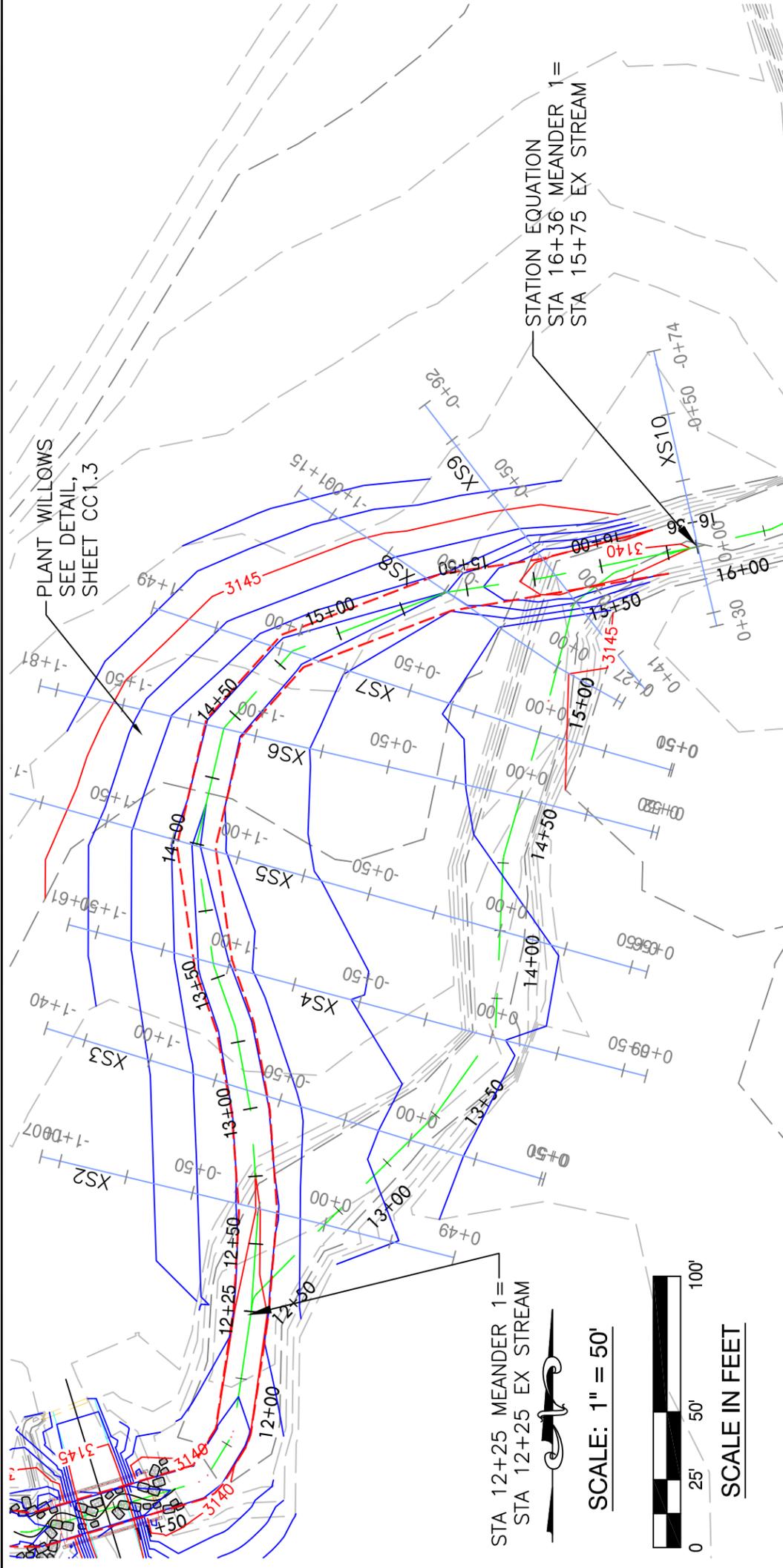
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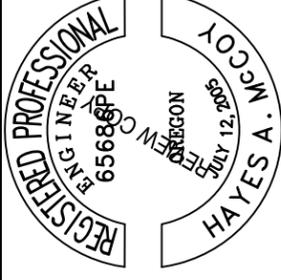
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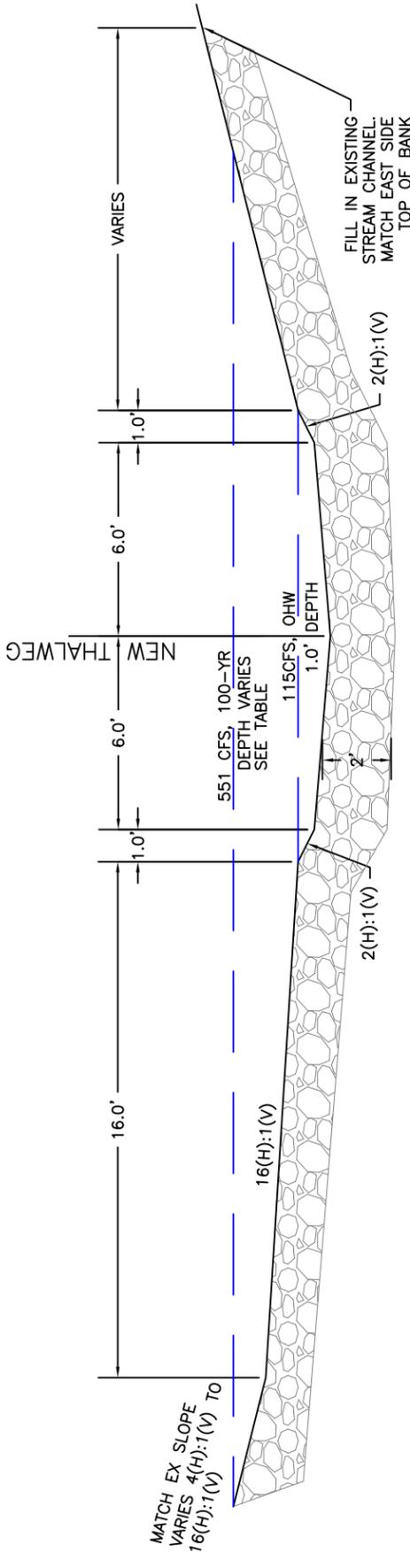
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MIN. ROCK DEPTH MEANDER 1 SECTION  
STA 12+25 - STA 16+36  
NTS

100-YR FLOW DEPTHS

12+25	-	3.09'
12+68	-	3.09'
13+12	-	3.07'
13+60	-	2.88'
14+00	-	2.86'
14+50	-	2.87'
14+75	-	2.87'
15+00	-	3.09'
15+25	-	4.72'
15+75	-	3.67'

# Thief Valley Reservoir Culvert



**Left:** The existing undersized culvert on the reservoir side.

**Right:** This is the existing culvert as it drains on the reservoir side.



# Thief Valley Reservoir Culvert



**Left:** The existing undersized culvert on the pasture side.

**Right:** The existing undersized culvert on the pasture side.



**Left:** The existing road that crosses Cusick Creek and the undersized culvert.