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PROPOSED PROJECT & SITE EVALUATION REPORT-WETLAND

Site Inspector	
Date of Review	
Permit Number	
Habitat ID No.	

Environmental Assessment of Project Site:

- 1. Location & Site Condition –
- 2. Property Identification & Size of Property –
- 3. Adjacent Properties –
- 4. Current Land Use –
- 5. Vulnerability Assessment
 - a. Fault Line –
 - b. Flood Severity/Coastal Inundation Classification –
 - c. Coastal Erosion/Change -
 - d. FUDS Classification -
 - e. Streambeds/Natural Waterway –
 - f. Underground Water Source Restriction Level -
 - g. Soil Type & Elevation –
- 6. Flora and Fauna Inventory –
- 7. Historical & Cultural Significance –
- 8. Area(s) of Particular Concern (APC) –

Project Evaluation

- 1. Name of Project -
- 2. Scope and Nature of Work –
- 3. Total footprint of the Project –
- 4. Duration of Project –
- 5. Setbacks Requirements -
- 6. Additional Information [Date of wetland delineation be sure to attach report]

Findings:

[Describe findings here. Add "Recommendations" row if needed to highlight any required best practices / buffers – see NMIAC 15-10-305]

DCRM RECOMMENDATION

No Impact, No loss of habitat		
Some Impact, Minimal loss of habitat		
Some Impact, Significant loss of habitat		
Major Impact, Complete loss of habitat		
Prepared by:	Signature	Date
[Name, Title]		

(Attach Vicinity Map and recent Photos (Aerial & Ground))

Reminder on Wetland APC visits:

Wetland & Mangrove:

1) With Delineation Report

- a. Reference report's wetland map. Apply Rapid Assessment Methodology (RAM) and/or Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) if proposed area is a stream / riparian system to verify if high, medium or low importance for purposes of determining mandatory minimum buffer.
- b. Reference Wetland soils book to confirm reported soil types; dig test pits if perimeter appears to be marked in area with wetland plants or hydrology present.
- c. If forms support assessment, complete inspection form and note agreement. If forms do not support assessment, complete a set of wet / not-wet delineation forms using the current (2012) Regional Supplement (see 2017 published guidance for content requirements), and attach forms and supporting details to assessment report explaining disagreement.

2) Without Delineation Report

- a. Check hydric soil, wetland obligate vegetation, wetland species;
 - i. If site is proposed for development and at least two of the three indicators are clearly present, require full delineation report using current (2012) Regional Supplement (see 2017 published guidance for content requirements);
 - ii. If site is proposed for wetland compensation / land exchange, defer to current guidance. As of April, 2018, DCRM has been instructed that wetland valuation methods must be updated before DCRM can confirm wetland values; an RFP to support these efforts is underway. In the meantime, delineation reports can be submitted and verified, but no certification regarding quality can be issues.