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**GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOLOGIC HAZARDS
INVESTIGATION
1806 J.3 ROAD
FRUITA, COLORADO
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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A geologic hazards and geotechnical investigation was conducted for the proposed 1806 J 3/10 Road Minor Subdivision in Fruita, Colorado. The project location is shown on Figure 1 – Site Location Map. The purpose of the investigation was to evaluate the surface and subsurface conditions at the site with respect to geologic hazards, foundation design, pavement design and earthwork for the proposed development. This summary has been prepared to include the information required by civil engineers, structural engineers, and contractors involved in the project.

Subsurface Conditions (p. 2)

The subsurface investigation consisted of three test pits, excavated on September 18th, 2023. The locations of the test pits are shown on Figure 2 – Site Plan. The test pits encountered native clay and sand soils. Groundwater was encountered in the test pits at a depth of 8.0 feet at the time of the investigation. The native clay soils are moderately plastic and slightly expansive. The native sand soils are non-plastic and are anticipated to be slightly collapsible.

Geologic Hazards and Constraints (p. 3)

No geologic hazards or constraints were identified which would preclude development of this property. However, moisture sensitive soils were encountered during the subsurface investigation and these materials may impact the design and construction of foundations, driveways, etc. In addition, shallow groundwater may impact the proposed development.

Summary of Foundation Recommendations

- *Foundation Type* – Spread Footings or Monolithic (turndown) Structural Slabs. (p. 4)
- *Structural Fill* – Minimum of 24-inches below foundations. The native clay soils are not suitable for re-use as structural fill. The native sand soils are suitable for reuse as structural fill. All native soils should be evaluated by the engineer prior to their use as structural fill. Imported structural fill should consist of granular, non-expansive, ***non-free draining*** material with greater than 10% passing the #200 sieve and Liquid Limit of less than 30 approved by HBET.(p. 4)
- *Maximum Allowable Bearing Capacity* – 1,500 psf. (p. 5)
- *Subgrade Modulus* –150 pci for native soils. 200 pci for imported granular materials. (p. 5)
- *Lateral Earth Pressure* – 55 pcf active. 75 pcf at-rest. (p. 6)

Summary of Pavement Recommendations (p. 6)

Internal Subdivision Roadways

EDLA = 10, Structural Number = 3.10

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

As part of the continued development in Western Colorado, a new residential subdivision is proposed at 1806 J 3/10 Road in Fruita, Colorado. As part of the development process, Huddlestone-Berry Engineering and Testing, LLC (HBET) was retained by Kim Kerk Land Consulting to conduct a geologic hazards and geotechnical investigation at the site.

1.1 Scope

As discussed above, a geologic hazards and geotechnical investigation was conducted for the proposed subdivision at 1806 J 3/10 Road in Fruita, Colorado. The scope of the investigation included the following components:

- Conducting a subsurface investigation to evaluate the subsurface conditions at the site.
- Collecting soil samples and conducting laboratory testing to determine the engineering properties of the soils at the site.
- Providing recommendations for foundation type and subgrade preparation.
- Providing recommendations for bearing capacity.
- Providing recommendations for lateral earth pressure.
- Providing recommendations for pavements.
- Providing recommendations for drainage, grading, and general earthwork.
- Evaluating potential geologic hazards at the site.
- Evaluating the site soils for Onsite Wastewater Treatment

The investigation and report were completed by a Colorado registered professional engineer in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical and geological engineering practices. This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of Kim Kerk Land Consulting and the Owner.

1.2 Site Location and Description

The site encompasses approximately 3 acres at 1806 J 3/10 Road in Fruita, Colorado. The project location is shown on Figure 1 – Site Location Map.

At the time of the investigation the southern portion of the site was occupied by an existing residence. The remainder of the site was open agricultural/pasture land. The site sloped gently down to the west. Vegetation consisted primarily of pasture grasses. A drainage ditch ran along the northern property boundary. The site was bordered to the north by a residential property, to the east by an irrigation canal, to the west by J 3/10 Road, and to the south by J 2/10 Road.

1.3 Proposed Construction

The proposed construction is anticipated to include subdivision of the property into single-family residential lots. The existing residence will occupy one of the lots. New utilities and internal subdivision roadways and/or shared driveways will also be included in the development.

2.0 GEOLOGIC SETTING

2.1 Soils

Soils data was obtained from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Web Soil Survey. The data indicates that the soils at the site consist of Sagers silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes. Soil survey data, including descriptions of the soil units, is included in Appendix A.

Structure construction in the site soils is described as being somewhat limited due to shrink-swell. The site soils are indicated to have a low to moderate potential for frost action, moderate risk of corrosion of uncoated steel, and moderate risk of corrosion of concrete.

2.2 Geology

According to the *Geologic Map of the Fruita Quadrangle, Mesa County, Colorado* (2009), the site is underlain by alluvial mudflow and fan valley fill deposits.

2.3 Groundwater

Groundwater was encountered at a depth of 8.0 feet in the test pits at the time of the investigation.

3.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION

3.1 Subsurface Investigation

The subsurface investigation was conducted on September 18th, 2023 and consisted of three test pits, excavated to a depth of 8.0 feet below the existing ground surface. The locations of the test pits are shown on Figure 2 – Site Plan. Typed test pit logs are included in Appendix B. Samples of the subsurface soils were collected using bulk sampling methods at the locations shown on the logs.

As indicated on the logs, the subsurface conditions at the site were variable. Test Pits TP-1 and TP-2, conducted in the eastern and southern portions of the site, encountered 1.5 feet of topsoil above brown, moist to wet, stiff to medium stiff lean clay soils to the bottoms of the excavations. Groundwater was encountered in TP-1 and TP-2 at a depth of 8.0 feet at the time of the investigation.

Test Pit TP-3, conducted in the western portion of the site, encountered 1.5 feet of topsoil above brown, moist to wet, loose to medium dense silty sand soils to the bottom of the excavation. Groundwater was encountered in TP-3 at the depth of 8.0 feet at the time of the investigation.

3.2 Field Reconnaissance

The field reconnaissance included walking the site during the subsurface investigation. In general, the site was gently sloping. No evidence of landslides, debris flows, rockfalls, etc. was observed.

4.0 LABORATORY TESTING

Selected soil samples collected from the test pits were tested in the Huddlestone-Berry Engineering and Testing LLC geotechnical laboratory for natural moisture content determination, grain size analysis, Atterberg limits determination, maximum dry density and optimum moisture content (Proctor) determination, water soluble sulfates content, and California Bearing Ratio (CBR) determination. The laboratory testing results are included in Appendix C.

The laboratory testing results indicate that the native clay soils at the site are moderately plastic. In addition, the CBR results indicate the native clay soils are slightly expansive when compacted and introduced to excess moisture, with up to 2.8% expansion measured in the laboratory.

The native sand soils were indicated to be non-plastic. In general, based upon the Atterberg limits and upon our experience with similar soil in the vicinity of the subject site, the native sand soils are anticipated to be slightly collapsible.

5.0 GEOLOGIC INTERPRETATION

5.1 Geologic Hazards

The primary geologic hazard identified on the site is the presence of moisture sensitive soils.

5.2 Geologic Constraints

In general, the primary geologic constraint to construction at the site is the presence of moisture sensitive soils. However, shallow groundwater may also impact the design and construction.

5.3 Water Resources

No water supply wells were observed on the property. However, as discussed previously, shallow groundwater was encountered at the site. In general, with proper design and construction, the proposed construction is not anticipated to adversely impact surface water or groundwater.

5.4 Mineral Resources

Potential mineral resources in the Grand Valley generally include gravel, uranium ore, and commercial rock products such as flagstone. Based upon the results of the subsurface investigation and available geologic information, HBET does not believe that any commercial quality mineral resources exist at this site.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the available data sources, field investigation, and nature of the proposed subdivision, HBET does not believe that there are any geologic conditions which should preclude subdivision of the site. However, foundations, pavements, and earthwork will have to consider the impacts of the moisture sensitive soils at the site. In addition, shallow groundwater may impact the design and/or construction.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Foundations

Based upon the results of the subsurface investigation and nature of the proposed construction, shallow foundations are generally recommended. Spread footings and monolithic (turndown) structural slab foundations are both appropriate alternatives. However, the native clay and sand soils range from slightly expansive to slightly collapsible. Therefore, in order to provide a uniform bearing stratum and reduce the risk of excessive differential movements, it is recommended that the foundations be constructed above a minimum of 24-inches of structural fill. Due to the presence of shallow groundwater, basements are not recommended at this site.

Due to their potential for expansion, the native clay soils are not suitable for reuse as structural fill. However, the native sand soils, exclusive of topsoil, are suitable for reuse as structural fill. **Due to the variable soils across the site, HBET should evaluate all native soils prior to their use as structural fill.** Imported structural fill should consist of a granular, non-expansive, **non-free draining** material with greater than 10% passing the #200 sieve and Liquid Limit of less than 30. However, all proposed imported structural fill materials should be approved by HBET.

For spread footing foundations, the footing areas may be trenched. However, for monolithic slab foundations, the structural fill should extend across the entire building pad area to a depth of 24-inches below the turndown edges. Structural fill should extend laterally beyond the edges of the foundations a distance equal to the thickness of structural fill for both foundation types.

Prior to placement of structural fill, it is recommended that the bottoms of the foundation excavations be scarified to a depth of 6 to 8-inches, moisture conditioned, and re-compacted to a minimum of 95% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density, within $\pm 2\%$ of the optimum moisture content as determined in accordance with ASTM D698. Structural fill should be moisture conditioned, placed in maximum 8-inch loose lifts, and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density for fine grained soils or modified Proctor maximum dry density for coarse grained soils, within $\pm 2\%$ of the optimum moisture content as determined in accordance with ASTM D698 or D1557C, respectively.

Structural fill should be extended to within 0.1-feet of the bottom of the foundation. No more than 0.1-feet of gravel should be placed below the footings or turndown edge as a leveling course.

For structural fill consisting of the native soils or imported granular materials, and foundation building pad preparation as recommended, a maximum allowable bearing capacity of 1,500 psf may be used. In addition, a modulus of subgrade reaction of 150 pci may be used for structural fill consisting of the native soils and a modulus of 200 pci may be used for structural fill consisting of approved materials. Foundations subject to frost should be at least 24 inches below the finished grade.

7.2 Non-Structural Floor Slabs and Exterior Flatwork

In order to limit the potential for movement of floor slabs and/or exterior flatwork, it is recommended that non-structural floating floor slabs be constructed above a minimum of 24-inches of structural fill with subgrade preparation and fill placement in accordance with the *Foundations* section of this report. It is recommended that exterior flatwork be constructed above a minimum of 12-inches of structural fill.

7.3 Corrosion of Concrete and Steel

The USDA Soil Survey Data indicates that the site soils have a moderate potential for corrosion of concrete. Therefore, at a minimum, Type I-II sulfate resistant cement is recommended for construction at this site.

The Soil Survey Data also indicates that the site soils have a moderate potential for corrosion of uncoated steel. Therefore, buried steel utilities or other buried steel structural elements should consider corrosion in their design.

7.4 Lateral Earth Pressures

Stemwalls or retaining walls should be designed to resist lateral earth pressures. For backfill consisting of the native soils or imported granular, non-free draining, non-expansive material, an active equivalent fluid unit weight of 55 pcf may be used in areas where no surcharge loads are present. An at-rest equivalent fluid unit weight of 75 pcf may be used for braced walls. Lateral earth pressures should be increased as necessary to reflect any surcharge loading behind the walls.

7.4 Drainage

Grading and drainage are critical for the long-term performance of the structures and grading around the structures should be designed to carry precipitation and runoff away from the structures. It is recommended that the finished ground surface drop at least twelve inches within the first ten feet away from the structures. It is also recommended that landscaping within five feet of the structures include primarily desert plants with low water requirements. In addition, it is recommended that irrigation, including drip lines, within ten feet of foundations be minimized.

HBET recommends that downspout extensions be used which discharge a minimum of 15 feet from the structures or beyond the backfill zones, whichever is greater. However, if subsurface downspout drains are utilized, they should be carefully constructed of solid-wall PVC and should daylight a minimum of 15 feet from the structures. In addition, an impermeable membrane is recommended below subsurface downspout drain lines. Dry wells should not be used.

7.5 Excavations

Excavations in the soils at the site may stand for short periods of time but should not be considered to be stable. Therefore, trenching and excavations should be sloped back, shored, or shielded for worker protection in accordance with applicable OSHA standards. The native soils at the site generally classify as Type C soil with regard to OSHA's *Construction Standards for Excavations*. For Type C soils, the maximum allowable slope in temporary cuts is 1.5H:1V.

7.6 Pavements

The proposed construction is anticipated to include residential street construction. From the subsurface investigation, the pavement subgrade materials at the site consist of lean clay and silty sand soils. The design California Bearing Ratio (CBR) of the native clay soils was determined in the laboratory to be less than 2.0. Therefore, the minimum recommended Resilient Modulus of 3,000 psi was used for the pavement design.

Based upon the subgrade conditions and anticipated traffic loading, asphalt and concrete pavement section alternatives were developed in accordance with the *Guideline for the Design and Use of Asphalt Pavements for Colorado Roadways* by the Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association and *CDOT Pavement Design Manual*. The following minimum pavement section alternatives are recommended:

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Prior to roadway construction, the roadway prism should be stripped of all topsoil, fill, or other unsuitable materials. It is recommended that the subgrade soils be scarified to a depth of 12-inches; moisture conditioned, and recompact to a minimum of 95% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density, within $\pm 2\%$ of optimum moisture as determined by AASHTO T-99.

Aggregate base course and subbase course should be placed in maximum 9-inch loose lifts, moisture conditioned, and compacted to a minimum of 95% and 93% of the maximum dry density, respectively, at -2% to $+3\%$ of optimum moisture content as determined by AASHTO T-180. In addition to density testing, base course should be proofrolled to verify subgrade stability.

It is recommended that Hot-Mix Asphaltic (HMA) pavement conform to CDOT grading SX or S specifications and consist of an approved 75 gyration Superpave method mix design. HMA pavement should be compacted to between 92% and 96% of the maximum theoretical density. An end point stress of 50 psi should be used. It is recommended that rigid pavements consist of CDOT Class P concrete or alternative approved by the Engineer. In addition, pavements should conform to local specifications.

The long-term performance of the pavements is dependent on positive drainage away from the pavements. Ditches, culverts, and inlet structures in the vicinity of paved areas must be maintained to prevent ponding of water on the pavement.

8.0 GENERAL

The recommendations included above are based upon the results of the subsurface investigation and on our local experience. These conclusions and recommendations are valid only for the proposed construction.

As discussed previously, the subsurface conditions at the site were variable. However, the precise nature and extent of any subsurface variability may not become evident until construction. As a result, it is recommended that HBET provide construction materials testing and engineering oversight during the entire construction process.

It is important to note that the recommendations herein are intended to reduce the risk of structural movement and/or damage, to varying degrees, associated with volume change of the native soils. However, HBET cannot predict long-term changes in subsurface moisture conditions and/or the precise magnitude or extent of volume change. Where significant changes in shallow subsurface moisture occur due to poor grading, improper stormwater management, utility line failure, excess irrigation, or other cause, either during construction or the result of actions of the property owners, several inches of movement are possible. In addition, any failure to comply with the recommendations in this report releases Huddleston-Berry Engineering & Testing, LLC of any liability with regard to the performance of structures, flatwork, etc. at this site.

Huddleston-Berry Engineering and Testing, LLC is pleased to be of service to your project. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments regarding the contents of this report.

Respectfully Submitted:

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FIGURES

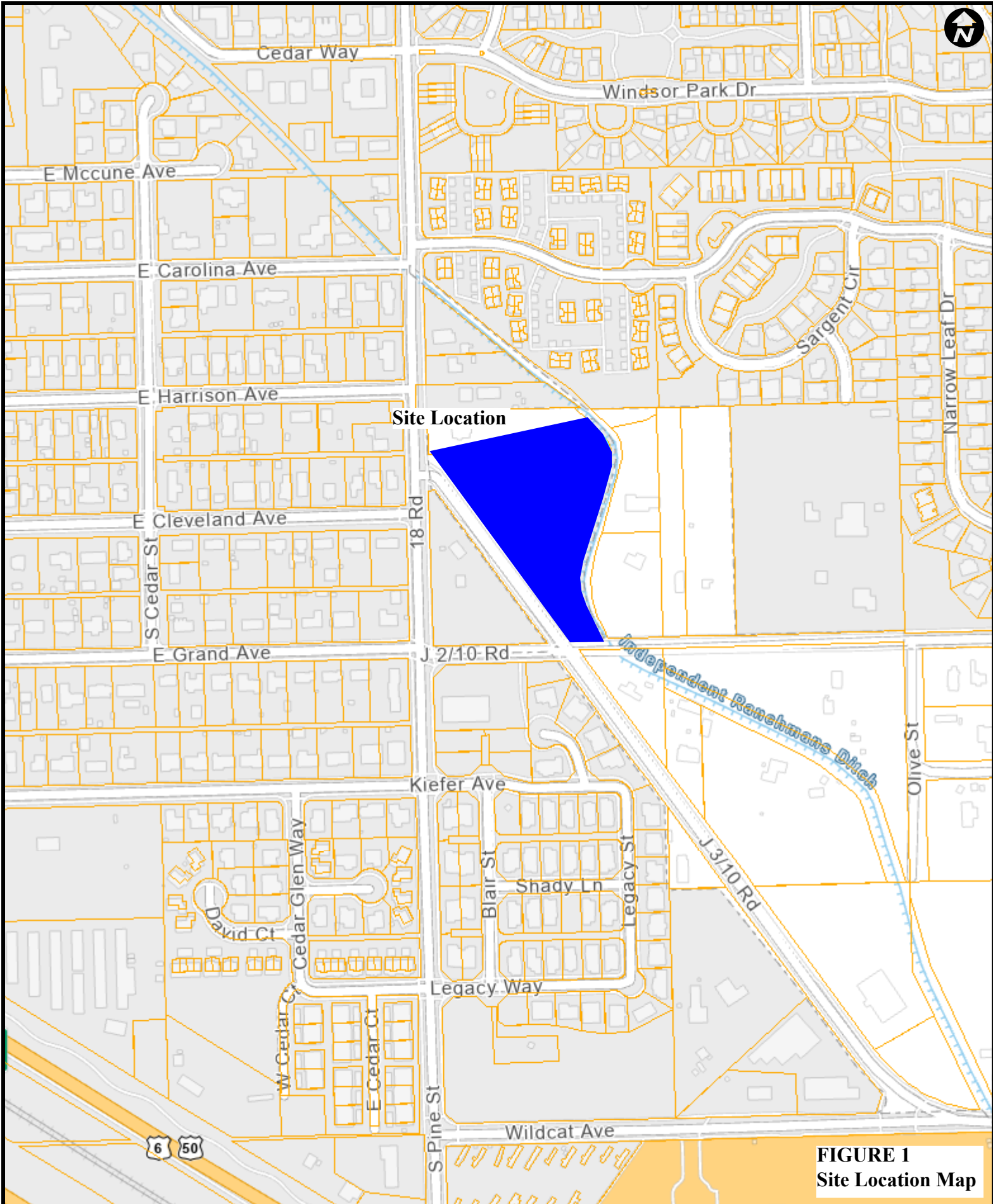
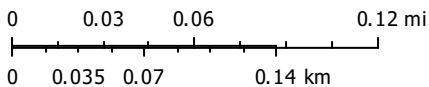


FIGURE 1
Site Location Map

Mesa County Map

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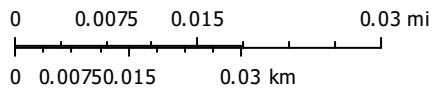
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FIGURE 2
Site Plan

Mesa County Map

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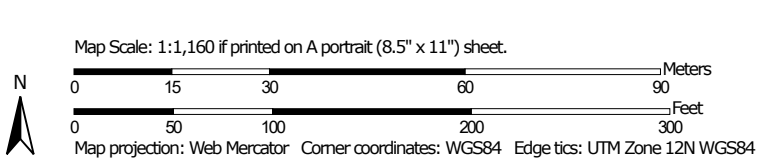
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APPENDIX A
Soil Survey Data

Soil Map—Mesa County Area, Colorado




Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.



MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

 Area of Interest (AOI)

Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features



Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow



Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot



Other



Special Line Features

Water Features



Streams and Canals

Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

Background



Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Web Soil Survey URL:
 Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Mesa County Area, Colorado
 Survey Area Data: Version 14, Aug 22, 2023

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 24, 2020—Jul 8, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Bc	Sagers silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	3.5	100.0%
Totals for Area of Interest		3.5	100.0%

Map Unit Description

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions in this report, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named, soils that are similar to the named components, and some minor components that differ in use and management from the major soils.

Most of the soils similar to the major components have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Some minor components, however, have properties and behavior characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. All the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement. Soils of a given series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

Additional information about the map units described in this report is available in other soil reports, which give properties of the soils and the limitations, capabilities, and potentials for many uses. Also, the narratives that accompany the soil reports define some of the properties included in the map unit descriptions.

Report—Map Unit Description

Mesa County Area, Colorado

Bc—Sagers silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k0bq

Elevation: 4,490 to 5,900 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 6 to 9 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 50 to 55 degrees F
Frost-free period: 140 to 180 days
Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Sagers and similar soils: 90 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Sagers

Setting

Landform: Terraces
Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread
Down-slope shape: Concave, linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Cretaceous source alluvium derived from sandstone and shale

Typical profile

Ap - 0 to 12 inches: silty clay loam
C - 12 to 25 inches: silty clay loam
Cy - 25 to 60 inches: silty clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Low
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.21 to 0.71 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 15 percent
Gypsum, maximum content: 5 percent
Maximum salinity: Very slightly saline to moderately saline (2.0 to 8.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: High (about 9.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7c
Hydrologic Soil Group: C
Ecological site: R034BY106UT - Desert Loam (Shadscale)
Hydric soil rating: No

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Mesa County Area, Colorado
Survey Area Data: Version 14, Aug 22, 2023

Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings

Soil properties influence the development of building sites, including the selection of the site, the design of the structure, construction, performance after construction, and maintenance. This table shows the degree and kind of soil limitations that affect dwellings and small commercial buildings.

The ratings in the table are both verbal and numerical. Rating class terms indicate the extent to which the soils are limited by all of the soil features that affect building site development. *Not limited* indicates that the soil has features that are very favorable for the specified use. Good performance and very low maintenance can be expected. *Somewhat limited* indicates that the soil has features that are moderately favorable for the specified use. The limitations can be overcome or minimized by special planning, design, or installation. Fair performance and moderate maintenance can be expected. *Very limited* indicates that the soil has one or more features that are unfavorable for the specified use. The limitations generally cannot be overcome without major soil reclamation, special design, or expensive installation procedures. Poor performance and high maintenance can be expected.

Numerical ratings in the table indicate the severity of individual limitations. The ratings are shown as decimal fractions ranging from 0.01 to 1.00. They indicate gradations between the point at which a soil feature has the greatest negative impact on the use (1.00) and the point at which the soil feature is not a limitation (0.00).

Dwellings are single-family houses of three stories or less. For dwellings without basements, the foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or at the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper. For dwellings with basements, the foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of about 7 feet. The ratings for dwellings are based on the soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs. The properties that affect the load-supporting capacity include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, subsidence, linear extensibility (shrink-swell potential), and compressibility. Compressibility is inferred from the Unified classification. The properties that affect the ease and amount of excavation include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, slope, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, hardness of bedrock or a cemented pan, and the amount and size of rock fragments.

Small commercial buildings are structures that are less than three stories high and do not have basements. The foundation is assumed to consist of spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or at the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper. The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect the capacity of the soil to support a load without movement and on the properties that affect excavation and construction costs. The properties that affect the load-supporting capacity include depth to a water table, ponding, flooding, subsidence, linear extensibility (shrink-swell potential), and compressibility (which is inferred from the Unified classification). The properties that affect the ease and amount of excavation include flooding, depth to a water table, ponding, slope, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, hardness of bedrock or a cemented pan, and the amount and size of rock fragments.

Information in this table is intended for land use planning, for evaluating land use alternatives, and for planning site investigations prior to design and construction. The information, however, has limitations. For example, estimates and other data generally apply only to that part of the soil between the surface and a depth of 5 to 7 feet. Because of the map scale, small areas of different soils may be included within the mapped areas of a specific soil.

The information is not site specific and does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation of the soils or for testing and analysis by personnel experienced in the design and construction of engineering works.

Government ordinances and regulations that restrict certain land uses or impose specific design criteria were not considered in preparing the information in this table. Local ordinances and regulations should be considered in planning, in site selection, and in design.

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[Onsite investigation may be needed to validate the interpretations in this table and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site. The numbers in the value columns range from 0.01 to 1.00. The larger the value, the greater the potential limitation. The table shows only the top five limitations for any given soil. The soil may have additional limitations]

Dwellings and Small Commercial Buildings—Mesa County Area, Colorado							
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Dwellings without basements		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
Bc—Sagers silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes							
Sagers	90	Somewhat limited		Somewhat limited		Somewhat limited	
		Shrink-swell	0.03	Shrink-swell	0.03	Shrink-swell	0.03

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Mesa County Area, Colorado
Survey Area Data: Version 14, Aug 22, 2023

Soil Features

This table gives estimates of various soil features. The estimates are used in land use planning that involves engineering considerations.

A *restrictive layer* is a nearly continuous layer that has one or more physical, chemical, or thermal properties that significantly impede the movement of water and air through the soil or that restrict roots or otherwise provide an unfavorable root environment. Examples are bedrock, cemented layers, dense layers, and frozen layers. The table indicates the hardness and thickness of the restrictive layer, both of which significantly affect the ease of excavation. *Depth to top* is the vertical distance from the soil surface to the upper boundary of the restrictive layer.

Subsidence is the settlement of organic soils or of saturated mineral soils of very low density. Subsidence generally results from either desiccation and shrinkage, or oxidation of organic material, or both, following drainage. Subsidence takes place gradually, usually over a period of several years. The table shows the expected initial subsidence, which usually is a result of drainage, and total subsidence, which results from a combination of factors.

Potential for frost action is the likelihood of upward or lateral expansion of the soil caused by the formation of segregated ice lenses (frost heave) and the subsequent collapse of the soil and loss of strength on thawing. Frost action occurs when moisture moves into the freezing zone of the soil. Temperature, texture, density, saturated hydraulic conductivity (Ksat), content of organic matter, and depth to the water table are the most important factors considered in evaluating the potential for frost action. It is assumed that the soil is not insulated by vegetation or snow and is not artificially drained. Silty and highly structured, clayey soils that have a high water table in winter are the most susceptible to frost action. Well drained, very gravelly, or very sandy soils are the least susceptible. Frost heave and low soil strength during thawing cause damage to pavements and other rigid structures.

Risk of corrosion pertains to potential soil-induced electrochemical or chemical action that corrodes or weakens uncoated steel or concrete. The rate of corrosion of uncoated steel is related to such factors as soil moisture, particle-size distribution, acidity, and electrical conductivity of the soil. The rate of corrosion of concrete is based mainly on the sulfate and sodium content, texture, moisture content, and acidity of the soil. Special site examination and design may be needed if the combination of factors results in a severe hazard of corrosion. The steel or concrete in installations that intersect soil boundaries or soil layers is more susceptible to corrosion than the steel or concrete in installations that are entirely within one kind of soil or within one soil layer.

For uncoated steel, the risk of corrosion, expressed as *low*, *moderate*, or *high*, is based on soil drainage class, total acidity, electrical resistivity near field capacity, and electrical conductivity of the saturation extract.

For concrete, the risk of corrosion also is expressed as *low*, *moderate*, or *high*. It is based on soil texture, acidity, and amount of sulfates in the saturation extract.

Report—Soil Features

Soil Features—Mesa County Area, Colorado									
Map symbol and soil name	Restrictive Layer				Subsidence		Potential for frost action	Risk of corrosion	
	Kind	Depth to top	Thickness	Hardness	Initial	Total		Uncoated steel	Concrete
		<i>Low-RV-High</i>	<i>Range</i>		<i>Low-High</i>	<i>Low-High</i>			
		<i>In</i>	<i>In</i>		<i>In</i>	<i>In</i>			
Bc—Sagers silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes									
Sagers		—	—		0	0	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Mesa County Area, Colorado

Survey Area Data: Version 14, Aug 22, 2023

APPENDIX B
Typed Test Pit Logs



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TEST PIT NUMBER TP-1

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CLIENT Kim Kerk Land Consulting **PROJECT NAME** 1806 J 3/10 Road

PROJECT NUMBER 02245-0008 **PROJECT LOCATION** Fruita, CO

DATE STARTED 9/18/23 **COMPLETED** 9/18/23 **GROUND ELEVATION** _____ **TEST PIT SIZE** _____

EXCAVATION CONTRACTOR Wiseland **GROUND WATER LEVELS:**

EXCAVATION METHOD Trackh/Backhoe ▽ **AT TIME OF EXCAVATION** 8.0 ft

LOGGED BY TEC **CHECKED BY** MAB ▼ **AT END OF EXCAVATION** 8.0 ft

NOTES _____ **AFTER EXCAVATION** --

DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		Sandy Clay with Organics (TOPSOIL)										
2.5		Lean CLAY (CL), brown, moist to wet, stiff to medium stiff GB-1: Lab Classified	GB 1					19	31	18	13	90
5.0												
7.5												
		Bottom of test pit at 8.0 feet.										

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TEST PIT NUMBER TP-2

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PROJECT NUMBER 02245-0008 **PROJECT LOCATION** Fruita, CO
DATE STARTED 9/18/23 **COMPLETED** 9/18/23 **GROUND ELEVATION** _____ **TEST PIT SIZE** _____
EXCAVATION CONTRACTOR Wiseland **GROUND WATER LEVELS:**
EXCAVATION METHOD Trackh/Backhoe ▽ **AT TIME OF EXCAVATION** 8.0 ft
LOGGED BY TEC **CHECKED BY** MAB ▼ **AT END OF EXCAVATION** 8.0 ft
NOTES _____ **AFTER EXCAVATION** --

DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		Sandy Clay with Organics (TOPSOIL)										
2.5		Lean CLAY (cl), brown, moist to wet, stiff to medium stiff										
5.0												
7.5												
		Bottom of test pit at 8.0 feet.										

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TEST PIT NUMBER TP-3

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PROJECT NUMBER 02245-0008	PROJECT LOCATION Fruita, CO
DATE STARTED 9/18/23 COMPLETED 9/18/23	GROUND ELEVATION _____ TEST PIT SIZE _____
EXCAVATION CONTRACTOR Wiseland	GROUND WATER LEVELS:
EXCAVATION METHOD Trackh/Backhoe	▽ AT TIME OF EXCAVATION 8.0 ft
LOGGED BY TEC CHECKED BY MAB	▼ AT END OF EXCAVATION 8.0 ft
NOTES _____	AFTER EXCAVATION ---

DEPTH (ft)	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	RECOVERY % (RQD)	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	POCKET PEN. (tsf)	DRY UNIT WT. (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS			FINES CONTENT (%)
									LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	PLASTICITY INDEX	
0.0		Sandy Clay with Organics (TOPSOIL)										
2.5		Silty SAND (SM), brown, moist to wet, loose to medium dense GB-1: Lab Classified	GB 1					10	NP	NP	NP	29
5.0												
7.5												
		Bottom of test pit at 8.0 feet.										

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APPENDIX C
Laboratory Testing Results



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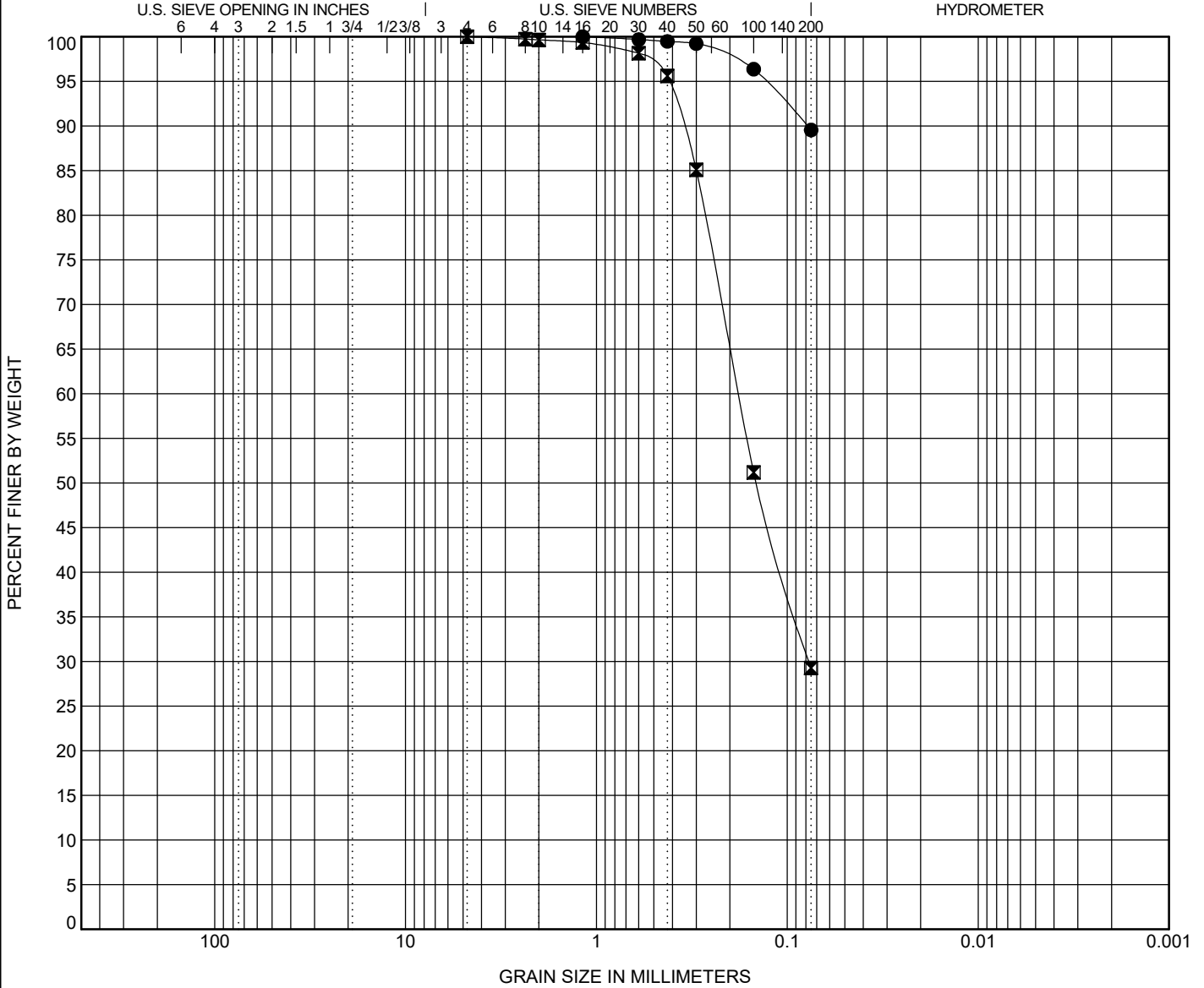
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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PROJECT NUMBER 02245-0008

PROJECT LOCATION Fruita, CO



COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Specimen Identification	Classification	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● TP-1, GB-1 9/18	LEAN CLAY(CL)	31	18	13		
☒ TP-3, GB-1 9/18	SILTY SAND(SM)	NP	NP	NP		

Specimen Identification	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay
● TP-1, GB-1 9/18	1.18				0.0	10.5		89.5
☒ TP-3, GB-1 9/18	4.75	0.18	0.077		0.0	70.7		29.3

GRAIN SIZE 02245-0008 1806 J.3 ROAD.GPJ GINT US LAB.GDT 10/20/23



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MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

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PROJECT NAME 1806 J 3/10 Road

PROJECT NUMBER 02245-0008

PROJECT LOCATION Fruita, CO

Sample Date: 9/18/2023
 Sample No.: 23-0594
 Source of Material: TP-1, GB-1
 Description of Material: LEAN CLAY(CL)
 Test Method (manual): ASTM D698A

TEST RESULTS

Maximum Dry Density 105.5 PCF
 Optimum Water Content 17.5 %

GRADATION RESULTS (% PASSING)

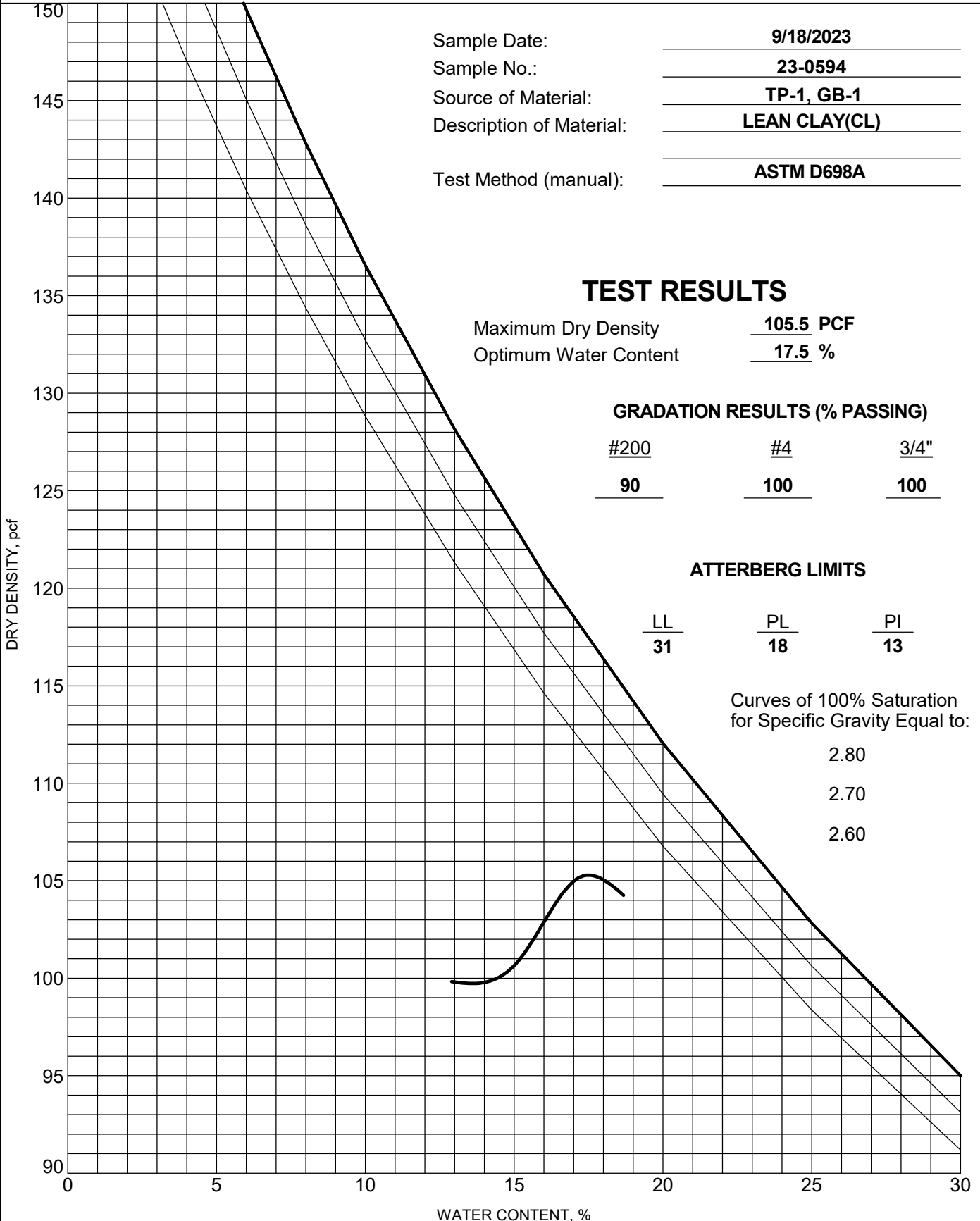
#200	#4	3/4"
<u>90</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

ATTERBERG LIMITS

LL	PL	PI
<u>31</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>

Curves of 100% Saturation
 for Specific Gravity Equal to:

2.80
 2.70
 2.60





Project No.: 02245-0008
 Project Name: 1806 J 3/10 Road
 Client Name: Kim Kerk Land Consulting
 Sample Number: 23--0594 Location: TP-1, GB-1

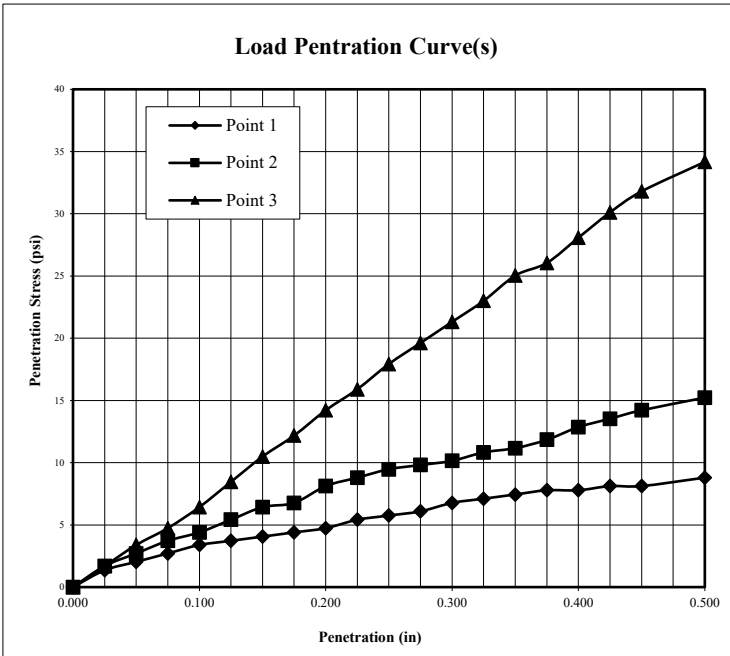
Authorized By: Client Date: 09/19/23
 Sampled By: TC Date: 10/19/23
 Submitted By: WDA Date: 10/20/23
 Reviewed By: MAB Date: 10/23/23

Compaction Method ASTM D698 Method A

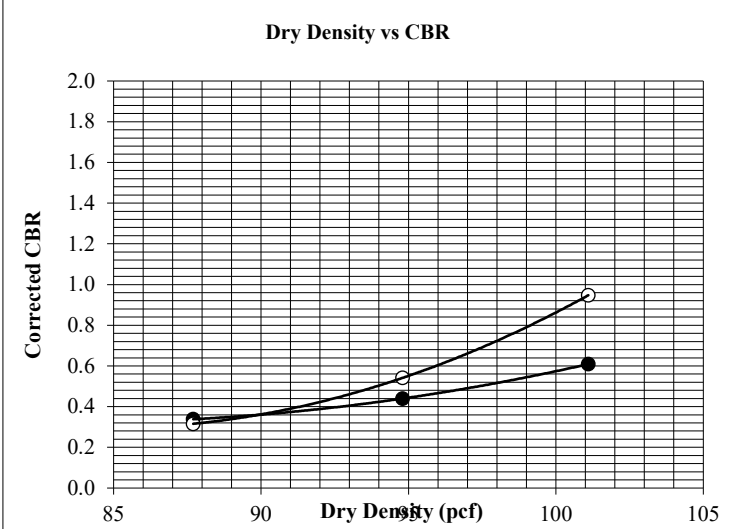
Maximum Dry Density (pcf): 105.5
 Opt. Moisture Content (%): 17.5
 Sample Condition: Soaked
 Remarks: _____

Moisture Content (%)	Blows per Compacted Lift:	15	25	56
	Surcharge Weight (lbs):	10.0	10.0	10.0
	Dry Density Before Soak (pcf):	87.7	94.8	101.1
	Dry Density After Soak (pcf):	85.9	92.3	98.3
	Bottom Pre-Test	17.7	17.5	18.2
	Top Pre-Test	17.7	18.1	17.4
	Top 1" After Test	33.1	30.7	27.2
	Average After Soak:	31.1	27.0	23.3
	Percent Swell After Soak:	2.1	2.7	2.8

Sample Data			
	Point 1	Point 2	Point 3
Blows per Compacted Lift:	15	25	56
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Penetration Data								
Point 1			Point 2			Point 3		
Dist. (in)	Load (lbs)	Stress (psi)	Dist. (in)	Load (lbs)	Stress (psi)	Dist. (in)	Load (lbs)	Stress (psi)
0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0
0.025	4	1	0.025	5	2	0.025	5	2
0.050	6	2	0.050	8	3	0.050	10	3
0.075	8	3	0.075	11	4	0.075	14	5
0.100	10	3	0.100	13	4	0.100	19	6
0.125	11	4	0.125	16	5	0.125	25	8
0.150	12	4	0.150	19	6	0.150	31	10
0.175	13	4	0.175	20	7	0.175	36	12
0.200	14	5	0.200	24	8	0.200	42	14
0.225	16	5	0.225	26	9	0.225	47	16
0.250	17	6	0.250	28	9	0.250	53	18
0.275	18	6	0.275	29	10	0.275	58	20
0.300	20	7	0.300	30	10	0.300	63	21
0.325	21	7	0.325	32	11	0.325	68	23
0.350	22	7	0.350	33	11	0.350	74	25
0.375	23	8	0.375	35	12	0.375	77	26
0.400	23	8	0.400	38	13	0.400	83	28
0.425	24	8	0.425	40	14	0.425	89	30
0.450	24	8	0.450	42	14	0.450	94	32
0.500	26	9	0.500	45	15	0.500	101	34



Corrected CBR @ 0.1"		
0.3	0.4	0.6
Corrected CBR @ 0.2"		
0.3	0.5	0.9

Penetration Distance Correction (in)		
0.000	0.000	0.000

Figure: _____