

Design Flood Hydrology in the Resource Sector Northern B.C. Case Studies

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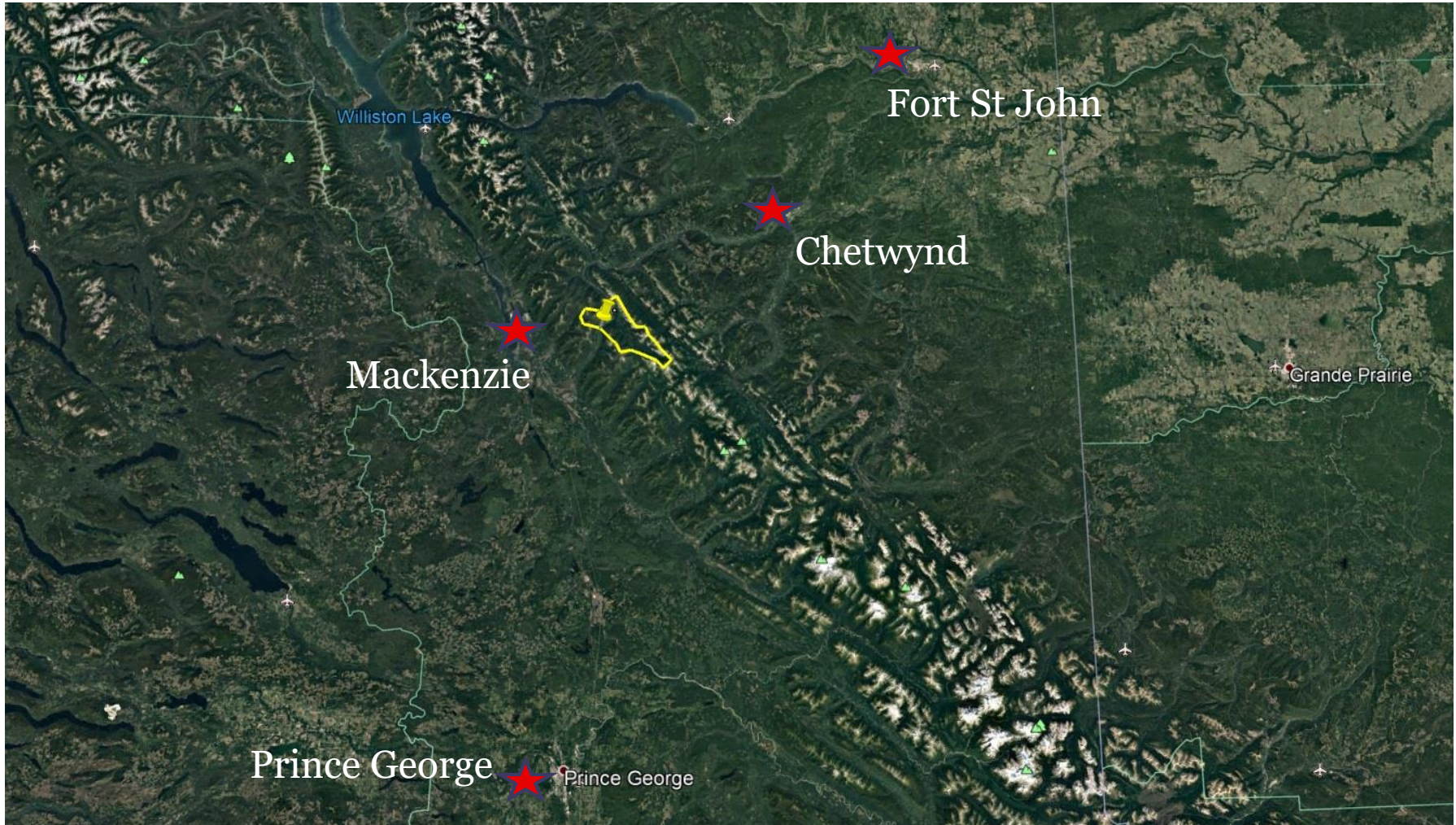
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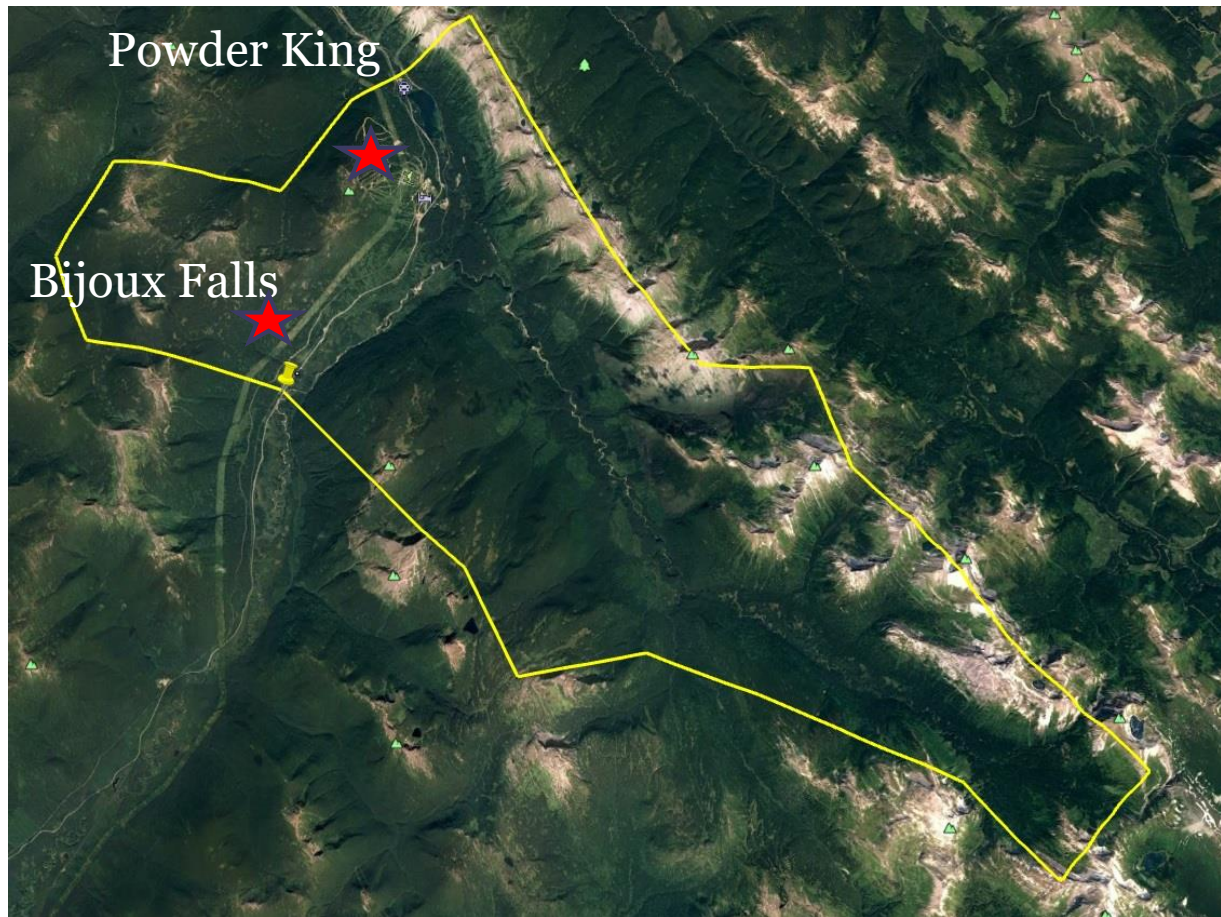
1. Hydrology as part of a General Arrangement Design

1. Hydrology is one part of all that goes into a General Arrangement Design
2. Full Design Process (Abbreviated):
 1. Review requirements
 1. Short vs Long Term
 2. Environmental Considerations
 3. Materials and Structures Available
 2. Site Survey
 3. Geotechnical Investigation
 1. Rarely subsurface
 4. Design Flood Calculation
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3. 50-100 + Designs a Year
4. Typical Time Available for Hydrology: 1-4 hours

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)



2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)



- 55° 18' 04.1"N,
- 122° 40' 30.8"W
- Beside Highway 97
- 2 hours North of PG
- Area: 320 km²
- Length: 40km
- Peak Elevation: 1960m
- Crossing Elevation: 750m
- Watershed Slope: 3%
- Stream Gradient at Site: 0.4%

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)



Upstream
Sept 6
2017



Upstream
Sept 14
2017

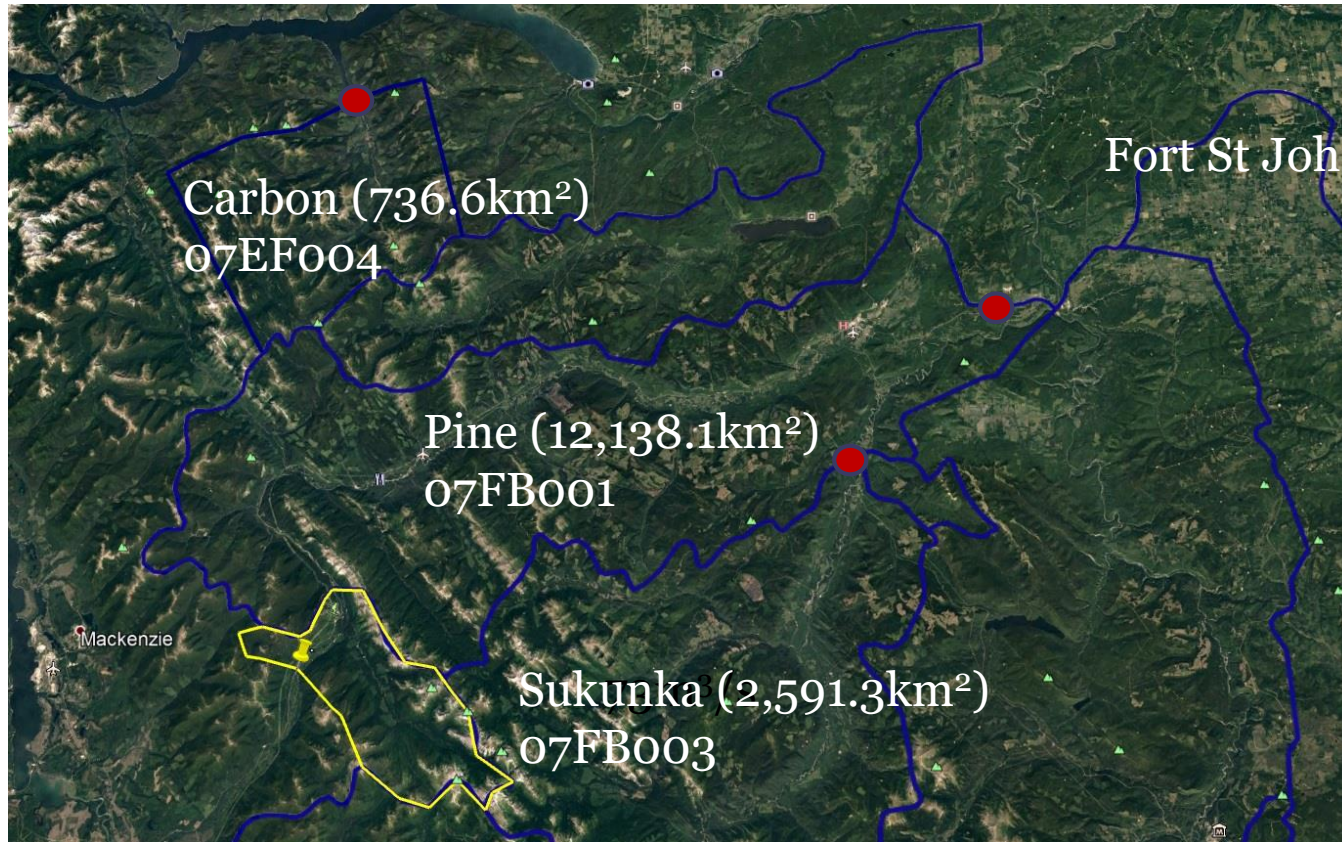


Woods to
Town
Sept 6
2017



Downstream
Sept 14
2017

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)



- Regional Analysis with check with channel capacity
- Similar Type and Size Gauged Watersheds in the Same Hydrologic Zone & Subzone (7)
- Pine (50 years data)
- Sukunka (33 years data)
- Carbon (14 years data)

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February 2015

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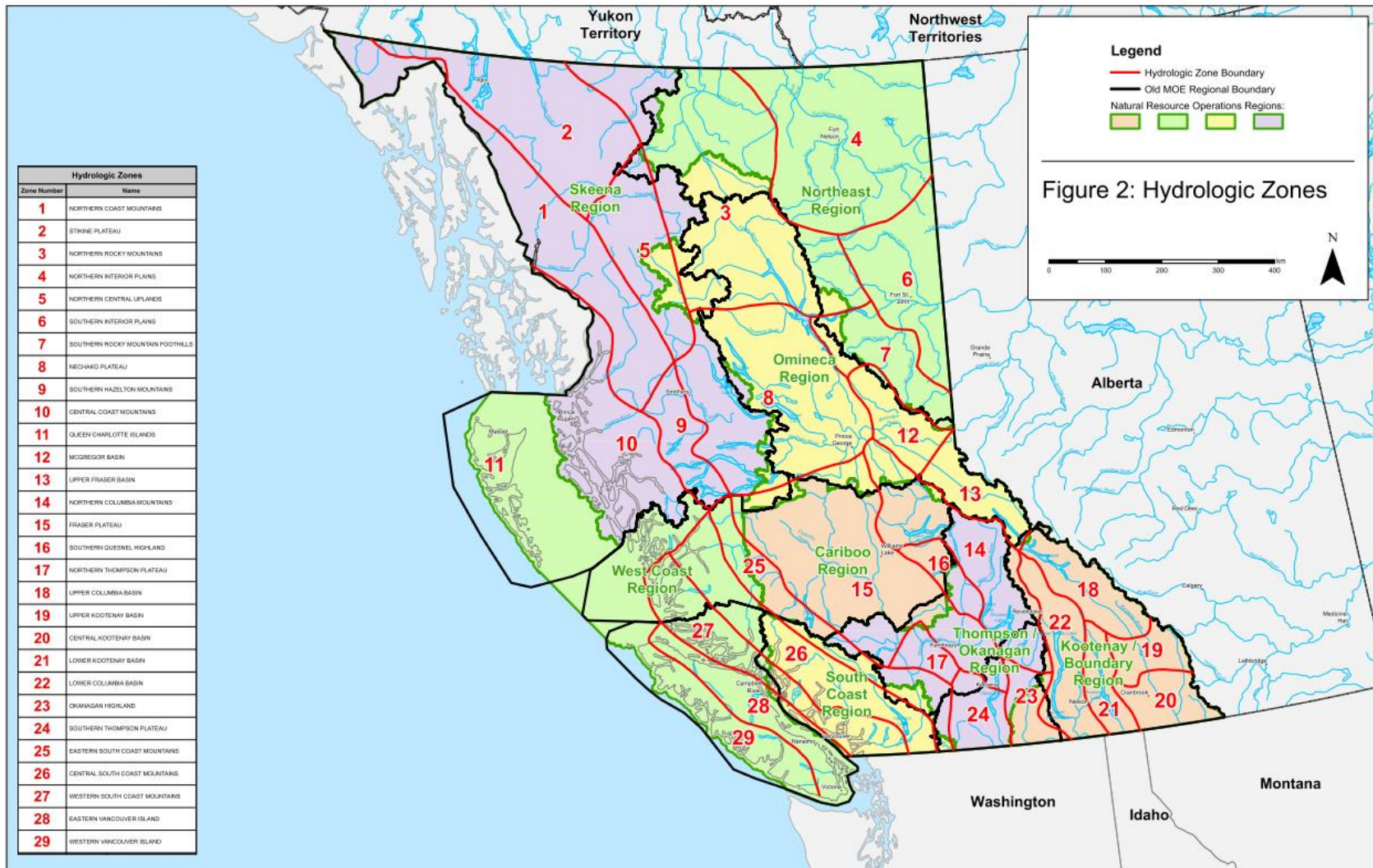


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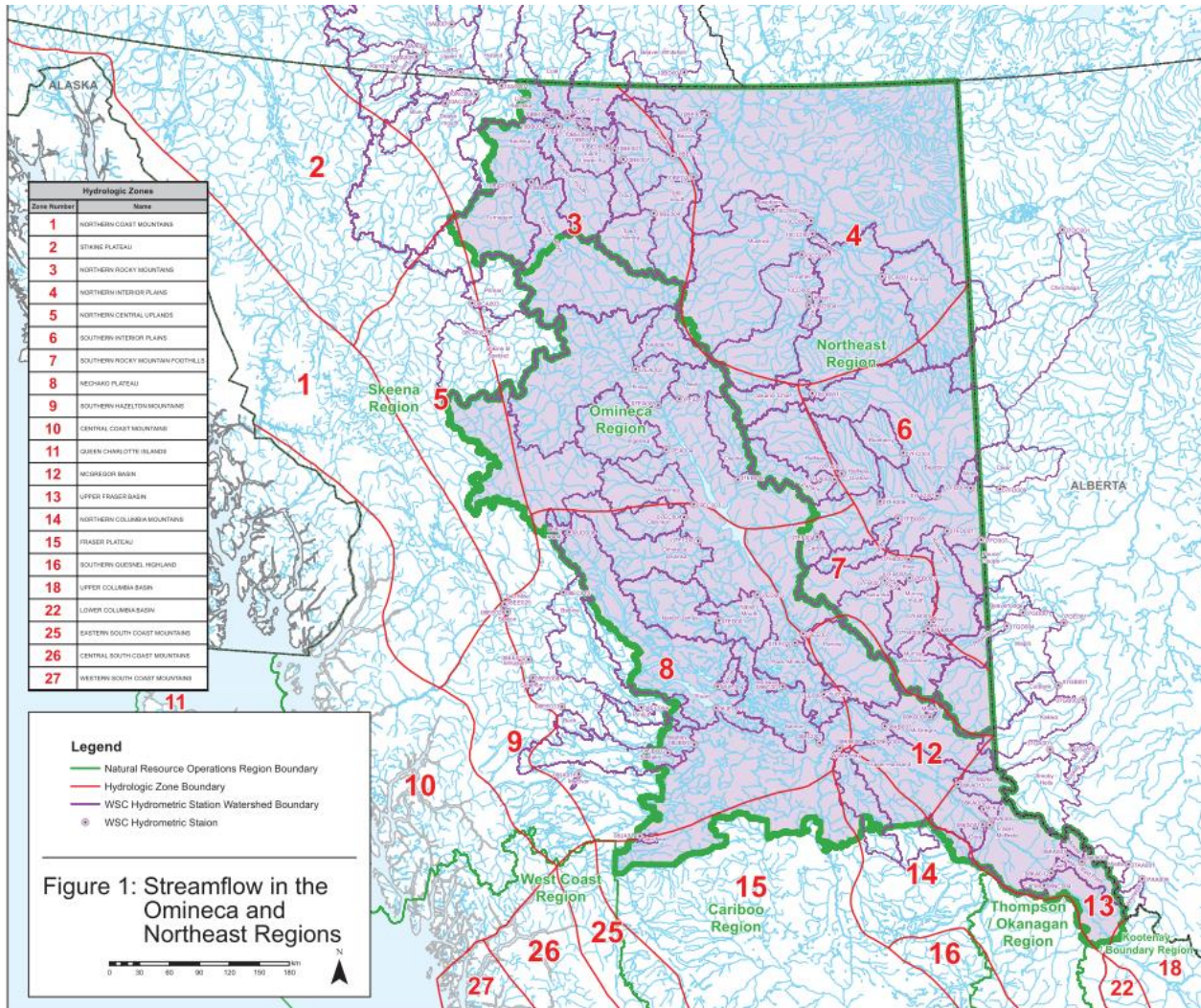
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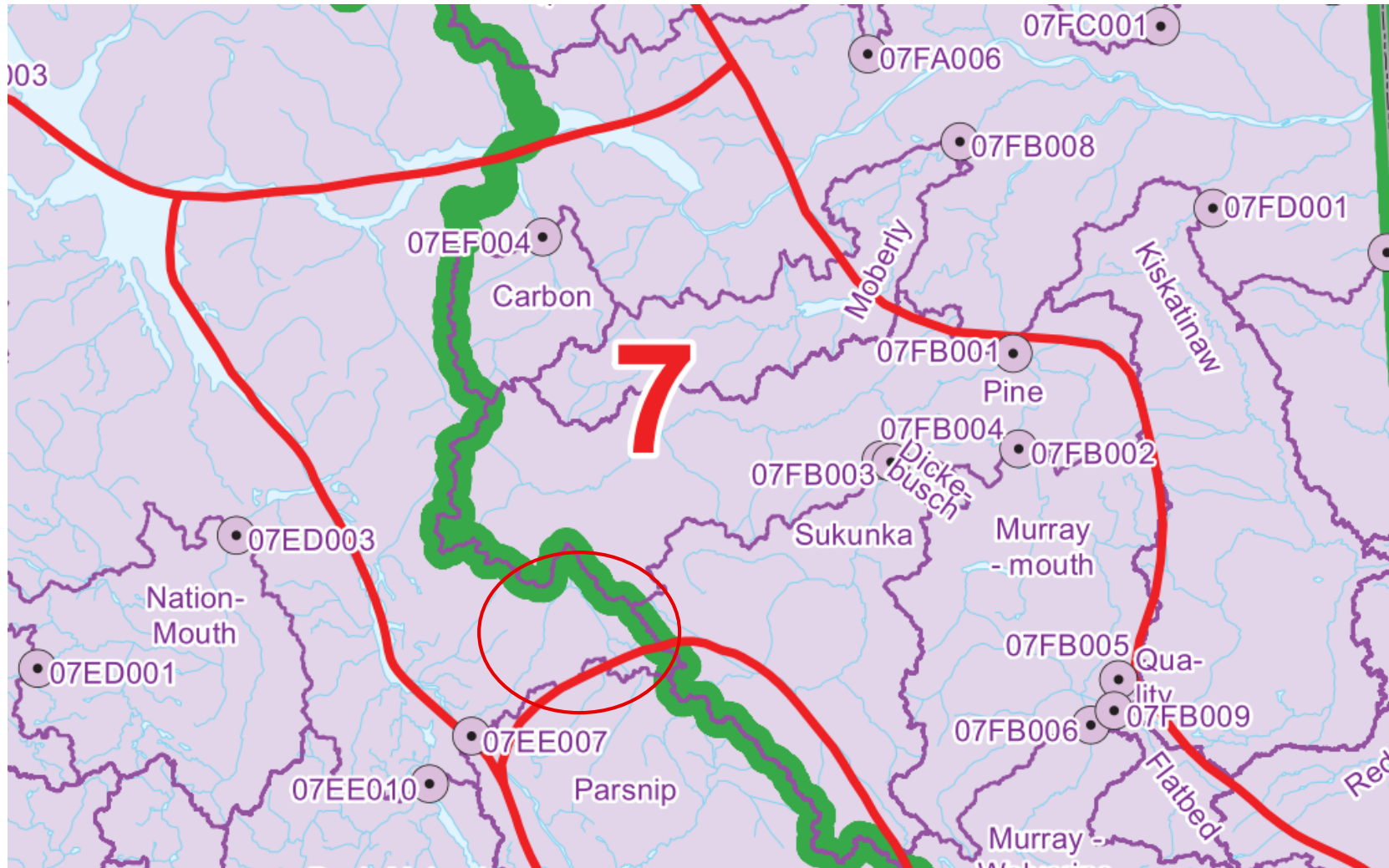
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Streamflow in the Omineca-Peace Region



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September 2000

- Previous Report & Method

Peak flow from an ungauged watershed in the Omineca-Peace region can be estimated by use of the regionalized information presented in this report. The general procedure would consist of locating the topic watershed on a map (Figure 1), identifying the subzone and its design curve and then estimating its peak flow from Figure 3. If the basin of interest is located near or within one of the observed watersheds more weight would be given to this point and a parallel line would be drawn through it (or close by) in the graph to the projected area of the basin. If the basin straddles a subzone boundary the point would be located between the subzone curves in proportion to the areas within each subzone. Peak flow estimates based on the above procedure would be for a 10-year recurrence interval; estimates for other recurrence intervals could be made by reference to the frequency relationships in relevant data sheets of the BCSI report.

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)

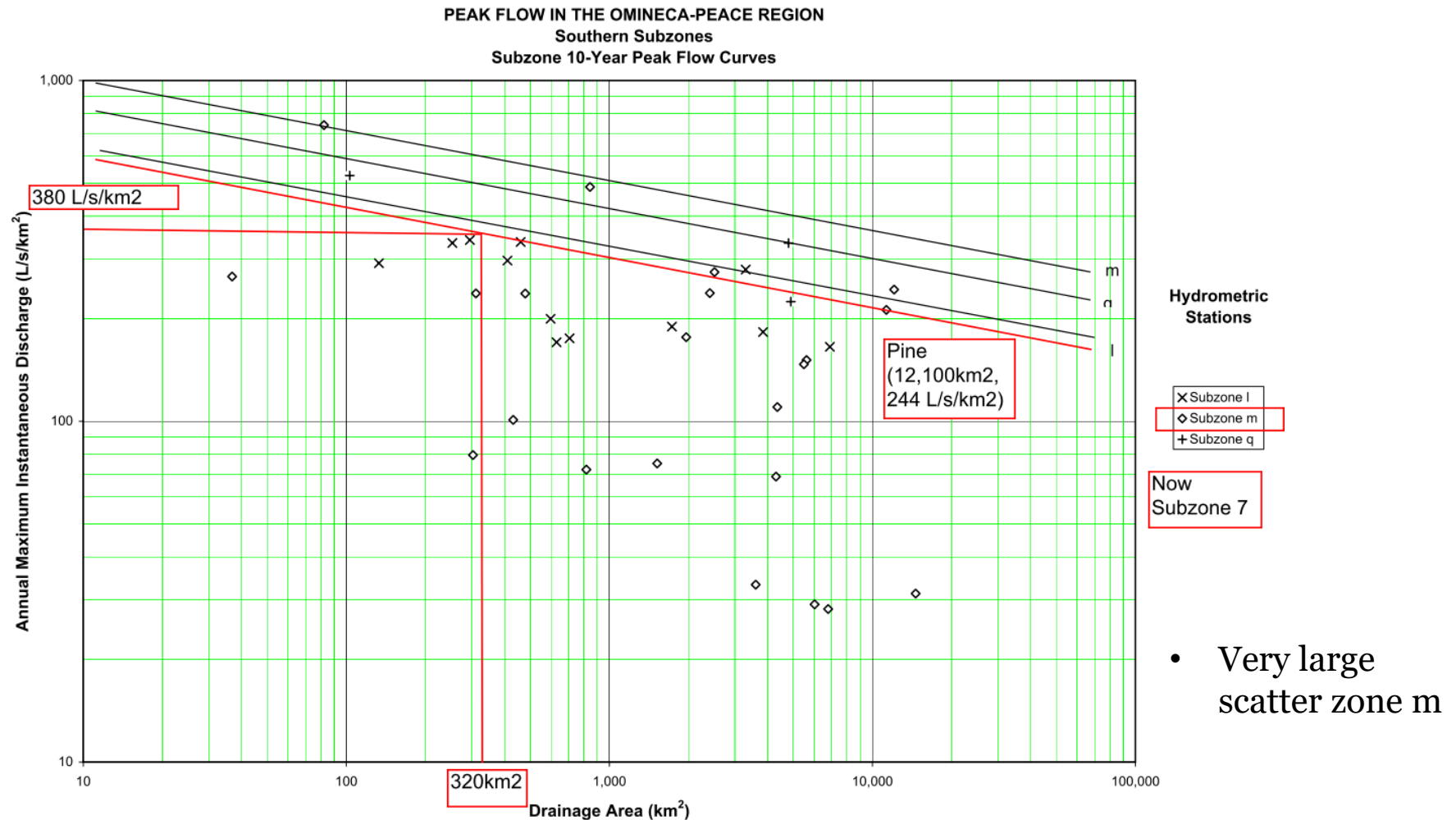


Figure 3 Watershed Peak Flow (continued)

Streamflow in the Omineca-Peace Region

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2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)

From Pine Gauged Watershed:

- $Q_{10} = 380 \text{ L/s/km}^2 * 320 \text{ km}^2$
- $Q_{10} = 121,600 \text{ L/s/km}^2$
- $Q_{10} = 121.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- $Q_{100}:Q_{10} \text{ Ratio for Pine River} = 2.1$
- $Q_{100} = 255 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Assumption:
 - Similar Style Watershed
 - It is reasonable to scale off that watershed
 - $Q_2:Q_{10}:Q_{100}$ multipliers are valid for design watershed
 - Is this reasonable going from 12,100km² to 320km² watersheds?
- However...

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)

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In contrast to the previous version of this report, hydrologic zone design curves are not included for the various streamflow indices. Despite the substantial effort that went into delineating zones with similar streamflow characteristics, significant variability still exists within each zone. In many cases when using this report, professional judgment is required to decide which stations are most representative of the ungauged watershed in

question. In addition, because the frequency analyses in this iteration used all available data, the record period is not the same for all stations. Therefore, the relative position of a particular station's streamflow metric (e.g., peak flow) on the plots is influenced in part by the length of the record period analyzed, and so all stations are not necessarily directly comparable. Finally, several stations included in the original report have been decommissioned, resulting in fewer data points from which to draw a regional curve.

In short:

- Previous method is no longer valid for Omineca and Northeast Regions
- Carbon (14 years) vs Pine (50 years)

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)

- How scale from gauged watershed?
- $Q_2 = Q_1 (A_2/A_1)^n$
- RTAC Drainage Manual Volume 1, $n = 0.6$ to 0.75 (1982)
- $n = 0.6$ to 1.0 (linear), 0.75 on average in BC – Eaton et al (2002)

Hydro-logic Zone	Watershed		Drainage Area (km ²)	Median Elevation (m)	Normal Annual Runoff ¹		Monthly Distribution (%)												Annual Flow Ratio 10-Year : Avg Year		Peak Flow	
	Stream	Hydrometric Station			(mm)	(m ³ /s)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	High	Low	10 - Year (m ³ /s)	Ratio 100-Yr:10-Yr
7	Carbon	07EF004	736.6	1345	525	12.25	1	1	1	2	26	36	13	4	5	5	3	2	1.44	0.62	255.06	1.96
7	Cutbank	07GB001	840.8	1138																	326.43	2.94
7	Dickebusch	07FB004	84.8	1053	215	0.58	1	0	1	8	27	21	20	9	6	4	2	1	1.62	0.43	57.71	6.43
7	Flatbed	07FB009	478.7	1129	270	4.09	1	1	1	10	31	22	15	7	6	4	3	2	1.43	0.61	141.51	3.09
7	Moberly	07FB008	1521.7	938	235	11.34	1	1	1	5	24	32	16	7	4	4	3	2	1.38	0.63	122.10	1.79
7	Murray - mouth	07FB002	5554.3	1162	471	82.96	2	1	2	5	22	26	15	7	6	7	4	2	1.25	0.75	959.18	1.53
7	Murray - Wolverine	07FB006	2385.4	1303	755	57.07	2	1	2	5	21	27	15	7	7	7	4	2	1.21	0.78	615.93	1.63
7	Pine	07FB001	12138.1	1125	475	182.66	2	1	2	5	25	27	13	6	5	6	4	2	1.24	0.76	2664.47	1.91
7	Quality	07FB005	26.3	1087	233	0.19	1	1	1	14	23	17	17	9	6	4	2	1	1.66	0.43	11.26	3.86
7	Sukunka	07FB003	2591.3	1198	671	55.08	1	1	2	6	29	27	12	4	5	7	4	2	1.22	0.78	730.82	1.36

- Using $n = 1.0$, $n=0.75$, 0.6 ,
- Carbon: $Q_{100} = 217 : 267 : 303 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (737km², 14 yrs)
- Pine: $Q_{100} = 78 : 333 : 574 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$... before 255 m³/s (12,138km², 50 yrs)
- Sukunka: $Q_{100} = 127 : 207 : 283 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$... before 187 m³/s (2,591km², 33 yrs)
- Range: 207 to 574 m³/s or even 78 to 574 m³/s
- ... is equation valid ... are n values even reasonable Previously $n = 0.85$?

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)

- Either Sukunka or Pine for Q₁₀₀
 - Primarily Sukunka as closer in watershed size and potential scaling issues
 - Q₁₀₀ = 250 m³/s
 - Unit Q₁₀₀ = 0.78m³/s per km²

In B.C. there are 675 hydrometric stations with maximum daily discharge records (excluding large river, multizone stations) and 285 maximum instantaneous discharge records with adequate lengths for frequency analysis. These station totals (tallied in 1984) include at least eight years record but stations with at least five years have been used for short recurrence interval estimates. The criteria arbitrarily adopted for extending the recurrence interval of frequency estimates beyond the sample record length are listed in Table 2. These criteria are used in the regionalization procedures described in Section 7.4.

TABLE 2. Recurrence Interval Extension Criteria
From: Manual of Operational Hydrology in BC 2nd Ed. 1991

MAXIMUM RECURRENCE INTERVAL USED IN PEAK FLOW REGIONALIZATION (yrs.)			
Simplified Procedure		Preliminary Design	
Record Length	Estimate Limit	Record Length	Estimate Limit
		5-7	10
8-14	25	8-10	25
15-20	50	11-15	50
21-50	100	16-19	100
> 50	200	> 19	200

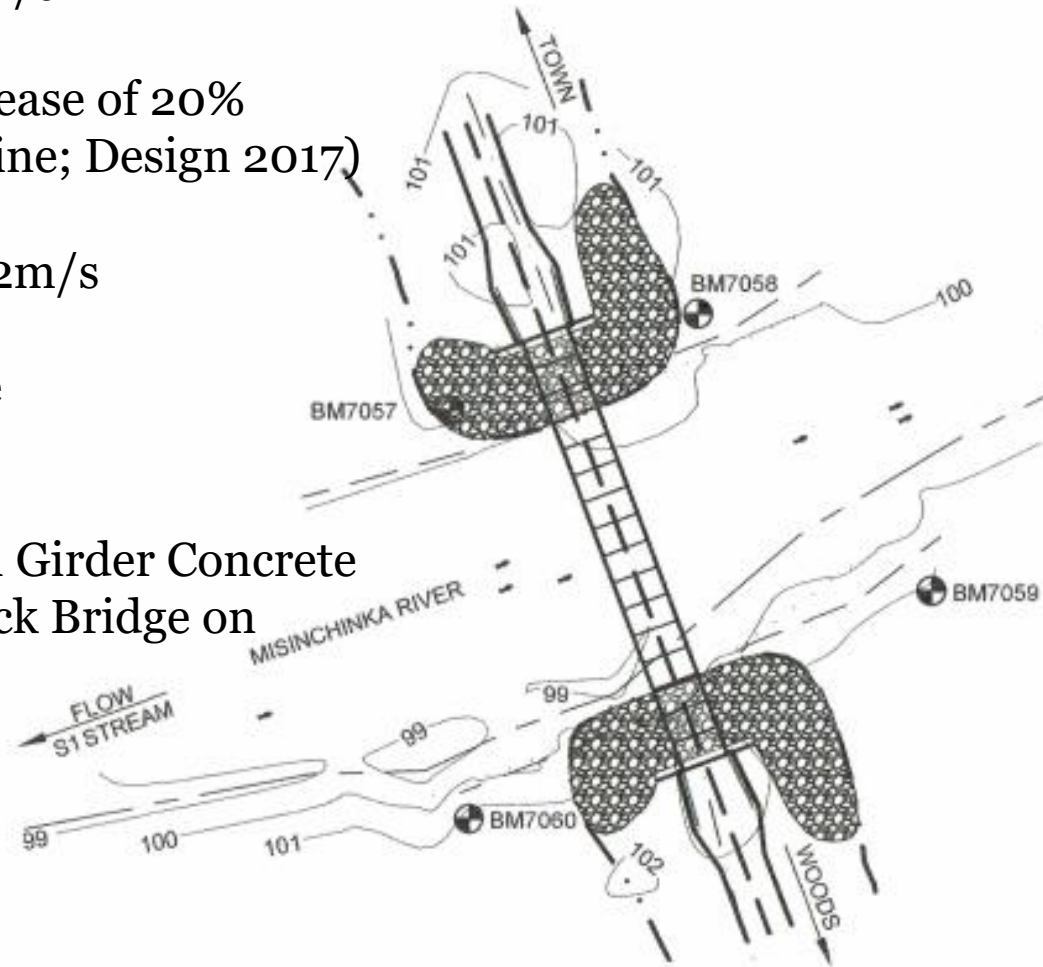
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- Alternative Q100 Calculations
 - Download stream data from gauged stations and perform own statistical analysis
 - World of statistics is complex, none of us at OEL are experts in the field and we typically rely on procedures established by others
- Isolines
 - $80 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}/100\text{km} * 320 \text{ km} = 256 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

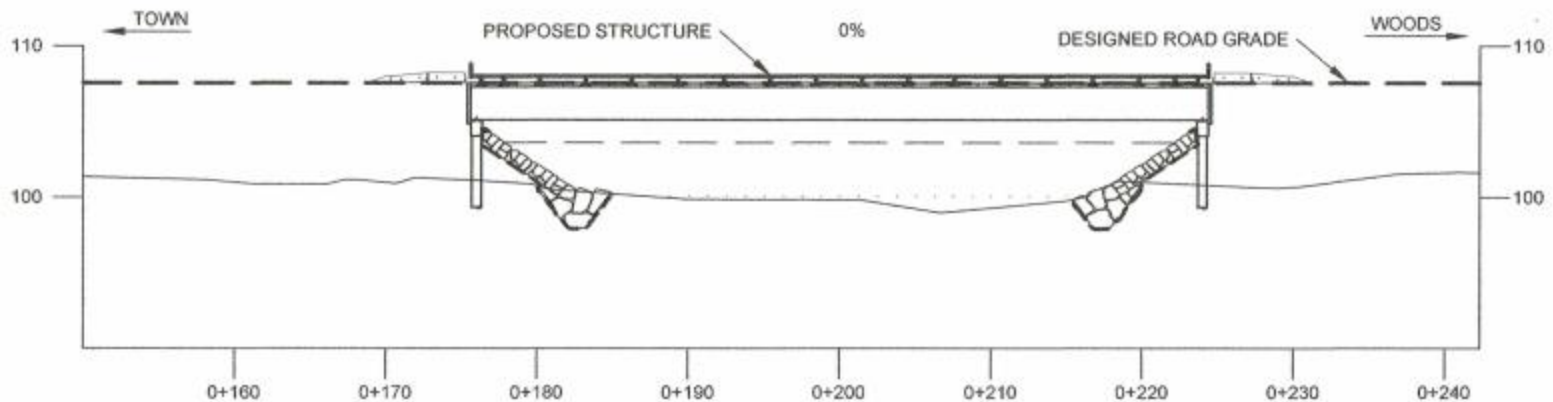
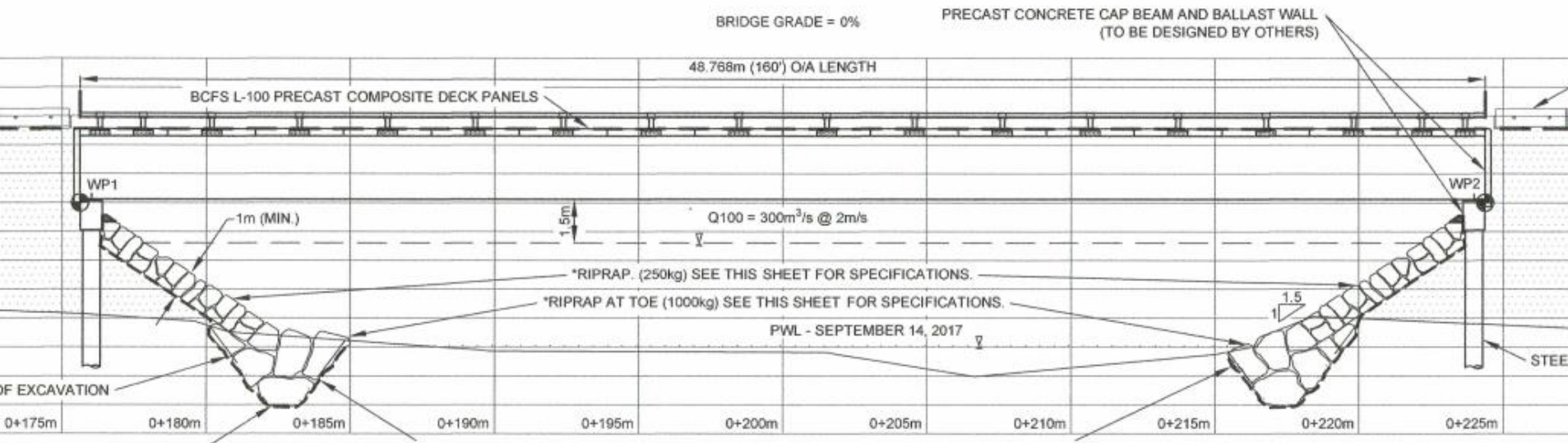


2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)

- Initial $Q_{100} = 250 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Climate Change increase of 20%
(EGBC Guideline; Design 2017)
- $Q_{100} = 300 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ @ 2m/s
- 1.5m Q_{100} clearance
- 48.768m (160') Steel Girder Concrete Composite Deck Bridge on Driven Piles



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- Average Design Velocity can be as critical as Q100
- Used Manning's formula for uniform flow within open channels

$$Q = AV = \frac{1}{n} A R_h^{2/3} \sqrt{S_e}$$

Q = flow in m³/s

V = velocity in m/s

A = water area in m²

R_h = Hydraulic Radius in m = Water area (a) / wetted perimeter (P)

S_e = Slope of the energy grade line which can be assumed to be S_o = slope of channel for uniform flow

n = Manning's roughness coefficient

- Can use design cross section for geometry
- For n:
- If there was more flow at time of survey, back calculate & solve
- Comparison with calculated streams
 - USGS Paper 1849
 - Hicks and Mason Roughness Characteristics of New Zealand Streams (1991)
- Equations (Cowan, 1955; Jarrett, 1985 USGS Report 4004)

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USGS Paper 1849

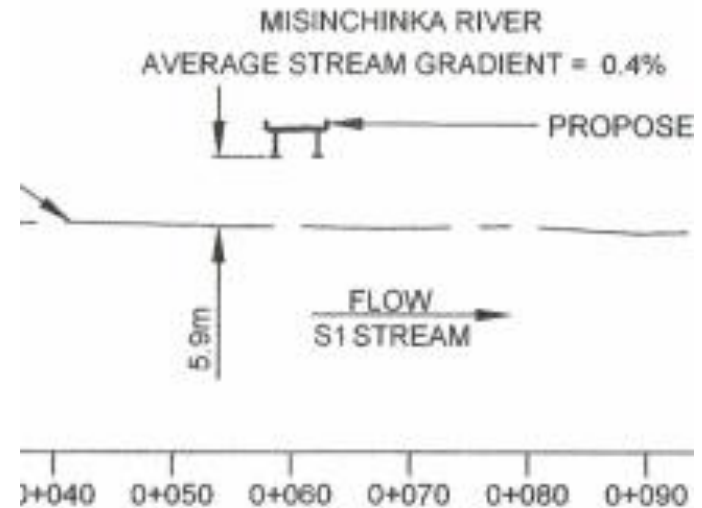
$n = 0.043$

Misinchinka Sept 6, 2017



- $n = 0.04$, velocity = 2.8 m/s
- $n = 0.06$, velocity = 2.2 m/s
- $n = 0.08$, velocity = 1.8 m/s
- n expected to be closer to 0.04 to 0.06,
- $v = 2.0$ m/s is conservative – debris, obstructions in river
 - $V = 2.8$ m/s - 2.5m clearance above Q100

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)



Design Check:

- Highway is approximately 6m above stream bottom – see truck for scale
- BCMOTI – river has never overtopped highway at this location
 - Even when Bijoux Falls falling directly onto highway
 - Frequent flooding, washouts in Pine Pass

2. Misinchinka River (320 km²)



Design Check

- Oct 25, 2017
- At top of Woods Bank
- Flow Area = 48.6m² (from Survey)
- Velocity = 1.5 m/s (From Approximate Surface Velocity Measured from Highway)
- Solved for:
 - Flow = 73m³/s
 - Manning's n = 0.058
- Peak Flow in Pine River during event = 1,500m³/s
 (https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/search/real_time_e.html)
- Pine River Q₂ = 1,449 (Streamflow in Region 7)
- Pine Q₁₀₀:Q₂ = 3.54
- Misinchinka Q₁₀₀ = 263 m³/s

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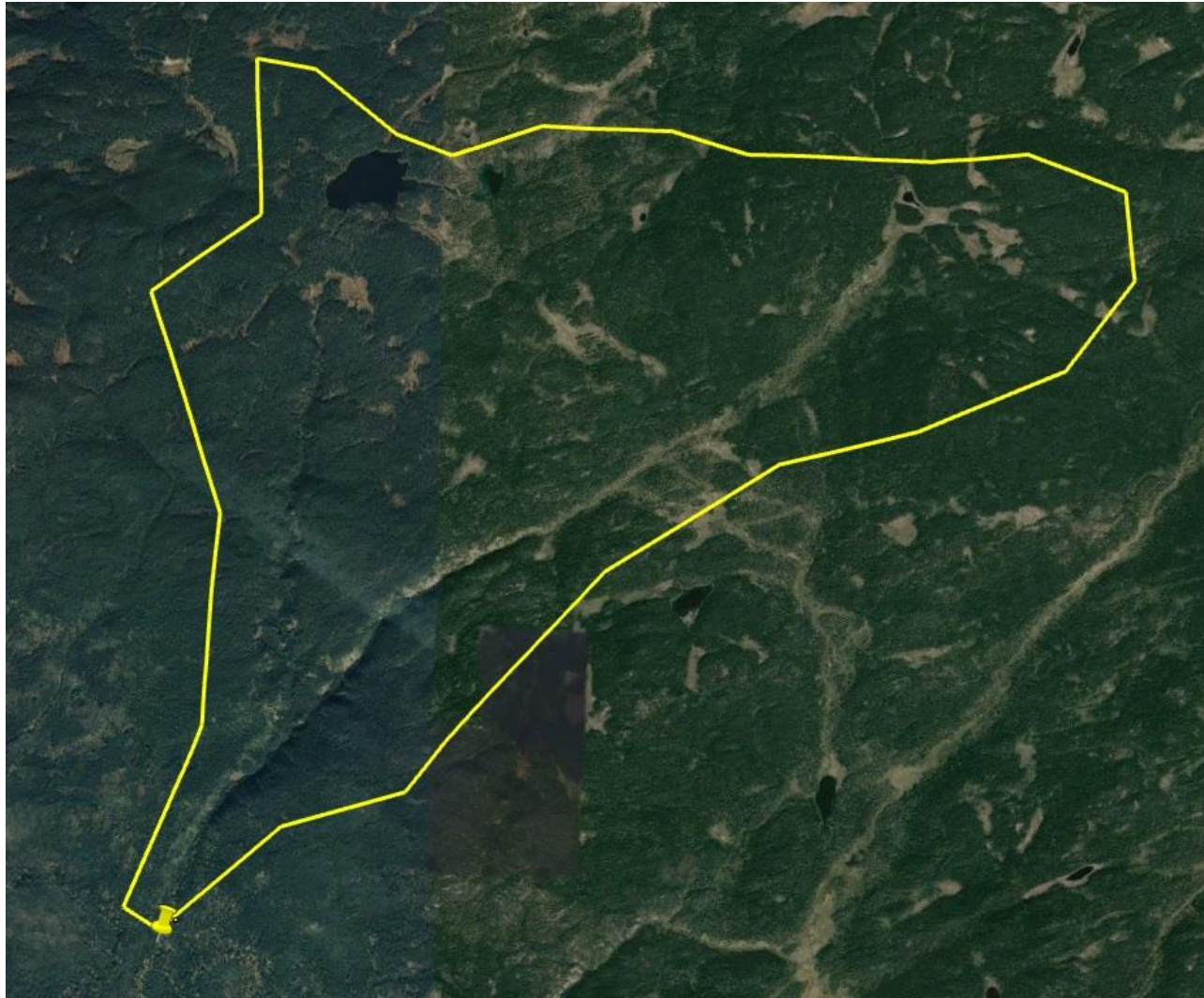
Summary

- Estimate Design Flood using 3 very different sized streams/rivers
 - Pine (12,138km², 50 years data)
 - Sukunka (2,591km², 33 years data)
 - Carbon (737km², 14 years data)
- Is the method reasonable?
 - Very subjective
- Q100 Range 207 to 574 m³/s
- Velocity Range 1.8 to 2.8 m/s (for chosen Q100)
 - Based on Manning's Formula
- How take Climate change into account?
 - IDF_CC Curves?
 - For a large watershed?
 - Average or extreme daily/monthly increase in rainfall?
 - Other?

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)



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54°30'10.3"N,
126° 9'10.9"W

Area: 18.8 km²

Length: 10.2km

Centroid-Site: 4.7km

Peak Elevation: 1400m

Crossing Elevation:
890m

Watershed Slope: 5%

Swamp/Lakes: 1.3km²

Stream Gradient at
Site: 0.4%

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)



Nov 13,
2018

From
Upstream
Looking
Down To
Crossing



Nov 13,
2018

From
Crossing
Looking
Upstream



Nov 13,
2018

From
Crossing
Looking
Downstream



Nov 13,
2018

From
Woods to
Town

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Regional Analysis:
 - o8EE009 Richfield (173km²): $Q_{100} = 5.2\text{m}^3/\text{s}$
 - o8EE004 Bulkley (7,360km²): $Q_{100} = 9.6\text{m}^3/\text{s}$
 - o8EE008 Goathorn (149km²): $Q_{100} = 11.7\text{m}^3/\text{s}$
- Rational Method
 - RTAC Drainage Manual Volume 1 (1982)
 - Rural areas up to 25 km²
 - Urban Drainage up to 13 km²
 - Manual of Operational Hydrology in BC (1991)
 - Up to 25 km²
 - BCMOTI BC Supplement to TAC Geometric Road Design (2019)
 - Under 10km²

$$Q = 0.28CIA$$

Where: Q = peak discharge in m³/s
 C = runoff coefficient
 I = rainfall intensity in mm/hr
 A = drainage area in km²

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Runoff Coefficient C
 - Interior Watersheds: 0.25 to 0.45
 - Local Experience
 - RTAC Drainage Manual Volume 1 (1982)
 - 5 Options (0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45)
 - 3 Consistently (0.30, 0.35, 0.40)

Table 2.4.1 — Typical rural runoff coefficients

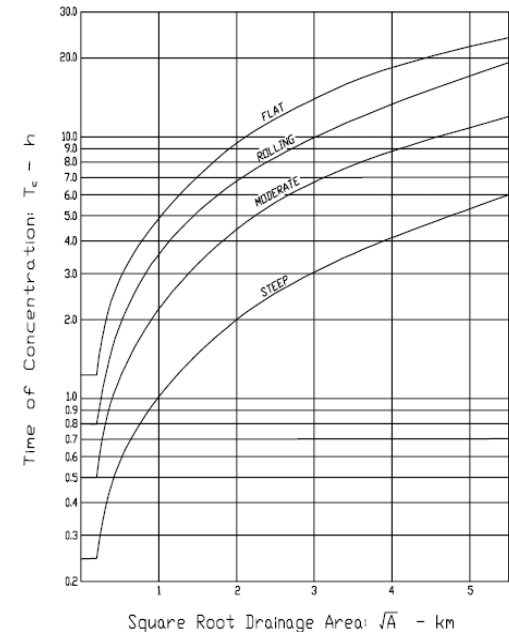
Soil description	Land use		
	Crops	Pasture	Wooded
Tight clayey soils, good surface drainage	0.55	0.45	0.40
Medium textured loams, well drained	0.40	0.35	0.30
Shallow medium textured loams overlying limestone bedrock; open loams and sand loams	0.30	0.25	0.20
Coarse well drained sands and gravels	0.25	0.15	0.05(—)

- b) For storms having return period of more than 10 years, increase the listed values as follows, up to a maximum coefficient of 0.95.

25-yr. — add 10%
 50-yr. — add 20%
 100-yr. — add 25%

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Time of Concentration T_c
 - Needed to get rainfall intensity
- Loukas (Modified Snyder) = 2.24 hours
- Modified Snyder = 2.37 hours
- SCS Curve Number = 1.40 hours
- Hathaway Method = 3.05 hours
- MOE (Coulson Graphical) = 9 hours
- Total travel time = 3.7 hours
 - Overland Flow (0.6 hours)
 - Stream Flow (3.1 hours)
- 6 Options: 1.40 to 9.0 hours
- BCMOTI BC Supplement to TAC Geometric Road Design (2019) example shows average
- Prefer selecting one for a specific reason

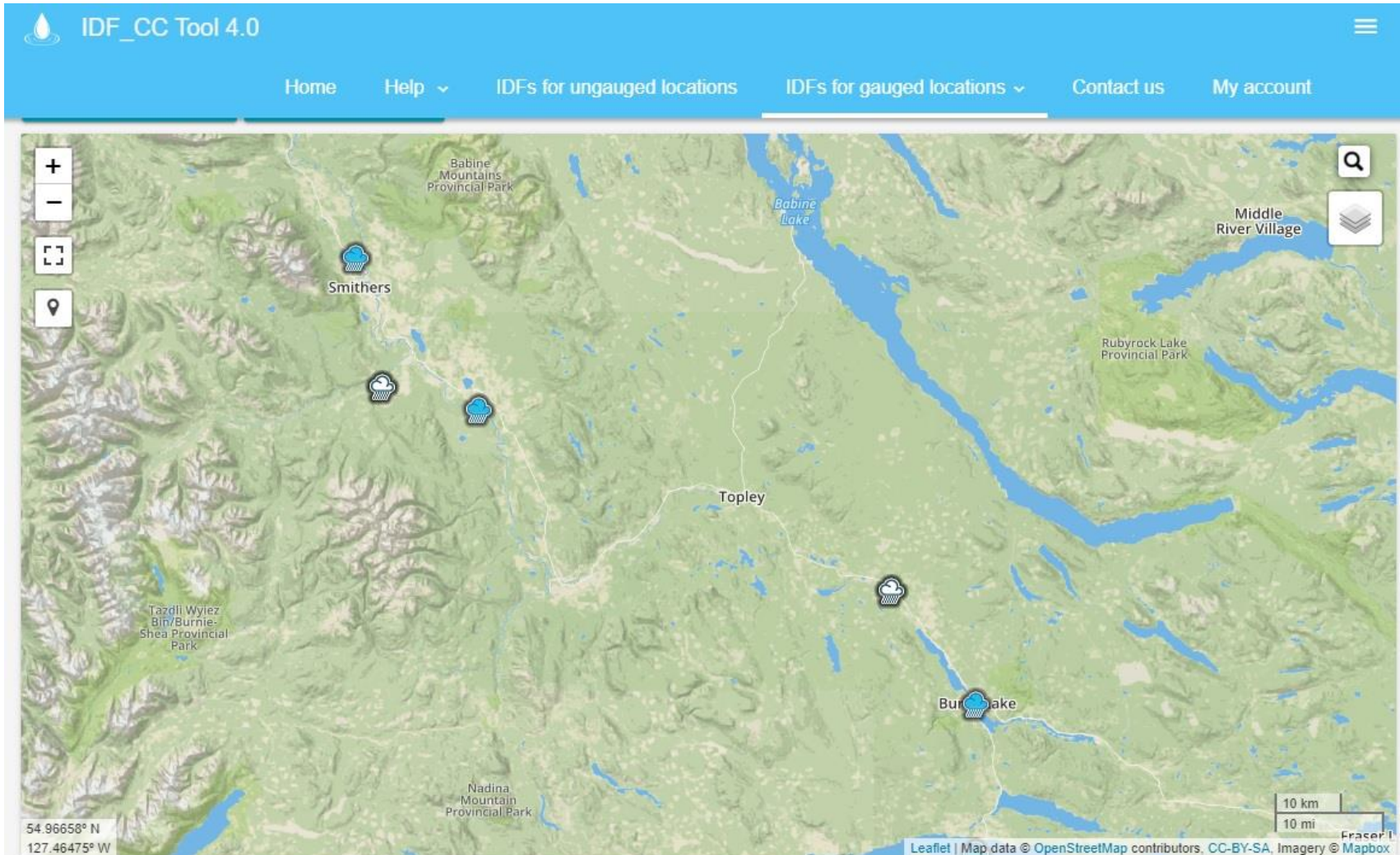


3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)



- IDF1077500
Smithers
Last Data: 2002
Years Data: 31
- IDF1076638
Quick
Last Data: 1994
Years Data: 13
- IDF1091169
Burns Lake
Last Data: 1990
Years Data: 21
- IDF Ungauged
at Site

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)



3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

IDF for: BURNS LAKE ID:1091169

Station Info

IDF historical data ?

IDF under climate change ?

Station name: BURNS LAKE

ID: 1091169

Latitude: 54.23

Longitude: -125.77

Starting year: 1969

Ending year: 1990

Number of years (with data): 21

IDF for: BURNS LAKE ID:1091169

Station Info

IDF historical data ?

IDF under climate change ?

GEV

Gumbel

Tables

Plots

Interpolation Equations

The table below provides coefficients for the interpolation equations fitted to the IDF curve using the GEV distribution.

T (years)	Coefficient A	Coefficient B	Coefficient t_0
2	8.3	-0.670	0.028
5	12.4	-0.717	0.035
10	15.9	-0.758	0.044
20	19.9	-0.801	0.056
25	21.3	-0.816	0.059
50	26.2	-0.864	0.072
100	31.7	-0.909	0.082

Use the coefficients provided in the table above with the following equation:

$$i\left(\frac{mm}{h}\right) = A \cdot (t + t_0)^B$$

Where:

i is the precipitation intensity rate in $\frac{mm}{h}$

A , B and t_0 , are the coefficients for each return period (T) in years

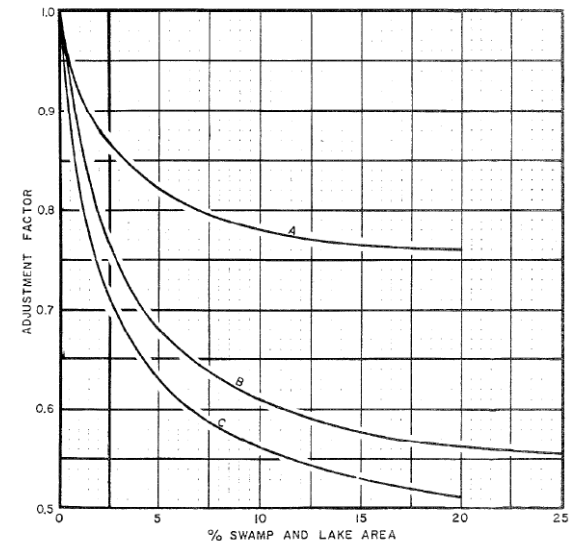
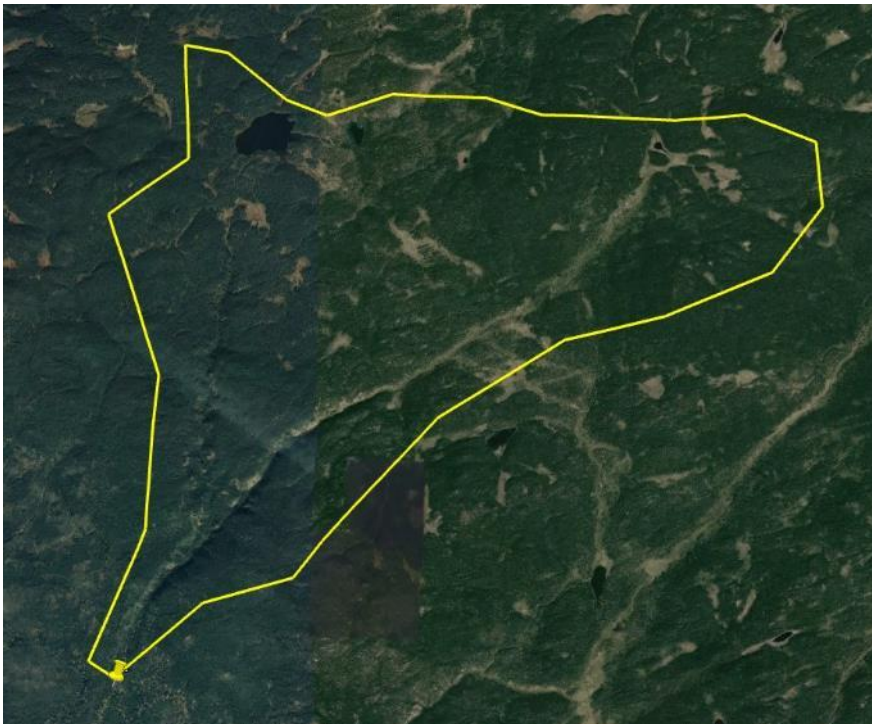
t , the time (duration) of the precipitation event in hours (h)

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- IDF Curves
 - 4 Possible Options
 - Burns Lake – Nearby, similar area – but 21 years data, 30 years old
 - Smithers has most data and most recent (2002!) – but surrounded by mountains
 - Quick is closest – but only 13 years data
 - Ungauged – at location, but how is it interpolated?
- Also Rainfall Atlas of Canada (1986)
 - But is data actually that much older?
 - Still referenced BCMOTI
- Rational Method – 120 possible combinations (5 Cs x 6 Is (from Tc) x 4 IDF Curves)
- Selected:
 - C = 0.30
 - Tc = 3.7 hours (total flow, it is mainly streamflow)
 - I = 9.5 mm/hr from Burns Lake (close and similar)
 - Burns Lake = 9.5 mm/hr
 - Smithers = 9.2 mm/hr
 - Quick = 38.3 mm/hr
 - Ungauged = 11.0 mm/hr

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Rational Flow = 15.0 m³/s
 - Reduction factor of 0.80 due to 7% lake/swamp area in upper portion of basin
- Q₁₀₀ = 12.0 m³/s



Curve A — significant portion of flow passes through storage areas in upper basin only.

Curve B — significant portion of flow passes through storage areas distributed across basin.

Curve C — storage is located in path of flow at lower end of basin.

Figure 2.4.6 — Peak discharge adjustment for storage (10)

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Climate Change from IDF_CC Curves

IDF for: BURNS LAKE ID:1091169

Station Info
IDF historical data ?
IDF under climate change ?

Climate Model Selection
Scenario RCP 2.6 ?
Scenario RCP 4.5 ?
Scenario RCP 8.5 ?
Comparison Graphs ?

1. Select the time period to update the IDF curve under climate change. The tool will use Climate Model data for the selected range. The available range is 2006 to 2100. Please select at least a 30 year projection period.

☐
☒ From 2020 to 2100

2. Select a Climate Model to see results. Climate models are listed by name:

☒ Raw GCMs
☐ PCIC - Bias Corrected (Version 2)

All Models
Ensemble, Ensemble

Calculate IDF for Future
Export all Results

IDF for: BURNS LAKE ID:1091169

Station Info
IDF historical data ?
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Scenario RCP 8.5 ?
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Tables
Plots
Interpolation Equations
Box Plot - Uncertainty ?

The table below provides the coefficients for the interpolate fitted to the average IDF for future scenario RCP 8.5

T (years)	Coefficient A	Coefficient B
2	9.8	-0.61
5	14.7	-0.71
10	22.8	-0.81
20	23.3	-0.79
25	25.0	-0.81
50	30.8	-0.84
100	37.4	-0.88

Use the coefficients provided in the table above with the following equation:

$$i\left(\frac{mm}{h}\right) = A \cdot (t + t_0)^B$$

Where:

i is the precipitation intensity rate in $\frac{mm}{h}$

A , B and t_0 , are the coefficients for each return period (T) in years

t , the time (duration) of the precipitation event in hours (h)

RCP8.5: Representative Concentration Pathway resulting in radiative forcing of 8.5 W/m² by 2100, and where radiative forcing continues to rise beyond 2100. This RCP provides a future concentration scenario that would lead to the most severe climate change impacts, when compared to all other RCPs. See User and Technical manuals for more detail.

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- Climate Change from IDF_CC Curves
- From Interpolation Equations, I = 11.4mm/hour (T= 3.7 hours, 222 minutes)
- But there is a large range

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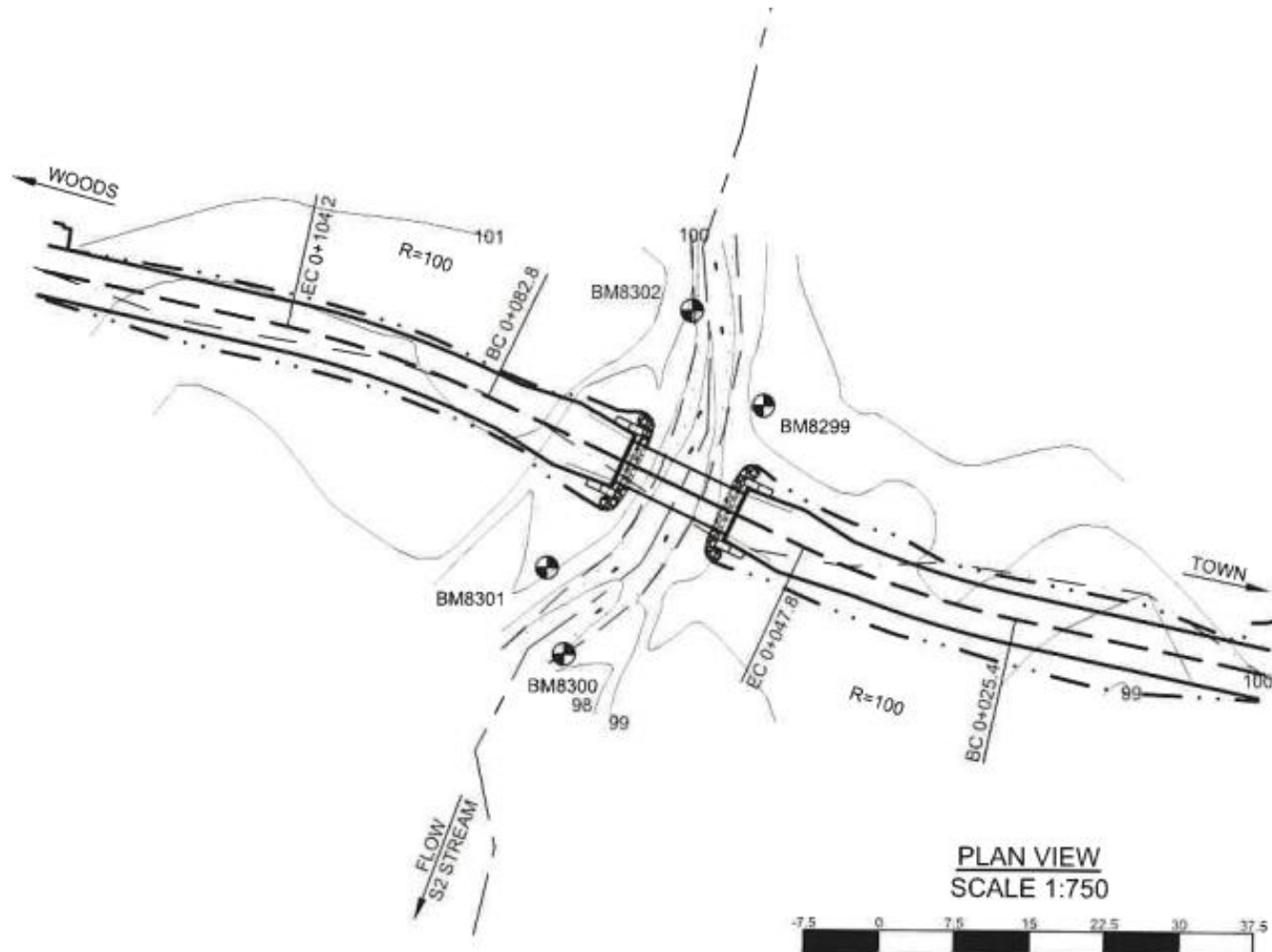
- Q₁₀₀ with Climate Change:
 - $C = 0.30$
 - $T_c = 3.7$ hours
 - $I = 11.4$ mm/hr from Burns Lake (close and similar)
 - Increase of 20% (vs 9.5mm)
- Rational Flow = 18.1 m³/s
 - Reduction factor of 0.80 due to 7% lake/swamp area in upper portion of basin
- Q₁₀₀ = 14.5 m³/s ... used original 15.0 m³/s to be slightly conservative
- Unit flow = 0.80 m³/s

3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Q₁₀₀ range from Rational (120 combinations)
 - Extreme & Unrealistic (no reduction)
 - $C = 0.25$, $t_c = 9.0$ hours, $I = 5.2\text{mm}$ from Smithers
 - $Q_{100} = 6.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - $C = 0.50$, $t_c = 1.40$, $I = 44.7\text{mm}$ from Quick
 - $Q_{100} = 75.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - Reasonable Range
 - $C = 0.30$ to 0.40
 - $T_c = 3.0$ to 5.0
 - I from Burns Lake (8.8 mm/hr) & Ungauged (13.1 mm/hr)
 - $Q_{100} = 13.9 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} * 0.80$
 - $Q_{100} = 11.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - $Q_{100} = 27.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} * 0.80$
 - $Q_{100} = 22.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Selected Q₁₀₀ prior to Climate Change = $12.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - Reasonable Range = $11.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ to $22.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

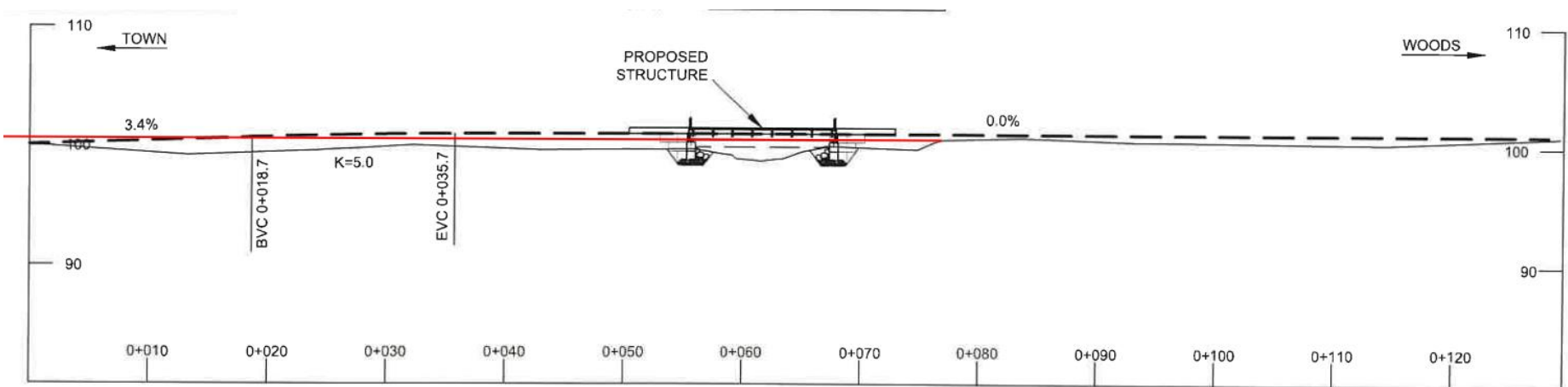
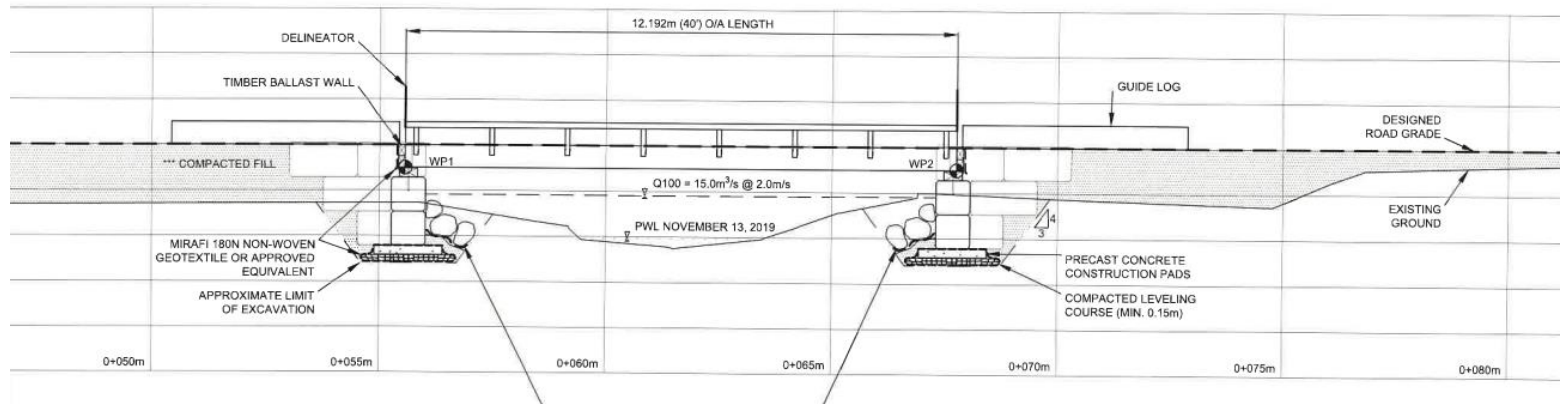
3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- 12.192m (40') All Steel Portable Bridge on 2 High Lock Block Abutments



3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

- Bottom of girders above ground on town side



3. North AllPort Creek (18.8 km²)

Summary

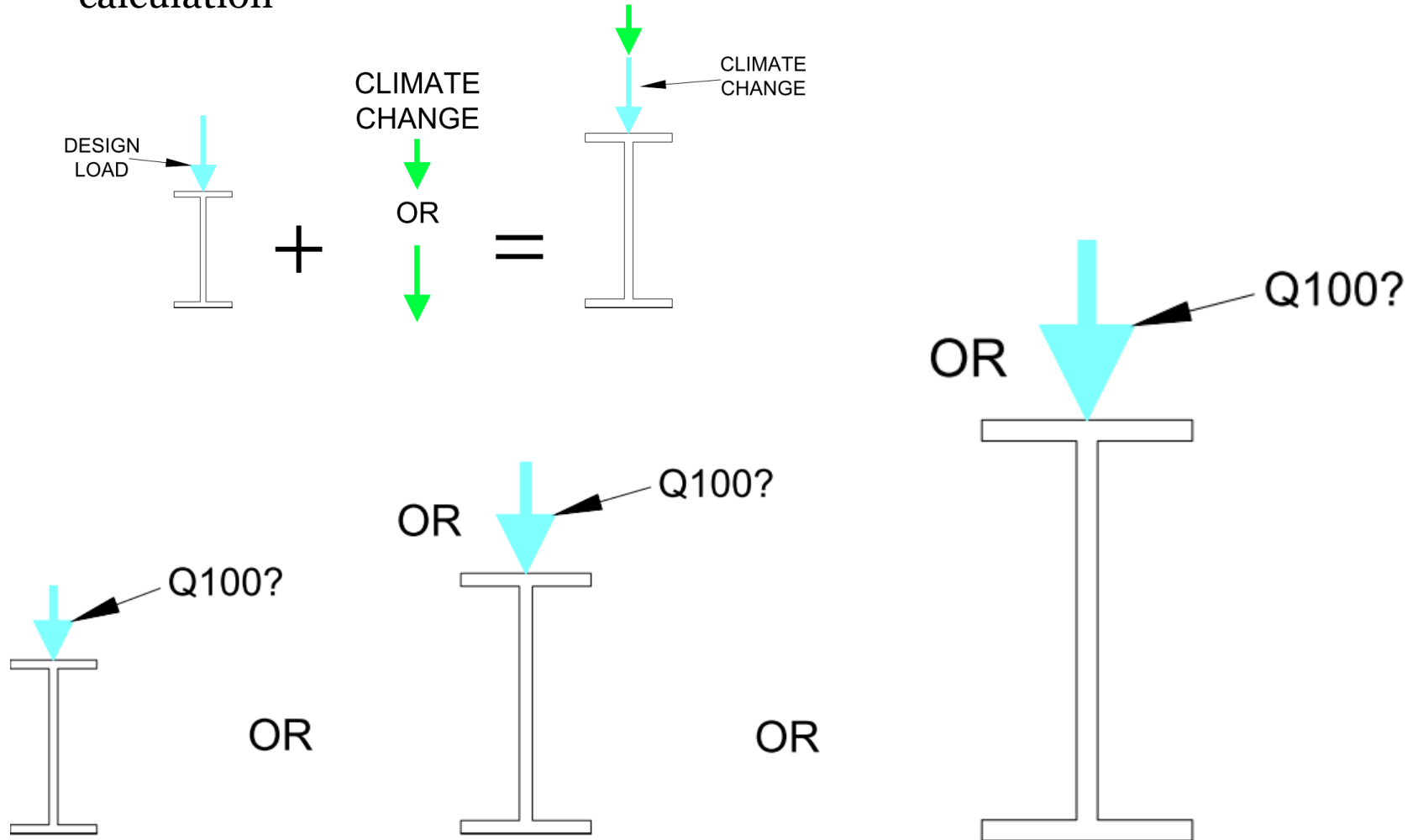
- Estimated Design Flood using rational method due to size
- $Q_{100} = 12.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Reasonable Range = $11.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ to $22.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (100%)
- Did not discuss design checks, channel & site characteristics.
- Regional Analysis:
 - o8EE009 Richfield (173km²): $Q_{100} = 5.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - o8EE004 Bulkley (7,360km²): $Q_{100} = 9.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - o8EE008 Goathorn (149km²): $Q_{100} = 11.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Used IDF_CC Tool for Climate Change (20% increase)
- $Q_{100} = 14.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (used $15.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$)
- Assumes increase in streamflow due to climate change is directly correlated to increase in Rainfall calculated by IDF_CC Curves

4. Summary

- Design Flood Hydrology is complex with possible wide range of calculated flows
- Site & stream characteristics can be as important as “standard” design flow calculations
- In remote resource applications there is limited data available
 - Gauged watersheds
 - Similarity (size and characteristics)
 - Proximity
 - IDF Curves
 - Old, limited data
 - Proximity

4. Summary

- Climate change is not being added to a very defined calculation



5. Questions/Comments

“The person who should take responsibility for the calculated design flow should absolutely be the most experienced, knowledgeable, and skilled engineer ... who has yet to be sued”

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