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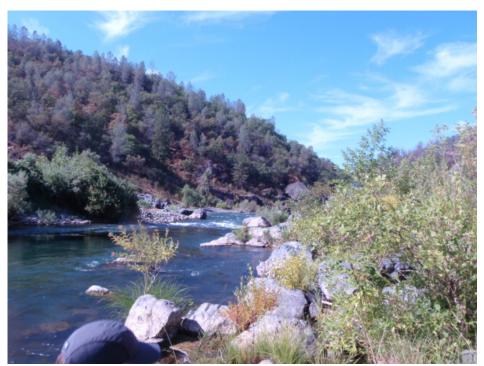


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Cottonwood Inventory and Modeled Discharge Flow Levels

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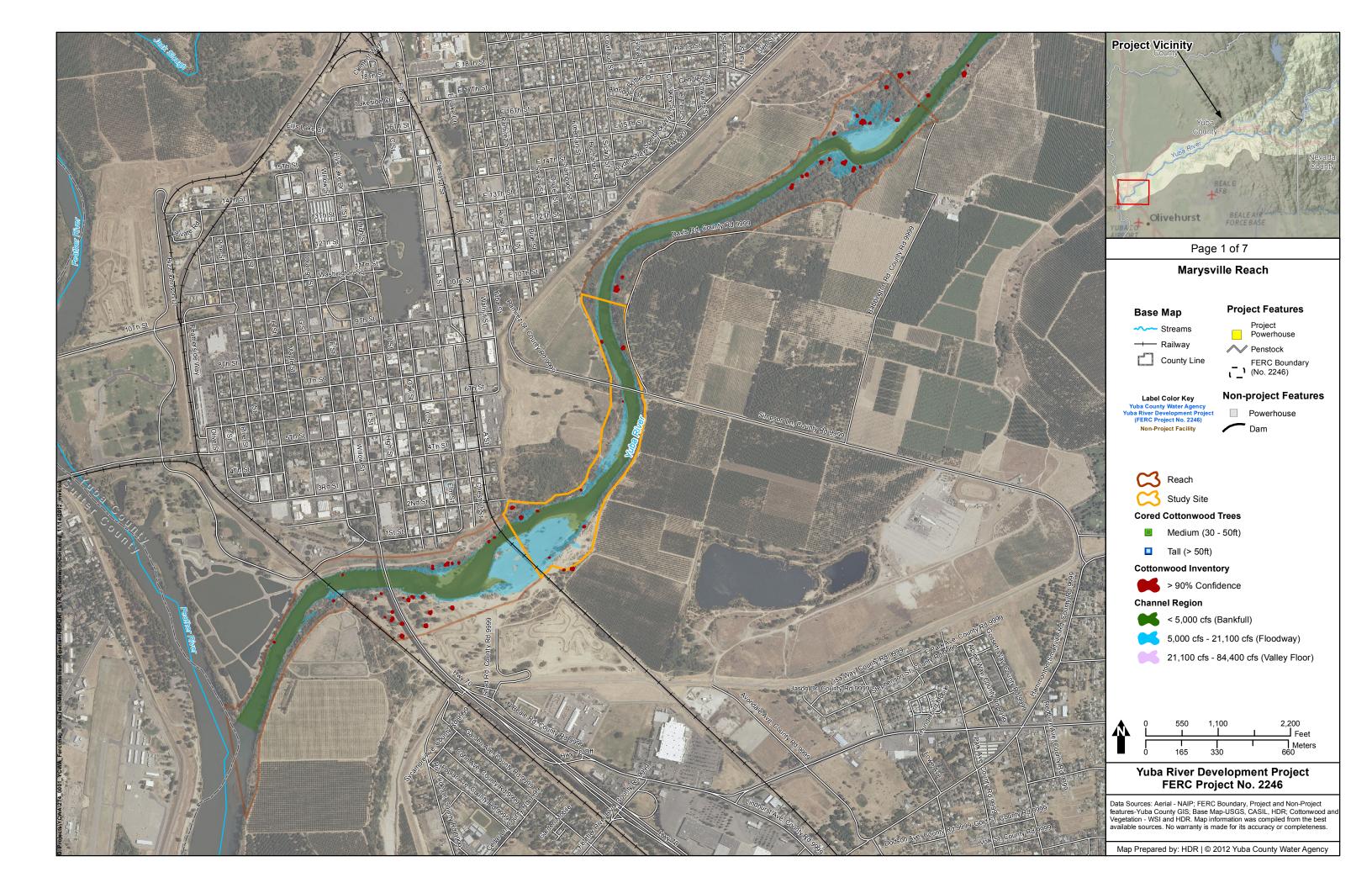
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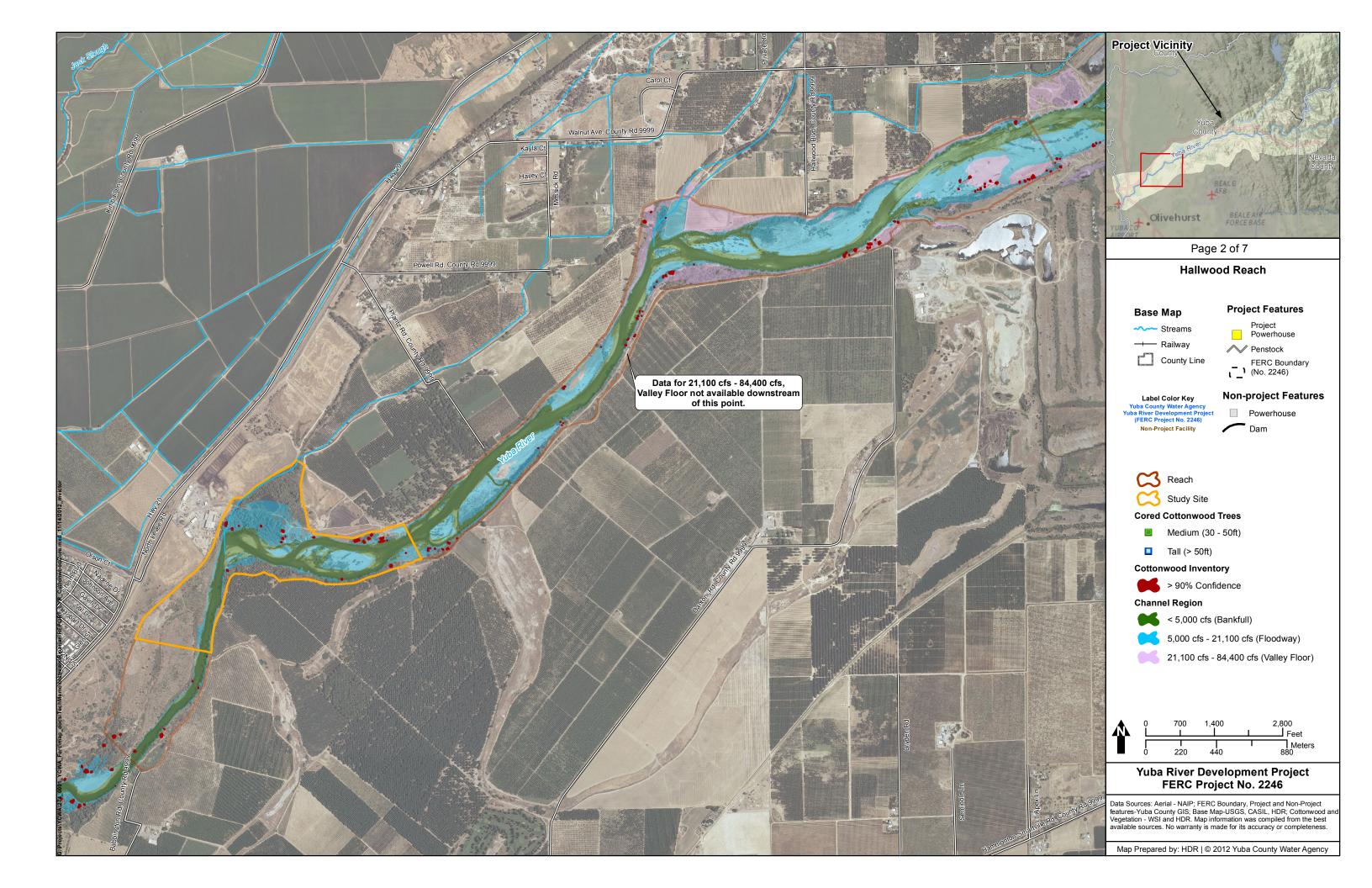
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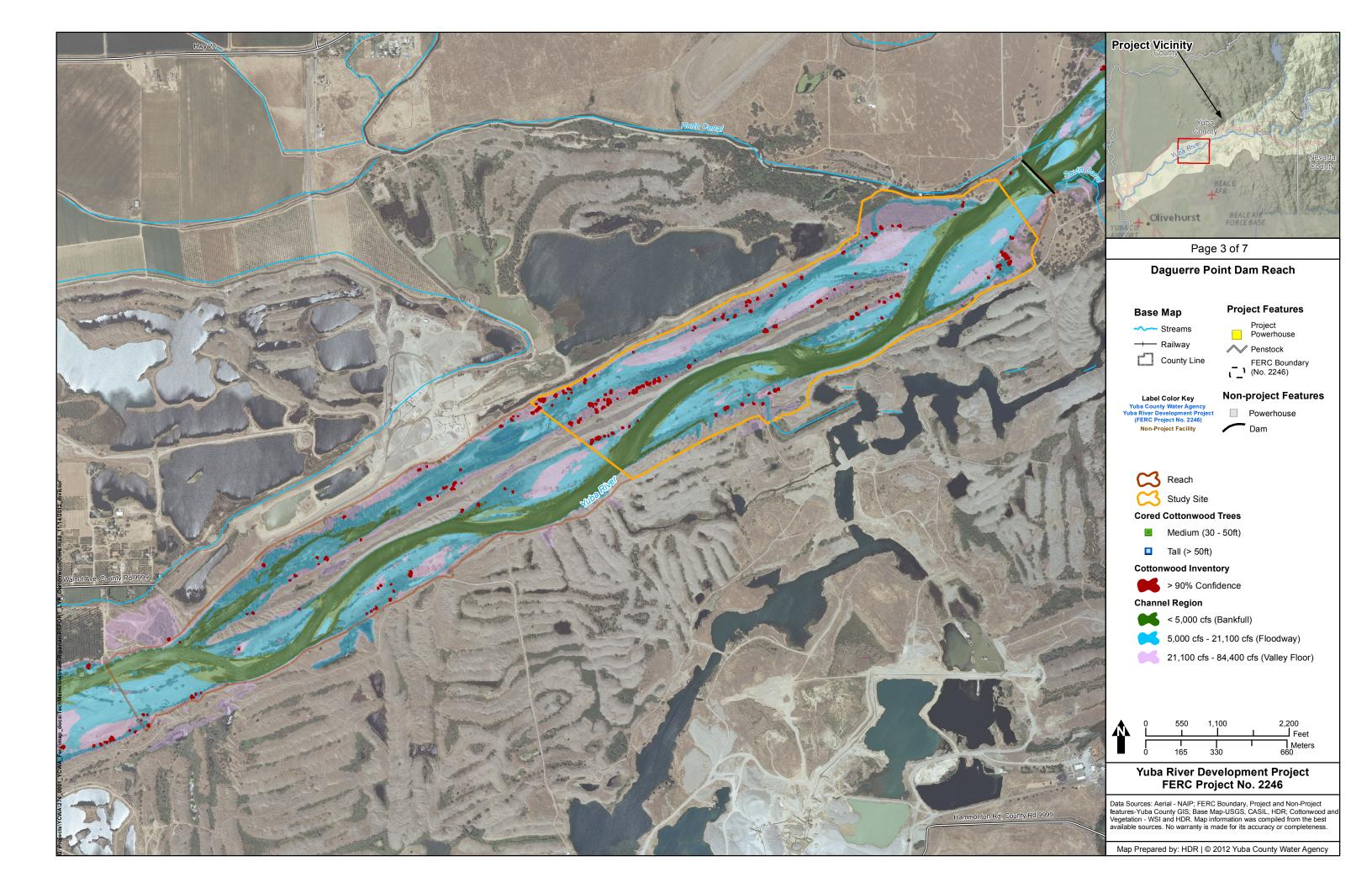
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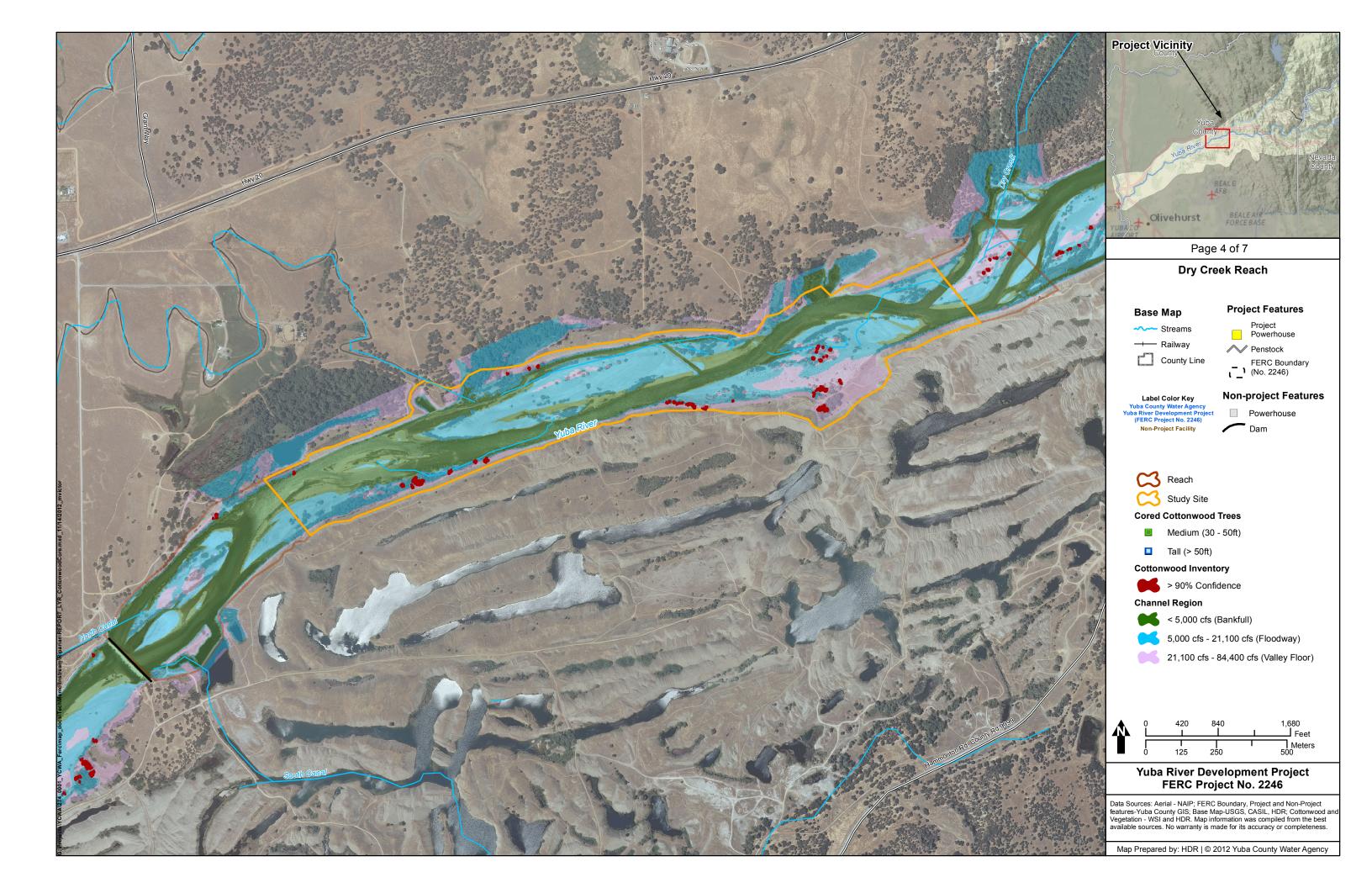
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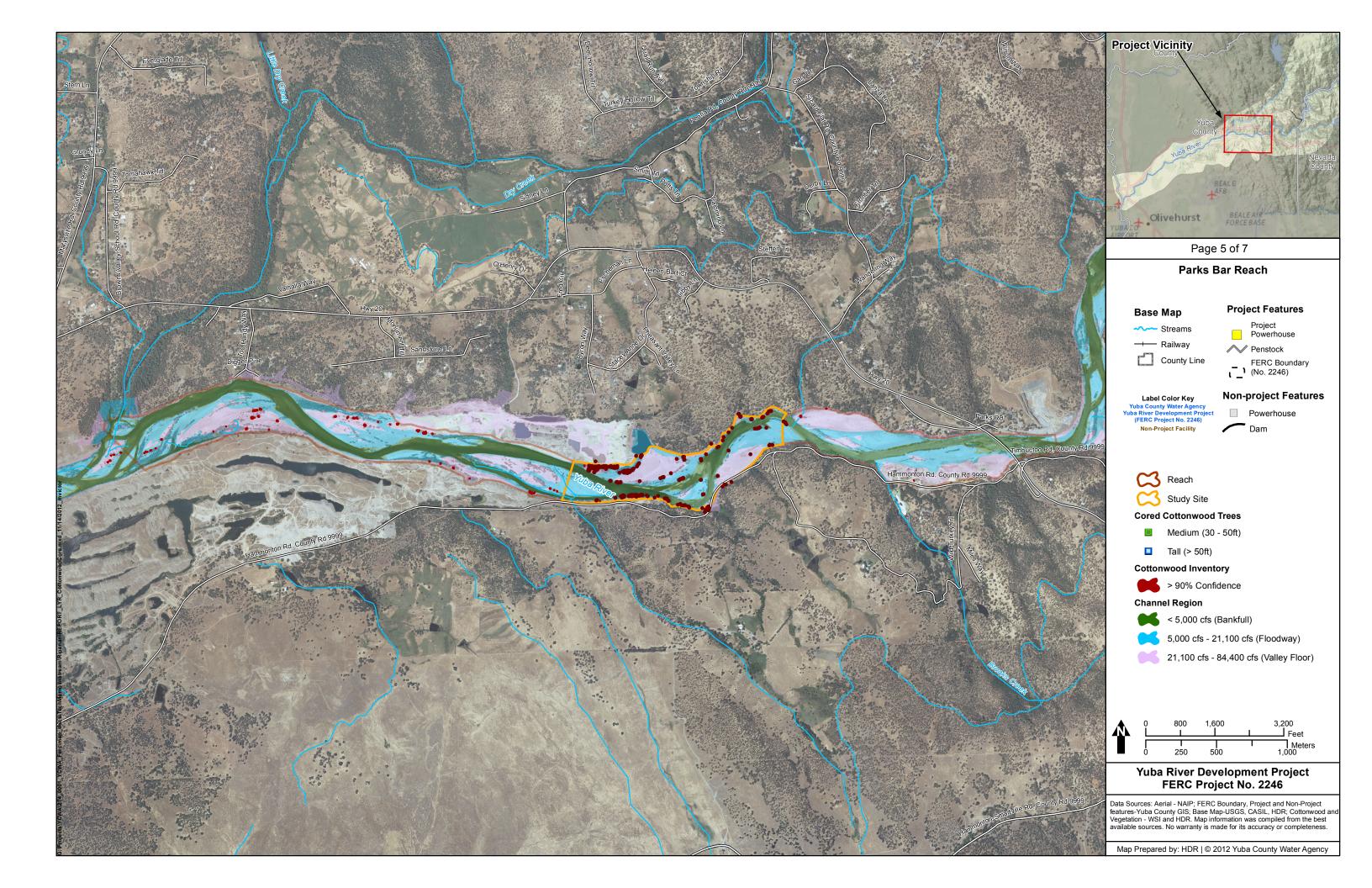
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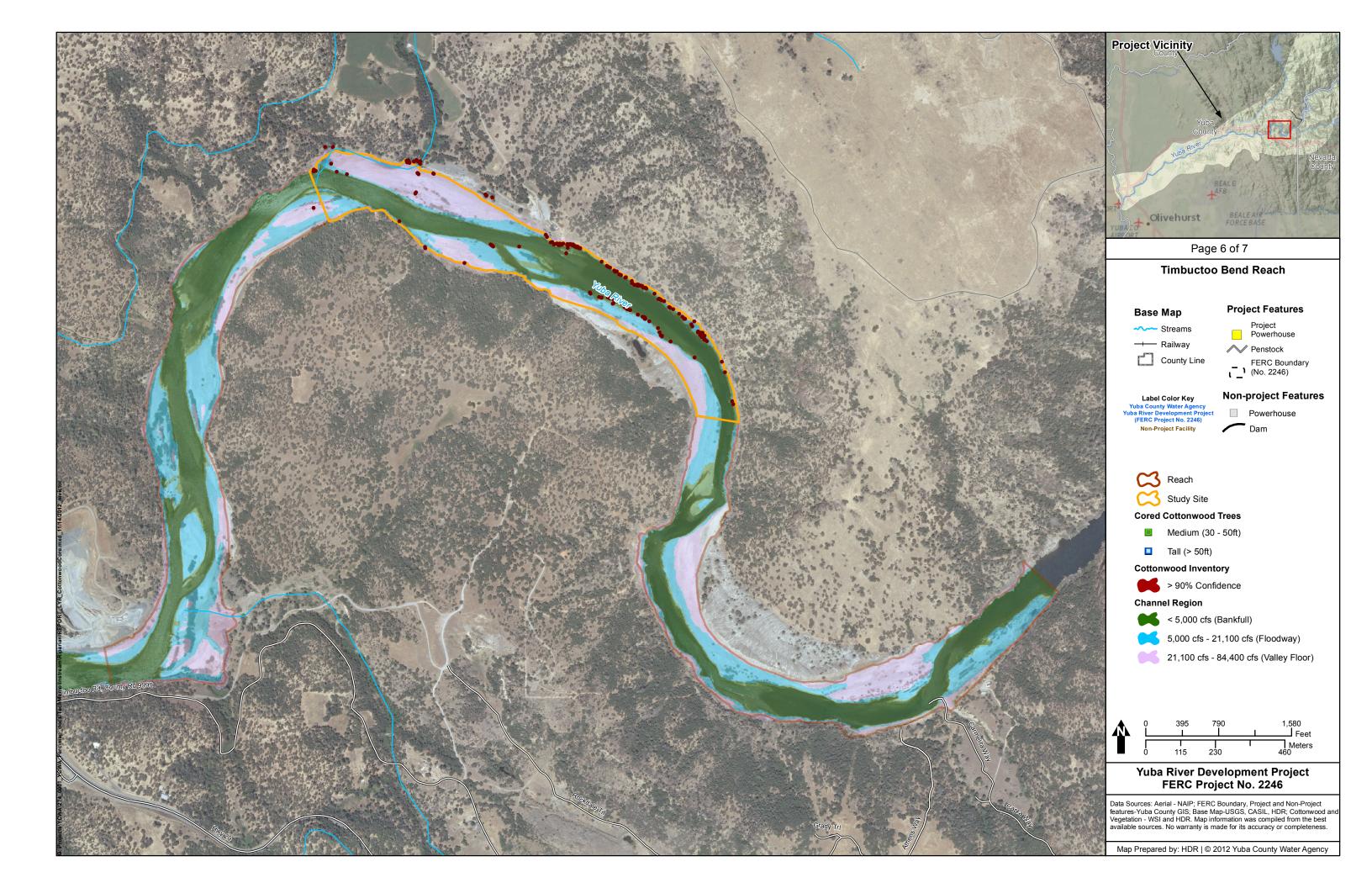


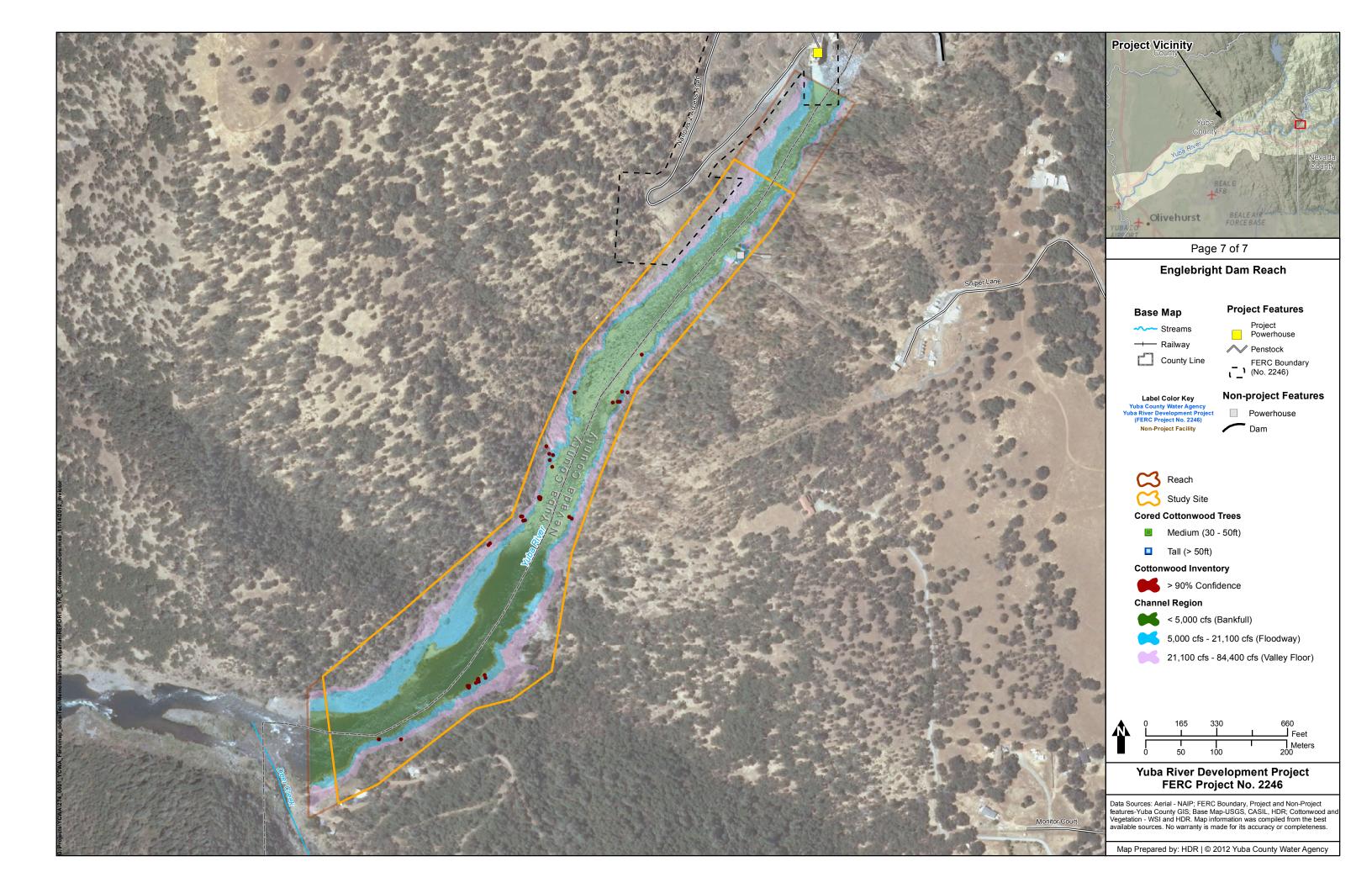


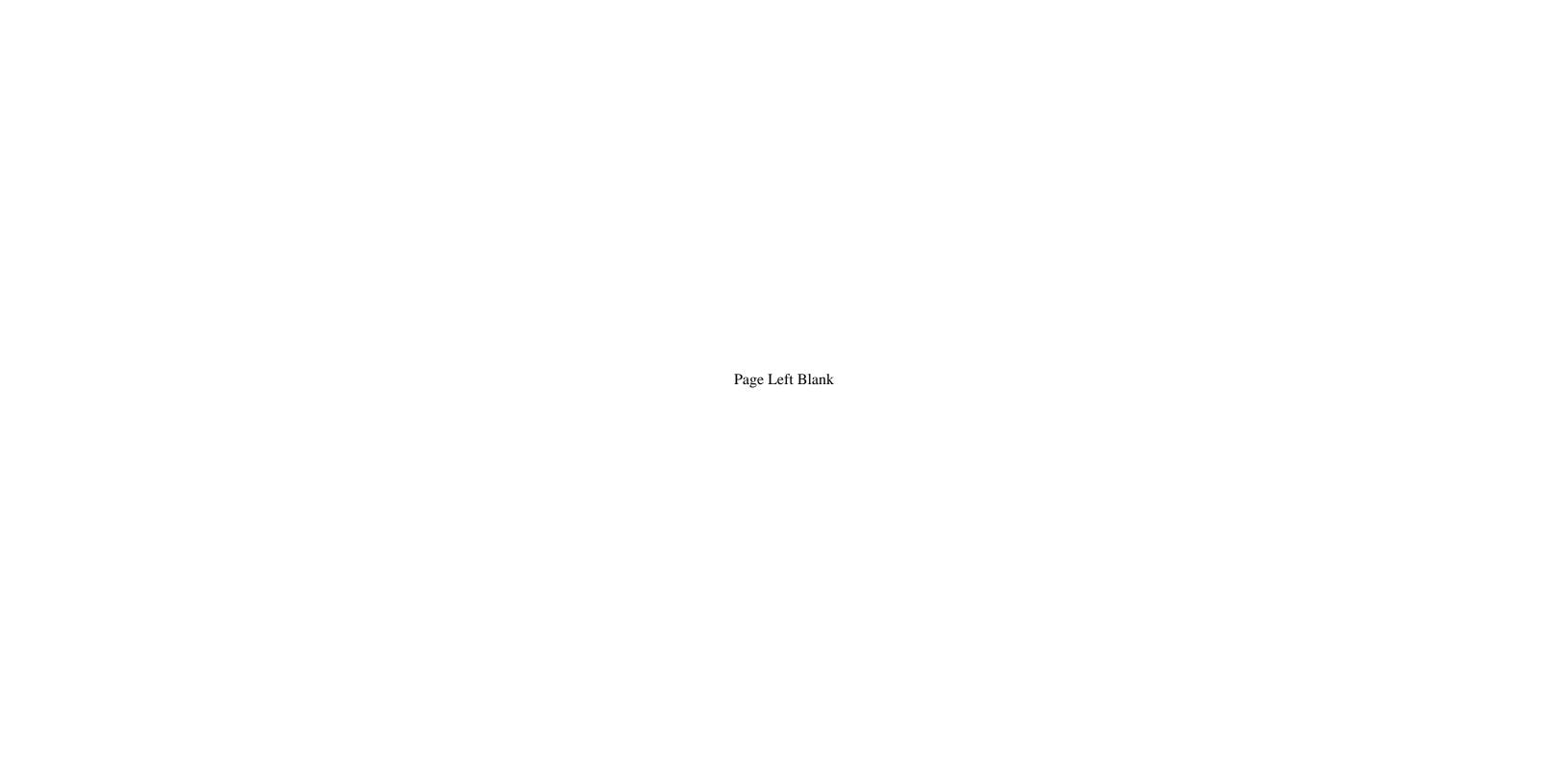












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Cottonwood Statistical Growth Models

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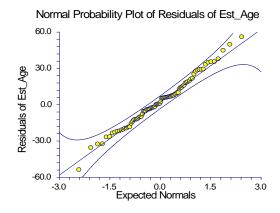
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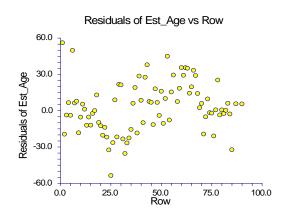
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Adj R2	0.8168	Rows with Y Missing	1
Coefficient of Variation	0.4593	Rows Used in Estimation	86
Mean Square Error	341.7133	Sum of Weights	81.993
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Ave Abs Pct Error	49.849		

Regression Equat	ion Section					
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Independent	Coefficient	Error	to test	Prob	H0 at	of Test
Variable	b(i)	Sb(i)	H0:B(i)=0	Level	5%?	at 5%
Canopy_Height	0.7054	0.0362	19.464	0.0000	Yes	1.0000

Analysis of Variance Section

			Sum of	Mean		Prob	Power
Source	DF	R2	Squares	Square	F-Ratio	Level	(5%)
Model	1	0.8168	129462.5	129462.5	378.863	0.0000	1.0000
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2.0 Model 2 Regression

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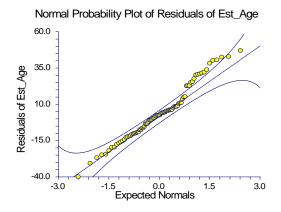
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Coefficient of Variation	0.4204	Rows Used in Estimation	84
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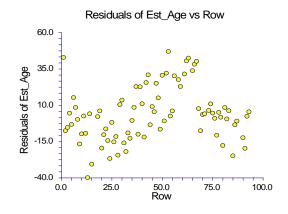
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dbh	1.6162	0.0758	21.326	0.0000	Yes	1.0000

Analysis of Variance Section

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3.0 Model 3 Regression

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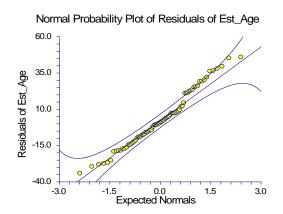
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Adj R2	0.8405	Rows with Y Missing	1
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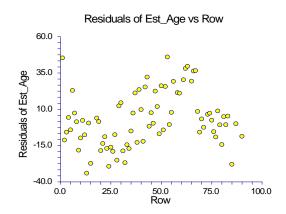
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Canopy_Height	0.1889	0.1053	1.793	0.0768	No	0.4252
dbh	1.2226	0.2467	4.955	0.0000	Yes	0.9983

Analysis of Variance Section

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Source	DF	R2	Squares	Square	F-Ratio	Level	(5%)
Model	2	0.8425	115258.5	57629.26	208.593	0.0000	1.0000
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Total	80	1.0000	136808.1	1710.101			





4.0 Model 4 Regression

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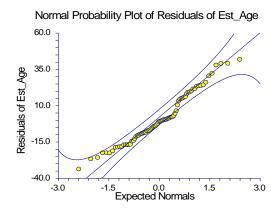
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Adj R2	0.8515	Rows with Y Missing	1
Coefficient of Variation	0.4211	Rows Used in Estimation	80
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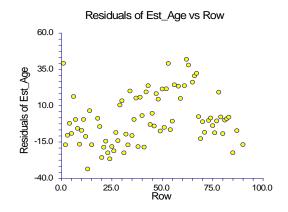
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dbh Canopy_Height*dbh	1.9939	0.3241	6.153	0.0000	Yes	1.0000
1,7_ 0	-0.0175	0.0047	-3.750	0.0003	Yes	0.9593

Analysis of Variance Section

Source			Sum of Squares	Mean		Prob Level	Power
	DF	R2		Square	F-Ratio		(5%)
Model	3	0.8552	127364.6	42454.87	151.612	0.0000	1.0000
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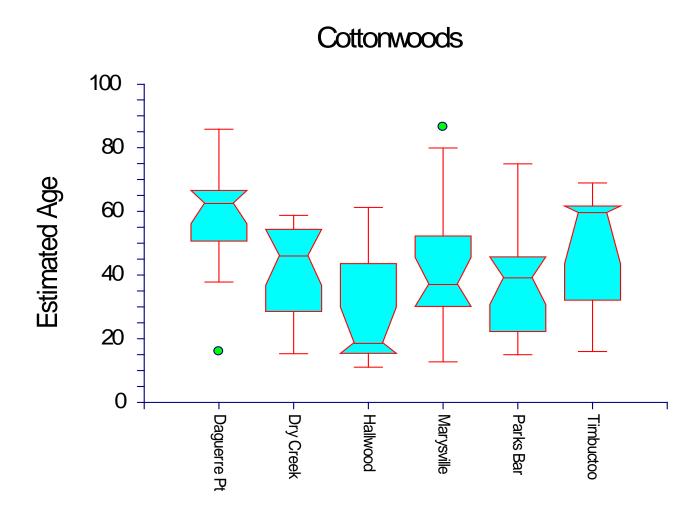


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Historical Discharge Flow Data from the Smartsville and Marysville Gages

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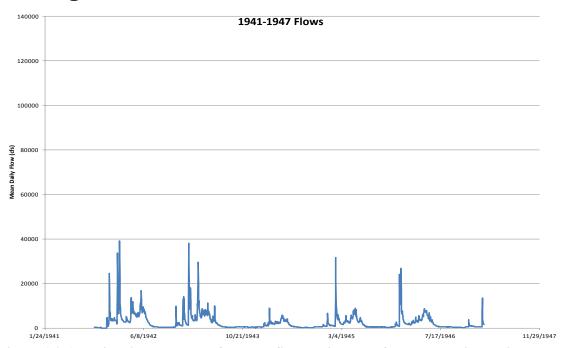


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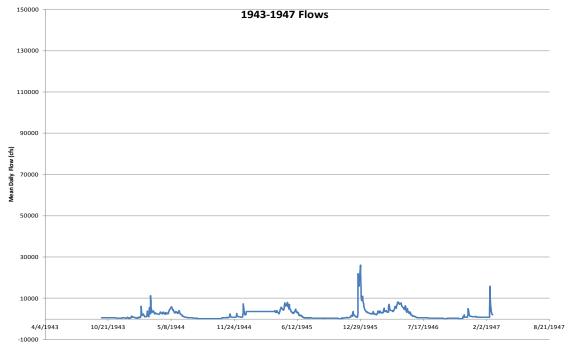


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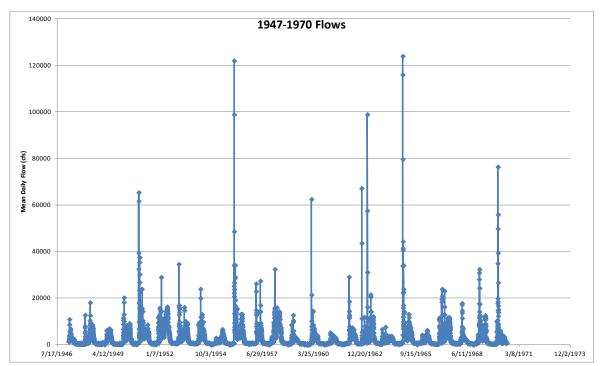


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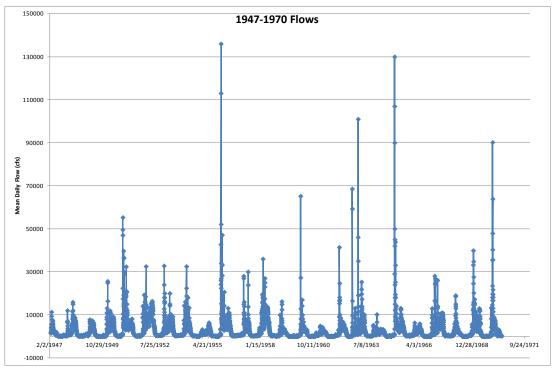


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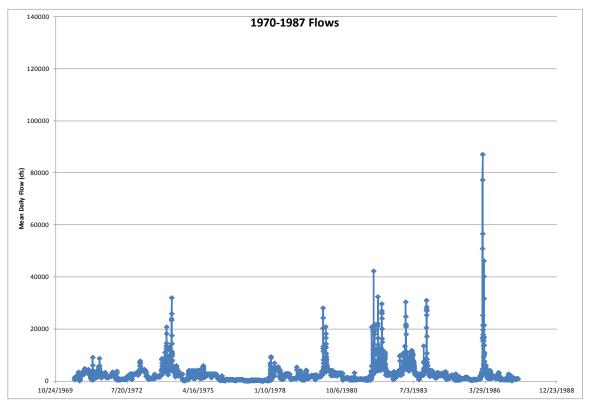


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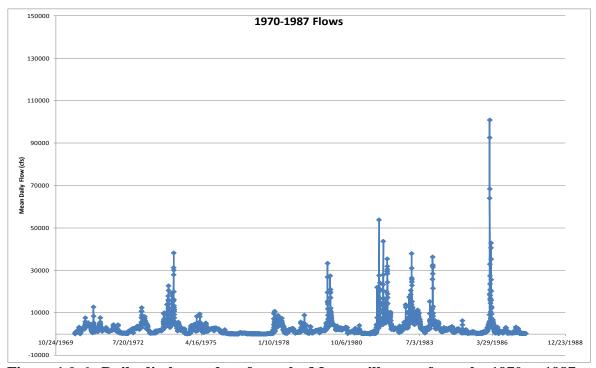


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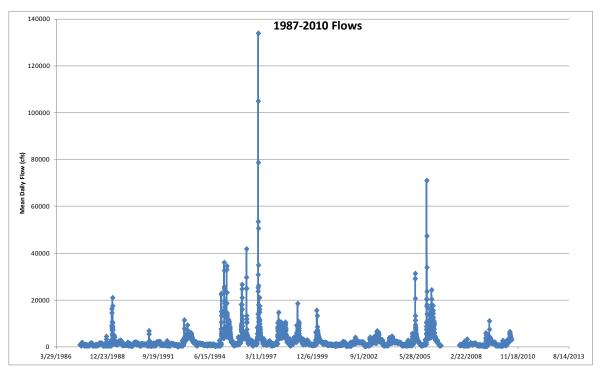


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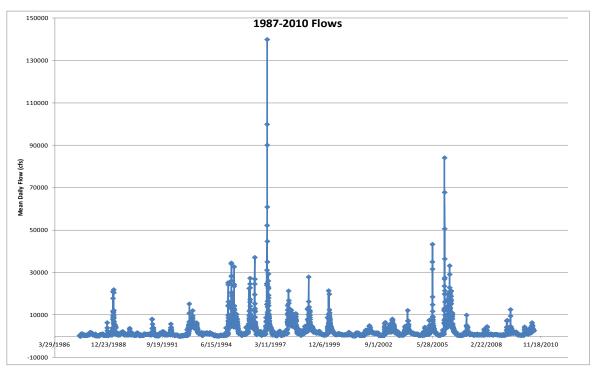


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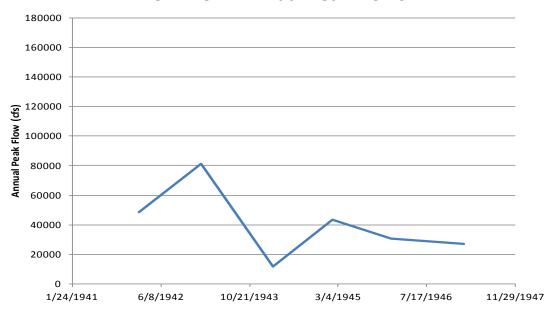


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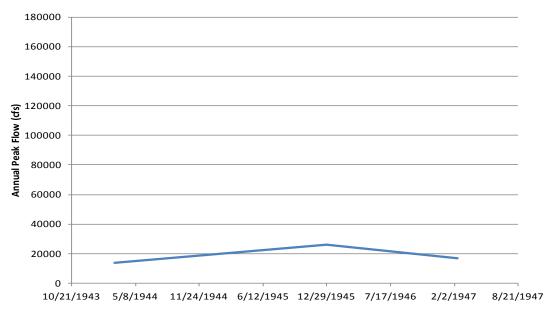


Figure 2.0-2. Peak discharge data from the Marysville gage from the earliest available date (1943) to 1947.

1947-1970 Annual Peak Flows

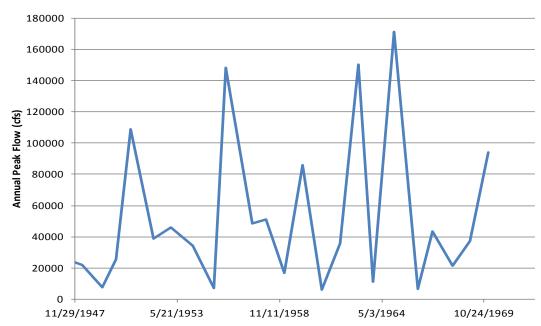


Figure 2.0-3. Peak discharge data from the Smartsville gage from 1947 to 1970.

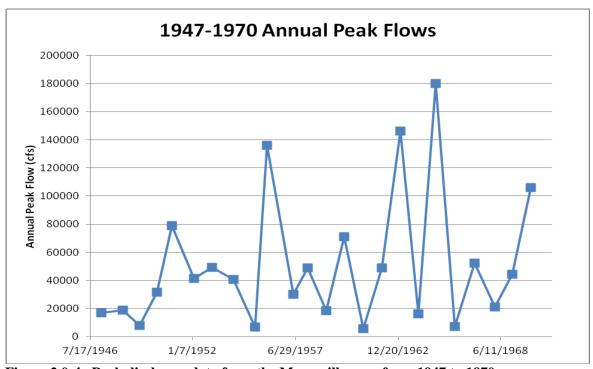


Figure 2.0-4. Peak discharge data from the Marysville gage from 1947 to 1970.

1970-1987 Annual Peak Flows

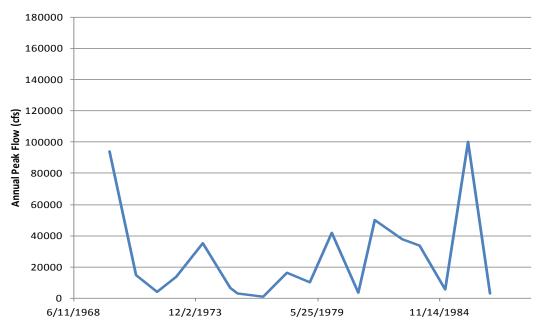


Figure 2.0-5. Peak discharge data from the Smartsville gage from 1970 to 1987.

1970-1987 Annual Peak Flows

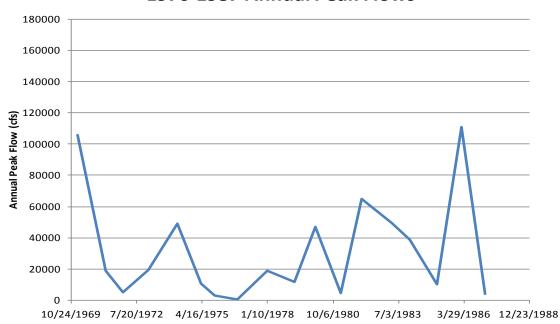


Figure 2.0-6. Peak discharge data from the Marysville gage from 1970 to 1987.

1987-2010 Annual Peak Flows

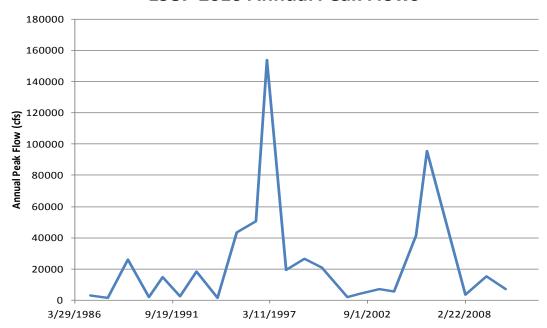


Figure 2.0-7. Peak discharge data from the Smartsville gage from 1987 to 2010.

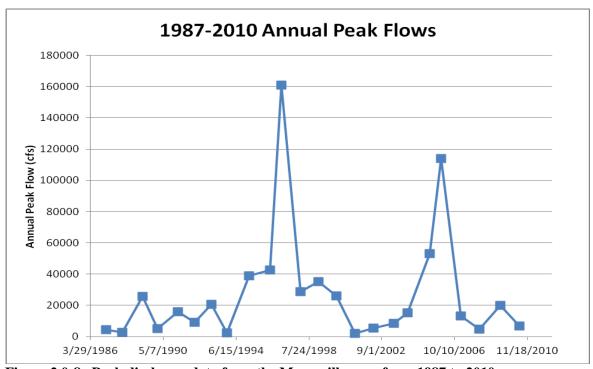


Figure 2.0-8. Peak discharge data from the Marysville gage from 1987 to 2010.