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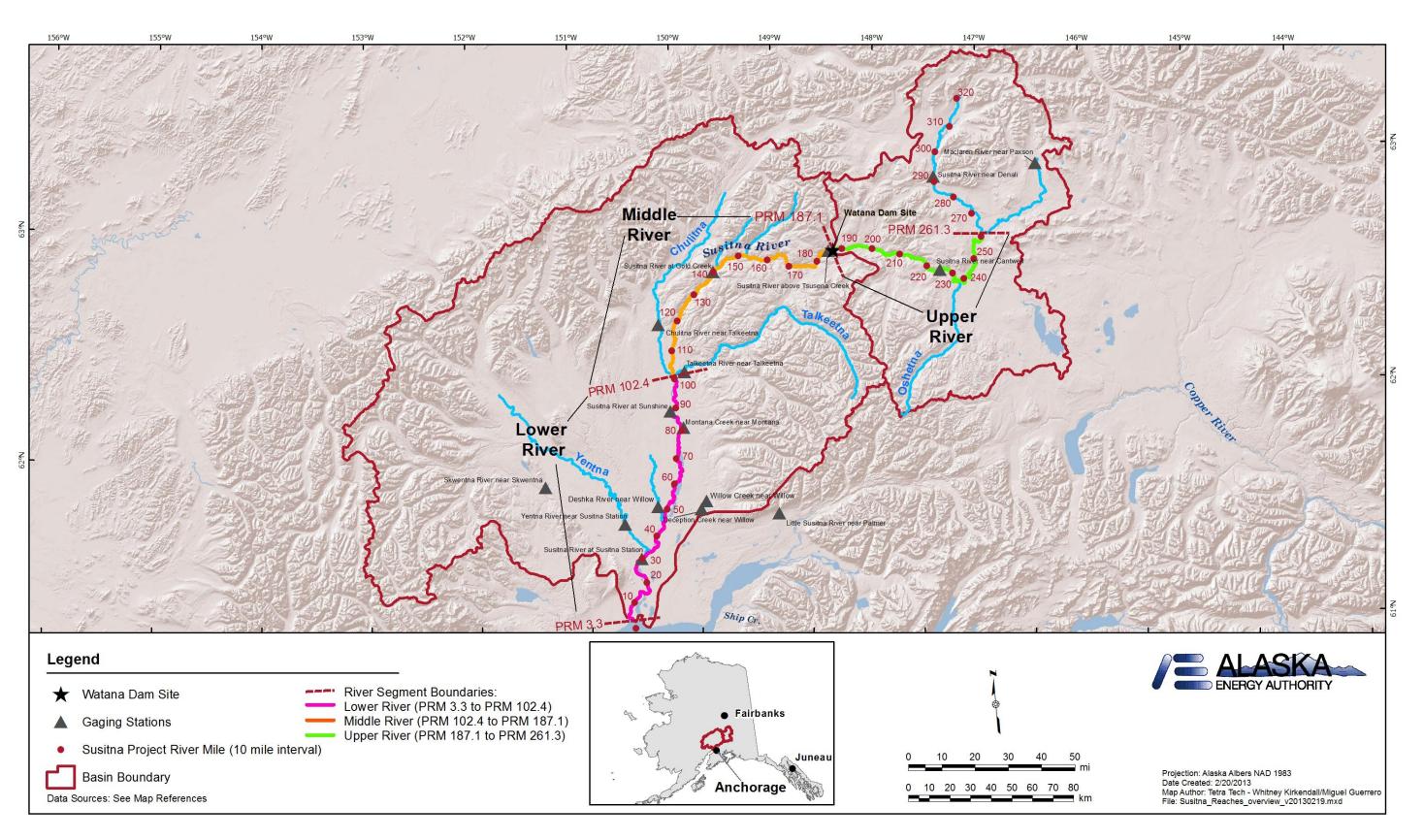


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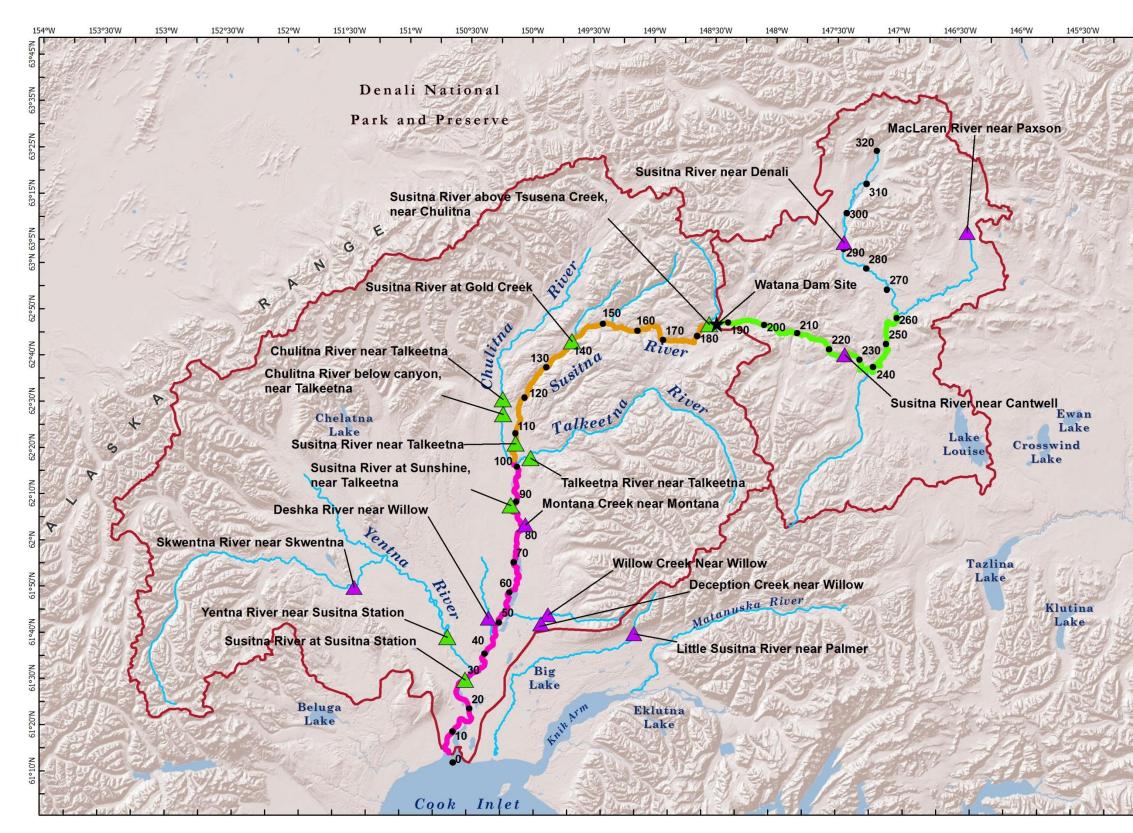
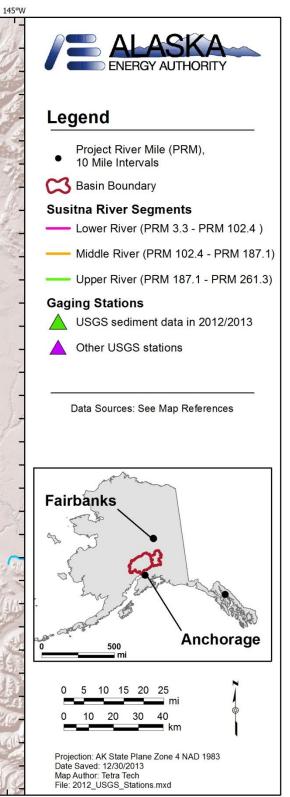


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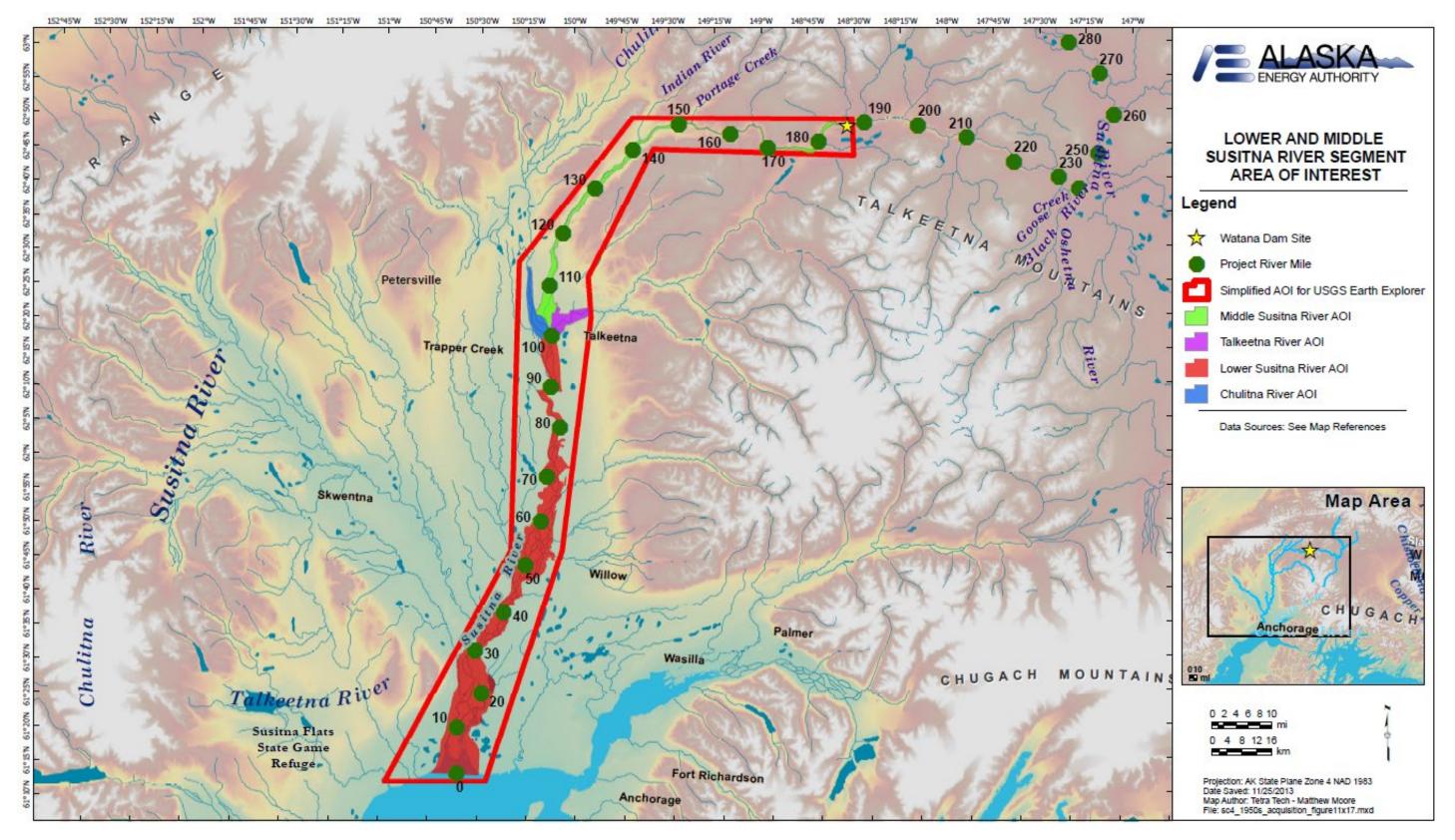


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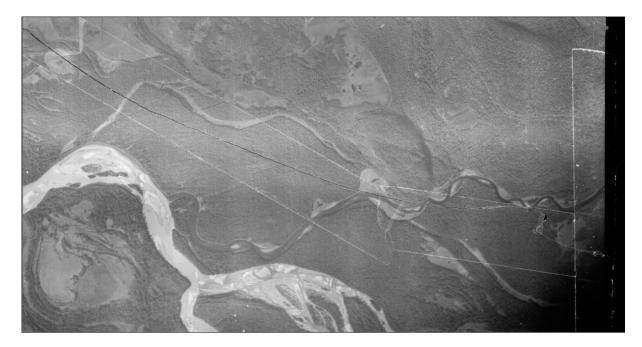


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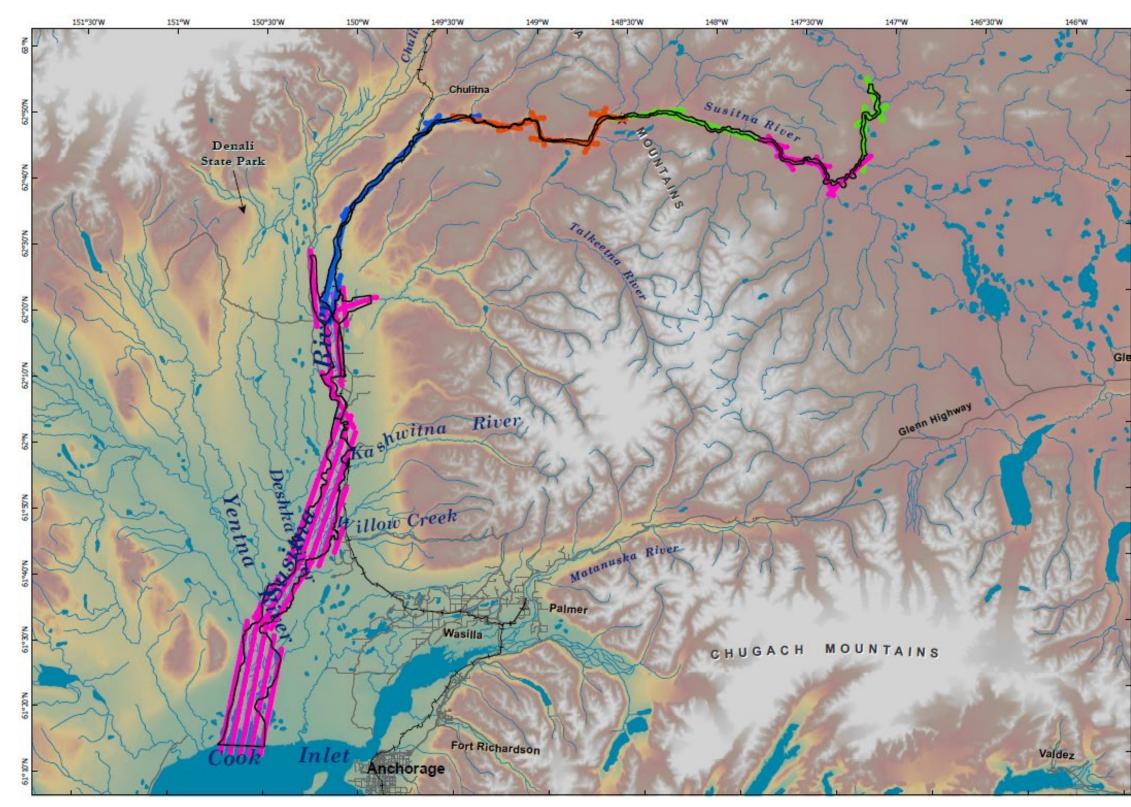
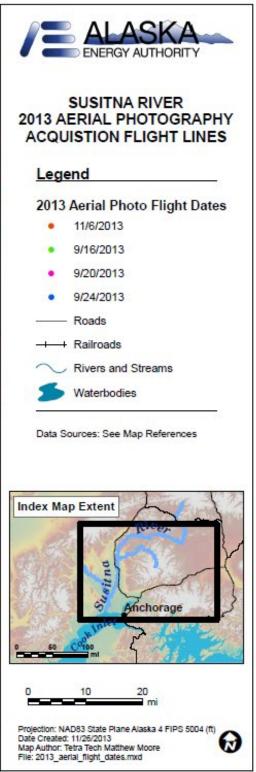


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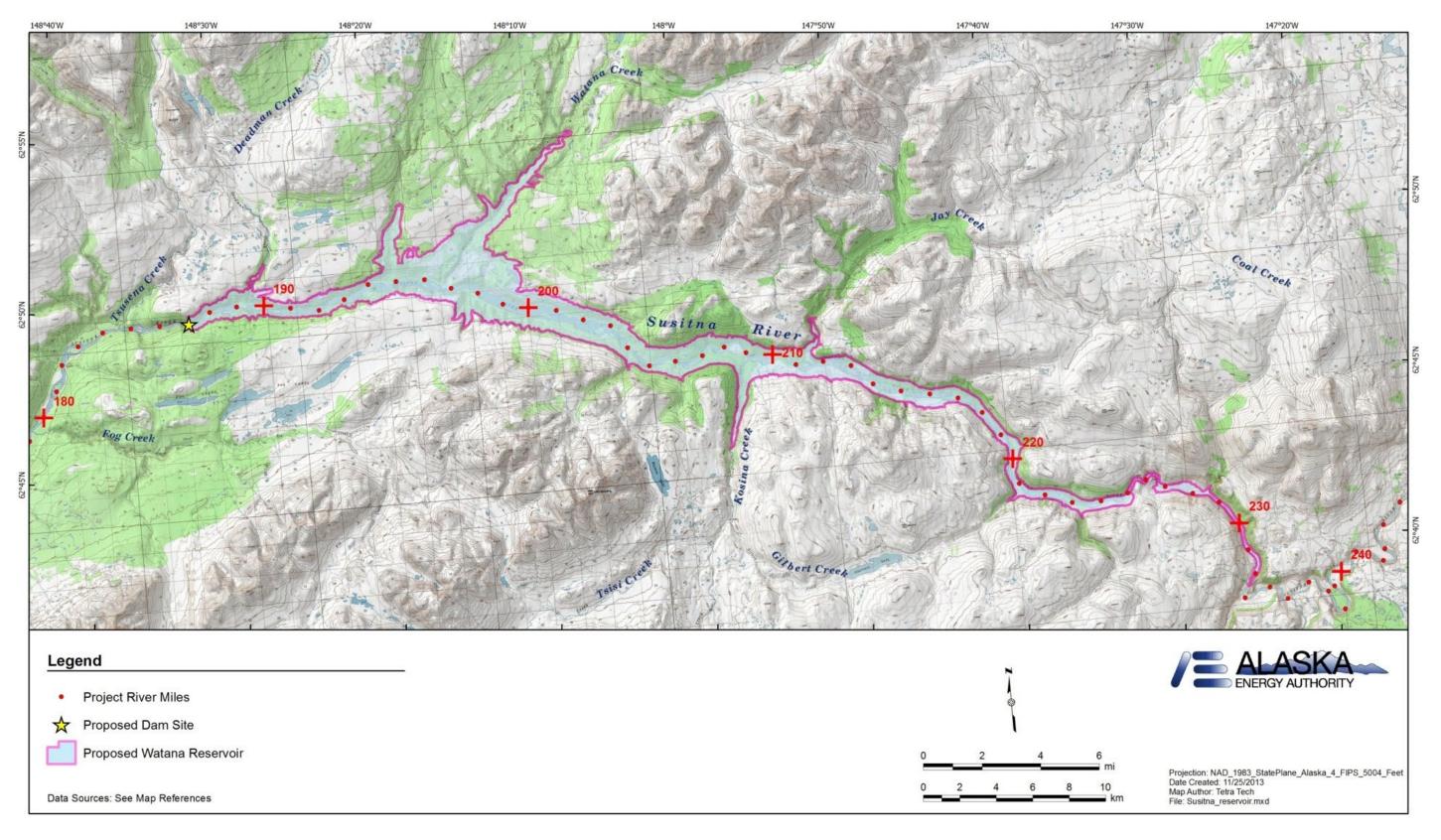


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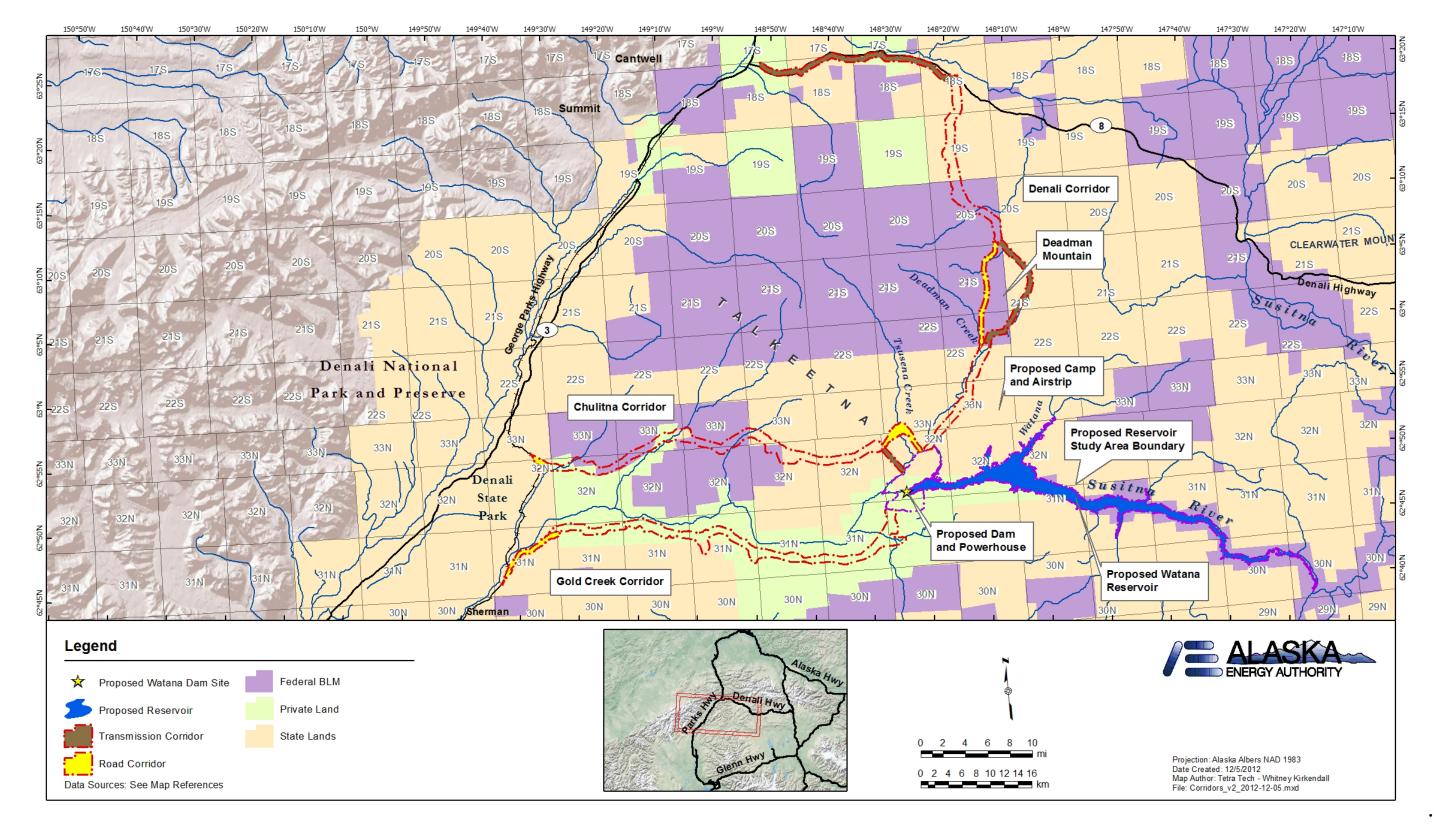


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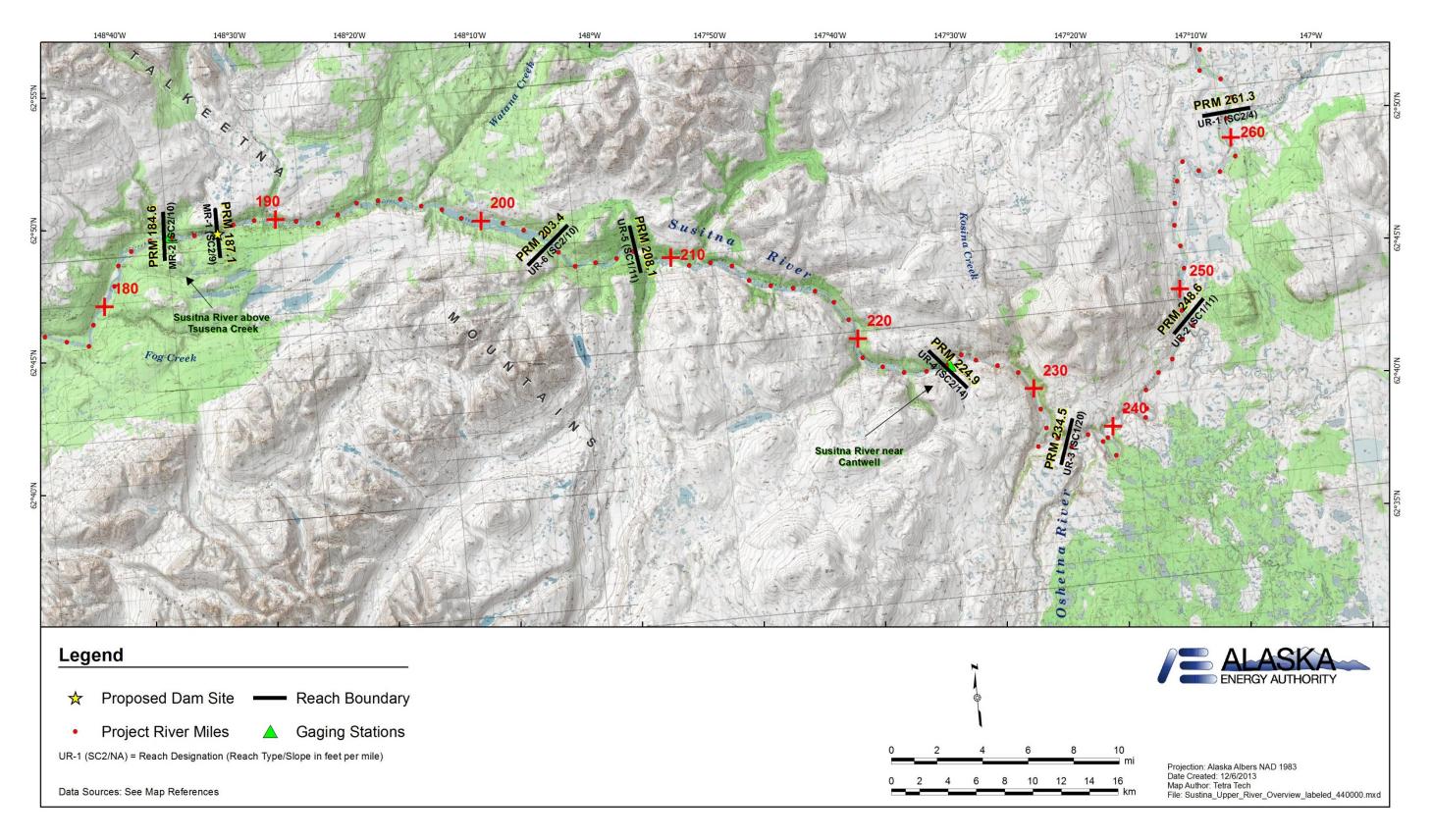


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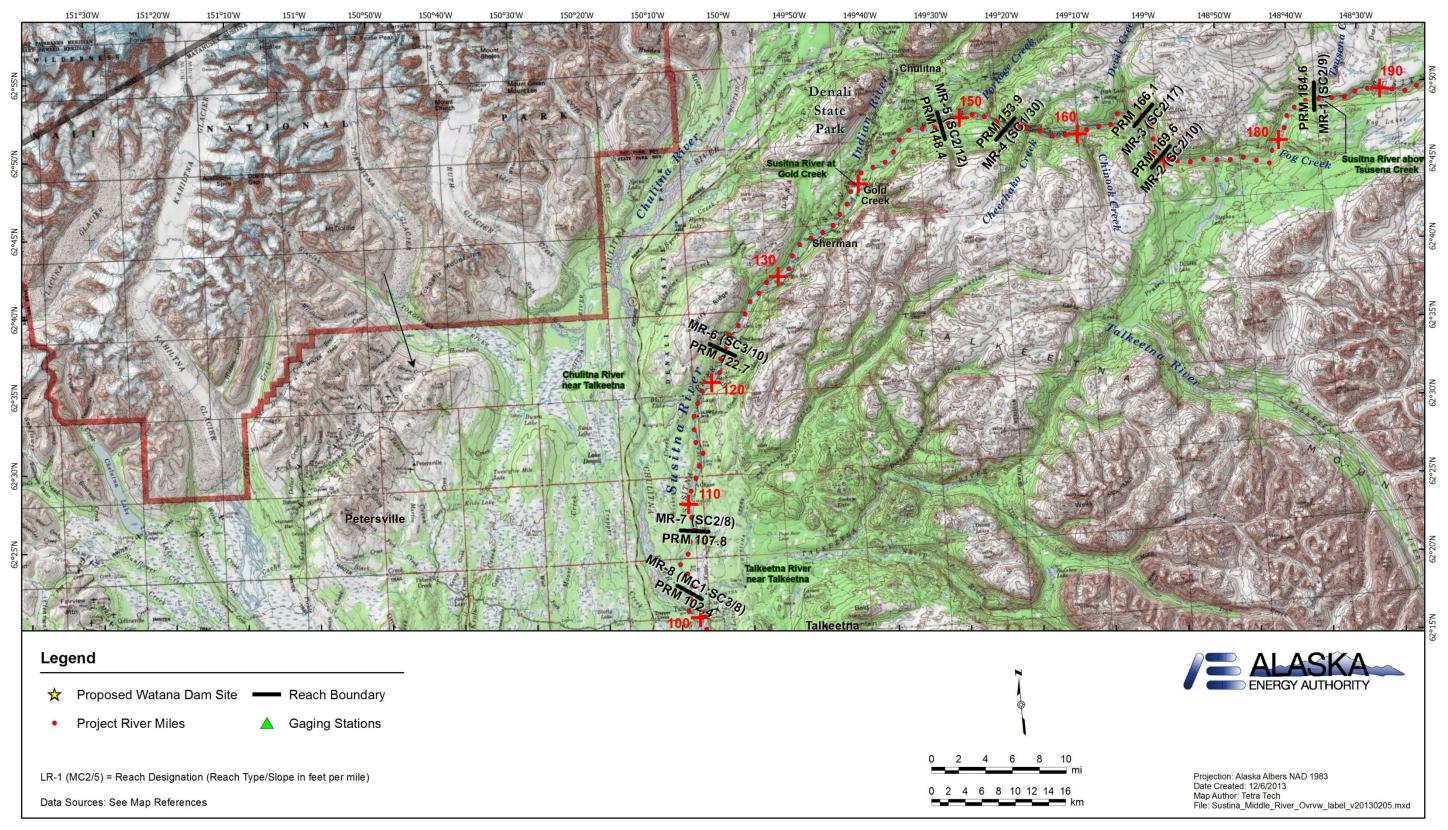


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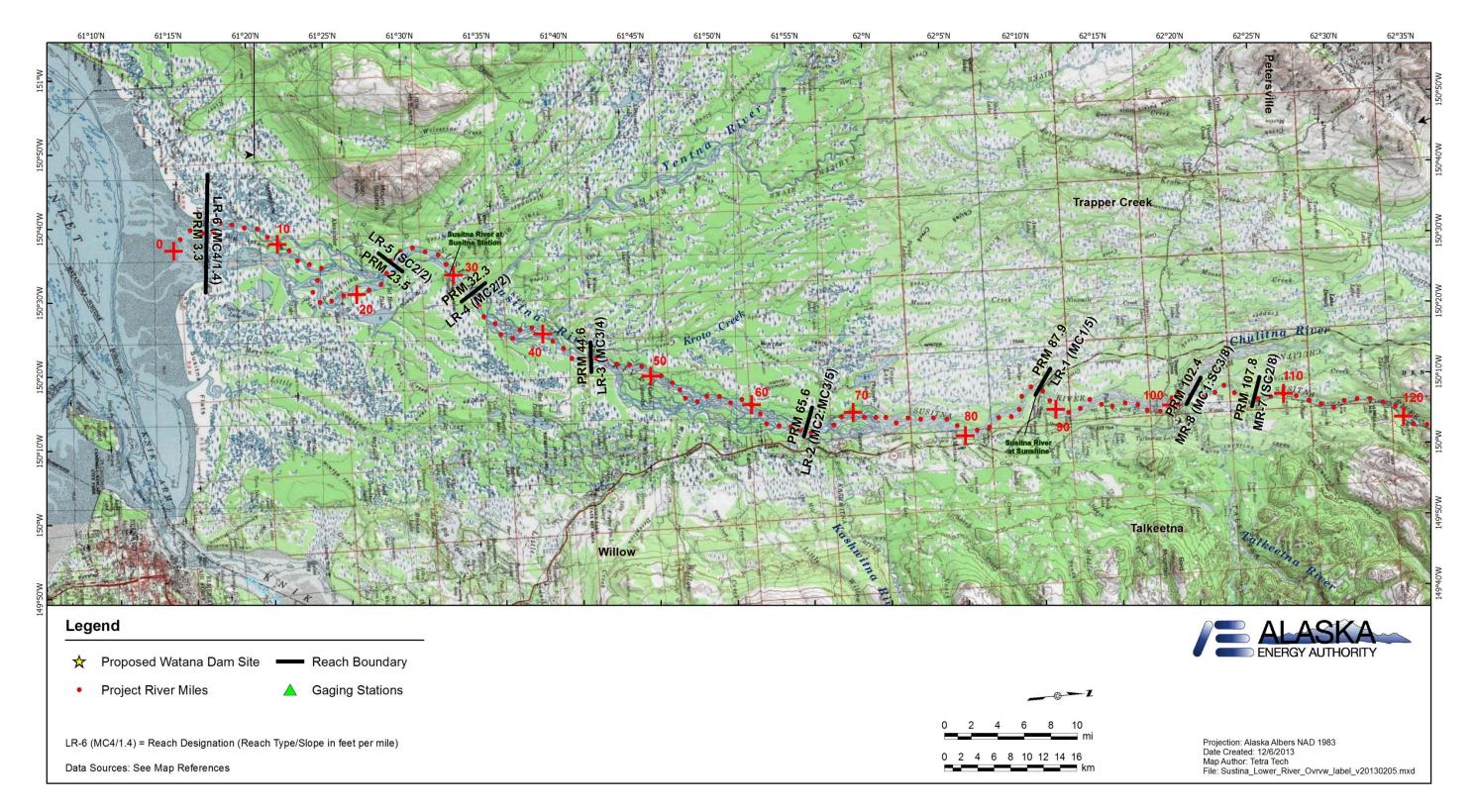


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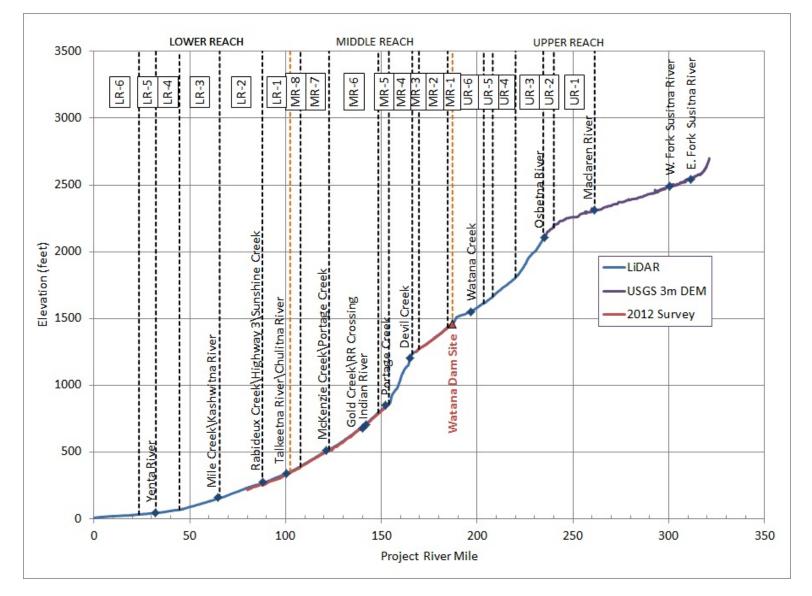


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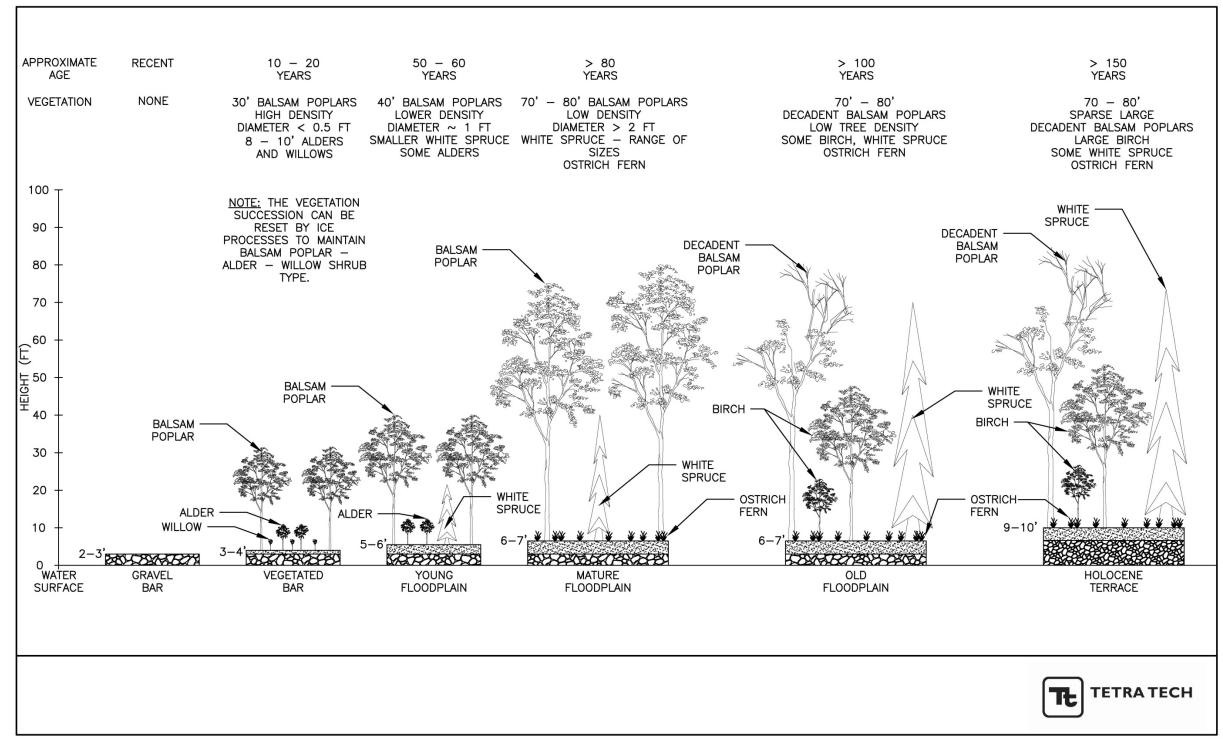


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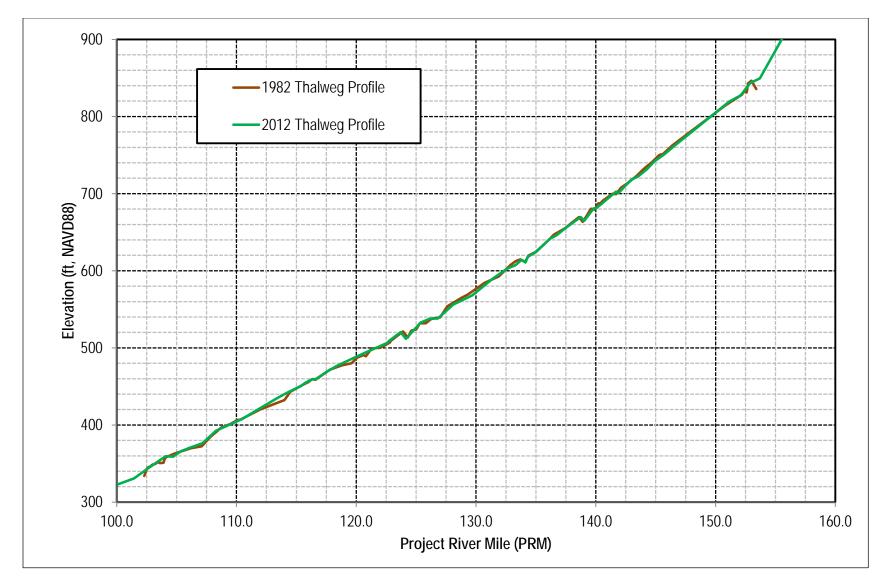


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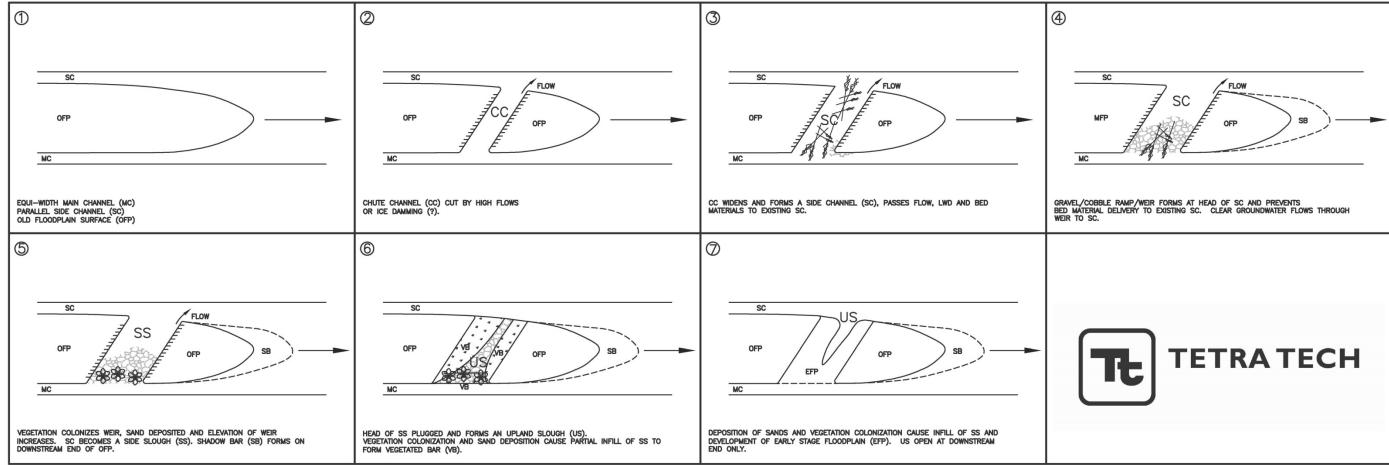


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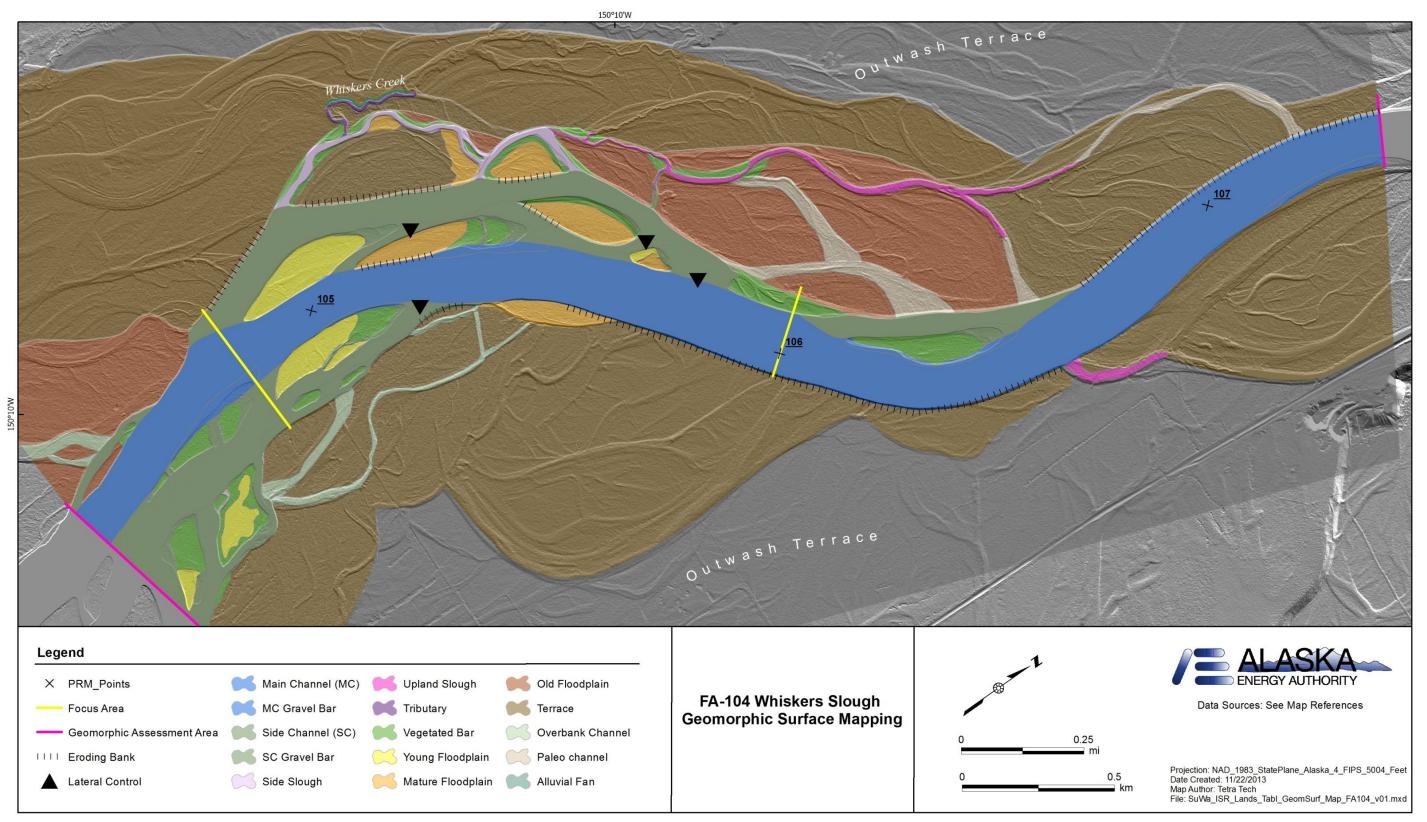


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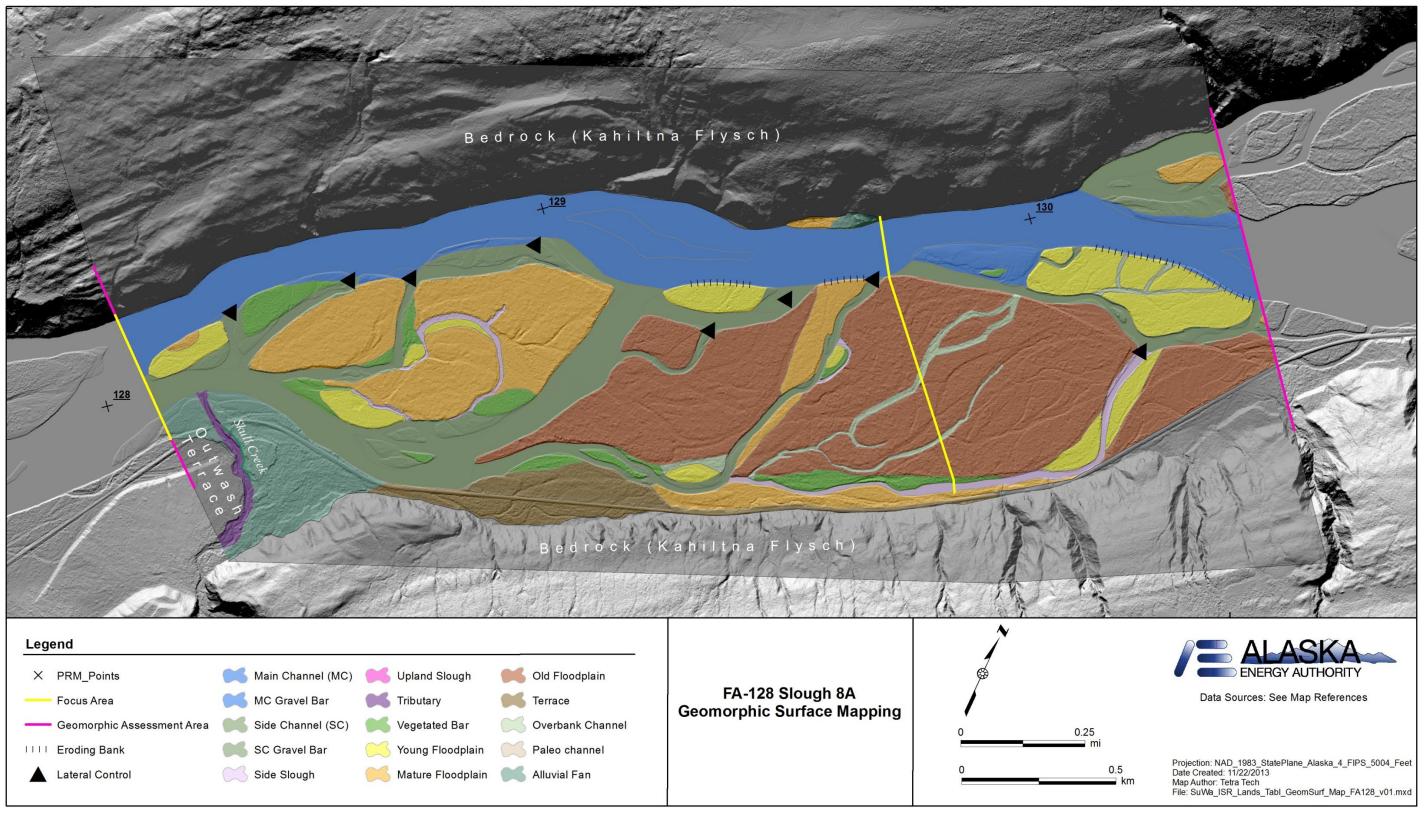


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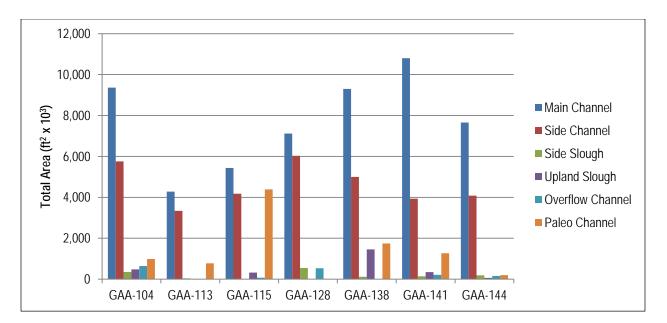


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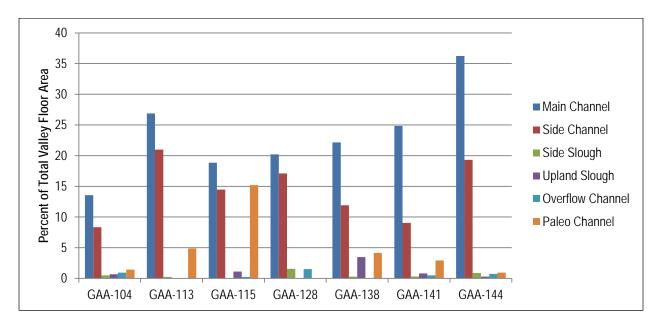


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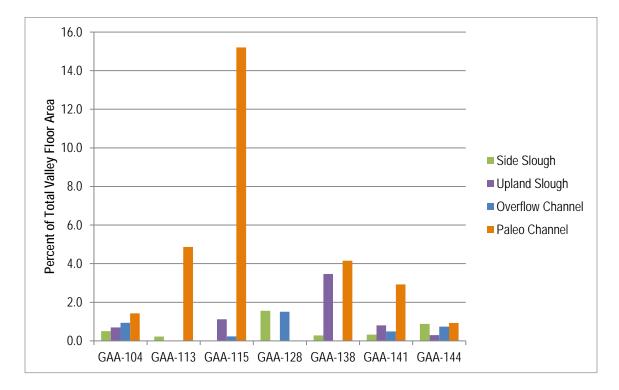


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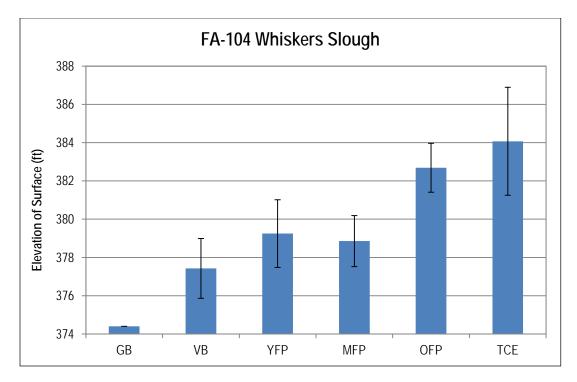
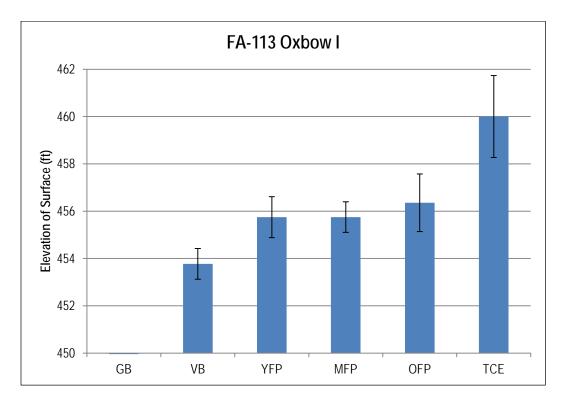
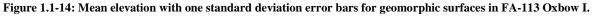
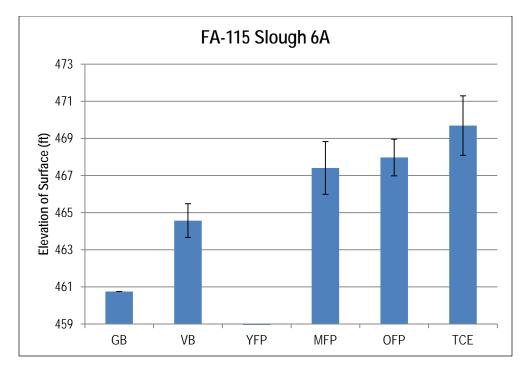
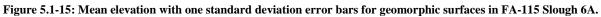


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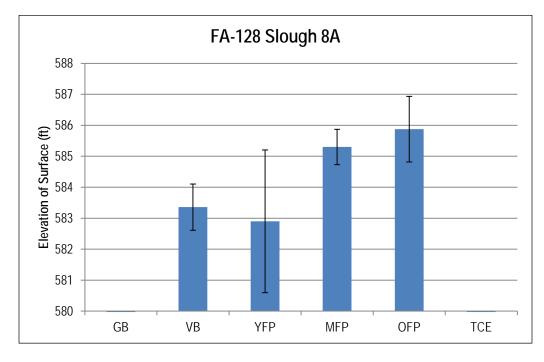


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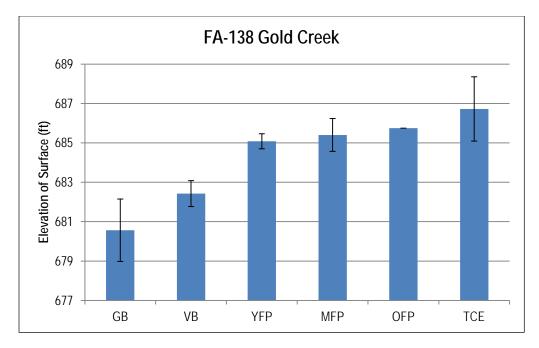


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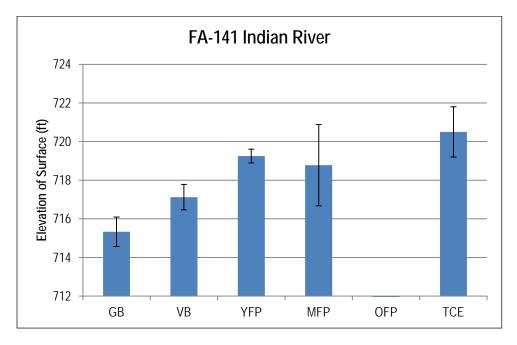


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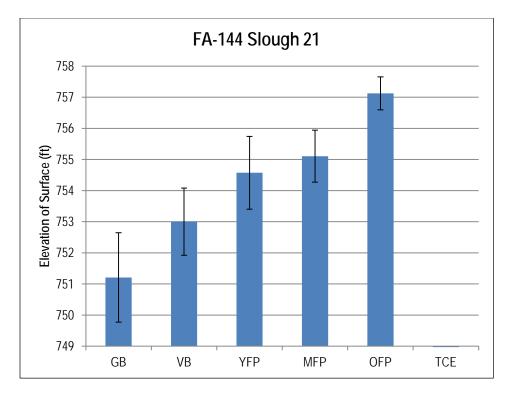


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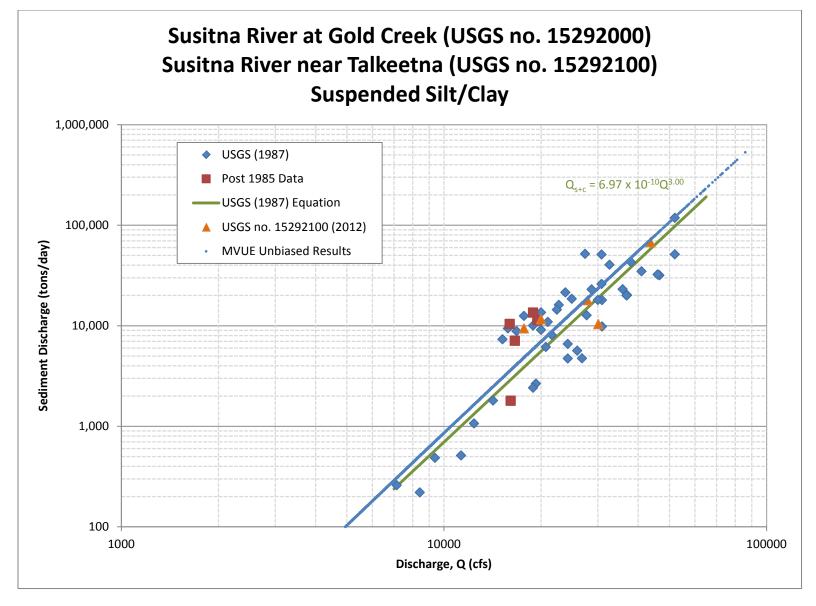
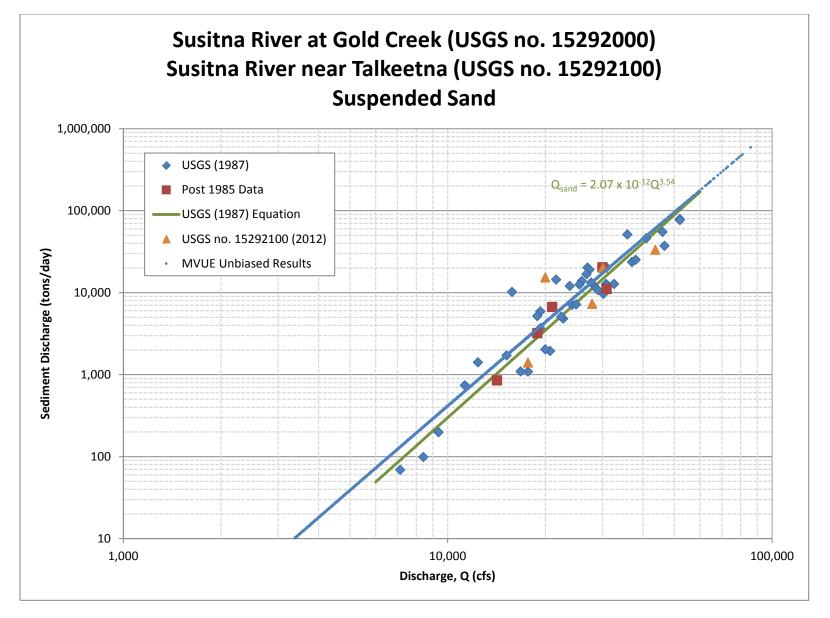
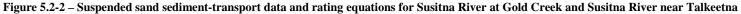


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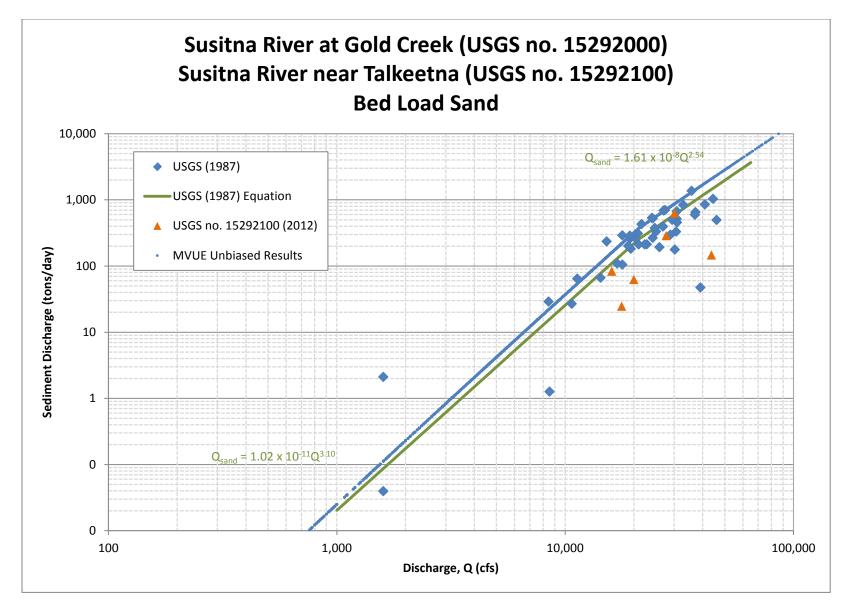


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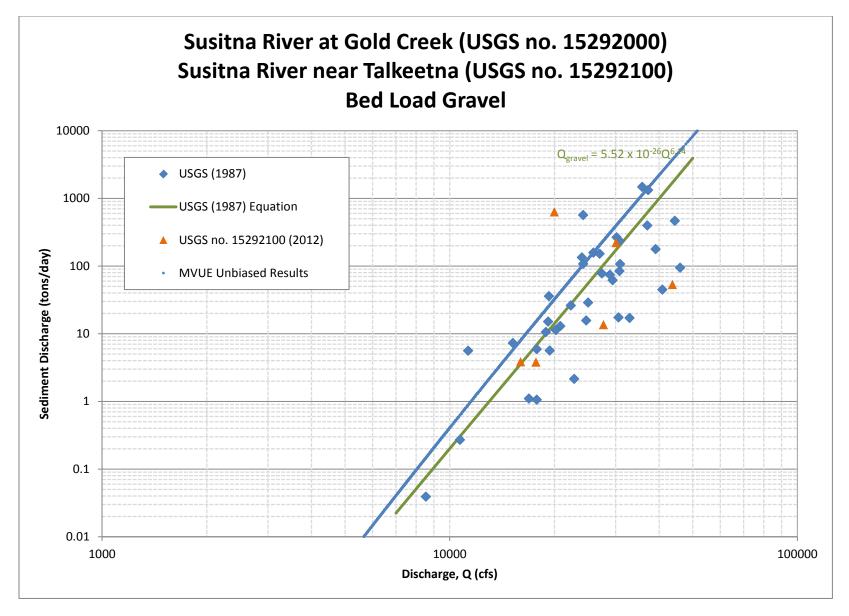
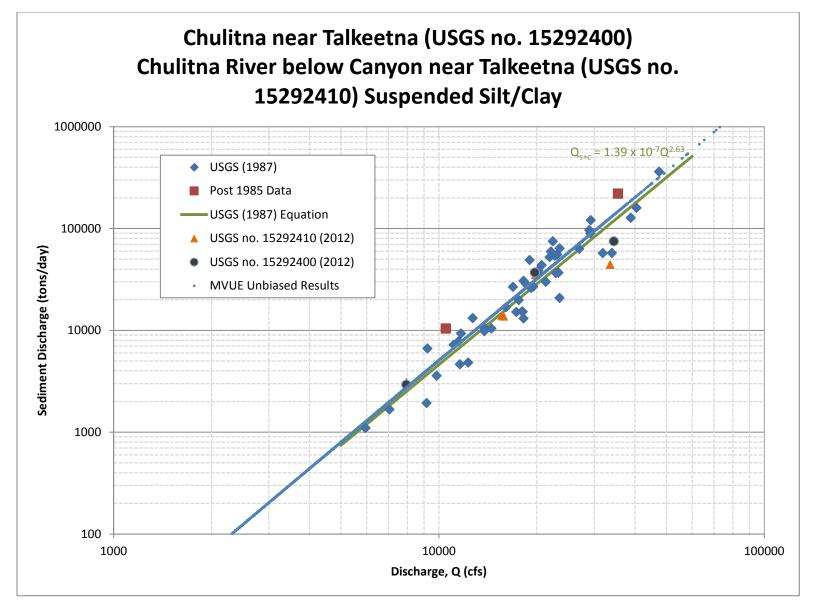


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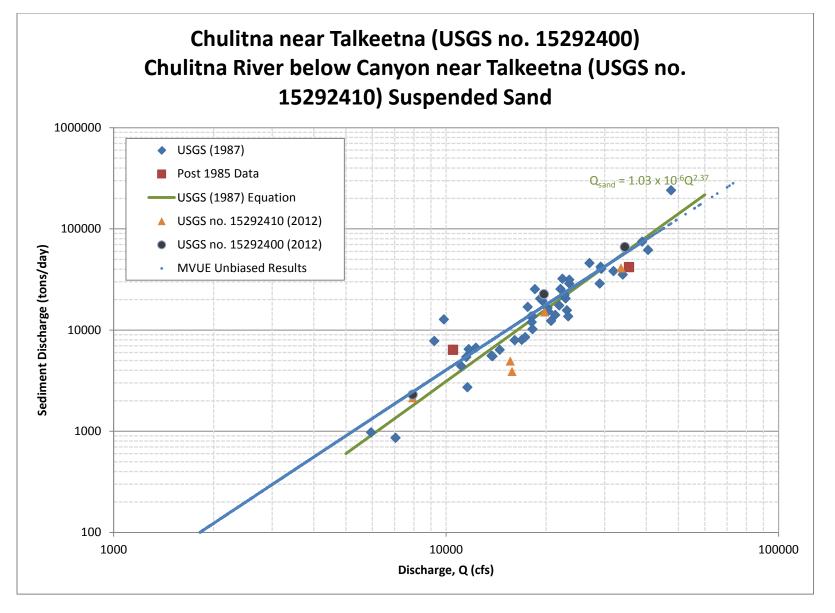


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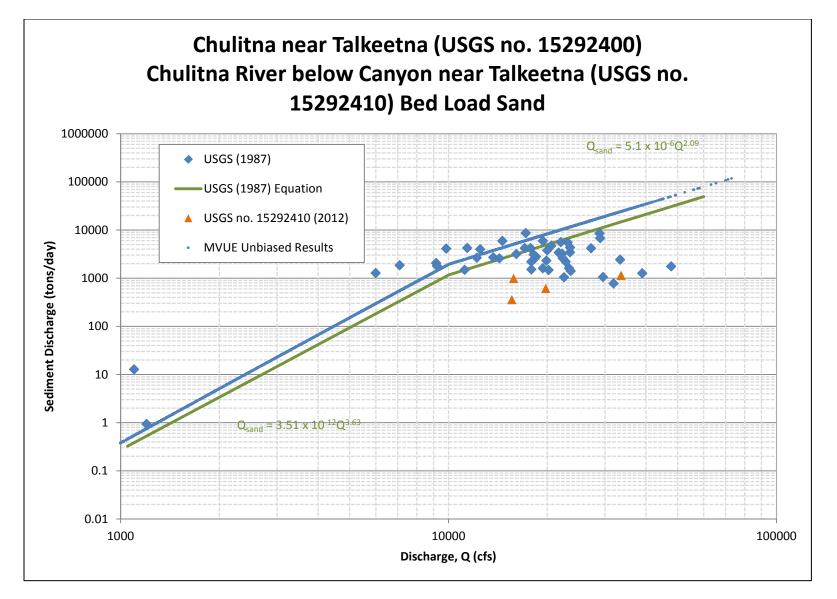
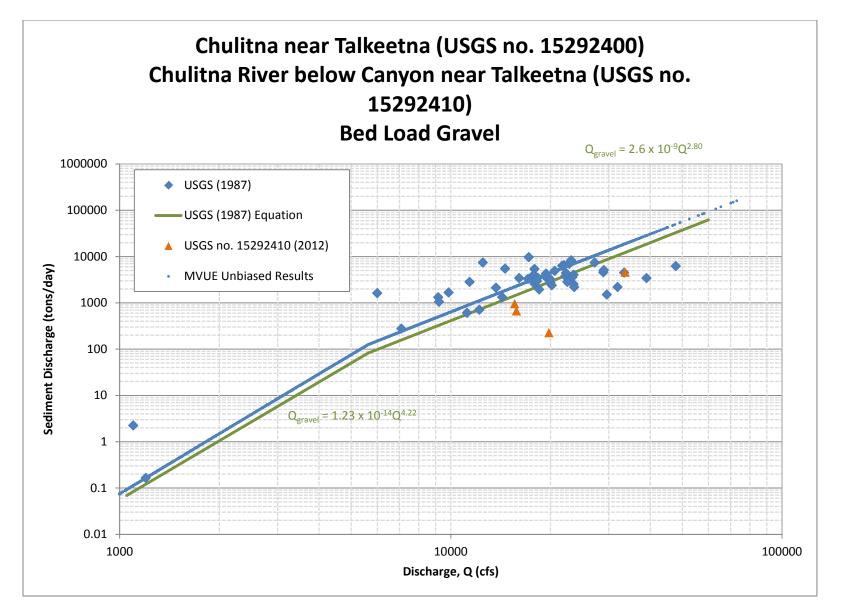
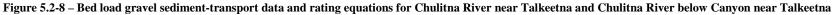


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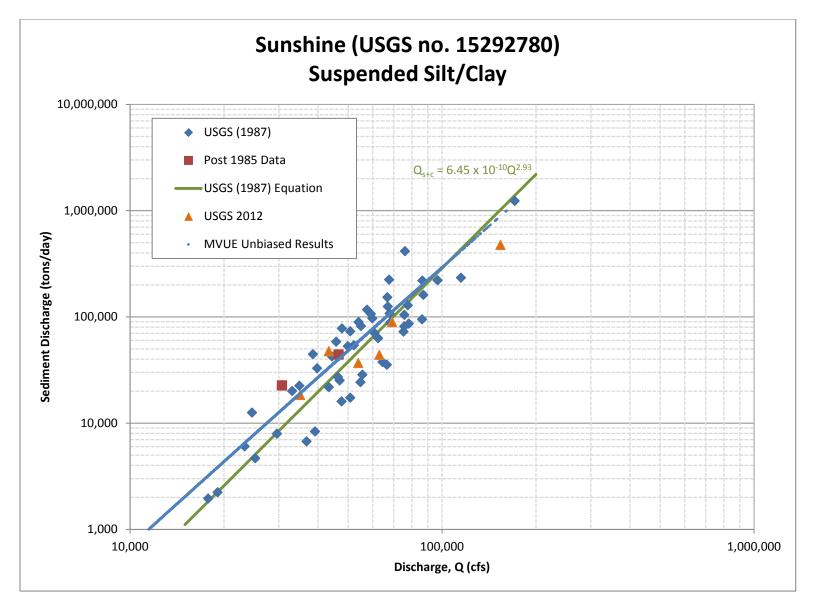


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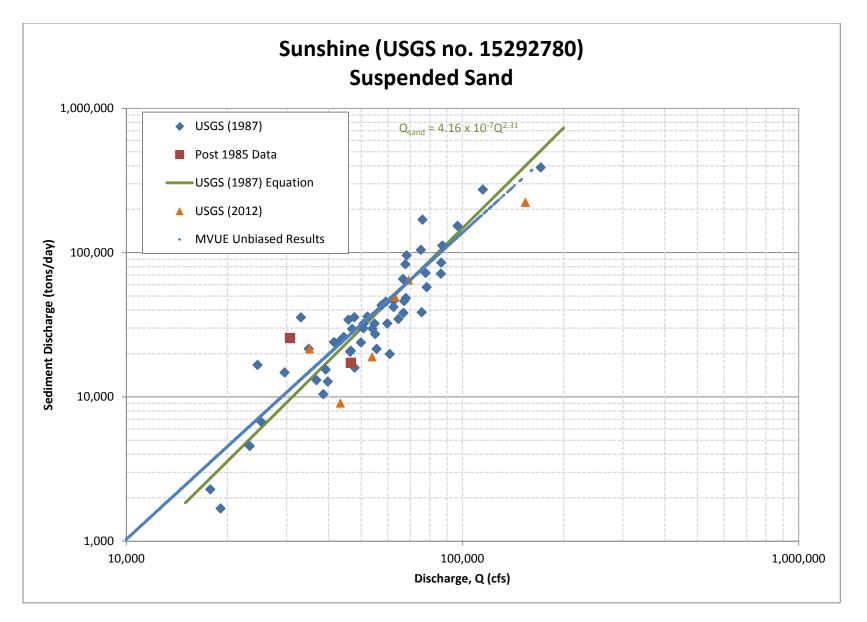


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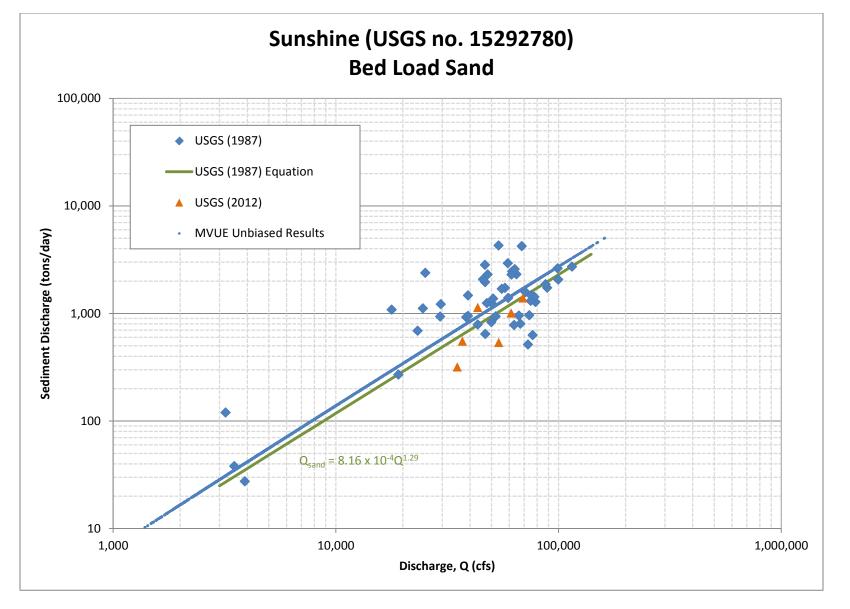


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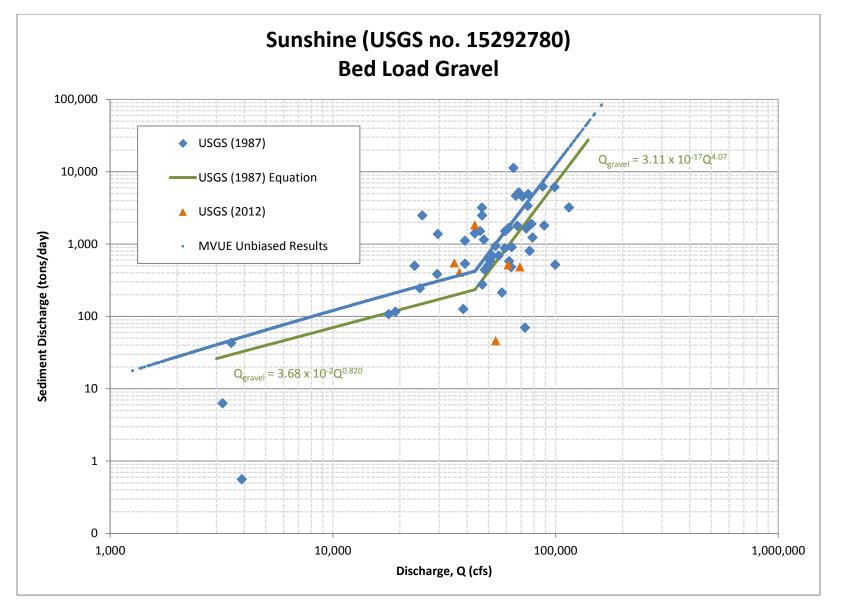


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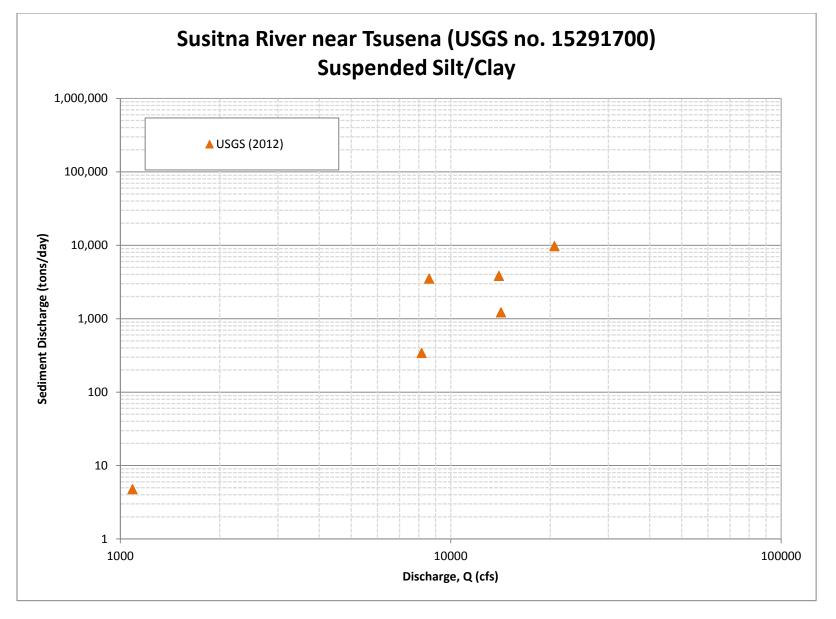


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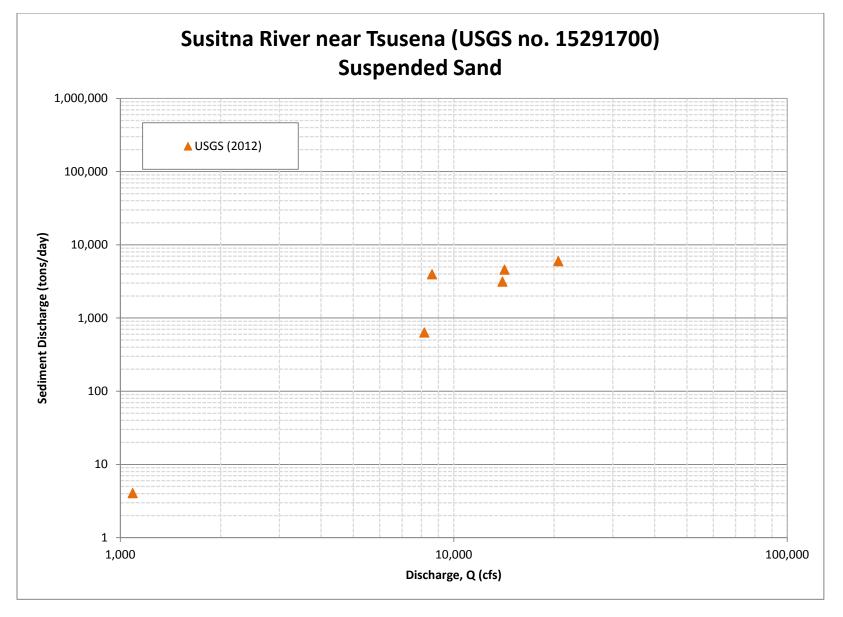


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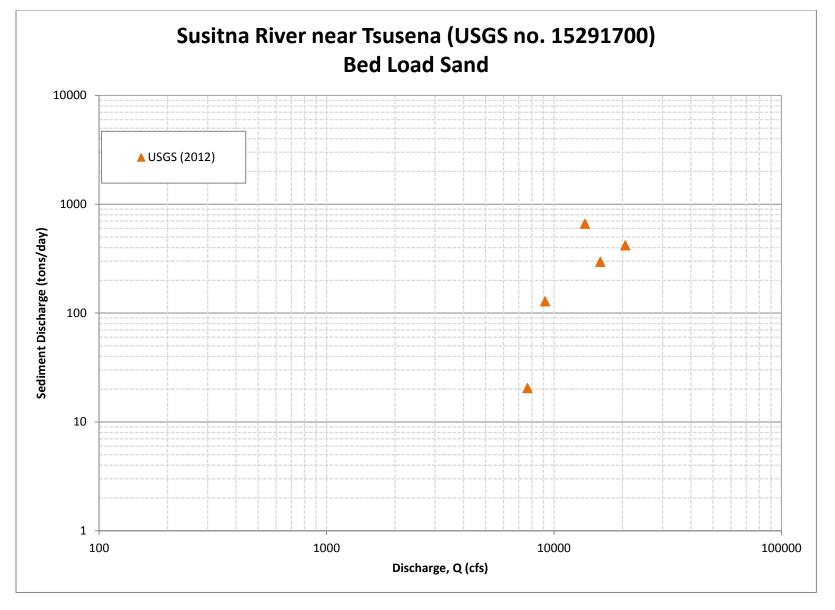


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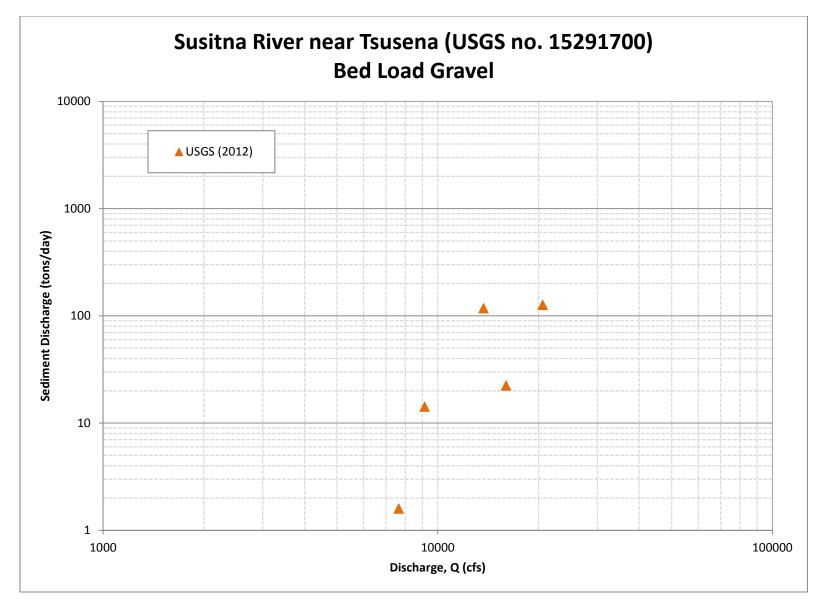


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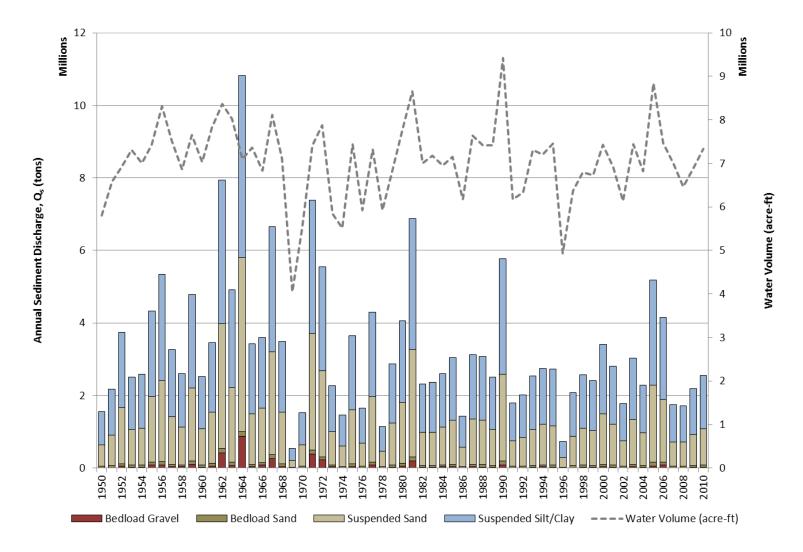


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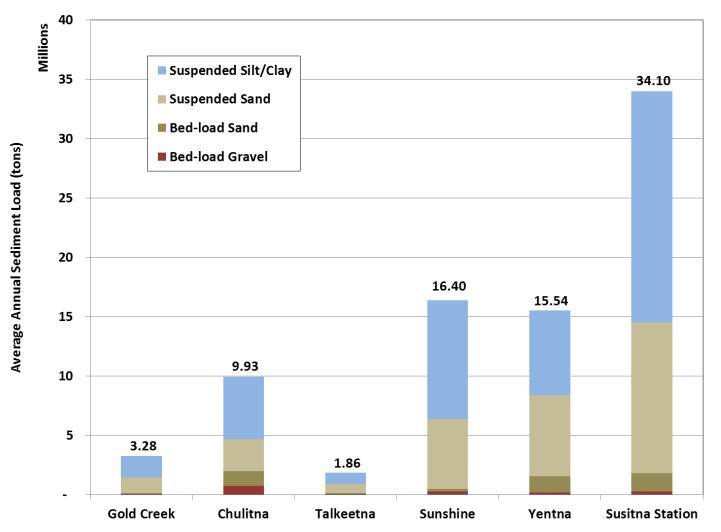


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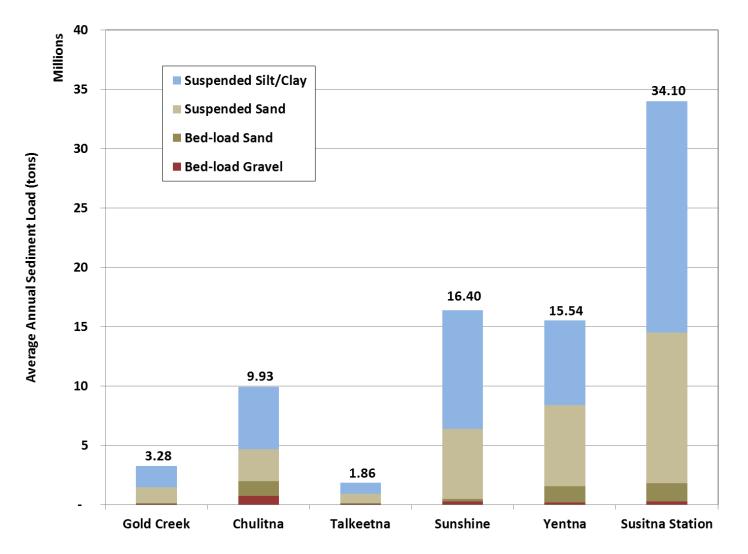


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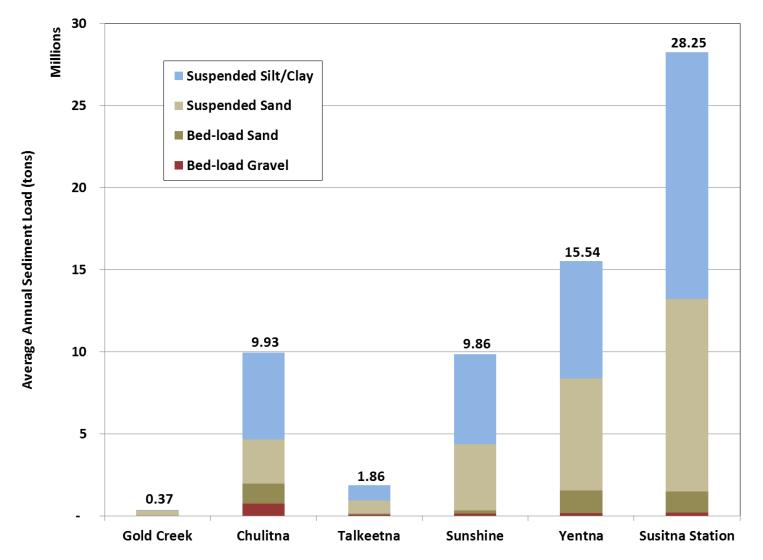


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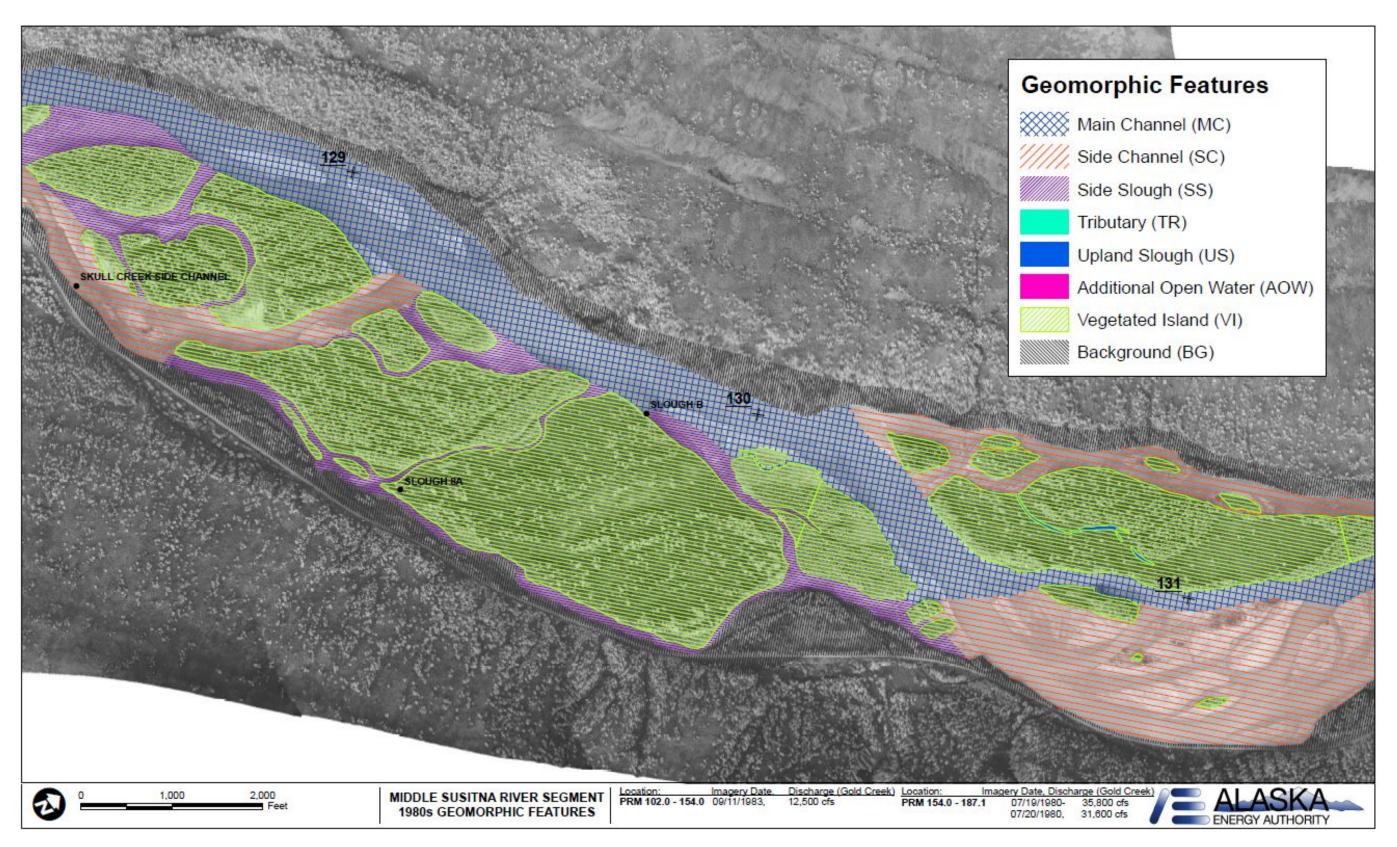


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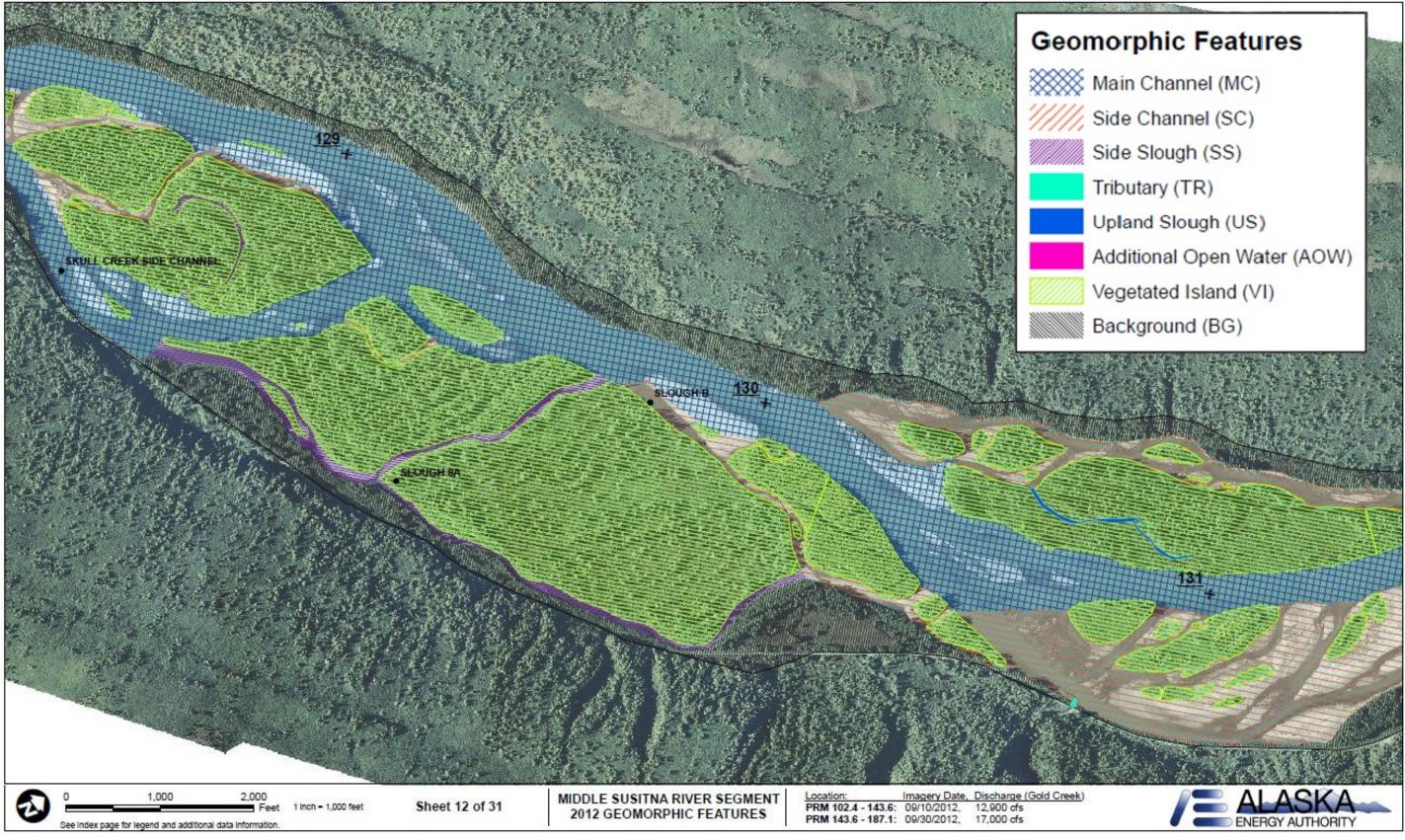


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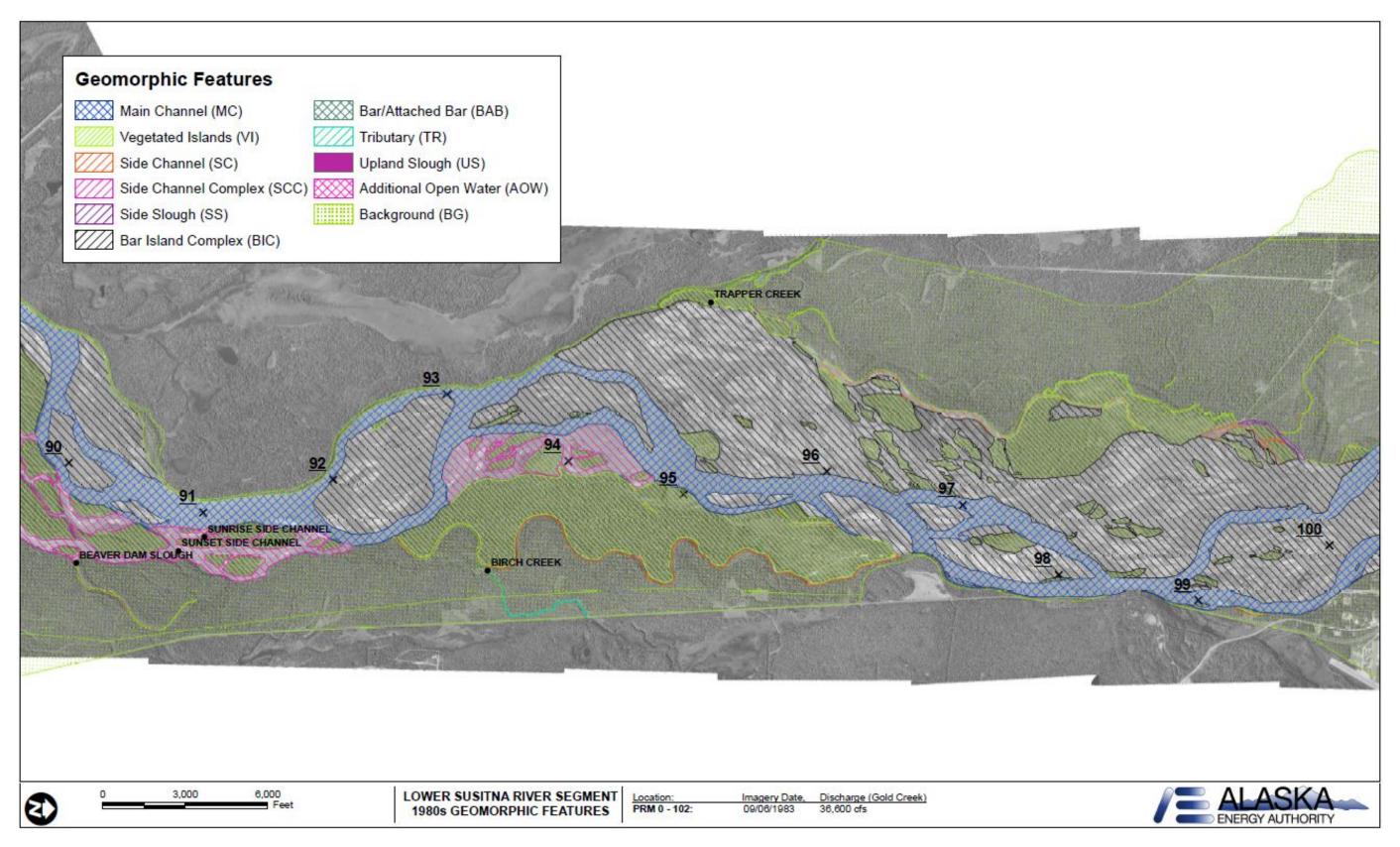


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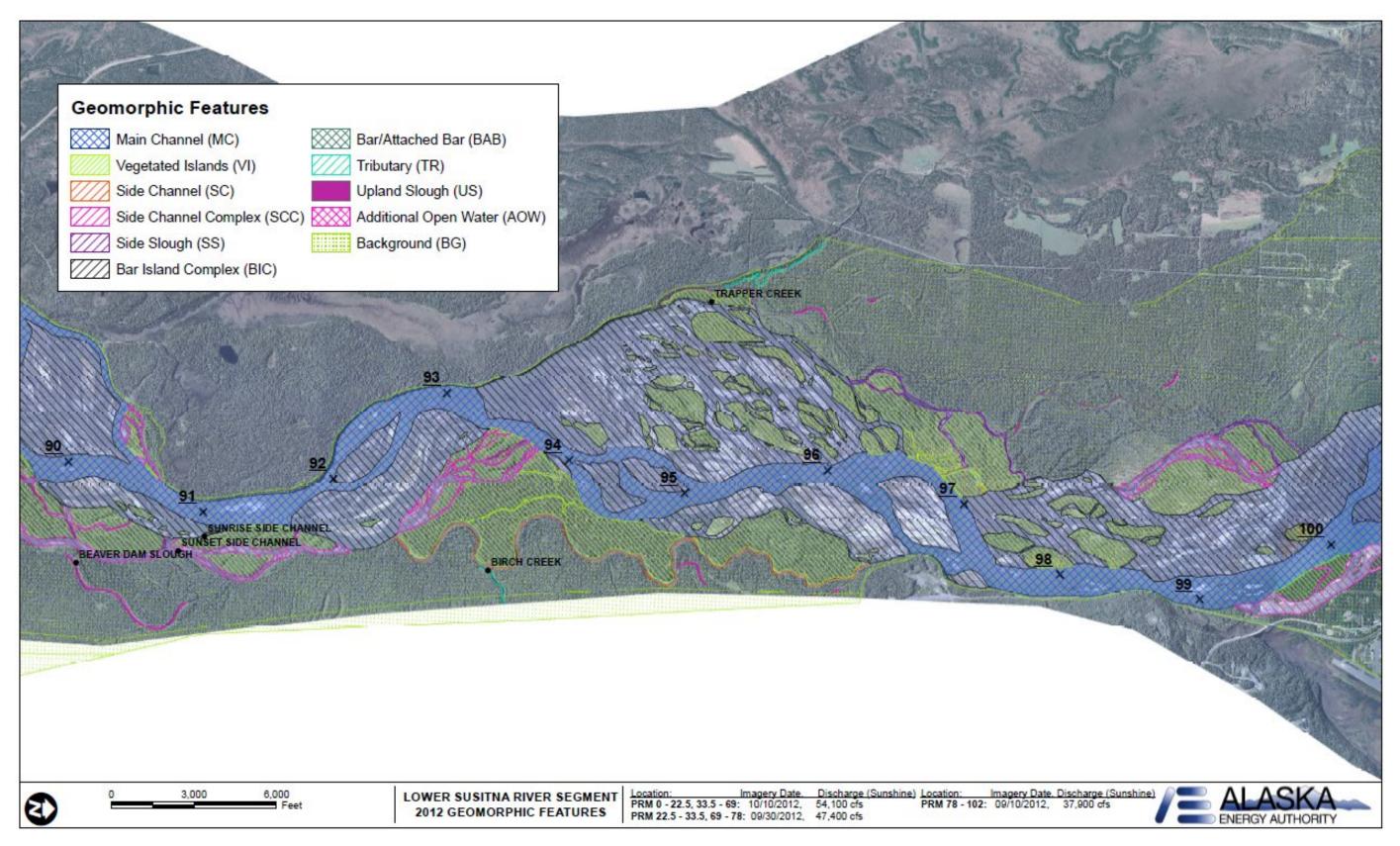
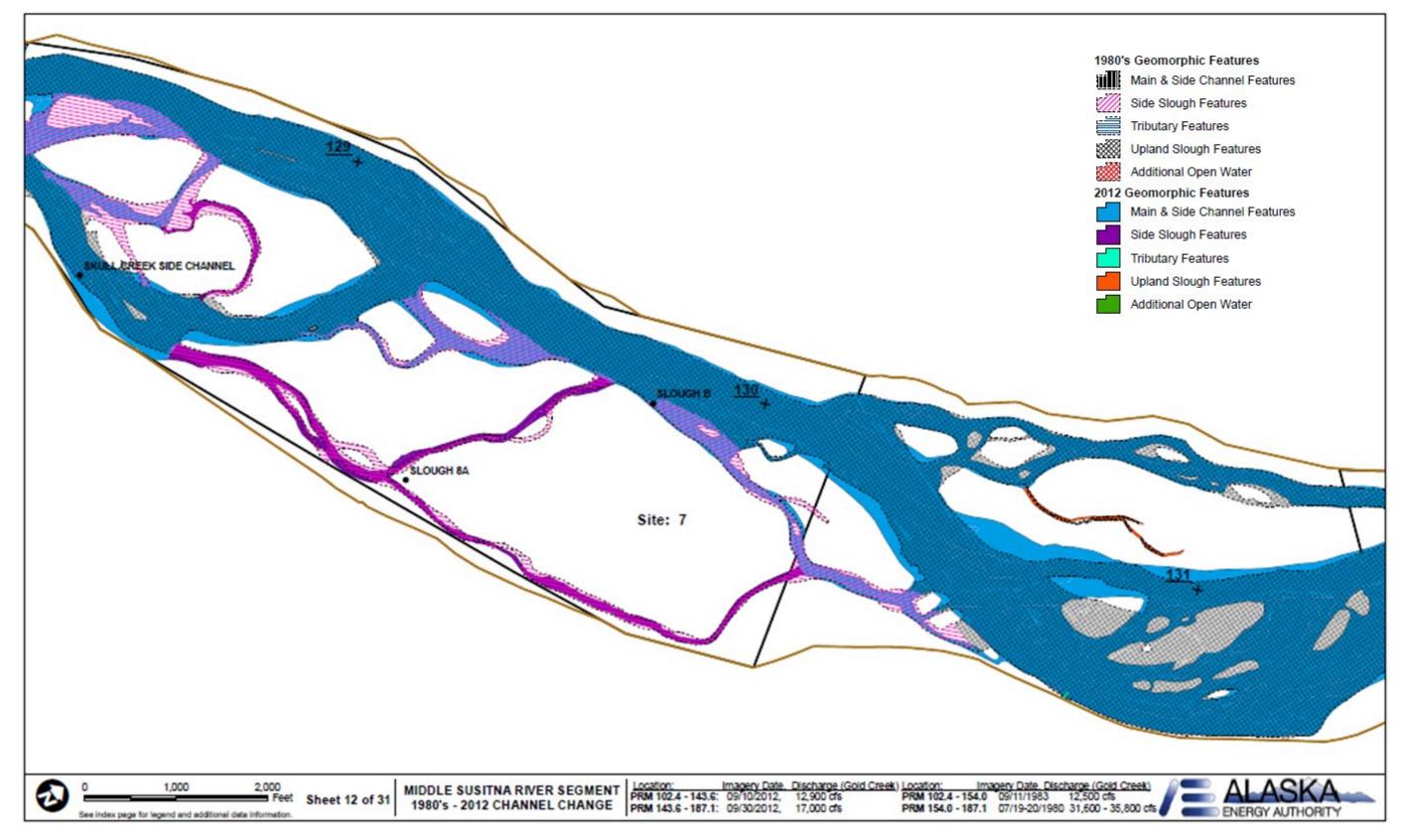
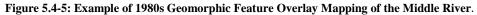


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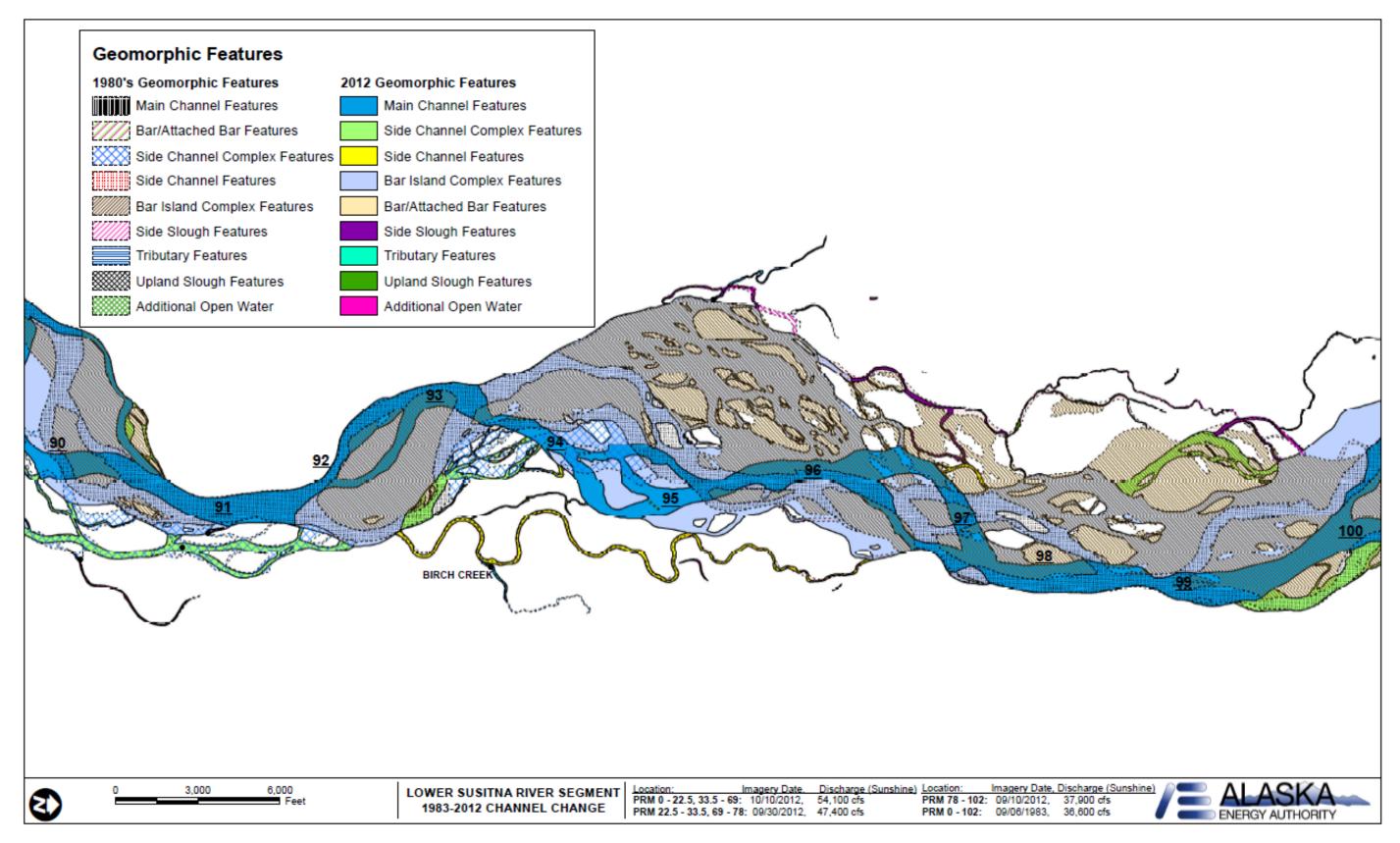


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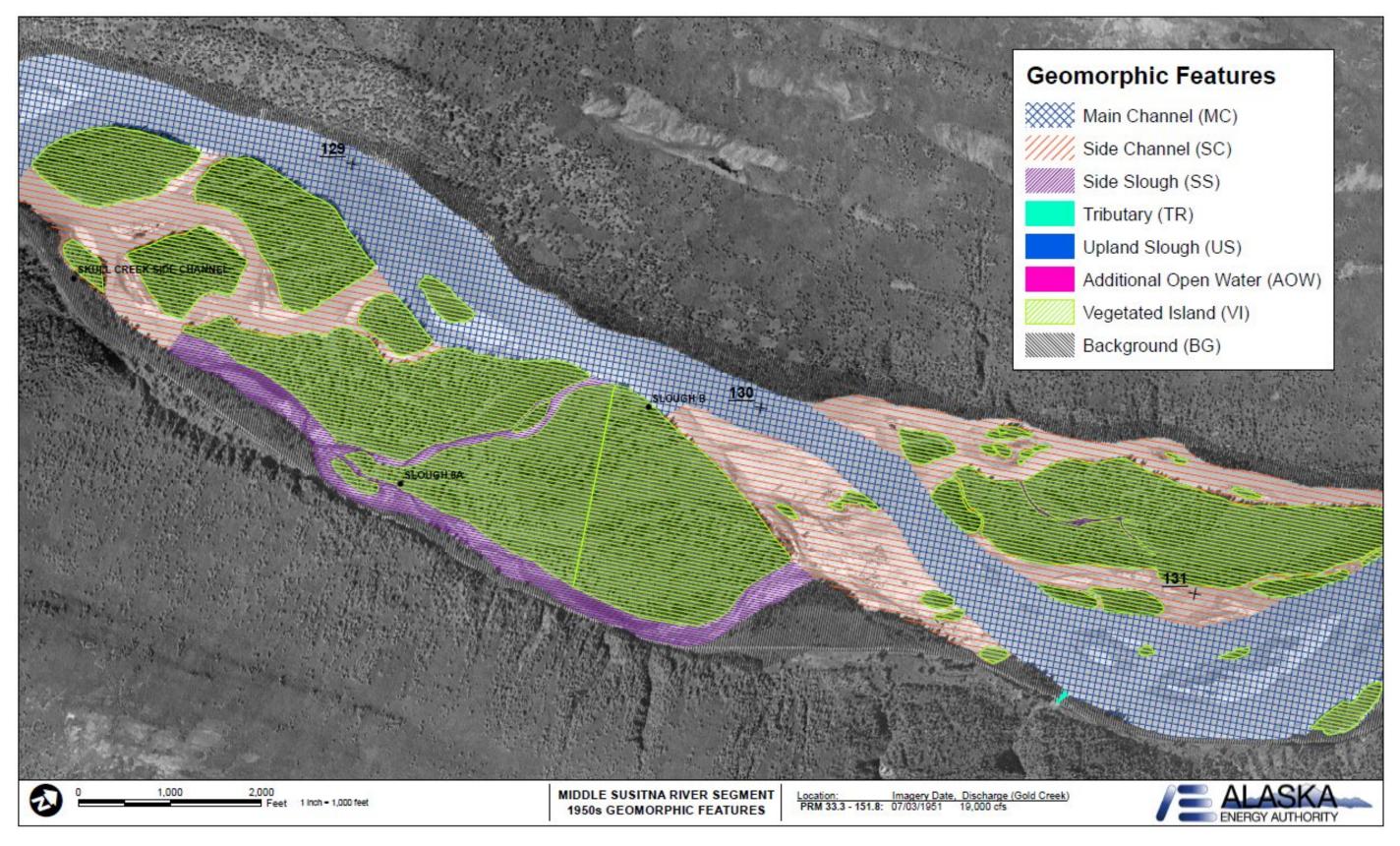


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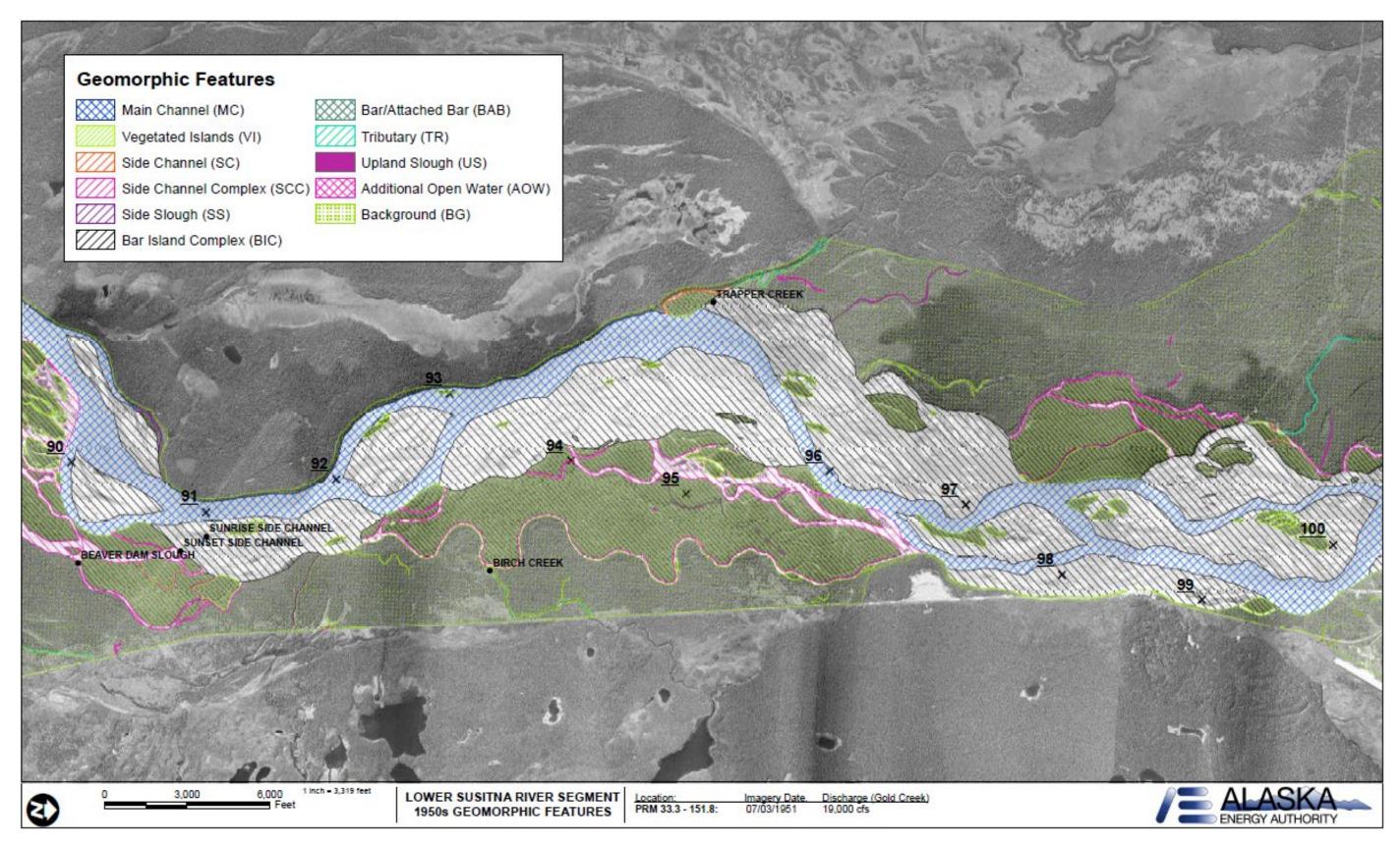


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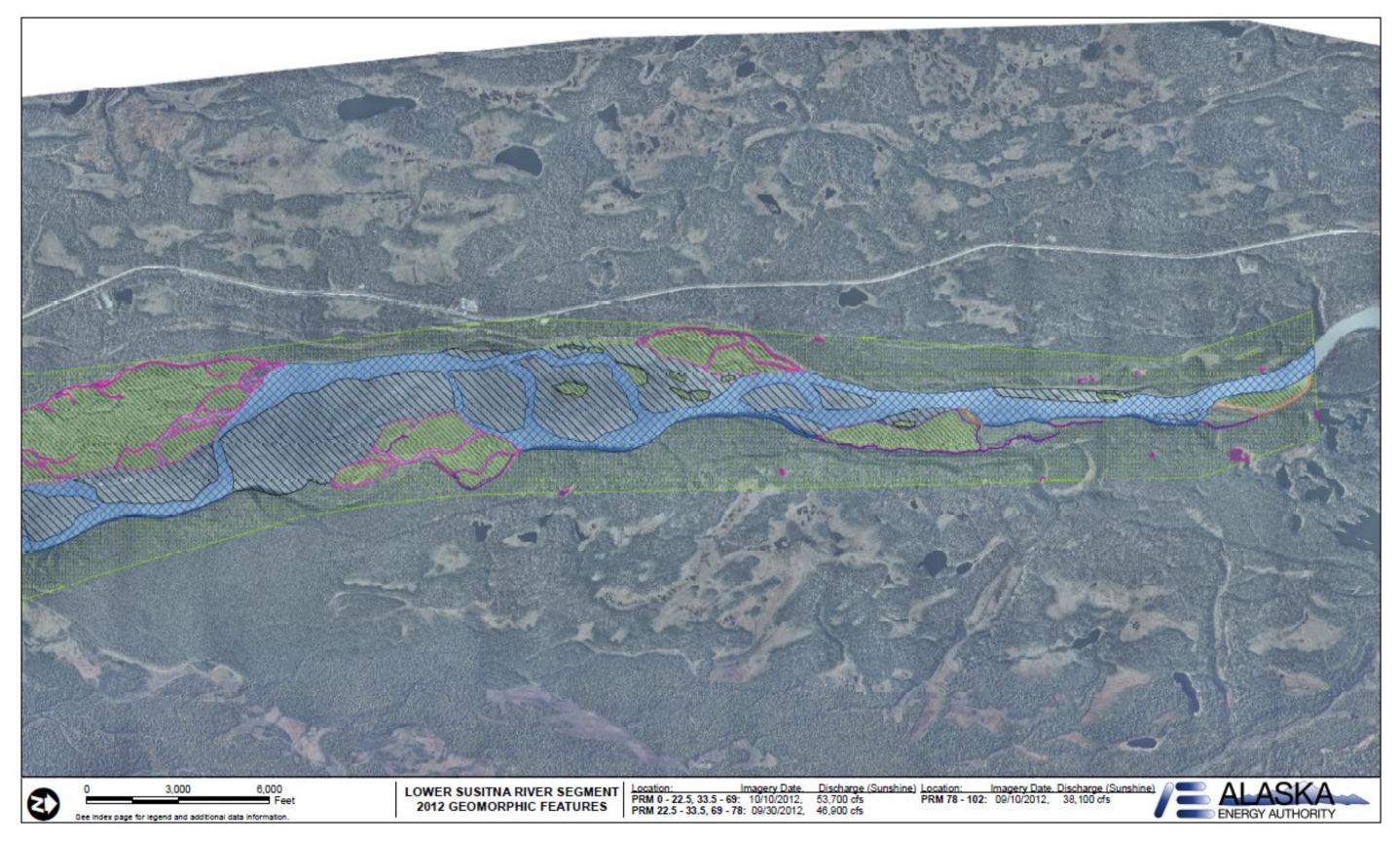


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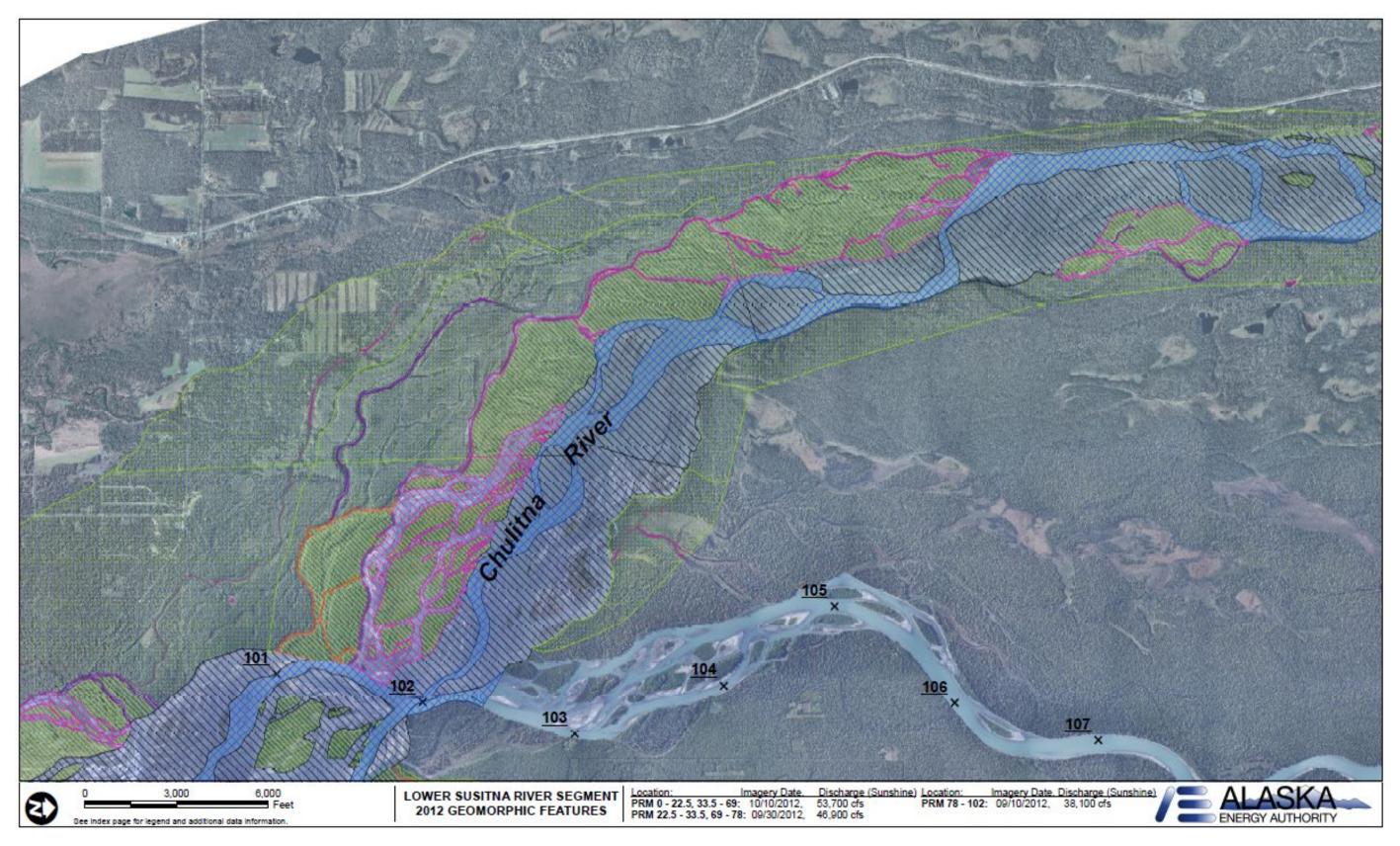


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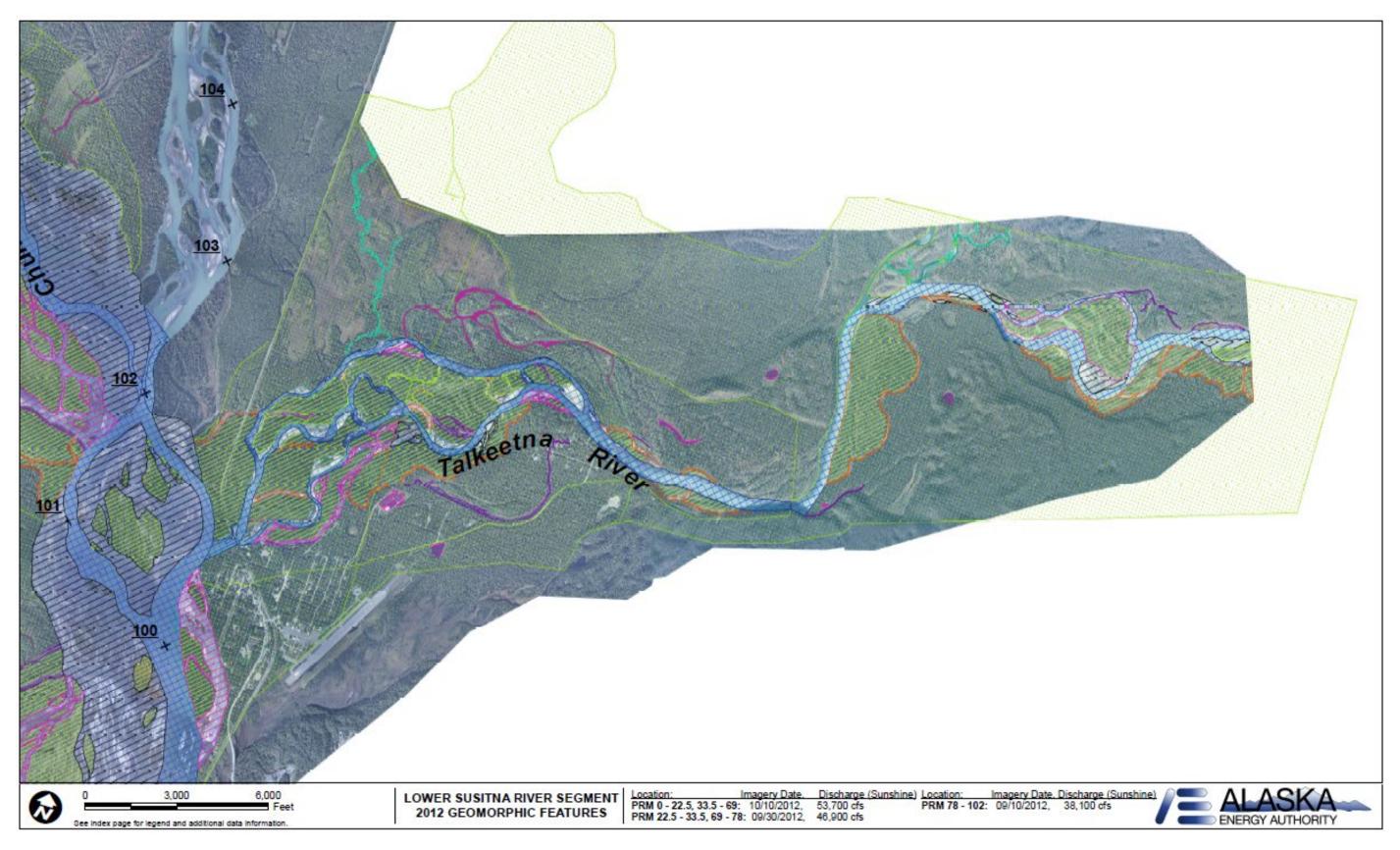


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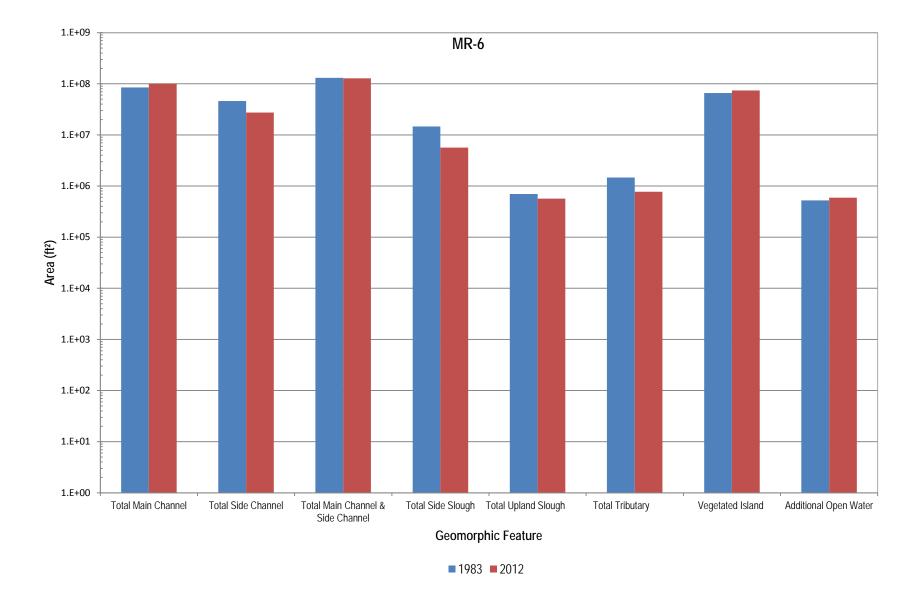


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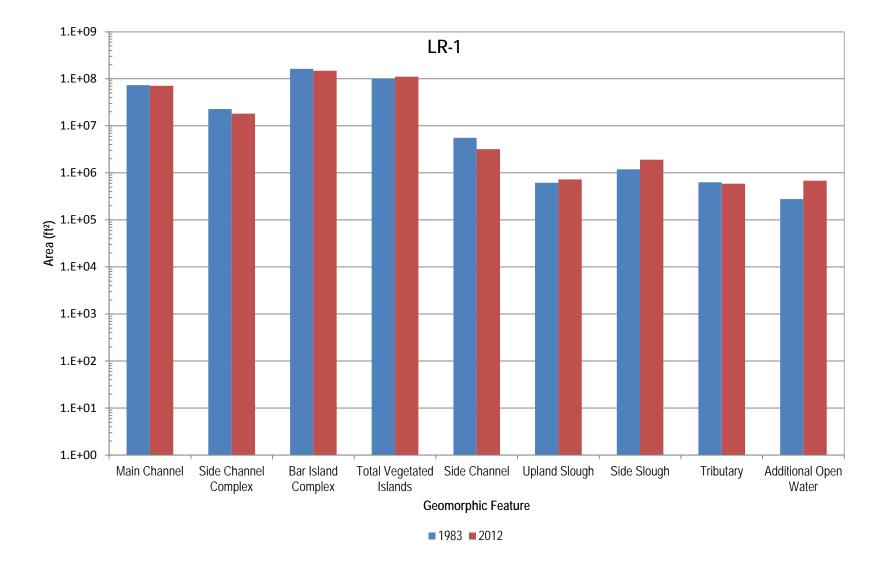


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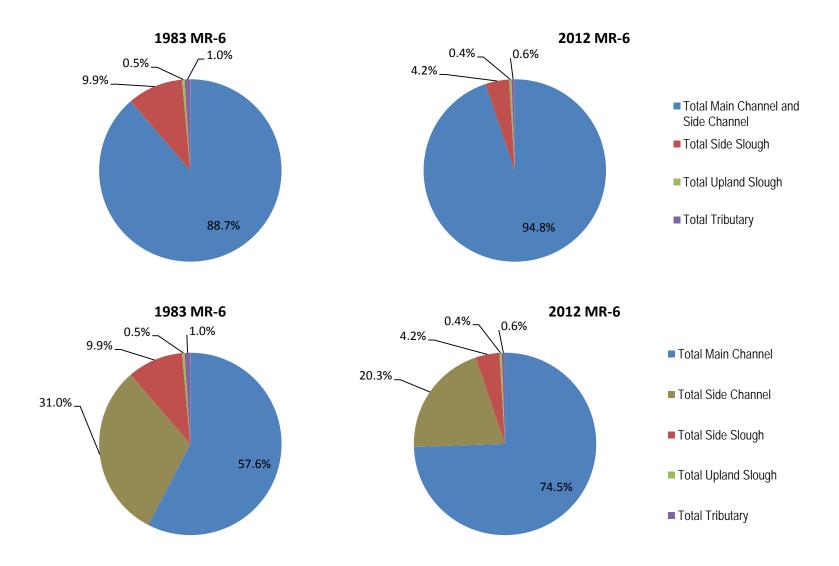


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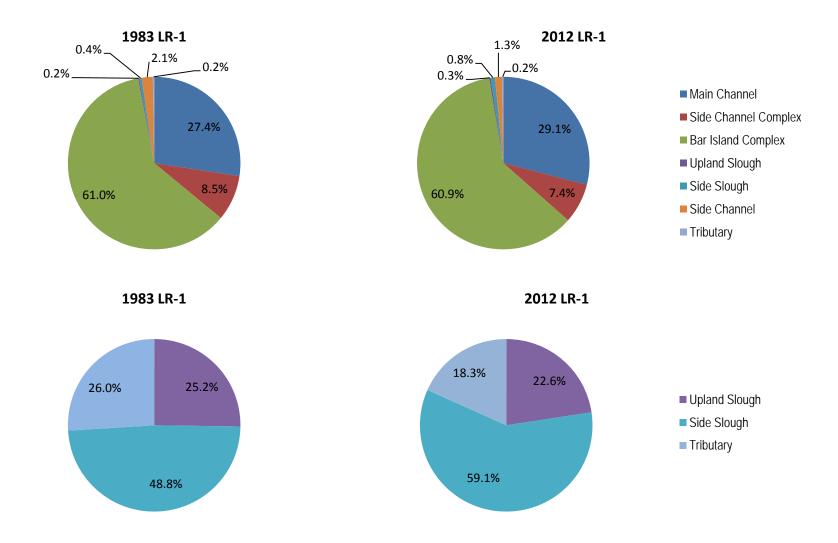
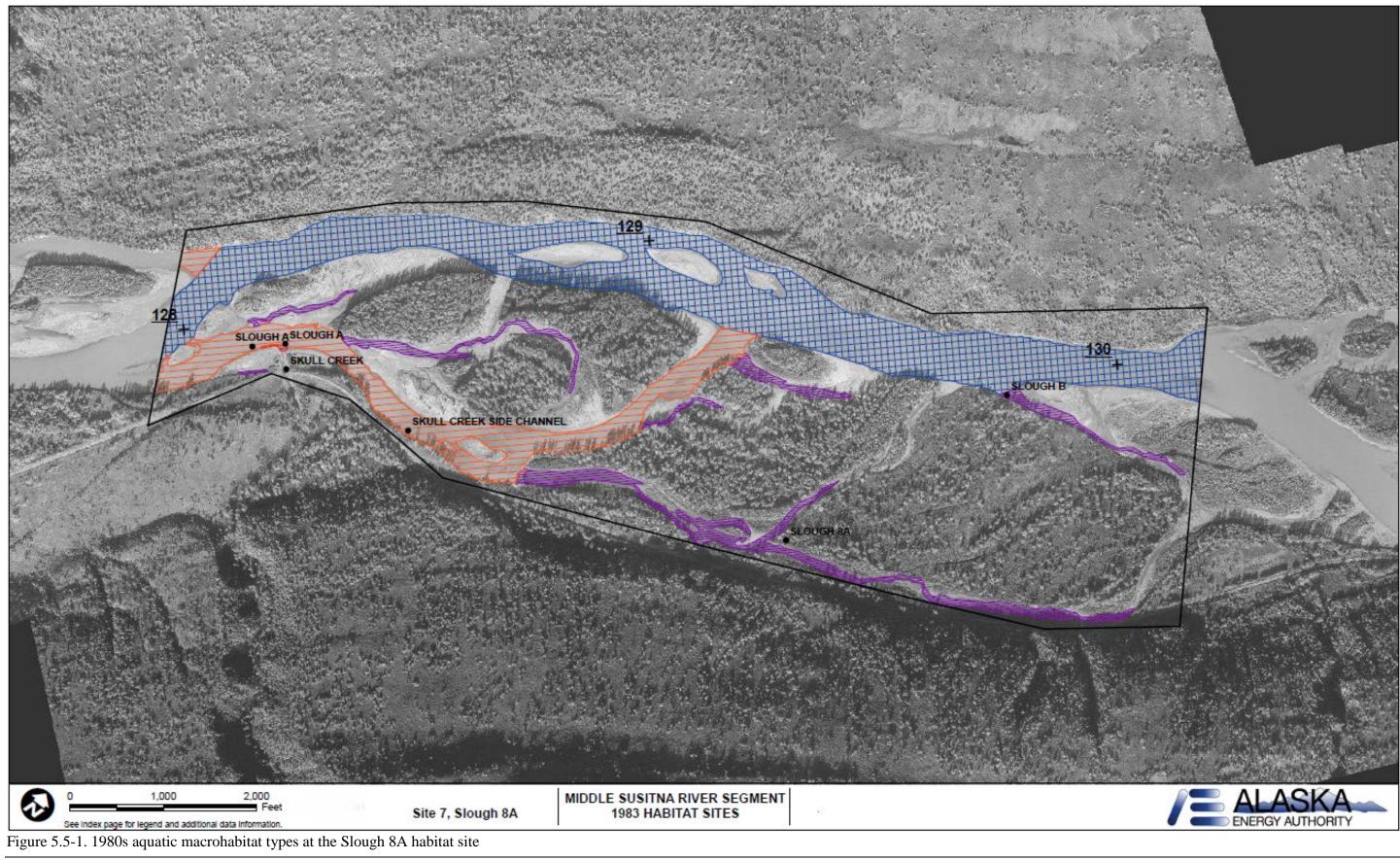


Figure 5.4-15: Relative proportion of geomorphic features in LR-1 of the Lower Susitna River Segment for 1983 and 2012 (top charts are geomorphic features with wetted and exposed regions / bottom charts are geomorphic features with primary aquatic habitat).



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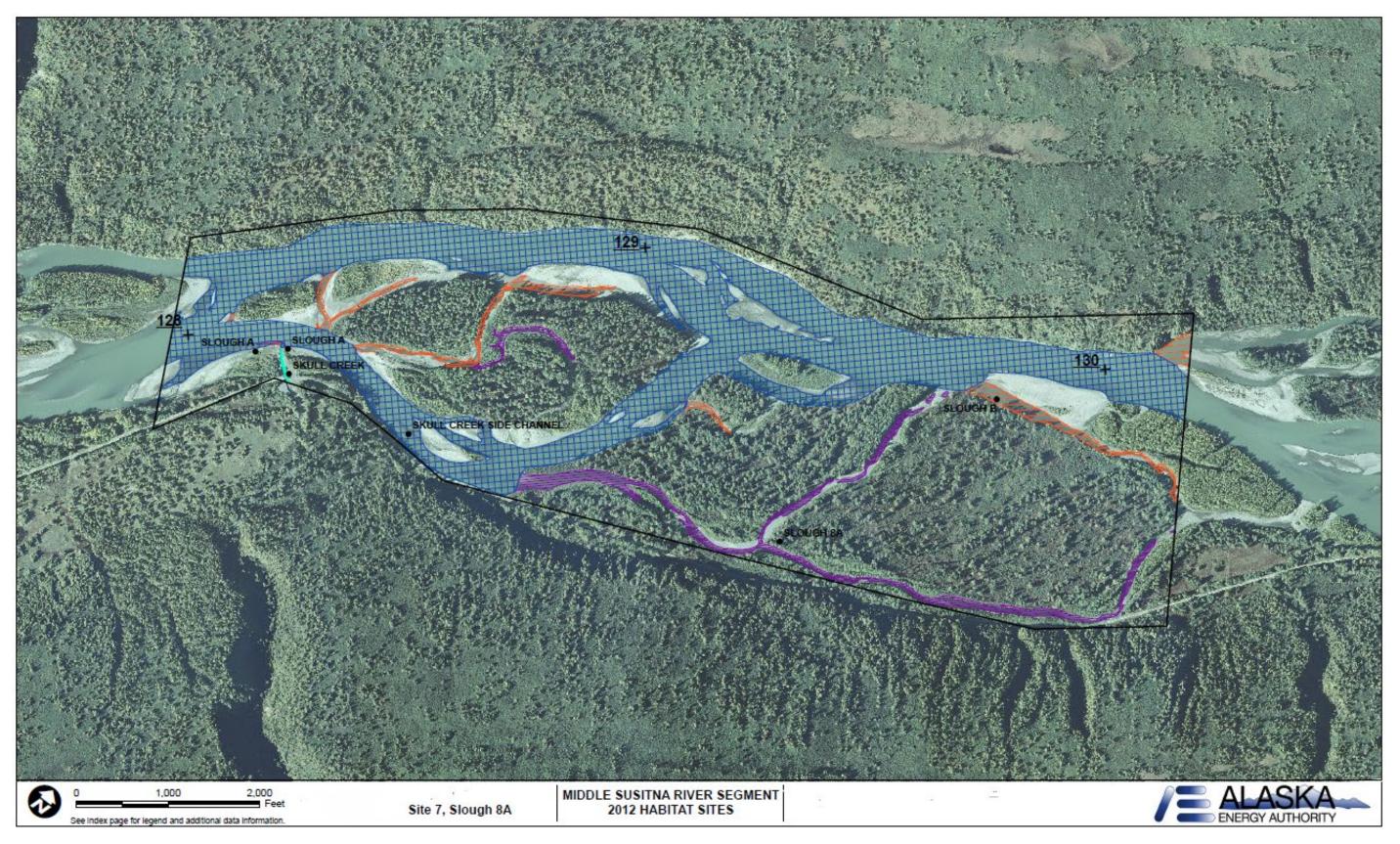


Figure 5.5-2. 2012 aquatic macrohabitat types at the Slough 8A habitat site

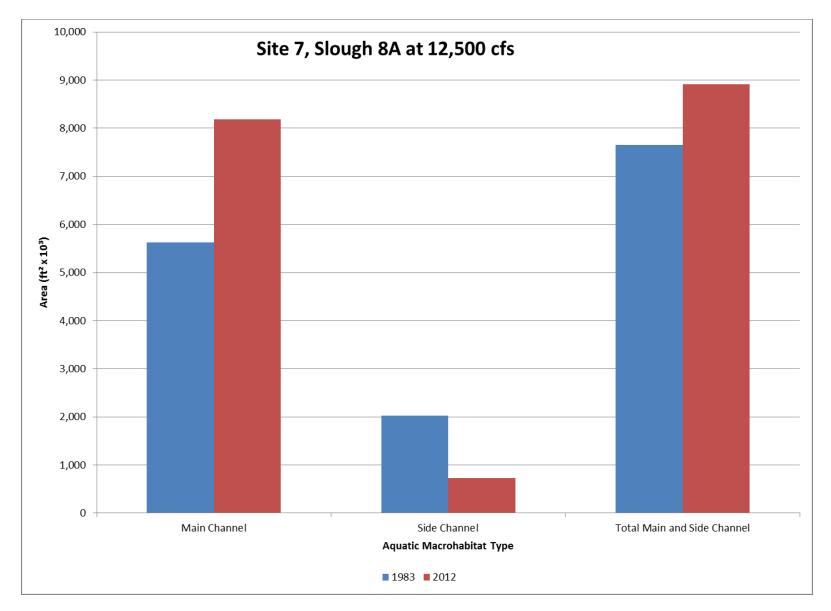


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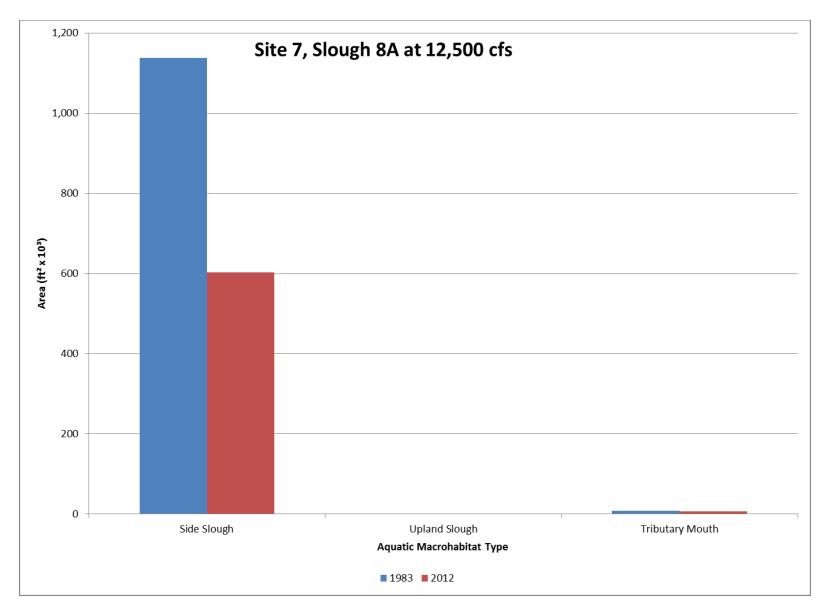


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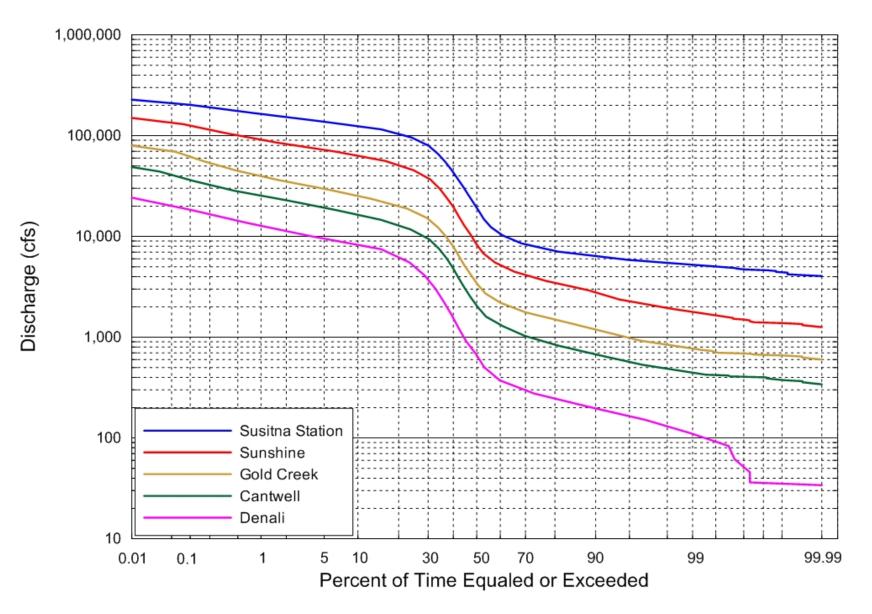


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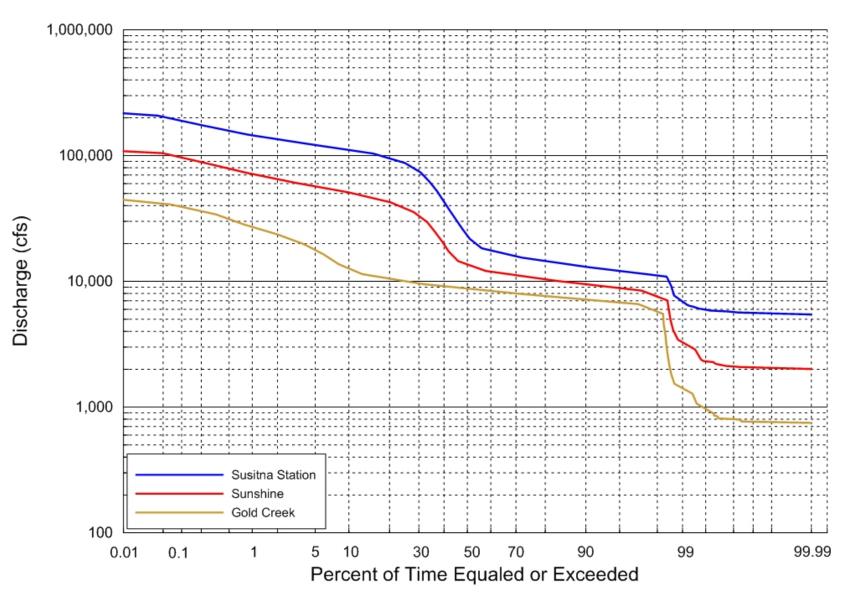


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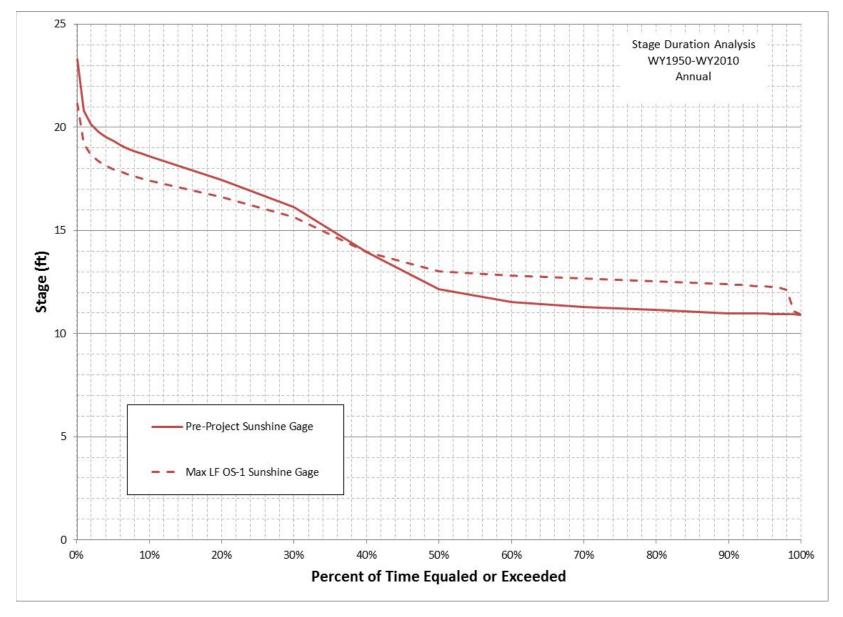


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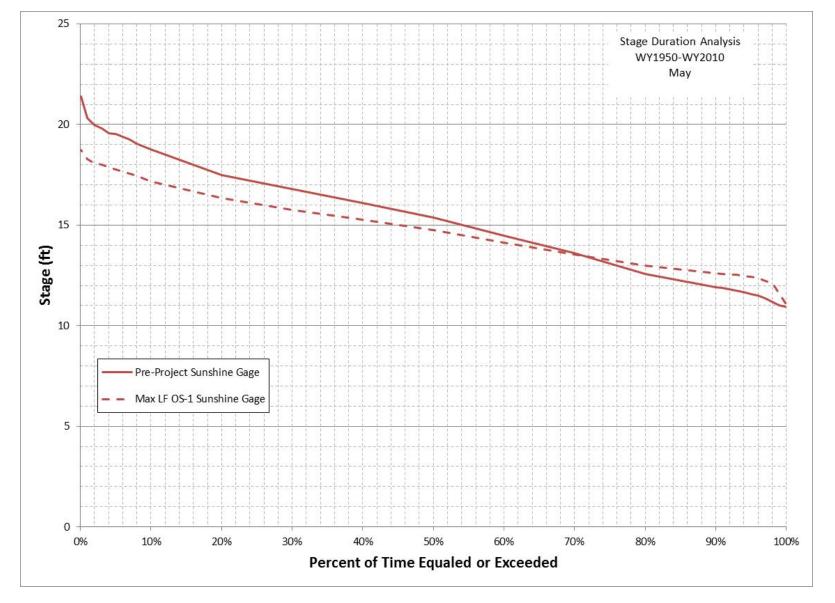


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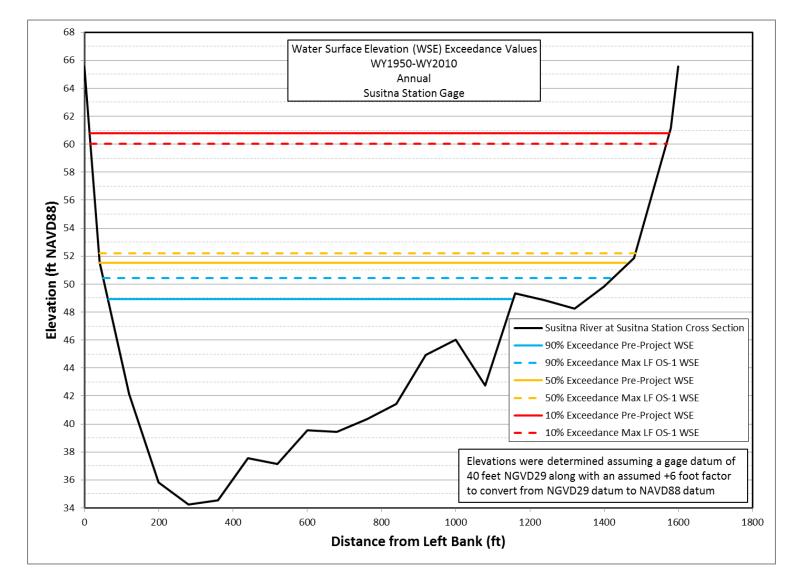
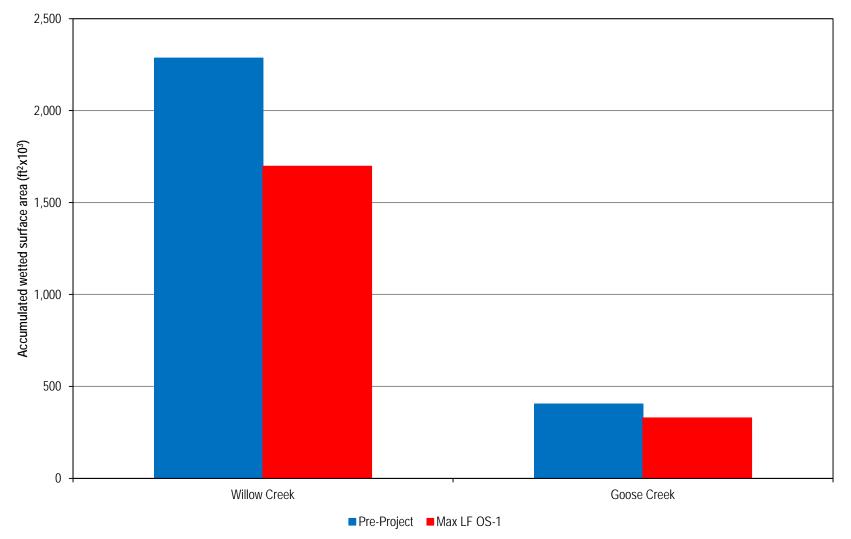


Figure 5.7-3. Select Annual Water-Surface Elevation Exceedance Values for pre-Project and Max LF OS-1 Conditions, Susitna Station Gage(Tetra Tech, Inc. 2013d).



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Figure 5.7-4. Accumulated wetted surface area (ft2x103) computed over June-September for the median monthly discharge at Sunshine gage presented for the tributary mouth habitat (Tetra Tech, Inc 2013e)

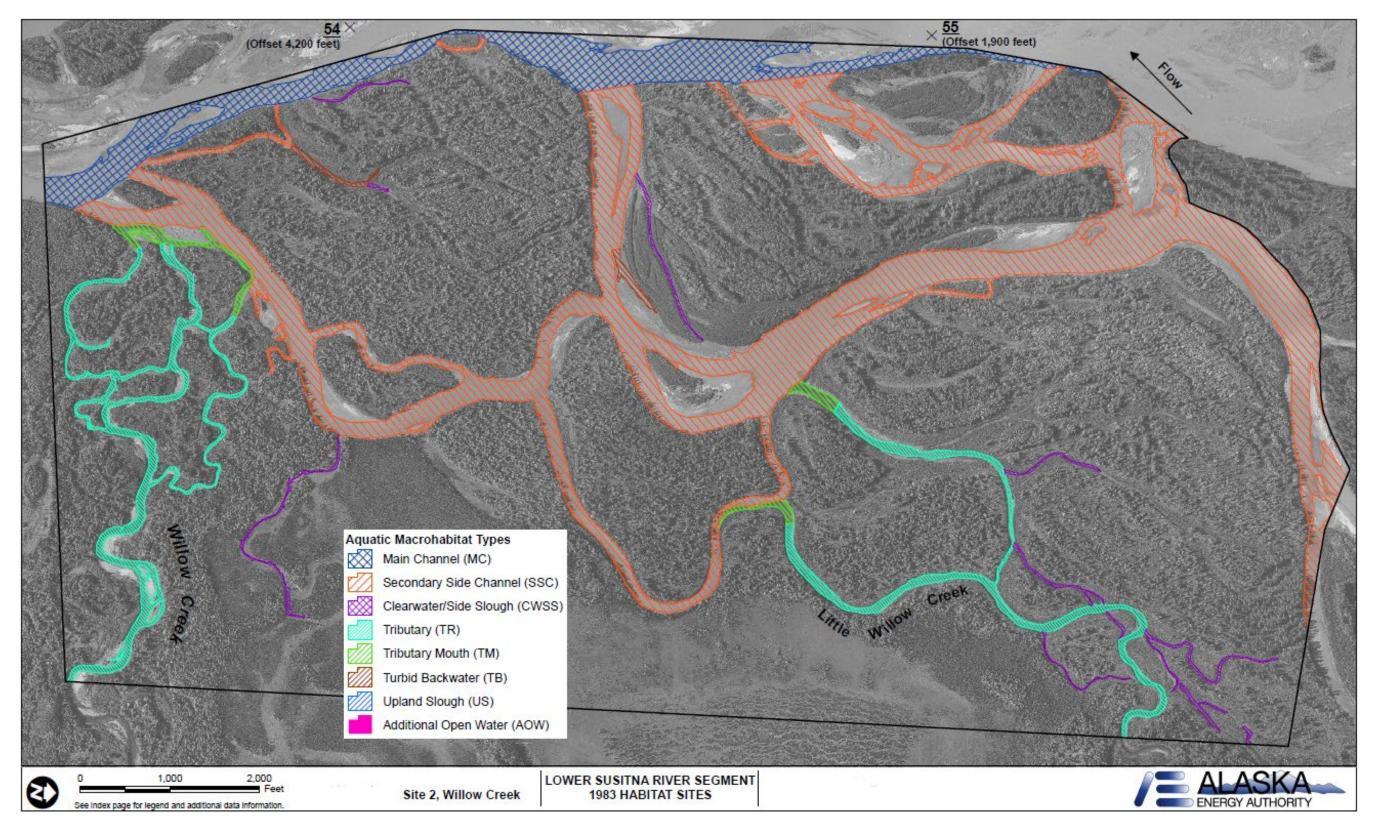


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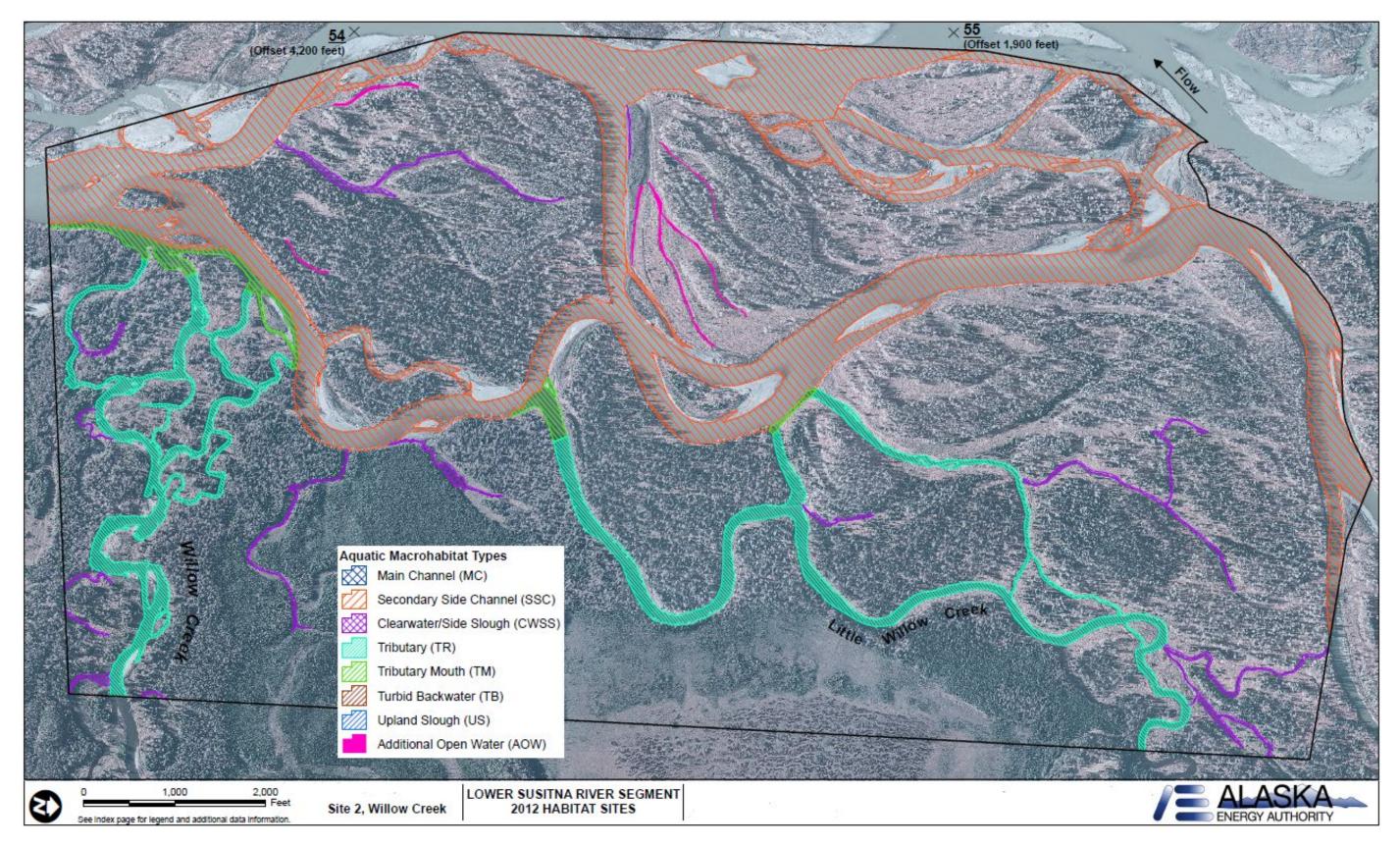


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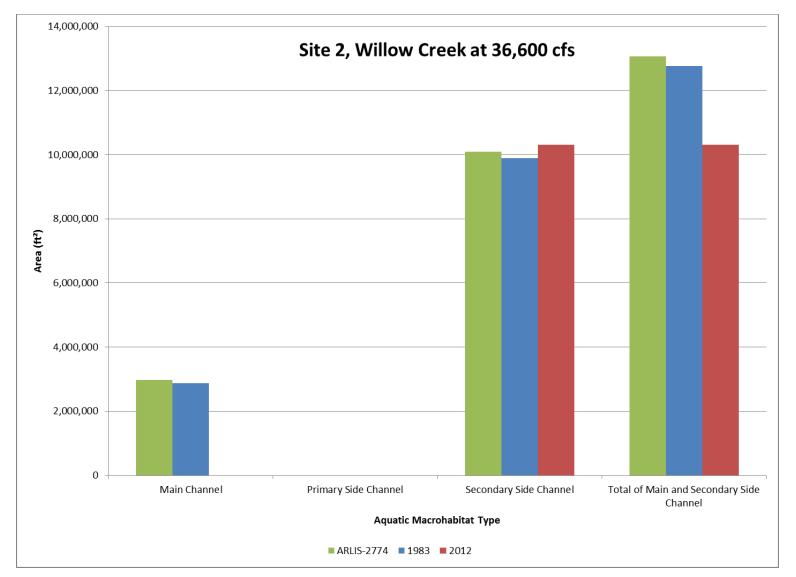


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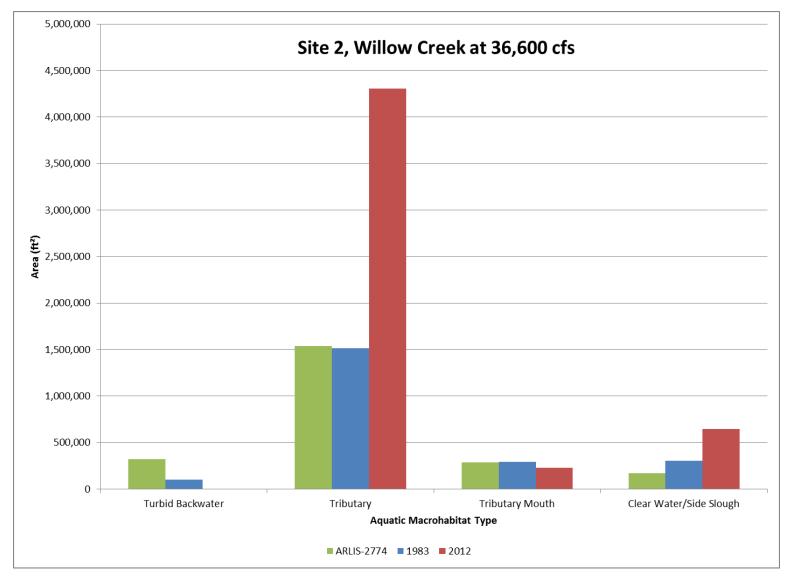


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Figure 5.8-2: Typical bank profile with armored toe and mid-bank, FA-104. Flow in the river was approximately 24,000 cfs.

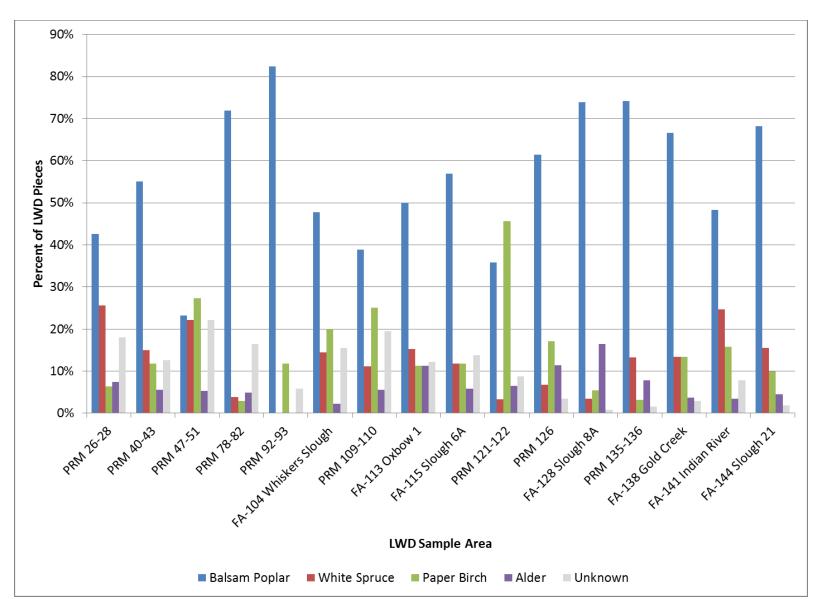
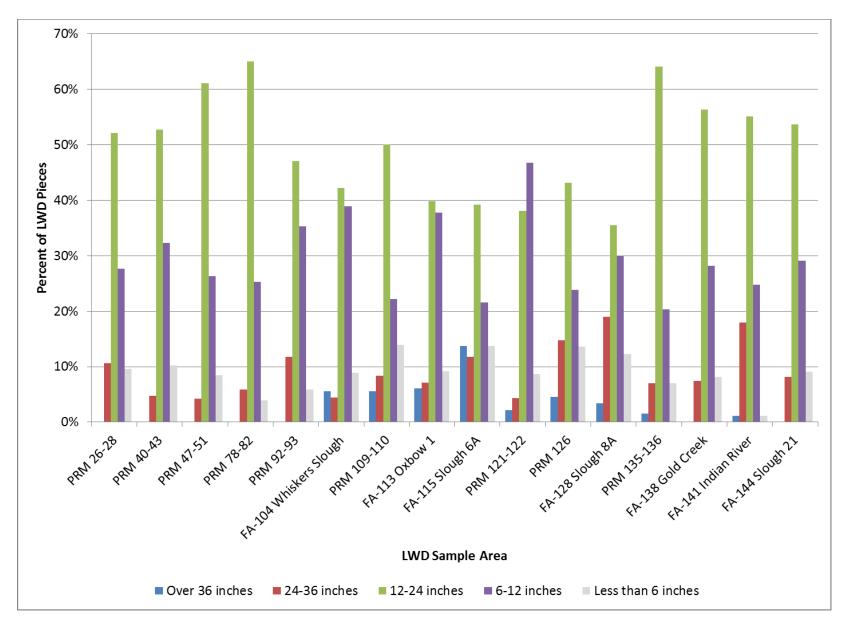
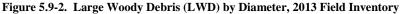


Figure 5.9-1. Large Woody Debris (LWD) by Species, 2013 Field Inventory.





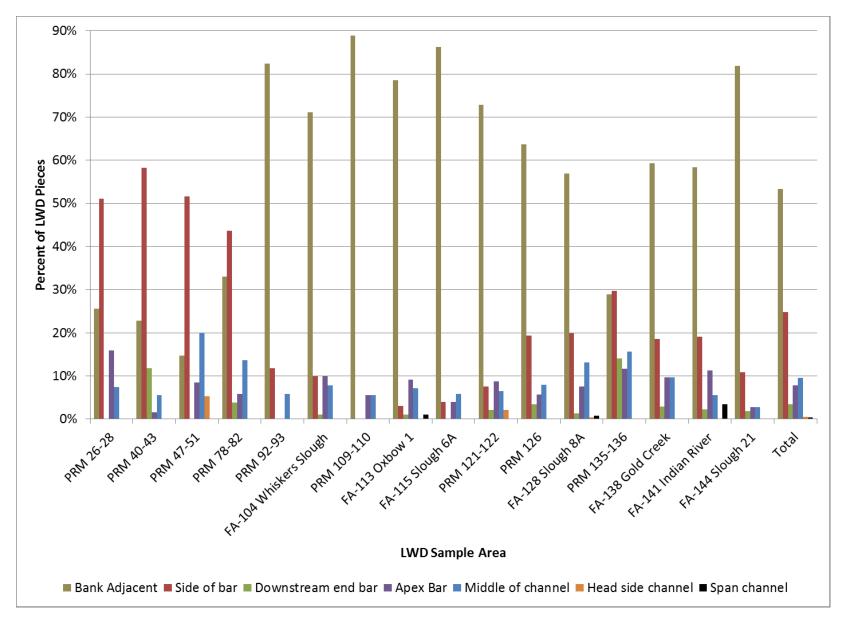
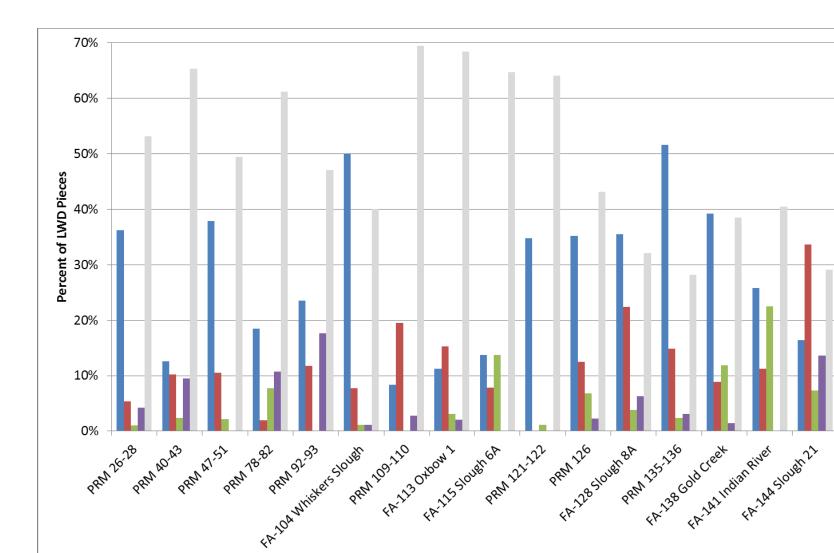


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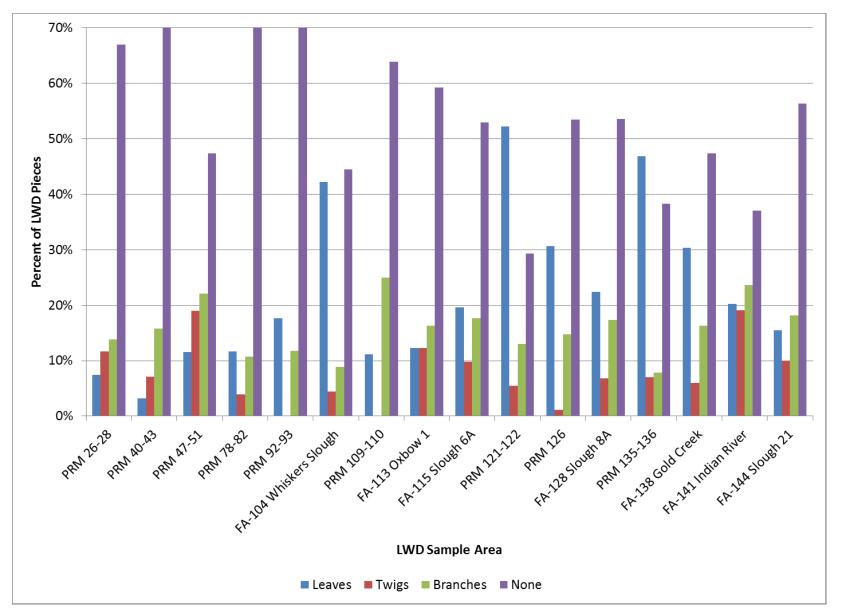
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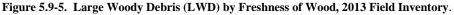
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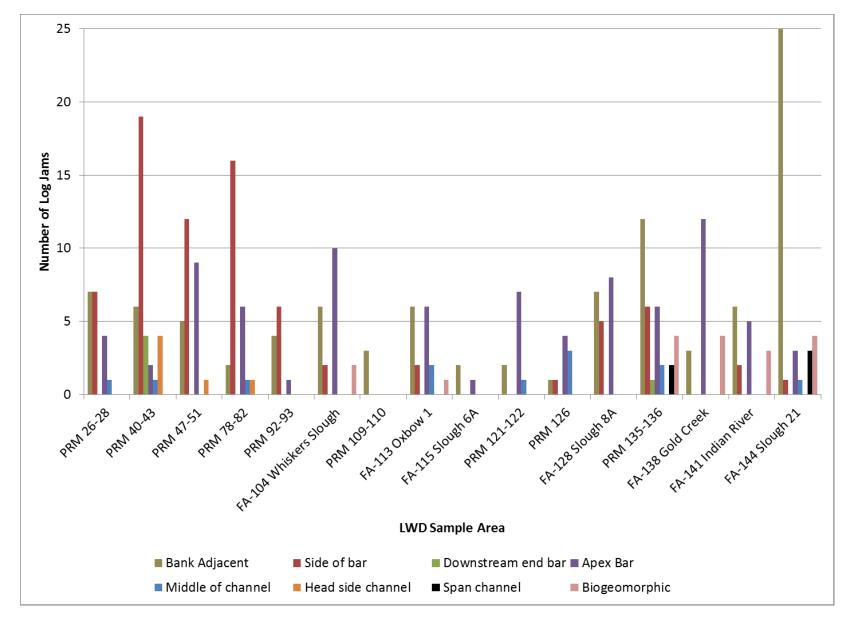


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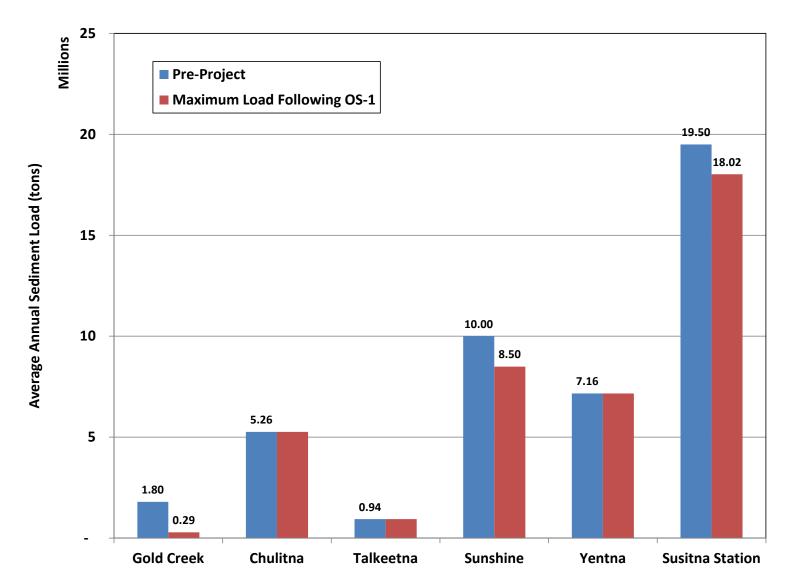


Figure 6.3-1. Average annual silt/clay loads at the three mainstem gages and the three primary tributary gages under pre-Project and Maximum Load Following OS-1 conditions.

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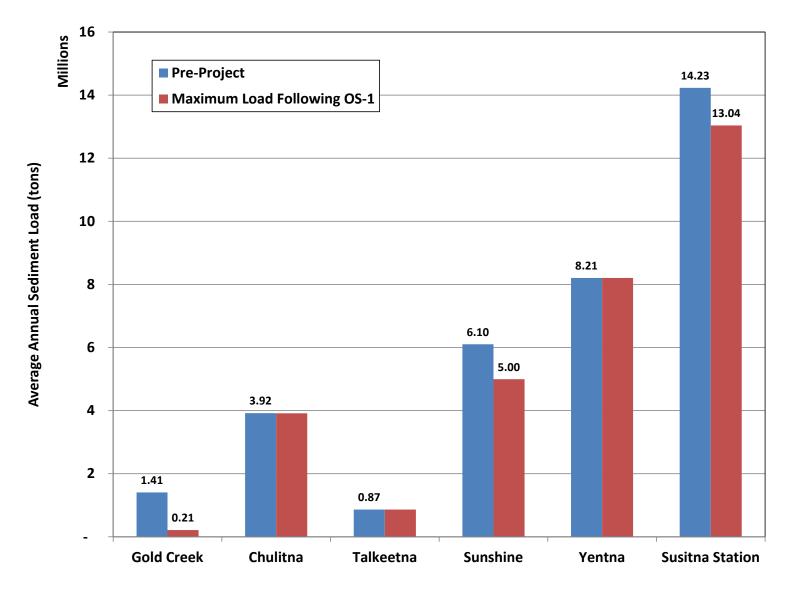


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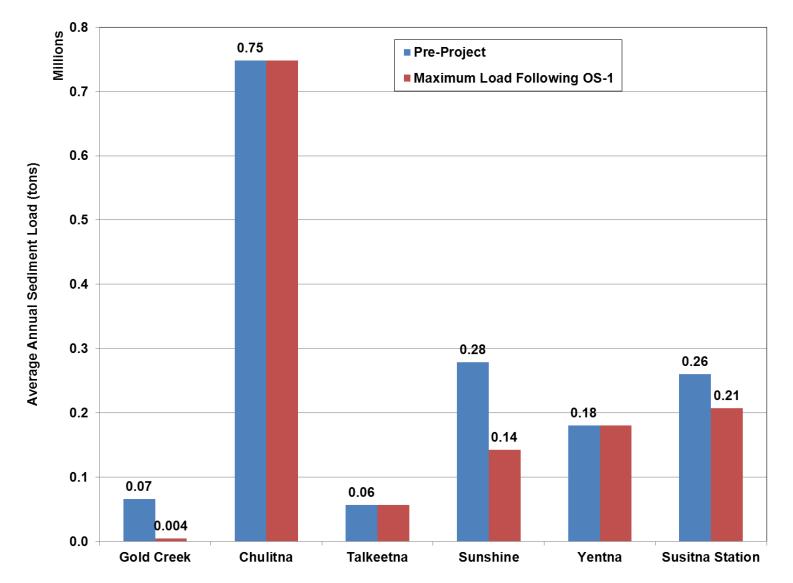


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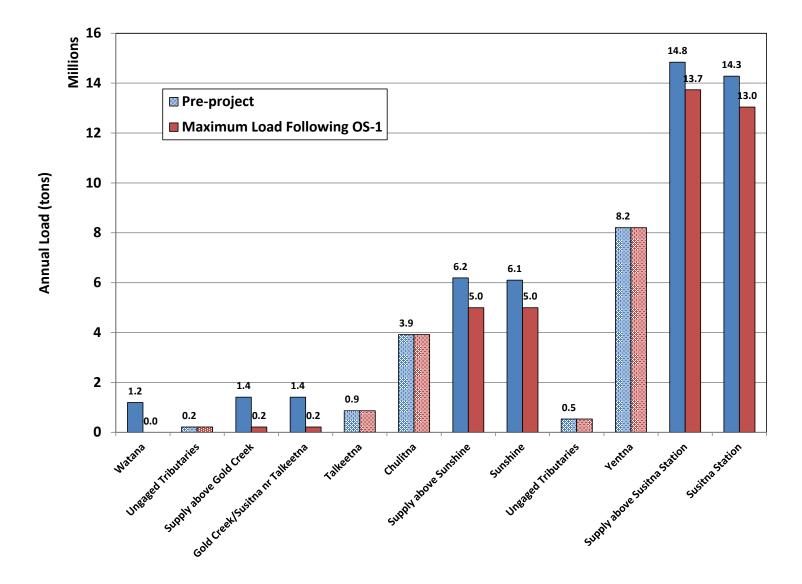


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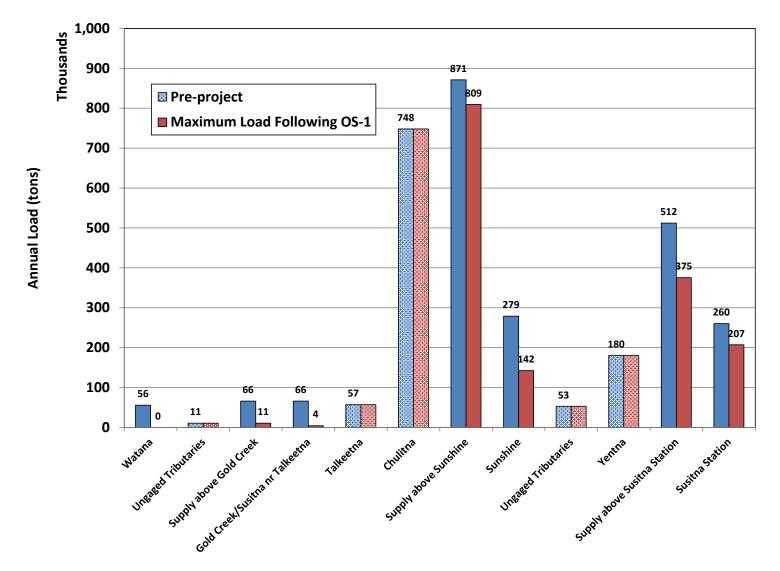
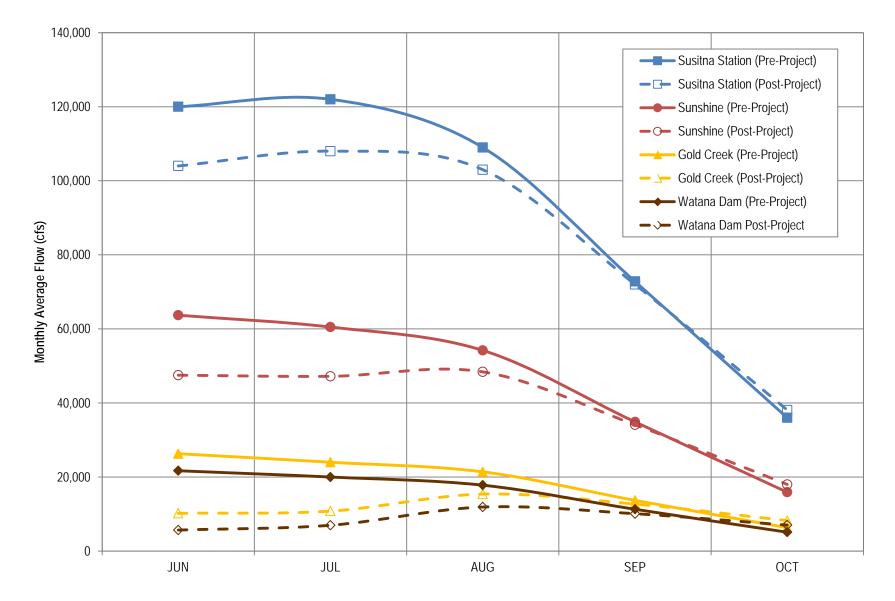
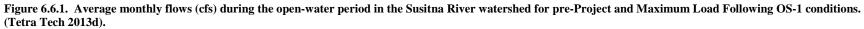


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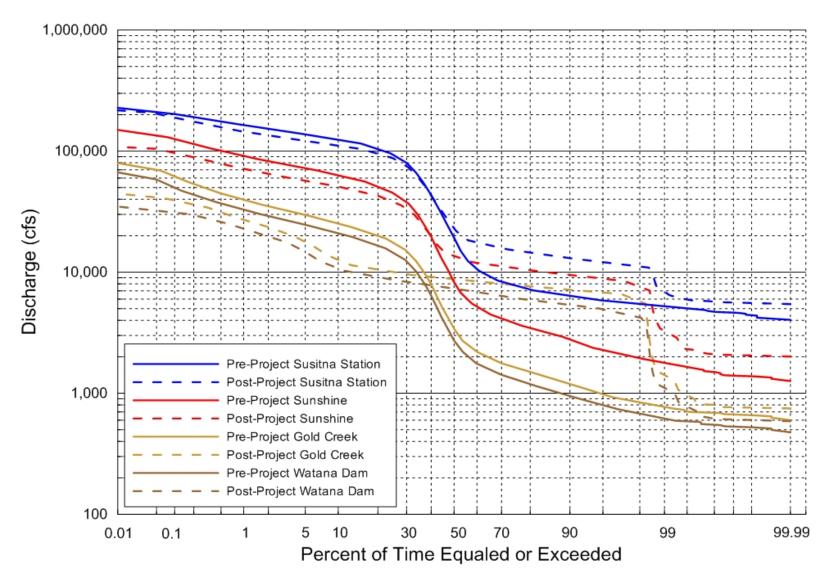


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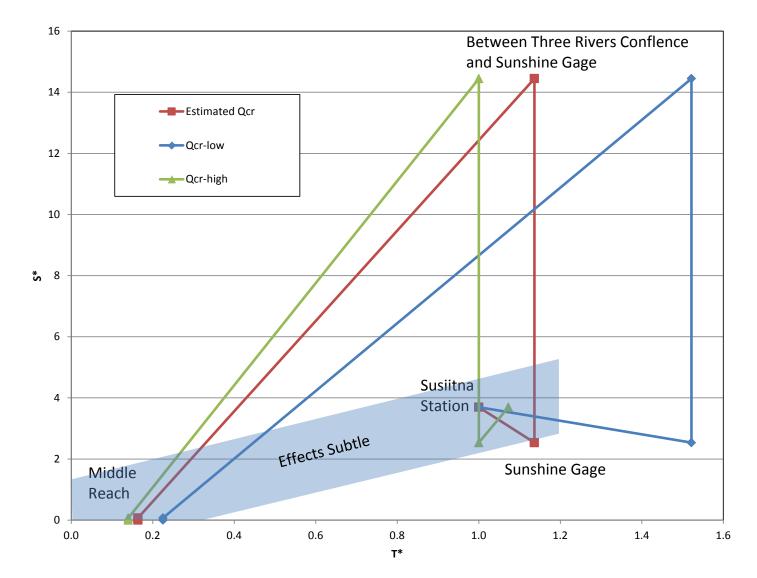


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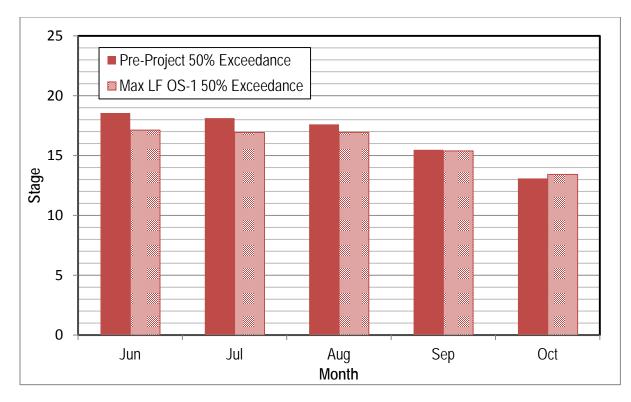


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