



Desert Mountain Flood Modeling Showdown

MANAGING FLOODS WHERE MOUNTAINS MEET THE DESERT

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WATER + ENVIRONMENT + TRANSPORTATION + ENERGY + FACILITIES

Presentation Outline

- Similar Desert / Arid Region Floods Study
- KSA Field Recon Experience
- Hydrologic Modeling Techniques
- Be Better Than Average
- Hydrologic/Hydraulic Modeling Sensitivity

Streams in Desert/Arid Region



Las Cruces Arroyo, AZ



Flash Flood in Gobi Desert

Flood Mitigation Study in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Flooding also happens in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Neighborhood
Floods in Riyadh



Roadway Floods
in Baha

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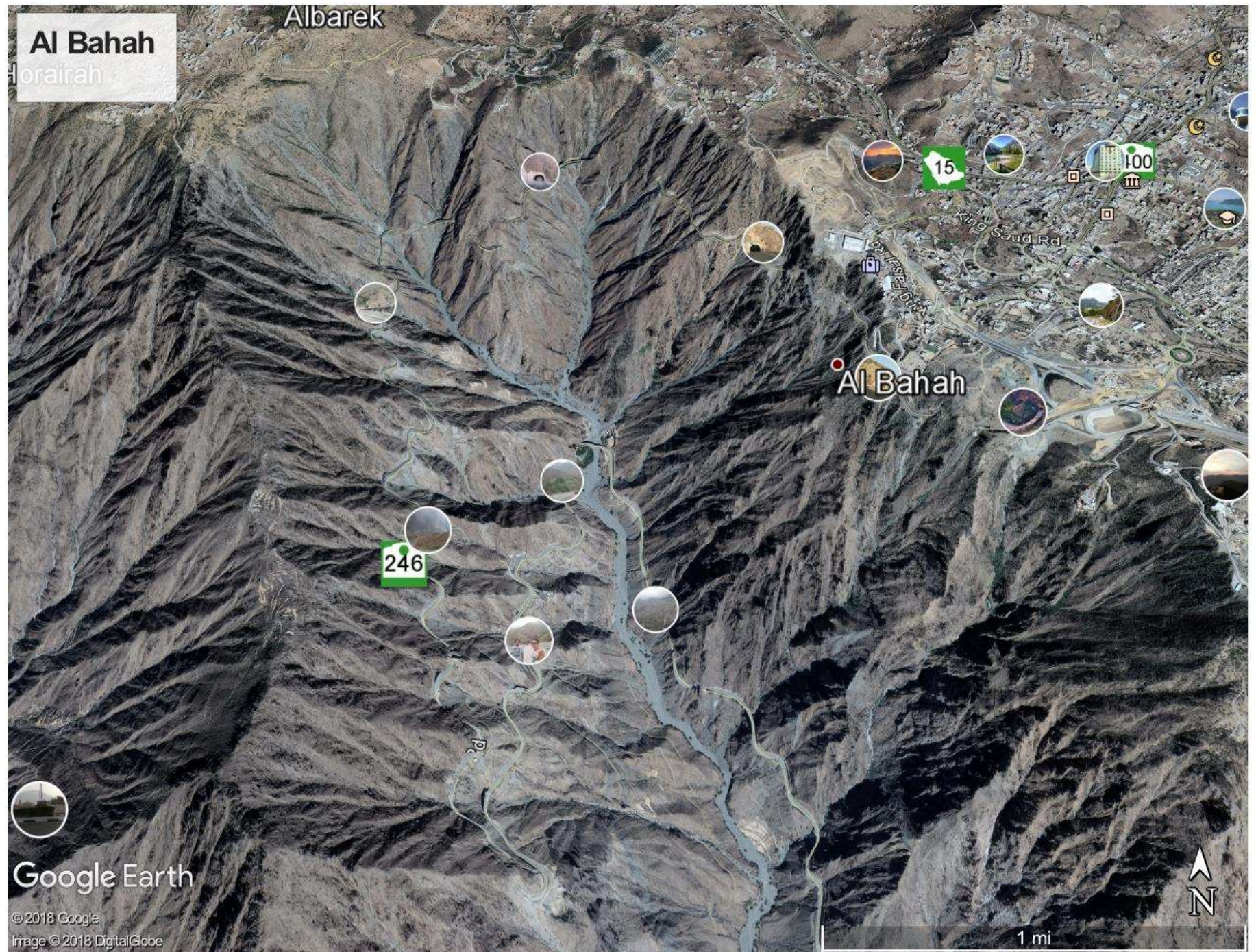
During a Flooding
Event in Ad Dair



The Same Culvert
Crossing in Dry
Day



Saudi Arabia Field Recon Photos (March 2014)



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المملكة العربية السعودية
وزارة الداخلية
المديرية العامة للدفاع المدني
مديرية الدفاع المدني بمنطقة عسير
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بإهمال قواعد السلامة قد تتحول الرحلة البرية إلى مأساة



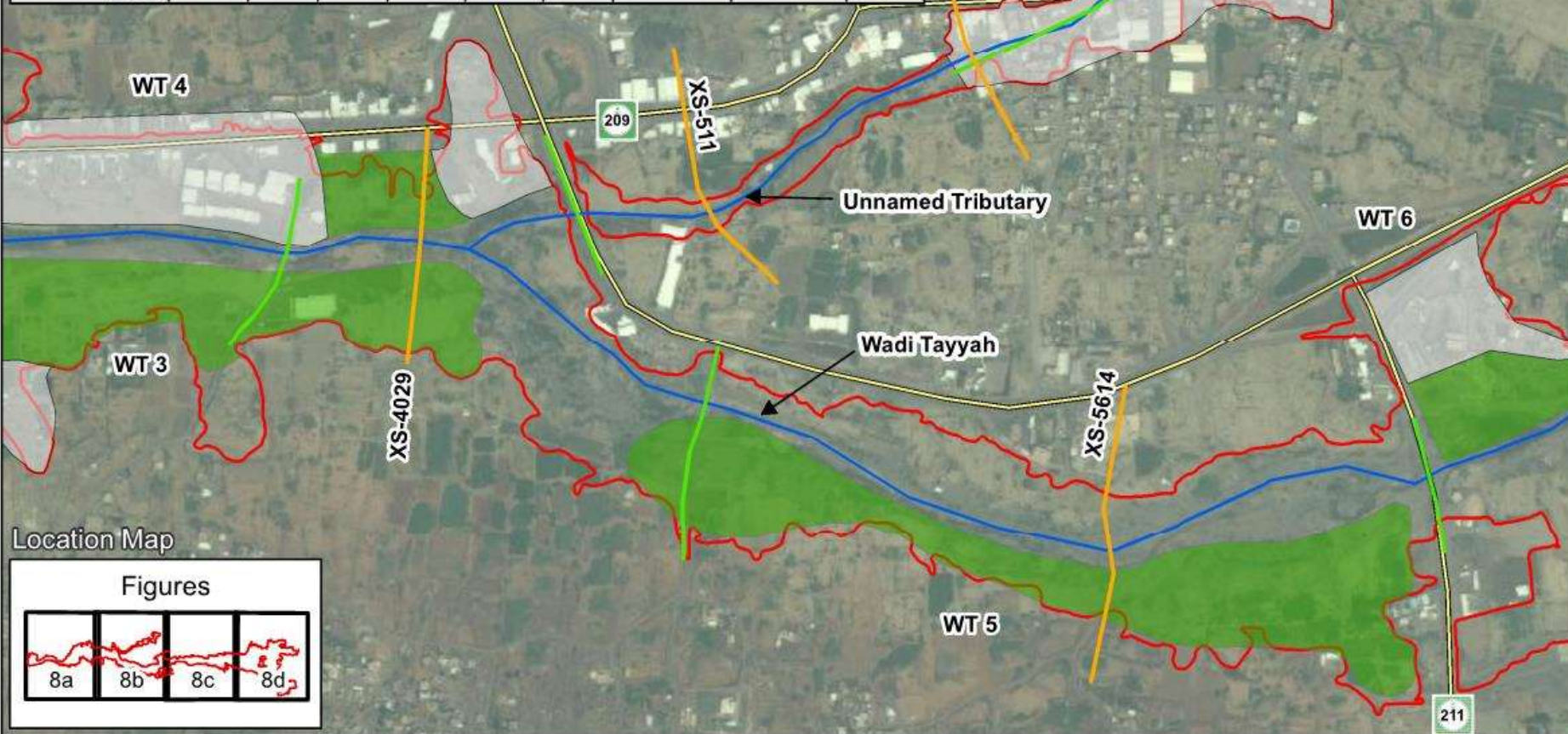
مع تحيات إدارة الدفاع المدني بمحائل

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Flood Protection Project Muhail, Saudi Arabia



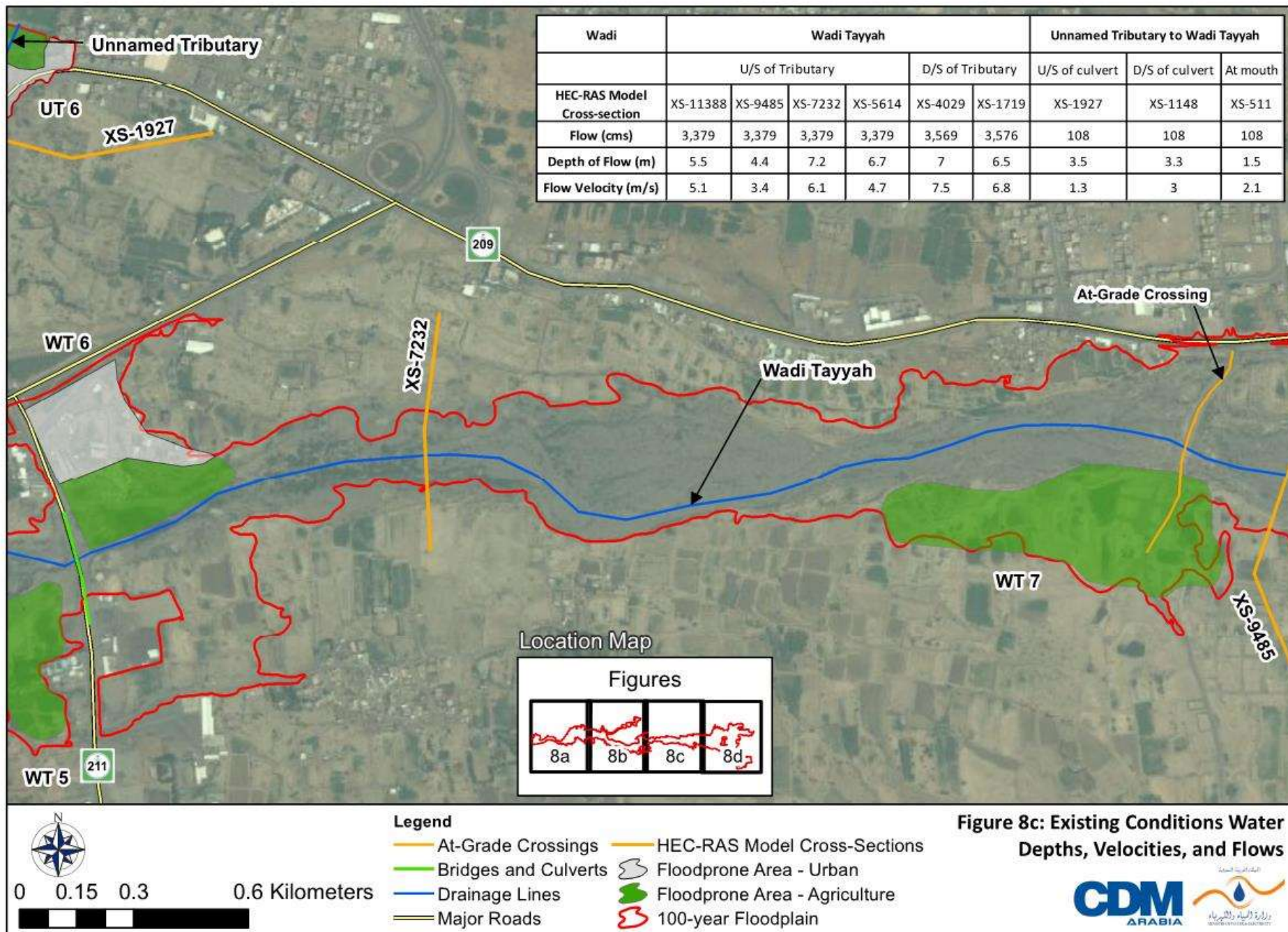
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HEC-RAS Model Cross-section	XS-11388	XS-9485	XS-7232	XS-5614	XS-4029	XS-1719	XS-1927	XS-1148	XS-511
Flow (cms)	3,379	3,379	3,379	3,379	3,569	3,576	108	108	108
Depth of Flow (m)	5.5	4.4	7.2	6.7	7	6.5	3.5	3.3	1.5
Flow Velocity (m/s)	5.1	3.4	6.1	4.7	7.5	6.8	1.3	3	2.1



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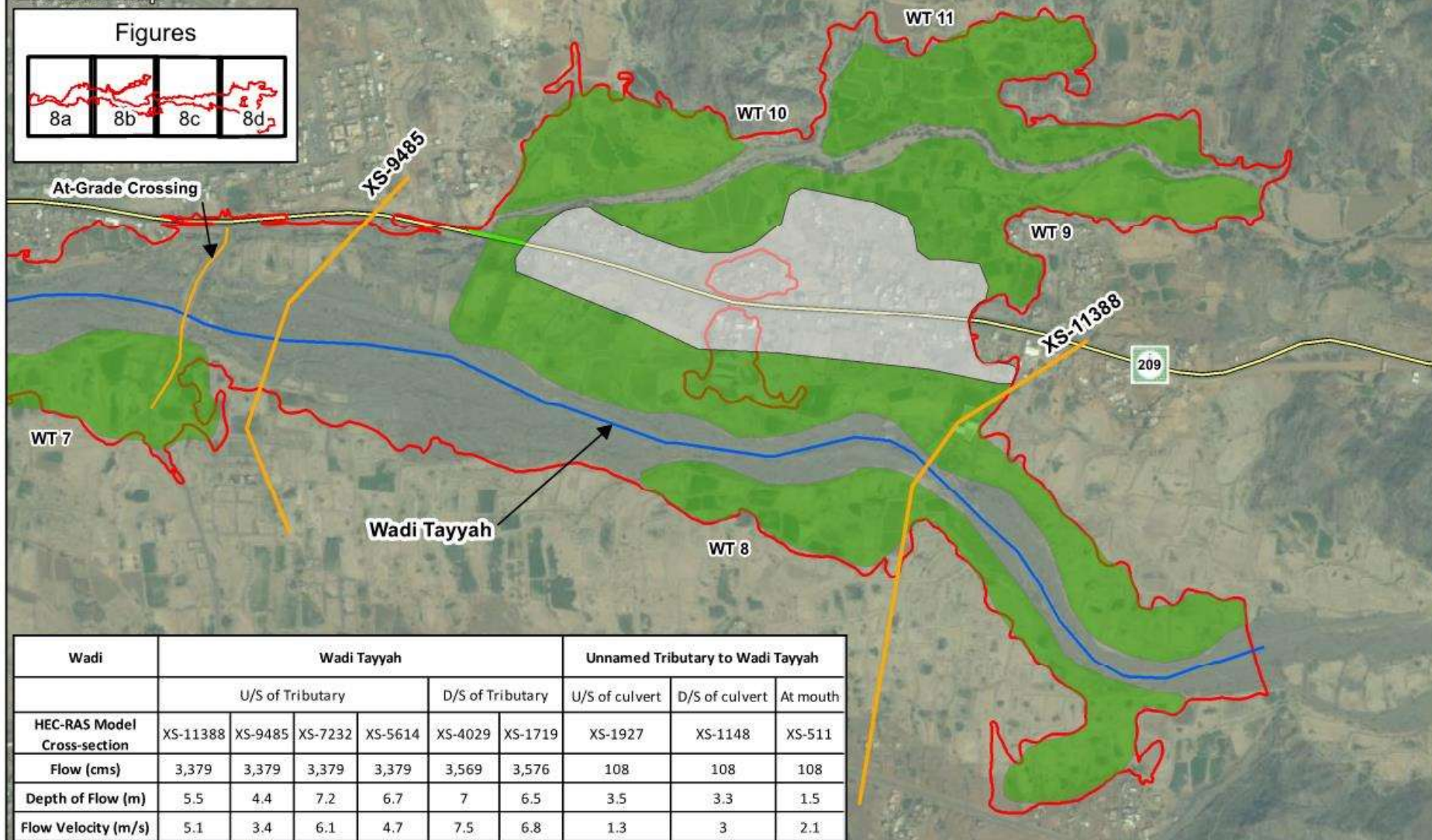
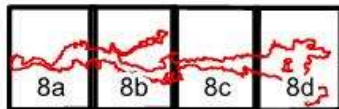
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- 100-year Floodplain

Figure 8b: Existing Conditions Water Depths, Velocities, and Flows



Location Map

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0 0.15 0.3 0.6 Kilometers

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Figure 8d: Existing Conditions Water Depths, Velocities, and Flows

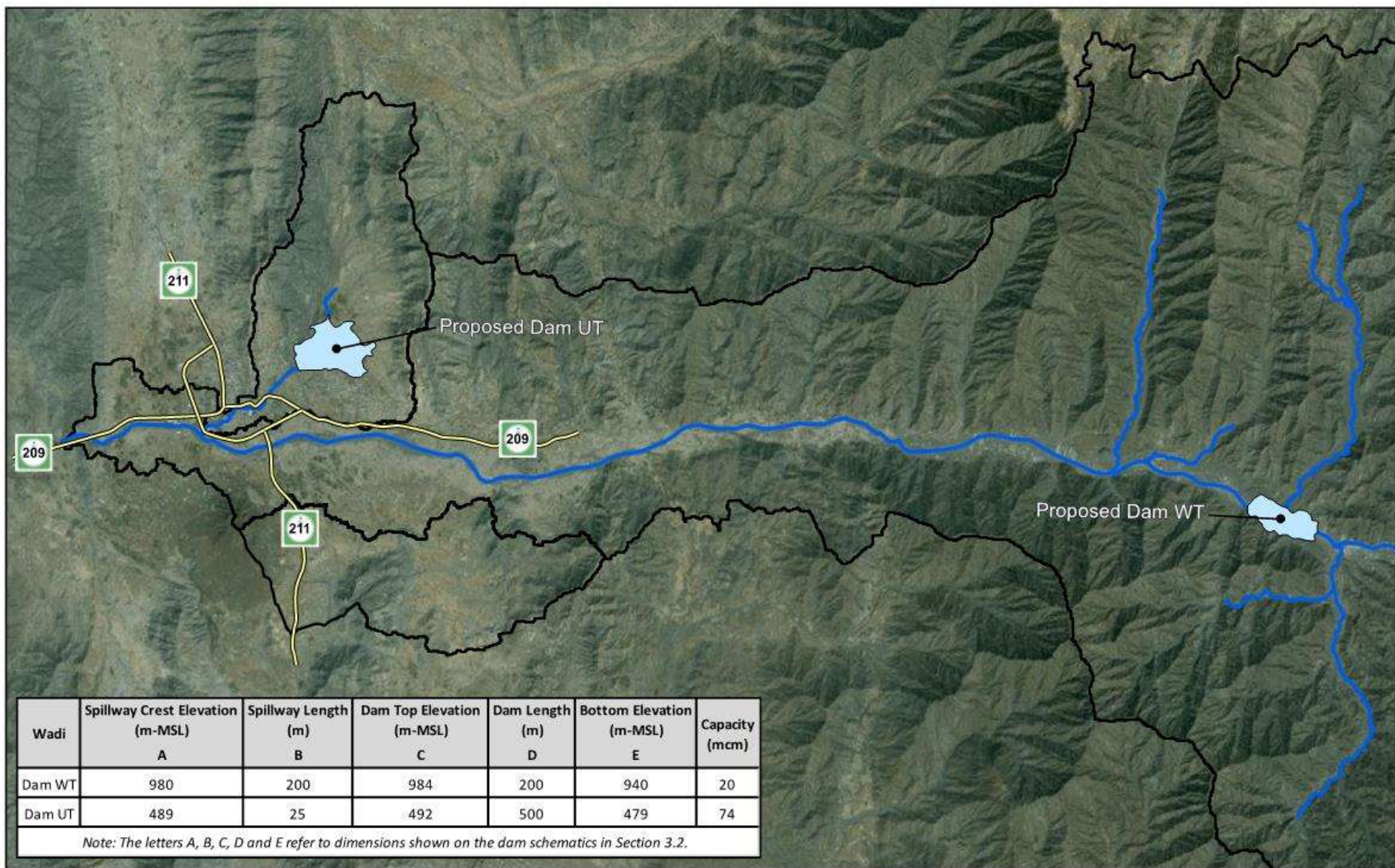
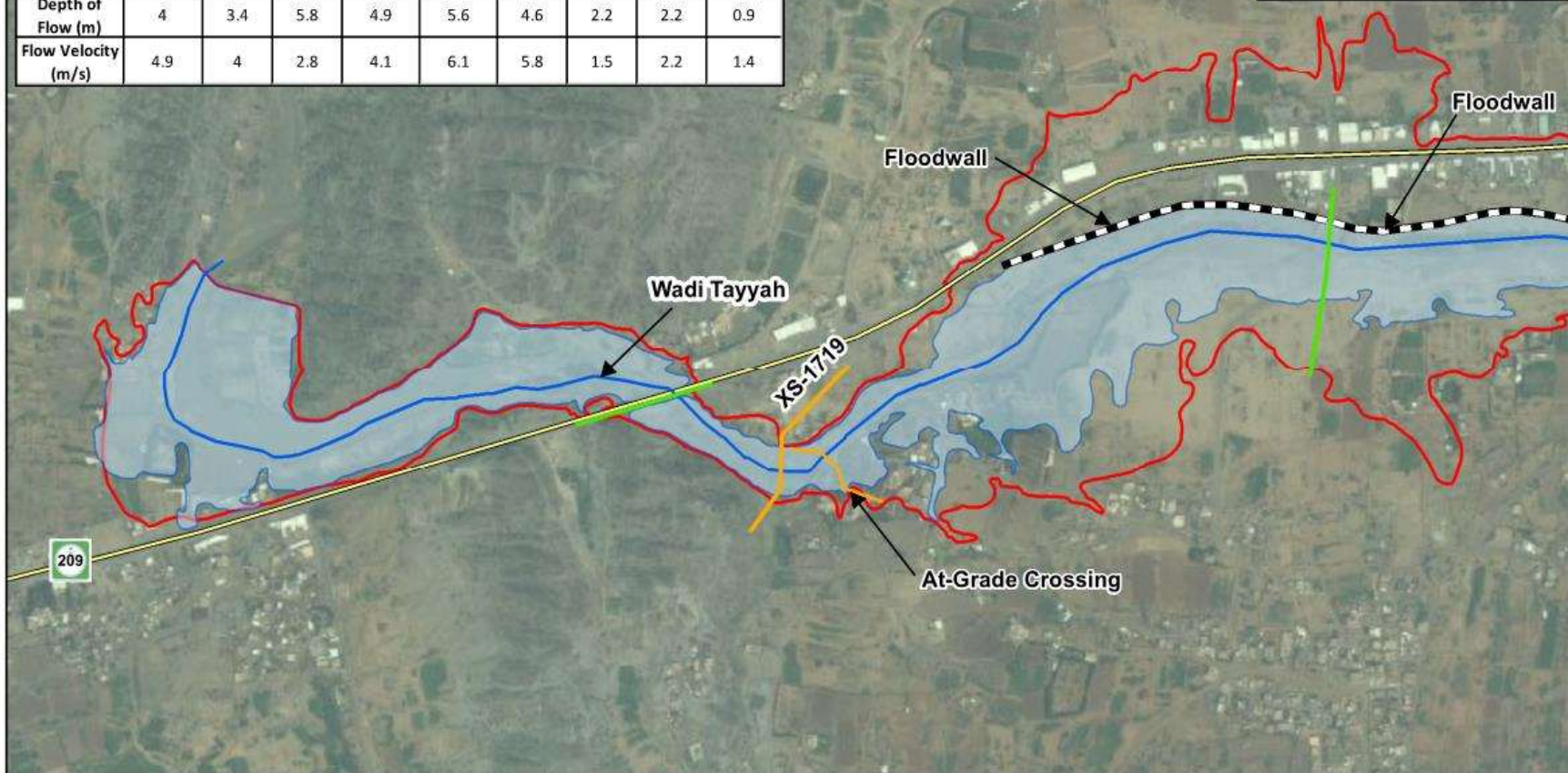
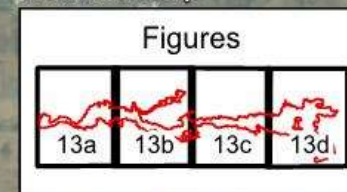


Figure 10: Alternative 1 Dam/Reservoir Locations



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Flow (cms)	1,843	1,843	1,843	1,843	1,940	1,944	33	33	33
Depth of Flow (m)	4	3.4	5.8	4.9	5.6	4.6	2.2	2.2	0.9
Flow Velocity (m/s)	4.9	4	2.8	4.1	6.1	5.8	1.5	2.2	1.4

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0.6 Kilometers

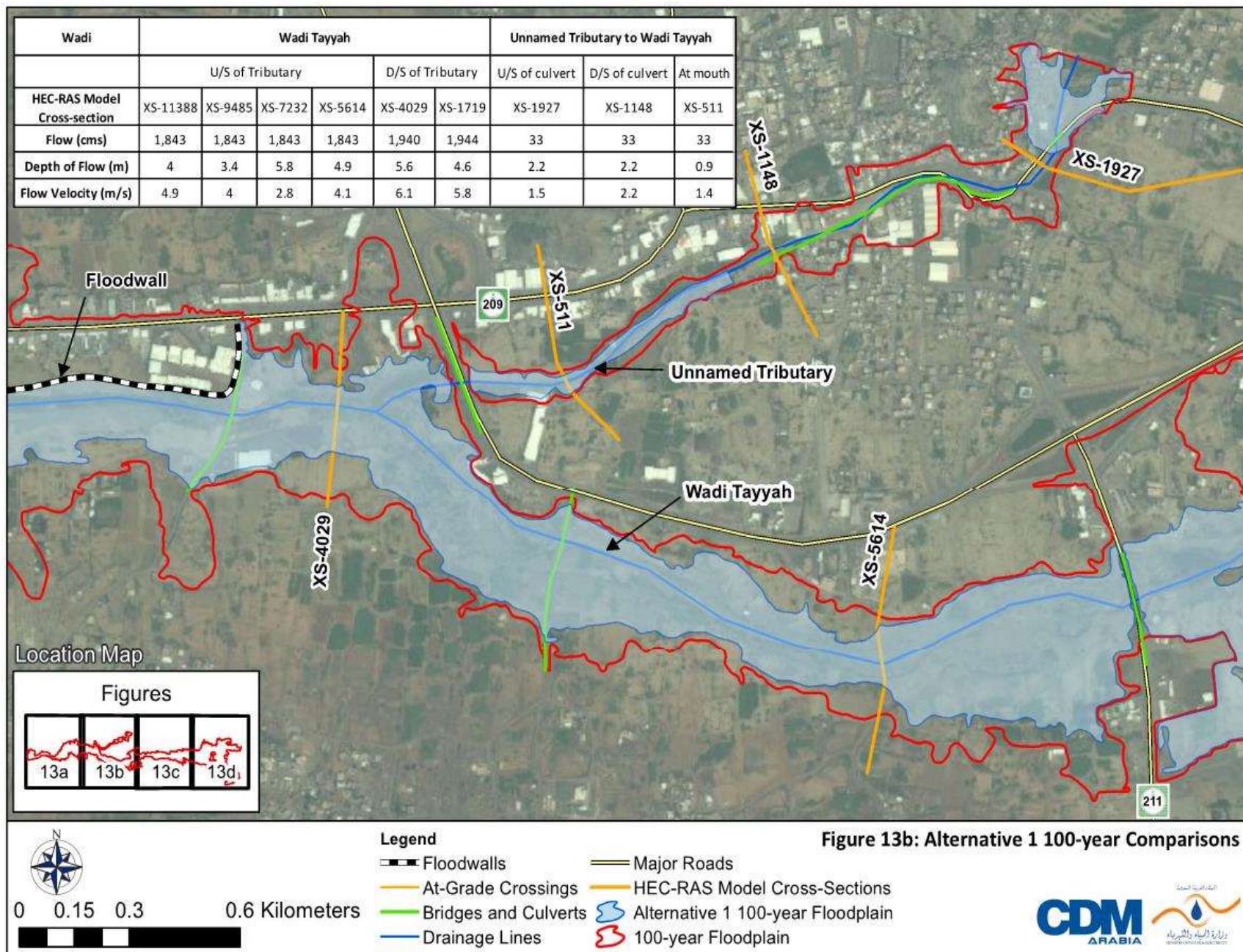
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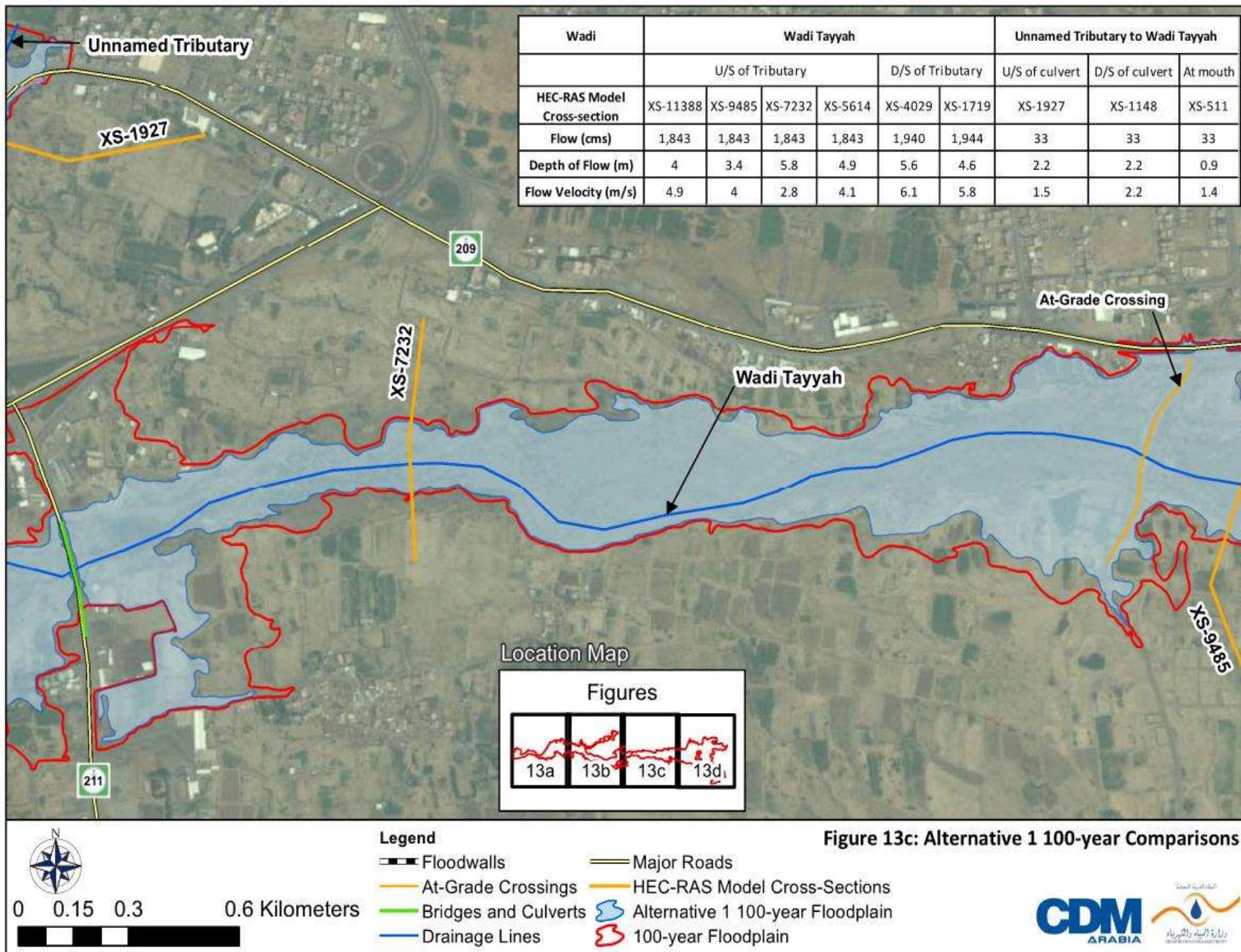
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Figure 13a: Alternative 1 100-year Comparisons

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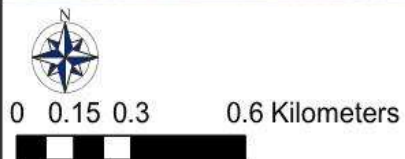
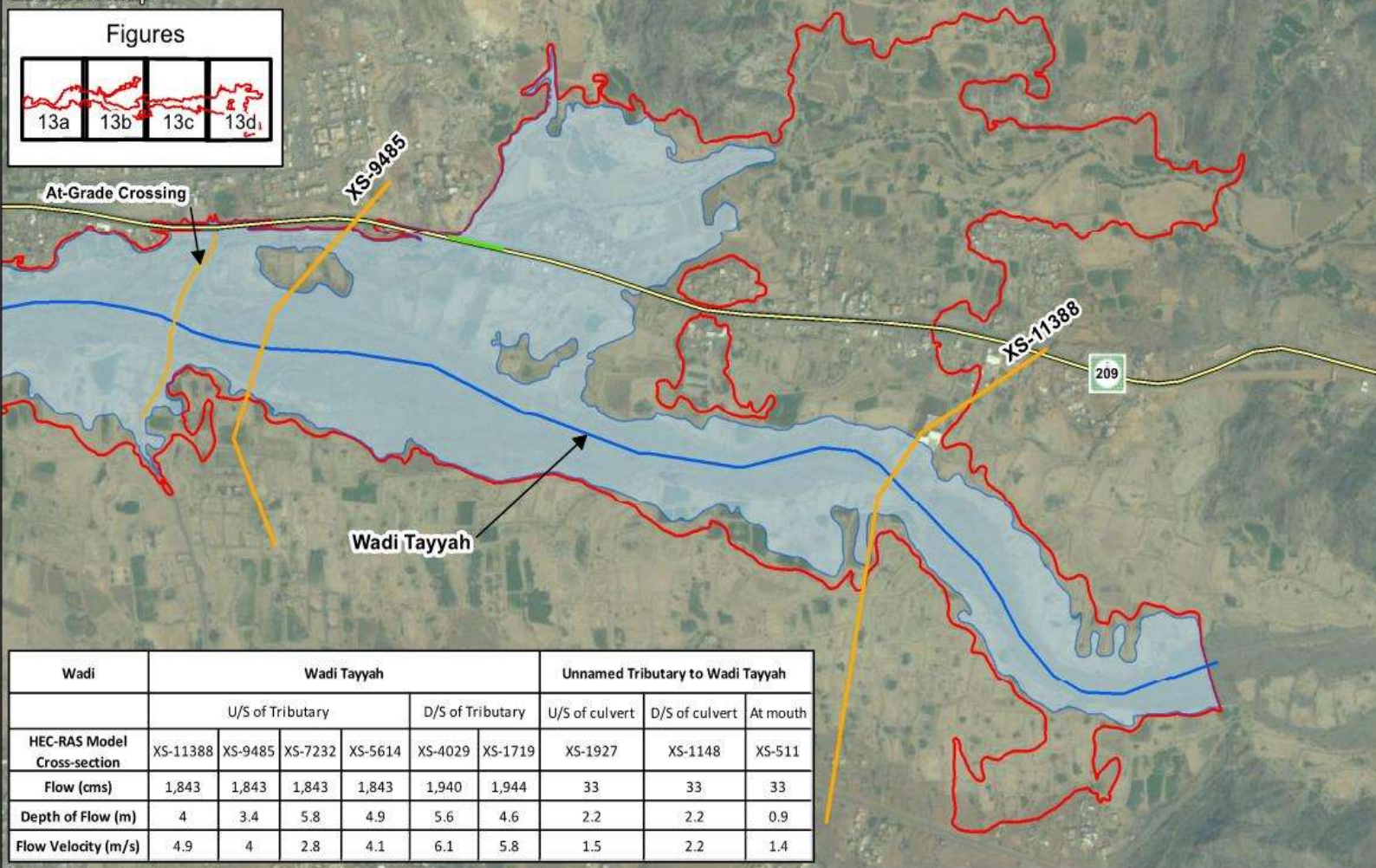
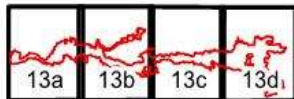






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Figure 13d: Alternative 1 100-year Comparisons



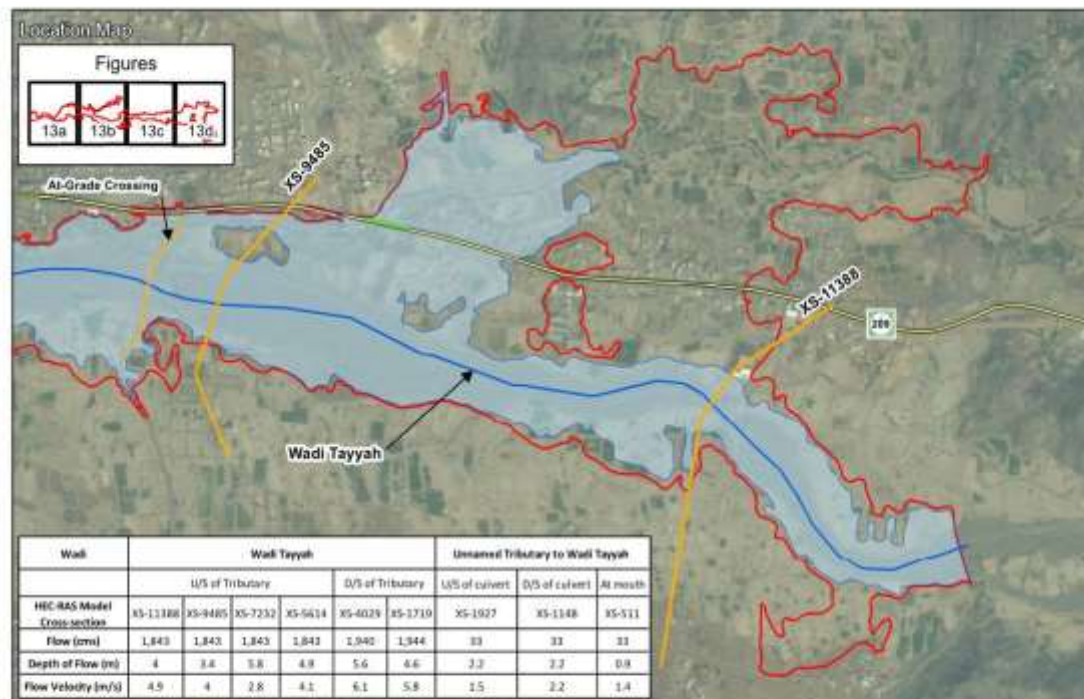
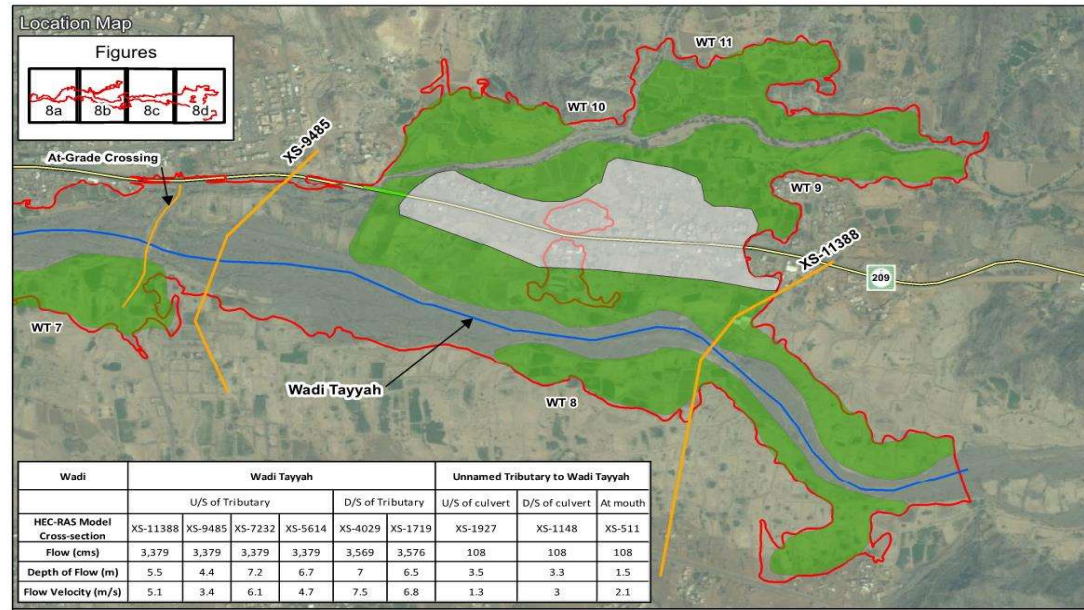


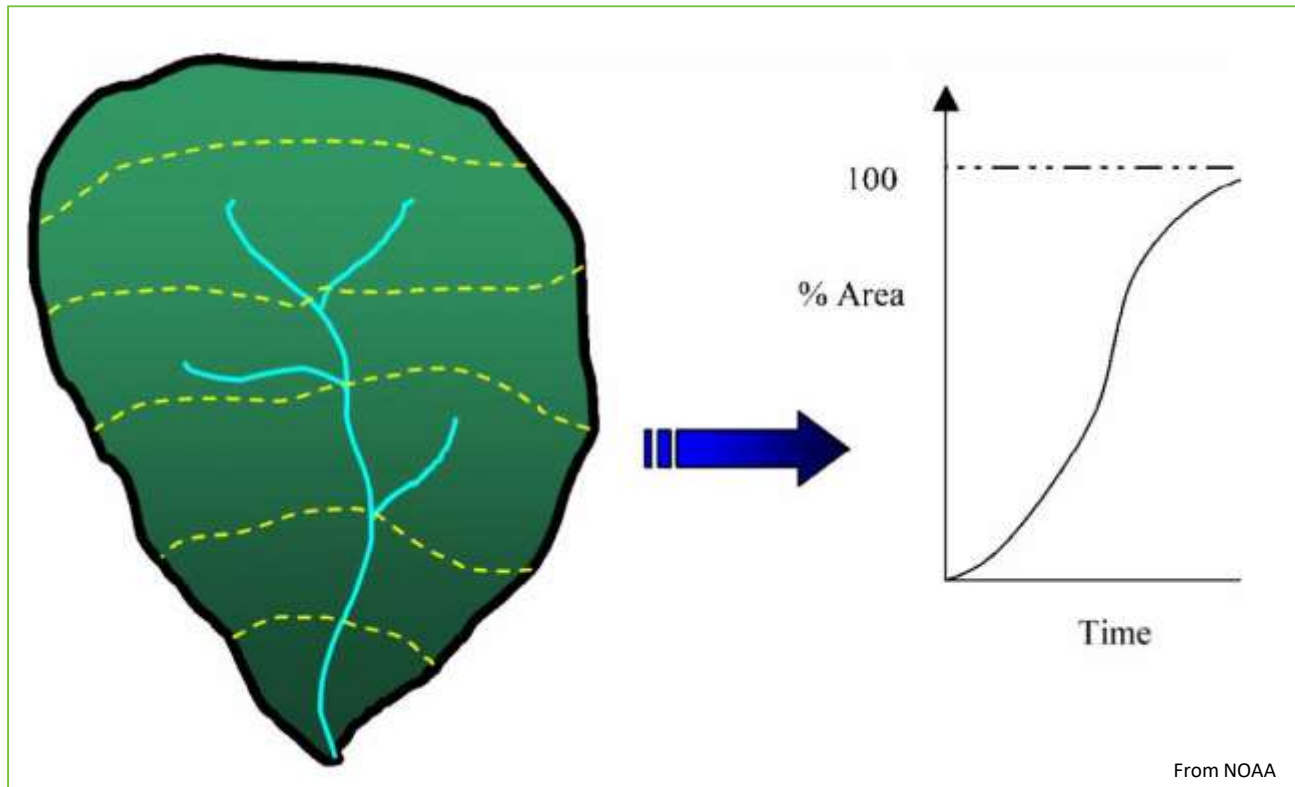
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Time of Concentration

What is the Time of Concentration?

- Time of concentration (T_c) is the time required for runoff to travel from the hydraulically most distant point in the watershed to the outlet. USDA-NRCS
- Sheet Flow, Shallow Concentrated Flow, & Open Channel Flow





Is using average slope
reasonable?

Small watershed near Sedona

Longest Flow Path for Tc

Steep

Mild

Google Earth

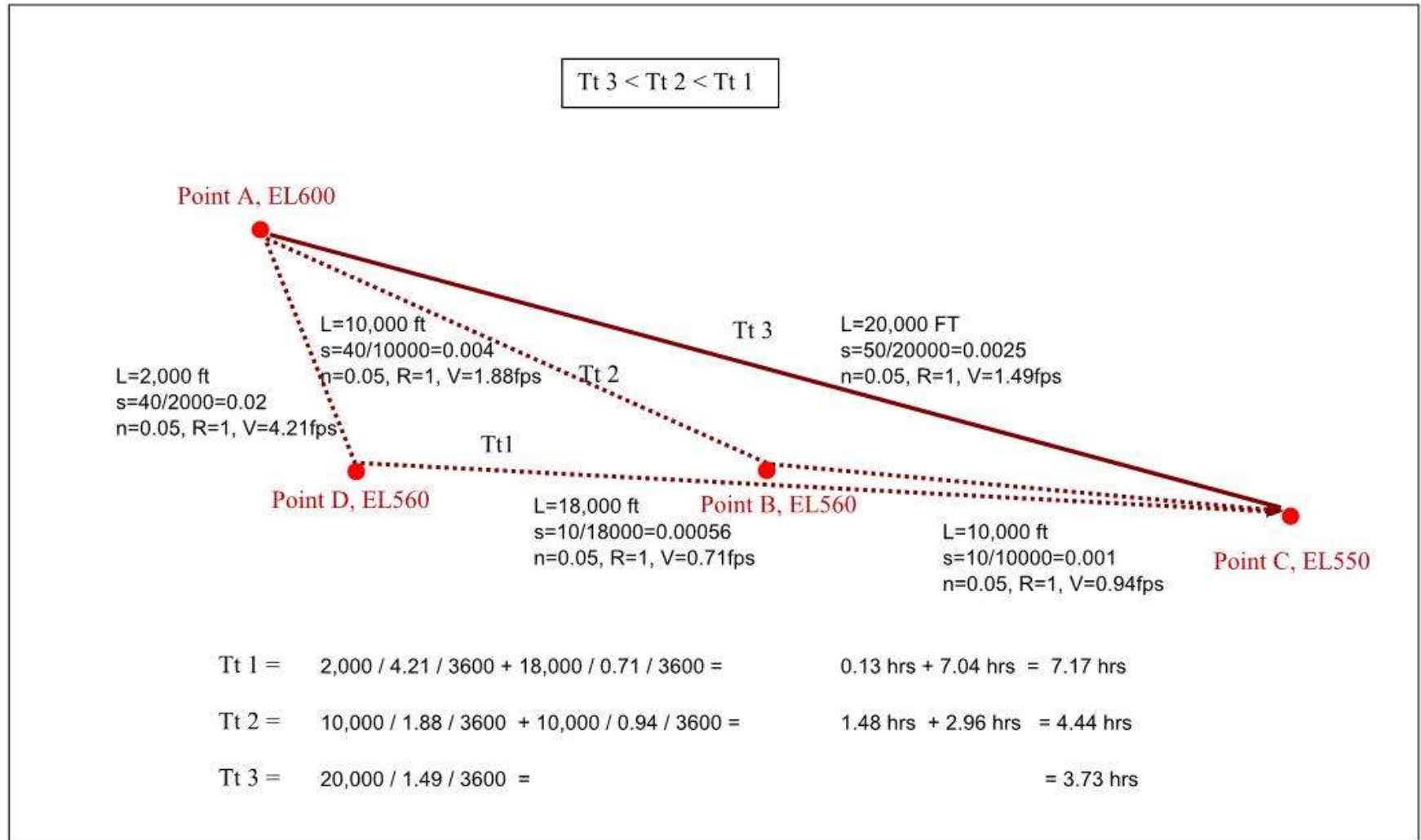
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700 ft



Did you know that an averaged slope in a channel is the fastest way of travel?

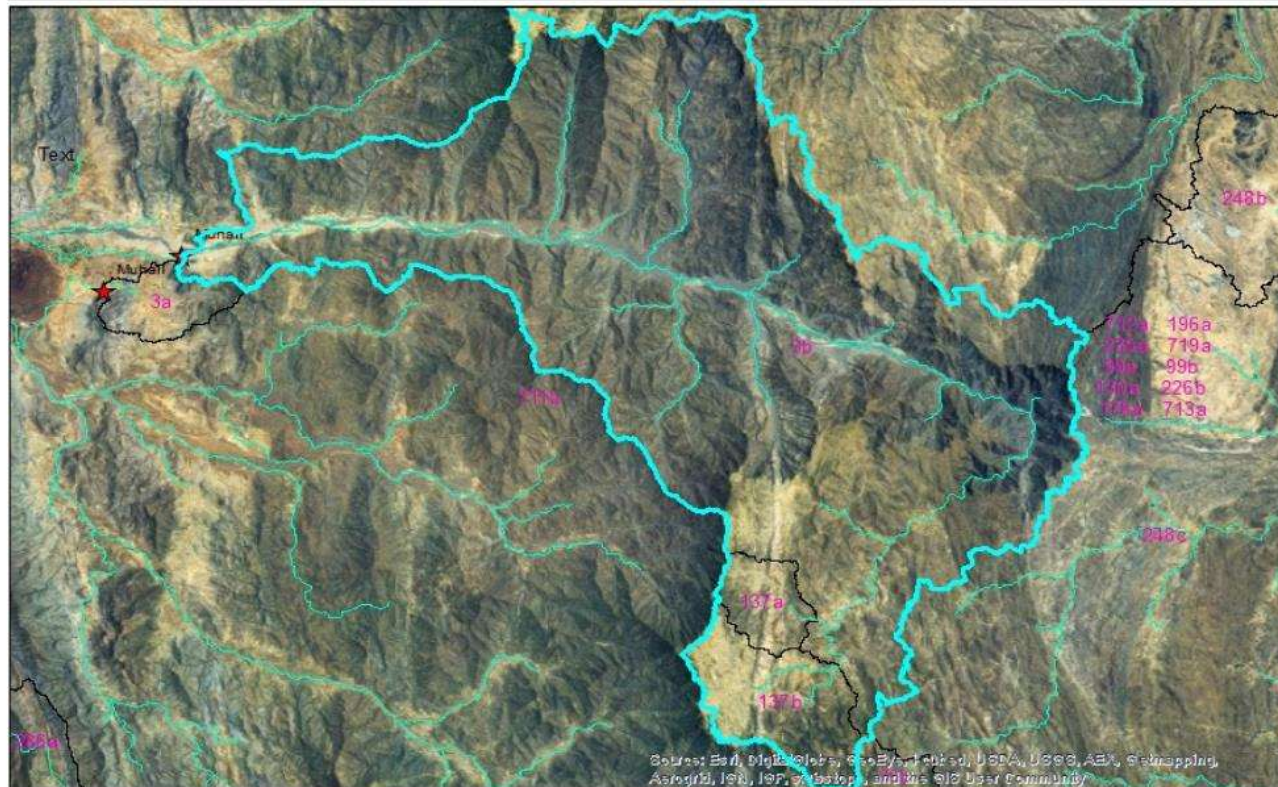
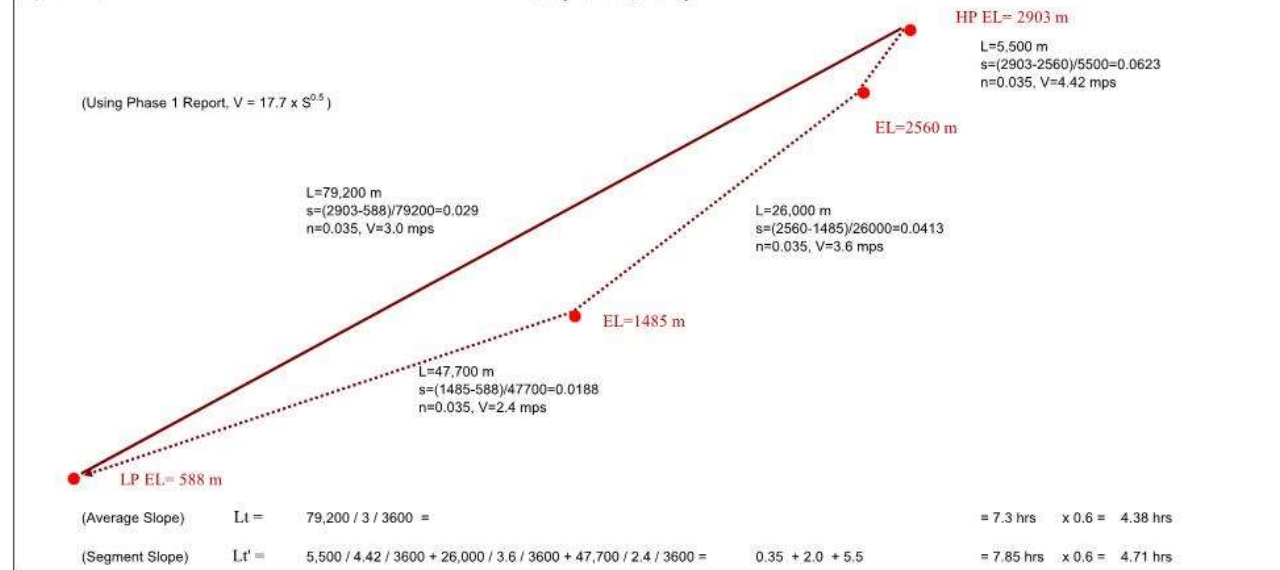
Using Average Slope is Reasonable?



Direct Application



3b (Muhail, KSA)



32b

Graphic: NTS

Lt (32b)

H Point 32b, 1070 m

L=30,000 m
s=(1070-735)/30000=0.01117
n=0.035, V=1.87 mps

Point (32b), 735 m

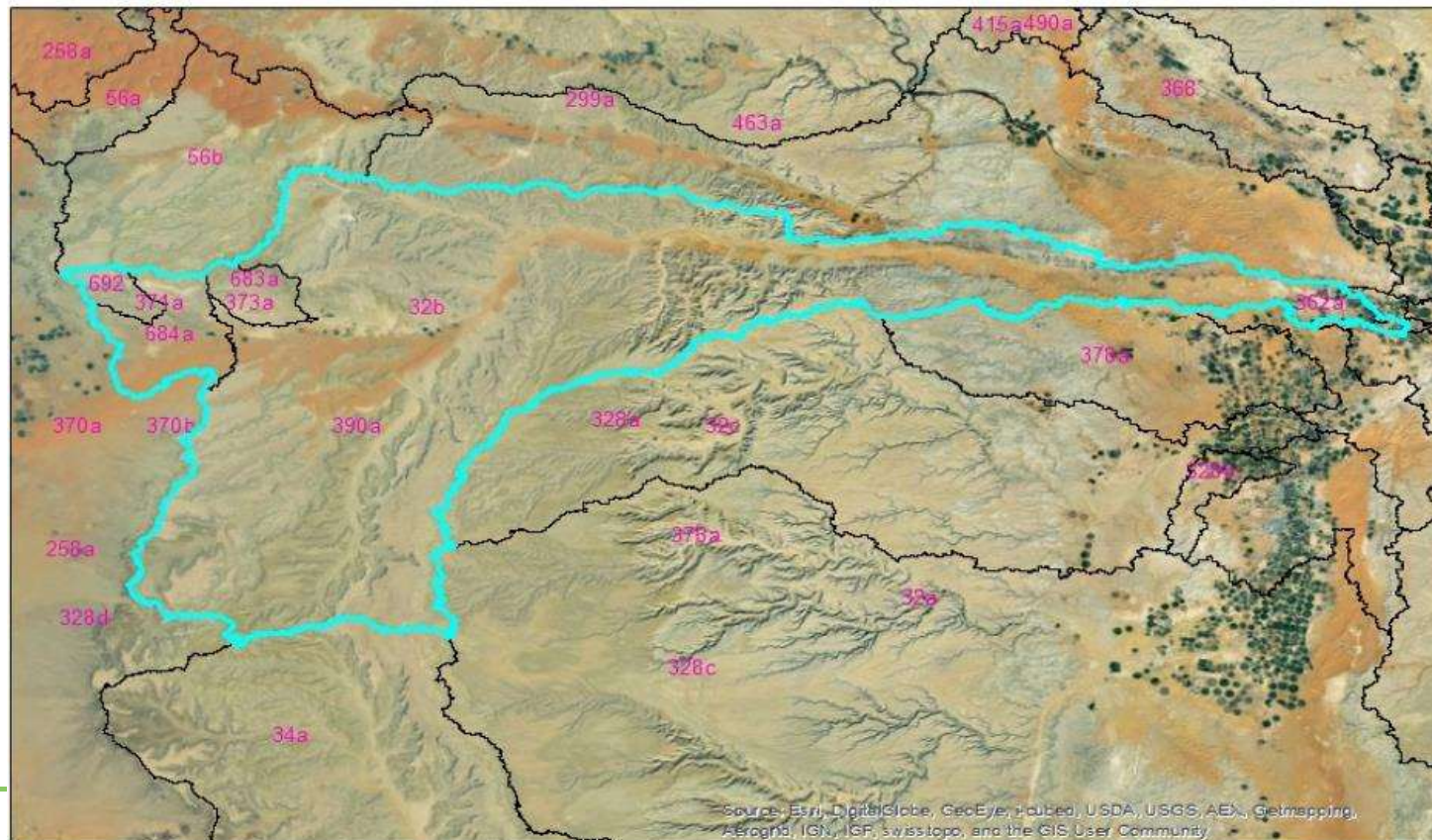
L=130,000 m
s=(1070-440)/130000=0.00485
n=0.035, V=1.23 mps

L=100,000 m
s=(735-440)/100000=0.00295
n=0.035, V=0.96 mps

L Point 32b, 440 m

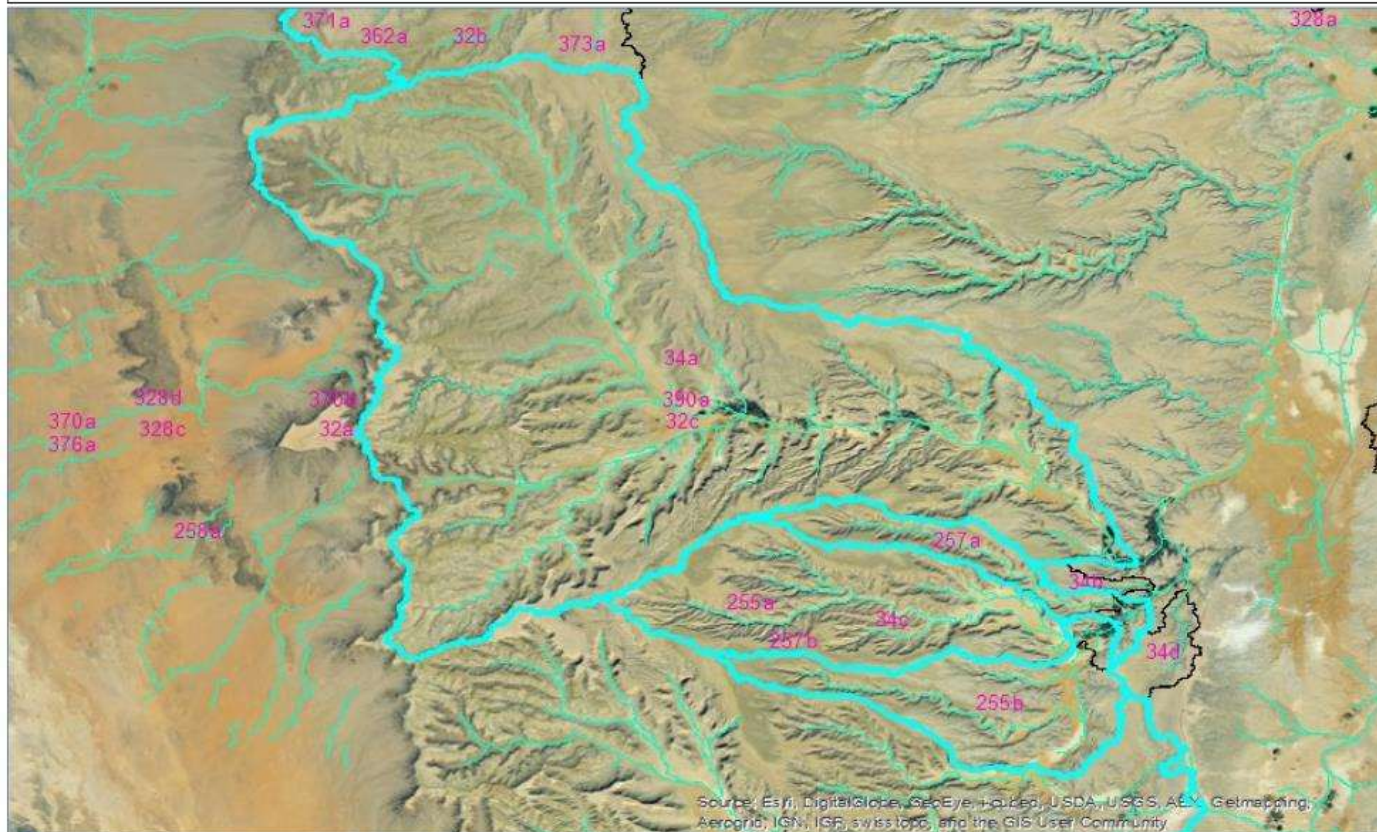
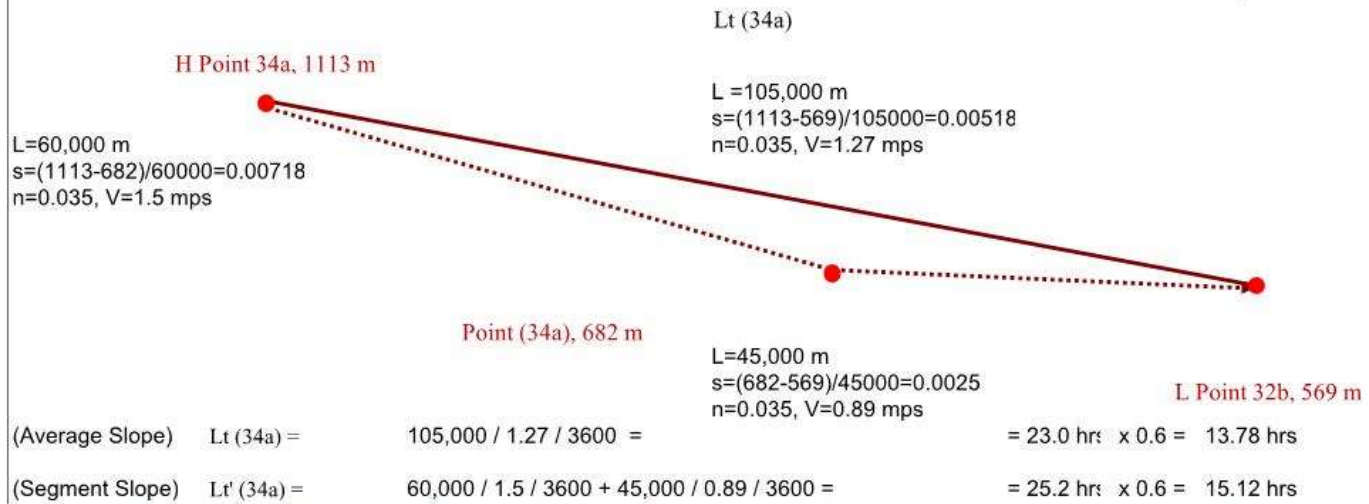
(Average Slope) Lt (32b) = $130,000 / 1.23 / 3600 =$ 29.4 hrs x 0.6 = 17.64 hrs

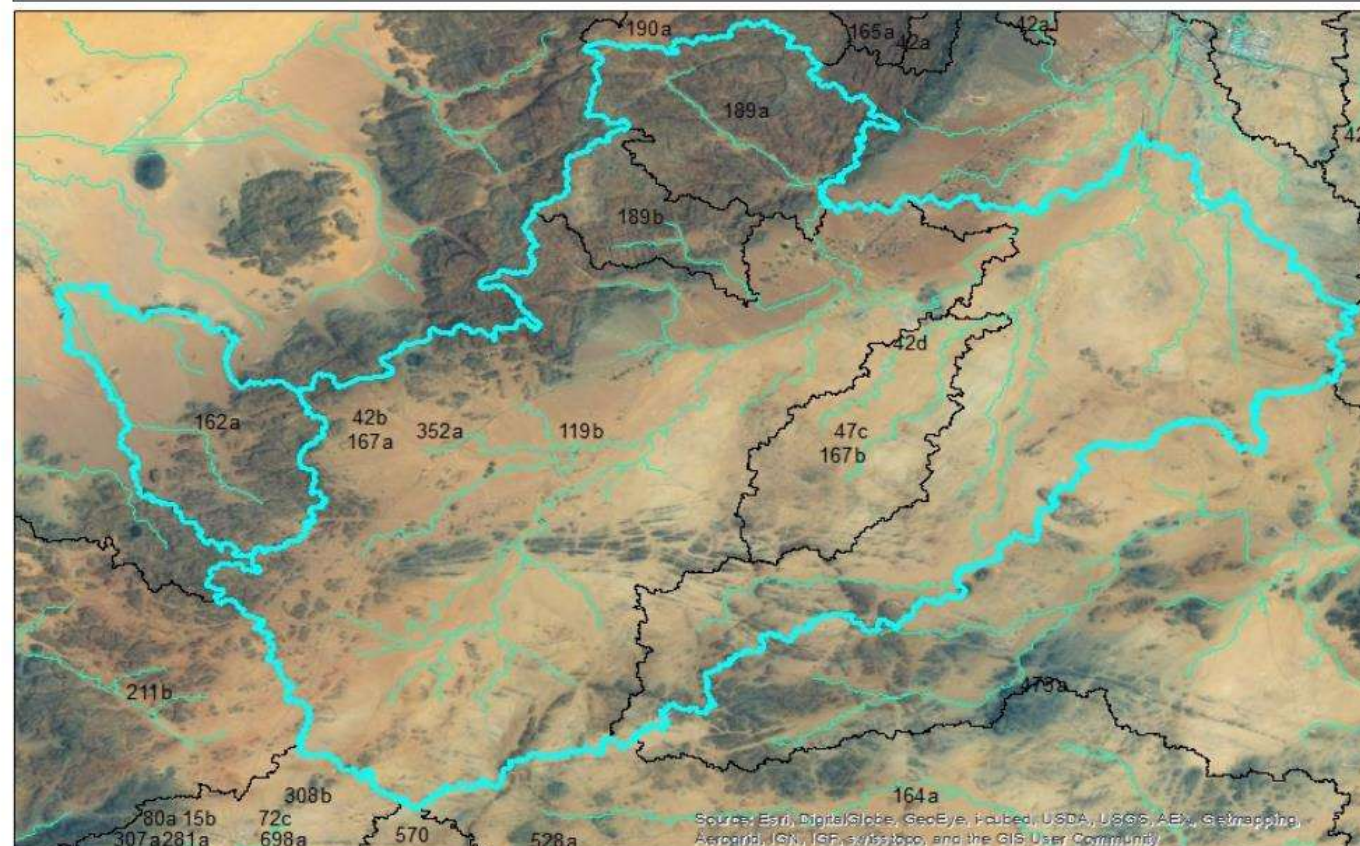
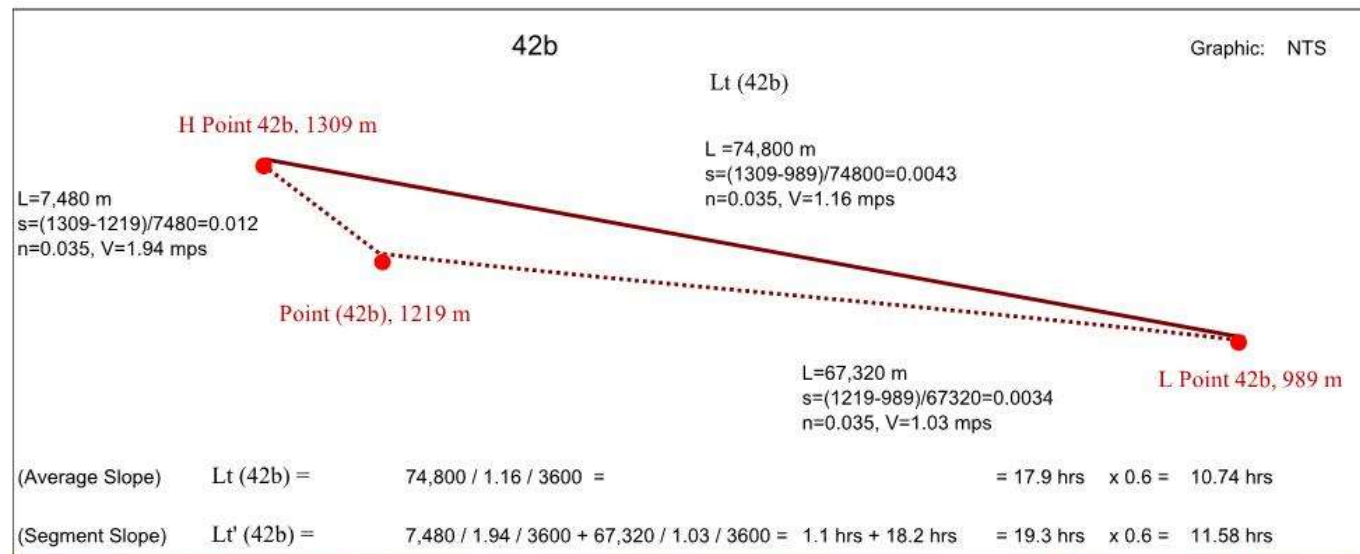
(Segment Slope) Lt' (32b) = $30,000 / 1.87 / 3600 + 100,000 / 0.96 / 3600 =$ 33.4 hrs x 0.6 = 20.04 hrs



34a

Graphic: NTS





162a

Graphic: NTS

Tt (162a)

L (162a)=26,000 m
 $s=(1389-984.5)/26000=0.0156$
 $n=0.035$, $V=2.21$ mps

H Point 162a, 1389 m

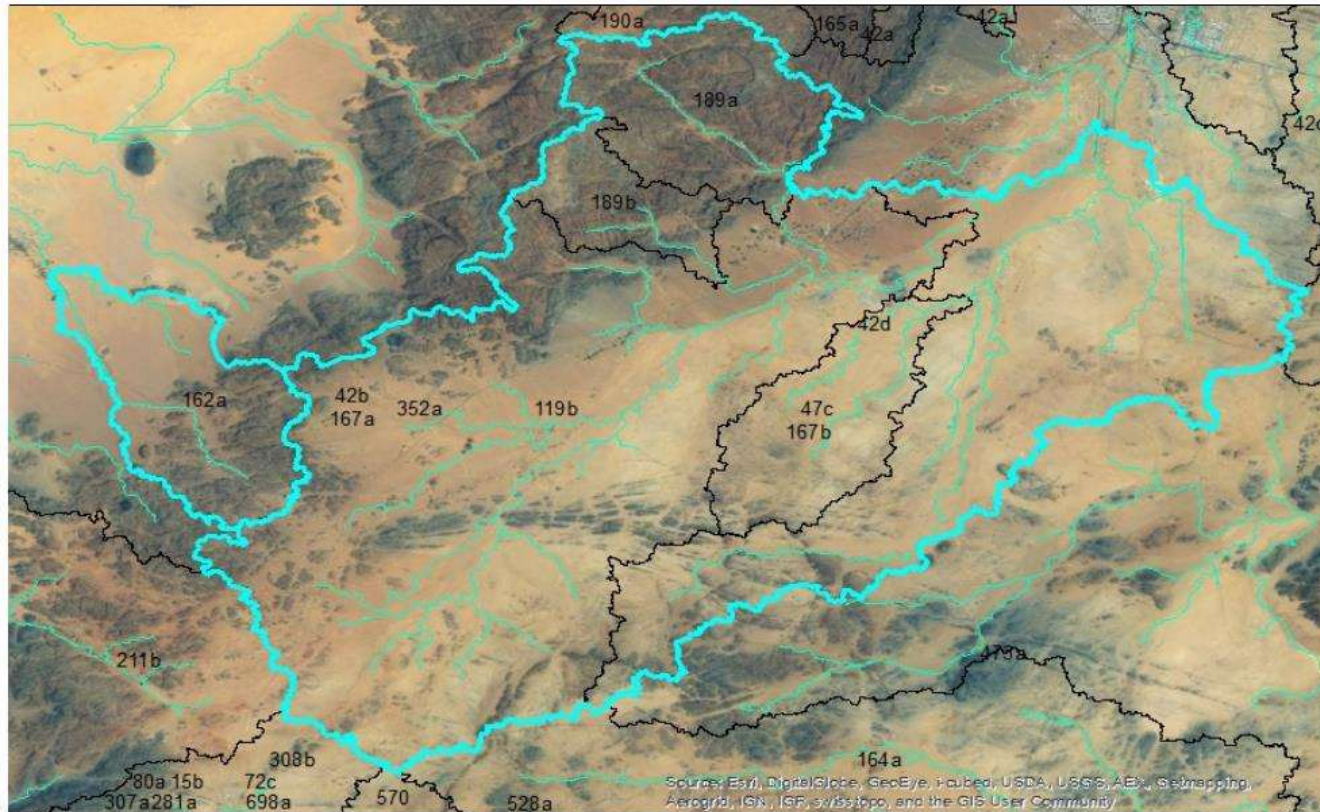
L=13,000 m
 $s=(1389-1145)/13,000=0.0188$
 $n=0.035$, $V=2.43$ mps

Point (162a), 1145 m

L=13,000 m
 $s=(1145-984.5)/13000=0.0123$
 $n=0.035$, $V=1.96$ mps

L Point 162a, 984.5 m

(Average Slope)	$L_t(162a) =$	$26,000 / 2.21 / 3600 =$	$= 3.3 \text{ hrs}$	$\times 0.6 =$	1.98 hrs
(Segment Slope)	$L_t'(162a) =$	$13,000 / 2.43 / 3600 + 13,000 / 1.96 / 3600 =$	$1.5 \text{ hrs} + 1.9 \text{ hrs} = 3.4 \text{ hrs}$	$\times 0.6 =$	2.04 hrs



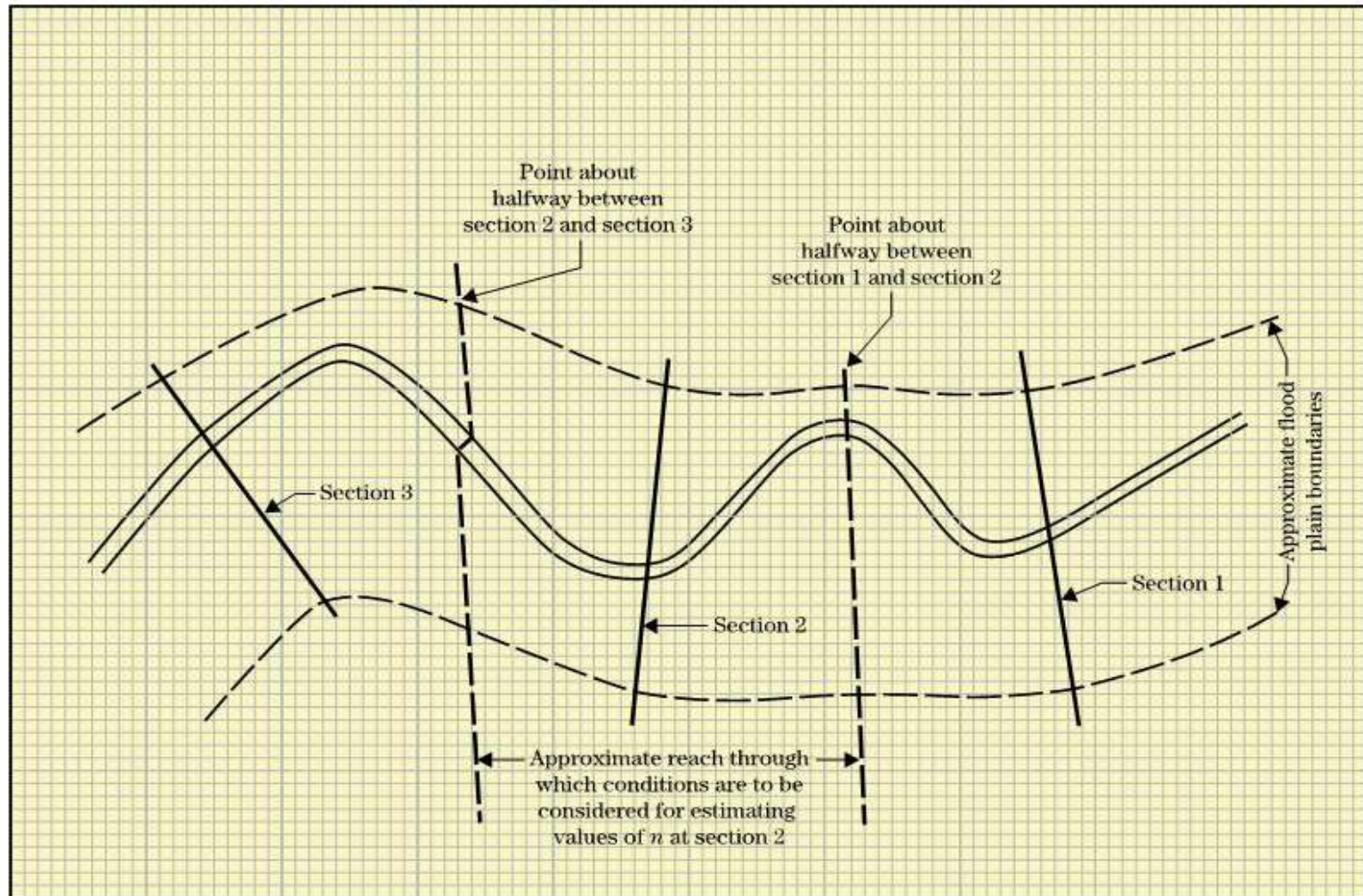
KSA, Flood Protection Study
UH Method, Average-Segment Lag Time Sensitivity Test

Site No.	L (m)	S (m/m)	S (m/km)	Avg SL Lag (hrs)	Segment SL Lag (hrs)	DA (sq.km)	CN	P (mm)	SCS UH (Avg Lag) Q (cms)	SCS UH (Seg Lag) Q (cms)
3b	79200	0.0293	29.230	4.38	4.71	556	79.2	144.3	1562	1600
32b	130000	0.0048	4.846	17.64	20.04	1867	66.4	90.7	399	648
34	105000	0.0052	5.181	13.78	15.12	2361	67.1	90.0	654	737
42b	74800	0.0043	4.278	10.74	11.58	1049	77.7	98.0	728	1134
162a	26000	0.0156	15.558	1.98	2.04	91	72.3	95.1	173	157

Manning's N



Did you know that averaged Manning's roughness coefficient is applied between the two cross sections, and roughness coefficient changes should be considered in cross section placement?





Edit Manning's n or k Values

River: BlackCrk ✂ 📄 📁 ☒ Edit Interpolated XS's

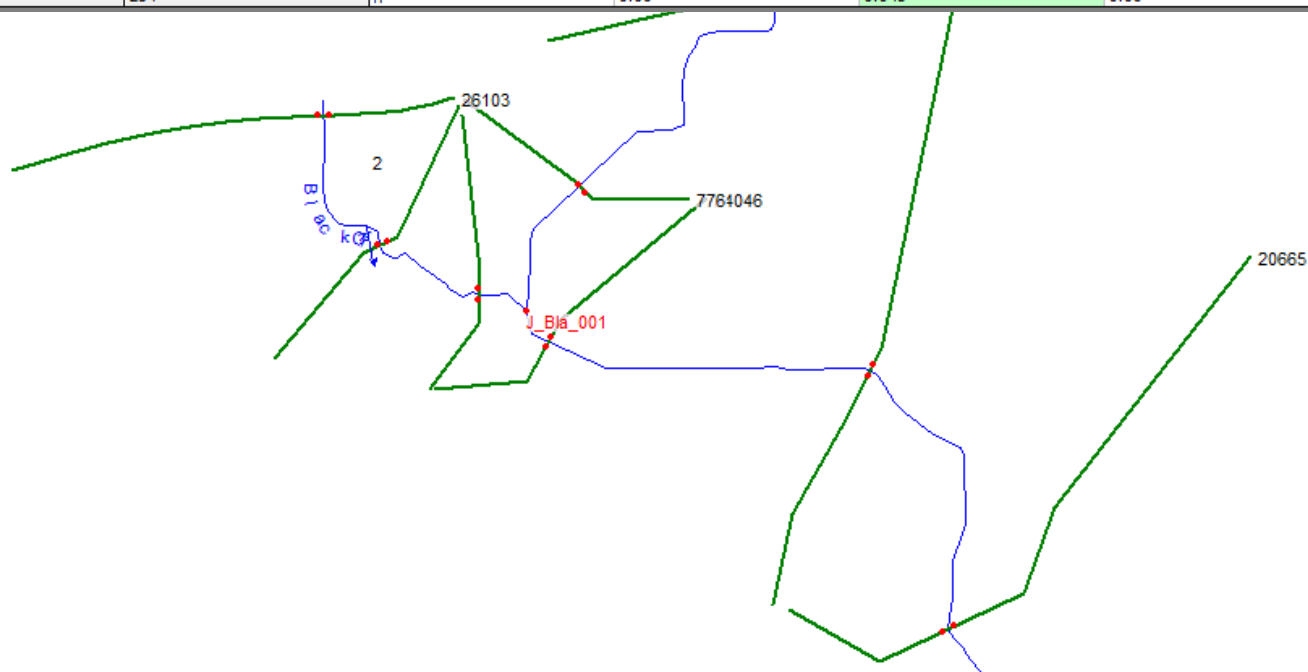
Reach: (All Reaches) All Regions

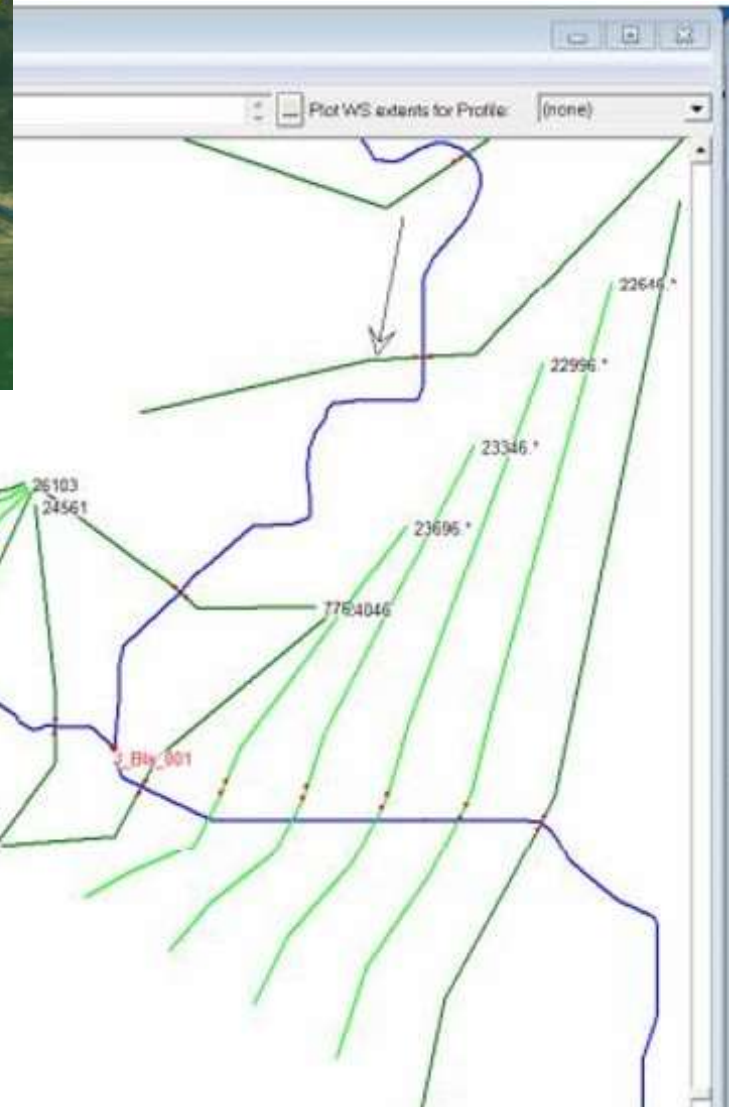
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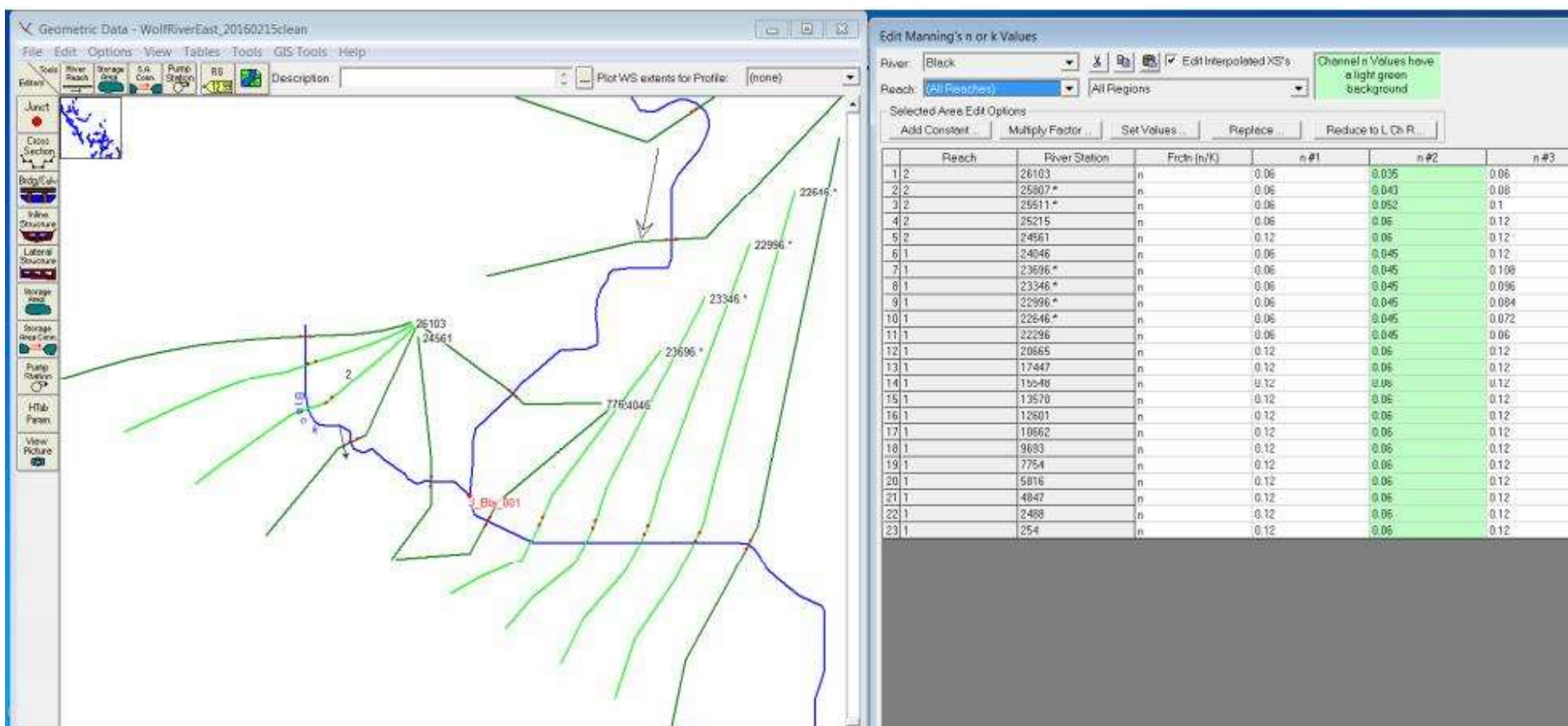
Selected Area Edit Options

Add Constant ... Multiply Factor ... Set Values ... Replace ... Reduce to L Ch R ...

	Reach	River Station	Frctn (n/K)	n #1	n #2	n #3
1	2	26103	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
2	2	25215	n	0.06	0.045	0.15
3	2	24561	n	0.06	0.045	0.15
4	1	24046	n	0.06	0.045	0.15
5	1	22296	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
6	1	20665	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
7	1	17447	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
8	1	15548	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
9	1	13570	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
10	1	12601	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
11	1	10662	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
12	1	9693	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
13	1	7754	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
14	1	5816	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
15	1	4847	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
16	1	2488	n	0.06	0.045	0.06
17	1	254	n	0.06	0.045	0.06







Conclusion – **Be Better Than Average**

- Learned How to Improve Better Than Average
 1. Time of Concentration – Add Additional Segments Per Slope Conditions
 2. Manning's Roughness Coefficients – Insert necessary additional Cross Section Placement

Thanks for your attention

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