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## Preface

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Delete all but the first paragraph and add the following:

The Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture has adopted FP-03 for construction of National Forest System Roads.

## 101 - Terms, Format, and Definitions

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### 101.01 Meaning of Terms

Delete all references to the TAR (Transportation Acquisition Regulations) in the specifications.

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### 101.03 Abbreviations.

Add the following to (a) Acronyms:

AFPA	American Forest and Paper Association
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NIST	<a href="#">National Institute of Standards and Technology</a>
NESC	National Electrical Safety Code
WCLIB	West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau

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Add the following to (b) SI symbols:

mp	Milepost
ppm	Part Per Million

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### 101.04 Definitions.

Delete the following definitions and substitute the following:

**Bid Schedule**--The Schedule of Items.

**Bridge**--No definition.

**Contractor**--The individual or legal entity contracting with the Government for performance of prescribed work. In a timber sale contract, the contractor is the “purchaser”.

**Culvert**--No definition.

**Right-of-Way**--A general term denoting (1) the privilege to pass over land in some particular line (including easement, lease, permit, or license to occupy, use, or traverse public or private

lands), or (2) Real property necessary for the project, including roadway, buffer areas, access, and drainage areas.

Add the following:

**Adjustment in Contract Price**--“Equitable adjustment,” as used in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, or “construction cost adjustment,” as used in the Timber Sale Contract, as applicable.

**Change**--“Change” means “change order” as used in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, or “design change” as used in the Timber Sale Contract.

**Design Quantity**--“Design quantity” is a Forest Service method of measurement from the FS-96 *Forest Service Specifications for the Construction of Roads and Bridges*. Under these FP specifications this term is replaced by the term “Contract Quantities”.

**Forest Service**--The United States of America, acting through the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Neat Line**--A line defining the proposed or specified limits of an excavation or structure.

**Pioneer Road**--Temporary construction access built along the route of the project.

**Purchaser**--The individual, partnership, joint venture, or corporation contracting with the Government under the terms of a Timber Sale Contract and acting independently or through agents, employees, or subcontractors.

**Protected Streamcourse**--A drainage shown on the plans or timber sale area map that requires designated mitigation measures.

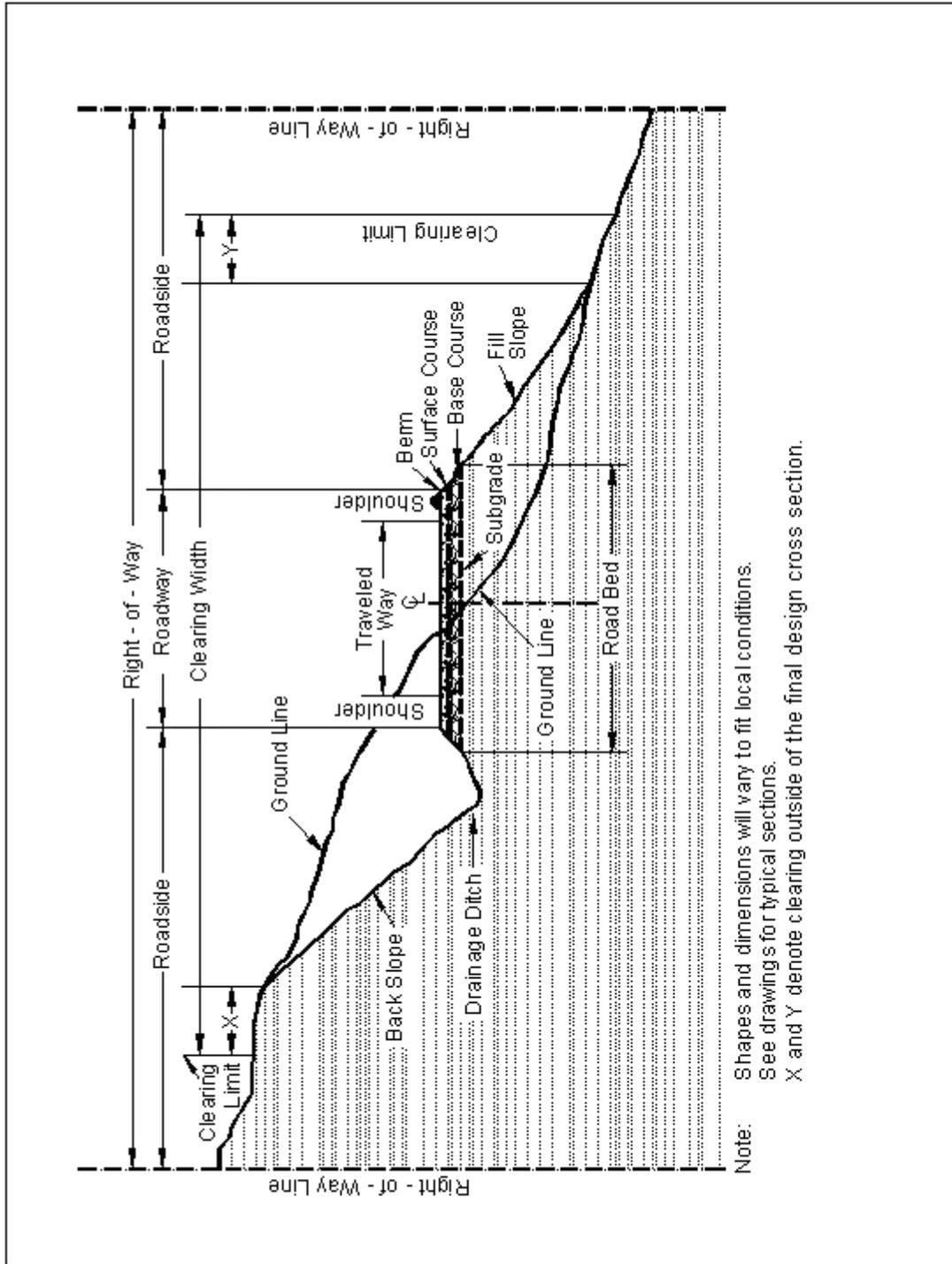
**Road Order**--An order affecting and controlling traffic on roads under Forest Service jurisdiction. Road Orders are issued by a designated Forest Officer under the authorities of 36 CFR, part 260.

**Schedule of Items**--A schedule in the contract that contains a listing and description of construction items, quantities, units of measure, unit price, and amount.

**Utilization Standards**--The minimum size and percent soundness of trees described in the specifications to determine merchantable timber.

Add Figure 101-1—Illustration of road structure terms:

Figure 101-1—Illustration of road structure terms.



## 102 - Bid, Award, and Execution of Contract

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### **102 Bid, Award, and Execution of Contract**

Delete Section 102 in its entirety.

## 103 - Scope of Work

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### **Deletions**

Delete all but subsection 103.01 Intent of Contract.

## 104 - Control of Work

104.00\_nat\_us\_06\_16\_2006

### **Deletions**

Delete Sections 104.01, 104.02, and 104.04.

104.06\_nat\_us\_02\_17\_2005

Add the following subsection:

### **104.06 Use of Roads by Contractor**

The Contractor is authorized to use roads under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service for all activities necessary to complete this contract, subject to the limitations and authorizations designated in the Road Order(s) or described in the contract, when such use will not damage the roads or national forest resources, and when traffic can be accommodated safely.

## 105 - Control of Material

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### **105.02 Material Sources.**

#### **105.02(a) Government-provided sources.**

Add the following:

Comply with the requirements of 30 CFR 56, subparts B and H. Use all suitable material for aggregate regardless of size unless otherwise designated. When required, re-establish vegetation in disturbed areas according to section 625.

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#### **105.05 Use of Material Found in the Work.**

Delete 105.05 (a) and (b) and the last sentence of the second paragraph and substitute the following:

Materials produced or processed from Government lands in excess of the quantities required for performance of this contract are the property of the Government. The Government is not obligated to make reimbursement for the cost of producing these materials.

## 106 - Acceptance of Work

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### **106.07 Delete**

Delete subsection 106.07.

## 107 - Legal Relations and Responsibility to the Public

107.05\_nat\_us\_05\_11\_2004

### **107.05 Responsibility for Damage Claims.**

Delete the entire subsection.

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### **107.06 Contractor's Responsibility for Work.**

Delete the following from the first paragraph.

“except as provided in Subsection 106.07”.

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### **107.09 Legal Relationship of the Parties.**

Delete the entire subsection.

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### **107.10 Environmental Protection.**

Add the following:

Design and locate equipment repair shops, stationary refueling sites, or other facilities to minimize the potential and impacts of hazardous material spills on Government land.

Before beginning any work, submit a Hazardous Spill Plan. List actions to be taken in the event of a spill. Incorporate preventive measures to be taken, such as the location of mobile refueling facilities, storage and handling of hazardous materials, and similar information. Immediately notify the CO of all hazardous material spills. Provide a written narrative report form no later than 24 hours after the initial report and include the following:

- Description of the item spilled (including identity, quantity, manifest number, and other identifying information).
- Whether amount spilled is EPA or state reportable, and if so whether it was reported, and to whom.
- Exact time and location of spill including a description of the area involved.
- Containment procedures.
- Summary of any communications the Contractor had with news media, Federal, state and local regulatory agencies and officials, or Forest Service officials.
- Description of clean-up procedures employed or to be employed at the site including final disposition and disposal location of spill residue.

When available provide copies of all spill related clean up and closure documentation and correspondence from regulatory agencies.

The Contractor is solely responsible for all spills or leaks that occur during the performance of this contract. Clean up spills or leaks to the satisfaction of the CO and in a manner that complies with Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

## 108 - Prosecution and Progress

108.00\_nat\_us\_02\_16\_2005

### **108 Delete.**

Delete Section 108 in its entirety.

## 109 - Measurement and Payment

109.00\_nat\_us\_02\_17\_2005

### 109 Deletions

Delete the following entire subsections:

**109.06 Pricing of Adjustments.**

**109.07 Eliminated Work.**

**109.08 Progress Payments.**

**109.09 Final Payment.**

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### 109.02 Measurement Terms and Definitions.

**(b) Contract quantity.**

Add the following:

Contract quantities will be adjusted only when there are errors in the original design of 15% or more.

Change the following:

“(b) Cubic yard” to “(c) Cubic yard”.

Add the following definition:

**(p) Thousand Board Feet (Mbf).** 1,000 board feet based on nominal widths, thickness, and extreme usable length of each piece of lumber or timber actually incorporated in the job. For glued laminated timber, 1,000 board feet based on actual width, thickness, and length of each piece actually incorporated in the job.

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### 109.02 Measurement Terms and Definitions.

Add the following definition:

**(q) Actual quantity. (AQ)** These quantities are determined from measurements of completed work.

## 151 - Mobilization

151.00\_01\_us\_10\_11\_2006

Delete Section 151 in its entirety and replace with the following.

### **Description**

**151.01** This work consists of moving personnel, equipment, material, and incidentals to the project and performing all work necessary before beginning work at the project site; obtaining of permits, insurance, and bonds. This work also includes washing and treating construction equipment and vehicles necessary for equipment transport to remove seeds, plants, and plant fragments before the equipment is used on Forest Service lands, according to the requirements within.

### **Construction Requirements**

Wash the sides, tops, and undercarriages of all construction equipment. Remove all seeds, plants, plant fragments, dirt, and debris from the construction equipment. Only equipment inspected by the Forest Service will be allowed to operate within the project area. All subsequent move-ins of equipment to the project area will be treated in the same manner as the initial move-in. This requirement does not apply to cars, pickup trucks, and other vehicles that regularly travel between the construction site and areas off the National Forest.

Equipment will be considered free of soil, seed, and other such debris when a visual inspection does not disclose such material. Disassembly of equipment, components or the need for specialized inspection tools is not required.

Notify the CO in writing at least 72 hours before moving any construction equipment onto the national forest. Notification will include an agreed upon location where the equipment will be available for inspection by the Forest Service. Inspection will be required after every cleaning.

Use methods of cleaning and locations for cleaning approved by the CO.

For work at a commercial washing facility, use an approved facility.

New infestations of noxious weeds of concern to Forest Service and identified by either Contractor or Forest Service, in the Project Area or on the haul route, will be promptly reported to the other party. Contractor and Forest Service will agree on treatment methods to reduce or stop the spread of noxious weeds when new infestations are found. A current list of noxious weeds of concern to Forest Service is available at each Forest Service office.

### **Measurement**

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**151.02**\_Clean equipment prior to moving onto this project. The initial cleaning will not be included in the measurement for payment. Payment for cleaning will only be made if subsequent cleanings are ordered by the CO. Measurement shall be on an “each” basis, meaning one complete cleaning of all equipment required for this contract. Subsequent cleanings necessitated by the Contractor’s actions but not directed by the CO will not be included in the measurement for payment.

Measure mobilization according to Subsection 109.02.

### **Payment**

151.03\_The accepted quantity, measured as provided in Subsection 109.02, will be paid at the contract price per unit of measurement for the Section 151 pay item shown in the bid schedule. Payment will be full compensation for the work prescribed in this Section. See Subsection 109.05.

Progress payments for mobilization lump sum will be paid as follows:

- (a) If applicable, bond premiums will be reimbursed according to FAR Clause 52.232-5 Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, after receipt of the evidence of payment.
- (b) When 5 percent of the original contract amount is earned from other bid items, 50 percent of the mobilization item, or 5 percent of the original contract amount, whichever is less, will be paid.
- (c) When 10 percent of the original contract amount is earned from other bid items, 100 percent of the mobilization item, or 10 percent of the original contract amount, whichever is less, will be paid.
- (d) Any portion of the mobilization item in excess of 10 percent of the original contract amount will be paid after final acceptance.

Include all costs associated with the initial cleaning of equipment in the unit bid price for Mobilization. Cleaning for subsequent move-ins will not be paid for unless after a suspension ordered by the CO.

## 155 - Schedules for Construction Contracts

155.00\_nat\_us\_05\_11\_2004

### **155 Delete.**

Delete Section 155 in its entirety.

## 204 - Excavation and Embankment

204.00\_01\_us\_10\_11\_2006

Delete Section 204 in its entirety and replace with the following.

### Description

**204.01** This work consists of excavating material, constructing embankments and drainage excavation. This includes furnishing, hauling, stockpiling, placing, disposing, sloping, shaping, compacting, and finishing earthen and rocky material.

#### **204.02 Definitions.**

**(a) Excavation.** Excavation consists of the following:

**(1) Roadway excavation.** All material excavated from within the right-of-way or easement areas, except subexcavation covered in (2) below and structure excavation covered in Sections 208 and 209. Roadway excavation includes all material encountered regardless of its nature or characteristics.

**(2) Subexcavation.** Material excavated from below subgrade elevation in cut sections or from below the original groundline in embankment sections. Subexcavation does not include the work required by Subsections 204.05, 204.06(b), and 204.06(c).

**(3) Borrow excavation.** Material used for embankment construction that is obtained from outside the roadway prism. Borrow excavation includes unclassified borrow, select borrow, and select topping.

**(b) Embankment construction.** Embankment construction consists of placing and compacting roadway or borrow excavation. This work includes:

- (1)** Preparing foundation for embankment;
- (2)** Constructing roadway embankments;
- (3)** Benching for side-hill embankments;
- (4)** Constructing dikes, ramps, mounds, and berms; and
- (5)** Backfilling subexcavated areas, holes, pits, and other depressions.

**(c) Conserved topsoil.** Excavated material conserved from the roadway excavation and embankment foundation areas that is suitable for growth of grass, cover crops, or native vegetation.

**(d) Waste.** Excess and unsuitable roadway excavation and subexcavation that cannot be used.

## Material

**204.03** Conform to the following Subsections:

Backfill material	704.03
Select borrow	704.07
Select topping	704.08
Topping	704.05
Unclassified borrow	704.06
Water	725.01

## Construction Requirements

**204.04 Preparation for Roadway Excavation and Embankment Construction.** Clear the area of vegetation and obstructions according to Sections 201 and 203.

**204.05 Reserved.**

**204.06 Roadway Excavation.** Excavate as follows:

(a) **General.** Do not disturb material and vegetation outside the construction limits.

Incorporate only suitable material into embankments. Replace any shortage of suitable material caused by premature disposal of roadway excavation

At the end of each day's operations, shape to drain and compact the work area to a uniform cross-section. Eliminate all ruts and low spots that could hold water.

Retrieve material deposited outside of the clearing limits as directed by the CO.

(b) **Rock cuts.** Blast rock according to Section 205. Excavate rock cuts to 6 inches below subgrade within the roadbed limits. Backfill to subgrade with topping or with other suitable material. Compact the material according to Subsection 204.11 When blasting rock, use blasting methods according to Subsection 205.08.

(c) **Earth cuts.** Scarify earth cuts to 6 inches below subgrade within the roadbed limits. Compact the scarified material according to Subsection 204.11.

(d) **Pioneer Roads.** Road pioneering, slash disposal, and grubbing of stumps may proceed concurrently with excavation. Conduct excavation and placement operations so material to be treated under Section 201 will not be incorporated into the roadway unless specified in the slash treatment method. Maintain drainage during pioneering operations.

Remove snow and ice in advance of the work and deposit beyond the roadway limits in a manner that will not waste material or generate sediment. Do not incorporate snow and ice into embankments. Place snow or ice in a manner to prevent resource damage.

(e) **Drainage Excavation.** Drainage excavation includes construction of all ditches, minor channel changes, drainage dips, catchbasins, surface water deflectors, and other minor drainage structures. Compact by Method (f) unless otherwise shown on the plans. Excavate on a uniform grade between control points.

**204.07 Subexcavation.** Excavate material to the limits as designated. Take cross-sections according to Section 152. Prevent unsuitable material from becoming mixed with the backfill. Dispose of unsuitable material according to Subsection 204.14. Backfill the subexcavation with topping, or other suitable material. Compact the material according to Subsection 204.11.

**204.08 Borrow Excavation.** Use all suitable roadway excavation in embankment construction. Do not use borrow excavation when it results in excess roadway excavation. Deduct excess borrow excavation from the appropriate borrow excavation quantity.

Obtain borrow source acceptance according to Subsection 105.02. Develop and restore borrow sources according to Subsection 105.03. Do not excavate beyond the established limits. When applicable, shape the borrow source to permit accurate measurements when excavation is complete.

**204.09 Preparing Foundation for Embankment Construction.** Prepare foundation for embankment construction as follows:

(a) **Embankment less than 4 feet high over natural ground.** Unless otherwise designated by the CO, remove topsoil. Break up the ground surface to a minimum depth of 6 inches by plowing or scarifying. Compact the ground surface according to Subsection 204.11.

(b) **Embankments over an existing asphalt, concrete, or gravel road surface.** Scarify gravel roads to a minimum depth of 6 inches. Scarify or pulverize asphalt and concrete roads to 6 inches below the pavement. Reduce all particles to a maximum size of 6 inches and produce a uniform material. Compact the surface according to Subsection 204.11.

(c) **Embankment across ground not capable of supporting equipment.** Dump successive loads of embankment material in a uniformly distributed layer to construct the lower portion of the embankment. Limit the layer thickness to the minimum depth necessary to support the equipment.

(d) **Embankment on an existing slope steeper than 1V:3H.** Cut horizontal benches in the existing slope to a sufficient width to accommodate placement and compaction operations and equipment. Bench the slope as the embankment is placed and compacted in layers. Begin each bench at the intersection of the original ground and the vertical cut of the previous bench.

**204.10 Embankment Construction.** Incorporate only suitable roadway excavation material into the embankment. When the supply of suitable roadway excavation is exhausted, furnish unclassified borrow to complete the embankment. Obtain written approval before beginning construction of embankments over 6 feet high at subgrade centerline. Construct embankments as follows:

(a) **General.** At the end of each day's operations, shape to drain and compact the embankment surface to a uniform cross-section. Eliminate all ruts and low spots that could hold water.

During all stages of construction, route and distribute hauling and leveling equipment over the width and length of each layer of material.

Compact embankment side slopes flatter than 1V:1.75H with a tamping type roller or by walking with a dozer. For slopes 1V:1.75H or steeper, compact the slopes as construction of the embankment progresses.

Where placing embankment on one side of abutments, wing walls, piers, or culvert headwalls, compact the material using methods that prevent excessive pressure against the structure.

Where placing embankment material on both sides of a concrete wall or box structure, conduct operations so compacted embankment material is at the same elevation on both sides of the structure.

Where structural pilings are placed in embankment locations, limit the maximum particle size to 4 inches.

**(b) Embankment within the roadway prism.** Place embankment material in horizontal layers not exceeding 12 inches in compacted thickness. Incorporate oversize boulders or rock fragments into the 12-inch layers by reducing them in size or placing them individually as required by (c) below. Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11 before placing the next layer.

Material composed predominately of boulders or rock fragments too large for 12-inch layers may be placed in layers up to 24 inches thick. Incorporate oversize boulders or rock fragments into the 24-inch layer by reducing them in size or placing them individually according to (c) below. Place sufficient earth and smaller rocks to fill the voids. Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11 before placing the next layer.

**(c) Individual rock fragments and boulders.** Place individual rock fragments and boulders greater than 24 inches in diameter as follows:

- (1) Reduce rock to less than 48 inches in the largest dimension.
- (2) Distribute rock within the embankment to prevent nesting.
- (3) Place layers of embankment material around each rock to a depth not greater than that permitted by (b) above. Fill all the voids between rocks.
- (4) Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11 before placing the next layer.

**(d) Embankment outside of roadway prism.** Where placing embankment outside the staked roadway prism, place material in horizontal layers not exceeding 24 inches in compacted thickness. Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11.

**204.11 Compaction.** Compact the embankment using one of the following methods as specified:

**(a) Compaction A.** Use AASHTO T 27 to determine the amount of material retained on a Number 4 sieve. If there is more than 80 percent retained on the No. 4 sieve use procedure (1). If there is 50 to 80 percent retained on the No. 4 sieve use procedure (2). If there is less than 50 percent retained on the No. 4 sieve use procedure (3).

- (1) Adjust the moisture content to a level suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Use compression-type rollers at speeds less than 6 feet per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet per

second. Compact each layer of material full width with one of the following and until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation.

(a) Four roller passes of a vibratory roller having a minimum dynamic force of 40,000 pounds impact per vibration and a minimum frequency of 1000 vibrations per minute.

(b) Eight roller passes of a 20-ton compression-type roller.

(c) Eight roller passes of a vibratory roller having a minimum dynamic force of 30,000 pounds impact per vibration and a minimum frequency of 1000 vibrations per minute.

Increase the compactive effort for layers deeper than 12 inches as follows:

- For each additional 6 inches or fraction thereof, increase the number of roller passes in (a) above by four passes.
- For each additional 6 inches or fraction thereof, increase the number of roller passes in (b) and (c) above, by eight passes.

(2) Use AASHTO T 99 to determine the optimum moisture content of the portion of the material passing a No. 4 sieve. Multiply this number by the percentage of material passing a No. 4 sieve, and add 2 percent to determine the optimum moisture content of the material. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-1 through A-5 to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-6 and A-7 to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content.

Use compression-type rollers at speeds less than 6 feet per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet per second. Compact each layer of material full width according to (1) above.

(3) Classify the material according to AASHTO M 145. For material classified A-1 or A-2-4, determine the maximum density according to AASHTO T 180, method D. For other material classifications, determine the optimum moisture content and maximum density according to AASHTO T 99, method C.

Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-1 through A-5 to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-6 and A-7 to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content.

Use compression-type or vibratory rollers. Compact each layer of material full width to at least 95 percent of the maximum density. Determine the in-place density and moisture content according to AASHTO T 310 or other approved test procedures. When required, use AASHTO T 224 to correct for coarse particles.

**(b) Compaction B.** Place material by end dumping to the minimum depth needed for operation of spreading equipment. Adjust the moisture content of the material to obtain a mass that will not visibly deflect under the load of the hauling and spreading equipment. Operate compaction equipment over the full width of each layer until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation or, if when a sheepsfoot roller is used, the roller “walks out” of the layer. Make at least three complete passes.

(c) **Compaction C.** Place material by end dumping to the minimum depth needed for operation of spreading equipment. Level and smooth each embankment layer before placing the next layers. Operate hauling and spreading equipment uniformly over the full width of each layer. Construct a solid embankment with adequate compaction by working smaller rock and fines in with the larger rocks to fill the voids, and by operating hauling and spreading equipment uniformly over the full width of each layer as the embankment is constructed.

(d) **Compaction D.** Hauling and Spreading Equipment. Adjust the moisture content to a level suitable for compaction. Compact the material by operating equipment over the full width of the roadway.

(e) **Compaction E.** Roller Compaction. Adjust the moisture content to a level suitable for compaction. Operate Rollers over the full width of each layer until visual displacement ceases, but not fewer than three complete passes. Use rollers that meet the following requirements:

(1) Steel wheeled rollers, other than vibratory, capable of exerting a force of not less than 250 pounds per inch of width of the compression roll or rolls.

(2) Vibratory steel wheeled rollers equipped with amplitude and frequency controls with a minimum weight of 6 tons, specifically designed to compact the material on which it is used.

(3) Pneumatic-tired rollers with smooth tread tires of equal size that will provide a uniform compacting pressure for the full width of the roller and capable of exerting a ground pressure of at least 80 psi.

(4) Sheepsfoot, tamping, or grid rollers capable of exerting a force of 250 lbs/inch of width of roller drum.

(f) **Compaction F.** Mechanical Tamper. Adjust the moisture content of the backfill material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact each 6 inch layer with a minimum of three complete passes with a mechanical tamper.

**204.12 Ditches.** Slope, grade, and shape ditches. Remove all projecting roots, stumps, rock, or similar matter. Maintain all ditches in an open condition and free from leaves, sticks, and other debris.

Form furrow ditches by plowing or using other acceptable methods to produce a continuous furrow. Place all excavated material on the downhill side so the bottom of the ditch is approximately 18 inches below the crest of the loose material. Clean the ditch using a hand shovel, ditcher, or other suitable method. Shape to provide drainage without overflow.

**204.13 Sloping, Shaping, and Finishing.** Complete slopes, ditches, culverts, riprap, and other underground minor structures before placing aggregate courses. Slope, shape, and finish as follows:

(a) **Sloping.** Leave all earth slopes with uniform roughened surfaces, except as described in (b) below, with no noticeable break as viewed from the road. Except in solid rock, round tops and bottoms of all slopes including the slopes of drainage ditches. Round material

overlaying solid rock to the extent practical. Scale all rock slopes. Slope rounding is not required on tolerance class D through M roads.

If a slide or slipout occurs on a cut or embankment slope, remove or replace the material, and repair or restore all damage to the work. Bench or key the slope to stabilize the slide. Reshape the cut or embankment slope to an acceptable condition.

**(b) Stepped slopes.** Where required by the contract, construct steps on slopes of 1½V:1H to 1V:2H. Construct the steps approximately 18 inches high. Blend the steps into natural ground at the end of the cut. If the slope contains nonrippable rock outcrops, blend steps into the rock. Remove loose material found in transitional area. Except for removing large rocks that may fall, scaling stepped slopes is not required.

**(c) Shaping.** Shape the subgrade to a smooth surface and to the cross-section required. Shape slopes to gradually transition into slope adjustments without noticeable breaks. At the ends of cuts and at intersections of cuts and embankments, adjust slopes in the horizontal and vertical planes to blend into each other or into the natural ground.

**(d) Finishing.** Finish the roadbed to be smooth and uniform, and shaped to conform to the typical sections. Remove unsuitable material from the roadbed and replace it with suitable material. Finish roadbeds to the tolerance class shown in table 204-2. Ensure that the subgrade is visibly moist during shaping and dressing. Scarify to 6 inches below the bottom of low sections, holes, cracks, or depressions and bring back to grade with suitable material. Maintain proper ditch drainage.

For surfaced roads, remove all material larger than 6 inches from the top 6 inches of the roadbed.

For unsurfaced roads, use one of the following methods to finish the roadbed:

**(1) Method A.** Remove all material larger than 6 inches from the top 6 inches of the roadbed and replace with suitable material.

**(2) Method B.** Use a vibratory grid roller or approved equal with a minimum weight of 10 tons. Roll at least 5 full-width passes or until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation.

**(3) Method C.** For roads designated as Construction Tolerance Class K, L, or M, finish the roadbed by spreading the excavation. Eliminate rock berms.

**204.14 Disposal of Unsuitable or Excess Material.** Dispose of unsuitable or excess material at designated sites or legally off of the project.

When there is a pay item for waste, shape and compact the waste material in its final location. Do not mix clearing or other material not subject to payment with the waste material.

**204.15 Acceptance.** See Table 204-1 for sampling and testing requirements.

Material for embankment and conserved topsoil will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04.

Excavation and embankment construction will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04.

Clearing and removal of obstructions will be evaluated under Sections 201 and 203.

## Measurement

**204.16** Measure the Section 204 items listed in the bid schedule according to Subsection 109.02 and the following as applicable.

**(a) Roadway excavation.** Measure roadway excavation in its original position as follows:

**(1)** Include the following volumes in roadway excavation:

- (a)* Roadway prism excavation;
- (b)* Rock material excavated and removed from below subgrade in cut sections;
- (c)* Unsuitable material below subgrade and unsuitable material beneath embankment areas when a pay item for subexcavation is not shown in the bid schedule;
- (d)* Ditches, except furrow ditches measured under a separate bid item;
- (e)* Topsoil;
- (f)* Borrow material used in the work when a pay item for borrow is not shown in the bid schedule;
- (g)* Loose scattered rocks removed and placed as required within the roadway;
- (h)* Conserved material taken from stockpiles and used in Section 204 work; and
- (i)* Slide and slipout material not attributable to the Contractor's method of operation.

**(2)** Do not include the following in roadway excavation:

- (a)* Overburden and other spoil material from borrow sources;
- (b)* Overbreakage from the backslope in rock excavation;
- (c)* Water or other liquid material;
- (d)* Material used for purposes other than required;
- (e)* Roadbed material scarified in place and not removed;
- (f)* Material excavated when stepping cut slopes;
- (g)* Material excavated when rounding cut slopes;
- (h)* Preparing foundations for embankment construction;
- (i)* Material excavated when benching for embankments;
- (j)* Slide or slipout material attributable to the Contractor's method of operation;
- (k)* Conserved material taken from stockpiles constructed at the option of the Contractor; and
- (l)* Material excavated outside the established slope limits.

**(3)** When both roadway excavation and embankment construction pay items are shown in the bid schedule, measure the following as roadway excavation only:

(a) Unsuitable material below subgrade in cuts and unsuitable material beneath embankment areas when a pay item for subexcavation is not shown in the bid schedule;

(b) Slide and slipout material not attributable to the Contractor's method of operations; and

(c) Drainage ditches, channel changes, and diversion ditches.

**(b) Unclassified borrow, select borrow, and select topping.** When measuring by the cubic yard measure in its original position. If borrow excavation is measured by the cubic yard in place, take initial cross-sections of the ground surface after stripping overburden. Upon completion of excavation and after the borrow source waste material is returned to the source, retake cross-sections before replacing the overburden.

Do not measure borrow excavation used in place of excess roadway excavation.

**(c) Embankment construction.** Measure embankment construction in its final position. Do not make deductions from the embankment construction quantity for the volume of minor structures.

(1) Include the following volumes in embankment construction:

(a) Roadway embankments;

(b) Material used to backfill subexcavated areas, holes, pits, and other depressions;

(c) Material used to restore obliterated roadbeds to original contours; and

(d) Material used for dikes, ramps, mounds, and berms.

(2) Do not include the following in embankment construction:

(a) Preparing foundations for embankment construction;

(b) Adjustments for subsidence or settlement of the embankment or of the foundation on which the embankment is placed; and

(c) Material used to round fill slopes.

**(d) Rounding cut slopes.** Measure rounding cut slopes horizontally along the centerline of the roadway if a pay item for slope rounding is included in the bid schedule. If a pay item for slope rounding is not included in the bid schedule slope rounding will be considered subsidiary to excavation.

**(e) Waste.** Measure waste by the cubic yard in its final position. Take initial cross-sections of the ground surface after stripping overburden. Upon completion of the waste placement, retake cross-sections before replacing overburden.

**(f) Slope scaling.** Measure slope scaling by the cubic yard in the hauling vehicle.

## Payment

**204.17** The accepted quantities will be paid at the contract price per unit of measurement for the Section 204 pay items listed in the bid schedule. Payment will be full compensation for the work prescribed in this Section. See Subsection 109.05.

Table 204-1  
Sampling and Testing Requirements

Material or Product	Type of Acceptance (Subsection)	Characteristic	Category	Test Methods Specifications	Sampling Frequency	Point of Sampling	Split Sample	Reporting Time
Topping (704.05) & unclassified borrow (704.06)	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Classification	—	AASHTO M 145	1 per soil type	Processed material before incorporating in work	Yes, when requested	Before using in work
		Moisture-density	—	AASHTO T 180, method D <sup>(1)</sup> or T 99, method C <sup>(1)</sup>	1 per soil type but not less than 1 per 13,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	“	“	“
		Compaction	—	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 6000 yd <sup>2</sup> but not less than 1 per layer	In-place	—	Before placing next layer
Select borrow (704.07 & Select topping (704.08)	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Classification	—	AASHTO M 145	1 per soil type but not less than 1 for each day of production	Processed material before incorporating in work	Yes, when requested	Before using in work
		Gradation	—	AASHTO T 27 6-T 11	“	“	“	“
		Liquid limit	—	AASHTO T 89	“	“	“	“
		Moisture-density	—	AASHTO T 180, method D <sup>(1)</sup> or T 99, method C <sup>(1)</sup>	1 per soil type but not less than 1 per 13,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	“	“	“
Compaction	—	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	—	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 6000 yd <sup>2</sup> but not less than 1 per layer	In-place	—	Before placing next layer

(1) Minimum of 5 points per proctor

**Table 204-1 (continued)  
Sampling and Testing Requirements**

<b>Material or Product</b>	<b>Type of Acceptance (Subsection)</b>	<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Test Methods Specifications</b>	<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<b>Point of Sampling</b>	<b>Split Sample</b>	<b>Reporting Time</b>
Earth embankment (204.11, Compaction A)	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Classification	—	AASHTO M 145	1 per soil type	Source of Material	Yes, when requested	Before using in work
		Moisture-density	—	AASHTO T 180, method D <sup>(1)</sup> or T 99, method C <sup>(1)</sup>	1 per soil type but not less than 1 per 13,000 yd <sup>3</sup>	“	“	“
		Compaction	—	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 3500 yd <sup>2</sup> but not less than 1 per layer	In-place	—	Before placing next layer
Top of subgrade (204.11 Compaction A)	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Compaction	—	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 2500 yd <sup>2</sup>	In-place	—	Before placing next layer

(1) Minimum of 5 points per proctor.

**Table 204-2  
Construction Tolerances**

	Tolerance Class <sup>(a)</sup>												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Roadbed width (ft)	+0.5	+0.5	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0	+1.5	+1.0	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0
Subgrade elevation (ft)	±0.1	±0.2	±0.2	±0.5	±0.5	±1.0	±1.0	±1.5	±2.0	±3.0	±2.0	±3.0	(c)
Centerline alignment (ft)	±0.2	±0.2	±0.5	±0.5	±1.0	±1.0	±1.5	±1.5	±2.0	±3.0	±3.0	±5.0	(c)
Slopes, excavation, and embankment <small>(% slope (b))</small>	±3	±5	±5	±5	±5	±5	±10	±10	±10	±10	±20	±20	±20

(a) Maximum allowable deviation from construction stakes and drawings.

(b) Maximum allowable deviation from staked slope measured from slope stakes or hinge points.

(c) Unless otherwise shown the centerline alignment and subgrade elevation, as built, have no horizontal curves with a radius of less than 80 feet, and no vertical curves with a curve length of less than 80 feet when the algebraic difference in the grade change is less than 10 percent, or a curve length of less than 100 feet when the algebraic difference of

### **209.07 Dewatering**

Delete the subsection and add the following:

Submit a Dewatering Plan 5 days prior to beginning excavation.

Construct diversion prior to performing any excavation. Construct diversions using water tight, non-eroding methods. Employ settling basins or other methods so that muddy water is not returned to stream. Install, operate, and remove diversions in a manner that minimizes erosion and sedimentation.

### **209.10 Backfill.**

#### **(a) General.**

Add the following:

Replace any pipe that is distorted by more than 5 percent of nominal dimensions, or that is ruptured or broken.

Do not place or backfill pipe that meets any of the following conditions until the excavation and foundation have been approved in writing by the CO:

- Embankment height greater than 6 feet at subgrade centerline.
- Installation in a protected streamcourse.
- Round pipe with a diameter of 48 inches or greater.
- Pipe arches with a span of 50 inches or greater.
- Any box culvert of structure other than pipe culverts.

#### **(b) Pipe Culverts.**

##### **(1) Pipe culverts with compacted backfill.**

Add the following:

On each side of the pipe, excavate an area at least as wide as the diameter of the pipe. Backfill without damaging or displacing the pipe. Complete backfilling of the trench with suitable material.

### **209.11 Compacting.**

Delete the subsection and add the following:

Compact backfill using designated compaction method A, B, C, or D:

**Method A.** Ensure that backfill density exceeds the density of the surrounding embankment.

**Method B.** Adjust the moisture content of the backfill material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact each layer 6 inch layer with a minimum of three complete passes or until visual displacement ceases using a mechanical tamper, (wacker-packer type or approved equal). For compaction under sections 252, 254, 255, 257, 258 and 262 compact with a vibratory steel wheeled roller with a mass of at least 8 tons.

**Method C.** Compact each layer of backfill with a minimum of two passes with mechanical tamper, (wacker-packer type, or approved equal).

**Method D.** Determine optimum moisture content and maximum density according to AASHTO T 99 method C. Adjust the moisture content of the backfill material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact material placed in all layers to at least 95 percent of the maximum density. Determine the in place density and moisture content according to AASHTO T 310 or other approved test procedures.

### **209.12 Acceptance.**

#### **Sampling and Testing Requirements**

Add the following:

Compaction methods (A),(B), and (C) do not require AASHTO T-99 or T-310 test methods for foundation fill.

### **209.13 See Subsection 109.05**

Delete the first sentence and replace with the following:

Do not measure structure excavation, bedding, and backfill for payment.

## 303 - Road Reconditioning

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Delete Section 303 in its entirety and replace with the following.

### Description

**303.01** This work consists of reconditioning ditches, shoulders, roadbeds, parking areas, turnouts, approach road intersections, cattleguards, asphalt surfaces and aggregate surfaces. Construct outslopes, clean and maintain all roadbed drainage structures when shown on the plans.

### Material

**303.02** Conform to the following Subsection:

Water 725.01

### Construction Requirements

**303.03 Ditch Reconditioning.** Remove all slide material, sediment, vegetation, and other debris from the existing ditches and culvert inlets and outlets. Reshape ditches and culvert inlets and outlets to achieve positive drainage and a uniform ditch width, depth, and grade. Dispose of waste as shown on the plans.

**303.04 Shoulder Reconditioning.** Repair soft and unstable areas according to Subsection 204.07. Remove all slide material, vegetation, and other debris from existing shoulders including shoulders of parking areas, turnouts, and other widened areas. Dispose of waste as shown on the plans.

**303.05 Roadbed Reconditioning** Repair soft and unstable areas according to Subsection 204.07. Remove all organic, deleterious material larger than 6 inches from the top 6 inches of subgrade. Dispose of waste as shown on the plans. Scarify, rip and shape the traveled way and shoulders at locations and to the depth and width designated on the plans. Remove surface irregularities and shape to provide a uniform surface.

Dispose of rock larger than 4 inches brought to the surface during scarification in areas designated on the plans.

For portions of roads not requiring scarification, the roadbed may contain rocks larger than 4 inches provided they do not extend above the finished roadbed surface. Reduce in place or remove rock extending above the finished roadbed surface. Dispose of removed rock in areas designated on the plans.

Compact using the following method as specified:

- (a) Compaction A. Operate equipment over the full width.
  
- (b) Compaction B. Operate rollers over the full width of each layer until visual displacement ceases, but not fewer than three complete passes. Use rollers that meet the following requirements:
  - (1) Steel wheeled rollers, other than vibratory, capable of exerting a force of not less than 250 pounds per inch of width of the compression roll or rolls.
  
  - (2) Vibratory steel wheeled rollers equipped with amplitude and frequency controls with a minimum weight of 6 tons, specifically designed to compact the material on which it is used.
  
  - (3) Pneumatic-tired rollers with smooth tread tires of equal size that will provide a uniform compacting pressure for the full width of the roller and capable of exerting a ground pressure of at least 80 psi.

**303.06 Aggregate Surface Reconditioning.** Repair soft and unstable areas to the full depth of the aggregate surface and according to Subsection 204.07. Scarify to the depth of the aggregate surface or to a depth of 8 inches, whichever is less, and remove surface irregularities. Reshape, finish, and compact the entire aggregate surface according to Section 308.

**303.07 Roadway Reconditioning.** Perform all the applicable work described in Subsections 303.03 through 303.06.

Maintain the existing cross slope or crown unless otherwise shown on the plans. Establish a blading pattern that will retain the surfacing on the roadbed and provide a through mixing of the materials within the completed surface width.

Blade and shape the subgrade for both surfaced and unsurfaced roads when moisture content is suitable for compaction.

**303.08 Pulverizing.** Scarify the surface to the designated depth and width. Pulverize all material to a size one and one half times the maximum sized aggregate or to 1½ inches, whichever is greater. Mix, spread, compact, and finish the material according to Section 301.

**303.09 Acceptance.** See Table 303-1 for sampling and testing requirements. Road reconditioning work will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04.

### **Measurement**

**303.10** Measure the Section 303 items listed in the Schedule of Items according to Subsection 109.02 and the following as applicable.

Measure ditch reconditioning and shoulder reconditioning by the mile, by the station or foot horizontally along the centerline of the roadway for each side of the roadway.

Measure roadbed reconditioning, aggregate surface reconditioning, roadway reconditioning, and pulverizing by the mile, by the station, or by the square yard.

## **Payment**

**303.11** The accepted quantities will be paid at the contract price per unit of measurement for the Section 303 pay items listed in the bid schedule. Payment will be full compensation for the work prescribed in this Section. See Subsection 109.05.

## 308 - Minor Crushed Aggregate

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Delete section 308 in its entirety and replace with the following:

### Description

**308.01** This work consists of placing Government furnished aggregate or furnishing and placing crushed aggregate for bedding, backfill and roadway aggregate course.

### Material

**308.02** Conform to the following Subsections:

Crushed aggregate	703.06
Water	725.01

### Construction Requirements

**308.03 Preparing Surface.** Prepare the roadway surface on which aggregate course is placed as shown on the plans.

**308.04 Placing Crushed Aggregate.**

(a) Roadway aggregate. Mix the aggregate and adjust the moisture content to obtain a uniform mixture with a moisture content suitable for compaction. Spread and shape the mixture on the prepared surface in a uniform layer.

Do not place the mixture in a layer exceeding 6 inches in compacted thickness. When more than one layer is necessary, compact each layer according to Subsection 308.05(a) before placing the next layer.

(b) Bedding and backfill aggregate. Place and shape the mixture in layers that, when compacted, do not exceed 6 inches in depth.

**308.05 Compacting and Finishing Crushed Aggregate.**

(a) **Roadway aggregate.** Compact using the methods below, specified in the Schedule of Items.

(1) Method 1. Operate equipment over the full width of spread aggregate.

(2) Method 2. Compact the aggregate by operating compaction equipment over the total width until visible deformation ceases. A minimum of three complete roller passes shall be made at a moisture content suitable for compaction.

**(b) Bedding and backfill aggregate.** Compact in 6 inch lifts by using a Forest Service approved mechanical compactor until no visible deformation is observed over the entire area of aggregate.

**308.06 Acceptance.** Crushed aggregate will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.03. Furnish a production certification including gradation and quality properties for each source.

Construction of roadway aggregate courses will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04. Method 2 compaction will be evaluated under Section 106.04.

Placement of bedding and backfill aggregate will be evaluated under Subsection 106.02 and Section 209.

Preparation of the surfaces on which crushed aggregate is placed will be evaluated under Section 303 and 209 as applicable.

### **Measurement**

**308.07** Measure the Section 308 items listed in the bid schedule according to Subsection 109.02 and the following as applicable.

Measure crushed aggregate by the cubic yard in-place on the road.

Measure width horizontally to include the top of aggregate width including designed widenings. Measure the length horizontally along the centerline of the roadway.

### **Payment**

**308.08** The accepted quantities will be paid at the contract price per unit of measurement for the Section 308 pay item listed in the bid schedule. Payment will be full compensation for the work prescribed in this Section. See Subsection 109.05.

## 602 - Culverts and Drains

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### 602.03 General

Add the following:

Clean and paint damaged coating caused by welding, field cutting, or handling in accordance with AASHTO M 36M and ASTM A 849.

### 602.05 Laying Metal Pipe

Add the following:

Install helically corrugated lock-seam pipe with the seam at the inlet end placed below the horizontal centerline. This, requirement also applies to the outlet end, when less than 5 feet below subgrade.

## 607 - Cleaning, Reconditioning, and Repairing Existing Drainage Structures

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### **607.04 Cleaning Culverts in Place.**

Add the following:

If approved by the CO, all or part of the pipe designated to be cleaned in-place may be removed, cleaned, and re-laid in accordance with Section 602. In these cases, furnish all material required to replace damaged pipe and joints and relay the pipe.

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### **607.06 Reconditioning Drainage Structures.**

Add the following:

Repair all culverts designated to be cut by removal of the damaged sections and furnish all material required to replace damaged pipe and joints.

## 625 - Turf Establishment

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### 625.03 General.

Delete the first sentence and add the following:

Apply turf establishment to portions of slopes, ditches, waste areas, and other disturbed areas within 14 days after being constructed to template lines unless otherwise specified in writing by the CO.

### 625.04 Preparing Seedbed.

Delete the second sentence of the first paragraph.

Delete the third paragraph.

### 625.05 Watering

Delete the entire paragraph.

### 625.06 Fertilizing.

Delete the entire subsection and add the following.

Apply fertilizer having a chemical analysis as listed in (c) below by the following methods. Apply seed and fertilizer in one application.

- (a) **Dry Method.** Apply the fertilizer with approved power driven seeders, drills, fertilizer spreaders or other mechanical equipment. Hand operated methods are satisfactory on areas inaccessible to mechanical equipment.
- (b) **Hydraulic method.** Use hydraulic-type equipment capable of providing a uniform application using water as the carrying agent. Add fertilizer to the slurry and mix before adding seed.
- (c) **Chemical analysis.** Apply fertilizer at the rate of 240 pounds per acre. Apply fertilizer having the following chemical analysis.

Nutrient	Percent
Nitrogen, N	<u>27</u>
Phosphorus, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	<u>10</u>
Potassium, K	<u>10</u>

Fertilizer having a different chemical analysis may be used if approved in advance by the CO.

### 625.07 Seeding.

Delete the first sentence and add the following.

Apply seed mix shown in (c) below by the following methods.

#### (a) Dry method.

Delete the third sentence.

Add the following after subsection (b).

(c) **Seed Mix.** In terms of pure live seed, furnish and apply the following kinds and amounts of seed. Obtain the pounds of seed to furnish per acre by dividing the pounds of pure live seed required per acre by the product of the percent purity and percent germination.

Example:  $\frac{5 \text{ lbs Pure Live Seed/Acre}}{0.90 \times 0.85} = 6.55 \text{ lbs Commercial Seed/Acre}$

0.90 X 0.85 (Purity = 90% and Germination = 85%)

<u>Kind of Seed</u> <u>Common Name (Scientific Name)</u>	<u>Quantity of Pure Live Seed</u> <u>(Lbs/Acre)</u>
1. Blue wildrye (Elymus glaucus)	8
2. Bluebunch wheat grass (Pseudoroegneria spicata)	4
3. Slender Wheatgrass (Elymus trachycaulus)	4
4. Mountain Brome (Bromus marginatus)	4
5. Cover Crop of Annual Rye (Lolium multiflorum)	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

### 625.08 Mulching.

#### (b) Hydraulic method.

Delete the first sentence and add the following.

Apply mulch in a separate application from the seed or in a single application with the seed using hydraulic-type equipment according to Subsection 625.07(b).

**625.09 Protecting and Caring for Seeded Areas.**

Delete the first sentence and add the following.

Protect and care for seeded areas until final acceptance.

**625.11 Measurement**

Delete the second paragraph and add the following.

Measure seeding, fertilizing, and mulching by the acre on the ground surface or by lump sum.

## 718 - Traffic Signing and Marking Material

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### **718.05 Aluminum Panels**

Delete the third paragraph and replace with the following:

Clean, degrease and properly prepare the panels according to methods recommended by the sheeting manufacturer. Conversion coatings will conform to ASTM B-921 or ASTM B-449.