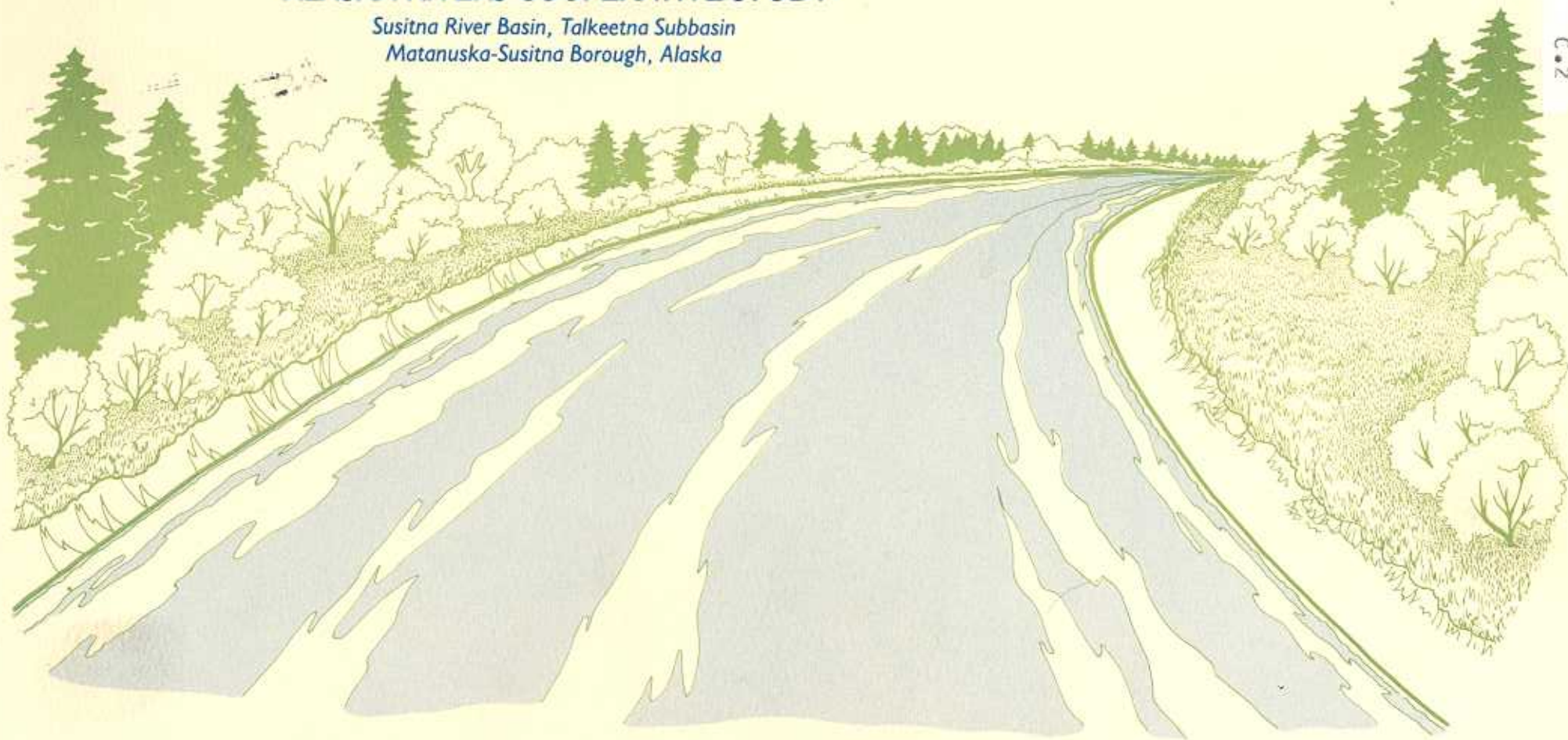


FLOOD HAZARD STUDY

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ALASKA RIVERS COOPERATIVE STUDY

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FOREWORD

The flood hazard information in this report will serve as a basis for local government and planning groups in formulating flood plain land use and management programs, adopting regulations, and providing the public with information concerning flood hazards along 196 Mile, Caswell, Sheep, Goose, Montana, Answer and Birch Creeks.

The peak discharge-frequency data in this report will serve as a basis for obtaining peak discharges by frequency for use in flood hazard, flood insurance and flood plain information studies within the boundaries of the Knik, Matanuska, Susitna and Beluga Rivers, where stream gage data is absent or insufficient to make reliable frequency analysis. When adequate stream gage data records are available they should be used to determine peak discharges. The attached frequency curves should be used with caution when the drainage area of interest exceeds 500 square miles or is located outside the boundaries described above.

The Soil Conservation Service implemented the technical phases of the study. The State of Alaska and Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska Soil Conservation District and Palmer, Wasilla, and Montana Subdistricts assisted in providing land use data, obtaining permission for field surveys, and made available materials to be used for the study. They will distribute the report and make interpretations of the study data so it may be used effectively in local flood plain management programs. The State of Alaska, Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the SCS encourage the immediate use of the flood hazard information in implementing these programs and upon request will assist in the interpretation and use of the data presented in the report.

The cooperation and assistance given by other federal, state and local agencies and property owners in the collection of data for this report are greatly appreciated.

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INTRODUCTION

Local Study Needs

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough requested the Soil Conservation Service, through the Alaska Soil Conservation District and Alaska Department of Natural Resources, to carry out flood studies of several streams which presently have development along the stream banks. The local government feels that rapid development will take place in the near future, along the Parks Highway, adjacent to these streams. Development will increase the potential flood damages to those properties in the flood plains. An immediate need exists to accurately define the existing flood hazard areas along existing travel routes. This report defines the areas subject to flooding so that adequate flood plain management programs can be implemented that will regulate land use and development in flood prone areas. Such management programs will reduce potential flood damage, assure wise land use, and preserve and enhance the communities' physical environment.

Development of flood plain reports requires that peak discharge-frequency analysis be developed in sufficient detail that reliable peak discharges by frequency can be determined for each watershed area to be studied. The peak-frequency analysis includes all of the streams that drain into the Cook Inlet north of the Anchorage bowl around to and including McArthur River.

This report will include the 196 Mile, Caswell, Sheep, Goose, Montana, Answer and Birch Creeks. The details of work items involved in this analysis and authorities for USDA and State of Alaska agency participation are set forth in the Alaska Rivers Cooperative Study Plan of Work for the Willow and Talkeetna Subbasins dated February 1979.

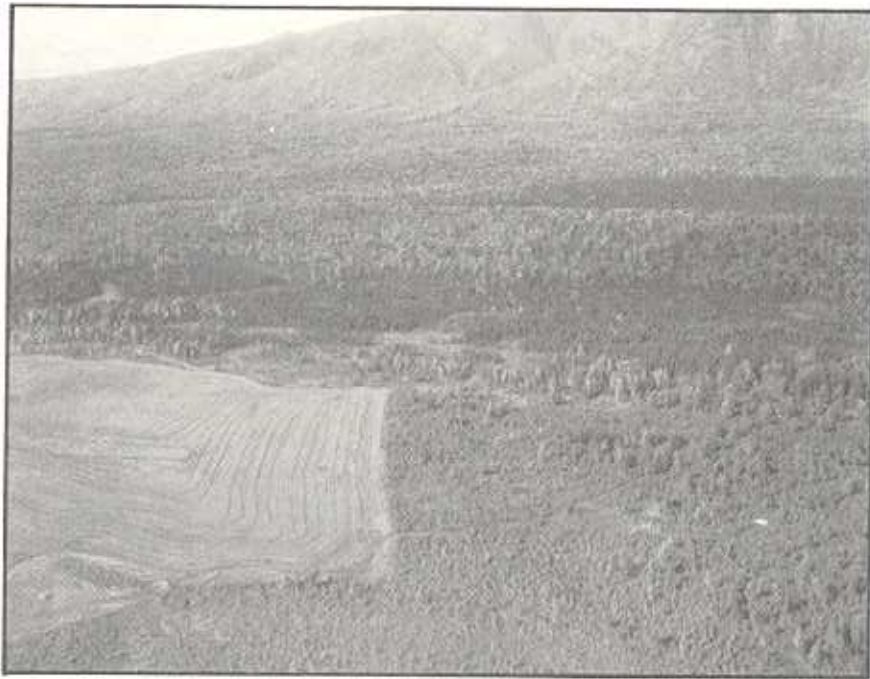
The U.S. Corps of Engineers has published a Flood Plain Information Report on a portion of the Talkeetna River which is within the Talkeetna Subbasin.

DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY AREA

The flood hazard report concerns the area of the Talkeetna Subbasin bounded by Little Willow-196 Mile Creek drainage divide on the south, Matanuska River Basin boundary on the east, the most southerly boundary of the Talkeetna River drainage on the north and the Susitna River on the west. The Soil Conservation Service is developing a detailed flood hazard study on the Kashwitna River, which is within this study area. The study area, for flood hazard concerns, encompasses about 424 square miles, excluding Kashwitna River drainage. The southern boundary of the area is about 90 miles by the road and 45 miles by air north of Anchorage. The area is within the USGS hydrologic unit number 19050002. This number designates the Cook Inlet subregion of the Southcentral Alaska Region. Figure 1 shows the location of the area and delineates watershed boundaries of the area covered by the flood hazard report.



Source: SCS
Timber in lowlands with Talkeetna Mountains in background. Looking upstream at Kashwitna River Bridge.



Source: SCS

Typical lowland vegetation. Thick forest type with intermittent wet boggy areas.

Elevations range from about 142 feet to about 6,700 feet above sea level. The area generally slopes to the west. The streams drain into the Susitna River. Sheep, Goose, and Montana Creeks head in the Talkeetna Mountains which are steep and rough. The remainder of the area is nearly level to undulating; low hills with irregular slopes are prominent; poorly drained bogs and other wetlands are common. The head waters of 196 Mile, Caswell, Answer, and Birch Creek are in this type of area.

Below timberline, about 2,000 feet above mean sea level elevation, on the better drained soils paper birch-white spruce stands are the predominant vegetation. Black spruce is predominant on the poorly drained soils associated with numerous sphagnum bogs. Cottonwood, alder and willow



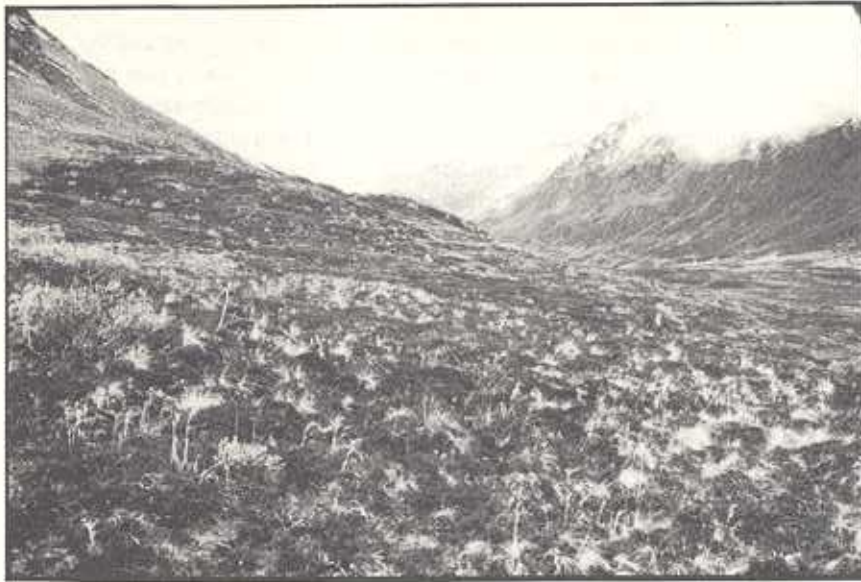
Source: SCS

Typical vegetation along stream banks is Birch, Alder, Willows, Cottonwood, and Spruce. Timber is common along the streams in the area inundated by the less frequent peak discharges.

are common in the flood plains adjacent to the streams. Vegetation above timberline, 2000 feet to 6700 feet elevation, is predominately of the tundra type.

Stream channel slopes range from about 6 feet per mile in the lower reaches to about 100 feet per mile in the mountains. Highway 3 (Parks Highway) and the Alaskan Railroad, running north and south, cross most of the streams in the study area.

The climate of the area is influenced by marine conditions in the south and continental conditions in the east. The temperature range is from a minus 45 degrees F to plus 85 degrees F. The average daily maximum



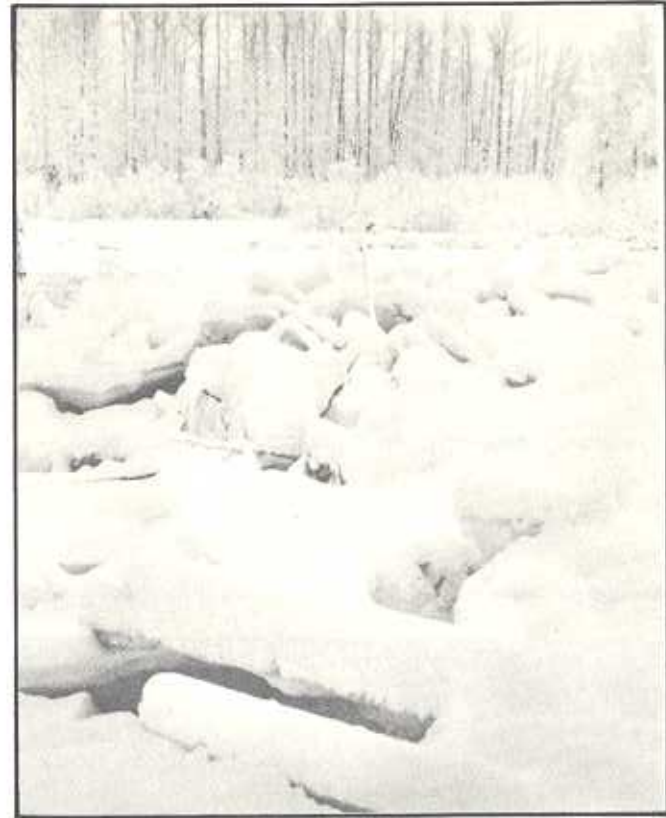
Source: Forest Science Lab

Typical tundra vegetation in the high mountainous areas. Thick spongy-like land cover.

temperature in the summer is in the upper 60's with low 60's being common. Temperatures of 32 degrees F or lower have been recorded during every month of the year. Average maximum winter temperatures range from about zero to the midteens. The freeze free period averages about 80 to 95 days. Average annual precipitation ranges from about 28 inches in the southwest to about 60 inches in the mountains. In the southwestern portion of the area, over half of the precipitation occurs from June 1 through the end of September.

FLOOD HISTORY

Development in the area is sparse and has taken place in recent years. Therefore, flood history is almost nonexistent.



Source: SCS

This ice jam on Montana Creek in December 1979 is an example of what can occur on these streams.

Channel obstruction is a factor which is significant in assessing flood damage. In December of 1979, ice jams and/or glaciation on Montana Creek caused some damages. Montana Creek Lodge was threatened several times during this period. Damages have occurred to railroad and highway bridges.



Culverts in 196-Mile Creek at Parks Highway crossing.

196-Mile, Caswell, and Birch Creeks

Flood water from storms the size of the 50-year event and greater produce velocities in excess of seven feet per second. Water flowing at these rates is capable of causing erosion to stream banks, flood plains and fill around highway and railroad structures. The rapidly rising and swiftly flowing flood water is a risk to human life and endangers private property.

Sheep Creek

The flood flow caused by a storm with a return interval equal to or greater than the 50-year event will overtop the Parks Highway at the bridge approaches. The bridge approaches were designed and installed so the bridge structures would not be damaged from flood flows which exceed the bridge capacity, therefore major damages would be limited to the highway surface and fill at both approaches to the bridge. There may be one cabin that would be within the 100-year high water line.



Source: SCS

Sheep Creek above Parks Highway bridge crossing.

Goose Creek

Peak discharges in excess of a five year frequency event will overtop the Parks Highway crossing. This would cause damage to the highway (a well traveled road) and possibly from the larger storms may endanger life and damage private property. The approaches to the culverts in the stream crossing are built to overflow before the flow capacity of the culverts is exceeded, therefore the culverts will not receive major damage. Flow velocities are in excess of seven feet per second which accelerates the rate of erosion around the highway and railroad structures, stream banks and the flood plain.

Montana Creek

The flow from the 500-year events exceed the capacity of the Alaska Railroad bridge across the channel of Montana Creek. The railroad is



Source: SCS

Parks Highway crossing over Goose Creek.

installed on a high earth fill structure. Overtopping the railroad fill will cause major damage to the railroad and bridge structure.

The flow capacity of the bridge at the Parks Highway crossing over the creek is exceeded by an event equal to or greater than the 50-year frequency event. Buildings are within the flood plain and will have water in the first flood level from flood discharges that are equal to or exceed the 50-year discharge. Stream velocity through the highway bridge structure is in excess of ten feet per second and is highly erosive to the stream banks, around the bridge structure and is a risk to human life.

Answer Creek

The peak discharge produced by a storm equal to or greater than the 50-year event will overtop the Alaska Railroad structure across Answer Creek. The stream velocity at the railroad and highway structure across the creek may be as high as twelve feet per second causing erosion around



Source: SCS

Lodge at Montana Creek adjacent to the Parks Highway and Montana Creek.

the structures, to the flood plain, stream banks, and is a threat to human life.

Birch Creek

The peak discharge produced by the 100-year frequency runoff event would cause velocities of about five feet per second at the highway culvert and would cause some damages to the highway fill and stream banks due to erosion.

Technical Data and Related Material

The technical data and related material needed for the intended uses of this study are provided as figures, exhibits and tables in this report.

Figures 2 through 15 are drawings of selected valley cross sections showing the flood elevations for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year present land use conditions.

Table I (Appendix A) is a tabulation of frequency-discharge-elevation data for present conditions at cross sections for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods. This table may provide greater convenience and efficiency when information is needed at specific locations. Table II (Appendix B) is a listing of descriptions and elevations for selected elevation reference marks established in the study area. Their locations are shown on the appropriate photomap indicated in the table. They may be used in establishing the relative locations of existing or planned buildings, roadways, etc., with the floodwater elevations.

Exhibit 1 of Appendix D provides the index for Exhibit 2, flood profile sheets. Exhibit 2 provides plotting of the water surface elevations for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year peak discharges along the streams. The zero station for each stream is at its confluence with the Susitna River. The stations increase in an upstream direction from these points. The profiles for each stream were started at the average water surface in the Susitna River, assuming that the peak discharge from each stream would be passed before the peak discharge from the Susitna River would reach the confluence of the streams studied. A straight line interpolation was used between each cross section. These profiles may be used for those purposes which require flood elevations between cross sections or which require the location of flood boundaries on the ground.

To locate a flood profile elevation on the ground, determine on the appropriate photomap the distance along the stream from the point in question to the nearest cross section. On the appropriate profile sheet, use the distance from the reference cross section to determine the stream distance on the profile of the point in question and read the elevation of the desired flood frequency line. Transfer this elevation to the ground from the nearest reference mark. Check the depth of flow from the profiles to be sure that your ground elevation allows for an adequate depth of flow. Adjust upward if needed to provide a safe elevation.

Exhibit 3 of Appendix E is a Photomap Index to determine the sheet number of the photomap desired.

The Flood Hazard Area Photomaps, Exhibit 4 of Appendix E, show the area inundated by the 100-year flood. The actual limits of the 100-year flood line on the ground may vary somewhat from that shown because of the stereoscopic interpolation and the interpolation from USGS quadrangles with 50 feet or 100 feet contour intervals. These photomaps

can be used to determine the location of points in question and their relationship to specific flood frequency as outlined above for Exhibit 2. They may also be used for flood plain management decisions or for purposes which require the approximate location of the 100-year flood plain.

Peak discharge-frequency analysis, Appendix F, Exhibit 5 through Exhibit 9, display envelopes of discharge-frequency curves ranging from the 50 percent (2-year frequency) of occurrence through the 0.2 percent chance (500-year frequency) of occurrence storms.

Three curves are shown on each exhibit. The high curve should be used for steep mountainous watersheds, median curve for streams that head in the steep mountains but the point of interest is downstream a distance of several miles from the steep mountainous influence, and the low curve for flat meandering streams and watersheds having many lakes and/or muskegs within the drainage area.

Exhibit 5 through Exhibit 9 can be useful for determination of a peak discharge for given storm frequencies on drainage areas with less than 500 square miles and/or without sufficient stream gage records to determine peak discharges with the necessary accuracy for use in studies such as flood insurance, flood hazard, flood information and design of bridges, culverts, etc. The following steps show how to use the curves.

1. Determine the drainage area.
2. Determine storm frequency or frequencies desired.
3. Determine which curve to use; high, medium or low, for the watershed conditions.
4. Enter appropriate Exhibit with drainage area in square miles.
5. Proceed vertically to the appropriate curve.
6. At right angles to the vertical, at the point of intersection, proceed horizontally to the left and read discharge in cubic feet per square mile.
7. Multiply cubic feet per square mile by drainage area in square miles to determine peak discharge for a given frequency.

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6. At right angles to the vertical, at the point of intersection, proceed horizontally to the left and read discharge in cubic feet per square mile.
7. Multiply cubic feet per square mile by drainage area in square miles to determine peak discharge for a given frequency.

This procedure should be repeated for all frequencies needed, 2-year, 10-year, 50-year, 100-year, and 500-year. The peak discharges can then be plotted on logarithmic normal graph paper to obtain the frequency curve.

These curves should be used with caution outside the described boundaries.

The basin data used for determining the flood hazard information and peak discharge-frequency analysis in the report is on file in the office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, 2221 East Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99504.

FUTURE FLOOD POTENTIAL

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a participant in the HUD Flood Insurance Program administered by the Flood Insurance Administration. This participation guarantees that federally subsidized flood insurance coverage is available to owners and occupiers of all buildings and mobile homes (including contents) within the subbasin.

As required by the HUD Program the Borough has adopted land use management regulations which:

1. Insure that all new construction is designed to minimize flood loss, and
2. Require that all new construction or substantial improvements to existing structures have the first floor (including basement) level at or above the 100-year flood elevation and that all utilities be flood proofed.

With flood plain management regulations in effect it is expected that future residential, commercial, and industrial flood plain development will be such that flood damages to these properties will not increase above present levels. This presupposes that flood plains will be identified and

used as a tool and a means for enforcing local ordinances and that the ordinances themselves are enforced. Should this fail to occur, damage potential will increase drastically with population growth.

Although the damage threat to occupied buildings is expected to be arrested, it is doubtful that the same will be true of highways and railroads. Transportation networks are often found in and adjacent to flood plain lands as a result of construction costs. Even when flood damage costs are added to construction, operation, and maintenance costs, it often remains less expensive to build on flat lowland areas than on more rugged upland terrain.

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

Regulatory measures presently adopted do not prevent flooding but, instead, reduce the threat of damage or loss of life from floods by discouraging development of homes and other buildings on flood plains. Without additional measures damage to existing property will continue and road and bridge related damages are likely to increase. As a means to minimize this situation the following alternatives are suggested.

I. For Existing Properties:

- a. Permanent measures built as an integral part of the structure, such as raising the elevation of the structure, water-proofing of basement and foundation walls, anchoring and reinforcing floors and walls, and use of water-resistant materials.
- b. Contingency measures which require action to be taken to make them effective, such as manually closed flood gates and removable bulkheads.
- c. Emergency measures carried out during floods according to prior emergency plans, such as sandbagging, pumping, and removal of contents to flood-free areas.

- d. Reclamation of flood plains which includes the permanent evacuation of developed areas subject to inundation and the acquisition of these lands by purchase or land trades, the removal of structure, and the relocation of the population from such areas.
- e. Use of flood watch or warning systems to provide advance notice of impending flood danger.
- f. Buildings and mobile homes within or adjacent to the delineated flood hazard areas in Appendix A of this report should carry flood insurance on the structure and its contents. Although this will not reduce existing damage potential, it will have the positive effect of spreading the flood hazard risk.

2. For Future Road and Bridge Construction

- a. When analyzing proposed alternative transportation routes, the costs of potential flood damage will continue to be investigated and included for use in the decision making process.
- b. Construction designs will continue to reflect sound engineering judgement with regards to flood hazard potential. This includes the analysis of soils, geology, hydrology and hydraulics, as well as adequacy of construction materials.

Recommendations

It is not the intent of this report to provide solutions to flood problems in the study area; however, it does furnish an information base for the adoption of an overall flood plain management program. Other management programs dealing with environmental values of flood plains may also benefit from this information. Following are recommendations which should be emphasized during development and implementation of this program.

- 1. Retain flood plain lands in Borough or State ownership with an appropriate safety buffer.
- 2. Adopt and/or enforce flood plain regulations in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program as a minimum. The regulations

should address such things as minimum floor elevations, floodways, greenbelt areas, adequate drainage facilities, building and housing codes, and sanitary codes with specific flood hazard provisions for all new construction.

- 3. Consider nonstructural measures for flood prevention such as flood plain acquisition, flood proofing, and flood forecasting and warning systems. Federal cost sharing for these measures may be available under Section 73(b) of Public Law 93-251. The realization of the need for a flood warning system is due to the projected rapid development of the flood plains that have occurred in the past decade and the high velocities in the streams. The National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issues frequent warnings of potential flood producing storms. Frequently the flood warnings are preceded by a "severe weather or flood watch."
- 4. Include in land development ordinance the provision for on-site runoff and sediment storage. A continuous maintenance program needs to be provided for these types of measures.
- 5. Owners of property subject to flood damage (including areas adjacent to the delineated flood hazard areas) should be encouraged to purchase flood insurance on their buildings, mobile homes, and their contents.
- 6. Develop a regular maintenance program to keep all hydraulic structure openings, approach channels, and outfall channels clear of sediment and debris.

INVESTIGATIONS AND ANALYSES

The hydraulic and hydrologic investigations followed procedures in the SCS publications National Engineering Handbook, Section 4, Hydrology (NEH-4) and Section 5, Hydraulics (NEH-5), and other technical references. Computer programs developed by the SCS were used for most of the analyses.

Field Surveys

Field surveys were completed in the summer of 1978 and 1979 for valley and road cross sections. Vertical control for surveys near roads and railroads was referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Control Datum of 1965-1968. Other valley cross section elevations were referenced to contours from the USGS quadrangles.

A few key cross sections were surveyed and others were made by use of the key cross sections, USGS quadrangles and use of high altitude photography.

Hydraulics

Elevation-discharge relationships were developed for all bridges, culverts, and valley sections utilizing the water surface profile computer program WSP2 outlined in SCS Technical Release No. 61. The hydraulic parameters of the channel and flood plain for the conditions existing prior to 1979 were input data for the WSP2 program. High water marks, stream gage records, and other historical flood data were used in checking the accuracy of the computer water surface profiles. One stream gage, on Montana Creek, is located in the study area. Records of this gage have been discontinued.

Hydrology

Peak-frequency (annual series) studies were made by the USGS for all of Alaska. The USGS published a regional analysis, "Flood Characteristics of Alaskan Streams," Water Resources Investigations 78-129, dated 1979, which presents regional equations for two areas in Alaska, Area I and Area II.

The study area is located in Area II. Peak-frequency curves were developed using the equation proposed by USGS and by use of the Log-Pearson Type III method. Peaks calculated by these two frequency methods for given storm frequencies were compared to one another to determine the adequacy of the regional equation for this study. From these comparisons it was determined that the regional equation lacked sufficient accuracy for this type of study.

Twenty-six stream gages within the Southcentral Region were then used to develop peak-frequency curves in an effort to obtain more reliable peaks for the study area.

Thirteen of these gage records were discarded because watershed characteristics and/or drainage areas were not representative of the study area and/or the time of stream gaging records was too short for adequate frequency analysis.

Eleven of the gage records, on streams within the Cook Inlet drainage, were used to make a final determination of peak-frequency curves to be used in this study area.

An envelope for high, medium, and low peak discharge curves, for the 2-year, 10-year, 50-year, 100-year and 500-year events were developed. (See Appendix E, Exhibit 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.) These curves and watershed characteristics such as watershed slope, channel length and slope, mean elevation, land cover and average annual precipitation, were used to develop a peak-frequency curve for each watershed at each cross section.

The peak discharge, for each area above each cross section, for the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year storm events were taken from these curves and used for channel flood routing on each stream, except Goose Creek, to determine water surface elevations and area inundated.

The peak discharge from Goose Creek is calculated by using a much larger drainage area than the area of Goose Creek drainage proper. During the time that field surveys were in progress it was discovered that a large portion of the flow from Sheep Creek was flowing into the Goose Creek channel.

Cross section surveys and on-site study proved that with very little obstruction most or all of the peak discharge from Sheep Creek could be diverted into Goose Creek; therefore it was decided that peak discharges for Goose Creek would have to be developed using the drainage area of Sheep Creek, above the point of diversion plus the drainage area for Goose Creek proper.

GLOSSARY

ANNUAL SERIES - A frequency series in which only the largest value in each year is used, such as the annual floods.

BACKWATER - The resulting high water due to a downstream obstruction or restriction or from high water elevations in an intersecting stream.

BM - Bench mark. See elevation reference mark.

CFS - Abbreviation for cubic feet per second. The rate of discharge or flow of water representing a volume of 1 cubic foot passing a given point during 1 second.

CHANNEL - A natural or artificially created open conduit that periodically or continuously conveys water. River, creek, stream, branch, and tributary are some of the terms used to describe channels.

CROSS SECTION (stream or valley) - The shape of a channel, stream, or valley viewed across the axis. In watershed investigations it is determined by a line approximately perpendicular to the main path of water flow, along which measurements of distance and elevation are taken to define the cross sectional area.

CSM - Abbreviation for cubic feet per second per square mile. (Rate of discharge per square mile of drainage area.)

DRAINAGE AREA - The area, measured in a horizontal plane, which drains into a stream at a specific location. See watershed.

ELEVATION REFERENCE MARK - A fixed reference, usually placed on or near the ground, giving the measurement in elevation of that point in relation to mean sea level. Bench mark is the common term used by surveyors.

FLOOD - An overflow or inundation of normal dry lands from a stream or other body of water; the high streamflow overtopping the banks of a stream; or a high flow as measured by either stage or discharge.

FLOOD HAZARD AREA PHOTOMAP - A photographic background map that indicates areas likely to be flooded by the 100-year frequency or the one percent chance flood (it has one chance in 100 of being equaled or exceeded in any given year) from an adjoining stream or water body.

FLOOD CREST - The maximum stage or elevation reached by the waters of a flood at a given location.

FLOOD FREQUENCY - The average interval of time between floods equal to or greater than a specified discharge or stage. It is generally expressed in years. Following are examples:

10-year flood or 10-year frequency flood. The flood which can be equaled or exceeded on an average once in 10 years; and which would have a 10 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

50-year flood ... two percent chance ... in any given year.

100-year flood ... one percent chance ... in any given year.

500-year flood ... two-tenths percent chance ... in any given year.

FLOOD HAZARD - A general term meaning the risk to life or damage to property from overflows of rivers or stream channels, extraordinary waves or tides occurring on lake or estuary shores; floodflows in intermittent or normally dry streams; floods on tributary streams; floods caused by accumulated debris or ice in rivers; or other similar events.

FLOOD PEAK OR PEAK DISCHARGE - The highest value of the stage or discharge attained by a flood, thus, peak stage or peak discharge.

FLOOD PLAIN OR FLOOD-PRONE AREA - The land area situated on either side of a channel or body of water which is subject to flooding.

FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT - The operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage,

including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and land use and control measures.

FLOOD PROFILES - A plot or graph defining the water surface elevation in relation to the distance along the stream during a particular flood.

FLOOD ROUTING - Determining the changes in a flood wave as it moves downstream through a valley or through a reservoir (then sometimes called reservoir routing). Graphic or numerical methods are used.

FREQUENCY-DISCHARGE-ELEVATION - The relationship of the flood frequency of discharges and the water elevations resulting from these discharges at a surveyed cross section or other point along a stream. This data may be shown as a plotted curve or in table form.

GREENBELT AREA - A strip of land kept in its natural or relatively undeveloped state or in agricultural use which is planned around the periphery of urban development or in the flood plain of a stream or body of water.

HEADWATER - (1) The source of a stream. (2) The water upstream from a structure or point on a stream.

LEFT FLOOD PLAIN - The flood plain on the left side of a river, stream, or watercourse, looking downstream.

MANNING'S "n" VALUE - A coefficient of roughness in Manning's flow equation for determining stream velocities.

RIGHT FLOOD PLAIN - The flood plain on the right side of a river, stream, or watercourse, looking downstream.

RUNOFF - That portion of the precipitation on a drainage area that is discharged from the area in stream channels. Types include surface runoff, groundwater runoff, or seepage.

SEDIMENT - Solid material, both mineral and organic, that is in suspension, and is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by air, water, gravity, or ice, and has come to rest on the earth's surface.

STREAM - Any natural channel or depression through which water flows either continuously, intermittently, or periodically, including modification of natural channel or depression.

STRUCTURE - Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a more or less permanent location on or in the ground. Includes but is not limited to bridges, buildings, canals, dams, ditches, diversions, irrigation systems, pumps, pipelines, railroads, roads, sewage disposal systems, underground conduits, water supply systems, and wells.

SUPERCritical FLOW - Those conditions of flow for which the depth is less than critical and the velocity is greater than critical. Critical flow is the term used to describe open channel flow when the discharge is maximum for a given specific energy head, or stated conversely, those which exist when the specific energy head is minimum for a given discharge.

TBM - Temporary bench mark. See elevation reference mark.

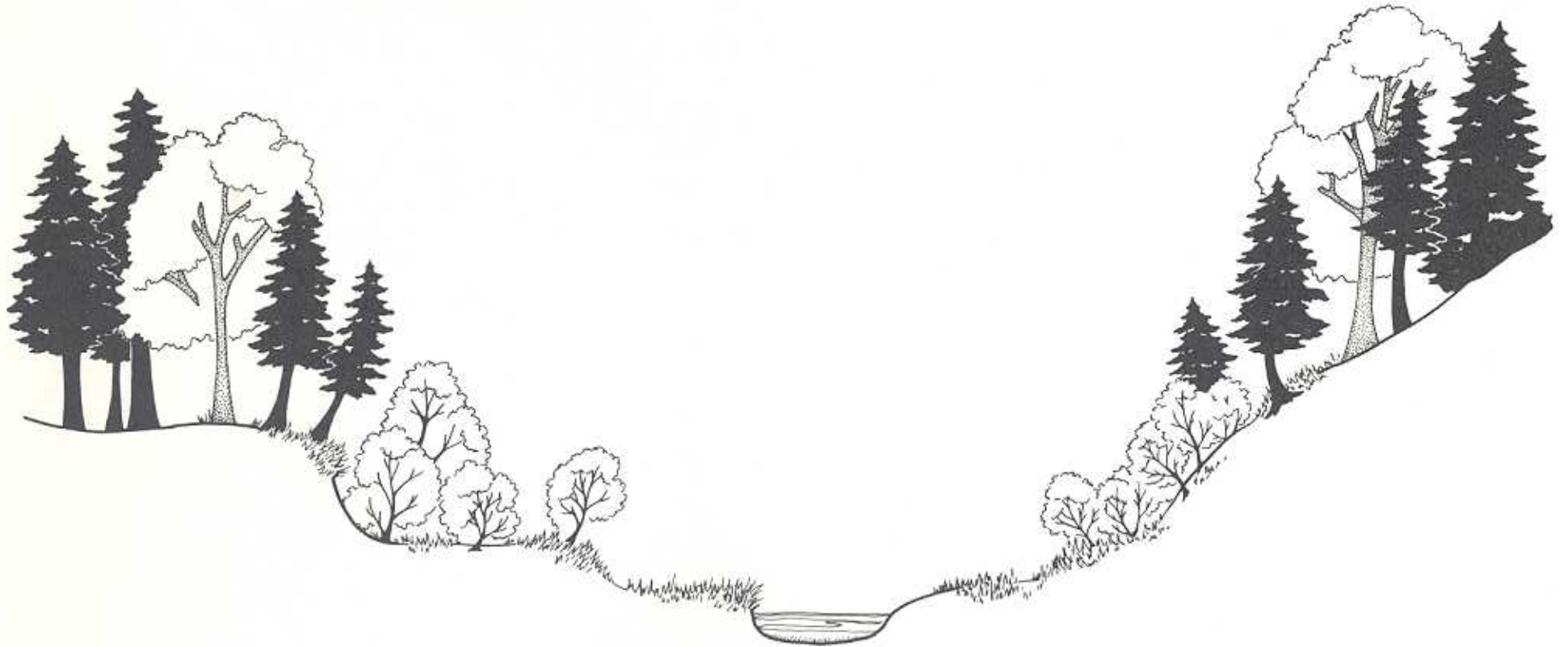
WATERSHED - The area contributing direct runoff to a stream. Usually it is assumed that base flow in the stream also comes from the same area. However, the groundwater watershed may be larger or smaller.

CONVERSION TABLE

Multiply inch-pound units	by	to obtain SI units
cubic feet per second (ft ³ /s)	0.0283	cubic meters per second (m ³ /s)
cubic feet per second per square mile [(ft ³ /s)/mi ²]	0.0109	cubic meters per second per square kilometer [(m ³ /s)/km ²]
square miles (mi ²)	2.589	square kilometers (km ²)
feet (ft)	0.3048	meters (m)
inches (in.)	2.540	centimeters (cm)
degrees Fahrenheit (°F)	5/9 (°F-32)	degrees Celsius (°C)

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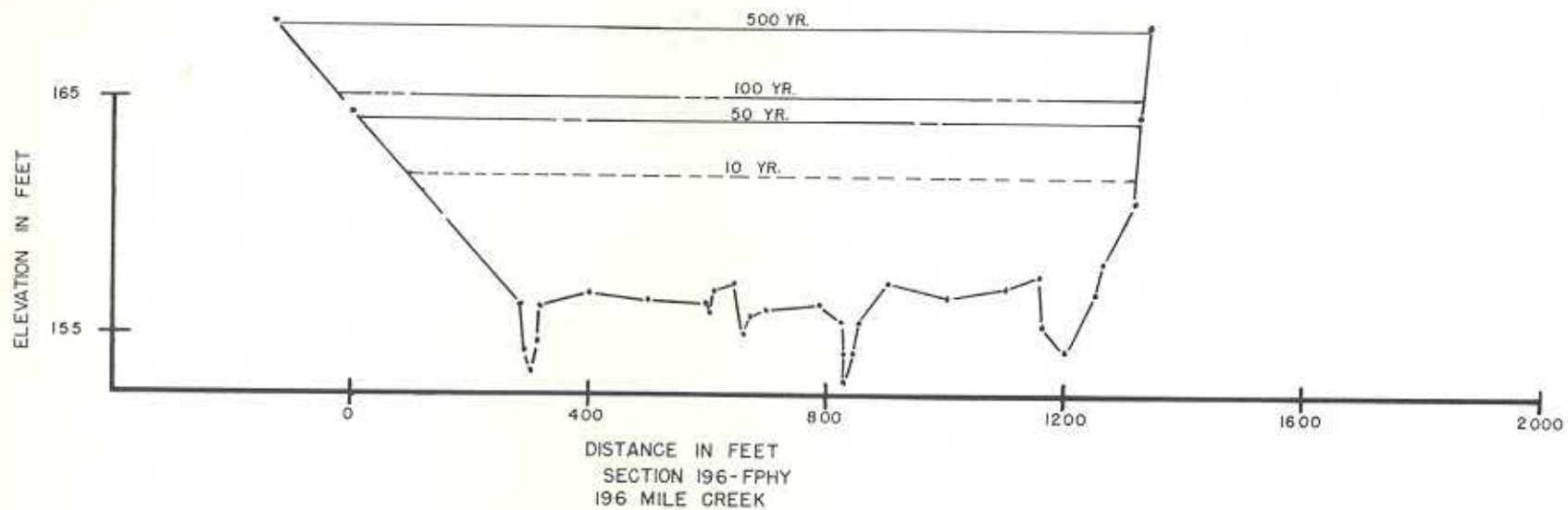
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Typical Valley Sections

Figures 2 through 15

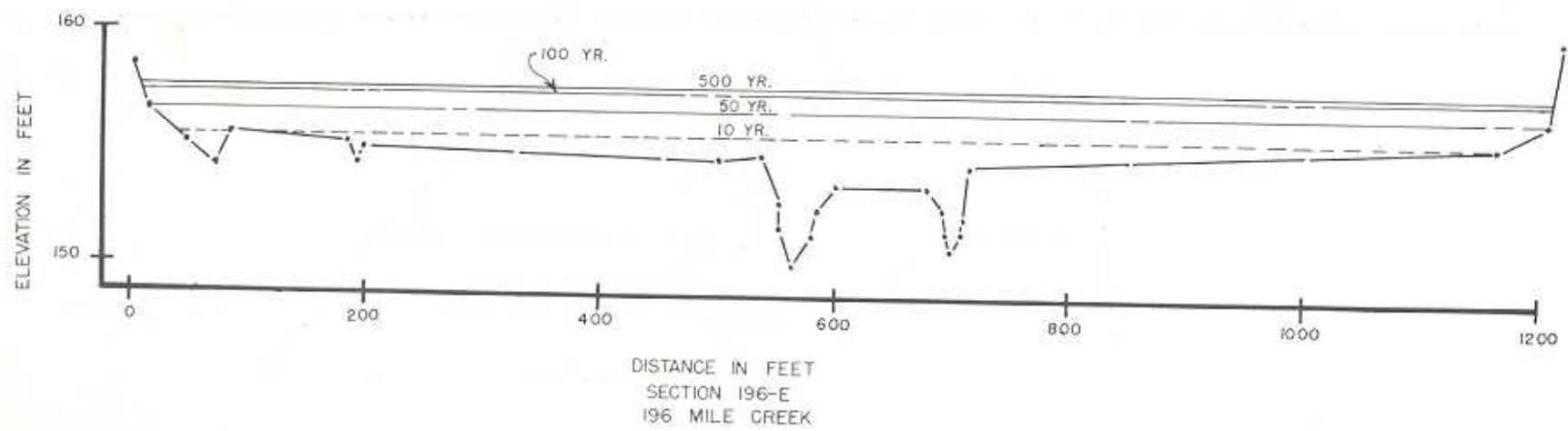
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FIGURE 2

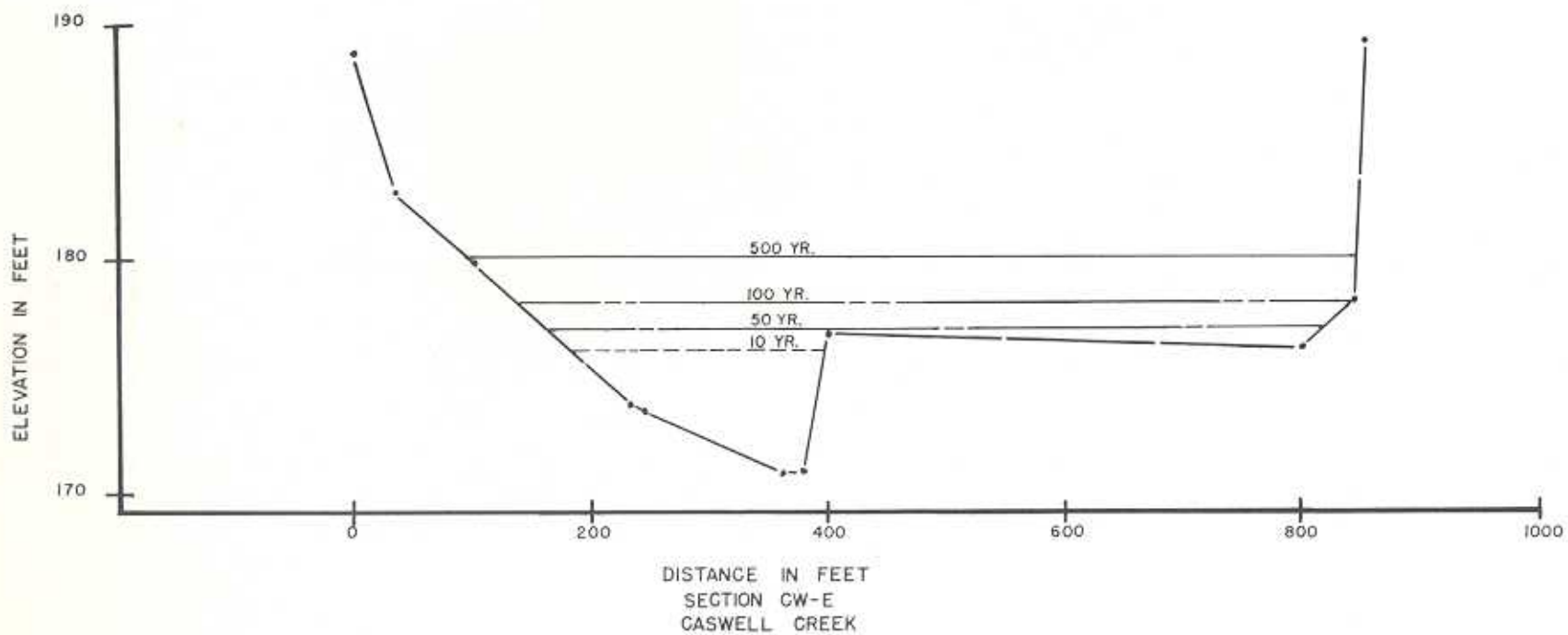
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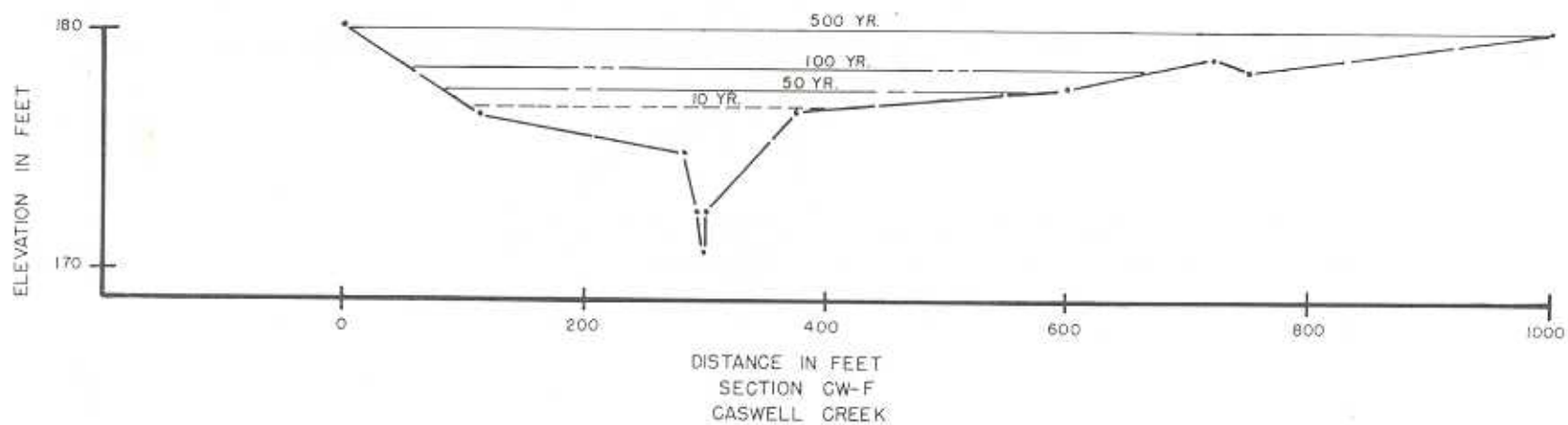
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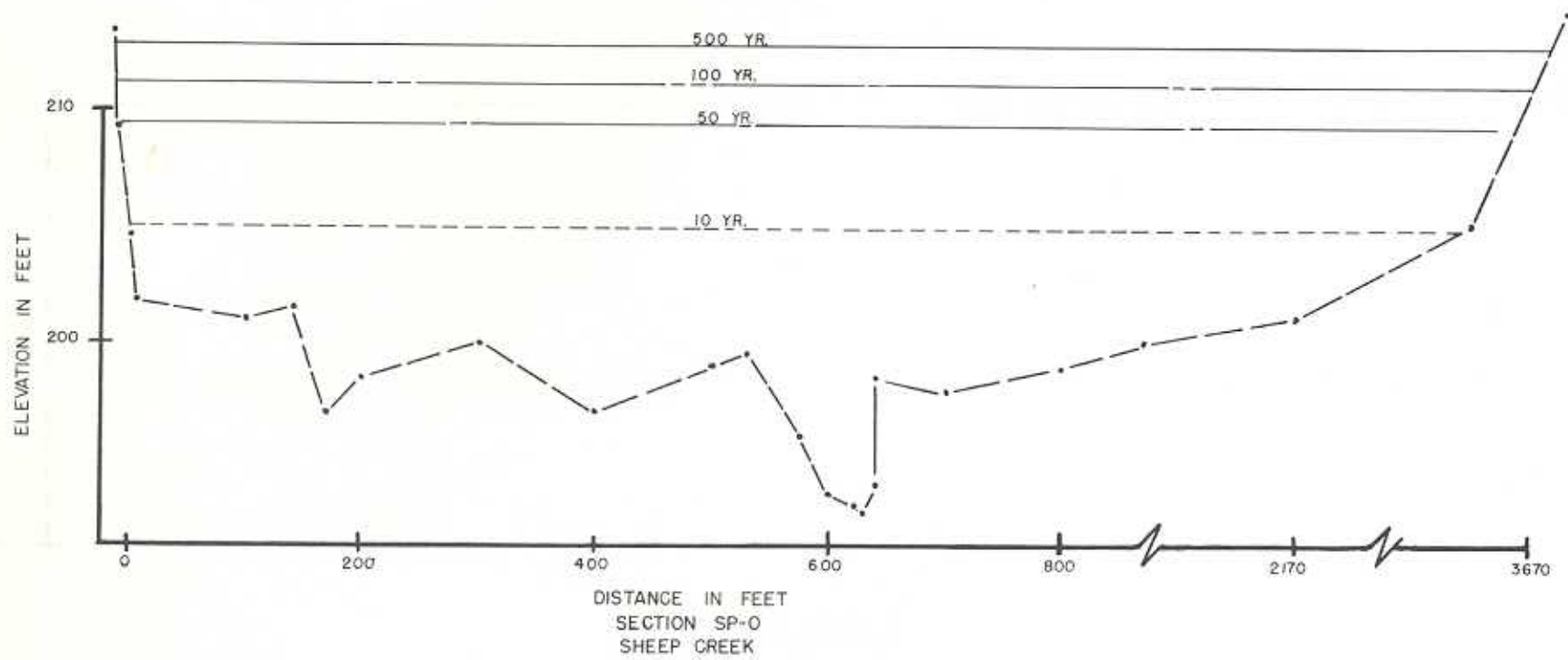
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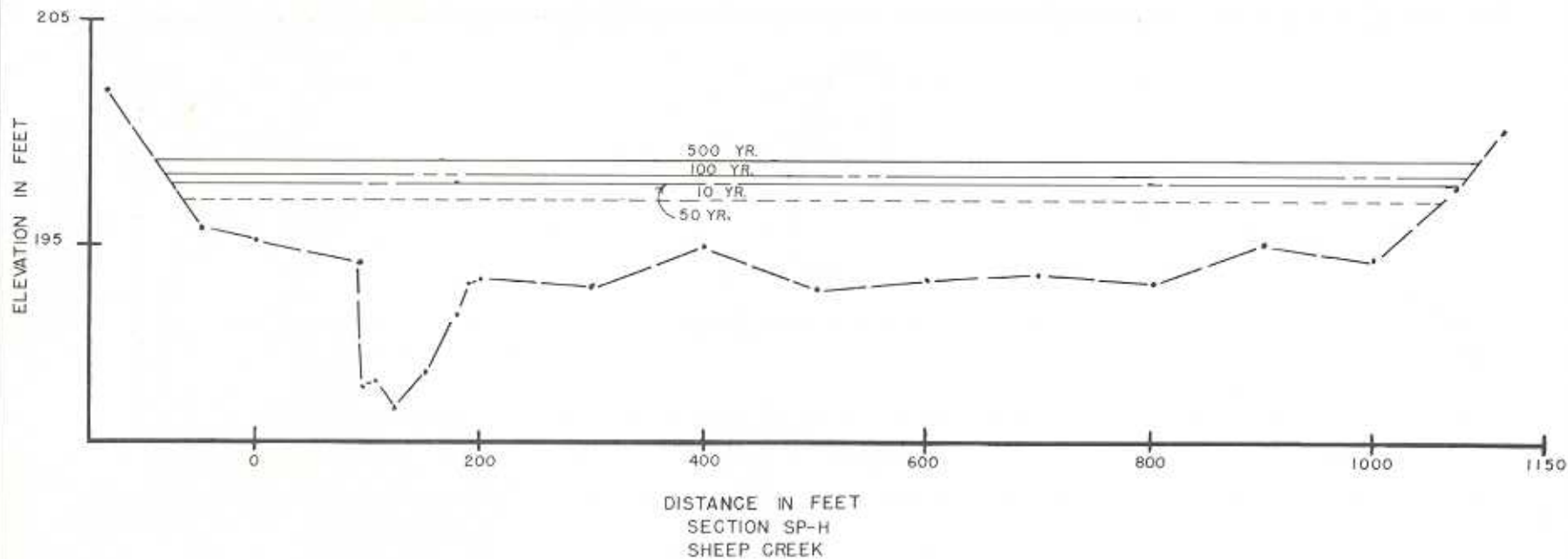
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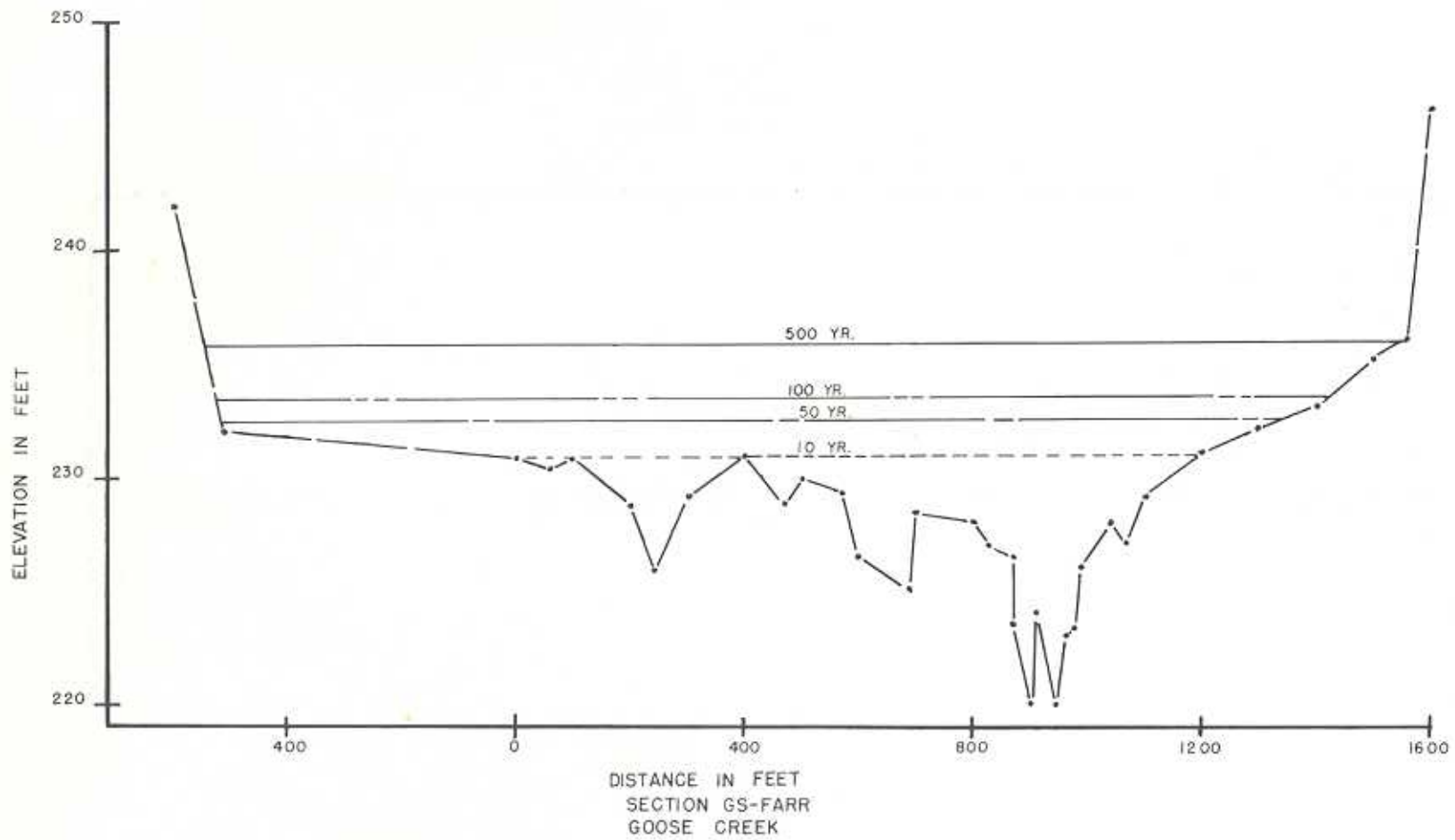
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FIGURE 7

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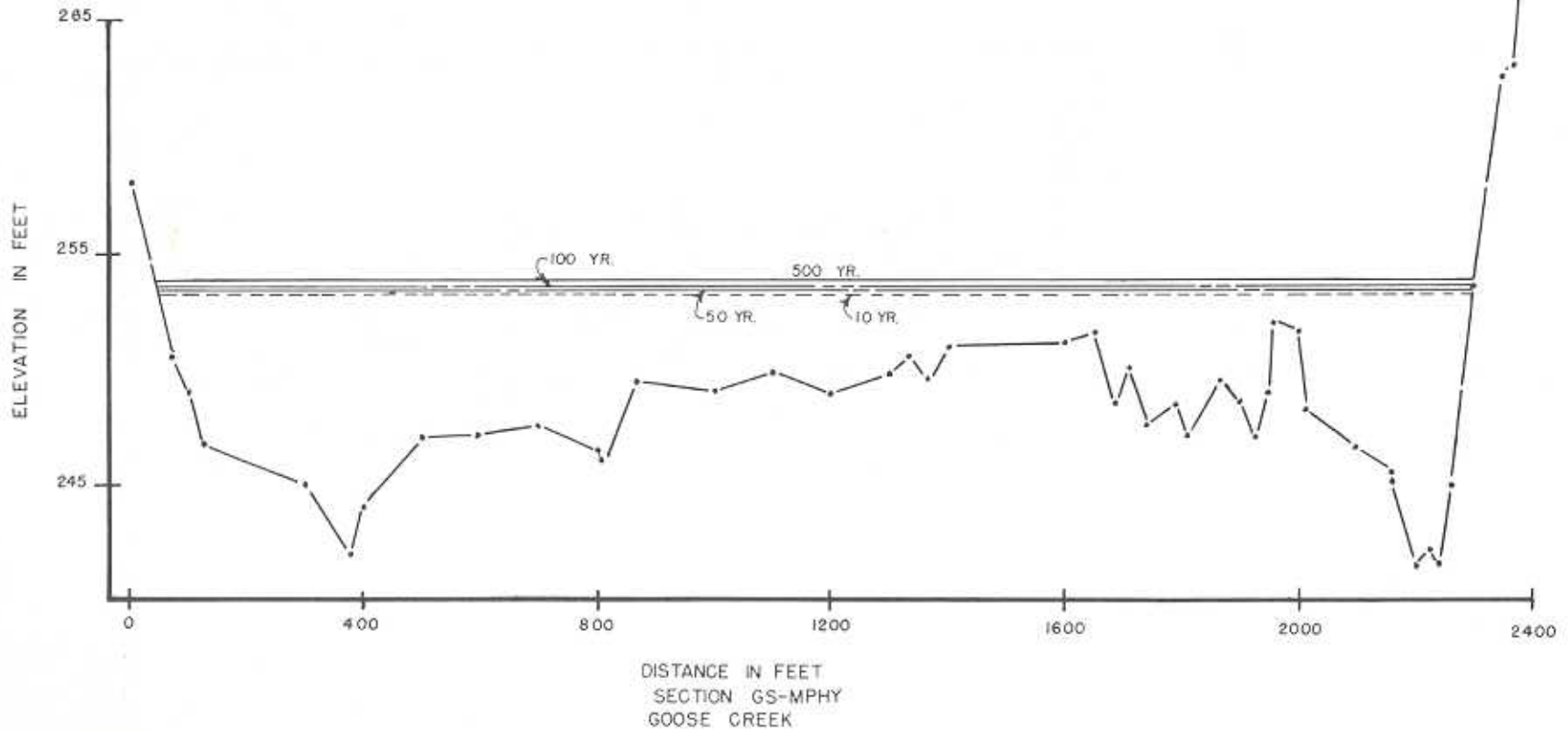


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FIGURE 8

TYPICAL VALLEY SECTION

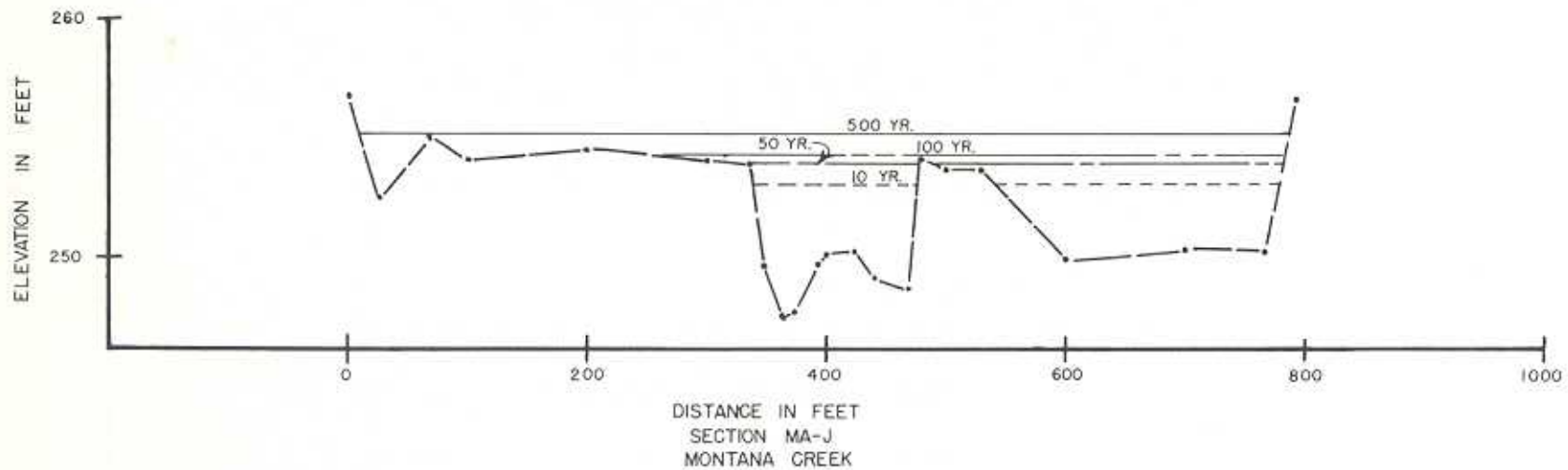
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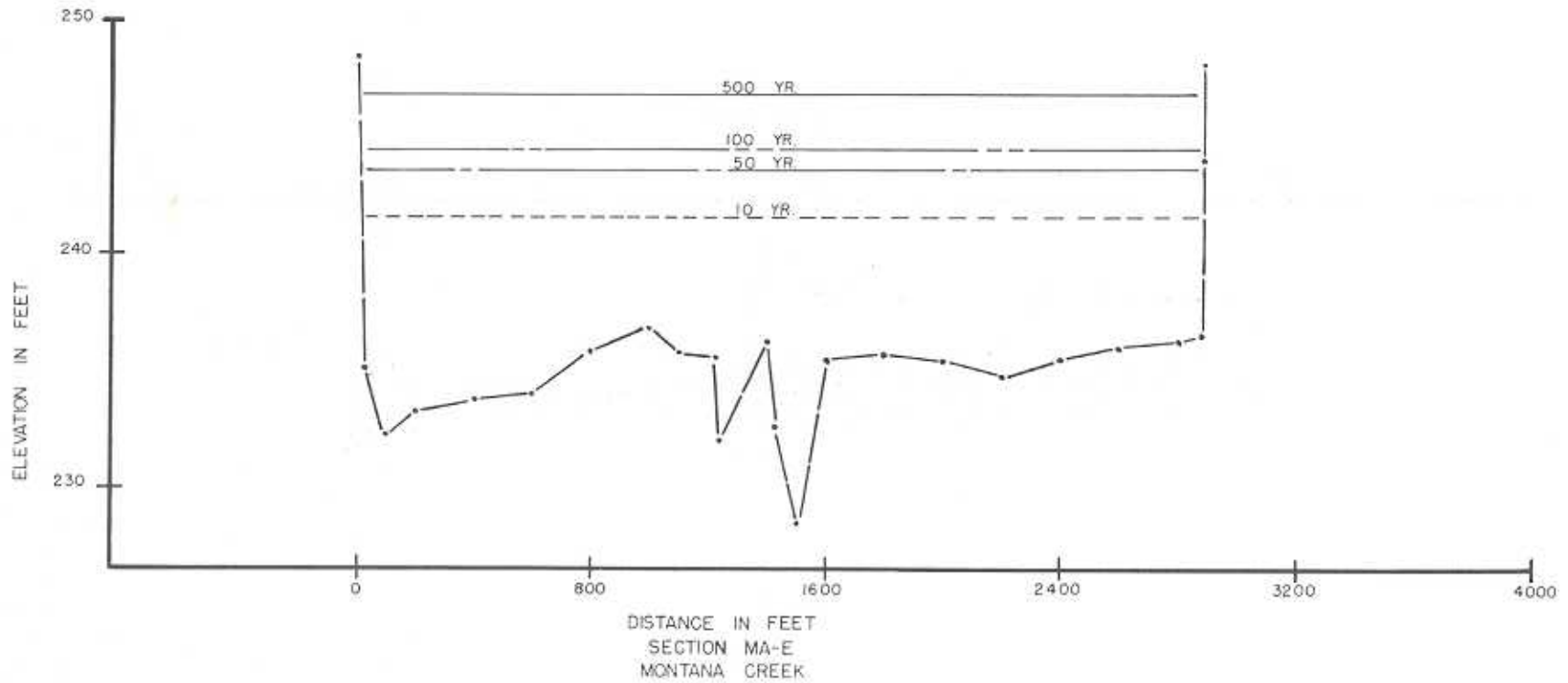
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FIGURE 10

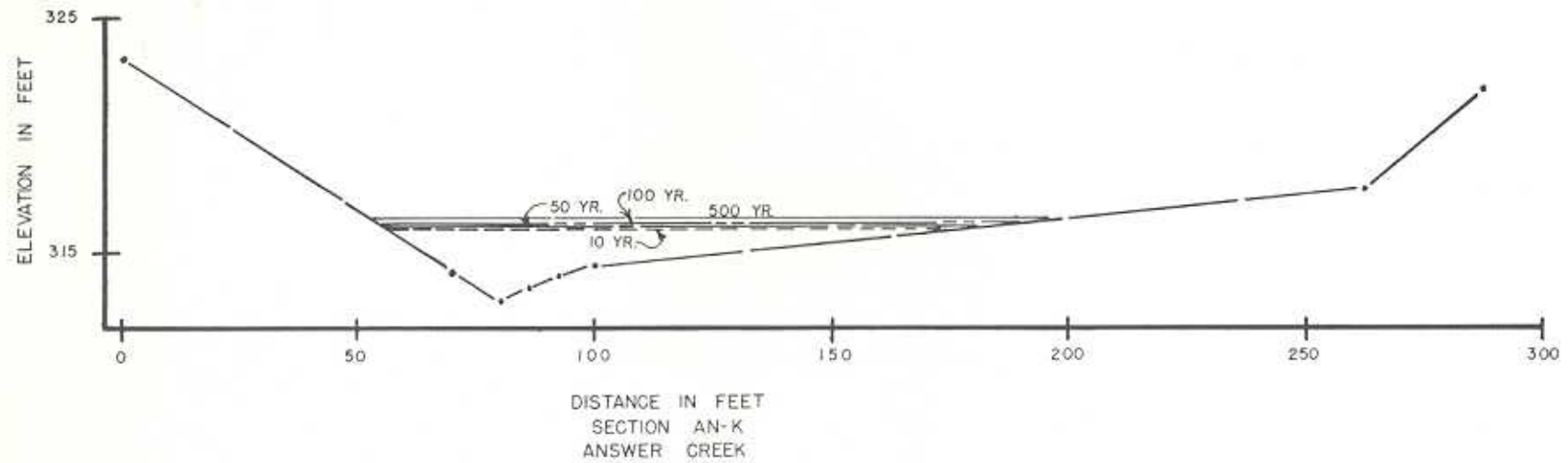
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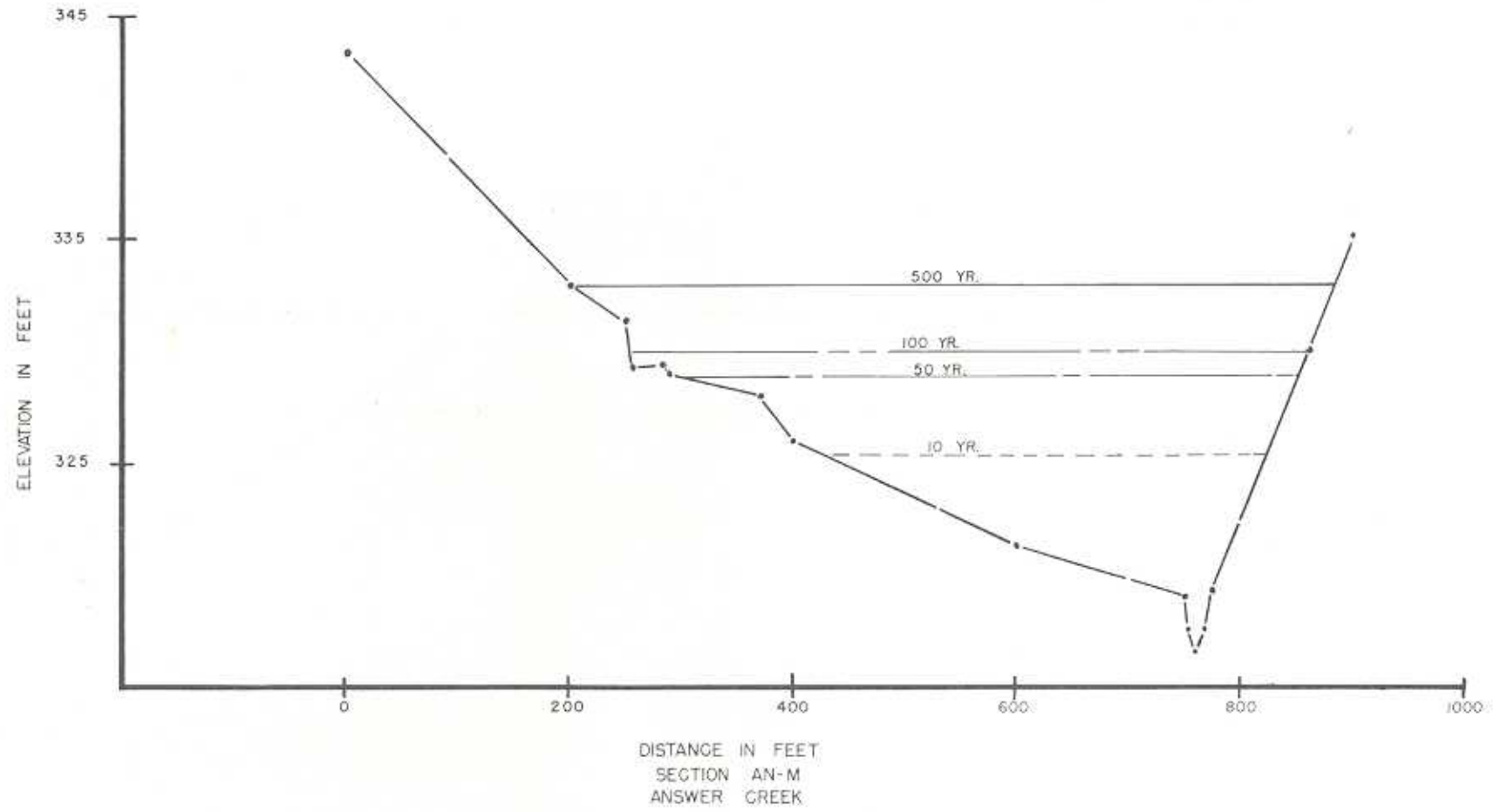
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TYPICAL VALLEY SECTION
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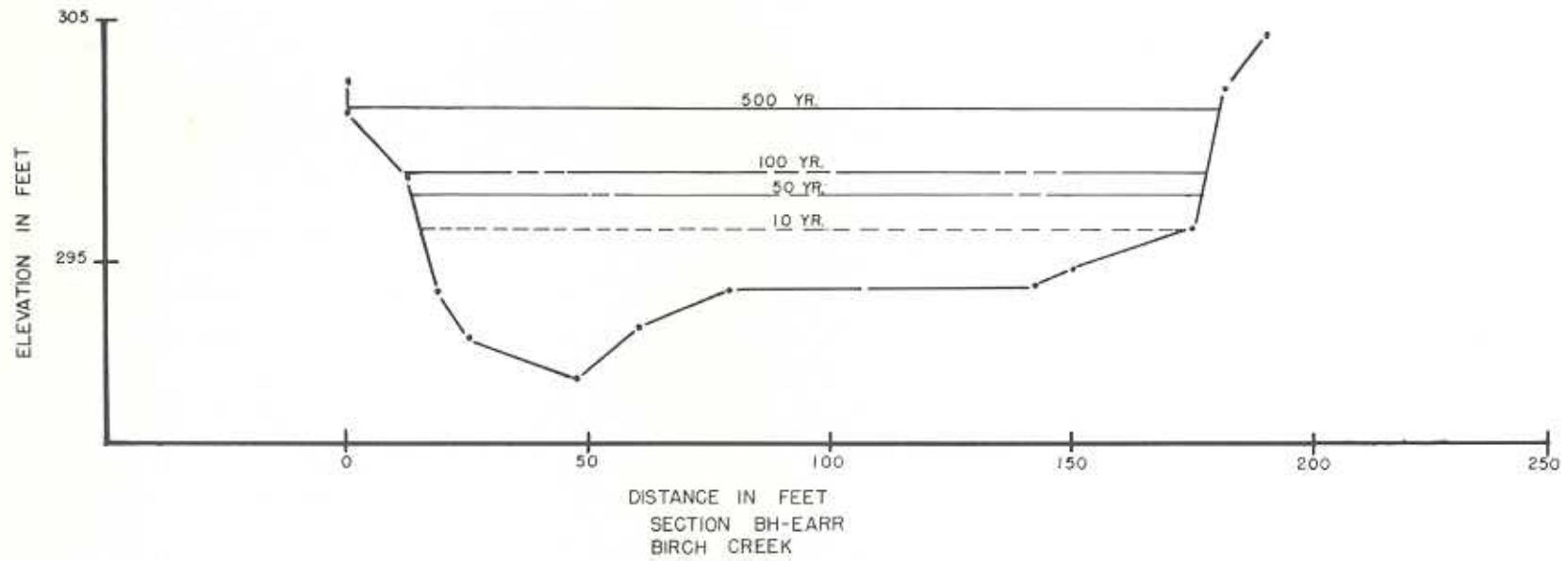
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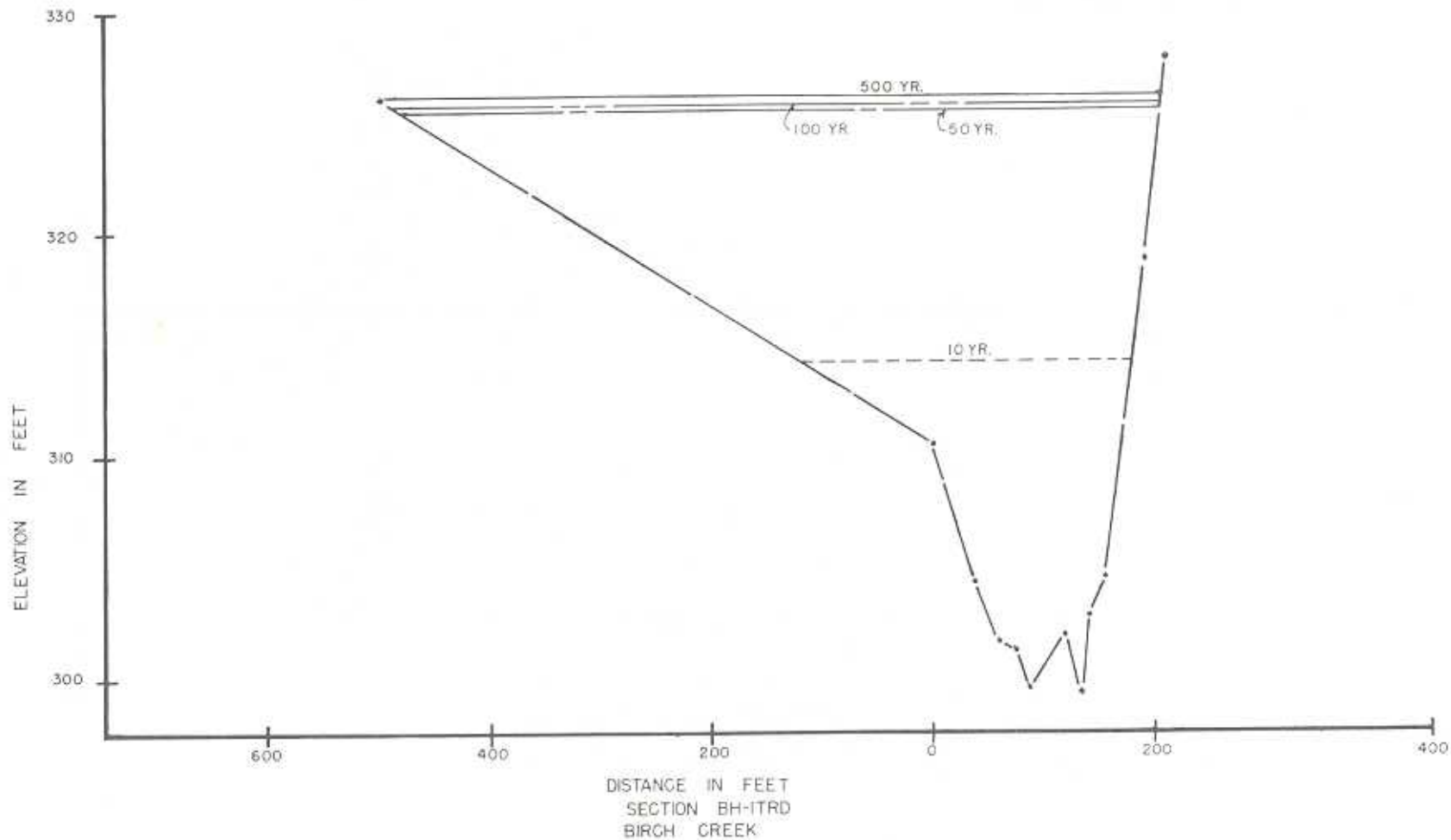
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FIGURE 14

TYPICAL VALLEY SECTION
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FIGURE 15

APPENDIX A

**Table 1 - Present Conditions Frequency, Discharge, Elevation
Data at Valley Cross Sections**

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196 Mile, Caswell, Sheep, Goose, Montana, Answer, and Birch Creeks
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Valley Section	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Profile Sheet (No.)	Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.)	10-Year Storm		50-Year Storm		100-Year Storm		500-Year Storm		Channel Bottom
				Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Elev. msl (feet)
<u>196 Mile Creek</u>												
196-A	1	1	35.7	1120	154.0	1690	156.0	1950	157.0	2620	157.1	146.0
196-B	1	1	35.7	1120	154.3	1690	156.1	1950	157.1	2620	157.2	148.0
196-C	1	1	35.7	1120	154.7	1690	156.2	1950	157.1	2620	157.3	149.0
196-D <u>1/</u>	1	1	35.7	1120	155.1	1690	156.4	1950	157.2	2620	157.5	149.5
196-E <u>1/</u>	1	1	35.7	1120	155.4	1690	156.5	1950	157.3	2620	157.5	150.0
196-FPHY <u>1/</u>	1	1	34.4	1120	161.5	1690	163.8	1950	164.8	2620	167.6	153.0
196-G <u>1/</u>	1	1	34.4	1120	161.5	1690	163.8	1950	164.8	2620	167.6	153.5
196-H <u>1/</u>	1	2	22.6	820	168.9	1230	169.4	1420	169.8	1910	170.7	163.3
196-I <u>1/</u>	1	2	22.6	820	171.5	1230	171.8	1420	171.9	1910	172.3	167.5
196-J <u>1/</u>	1	2	22.6	820	175.4	1230	175.7	1420	176.0	1910	176.4	171.4
196-KARR <u>1/</u>	1	2	21.1	820	177.1	1230	178.4	1420	178.9	1910	179.0	172.0
196-L <u>1/</u>	1	2	21.1	820	177.5	1230	178.5	1420	179.0	1910	179.2	174.1
196-M	1	2	21.1	820	195.2	1230	196.0	1420	196.3	1910	197.0	190.3
196-N	1	3	14.7	710	250.7	1070	250.9	1240	251.0	1670	251.1	147.5
Tributary No. 1	1											
196-AA <u>1/</u>	1	4	11.8	520	170.1	790	170.5	910	170.6	1220	171.3	166.4
196-BB <u>1/</u>	1	4	11.8	520	185.2	790	185.9	910	186.3	1220	186.9	180.0
196-CC <u>1/</u>	1	5	11.8	520	197.1	790	197.5	910	197.7	1220	198.1	194.7
196-DDAR <u>1/</u>	1	5	11.8	520	200.4	790	201.5	910	201.8	1220	202.6	195.8
196-EE <u>1/</u>	1	5	11.8	520	200.4	790	201.5	910	201.8	1220	202.6	196.7
196-FF	1	6	10.3	520	213.3	790	213.8	910	213.9	1220	214.3	210.7
196-GG	1	6	9.7	520	223.3	790	223.7	910	223.9	1220	224.2	220.7
<u>Caswell Creek</u>												
CW-A	1	7	17.83	680	172.0	1020	176.0	1190	178.0	1598	180.0	164.6
CW-B	1	7	17.83	680	172.5	1020	176.0	1190	178.0	1598	180.0	165.6

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				Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Elev. msl (feet)
<u>Caswell Creek (cont)</u>												
CW-C	1	7	17.83	680	173.9	1020	176.2	1190	178.0	1598	180.0	167.6
CW-D	1	7	17.83	680	175.1	1020	176.5	1190	178.1	1598	180.0	168.6
CW-E	1	7	17.83	680	176.1	1020	177.0	1190	178.2	1598	180.1	169.6
CW-F 1/	1	7	17.83	680	176.9	1020	177.6	1190	178.5	1598	180.1	170.6
CW-GHW 1/	1	7	17.24	680	180.5	1020	183.3	1190	184.7	1598	187.9	170.9
CW-H 1/	1	7	17.24	680	180.5	1020	183.3	1190	184.7	1598	187.9	170.7
CW-I 1/	1	8	17.24	680	180.6	1020	183.3	1190	184.8	1598	187.9	174.7
CW-J 1/	1	8	17.24	680	183.4	1020	184.7	1190	185.6	1598	188.1	179.7
CW-K 1/	1	8	17.24	680	187.3	1020	187.9	1190	188.3	1598	189.5	183.7
CW-L 1/	1	9	17.24	680	194.4	1020	194.7	1190	194.8	1598	195.1	189.3
CW-MARR 1/	1	9	16.55	680	197.0	1020	198.2	1190	198.7	1598	199.8	190.3
CW-N 1/	1	9	16.55	680	197.1	1020	198.2	1190	198.7	1598	199.8	191.3
CW-O	1	9	16.55	680	197.9	1020	198.6	1190	199.0	1598	199.9	192.3
CW-P	1	9	16.55	680	202.7	1020	203.1	1190	203.2	1598	203.4	197.2
CW-Q	1	9	16.55	680	205.5	1020	205.9	1190	206.1	1598	206.2	200.3
CW-R	1	9	16.55	680	211.4	1020	211.8	1190	212.0	1598	212.3	206.3
CW-S	1	10	16.55	680	219.9	1020	220.1	1190	220.2	1598	220.6	214.3
CW-T	1	11	16.55	680	227.8	1020	228.1	1190	228.2	1598	228.4	222.3
CW-U	1	11	13.61	566	235.6	849	235.9	991	236.0	1330	236.3	230.3
CW-V	1	12	12.88	566	245.6	849	245.9	991	246.0	1330	246.3	240.3
<u>Sheep Creek</u>												
SP-A	1	13	136.5	5893	183.0	7917	185.0	8804	186.0	11005	188.0	172.8
SP-B	1	13	136.5	5893	184.9	7917	186.3	8804	187.0	11005	188.6	175.0
SP-C	2	13	136.5	5893	186.5	7917	187.6	8804	188.1	11005	189.4	176.6
SP-D	2	13	135.0	5893	188.3	7917	189.2	8804	189.6	11005	190.6	178.2
SP-E	2	14	135.0	5893	191.9	7917	192.5	8804	193.0	11005	193.7	181.8
SP-F	2	14	135.0	5893	193.0	7917	193.7	8804	194.1	11005	194.7	183.0

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<u>Sheep Creek (cont)</u>												
SP-G	2	15	135.0	5893	194.9	7917	195.7	8804	196.0	11005	196.6	184.9
SP-H	2	15	134.0	5893	197.0	7917	197.8	8804	198.1	11005	198.8	187.2
SP-I 1/	2	15	134.0	5893	201.9	7917	202.8	8804	203.2	11005	203.9	189.9
SP-JHY 1/	2	15	134.0	5893	202.6	7917	205.2	8804	206.0	11005	206.4	190.0
SP-K 1/	2	15	134.0	5893	202.9	7917	205.3	8804	206.1	11005	206.4	189.7
SP-L 1/	2	16	134.0	5893	203.8	7917	205.7	8804	206.4	11005	206.9	185.3
SP-MRR 1/	2	16	134.0	5893	204.8	7917	209.6	8804	211.2	11005	213.0	185.7
SP-N 1/	2	16	134.0	5893	204.9	7917	209.6	8804	211.2	11005	213.0	185.7
SP-O	2	16	134.0	5893	205.1	7917	209.6	8804	211.3	11005	213.0	192.5
SP-P	2	16	134.9	5893	212.1	7917	213.1	8804	213.7	11005	214.5	204.0
SP-Q	2	17	131.0	5893	217.4	7917	218.0	8804	218.3	11005	218.8	209.7
SP-R	2	17	131.0	5893	232.1	7917	232.6	8804	232.9	11005	233.3	224.4
SP-S	5	17	131.0	5893	246.4	7917	246.9	8804	247.2	11005	247.6	238.7
SP-T	5	18	131.0	5893	258.6	7917	259.0	8804	259.3	11005	259.6	249.8
SP-U	5	18	131.0	5893	262.8	7917	263.3	8804	263.6	11005	264.0	253.2
SP-V	5	19	131.0	5893	266.4	7917	266.8	8804	267.0	11005	267.6	254.0
SP-W	5	19	127.0	5893	269.0	7917	269.6	8804	269.8	11005	270.4	256.7
SP-X	5	20	127.0	5893	272.5	7917	273.0	8804	273.3	11005	273.7	260.1
SP-Y	5	20	127.0	5893	275.9	7917	276.5	8804	276.6	11005	277.1	263.5
SP-Z	5	21	127.0	5893	281.9	7917	282.5	8804	282.7	11005	283.1	272.1
SP-AA	5	22	127.0	5893	285.2	7917	285.8	8804	286.0	11005	286.3	273.0
SP-AB	5	22	127.0	5893	289.0	7917	289.7	8804	289.8	11005	290.4	276.7
SP-AC	5	23	125.0	5893	308.2	7917	308.9	8804	309.1	11005	309.6	297.2
SP-AD	5	24	121.8	5893	407.3	7917	407.9	8804	408.2	11005	408.6	397.2
SP-AE	5	25	118.4	5561	437.7	7470	438.3	8308	438.5	10385	438.9	428.2
<u>Goose Creek</u>												
GS-A	2	26	141.8	6120	224.0	8210	228.0	9080	230.0	11290	234.0	217.5
GS-B	2	26	141.8	6120	227.5	8210	229.0	9080	230.5	11290	234.1	218.2

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				Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Bottom Elev. msl (feet)
<u>Goose Creek (cont)</u>												
GS-C	2	26	141.8	6120	228.7	8210	229.9	9080	231.0	11290	234.2	218.9
GS-D	2	26	141.8	6120	229.4	8210	230.5	9080	231.4	11290	234.3	219.4
GS-E 1/	2	26	141.8	6120	230.0	8210	231.0	9080	231.8	11290	234.4	219.9
GS-FARR 1/	2	26	140.6	6120	230.9	8210	232.5	9080	233.5	11290	235.9	219.9
GS-G 1/	2	26	140.6	6120	231.0	8210	232.5	9080	233.5	11290	235.9	220.5
GS-H 1/	2	26	140.6	6120	232.5	8210	233.5	9080	234.2	11290	236.2	223.2
GS-I 1/	2	26	140.6	6120	236.4	8210	237.4	9080	237.8	11290	238.8	228.4
GS-J 1/	2	26	140.6	6120	239.2	8210	240.0	9080	240.3	11290	241.1	231.1
GS-K 1/	2	26	140.6	6120	247.9	8210	248.6	9080	248.9	11290	249.6	240.0
GS-L 1/	2	27	140.6	6120	248.7	8210	249.5	9080	249.8	11290	250.5	241.1
GS-MPH 1/	2	27	140.6	6120	253.2	8210	253.5	9080	253.6	11290	253.8	242.2
GS-N 1/	2	27	140.6	6120	253.3	8210	253.5	9080	253.6	11290	253.8	241.2
GS-O 1/	2	27	140.6	6120	254.3	8210	254.7	9080	254.9	11290	255.3	240.4
GS-P	2	27	140.6	6120	261.8	8210	262.5	9080	262.5	11290	263.1	250.0
GS-Q	2	27	136.8	6340	272.8	8100	273.4	8960	273.7	11140	274.1	260.0
GS-R	2	27	136.8	6340	278.7	8100	276.6	8960	280.0	11140	280.7	270.0
GS-S	2	28	136.8	6340	295.0	8100	295.5	8960	295.8	11140	296.2	282.5
GS-T	5	28	126.4	5700	312.6	7650	313.3	8460	313.5	10510	314.0	300.0
<u>Montana Creek</u>												
MA-A	3	29	169.0	6720	234.0	8988	238.0	9996	240.0	12,306	244.0	226.6
MA-1	3	29	169.0	6720	235.0	8988	238.1	9996	240.0	12,306	244.0	226.8
MA-B	3	29	169.0	6720	235.6	8988	238.1	9996	240.0	12,306	244.0	227.0
MA-2	3	29	169.0	6720	236.0	8988	238.2	9996	240.1	12,306	244.0	227.0
MA-C	3	29	169.0	6720	236.4	8988	238.3	9996	240.1	12,306	244.0	227.4
MA-3 1/	3	29	169.0	6720	236.5	8988	238.3	9996	240.1	12,306	244.0	227.7
MADARR 1/	3	29	169.0	6720	240.6	8988	242.8	9996	243.7	12,306	245.9	227.7
MA-4 1/	3	29	169.0	6720	240.6	8988	242.8	9996	243.7	12,306	245.9	228.4

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Valley Section	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Profile Sheet (No.)	Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.)	10-Year Storm Disch. (cfs)	Storm Elev. msl (feet)	50-Year Storm Disch. (cfs)	Storm Elev. msl (feet)	100-Year Storm Disch. (cfs)	Storm Elev. msl (feet)	500-Year Storm Disch. (cfs)	Storm Elev. msl (feet)	Channel Bottom Elev. msl (feet)
<u>Montana Creek (cont)</u>												
MA-E $\bar{1}/$	3	29	169.0	6720	240.6	8988	242.8	9996	243.7	12,306	245.9	228.2
MA-5 $\bar{1}/$	3	29	169.0	6720	240.6	8988	242.8	9996	243.7	12,306	245.9	228.7
MA-F $\bar{1}/$	3	29	169.0	6720	241.4	8988	243.1	9996	243.9	12,306	246.0	232.9
MA-6 $\bar{1}/$	3	29	169.0	6720	243.1	8988	244.1	9996	244.6	12,306	246.2	235.2
MA-G $\bar{1}/$	3	29	169.0	6720	243.0	8988	244.7	9996	245.1	12,306	246.5	236.9
MAHPHY $\bar{1}/$	3	29	169.0	6720	247.9	8988	249.6	9996	250.4	12,306	251.9	238.5
MA-I $\bar{1}/$	3	29	164.0	6720	247.9	8988	249.6	9996	250.4	12,306	251.9	239.6
MA-J $\bar{1}/$	3	29	164.0	6720	253.0	8988	253.9	9996	254.2	12,306	255.1	247.5
MA-K	3	29	164.0	6720	257.7	8988	258.5	9996	258.8	12,306	259.5	250.0
MA-L	3	30	164.0	6720	281.5	8988	282.2	9996	282.4	12,306	283.0	275.0
MA-M	6	31	163.0	6720	306.6	8988	207.3	9996	307.5	12,306	308.1	300.0
MA-N	6	31	163.0	6720	322.0	8988	332.8	9996	333.0	12,306	333.7	325.0
MA-7	6	32	163.0	6720	343.7	8988	344.4	9996	344.7	12,306	345.3	337.5
> MA-O	6	32	161.0	6720	355.9	8988	356.8	9996	357.1	12,306	357.6	350.0 <
MA-P	6	33	161.0	6720	381.6	8988	382.4	9996	382.6	12,306	383.2	375.0
MA-Q	6	33	125.0	5600	405.6	7490	406.4	8330	406.7	10,255	407.2	400.0
MA-R	6	34	122.0	5600	455.2	7490	455.8	8330	456.0	10,255	456.5	450.0
MA-S	6	34	122.0	5600	480.5	7490	481.2	8330	481.5	10,255	482.2	471.6
MA-T	6	35	122.0	5600	505.9	7490	506.7	8330	506.8	10,255	507.5	500.0
<u>Answer Creek</u>												
AN-A	4	36	34.4	1281	274.0	1841	280.0	2079	284.0	2688	286.0	268.0
AN-B	4	36	34.4	1281	275.0	1841	280.1	2079	284.0	2688	286.0	268.6
AN-C	4	36	34.4	1281	275.7	1841	280.3	2079	284.1	2688	286.1	269.0
AN-D	4	37	34.4	1281	276.6	1841	280.5	2079	284.2	2688	286.2	269.9
AN-E $\bar{1}/$	4	37	34.4	1281	277.4	1841	280.8	2079	284.3	2688	286.2	270.8
AN-F $\bar{1}/$	4	38	34.4	1281	278.2	1841	281.1	2079	284.4	2688	286.3	271.7
AN-GARR $\bar{1}/$	4	38	28.6	1281	280.2	1841	283.1	2079	285.3	2688	286.5	272.1

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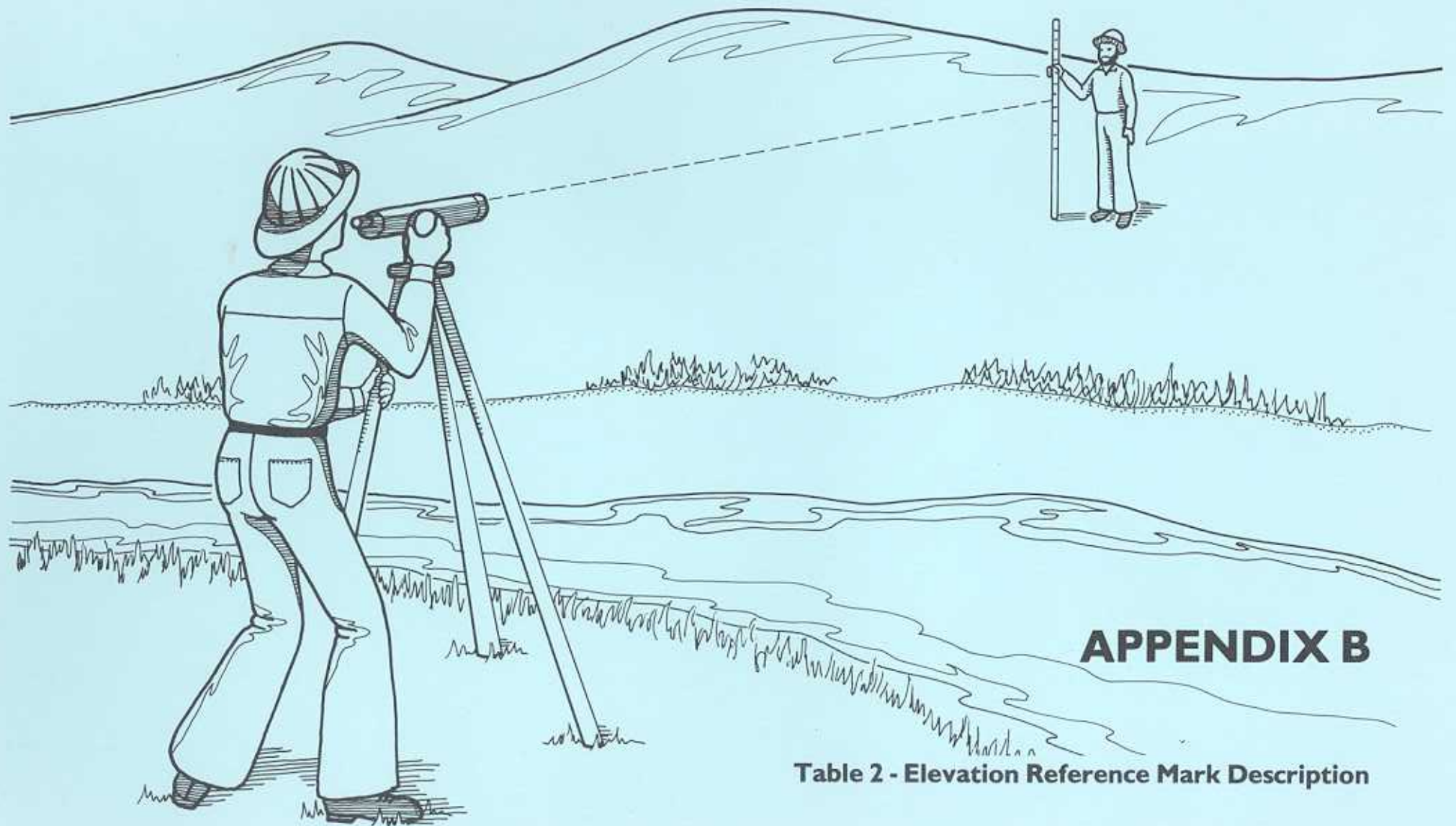
Valley Section	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Profile Sheet (No.)	Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.)	10-Year Storm		50-Year Storm		100-Year Storm		500-Year Storm		Channel Bottom
				Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Elev. msl (feet)
<u>Answer Creek (cont)</u>												
AN-H 1/	4	38	28.6	1281	280.2	1841	283.1	2079	285.3	2688	286.5	272.7
AN-I 1/	4	38	28.6	1281	295.0	1841	295.5	2079	295.8	2688	296.3	291.3
AN-J 1/	4	39	26.6	990	306.0	1841	306.6	2079	306.8	2688	307.3	302.1
AN-K 1/	4	39	26.6	990	316.3	1422	316.6	1606	316.7	2077	317.1	312.9
AN-LTRD 1/	4	39	26.6	990	325.3	1422	328.8	1606	329.8	2077	332.9	315.2
AN-M 1/	4	39	26.6	990	325.3	1422	328.8	1606	329.8	2077	322.9	317.3
AN-N	4	39	26.6	990	331.6	1422	332.6	1606	333.0	2077	334.4	327.0
AN-O	4	39	25.0	990	337.8	1422	338.2	1606	338.4	2077	339.0	333.0
<u>Birch Creek</u>												
BH-A	4	40	29.4	970	292.0	1478	294.0	1742	296.0	2352	300.0	286.0
BH-B	4	40	28.9	970	294.5	1480	296.0	1742	297.3	2352	300.7	287.0
BH-C	4	41	28.9	970	295.4	1480	296.8	1742	298.0	2352	301.0	288.0
BH-D 1/	4	41	28.9	970	296.2	1480	297.6	1742	298.6	2352	301.3	289.0
BH-EARR 1/	4	41	27.8	970	296.4	1480	297.7	1742	298.7	2352	301.4	290.2
BH-F 1/	4	41	27.8	970	297.5	1480	298.5	1742	299.2	2352	301.6	292.7
BH-G 1/	4	42	27.8	970	300.0	1480	301.0	1742	301.5	2352	303.1	295.1
BH-H 1/	4	42	27.8	970	302.2	1480	303.8	1742	304.2	2352	305.3	297.8
BH-ITRD 1/	4	42	24.5	889	314.3	1355	324.7	1597	325.9	2156	326.2	300.2
BH-J 1/	4	42	24.5	889	314.3	1355	325.7	1597	325.9	2156	326.2	300.9

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Valley Section	Photo- Sheet (No.)	Profile Sheet (No.)	Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.)	10-Year Storm		50-Year Storm		100-Year Storm		500-Year Storm		Channel
				Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Disch. (cfs)	Elev. msl (feet)	Bottom Elev. msl (feet)
<u>Answer Creek (cont)</u>												
AN-H 1/	4	38	28.6	1281	280.2	1841	283.1	2079	285.3	2688	286.5	272.7
AN-I 1/	4	38	28.6	1281	295.0	1841	295.5	2079	295.8	2688	296.3	291.3
AN-J 1/	4	39	26.6	990	306.0	1841	306.6	2079	306.8	2688	307.3	302.1
AN-K 1/	4	39	26.6	990	316.3	1422	316.6	1606	316.7	2077	317.1	312.9
AN-LTRD 1/	4	39	26.6	990	325.3	1422	328.8	1606	329.8	2077	332.9	315.2
AN-M 1/	4	39	26.6	990	325.3	1422	328.8	1606	329.8	2077	322.9	317.3
AN-N	4	39	26.6	990	331.6	1422	332.6	1606	333.0	2077	334.4	327.0
AN-O	4	39	25.0	990	337.8	1422	338.2	1606	338.4	2077	339.0	333.0
<u>Birch Creek</u>												
BH-A	4	40	29.4	970	292.0	1478	294.0	1742	296.0	2352	300.0	286.0
BH-B	4	40	28.9	970	294.5	1480	296.0	1742	297.3	2352	300.7	287.0
BH-C	4	41	28.9	970	295.4	1480	296.8	1742	298.0	2352	301.0	288.0
BH-D 1/	4	41	28.9	970	296.2	1480	297.6	1742	298.6	2352	301.3	289.0
BH-EARR 1/	4	41	27.8	970	296.4	1480	297.7	1742	298.7	2352	301.4	290.2
BH-F 1/	4	41	27.8	970	297.5	1480	298.5	1742	299.2	2352	301.6	292.7
BH-G 1/	4	42	27.8	970	300.0	1480	301.0	1742	301.5	2352	303.1	295.1
BH-H 1/	4	42	27.8	970	302.2	1480	303.8	1742	304.2	2352	305.3	297.8
BH-ITRD 1/	4	42	24.5	889	314.3	1355	324.7	1597	325.9	2156	326.2	300.2
BH-J 1/	4	42	24.5	889	314.3	1355	325.7	1597	325.9	2156	326.2	300.9

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APPENDIX B

Table 2 - Elevation Reference Mark Description

TABLE 2
ELEVATION REFERENCE MARK DESCRIPTION
196 MILE, CASWELL, SHEEP, GOOSE,
MONTANA, ANSWER, AND BIRCH CREEKS
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, ALASKA

BM No.	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Elev. MSL (feet)	Description and Location of Elevation Markers
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196 MILE CREEK

R-104	1	192.63	C&GS vertical control data line 101. Brass cap stamped R-104 on top of a 5/8 inch copper coated rod, encased in a 5 inch orangeburg pipe which projects 0.5 foot above ground. Located 14.35 miles south along graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, thence 16.95 miles south along State Highway 3 (Parks Highway), at the junction of a dirt road leading west, 41 feet west of centerline of the highway, 15 feet north of centerline of the road, 1.2 feet north of metal witness post.
TBM 1	1	163.55	SCS TBM, top of west end of most southerly culvert where the Parks Highway crosses 196 Mile Creek. (Valley sec. 196-HY)
TBM 2	1	210.38	Top of 3 inch by 12 inch post supporting abutment at the northeast corner of railroad 196 DRR)
TBM 3	1	190.09	Top of 4 inch by 6 inch post, southwest corner of bridge, at Alaska Railroad crossing of 196 Mile Creek.

BM No.	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Elev. MSL (feet)	Description and Location of Elevation Markers
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CASWELL CREEK

W-104	1	212.49	C&GS Bench mark stamped W-104, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 14.35 miles south along a graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, thence 13.6 miles south along State Highway 3, at the intersection of two driveways leading east to a church 65 feet east of the centerline of the highway, 28 feet north of the centerline of a road leading east, 22 feet east-northeast of the north end of a 24 inch culvert, 1.4 feet south of a metal witness post, about 3½ feet higher than the highway, a disk on the top of a 5/8 inch copper coated rod encased in a 5 inch orangeburg pipe which projects 0.6 foot.
TBM 4	1	203.76	SCS TBM, top of 4 inch by 12 inch post on southwest corner of railroad bridge across Caswell Creek by Mile post 200.9.

SHEEP CREEK

A-105	2	211.27	C&GS Bench mark disk stamped A-105, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 14.35 miles south along a graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, thence 10.0
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SHEEP CREEK continued:

miles south along State Highway 3, 15½ feet east of the centerline of the highway, set in the top of the north end of the east concrete curb of concrete bridge 213 over Sheep Creek, 5.3 feet south of the north end of the curb and about 1/2 foot higher than the highway.

TBM 5	2	222.15	SCS TBM at railroad bridge over Sheep Creek, top of southeast corner of bridge abutment.
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GOOSE CREEK

F-105	2	298.10	C&GS Bench mark, stamped F-105, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 14.35 miles south along graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, thence 4.9 miles south along State Highway 3, 73½ feet east of centerline of highway, 2.1 feet south of a metal witness post, about 2½ feet lower than the highway, a disk on top of a 5/8 inch copper coated rod encased in 5 inch orangeburg pipe which projects 0.4 foot.
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TBM 6	2	249.88	SCS TBM, top of the middle 12 foot diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert on Goose Creek, 8th bolt head from inlet end of culvert, about 53 feet east of centerline of highway.
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BM No.	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Elev. MSL (feet)	Description and Location of Elevation Markers
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GOOSE CREEK continued:

TBM 7	2	246.67	SCS TBM, top of 1 inch by 2 inch stake, station 16+05 on the cross section at the Alaska Railroad bridge over Goose Creek, 605 feet north of most northerly end of bridge.
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MONTANA CREEK

J-105	3	258.46	C&GS Bench mark, stamped J-105, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 14.35 miles south along graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, thence 2.2 miles south along State Highway 3, 15 feet northeast of the centerline of the road, set in the top of the northwest end of the northeast concrete curb of concrete bridge number 215 over Montana Creek, 7.3 feet southeast of the northwest end of the curb and about 1/2 foot higher than the highway.
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TBM 8	3	249.26	SCS TBM, top of 1 inch by 2 inch stake at station 0+00 of cross section along Alaska Railroad bridge across Montana Creek, about 1421 feet south of most southerly end of bridge.
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MONTANA, ANSWER, AND BIRCH CREEKS
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BM No.	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Elev. MSL (feet)	Description and Location of Elevation Markers
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ANSWER CREEK

D-106	4	361.07	C&GS Bench mark disk stamped D-106, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 8.95 miles south along a graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, about 0.1 mile north of a 24 inch corrugated metal pipe culvert, about 0.05 mile south of a corrugated metal pipe culvert, on the crest of a small cut, 68 feet west of the centerline of the highway, 2 feet north of a metal witness post about 6½ feet higher than the highway, a disk on the top of a copper coated rod enclosed in a 5 inch orangeburg pipe which projects 0.7 foot.
TBM 9	4	328.99	SCS TBM, top of upstream end of 12 foot diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert at Talkeetna Road crossing on Answer Creek, second rib from marker post on culvert.
TBM 10	4	283.42	SCS TBM, top of post supporting southwest corner of Alaska Railroad bridge over Answer Creek.

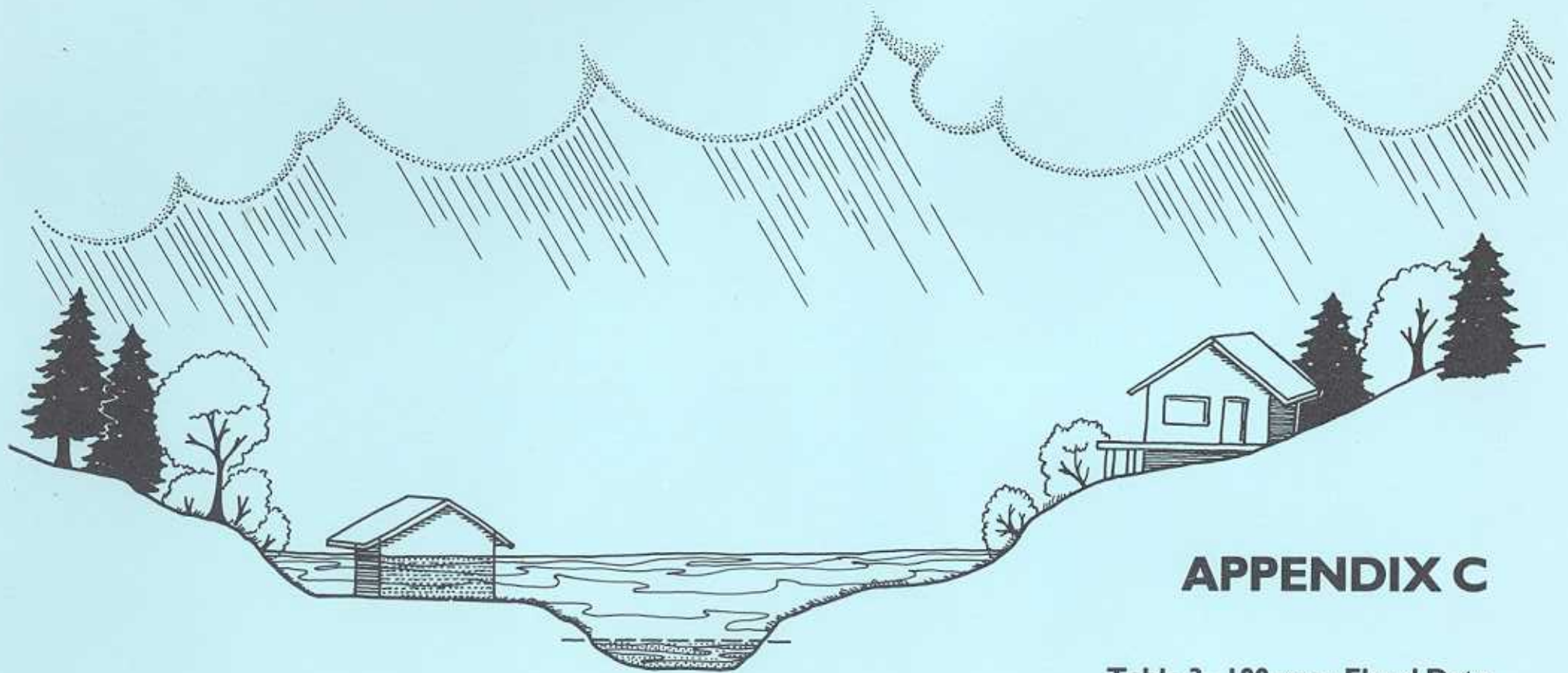
BIRCH CREEK

B-106	4	393.89	C&GS Bench mark disk stamped B-106, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 7.0 miles south along a graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, about 0.1 mile
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BM No.	Photo-Sheet (No.)	Elev. MSL (feet)	Description and Location of Elevation Markers
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BIRCH CREEK continued:

			south of a driveway leading west, 59 feet west of the centerline of the road, 1.6 feet south of a metal witness post, about 4 feet higher than the highway, a disk on top of a 5/8 inch copper coated rod encased in a 5 inch orangeburg pipe which projects 0.6 foot.
TBM 11	4	307.60	SCS TBM, top of upstream end of 78 inch corrugated metal pipe culvert, most southerly culvert, at Birch Creek for Talkeetna Road crossing.
TBM 12	4	304.11	SCS TBM, top of mile post 221.0, yellow paint mark, at southwest end of Alaska Railroad bridge over Birch Creek.
P-105	4	436.21	C&GS Bench mark disk stamped P-105, line 101, leveling date May 1965, 7.95 miles south on graveled road from the Alaska Railroad station at Talkeetna, 61 feet north of the north end of a wide pullout, 56 feet west of the centerline of the highway, 4 feet north of a forked tree, 1.9 feet south of a metal witness post, about 2 feet lower than the highway, a disk on top of a 5/8 inch copper coated rod encased in a 5 inch orangeburg pipe which projects 0.7 foot.



APPENDIX C

Table 3 - 100-year Flood Data
- PRESENT CONDITIONS -

**TABLE 3. 100-YEAR FLOOD DATA - PRESENT CONDITIONS
196 MILE, CASWELL, SHEEP, GOOSE, MONTANA, ANSWER, BIRCH CREEKS
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, ALASKA**

VALLEY SECTION	PHOTO SHEET NO.	PROFILE SHEET NO.	PROFILE STATION (feet)	FLOOD WIDTHS		AVERAGE VELOCITY (feet/sec.)
				Distance to left (ft.)	Distance to right (ft.)	
196 MILE CREEK						
196-A	1	1	00	660	520	0.3
196-B	1	1	2,112	660	520	0.4
196-C	1	1	3,162	660	520	0.5
196-D	1	1	4,224	660	520	0.6
196-E	1	1	4,752	660	520	0.7
196-FPHY	1	1	4,858	660	620	10.3
196-G	1	1	4,958	300	800	0.6
196-H	1	2	6,864	10	330	3.6
196-I	1	2	7,656	20	1000	2.1
196-J	1	2	8,448	10	320	3.5
196-KARR	1	2	8,606	10	300	7.8
196-L	1	2	8,765	140	210	1.7
196-M	1	2	10,560	150	0	4.9
196-N	1	3	16,632	0	2870	2.8
TRIBUTARY NO. 1						
196-AA	1	4	6,850	1080	130	2.7
196-BB	1	4	8,850	0	100	4.6
196-CC	1	5	11,070	110	40	2.8
196-DRR	1	5	11,170	0	0	9.1
196-EE	1	5	11,270	680	2990	0.4
196-FF	1	6	15,050	0	90	2.3
196-GG	1	6	17,670	0	90	2.4
CASWELL CREEK						
CW-A	1	7	1,584	300	1500	0.1
CW-B	1	7	2,640	300	1500	0.2
CW-C	1	7	3,960	300	1500	0.4
CW-D	1	7	5,280	300	1500	0.5
CW-E	1	7	6,336	280	700	0.8
CW-F	1	7	7,028	230	340	1.2
CW-GHW	1	7	7,128	280	500	11.0
CW-H	1	8	7,228	140	400	0.2

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VALLEY SECTION	PHOTO SHEET NO.	PROFILE SHEET NO.	PROFILE STATION (feet)	FLOOD WIDTHS		AVERAGE VELOCITY (feet/sec.)
				Distance to left (ft.)	Distance to right (ft.)	
Caswell Creek (cont)						
CW-I	1	8	8,448	130	430	0.4
CW-J	1	8	10,560	20	10	1.5
CW-K	1	8	12,672	10	0	2.4
CW-L	1	9	13,892	5	260	4.3
CW-MRR	1	9	13,992	1600	3100	5.0
CW-N	1	9	14,092	2000	550	0.4
CW-O	1	9	14,784	1800	550	0.9
CW-P	1	9	16,368	600	250	2.4
CW-Q	1	9	17,160	500	350	2.8
CW-R	1	9	18,480	340	320	3.2
CW-S	1	10	22,440	330	300	2.4
CW-T	1	11	25,872	300	300	2.4
CW-U	1	11	28,512	300	550	2.6
CW-V	1	12	32,208	90	320	2.6
SHEEP CREEK						
SP-A	1	13	00	1250	927	1.2
SP-B	1	13	2,112	1258	900	1.7
SP-C	2	13	3,696	910	900	2.0
SP-D	2	13	5,280	750	900	2.3
SP-E	2	14	8,976	705	895	2.2
SP-F	2	14	10,032	925	895	2.0
SP-G	2	15	11,880	680	900	2.0
SP-H	2	15	14,140	1025	900	2.5
SP-I	2	15	15,740	1950	1755	7.4
SP-JHY	2	15	15,840	1450	2130	8.6
SP-K	2	15	15,940	1900	2265	1.5
SP-L	2	16	17,224	937	470	2.5
SP-MRR	2	16	17,324	1200	545	11.3
SP-N	2	16	17,424	1140	545	0.9

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				Distance to left (ft.)	Distance to right (ft.)	
Sheep Creek (cont)						
SP-O	2	16	19,008	550	3160	0.2
SP-P	2	16	21,120	530	3200	2.3
SP-Q	2	17	22,176	400	2300	4.2
SP-R	2	17	24,816	385	700	4.5
SP-S	5	17	27,456	430	700	4.5
SP-T	5	18	29,568	525	3010	3.2
SP-U	5	18	32,208	525	1900	2.2
SP-V	5	19	34,848	530	2000	2.1
SP-W	5	19	36,960	530	600	2.0
SP-X	5	20	39,600	525	2400	2.0
SP-Y	5	20	42,240	530	1650	2.0
SP-Z	5	21	47,520	530	1650	2.3
SP-AA	5	22	49,632	530	1560	2.1
SP-AB	5	22	52,536	530	1560	2.1
SP-AC	5	23	57,816	530	1700	4.3
SP-AD	5	24	67,848	430	100	5.2
SP-AE	5	25	70,224	370	840	7.5
GOOSE CREEK						
GS-A	2	26	1,056	1520	400	2.5
GS-B	2	26	1,584	1520	330	2.7
GS-C	2	26	2,112	1520	300	2.9
GS-D	2	26	2,481	1470	300	3.0
GS-E	2	26	2,804	1320	230	3.0
GS-FARR	2	26	2,904	1520	410	7.3
GS-G	2	26	3,004	1420	360	2.1
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GS-I	2	26	4,224	230	25	6.1
GS-J	2	26	4,646	290	25	6.6
GS-K	2	26	6,029	50	25	6.9

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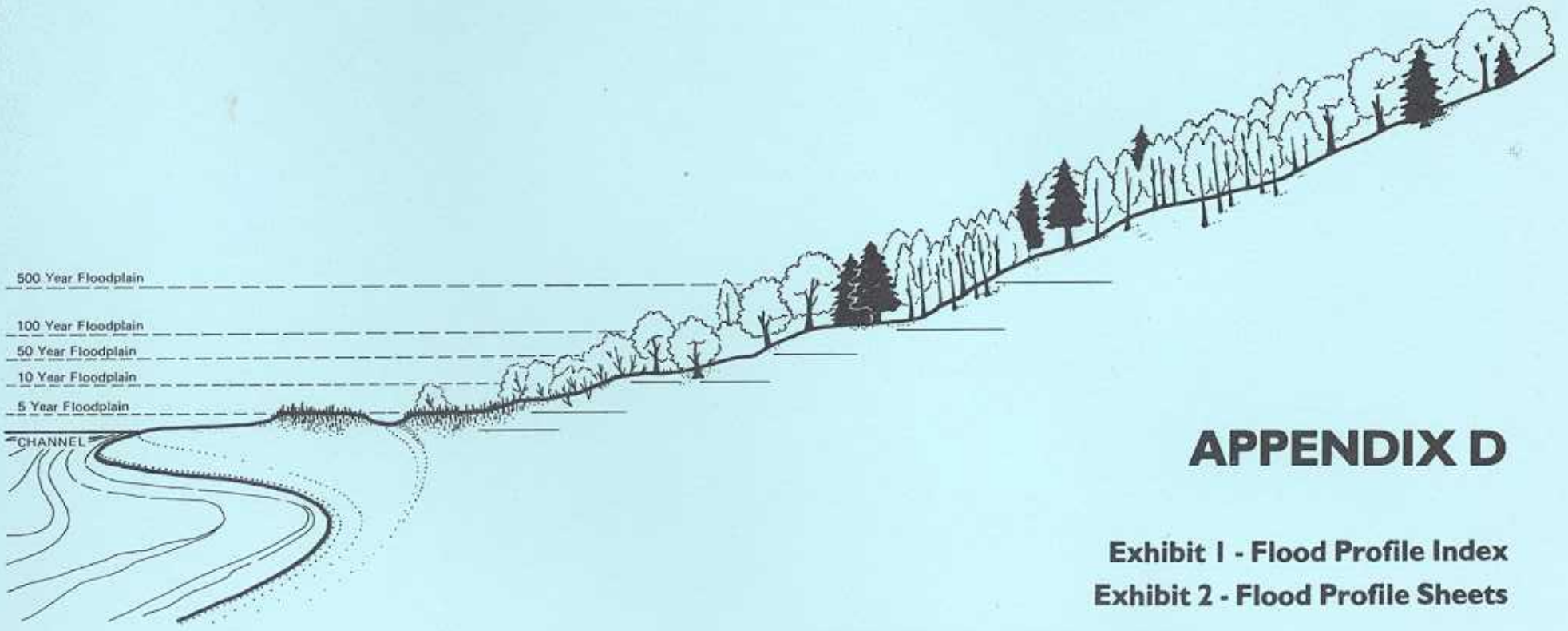
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GOOSE CREEK (cont)						
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GS-N	2	27	6,436	1850	50	0.9
GS-O	2	27	7,136	1030	40	3.8
GS-P	2	27	7,920	1010	20	9.5
GS-Q	2	27	10,032	1010	30	5.7
GS-R	2	27	12,144	635	20	2.8
GS-S	2	28	14,784	1210	30	6.5
GS-T	5	28	18,480	1210	30	5.7
MONTANA CREEK						
MA-A	3	29	00	1420	1230	0.8
MA-1	3	29	120	1420	1230	0.8
MA-B	3	29	528	1420	1230	0.8
MA-C	3	29	1,220	1420	1230	0.8
MA-3	3		1,245	1420	1230	0.9
MADARR	3	29	1,320	1400	1400	12.93
MA-4	3	29	1,350	1360	1390	0.5
MA-E	3	29	1,420	1360	1390	0.5
MA-5	3	29	1,470	1370	1380	0.6
MA-F	3	29	2,376	1370	1380	1.4
MA-6	3	29	2,870	1670	670	2.8
MA-G	3	29	3,332	1670	720	1.9
MAHPHY	3	29	3,432	720	800	10.0
MA-I	3	29	3,532	1150	820	1.0
MA-J	3	29	3,960	90	300	7.7
MA-K	3	29	5,544	320	300	4.2
MA-L	3	30	8,976	320	290	6.2
MA-M	6	31	12,936	320	350	6.0
MA-N	6	31	15,840	320	450	6.6

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MONTANA CREEK (cont)						
MA-7	6	32	18,750	320	450	6.6
MA-O	6	32	21,648	320	450	6.2
MA-P	6	33	25,872	320	300	5.9
MA-O	6	33	28,512	320	300	6.5
MA-R	6	34	31,944	320	300	7.7
MA-S	6	34	35,640	320	300	6.6
MA-T	6	35	39,072	310	350	6.3
ANSWER CREEK						
AN-A	4	36	00	180	210	0.6
AN-B	4	36	1,901	180	210	0.7
AN-C	4	36	3,960	150	210	0.7
AN-D	4	37	6,758	140	190	0.7
AN-E	4	37	8,976	140	190	0.8
AN-F	4	38	11,305	140	190	0.9
ANGARR	4	38	11,405	140	190	6.8
AN-H	4	38	11,505	100	190	0.8
AN-I	4	38	14,414	0	80	3.4
AN-J	4	39	16,106	0	80	4.0
AN-K	4	39	17,798	0	80	6.0
AN-LTRD	4	39	17,898	350	0	12.2
AN-M	4	39	17,998	490	80	0.5
AN-N	4	39	19,588	250	80	3.6
AN-O	4	39	20,909	250	80	3.7
BIRCH CREEK						
BH-A	4	40	00	12	25	1.9
BH-B	4	41	7,920	10	115	1.8
BH-C	4	41	7,920	10	115	1.9

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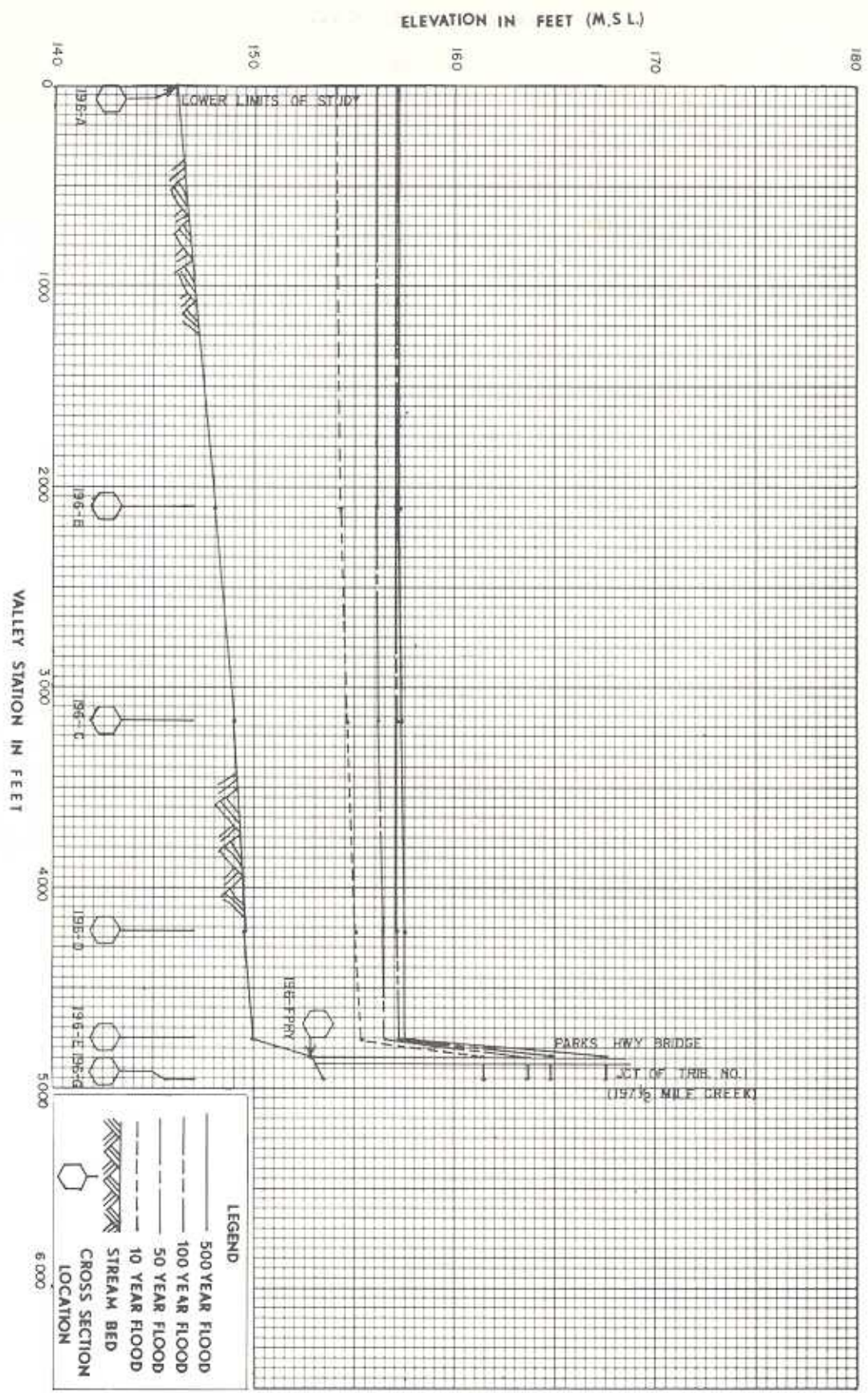
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BIRCH CREEK (cont)						
BH-D	4	41	10,032	15	115	2.0
BH-EARR	4	41	10,296	12	110	2.1
BH-F	4	41	10,560	10	115	4.0
BH-G	4	41	13,728	29	62	3.2
BH-H	4	42	16,368	45	82	3.5
BHTRD	4	42	16,632	500	90	5.1
BH-J	4	42	16,732	500	55	5.0



APPENDIX D

Exhibit 1 - Flood Profile Index
Exhibit 2 - Flood Profile Sheets

NOTE: ELEVATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN TABLE I (APPENDIX A)

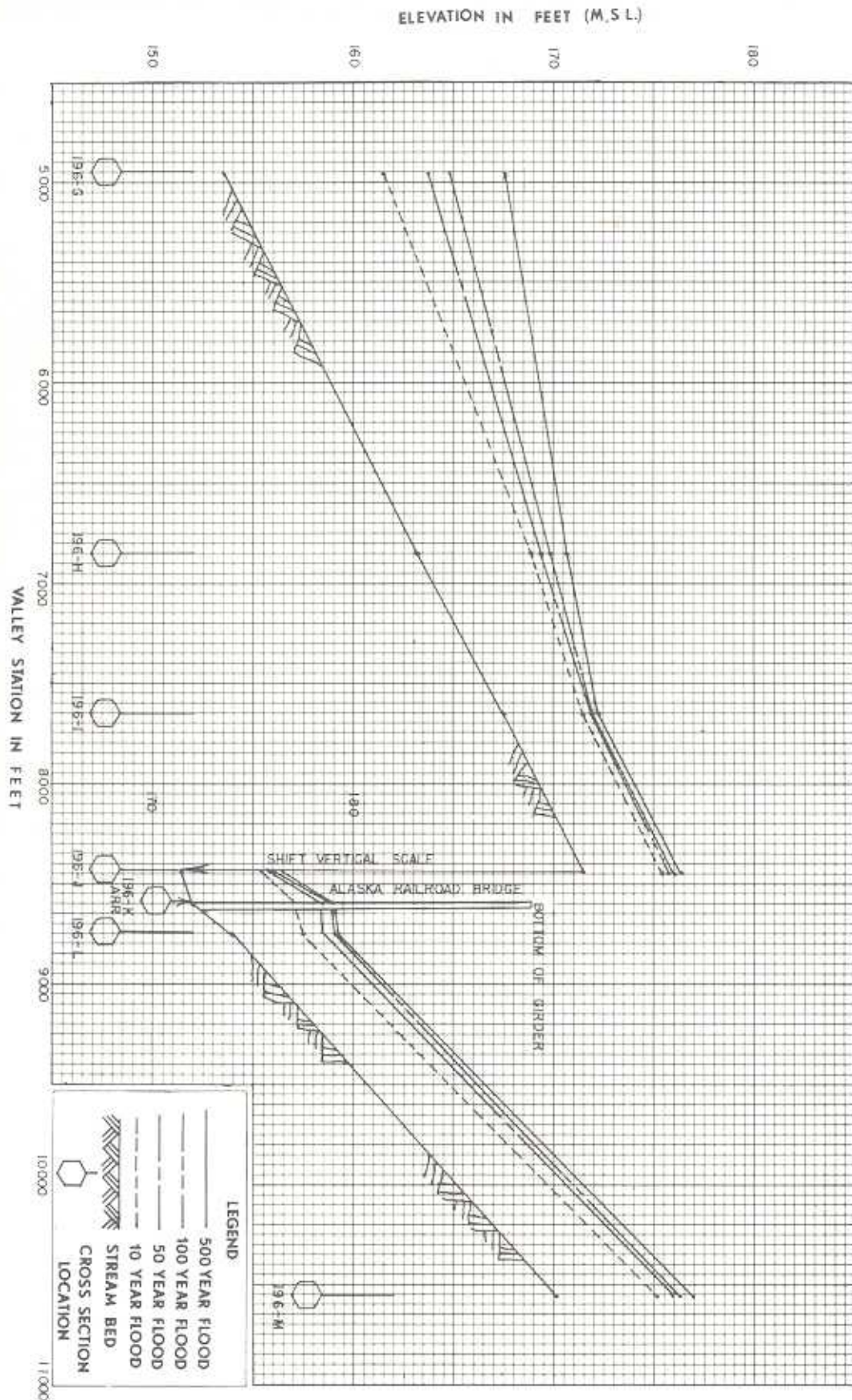


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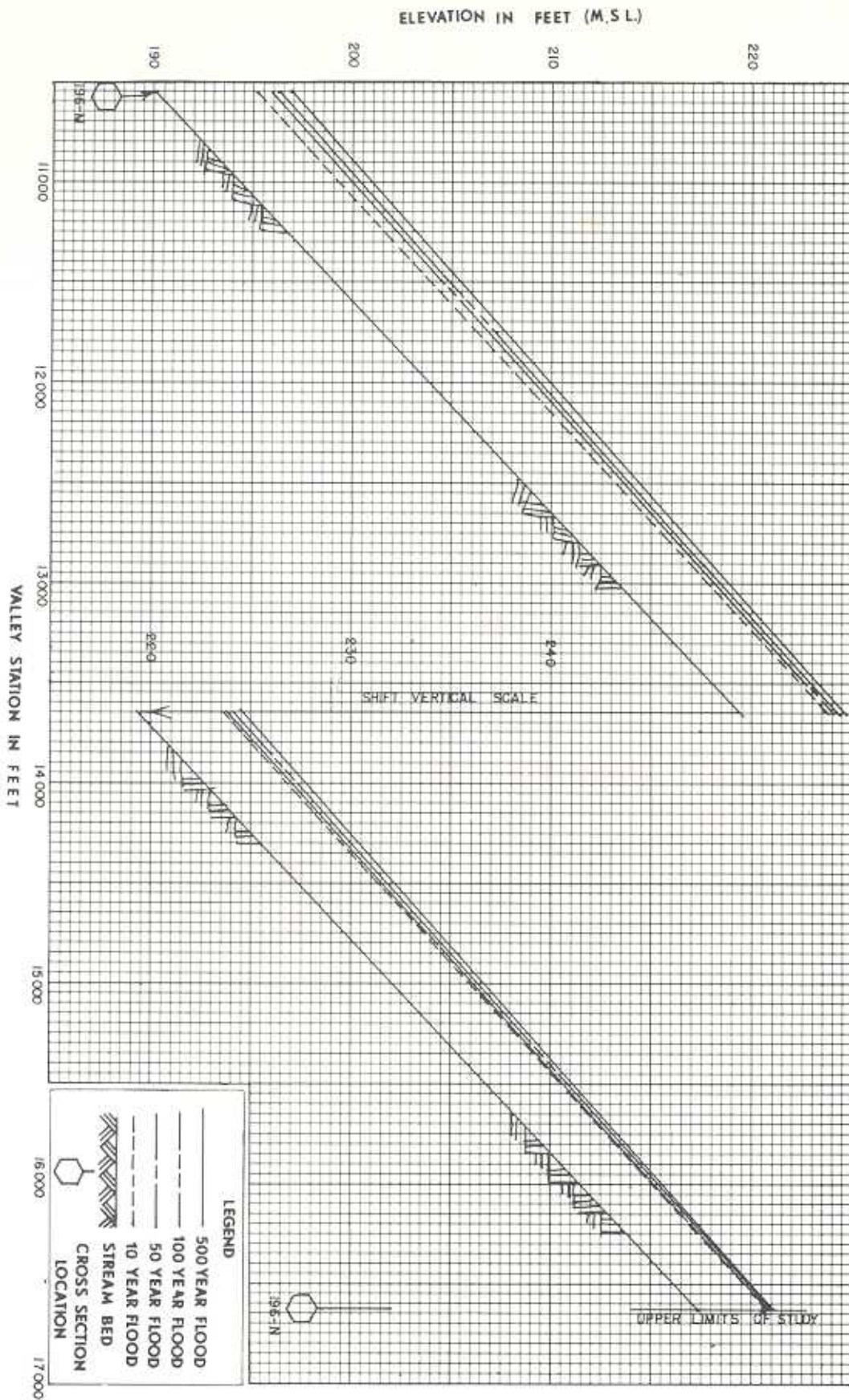


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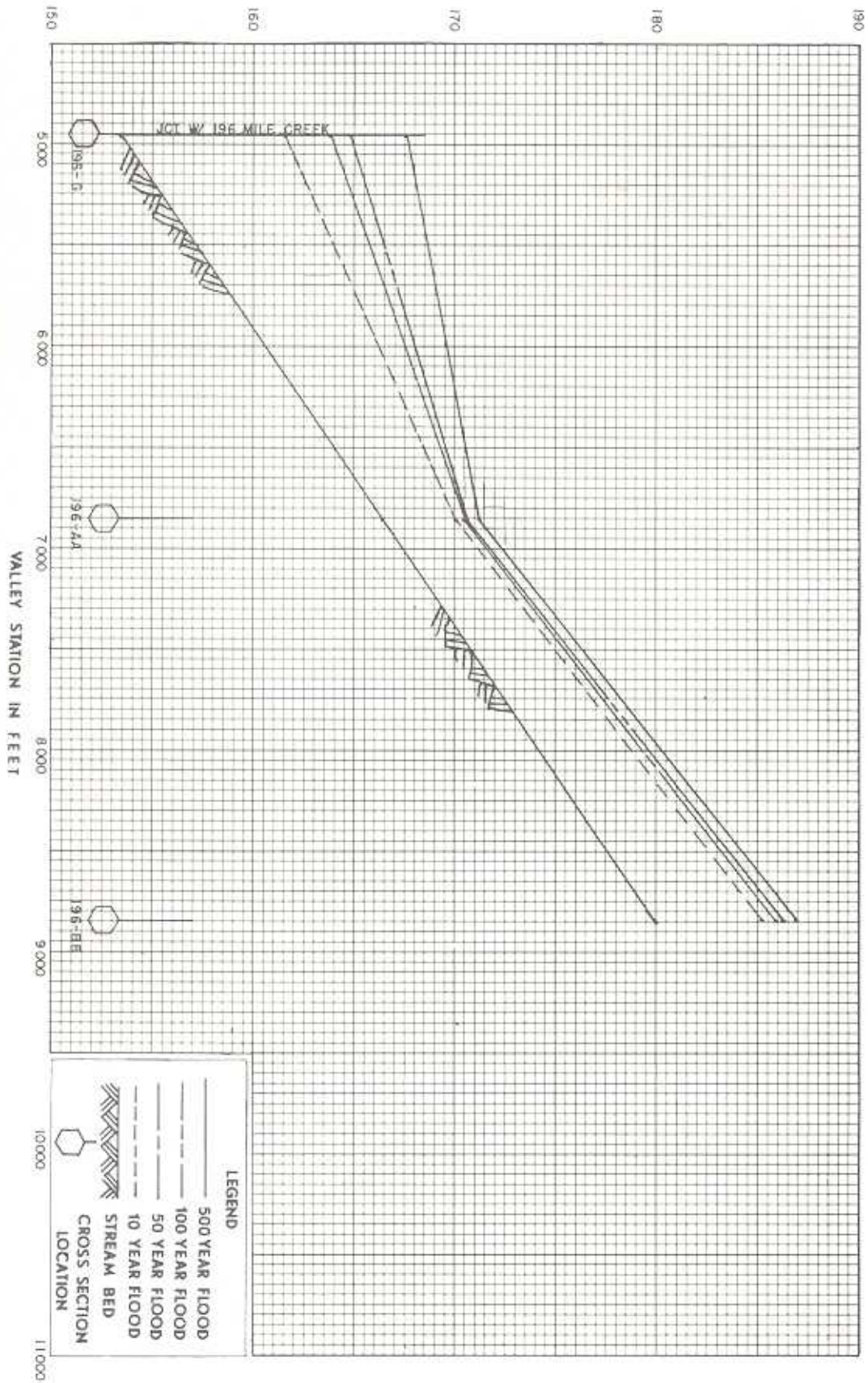
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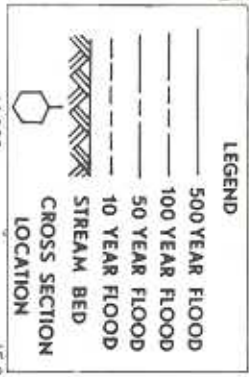
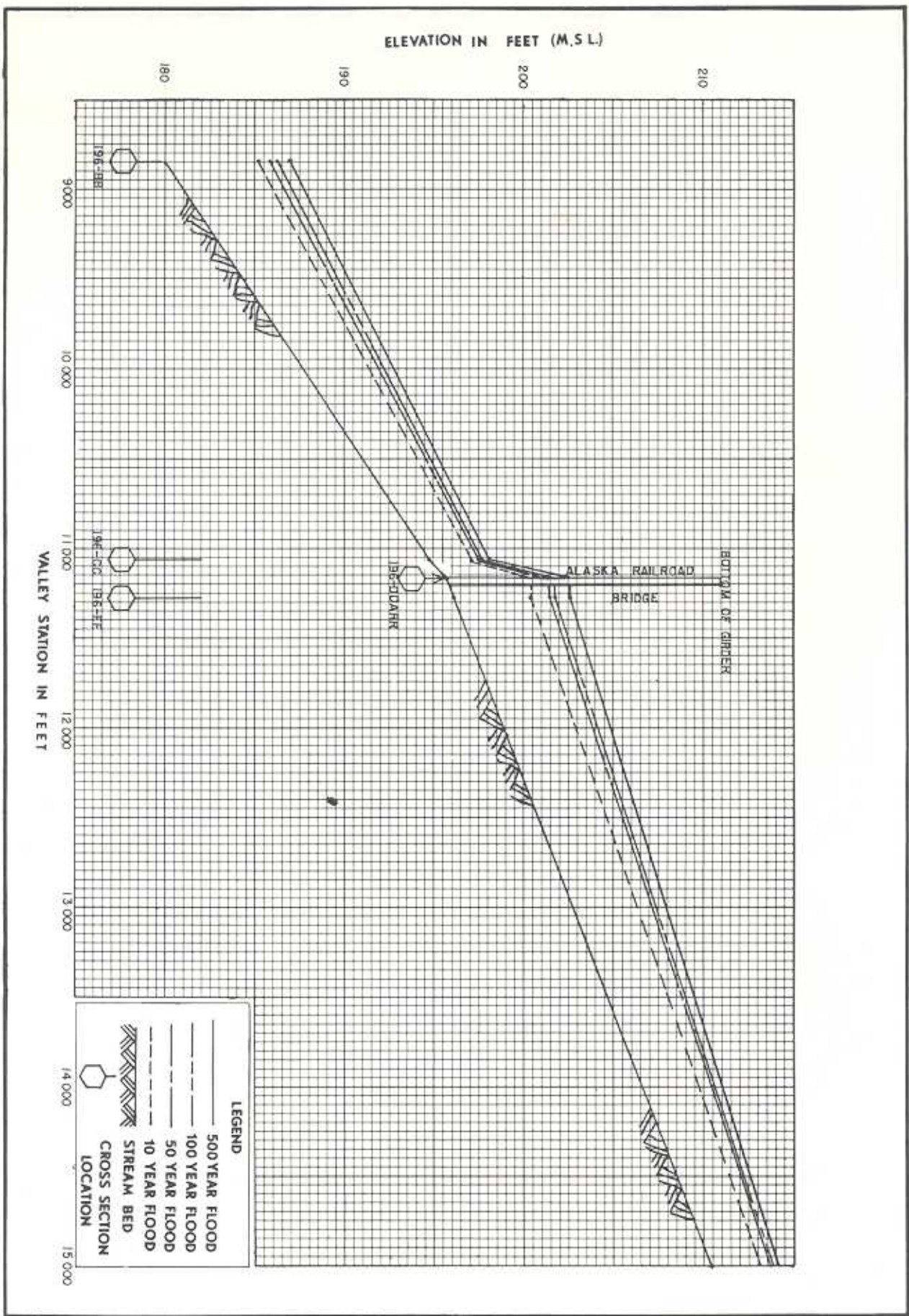


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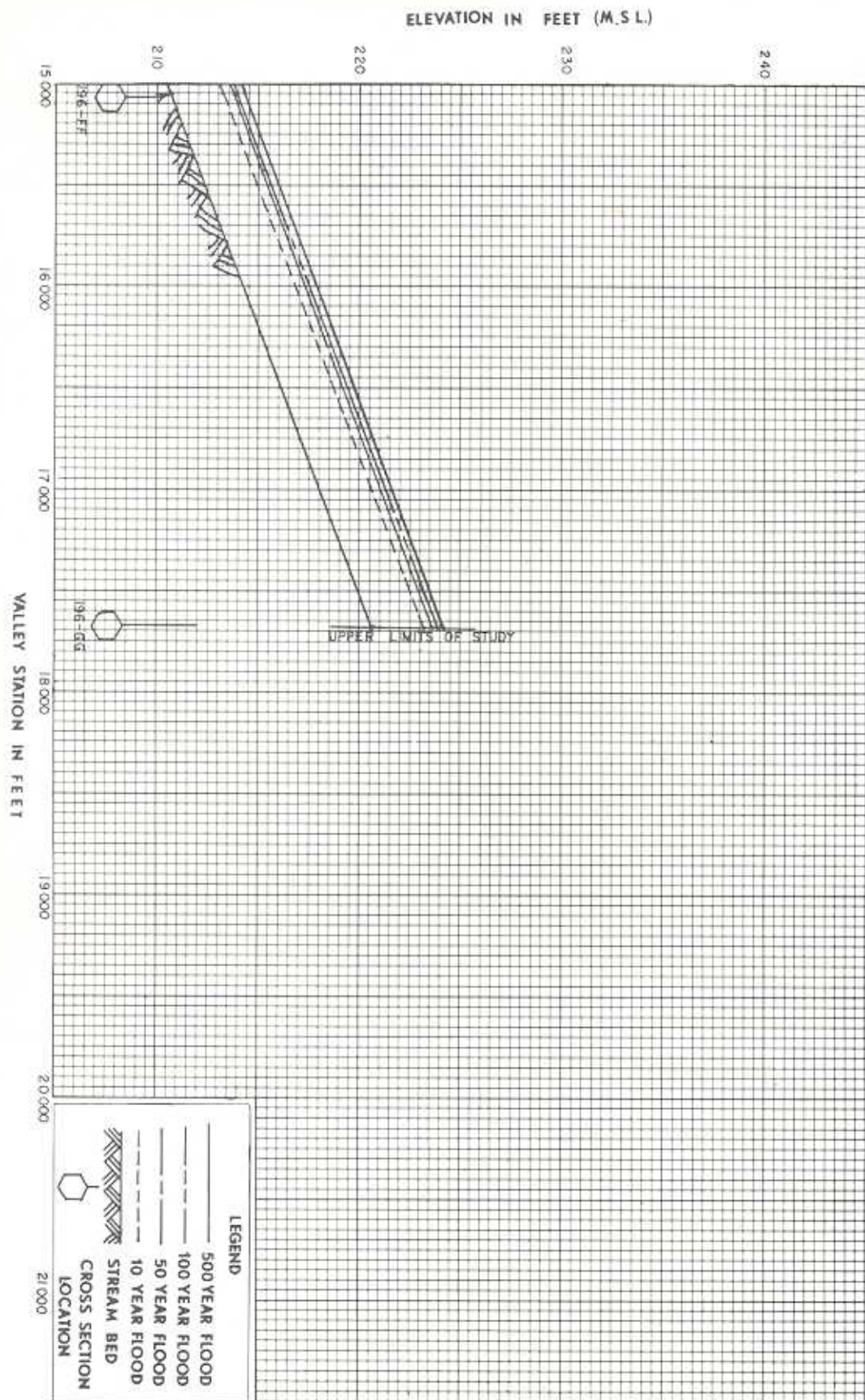
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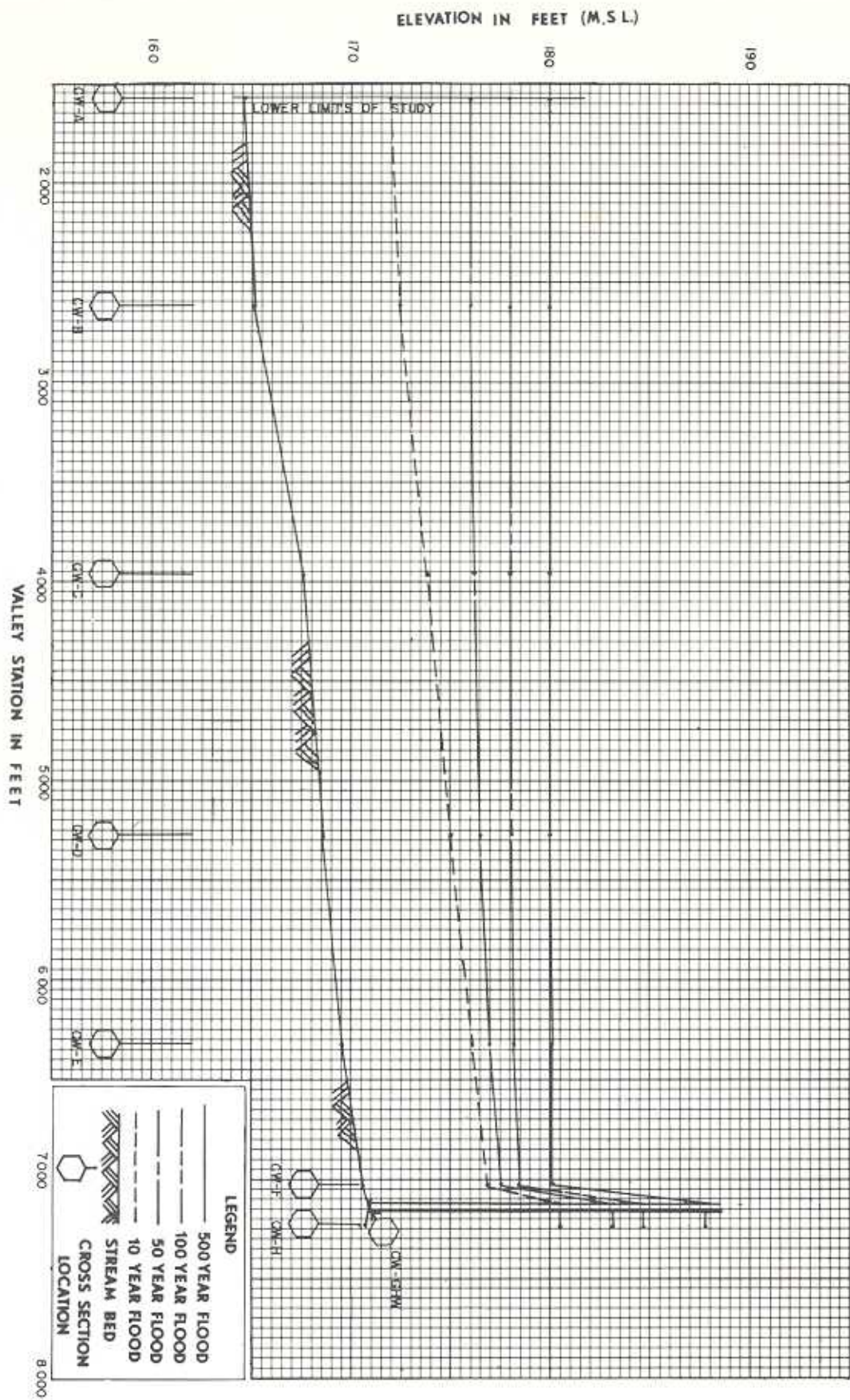
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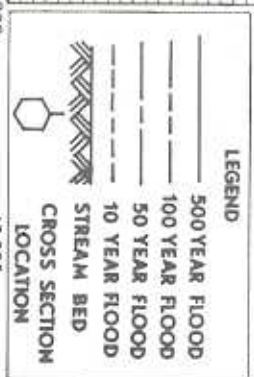
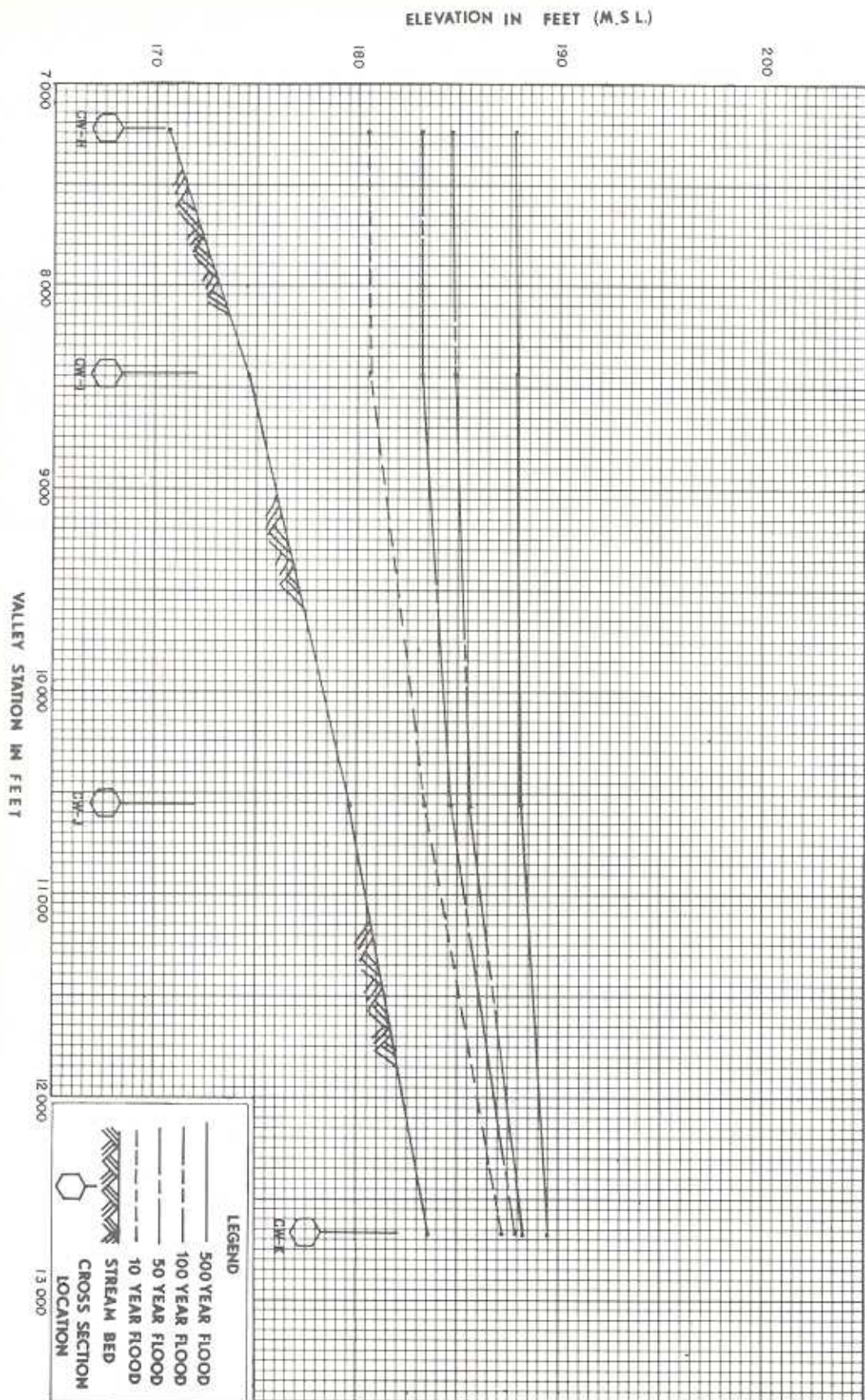
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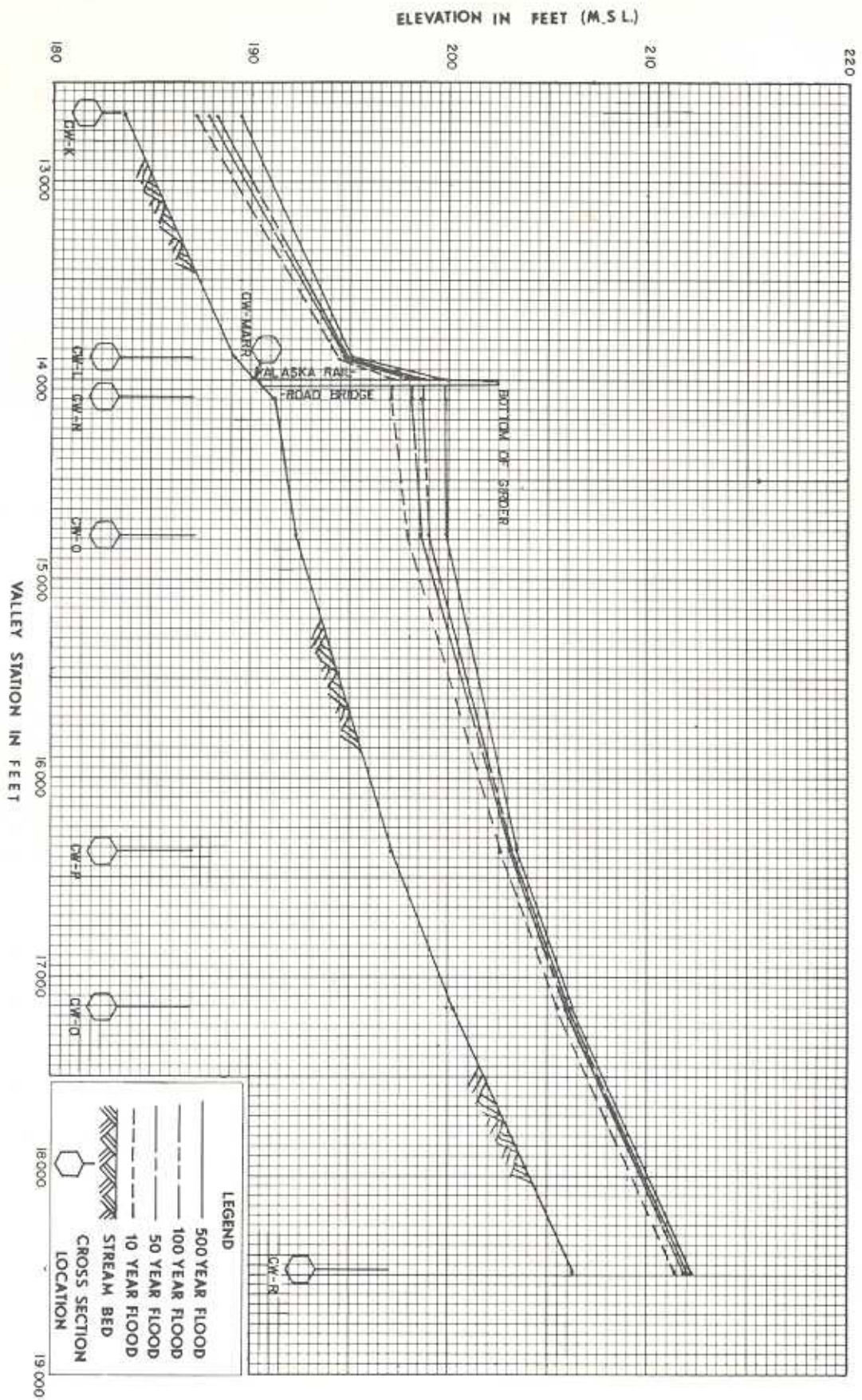
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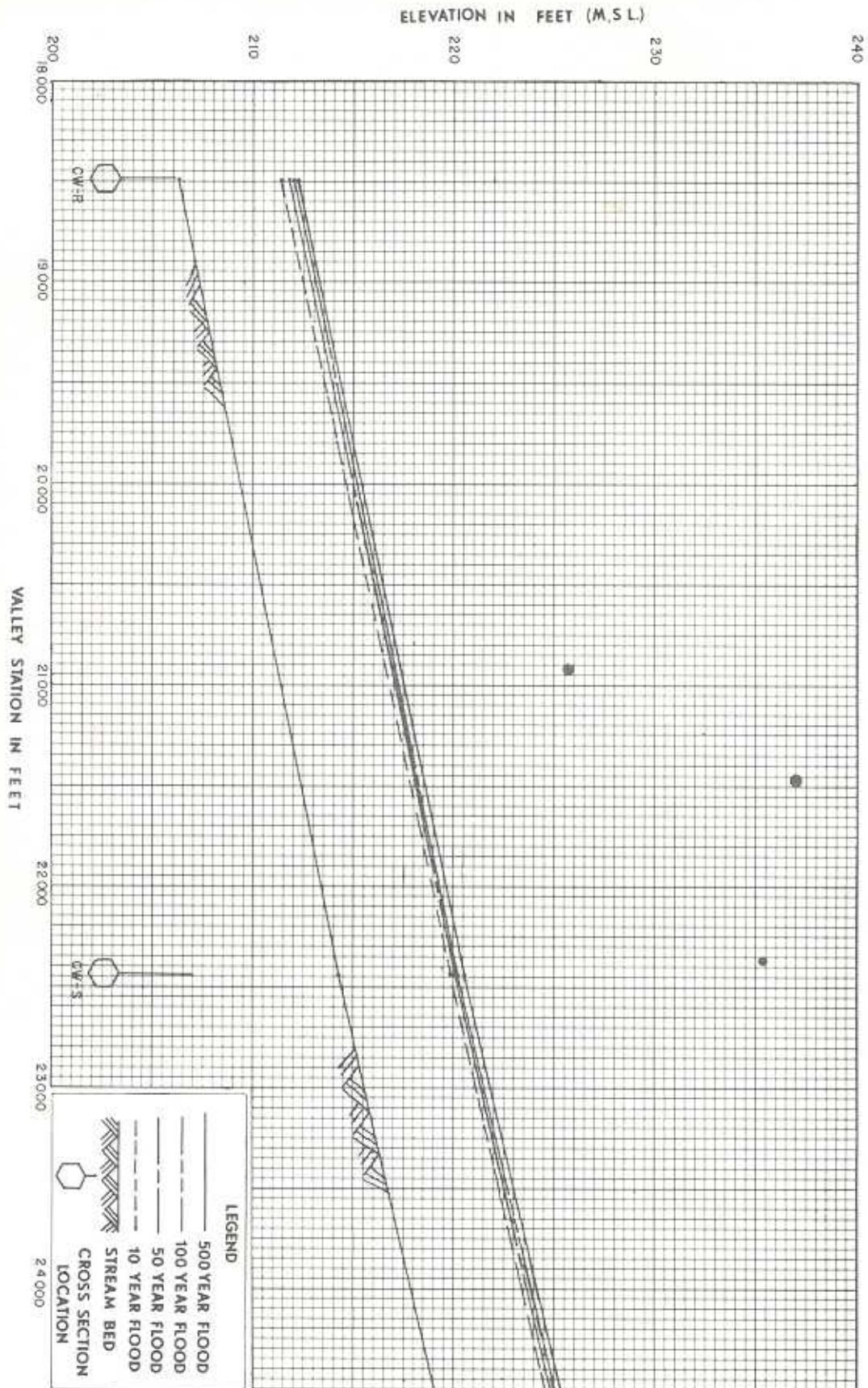


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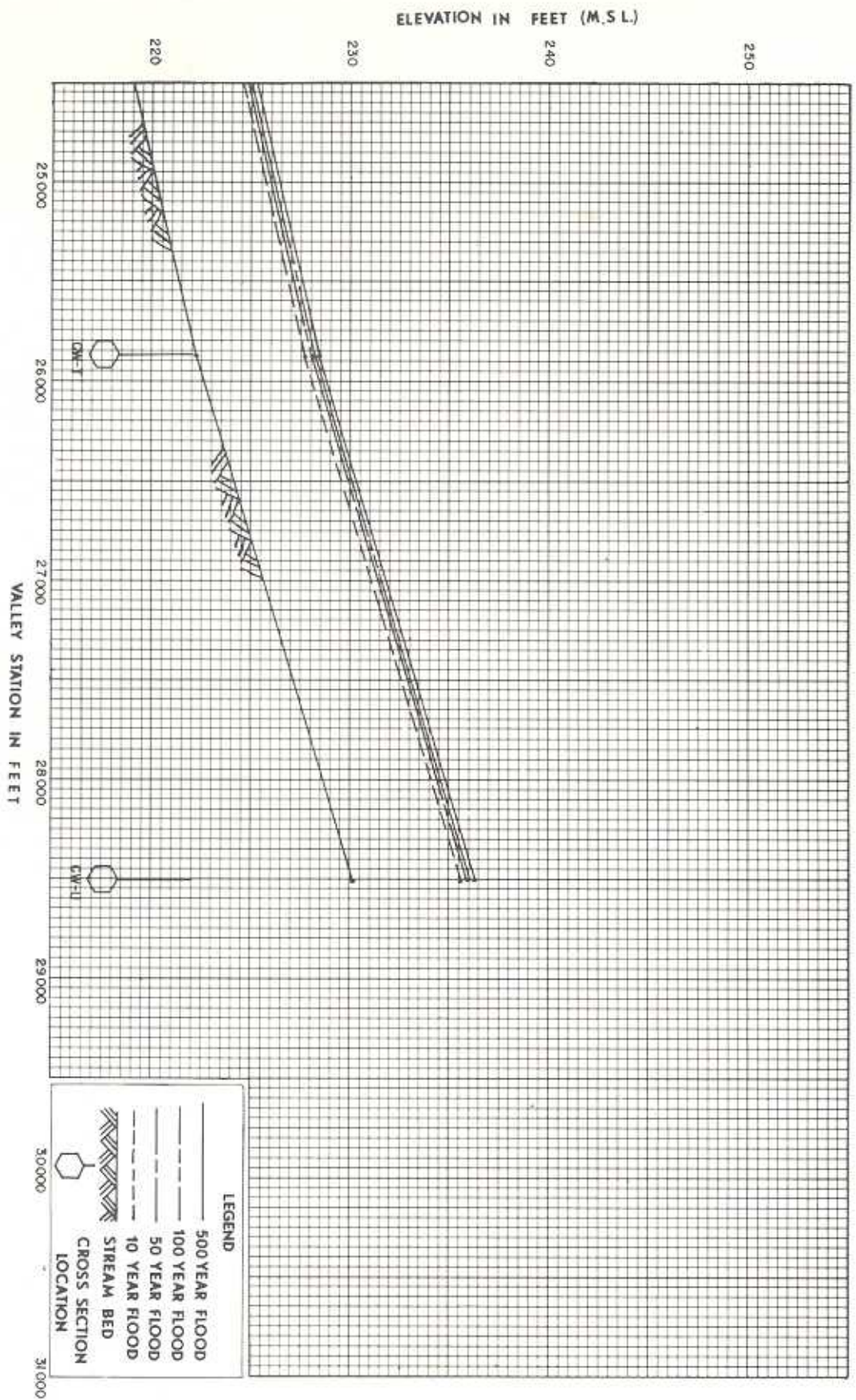


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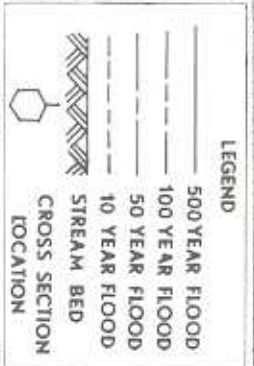
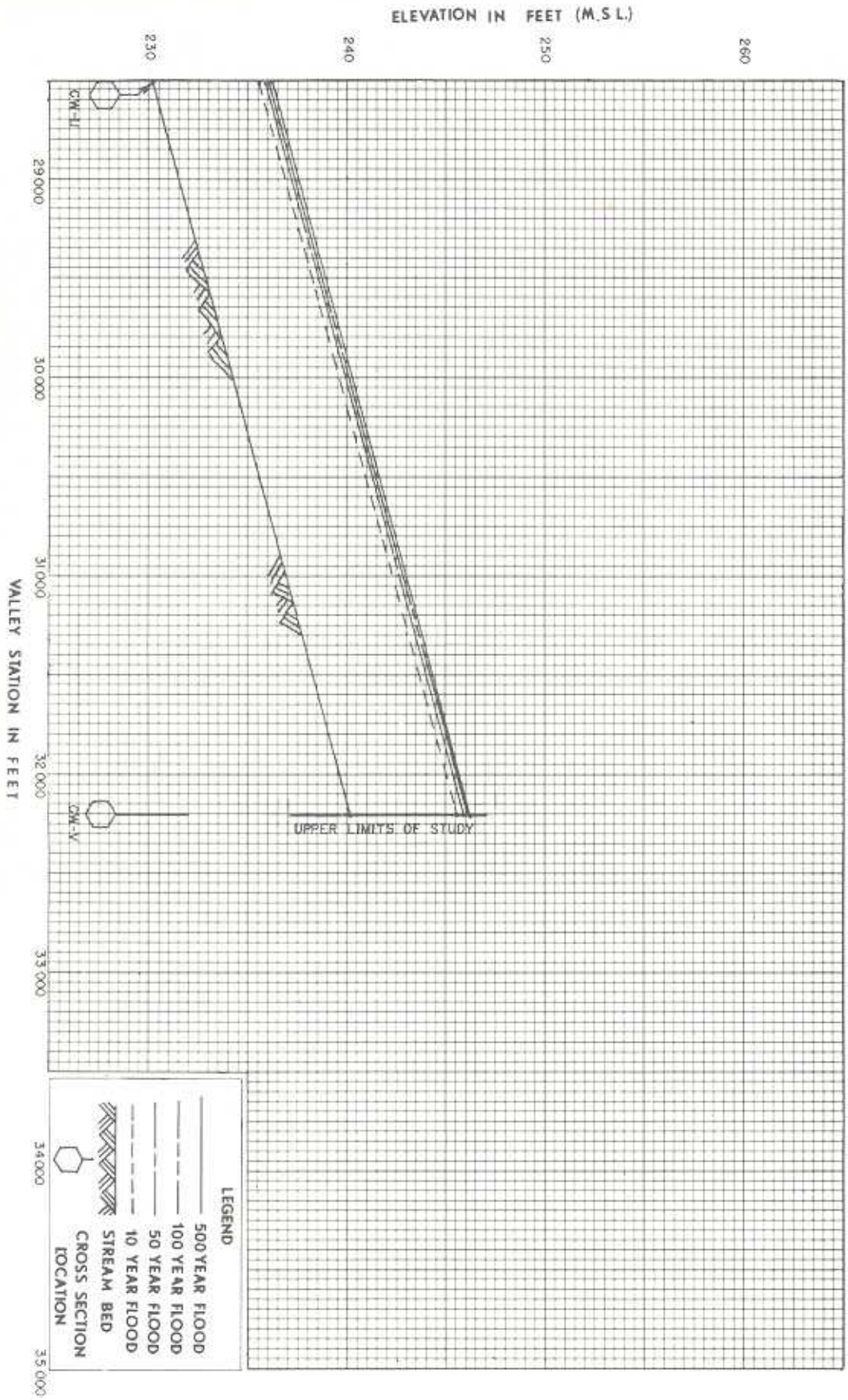
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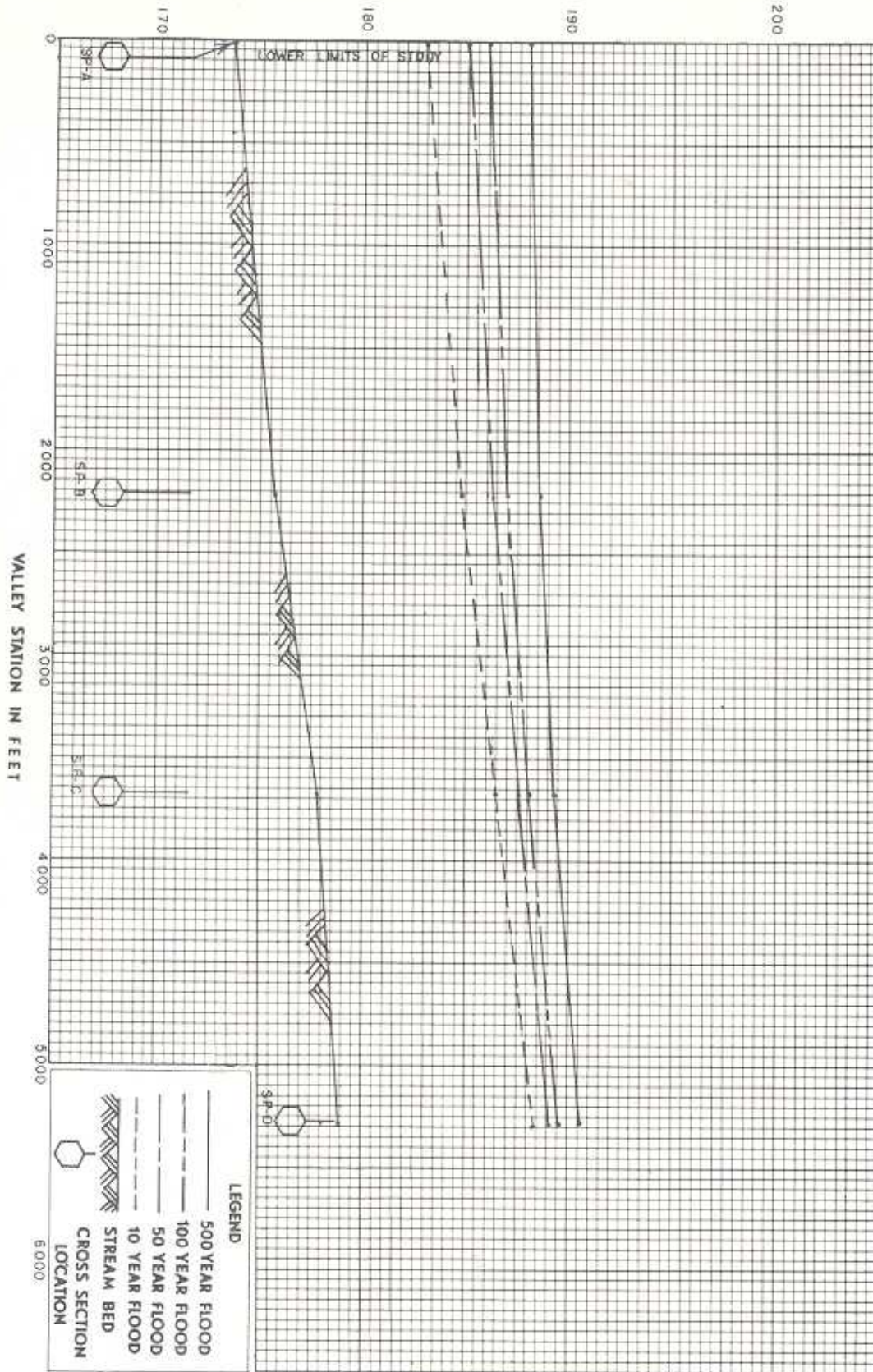


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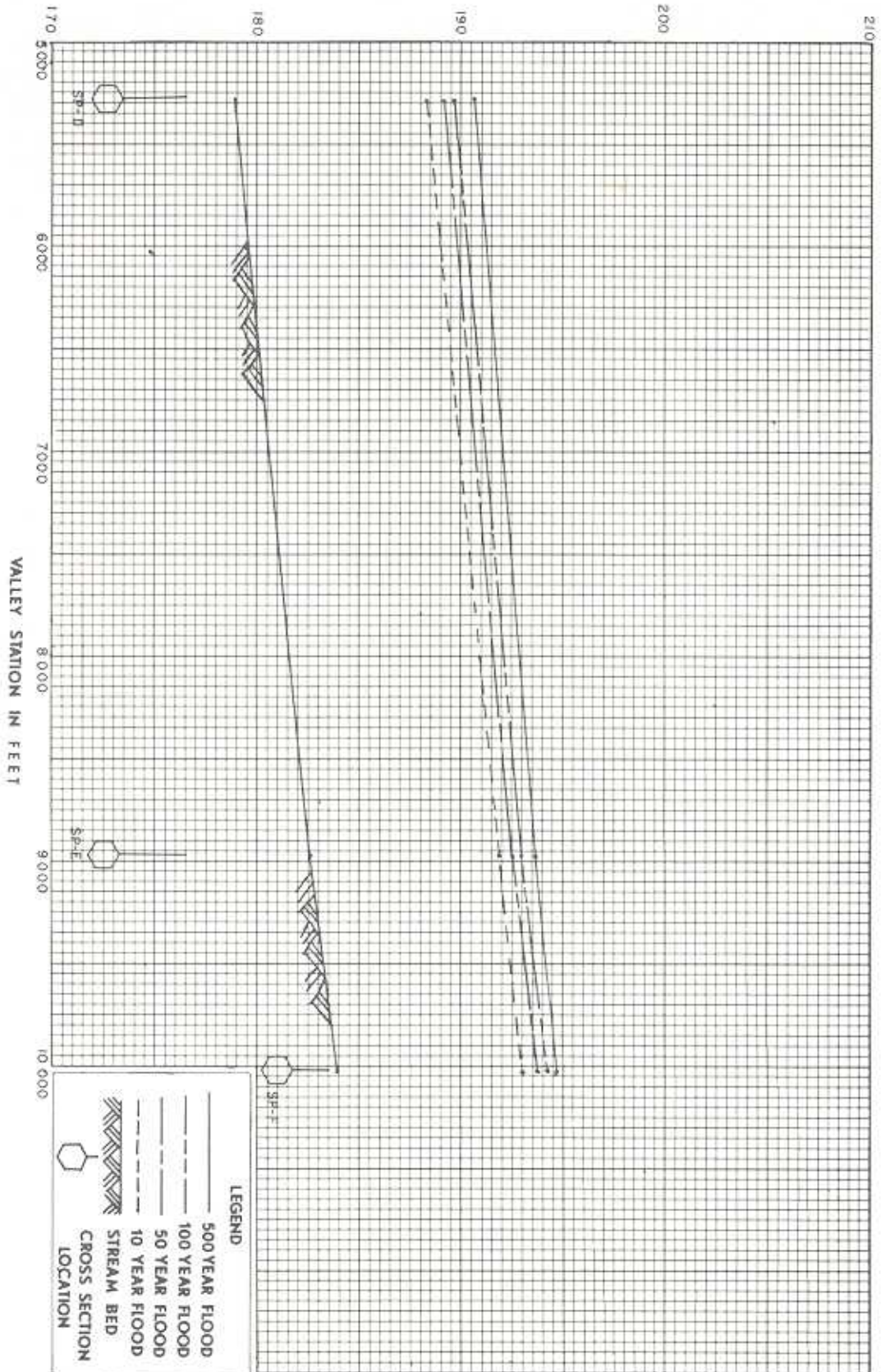
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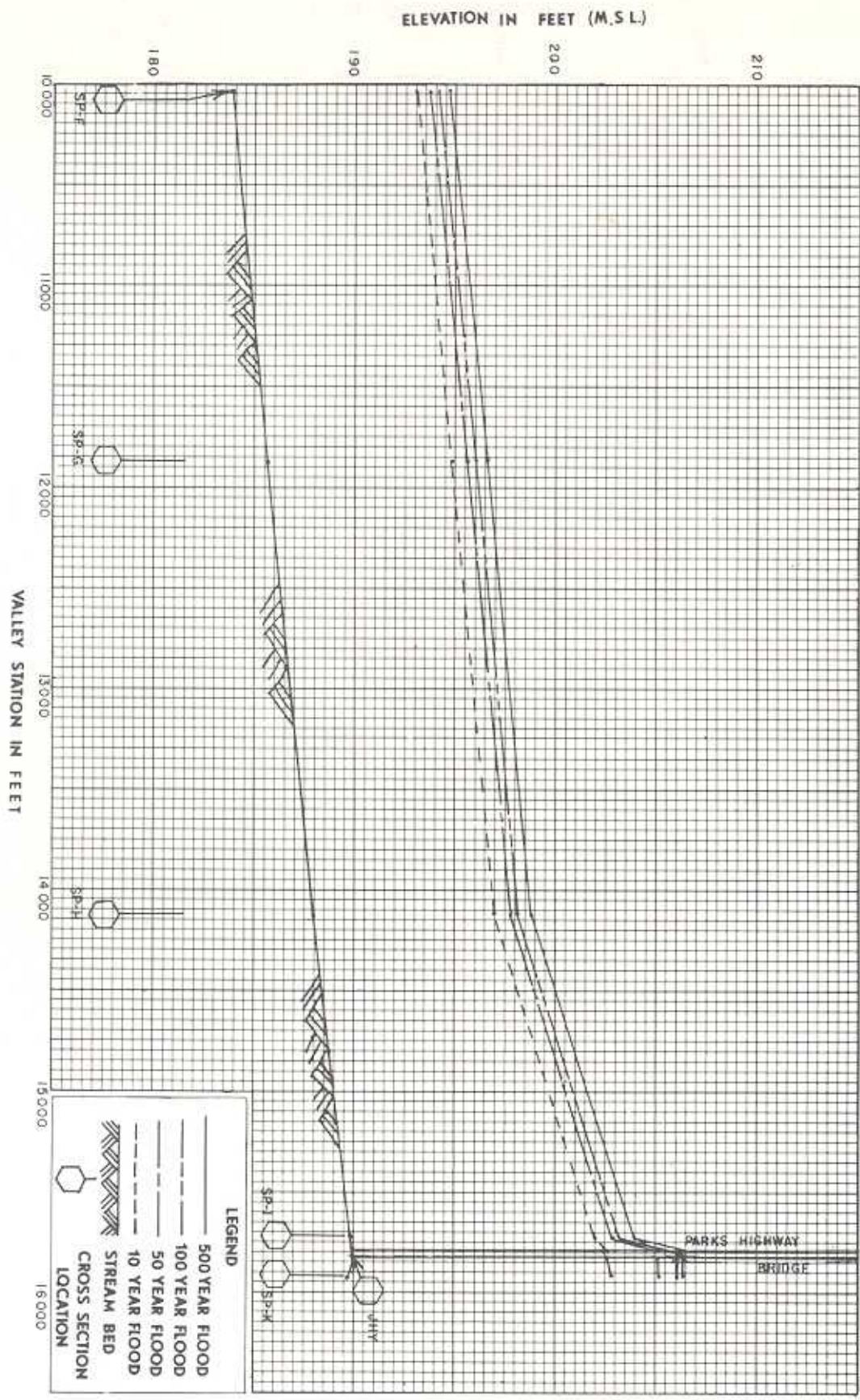


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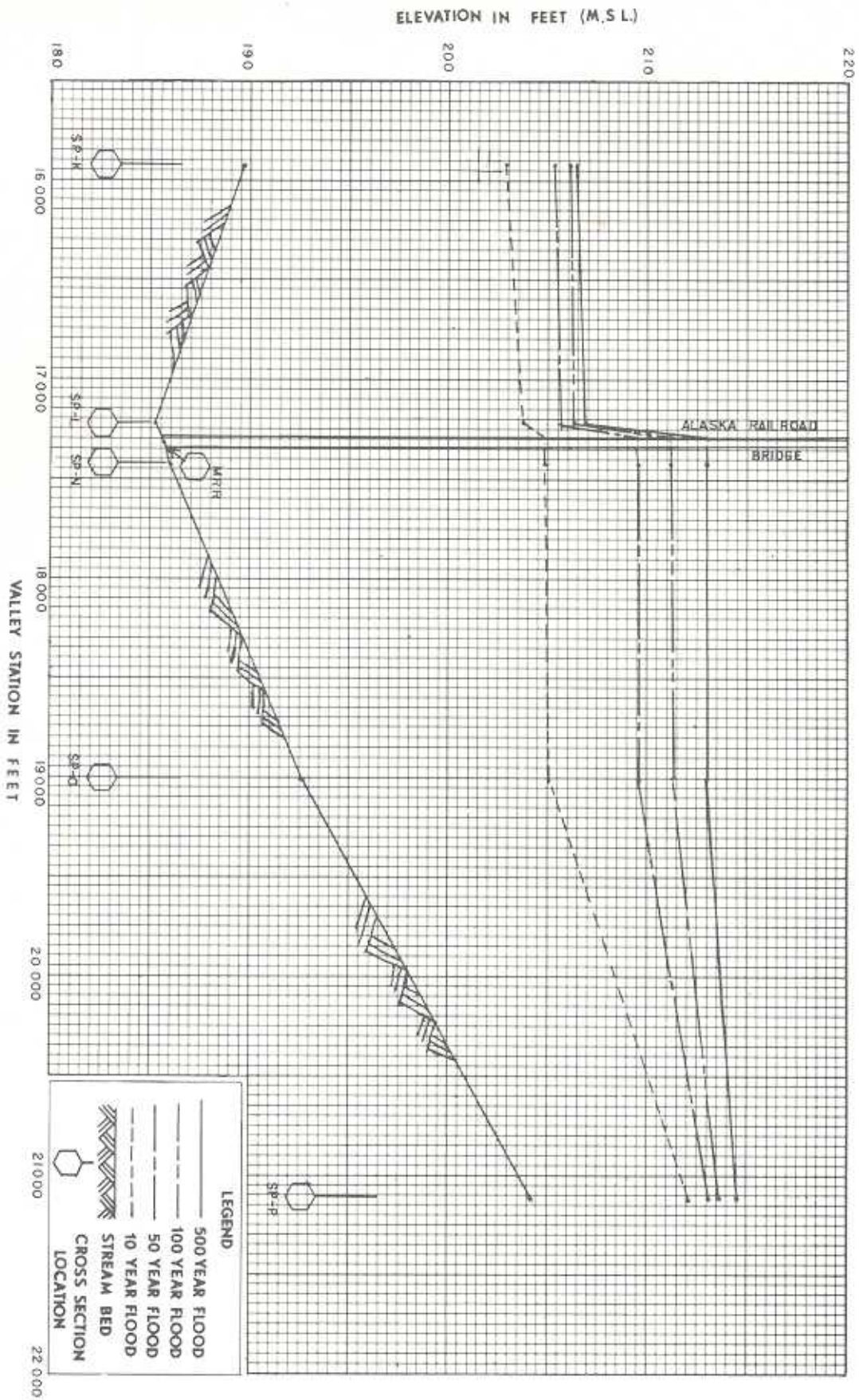
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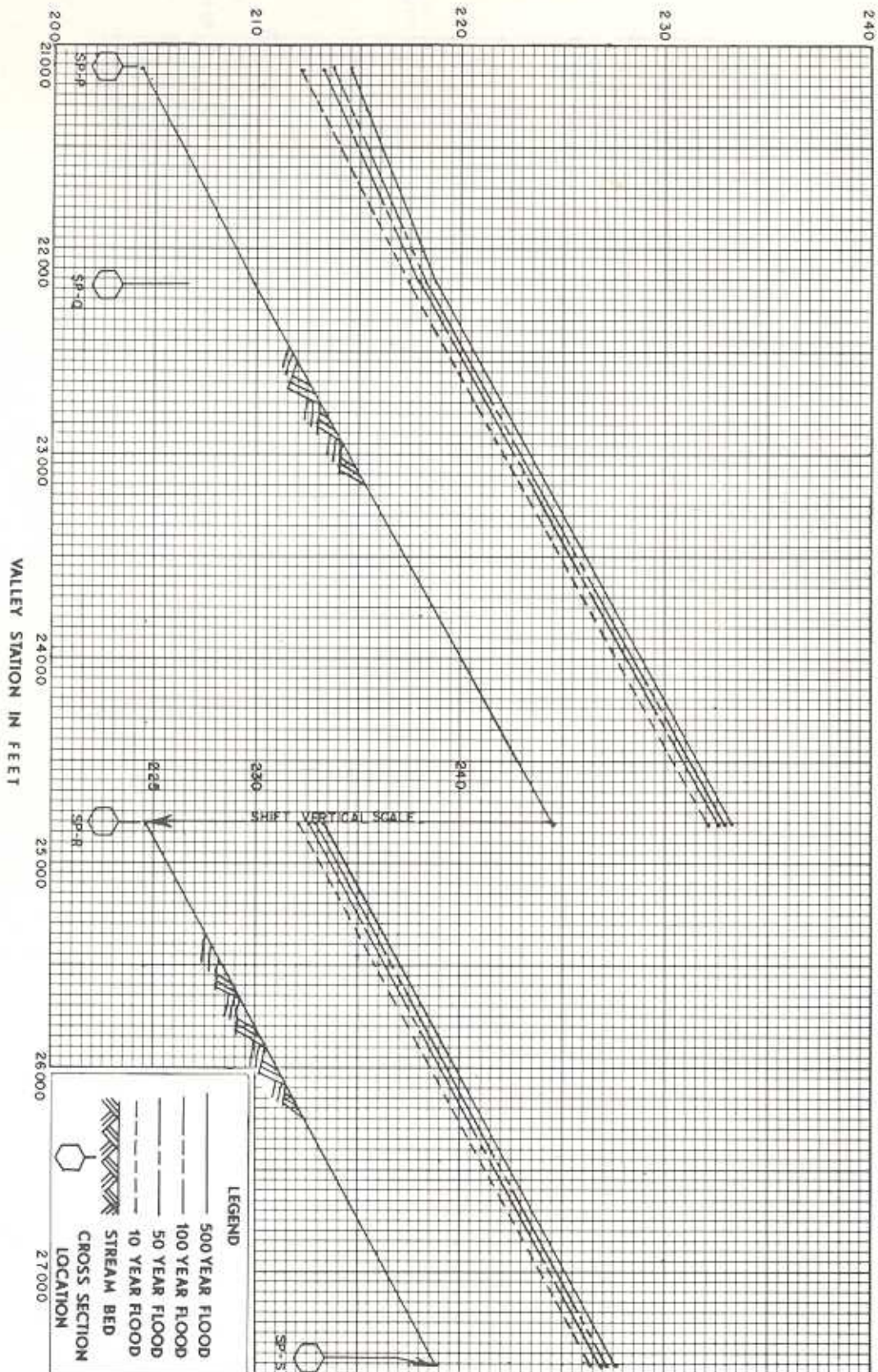
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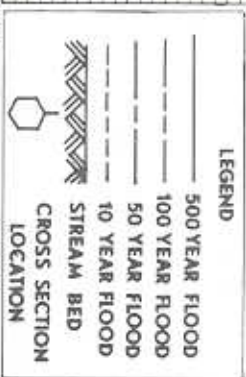
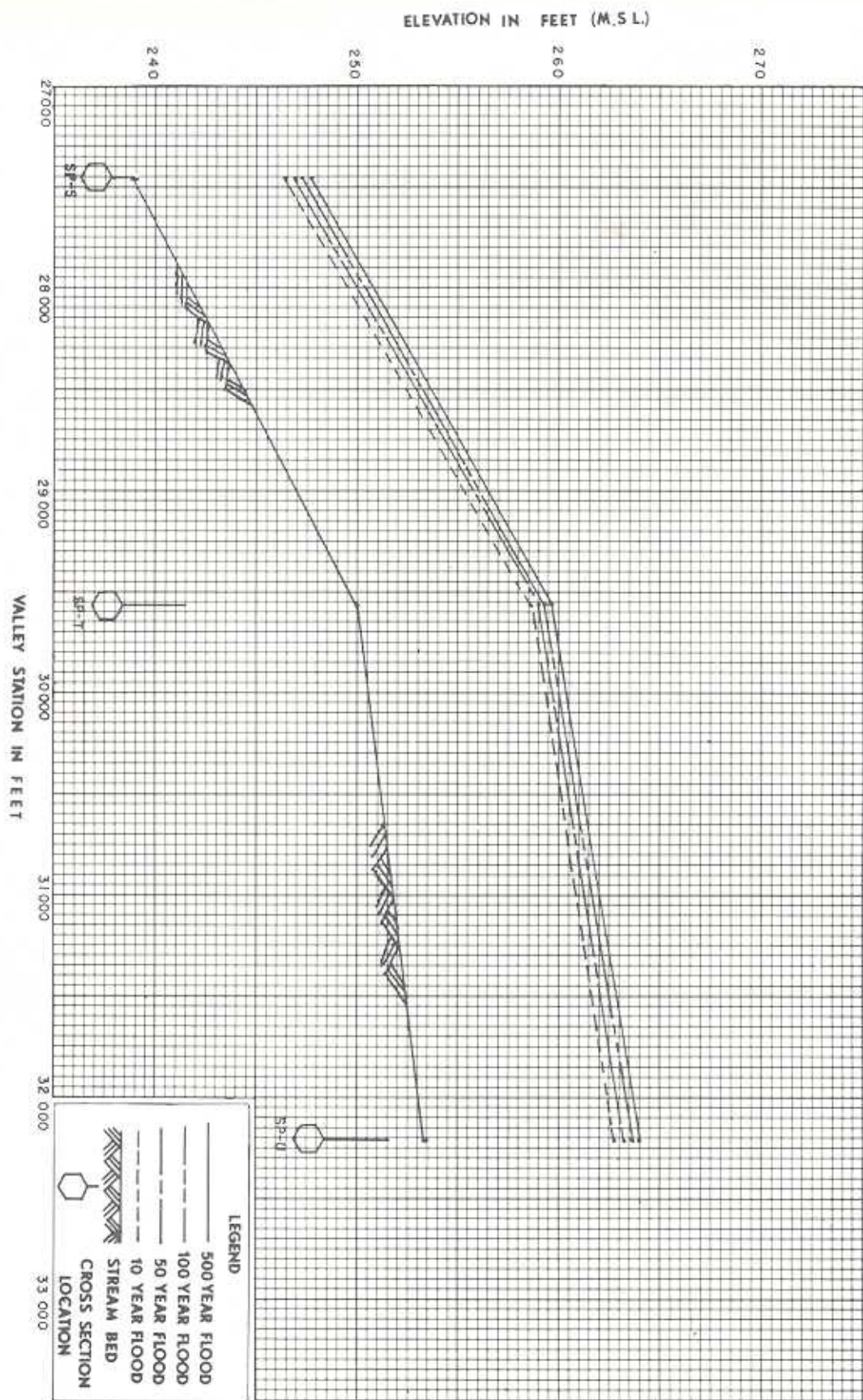
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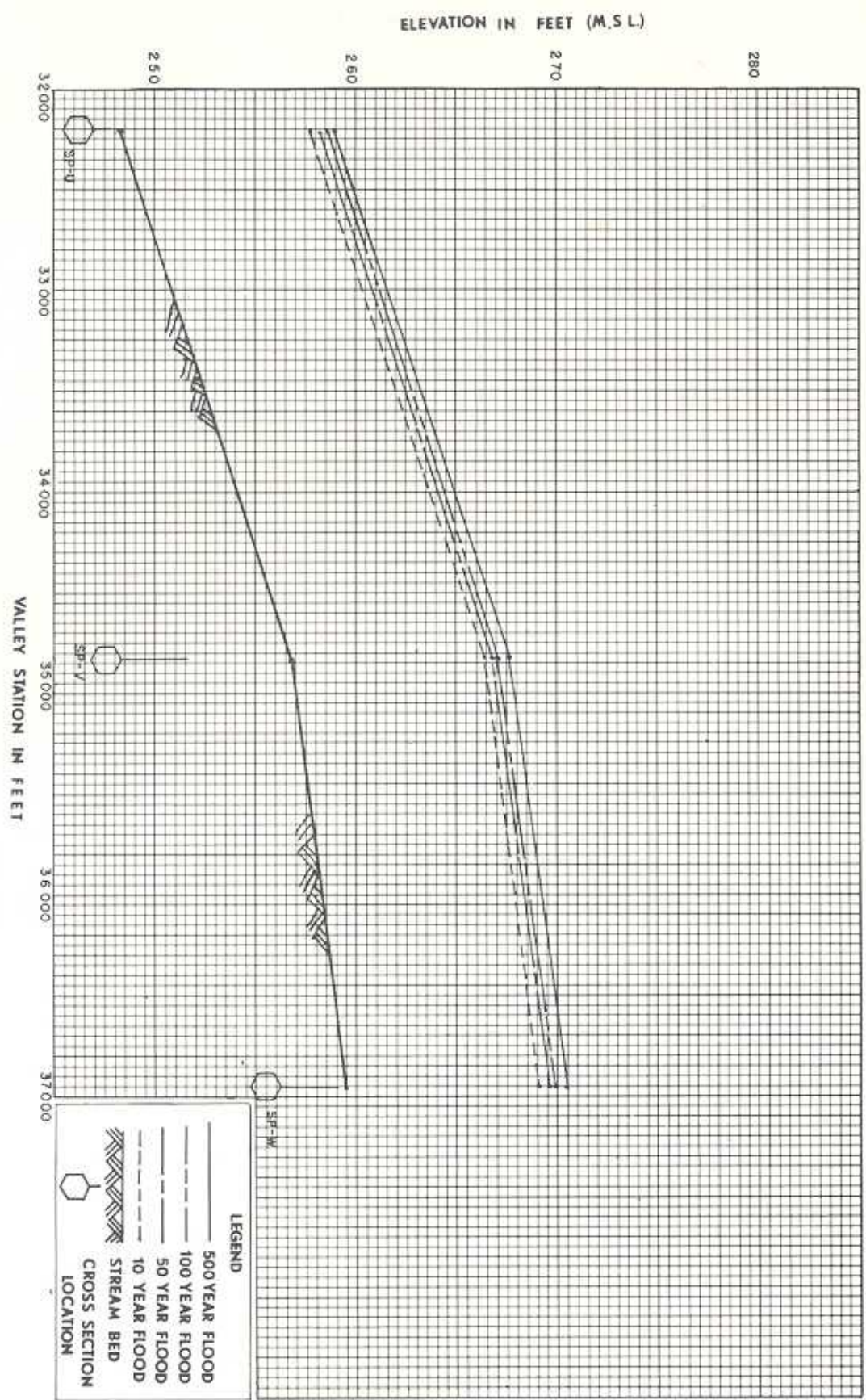
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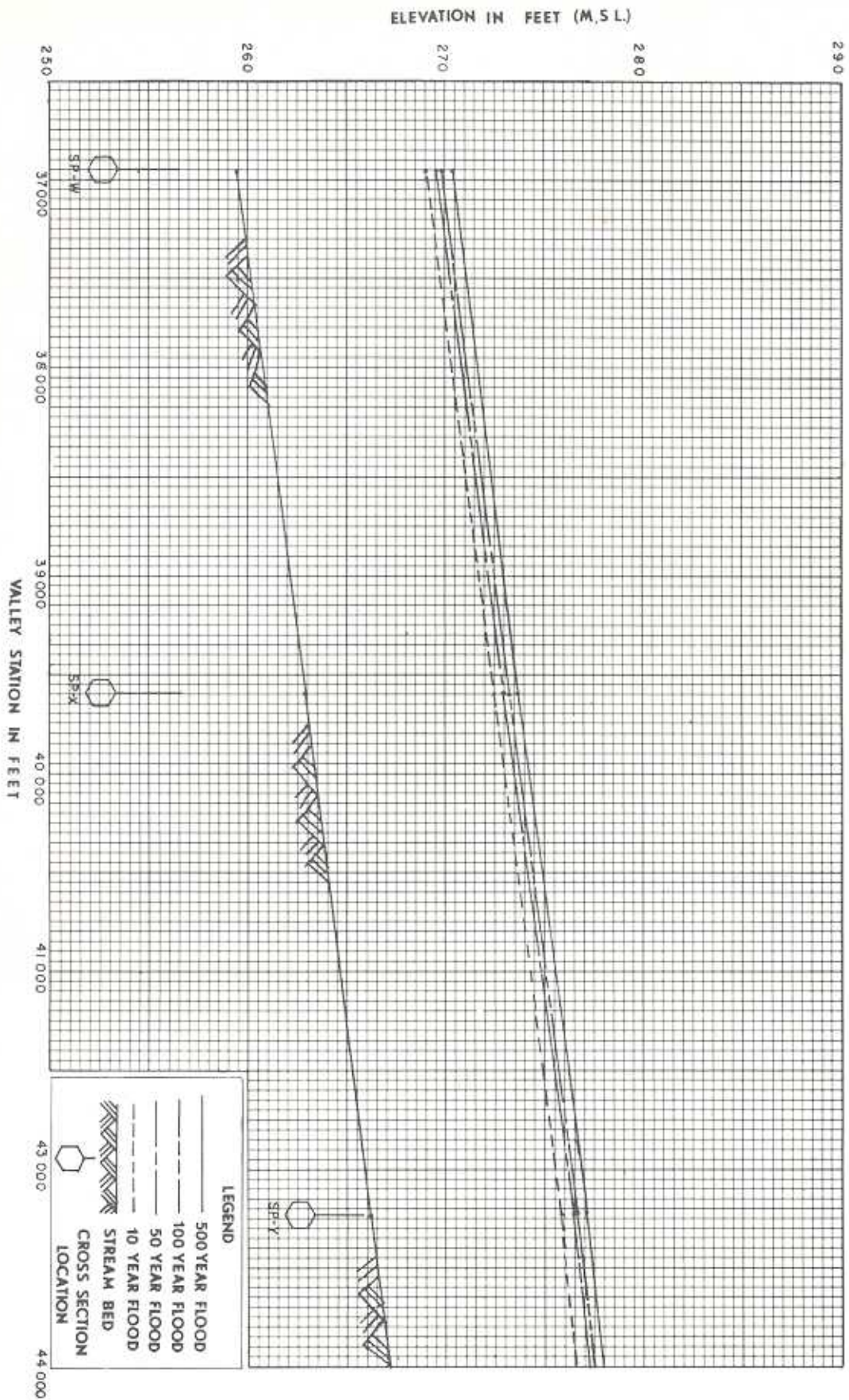
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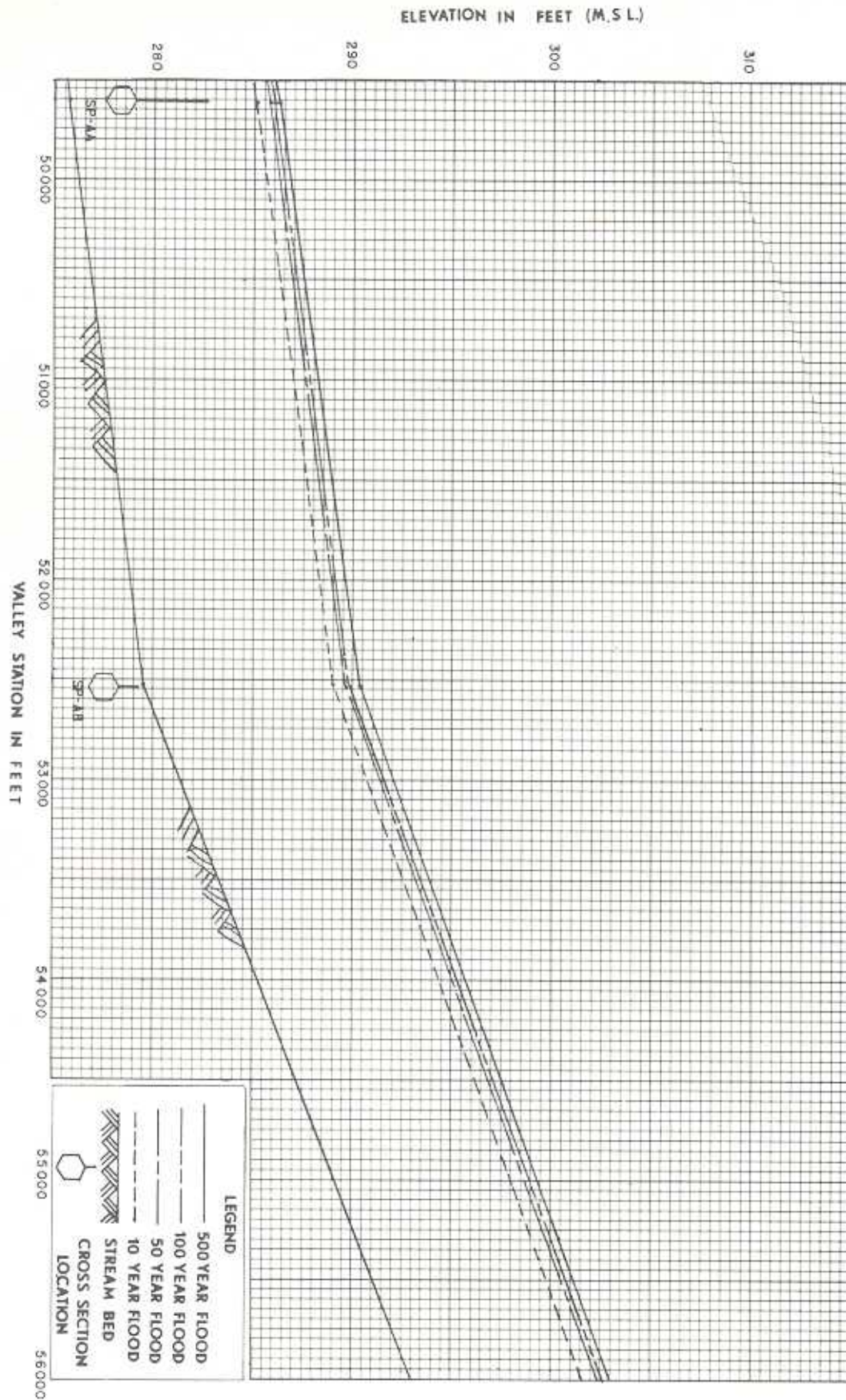


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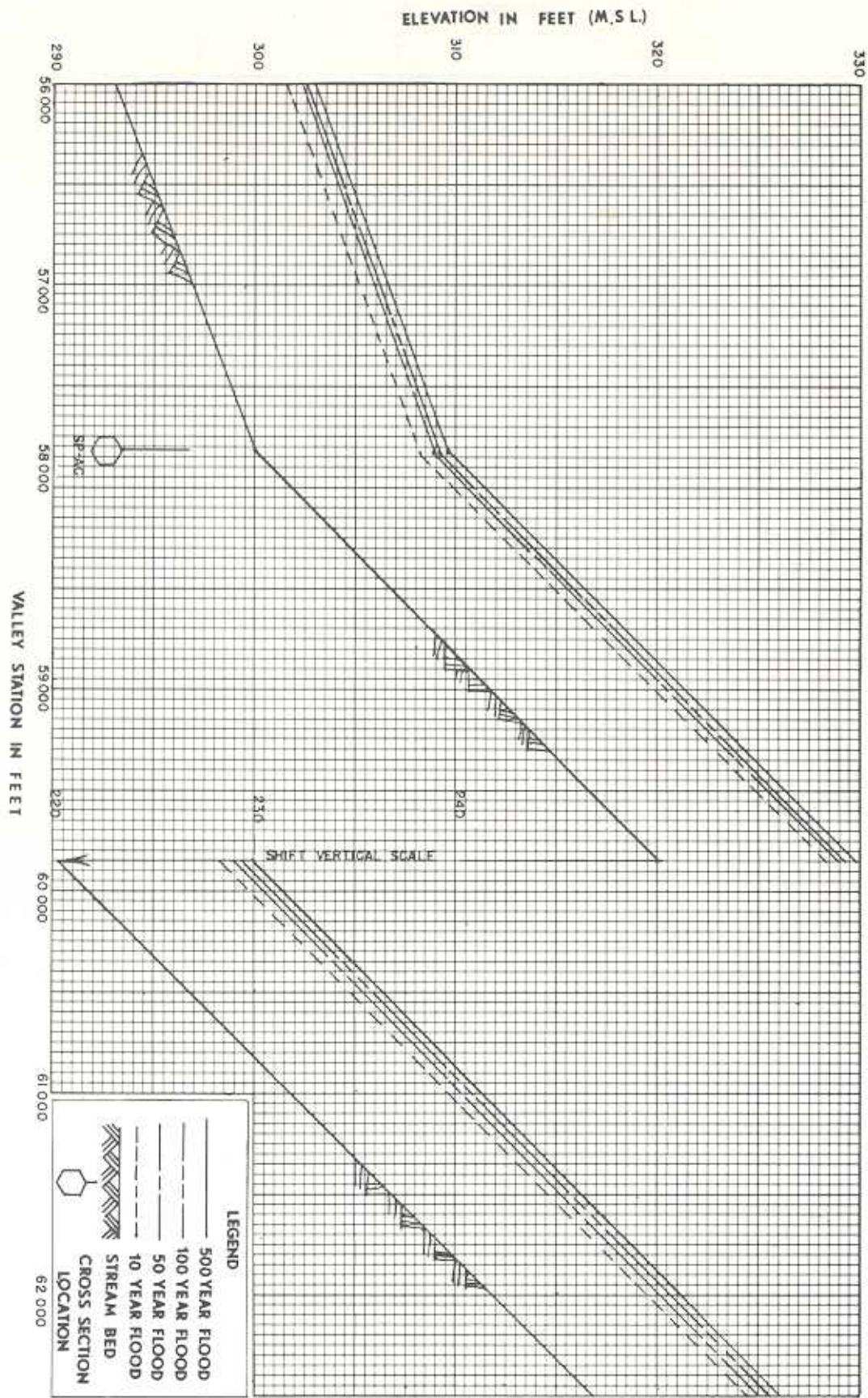
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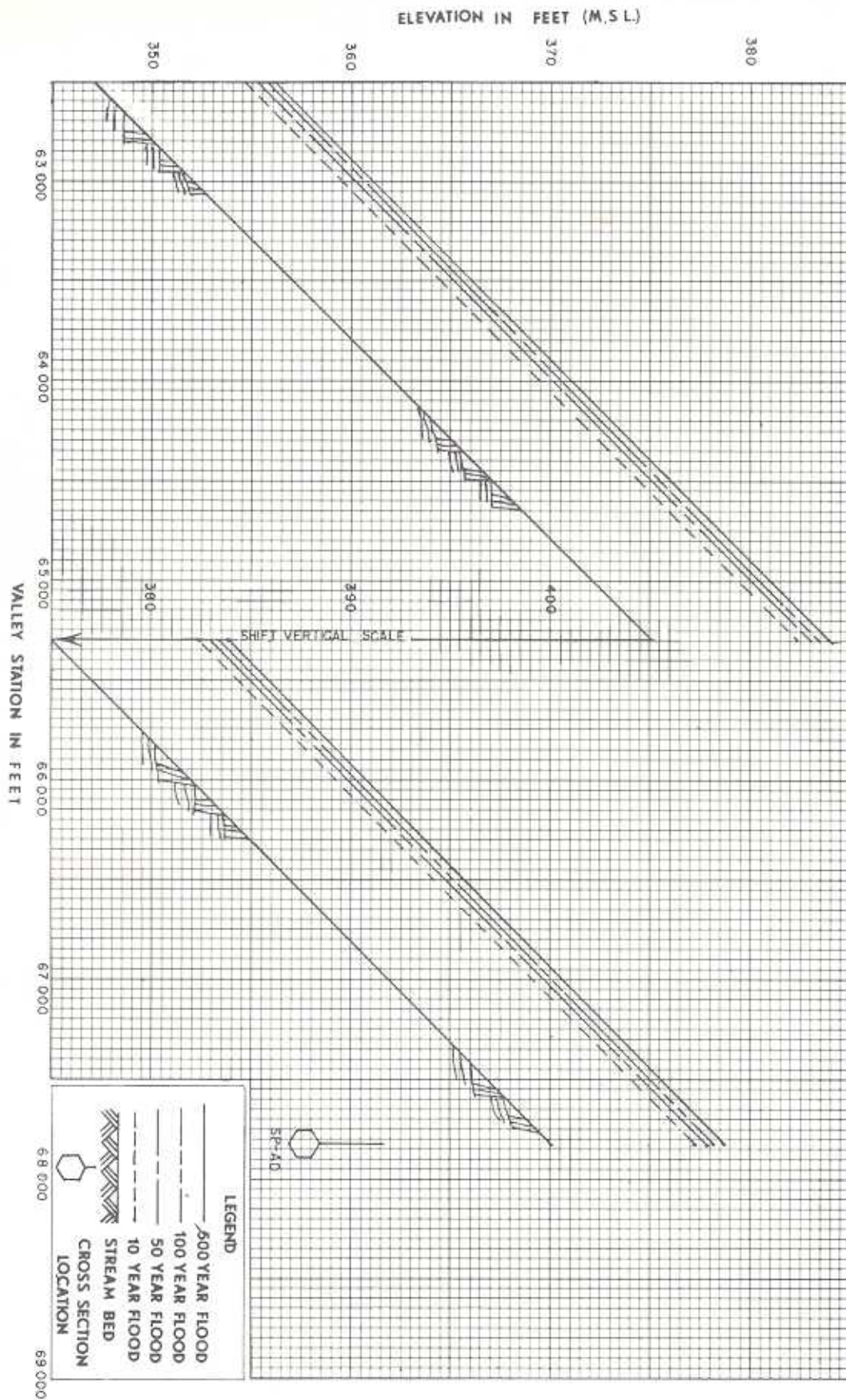
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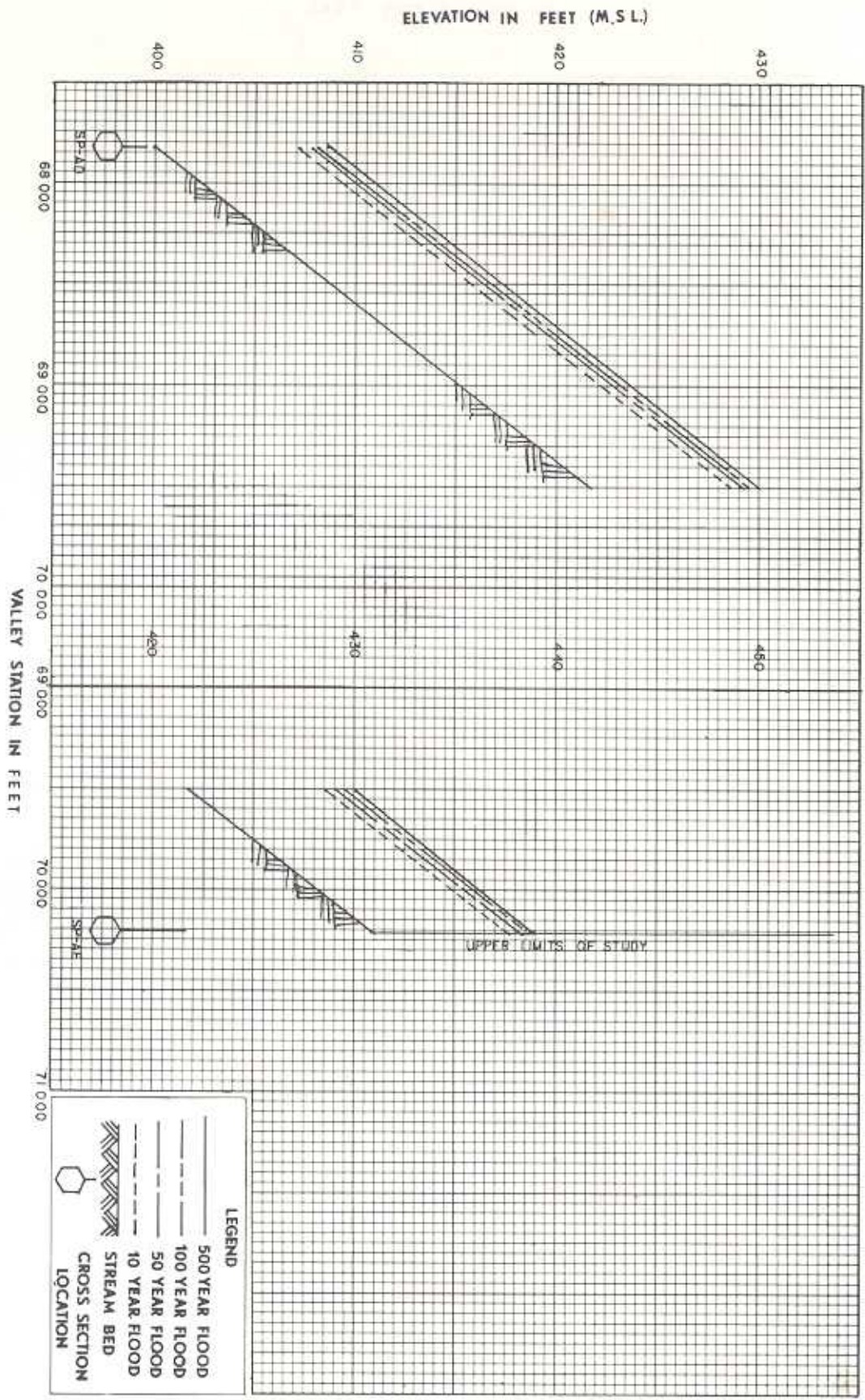


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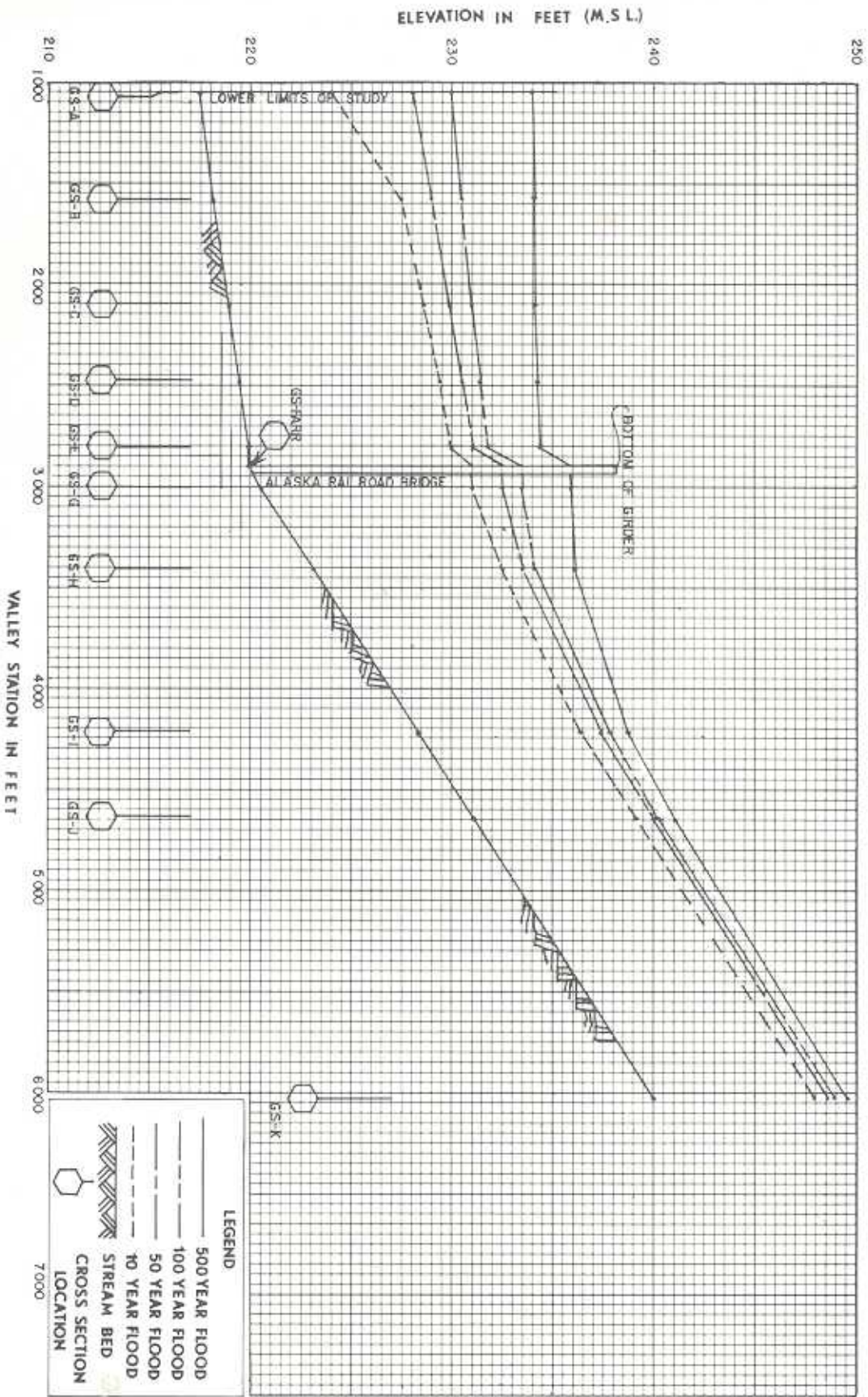
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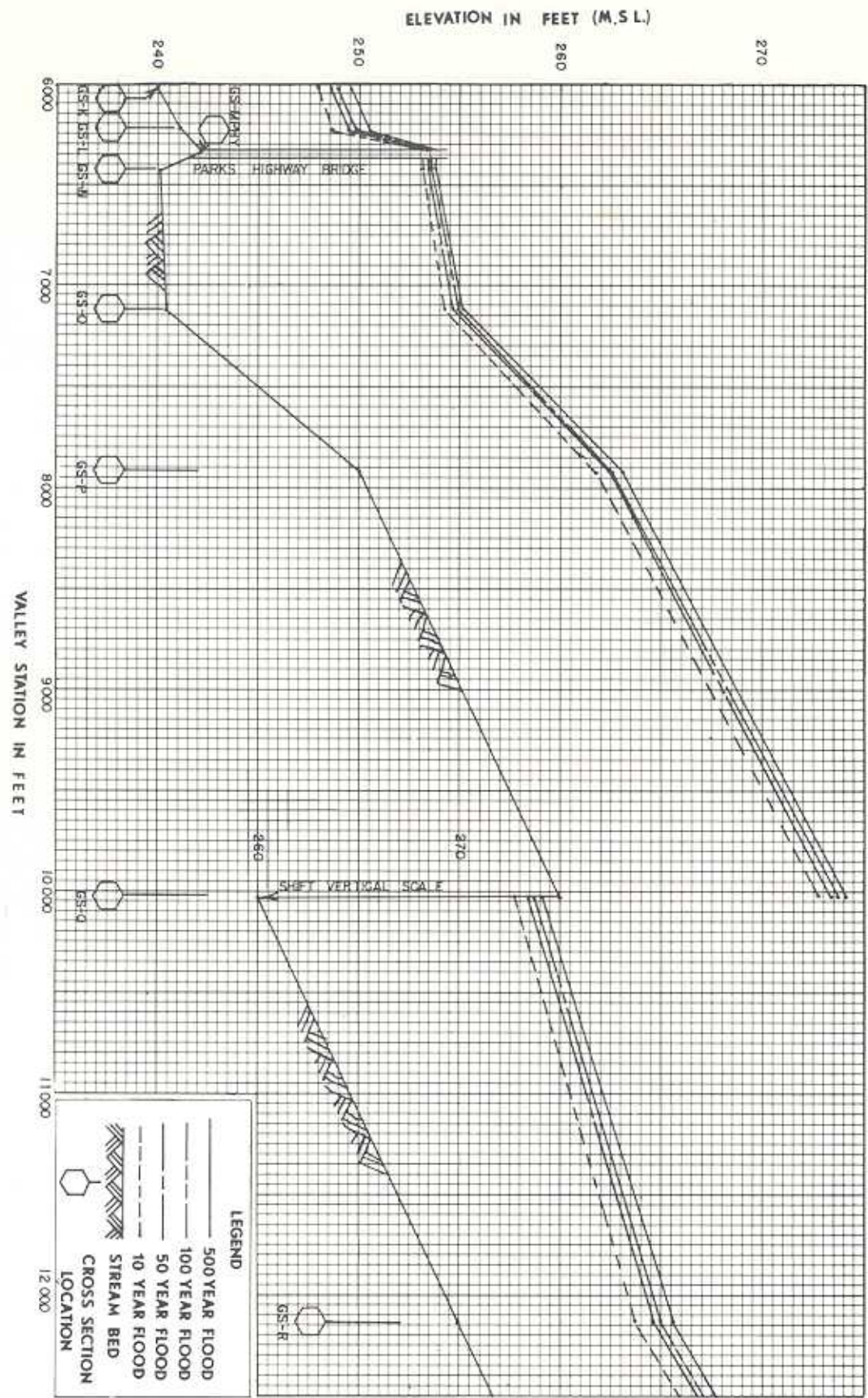
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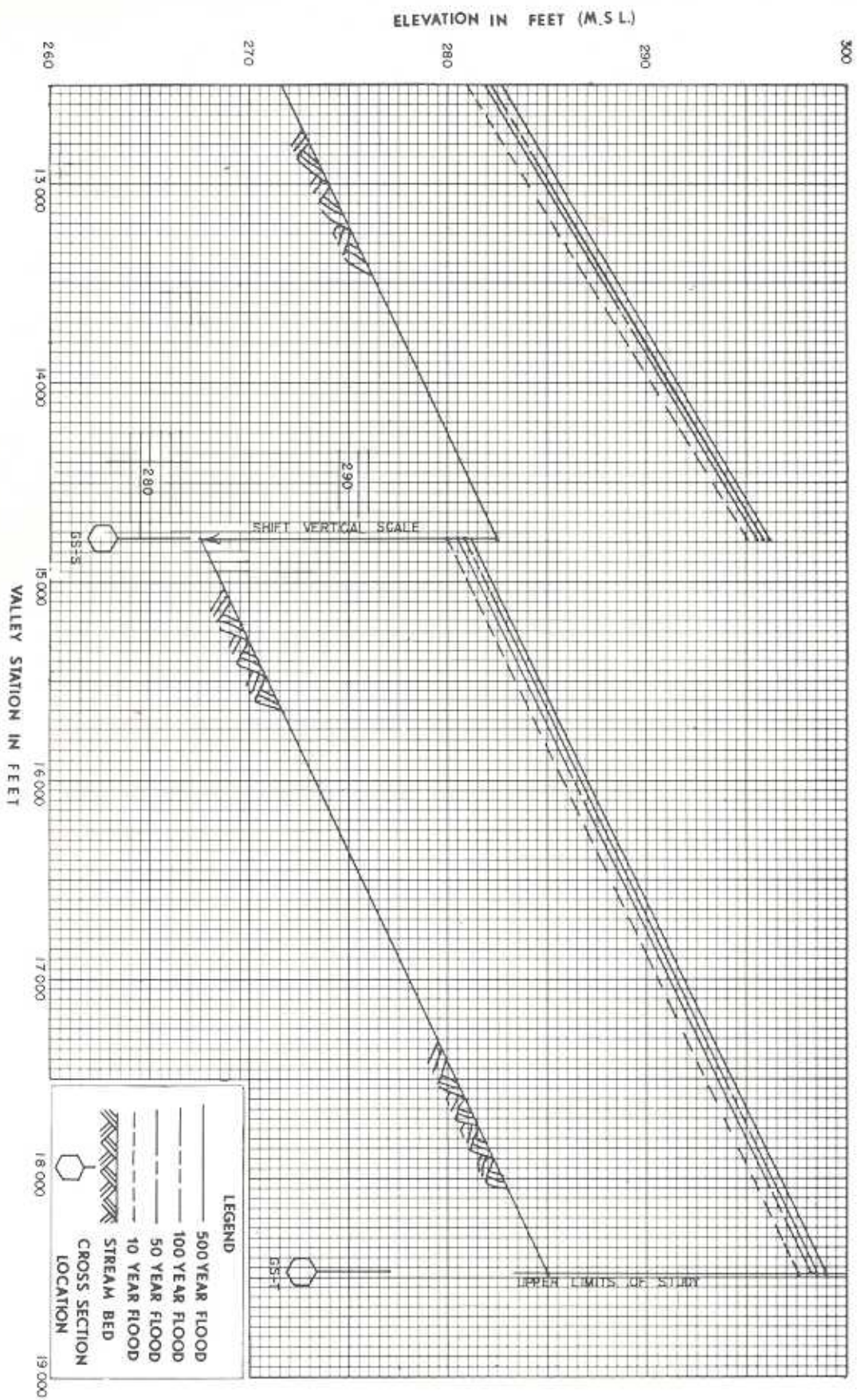
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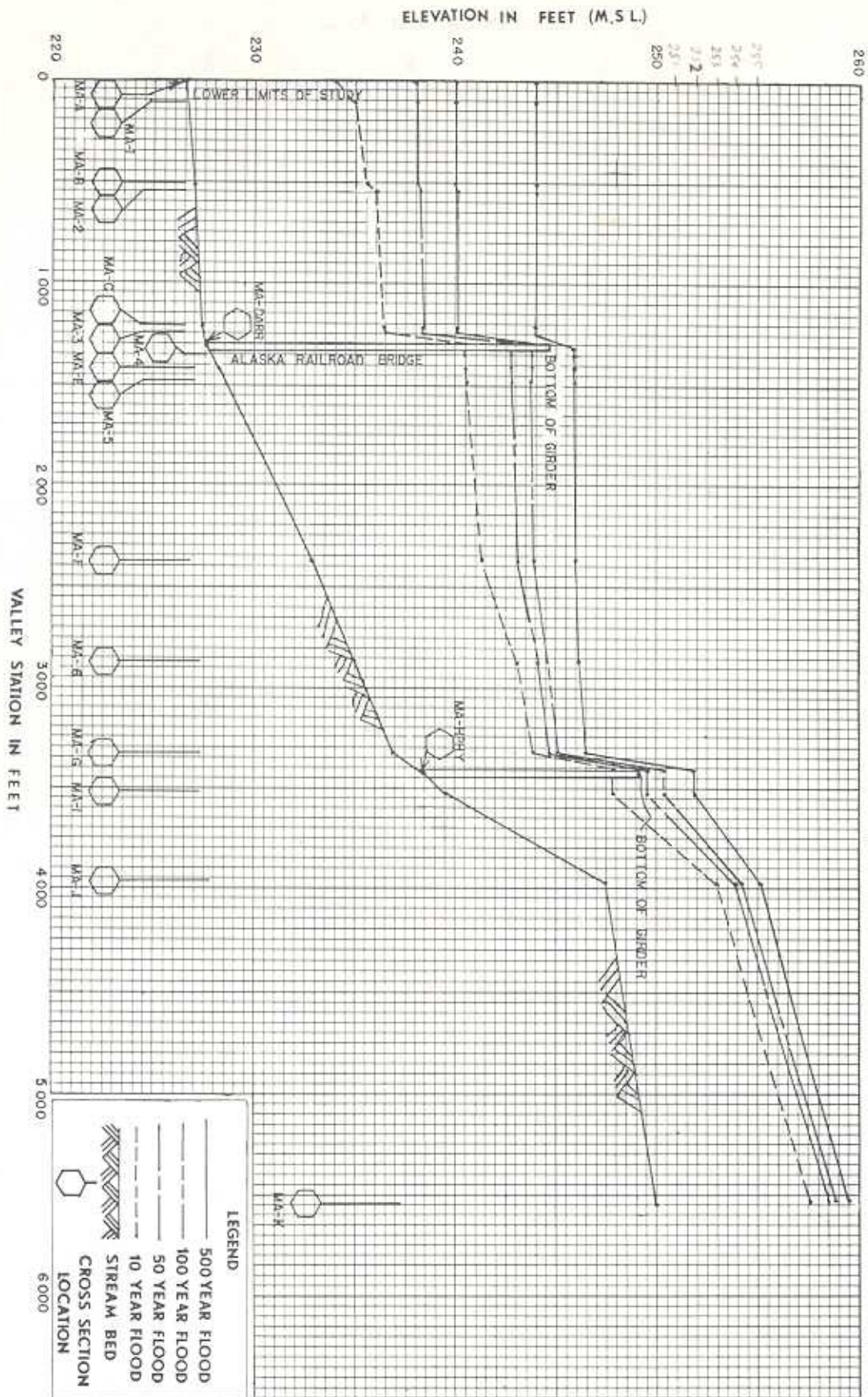


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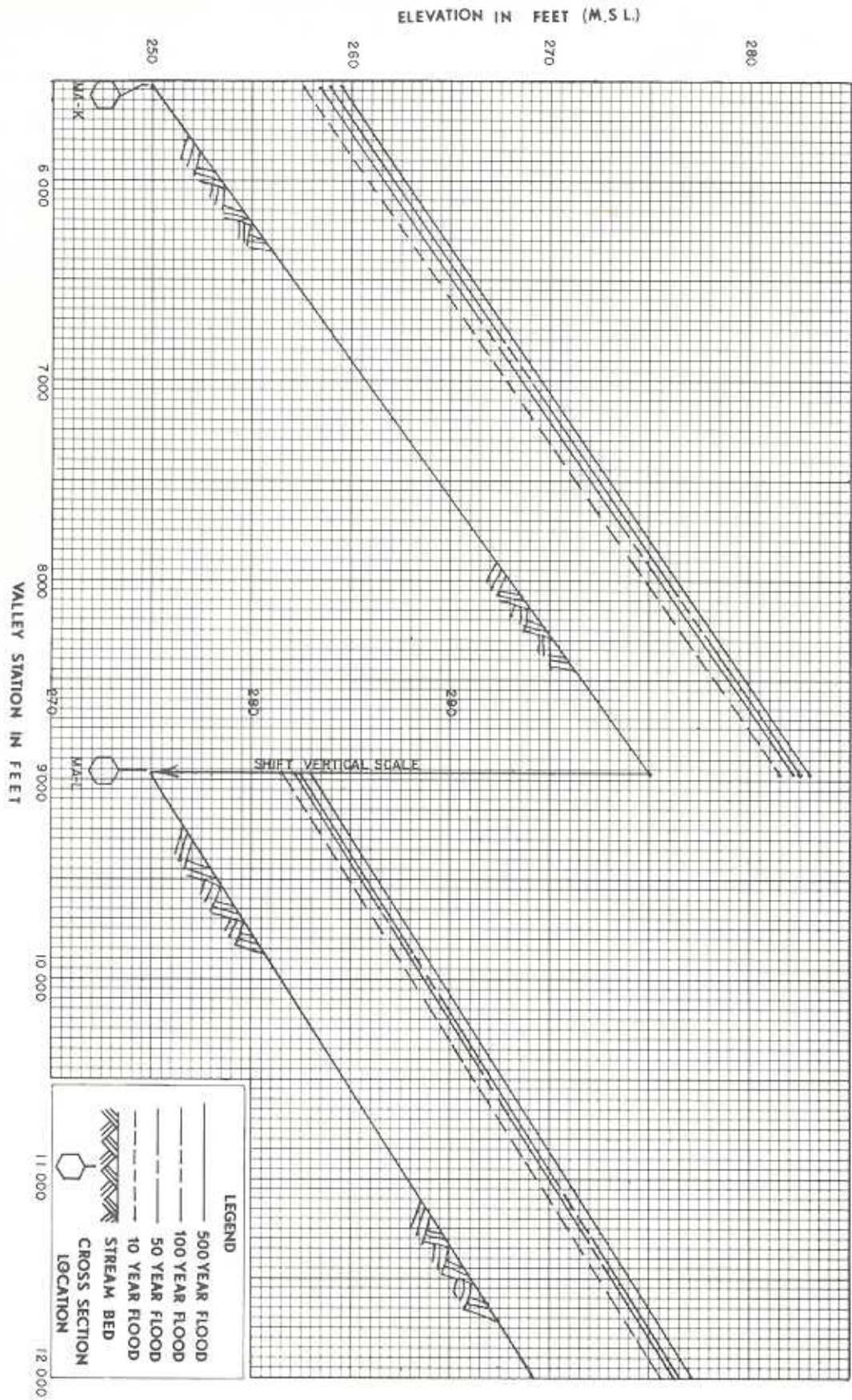


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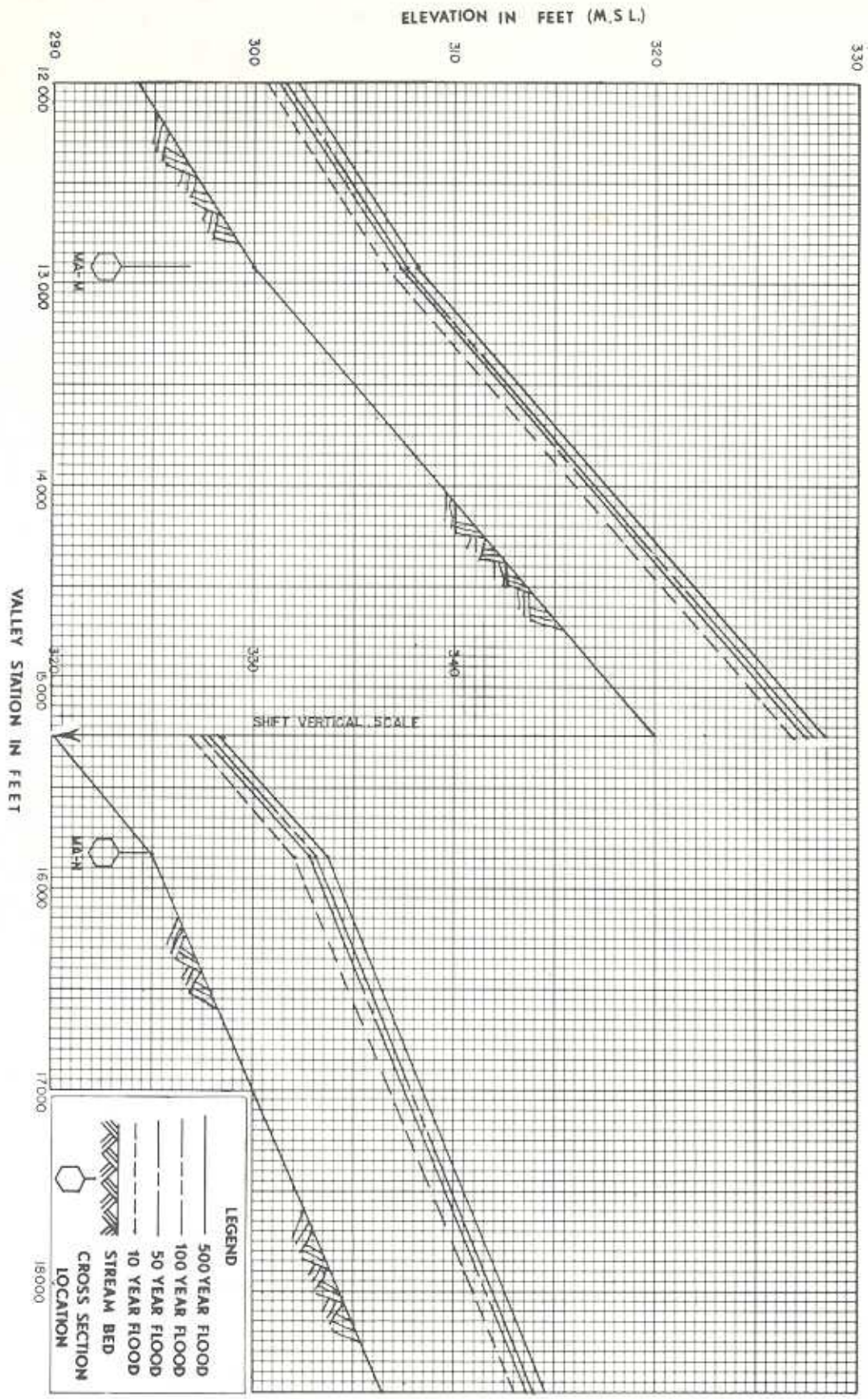


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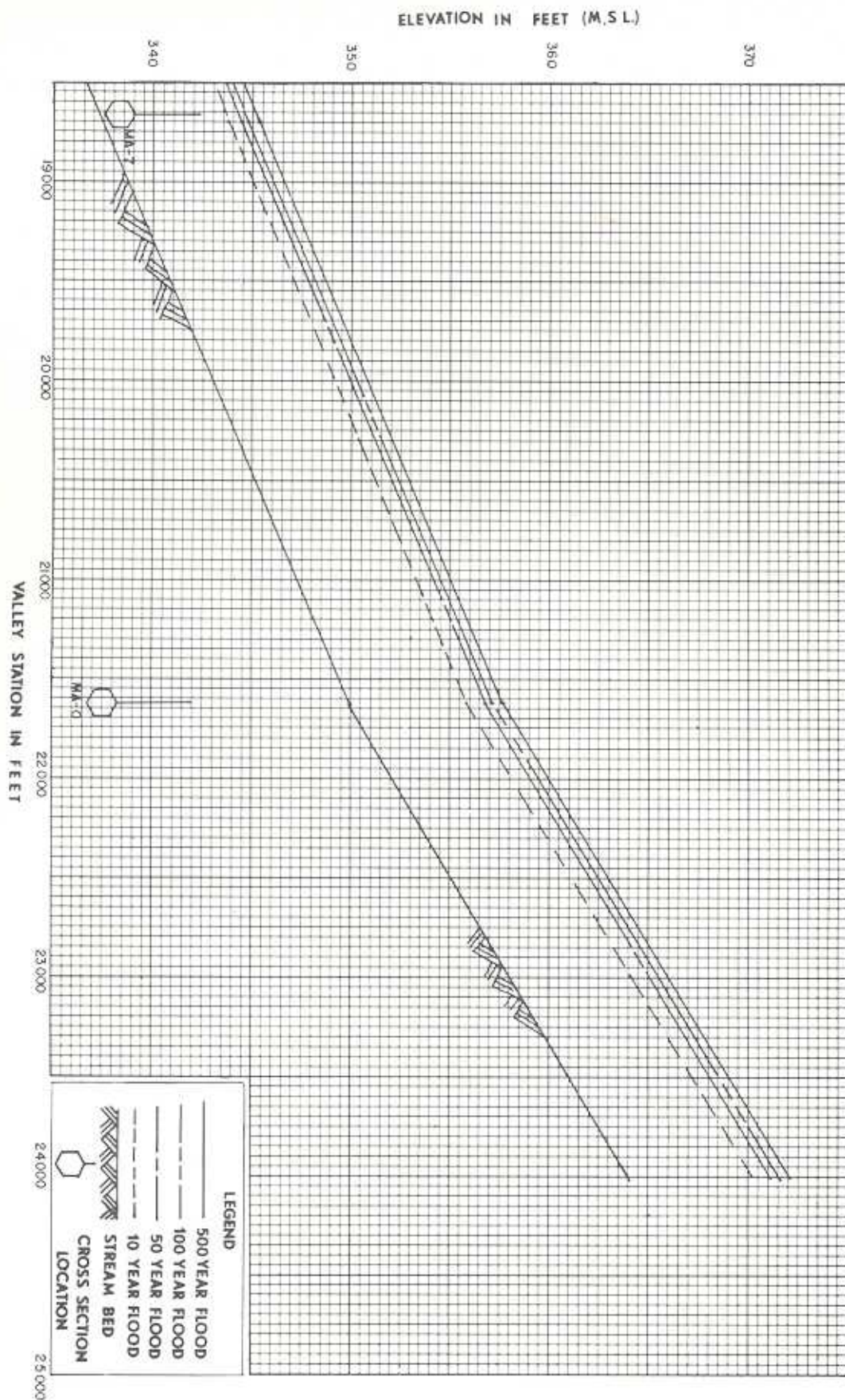
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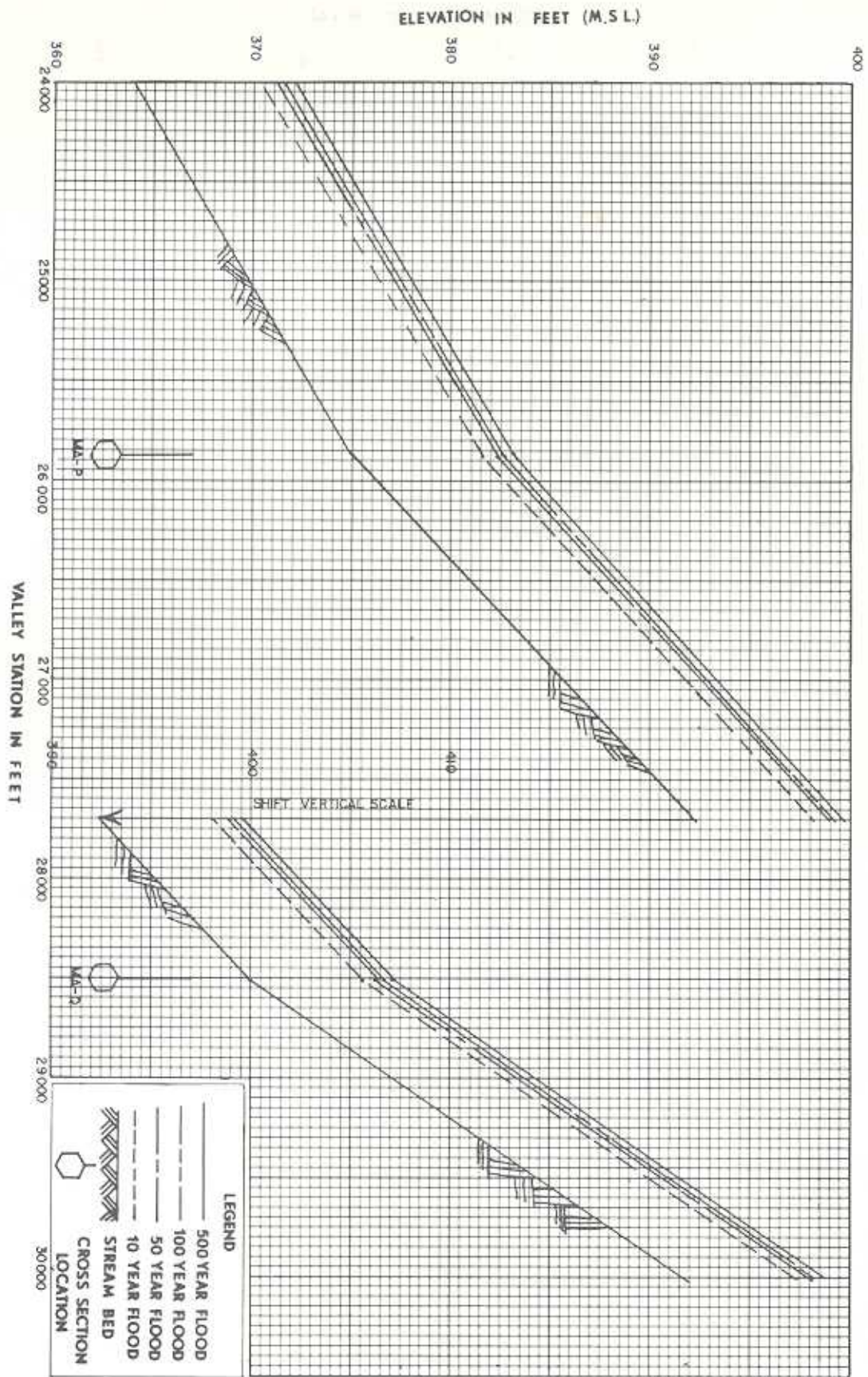
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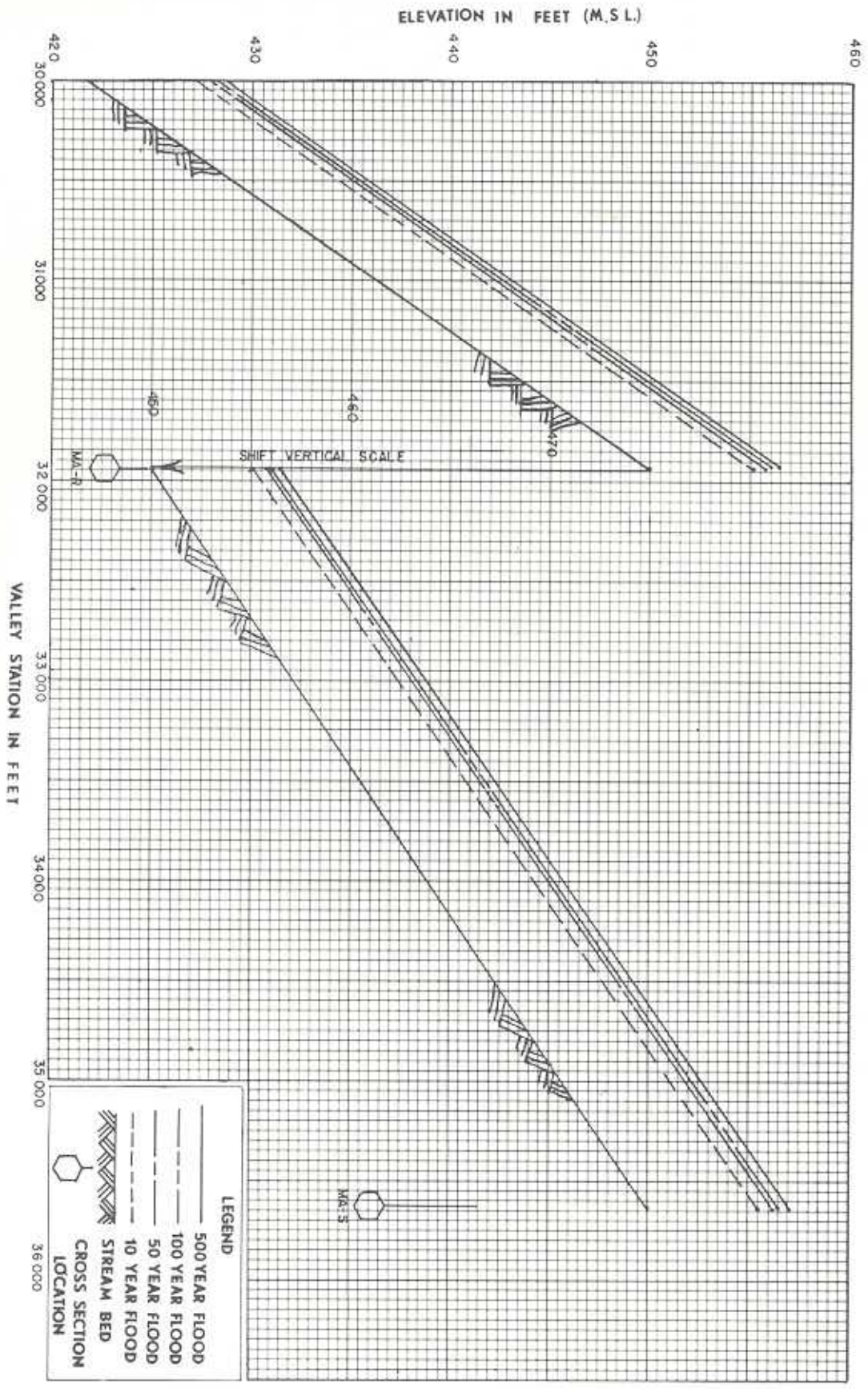
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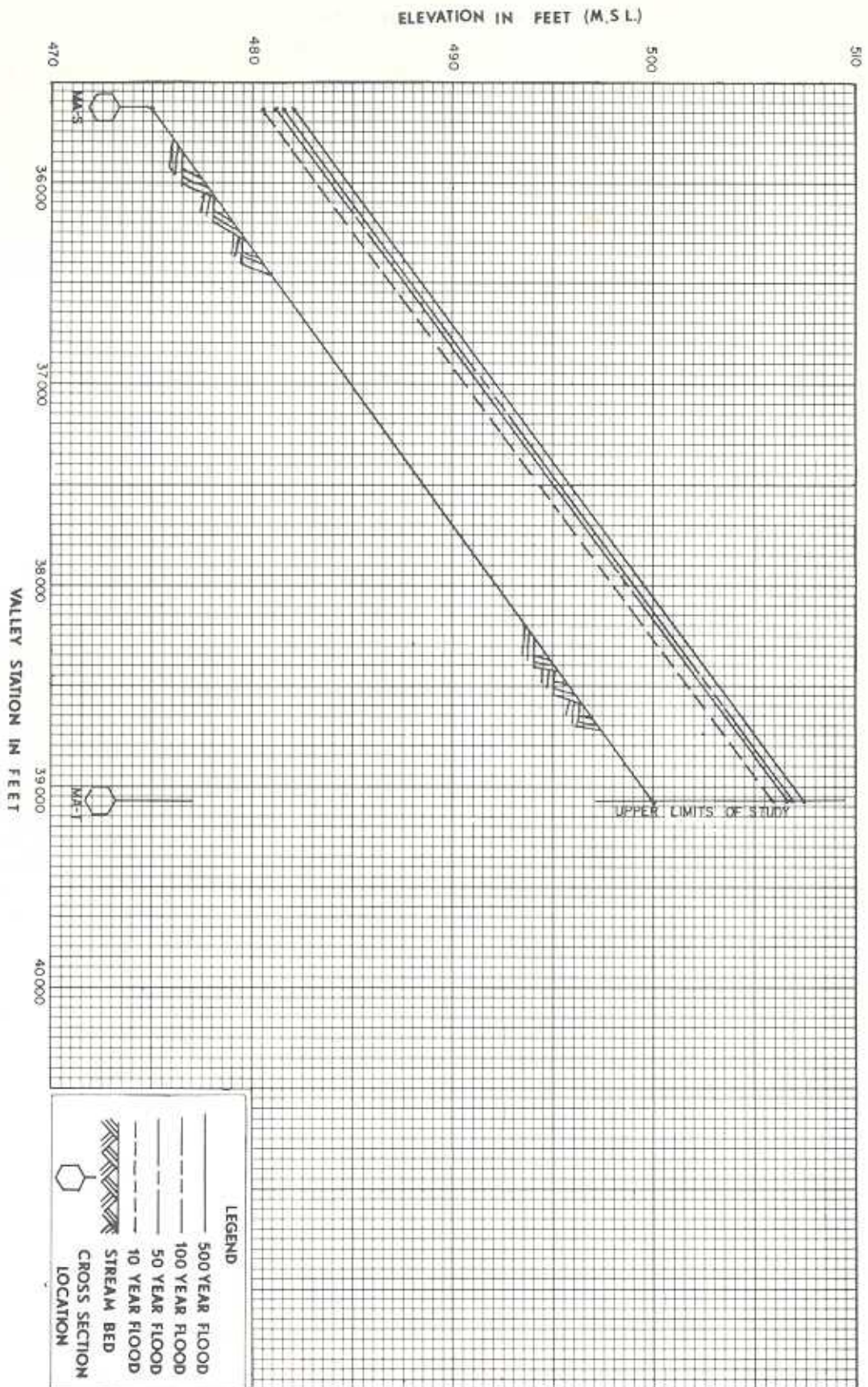


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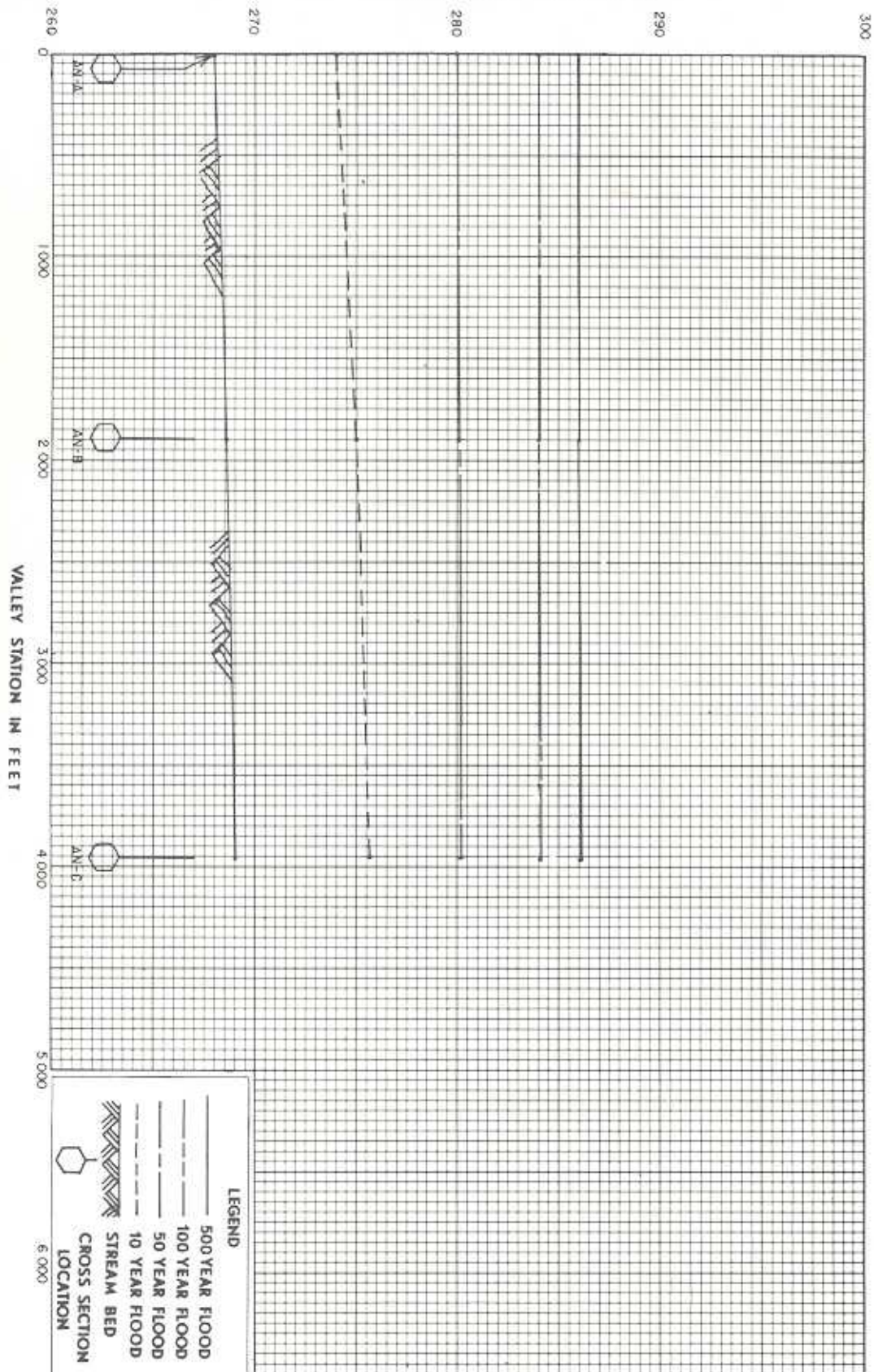
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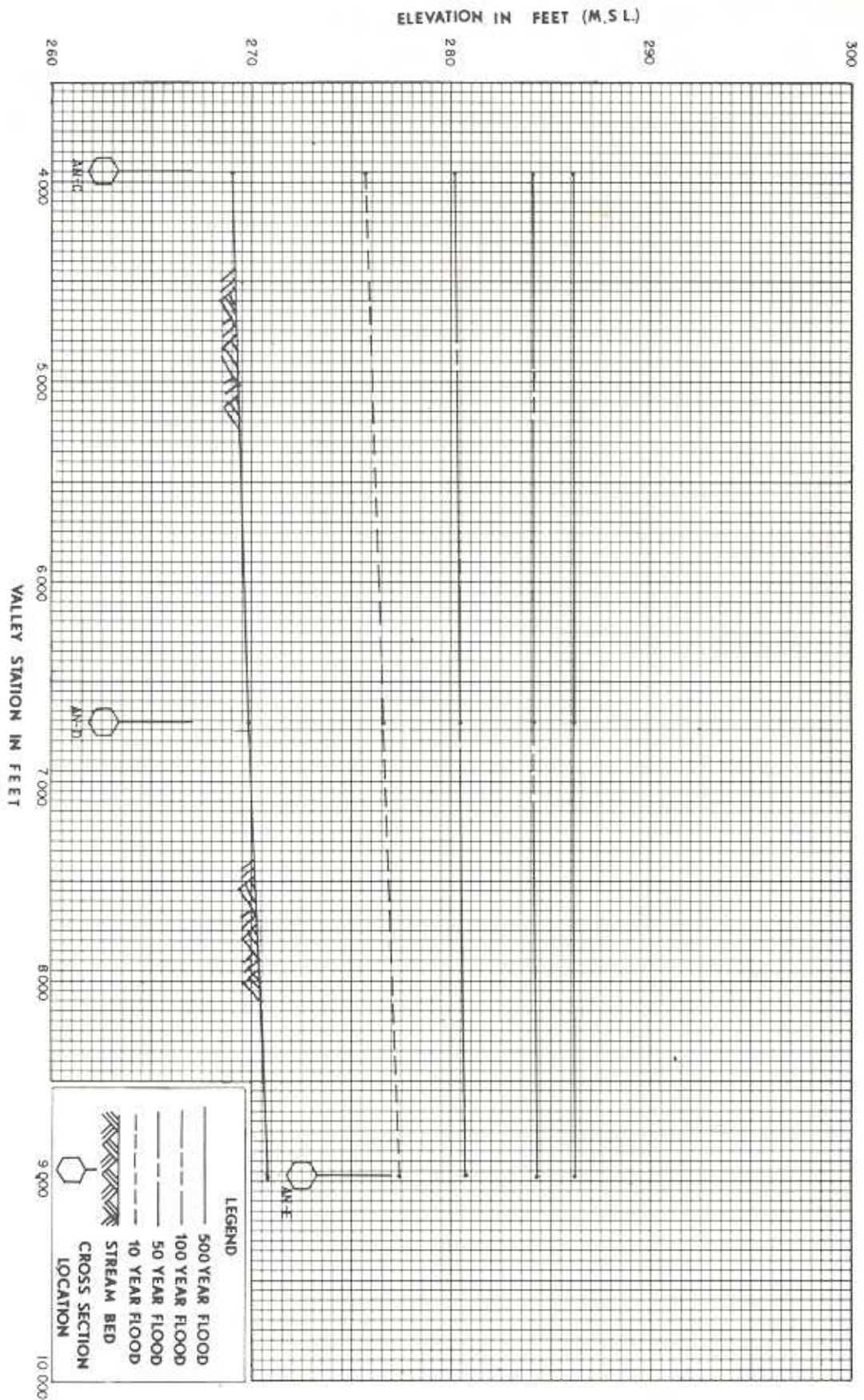


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- 500 YEAR FLOOD
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- ▨ STREAM BED
- CROSS SECTION LOCATION

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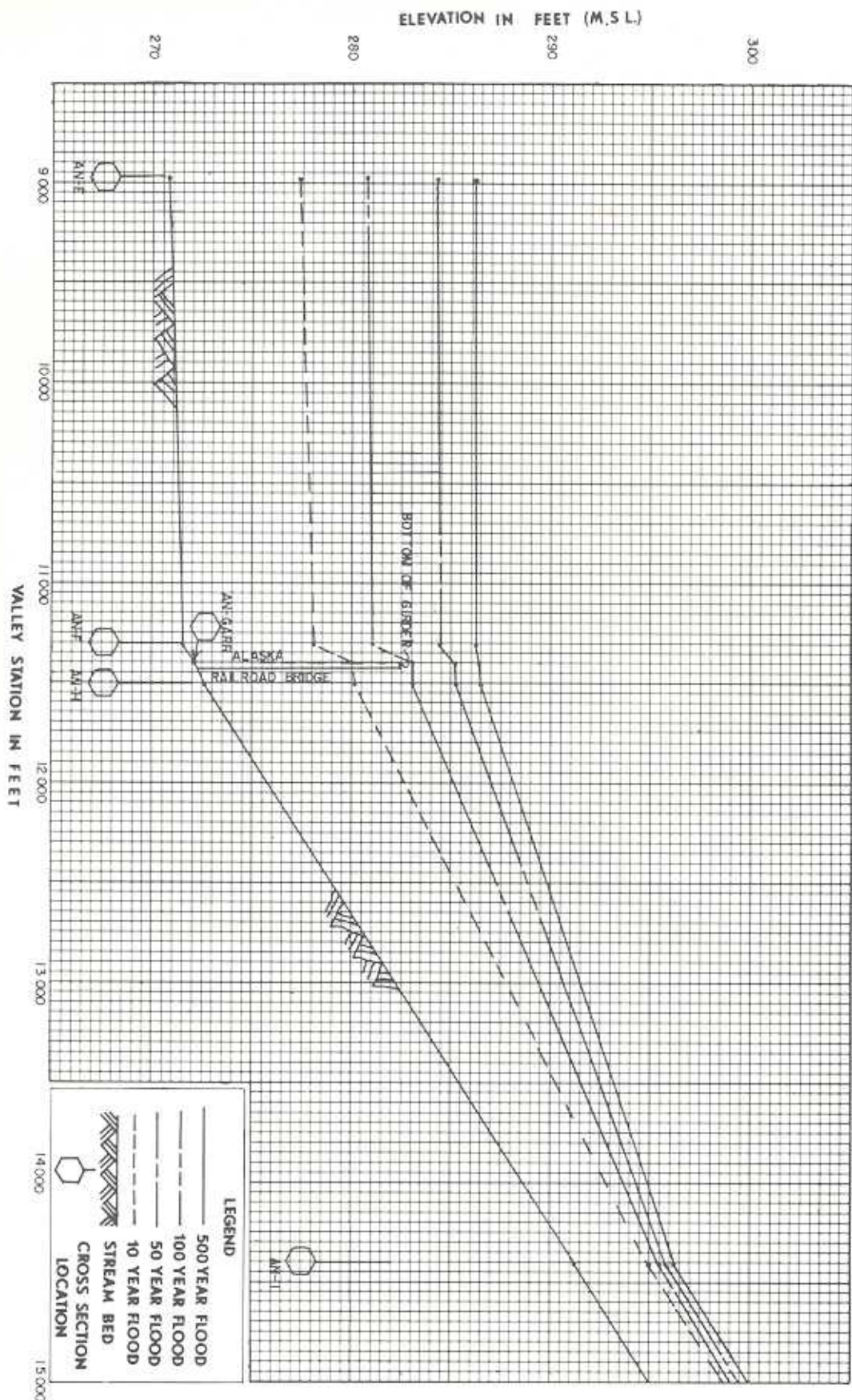
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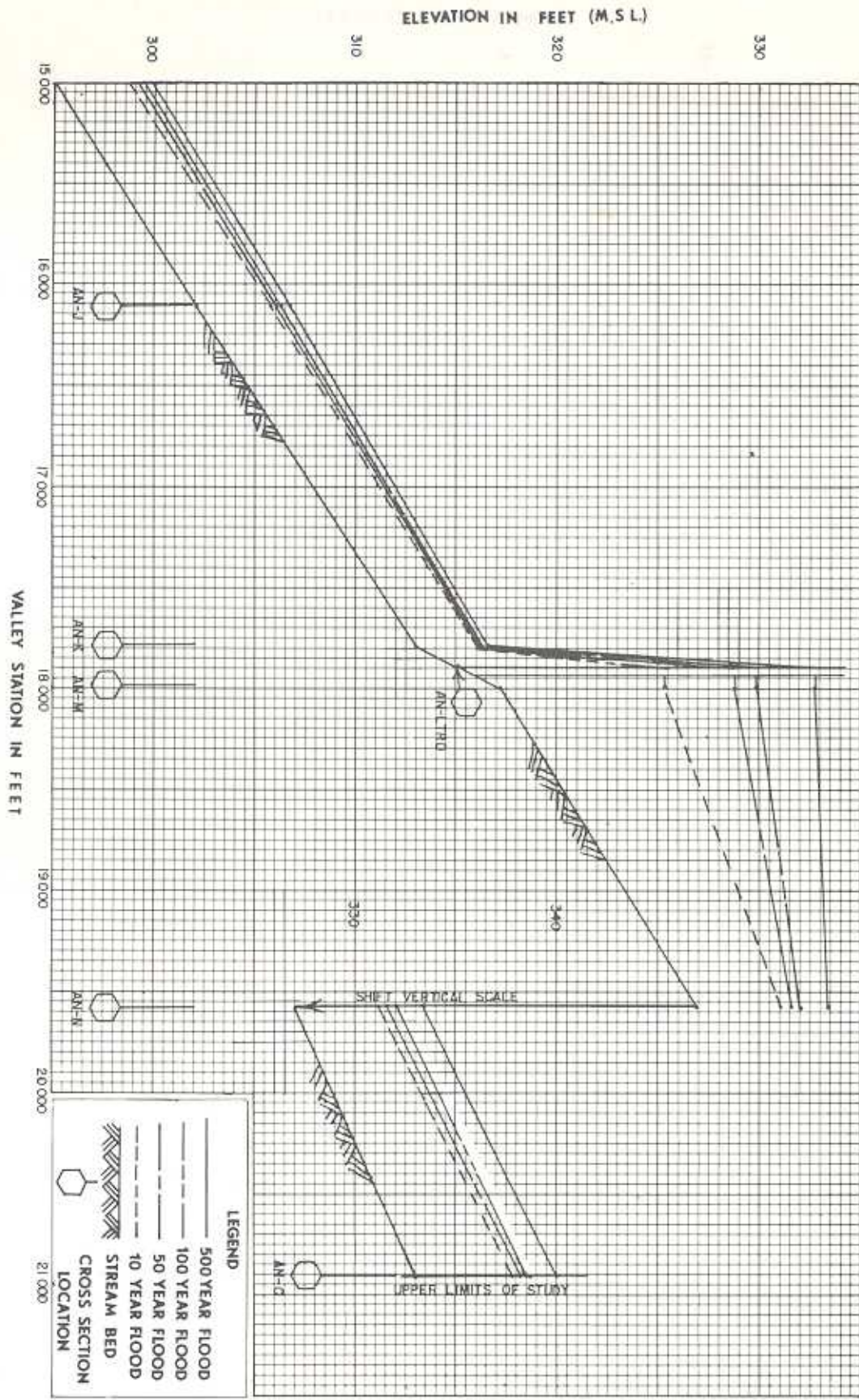
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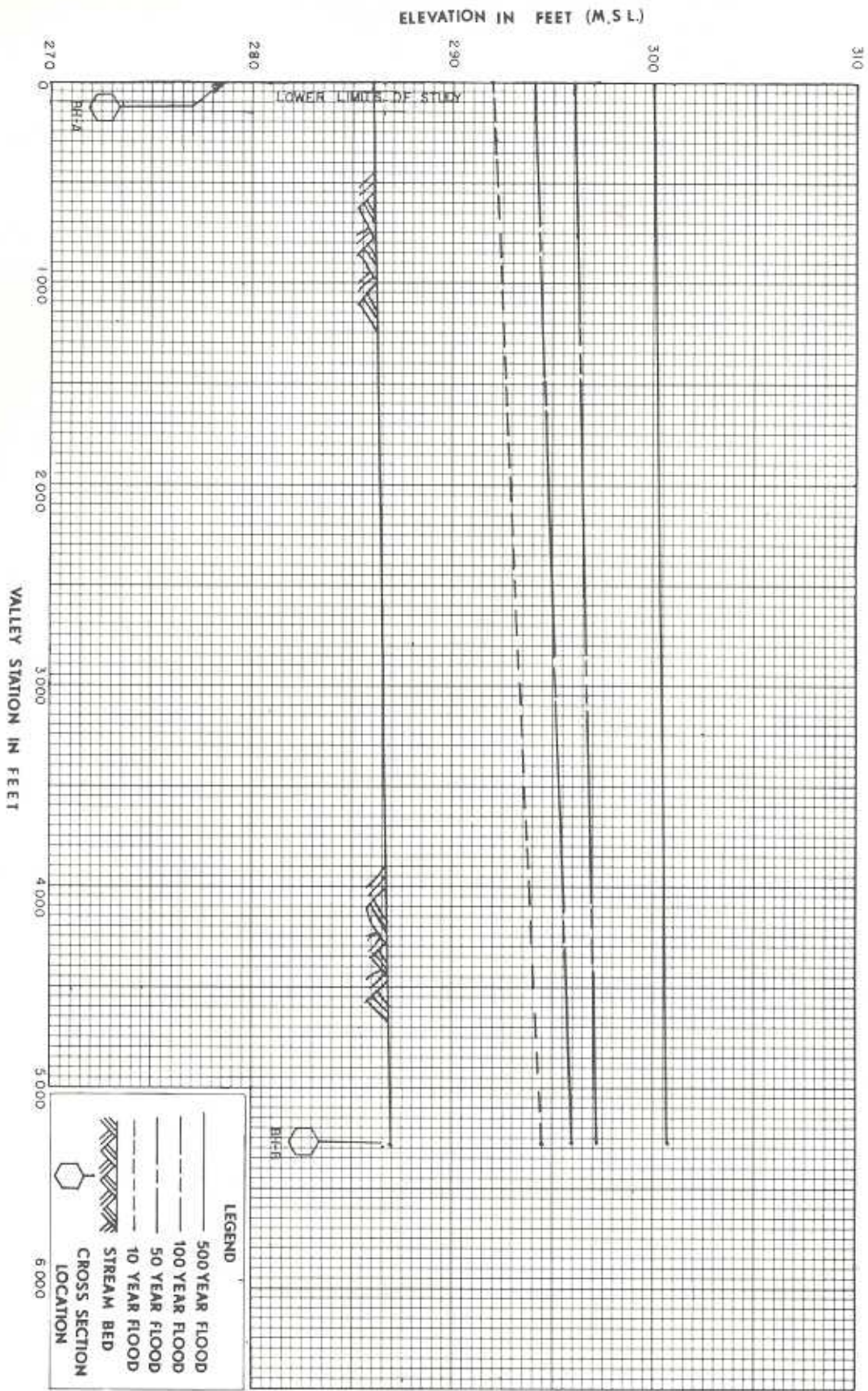


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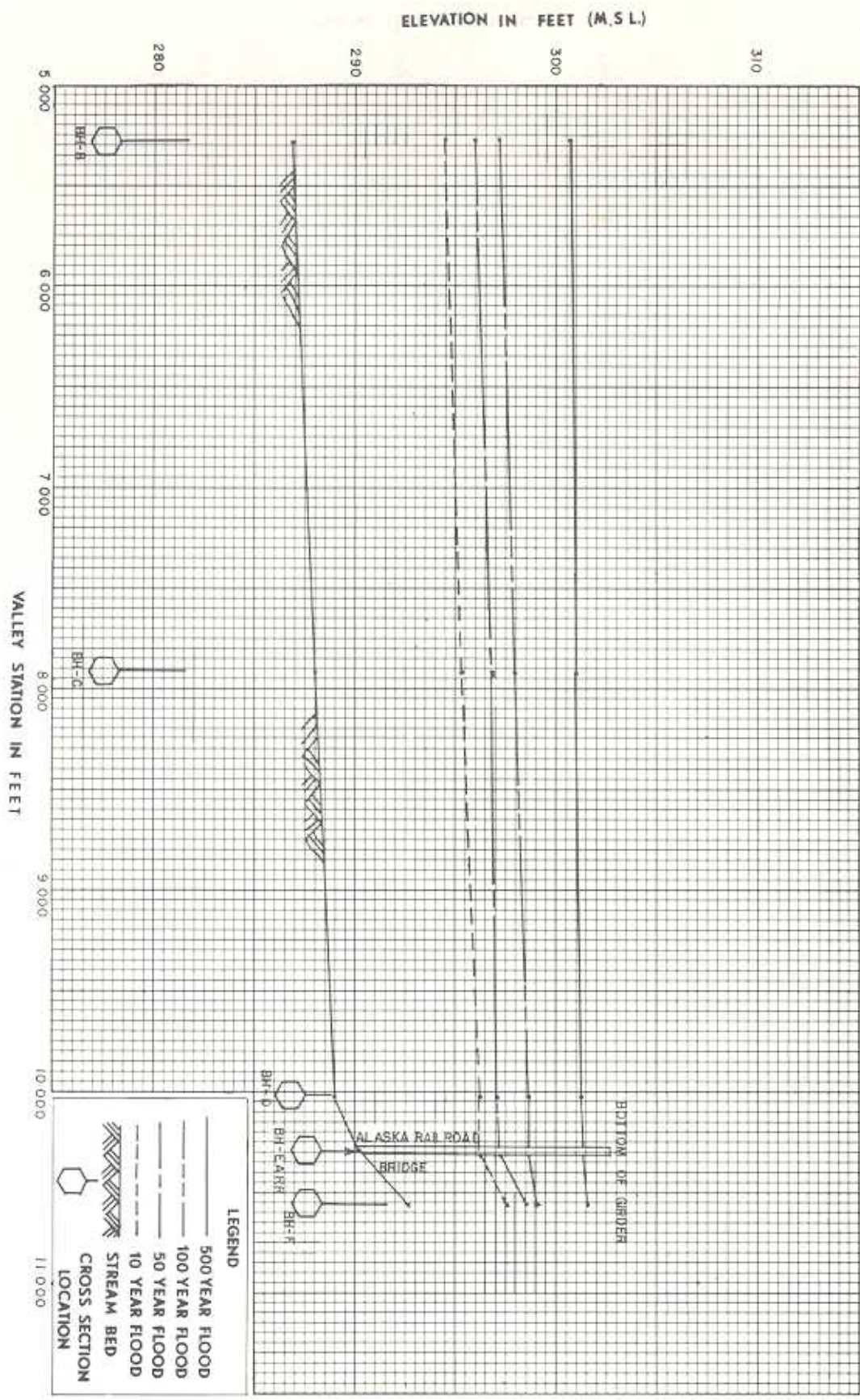


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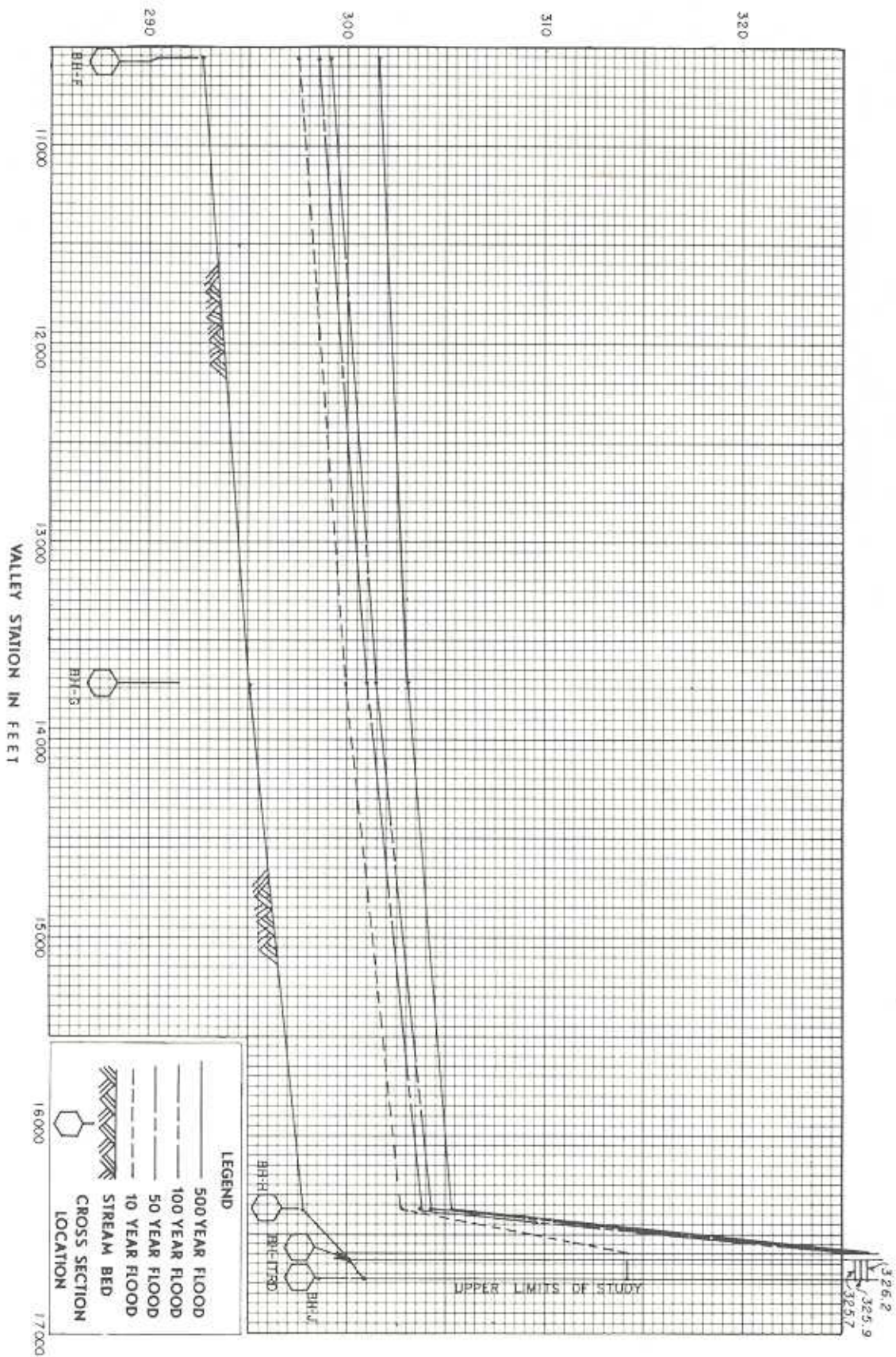
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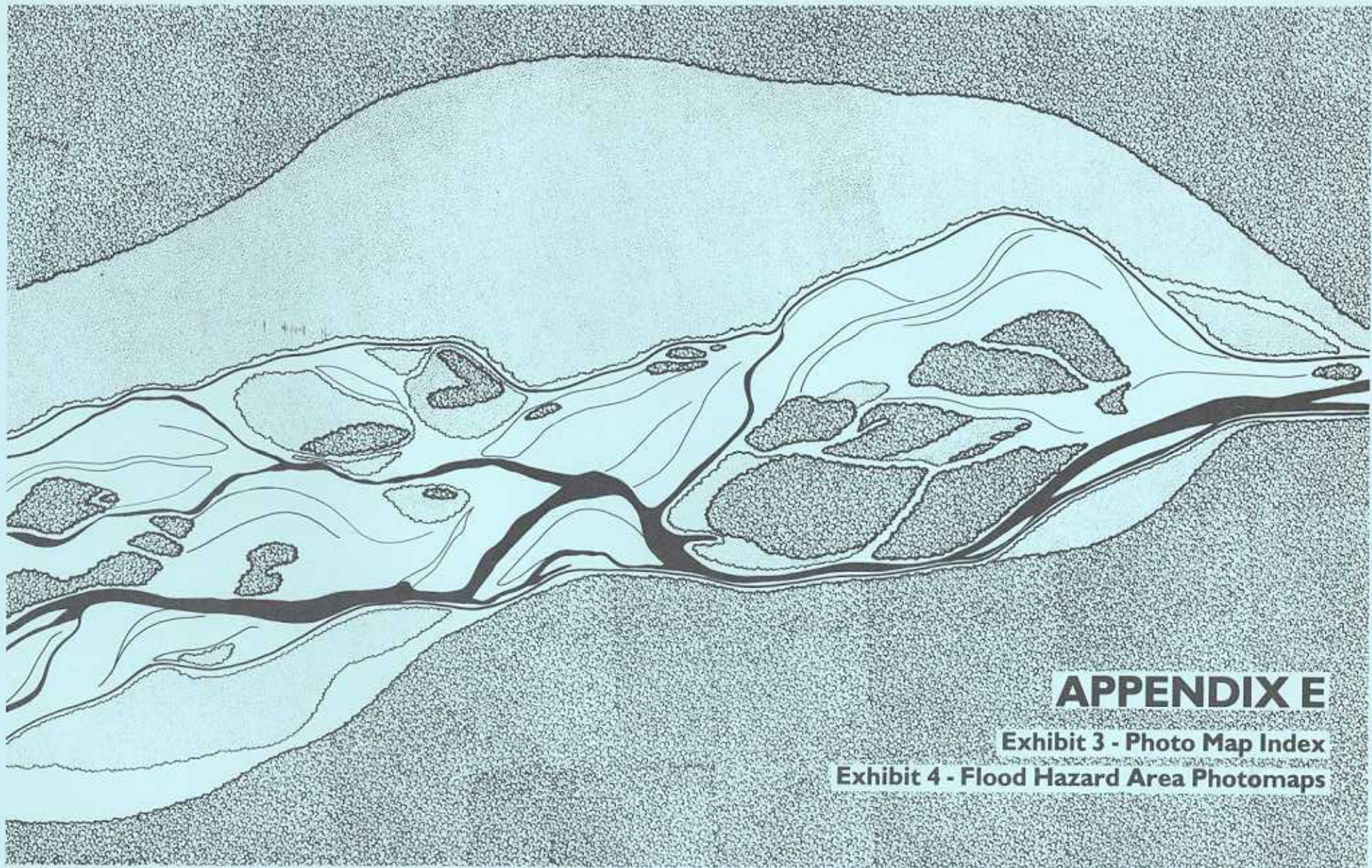
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APPENDIX E

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Exhibit 4 - Flood Hazard Area Photomaps

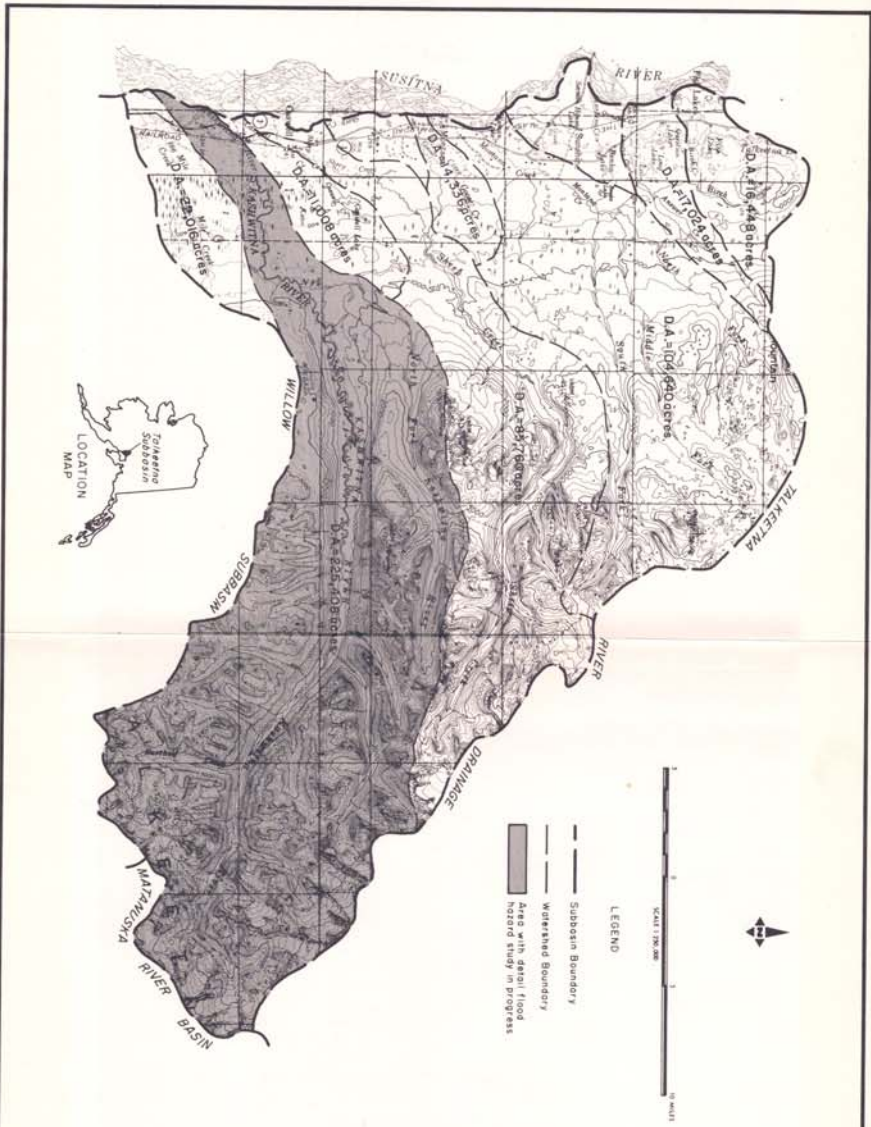
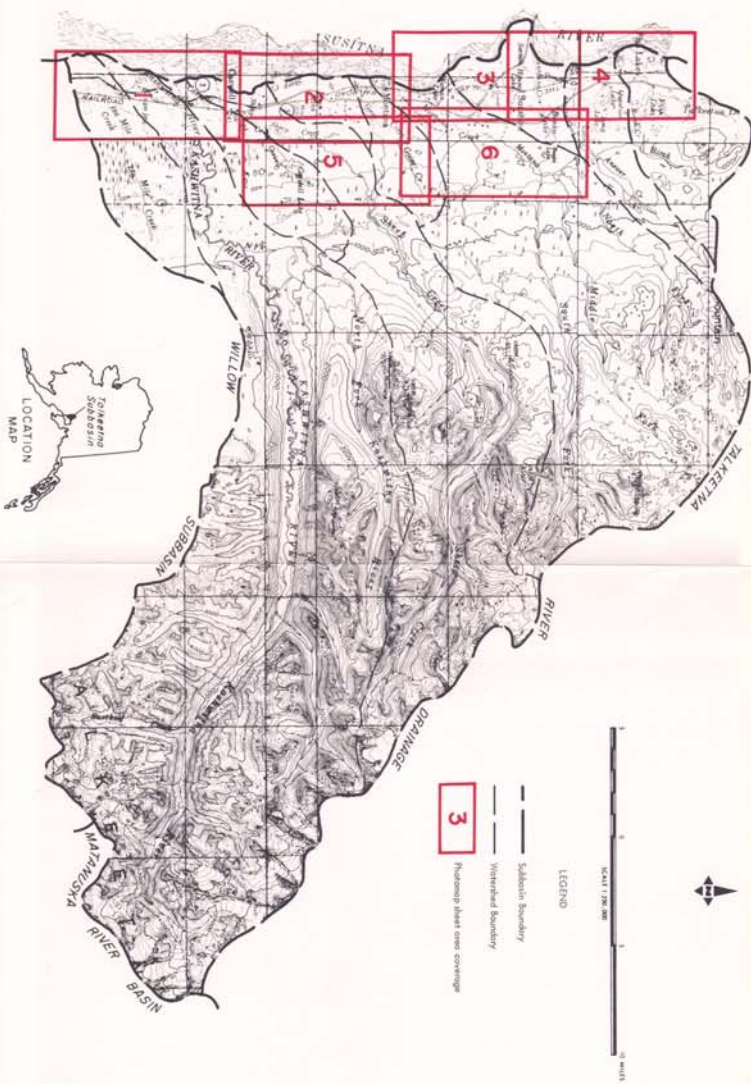


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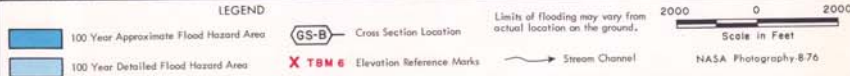
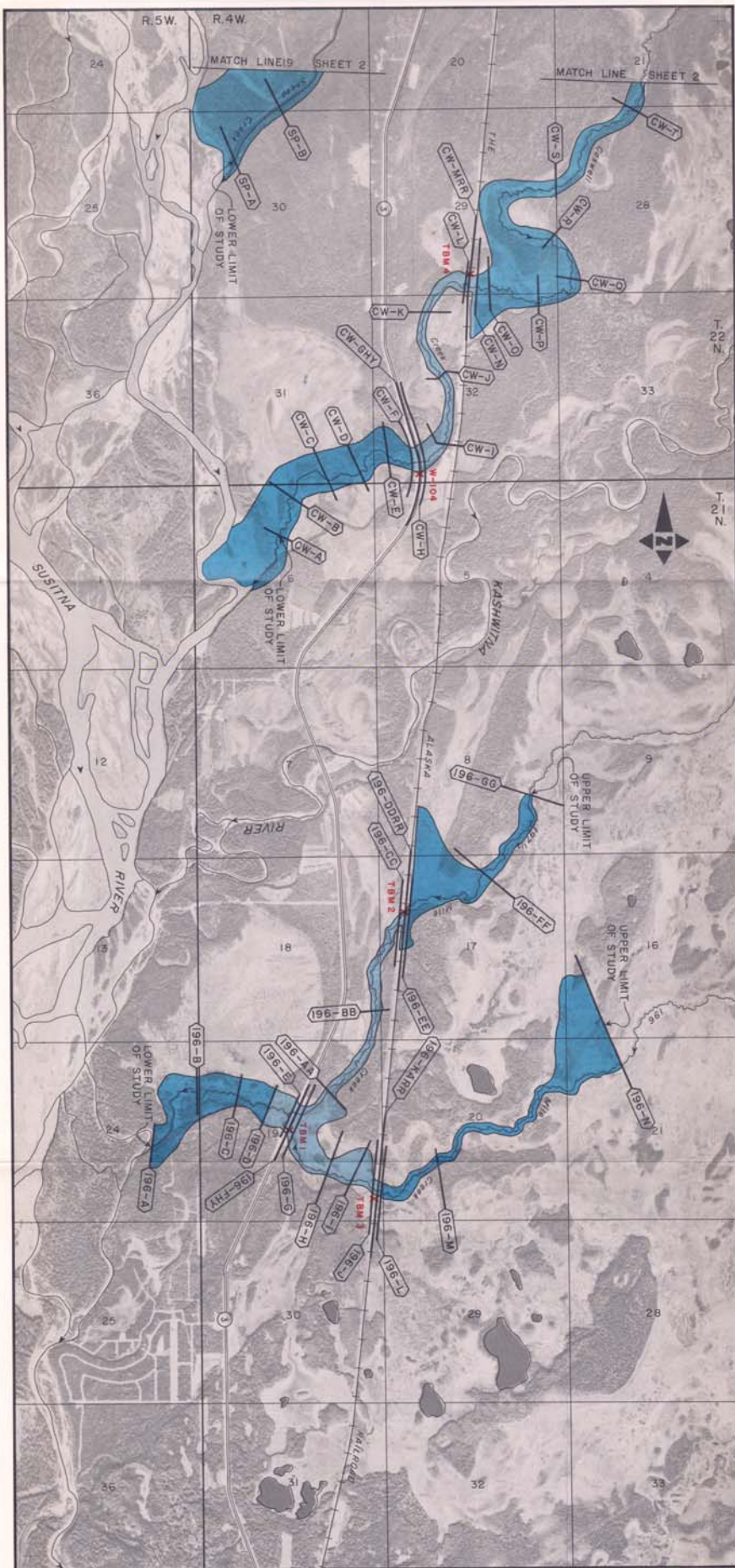
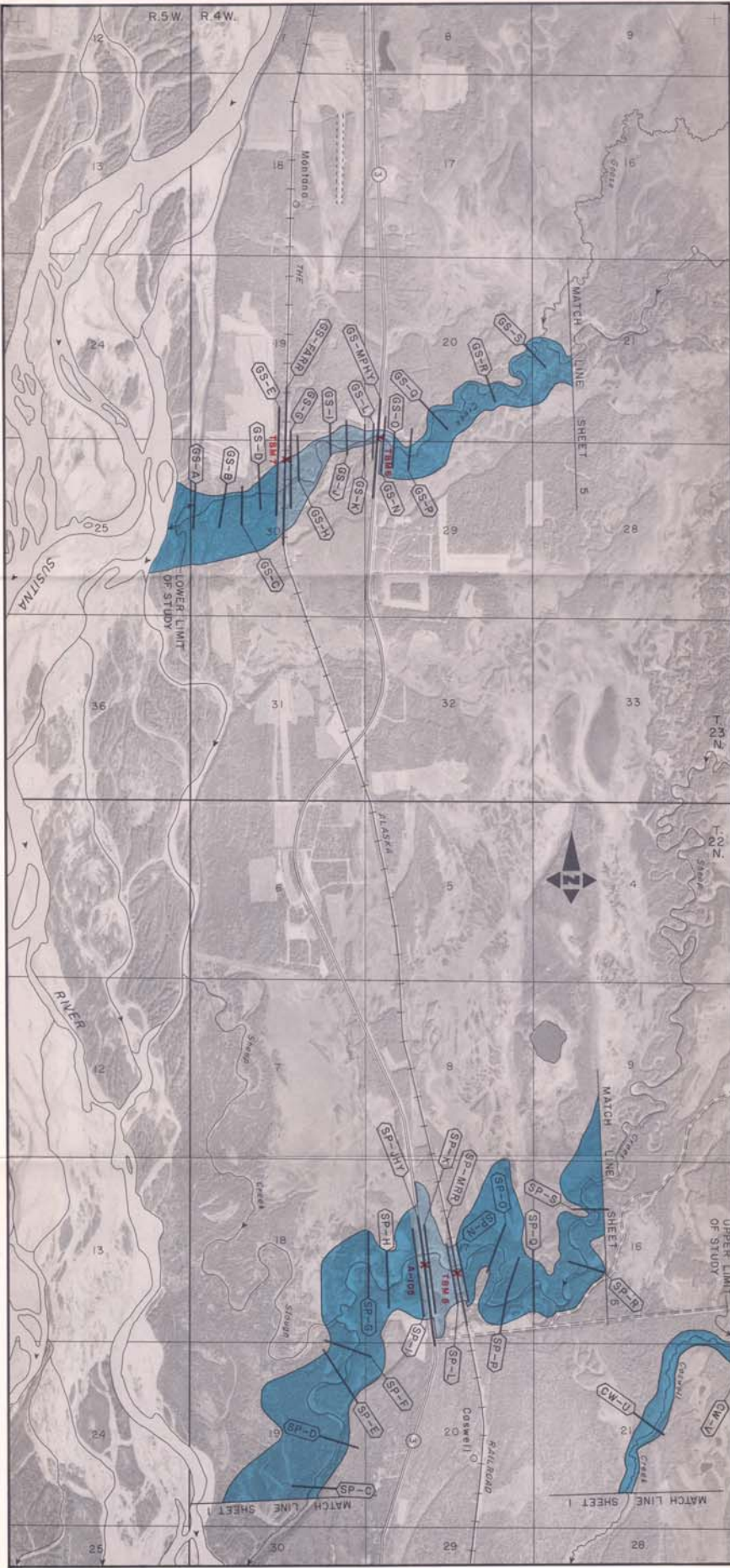


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- GS-B Cross Section Location
- TBM 6 Elevation Reference Marks
- Stream Channel

Limits of flooding may vary from actual location on the ground.

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Scale in Feet
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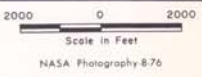
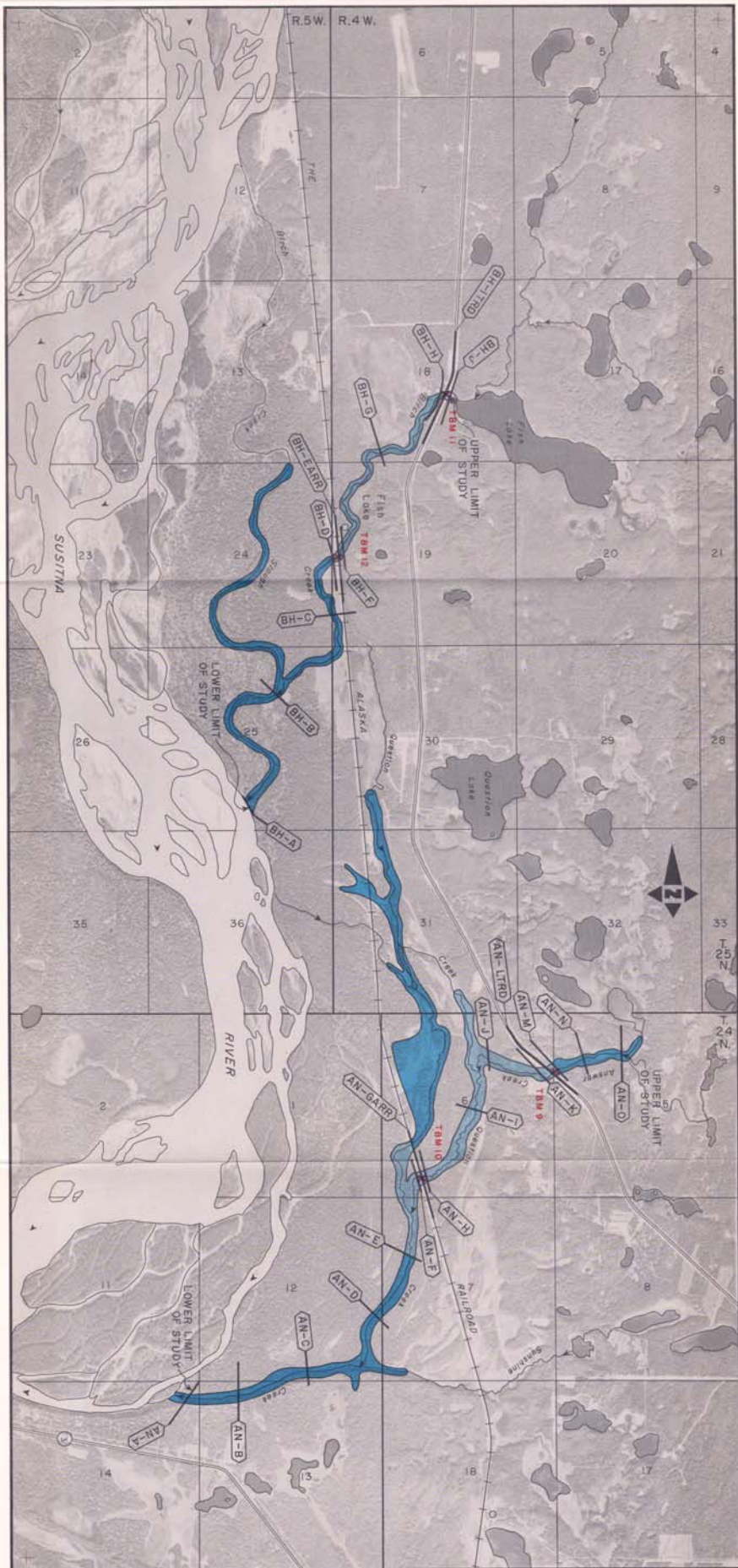


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