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BACKWATER AT BRIDGES AND DENSELY WOODED FLOOD PLAINS BOGUE CHITTO NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI INTRODUCTION

New techniques for predicting water-surface profiles,

needed in the design of economical, structurally sound, and environmentally compatible stream crossings, are under investigation. The investigation has accelerated with the advent of digital computers capable of analyzing large quantities of data. Among the techniques is the development of twodimensional (2-D) digital models. Field data are essential for development and evaluation of these techniques for predicting water-surface profiles. This atlas is one of a series that provide a wide range of field data. Since 1969 the U.S. Geological Survey has been collecting backwater data where wide, densely vegetated flood plains are crossed by highway embankments and single-opening bridges. This work was done in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration Department of Transportation, the Alabama State Highway Department, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the Mississippi State Highway Department. The objective of this cooperative project is to present the data in a format conducive to the development of improved models for predicting hydraulic responses of flow at highway crossings of streams in complex hydrologic and geographic settings.

Backwater data were obtained at 22 sites for 35 floods; that is, 11 sites had 1 flood each; 9 sites, 2 floods each; and 2 sites, 3 floods each. Analysis of data (Schneider and others, 1976) showed that backwater and discharge at these sites computed by methods presently in use, would be inaccurate. The floodflow data are unique in the range and detail in which information was collected and provide a base for evaluating digital models relating to open-channel flow. The data sites (fig. 1) are listed below. This atlas shows flood data obtained on Bogue Chitto near Summit, Mississippi, one

of the 22 sites. HYDROLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS ATLAS NUMBER

ALABAMA	
Buckhorn Creek near ShilohHA-	-607*
Pea Creek near Louisville	608*
Poley Creek near Sanford	609
Yellow River near Sanford	610*
Whitewater Creek near Tarentum	611*
LOUISIANA	
Alexander Creek near St. Francisville	-600*
Beaver Creek near Kentwood	601*
Comite River near Olive Branch	602
Cypress Creek near Downsville	603*
Flagon Bayou near Libuse	604
Little Bayou de Loutre near Truxno	605*
Tenmile Creek near Elizabeth	606*
MISSISSIPPI	
Bogue Chitto near Johnston Station	-591
Bogue Chitto near Summit	592
Coldwater River near Red Banks	593*
Lobutcha Creek at Zama	594*
Okatoma Creek east of Magee	595
Okatoma Creek near Magee	596
Tallahala Creek at Waldrup	590
Thompson Creek near Clara	597*
West Fork Amite River near Liberty	598*
Yockanookany River near Thomastown	599*
*In press	

DESCRIPTION OF DATA TYPE OF DATA

Data collected at all study sites consist of (1) depths, velocities, and discharges measured through the bridge openings, and (2) peak water-surface elevations along the highway embankment and along cross sections. A minimum of seven valley cross sections were surveyed at approximately one valley-width intervals in the vicinity of the bridge at each site. Locations of the cross sections were alined perpendicularly to the assumed direction of flow. Cross sections were extended to intersect the edge of the valley at equal water-surface elevations. Surveying procedures described in the U.S. Geological Survey Techniques of Water-Resources Investigations series (Matthai, 1967; Benson and Dalrymple, 1967) were followed. HIGH-WATER MARKS

Water-surface elevations were determined from high-water marks identified along the cross sections and the edges of the valley after each flood. During peak discharge measurements, water-surface elevations were marked with standard surveying stakes along the upstream and downstream sides of the highway embankment. For some floods additional high-water marks were identified in the valley adjacent to the bridge to define in detail the water surface in the approach and exit reaches.

BRIDGE GEOMETRY Detailed bridge geometry was obtained at each site. The bridge cross section was surveyed at the most contracted section. Piers, spur dikes, wingwalls, abutments slopes, and other pertinent geometry were measured.

MANNING'S ROUGHNESS COEFFICIENT Schneider and others (1976) used composite Manning's roughness coefficient values n where frequent changes in roughness occurred. In their study, composite values of n were verified by matching step backwater computations of the water surface with actual water-surface profiles for measured discharges. The range of *n* values used in this report is based on values used by Schneider and others (1976). Roughness varies from open fields to dense forests.

Roughness values or ranges of roughness values in different parts of the flood plain are shown on the maps. The values shown are based on water depth. The high value is the value where water depth is less than 0.6 meter and the low value applies where water depth is greater than 1.0 meter. A linear relation of roughness to water depth is assumed for water depths between 0.6 and 1.0 meter. PRESENTATION OF DATA

The data are represented on topographic maps enlarged from standard 1:24,000 or 1:62,500 scale U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps which comply with National Map Accuracv Standards. Accuracy limitations of the base maps are retained in the enlargements. Although positions may be scaled closely on the enlargements, they are not defined with greater accuracy than positions on the base maps. Ground elevations are placed adjacent to solid squares. Elevations of floodmarks are indicated by numerical values adjacent to solid triangles. Floodmark elevations for separate

floods are shown on separate sheets. Bridge geometry and

road-embankment dimensions are shown with brief notations

of pier spacing and configuration. In addition to the data points shown on the maps, discharge measurements of selected floods, plots of cross sections, and velocity distribution diagrams are shown. Cross-section elevations are tabulated to define stream channels and flood-plain features in greater detail. Each cross section is referred to a zero station established at the extreme left edge (facing downstream) of the valley.

All elevations presented in this report are referred to Na-

tional Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD). FLOOD FREQUENCY Flood-frequency relations are presented graphically. Techniques for deriving flood-frequency relations are those described by the U.S. Water Resources Council (1977), and by Colson and Hudson (1976).

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI) The International System of Units (SI) is used throughout this report. All data were measured in the U.S. customary units and converted to SI units. Ground elevations which were originally determined to the nearest tenth of a foot are rounded to the nearest 0.01 meter. Water-surface elevations which were surveyed to hundredths of a foot are rounded to millimeters. The same criteria apply to all other dimensions, except contour elevations which are shown to the nearest tenth of a meter. TO OBTAIN U.S. MULTIPLY SI UNITS

CUSTOMARY UNITS

Cubic feet per second

Meter (m)	3.281	Feet (ft)	
Square meter (m²)	AREA 10.76	Square feet (ft²)	
Cubic meter (m³)	<i>VOLUME</i> 35.31	Cubic feet (ft³)	
Meter per second (m/s)	VELOCITY 3.281	Feet per second (ft/s)	

FLOW RATE

35.31

second (m3/s) DATA FOR BOGUE CHITTO NEAR SUMMIT,

Cubic meter per

MISSISSIPPI Data for Bogue Chitto near Summit, Miss. obtained in a 7-kilometer reach crossed about midway by State Highway 570 are presented on three sheets (fig. 2). Sheet 1 contains tables showing cross-section data (table 1) and discharge data (table 2). An aerial view looking downstream in the vicinity of the bridge is shown in figure 3. Relative magnitudes of the floods are shown on the frequency curve (fig. 4).

The locations of representative ground elevations are shown on sheet 2. These are points of significant changes in cross section elevation and alinement of the axis. Plots of the cross sections are graphic presentations of the tabular data. Bridge geometry and road embankments are shown on sheet 2 as they existed at the time of the floods. The cross section surveyed at the downstream side of the bridge is tabulated on sheet 1. The cross section shown for velocity distribution was obtained by sounding from the upstream side of the bridge during the discharge measurement. Data for two floods on Bogue Chitto are presented. The first flood occurred December 7, 1971 (sheet 3). Nine cross sections were surveyed after this flood (sheet 2). A second flood occurred on April 14, 1974 (sheet 3).

A profile of the roadway crown was surveyed after the 1971 flood. Valley cross sections as surveyed are considered valid for both floods. Manning's roughness coefficient values and the 1974 flood boundaries are shown on sheets 2 and 3.

FLOOD OF DECEMBER 7, 1971 Peak water-surface elevations, the measured cross section, and velocities for the flood of December 7, 1971, are shown on sheet 3. The flood crested at an elvation of 95.747 meters at the reference point located on the downstream guardrail 65 meters from the left abutment. The peak discharge was 725 cubic meters per second (m³/s), from a stage-discharge relation developed for the site. A discharge of 651 m³/s was measured on the recession at an elevation of 95.555 meters at the reference point (table 2). The recurrence interval of the peak discharge is 50 years (Colson and Hudson, 1976). See figure 4.

FLOOD OF APRIL 14, 1974 Peak water-surface elevations for the flood of April 14, 1974, are shown on sheet 3. The average crest elevation at the downstream bridge abutments was 95.610 meters. The peak discharge was 835 m³/s from the stage-discharge relation for the site. No discharge measurement was made during this flood. A discharge of 416 m³/s was measured at an elevation of 94.845 meters at the reference point on December 21, 1972 (table 2). The measured cross section and velocity distribution for the measurement of December 21, 1972 are shown on sheet 3. The recurrence interval of the peak discharge is 100 years (Colson and Hudson, 1976). See figure 4.

SUMMARY Floodflow data that will provide a base for evaluating digital models relating to open-channel flow were obtained at 22 sites on streams in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Thirty-five floods were measured. Analysis of the data indicated methods currently in use would be inaccurate where densely vegetated flood plains are crossed by highway embankments and single-opening bridges. This atlas presents flood information at the site on Bogue Chitto near Summit, Miss. Water depths, velocities, and discharges through bridge openings on Bogue Chitto near Summit, Miss. for floods of December 7, 1971, and December 21, 1972, are shown, together with peak watersurface elevations along embankments and along cross sections for floods of December 7, 1971, and April 14, 1974. Manning's roughness coefficient values in different parts of the

flood plain are shown on maps, and flood-frequency relations are shown on a graph. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Other information pertaining to floods in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi may be obtained at the offices of the U.S. Geological Survey listed below: U.S. Geological Survey Room 202, Oil and Gas Board Building (P. O. Box V) University, Alabama 35486 U.S. Geological Survey 6554 Florida Boulevard (P. O. Box 66492)

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92.40

92.65

92.98

GROUND SURFACE

ELEVATION

(METERS)

94.93

94.02

89.93

89.87

90.91

91.34

91.70

91.15

90.88

91.76

92.13

92.16

92.19

91.15

91.46

91.37

90.60

91.28

CROSS SECTION 3

1114

1173

1183

STATION

(METERS)

581

583

586

604

614

617

619

621

638

647

653

655

710

739

777

802

822

879

894

90.27

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92.77

92.77

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93.17

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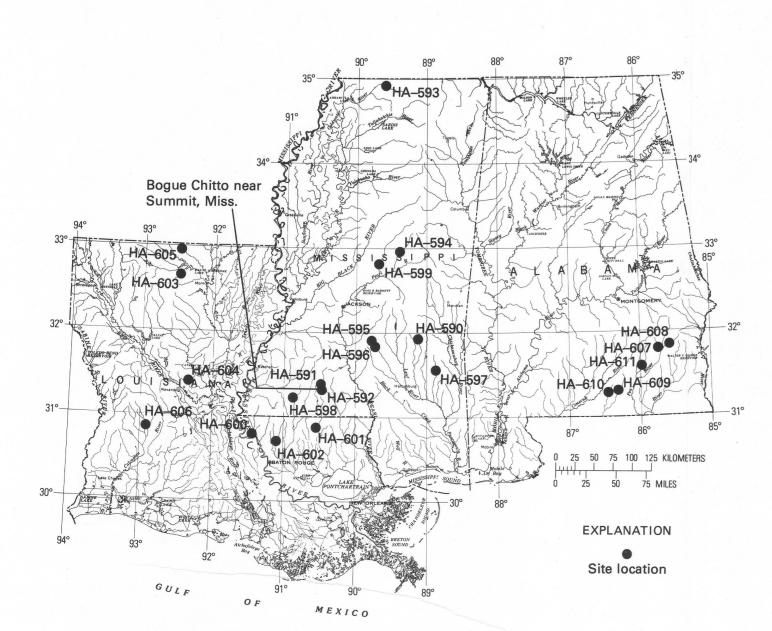


FIGURE 1.—INDEX MAP OF STUDY SITES IN THE BRIDGE BACKWATER INVESTIGATION PROJECT, ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI

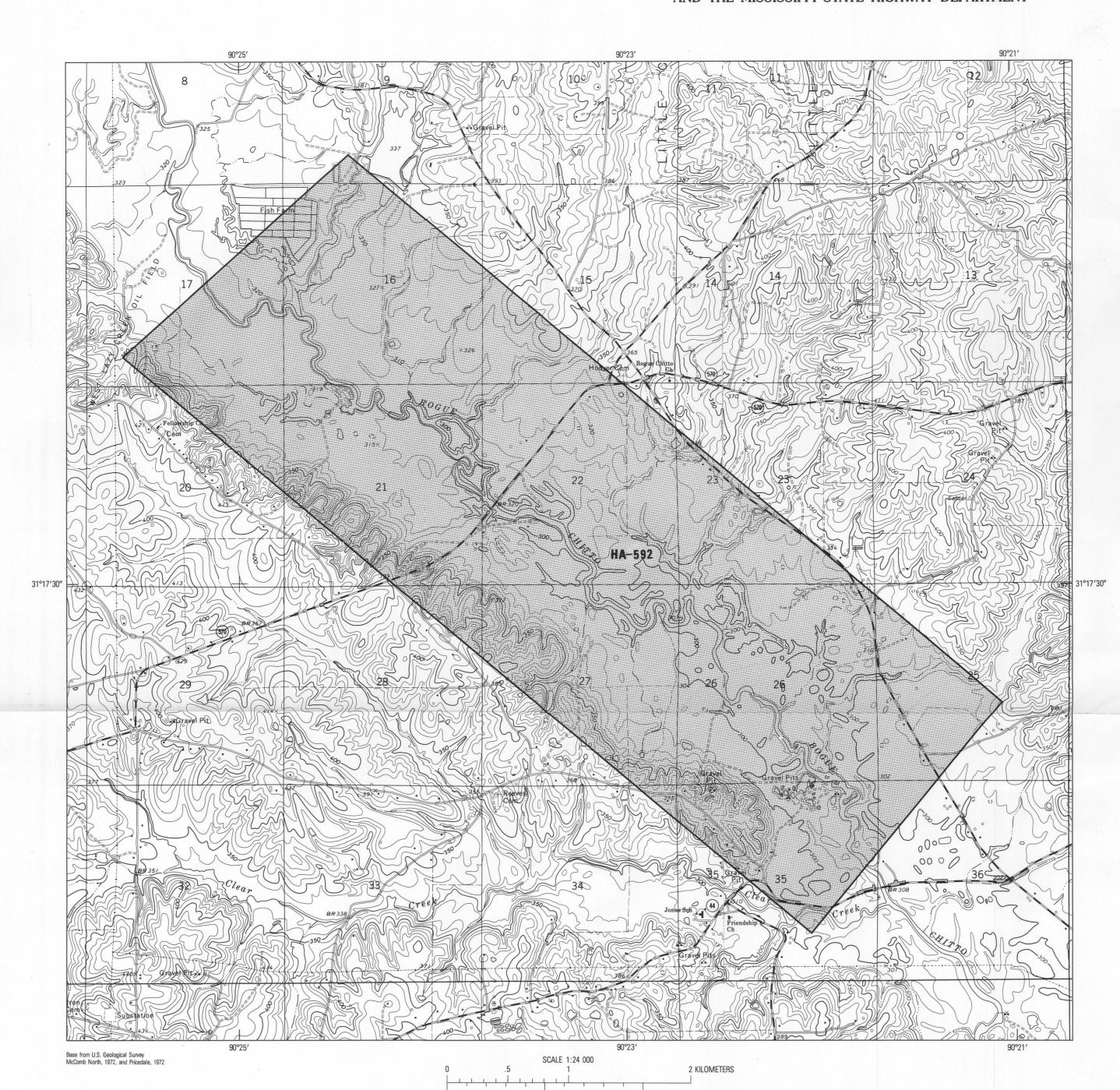
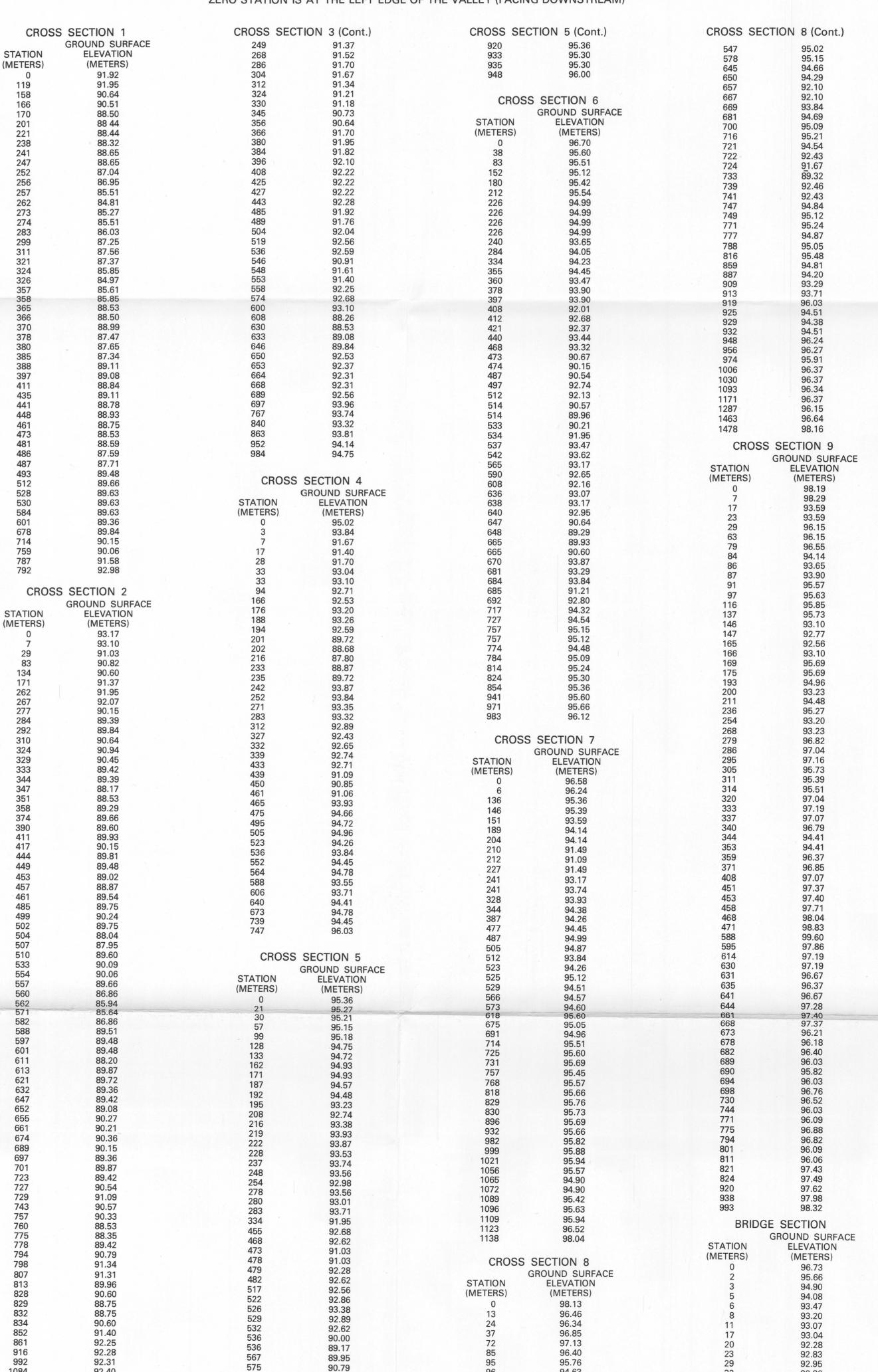


FIGURE 2—INDEX MAP SHOWING STUDY REACH, BOGUE CHITTO NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI

TABLE 1-VALLEY CROSS-SECTION DATA FOR BOGUE CHITTO NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI. ZERO STATION IS AT THE LEFT EDGE OF THE VALLEY (FACING DOWNSTREAM)



94.63

94.63

95.66

95.82

95.63

95.66

95.82

95.63

95.54

95.66

95.69

95.24

95.39

95.42

95.54

93.26

94.78

94.32

95.02

95.63

95.66

95.60

95.60

92.25

91.52

92.25

94.51

116

134

138

189

220

256

262

304

339

377

415

422

436

445

455

482

501

502

506

509

517

92.86

92.86

92.16

91.52

91.21

90.97

90.06

90.00

90.21

90.06

89.69

89.66

90.18

91.52

91.76

91.67

91.95

91.92

91.98

91.64

91.98

92.37

92.71

93.50

94.54

95.27

96.06

96.73

53

63

102

105

107

109

110

112

113

115



FIGURE 3—AERIAL VIEW LOOKING DOWNSTREAM IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE ON STATE

HIGHWAY 570, BOGUE CHITTO NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPP!

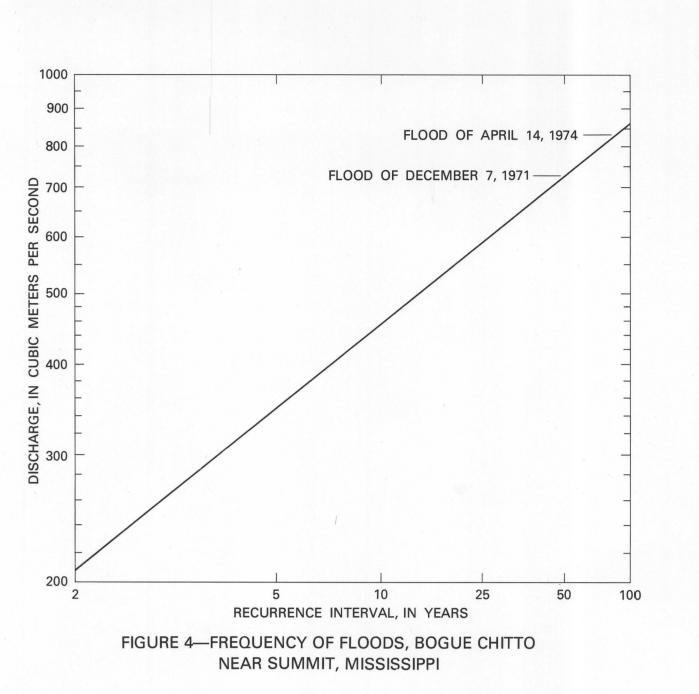


TABLE 2—DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS DECEMBER 7, 1971. AND DECEMBER 21, 1972, BOGUE CHITTO NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI. ZERO STATION IS AT THE EDGE OF THE LEFT ABUTMENT (FACING DOWNSTREAM)

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT DECEMBER 7, 1971, BOGUE CHITTO AT STATE HIGHWAY 570 NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI (WATER-SURFACE ELEVATION=95.555 METERS) TOTAL DISCHARGE=651 CUBIC METERS PER SECOND **VELOCITY** STATION **DEPTH** ANGLE **OBSERVATION** (METERS PER (METERS) (METERS) (DEGREES) DEPTH1 SECOND) 3.4 0.0 0.0 0.000 1.13 0.6 0.408 12.2 2.13 1.442 0.2 1.384 18.3 2.44 2.414 0.2 1.844 2.65 24.4 2.356 1.750 30.5 2.59 2.204 0.2 0.8 1.573 3.26 36.6 1.442 1.384 0.8 4.39 1.692 0.2 1.506 48.8 2.030 0.2 1.353 2.252 2.030 5.64 0.2 2.112 0.8 1.987 57.9 5.39 0.2 1.780 1.878 61.0 5.39 0.2 1.844 1.914 0.8 5.52 64.0 0.2 2.030 2.112 0.8 67.1 5.85 0.2 2.356 1.914 70.1 5.94 0.2 1.878 0.8 1.811 6.10 73.2 1.652 1.652 79.2 4.72 1.155 0.8 0.774 85.3 3.23 0.2 1.353 1.353 0.8 91.4 3.17 0.2 1.018 0.8 0.905 97.5 3.72 0.2 1.844 1.652 103.6 3.54 0.2 1.472 0.8 1.442 109.7 2.01 0.2 0.219

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT DECEMBER 21, 1972, BOGUE CHITTO AT STATE HIGHWAY 570 NEAR SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI (WATER-SURFACE ELEVATION=94.845 METERS) TOTAL DISCHARGE=416 CUBIC METERS PER SECOND **VELOCITY** STATION DEPTH ANGLE **OBSERVATION** (METERS PER (METERS) (METERS) (DEGREES) DEPTH1 SECOND) 4.9 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.49 9.1 0.6 0.460 15.2 1.83 1.338 0.2 1.119 0.8 21.3 21.3 0.2 1.893 0.8 1.521 27.4 1.95 0.2 1.762 0.8 1.219 33.5 2.04 0.6 1.338 39.6 3.35 0.2 1.277 1.247 44.2 3.57 1.247 0.8 1.073 48.8 3.81 0.2 1.423 0.8 1.247 53.3 4.39 0.2 1.826 0.8 1.396 57.9 4.51 0.2 1.893 0.8 1.673 61.0 4.42 0.2 1.859 0.8 1.673 0.2 64.0 4.54 1.929 0.8 1.594 67.1 4.94 0.2 1.893 0.8 1.673 70.1 5.18 0.2 1.673 0.8 1.594 73.2 5.36 0.2 1.457 0.8 1.423 79.2 3.72 0.2 0.838 0.8 0.893 2.59 0.2 0.914 0.8 0.732 2.56 0.2 91.4 0.875 0.8 0.674 97.5 2.96 0.2 1.247 0.8 1.006 103.6 2.68 0.2 1.094 0.8 0.838 108.2 1.83 0.6 0.085 0.0 111.3 0.0

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10bservation depth is the ratio of the velocity-observation depth to the total depth at the station.

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