

# Buckman Direct Diversion

## ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY

### Diversion Options

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City of Santa Fe

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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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- BDD Intake Existing Conditions Overview
- Intake Design, Components, & Feasibility Evaluation Criteria
- Selected Diversion Options
- Path Forward

# EXISTING CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

# Buckman Direct Diversion River Intake Existing Conditions Issues



- Intake elevation near river bed
- Entrainment of bedload sediment
- High and Highly Variable suspended load and bedload
- Defective Screens (fitment)
- Airburst Cleaning System not adequate and must be cleaned manually
- Maintenance and Access Limitations
- Bed elevation fluctuations (dynamic equilibrium)

# Buckman Direct Diversion River Intake Existing Conditions



2011

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# Buckman Direct Diversion River Intake Existing Conditions



2015

Figure 25. Photograph from April 2015 Inspection Showing Excessive Sediment on Screens

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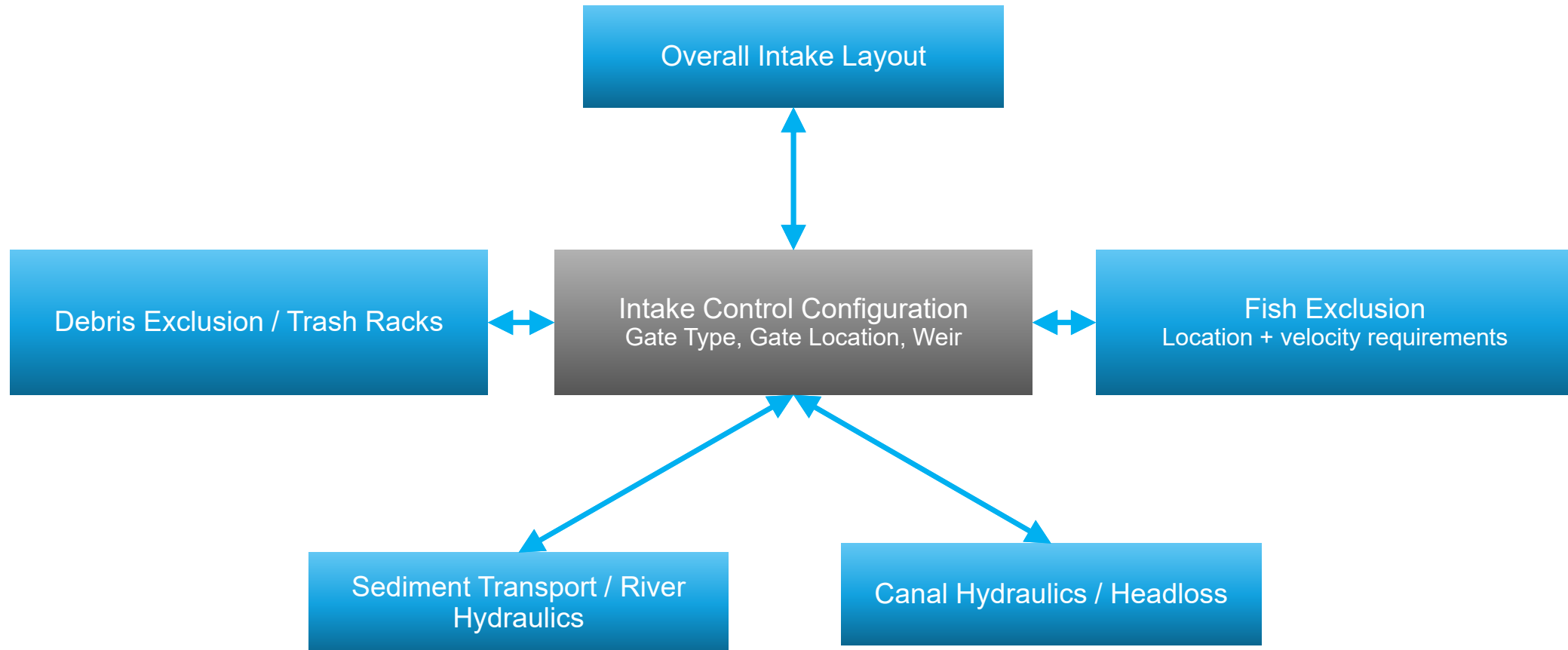
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# INTAKE DESIGN, COMPONENTS & FEASIBILITY EVALUATION CRITERIA

# INTAKE DESIGN

## Intake Components as an Integrated System



- All intake components are hydraulically and operationally linked  
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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS

Category	Alternative Options
<b>Location / Configuration</b>	<b>In-channel (e.g. Craig, Colorado)</b>
	Off-channel (side channel / bypass, e.g., Albuquerque)
	Off-channel with forebay
	Bank intake (e.g. Current BDD)
	Ranney Well (supplement of 3-5 MGD) - Investigation Ongoing
	<b>Infiltration gallery/Riverbank filtration</b>
	<b>Submerged Suction Bell Intake (Shore-Mounted Pump)</b>
<b>Fish Screening / Exclusion</b>	Farmers Screen
	Vertical / cylindrical screens
	Cone Screens
	Traveling Screens
	Coanda screens
	Flat Plate Screens
	<b>Modular Inclined Screens</b>
	<b>Bioacoustic Fish Fence (BAFF)</b>
<b>In-Channel Hydraulic Features</b>	Rock or boulder vanes, Spur dikes, etc.
	<b>Iowa Vanes (Sediment Vanes)</b>
	Engineered Riffle/Boulder Grade Control
	Grade Control with Control gates / weirs/Obermeyer inflatable gate across River

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS

Category	Alternative Options
<b>Intake Gate Type</b>	Obermeyer gate
	Hinged crest gate
	Slide gate (Downward opening)
<b>Sediment Handling</b>	<b>Settling basin</b>
	<b>Lamella plate clarifiers</b>
	<b>Low Pressure Membrane Filtration</b>
	<b>Media or dual media filters</b>
	<b>Clarifiers with tube settlers</b>
	<b>Hydrocyclones (Lakos)</b>
	Sediment flushing sluice
<b>Debris and Trash Management</b>	Trash Racks
	Automated rakes
	Floating Boom/log Boom
	Debris Deflector Bar
	Bollards
	Traveling screens

# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-GATES



**WEIR GATE**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-GATES



**CREST GATE**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-GATES



**OBERMEYER GATE**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-FISH SCREENS



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## CONE SCREEN

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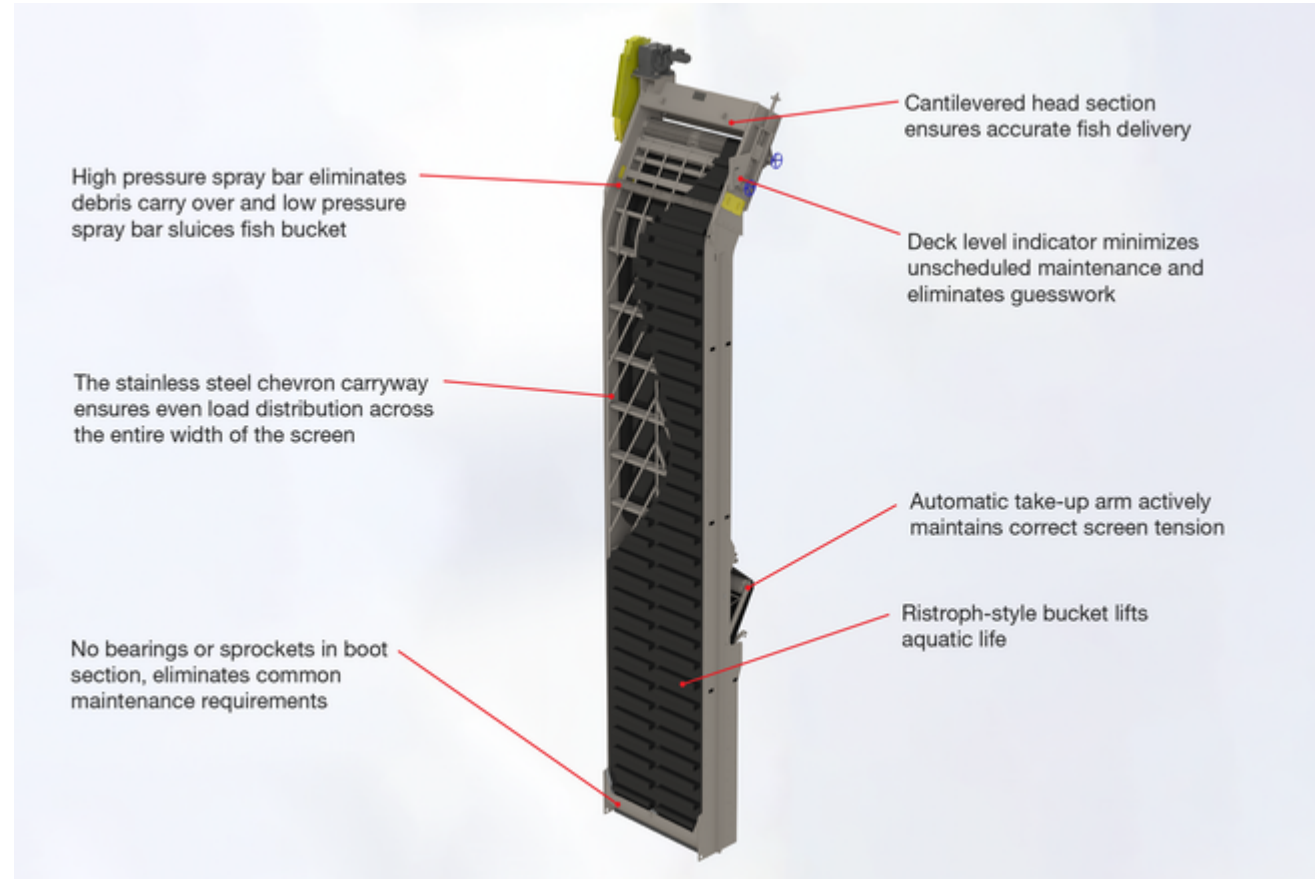
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**CYLINDER SCREEN**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-FISH SCREENS



## TRAVELING SCREEN

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



**RIO GRANDE-ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



YAKIMA RIVER-YAKIMA, WA

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



**COLORADO RIVER-WINDY GAP, CO**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



**ANIMAS-LA PLATA PUMP STATION-DURANGO,CO**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER-FORT LUPTON, CO**

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



LOWER YELLOWSTONE DIVERSION DAM, MT

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# OPTIONAL COMPONENTS-LOCATION/CONFIGURATION



YAMPA RIVER-CRAIG, CO

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# EVALUATION CRITERIA (PERFORMANCE)

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- Sediment & Debris Management Capability
  - Sediment (including fines) management across all conditions
  - Debris handling and resilience to bed variability
  - Protection of pumps and downstream facilities
  - Reliable operation with turbidity compliance
- Hydraulic Performance & Diversion Capability
  - Consistent diversion performance (20.8 MGD)
  - Operates across full seasonal flow range
  - Stable under changing stage and channel conditions
  - Resilient during high-flow and event conditions

# EVALUATION CRITERIA (IMPLEMENTATION & COST)

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- Implementation Feasibility & Risk
  - Permitting (CWA, NHPA, and ESA including RGSM egg exclusion)
  - Constructability and site constraints
  - Maintain operations during construction
  - Schedule and delivery risk
- Operations & Maintenance Burden
  - Maintenance frequency and operator burden
  - Access-dependent reliability
  - Downstream impacts from fine sediment
  - Lifecycle durability and risk
- Capital Cost (CAPEX)
  - Planning-level capital cost
  - Structural and system complexity
  - Temporary works and bypass needs
  - Access and construction risk

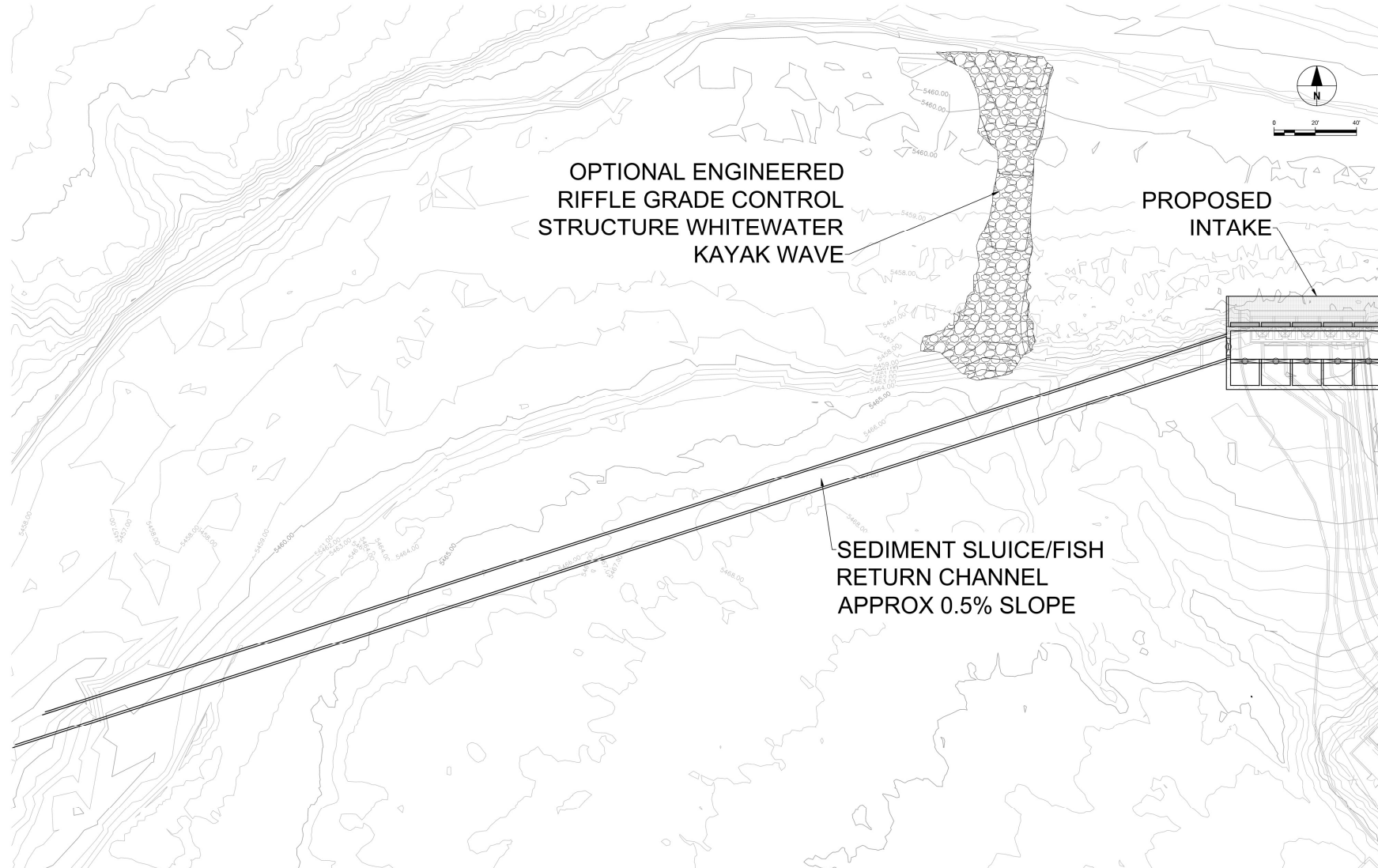
# INTAKE CONCEPTS

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The goal of these concepts is to provide direction to the selected 30% Design Engineering Firm. The three concepts are as follows:

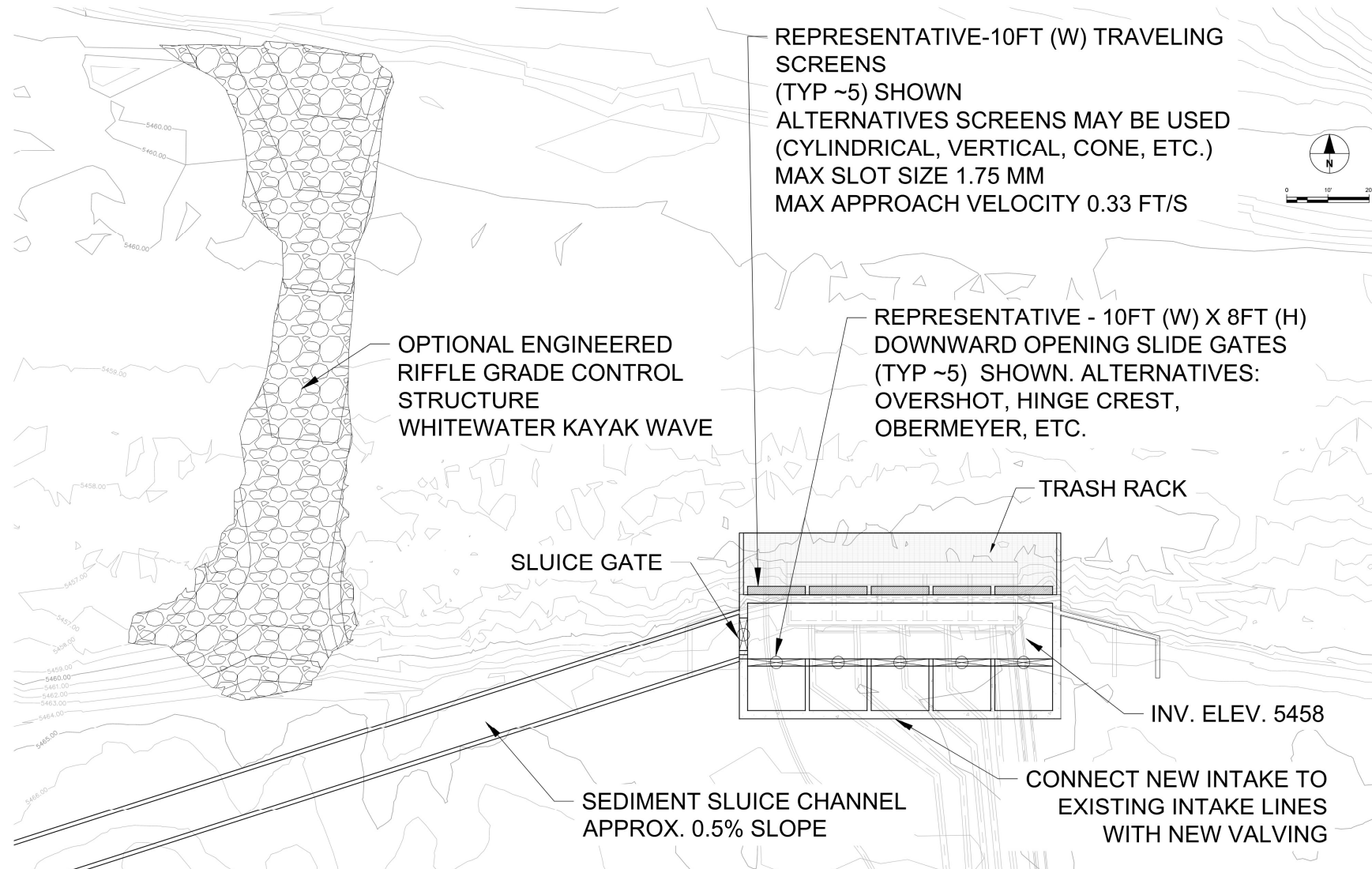
- Replacement / Retrofit
  - Existing footprint
  - Existing intake modified or demolished
  - Alternative engineered riffle/whitewater wave
- New Intake Adjacent to Existing Intake
  - Maintains existing intake
  - Provides redundancy & supply during construction
  - Alternative engineered riffle/whitewater wave
- New Upstream Off-Channel Intake
  - Maintains existing intake.
  - Provides redundancy & supply during construction
  - Alternative engineered riffle/whitewater wave

# REPLACE / RETROFIT



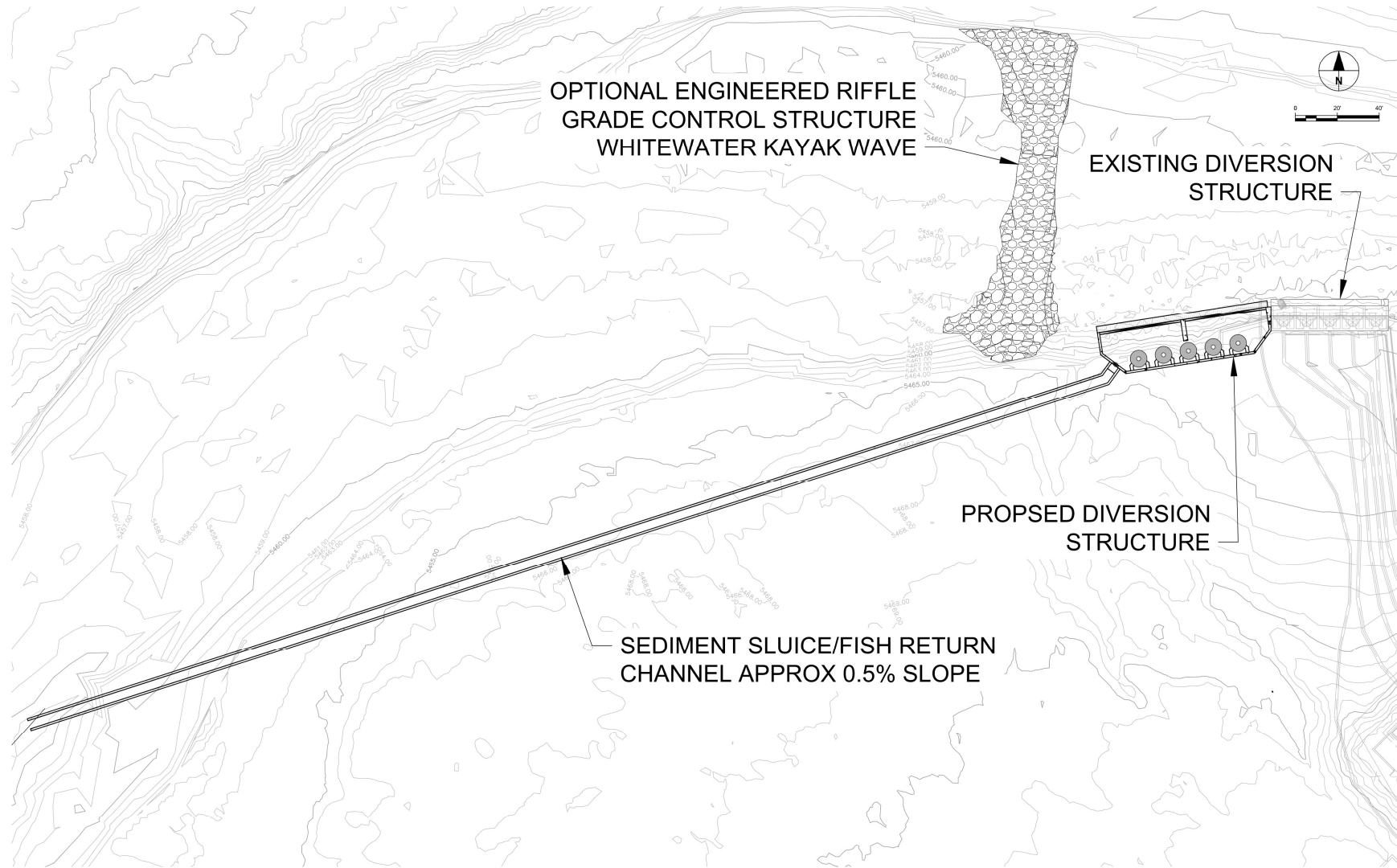
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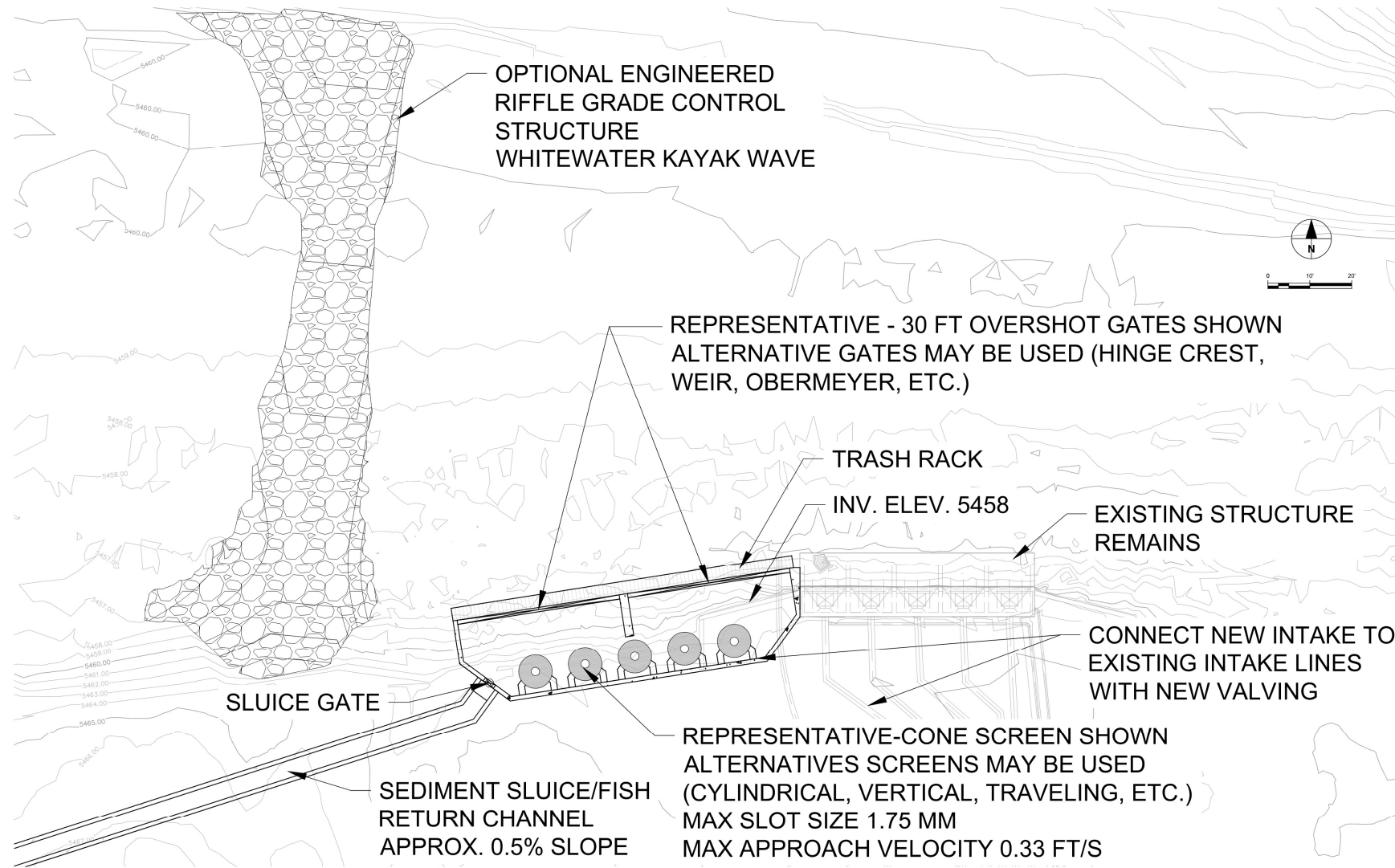
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# NEW INTAKE ADJACENT TO EXISTING



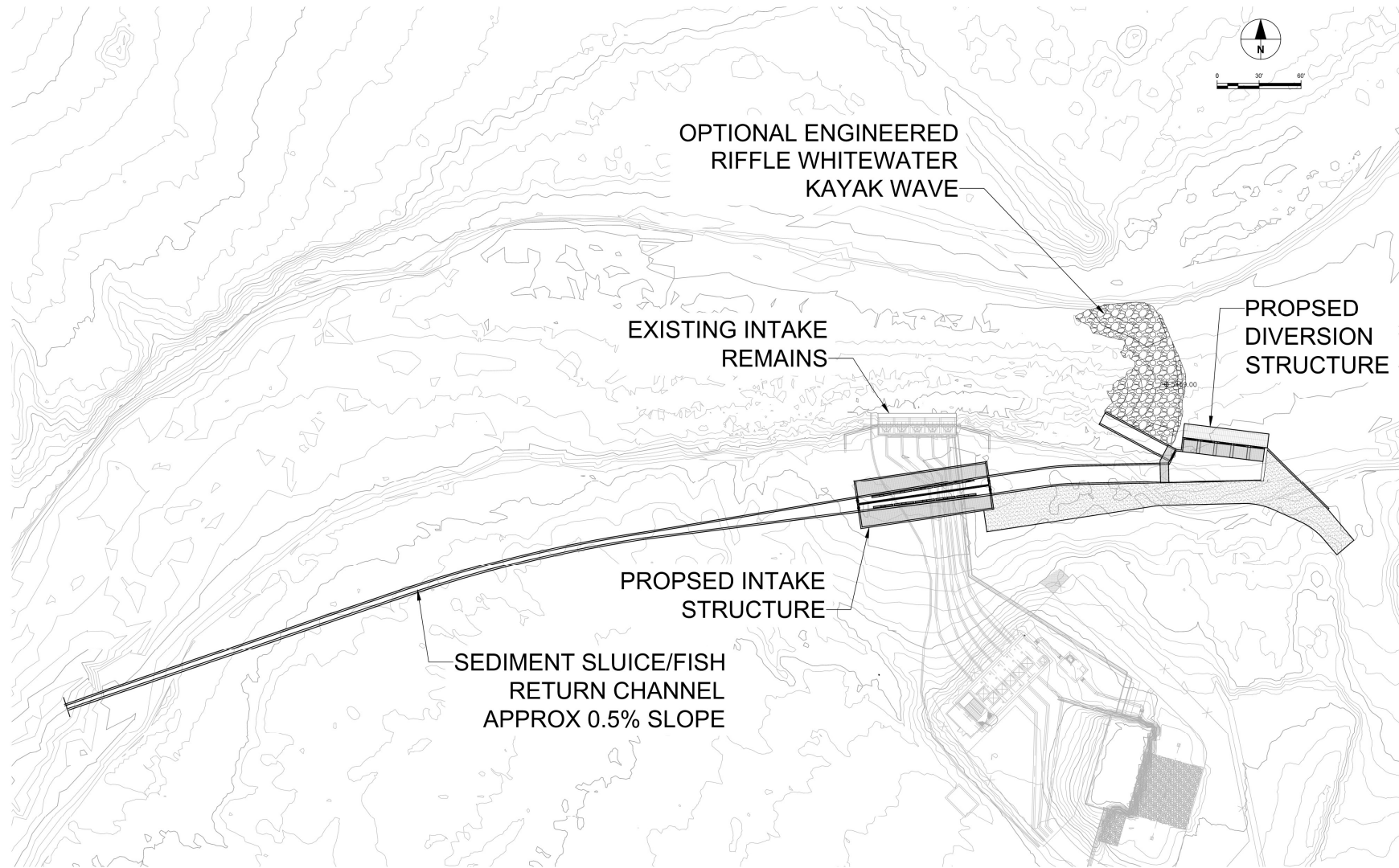
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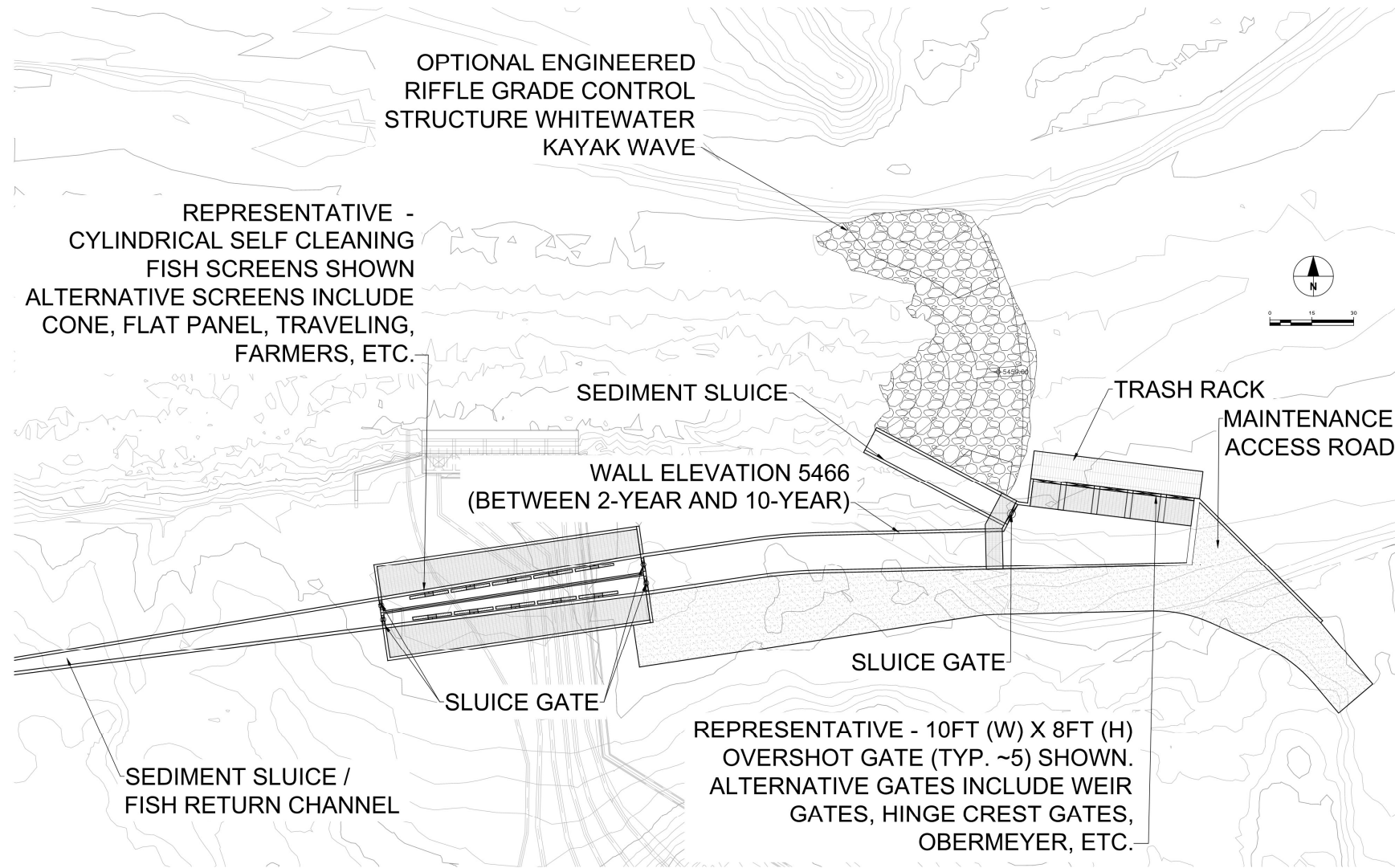
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# NEW UPSTREAM OFF CHANNEL INTAKE



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# NEW UPSTREAM OFF CHANNEL INTAKE



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# NEXT STEPS

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- Finalize three concept layouts
- Finalize feasibility study report and documentation
- Issue final RFQ for Alternatives Analysis and 30% Design

¿QUESTIONS?

**THANK YOU**