

**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**  
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**STREAM DISCHARGE TECHNICAL NOTES**

**STATION ID:** 05A105  
**STATION NAME:** S.F. Stillaguamish at Jordan Rd Bridge  
**WATER YEAR:** 2015  
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**Introduction**

Watershed Description

The basin above this gage covers 181 square miles of steep forested terrain in the North Cascade Mountains. The mean elevation for the basin is 2,450 feet. Elevations range from about 196 feet at the gage to 6,690 feet at the highest point of the headwaters. The mean slope in the basin is over 43 percent. The forest canopy cover was computed in 2001 as 74 percent of the basin. Mean annual precipitation for the basin is 95.5 inches. Basin statistics are provided by the USGS.

Gage Location

The gage house is on the left bank of the South Fork Stillaguamish River at the south end of the Jordan Road Bridge near Granite Falls. The primary gage index is a wire weight gage mounted on the downstream bridge rail.

Table 1. Basin Area and Legal Description

Drainage Area (square miles)	181
Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)	48.095249° N
Longitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)	-121.974555° W

Table 2. Discharge Statistics.

Mean Annual Discharge (cfs)	1470
Median Annual Discharge (cfs)	779
Maximum Daily Mean Discharge (cfs)	19700
Minimum Daily Mean Discharge (cfs)	91
Maximum Instantaneous Discharge (cfs)	28600
Minimum Instantaneous Discharge (cfs)	77
Discharge Equaled or Exceeded 10 % of Recorded Time (cfs)	3550
Discharge Equaled or Exceeded 90 % of Recorded Time (cfs)	124
Number of Days Discharge is Greater Than Range of Ratings	0
Number of Days Discharge is Less Than Range of Ratings	0
Number of Un-Reported Days	0
Number of Days Qualified as Estimates	73
Number of Modeled Days	0

Note: Statistics displayed in Table 2 may not include values in which the predicted discharge exceeds the range of ratings.

Table 2 Discussion (Discharge Statistics)

Discharge at South Fork Stillaguamish River at Jordan Road bridge gaging station reached its lowest point August 14, 2015. Discharge in South Fork Stillaguamish peaked January 5, 2015.

Seventy-three days were qualified as estimated during WY 2015. Of those 73 days, two were the result of gaps in the stage record that were filled with estimated data using a similar station. The remaining 71 days were qualified as estimates due to instrument drift as explained below.

Table 3. Error Analysis Summary.

Potential Logger Drift Error (% of discharge)	9.0
Potential Weighted Rating Error (% of discharge)	9.8
Total Potential Error (% of discharge)	18.8

Table 3 Discussion (Error Analysis)

Logger Drift Error is based on a statistical analysis comparing continuous automated gage height readings with quality assurance gage height observations made during periodic stations visits.

Similarly, the Weighted Rating Error is calculated using a composite analysis of the level of quality assigned to each discharge measurement used to define each rating table.

Table 4. Stage Record Summary

Minimum Recorded Stage (feet)	4.69
Maximum Recorded Stage (feet)	15.45
Range of Recorded Stage (feet)	10.76

Table 4 Discussion (Stage Record)

Minimum stage occurred during a low flow period in mid August 2015. Maximum stage occurred during high flow conditions caused by a storm event in early January of 2015.
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Table 5. Rating Table Summary

Rating Table No.	201		
Period of Ratings	10/1/14-9/30/15		
Range of Ratings (cfs)	45-42,800		
No. of Defining Measurements	64		
Rating Error (%)	9.8		

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Table 5 Discussion (Rating Tables)

Rating 201 is a carry over due to stable control conditions from WY 2014.
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Table 6. Model Summary

Model Type (Slope conveyance, other, none)	none
Range of Modeled Stage (feet)	none
Range of Modeled Discharge (cfs)	none
Valid Period for Model	none
Model Confidence	none

Table 6 Discussion (Modeled Data)

none
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Table 7. Survey Type and Date (station, cross section, longitudinal)

Type	Date
none	n/a

Table 7 Discussion (Surveys)

n/a
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Activities Completed

Six streamflow measurements were conducted during WY 2015.
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Appendix

None.