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Closure Approved by: *Robert Hamlet* Date: 3/3/2023

Printed Name: Robert Hamlet Title: Environmental Specialist - Advanced



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Spill Closure Report: Rustler Breaks SWD #003
Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 27 East
API: 30-015-44303
County: Eddy
Incident Report: nAPP2231359751

Prepared For: Black River Water Management Company, LLC
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – District 2 – Artesia

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Black River Water Management Company, LLC (Black River) retained Vertex Resource Services Inc. (Vertex) to conduct a Spill Assessment for a release of produced water into the concrete lined containment at Rustler Breaks SWD #003, API 30-015-44303, Incident nAPP2231359751 (hereafter referred to as “Rustler Breaks”). Black River provided spill notification to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) District 2, via submission of an initial C-141 Release Notification (Attachment 1). This letter provides a description of the Spill Assessment and includes a request for Spill Closure. The spill area is located at N 32.2884, W -104.1405.

Background

The site is located approximately 2.61 miles west of Loving, New Mexico (Google Inc., 2022). The legal location for the site is Section 24, Township 23 South and Range 27 East in Eddy County, New Mexico. The spill area is located on private property.

The Geological Map of New Mexico (New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, 2022) indicates the site’s surface geology is comprised primarily of Qp- Piedmont alluvial deposits (Holocene to lower Pleistocene). The Natural Resources Conservation Service *Web Soil Survey* characterizes the predominant soil texture on the site is Karro loam, saline, which is characterized by salt flats and loamy, where soils range from grayish brown loam to strongly calcareous and slightly alkaline. This type of soil tends to be well-drained with medium runoff and high available water storage in the soil profile and erosion is rare and infrequent (United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2022). There is medium potential for karst geology to be present near Rustler Breaks (Southwest Geophysical Consulting, LLC, 2021).

The surrounding landscape has historically been associated alluvial fans and plains of mixed alluvium, and is considered farmland of statewide importance. The climate is semi-arid, with average annual precipitation ranging between 10 and 14 inches. The plant community has historically been dominated by black grama and bunchgrasses. While the landscape generally has a grassland aspect, areas of exposed gypsum outcrops harbor little vegetation, and patches of

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bare or lichen covered soil surface may be visible between patches of vegetation (United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2022).

There is no surface water located on-site. The nearest significant watercourse, as defined in Subsection P of 19.15.17.7 *New Mexico Administrative Code* (NMAC; New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, 2018), is the Pecos River located approximately 3 miles northeast of the site (United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 2020). Multiple dry agricultural water conveyance structures, such as canals and ditches, are present in the vicinity. At Rustler Breaks, there are no continuously flowing watercourses or significant watercourses, lakebeds, sinkholes, playa lakes, or other critical water or community features as outlined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

Incident Description

The spill occurred on November 9, 2022, due to valve failure on the tank. The spill was reported on November 9, 2022, and involved the release of approximately 46 barrels (bbl.) of produced water into the concrete lined containment. Approximately 46 bbl. of free fluid was removed during initial spill clean-up. The NMOCD C-141 Report: nAPP2231359751 is included in Attachment 1. The daily field report (DFR) and site photographs are included in Attachment 2.

Closure Criteria Determination

The depth to groundwater was determined using information from the United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (2022) National Water Information Mapping System. A 0.5-mile search radius was used to determine groundwater depth. The closest recorded depth to groundwater was determined to be 74 feet below ground surface (bgs) and 0.36 miles from the site (New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, New Mexico Water Rights Reporting System, 2022). Documentation used in Closure Criteria Determination research is included in Attachment 3.

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Closure Criteria Worksheet			
Site Name: Rustler Breaks SWD #003			
Spill Coordinates:		X: 32.2884	Y: -104.1405
Site Specific Conditions		Value	Unit
1	Depth to Groundwater	74	feet
2	Within 300 feet of any continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse	16,864	feet
3	Within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)	39,032	feet
4	Within 300 feet from an occupied residence, school, hospital, institution or church	800	feet
5	i) Within 500 feet of a spring or a private, domestic fresh water well used by less than five households for domestic or stock watering purposes, or	1,100	feet
	ii) Within 1000 feet of any fresh water well or spring	1,100	feet
6	Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water field covered under a municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 3-27-3 NMSA 1978 as amended, unless the municipality specifically approves	No	(Y/N)
7	Within 300 feet of a wetland	399	feet
8	Within the area overlying a subsurface mine	No	(Y/N)
9	Within an unstable area (Karst Map)	Medium	Critical High Medium Low
10	Within a 100-year Floodplain	>500	year
11	Soil Type	Karro loam	
12	Ecological Classification	Loamy	
13	Geology	Qp-Piedmont alluvial deposits (Holocene to lower Pleistocene)	
	NMAC 19.15.29.12 E (Table 1) Closure Criteria	51-100'	<50' 51-100' >100'

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The closure criteria determined for the site are associated with the following constituent concentration limits as presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Closure Criteria for Soils Impacted by a Release		
Minimum depth below any point within the horizontal boundary of the release to groundwater less than 10,000 mg/l TDS	Constituent	Limit
51 feet - 100 feet	Chloride	10,000 mg/kg
	TPH (GRO+DRO+MRO)	2,500 mg/kg
	GRO+DRO	1,000 mg/kg
	BTEX	50 mg/kg
	Benzene	10 mg/kg

TDS - Total dissolved solids , TPH - Total petroleum hydrocarbons = gasoline range organics (GRO) + diesel range organics (DRO) + motor oil range organics (MRO), BTEX - Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes

Remedial Actions Taken

A site inspection of the spill was completed on November 19, 2022, which identified the area of the spill specified in the initial C-141 Report. The DFR associated with the site inspection is included in Attachment 2.

Notification that a liner inspection was scheduled to be completed was provided to the NMOCD on November 14, 2022. Visual observation of the liner was completed on all sides and the base of the containment, around equipment, and of all seams in the liner. As evidenced in the DFR (Attachment 2), liner integrity was confirmed. The Liner Inspection Notification email is included in Attachment 4.

Closure Request

Vertex recommends no additional remediation action to address the release at Rustler Breaks. The secondary containment liner was intact and contained the release. There are no anticipated risks to human, ecological, or hydrological receptors associated with the release site.

Vertex requests that this incident (nAPP2231359751) be closed as all closure requirements set forth in Subsection E of 19.15.29.12 NMAC have been met. Black River certifies that all information in this report and the attachments are correct and that they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in Division rules and directives to meet NMOCD requirements to obtain closure on the November 9, 2022, release at Rustler Breaks SWD #003.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 575.361.9880 or mpeppin@vertex.ca.



Monica Peppin, A.S.
PROJECT MANAGER, REPORTING

November 22, 2022

Date

Attachments

- Attachment 1. NMOCD C-141 Report
- Attachment 2. Daily Field Reports with Pictures
- Attachment 3. Closure Criteria for Soils Impacted by a Release Research Determination Documentation
- Attachment 4. Required 48-hr Notification of Liner Inspection to Regulatory Agencies

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Limitations

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The information and conclusions contained in this report are based upon work undertaken by trained professional and technical staff in accordance with generally accepted scientific practices current at the time the work was performed. The conclusions and recommendations presented represent the best judgement of Vertex based on the data collected during the assessment. Due to the nature of the assessment and the data available, Vertex cannot warrant against undiscovered environmental liabilities. Conclusions and recommendations presented in this report should not be considered legal advice.

ATTACHMENT 1

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District II
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District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural
Resources Department

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
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Form C-141
Revised August 24, 2018
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

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Release Notification

Responsible Party

Responsible Party	Black River Water Management Company, LLC	OGRID	371287
Contact Name	Clinton Talley	Contact Telephone	337-319-8398
Contact email	clinton.talley@matadorresources.com	Incident # (assigned by OCD)	nAPP2231359751
Contact mailing address	One Lincoln Centre Dallas, Texas 75240		

Location of Release Source

Latitude 32.2884 Longitude -104.1405
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

Site Name	Rustler Breaks SWD #003	Site Type	SWD
Date Release Discovered	11/09/2022	API# (if applicable)	30-015-44303

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
J	24	23S	27E	Eddy

Surface Owner: ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal ☒ Private (Name: _____)

Nature and Volume of Release

Material(s) Released (Select all that apply and attach calculations or specific justification for the volumes provided below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Crude Oil	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Water	Volume Released (bbls) 46 bbls	Volume Recovered (bbls) 46 bbls
	Is the concentration of dissolved chloride in the produced water >10,000 mg/l?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Condensate	Volume Released (bbls)	Volume Recovered (bbls)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas	Volume Released (Mcf)	Volume Recovered (Mcf)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	Volume/Weight Released (provide units)	Volume/Weight Recovered (provide units)

Cause of Release


Valve failure on tank causing tank overflow. All fluid recovered

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Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? >25 bbls.
If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)? NOR submitted to NMOCD 11/09/2022 via NMOCD Website	

Initial Response

The responsible party must undertake the following actions immediately unless they could create a safety hazard that would result in injury

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All free liquids and recoverable materials have been removed and managed appropriately.	
If all the actions described above have <u>not</u> been undertaken, explain why: 	
Per 19.15.29.8 B. (4) NMAC the responsible party may commence remediation immediately after discovery of a release. If remediation has begun, please attach a narrative of actions to date. If remedial efforts have been successfully completed or if the release occurred within a lined containment area (see 19.15.29.11(A)(5)(a) NMAC), please attach all information needed for closure evaluation.	
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Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>12/05/2022</u>
email: <u>clinton.talley@matadorresources.com</u>	Telephone: <u>337-319-8398</u>
<u>OCD Only</u> Received by: _____ Date: _____	

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Site Assessment/Characterization

This information must be provided to the appropriate district office no later than 90 days after the release discovery date.

What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release?	<u>74</u> (ft bgs)
Did this release impact groundwater or surface water?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are the lateral extents of the release within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Are the lateral extents of the release within a 100-year floodplain?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Did the release impact areas not on an exploration, development, production, or storage site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Attach a comprehensive report (electronic submittals in .pdf format are preferred) demonstrating the lateral and vertical extents of soil contamination associated with the release have been determined. Refer to 19.15.29.11 NMAC for specifics.

Characterization Report Checklist: *Each of the following items must be included in the report.*

- ☐ N/A Scaled site map showing impacted area, surface features, subsurface features, delineation points, and monitoring wells.
- ☒ Field data
- ☐ N/A Data table of soil contaminant concentration data
- ☒ Depth to water determination
- ☒ Determination of water sources and significant watercourses within ½-mile of the lateral extents of the release
- ☐ N/A Boring or excavation logs
- ☒ Photographs including date and GIS information
- ☒ Topographic/Aerial maps
- ☐ N/A Laboratory data including chain of custody

If the site characterization report does not include completed efforts at remediation of the release, the report must include a proposed remediation plan. That plan must include the estimated volume of material to be remediated, the proposed remediation technique, proposed sampling plan and methods, anticipated timelines for beginning and completing the remediation. The closure criteria for a release are contained in Table 1 of 19.15.29.12 NMAC, however, use of the table is modified by site- and release-specific parameters.

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Closure Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

ATTACHMENT 2



Daily Site Visit Report

Client:	<u>Matador Resources</u>	Inspection Date:	<u>11/19/2022</u>
Site Location Name:	<u>Rustler Breaks SWD 003</u>	Report Run Date:	<u>11/20/2022 5:21 PM</u>
Client Contact Name:	<u>Arsenio Jones</u>	API #:	<u>30-015-44303</u>
Client Contact Phone #:	<u>(575)361-4333</u>		
Unique Project ID	<u></u>	Project Owner:	<u></u>
Project Reference #	<u></u>	Project Manager:	<u>Monica Peppin</u>

Summary of Times

Arrived at Site	<u>11/19/2022 7:43 AM</u>
Departed Site	<u>11/19/2022 7:55 AM</u>

Field Notes

7:44 On site to conduct liner inspection/ containment inspection of battery

7:55 Rubber paint application applied to walls and an approximate foot extending out from wall base.

7:55 No signs of potential breach, entire containment clean.

7:55 No major holes / damage to cement containment

Next Steps & Recommendations

1 Send report

Daily Site Visit Report



Site Photos

Viewing Direction: North



Northwest corner

Viewing Direction: West



North wall

Viewing Direction: West



Northwest wall

Viewing Direction: East



Ground view in North area



Daily Site Visit Report

Viewing Direction: South



Ground view by transfer pumps

Viewing Direction: Southwest



Southwest corner

Viewing Direction: North



West wall

Viewing Direction: East



South wall



Daily Site Visit Report

Viewing Direction: Southeast



Southeast corner

Viewing Direction: East



East wall

Viewing Direction: North



Northeast wall

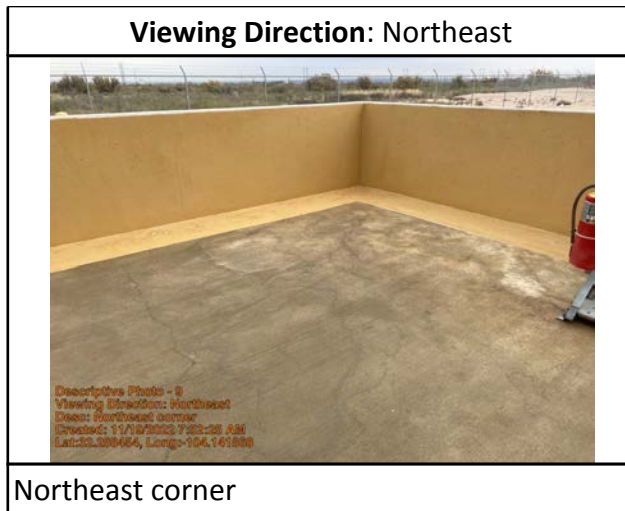
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Base area of containment



Daily Site Visit Report



Daily Site Visit Report



Daily Site Visit Signature

Inspector: Austin Harris

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AH' or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

Signature

ATTACHMENT 3



New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(A CLW##### in the POD suffix indicates the POD has been replaced & no longer serves a water right file.)

(R=POD has been replaced,
O=orphaned,
C=the file is closed)

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)

(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

(In feet)

POD Number	POD Sub-Code	basin	County	Q 64	Q 16	Q 4	Sec	Tws	Rng	X	Y	Distance	Depth Well	Depth Water	Water Column
C 02004	C	ED		3	4	24	23S	27E		580825	3572378*	359	232	190	42
C 01477	CUB	ED		1	3	3	19	23S	28E	581532	3572484*	648	127	10	117
C 00010	CUB	ED		1	2	2	25	23S	27E	581129	3572075*	677	250	103	147
C 00010 CLW191759	O	CUB	ED	1	2	2	25	23S	27E	581129	3572075*	677	259		
C 00010 ENLGD	CUB	ED		1	2	2	25	23S	27E	581129	3572075*	677	259		
C 00010 CLW191724	O	CUB	ED	2	3	2	25	23S	27E	580926	3571666*	1056	259		
C 01992	C	ED		3	4	1	19	23S	28E	581929	3573094*	1066	232	45	187
C 00276 S	CUB	ED		1	1	1	24	23S	27E	580017	3573576*	1248	248	130	118
C 00276	CUB	ED		1	1	1	24	23S	27E	579945	3573670	1366	232	70	162
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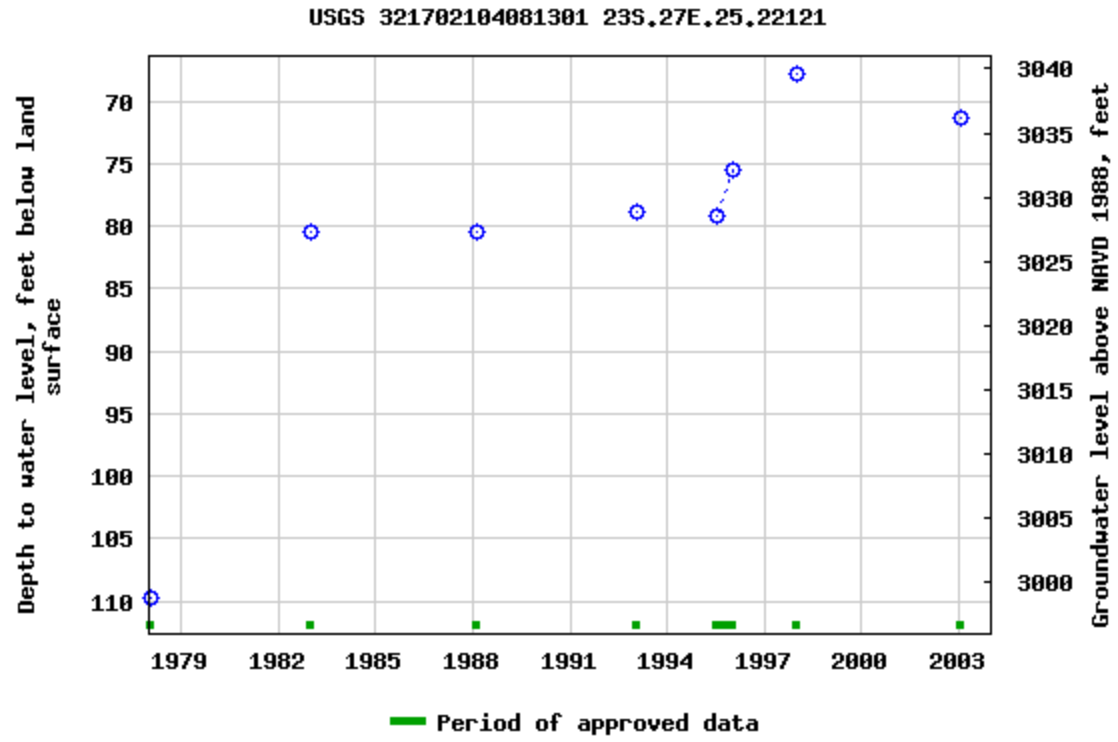
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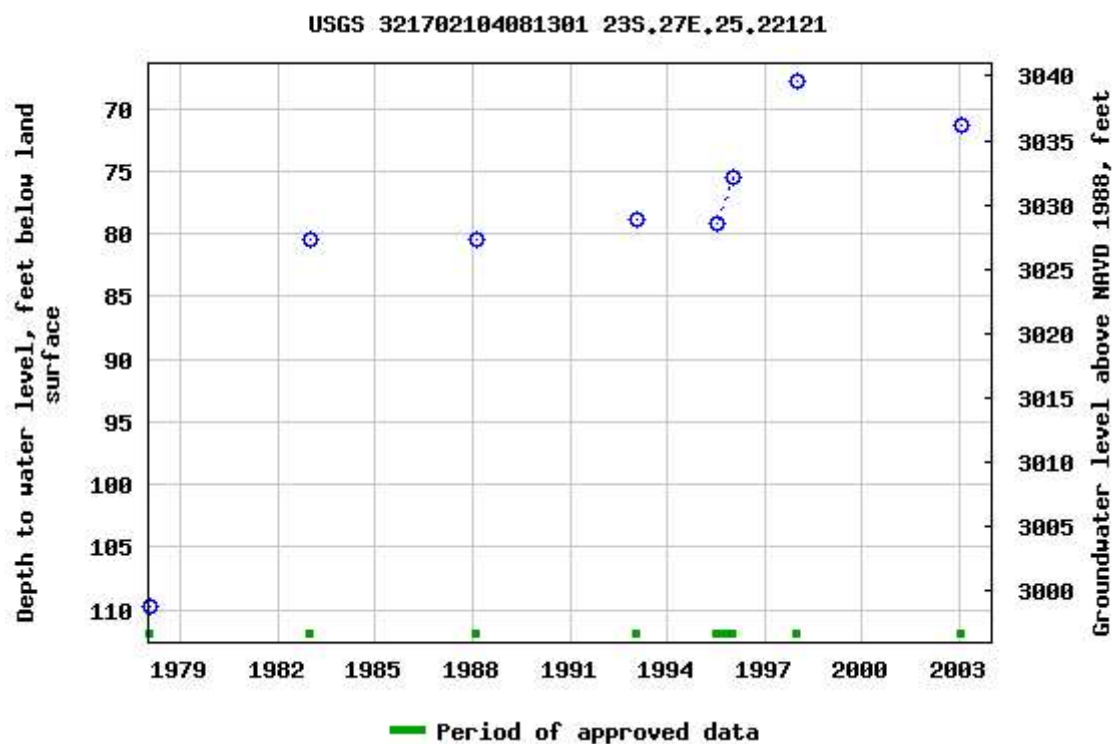
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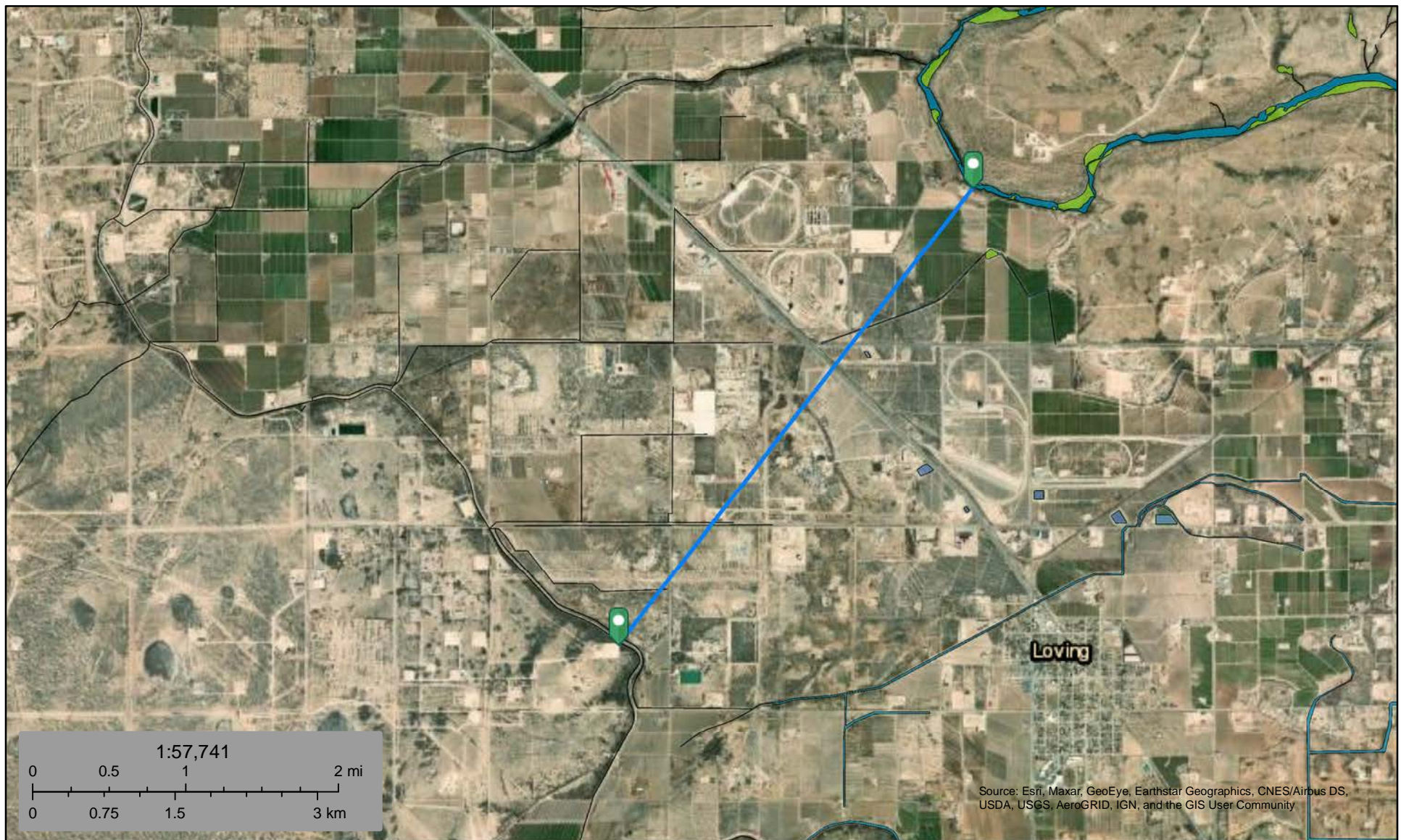
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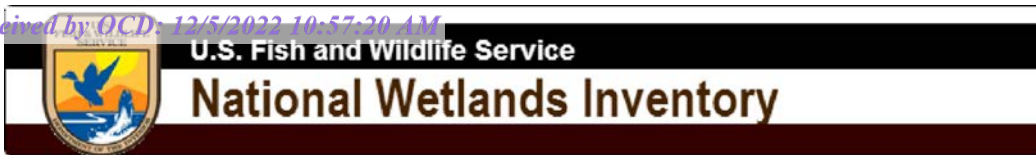
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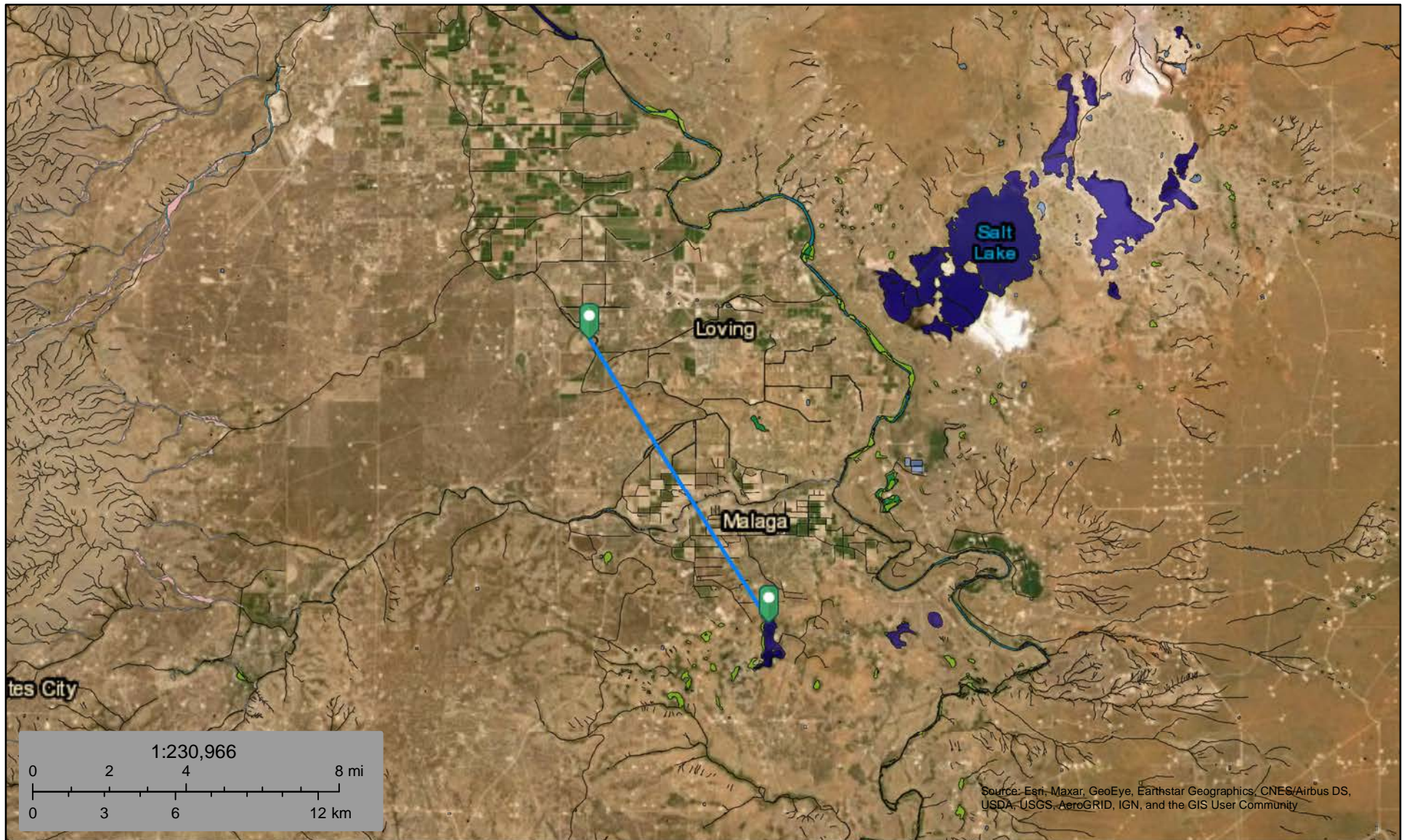
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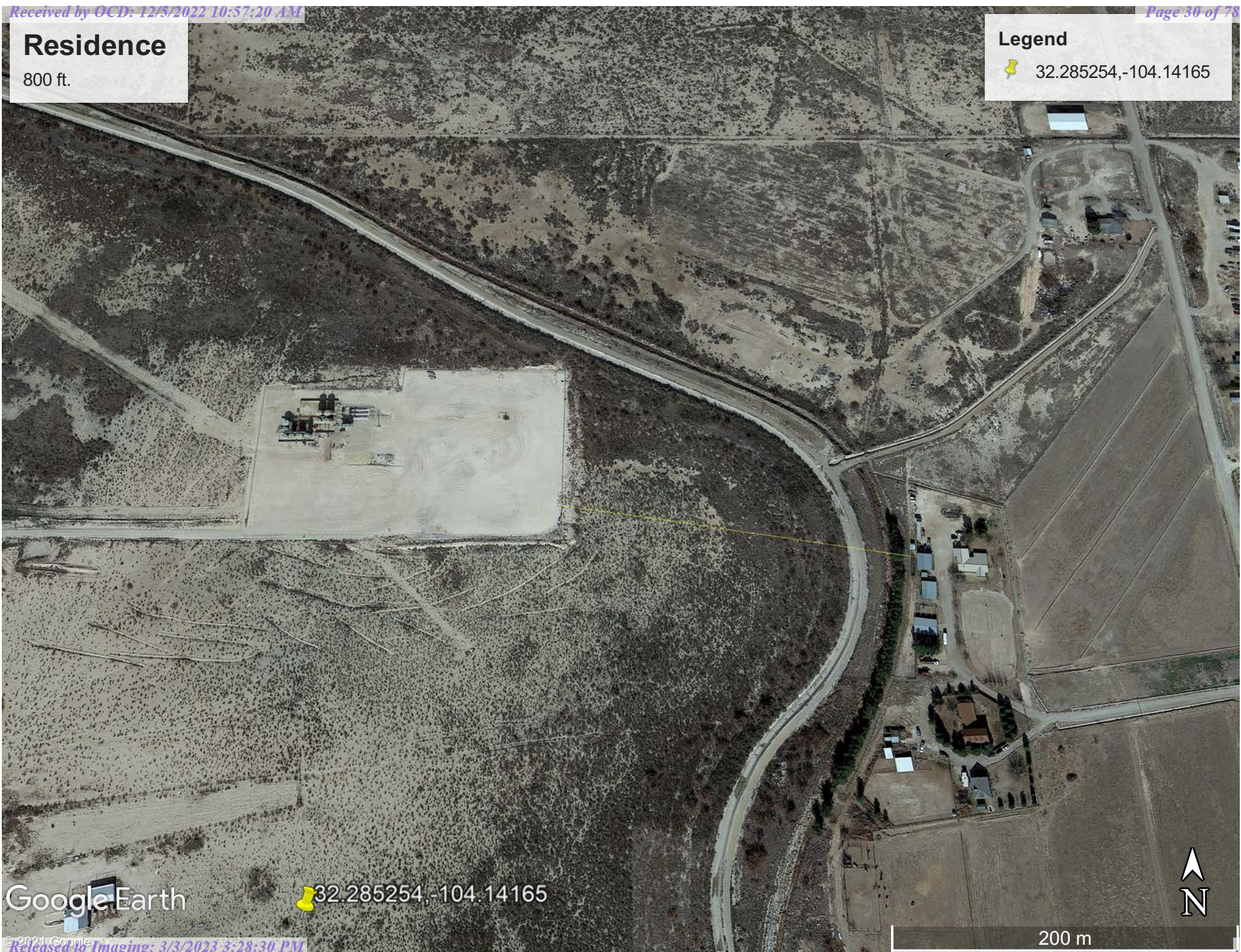
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














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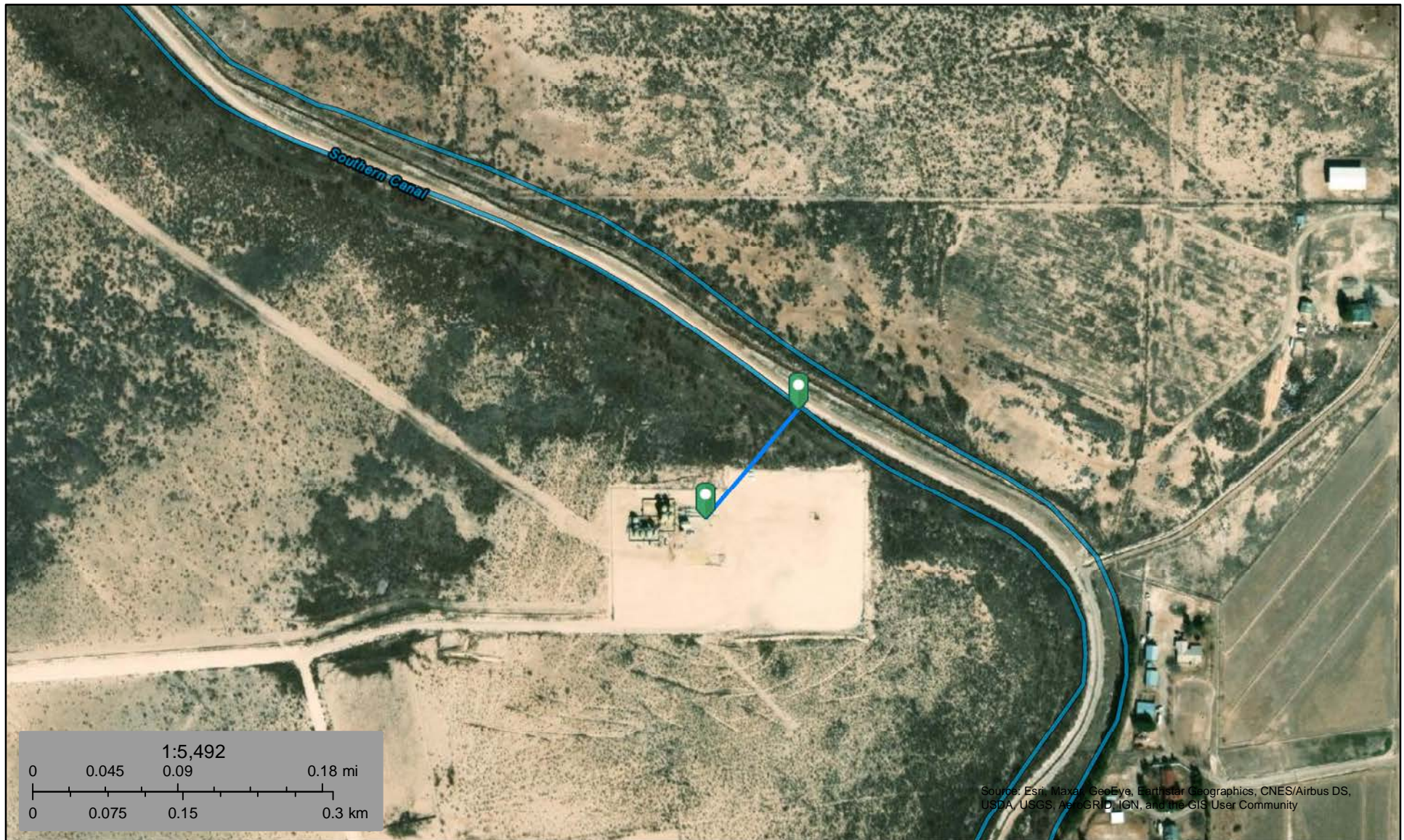
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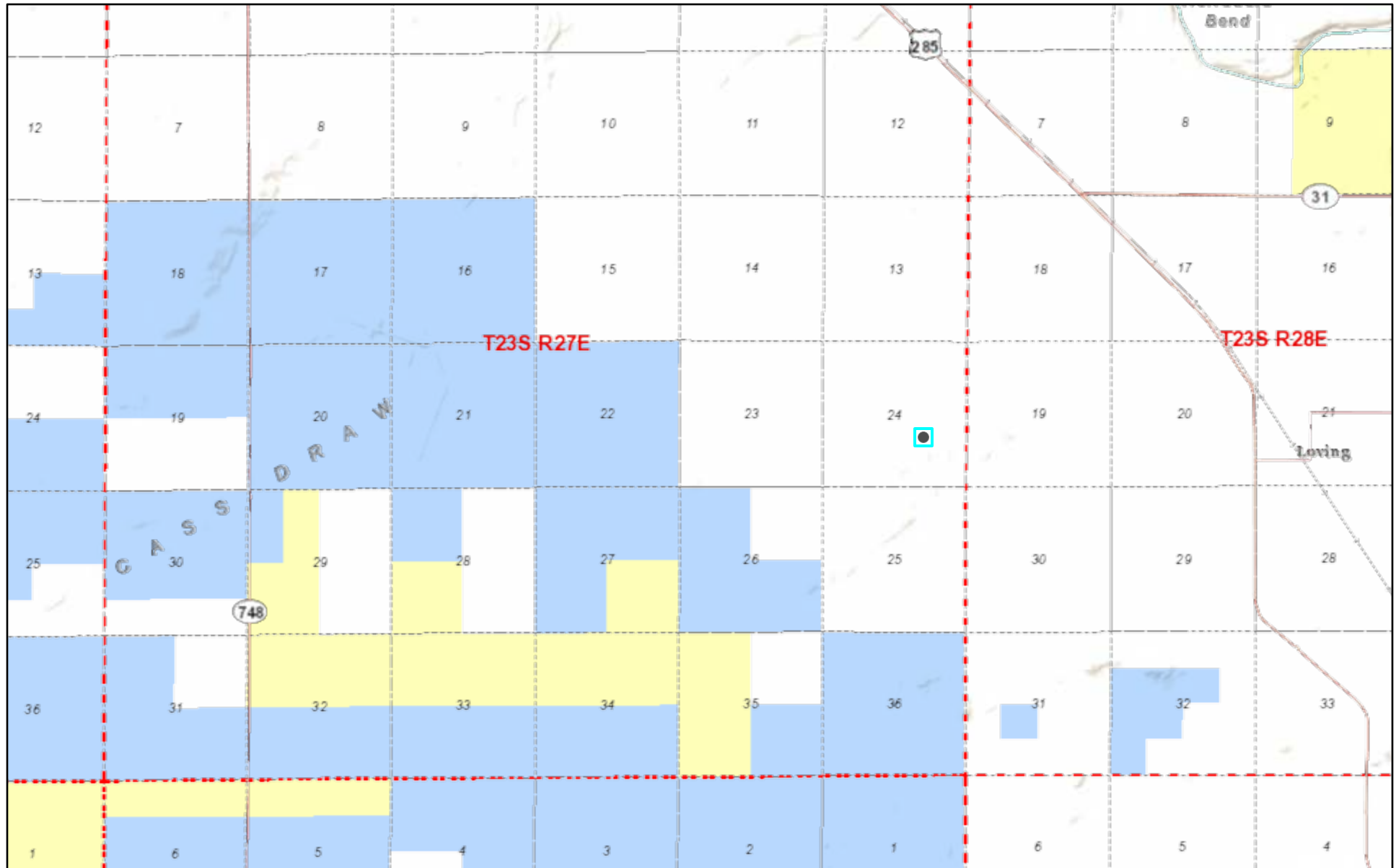
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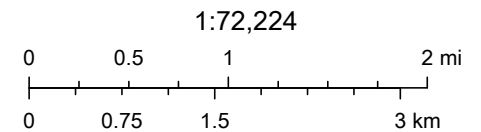
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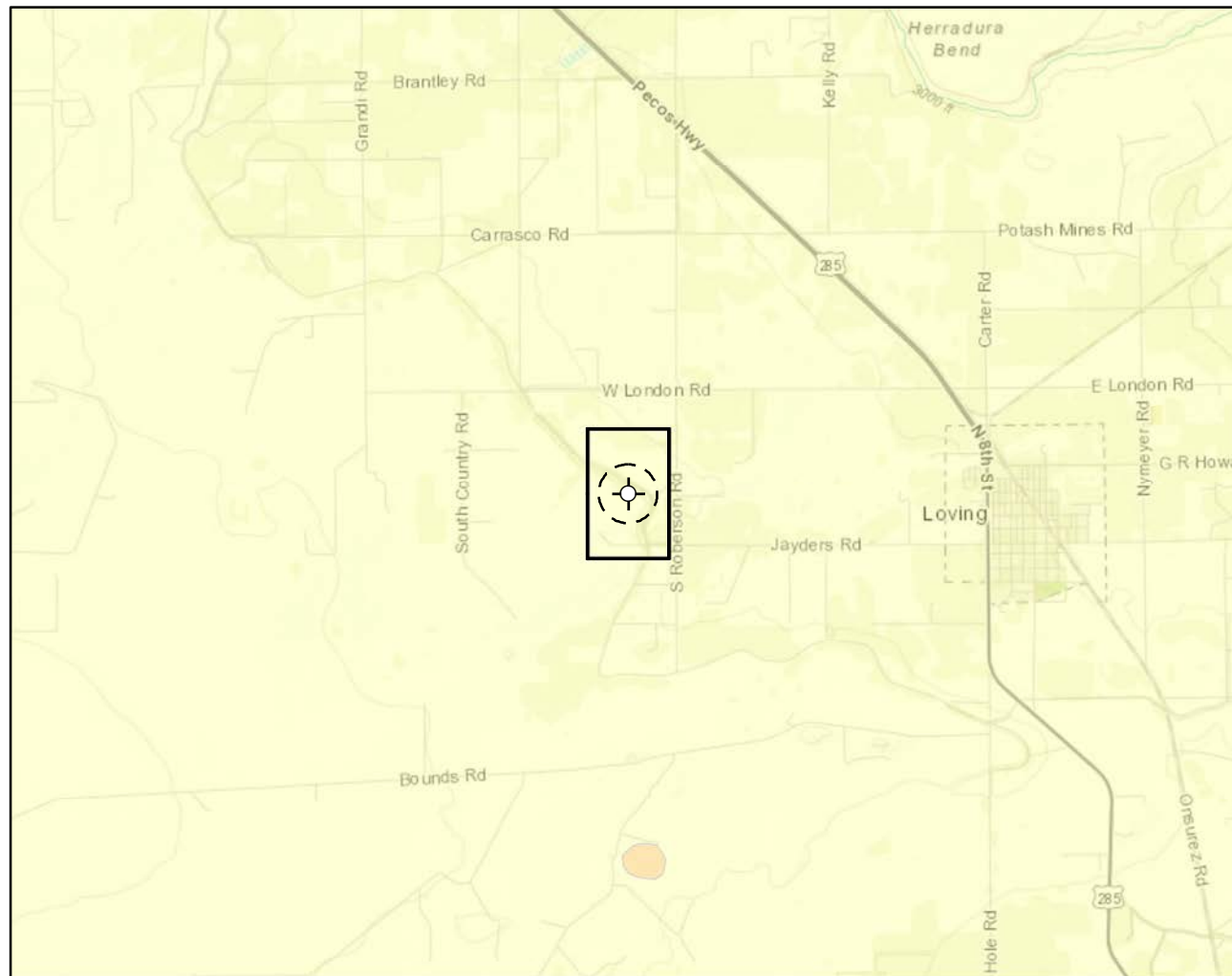


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Karst Potential

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low



Site



Site Buffer (1,000 ft.)

Overview Map

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Detail Map

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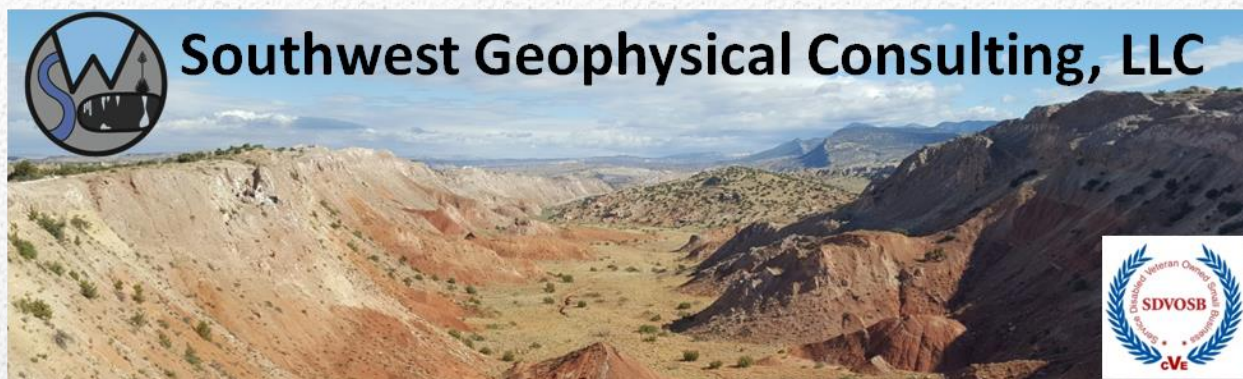
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Rustler Breaks SWD Pad #003
Eddy County, New Mexico**

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- ☐ Positive – HKOZ remediation process required
- ☒ Negative – Oil Conservation Division may approve MKOZ remediation process at their discretion

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A pedestrian surface karst survey was commissioned by Vertex Resources Group, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "the client") on September 15, 2021, for the purpose of determining what, if any, karst-related surface features are present near the Rustler Breaks SWD Pad #003 (hereinafter termed "RSTB") and to provide guidance on the level of remediation required.

As indicated in section **1.3 Affected Environment**, the bedrock and overlying soil at the survey site are susceptible to sinkhole development and karst features may be hidden beneath the existing soil stratum. Risk associated with sinkhole formation can be minimized during development with proper foundation design and construction, and the control of site hydrology. The owner/developer must recognize, however, that a risk of sinkhole-induced damage to infrastructure does exist. The owner/developer must evaluate the risks and attendant costs of not performing a geophysical survey prior to development and must be willing to accept these risks if it is decided that a surface karst survey is sufficient. Southwest Geophysical Consulting, LLC, can provide a geophysical survey. If the decision is made to conduct a geophysical survey, a cost estimate and timeline will be provided upon request.

1.1 Goals of this Study

To provide the client with the location, description, photos, and boundaries of any surface karst-related features within a 200-meter buffer surrounding the RSTB project site as provided by the client via e-mail (**Schematic for karst survey.pdf**) on September 15, 2021, and provide guidance to the Oil Conservation Division on the applicability of downgrading the area from a high karst occurrence zone to a medium karst occurrence zone based on the number of surface karst features located for the purpose of determining the amount of remediation required.

1.2 Summary of Findings

No surface karst features were located within the pedestrian survey area; however, subsurface karst development may exist, and caution should be exercised during any remediation efforts.

1.3 Affected Environment

The proposed RTSB project is located in evaporite karst terrain, a landform that is characterized by underground drainage through solutionally enlarged conduits. Evaporite karst terrain may contain sinkholes, sinking streams, caves, and springs. Sinkholes leading to

underground drainages and voids are common. These karst features, as well as occasional fissures and discontinuities in the bedrock, provide the primary sources for rapid recharge of the groundwater aquifers of the region.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) categorizes all areas within the Carlsbad Field Office (CFO) zone of responsibility as having either low, medium, or high cave potential based on geology, occurrence of known caves, density of karst features, and potential impacts to freshwater aquifers^[1]. These designations are also recognized by the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO). This project occurs within both **HIGH** (HKOZ) and **MEDIUM** (MKOZ) karst occurrence zones (**Figure 1**).

A high karst occurrence zone is defined as an area in known soluble rock types that contains a high frequency of significant caves and karst features such as sinkholes, bedrock fractures that provide rapid recharge of karst aquifers, and springs that provide riparian habitat^[2].

A medium karst occurrence zone is defined as an area in known soluble rock types that may have a shallow insoluble overburden. These areas may contain isolated karst features such as caves and sinkholes. Groundwater recharge may not be wholly dependent on karst features, but the karst features still provide the most rapid aquifer recharge in response to surface runoff.

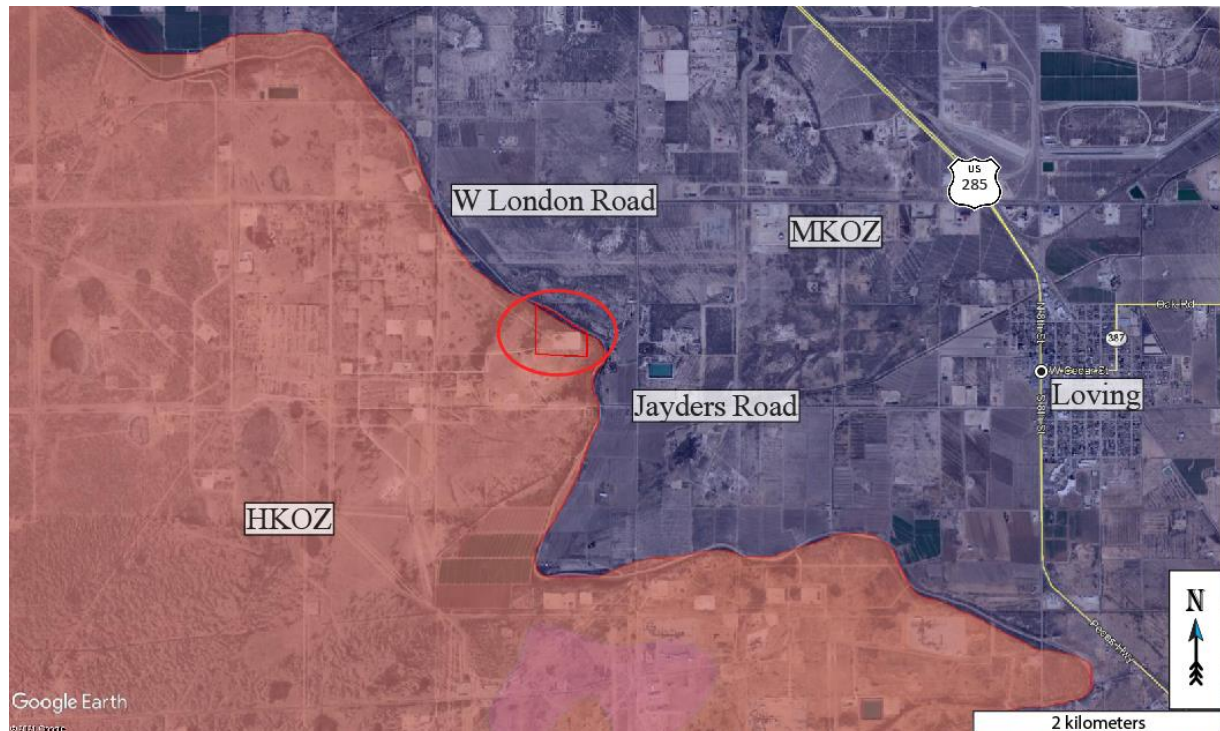


Figure 1: Karst occurrence overview. Red transparent area is a high karst occurrence zone. Blue transparent area is a medium karst occurrence zone. Study area is the red polygon within the red ellipse in the middle portion of the image. Background image: Google Earth. Image date: December 21, 2019. Datum: WGS-84.

2.0 LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA

2.1 Description of Site

The RTSB project site is located in Eddy County, New Mexico, 4.0 kilometers (2.5 miles) west of Loving, New Mexico, between West London and Jayders Roads (**Figure 1** and **Figure 2**). The site is located within section 24 of NM T23S R27E. The region is semi-arid with an average annual precipitation of approximately 13 inches, of which about two-thirds falls as rain during summer thunderstorms from June to October. Summers are hot and sunny while winters are generally mild, with an average maximum temperature of 96°F in July and an average minimum temperature of 28°F in January^[3]. This area is within the Chihuahuan Desert Thornscrub as defined by the Southwestern Regional ReGAP Vegetation map^[4] and the vegetation consists mostly of areas of grass, mesquite, acacia, sparse creosote, and sparse yucca with good visibility in most locations. See section **2.2 Local Geology** for the geology of the area. Eighty-six percent of the survey is within an HKOZ and the remaining 14% is within an MKOZ (**Figure 1**); the entirety of the survey is located on privately managed land (**Figure 2**).



Figure 2: Land ownership overview. Red polygon highlights the survey area. Yellow transparent area is BLM-CFO managed land. Blue transparent areas are NMSLO managed lands. No color is privately managed land. Background image credit: Google Earth. Image date: December 21, 2019. Datum: WGS-84.

2.2 Local Geology

The area surveyed for the RTSB project is located in Cass Draw at an elevation of 950 meters (3,117 feet), ± 2 meters (6.56 feet), within an area underlain by the Permian Rustler Formation (Pru). The area is mantled by gypsiferous soils and Quaternary aeolian sands (Qal) and alluvial gravels (Qp)^[5] of an undetermined depth (**Figure 3**). The Rustler Formation is an evaporite facies and is composed mainly of thin siltstones and sandstones interbedded with claystones, dolomite and gypsum^[6], and contains both karst-forming strata (the Forty-niner and Tamarisk Members) and two shallow aquifers (the Magenta and Culebra Dolomite Members). The Pru overlies the Permian Salado Formation (Psl, not shown in the below image as it does not outcrop at the surface in this area), a layer of extremely soluble halite which can easily be dissolved to create caves, sinkholes, and other karst features^[7]. The Rustler Formation may be subject to collapse if a void has developed beneath it in the Salado Formation^[8]. The surrounding area is moderately karstified and has occasional sinkholes, swallets, caves, and other karst features. The survey area is covered by the Geologic Map of New Mexico (2003) at 1:500,000 scale^[5].

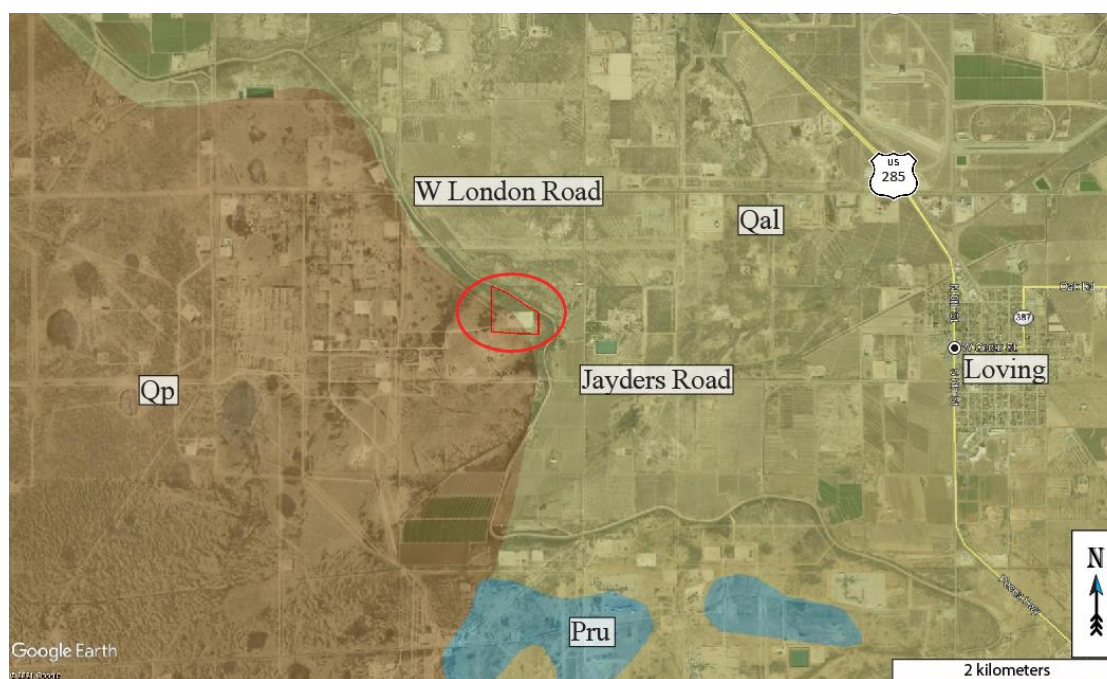


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2.3 Description of Survey

For this survey, four lines were walked in raster pattern at 25-meter (82-foot) intervals in the designated area, providing 90 to 100% coverage for features greater than 50 centimeters (20 inches) in diameter (**Table 1** and **Figure 4**).

The survey was completed by Garrett Jorgensen on September 21, 2021. The total distance walked was 4.0 kilometers (2.5 miles) and the total area covered was 0.1 square kilometers (24 acres).

Table 1: Pedestrian Survey Track Data Files

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Figure 4: Survey overview. Red polygon is the study area. Transparent yellow area is the approximate spill location. Blue wavy lines are the actual survey lines. Background image credit: Google Earth. Image date: December 21, 2019. Datum: WGS-84.

2.4 Description of Karst Features

No surface karst features were located within the boundary of the pedestrian survey area for the RTSB project; however, caution should be exercised during any remediation efforts since this area is prone to surface collapse.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

No surface karst features were located during this survey. Based on these findings and the nearby MKOZ, considering the use of medium karst occurrence zone (versus high karst occurrence zone) spill remediation procedures by the Oil Conservation Division is appropriate within the survey area. Confirmation to use a lower remediation level should be received from the Oil Conservation Division before proceeding.

This area is prone to rapid karst formation in the underlying stratigraphy and warrants careful planning and engineering to mitigate karst-forming processes that could be accelerated by poor design considerations. Proper engineering of petroleum-related facilities following karst guidelines should be implemented during any brush clearing or excavation. Mitigation measures for any karst features revealed during excavation should be approved by the Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad Field Office and follow the Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Practice Standard for Karst Sinkhole Treatment, Code 527, or the Bureau of Land Management Cave and Karst Management Handbook, H-8380-1.

Keep in mind that any flow of gypsum-undersaturated waters into a small crack or crevice can rapidly dissolve the underlying gypsum and cause failure of any impoundment or infrastructure within a matter of months to a few years. It is imperative that any dikes, buffers, or liners installed are checked regularly for integrity, with repairs made immediately upon discovery of failure.

Vigilance during construction is paramount. If voids are encountered during remediation, contact the Bureau of Land Management Karst Division at (575) 234-5972, the New Mexico State Land Office Surface Resources Division at (505) 827-5768, or a specialist from the BLM-CFO Approved Cave and Karst Contractors list, depending on the location of the feature, and request an on-site investigation from a karst expert if one is not already on site. A karst consultant can generally be available in Eddy County within five hours. Employing an on-site karst consultant during excavation in this area should be considered. Monitoring services, as well as cave surveys and geophysical surveys are available from Southwest Geophysical Consulting.

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5.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BLM-CFO	Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad Field Office
caprock-collapse sinkhole	Collapse of roof-spanning rock into a cave or void.
cave	Natural opening at the surface large enough for a person to enter.
cover-collapse sinkhole	Raveling of soil into a pre-existing void or fracture.
GPS	Global Positioning System
NMSLO	New Mexico State Land Office
playa lake	A natural depression on the surface that collects rainwater. Some contain swallets and/or caves, others do not.
Pru	Permian Rustler Formation
Psl	Permian Salado Formation
Qal	Quaternary alluvium
Qp	Quaternary piedmont deposits
swallet	A natural opening in the surface, too small for a person, that drains water to an aquifer. Some are "open," meaning a void can be seen below; some are "closed," meaning they are full of sediment.
WGS	World Geodetic System



National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



104°8'45"W 32°17'33"N



Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
		No Digital Data Available
		Unmapped



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Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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How Soil Surveys Are Made

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

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scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

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identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.


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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

 Area of Interest (AOI)


Soils


 Soil Map Unit Polygons


 Soil Map Unit Lines


 Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

 Blowout

 Borrow Pit


 Clay Spot


 Closed Depression

 Gravel Pit

 Gravelly Spot

 Landfill

 Lava Flow

 Marsh or swamp

 Mine or Quarry

 Miscellaneous Water


 Perennial Water

 Rock Outcrop


 Saline Spot

 Sandy Spot

 Severely Eroded Spot


 Sinkhole


 Slide or Slip


 Sodic Spot


 Spoil Area

 Stony Spot


 Very Stony Spot

 Wet Spot

 Other

 Special Line Features

Water Features

 Streams and Canals


Transportation

 Rails


 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

Background

 Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Eddy Area, New Mexico
Survey Area Data: Version 16, Jun 8, 2020

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 27, 2020—Feb 28, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

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Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Kv	Karro loam, saline, 0 to 1 percent slopes	3.0	32.6%
RI	Reeves loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	6.2	67.4%
Ut	Upton soils, 1 to 3 percent slopes	0.0	0.0%
Totals for Area of Interest		9.2	100.0%

Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or

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landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

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Eddy Area, New Mexico**Kv—Karro loam, saline, 0 to 1 percent slopes****Map Unit Setting***National map unit symbol:* 1w4x*Elevation:* 3,000 to 4,500 feet*Mean annual precipitation:* 10 to 14 inches*Mean annual air temperature:* 60 to 64 degrees F*Frost-free period:* 200 to 220 days*Farmland classification:* Farmland of statewide importance**Map Unit Composition***Karro and similar soils:* 99 percent*Minor components:* 1 percent*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.***Description of Karro****Setting***Landform:* Alluvial fans, plains*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Riser, rise, talf*Down-slope shape:* Linear, convex*Across-slope shape:* Linear*Parent material:* Mixed alluvium**Typical profile***H1 - 0 to 10 inches:* loam*H2 - 10 to 90 inches:* loam**Properties and qualities***Slope:* 0 to 1 percent*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches*Drainage class:* Well drained*Runoff class:* Medium*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches*Frequency of flooding:* None*Frequency of ponding:* None*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 60 percent*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline to slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 13.0*Available water capacity:* High (about 10.5 inches)**Interpretive groups***Land capability classification (irrigated):* 2s*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 6s*Hydrologic Soil Group:* C*Ecological site:* R042XC036NM - Salt Flats*Hydric soil rating:* No**Minor Components****Reeves***Percent of map unit:* 1 percent

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*Ecological site: R042XC007NM - Loamy**Hydric soil rating: No***RI—Reeves loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes****Map Unit Setting***National map unit symbol: 1w5p**Elevation: 1,250 to 4,800 feet**Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 25 inches**Mean annual air temperature: 57 to 70 degrees F**Frost-free period: 120 to 225 days**Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance***Map Unit Composition***Reeves and similar soils: 98 percent**Minor components: 2 percent**Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.***Description of Reeves****Setting***Landform: Hills, plains, ridges**Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, footslope, shoulder, toeslope**Landform position (three-dimensional): Crest, nose slope, side slope, head slope**Down-slope shape: Convex**Across-slope shape: Linear**Parent material: Residuum weathered from gypsum***Typical profile***Ap - 0 to 8 inches: loam**H2 - 8 to 32 inches: clay loam**H3 - 32 to 60 inches: gypsiferous material***Properties and qualities***Slope: 0 to 1 percent**Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches**Drainage class: Well drained**Runoff class: High**Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)**Depth to water table: More than 80 inches**Frequency of flooding: None**Frequency of ponding: None**Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 25 percent**Gypsum, maximum content: 80 percent**Maximum salinity: Very slightly saline to moderately saline (2.0 to 8.0 mmhos/cm)**Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 4.0**Available water capacity: Low (about 4.3 inches)***Interpretive groups***Land capability classification (irrigated): 3s*

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Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7s
 Hydrologic Soil Group: B
 Ecological site: R042XC007NM - Loamy
 Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components**Cottonwood**

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
 Ecological site: R042XC006NM - Gyp Upland
 Hydric soil rating: No

Karro

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
 Ecological site: R042XC030NM - Limy
 Hydric soil rating: No

Ut—Upton soils, 1 to 3 percent slopes**Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 1w69
 Elevation: 1,100 to 4,400 feet
 Mean annual precipitation: 7 to 14 inches
 Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 70 degrees F
 Frost-free period: 200 to 240 days
 Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Upton and similar soils: 98 percent
 Minor components: 2 percent
 Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Upton**Setting**

Landform: Fans, ridges
 Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, rise
 Down-slope shape: Convex
 Across-slope shape: Convex
 Parent material: Mixed alluvium

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: gravelly loam
 H2 - 8 to 12 inches: gravelly loam
 H3 - 12 to 21 inches: cemented
 H4 - 21 to 60 inches: very gravelly loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 1 to 3 percent
 Depth to restrictive feature: 7 to 20 inches to petrocalcic
 Drainage class: Well drained

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Runoff class: Medium

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Low to moderately high
(0.01 to 0.60 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 75 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 1.0

Available water capacity: Very low (about 1.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7s

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R042XC025NM - Shallow

Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Upton

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Ecological site: R042XC025NM - Shallow

Hydric soil rating: No

Atoka

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Ecological site: R042XC007NM - Loamy

Hydric soil rating: No

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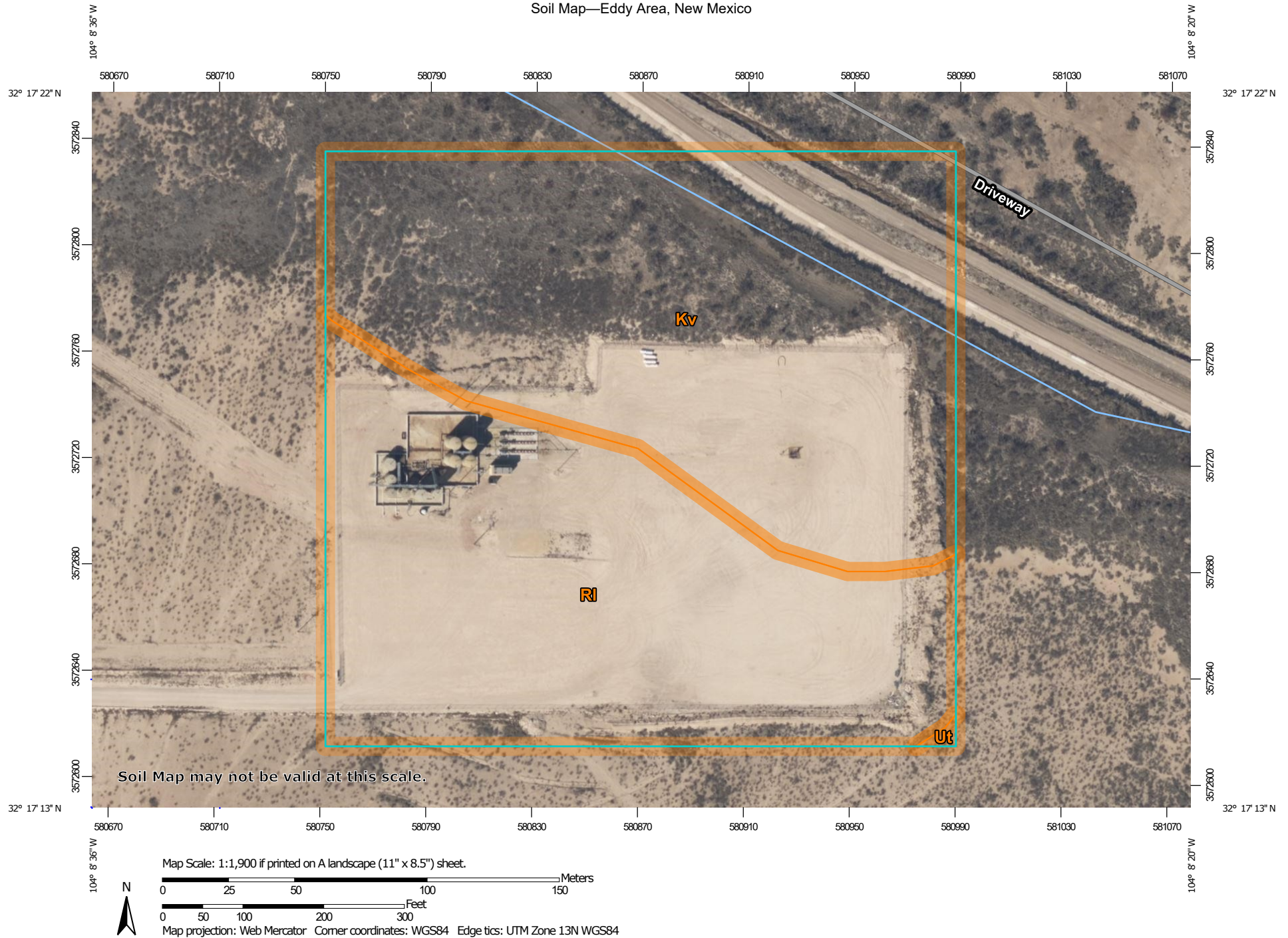
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Soil Map—Eddy Area, New Mexico



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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features



Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow



Marsh or swamp



Mine or Quarry



Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water



Rock Outcrop



Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area



Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot



Other



Special Line Features

Water Features



Streams and Canals

Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

Background



Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:20,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Eddy Area, New Mexico

Survey Area Data: Version 16, Jun 8, 2020

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 27, 2020—Feb 28, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Soil Map—Eddy Area, New Mexico

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Kv	Karro loam, saline, 0 to 1 percent slopes	7.0	53.0%
RI	Reeves loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	6.2	46.9%
Ut	Upton soils, 1 to 3 percent slopes	0.0	0.1%
Totals for Area of Interest		13.2	100.0%

Map Unit Description: Karro loam, saline, 0 to 1 percent slopes---Eddy Area, New Mexico

Eddy Area, New Mexico

Kv—Karro loam, saline, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 1w4x

Elevation: 3,000 to 4,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 14 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 64 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 to 220 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Karro and similar soils: 99 percent

Minor components: 1 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Karro

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, plains

Landform position (three-dimensional): Riser, rise, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear, convex

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Mixed alluvium

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 10 inches: loam

H2 - 10 to 90 inches: loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Medium

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water

(Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 60 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 13.0

Available water capacity: High (about 10.5 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2s

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6s

Hydrologic Soil Group: C

Ecological site: R042XC036NM - Salt Flats



Map Unit Description: Karro loam, saline, 0 to 1 percent slopes---Eddy Area, New Mexico

Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Reeves

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Ecological site: R042XC007NM - Loamy

Hydric soil rating: No

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Eddy Area, New Mexico

Survey Area Data: Version 16, Jun 8, 2020

Ecological Reference Worksheet

Author(s) / participant(s): John Tunberg,

Contact for lead author : 505-761-4488

Reference site used? Yes/No

No

Date: 2/12/2010 **MLRA:** 42.3 **Ecological Site:** Loamy This must be verified based on soils and climate (see Ecological Site Description). Current plant community cannot be used to identify the ecological site.

Indicators: For each indicator, describe the potential for the site. Where possible, (1) use numbers, (2) include expected range of values for above and below average years for each community within the reference state, when appropriate & (3) site data. Continue description on separate sheet.

1. Number and extent of rills | There should not be any rills.

After wildfires, or abnormally high human or herbivore impacts or extended drought or combinations of these disturbances rills may double in number on steeper slopes at the margins of this site after high-intensity summer thunderstorms. Any rills formed should not be long lived or interconnected and should heal rapidly.

2. Presence of water flow patterns: | There can be evidence of sheet flow.

There can be a few flow patterns that should be short and discontinuous. There can be some sheet flow. Water flow patterns should only be present following intense storm events on upper slope limits at the margins of this site. Numerous obstructions alter flow paths. Flow pattern length and numbers may double after wildfires, or abnormally high human or herbivore impacts or extended drought or combinations of these disturbances.

3. Number and height of erosional pedestals or terracettes: | Pedestals should be rare. Terracettes can occur and should be discontinuous.

There can be a few pedestals that should be less than 1 inch high. Terracettes can be common and should be discontinuous. If present plant or rock pedestals and terracettes are almost always in flow patterns. Wind caused pedestals are rare and only would be on the site following after wildfires, or abnormally high human or herbivore impacts or extended drought or combinations of these disturbances. These would show signs of healing within 1 year after event.

4. Bare ground from Ecological Site Description or other studies (rock, litter, lichen, moss, plant canopy are not bare ground) :

Bare ground can make up to 50% of the ground cover on this site according to the ESD. Bare patch size should be small.

5. Number of gullies and erosion associated with gullies: |

Gullies and erosion associated with gullies should be rare are infrequent. Typically, gullies if present will only follow the micro topography. Natural drainages with little to no active cutting are common on this site. There should not be any accelerated erosion. After high-intensity summer thunderstorms or after wildfire, or abnormally high human or herbivore impacts or extended drought or combinations of these disturbances then gully formation would be accelerated for a year or two. Evidence of healing within 1 year of event and continuing after that.

6. Extent of wind scoured, blowouts and/or depositional areas |

There should not be any wind scoured, blowouts and/or depositional areas. However there can be potential for depositional areas. Wind erosion is minimal when the site is in a well vegetated condition. Significant wind erosion would only be present following high-intensity summer thunderstorms, after wildfire, or abnormally high human or herbivore impacts or extended drought or combinations of these disturbances. After rain events, exposed soil surfaces form physical crusts that tend to reduce wind erosion. Deposition from off site sources can be common on this site and is in fact a primary soil forming process. This site is susceptible to wind erosion when vegetation is removed or significantly decreased.

7. Amount of litter movement (describe size and distance expected to travel) : |

Litter should be small (less than "1 in diameter) and its movement should be minimal. This site has adequate vegetation to stop litter movement after short distances. Most of the litter movement on this site will be litter that has been transported onto the site from adjacent sites. Litter produced on this site stays on the site and only travels short distances.

8. Soil surface (top few mm) resistance to erosion (stability) values are averages - most sites will show a range of values for both plant canopy and interspaces, if different) : |

This site can be susceptible to alluvial erosion. Stability values are estimated to be 1-2 in interspaces and 3-5 at bases of vegetation. This would be

9. Soil surface structures and SOM content (include type and strength of structure, and A-horizon color and thickness for both plant canopy and interspaces, if different) : |

The SOM content should be less than 1%. A--0 to 6 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; weak fine subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, slightly sticky; surface 1/2 to 2 inches has weak thin to medium platy structure; common very fine and fine pores; common very fine, fine and medium roots; strongly calcareous; slightly alkaline (pH 7.6); clear smooth boundary. (4 to 8 inches thick)

10. Effect of plant community composition (relative proportion of different functional groups) & spatial distribution on infiltration & runoff: |

Overall, infiltration rates should be slow for this site but can be higher around bases of grasses than in interspaces and around bases of shrubs. The soils of this site are deep to moderately deep. The moderately deep soils have either a petrocalcic, petrogypsic or gypsum horizon between 30 and 40 inches. Surface textures are loam, silt loam, very fine sandy loam, or clay loam. Substratum textures are loam, silty clay loam, clay loam, or silt loams. Subsoil textures are silt loam, clay loam silty clay loam, gravelly loam, gravelly clay loam or very gravelly loam. Permeability is moderate to slow and the available water holding capacity is high to moderate.

11. Presence and thickness of compaction layer (usually none; describe soil profile features which may be mistaken for compaction):

There should not be any compaction layers on this site. There are soil profile features in the top 9 inches of the soil profile that would be mistaken for a management induced soil compaction layer. Management induced compaction layers will be more difficult to penetrate than clay lenses.

12. Functional/Structural Groups (list in order of descending dominance by above-ground weight using symbols: indicate much greater than (>>), greater than (>), and equal to (=) :

black grama >> tobosa > C 4 bunch grasses (dropseeds) > C4 midgrasses (threeawns) >= soap tree yucca, ephedra, fourwing saltbush >= forbs (croton, desert marigold, globemallow, > broom snakeweed, prickly pear, = other forbs.

13. Amount of plant mortality and decadence (include which functional groups are expected to show mortality or decadence) :

Black grama and bunchgrasses can show decadence in centers of plants.

14. Average percent litter cover (_____ %) and depth (_____ inches).

Average 15% cover and 0.75 inch deep. (As per ESD)

15. Expected annual production (this is TOTAL above-ground production, not just forage production):

(Low Production 650 lbs./ac.) (Average RV Production 925 lbs./ac.) (High Production 1200 lbs./ac.) After wildfires, high herbivore impacts, extended drought, or combinations of these disturbances, can cause production to be significantly reduced (100-200 lbs per ac. the first growing season following a wildfire) and recover slowly under below average precipitation regimes.

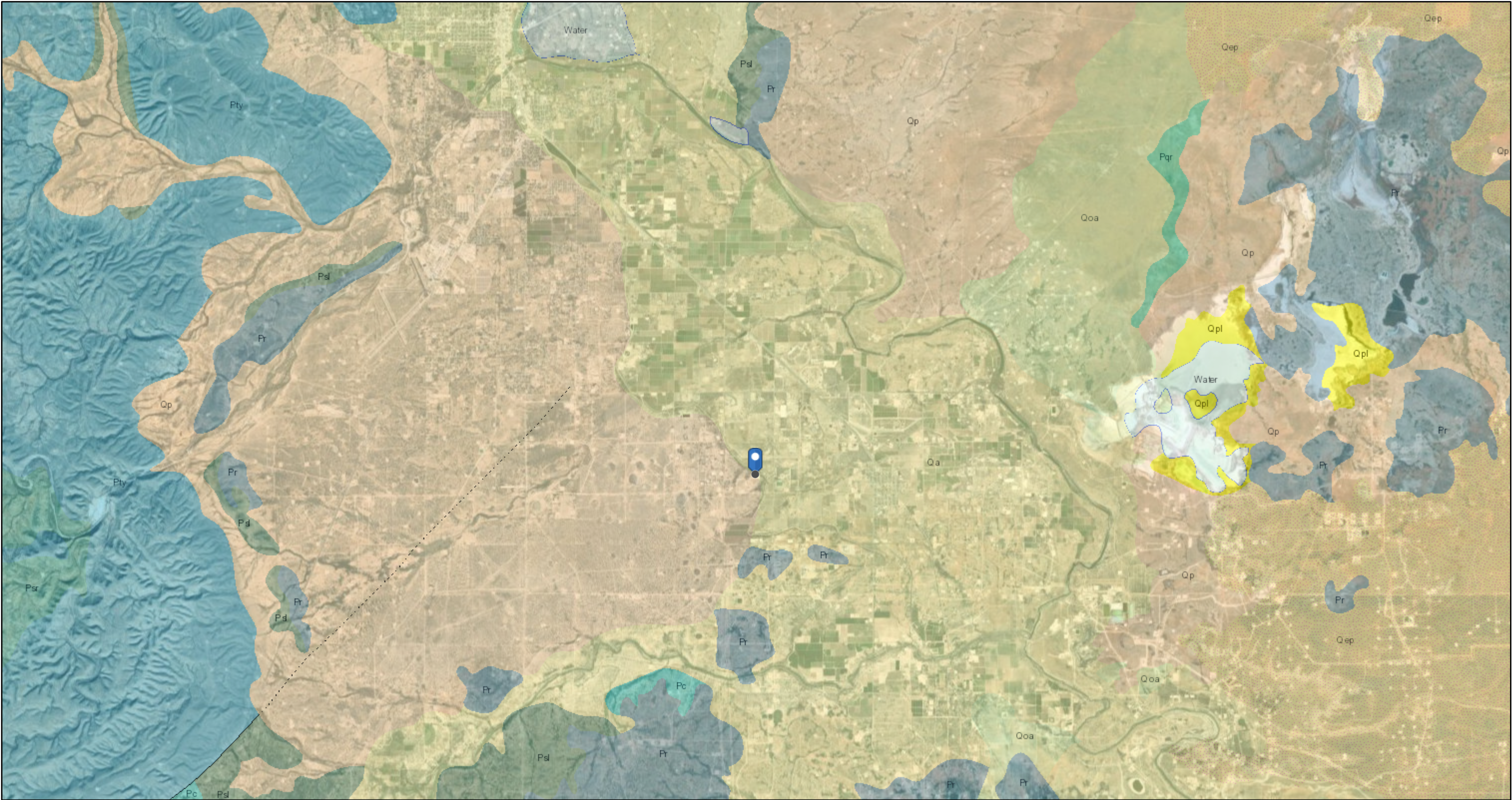
16. Potential invasive (including noxious) species (native and non-native). List species which characterize degraded states and which, after a threshold is crossed, "can, and often do, continue to increase regardless of the management of the site and may eventually dominate

Tarbrush, creosote and mesquite can be invaders to this site. Invasive plants should not occur in reference plant community. However, lovegrass, Russian thistle, kochia, and other nonnative annuals may initially invade following extended disturbance. Mesquite and tarbrush and creosote and lovegrass are the greatest threat to dominate this site in the long term after disturbance (primarily following wildfire exclusion but also includes high human or herbivore impacts and extended drought). Mesquite and tarbrush and creosote and lovegrass are most likely to retain dominance if allowed to alter natural fire regime (this alteration may require poor land management combined with years of wet winter-spring; dry summer-fall conditions). Any of these invaded communities represent a departure from the reference state.

17. Perennial plant reproductive capability :

Black grama reproduces by seed sporadically and reproduction by tiller and stolon can be common. The C4 midgrasses should have high reproductive potential and rapidly recover from drought in the absence of additional stresses (grazing).

Rustler Breaks SWD #003

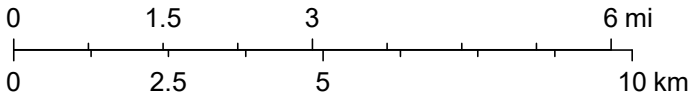


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ATTACHMENT 4



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48 HR Notice Liner Inspection Rustler Breaks SWD #3

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 8:22 AM

To: "Enviro, OCD, EMNRD" <OCD.Enviro@state.nm.us>

Cc: Arsenio Jones <arsenio.jones@matadorresources.com>, clinton.talley@matadorresources.com

All,

Please accept this email as 48-hr notification that Vertex Resource Services has scheduled a liner inspection to be conducted for the following release:

nAPP2231359751 DOR: 11/9/2022 Site Name: Rustler Breaks SWD #003

This work will be completed on behalf of Black River Water Management Company, LLC

On Saturday, November 19, 2022 at approximately 8:00 a.m., Austin Harris will be on site to conduct a liner inspection. She can be reached at 432-250-5003. If you need directions to the site, please do not hesitate to contact him. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please give me a call at 575-361-9880.

Thank you,

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