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Wed, Dec 2, 1992

Mr. Roger Anderson
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
PO Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
Lea-Eddy County Mainline Replacement Project
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM) has received your letter dated October 5, 1992, granting authorization to discharge hydrostatic test water in excess of 155,000 gallons for the subject project. Paragraph 2 of your letter states that the proposed and alternate discharge locations are in Township 28 East, Range 17 South, *Section 4*. As shown on the originally submitted map, the proposed discharge location is in *Section 11* and the alternate discharge location is actually in *Section 6*. It appears that OCD mistook GCNM's *pipeline section 4* as the land section number. For your convenience I am attaching another copy of this original map.

Thank you very much for your attention. While this wouldn't appear to significantly affect our authorization to discharge, I thought that it would be wise to have a copy of this clarification in both of our files.

Sincerely,

Paula McAfee
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Paula McAfee
Staff Engineer

Approved
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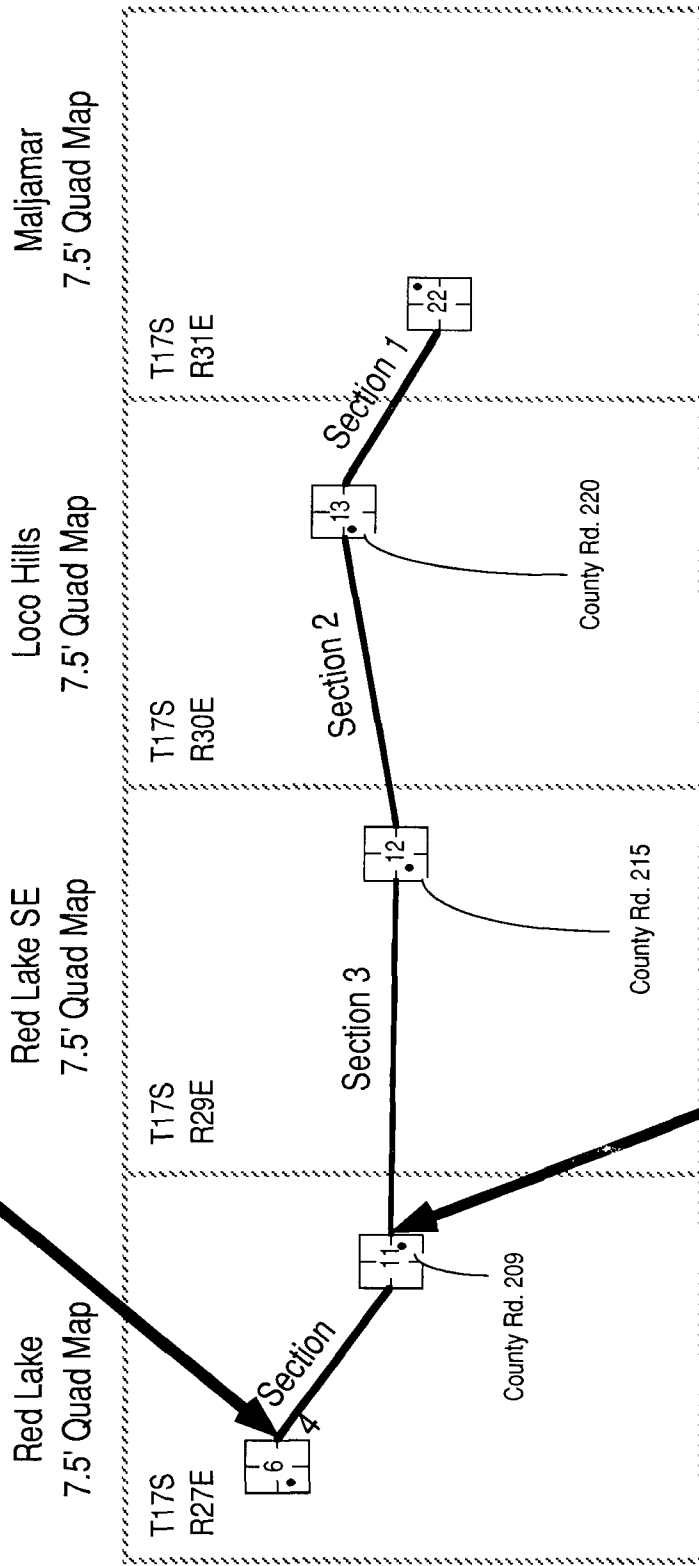
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cc: Mike Williams, OCD Artesia District
Olivia R, Vigil, NM State Land Office
Richard L. Manus, BLM

bcc: Gary Howard
Debbie O'Callaghan
Eric Seelinger
Susan Boyle, ESI

*alternate discharge location
row survey station 1161+24*



*proposed discharge location
row survey station 900+00*



Proposed and Alternate Locations of Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
State of New Mexico Right-of-Way 24645
Lea-Eddy Gasline Replacement Project

GAS COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO

Thu, Sep 10, 1992

Roger Anderson
State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
PO Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Request for Authorization to Discharge

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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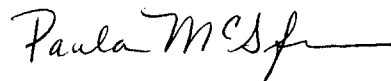
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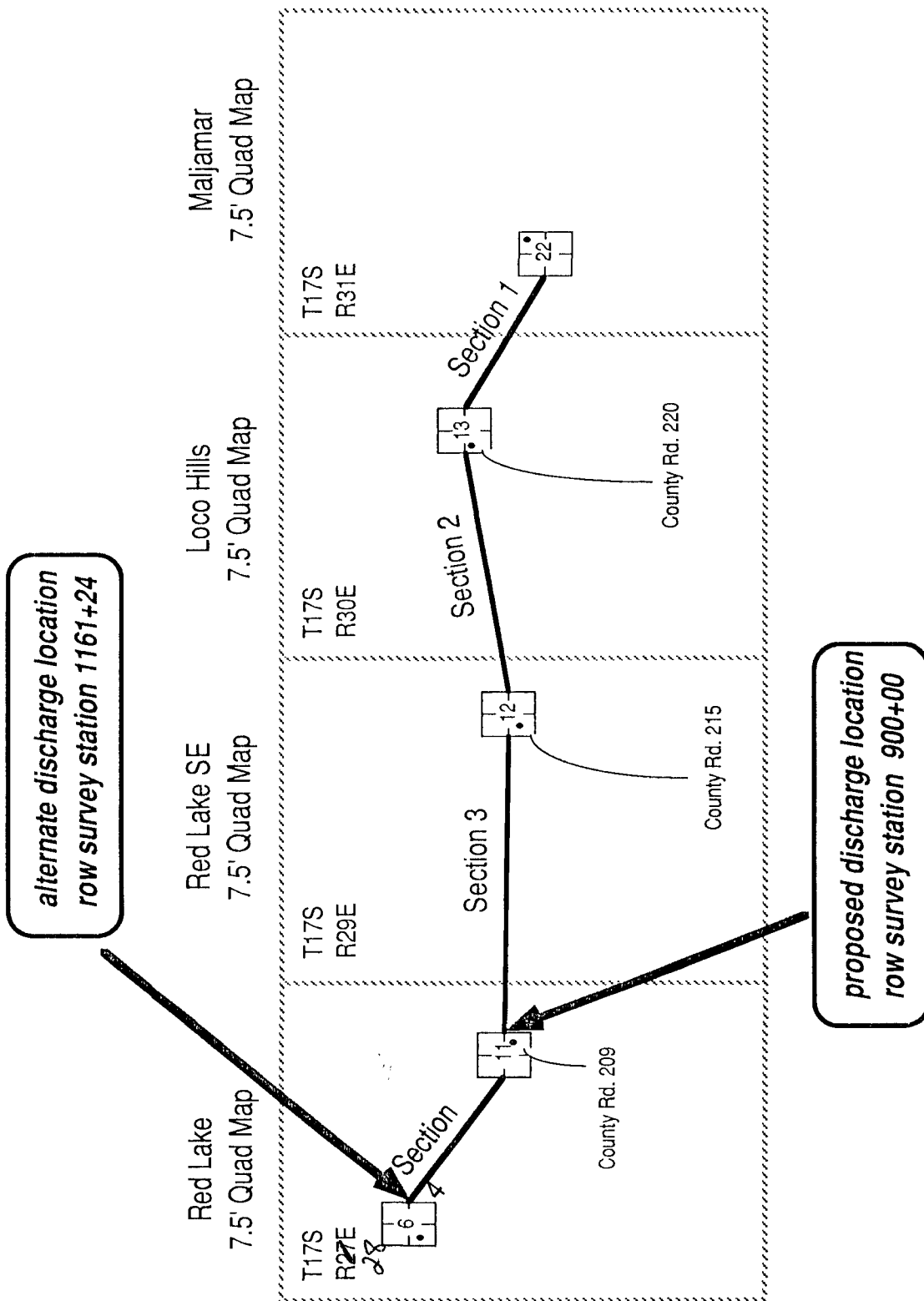


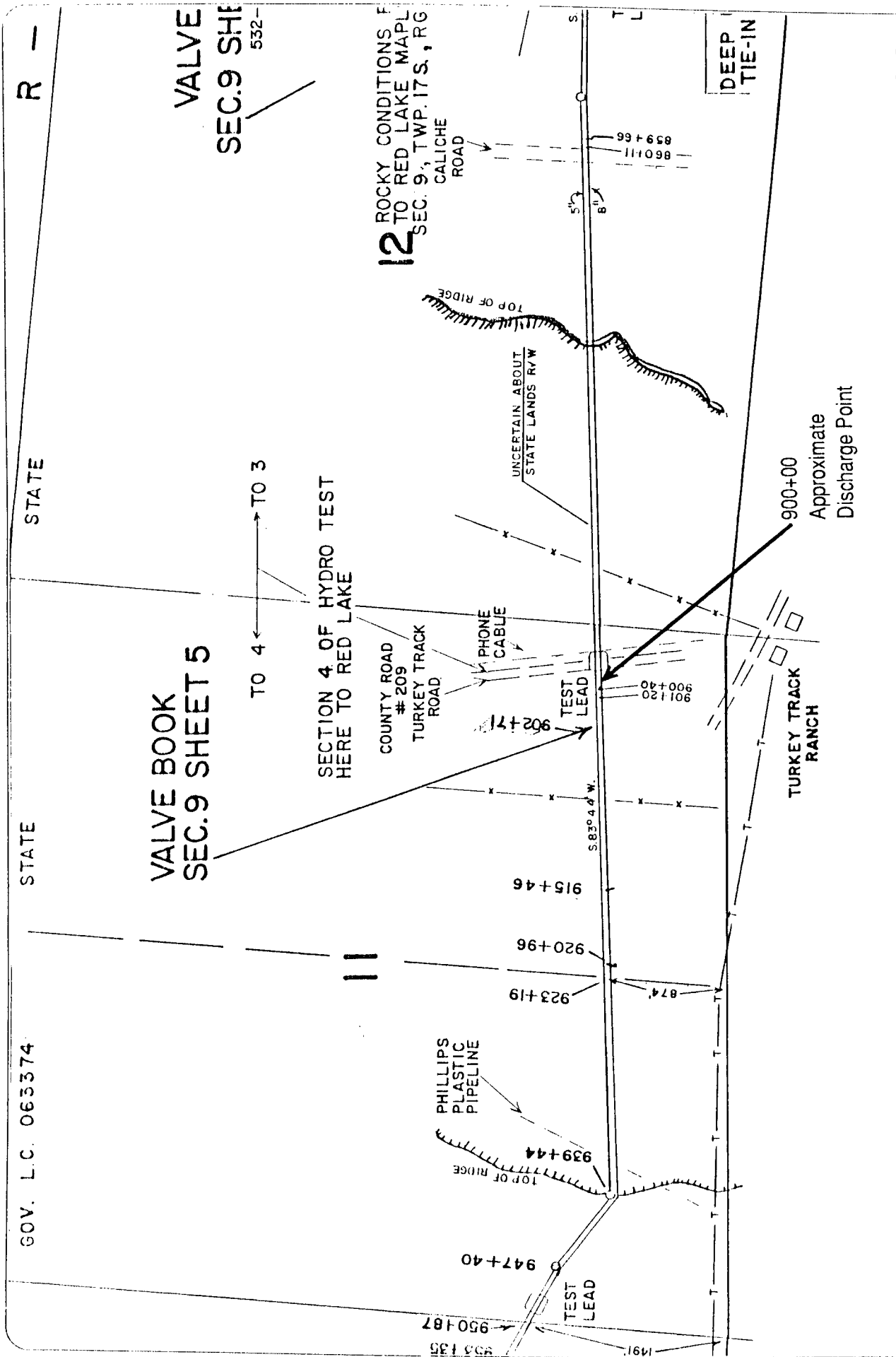
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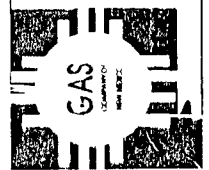


Proposed and Alternate Locations of Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge
State of New Mexico Right-of-Way 24645
Lea-Eddy Gasline Replacement Project





Proposed Hydrostatic Testing Discharge Location





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Enclosure 3

P.O. BOX 1148
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

September 4, 1992

Gas Company of New Mexico
P.O. Box 26400
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

Attn: Paula McAfee

Re: Right-of-Way No. RW-24645

Dear Ms. McAfee:

This letter is to grant you and the right-of-way holder permission to discharge the water used for hydrostatic testing of the gas pipeline on state trust land Sections 11 and 12, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County.

If we can be of further assistance, let us hear from you at (505) 827-5728 or 827-5729.

Sincerely,

Olivia R. Vigil

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Right-of-Way Supervisor
Land Resources Division

cc: Jim Carr, Land Use Specialist

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SEC. 9 SHEET 2

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1161+24 E.O.L.
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(11088 + 14 - 1159 + 98)

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Alternate
Discharge Point

EL PASO NAT'L
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12' OF 8"
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Alternate Hydrostatic Testing
Discharge Location

Enclosure 4



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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ENCLOSURE 5
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DECISION

Ferguson Construction Co.
Attn.: P.D. Blackburn
P.O. Box 1329
Lovington, NM 88260

RRP: Right-of-Way LC-063374
12" Loop Pipeline Amendment
Hydrostatic Test Water Disposal
Contract No. 23208

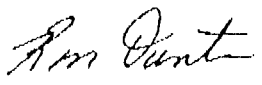
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The action has been examined and found to be satisfactory. Subject to the terms and conditions of the original right-of-way grant, an amended right-of-way, the details of which are shown above, is hereby granted, subject to the following terms and conditions:

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For 
Richard L. Manus
Area Manager

Standard Stipulations for Hydrostatic Test Water Discharge Sites

BLM SNo.: LCO-63374

Ferguson Construction Co. Contract No.: 23208

GCNM 12" Loop Pipeline

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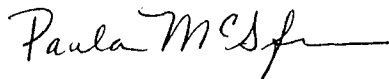
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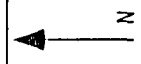
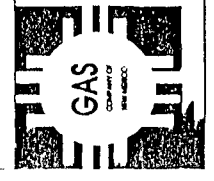
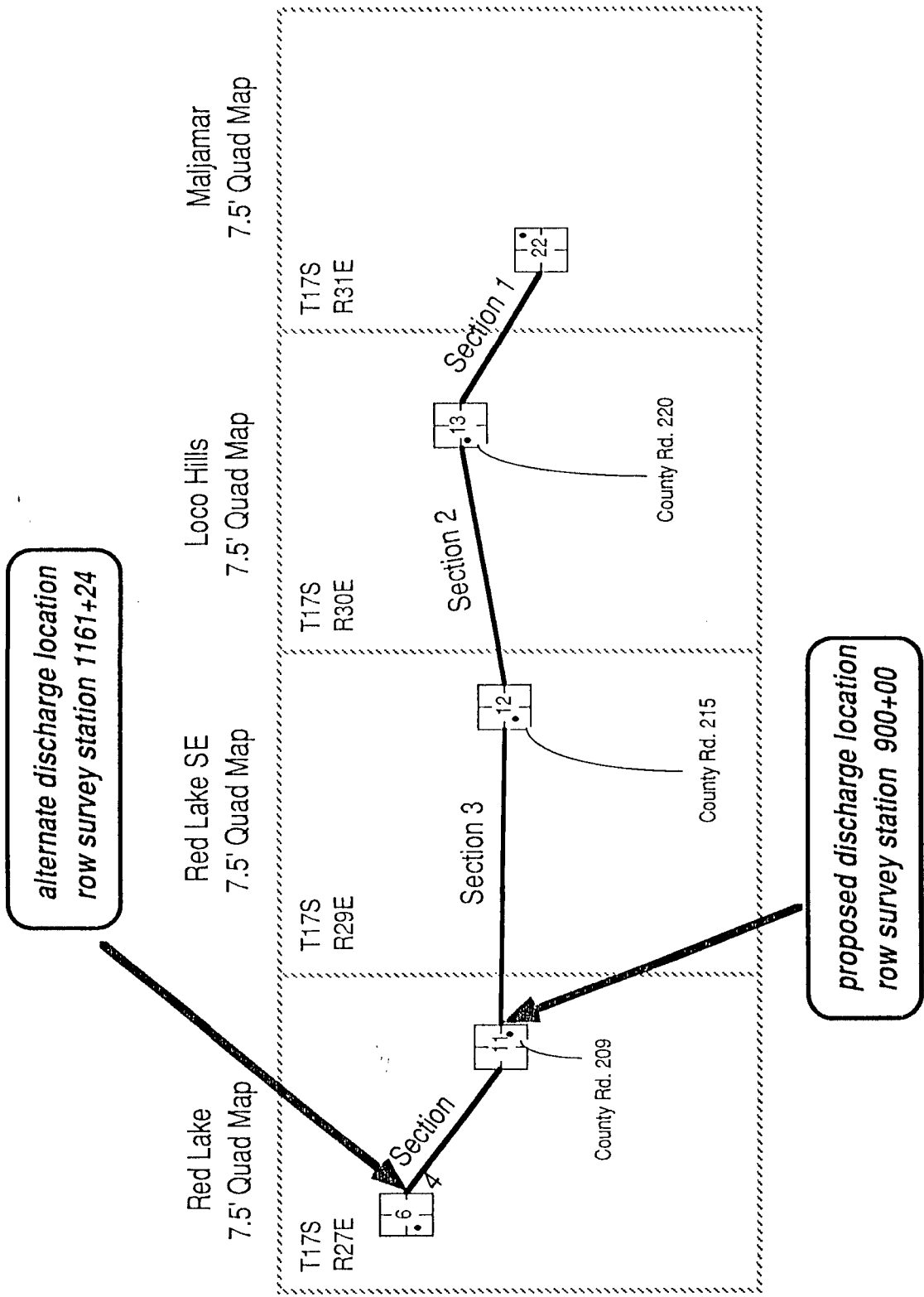
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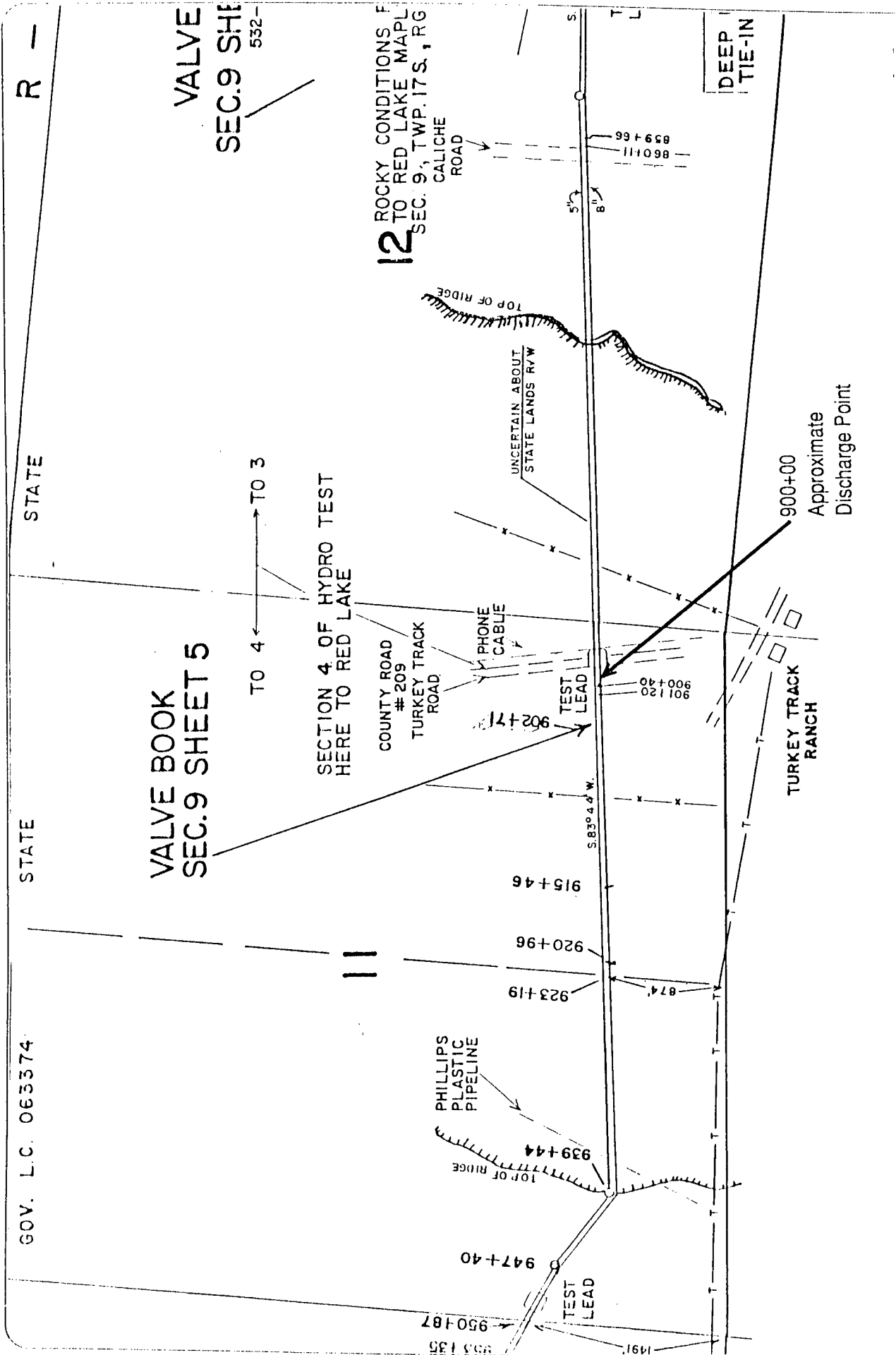
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JUN 30 1992

Mr. Roger Anderson
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PO Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Request for Authorization to Discharge

Dear Roger,

Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM) plans to replace approximately 20 miles of our existing 5-inch Lea-Eddy Mainline with a 12-inch pipeline (see Maps 1 and 2). As a part of this project, GCNM will perform hydrostatic tests of the new 12-inch line. These tests will follow applicable OCD procedures and will use approximately 155,000 gallons of water. Because the anticipated volume of test water exceeds the OCD 100,000 gallon threshold, GCNM is submitting this request for authorization to discharge.

Work will be performed by a contractor under GCNM supervision. We expect to award the contract during the third week of July and issue a notice to proceed by August 1, 1992. The contract will require the contractor to perform all tests and dispose of all test water according to OCD procedures. Prior to commencing testing, the contractor will be required to disclose the source of test water and demonstrate to GCNM that it meets OCD's quality requirements. At the time of contract award, we will know the contractor's proposed discharge location and will be able to disclose it to you. In the meantime, I wanted to let OCD know about our plans.

The project crosses land on four USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. I have enclosed copies of the maps crossed by the project (see Maps 3 through 6). We anticipate that four hydrostatic tests will be performed on the line, one approximately every five miles. The lines will be tested at locations adjacent to paved, intersecting roads, thereby allowing easy truck access. We currently plan on reusing as much of the test water as possible from one test section to the next. This should result in a total water usage of approximately 155,000 gallons, plus a minor allowance for evaporation and spillage.

After the tests, the water will be disposed of at a location to be proposed by GCNM's chosen contractor. Since at this time we have not yet chosen the

contractor, we do not yet know the final disposal location. We anticipate awarding the contract on or about July 20. At that time, I will be able to notify you of our disposal arrangements, and request your approval.

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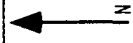
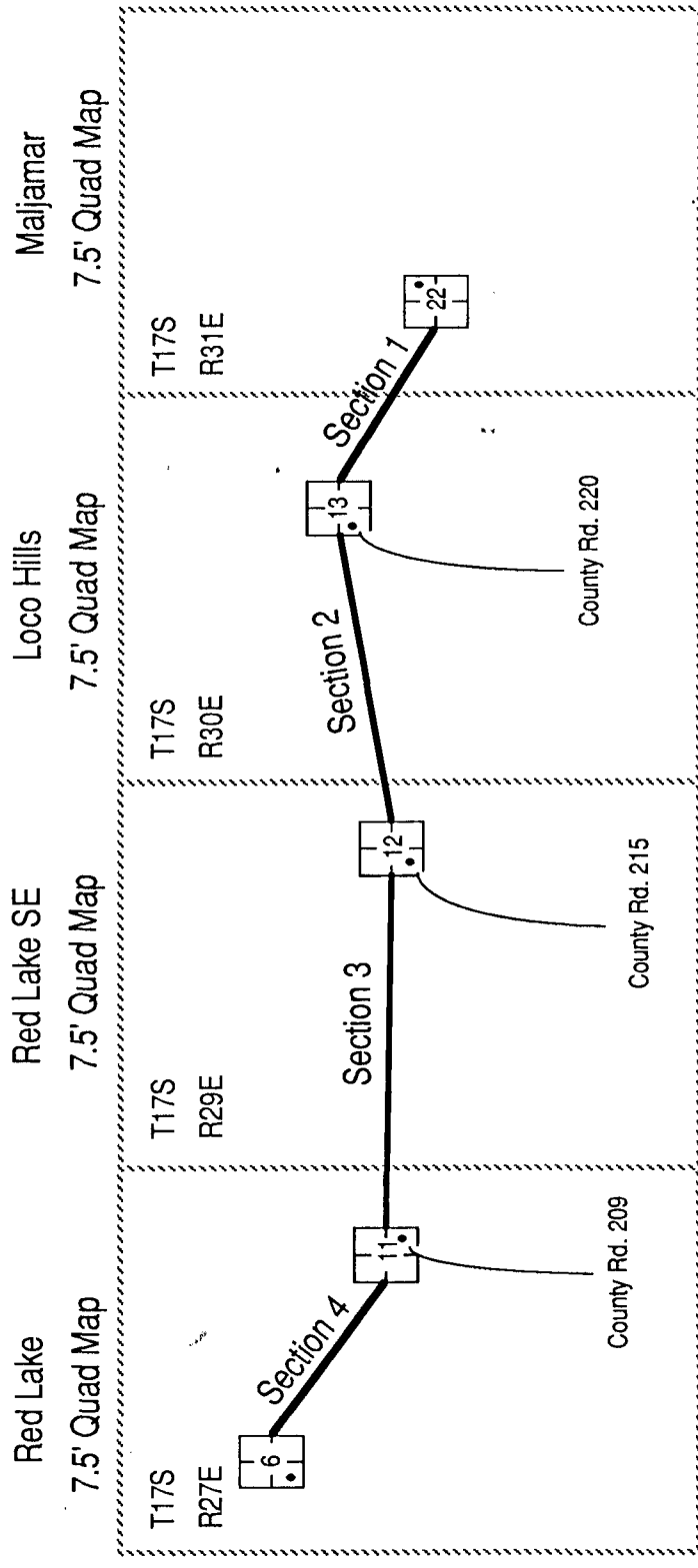
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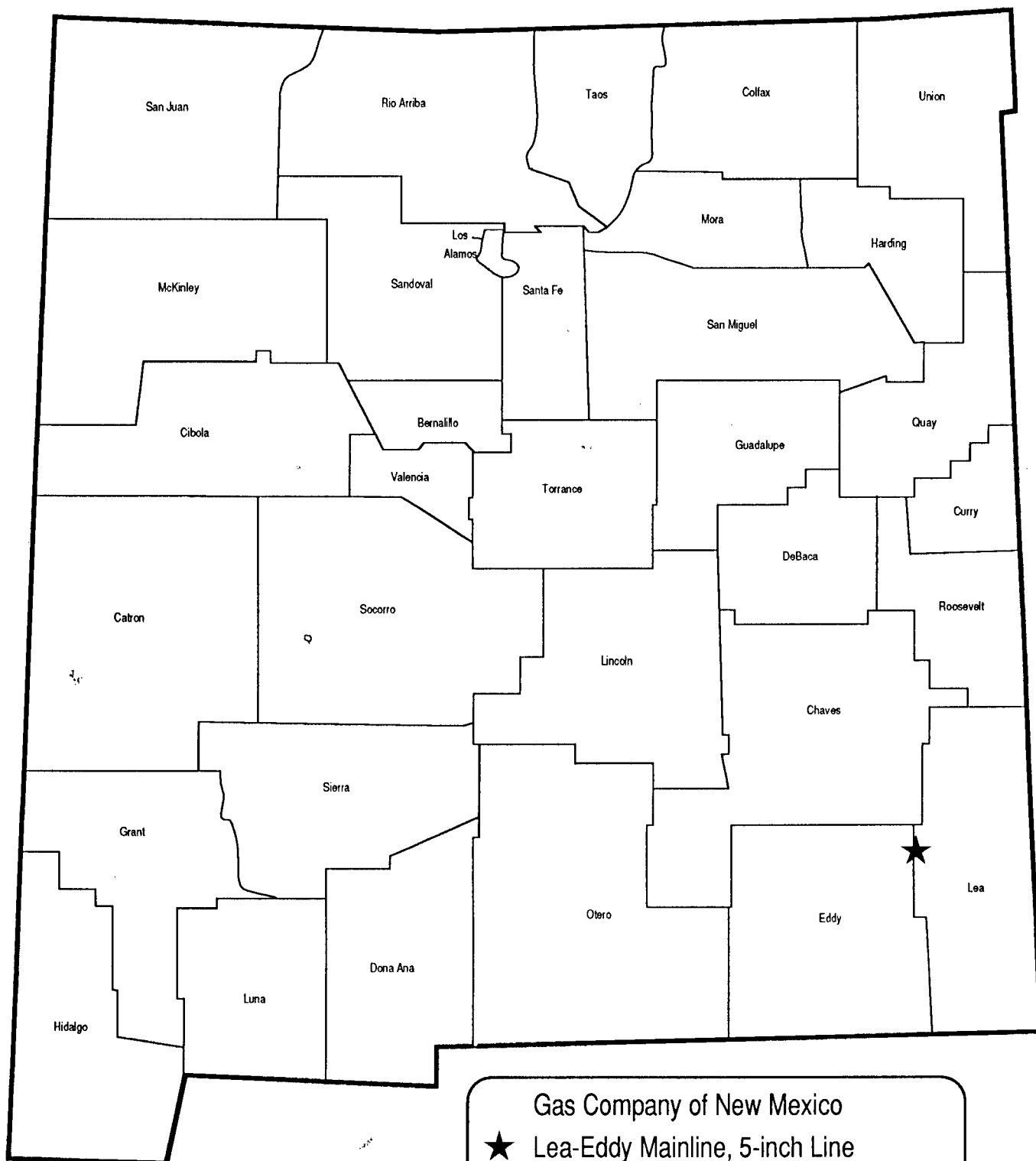


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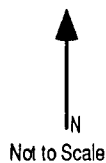
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Lea-Eddy Mainline 5-inch Line Replacement

Project Overview Gas Company of New Mexico

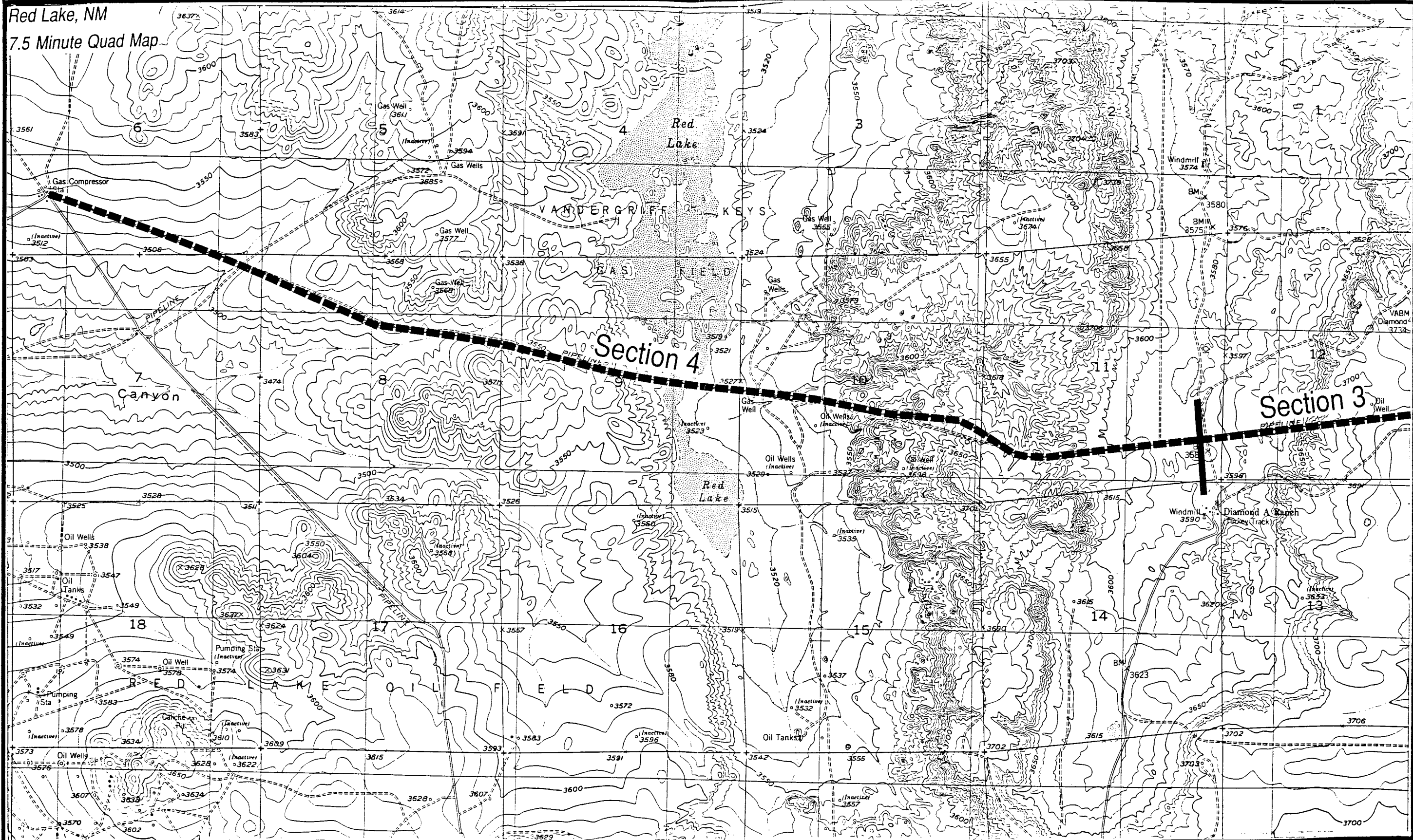


Gas Company of New Mexico
★ Lea-Eddy Mainline, 5-inch Line
Replacement Project and Test Sections



Map 2
Location of Project Area
Within the State of New Mexico

Red Lake, NM
7.5 Minute Quad Map

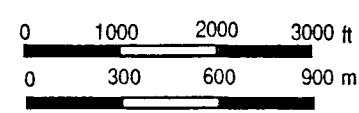
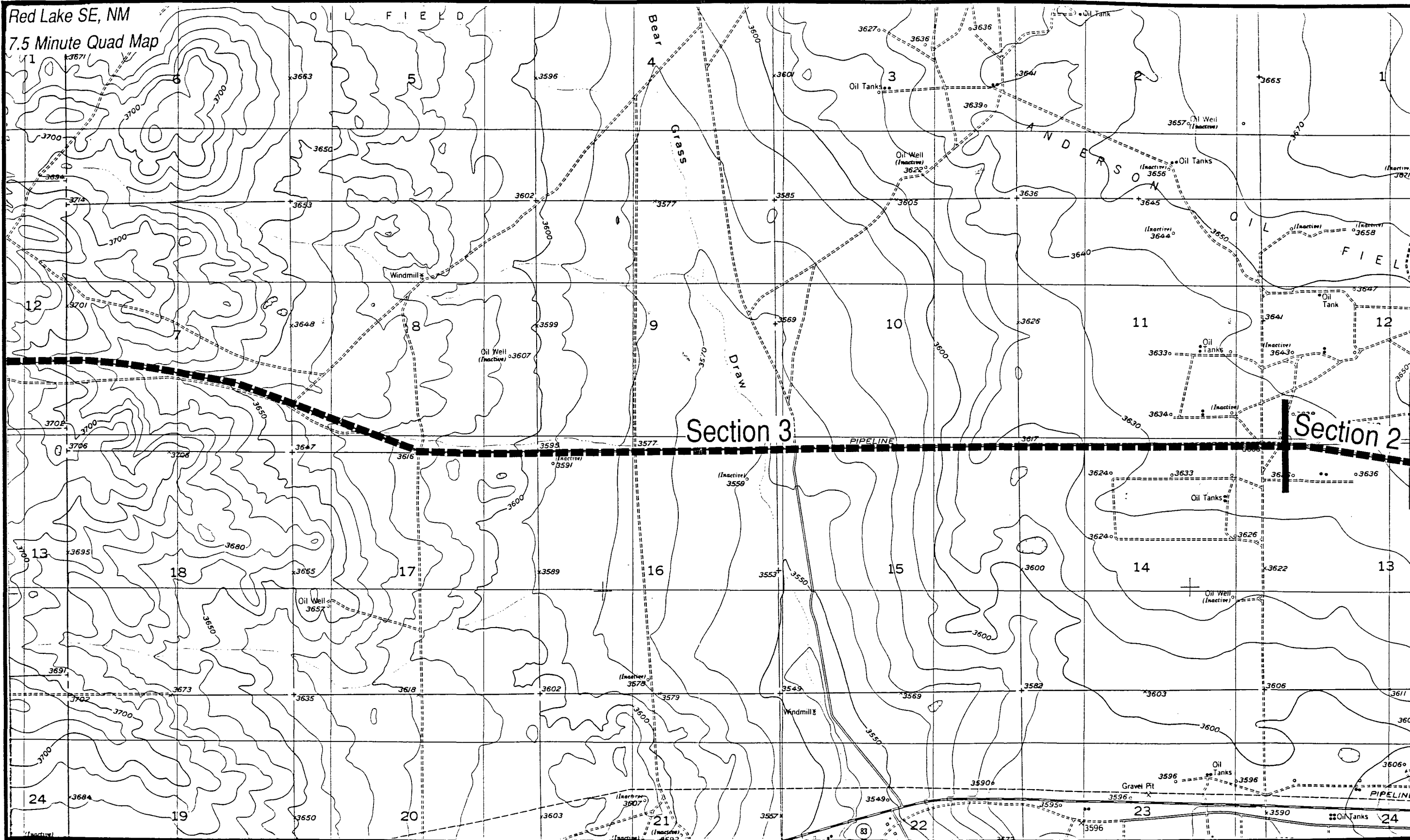


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Lea-Eddy Mainline 5-inch Line Replacement Project and Test Sections

Red Lake SE, NM
7.5 Minute Quad Map

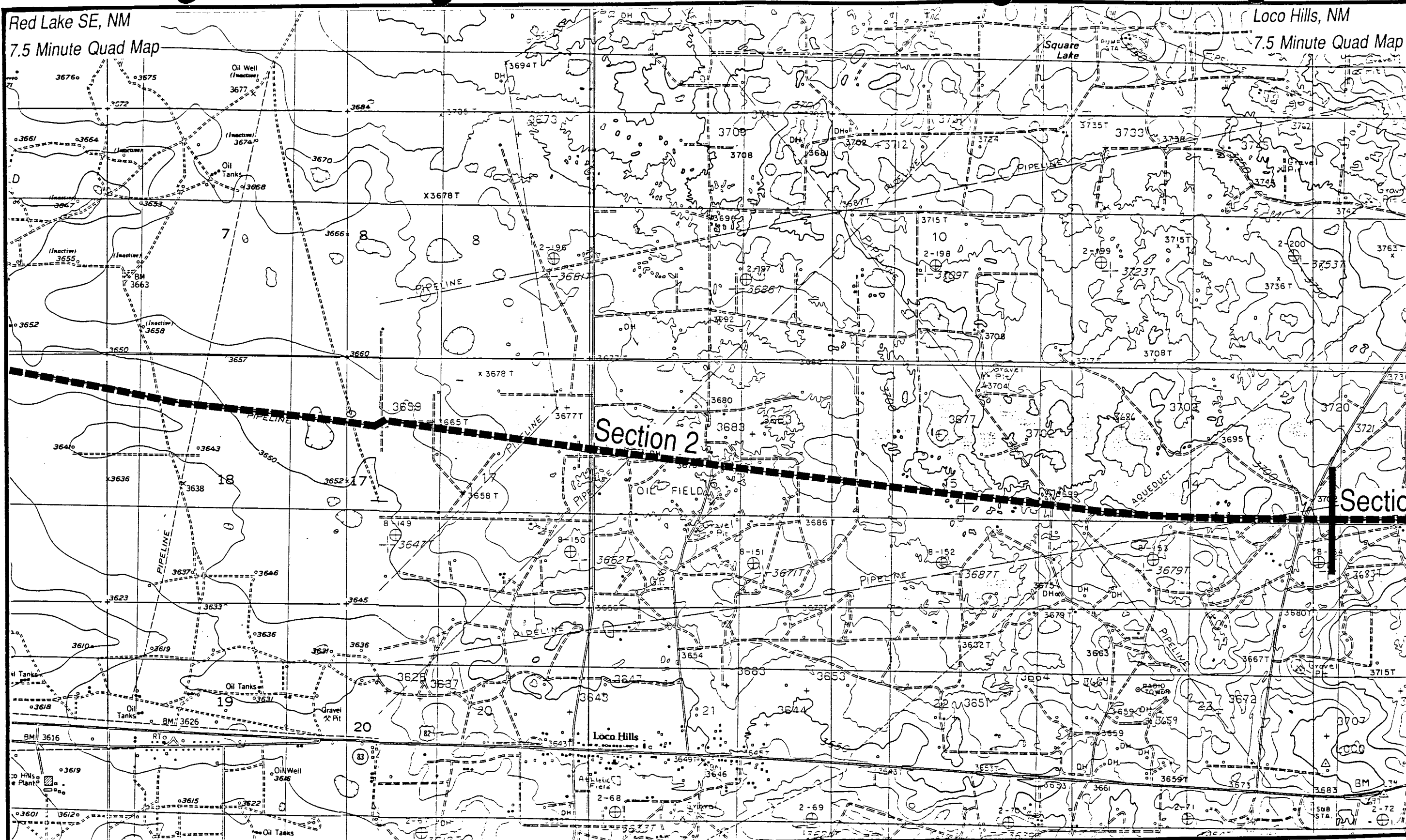


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Red Lake SE, NM
7.5 Minute Quad Map

Loco Hills, NM
7.5 Minute Quad Map



Section 2

Section 1

Loco Hills



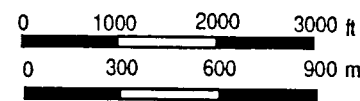
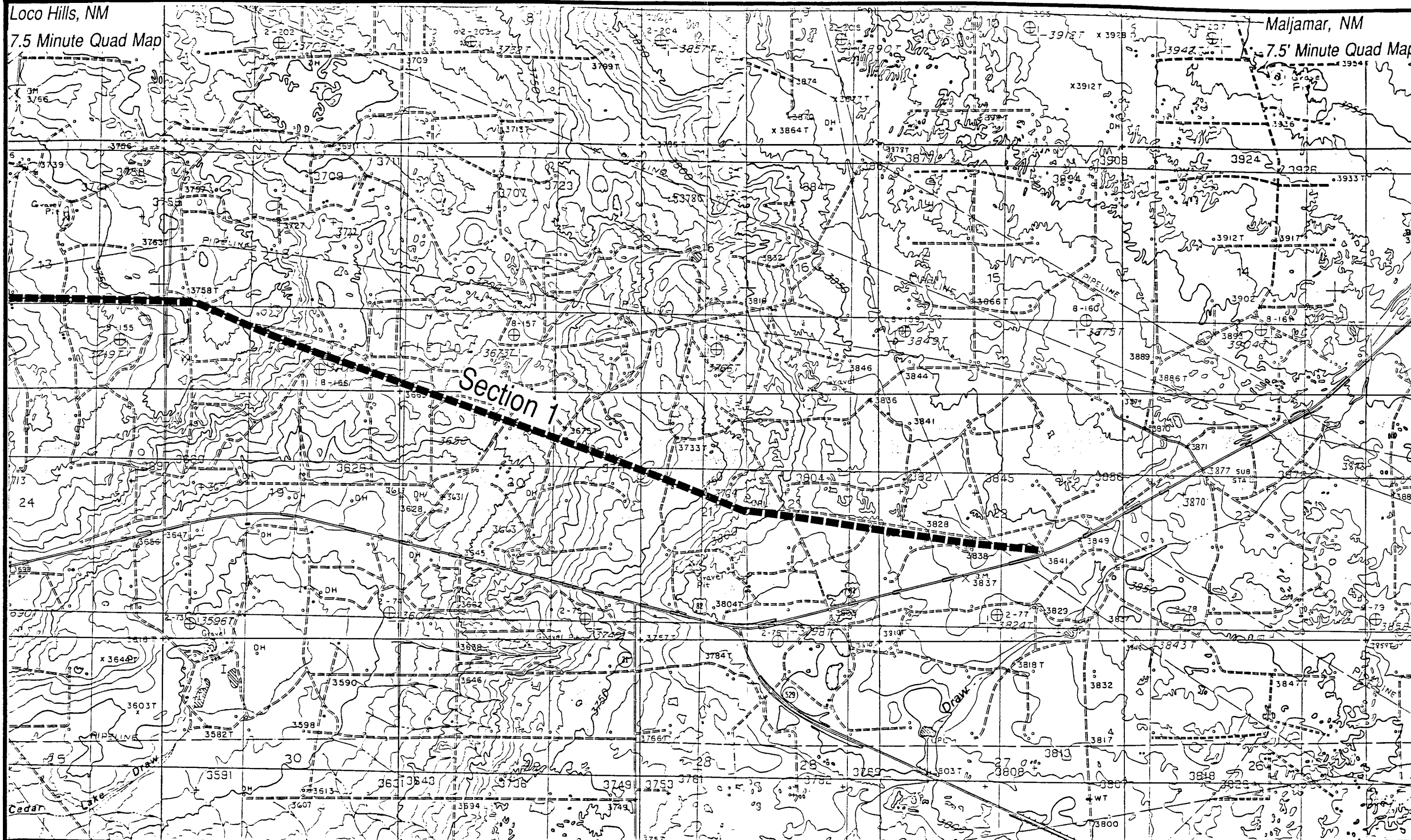
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Loco Hills, NM
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Maljamar, NM
7.5 Minute Quad Map



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