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**Closure Report Attachment Checklist:** *Each of the following items must be included in the closure report.*

- ☐ A scaled site and sampling diagram as described in 19.15.29.11 NMAC
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- ☐ Description of remediation activities

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Printed Name: Dale Woodall Title: Env. Professional

Signature: Dale Woodall Date: 9/26/2022

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Closure Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENT 2**



July 21, 2022

Vertex Project #: 22E-00977

**Spill Closure Report:** Blue Krait 23 CTB 2  
Unit M, Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 33 East  
County: Lea  
Facility: fAPP2123645122  
Tracking Number: nAPP2212931075

**Prepared For:** Devon Energy Production Company  
6488 Seven Rivers Highway  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

**New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – District 1 – Hobbs**

1625 North French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Devon Energy Production Company (Devon) retained Vertex Resource Services Inc. (Vertex) to conduct a spill assessment and liner inspection for a produced water release that occurred at Blue Krait 23 CTB 2 (hereafter referred to as “Blue Krait”). Devon provided notification of the spill to New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) District 1 and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), who own the property, on May 9, 2022 via a Notification of Release. The initial C-141 Release Notification was submitted and processed on May 24, 2022 (Attachment 1). The NMOCD tracking number assigned to this incident is nAPP2212931075.

This letter provides a description of the liner inspection and demonstrates that closure criteria established in 19.15.29.12 *New Mexico Administrative Code* (NMAC; New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, 2018) have been met and all applicable regulations are being followed. This document is intended to serve as a final report to obtain approval from NMOCD for closure of this release.

## Incident Description

On May 7, 2022, a pinhole leak was discovered in a water transfer pump at Devon’s Blue Krait site. The incident (nAPP2212931075) resulted in the release of approximately 7.9 barrels (bbl) of produced water into lined containment. A hydrovac arrived on-site to recover free fluids; approximately 7.9 bbl of produced water were recovered and removed for disposal off-site. The spill was contained within the lined containment on the facility pad. No produced water was released into undisturbed areas or waterways. The Daily Field Report (DFR) and site photographs are included in Attachment 2.

## Site Characterization

The release at Blue Krait occurred on federally owned land, N 32.1985742, W -103.5500839, approximately 21 miles west-northwest of Jal, New Mexico. The legal description for the site is Unit M, Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico. This location is within the Permian Basin in southeast New Mexico and has

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historically been used for oil and gas exploration and production, and rangeland. The following sections specifically describe the area in which the Blue Krait facility is located.

The surrounding landscape is associated with ridges typical of elevations of 3,000 to 4,400 feet above sea level. The climate is semi-arid, with average annual precipitation ranging between 10 to 16 inches. Historically, the plant community was dominated by grasses, which stabilized the potentially erosive sandy soils; however, more recent conditions, resulting from fire suppression and extensive grazing, show increased woody plant abundance. The dominant grass species are black grama, Bush muhly, blue grama, sideoats grama, dropseeds and bluestems; Yucca, javelina bush, range ratany, prickly pear, and mesquite can be scattered among the grasses. Litter and, to a lesser extent, bare ground are a significant proportion of ground cover while grasses compose the remainder (United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2022). Limited to no vegetation is allowed to grow on the compacted facility pad.

The *Geological Map of New Mexico* indicates the surface geology at Blue Krait is comprised of Qp –piedmont alluvial deposits (New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, 2022). The Natural Resources Conservation Service *Web Soil Survey* characterizes the soil at the site as Simona-Upton association, characterized by shallow, gravelly loam, gravelly fine sandy loam, and fine sandy loam over cemented material. It tends to be well-drained with very low to medium runoff and very low available moisture levels in the soil profile (United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2022). There is low potential for karst geology to be present near Blue Krait, though some erosional karst is possible (United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 2018).

There is no surface water located at Blue Krait. The nearest significant watercourse, as defined in Subsection P of 19.15.17.7 NMAC, is an intermittent stream located approximately 0.12 miles west of release area. An emergent wetland is located approximately 0.23 miles east, and a pond is located approximately 4.39 miles southeast of the release site (United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 2022). At Blue Krait, there are no continuously flowing watercourses, lakebeds, sinkholes, playa lakes, or other critical water or community features nearby as outlined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

## Closure Criteria Determination

The nearest depth to groundwater (DTGW) reference wells to Blue Krait are monitoring wells drilled in 2019, the closest of which is 0.09 miles southeast of the site with recorded DTGW of 47 feet below ground surface (bgs). The nearest active well is 0.78 miles northeast of Blue Krait and identified by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer as for domestic and livestock water (New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, New Mexico Water Rights Reporting System, 2022). Documentation pertaining to site characterization and depth to groundwater determination is included in Attachment 3.

Using site characterization information, a closure criteria determination worksheet (Attachment 3) was completed to determine if the release was subject to any of the special case scenarios outlined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC.

Based on data included in the closure criteria determination worksheet, the release at Blue Krait is not subject to the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC. The nearest depth to groundwater reference is 47 feet bgs; therefore, the closure criteria for the incident assume most stringent conditions (depth to groundwater



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<50 feet bgs) and are determined to be associated with the following constituent concentration limits. Documentation used in Closure Criteria Determination research is included in Attachment 3.

| <b>Closure Criteria Worksheet</b>     |   |   |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Site Name: Blue Krait 23 CTB 2</b> |   |   |                                   |
| <b>Spill Coordinates:</b>             |   | <b>X: 32.1985742</b>                    | <b>Y: -103.5500839</b>            |
| <b>Site Specific Conditions</b>       |   | <b>Value</b>                            | <b>Unit</b>                       |
| 1                                     | Depth to Groundwater  | 47                                      | feet                              |
| 2                                     | Within 300 feet of any continuously flowing watercourse or any other significant watercourse  | 666                                     | feet                              |
| 3                                     | Within 200 feet of any lakebed, sinkhole or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark)   | 23,181                                  | feet                              |
| 4                                     | Within 300 feet from an occupied residence, school, hospital, institution or church   | 11,135                                  | 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, <b>or</b>   | 4,130                                   | feet                              |
|                                       | ii) Within 1000 feet of any fresh water well or spring  |   | 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  | 1,222                                   | feet                              |
| 8                                     | Within the area overlying a subsurface mine   | No                                      | (Y/N)                             |
| 9                                     | Within an unstable area (Karst Map)   | Low                                     | Critical<br>High<br>Medium<br>Low |
| 10                                    | Within a 100-year Floodplain  | Undetermined                            | year                              |
| 11                                    | Soil Type   | Gravelly loam, gravelly fine sandy loam |                                   |
| 12                                    | Ecological Classification   | Shallow sandy, shallow                  |                                   |
| 13                                    | Geology   | Piedmont alluvial deposits              |                                   |
|                                       | <b>NMAC 19.15.29.12 E (Table 1) Closure Criteria</b>  | <50'                                    | <50'<br>51-100'<br>>100'          |

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Using site characterization information, a closure criteria determination worksheet (Attachment 3) was completed to determine if the release was subject to any of the special case scenarios outlined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC, if the release had escaped secondary containment.

Based on data included in the closure criteria determination worksheet, the release at Blue Krait would not be subject to the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection C of 19.15.29.12 NMAC and the closure criteria for the site would be determined to be associated with the following constituent concentration limits based on depth to groundwater. 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 ground water less than 10,000 mg/L TDS <sup>1</sup> | Constituent                           | Limit     |
| < 50 feet  | Chloride                              | 600 mg/kg |
|  | TPH <sup>2</sup><br>(GRO + DRO + MRO) | 100 mg/kg |
|  | BTEX <sup>3</sup>                     | 50 mg/kg  |
|  | Benzene                               | 10 mg/kg  |

<sup>1</sup>Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

<sup>2</sup>Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) = gasoline range organics (GRO) + diesel range organics (DRO) + motor oil range organics (MRO)

<sup>3</sup>Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX)

## Liner Inspection

On June 3, 2022, Vertex provided 48-hour notification of the liner inspection to NMOCD District 1 and the BLM, as required by Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (5) of Subsection A 19.15.29.11 NMAC (Attachment 4). Due to a scheduling conflict, this inspection was not completed. A second 48-hour notification was submitted to NMOCD District 1 and the BLM on June 27, 2022. On June 29, 2022, Vertex was on-site to conduct an inspection of the lined containment and verify that the liner was intact and had the ability to contain the release. The Daily Field Report and associated photographs of the liner inspection are included in Attachment 2. The inspection confirmed the liner remained intact and had the ability to contain the release. This is further evidenced by the amount of fluid released (~7.9 bbl) and recovered (~7.9 bbl).

## Closure Request

Vertex recommends no additional remediation action to address the release at Blue Krait. 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 (nAPP2212931075) be closed as all closure requirements set forth in Subsection E of 19.15.29.12 NMAC have been met. Devon certifies that all information in this report and the attachments is correct, and that they have complied with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in Division rules and directives

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to meet NMOCD requirements to obtain closure on the May 7, 2022, release at Blue Krait 23 CTB 2.

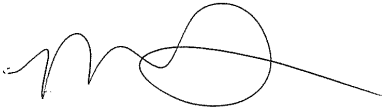
Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 575.361.9880 or mpeppin@vertex.ca



Lakin Pullman, B.Sc.  
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN, REPORTING

July 21, 2022

Date



Monica Peppin  
PROJECT MANAGER, REPORT REVIEW

July 21, 2022

Date

## Attachments

- Attachment 1. NMOCD C-141 Report
- Attachment 2. Daily Field Report with Photographs
- Attachment 3. Closure Criteria Research Determination Documentation
- Attachment 4. Required 48-hr Notification of Liner Inspection to Regulatory Agencies

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## **Limitations**

This report has been prepared for the sole benefit of Devon Energy Production Company (Devon). This document may not be used by any other person or entity, with the exception of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division or the Bureau of Land Management, without the express written consent of Vertex Resource Services Inc. (Vertex) and Devon. Any use of this report by a third party, or any reliance on decisions made based on it, or damages suffered as a result of the use of this report are the sole responsibility of the user.

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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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
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.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141  
Revised August 24, 2018  
Submit to appropriate OCD District office

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## Release Notification

### Responsible Party

|                         |                              |
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| Responsible Party       | OGRID                        |
| Contact Name            | Contact Telephone            |
| Contact email           | Incident # (assigned by OCD) |
| Contact mailing address |                              |

### Location of Release Source

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAD 83 in decimal degrees to 5 decimal places)

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Site Name               | Site Type            |
| Date Release Discovered | API# (if applicable) |

| Unit Letter | Section | Township | Range | County |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------|--------|
|             |         |          |       |        |

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 type="checkbox"/> Produced Water   | Volume Released (bbls)   | Volume Recovered (bbls)                                  |
|   | Is the concentration of total dissolved solids (TDS) in the produced water >10,000 mg/l? | <input 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                          |  |  |

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| Was this a major release as defined by 19.15.29.7(A) NMAC?<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, for what reason(s) does the responsible party consider this a major release? |
| If YES, was immediate notice given to the OCD? By whom? To whom? When and by what means (phone, email, etc)?               |  |

## Initial Response

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

|  |                         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The source of the release has been stopped.   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The impacted area has been secured to protect human health and the environment.   |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Released materials have been contained via the use of berms or dikes, absorbent pads, or other containment devices.   |                         |
| <input 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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| Printed Name: _____  | Title: _____            |
| Signature: <u>Kendra Ruiz</u>  | Date: _____             |
| email: _____   | Telephone: _____        |
| <b><u>OCD Only</u></b>   |                         |
| Received by: <u>Jocelyn Harimon</u>  | Date: <u>05/24/2022</u> |



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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.*

|   |   |
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| What is the shallowest depth to groundwater beneath the area affected by the release?   | <u>&lt;50</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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| Did the release impact areas <b>not</b> 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: Jennifer Nobui Date: 09/27/2022

Printed Name: Jennifer Nobui Title: Environmental Specialist A

## **ATTACHMENT 2**



## Daily Site Visit Report

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Client:                 | Devon Energy Corporation | Inspection Date: | 6/29/2022         |
| Site Location Name:     | Blue Krait 23 CTB 2      | Report Run Date: | 6/29/2022 8:40 PM |
| Client Contact Name:    | Wes Matthews             | API #:           |                   |
| Client Contact Phone #: | (575) 748-0176           |                  |                   |
| Unique Project ID       |                          | Project Owner:   |                   |
| Project Reference #     |                          | Project Manager: |                   |

### Summary of Times

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Arrived at Site | 6/29/2022 9:30 AM  |
| Departed Site   | 6/29/2022 10:45 AM |

### Field Notes

**9:48** Arrived on site 9:30

**10:42** Didn't see anything troubling in the liner, but wasn't able to complete the inspection due to rain water.

**14:34** No breaches were found in the liner and standing rainwater was contained in all low areas, demonstrating the integrity of the liner.

### Next Steps & Recommendations

**1** Submit closure report

# Daily Site Visit Report



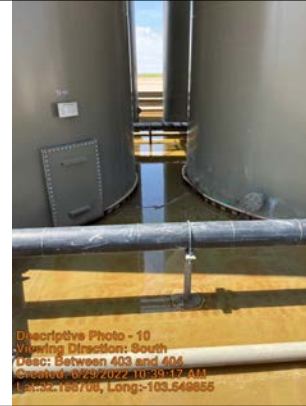
## Site Photos

Viewing Direction: Southwest



Liner northeast of tanks, still full of water

Viewing Direction: South



Between 403 and 404

Viewing Direction: Southeast



Liner north of tanks

Viewing Direction: South



Standing water in liner





## Daily Site Visit Report

Viewing Direction: West



Liner

Viewing Direction: Northwest



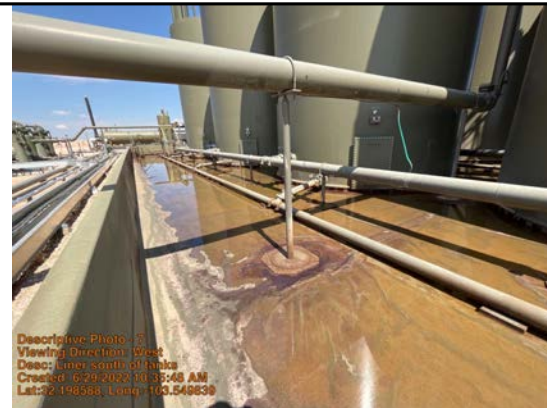
Liner southeast of tanks

Viewing Direction: Northwest



Liner south of tanks



Viewing Direction: West



Liner south of tanks



## Daily Site Visit Report

| Viewing Direction: West  | Viewing Direction: South   |
|--|--|
|  <p>Descriptive Photo:<br/>Viewing Direction: West<br/>Desc: Liner between north and south tanks<br/>Created: 8/29/2022 10:39:15 AM<br/>Lat:32.198703, Long:-103.549877</p> |  <p>Descriptive Photo:<br/>Viewing Direction: South<br/>Desc: Liner between TK-402 and 403<br/>Created: 8/29/2022 10:38:41 AM<br/>Lat:32.198712, Long:-103.549901</p> |
| Liner between north and south tanks  | Liner between TK-402 and 403   |



## Daily Site Visit Report



Daily Site Visit Signature

Inspector: Sally Carttar

Signature:

  
Signature

## **ATTACHMENT 3**



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## Point of Diversion Summary

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(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

| Well Tag | POD Number   | Q64 | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng | X      | Y       |
|----------|--------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| NA       | C 04339 POD1 | 1   | 3   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636525 | 3563309 |

x

**Driller License:** 1575 **Driller Company:** CURRIE DRILLING COMPANY, INC

**Driller Name:** CURRIE, SHANEG..TY"ENER

**Drill Start Date:** 08/01/2019 **Drill Finish Date:** 08/02/2019 **Plug Date:** 08/02/2019

**Log File Date:** 08/22/2019 **PCW Rev Date:** **Source:**

**Pump Type:** **Pipe Discharge Size:** **Estimated Yield:**

**Casing Size:** **Depth Well:** 47 feet **Depth Water:**

x

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|-------------------|-------------------------|--|-----|----|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|---|
| Well Tag          | POD Number              | Q64  | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws                          | Rng | X                     | Y   |
| NA                | C 04339 POD3            | 2  | 4   | 3  | 23  | 24S                          | 33E | 637273                | 3563323  |
| x                 |                         |  |     |    |     |                              |     |                       |   |
| Driller License:  | 1575                    | Driller Company:   |     |    |     | CURRIE DRILLING COMPANY, INC |     |                       |   |
| Driller Name:     | CURRIE, SHANEG..TY"ENER |  |     |    |     |                              |     |                       |   |
| Drill Start Date: | 08/06/2019              | Drill Finish Date:   |     |    |     | 08/06/2019                   |     | Plug Date:            | 08/06/2019  |
| Log File Date:    | 08/22/2019              | PCW Rcv Date:  |     |    |     | Source:                      |     |                       |   |
| Pump Type:        |                         | Pipe Discharge Size:   |     |    |     | Estimated Yield:             |     |                       |   |
| Casing Size:      |                         | Depth Well:  |     |    |     | 38 feet                      |     | Depth Water:          |   |
| y                 |                         |  |     |    |     |                              |     |                       |   |

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|-------------------|-------------------------|--|-----|----|------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---|
| Well Tag          | POD Number              | Q64  | Q16 | Q4 | Sec              | Tws                          | Rng        | X                     | Y   |
| NA                | C 04339 POD4            | 2  | 4   | 3  | 23               | 24S                          | 33E        | 637273                | 3563323  |
| x                 |                         |  |     |    |                  |                              |            |                       |   |
| Driller License:  | 1575                    | Driller Company:   |     |    |                  | CURRIE DRILLING COMPANY, INC |            |                       |   |
| Driller Name:     | CURRIE, SHANEG..TY"ENER |  |     |    |                  |                              |            |                       |   |
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| Log File Date:    | 08/22/2019              | PCW Rcv Date:  |     |    |                  | Source:                      |            |                       |   |
| Pump Type:        | Pipe Discharge Size:    |  |     |    | Estimated Yield: |                              |            |                       |   |
| Casing Size:      | Depth Well:             |  |     |    | 47 feet          | Depth Water:                 |            |                       |   |
| y                 |                         |  |     |    |                  |                              |            |                       |   |

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| Well Tag | POD Number   | Q64 | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng | X      | Y       |
|----------|--------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| NA       | C 04339 POD7 | 4   | 4   | 2  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636473 | 3564011 |



x

**Driller License:** 1575 **Driller Company:** CURRIE DRILLING COMPANY, INC

**Driller Name:** CURRIE, SHANEG..TY"ENER

**Drill Start Date:** 07/31/2019 **Drill Finish Date:** 07/31/2019 **Plug Date:** 07/31/2019

**Log File Date:** 08/22/2019 **PCW Rev Date:** **Source:**

**Pump Type:** **Pipe Discharge Size:** **Estimated Yield:**

**Casing Size:** **Depth Well:** 43 feet **Depth Water:**

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| Well Tag | POD Number   | Q64 | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng | X      | Y       |
|----------|--------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| NA       | C 04339 POD8 | 1   | 1   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636519 | 3563681 |

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**Driller License:** 1575 **Driller Company:** CURRIE DRILLING COMPANY, INC

**Driller Name:** CURRIE, SHANEG..TY"ENER

**Drill Start Date:** 07/31/2019 **Drill Finish Date:** 07/31/2019 **Plug Date:** 07/31/2019

**Log File Date:** 08/22/2019 **PCW Rev Date:** **Source:**

**Pump Type:** **Pipe Discharge Size:** **Estimated Yield:**

**Casing Size:** **Depth Well:** 30 feet **Depth Water:**

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## 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                    | Code | POD Sub-basin | County | Q 64 | Q 16 | Q 4 | Q Sec | Tws | Rng | X      | Y       | Distance | DepthWell | DepthWater | Water Column |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------|--------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD2</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 2    | 3    | 3   | 23    | 24S | 33E | 636789 | 3563315 | 136      |           |            |              |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD1</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 1    | 3    | 3   | 23    | 24S | 33E | 636525 | 3563309 | 149      | 47        |            |              |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD8</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 1    | 1    | 3   | 23    | 24S | 33E | 636519 | 3563681 | 345      | 30        |            |              |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD3</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 2    | 4    | 3   | 23    | 24S | 33E | 637273 | 3563323 | 611      | 38        |            |              |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD4</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 2    | 4    | 3   | 23    | 24S | 33E | 637273 | 3563323 | 611      | 47        |            |              |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD7</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 4    | 4    | 2   | 23    | 24S | 33E | 636473 | 3564011 | 670      | 43        |            |              |
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| <a href="#">C 03600 POD4</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 3    | 3    | 1   | 26    | 24S | 33E | 636617 | 3562293 | 1075     |           |            |              |
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| <a href="#">C 03917 POD1</a>  |      | C             | LE     | 4    | 1    | 3   | 13    | 24S | 33E | 638374 | 3565212 | 2515     | 600       | 420        | 180          |
| <a href="#">C 03603 POD5</a>  |      | CUB           | LE     | 3    | 3    | 2   | 35    | 24S | 33E | 636745 | 3560767 | 2601     |           |            |              |



|                              |     |    |   |   |   |    |     |     |        |          |   |      |     |     |     |
|------------------------------|-----|----|---|---|---|----|-----|-----|--------|----------|---|------|-----|-----|-----|
| <a href="#">C 03603 POD6</a> | CUB | LE | 3 | 1 | 3 | 35 | 24S | 33E | 636749 | 3560447  |    | 2922 |     |     |     |
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| <a href="#">C 02311</a>      | CUB | LE | 2 | 3 | 2 | 33 | 24S | 33E | 634391 | 3560877  |  | 3370 | 120 | 70  | 50  |
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| <a href="#">C 02431</a>      | CUB | LE | 4 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 24S | 33E | 633175 | 3564728* |  | 3743 | 525 | 415 | 110 |
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| <a href="#">C 02308</a>      | CUB | LE | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 24S | 33E | 634953 | 3567364* |  | 4346 | 40  | 20  | 20  |

Average Depth to Water: **235 feet**Minimum Depth: **20 feet**Maximum Depth: **420 feet**-----  
**Record Count:** 44**UTMNAD83 Radius Search (in meters):****Easting (X):** 636663**Northing (Y):** 3563368**Radius:** 5000

\*UTM location was derived from PLSS - see Help

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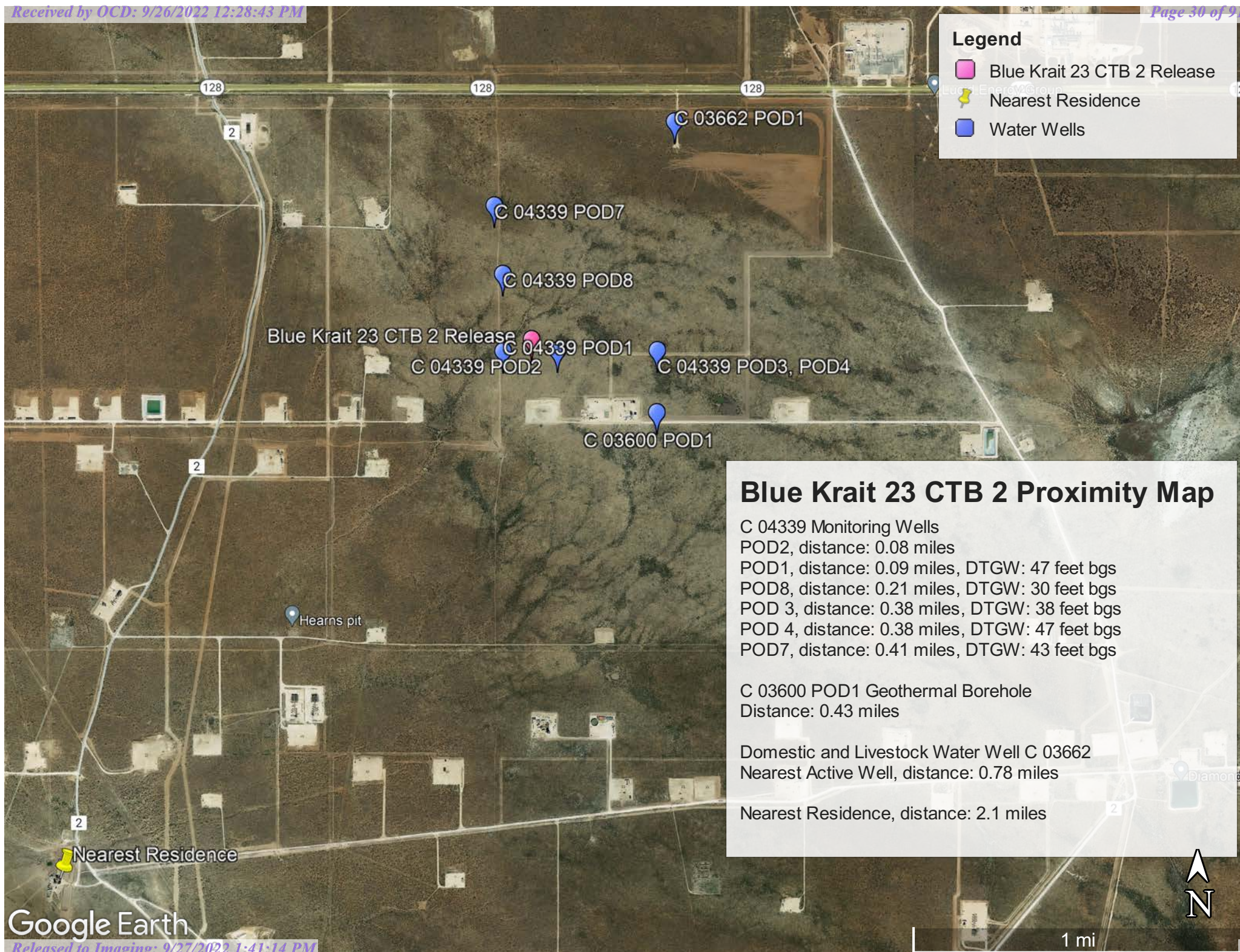
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WATER COLUMN/ AVERAGE DEPTH TO  
WATER









Intermittent, 666 feet



March 28, 2022

**Wetlands**

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

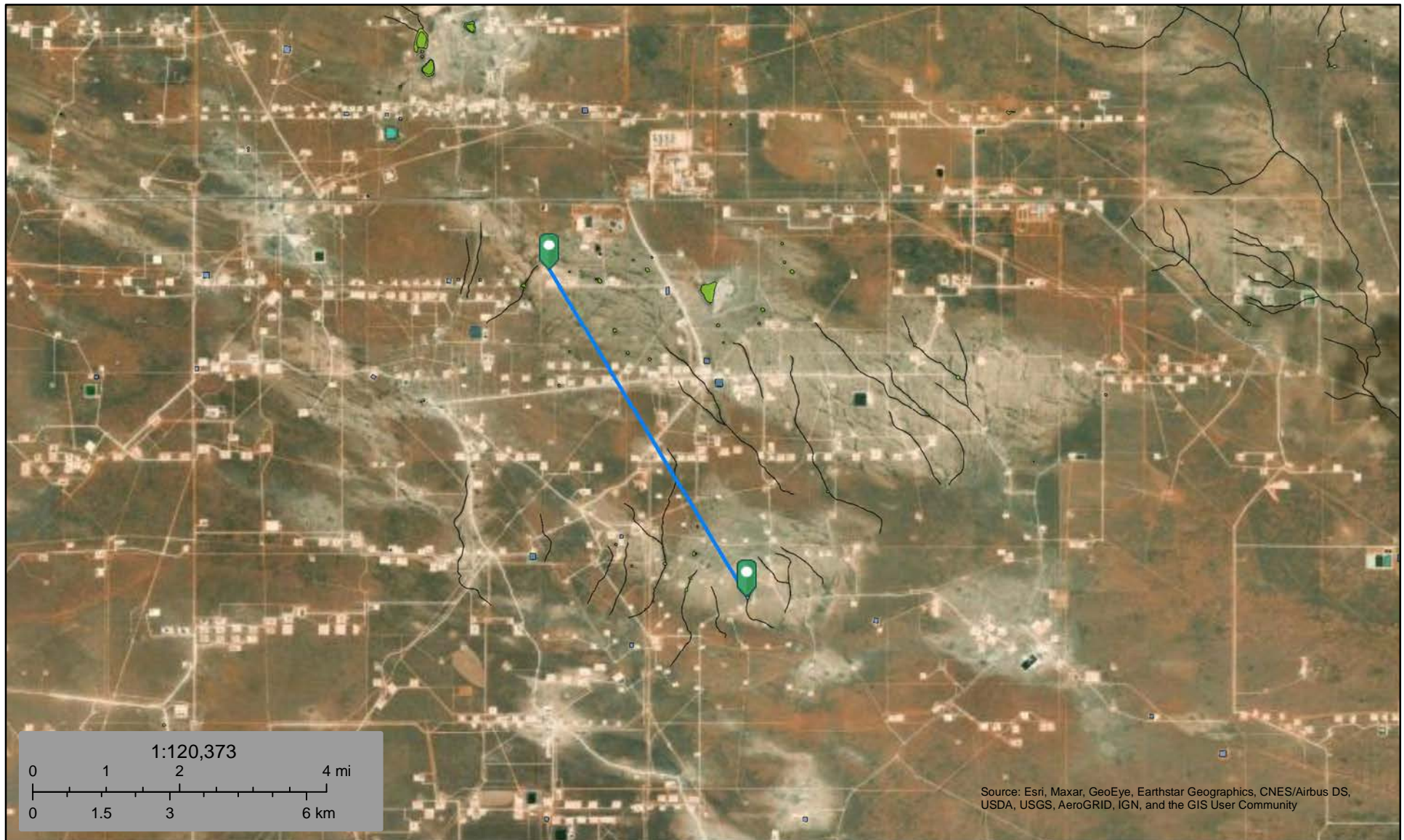
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- Riverine

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Pond, 23181 feet



March 28, 2022

**Wetlands**

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

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- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine


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# Blue Krait 23 CTB 2


Nearest Residence: 2.1 miles (11,135 feet)

## Legend

 Feature 1

Blue Krait 23 CTB 2 

 Hearn's pit

 Residence

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5000 ft





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|----------|------------|--|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|---|
|          |            | Q64  | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng | X                     | Y   |
| C        | 03600 POD1 | 2  | 2   | 1  | 26  | 24S | 33E | 637275                | 3563023  |

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**Driller License:** 1186      **Driller Company:** ENVIRO-DRILL, INC.

**Driller Name:** RODNEY HAMMER

**Drill Start Date:** 01/07/2013      **Drill Finish Date:** 01/07/2013      **Plug Date:**

**Log File Date:** 01/30/2013      **PCW Rev Date:**      **Source:** Shallow

**Pump Type:**      **Pipe Discharge Size:**      **Estimated Yield:**

**Casing Size:**      **Depth Well:**      **Depth Water:**

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POINT OF DIVERSION SUMMARY



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## Water Right Summary


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WR File Number: C 03600

Subbasin: CUB

Cross Reference: -

Primary Purpose: GEO GEOTHERMAL BOREHOLES

Primary Status:

Total Acres:

Subfile: -

Header: -

Total Diversion: 0

Cause/Case: -

Owner: INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP








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### Documents on File


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| Trn #                  | Doc                  | File/Act                   | Status |     | Transaction Desc. | From/<br>To | Acres | Diversion | Consumptive |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----|-------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|
|                        |                      |                            | 1      | 2   |                   |             |       |           |             |
| <a href="#">518382</a> | <a href="#">EXPL</a> | <a href="#">2012-12-10</a> | PMT    | LOG | C 03600           | T           | 0     | 0         |             |

### Current Points of Diversion

| (NAD83 UTM in meters)        |          |         |    |     |    |     |     |     |        |         |   |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|---|
| POD Number                   | Well Tag | Source  | Q  |     |    |     |     |     | X      | Y       | Other Location Desc   |
|                              |          |         | 64 | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng |        |         |   |
| <a href="#">C 03600 POD1</a> |          | Shallow | 2  | 2   | 1  | 26  | 24S | 33E | 637275 | 3563023 |  BH-16   |
| <a href="#">C 03600 POD2</a> |          | Shallow | 4  | 4   | 1  | 25  | 24S | 33E | 638824 | 3562329 |  BH-17   |
| <a href="#">C 03600 POD3</a> |          | Shallow | 3  | 4   | 2  | 26  | 24S | 33E | 637784 | 3562340 |  BH-19   |
| <a href="#">C 03600 POD4</a> |          | Shallow | 3  | 3   | 1  | 26  | 24S | 33E | 636617 | 3562293 |  BH-20  |
| <a href="#">C 03600 POD5</a> |          | Shallow | 3  | 2   | 4  | 26  | 24S | 33E | 637857 | 3562020 |  BH-21 |
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| <a href="#">C 03600 POD7</a> |          | Shallow | 3  | 1   | 3  | 26  | 24S | 33E | 636726 | 3561968 |  BH-23 |

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WATER RIGHT SUMMARY



# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

## Point of Diversion Summary

|                 |                   |                                    |            |           |            |            |            |                       |   |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|---|
|                 |                   | (quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE) |            |           |            |            |            |                       |   |
|                 |                   | (quarters are smallest to largest) |            |           |            |            |            | (NAD83 UTM in meters) |   |
| <b>Well Tag</b> | <b>POD Number</b> | <b>Q64</b>                         | <b>Q16</b> | <b>Q4</b> | <b>Sec</b> | <b>Tws</b> | <b>Rng</b> | <b>X</b>              | <b>Y</b>  |
| C               | 03662 POD1        | 3                                  | 1          | 2         | 23         | 24S        | 33E        | 637342                | 3564428  |

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|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Driller License:</b>  | 1654       | <b>Driller Company:</b>     | NOT WORKING FOR HIRE--SIRMAN DRILLING AND CONSTRUCT |                                |
| <b>Driller Name:</b>     |            |                             |   |                                |
| <b>Drill Start Date:</b> | 08/19/2013 | <b>Drill Finish Date:</b>   | 08/20/2013  | <b>Plug Date:</b>              |
| <b>Log File Date:</b>    | 09/16/2013 | <b>PCW Rcv Date:</b>        |   | <b>Source:</b> Shallow         |
| <b>Pump Type:</b>        |            | <b>Pipe Discharge Size:</b> |   | <b>Estimated Yield:</b> 10 GPM |
| <b>Casing Size:</b>      | 6.00       | <b>Depth Well:</b>          | 550 feet  | <b>Depth Water:</b> 110 feet   |

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|                                       |            |               |                               |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Water Bearing Stratifications:</b> | <b>Top</b> | <b>Bottom</b> | <b>Description</b>            |
|                                       | 250        | 275           | Sandstone/Gravel/Conglomerate |

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|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Casing Perforations:</b> | <b>Top</b> | <b>Bottom</b> |
|                             | 280        | 360           |

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POINT OF DIVERSION SUMMARY





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## Water Right Summary


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WR File Number: C 03662

Subbasin: C

Cross Reference: -

Primary Purpose: DOL 72-12-1 DOMESTIC AND LIVESTOCK WATERING

Primary Status: PMT PERMIT

Total Acres:

Subfile: -

Header: -

Total Diversion: 3

Cause/Case: -



Agent: MARK MCCLOY (M&amp;M RANCH)

Contact: M STAPLETON, LLC

Agent: GREGORY ROCKHOUSE RANCH INC


Contact: M STAPLETON, LLC

### Documents on File

|   | Trn #  | Doc   | File/Act   | Status |     |  | Transaction Desc. | From/ |  | Acres | Diversion | Consumptive |
|---|--------|-------|------------|--------|-----|--|-------------------|-------|--|-------|-----------|-------------|
|   |        |       |            | 1      | 2   |  |                   | To    |  |       |           |             |
|  <a href="#">get images</a> | 534516 | 72121 | 2013-09-24 | PMT    | LOG |  | C 03662           | T     |  |       | 3         |             |
|  <a href="#">get images</a> | 532103 | EXPL  | 2013-08-13 | PMT    | APR |  | C-3662 EXPL       | T     |  | 0     | 0         |             |

### Current Points of Diversion

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

| POD Number                   | Well Tag | Source  | Q | 64Q16Q4Sec | Tws | Rng        | X      | Y       | Other Location Desc  |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|---|------------|-----|------------|--------|---------|--|
| <a href="#">C 03662 POD1</a> |          | Shallow | 3 | 1          | 2   | 23 24S 33E | 637342 | 3564428 |  HWY 128 @ 30MM-1/4 MILE SO |

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## Point of Diversion Summary

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

(quarters are smallest to largest)

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

| Well Tag | POD Number   | Q64 | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng | X      | Y       |
|----------|--------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| NA       | C 04339 POD2 | 2   | 3   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636789 | 3563315 |



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**Driller License:** 1575 **Driller Company:** CURRIE DRILLING COMPANY, INC

**Driller Name:** CURRIE, SHANEG..TY"ENER

**Drill Start Date:** 08/06/2019 **Drill Finish Date:** 08/06/2019 **Plug Date:** 08/06/2019

**Log File Date:** 08/22/2019 **PCW Rev Date:** **Source:**

**Pump Type:** **Pipe Discharge Size:** **Estimated Yield:**

**Casing Size:** **Depth Well:** **Depth Water:**

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POINT OF DIVERSION SUMMARY



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**WR File Number:** C 04339      **Subbasin:** CUB      **Cross Reference:** -  
**Primary Purpose:** MON MONITORING WELL  
**Primary Status:** PMT PERMIT  
**Total Acres:**      **Subfile:** -      **Header:** -  
**Total Diversion:** 0      **Cause/Case:** -  
**Agent:** GORDON ENVIRONMENTAL/PSC  
**Contact:** CLAY KILMER  
**Owner:** OWL LANDFILL SERVICES LLC  
**Contact:** ROGER JOHNSON

### Documents on File

| Trn #                             | Doc  | File/Act                   | Status |     | Transaction Desc. | From/ |  | Acres | Diversion | Consumptive |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------|-----|-------------------|-------|--|-------|-----------|-------------|
|                                   |      |                            | 1      | 2   |                   | To    |  |       |           |             |
| <a href="#">get images</a> 654344 | EXPL | <a href="#">2019-07-11</a> | PMT    | APR | C 04339 POD1-10   | T     |  | 0     | 0         |             |

### Current Points of Diversion

(NAD83 UTM in meters)

| POD Number                    | Well Tag | Source | Q  |     |    |     |     |     | X      | Y       | Other Location Desc |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|---------------------|
|                               |          |        | 64 | Q16 | Q4 | Sec | Tws | Rng |        |         |                     |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD1</a>  | NA       |        | 1  | 3   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636525 | 3563309 | VZ-1                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD10</a> | NA       |        | 4  | 1   | 4  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 637688 | 3563503 | VZ-10               |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD2</a>  | NA       |        | 2  | 3   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636789 | 3563315 | VZ-2                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD3</a>  | NA       |        | 2  | 4   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 637273 | 3563323 | VZ-3                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD4</a>  | NA       |        | 2  | 4   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 637273 | 3563323 | VZ-4                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD5</a>  | NA       |        | 2  | 3   | 4  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 637580 | 3563328 | VZ-5                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD6</a>  | NA       |        | 3  | 1   | 2  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 637340 | 3564386 | VZ-6                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD7</a>  | NA       |        | 4  | 4   | 2  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636473 | 3564011 | VZ-7                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD8</a>  | NA       |        | 1  | 1   | 3  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 636519 | 3563681 | VZ-8                |
| <a href="#">C 04339 POD9</a>  | NA       |        | 3  | 4   | 2  | 23  | 24S | 33E | 637731 | 3563913 | VZ-9                |

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# OSE POD Locations Map



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GIS WATERS PODs

Active

Pending

Plugged

OSE District Boundary

Water Right Regulations

Closure Area

New Mexico State Trust Lands

Both Estates

SiteBoundaries

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## Active & Inactive Points of Diversion

(with Ownership Information)

| (acre ft per annum)     |           |     |           |                              |        |                               |          |      |       | (R=POD has been replaced and no longer serves this file, C=the file is closed) |    |    | (quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)<br>(quarters are smallest to largest) |        |         |          |  | (NAD83 UTM in meters) |  |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|----------|------|-------|--|----|----|--|--------|---------|----------|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| WR File Nbr             | Sub basin | Use | Diversion | Owner                        | County | POD Number                    | Well Tag | Code | Grant | Source   | q  | q  | q  | X      | Y       | Distance |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04339</a> | CUB       | MON | 0         | OWL LANDFILL SERVICES LLC    | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD2</a>  | NA       |      |       |  | 64 | 16 | 4  | 636789 | 3563315 | 136      |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD1</a>  |          |      |       |  | 1  | 3  | 3  | 636525 | 3563309 | 149      |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD8</a>  |          |      |       |  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 636518 | 3563681 | 345      |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD3</a>  |          |      |       |  | 2  | 4  | 3  | 637273 | 3563323 | 611      |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD4</a>  |          |      |       |  | 2  | 4  | 3  | 637273 | 3563323 | 611      |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD7</a>  |          |      |       |  | 4  | 4  | 2  | 636473 | 3564011 | 670      |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03600</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 637275 | 3563023 | 702      |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04339</a> | CUB       | MON | 0         | GORDON ENVIRONMENTAL/PSC     | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD5</a>  | NA       |      |       |  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 637579 | 3563328 | 917      |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD10</a> |          |      |       |  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 637687 | 3563503 | 1033     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03600</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD4</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 636617 | 3562293 | 1075     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03601</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD6</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 1  | 4  | 4  | 637833 | 3563338 | 1171     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04339</a> | CUB       | MON | 0         | GORDON ENVIRONMENTAL/PSC     | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD9</a>  | NA       |      |       |  | 3  | 4  | 2  | 637730 | 3563913 | 1199     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03601</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD2</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 637846 | 3563588 | 1203     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04339</a> | CUB       | MON | 0         | GORDON ENVIRONMENTAL/PSC     | LE     | <a href="#">C 04339 POD6</a>  | NA       |      |       |  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 637340 | 3564386 | 1223     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03662</a> | C         | DOL | 3         | GREGORY ROCKHOUSE RANCH INC  | LE     | <a href="#">C 03662 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 637342 | 3564428 | 1259     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03727</a> | C         | PRO | 0         | EOG RESOURCES INC            | LE     | <a href="#">C 03662 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 637342 | 3564428 | 1259     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03728</a> | C         | PRO | 0         | EOG RESOURCES INC            | LE     | <a href="#">C 03662 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 637342 | 3564428 | 1259     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03729</a> | C         | PRO | 0         | ANNETTE MCCLOY               | LE     | <a href="#">C 03662 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 637342 | 3564428 | 1259     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03601</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD7</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 637946 | 3563170 | 1298     |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD5</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 2  | 4  | 4  | 637988 | 3563334 | 1325     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03600</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD7</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 3  | 636726 | 3561968 | 1400     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03601</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD3</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 1  | 3  | 3  | 638141 | 3563413 | 1479     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03600</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD3</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 4  | 2  | 637784 | 3562340 | 1521     |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD6</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 637382 | 3562026 | 1522     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03580</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03580 POD2</a>  |          |      |       |  | 3  | 1  | 24   | 638123 | 3563932 | 1565     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03601</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 4  | 2  | 638124 | 3563937 | 1568     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03565</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03565 POD9</a>  |          |      |       |  | 4  | 4  | 15   | 636429 | 3565005 | 1653     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03585</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03585 POD6</a>  |          |      |       |  | 2  | 4  | 4  | 636431 | 3565007 | 1655     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03600</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD5</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 637857 | 3562020 | 1800     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03585</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03585 POD5</a>  |          |      |       |  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 636245 | 3565387 | 2061     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03602</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03602 POD1</a>  |          |      |       |  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 638799 | 3563040 | 2161     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03603</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03603 POD3</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 636889 | 3561092 | 2286     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03585</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03585 POD3</a>  |          |      |       |  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 635393 | 3565270 | 2287     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03603</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03603 POD2</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 637384 | 3561167 | 2315     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03585</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03585 POD2</a>  |          |      |       |  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 635418 | 3565363 | 2351     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03600</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03600 POD2</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 4  | 1  | 638824 | 3562329 | 2397     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03602</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03602 POD2</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 4  | 1  | 638824 | 3562329 | 2397     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03603</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03603 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 637804 | 3561225 | 2427     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03601</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03601 POD4</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 638161 | 3561375 | 2493     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03917</a> | C         | DOM | 1         | NGL WATER SOLUTIONS PERMIAN  | LE     | <a href="#">C 03917 POD1</a>  | NA       |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 638373 | 3565212 | 2515     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04192</a> | C         | PRO | 0         | ANNETTE MCCLOY               | LE     | <a href="#">C 03917 POD1</a>  | NA       |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 638373 | 3565212 | 2515     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04193</a> | C         | PRO | 0         | EOG RESOURCES INC            | LE     | <a href="#">C 03917 POD1</a>  | NA       |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 638373 | 3565212 | 2515     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 04194</a> | C         | PRO | 0         | MARK MCCLOY                  | LE     | <a href="#">C 03917 POD1</a>  | NA       |      |       | Shallow  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 638373 | 3565212 | 2515     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03585</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03585 POD1</a>  |          |      |       |  | 3  | 4  | 1  | 635368 | 3565544 | 2532     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03565</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03565 POD8</a>  |          |      |       |  | 4  | 1  | 15   | 635484 | 3565610 | 2533     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03585</a> | CUB       | EXP | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03585 POD4</a>  |          |      |       |  | 4  | 4  | 1  | 635485 | 3565610 | 2533     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03603</a> | CUB       | GEO | 0         | INTERCONTINENTAL POTASH CORP | LE     | <a href="#">C 03603 POD5</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 636745 | 3560767 | 2601     |  |                       |  |  |
|                         |           |     |           |                              | LE     | <a href="#">C 03603 POD6</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 3  | 1  | 3  | 636749 | 3560447 | 2922     |  |                       |  |  |
| <a href="#">C 03666</a> | C         | SAN | 1         | LUCID ENERGY DELAWARE LLC    | LE     | <a href="#">C 03666 POD1</a>  |          |      |       | Shallow  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 639132 | 3565078 | 3003     |  |                       |  |  |

Record Count: 66

## Easting (X): 636663 Northing (Y): 3563368 Radius: 5000

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### ACTIVE & INACTIVE POINTS OF DIVERSION




## Blue Krait 23 CTB 2

Nearest Town: 21.93 miles (115,815 feet)

### Legend

 Feature 1

Blue Krait 23 CTB 2 

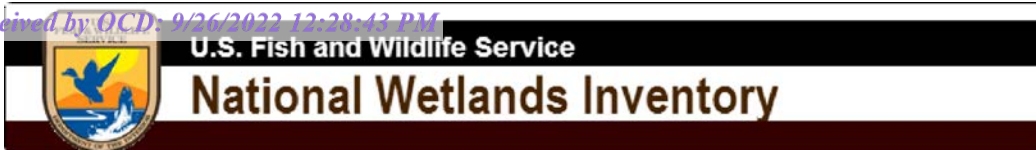
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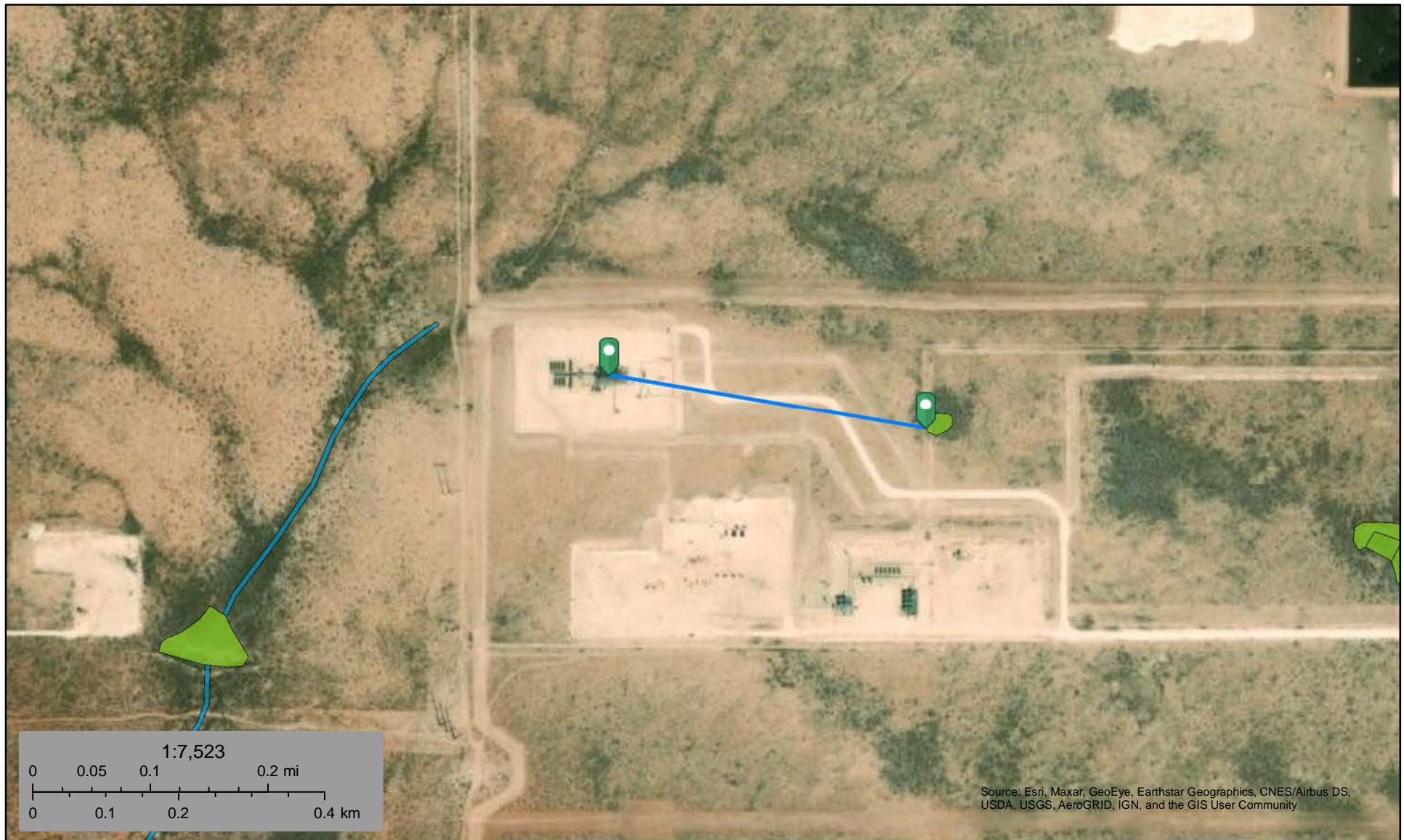
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Wetland, 1222 feet



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**Wetlands**

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

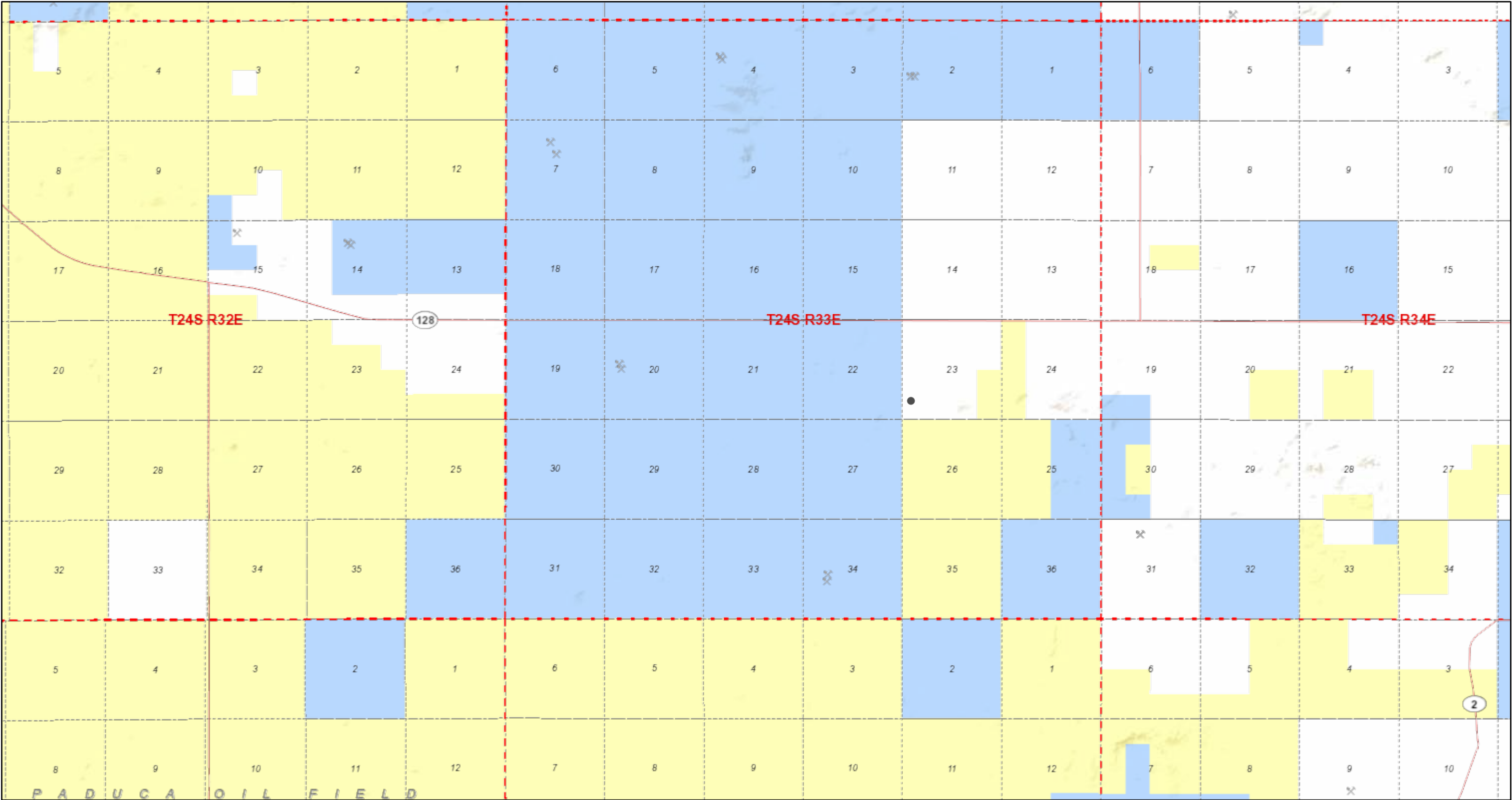
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

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# Active Mines in New Mexico



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Township / Range

Sections

Land Ownership

Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Reclamation

Department of Agriculture

Department of Defense

Department of Energy

National Park Service

Private Land

State Game and Fish

State Land

State Parks

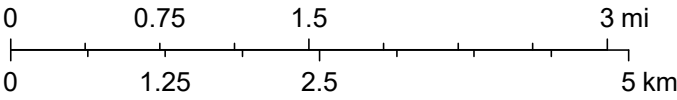
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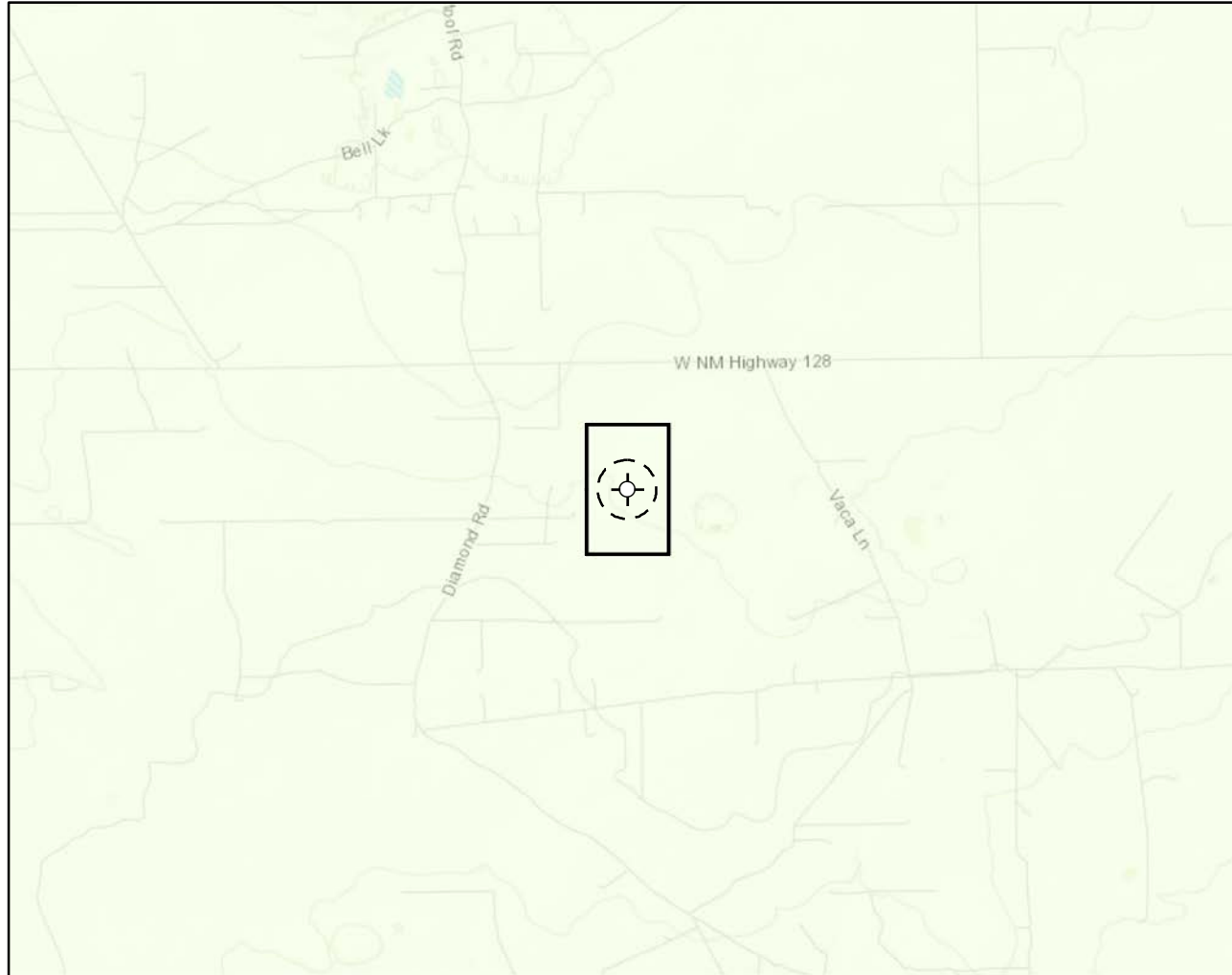
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Registered Mines

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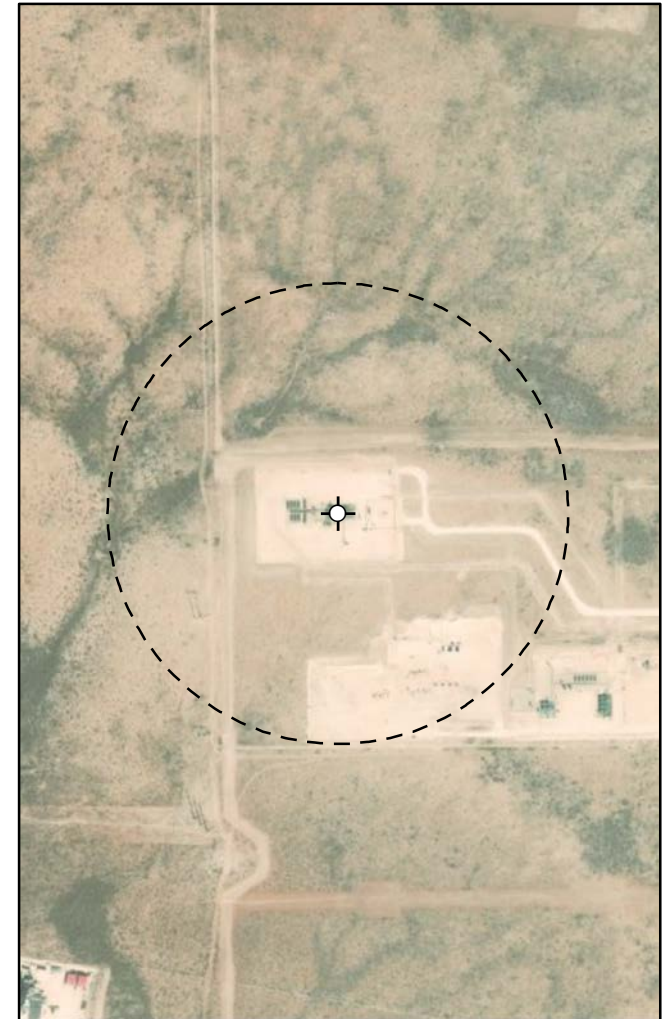
**Karst Potential**

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low

- Site Location
- Site Buffer ( 1,000 ft. )

**Overview Map**

0 0.25 0.5 1 mi

**Detail Map**

0 150 300 600 ft.



Map Center:  
Lat/Long: 32.198616, -103.549891

NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N  
Date: Apr 07/22



**Karst Potential Schematic**  
**Blue Krait 23 CTB 2**

FIGURE:

X



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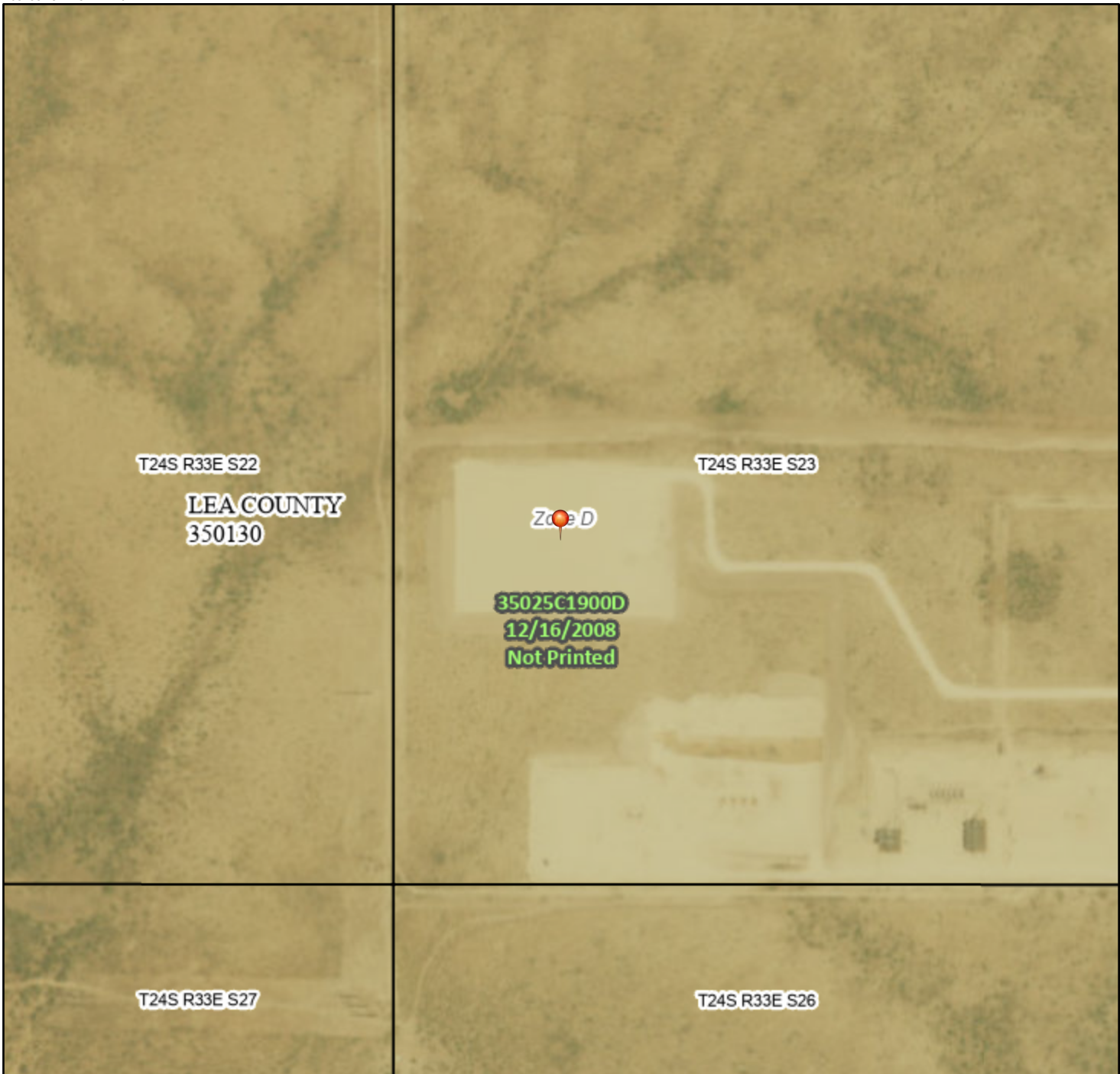
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# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMMette



103°33'19"W 32°12'10"N



## Legend

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

|                             |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS  |  | Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)<br>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   |
| MAP PANELS                  |  | Digital Data Available  |
|                             |  | No Digital Data Available   |
|                             |  | Unmapped  |



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# Custom Soil Resource Report for **Lea County, New Mexico**



March 28, 2022

# Preface

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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](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

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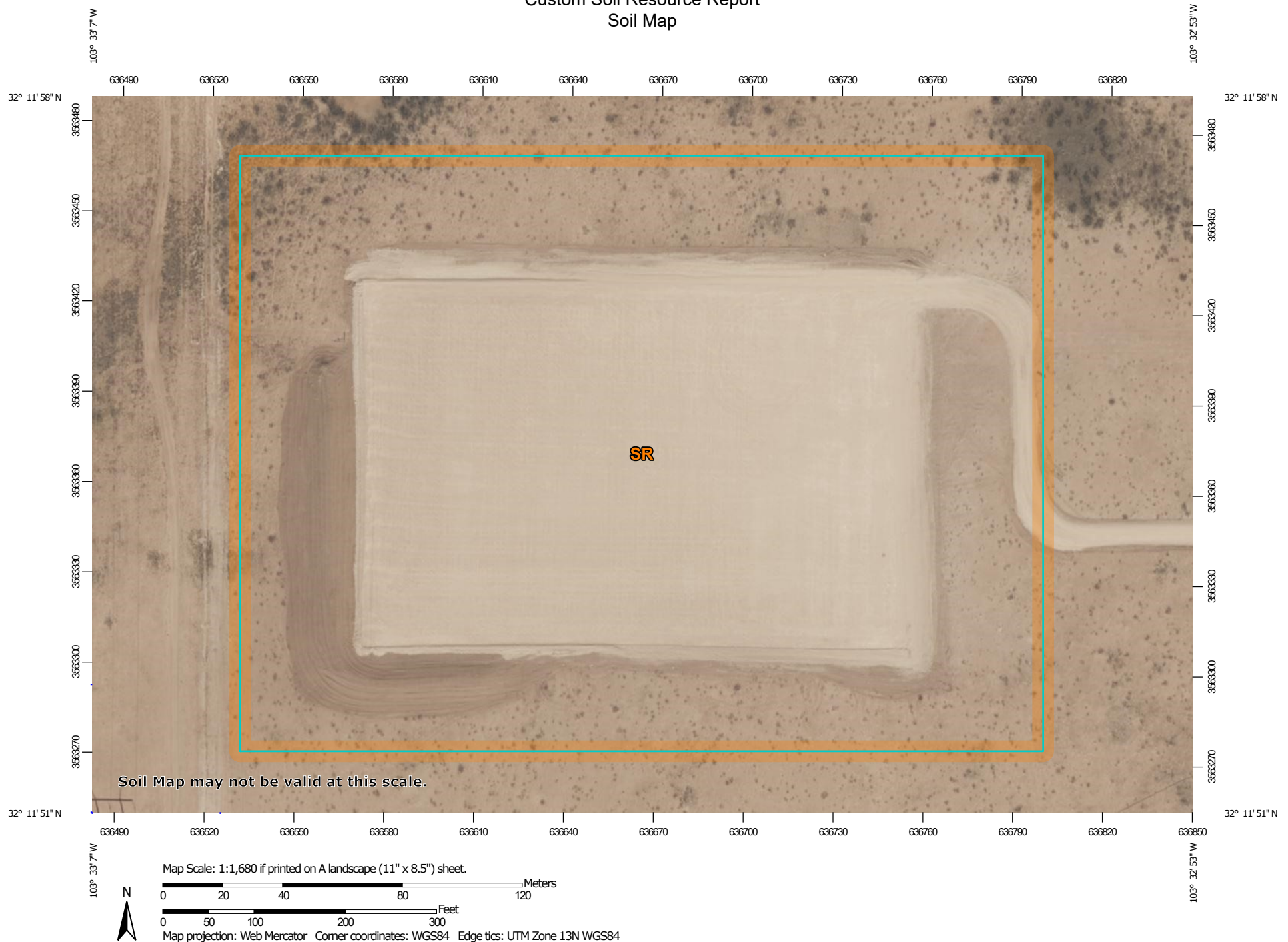
identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

## Soil Map

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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: Lea County, New Mexico  
Survey Area Data: Version 18, Sep 10, 2021

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

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Feb 7, 2020—May 12, 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 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| SR                                 | Simona-Upton association | 13.2         | 100.0%         |
| <b>Totals for Area of Interest</b> |                          | <b>13.2</b>  | <b>100.0%</b>  |

## 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 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.

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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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## SR—Simona-Upton association

## Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* dmr3  
*Elevation:* 3,000 to 4,400 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 10 to 16 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 58 to 62 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 190 to 205 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

## Map Unit Composition

*Simona and similar soils:* 50 percent  
*Upton and similar soils:* 35 percent  
*Minor components:* 15 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

## Description of Simona

## Setting

*Landform:* Ridges  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Rise  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Calcareous eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock

## Typical profile

*A - 0 to 8 inches:* gravelly fine sandy loam  
*Bk - 8 to 16 inches:* fine sandy loam  
*Bkm - 16 to 26 inches:* cemented material

## Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 7 to 20 inches to petrocalcic  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* Very low  
*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:* 50 percent  
*Gypsum, maximum content:* 1 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 2.0  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Very low (about 1.9 inches)

## Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7s  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R042XC002NM - Shallow Sandy  
*Hydric soil rating:* No



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**Description of Upton****Setting**

*Landform:* Ridges  
*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder  
*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Rise  
*Down-slope shape:* Convex  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Calcareous eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock

**Typical profile**

*A - 0 to 8 inches:* gravelly loam  
*Bkm - 8 to 18 inches:* cemented material  
*BCK - 18 to 60 inches:* very gravelly loam

**Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 0 to 3 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 7 to 20 inches to petrocalcic  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*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  
*Gypsum, maximum content:* 1 percent  
*Maximum salinity:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum:* 2.0  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* Very low (about 0.9 inches)

**Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 6e  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 7s  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* D  
*Ecological site:* R042XC025NM - Shallow  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Minor Components****Kimbrough**

*Percent of map unit:* 6 percent  
*Ecological site:* R077CY037TX - Very Shallow 16-21" PZ  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Stegall**

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent  
*Ecological site:* R077CY028TX - Limy Upland 16-21" PZ  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Slaughter**

*Percent of map unit:* 4 percent  
*Ecological site:* R077CY028TX - Limy Upland 16-21" PZ  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

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## Ecological site R042XC002NM Shallow Sandy

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### General information



Figure 1. Mapped extent

Areas shown in blue indicate the maximum mapped extent of this ecological site. Other ecological sites likely occur within the highlighted areas. It is also possible for this ecological site to occur outside of highlighted areas if detailed soil survey has not been completed or recently updated.

### Associated sites

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| R042XC004NM | <b>Sandy</b><br>Sandy sites often occur in association or in a complex with Shallow Sandy Sites. |
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### Similar sites

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| R042XC004NM | <b>Sandy</b><br>Sandy ecological sites are similar to Shallow Sandy sites in species composition and Transition pathways. |
|-------------|---|

Table 1. Dominant plant species

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Tree       | Not specified |
| Shrub      | Not specified |
| Herbaceous | Not specified |

### Physiographic features

This site occurs on plains, alluvial fans, uplands, or fan piedmonts. The parent material consists of mixed loamy alluvium or eolian material derived from igneous and sedimentary bedrock. The petrocalcic layer is at a depth of 10 to 25 inches and undulating.

Slopes are nearly level to undulating, usually less than 9 percent. Elevations range from 2,842 to 4,500 feet.



**Table 2. Representative physiographic features**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Landforms | (1) Plain<br>(2) Fan piedmont<br>(3) Alluvial fan |
| Elevation | 2,842–4,500 ft                                    |
| Slope     | 1–9%  |
| Aspect    | Aspect is not a significant factor                |

## Climatic features

The average annual precipitation ranges from 8 to 13 inches. Variations of 5 inches, more or less, are common. Over 80 percent of the precipitation falls from April through October. Most of the summer precipitation comes in the form of high intensity – short duration thunderstorms.

Temperatures are characterized by distinct seasonal changes and large annual and diurnal temperature changes. The average annual temperature is 61 degrees with extremes of 25 degrees below zero in the winter to 112 degrees in the summer.

The average frost-free season is from 207 to 220 days. The last killing frost is in late March or early April, and the first killing frost is in late October or early November.

Temperature and rainfall both favor warm season perennial plant growth. In years of abundant spring moisture, annual forbs and cool season grasses can make up an important component of the site. The vegetation of this site can take advantage of the moisture and the time it falls. Because of the soil profile, little moisture can be stored in the soil for any length of time. Moisture is readily available to the plants from the time it falls. Strong winds from the southwest blow from January through June which rapidly dries out the soil profile during a critical period for plant growth.

Climate data was obtained from <http://www.wrcc.sage.dri.edu/summary/climsmnm.html> web site using 50% probability for freeze-free and frost-free seasons using 28.5 degrees F and 32.5 degrees F respectively.

**Table 3. Representative climatic features**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Frost-free period (average)   | 221 days |
| Freeze-free period (average)  | 240 days |
| Precipitation total (average) | 13 in    |

## Influencing water features

This site is not influenced from water from wetlands or streams.

## Soil features

Soils are very shallow to shallow, less than 20 inches in depth. Surface and subsurface textures are gravelly loamy sand, gravelly fine sandy loam or fine sandy loam.

An indurated caliche layer occurs at depths of 6 to 25 inches and is at an average of 15 inches from the surface. Underlying material textures are very gravelly fine sandy loam, very gravelly sandy loam, gravelly fine sandy loam. Gravels are calcium carbonate concretions, calcium carbonate content ranges from 30 to 65 percent.

The indurated caliche layer typically holds water up in the profile for short periods within the root zone of plants. These soils will blow if left unprotected by vegetation.

Minimum and maximum values listed below represent the characteristic soils for this site.

Characteristic soils are:

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**Table 4. Representative soil features**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Surface texture   | (1) Fine sandy loam<br>(2) Loamy fine sand<br>(3) Gravelly fine sandy loam |
| Family particle size                                    | (1) Loamy  |
| Drainage class  | Well drained to moderately well drained                                    |
| Permeability class                                      | Moderately slow to moderate  |
| Soil depth  | 7–24 in  |
| Surface fragment cover ≤3"                              | 5–25%  |
| Surface fragment cover >3"                              | 0%   |
| Available water capacity<br>(0–40in)                    | 1–2 in   |
| Calcium carbonate equivalent<br>(0–40in)                | 5–15%  |
| Electrical conductivity<br>(0–40in)                     | 0–4 mmhos/cm   |
| Sodium adsorption ratio<br>(0–40in)                     | 0  |
| Soil reaction (1:1 water)<br>(0–40in)                   | 7.4–8  |
| Subsurface fragment volume ≤3"<br>(Depth not specified) | 5–25%  |
| Subsurface fragment volume >3"<br>(Depth not specified) | 0%   |

## Ecological dynamics

### Overview

The Shallow Sandy site occurs on upland plains, and tops of low ridges and mesas, associated with Sandy, Loamy Sand, and Shallow sites. Coarse to moderately coarse soil surface textures, shallow depth (<20 inches) to an indurated caliche layer (petrocalcic horizon), and an overwhelming dominance by black grama help to distinguish this site. The historic plant community of the Shallow Sandy site is a black grama dominated grassland sparsely dotted with shrubs. Shrubs, especially mesquite and creosotebush can increase or colonize due to the dispersal of shrub seeds by livestock or wildlife. This increase in mesquite and colonization of creosotebush may be enhanced by proximity to areas with existing high shrub densities. Fire suppression, and the loss of grass cover due to overgrazing or drought may facilitate the increase and encroachment of shrubs. Persistent loss of grass cover, competition for resources by shrubs, and periods of climate with increased winter precipitation and dry summers, may initiate the transition to a shrub-dominated state.

## State and transition model

## Plant Communities and Transitional Pathways (diagram)

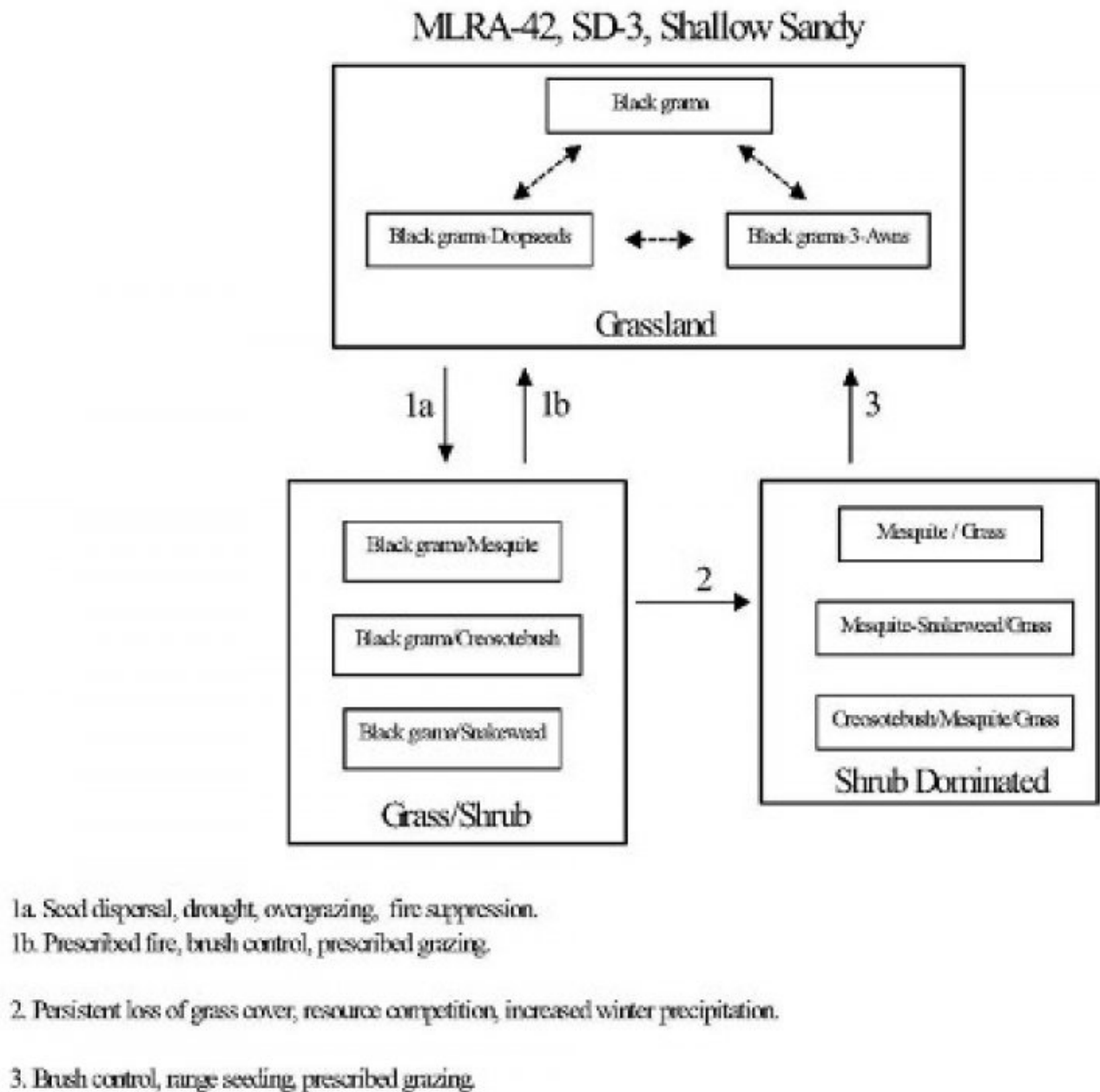


Figure 4.

### State 1 Historic Climax Plant Community

#### Community 1.1 Historic Climax Plant Community

Grassland: This site responds well to management and is resistant to state change, due to the shallow depth to petrocalcic horizon and sandy surface textures. The sandy surface textures allow rapid water infiltration and the petrocalcic horizon helps to keep water perched and available to shallow rooted grasses. Black grama is the dominant species in the historic plant community, averaging 50 to 60 percent of the total production for this site. Bush muhly, blue grama, and dropseeds are present as sub-dominants. Typically, yucca, javalinabush, range

ratany, prickly pear, and mesquite are sparsely dotted across the landscape. Leatherweed croton, cutleaf happlopappus, wooly groundsel, and threadleaf groundsel are common forbs. Continuous heavy grazing or extended periods of drought will cause a loss of grass cover characterized by a decrease in black grama, bush muhly, blue and sideoats grama, plains bristlegrass, and Arizona cottontop. Dropseeds and or threeawns may increase and become sub-dominant to black grama. Continued loss of grass cover in conjunction with dispersal of shrub seeds and fire suppression is believed to cause the transition to a state with increased amounts of shrubs (Grass/Shrub state).

Diagnosis: Black grama is the dominant grass species. Grass cover uniformly distributed. Shrubs are a minor component averaging only two to five percent canopy cover. Litter cover is high (40-50 percent of area), and litter movement is limited to smaller size class litter and short distances (<. 5m).

Other grasses that could appear on this site would include: six-weeks grama, fluffgrass, false-buffalograss, hairy grama, little bluestem, bristle panicum, cane bluestem, Indian ricegrass, tridens spp., and red lovegrass.

Other woody plants include: pricklypear, cholla, fourwing saltbush, catclaw mimosa, winterfat, American tarbush and mesquite.

Other forbs include: globemallow, verbena, desert holly, senna, plains blackfoot, trailing fleabane, fiddleneck, deerstongue, wooly Indianwheat, and locoweed.

**Table 5. Annual production by plant type**

| Plant Type      | Low<br>(Lb/Acre) | Representative Value<br>(Lb/Acre) | High<br>(Lb/Acre) |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Grass/Grasslike | 474              | 652                               | 830               |
| Forb            | 78               | 107                               | 136               |
| Shrub/Vine      | 48               | 66                                | 84                |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>600</b>       | <b>825</b>                        | <b>1050</b>       |

**Table 6. Ground cover**

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Tree foliar cover                 | 0%     |
| Shrub/vine/liana foliar cover     | 0%     |
| Grass/grasslike foliar cover      | 30-35% |
| Forb foliar cover                 | 0%     |
| Non-vascular plants               | 0%     |
| Biological crusts                 | 0%     |
| Litter                            | 40-50% |
| Surface fragments >0.25" and <=3" | 0%     |
| Surface fragments >3"             | 0%     |
| Bedrock                           | 0%     |
| Water                             | 0%     |
| Bare ground                       | 15-25% |

**Figure 6. Plant community growth curve (percent production by month). NM2802, R042XC002NM-Shallow Sandy-HCPC. SD-3 Shallow Sandy - Warm season plant community.**

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0   | 0   | 3   | 5   | 10  | 10  | 25  | 30  | 12  | 5   | 0   | 0   |

## State 2

## Grass/Shrub

### Community 2.1

#### Grass/Shrub

Grass/Shrub: This state is characterized by the notable presence of shrubs, especially mesquite, broom snakeweed, and/or creosotebush, however grasses remain as the dominant species. Black grama is the dominant grass species. Threeawns and or dropseeds are sub-dominant. The susceptibility of the Shallow Sandy site to shrub encroachment may be higher when located adjacent to other sites with high densities of mesquite or creosotebush. Retrogression within this site is characterized by decreases in grass cover and increasing densities of shrubs.

Diagnosis: Black grama remains as the dominant grass species. Grass cover varies in response to the amount of shrub increase, ranging from uniform to patchy. Shrubs are found at increased densities relative to the grassland state, especially mesquite, creosotebush, or broom snakeweed.

Transition to Grass/Shrub (1a) Historically fire may have kept mesquite and other shrubs in check by completely killing some species and disrupting seed production cycles and suppressing the establishment of shrub seedlings in others. Fire suppression combined with seed dispersal by livestock and wildlife is believed to be the factors responsible for the establishment and increase in shrubs.<sup>1, 3</sup> Loss of grass cover due to overgrazing, prolonged periods of drought, or their combination, reduces fire fuel loads and increases the susceptibility of the site to shrub establishment.

Key indicators of approach to transition:

Increase in the relative abundance of dropseeds and threeawns

Presence of shrub seedlings

Loss of organic matter—evidenced by an increase in physical soil crusts <sup>8</sup>

Transition back to Grassland (1b) Brush control is necessary to initiate the transition back to the grassland state. If adequate fuel loads remain, possibly the reintroduction of fire as a management tool will assist in the transition back, however, mixed results have been observed concerning the effects of fire on black grama grasslands.<sup>6</sup> Prescribed grazing will help ensure adequate rest following brush control and will assist in the establishment and maintenance of grass cover capable of sustaining fire.

## State 3

### Shrub Dominated

#### Community 3.1

##### Shrub Dominated

Shrub-Dominated: Across the range of soil types included in the Shallow Sandy site, mesquite is typically the dominant shrub, but it does occur as a co-dominant or sub-dominant species with creosotebush or broom snakeweed. Mesquite tends to dominate when the Shallow Sandy site occurs as part of a complex or in association with Sandy or Loamy Sand sites. Creosotebush tends to dominate on Shallow Sandy sites that occur as part of, or adjacent to Shallow Sites. Broom snakeweed increases in response to heavy grazing, but tends to cycle in and out depending on timing of rainfall. However, once the site is dominated by shrubs and snakeweed becomes well established, it tends to remain as a major component in the shrub dominated state.

Diagnosis: Mesquite, creosotebush, or snakeweed cover is high, exceeding that of grasses. Grass cover is patchy with large connected bare areas present. Black grama, threeawns, or dropseeds may be the dominant grass. Evidence of accelerated wind erosion in the form of pedestalling of plants, and soil deposition around shrub bases may be common.

Transition to Shrub-Dominated (2) Persistent loss of grass cover and the resulting increased competition between shrubs and remaining grasses for dwindling resources (especially soil moisture) may drive this transition.<sup>5</sup> Additionally periods of increased winter precipitation may facilitate periodic episodes of shrub expansion and establishment. <sup>4</sup>



Key indicators of approach to transition:

Increase in size and frequency of bare patches.

Loss of grass cover in shrub interspaces.

Increased signs of erosion, evidenced by pedestalling of plants, and soil and litter deposition on leeward side of plants. 7

Transition back to Grassland (3) Brush control is necessary to reduce competition from shrubs and reestablish grasses. Range seeding may be necessary if insufficient grasses remain, The benefits, and costs, will vary depending upon the degree of site degradation, and adequate precipitation following seeding.

## Additional community tables

Table 7. Community 1.1 plant community composition

| Group                  | Common Name                    | Symbol | Scientific Name               | Annual Production (Lb/Acre) | Foliar Cover (%) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Grass/Grasslike</b> |                                |        |                               |                             |                  |
| 1                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 413–495                     |                  |
|                        | black grama                    | BOER4  | <i>Bouteloua eriopoda</i>     | 413–495                     | –                |
| 2                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 41–83                       |                  |
|                        | bush muhly                     | MUPO2  | <i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>   | 41–83                       | –                |
| 3                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 41–83                       |                  |
|                        | blue grama                     | BOGR2  | <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>     | 41–83                       | –                |
| 4                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 25–41                       |                  |
|                        | sideoats grama                 | BOCU   | <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> | 25–41                       | –                |
| 5                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 41–83                       |                  |
|                        | spike dropseed                 | SPCO4  | <i>Sporobolus contractus</i>  | 41–83                       | –                |
|                        | sand dropseed                  | SPCR   | <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> | 41–83                       | –                |
|                        | mesa dropseed                  | SPFL2  | <i>Sporobolus flexuosus</i>   | 41–83                       | –                |
| 6                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 17–41                       |                  |
|                        | threeawn                       | ARIST  | <i>Aristida</i>               | 17–41                       | –                |
| 7                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 41–83                       |                  |
|                        | Arizona cottontop              | DICA8  | <i>Digitaria californica</i>  | 41–83                       | –                |
|                        | plains bristlegrass            | SEVU2  | <i>Setaria vulpiseta</i>      | 41–83                       | –                |
| 8                      | <b>Warm Season</b>             |        |                               | 41–83                       |                  |
|                        | mat sandbur                    | CELO3  | <i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>   | 41–83                       | –                |
|                        | hooded windmill grass          | CHCU2  | <i>Chloris cucullata</i>      | 41–83                       | –                |
| 9                      | <b>Other Perennial Grasses</b> |        |                               | 25–41                       |                  |
|                        | Grass, perennial               | 2GP    | <i>Grass, perennial</i>       | 25–41                       | –                |
| <b>Shrub/Vine</b>      |                                |        |                               |                             |                  |
| 10                     | <b>Shrub</b>                   |        |                               | 8–25                        |                  |
|                        | javelina bush                  | COER5  | <i>Condalia ericoides</i>     | 8–25                        | –                |
| 11                     | <b>Shrub</b>                   |        |                               | 8–25                        |                  |
|                        | yucca                          | YUCCA  | <i>Yucca</i>                  | 8–25                        | –                |
| 12                     | <b>Shrub</b>                   |        |                               | 8–25                        |                  |
|                        | jointfir                       | EPHED  | <i>Ephedra</i>                | 8–25                        | –                |
|                        | littleleaf ratany              | KRER   | <i>Krameria erecta</i>        | 8–25                        | –                |
| 13                     | <b>Shrub</b>                   |        |                               | 8–25                        |                  |

|             |   |        |   |       |   |
|-------------|---|--------|---|-------|---|
| 13          | Shrub                                       |        |   | 8–25  | – |
|             | featherplume                                | DAFO   | <i>Dalea formosa</i>  | 8–25  | – |
| 14          | Shrub                                       |        |   | 8–25  |   |
|             | broom snakeweed                             | GUSA2  | <i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>  | 8–25  | – |
| 15          | Other Shrubs                                |        |   | 25–41 |   |
|             | Shrub (>.5m)                                | 2SHRUB | <i>Shrub (&gt;.5m)</i>  | 25–41 | – |
| <b>Forb</b> |   |        |   |       |   |
| 16          | Forb  |        |   | 17–41 |   |
|             | leatherweed                                 | CRPOP  | <i>Croton pottsii</i> var. <i>pottsii</i>                                       | 17–41 | – |
|             | Goodding's tansyaster                       | MAPIG2 | <i>Machaeranthera pinnatifida</i> ssp. <i>gooddingii</i> var. <i>gooddingii</i> | 17–41 | – |
| 17          | Forb  |        |   | 17–41 |   |
|             | woolly groundsel                            | PACA15 | <i>Packera cana</i>   | 17–41 | – |
|             | threadleaf ragwort                          | SEFLF  | <i>Senecio flaccidus</i> var. <i>flaccidus</i>                                  | 17–41 | – |
| 18          | Forb  |        |   | 8–25  |   |
|             | whitest evening primrose                    | OEAL   | <i>Oenothera albicaulis</i>   | 8–25  | – |
| 19          | Other Forbs                                 |        |   | 8–25  |   |
|             | Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like) | 2FORB  | <i>Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like)</i>                              | 8–25  | – |

## Animal community

This site provides habitats which support a resident animal community that is characterized by pronghorn antelope, swift fox, black-tailed jackrabbit, spotted ground squirrel, Ord's kangaroo rat, northern grasshopper mouse, coyote, horned lark, meadowlark, lark bunting, scaled quail, morning dove, side-blotched lizard, round-tailed horned lizard, marbled whiptail, prairie rattlesnake and ornate box turtle.

## Hydrological functions

The runoff curve numbers are determined by field investigations using hydraulic cover conditions and hydrologic soil groups.

Hydrologic Interpretations  
Soil Series Hydrologic Group  
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## Recreational uses

This site offers recreation for hiking, horseback riding, nature observation and photography, and quail and dove hunting. During years of abundant spring moisture, this site displays a riot of color from wildflowers during May and June. A few summer and fall flowers also occur.

## Wood products

The natural potential plant community of this site affords little or no wood products. Where the site has been invaded by mesquite or cholla cactus the roots and stems of these plants provide attractive material for a variety of curiosities, such as lamps and small furniture.

## Other products

This site is suitable for grazing by all kinds and classes of livestock during all seasons of the year. Because of the sandy textures and shallow profile, this site will respond rapidly to management. As this site deteriorates, plants such as black grama, bush muhly, blue and sideoats grama, plains bristlegrass and Arizona cottontop, will decrease and be replaced by plants such as threeawns, mesquite, creosote bush, and broom snakeweed. This also causes a decrease in ground cover, leaving the soil to blow. This site responds best to a system of management that rotates the season of use.

## Other information

Guide to Suggested Initial Stocking Rate Acres per Animal Unit Month

Similarity Index Ac/AUM

100 - 76 2.5 – 3.5

75 – 51 3.2 – 4.6

50 – 26 4.5 – 7.5

25 – 0 7.6 +

## Inventory data references

Data collection for this site was done in conjunction with the progressive soil surveys within the Southern Desertic Basins, Plains and Mountains, Major Land Resource Areas of New Mexico. This site has been mapped and correlated with soils in the following soil surveys. Eddy County, Lea County, and Chaves County.

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## Rangeland health reference sheet

Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health is a qualitative assessment protocol used to determine ecosystem condition based on benchmark characteristics described in the Reference Sheet. A suite of 17 (or more) indicators are typically considered in an assessment. The ecological site(s) representative of an assessment location must be known prior to applying the protocol and must be verified based on soils and climate. Current plant community cannot be used to identify the ecological site.

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Author(s)/participant(s)                    |                   |
| Contact for lead author                     |                   |
| Date  |                   |
| Approved by                                 |                   |
| Approval date                               |                   |
| Composition (Indicators 10 and 12) based on | Annual Production |

## Indicators

1. **Number and extent of rills:**

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2. **Presence of water flow patterns:**

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3. **Number and height of erosional pedestals or terracettes:**

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

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

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

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

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8. **Soil surface (top few mm) resistance to erosion (stability values are averages - most sites will show a range of values):**

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9. **Soil surface structure and SOM content (include type of structure and A-horizon color and thickness):**
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10. **Effect of community phase composition (relative proportion of different functional groups) and spatial distribution on infiltration and runoff:**
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11. **Presence and thickness of compaction layer (usually none; describe soil profile features which may be mistaken for compaction on this site):**
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12. **Functional/Structural Groups (list in order of descending dominance by above-ground annual-production or live foliar cover using symbols: >>, >, = to indicate much greater than, greater than, and equal to):**
- Dominant:
- Sub-dominant:
- Other:
- Additional:
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13. **Amount of plant mortality and decadence (include which functional groups are expected to show mortality or decadence):**
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14. **Average percent litter cover (%) and depth ( in):**
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15. **Expected annual annual-production (this is TOTAL above-ground annual-production, not just forage annual-production):**
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16. **Potential invasive (including noxious) species (native and non-native). List species which BOTH characterize degraded states and have the potential to become a dominant or co-dominant species on the ecological site if their future establishment and growth is not actively controlled by management interventions. Species that become dominant for only one to several years (e.g., short-term response to drought or wildfire) are not invasive plants. Note that unlike other indicators, we are describing what is NOT expected in the reference state for the ecological site:**
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17. **Perennial plant reproductive capability:**
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|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Tree       | Not specified |
| Shrub      | Not specified |
| Herbaceous | Not specified |

### Physiographic features

This site occurs on knolls, ridges, hillslopes alluvial fans and escarpments. Slopes range from 0 to 25 percent and average about 7 percent. Direction of slope varies and is usually not significant. Elevations range from 2,842 to 4,500 feet.

**Table 2. Representative physiographic features**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Landforms          | (1) Hill<br>(2) Ridge<br>(3) Fan piedmont |
| Flooding frequency | None                                      |
| Ponding frequency  | None                                      |
| Elevation          | 2,842–4,500 ft                            |
| Slope              | 0–25%                                     |
| Aspect             | Aspect is not a significant factor        |

## Climatic features

The average annual precipitation ranges from 8 to 13 inches. Variations of 5 inches, more or less, are common. Over 80 percent of the precipitation falls from April through October. Most of the summer precipitation comes in the form of high intensity – short duration thunderstorms.

Temperatures are characterized by distinct seasonal changes and large annual and diurnal temperature changes. The average annual temperature is 61 degrees with extremes of 25 degrees below zero in the winter to 112 degrees in the summer.

The average frost-free season is 180 to 220 days. The last killing frost is late March or early April, and the first killing frost is in late October or early November.

Temperature and rainfall both favor warm season perennial plant growth. In years of abundant spring moisture, annual forbs and cool season grasses can make up an important component of this site. Because of the shallow soil depth, the vegetation on this site can take advantage of moisture almost anytime it falls. Strong winds that blow from the west and southwest blow from January through June, which accelerates soil drying at a critical time for cool season plant growth.

Climate data was obtained from <http://www.wrcc.sage.dri.edu/summary/climsmnm.html> web site using 50% probability for freeze-free and frost-free seasons using 28.5 degrees F and 32.5 degrees F respectively.

**Table 3. Representative climatic features**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Frost-free period (average)   | 220 days |
| Freeze-free period (average)  | 240 days |
| Precipitation total (average) | 13 in    |

## Influencing water features

This site is not influenced from water from wetlands or streams.

## Soil features

The soils of this site are shallow to very shallow. Soils are derived from mixed calcareous eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock. Surface layers are very cobbly loam, very gravelly loam, gravelly loam, cobbly loam, gravelly fine sandy loam or gravelly sandy loam.

There is an indurated caliche layer or limestone bedrock that occurs within 20 inches and averages less than 10 inches. Limestone or caliche layer may be the restrictive layer.

Minimum and maximum values listed below represent the characteristic soils for this site.

Characteristic soils:

Lozier  
Potter  
Tencee  
Upton  
Ector  
Kimbrough

**Table 4. Representative soil features**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Surface texture  | (1) Gravelly loam<br>(2) Extremely gravelly loam<br>(3) Extremely cobbly loam |
| Family particle size                                     | (1) Loamy   |
| Drainage class   | Well drained  |
| Permeability class                                       | Very slow to moderately slow  |
| Soil depth   | 4–20 in   |
| Surface fragment cover <=3"                              | 15–40%  |
| Available water capacity<br>(0–40in)                     | 1 in  |
| Calcium carbonate equivalent<br>(0–40in)                 | 15–60%  |
| Electrical conductivity<br>(0–40in)                      | 0–2 mmhos/cm  |
| Sodium adsorption ratio<br>(0–40in)                      | 0–1   |
| Soil reaction (1:1 water)<br>(0–40in)                    | 7.4–8.4   |
| Subsurface fragment volume <=3"<br>(Depth not specified) | 13–42%  |
| Subsurface fragment volume >3"<br>(Depth not specified)  | 0–1%  |

## Ecological dynamics

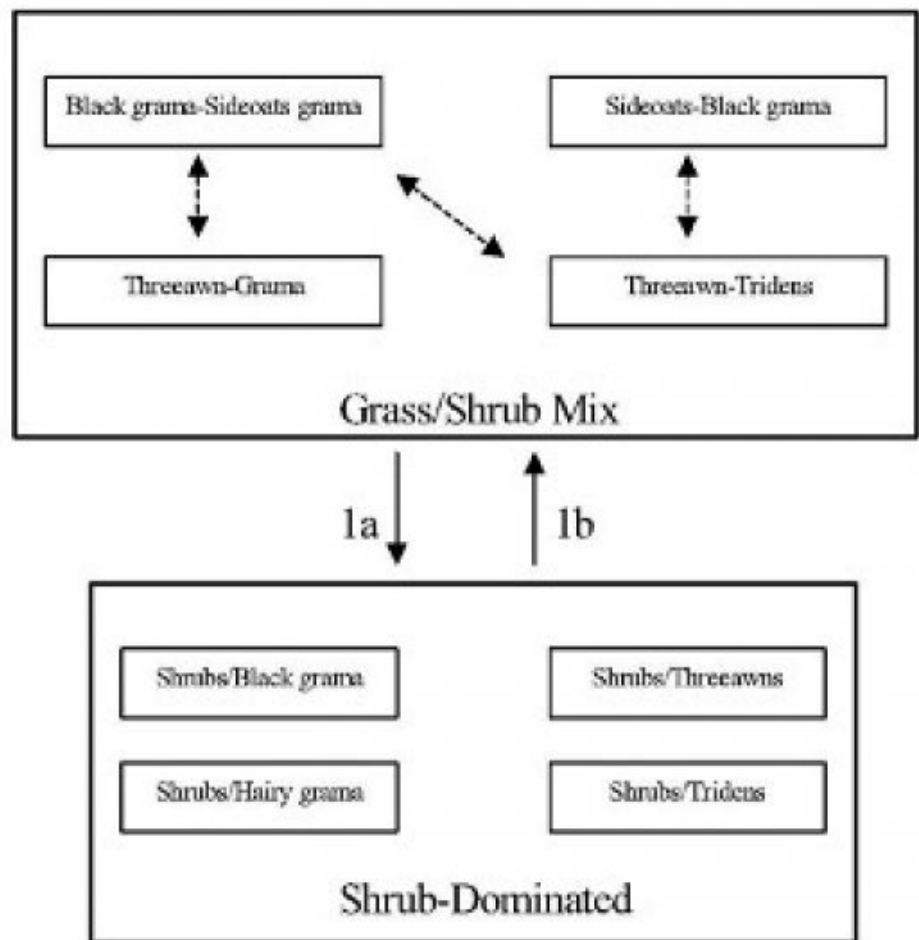
### Overview:

The Shallow site is associated with and Limestone Hills, Loamy, and Shallow Sandy sites. When associated with Limestone Hills, the Shallow site occurs on the summits, foot slopes and toeslopes of hills. Loamy sites often occur as areas between low elongated hills with rounded crests (Shallow site). When the Shallow Sandy site and Shallow site occur in association, the Shallow Sandy soils occupy the tops of low ridges and the Shallow site soils occur on the steeper sideslopes of the ridge. The historic plant community of the Shallow site has the aspect of a grassland/shrub mix, dominated by grasses, but with shrubs common throughout the site. Black grama is the dominant grass species; creosotebush, mesquite, and catclaw mimosa are common shrubs. Overgrazing and or extended drought can reduce grass cover, effect a change in grass species dominance, and may result in a shrub-dominated state. 1

## State and transition model

## Plant Communities and Transitional Pathways (diagram)

### MLRA-42, SD-3, Shallow



1a. Extended drought, overgrazing, no fire

1b. Brush control, Prescribed grazing

Figure 4.

### State 1 Grass/Shrub Mix

#### Community 1.1 Grass/Shrub Mix

Grassland/Shrub Mix: The historic plant community is dominated by black grama with sideoats grama as the sub-dominant. Blue grama, hairy grama, bush muhly, and sand dropseed also occur in significant amounts. Sideoats grama can occur as the dominant grass with black grama as sub-dominant on the western side of the Land Resource Unit SD-3. This may be due to higher average elevation on the west side. Retrogression within this state due to extended drought or overgrazing will cause a decrease in species such as black grama, sideoats grama, blue grama, and bush muhly. Threeawns may become the dominant grass species due to a decline in more palatable grasses or because of its ability to quickly recover following drought. Continued loss of grass cover and associated increase in amount of bare ground may result in a shrub-dominated state. Decreased fire frequencies may also be

an important component in the cause of this transition.

Diagnosis: Grass cover is fairly uniform, however, surface gravel, cobble, and bare ground make up a large percent of total ground cover, and grass production during unfavorable years may only average 150-175 pounds per acre. Shrubs are common with canopy cover averaging five to ten percent. Evidence of erosion such as rills and gullies are rare, but may occur on slopes greater than eight percent.

**Table 5. Annual production by plant type**

| Plant Type      | Low<br>(Lb/Acre) | Representative Value<br>(Lb/Acre) | High<br>(Lb/Acre) |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Grass/Grasslike | 168              | 352                               | 536               |
| Shrub/Vine      | 63               | 131                               | 200               |
| Forb            | 20               | 42                                | 64                |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>251</b>       | <b>525</b>                        | <b>800</b>        |

**Table 6. Ground cover**

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Tree foliar cover                 | 0%     |
| Shrub/vine/liana foliar cover     | 5-10%  |
| Grass/grasslike foliar cover      | 10-15% |
| Forb foliar cover                 | 0%     |
| Non-vascular plants               | 0%     |
| Biological crusts                 | 0%     |
| Litter                            | 5-8%   |
| Surface fragments >0.25" and <=3" | 0%     |
| Surface fragments >3"             | 0%     |
| Bedrock                           | 0%     |
| Water                             | 0%     |
| Bare ground                       | 40-60% |

**Figure 6. Plant community growth curve (percent production by month).  
NM2825, R042XC025NM Shallow HCPC. R042XC025NM Shallow HCPC Warm  
Season Plant Community.**

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0   | 0   | 3   | 5   | 10  | 10  | 25  | 30  | 12  | 5   | 0   | 0   |

## State 2 Shrub-Dominated

### Community 2.1 Shrub-Dominated

Shrub-Dominated: This state is characterized by an increase in shrubs and a decrease in grass cover relative to grassland/shrub mix. As grass cover decreases shrubs increase, especially creosotebush, catclaw mimosa, whitethorn acacia, and mesquite. Each of these shrub species may become dominant in localized areas or across the site, depending on the spatial variability in soil characteristics and landscape position. Black grama, threeawns, hairy grama, or hairy tridens may be the dominant grass species. Fluffgrass, burrograss and broom snakeweed increase in representation. The Shallow site is resistant to state change, due to the natural rock armor of the soil and a shallow impermeable layer. The amount of rock fragments on the soil surface assist in retarding erosion. On Shallow sites with low slope, the shallow depth to either a petrocalcic layer or limestone bedrock helps to keep water perched and available to shallow rooted grasses for extended periods. 2



Diagnosis: Shrubs are the dominant species, especially creosotebush, catclaw mimosa, whitethorn acacia, or mesquite. Grass cover is variable ranging from patchy with large connected bare areas present to sparse with only a limited amount in shrub inter-spaces.

Transition to Shrub-Dominated (1a) Overgrazing and or extended periods of drought, and suppression of natural fire regimes are thought to cause this transition. As grass cover is lost, soil fertility and available soil moisture decline, due to the reduction of organic matter and decreased infiltration.<sup>3</sup> Shrubs have the ability to extract nutrients and water from a greater area of soil than grasses and are better able to utilize limited water. Competition by shrubs for water and nutrients limits grass recruitment and establishment. Fire historically may have played a part in suppressing shrub expansion; fire suppression may therefore facilitate shrub expansion.

Key indicators of approach to transition:

\*Decrease or change in composition or distribution of grass cover.

\*Increase in size and frequency of bare patches.

\*Increase in amount of shrub seedlings.

Transition back to Grassland/Shrub Mix (1b) Brush control is necessary to re-establish grasses. Prescribed grazing will help to ensure proper forage utilization and sustain grass cover. Once the transition is reversed and grass cover is re-established, periodic use of prescribed fire may assist in maintaining the Grassland/Shrub state.

## Additional community tables

Table 7. Community 1.1 plant community composition

| Group                  | Common Name             | Symbol | Scientific Name                 | Annual Production (Lb/Acre) | Foliar Cover (%) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Grass/Grasslike</b> |                         |        |                                 |                             |                  |
| 1                      |                         |        |                                 | 105–158                     |                  |
|                        | black grama             | BOER4  | <i>Bouteloua eriopoda</i>       | 105–158                     | –                |
| 2                      |                         |        |                                 | 79–105                      |                  |
|                        | sideoats grama          | BOCU   | <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>   | 79–105                      | –                |
| 3                      |                         |        |                                 | 79–105                      |                  |
|                        | blue grama              | BOGR2  | <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>       | 79–105                      | –                |
|                        | hairy grama             | BOHI2  | <i>Bouteloua hirsuta</i>        | 79–105                      | –                |
| 4                      |                         |        |                                 | 26–53                       |                  |
|                        | bush muhly              | MUPO2  | <i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>     | 26–53                       | –                |
| 5                      |                         |        |                                 | 16–26                       |                  |
|                        | cane bluestem           | BOBA3  | <i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i>  | 16–26                       | –                |
| 6                      |                         |        |                                 | 26–53                       |                  |
|                        | sand dropseed           | SPCR   | <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>   | 26–53                       | –                |
| 7                      |                         |        |                                 | 16–26                       |                  |
|                        | hairy woollygrass       | ERPI5  | <i>Erioneuron pilosum</i>       | 16–26                       | –                |
| 8                      |                         |        |                                 | 5–16                        |                  |
|                        | ear muhly               | MUAR   | <i>Muhlenbergia arenacea</i>    | 5–16                        | –                |
| 9                      |                         |        |                                 | 5–16                        |                  |
|                        | New Mexico feathergrass | HENE5  | <i>Hesperostipa neomexicana</i> | 5–16                        | –                |
| 10                     |                         |        |                                 | 5–16                        |                  |
|                        | low woollygrass         | DAPU7  | <i>Dasyochloa pulchella</i>     | 5–16                        | –                |
| 11                     |                         |        |                                 | 16–26                       |                  |
|                        | Grass, perennial        | 2GP    | <i>Grass, perennial</i>         | 16–26                       | –                |

|                   |   |        |  |       |   |
|-------------------|---|--------|--|-------|---|
| <b>Forb</b>       |   |        |  |       |   |
| 12                |   |        |  | 11–26 |   |
|                   | stemless four-nerve daisy                   | TEACE  | <i>Tetraneuris acaulis</i> var. <i>epunctata</i>   | 11–26 | – |
| 13                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | woolly groundsel                            | PACA15 | <i>Packera cana</i>                                | 5–16  | – |
| 14                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | globemallow                                 | SPHAE  | <i>Sphaeralcea</i>                                 | 5–16  | – |
| 15                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | bladderpod                                  | LESQU  | <i>Lesquerella</i>                                 | 5–16  | – |
| 16                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | cassia                                      | CASSI  | <i>Cassia</i>                                      | 5–16  | – |
| 17                |   |        |  | 11–26 |   |
|                   | Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like) | 2FORB  | <i>Forb (herbaceous, not grass nor grass-like)</i> | 11–26 | – |
| <b>Shrub/Vine</b> |   |        |  |       |   |
| 18                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | littleleaf sumac                            | RHMI3  | <i>Rhus microphylla</i>                            | 5–16  | – |
| 19                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | creosote bush                               | LATR2  | <i>Larrea tridentata</i>                           | 5–16  | – |
| 20                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | littleleaf ratany                           | KRER   | <i>Krameria erecta</i>                             | 5–16  | – |
| 21                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | javelina bush                               | COER5  | <i>Condalia ericoides</i>                          | 5–16  | – |
| 22                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | American tarwort                            | FLCE   | <i>Flourensia cernua</i>                           | 5–16  | – |
| 23                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | crown of thorns                             | KOSP   | <i>Koeberlinia spinosa</i>                         | 5–16  | – |
| 24                |   |        |  | 11–26 |   |
|                   | honey mesquite                              | PRGL2  | <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>                         | 11–26 | – |
|                   | honey mesquite                              | PRGL2  | <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>                         | 11–26 | – |
| 25                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | catclaw mimosa                              | MIACB  | <i>Mimosa aculeaticarpa</i> var. <i>biuncifera</i> | 5–16  | – |
| 26                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | pricklypear                                 | OPUNT  | <i>Opuntia</i>                                     | 5–16  | – |
| 27                |   |        |  | 11–26 |   |
|                   | mariola                                     | PAIN2  | <i>Parthenium incanum</i>                          | 11–26 | – |
|                   | mariola                                     | PAIN2  | <i>Parthenium incanum</i>                          | 11–26 | – |
| 28                |   |        |  | 5–16  |   |
|                   | broom snakeweed                             | GUSA2  | <i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>                       | 5–16  | – |
| 29                |   |        |  | 16–26 |   |
|                   | Shrub (>.5m)                                | 2SHRUB | <i>Shrub (&gt;.5m)</i>                             | 16–26 | – |

## Animal community

This site provides habitats which support a resident animal community that is characterized by desert cottontail, spotted ground squirrel, Merriam's kangaroo rat, cactus mouse, white-throated woodrat, gray fox, spotted skunk, roadrunner, Swainson's hawk, white-necked raven, cactus wren, pyrrhuloxia, lark sparrow, mourning dove, scaled quail, leopard lizard, round-tailed horned lizard, prairie rattlesnake, marbled whiptail, and greater earless lizard. Where associated with limestone hills, mule deer utilize this site.

Where large woody shrubs occur, most resident birds and scissor-tailed flycatcher, morning dove, lark sparrow and Swainson's hawk nest.

## Hydrological functions

The runoff curve numbers are determined by field investigations using hydraulic cover conditions and hydrologic soil groups.

### Hydrologic Interpretations

Soil Series----- Hydrologic Group

Lozier----- D

Potter----- C

Tencee----- D

Upton----- C

Kimbrough----- D

Upton----- D

Ector----- D

## Recreational uses

This site offers recreation potential for hiking, horseback riding, rock hunting, nature photography and bird hunting and birding. During years of abundant spring moisture, a colorful array of wild flowers is displayed during May and June. A few summer and fall flowers also occur.

## Wood products

This site has no potential for wood production.

## Other products

This site is suited for grazing by all kinds and classes of livestock during all seasons of the year. Missmanagement will cause a decrease in black grama, sideoats grama, and blue grama, bush muhly and New Mexico feathergrass. A corresponding increase in bare ground will occur. There will also be an increase in muhlys, fluffgrass, creosotebush, javalinalbush, catclaw, and mesquite. This site will respond best to a system of management that rotates the season of use.

## Other information

Guide to Suggested Initial Stocking Rate Acres per Animal Unit Month

Similarity Index----- Ac/AUM

100 - 76----- 3.7 – 4.5

75 – 51----- 4.3 – 5.5

50 – 26----- 5.3 – 10.0

25 – 0----- 10.1 +

## Inventory data references

Data collection for this site was done in conjunction with the progressive soil surveys within the Southern Deseretic Basins, Plains and Mountains, Major Land Resource Areas of New Mexico (SD-3). This site has been mapped and

correlated with soils in the following soil surveys. Eddy County, Lea County, and Chaves County.

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## Rangeland health reference sheet

Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health is a qualitative assessment protocol used to determine ecosystem condition based on benchmark characteristics described in the Reference Sheet. A suite of 17 (or more) indicators are typically considered in an assessment. The ecological site(s) representative of an assessment location must be known prior to applying the protocol and must be verified based on soils and climate. Current plant community cannot be used to identify the ecological site.

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Author(s)/participant(s)                    |                   |
| Contact for lead author                     |                   |
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| Approval date                               |                   |
| Composition (Indicators 10 and 12) based on | Annual Production |

## Indicators

### 1. Number and extent of rills:

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### 2. Presence of water flow patterns:

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### 3. Number and height of erosional pedestals or terracettes:

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

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5. **Number of gullies and erosion associated with gullies:**
- 
6. **Extent of wind scoured, blowouts and/or depositional areas:**
- 
7. **Amount of litter movement (describe size and distance expected to travel):**
- 
8. **Soil surface (top few mm) resistance to erosion (stability values are averages - most sites will show a range of values):**
- 
9. **Soil surface structure and SOM content (include type of structure and A-horizon color and thickness):**
- 
10. **Effect of community phase composition (relative proportion of different functional groups) and spatial distribution on infiltration and runoff:**
- 
11. **Presence and thickness of compaction layer (usually none; describe soil profile features which may be mistaken for compaction on this site):**
- 
12. **Functional/Structural Groups (list in order of descending dominance by above-ground annual-production or live foliar cover using symbols: >>, >, = to indicate much greater than, greater than, and equal to):**
- Dominant:
- Sub-dominant:
- Other:
- Additional:
- 
13. **Amount of plant mortality and decadence (include which functional groups are expected to show mortality or decadence):**
- 
14. **Average percent litter cover (%) and depth ( in):**
- 
15. **Expected annual annual-production (this is TOTAL above-ground annual-production, not just forage annual-production):**
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16. **Potential invasive (including noxious) species (native and non-native). List species which BOTH characterize degraded states and have the potential to become a dominant or co-dominant species on the ecological site if**

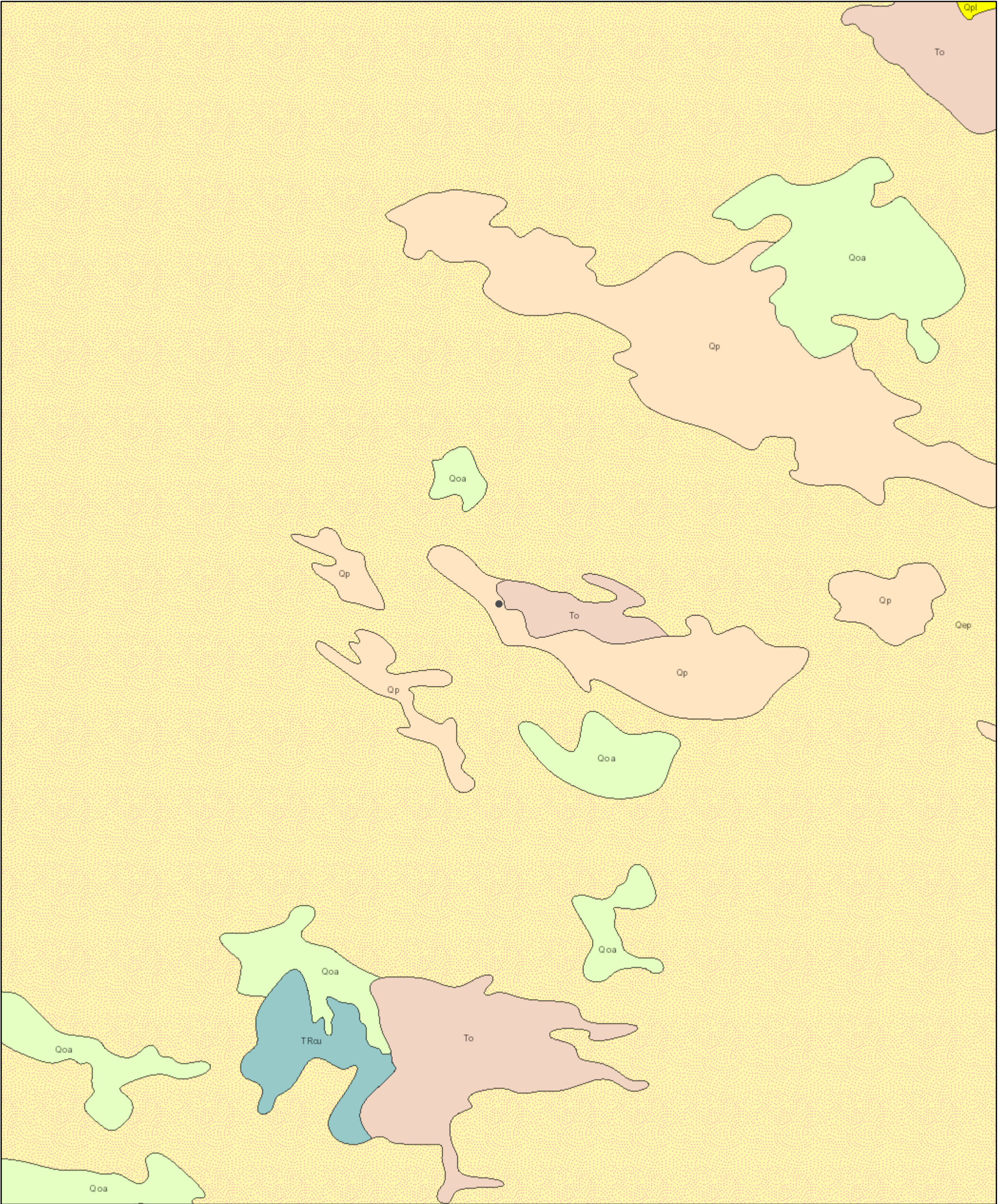


their future establishment and growth is not actively controlled by management interventions. Species that become dominant for only one to several years (e.g., short-term response to drought or wildfire) are not invasive plants. Note that unlike other indicators, we are describing what is NOT expected in the reference state for the ecological site:

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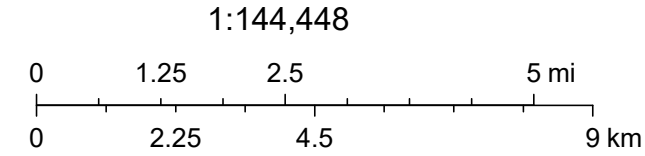
17. Perennial plant reproductive capability:

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- Lithologic Units
- Playa—Alluvium and evaporite deposits (Holocene)
  - Water—Perennial standing water
  - Qa—Alluvium (Holocene to upper Pleistocene)



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line data;

## **ATTACHMENT 4**

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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:

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Thank you,

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