

# NWO-2014-02338-MT Overview

June, 2023

## Legend

- Boundary
- Culverts
- Culverts (off-site)
- Dry Creek
- Dry Creek/Spain Ferris Fork Ditch
- Hyalite Creek -OS-1
- Hyalite Creek -OS-2
- Mammoth Ditch
- Mammoth Ditch (off-site)
- Off-site Dry Creek
- Thompson Creek
- W-C3/Spain Ferris Fork Ditch
- W-D
- W-E

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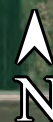
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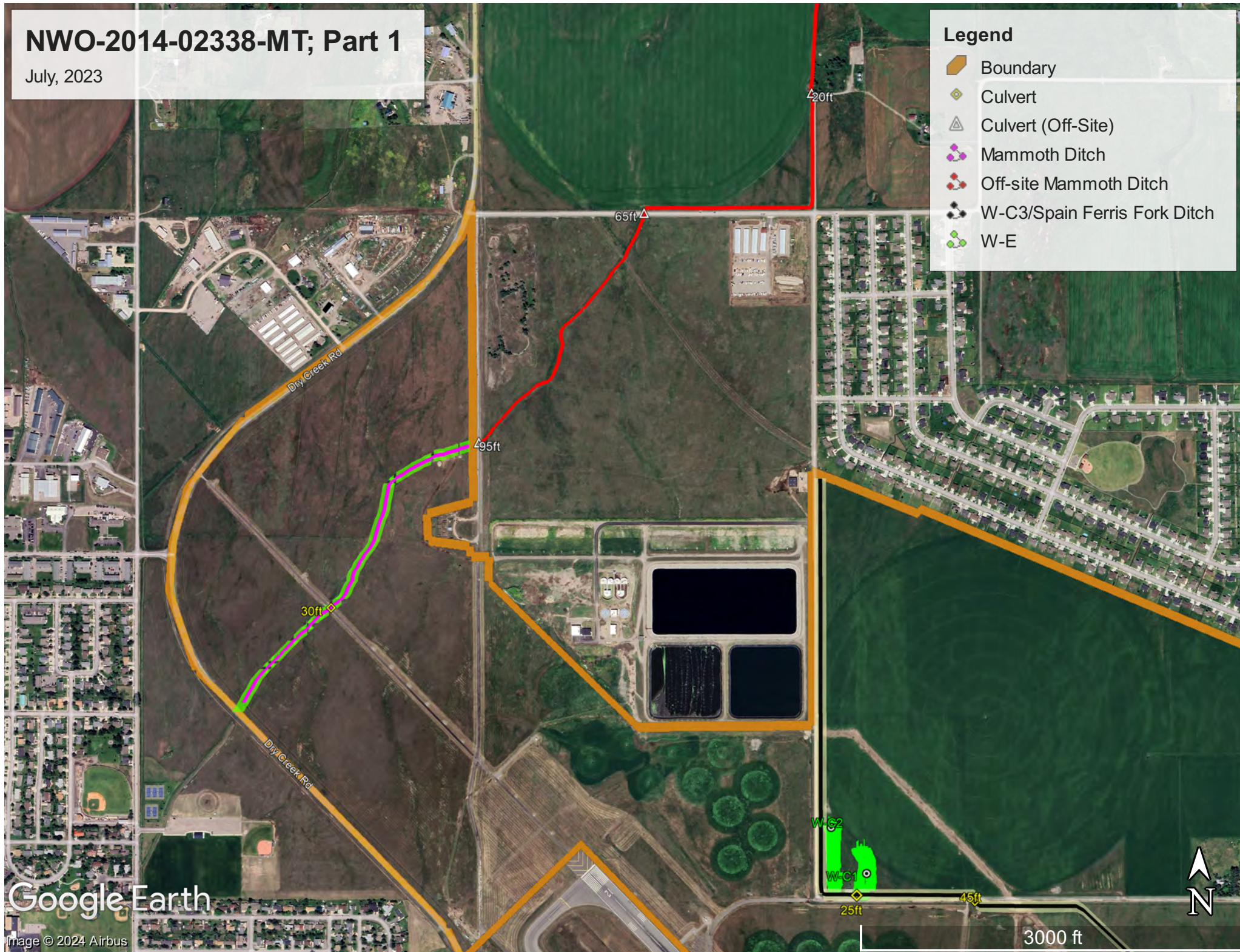
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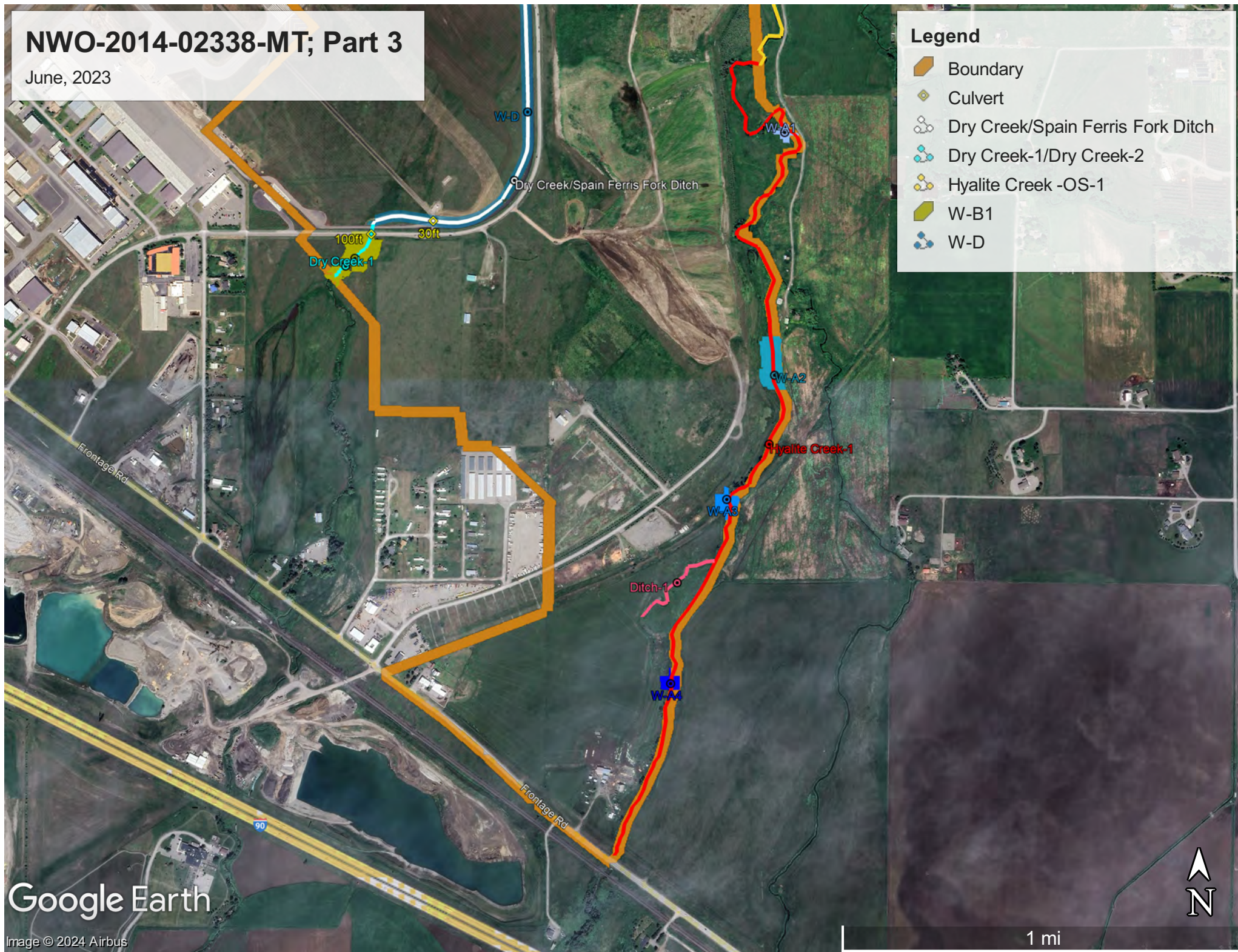


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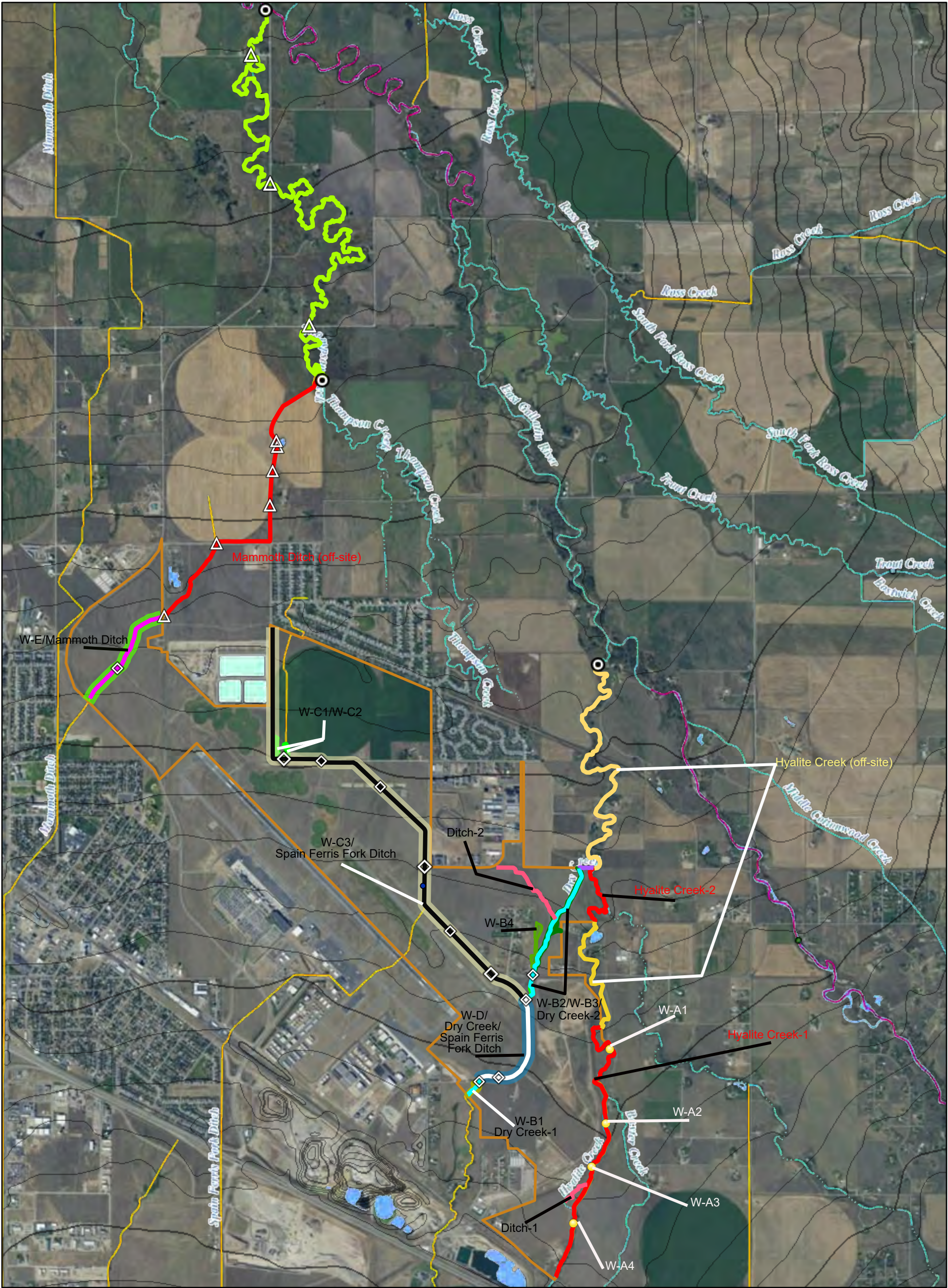
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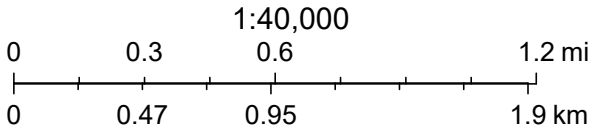
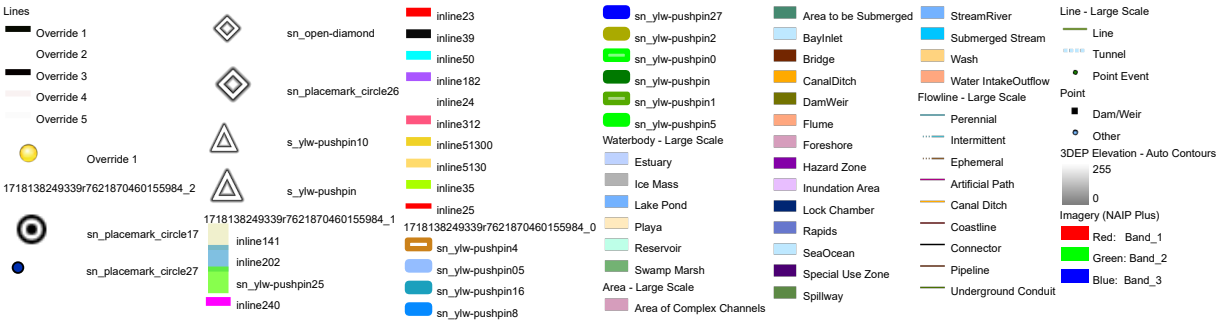
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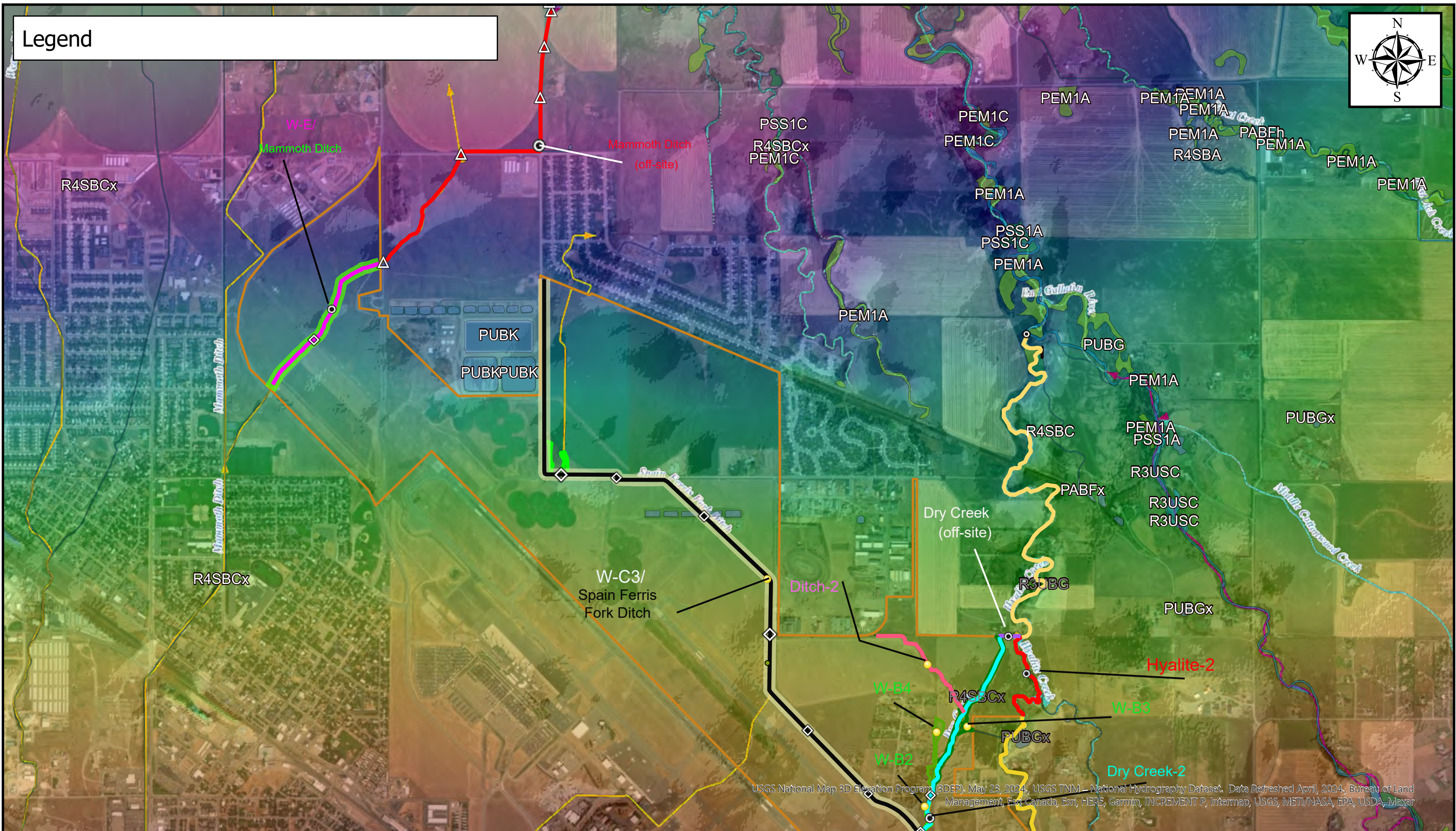
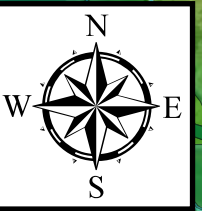
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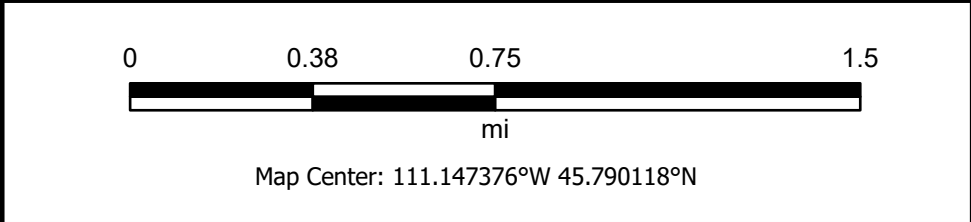
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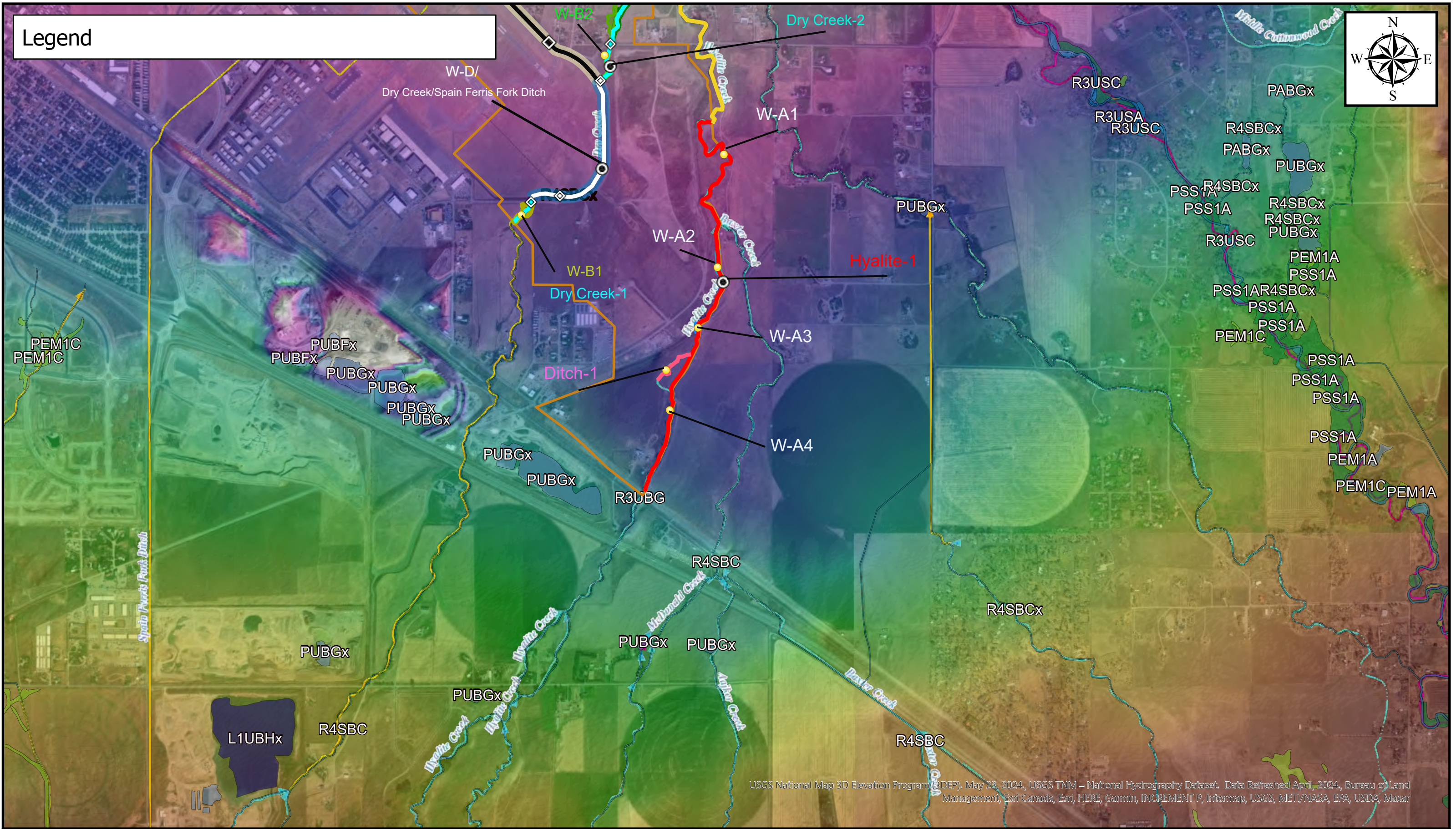
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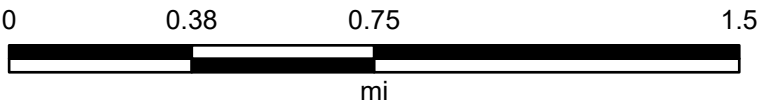


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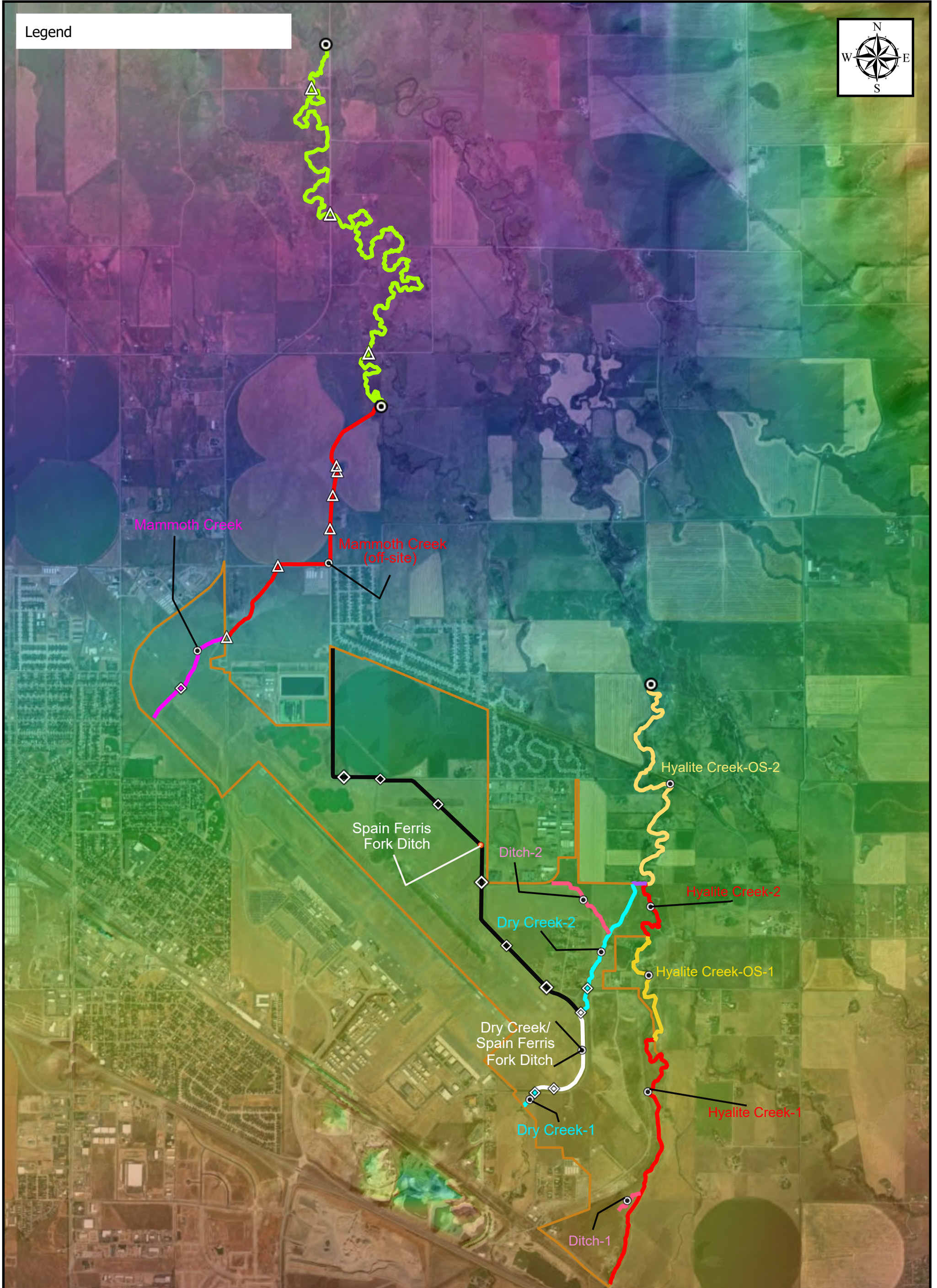
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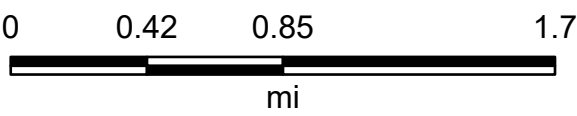
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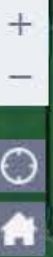
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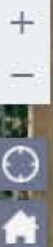
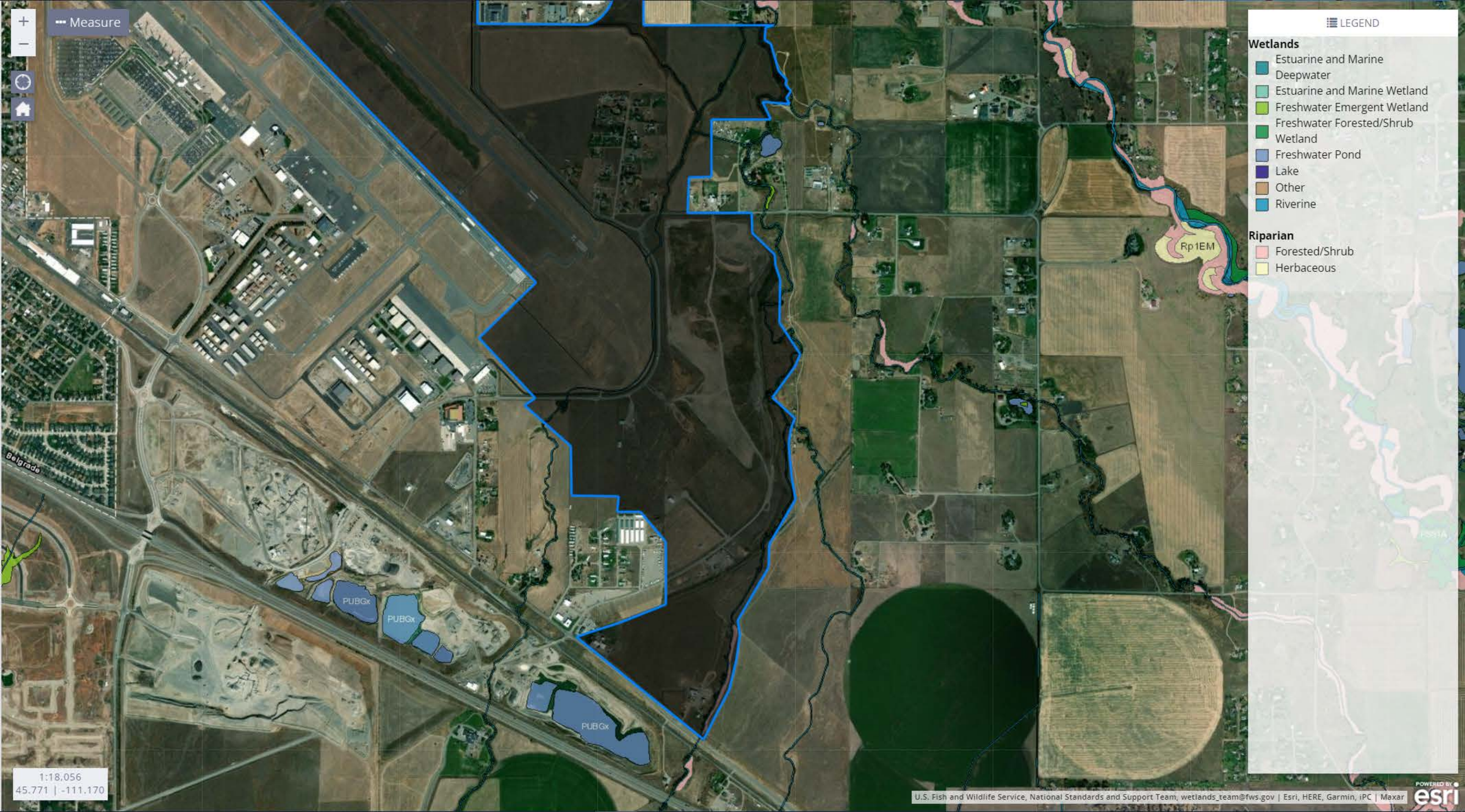
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  - Freshwater Emergent Wetland
  - Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
  - Freshwater Pond
  - Lake
  - Other
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- Riparian**
- Forested/Shrub
  - Herbaceous

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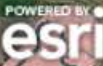
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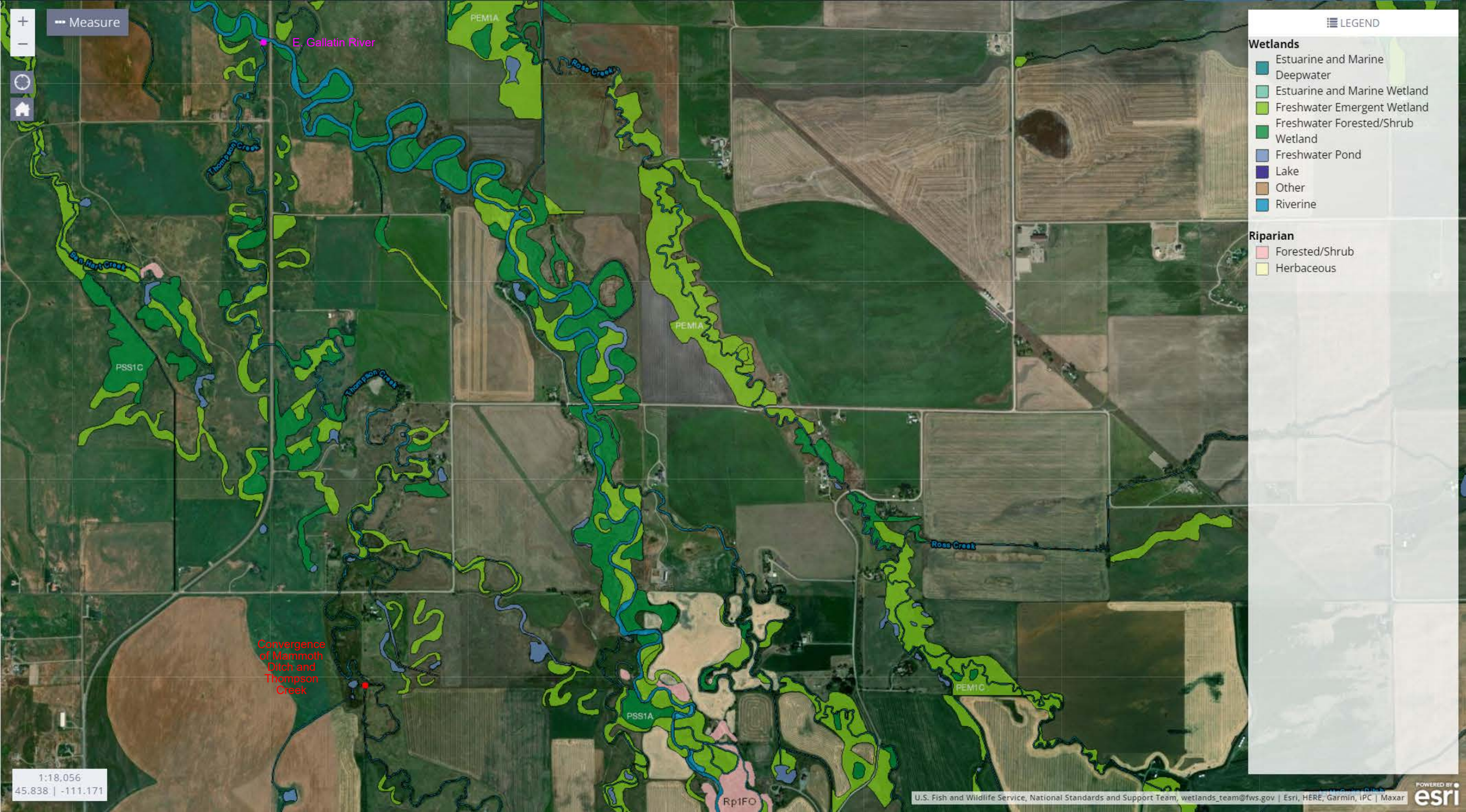
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Measure

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Rose Creek

Thompson Creek

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Thompson Creek

PEM1A

Convergence  
of Mammoth  
Ditch and  
Thompson  
Creek

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## NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

|                                                           |                                                                    |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant: Morrison-Meierle, Inc.<br>Attn: Ms. Faith Doty | File Number: NWO-2014-02338-MT                                     | Date: July 3, 2024 |
| Attached is:                                              |                                                                    | See Section below  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission) | A                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)         | B                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | PERMIT DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE                                    | C                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | PERMIT DENIAL WITH PREJUDICE                                       | D                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                       | APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION                              | E                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION                           | F                  |

### SECTION I

The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/appeals/> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

**A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or object to the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

**B: PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or appeal the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.



**C. PERMIT DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE: Not appealable**

You received a permit denial without prejudice because a required Federal, state, and/or local authorization and/or certification has been denied for activities which also require a Department of the Army permit before final action has been taken on the Army permit application. The permit denial without prejudice is not appealable. There is no prejudice to the right of the applicant to reinstate processing of the Army permit application if subsequent approval is received from the appropriate Federal, state, and/or local agency on a previously denied authorization and/or certification.

**D: PERMIT DENIAL WITH PREJUDICE: You may appeal the permit denial**

You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**E: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information for reconsideration**

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- **RECONSIDERATION:** You may request that the district engineer reconsider the approved JD by submitting new information or data to the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice. The district will determine whether the information submitted qualifies as new information or data that justifies reconsideration of the approved JD. A reconsideration request does not initiate the appeal process. You may submit a request for appeal to the division engineer to preserve your appeal rights while the district is determining whether the submitted information qualifies for a reconsideration.

**F: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: Not appealable**

You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also, you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

**POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:**

If you have questions regarding this decision you may contact:

US Army Corps of Engineers,  
Montana Regulatory Office  
Attn: Sage Joyce, Section Chief  
100 Neill Avenue  
Helena, Montana 59601-3329  
Telephone (406) 441-1375, ext. 1375  
Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil

If you have questions regarding the appeal process, or to submit your request for appeal, you may contact:

US Army Corps of Engineers,  
Northwestern Division  
Attn: Regulatory Appeals Review Officer  
P.O. Box 2870  
Portland, OR 97208-2870



**SECTION II – REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT**

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. Use additional pages as necessary. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15-day notice of any site investigation and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

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Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Email address of appellant and/or agent:

Telephone number:





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
MONTANA REGULATORY OFFICE  
100 NEILL AVENUE  
HELENA, MT 59601-3329

July 3, 2024

**SUBJECT: NWO-2014-02338-MT – Bozeman-Yellowstone International Airport Runway and Aviation Area Improvements – Approved Jurisdictional Determination**

Ms. Faith Doty  
Environmental Scientist, Morrison-Maierle, Inc.  
2880 Technology Boulevard West, PO Box 1113  
Bozeman, Montana 59771

Dear Ms. Doty:

This letter is in response to the request received on May 8, 2024 for an approved jurisdictional determination for the proposed Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport Airfield Improvements project. The site is located in Sections 5, 6, 8, and 17 of Township 1 South, Range 5 East, Section 31 of Township 1 North 5 East, Section 1 of Township 1 South, Range 4 East and Section 36 of Township 1 North, Range 4 East, City of Belgrade, Gallatin County, Montana. Your request has been assigned the Corps Regulatory File Number referenced above. Please reference this file number on any correspondence to us or to other interested parties when referencing this project or concerning this request.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. 1344) and structures or work in, over, and under navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) (33 U.S.C. 403). The implementing regulations for these Acts are published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 33 CFR parts 330-332.

Based on our evaluation of the information provided and other available information, we have determined the following resources are jurisdictional: **W-A1 through W-E, Mammoth Ditch, Spain Ferris Fork Ditch, Dry Creek-1, Dry Creek-2, Dry Creek/Spain Ferris Fork Ditch, Hyalite Creek-1, Hyalite Creek-2, Ditch-1, and Ditch-2**. The attached approved jurisdictional determination provides rationale for why these aquatic resources meet the definition of waters of the United States. Based on this determination, a Department of the Army permit **is** required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into these aquatic resources. This determination does not eliminate requirements to obtain any other applicable federal, state, tribal, or local permits.

Attached to this letter is the approved jurisdictional determination for your project site. This jurisdictional determination is valid for a 5-year period from the date of this letter, until **July 3, 2029**, unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under



Corps regulations at 33 CFR part 331. Enclosed you will find a *Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process and Request for Appeal* (NAO-RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination, you must submit a completed NAO-RFA form to the address listed on the form.

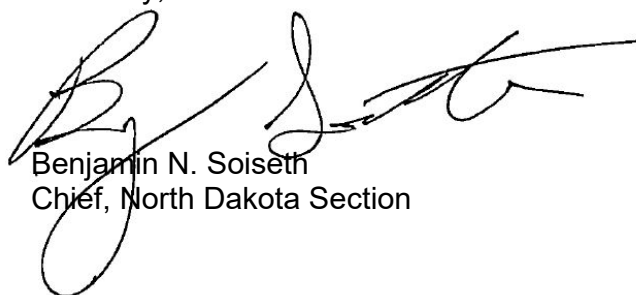
For an NAO-RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is completed, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAO-RFA. Should you decide to submit an NAO-RFA form, it must be received at the Division Office by **August 31, 2024**. It is not necessary to submit an NAO-RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

In the event that you disagree with this approved jurisdictional determination and you have **new information** not considered in the original determination, you may request reconsideration of this determination by contacting this office prior to initiating an appeal. To request this reconsideration based upon new information, you must submit the new information to this office so that it is received within 60 days of the date of the NAO-RFA.

The Corps' Omaha District, Regulatory Branch is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to complete our Customer Service Survey found on our website at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call and request a paper copy of the survey that you can complete and return by mail. Additionally, further information regarding the Omaha District Regulatory Program can be obtained by visiting our website at <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/>.

If you have any questions concerning this jurisdictional determination, please contact the Montana Regulatory Program at the above address, by phone at (406) 441-1375, ext. 1375, or by email at [Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil) and reference file number **NWO-2014-02338-MT**.

Sincerely,



Benjamin N. Soiseth  
Chief, North Dakota Section

Enclosures

cc: Brian Sprenger and Scott Humphrey, Bozeman Airport  
Diane Stilson and Heidi Bruner, Federal Aviation Administration  
Christine Percy and Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle, Inc.





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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
MONTANA REGULATORY OFFICE  
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June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport - Runway Improvements,  
Thompson Creek (Gallatin County), File No. **NWO-2014-02338-MT**

Christine A. Pearcy  
Morrison-Maierle  
2880 Technology Blvd W  
Bozeman, Montana 59718

Dear Ms. Pearcy:

This letter is in response to correspondence we received requesting comments or permitting information regarding the above-referenced project. Specifically, the project involves the extension and widening of Runway 11-29, and construction of the North General Aviation Area. The project is located on or near Thompson Creek, at Latitude 45.781842°, Longitude -111.157778°, in Section 6, Township 1 S, Range 5 E, Gallatin County, Montana.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that based on the information provided in your submittal, we are unable to ascertain if regulated activities are proposed or if jurisdictional waters of the U.S. are present within the project area. A Department of the Army (DA) permit may be required for the proposed activity. In lieu of a specific response, please consider the following general information concerning our regulatory program that may apply to the proposed project.

If the proposal involves activity in navigable waters of the United States, it may be subject to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA). Within the state of Montana, portions of the Kootenai River, the Missouri River, and the Yellowstone River<sup>1</sup> are considered a navigable water of the U.S. Section 10 prohibits the construction, excavation, or deposition of materials in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States unless the work has been authorized by a DA permit. Structures or work outside the limits defined for navigable waters of the United States require a Section 10 permit if the structure or work affects the course, location, or condition of the water body. The law applies to any dredging or disposal of dredged materials, excavation, filling,

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<sup>1</sup> Section 10 waters in Montana are the Kootenai River (from the International Border between the United States and Canada downstream to Jennings Rapids near Jennings, Montana), the Missouri River and its impoundments (from its headwaters near Three Forks to the North Dakota state line), and the Yellowstone River (from Emigrant to the North Dakota state line).



rechannelization, or any other modification of a navigable water of the United States, and applies to all structures, from the smallest floating dock to the largest commercial undertaking.

If the proposal involves a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, it may be subject to USACE jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Discharges of fill material generally include, without limitation: placement of fill that is necessary for the construction of any structure, or impoundment requiring rock, sand, dirt, or other material for its construction; site-development fills for recreational, industrial, commercial, residential, and other uses; causeways or road fills; dams and dikes; property protection or reclamation devices such as riprap, weirs, bulkheads, and revetments; levees or berms; fill for intake and outfall pipes and trenched utility lines; fill associated with the creation of ponds; and any other work involving the discharge of fill or dredged material. A DA permit is required whether the work is permanent or temporary. Waters of the U.S. include the area below the ordinary high water mark of stream channels, lakes or ponds connected to the tributary system, and wetlands adjacent to these waters ([33 CFR § 328.3](#)). Other waters and wetlands, as well as man-made channels, may be waters of the U.S. in certain circumstances, which must be determined on a case-by-case basis. CWA Section 301(a) prohibits discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States unless the work has been authorized by a Department of the Army permit under Section 404. Information about the USACE permitting process can be obtained online at <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Montana>.

The mission of the USACE Regulatory Program is to protect the Nation's aquatic resources while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible, and balanced permit decisions. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, we work to protect the biological, physical, and chemical integrity of the Nation's aquatic resources. Projects are evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine the potential benefits and detriments that may occur as a result of the proposal.

Before a permit is issued or verified, the Corps must ensure that we've met all our obligations under any related federal and state laws. For all projects, the Corps will consult with other state and federal agencies and Native American tribes, as appropriate. USACE evaluation of a Section 10 and/or a Section 404 permit application involves multiple analyses; please see the attached document for additional information and resources for permitting.

Useful documents, links, and information about Jurisdictional Determinations, Pre-Application Meetings, Permit Exemptions, Nationwide Permits, Regional Permits, Individual Permits, and Permit Applications and Permit Resources are available on our webpage: <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/Montana>.

Prior to applying for a DA permit, the project proposer may request a pre-application consultation meeting with USACE (virtual or in-person, on or off-site) to obtain information regarding the information needed, alternatives, and options for permitting



before an applicant makes irreversible commitments of resources (funds, detailed designs, materials, etc.). A pre-application meeting is strongly recommended if the proposal has substantial impacts to waters of the U.S., or if it is a large, unique, or controversial project.

USACE Section 10/404 permits do not cover other potential authorizations that are often required. Others may include state or local permits such as a 310 Permit, SPA 124 Permit, 318 Authorization or 401 Water Quality Certification, Navigable Rivers Land Use License, or Floodplain Permit. Local and state governments issue permits or other authorizations to ensure compliance with local and state laws and regulations. The Corps permitting program is in place to ensure your project is in compliance with federal laws and regulations.

Note that this letter is not a DA authorization to proceed. It only informs you of the need to obtain a DA permit if waters of the U.S. will be affected. If the final design includes the placement of fill material in any jurisdictional area described above, or otherwise requires authorization by a DA permit, please submit a [Montana Joint Permit Application](#) to this office prior to starting any work. After a review of the materials submitted, we will determine what type of permit, if any, will be required. If waters of the U.S. will not be affected by a jurisdictional activity a DA permit will not be required for the project.

Please refer to identification number **NWO-2014-02338-MT** in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact the Montana Regulatory Office by email at [Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Montana.Reg@usace.army.mil), or by telephone at (406) 441-1375.

Sincerely,

Montana

Regulatory Team

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha District, Montana

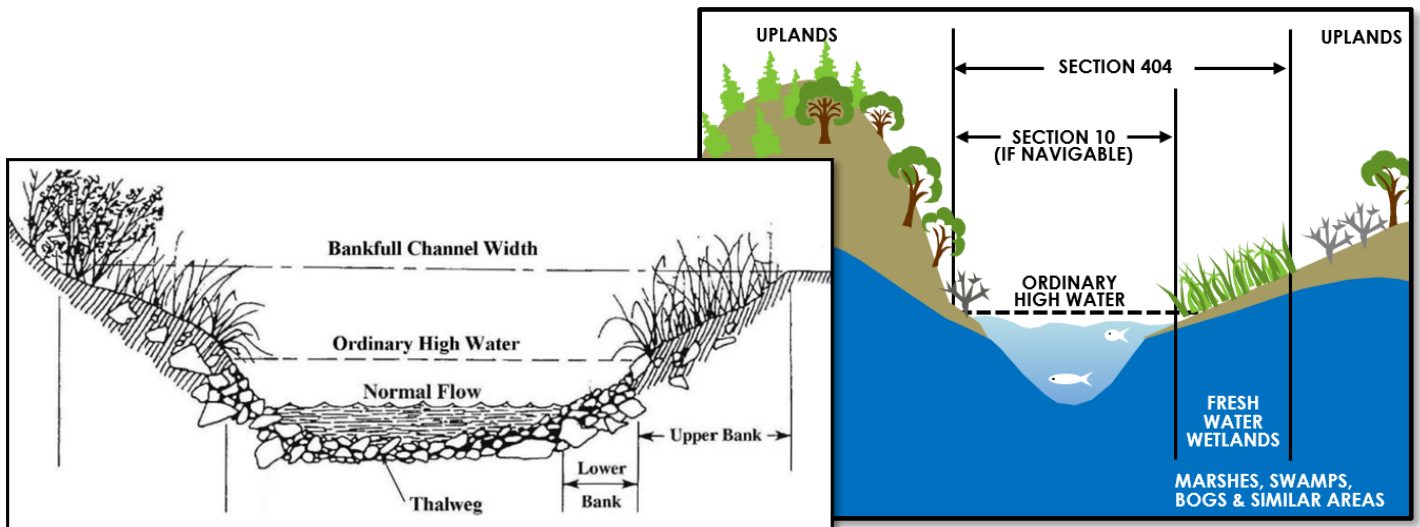
### Additional Information and Resources for Permitting

1. Geographic and Activity Jurisdiction: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regulatory Program, administers and enforces **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA)** and **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)**.

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7. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires the Corps to take into account the effects that activities authorized by Department of the Army permits are likely to have on historical properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the NRHP unless it has been previously determined ineligible. State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO) and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) are provided the opportunity to review and comment on all individual permit activities and certain general permit activities. For non-Federal permittees, if the activity might have the potential to cause effects to a historic property listed on, determined to be eligible for listing on, or potentially eligible for listing on, the NRHP, the application must state which historic property might have the potential to be affected by the proposed activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property. Inquiry with the Montana SHPO is recommended to determine the presence of any associated historic resources in the area. Contact information can be found at <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo>.

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To determine USCG requirements, please contact:

Commander (dpw)  
13th Coast Guard District  
915 2nd Avenue, Room 3510  
Seattle, WA. 98174-1067  
Attn: Waterways Management Branch  
(206) 220-7282 | [D13-SMB-D13-DPW@uscg.mil](mailto:D13-SMB-D13-DPW@uscg.mil)

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See the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation – Stream Permitting website for details: <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Licenses-and-Permits/Stream-Permitting/>



June 7, 2024

Belgrade Chamber of Commerce  
Via email: [info@belgradechamber.org](mailto:info@belgradechamber.org)

Subject: Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport – Environmental Assessment for  
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Dear Belgrade Chamber of Commerce:

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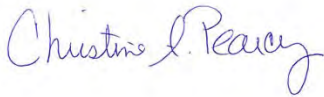
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Please send your written response to the following address:

Morrison-Maierle, Inc.  
Attn: Christine Pearcy  
cpearcy@m-m.net

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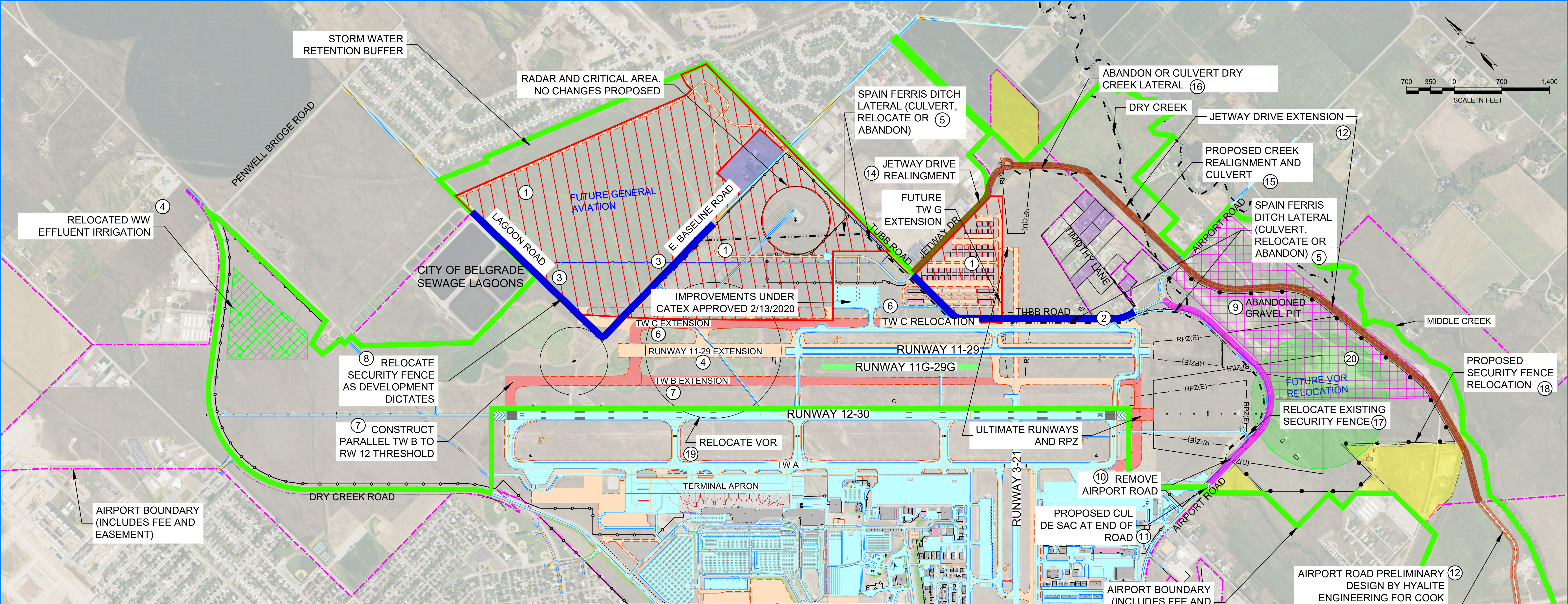


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Enclosure





**LEGEND:**

- EXISTING PAVEMENT AREAS
- FUTURE PAVEMENT AREAS
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- AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT
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- EXISTING DITCH/CREEK
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**PROPOSED ACTION:**

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- RELOCATE VOR - BY FAA

**NOTES:**

- CRI TO INCLUDE REVIEW OF ALL STRUCTURES IN TERMINAL AREA FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT EVALUATION.



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BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
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RUNWAY 11-29 TO C-III STANDARDS,  
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PROJECT NO.  
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Sincerely,



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Enclosure



June 11, 2024

Bozeman Chamber of Commerce  
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Enclosure



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Central Valley Fire District/Belgrade City Fire Department  
Brandon Yung  
Via email: [byung@centralvalleyfire.com](mailto:byung@centralvalleyfire.com)

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CenturyLink

Via email: [customeradvocacy@lumen.com](mailto:customeradvocacy@lumen.com)

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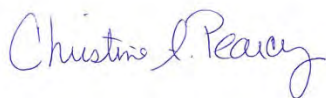
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Charter (Spectrum)

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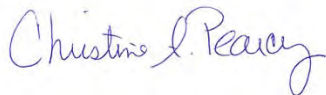
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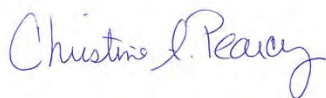
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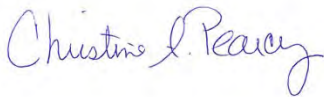
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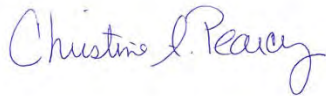
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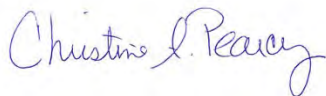
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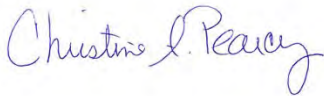
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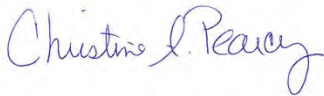
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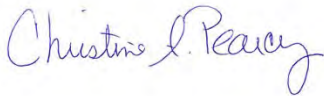
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Enclosure

June 7, 2024

Montana Department of Environmental Quality  
Keenan Storrar  
Via email: [Keenan.storrar@mt.gov](mailto:Keenan.storrar@mt.gov)

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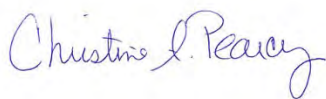
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Biologist (Bozeman)  
Jen Smitham  
Via email: [jsmitham@mt.gov](mailto:jsmitham@mt.gov)

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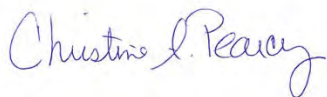
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June 7, 2024

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Mark Elison, Christine Schweigert  
Via email: melison@mt.gov, cschweigert@mt.gov

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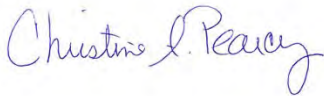
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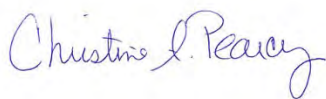
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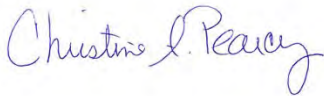
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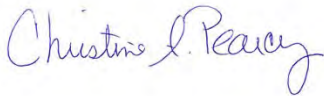
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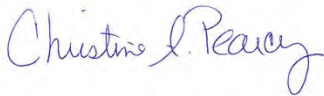
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Kathy Minor, Forest Supervisor, Erin Fryer, Environmental Coordinator  
Via email: Kathleen.minor@usda.gov, Erin.Fryer@usda.gov

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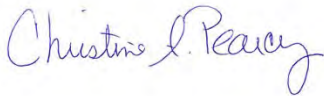
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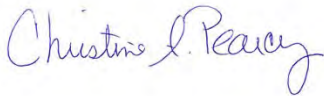
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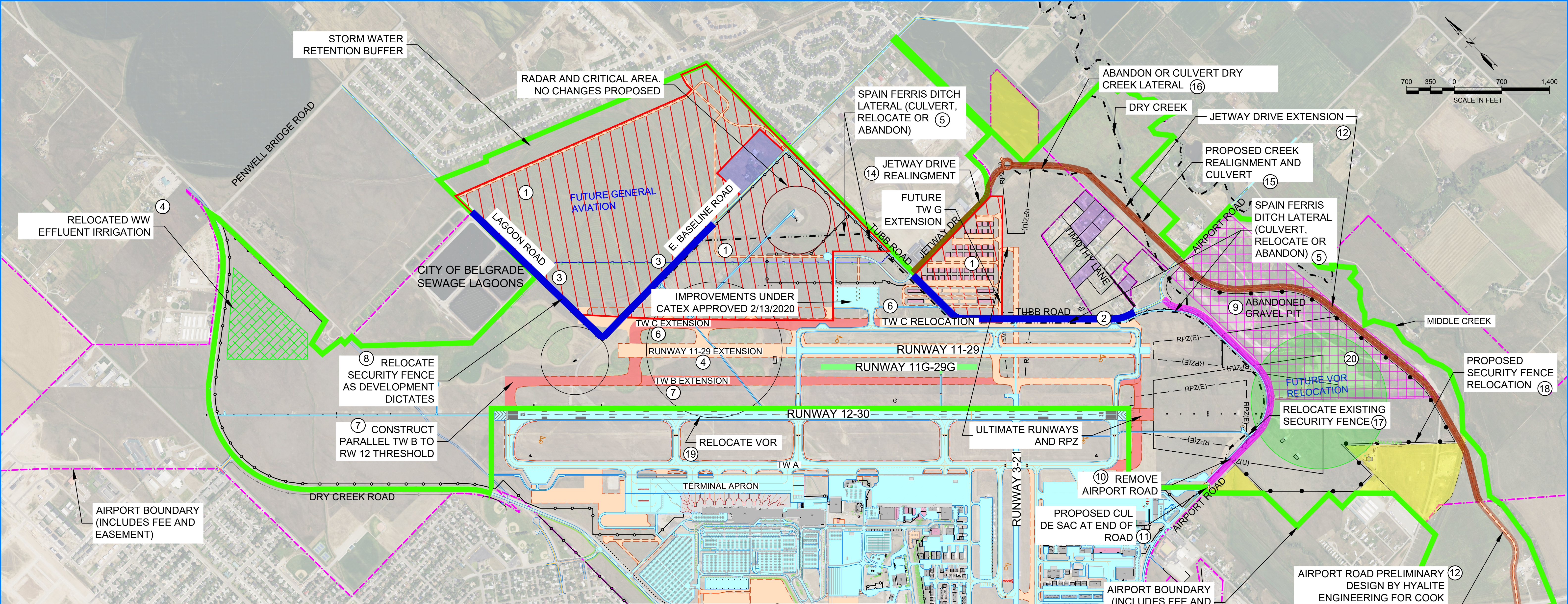


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