

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
CARSON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL

BLM Project Lead: Kenneth Depaoli
Date: 3-3-11
Field Office: Stillwater
Applicant: BLM
Legal Description T. 19N, R. 031E, Section 23(SWNW); T. 20N, R. 032E, Section 1 (NENE); T. 21N, R. 032E, Section 36 (SESW)

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File Code : NVN-89540

Define Proposed Action (who, what, where, when, how; include SOPS's and any specifications and/or requirements). Please attach 7.5 Map with location:

Stillwater Farms is requesting a negotiated sale contract for 4,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel material. This will be the second mineral material sale in these locations for Stillwater Farms. This material contract will authorize Stillwater Farms to excavate and remove the borrow material. The material will be excavated within the bounds of two existing material site pits. The existing mineral material pits are 5 acres each in size. Stillwater Farms will be restricted to two acre areas on the pit edges for a total of 4 acres. The sites are not in a riparian area. Access is via Highway 50 East, up the Stillwater Wildlife Refuge road and down existing dirt roads.

This action is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001); Reference and page number citation: Min-1

Categorical Exclusion Reference 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 4: F.(10) Disposal of mineral materials such as sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, cinders, and clay, in amounts not exceeding 50,000 cubic yards or disturbing more than 5 acres, except in riparian areas.

SCREENING FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 2). The preparer and/or indicated specialist must verify that the Proposed Action does not:

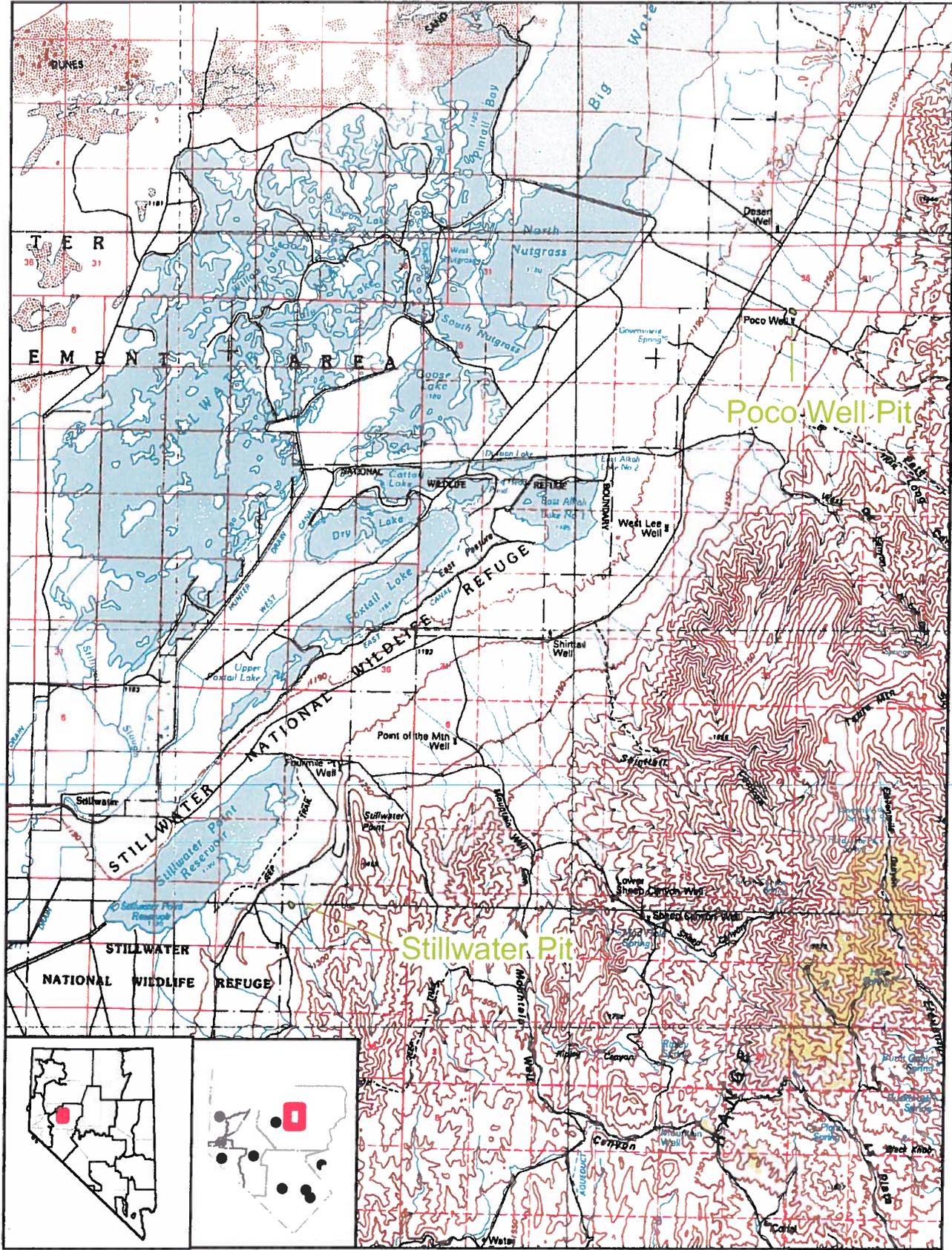
	INITIALS
2.1 Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or.....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers.....	Archaeologist <u>JD</u>
prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds;	Rec/Wild/VRM <u>JD</u>
and other ecologically significant or critical areas.....	Soil/Water/Air <u>JD</u>
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.5 Establish a precedent for future-actions or represent a decision in principle about future-actions with potentially significant environmental effects?.....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?.....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.....	Archaeologist <u>JD</u>
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.....	Wildlife Biol. <u>JD</u>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?.....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).....	Preparer <u>KD</u>
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO13007).....	Archaeologist <u>JD</u>
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)	Preparer <u>KD</u>

Other reviewers (As determined by the Field Manager):

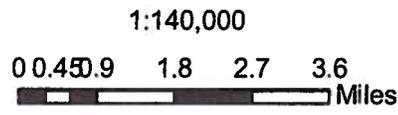
RESOURCE	NAME	COMMENTS	SIGNATURE	DATE
RMP conformance and CX review confirmation:				
Preparer	<u>Kenneth Depaoli</u>	<u>JD</u>	<u>Charles A. Valentin</u>	
		EC Initials	Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist	

DECISION: Based upon the review of this proposal, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the RMP, and does not require a NEPA analysis. It is my decision to implement the action, as described.

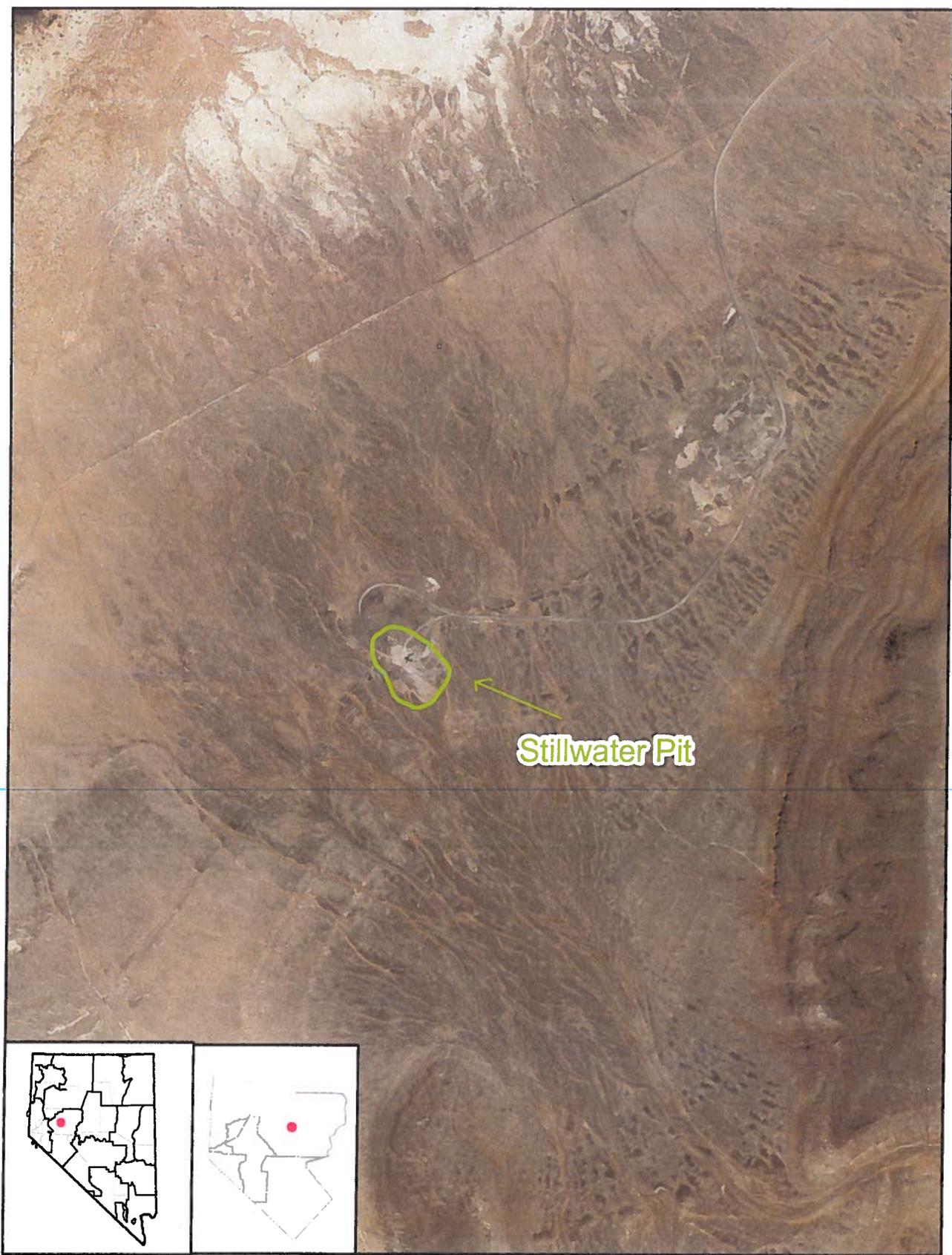
Approved By: Teresa J. Knutson 05/03/2011
Authorized Officer Date



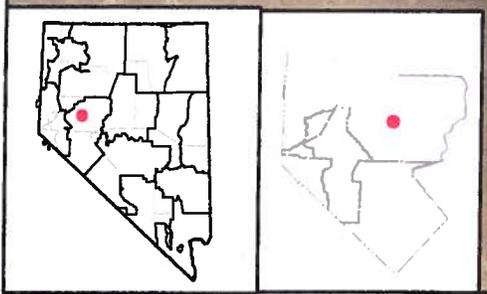
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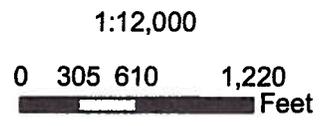


Stillwater Pit

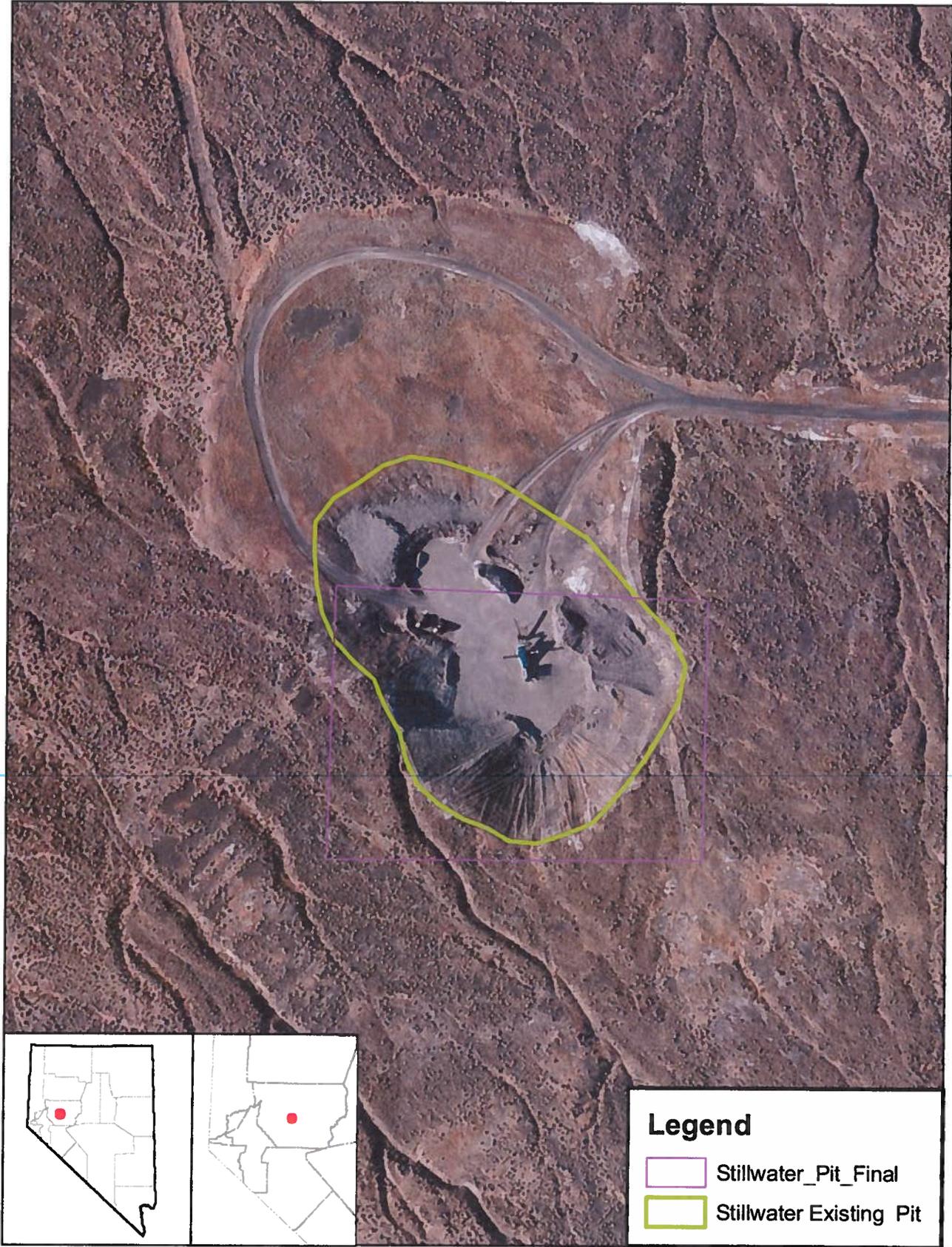


Cox Canyon, 7.5' USGS

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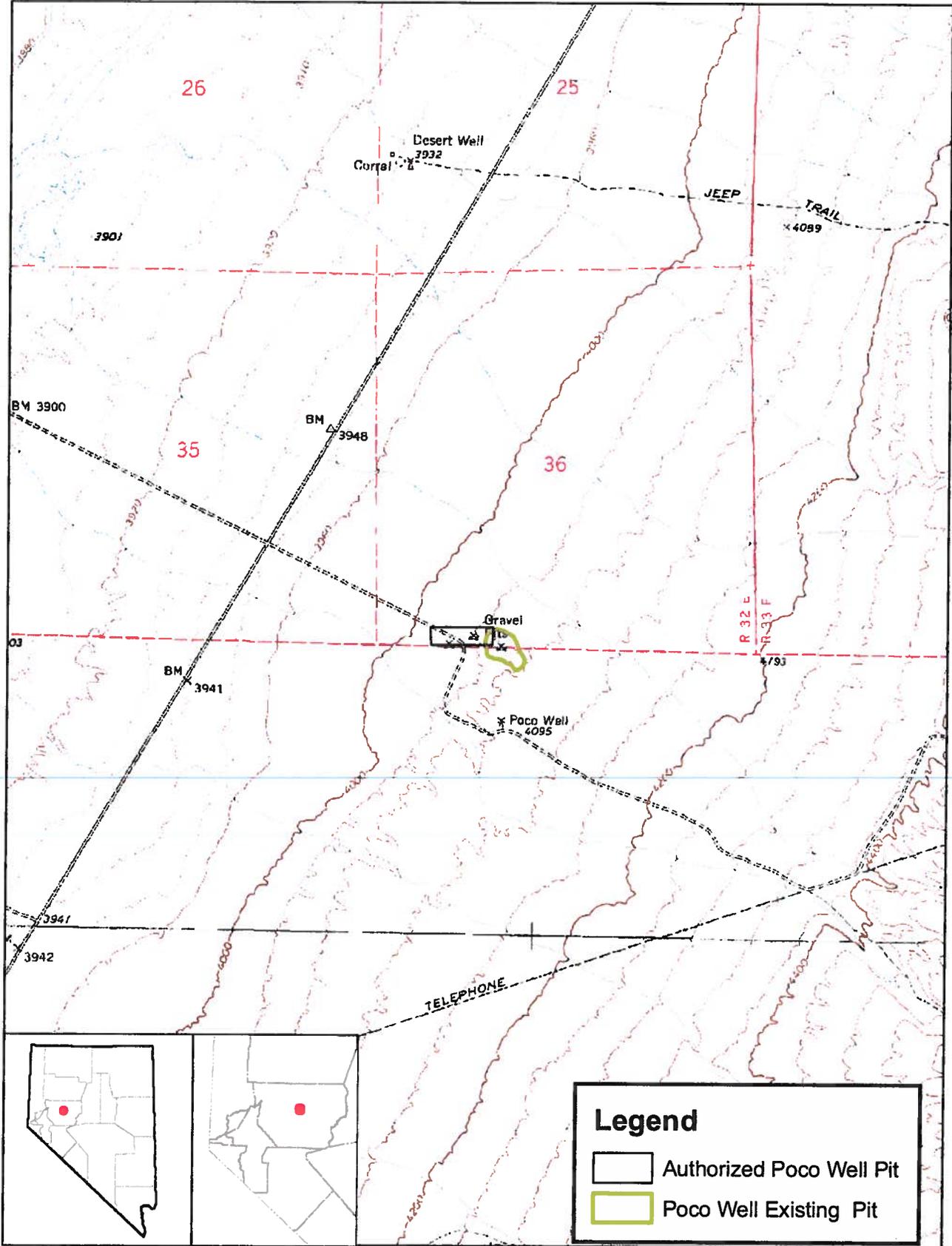
Legend

- Stillwater_Pit_Final
- Stillwater Existing Pit

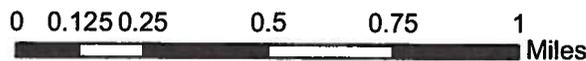
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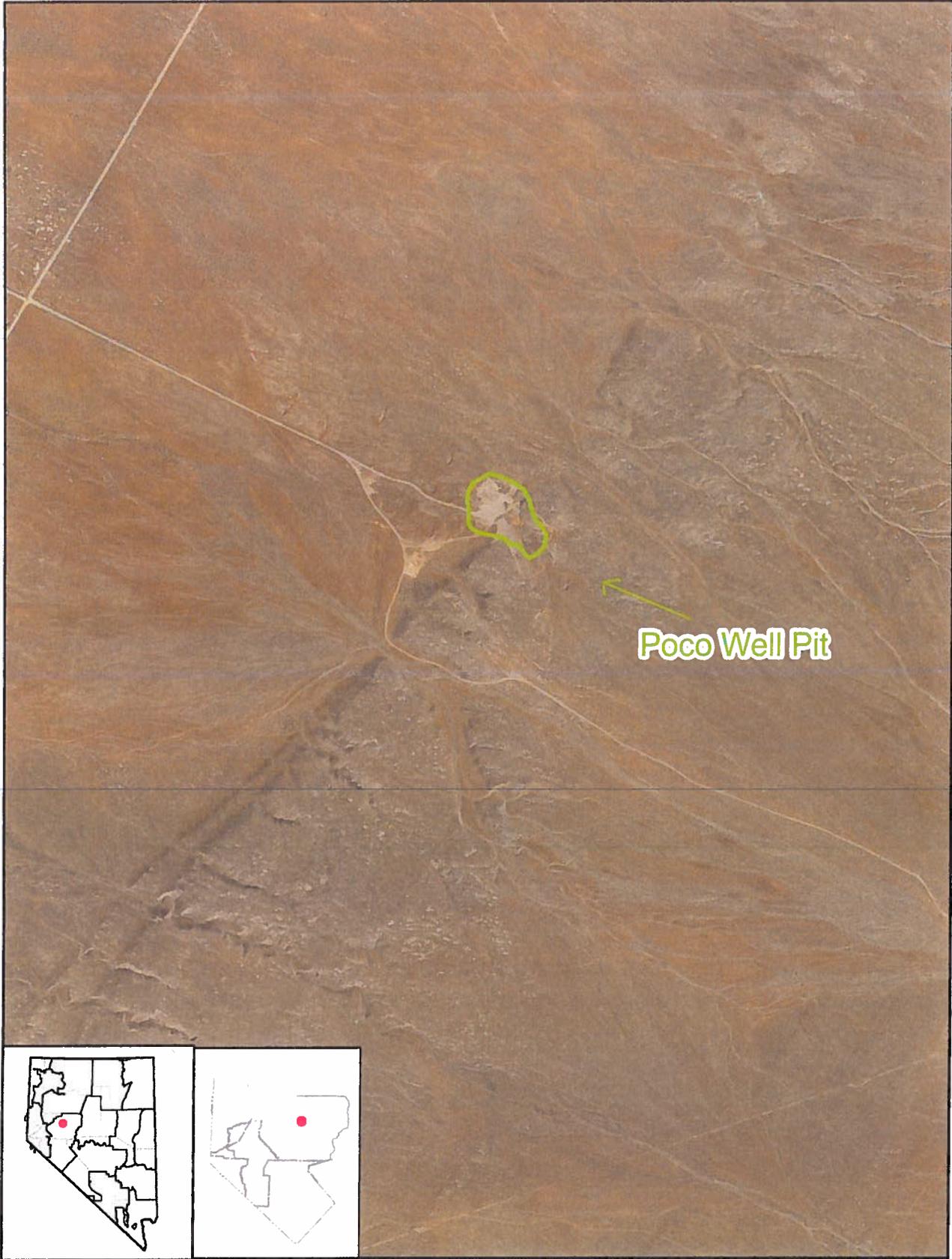


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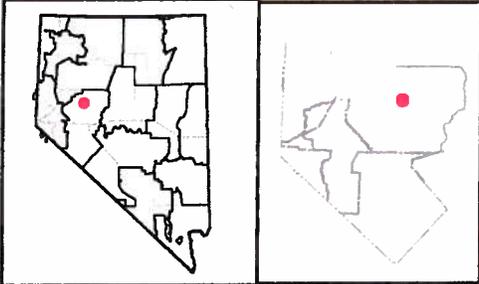


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Poco Well Pit



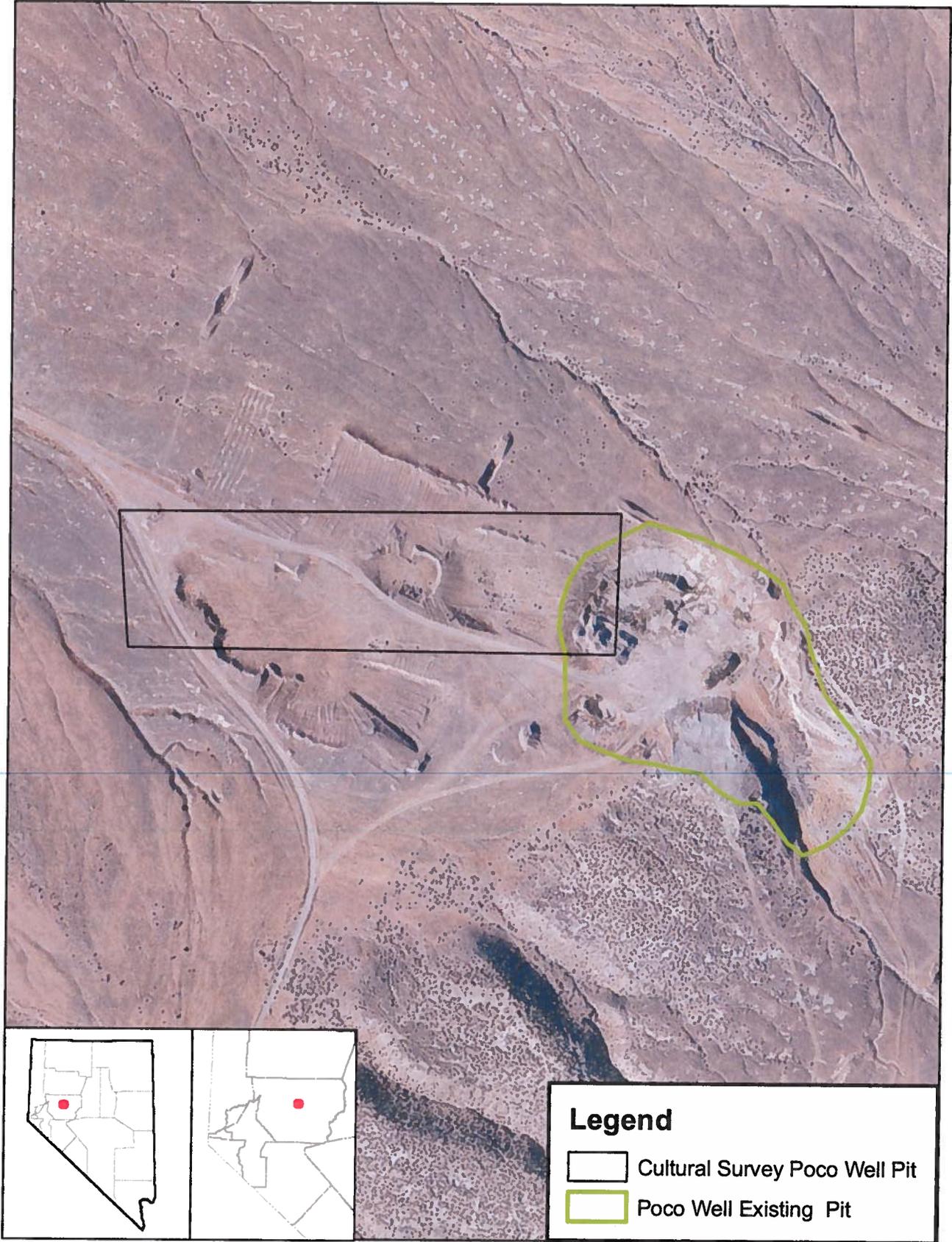
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