

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: Linda Appel

Field Office: Stillwater

Lead Office: Stillwater

Case File/Project Number: Derest Well RI #540181

Applicable Categorical Exclusion: 516 DM 11.9: A. Fish and Wildlife (2) Minor modification of water developments to improve or facilitate wildlife use (e.g., modify enclosure fence, install flood valve, or reduce ramp access angle).

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2013-0021-CX

Project Name: Desert Well Rehab

Project Description: Desert Well was considered a good well since its inception in 1951 but has been defective for the last few years. The current permittee has talked to a local well driller to assess the situation and was told it isn't feasible to repair it and the best choice would be to drill a new one. Therefore, the proposed action is to drill a new well near the old one since this location contains a reliable source of underground water. The well would be attached to the existing pipe, storage tank, and trough system. The well site is expected to be 8' x 100' with no pad or pump house. It is located approximately 22 miles east of Fallon off the main dirt road through the Stillwater Refuge then 300 feet north of the road in a highly disturbed area next to a corral.

Applicant Name: Bureau of Land Management, Stillwater Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701

Project Location: NWSW Sec 25 T21N R32E

Land Use Plan Conformance: LSG-5 Administrative Actions 5 and 7

Name of Plan: Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		JD
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		JD KMS smc
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		LWZ
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		LWZ
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (PEC)		LWZ
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		LWZ
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (Archeology)		smc
8. Would the Proposed Action 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)		JD
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology)		smc LWZ
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		LWZ
11. Would the Proposed Action 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 (EO 13007)? (Archeology)		smc
12. Would the Proposed Action 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)? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		JD

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

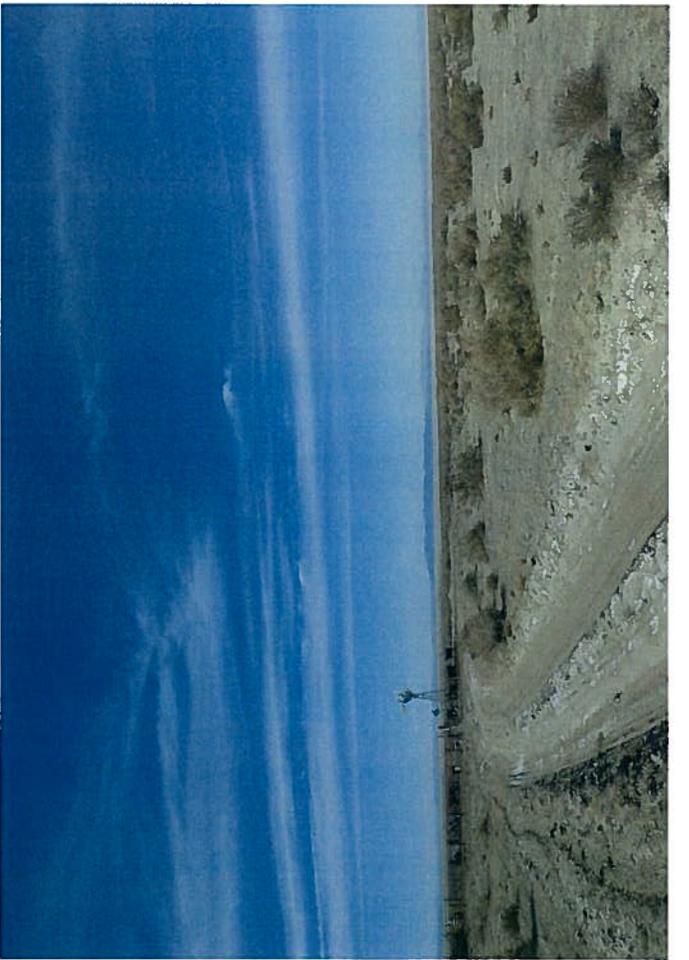
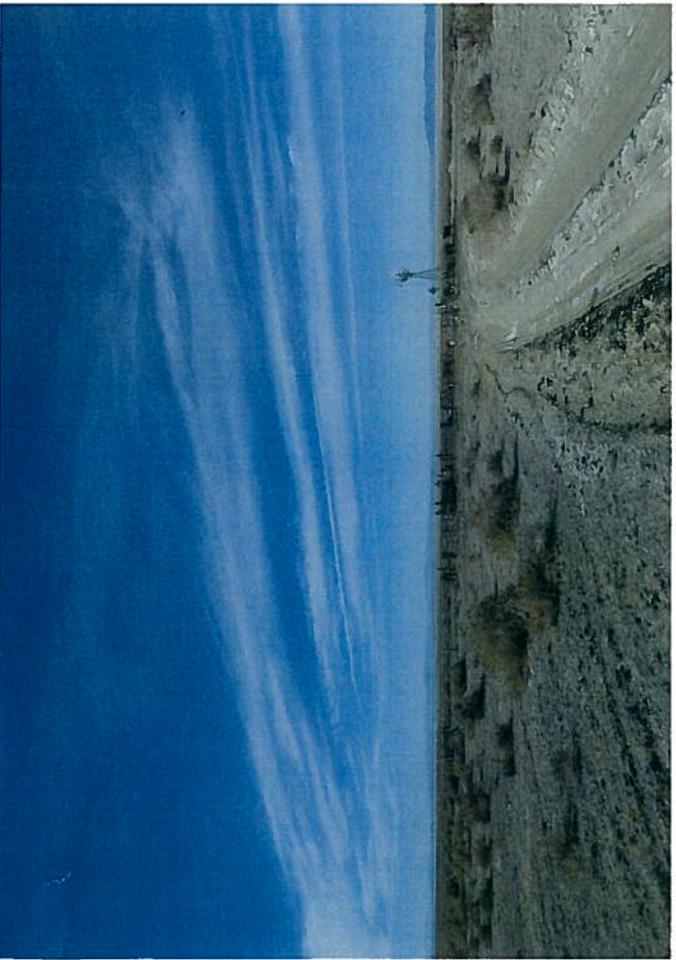
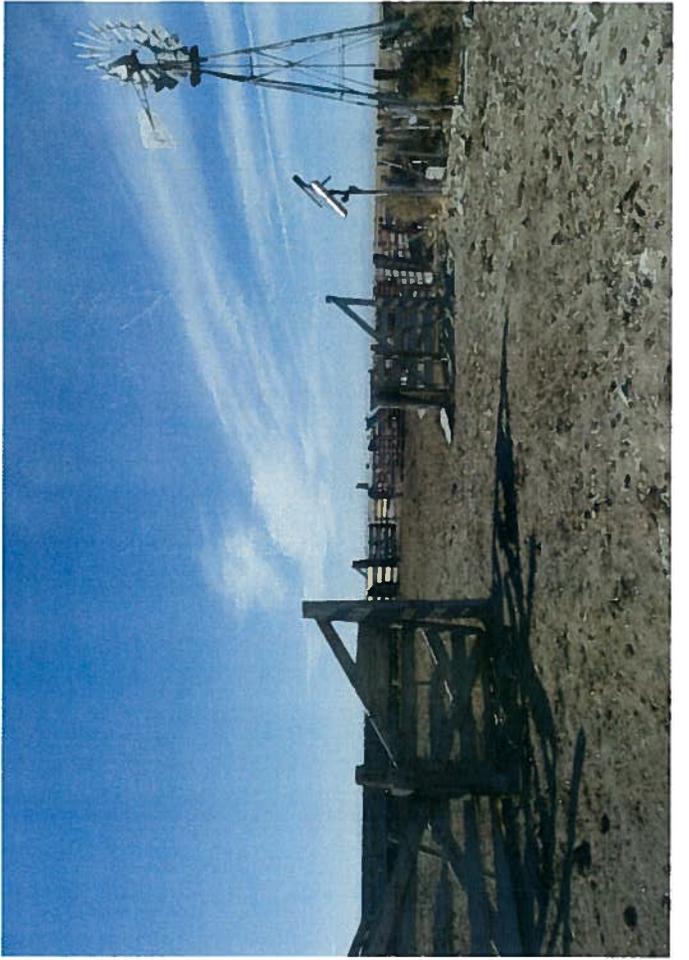
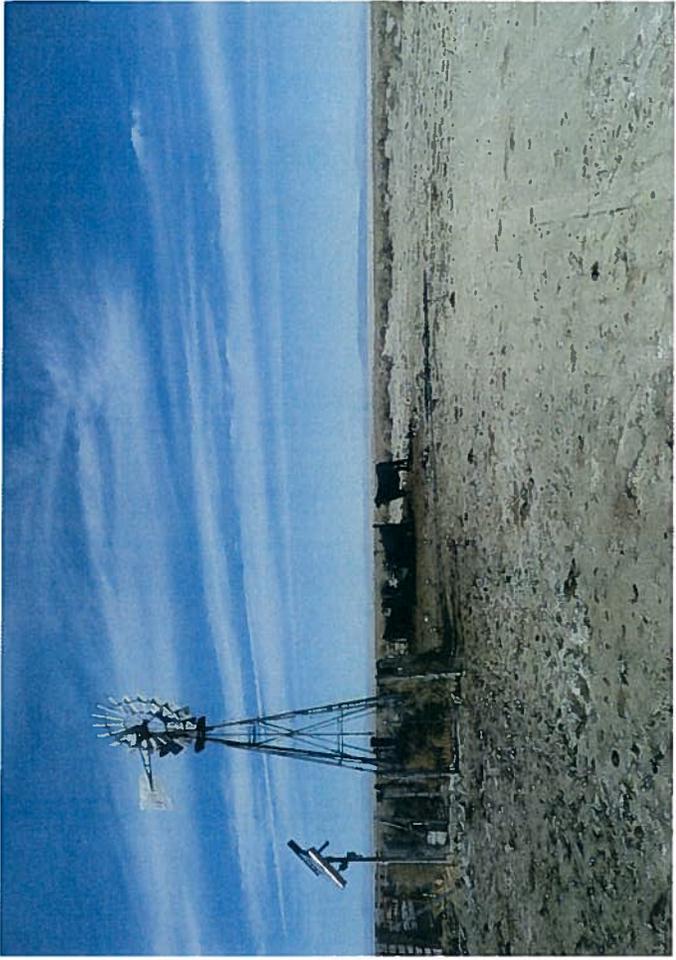
Planning Environmental Coordinator, Steve Kramer: *SK 11/26/12*
Public Health and Safety/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs: *JD 11-27-12*
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer: *DW 11/26/12*
Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species), John Wilson: *JW 11-26-12*
Archeology, Susan McCabe: *SM APC 20*
Water Quality, Kelley Sterle: *Kelley Sterle 11/26/12*
Soils/Grazing, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: *la 11/26/12*

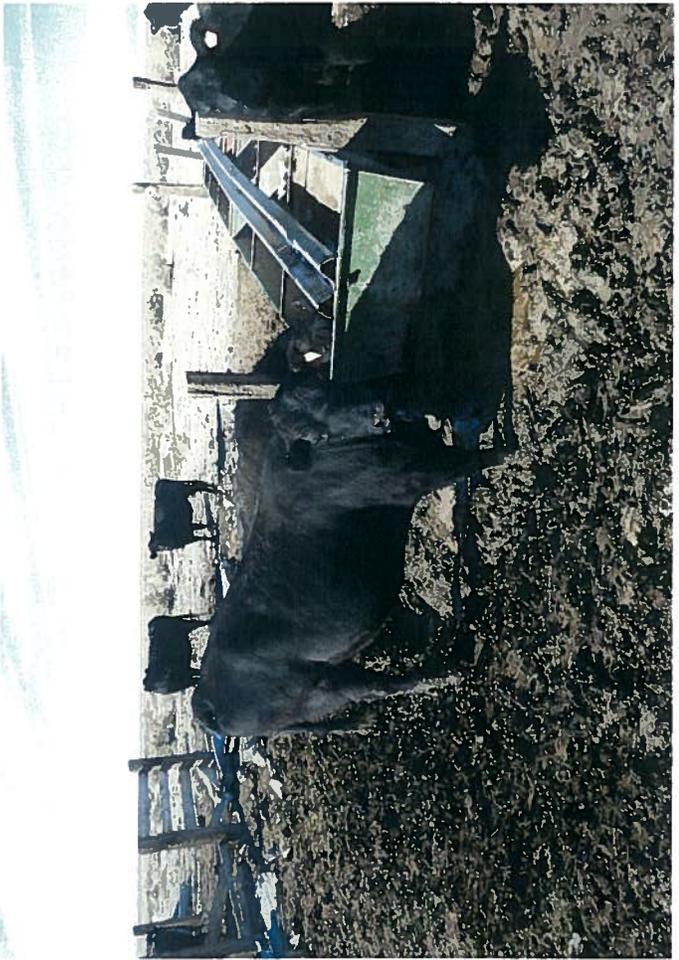
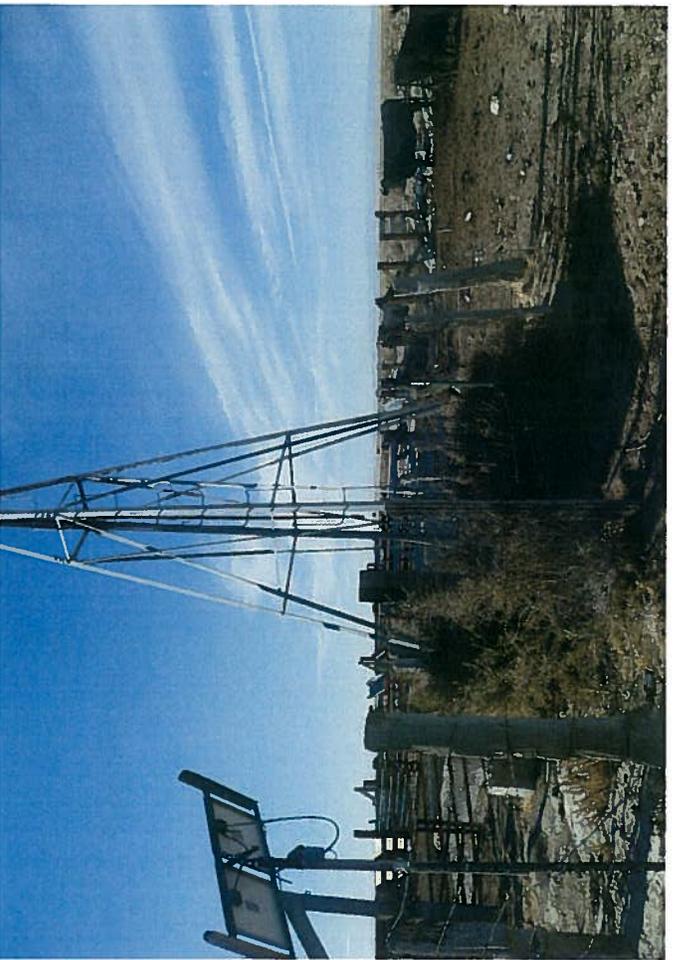
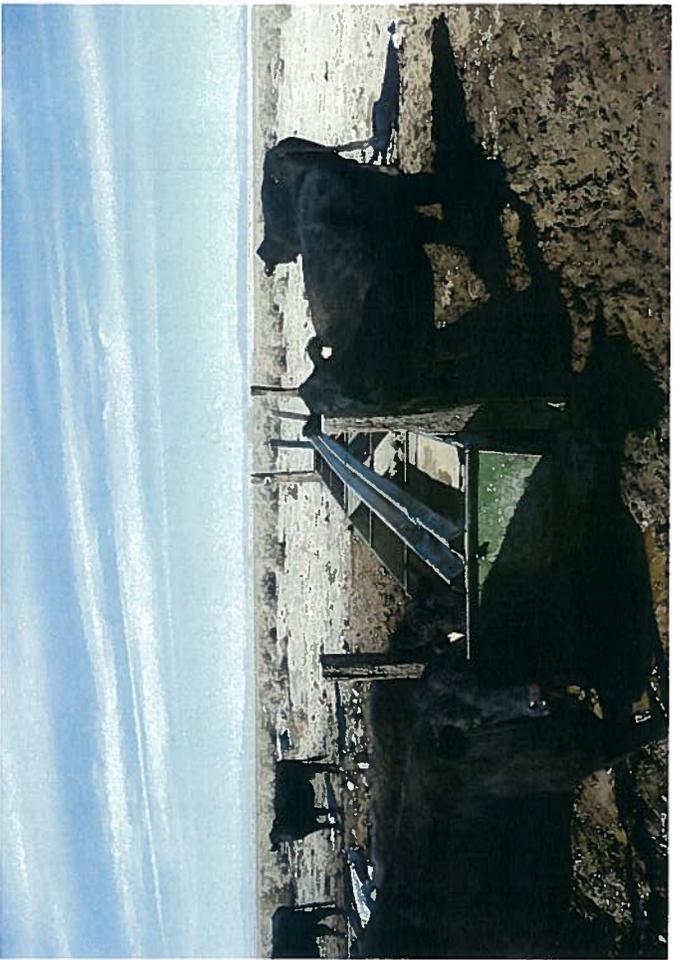
CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

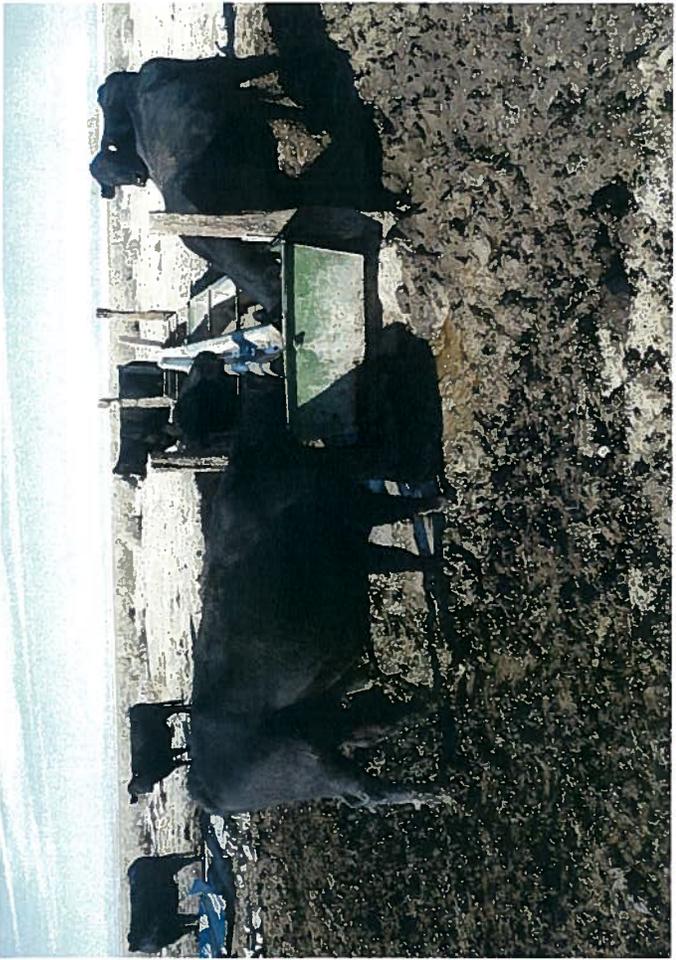
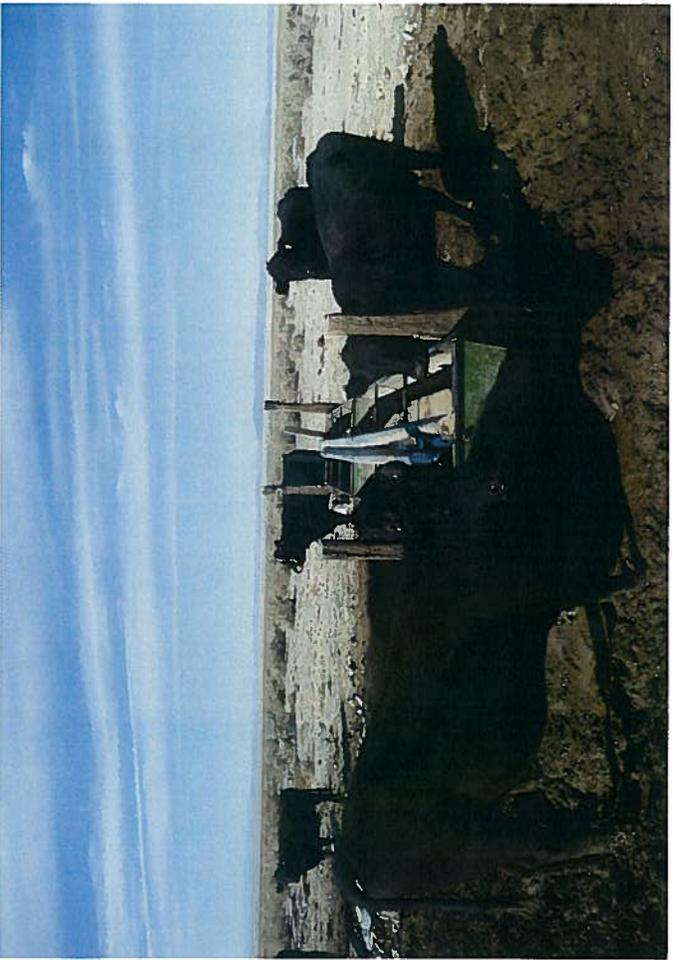
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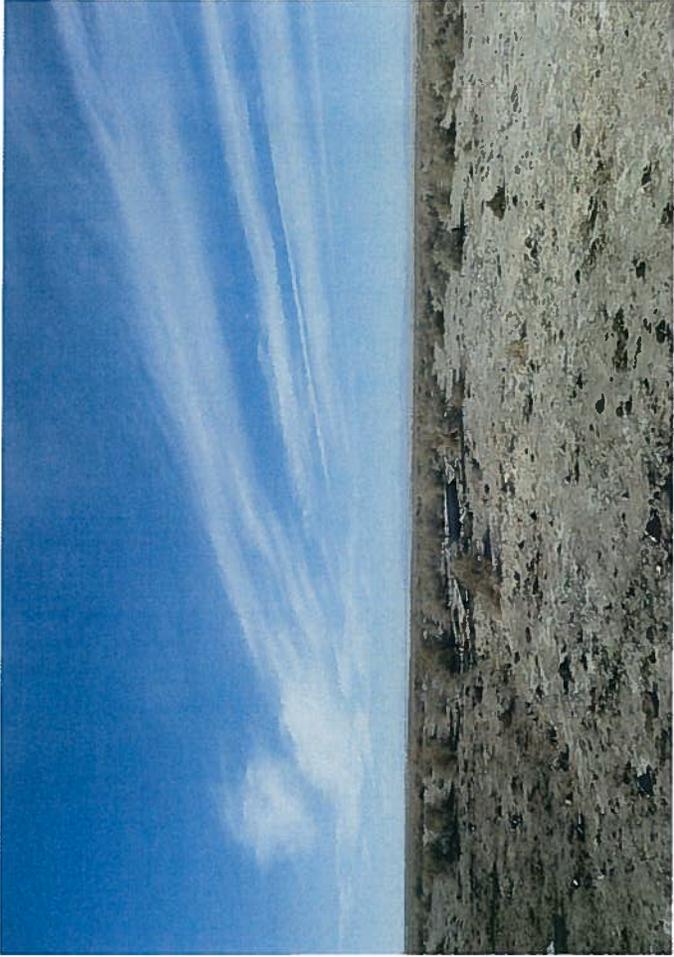
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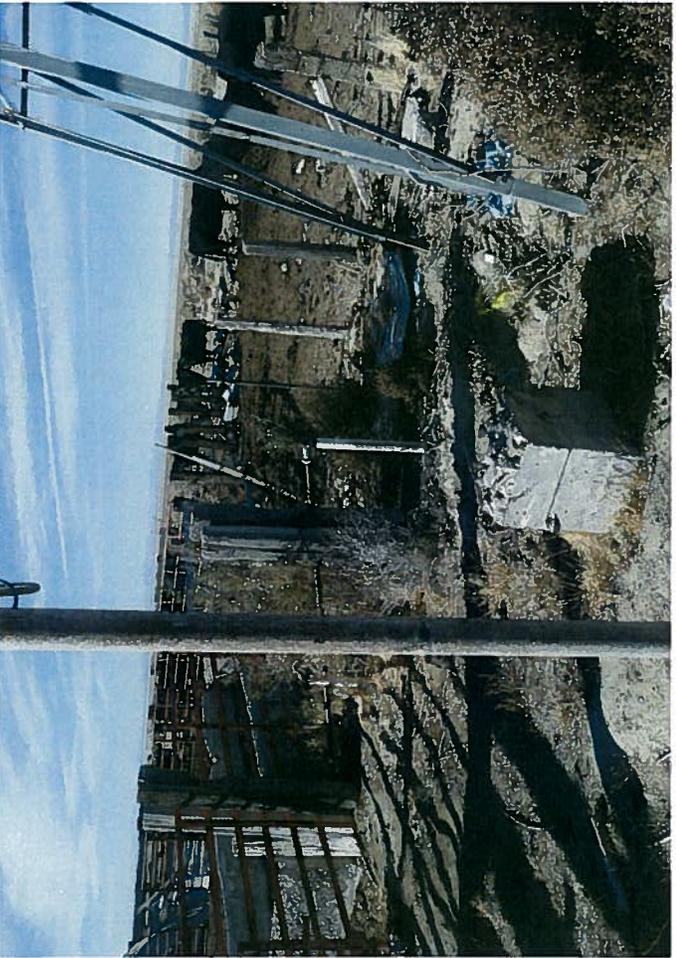
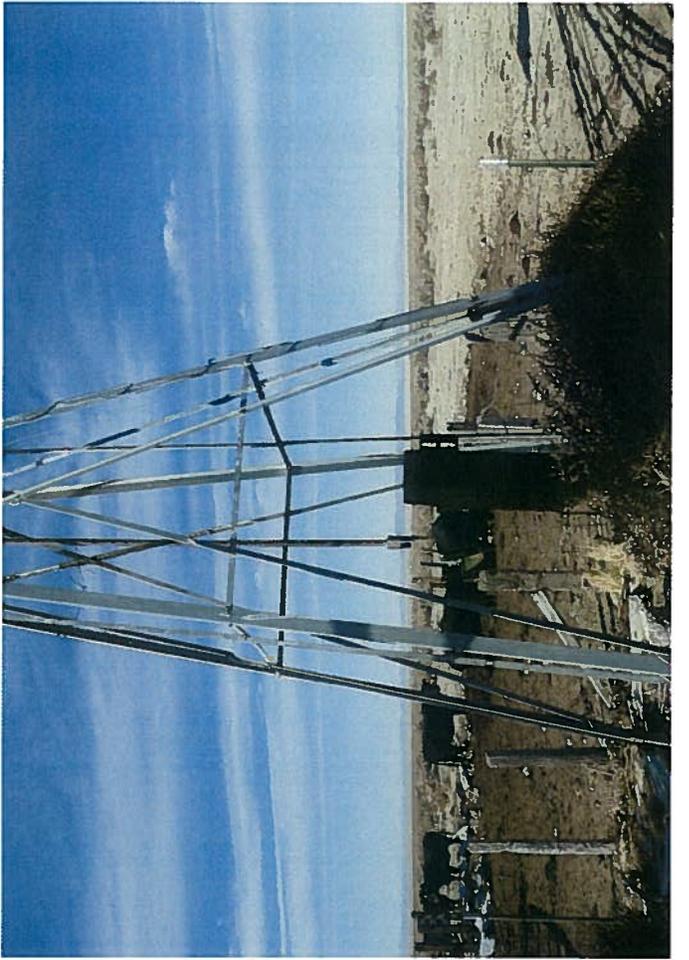
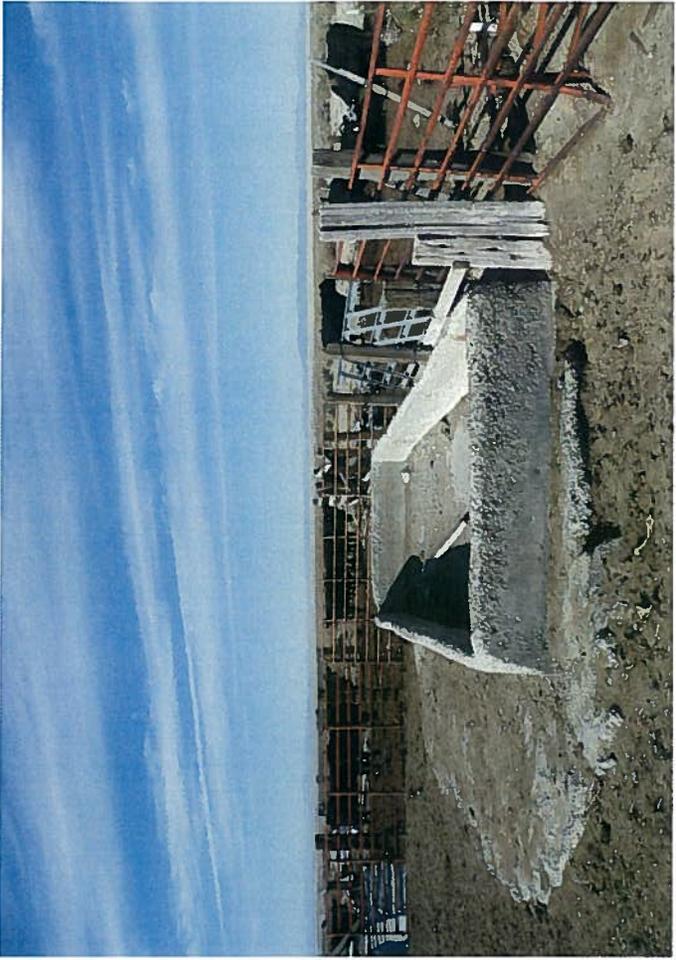
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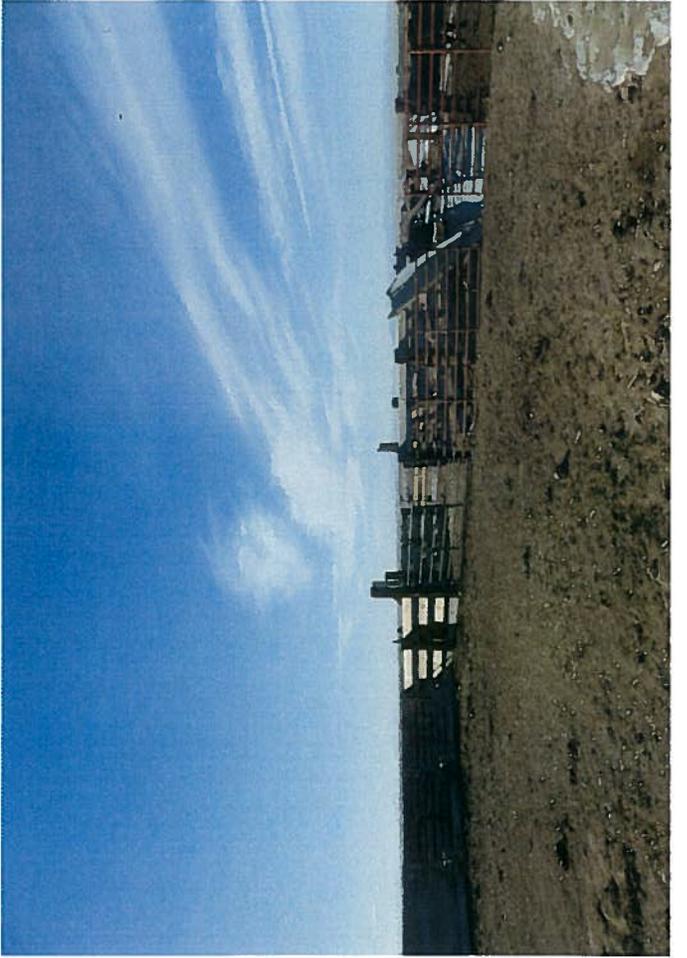




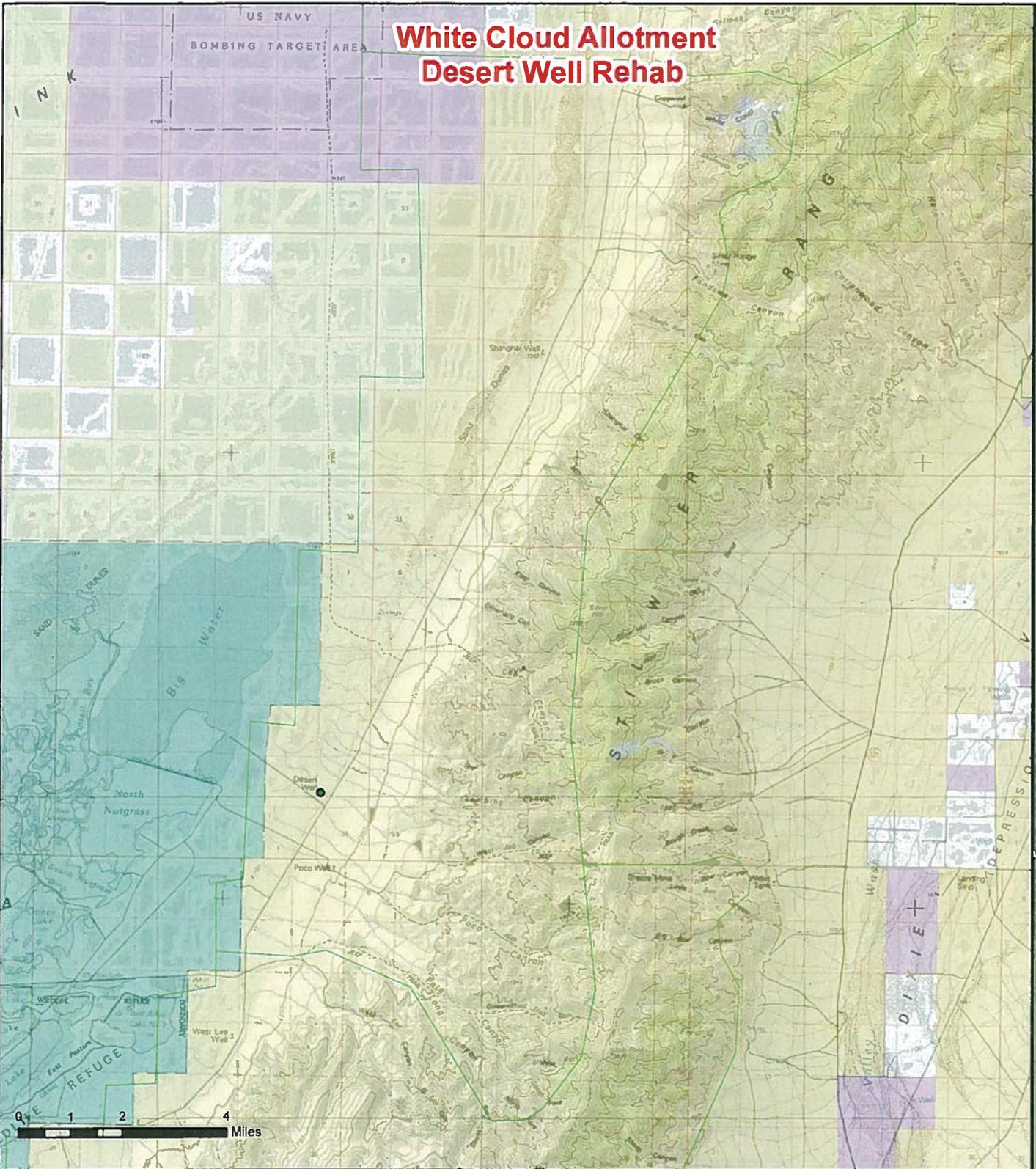








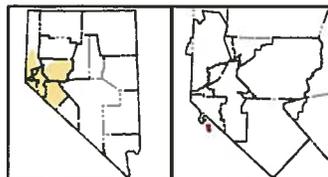
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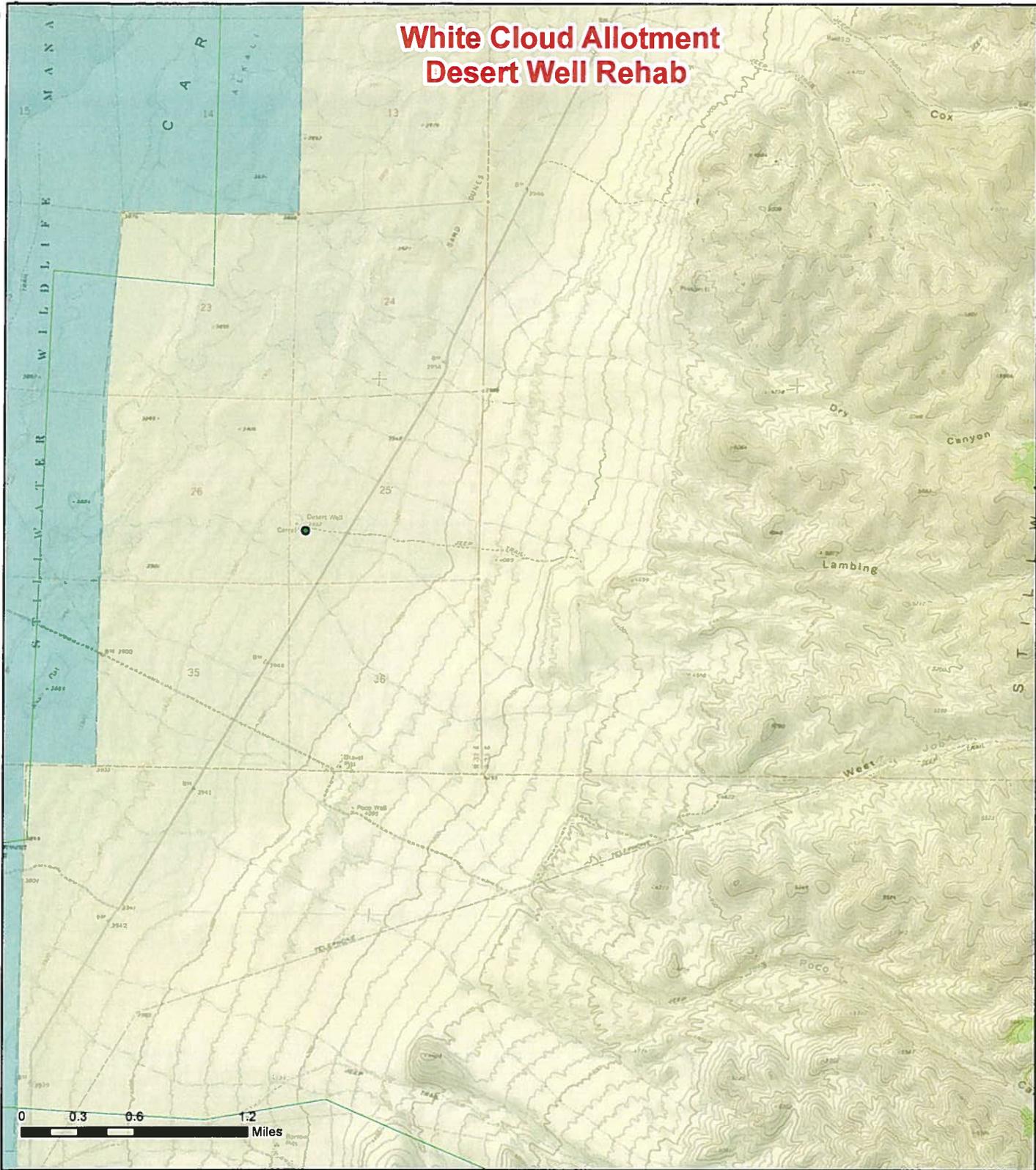
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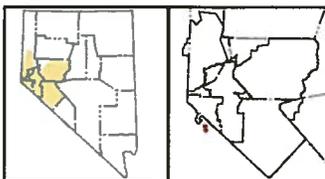


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