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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Moon Lake Electric Association Grant Renewals **DOI-BLM-CO-N05-2015-0123-CX**

Identifying Information

Project Title: Moon Lake Electric Association Grant Renewals

Legal Description: See Appendix B for individual legal descriptions.

Applicant: Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.

Casefiles: COC54066, COC37735, COC48524, COC37742, COC36393, COC36339, COC36396, COC34284, COC31200, COC34348, COC34287, COC77403, COC77402, COC0102645B, COC77405, COC77406, COC77407

Conformance with the Land Use Plan

The Proposed Action is subject to and is in conformance (43 CFR 1610.5) with the following land use plan:

Land Use Plan: White River Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP), as amended by the White River Field Office Oil and Gas Development Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ROD/RMPA)

Date Approved: July 1997, amended August 2015

Decision Language: “To make public lands available for the siting of public and private facilities through the issuance of applicable land use authorizations, in a manner that provides for reasonable protection of other resource values.” (ROD/RMP, page 2-49)

“Make federal oil and gas resources available for leasing and development in a manner that provides reasonable protection for other resource values.” (ROD/RMPA, page 2-34)

“Manage BLM public lands, including the siting of public and private facilities through the issuance of applicable land use authorizations, in a manner that balances the needs of oil and gas development with the management for other resources values.” (ROD/RMPA, page 2-39)

“Respond to internal and external requests for land use authorizations (e.g., pipelines, access routes, utility lines, communication sites, leases, and permits).” (ROD/RMPA, page 2-39)

“Emphasize efficient use of and colocation with existing ROWs to protect resources and resource uses. Consider the establishment of new ROW corridors to meet demand for oil and gas activities.” (ROD/RMPA, page 2-39)

Proposed Action

Project Components and General Schedule

Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. has submitted applications for the renewal of 18 right-of way grants. There are no proposed improvements or additional disturbance at this time. In total, all the ROWs combined would be 356,735 feet long, more or less, containing 195.58 acres. Individual lengths, widths and the powerline voltage are identified in Appendix B. All applicable terms and conditions of the original ROW grants would be carried forward and in full force and effect. All proposals are to renew for a 30 year term.

- COC54066 was issued 10/19/1992 for an extension of an existing overhead line to serve the Colorado Interstate Gas Company’s meter station in Little Horse Draw. This grant expired 8/24/2013.
- COC37735 was issued 8/25/1983 for an overhead line to serve the Western Slope Gas Company’s Dragon Trail Compressor Station. This grant expired 8/24/2013.
- COC48524 was issued 12/19/1988 for two sections of 7.2 kV overhead line. One section is to the Gary Staley residence and is now located on private land after sale of property to Staley to resolve a trespass. This section will no longer be authorized with the BLM. The other section will be renewed and serves a Northwest Pipeline’s Cathodic Protection Station (CPS) #1744. This ROW expired on 12/18/2013.
- COC37742 was issued 9/7/1983 for two sections of 7.2 kV overhead line. One section serves an Amoco Pipeline CPS and the other serves Union Telephone Company. This ROW expired 9/6/2013.
- COC36393 (aka Power Line Hammond Draw) was issued 9/22/1983. Main line is 19,563 ft of 12.5 kV line to serve the Taylor Draw Reservoir, and a short 1,400 ft section of 7.2 kV was added to serve Northwest Pipeline CPS. This ROW expired 9/21/2013.
- COC36339 was issued 2/2/1983 for an overhead line to serve an Amoco CPS in Moffat County. This ROW expired 2/1/2013.
- COC36396 was issued 7/25/1983 for an overhead line to serve Northwest Pipeline CPS #1400. This ROW expired 7/25/2013.
- COC34284 was issued 6/14/1982 and now serves a Red Rock Gathering CO LLC 4.25 acre LPG Truck Unloading Station. It was amended to include 80ft line to a Northwest Pipeline CPS. This ROW expired 6/13/2012.
- COC31200 was issued 10/27/1981 for an overhead 14.4 kV power line. The original line was approximately 29,250 feet in length. A large portion of the land that this line crosses has been transferred out of Federal ownership, and will not be reissued as part of this

grant. The line that remains on BLM lands is 6,514 feet in length. This ROW expired 10/26/2011.

- COC34348 (aka Edison Substation to Dinosaur) was issued 10/21/1982 for an overhead 7.2 /12.5 kV power line. This grant was amended eight times from 1983 to 2007 to include several lines to wells. This ROW expired 10/20/2012.
- COC34287 was issued 12/1/1982 for a 69 kV power line to serve the town of Dinosaur. It parallels a Western Area Power Administration line across BLM lands. This ROW expired 11/30/2012.
- COC0102645 was issued 4/16/1963 for an overhead 24.9Kv line. This grant was issued pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961), and expired 4/15/2013. It will be closed and the line will be re-issued under a new serial number COC77403 in order to conform the right-of-way to the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761). Because COC0102645 could not be amended under its authority, ROW grant COC0102645B was issued to authorize small reroute sections along this line. These portions will be removed from COC0102645B and will be included under ROW grant COC77403.
- COC0102645B was issued on 7/5/1994 for a reroute to the line authorized under COC0102645. It was amended two times for additional reroutes, and one amendment for a short line to serve a CPS. These reroutes will be authorized under grant COC77403, leaving only a short line serving a Northwest Pipeline CPS. This grant expired 4/15/2013.
- COC0122455 is a pre-FLPMA, 50 year grant issued 8/11/1964 for a MLEA – WREA Tie Line. This grant was issued pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961), and expired 8/10/2014. It will be closed and the line will be included in the re-issue of serial number COC36393 in order to conform the right-of-way to the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).
- COC0115544 is a pre-FLPMA, 50 year grant issued 1/13/1964 that will be closed. This grant was issued pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961), and expired 1/12/2014. It will be closed and the line will be re-issued under serial number COC77402 in order to conform the right-of-way to the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).
- COC0108816 is a pre-FLPMA, 50 year grant issued 10/23/1963. This grant was issued pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961), and expired 10/22/2013. It will be closed and the line will be re-issued under serial number COC77405 in order to conform the right-of-way to the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761). Portions of this grant are located on lands that have been transferred out of Federal ownership, and will not be reissued as part of this new grant.
- COC090815 is a pre-FLPMA, 50 year grant issued 12/13/1962. This grant was issued pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961), and expired 12/12/2012. It will be closed and the line will be re-issued under serial number COC77406 in order to conform the right-of-way to the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976

(43 U.S.C. 1761). A large portion of the land that this line crosses has been transferred out of Federal ownership, and will not be reissued as part of this grant.

- COC079607 is a pre-FLPMA, 50 year grant issued 5/24/1962 for the Rangely Oil Field Electrical Distribution Substation site. This grant was issued pursuant to the Act of March 2, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961), and expired 5/23/2012. It will be closed and the site will be re-issued under serial number COC77407 in order to conform the right-of-way to the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

BLM Required Terms and Conditions to Mitigate Impacts to Cultural and Paleontological Resources

1. The applicant is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts.
2. If any archaeological materials are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, activity in the vicinity of the discovery will cease, and the BLM WRFO Archaeologist will be notified immediately. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The applicant will make every effort to protect the site from further impacts including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage until BLM determines a treatment approach, and the treatment is completed. Unless previously determined in treatment plans or agreements, BLM will evaluate the cultural resources and, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), select the appropriate mitigation option within 48 hours of the discovery. The applicant, under guidance of the BLM, will implement the mitigation in a timely manner. The process will be fully documented in reports, site forms, maps, drawings, and photographs. The BLM will forward documentation to the SHPO for review and concurrence.
3. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the applicant must notify the AO, by telephone and written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the operator must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the AO.
4. The applicant is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing or collecting vertebrate or other scientifically-important fossils, collecting large amounts of petrified wood (over 25lbs./day, up to 250lbs./year), or collecting fossils for commercial purposes on public lands.
5. If any paleontological resources are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, the applicant or any of his agents must stop work immediately at that site, immediately contact the BLM Paleontology Coordinator, and make every effort to protect the site from further impacts, including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The BLM or designated paleontologist will evaluate the discovery and take action to protect or remove the resource within 10 working days. Within 10 days, the operator will be allowed to

continue construction through the site, or will be given the choice of either (a) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for stabilizing the fossil resource in place and avoiding further disturbance to the fossil resource, or (b) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for mitigating impacts to the fossil resource prior to continuing construction through the project area.

Categorical Exclusion Review

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, E9: *“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.”*

The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) described in the table below.

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
a) Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		X
b) 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; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		X
h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X

Interdisciplinary Review

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the White River Field Office interdisciplinary team on 9/22/2015. A complete list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the White River Field Office. The table below lists resource specialists who provided additional review or remarks concerning cultural resources and special status species.

Name	Title	Resource	Date
Brian Yaquinto	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	10/13/2015
Lisa Belmont	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Wildlife Species	10/5/2015
Matthew Dupire	Ecologist	Special Status Plant Species	10/5/2015
Aaron Grimes	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Access and Transportation	10/6/2015
Keesha Cary	Realty Specialist	Project Lead	10/30/2015
Heather Sauls	Planning and Environmental Coordinator	NEPA Compliance	11/16/2015

Cultural Resources: The 2014 state protocol agreement between the Colorado BLM and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) exempts rights-of-way renewals, where there are no upgrades or surface disturbances, from further consideration under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). No further cultural resource work is required for the proposed action; however, future non-emergency activities that would cause surface disturbance in the ROW will be subject to compliance under Section 106 of the NHPA, which may require additional cultural resource inventory, treatment, or mitigation.

Native American Religious Concerns: No Native American religious concerns are known in the area, and none have been noted by Tribal authorities. Should recommended inventories or future consultations with Tribal authorities reveal the existence of such sensitive properties, appropriate mitigation and/or protection measures may be undertaken.

Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species: There are no threatened or endangered animal species that are known to inhabit or derive important use from the project area. Several portions of the proposed right-of-way renewals are located in general habitat management areas for greater sage-grouse, a BLM sensitive species. Based on recent (2012) Colorado Parks and Wildlife mapping efforts, sage-grouse habitat has been classified into two types: 1) priority habitat management areas (PHMA) and 2) general habitat management areas (GHMA). PHMA represent areas having the highest conservation value in maintaining sustainable sage-grouse populations, including breeding, later brood-rearing, and winter concentration areas. GHMA represent occupied or recently occupied habitats that are outside priority habitat. As late as 1990, small numbers of sage-grouse made year-round use of the area. A historic lek is located less than one mile from a portion of the COC34348 right-of-way. This lek was last known to be active in 1990, at which time 14 males were observed. Currently, sage-grouse are now either absent or relegated to sporadic, low-density use during the winter. Declining bird use and eventual extirpation appears to have been associated with increasing prevalence of cheatgrass in these shrubland understories. Although not currently known to support large numbers of birds,

potential restoration of these degraded habitats may allow for reoccupation and/or support of larger numbers of birds in the future.

Predation of sage-grouse (eggs, nestlings and adults) by both raptors and corvids has been well documented (Hagen 2011). Power lines have been shown to increase hunting efficiency as above ground structures can provide attractive hunting perches, particularly in areas of flat terrain (Connelly et al. 2000). Although not absolute, power lines equipped with perch deterrents may reduce the risk of predation to some extent.

Several BLM administered rights-of-way are located along the White River corridor. The lower White River and its cottonwood gallery forests serve as the hub of seasonal bald eagle activity in the White River valley. All power poles on BLM administered lands should be conditioned to deter all raptor use and prevent raptor electrocution.

Threatened and Endangered Plant Species: The Proposed Action is for the renewal of existing rights-of-way which includes no additional disturbance. There are no threatened or endangered plant species or habitat in the vicinity of the Proposed Action and renewal of these rights-of-way are expected to have no impacts on threatened and endangered plant species.

Access and Transportation: The inspection and maintenance of several of these ROWs requires the need for motorized vehicular access by the holder. This type of vehicular inspection has resulted in the development of some unsurfaced, two-track type travel routes underneath or near portions of some of the power lines. According to the 2015 BLM White River Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for Oil and Gas Development (Oil and Gas ROD/RMPA), in the event that access is required to inspect and maintain these ROWs, the corridor would remain closed to public vehicular access and the holder would be responsible for installing and maintaining effective vehicle deterrents that would be functional beyond final abandonment of the grant. The grants in this proposal that are related to oil and gas development include: COC54066, COC37735, COC48524, COC37742, COC36393, COC36339, COC36396, COC34284, COC34348, and COC0102645B. These particular grants were reviewed to identify any two-track type travel routes and any issues with public use of these routes. There is currently no known public use of these existing routes. However, if the public does start to use any of these access travel routes over the course of the proposed grant renewal time, then the holder will be responsible for installing and maintaining effective vehicle deterrents to keep the ROW corridor closed to public use. This mitigation may include: installing signage, installing barriers such as gates or berms, or reclaiming routes that are a result of unauthorized public use of the corridor.

References Cited:

Connelly, J.W., M.A. Schroeder, A.R. Sands, and C.E. Braun. 2000. Guidelines to Manage sage-grouse Populations and their Habitats. *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 28(4): 967-985.

Hagen, C.A. 2011. Predation and greater sage-grouse: facts, process, and effect. In *Greater Sage-Grouse: Ecology and Conservation of a Landscape Species and its Habitats*, edited by S.T. Knick and J. W. Connelly, pp. 95-100. Cooper Ornithological Union, University of California Press, Berkeley.

Mitigation

1. All applicable terms, conditions, and stipulations contained in the original ROW grant and any amendments shall be carried forward and remain in full force and effect. No new construction is authorized.
2. At least 90 days prior to termination of the right-of-way, the holder shall contact the Authorized Officer to arrange a joint inspection of the right-of-way. The inspection will result in the development of an acceptable termination and rehabilitation plan submitted by the holder. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, removal of facilities, drainage structures, and surface material; recontouring; topsoiling; or seeding. The Authorized Officer must approve the plan in writing prior to the holder's commencement of any termination activities.
3. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the operation and termination of the right-of-way within the authorized limits of the right-of-way.
4. Any proposal involving additional surface disturbance outside of the existing right-of-way disturbance requires an application to the BLM for analysis and authorization. New stipulations for construction would be applied to projects subject to the regulations and policies existing at the time of authorization.
5. The holder shall monitor all disturbed and reclaimed areas through final abandonment for the presence of invasive, non-native, and/or noxious plant species. The holder will be responsible for eradication of noxious weeds that occur on site using materials and methods approved in advance by the Authorized Officer.
6. The holder shall notify the authorized officer at least 60 days prior to non-emergency activities that would cause surface disturbance in the right-of-way. A "Notice to Proceed" shall be required prior to any non-emergency activities that would cause surface disturbance on the right-of-way. Any request for a "Notice to Proceed" must be made to the authorized officer, who will review the Proposed Action for consistency with resource management concerns such as wildlife, big game winter range, paleontology, special status species, and cultural resource protection. The authorized officer may require the completion of special status species surveys or other resource surveys. Additional measures may be required to protect special status species or other resources.
7. If not currently equipped, power poles located on BLM administered lands along the White River corridor (COC36393 and COC48524) and in greater sage-grouse general habitat management areas (listed below) should be conditioned to effectively deter all raptor use and prevent raptor electrocution.
 - i. COC37742 in T3N R101W, sections 7 and 18; T3N R102W, sections 13 and 24.
 - ii. COC34281 in T3N R104W sections 13, 14, and 15.
 - iii. COC34348 in T2N R103W section 6 (to intersection with COC34284); T3N R103W section 18, 19, 30 and 31; T3N R104W section 13.

8. If the BLM or the holder identifies future public use on any of the access travel routes related to grants COC54066, COC37735, COC48524, COC37742, COC36393, COC36339, COC36396, COC34284, COC34348, and COC0102645B over the course of the proposed grant renewal time, then the holder will be responsible for installing and maintaining effective vehicle deterrents to keep the ROW corridor closed to public use. This potential mitigation may include: installing signage, installing barriers such as gates or berms, or reclaiming routes that are a result of unauthorized public use of the corridor.

Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E9. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

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Field Manager

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Appendix A. Maps

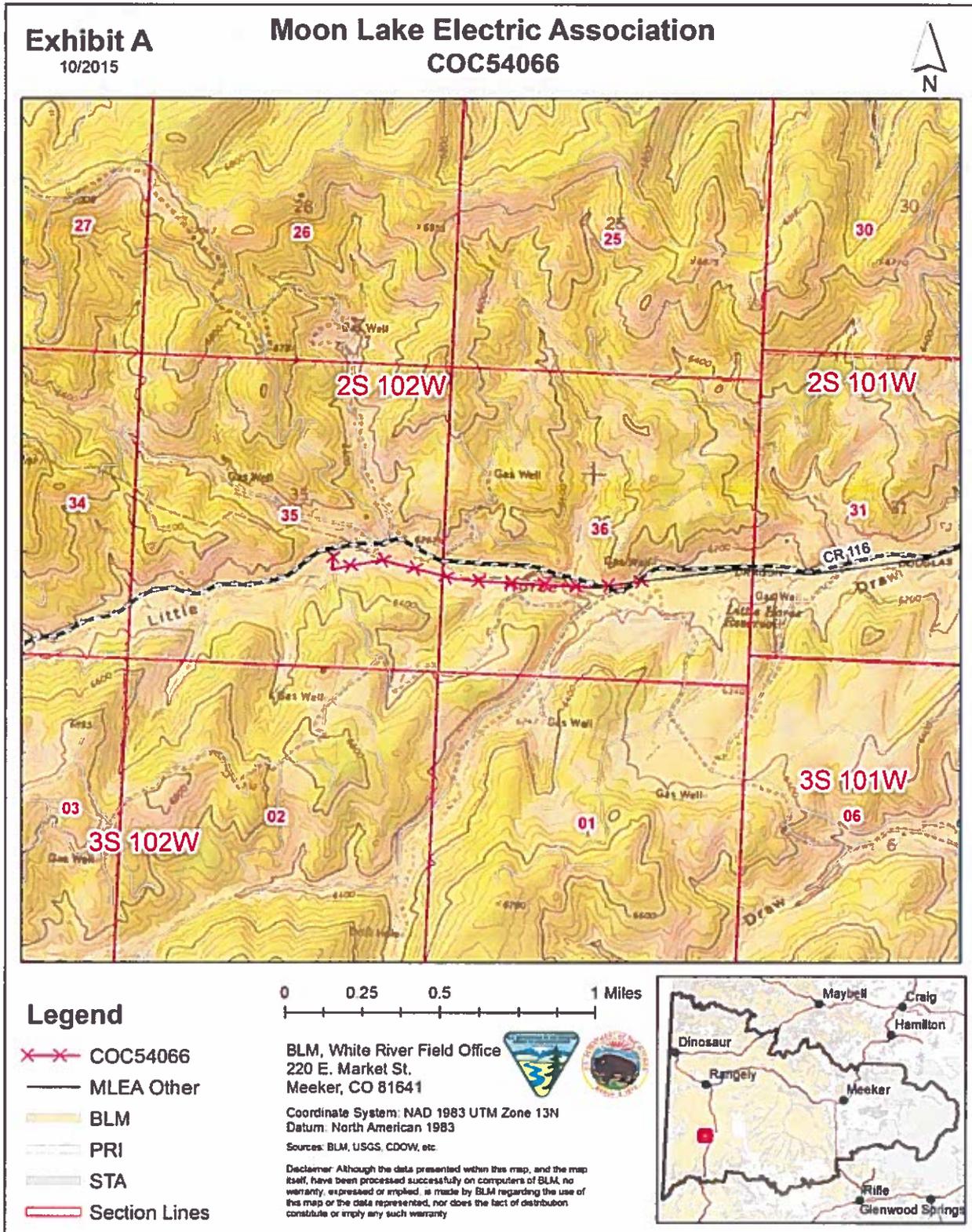
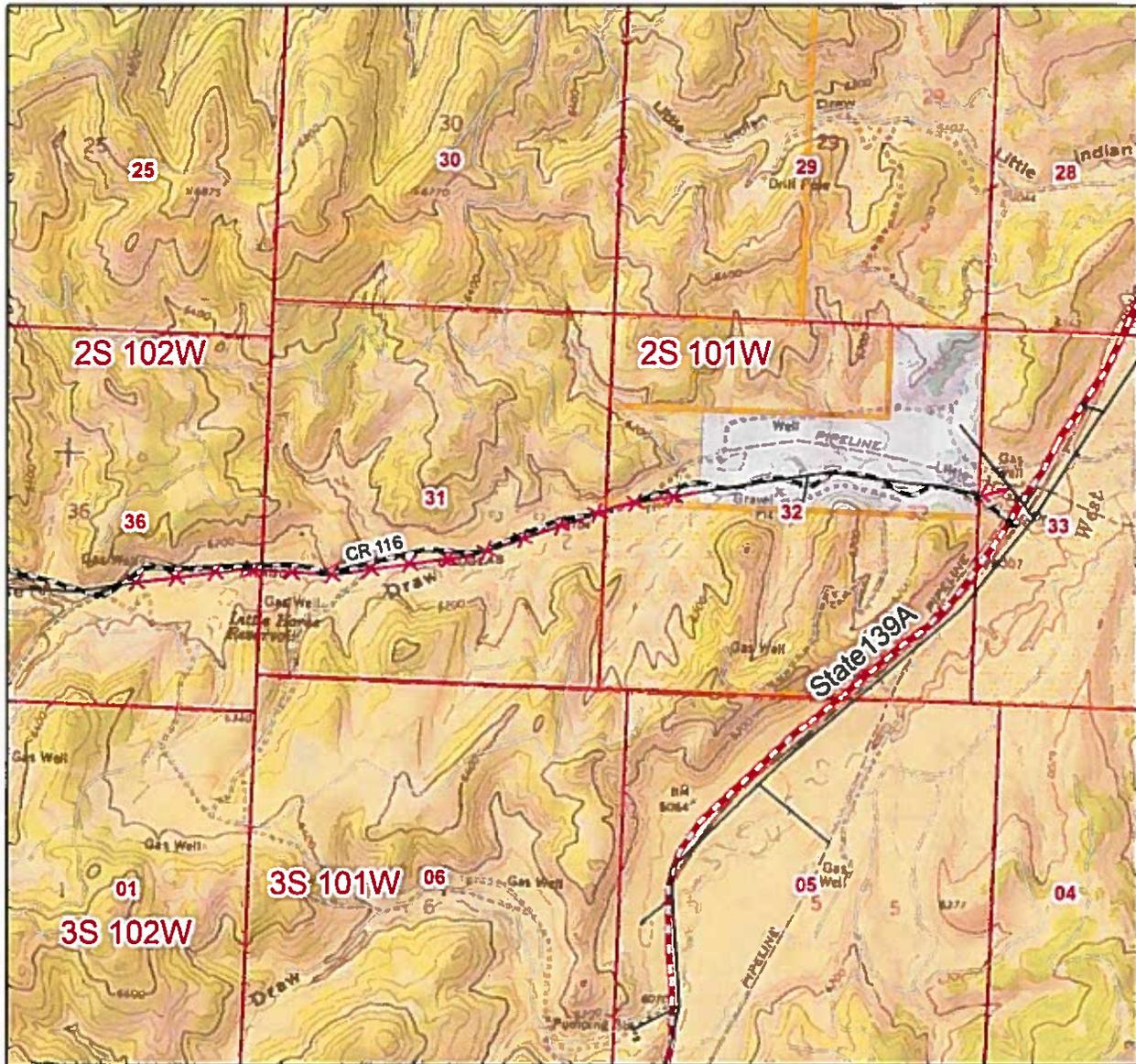


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**Moon Lake Electric Association
COC37735**



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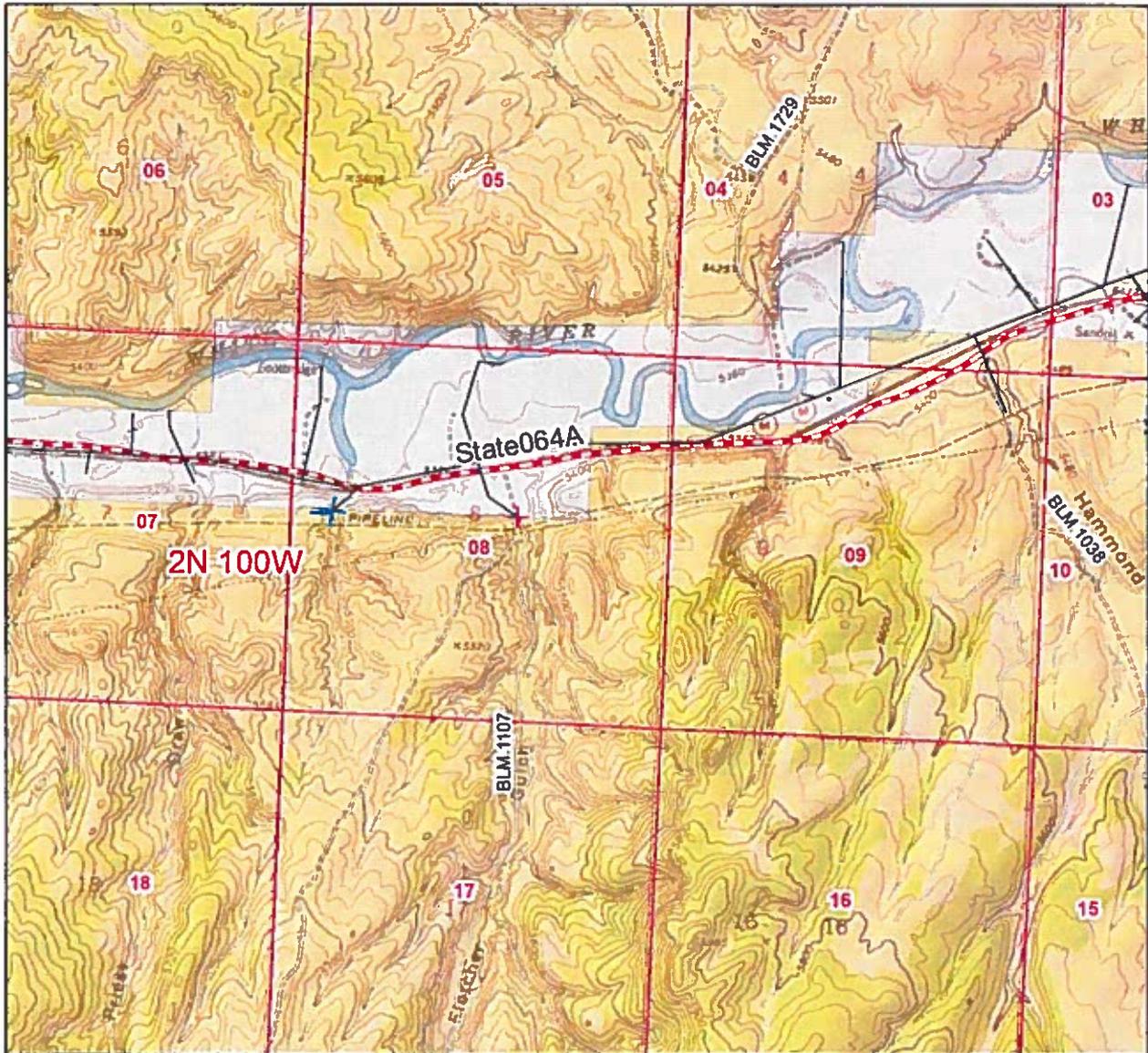
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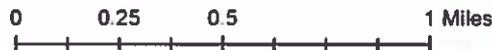
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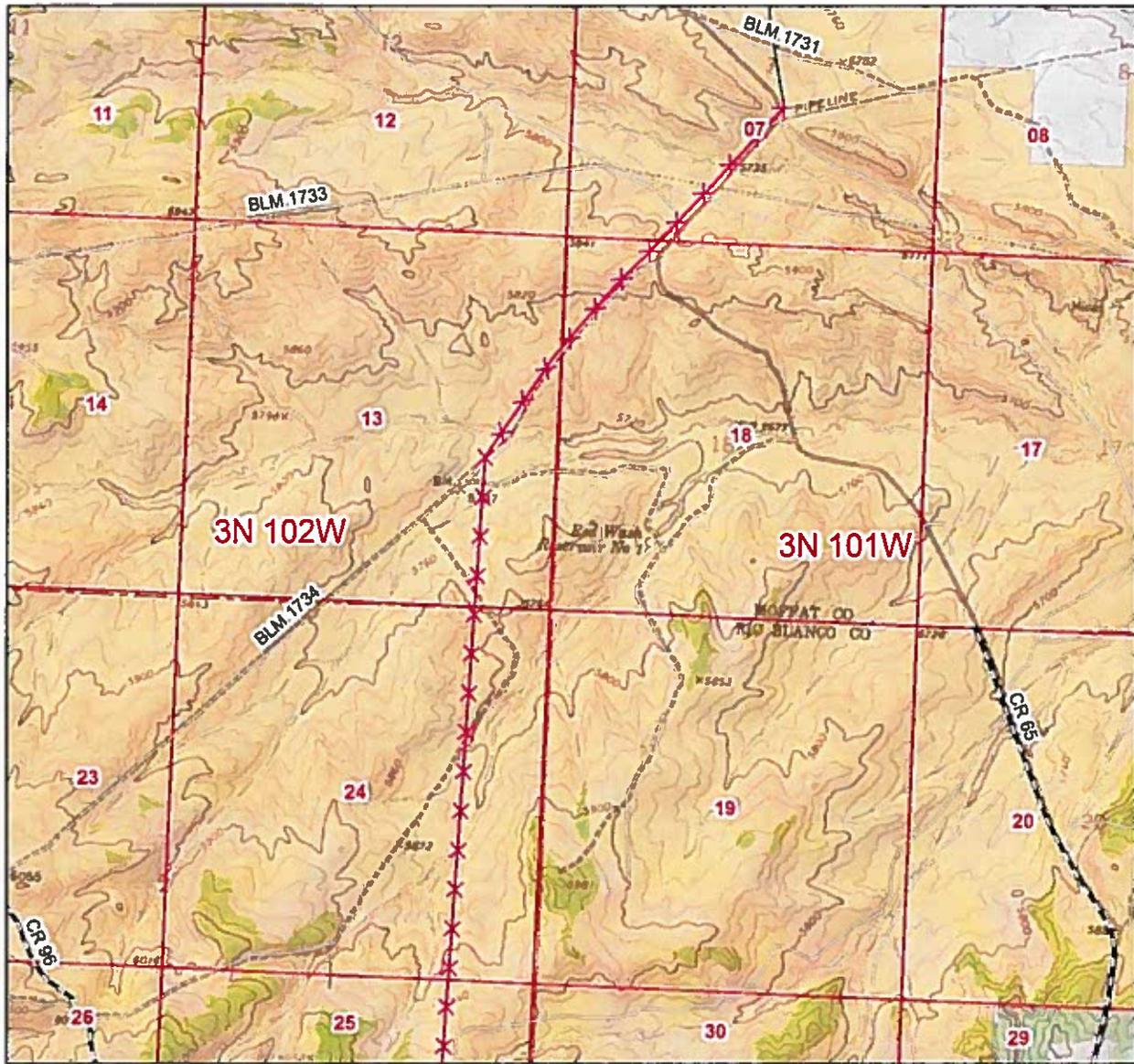
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Moon Lake Electric Association COC37742



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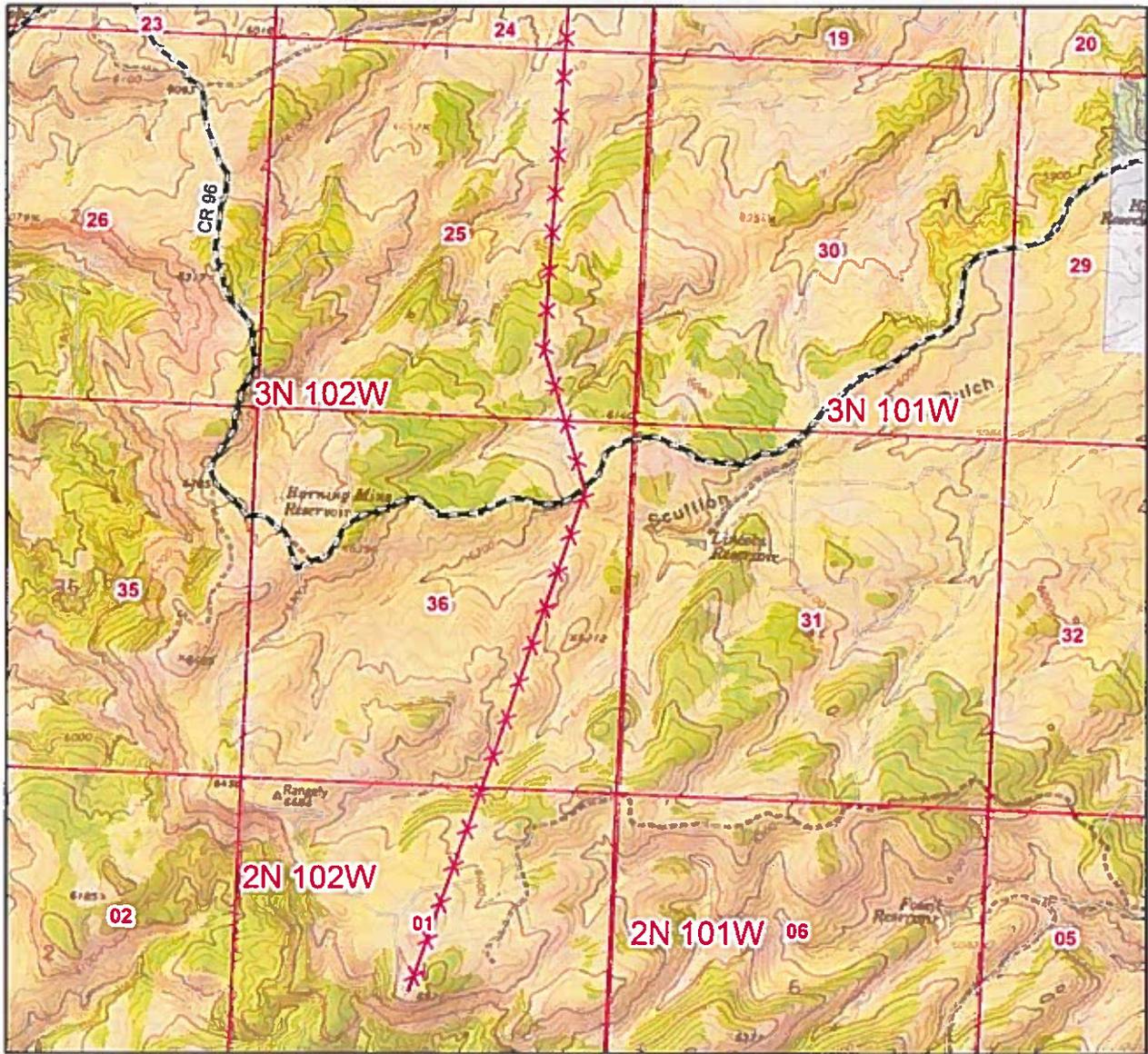
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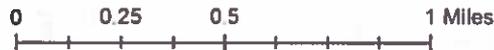


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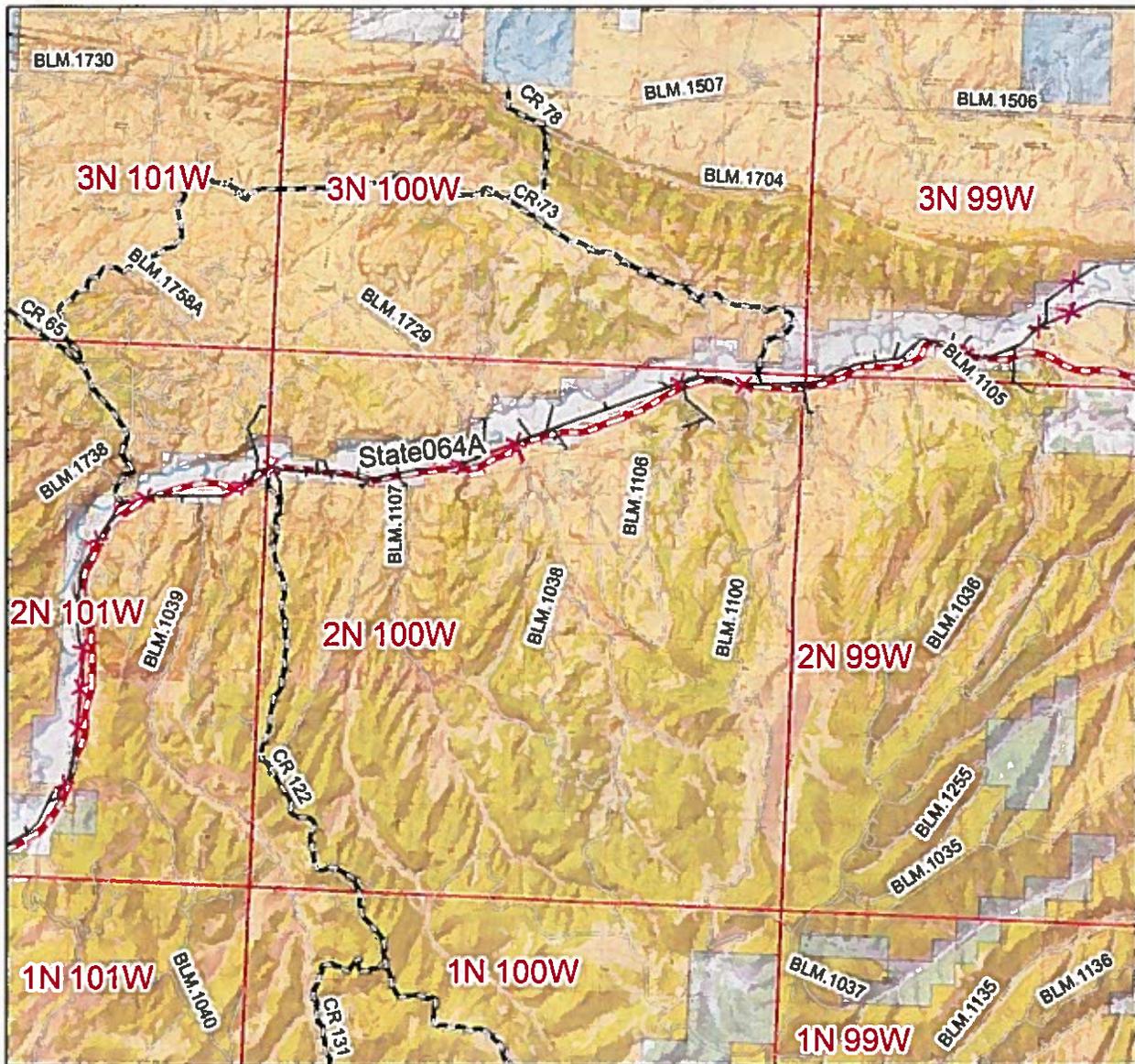
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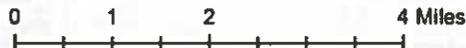
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**Moon Lake Electric Association
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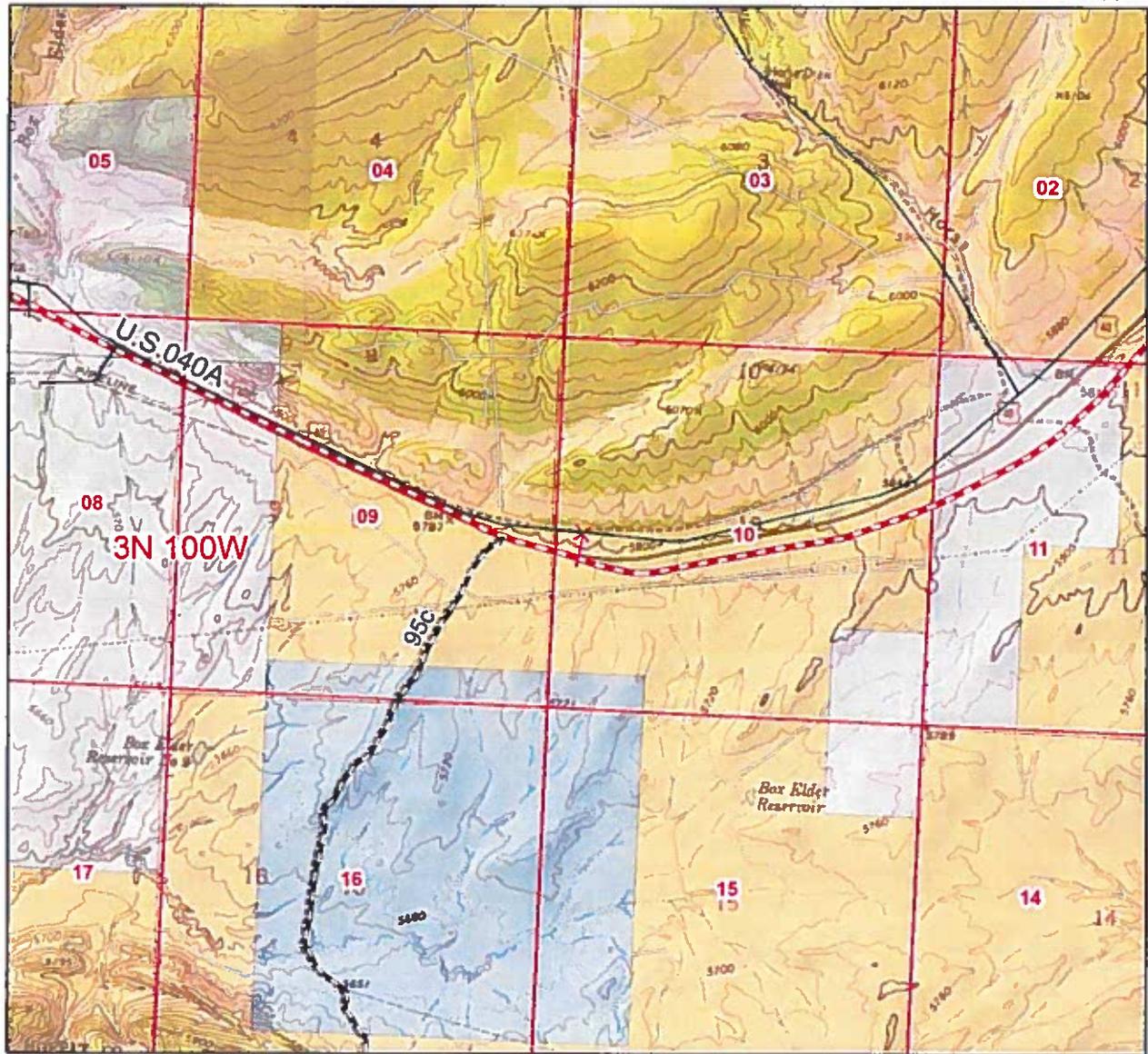
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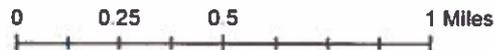
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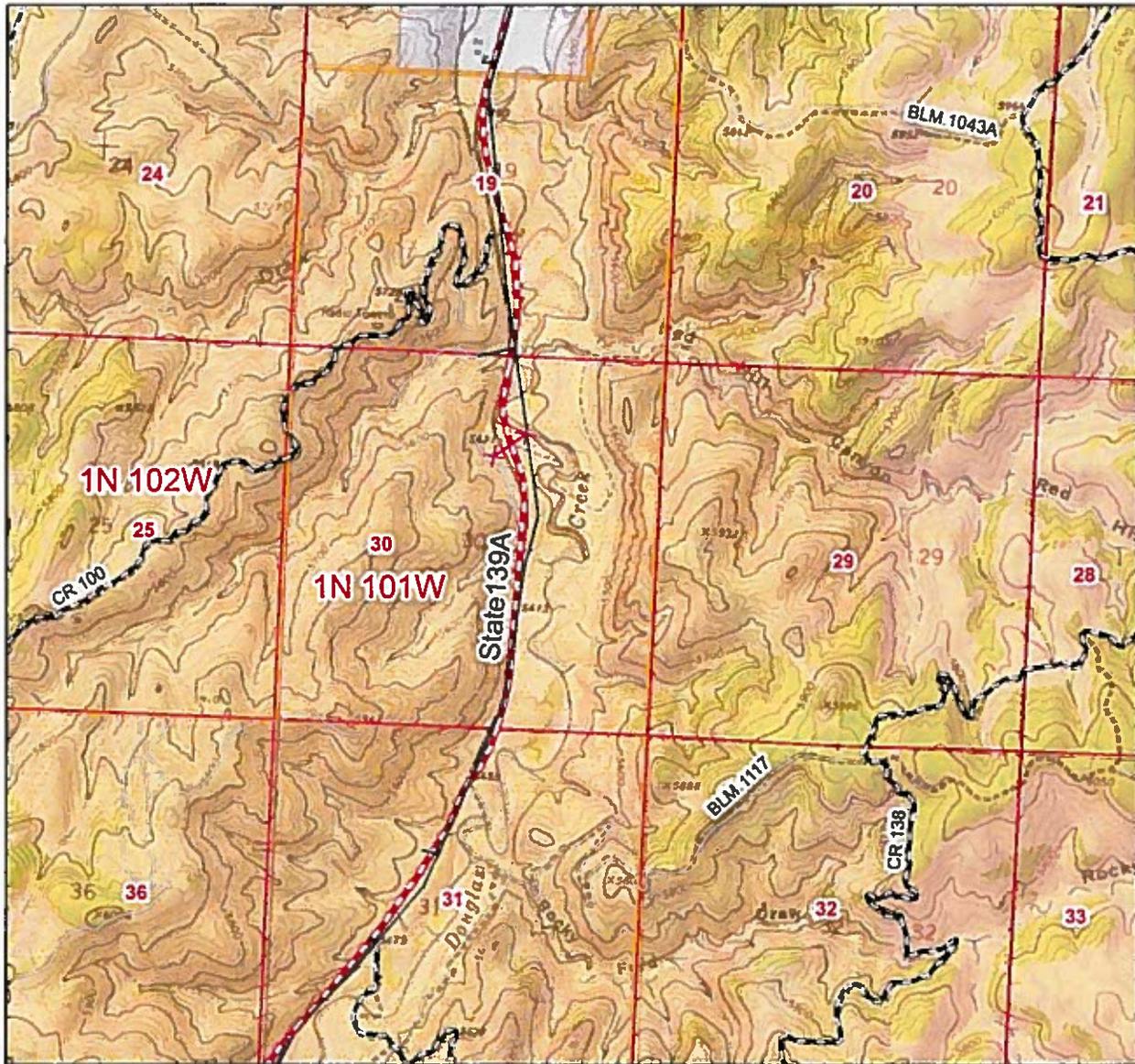
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**Moon Lake Electric Association
COC36396**



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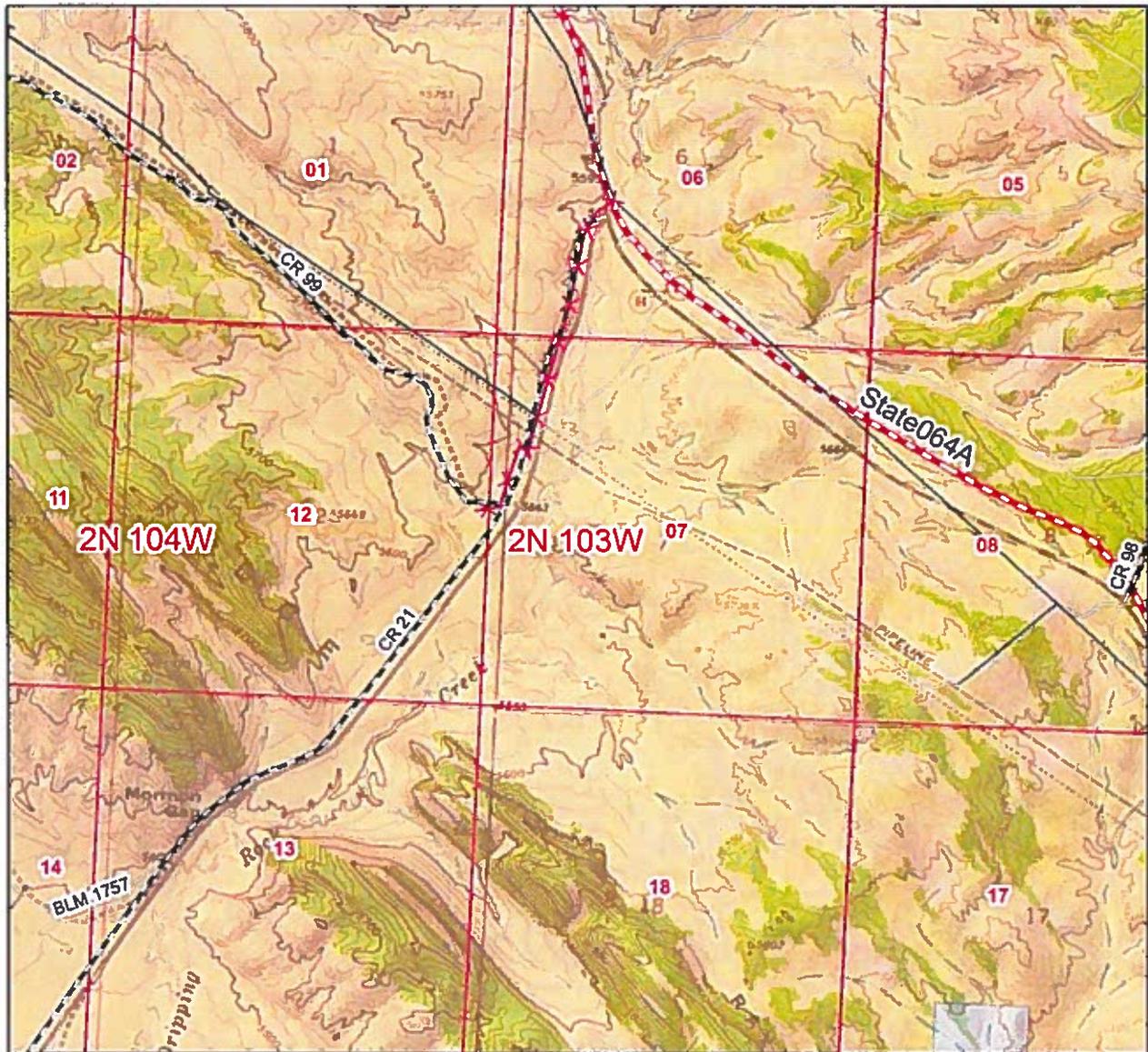
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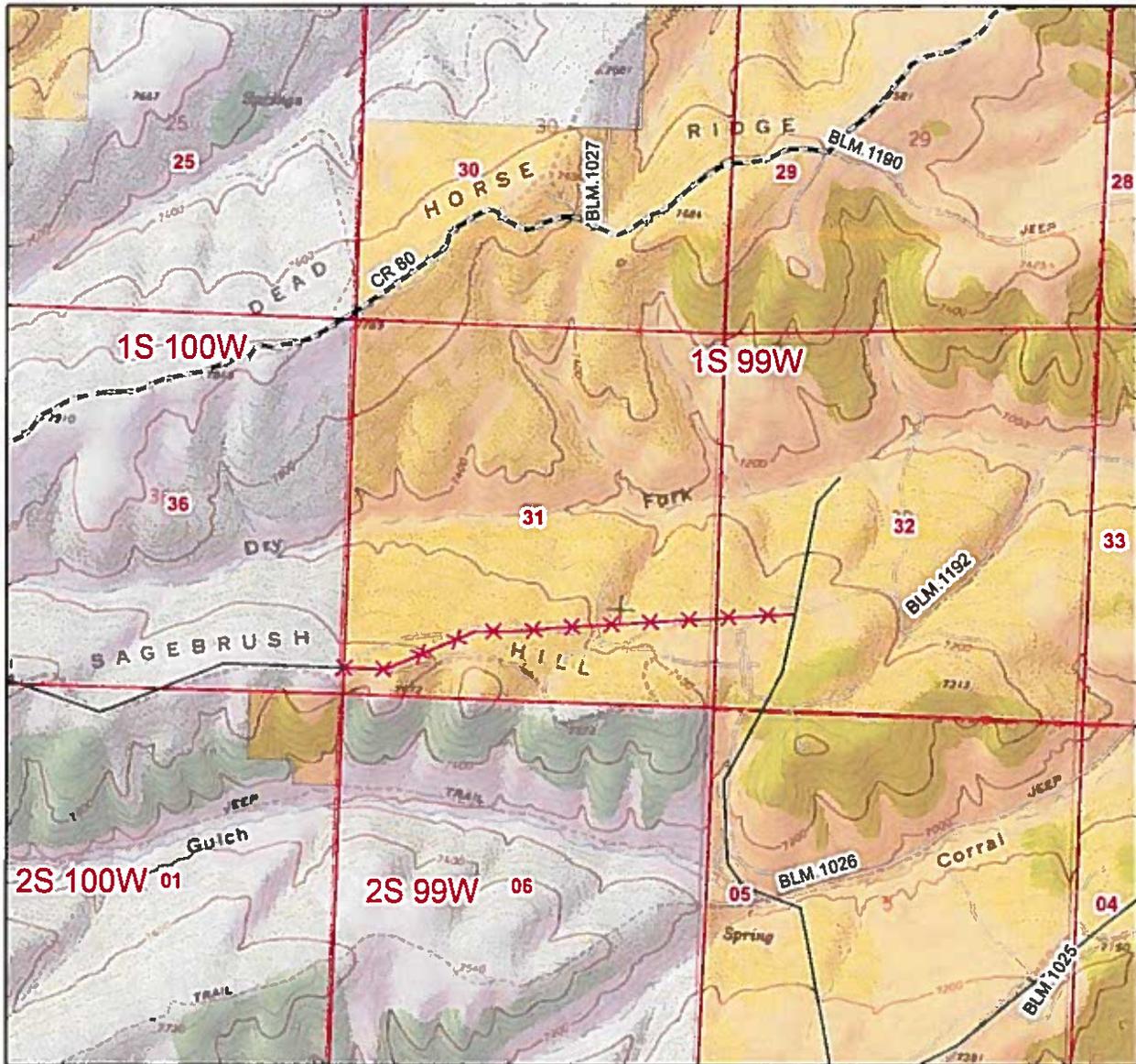
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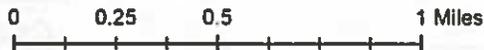


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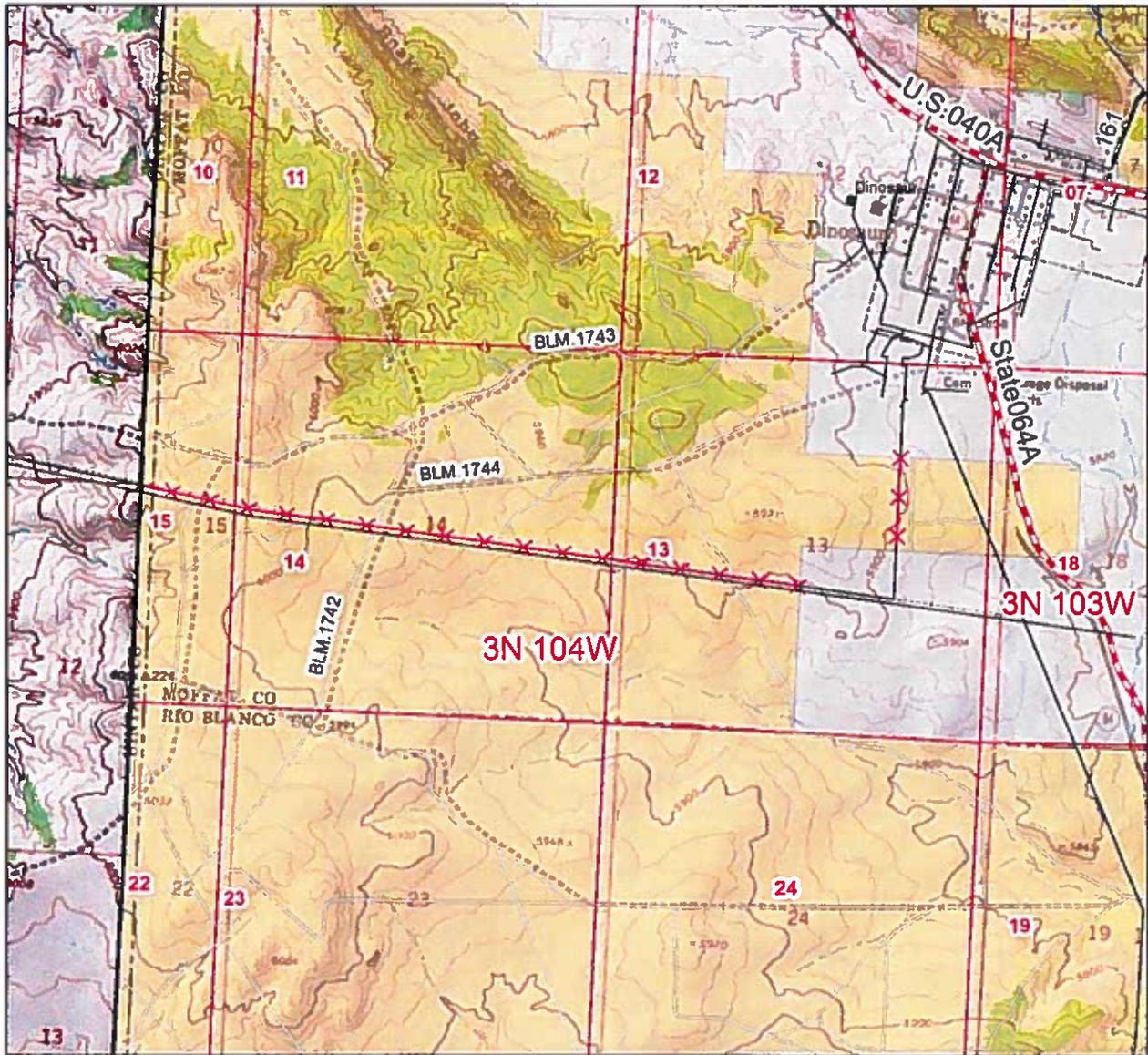
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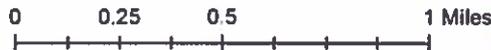
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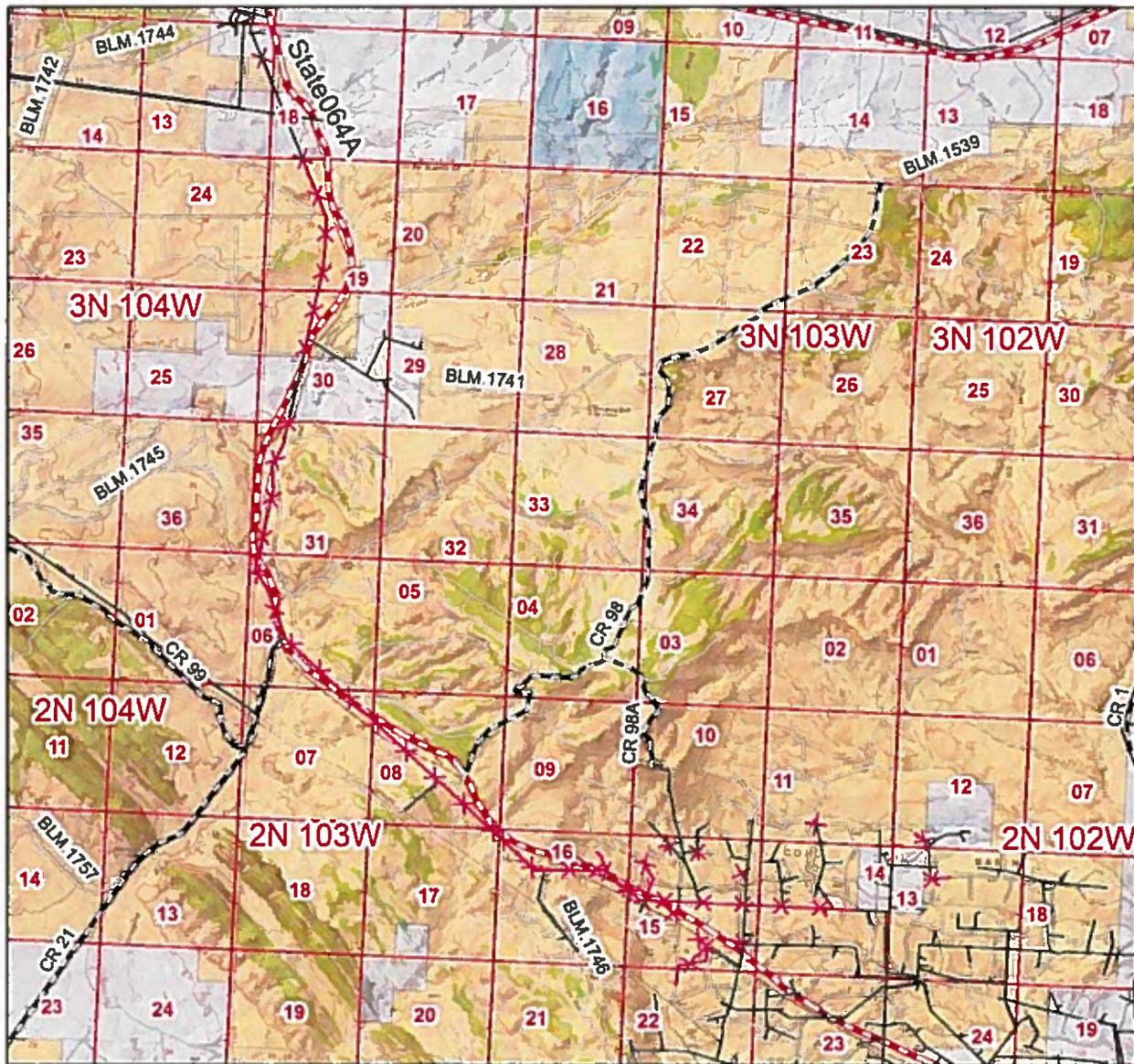
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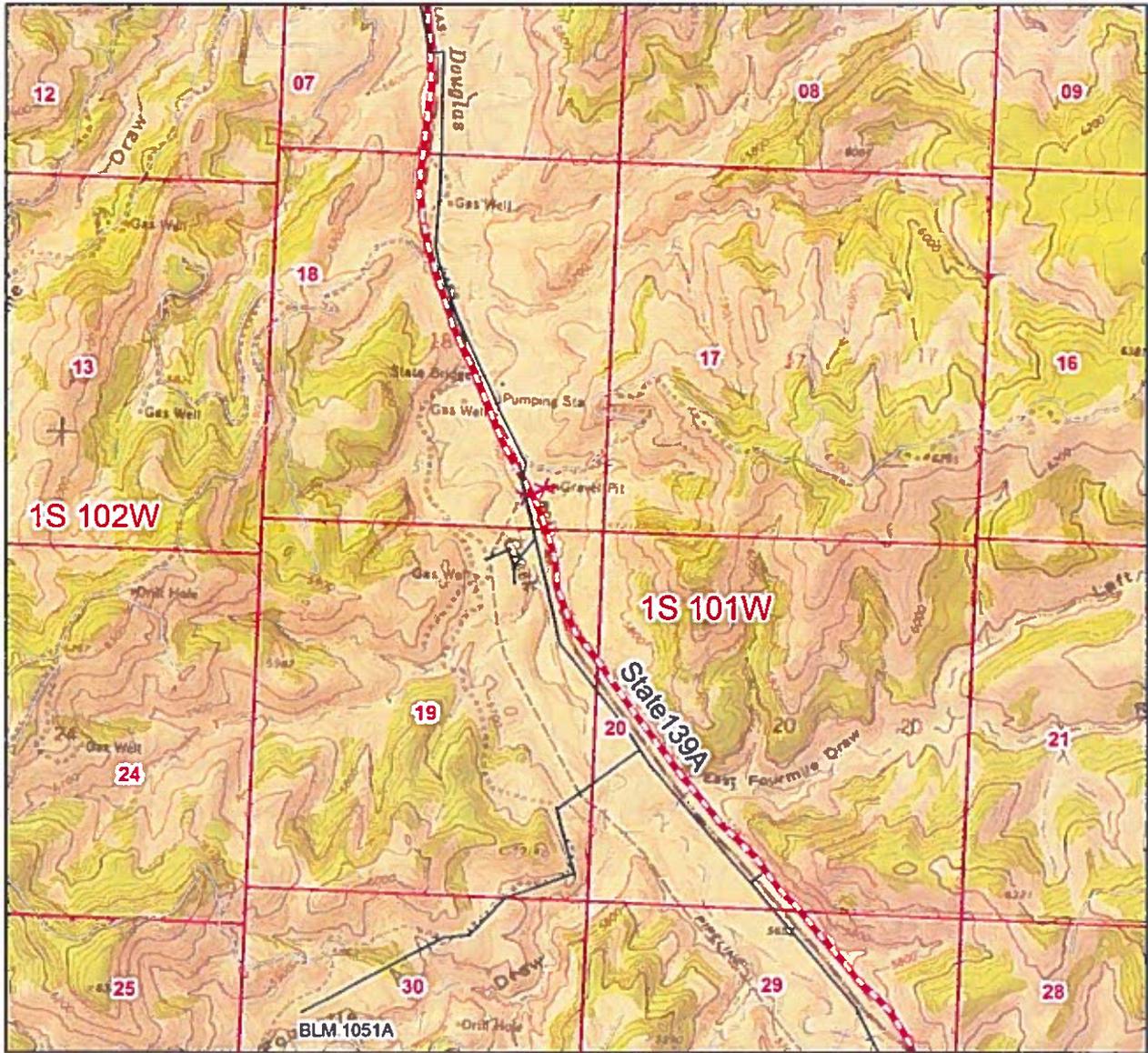
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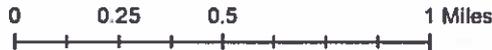
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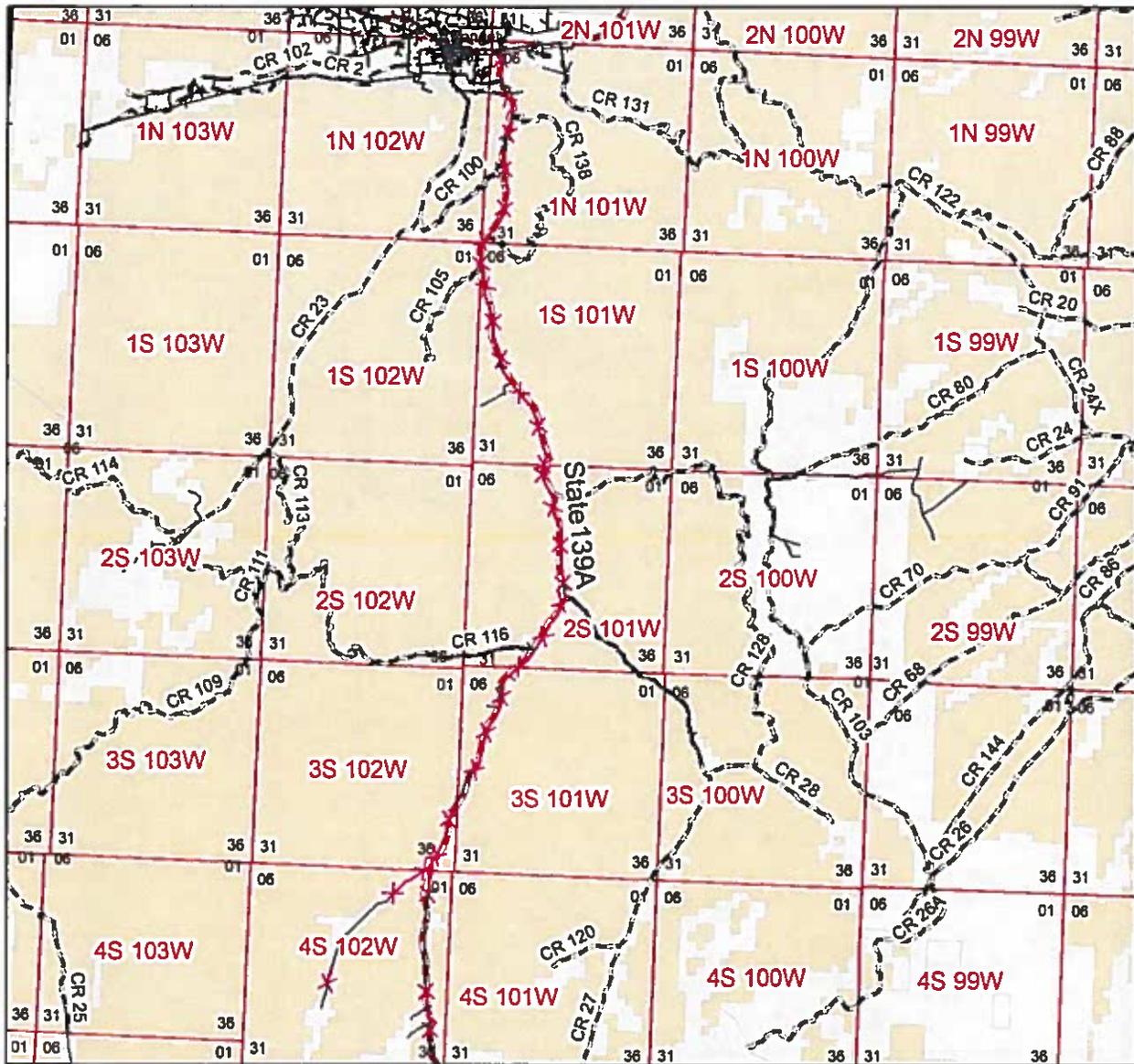
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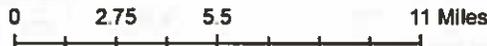
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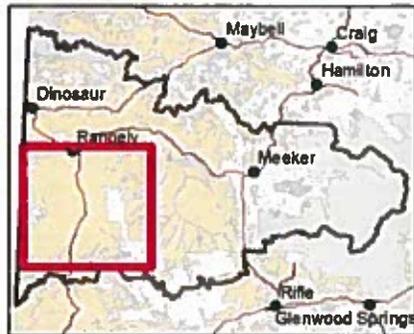
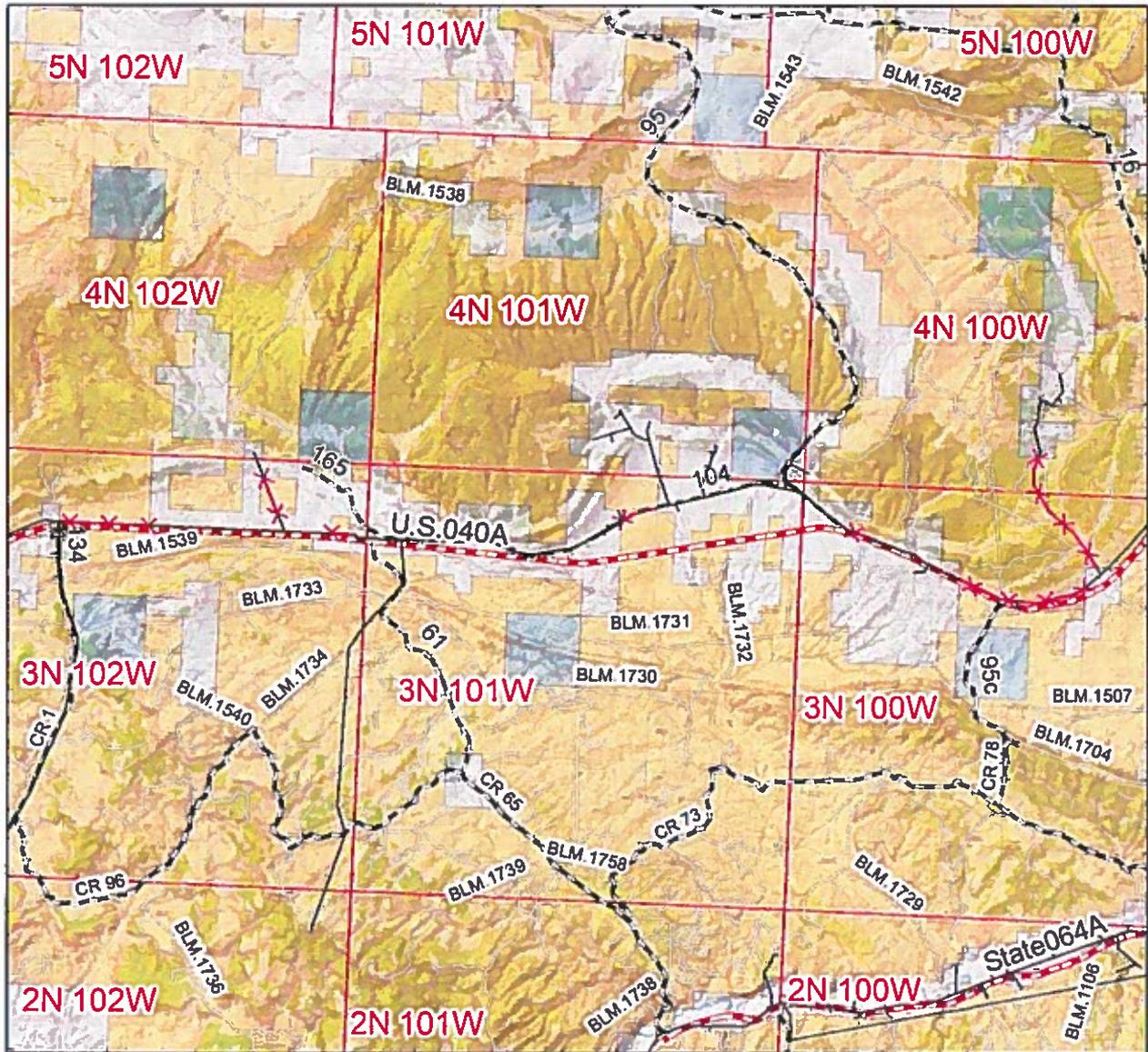


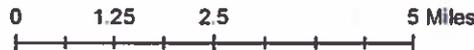
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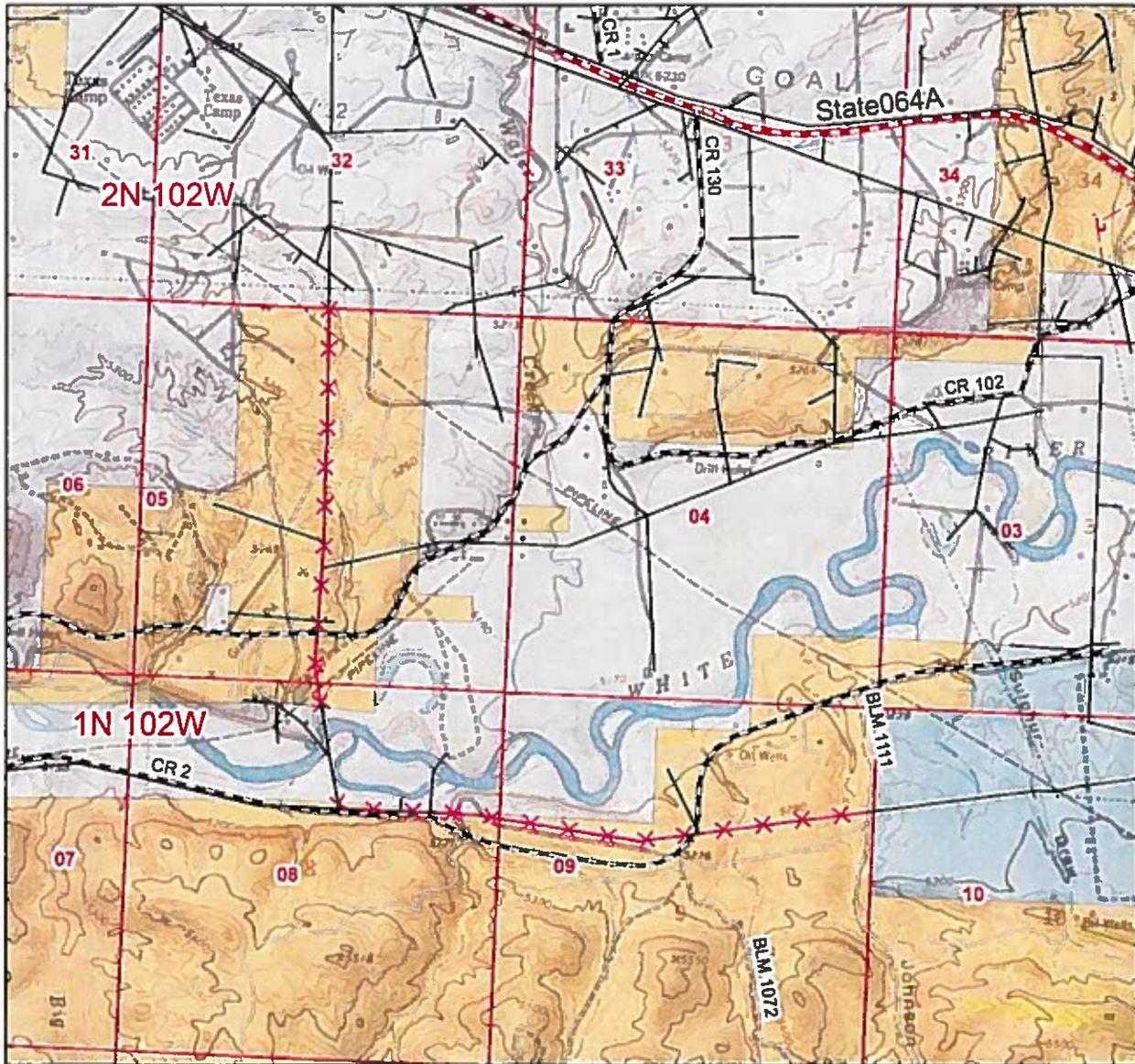
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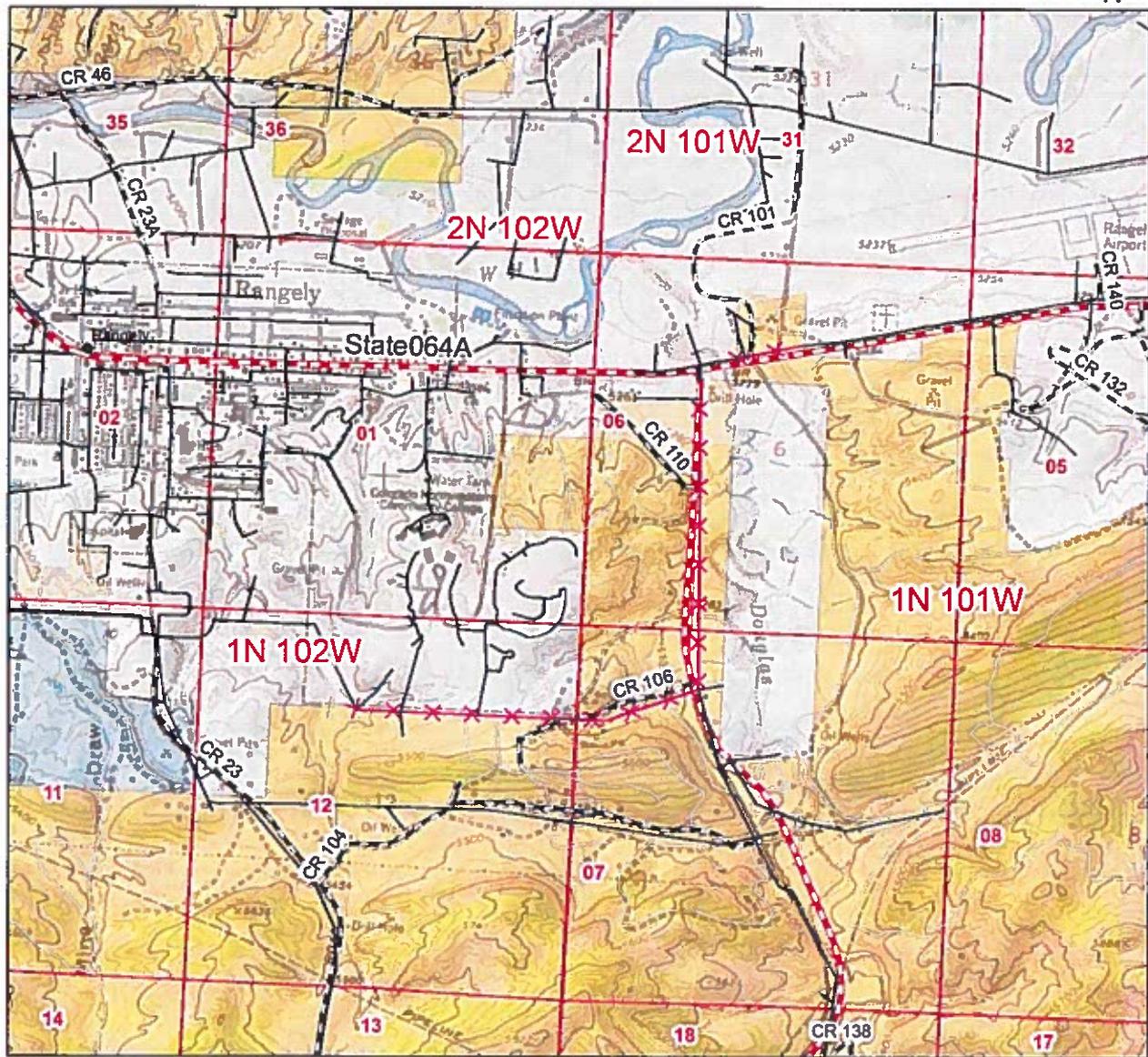
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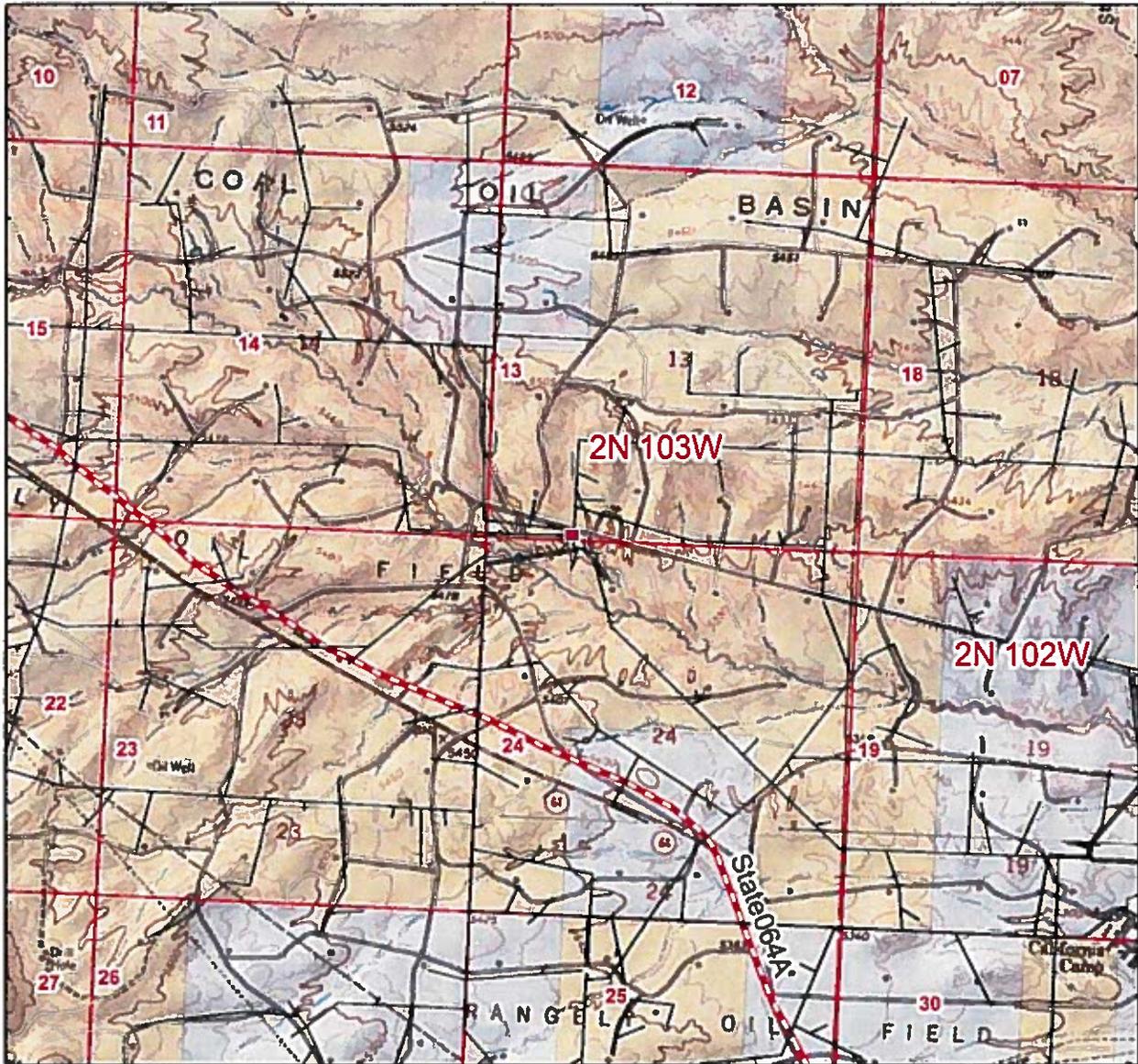
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Appendix B. Legal Descriptions

SERIAL NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (feet)	WIDTH (feet)	ACREAGE	KV
COC54066	T. 2S., R. 102W., sec. 35, N½SE¼; sec. 36, N½SW¼, NW¼SE¼.	5,280	16	2.0	7.2
COC37735	T. 2S., R. 101W., sec. 31, Lot 7, NE¼SW¼, N½SE¼; sec. 32, SW¼NW¼, NW¼SW¼; Sec. 33, SW¼NW¼; T. 2S., R. 102W., sec. 36, N½SE¼.	9,000	20	4.13	7.2
COC48524	T. 2N., R. 100W., sec. 8, Lot 17.	90	20	.04	7.2
COC37742	T. 3N., R. 101W., sec. 7, NW¼SE¼, E½SW¼; sec. 18, Lots 1, 2, NE¼NW¼; T. 3N., R. 102W., sec. 13, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼; T. 2N., R. 102W., sec. 1, Lot 2, SW¼NE¼, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼; T. 3N., R 102W., sec. 13, E½SE¼; sec. 24, E½E½; sec. 25, E½E½; sec. 36, E½NE¼, W½SE¼, NE¼SE¼.	28,120	20	12.91	7.2
COC36393	T. 3N., R. 99W., sec. 27, Lot 15(added from COC0122455); sec. 32, Lots 13, 15; sec. 33, Lots 2, 19, 21; sec. 34, Lot 9(added from COC0122455); T. 2N., R. 100W., sec. 1, Lot 7; sec. 2, Lot 6; sec. 4, Lots 26, 28, 30; sec. 7, Lot 6; sec. 8, Lot 2; sec. 9, Lots 1, 3, 9; T. 2N., R. 101W., sec. 11, Lots 8, 15; sec. 12, NW¼SE¼; sec. 14, Lots 4, 5; sec. 23, Lots 3, 4, SW¼SW¼; sec. 26, W½NW¼;	23,782	20	10.92	12.5/ 7.2

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	sec. 27, Lots, 7, 8, 13; sec. 34, Lot 1.				
COC36339	T. 3N., R. 100W., sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.	450	20	0.21	7.2
COC36396	T. 1N., R. 101W., sec. 30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.	592	20	0.27	7.2
COC34284	T. 2N., R. 103W., sec 6, Lots 6, 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 7, Lots 1, 2; T. 2N., R. 104W., sec. 12, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.	5,260	20	2.42	7.2/ 12.5
COC31200	T. 1S., R. 99W., sec 31, Lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 32, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.	6,514	20	2.99	14.4
COC34287	T. 3N., R.104W., sec. 13, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 15, Lot 2.	10,685	50	12.27	69
COC34348	T. 2N., R. 103W., sec. 6, lots 4, 5, 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 14, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; T. 3N., R. 103W., sec. 18, lot 2; sec. 19, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 31, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; T. 3 N., R. 104 W., sec. 13, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.	55,629	20	25.54	7.2/ 12.5
COC0102645B	T. 1S., R. 101W., sec. 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.	450	20	0.21	7.2

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<p>NEW COC77403 --- COC0102645 Pre-FLPMA</p>	<p>T. 1N., R. 101W., sec. 6, Lots 19, 20, 32; sec. 7, Lots 8, 9, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, W$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 18, W$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, NW$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 19, SW$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, W$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 30, W$\frac{1}{2}$E$\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 31, Lots 3, 4, NW$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; T. 1S., R. 101W., sec. 6, Lots 11, 19, 20, 24, 25, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 7, Lot 5, E$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, W$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 18, W$\frac{1}{2}$E$\frac{1}{2}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 19, E$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 20, SW$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, N$\frac{1}{2}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 28, SW$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 29, W$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 33, W$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, N$\frac{1}{2}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, SW$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; T. 2S., R. 101W., sec. 4, Lot 8, SW$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, N$\frac{1}{2}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, SW$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 9, W$\frac{1}{2}$E$\frac{1}{2}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 16, E$\frac{1}{2}$E$\frac{1}{2}$; sec. 21, Lots 1, 3, E$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 28, NE$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, S$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, W$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 32, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$, S$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 33, NE$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, S$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, NW$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; T. 3S., R. 101W., sec. 5, Lots 6, 7, S$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, W$\frac{1}{2}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 7, SE$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$, S$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 8, W$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 18, W$\frac{1}{2}$E$\frac{1}{2}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; T. 1S., R. 102W., sec. 1, Lots 13, 20, 21; T. 3S., R. 102W., sec. 24, SE$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 25, E$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, N$\frac{1}{2}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$, SW$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 36, W$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, SE$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, S$\frac{1}{2}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; T. 4S., R. 102W., sec. 1, Lots 7, 8, SE$\frac{1}{4}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 2, Lots 5, 9, 10, S$\frac{1}{2}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, NE$\frac{1}{4}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$, NW$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 21, Lot 2, NW$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 24, E$\frac{1}{2}$SW$\frac{1}{4}$; sec. 25, SW$\frac{1}{4}$NE$\frac{1}{4}$, E$\frac{1}{2}$NW$\frac{1}{4}$, NW$\frac{1}{4}$SE$\frac{1}{4}$.</p>	150,940	25	86.63	24.9

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COC0122455 Pre-FLPMA	Grant will be closed and line will be added to the renewal for COC36393	1,625	25	0.93	7.2/ 12.5
New COC77402 --- COC115544 Pre-FLPMA	T. 3N., R. 100W., sec. 2, SW¼SW¼; sec. 3, Lot 7, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SE¼; sec. 6, NE¼SE¼; sec. 9, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SE¼; sec. 10, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, N¼SW¼; T. 4N., R. 100W., sec. 34, SW¼; T. 3 N., R. 101 W., sec. 3, SE¼NE¼, N¼SE¼; T. 3N., R. 102W., sec. 1, SW¼SE¼; sec. 2, SW¼NE¼, NW¼SE¼; sec. 4, S½S½; sec. 5, SE¼SE¼.	34,475	25	19.79	14.5
New COC77405 --- COC0108816 Pre-FLPMA	T. 1N., R. 102W., sec. 5, E½W½; sec. 8, Lots 3, 10, 11 & 12; sec. 9, Lots 5, 6, S½NE¼. (sec 10 now State land)	13,326	25	7.65	12.5
New COC77406 --- COC090815 Pre-FLPMA	T. 1N., R. 101W., Sec. 5, Lot 5; sec. 6, Lots 12, 19, 20, 32, 33, 36, 37; sec. 7, Lots 1, 2, 8; T. 1N., R. 102W., sec. 12, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼.	10,297	25	5.91	25
New COC77407 --- COC079607 Pre-FLPMA	T2N., R103W., sec 13, SW¼SW¼; sec. 24, NW¼NW¼. (Electrical Substation)	220	150	0.76	69 / 12.5

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DECISION RECORD

Moon Lake Electric Association Grant Renewals **DOI-BLM-CO-N05-2015-0123-CX**

Decision

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action as described in DOI-BLM-CO-N05-2015-0123-CX, re-issuing 17 right-of-way grants to Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. for 30-year terms.

Terms and Conditions

1. The applicant is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts.
2. If any archaeological materials are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, activity in the vicinity of the discovery will cease, and the BLM WRFO Archaeologist will be notified immediately. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The applicant will make every effort to protect the site from further impacts including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage until BLM determines a treatment approach, and the treatment is completed. Unless previously determined in treatment plans or agreements, BLM will evaluate the cultural resources and, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), select the appropriate mitigation option within 48 hours of the discovery. The applicant, under guidance of the BLM, will implement the mitigation in a timely manner. The process will be fully documented in reports, site forms, maps, drawings, and photographs. The BLM will forward documentation to the SHPO for review and concurrence.
3. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the applicant must notify the AO, by telephone and written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the operator must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the AO.
4. The applicant is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing or collecting vertebrate or other scientifically-important fossils, collecting large amounts of petrified wood (over

25lbs./day, up to 250lbs./year), or collecting fossils for commercial purposes on public lands.

5. If any paleontological resources are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, the applicant or any of his agents must stop work immediately at that site, immediately contact the BLM Paleontology Coordinator, and make every effort to protect the site from further impacts, including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The BLM or designated paleontologist will evaluate the discovery and take action to protect or remove the resource within 10 working days. Within 10 days, the operator will be allowed to continue construction through the site, or will be given the choice of either (a) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for stabilizing the fossil resource in place and avoiding further disturbance to the fossil resource, or (b) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for mitigating impacts to the fossil resource prior to continuing construction through the project area.
6. All applicable terms, conditions, and stipulations contained in the original ROW grant and any amendments shall be carried forward and remain in full force and effect. No new construction is authorized.
7. At least 90 days prior to termination of the right-of-way, the holder shall contact the Authorized Officer to arrange a joint inspection of the right-of-way. The inspection will result in the development of an acceptable termination and rehabilitation plan submitted by the holder. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, removal of facilities, drainage structures, and surface material; recontouring; topsoiling; or seeding. The Authorized Officer must approve the plan in writing prior to the holder's commencement of any termination activities.
8. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the operation and termination of the right-of-way within the authorized limits of the right-of-way.
9. Any proposal involving additional surface disturbance outside of the existing right-of-way disturbance requires an application to the BLM for analysis and authorization. New stipulations for construction would be applied to projects subject to the regulations and policies existing at the time of authorization.
10. The holder shall monitor all disturbed and reclaimed areas through final abandonment for the presence of invasive, non-native, and/or noxious plant species. The holder will be responsible for eradication of noxious weeds that occur on site using materials and methods approved in advance by the Authorized Officer.
11. The holder shall notify the authorized officer at least 60 days prior to non-emergency activities that would cause surface disturbance in the right-of-way. A "Notice to Proceed" shall be required prior to any non-emergency activities that would cause surface disturbance on the right-of-way. Any request for a "Notice to Proceed" must be made to the authorized officer, who will review the Proposed Action for consistency with

resource management concerns such as wildlife, big game winter range, paleontology, special status species, and cultural resource protection. The authorized officer may require the completion of special status species surveys or other resource surveys. Additional measures may be required to protect special status species or other resources.

12. If not currently equipped, power poles located on BLM administered lands along the White River corridor (COC36393 and COC48524) and in greater sage-grouse general habitat management areas (listed below) should be conditioned to effectively deter all raptor use and prevent raptor electrocution.
 - i. COC37742 in T3N R101W, sections 7 and 18; T3N R102W, sections 13 and 24.
 - ii. COC34281 in T3N R104W sections 13, 14, and 15.
 - iii. COC34348 in T2N R103W section 6 (to intersection with COC34284); T3N R103W section 18, 19, 30 and 31; T3N R104W section 13.
13. If the BLM or the holder identifies future public use on any of the access travel routes related to grants COC54066, COC37735, COC48524, COC37742, COC36393, COC36339, COC36396, COC34284, COC34348, and COC0102645B over the course of the proposed grant renewal time, then the holder will be responsible for installing and maintaining effective vehicle deterrents to keep the ROW corridor closed to public use. This potential mitigation may include: installing signage, installing barriers such as gates or berms, or reclaiming routes that are a result of unauthorized public use of the corridor.

Compliance with Laws & Conformance with the Land Use Plan

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the 1997 White River Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP), as amended by the White River Field Office Oil and Gas Development Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ROD/RMPA).

Public Involvement

This project was posted on the WRFO's on-line National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) register on 9/22/2015. No comments or inquiries have been received.

Rationale

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E9. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

Monitoring and Compliance

On-going compliance inspections and monitoring will be conducted by the BLM White River Field Office staff during and after construction. Specific mitigation developed in this document will be followed. The holder will be notified of compliance related issues, and depending on the nature of the issue(s), will be provided 30 days to resolve such issues.

Administrative Remedies

This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the Authorized Officer and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR 2801.10(b)). Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a Notice of Appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 with copies sent to the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, 755 Parfet St., Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215, and to the Department of the Interior, Board of Land Appeals, 801 North Quincy St., MS300-QC, Arlington, VA, 22203. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals at the above address within 30 days after the Notice of Appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

Signature of Authorized Official



Field Manager



Date

