



Public Scoping Information for Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act – Rounds 5-11

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Introduction

The Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act, Public Law 108-424 (LCCRDA) was signed into law on November 30, 2004 and was enacted to “establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada...” The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners (Commissioners) has listed parcels of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for sale each year from 2016 to 2023, totaling 66 parcels and approximately 5,500 acres, and in 2024, the Commissioners nominated all 66 for competitive sale.

Public Scoping Process

The BLM is seeking input from the public on the LCCRDA – Rounds 5-11 during a 30-day public (external) scoping period. Public scoping aids the BLM in refining the Proposed Action and identifying issues, impacts, and potential alternatives that would be addressed in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation. External scoping also allows for identification of coordination needs with other agencies. All input submitted during public scoping would be considered in preparation of the NEPA document.

How to Submit Input

The public scoping period occurs from March 26, 2025 to April 25, 2025. Please reference LCCRDA – Rounds 5-11 when submitting input. You may submit input on or before the closing date of the scoping period using the BLM National NEPA Register or by mail:

- National NEPA Register: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2037413/510>
- Email: BLM_NV_EYDOWebmail@blm.gov
- Mail: Caliente Field Office, Attn: Jake Northup, P.O. Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008-0237

No in-person public meetings are held during this scoping process. Information on the Proposed Action, preliminary purpose and need, preliminary issues, and alternatives are contained within this information material.

Proposed Action: Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act – Rounds 5-11

Maps

The 66 individual land sale parcels are distributed across eight separate geographically based groups in Lincoln County, Nevada: Alamo, Caliente, Crestline, Hiko, Panaca, Pioche, Mt. Wilson, and Rachel (Figure 1). A mapbook of land sale parcels by group is provided at the end of this document.

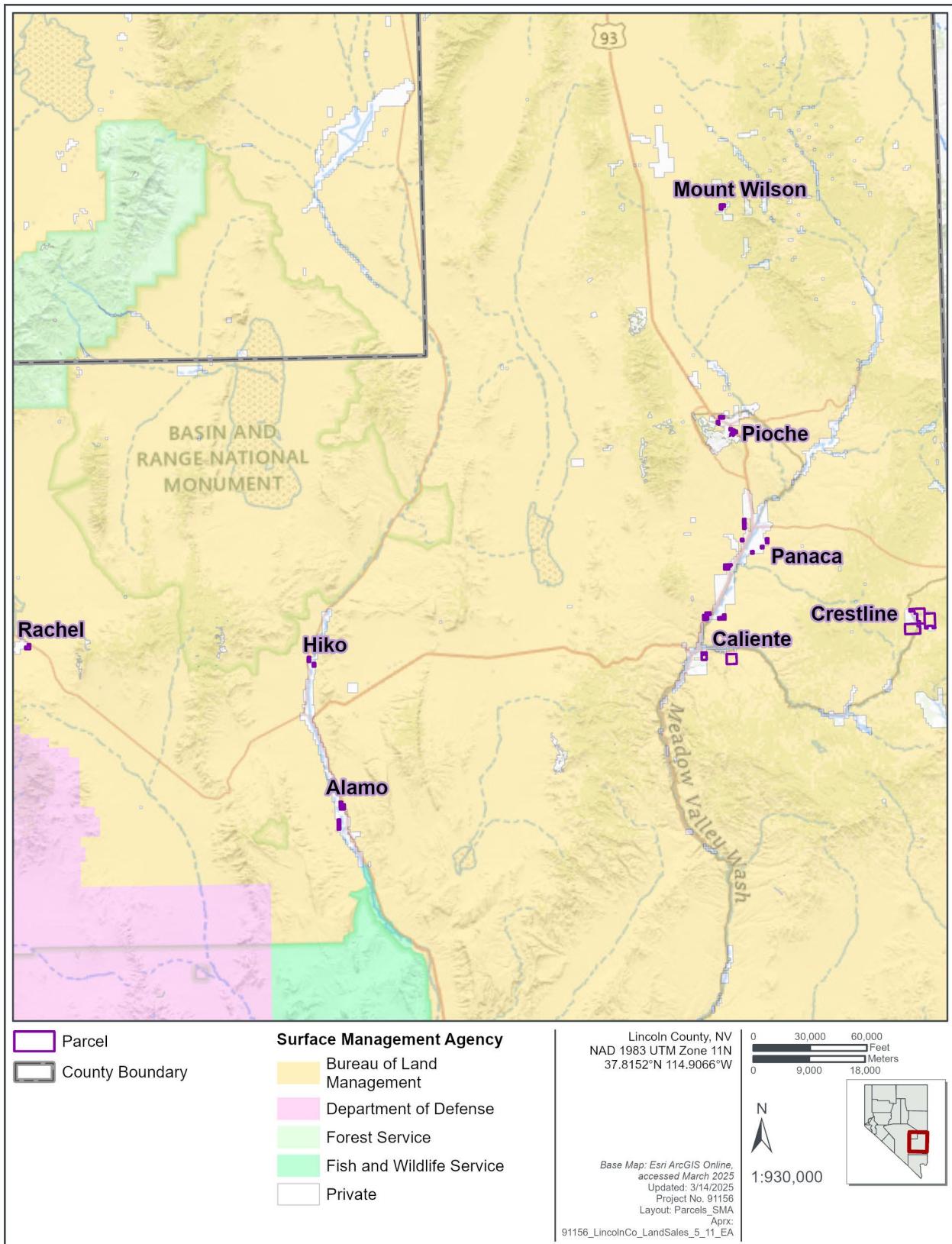


Figure 1. Land sale parcels overview and land ownership.

Preliminary Purpose and Need

The BLM's purpose and need for the Proposed Action is to sell/dispose of 66 parcels of public land totaling 5,507 acres in Lincoln County, Nevada. The need for action is established through Public Law 108-424 (LCCRDA), which mandated that "Notwithstanding Sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1711, 1712), the Secretary, in cooperation, with the County, in accordance with that Act, this title, and other applicable law and subject to valid existing rights, shall conduct sale ofnot more than 90,000 acres of BLM managed public land in Lincoln County that is not segregated or withdrawn on the date of enactment of this Act or thereafter, and that is identified for disposal by the BLM." Therefore, the BLM must consider offering for competitive sale parcels identified by the county.

Preliminary Alternatives

The BLM is evaluating two alternatives: the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the Proposed Action, approximately 5,507 acres of lands, consisting of 66 parcels administered by the BLM and identified by the Lincoln County Commissioners, would be offered for competitive sale. Under the No Action Alternative, proposed parcels would not be offered for competitive sale and current BLM land ownership and land management activities would not change.

No other action alternatives have been identified for analysis at this time.

Preliminary Issues

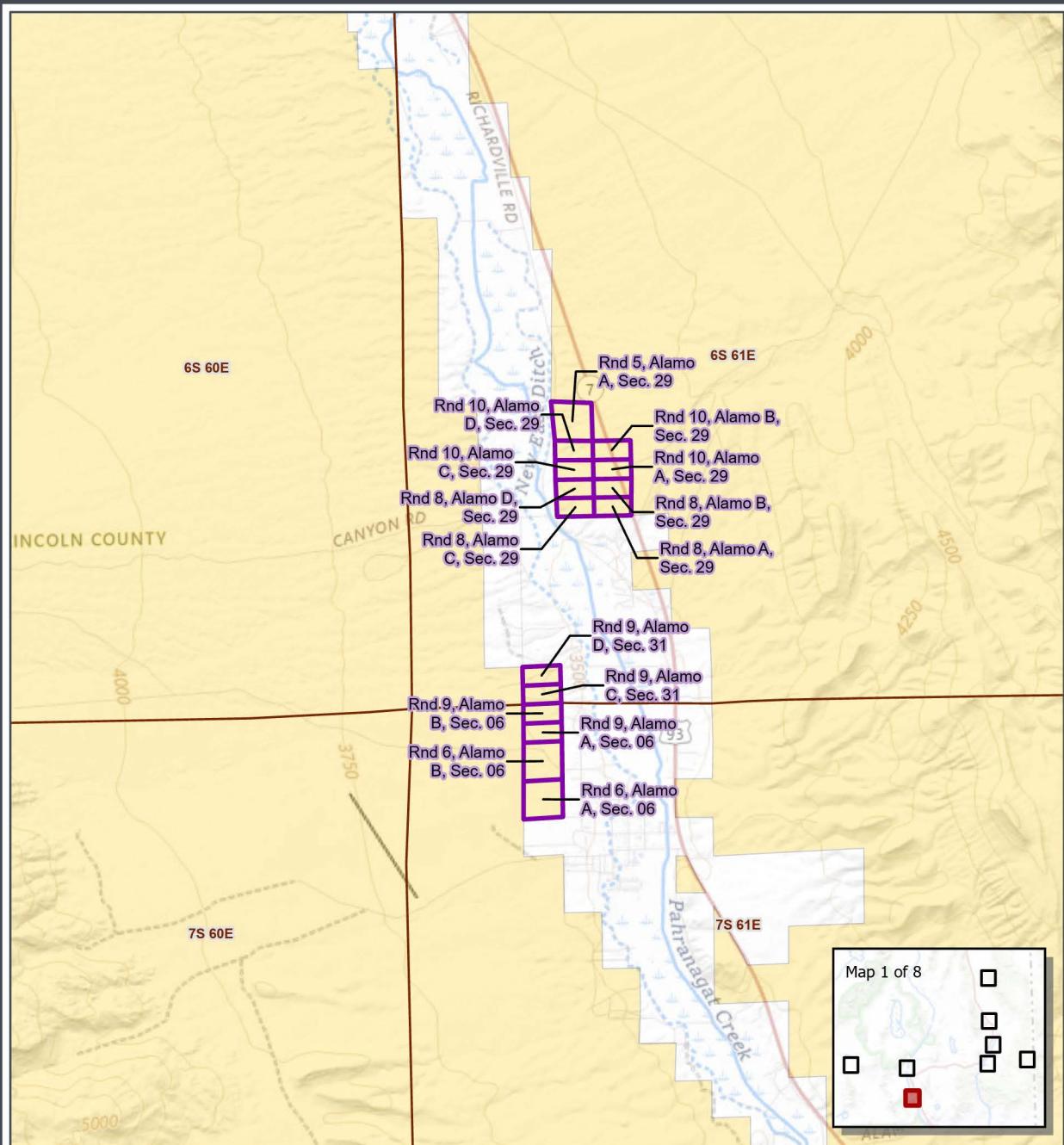
The BLM Interdisciplinary Team prepared a Baseline Needs Assessment Form in November of 2024 to identify resources that may be present and affected by the Proposed Action. Based on this assessment, the following preliminary list of issues would be carried forward for detailed analysis:

- What types of National Register of Historic Places-eligible cultural resources are present in the disposal parcels, and how would they be affected by the land sale?
- How would the land sale affect availability of forest and woodland products for public collection and harvest and forest product-related revenue for the BLM?
- How would the land sale affect existing mineral rights or lands with mineral potential?
- How would the land sale affect valid existing rights-of-way (ROWs), permits, leases, and authorizations?
- How would the land sale affect livestock grazing via changes to the number of animal unit months (AUMs), water development or other range improvements, or other restrictions on livestock grazing, such as fencing?
- How would the land sale affect migratory bird populations and their stopover points and nesting habitat?
- How would the land sale affect the potential spread and/or management of noxious and invasive weed species?
- How would the land sale affect known paleontological localities or geological units with potential (e.g., Potential Fossil Yield Classification [PFYC] 3, 4, 5, and U) to contain paleontological resources?
- How would the land sale affect existing Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs), Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs), recreation resources (e.g., trails, off-highway vehicle [OHV] areas), and recreation users?

- How would disposal of federal lands and potential change in management affect socioeconomic conditions (i.e., demographics, government revenues or economic activity related to changes in other resources, including recreation and grazing, access to outdoor areas)?
- How would the land sale affect threatened, endangered, and special status species (SSS) plants and their habitat?
- How would the land sale affect threatened, endangered, and SSS fish, wildlife, and their habitat?
- How would the land sale affect the geographical distribution and/or abundance of existing vegetation types?
- How would the land sale affect fish and wildlife and their habitat?

Agency Contact

Please direct any questions regarding this project to Tiera Hooper, Deputy District Manager, BLM Ely District, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301; telephone (775) 289-1803. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877- 8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.



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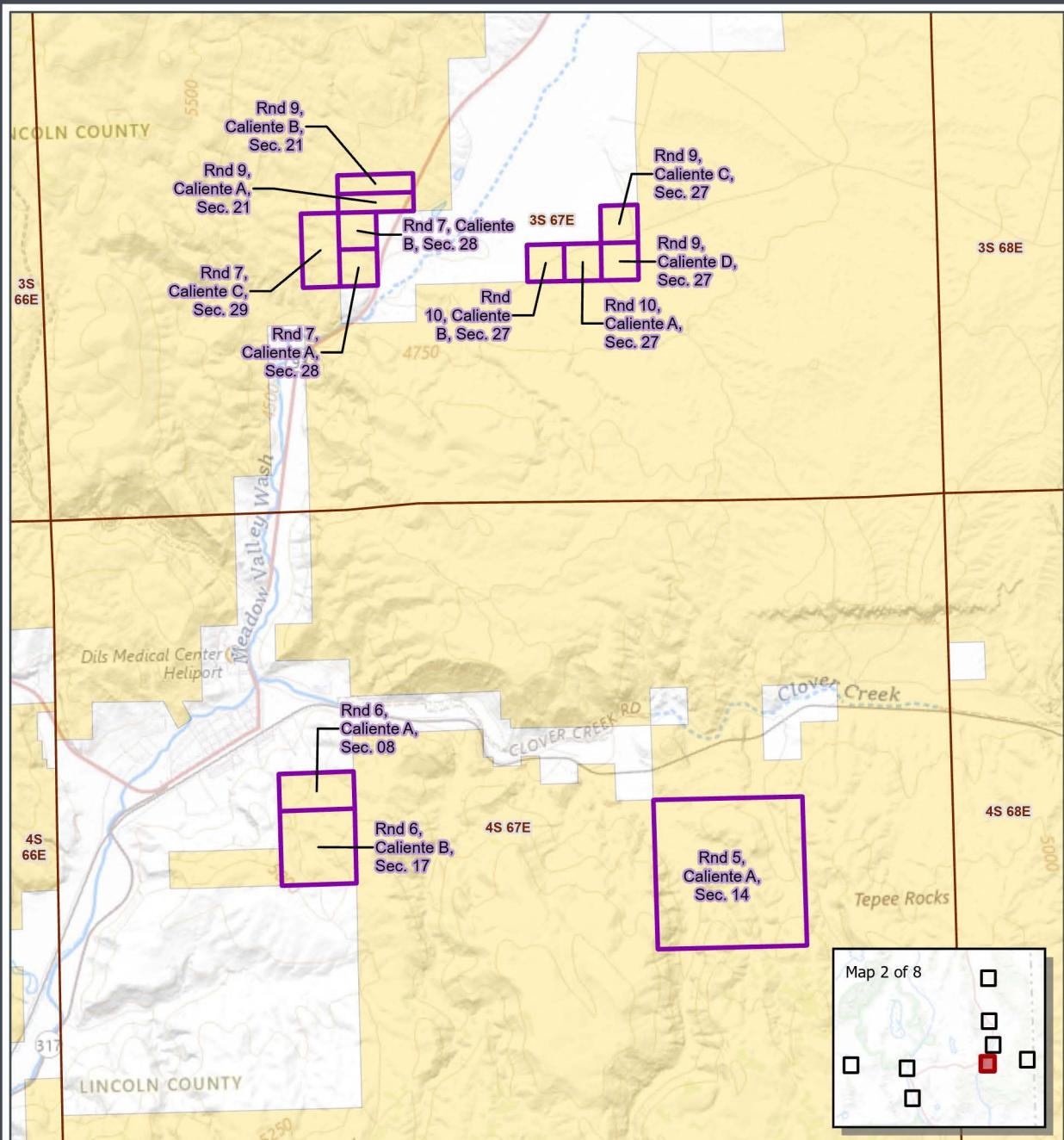
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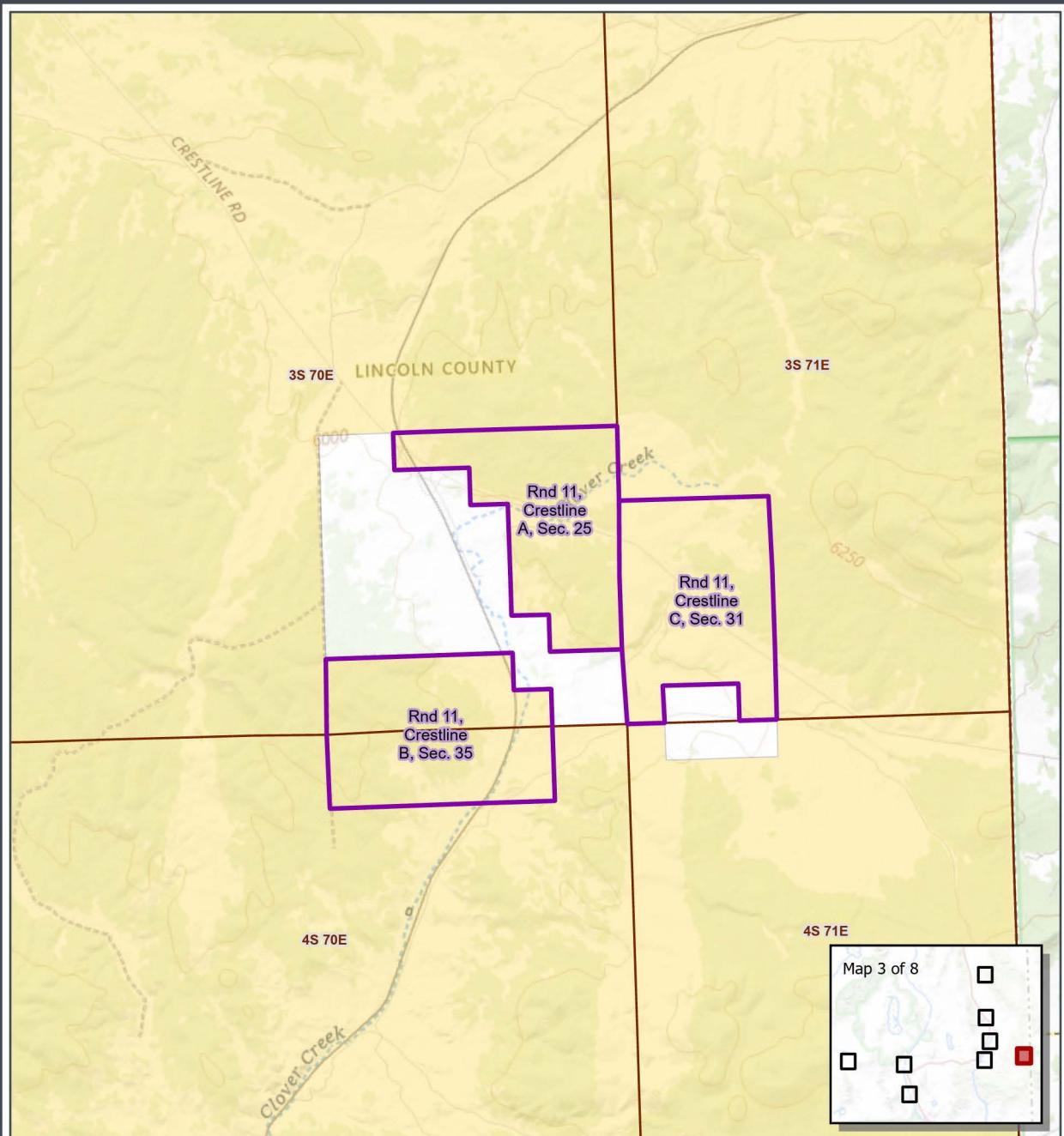
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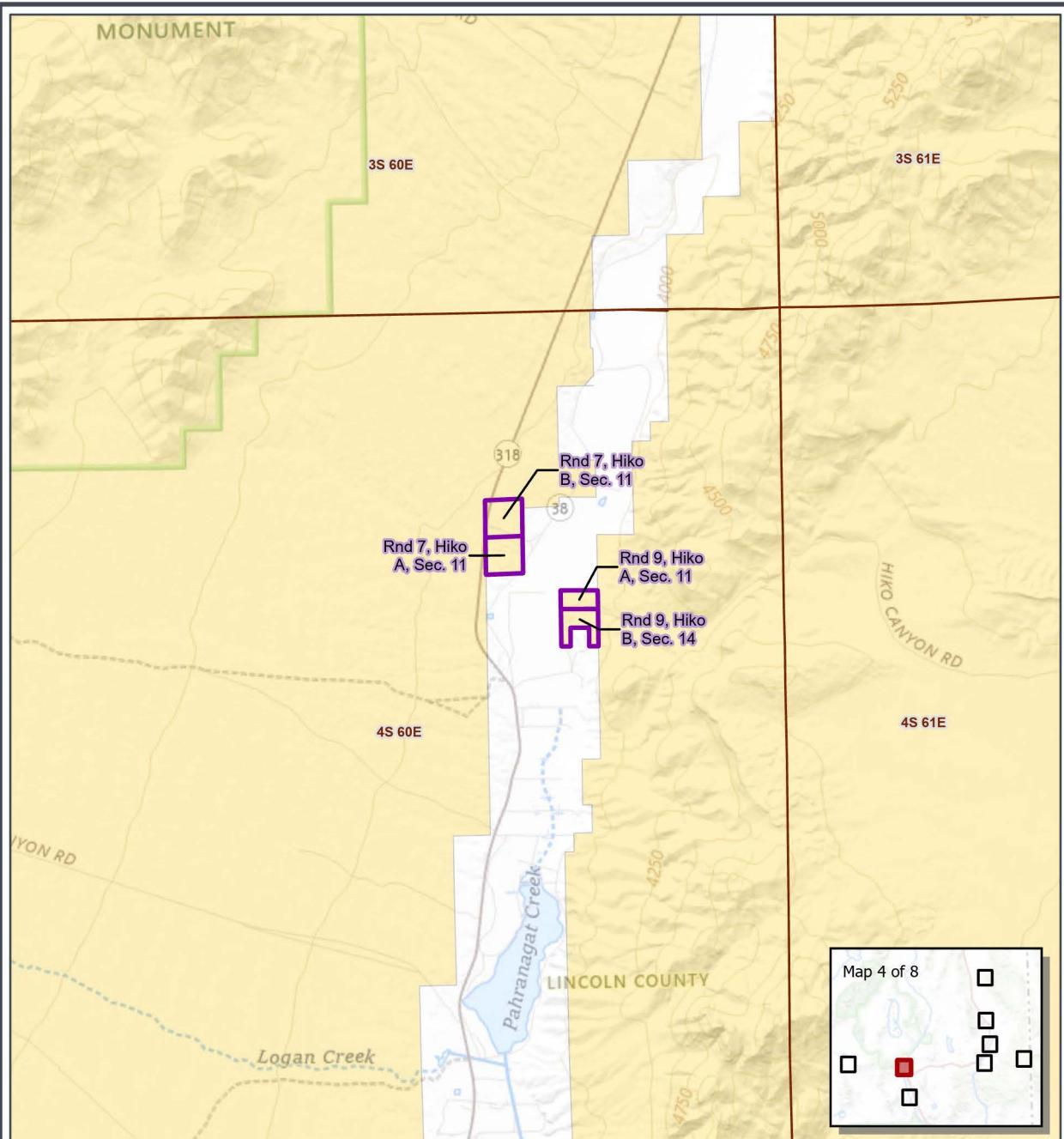
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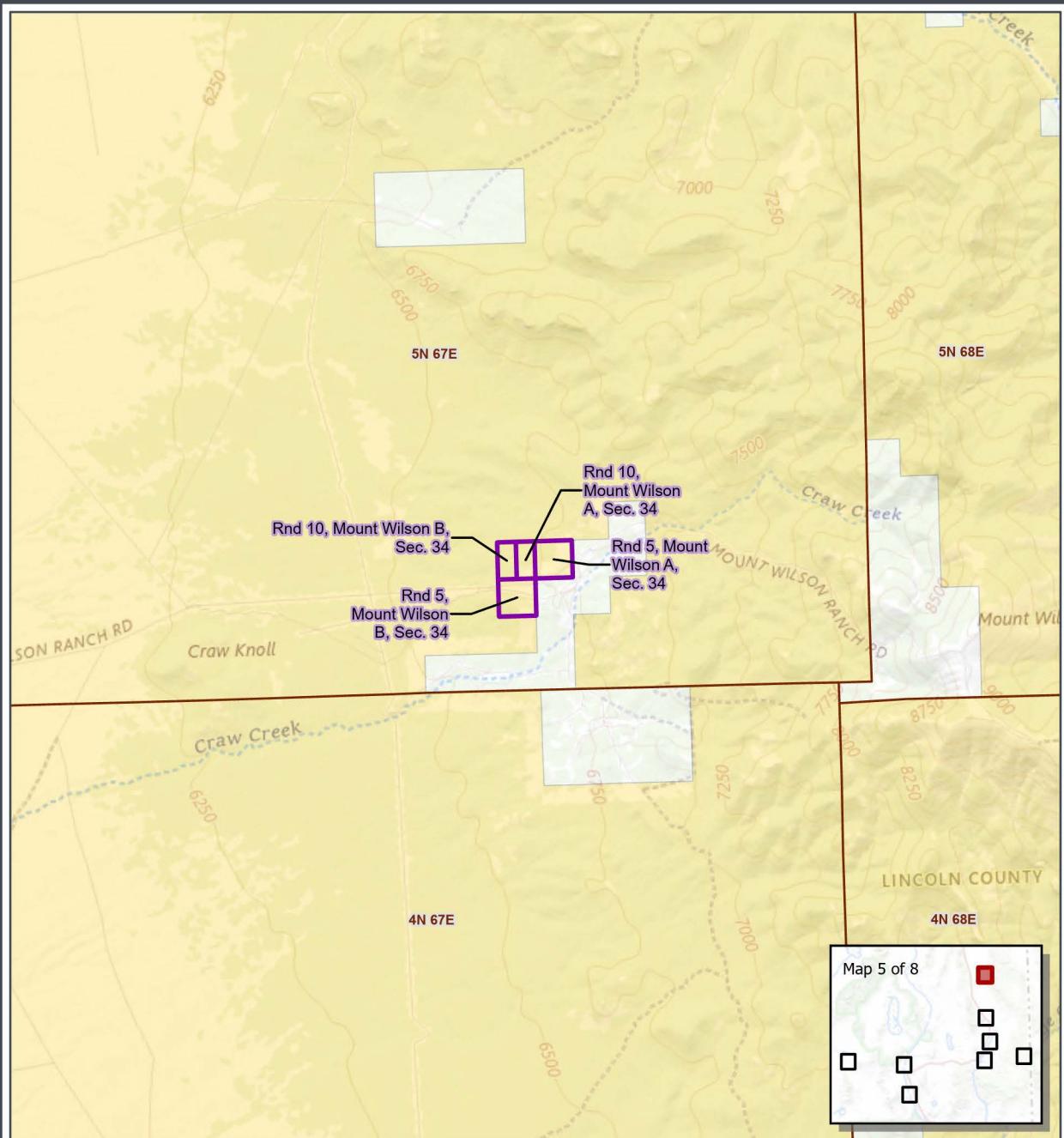
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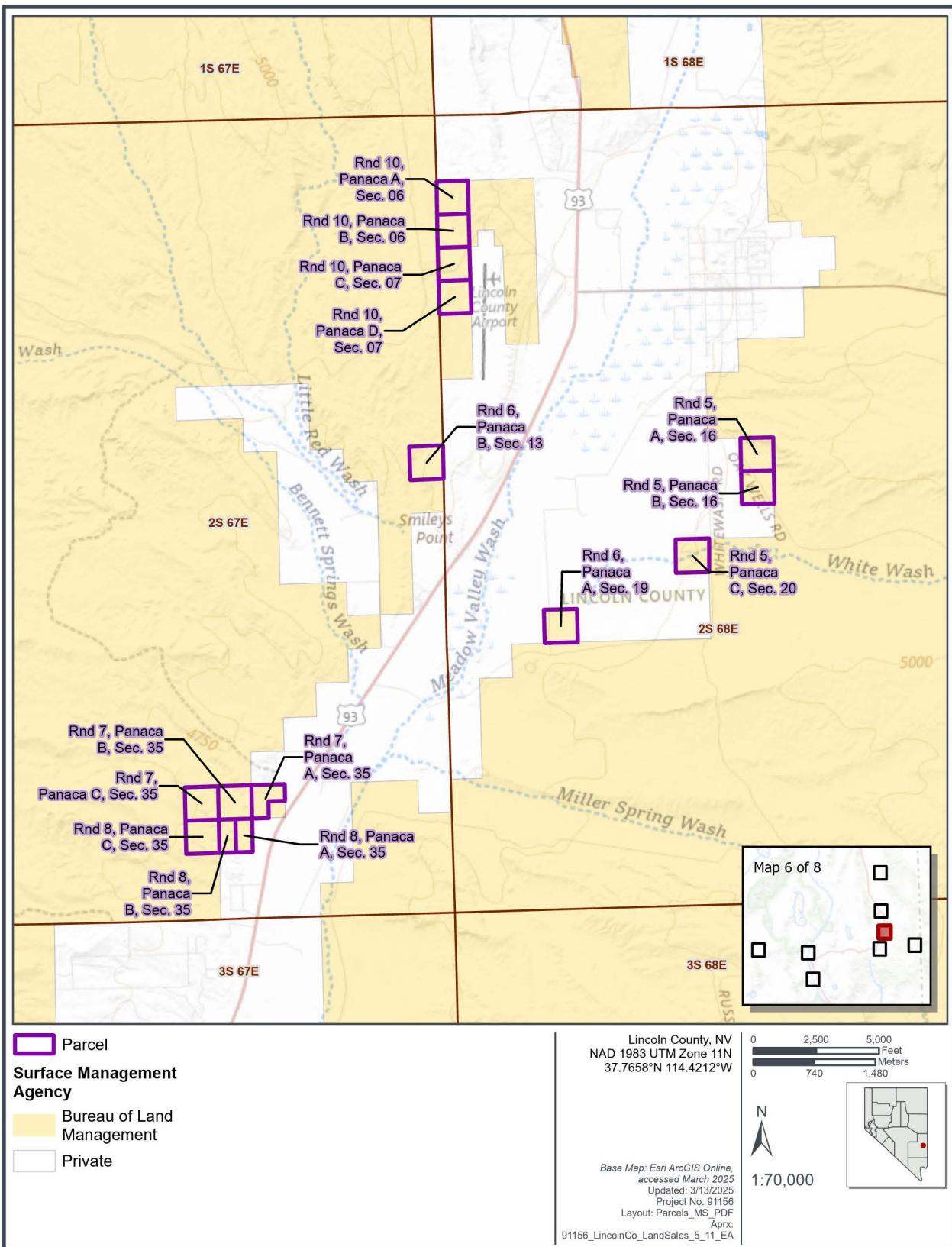
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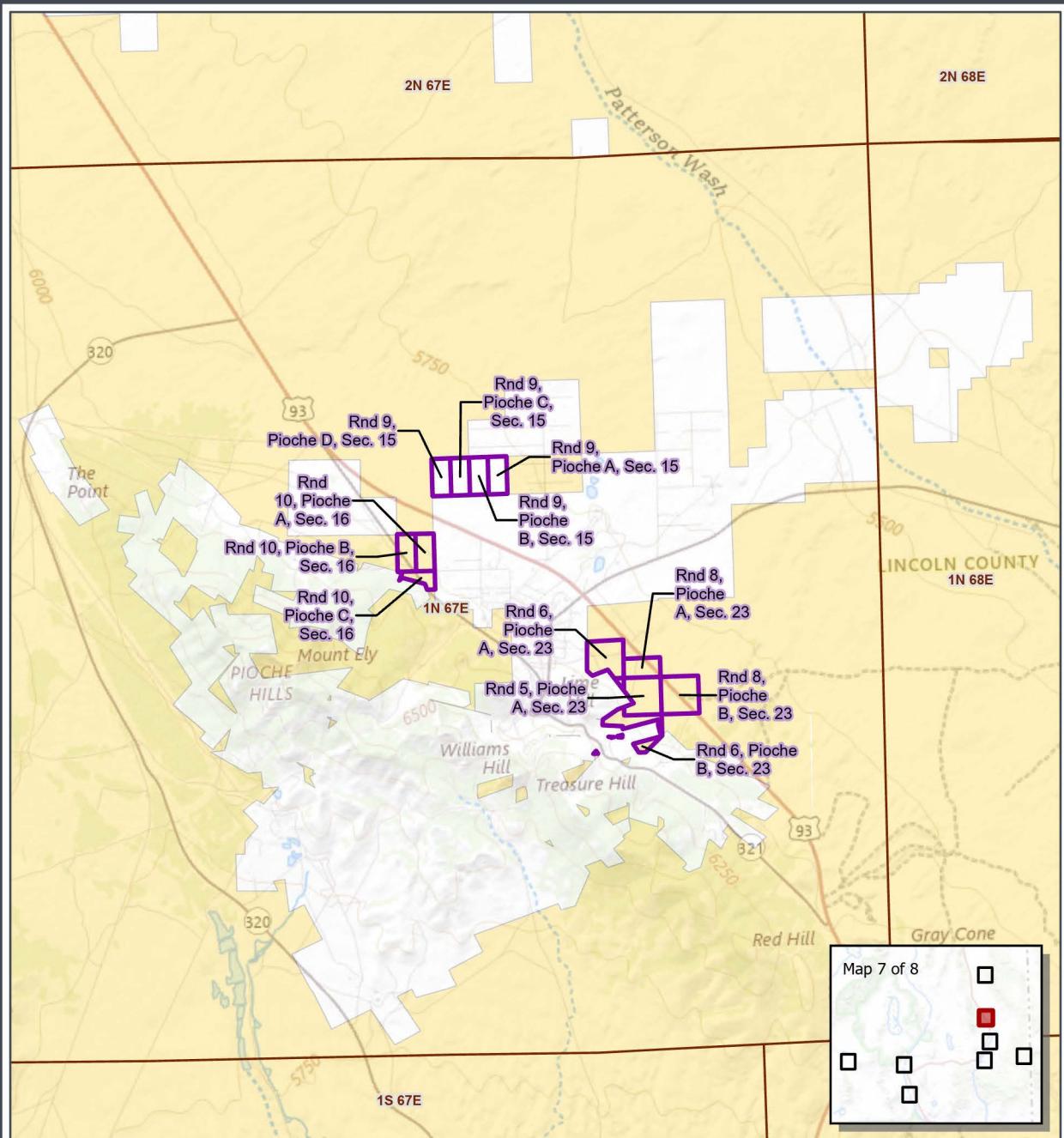
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