

**6310 – Wilderness Characteristics Inventory  
Summary of Findings and Conclusions**

**Area Unique Identifier:** CA-080-252A East of Pisgah

**Summary:** The entire Unit 252A contains 16,581 acres, 15,355 of which are BLM land. Numerous roads bisect the unit, dividing the original unit into a total of 9 partitions numbered from 252A-1 to 252A-9. After dividing the unit, the only partition over 5,000 acres is 252A-6, with 6,436 acres. Due to the frequent human usage, the unit was not found to have naturalness, and therefore does not possess wilderness characteristics.

**Results of analysis:**

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements?  Yes  No
2. Does the area appear to be natural?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation?  Yes  No  N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values?  Yes  No  N/A

**Conclusion:**

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

**FORM 1**

**Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous  
Inventory on Record**

**1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of  
this area?**

Yes  No

**FORM 2**

**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-252A East of Pisgah

Total Acreage: 16,581

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

**Land Ownership:** 16,581 total acres

**BLM Land:** 15,355 acres, 6,436 are contiguous

**Total Private Land:** 1,226 acres

**252A Partitions (acres of BLM land)**

252A-1: 315 acres

252A-2: 1,812 acres

252A-3: 2,169 acres

252A-4: 1,468 acres

252A-5: 756 acres

252A-6: 6,357 acres

252A-7: 270 acres

252A-8: 952 acres

252A-9: 1,062 acres

**Description:** In the entire unit of 252A, there is 1,226 acres of private land and 15,355 acres of BLM land. This unit is very long and narrow and has a perimeter of 29 miles. The northern boundary follows a pipeline with right-of-way (ROW) LA 0164983, and associated routes BL 8670 and BL 8810, with a nearby power line. The eastern boundary follows BL 7815, also known as Crucero Rd. The southern boundary follows the National Trails Highway and Historical Route 66, parallel to I-40. The southwestern corner of the southern boundary runs along a gas pipeline with ROW LA 0153798 and another gas pipeline with ROW LA 055377. The southern boundary curves to the north to form the western boundary of the unit. The western boundary follows open route BL 8570 as well as continuing to follow the pipeline with ROW LA 055377.

There are many routes running through the unit, six of which were found to meet the definition for a road due to being mechanically constructed, regularly used, and maintained. These roads divide the original unit into nine partitions, numbered 252A-1 through 252A-9. The original unit 252A with all the subdivided partitions can be seen on the supplemental LWC Unit 252A East of Pisgah Map 2.

Roads running north and south are BL 7765 on the east end of unit, BL 8655 near the center, and an undesignated power line and accompanying road on the far west. Roads running east and west include BL 8660 in the north. In the southwest of the unit, there is a bifurcated route, which

appears on the map as BL 8650, this bifurcation runs for approximately 50 yards. It is not clear on the ground which route is the one designated as BL 8650 and which may be an unnamed route. There are four right-of-ways running near 8650. They are LA 0107127, LA 0118349, LA 0162199, and CA 14013.

252A-1 is the area of the unit west of the power line, and has only 315 acres. It is sandwiched between BL 8670 on the north with BL 8570 which turns into BL 8590 on the south. On the east side of the power line is 252A-2, which is bounded by BL 8670 in the north, BL 8655 on the east, and BL 8660 in the south, and has 1,812 acres. 252A-3 has 2,169 acres and is bounded by BL 8660 in the north, BL 8655 on the east and BL 8650 on the south. 252A-4 has 1,468 acres and is bounded by BL 8650 in the north, BL 8655 in the east, and the National Trails Highway and BL 8570 in the south and west. 252A-5 is 756 acres and is bounded by BL 8655 on the west, BL 8670 in the north, BL 8660 in the south and private land on the east. 252A-6 has 6,436 acres of contiguous BLM land. It stretches from BL8655 in the west to BL 7765 and the private land in the east. It has BL 8660 on the north and the National Trails Highway in the south, and BL 8650 in the southwest. 252-7 has 270 acres and is bounded by BL 8655 on the west, BL 8650 on the north and east, and the National Trails Highway on the south. On the east side of BL 7765, and the private land associated with it, are 252A-8 and 252A-9. 252A-8 is the area north of BL 8660 and is 952 acres. 252A-9 is the area south of BL 8660 and is 1,062 acres.

252A-6 is the largest partition and the only partition that meets the requirement of 5,000 acres with 6,436. No other partition is the required size and will be considered further.

**Description of Current Conditions:**

**Location:** The unit is located in San Bernardino County; it can be accessed at the east end of the unit via the Ludlow exit off I-40, 50 miles east of Barstow. The unit is just north of the National Trails Highway, route 66. Pisgah crater can be found to the southwest of the unit, and to the north lays the Sleeping Beauty Mountains.

**Topography:** The unit is located on the gentle slopes of the hills just south of the Sleeping Beauty Mountains. The western side is hillier than the east. There is a large wash running through the southwest portion of the unit.

**Vegetation:** The dominant vegetation is small creosote bushes.

**Major Human Uses/Activities:** This unit is home to at least five gas pipelines running throughout the unit. It has also been used to access mines and power lines near the unit. Visible impacts from vehicles can be seen in much of the unit.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X N/A \_\_\_\_\_

This unit does not appear to be natural. The unit is filled with at least five gas pipelines and associated ROWs, including at least four monitoring stations. There is also a communications

tower on the north side of the unit that is visible throughout the unit. There are a number of routes that significantly impact the naturalness of the area. These routes are used to reach gas pipelines, power lines, as well as to reach locations north of the unit. Hundreds of the gas line markers throughout the unit and the overall few undisturbed areas do not allow for natural features to exist.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A  X

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A  X

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A  X

**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY  
APPENDIX A-ROUTE ANALYSIS TABLE**

Route #	Purpose	ROW	Constructed Mechanically or Improved Mechanically	Is it in regular or continuous use	Maintenance if needed	LWC Road	Image #
BL 7765	Unknown	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
BL 8655	Access to private property	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
BL 8660	Gas line	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2
Unmarked ROW	Power line	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
BL 8650 Bifurcation	Gas line	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3,4
BL 8706	Unknown	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	8
BL 8687	Unknown	N/A	No	Yes	No	No	
BL 8733	Unknown	N/A	No	No	No	No	
BL 8640	Unknown	N/A	No	No	No	No	
BL 8717	Unknown	N/A	No	No	No	No	

**WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY  
APPENDIX B—PHOTO LOG**

Photographer(s): Celia Hanss, Peter Brisbane

Inventory Area Unique Identifier: CA-080-252A

<b>Date</b>	<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Camera Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>GPS/UTM Location</b>	<b>Image #</b>
5/21	Hanss	NE	Power lines, Road	34.776527, -116.366891	1
5/21	Hanss	ESE	BL 8660, Road, Gas line Monitoring Station	34.773607, -116.363608	2
5/21	Hanss	SE	BL 8650, Road	34.770619, -116.360344	3
5/21	Hanss	SE	BL 8650, Road	34.757855, -116.332005	4
5/21	Hanss	S	BL 8655, Road	34.741325, -116.294116	5
6/2	Brisbane	N	BL7765, Road	34.724248, -116.207420	6
5/21	Hanss	NE	Communications Tower, gas line, Naturalness	34.754513, -116.323842	7
5/21	Hanss	SE	BL 8706, Effects Naturalness	34.753711, -116.275506	8



Image 1: Power lines bisecting the unit with unnumbered ROW. Photo was taken facing northeast. Power line divides 252A-1 from 252A-2. Less than a mile northeast of here, the power line turns east and becomes northern border of unit.



Image 2: Facing east southeast the road designated 8660 bisects the unit and stretches almost the entire east west length of the unit. On the right side of the photo frame can be seen the associated gas pipeline ROW LA 0153666. The fenced area is one of many gas pipeline monitoring stations found throughout the unit. This road plays a major role in the multiple divisions within the unit, and is a border for six out of the nine segments; see LWC Unit 252A East of Pisgah Map 2.



Image 3: Southern sections of the two bifurcate roads shown as BL 8650 on map that cuts off the southwest portion from the rest of the unit. Both roads are maintained in similar condition and stretch for miles in close proximity. It is not obvious on the ground which route is designated BL 8650.

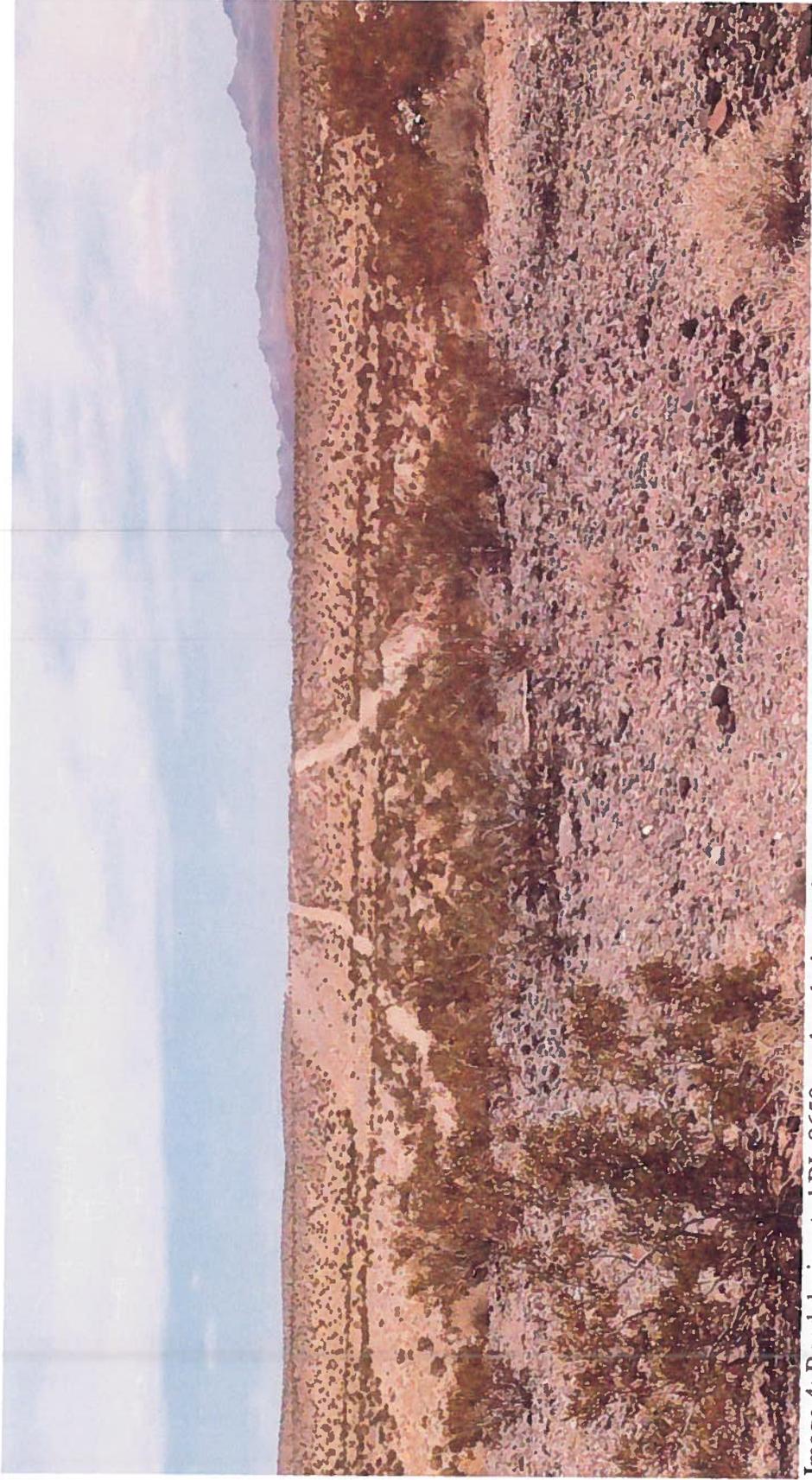


Image 4: Road designated BL 8650, and undesignated road, both are in similar condition and stretch for miles in close proximity. It is not obvious on the ground which route is designated BL 8650. These roads cut off the southwest portion 252A-4 and 252A-7 from the rest of the unit.



Image 5: Photo taken facing south nearly in the center of the unit. This road, designated BL 8655, is maintained and well used. This road divides the original unit nearly in half.



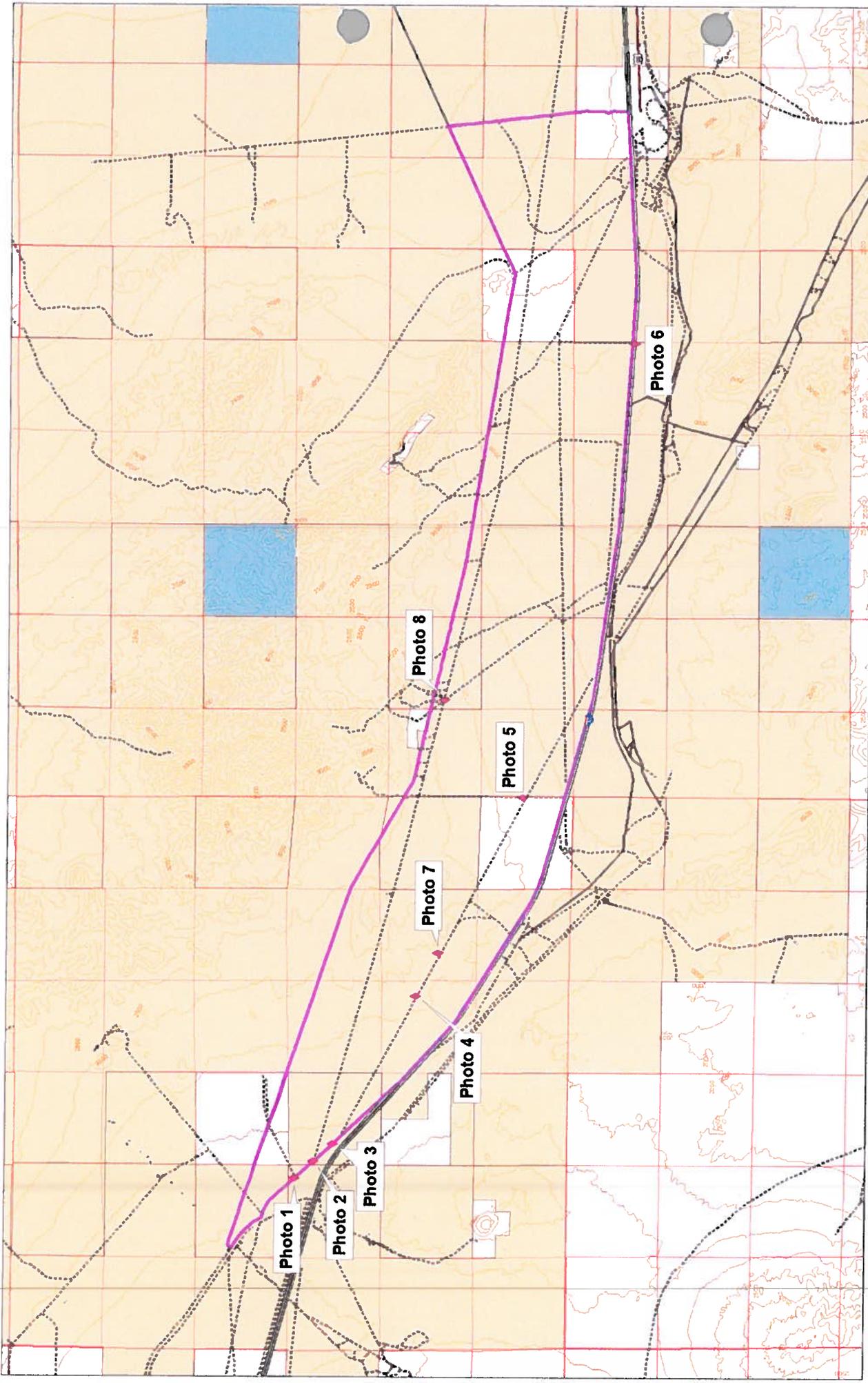
Image 6: Facing north this road designated BL 7765, is maintained, and mechanically constructed. This road combined with the private land makes the eastern section not contiguous with the rest of the unit and thus forming a division of the original unit.



Image 7: Gas line marker can be seen on the right, one of many scattered throughout the unit. In the center a communications tower is set against the backdrop of the mountain. This tower is visible from virtually everywhere in the unit.



Image 8: Facing southeast route 8706 seems to be mechanically made, does not appear well used, but effects naturalness substantially.



# LWC Unit 252A East of Pisgah Map 1

**Legend**

- Photo Points: Red diamond symbol
- Unit Boundary selection: Purple outline
- Property Ownership:
  - BLM: Tan background
  - Private: White background
  - State: Blue background
- Roads:
  - Unpaved: Dashed line
  - Inter-state: Thick solid line
  - MajorUS: Solid line
  - MajorState: Solid line
  - MajorCnty: Solid line
  - 4wd: Dashed line
  - ATV, Motorcycle: Dotted line

1 inch = 4,167 feet

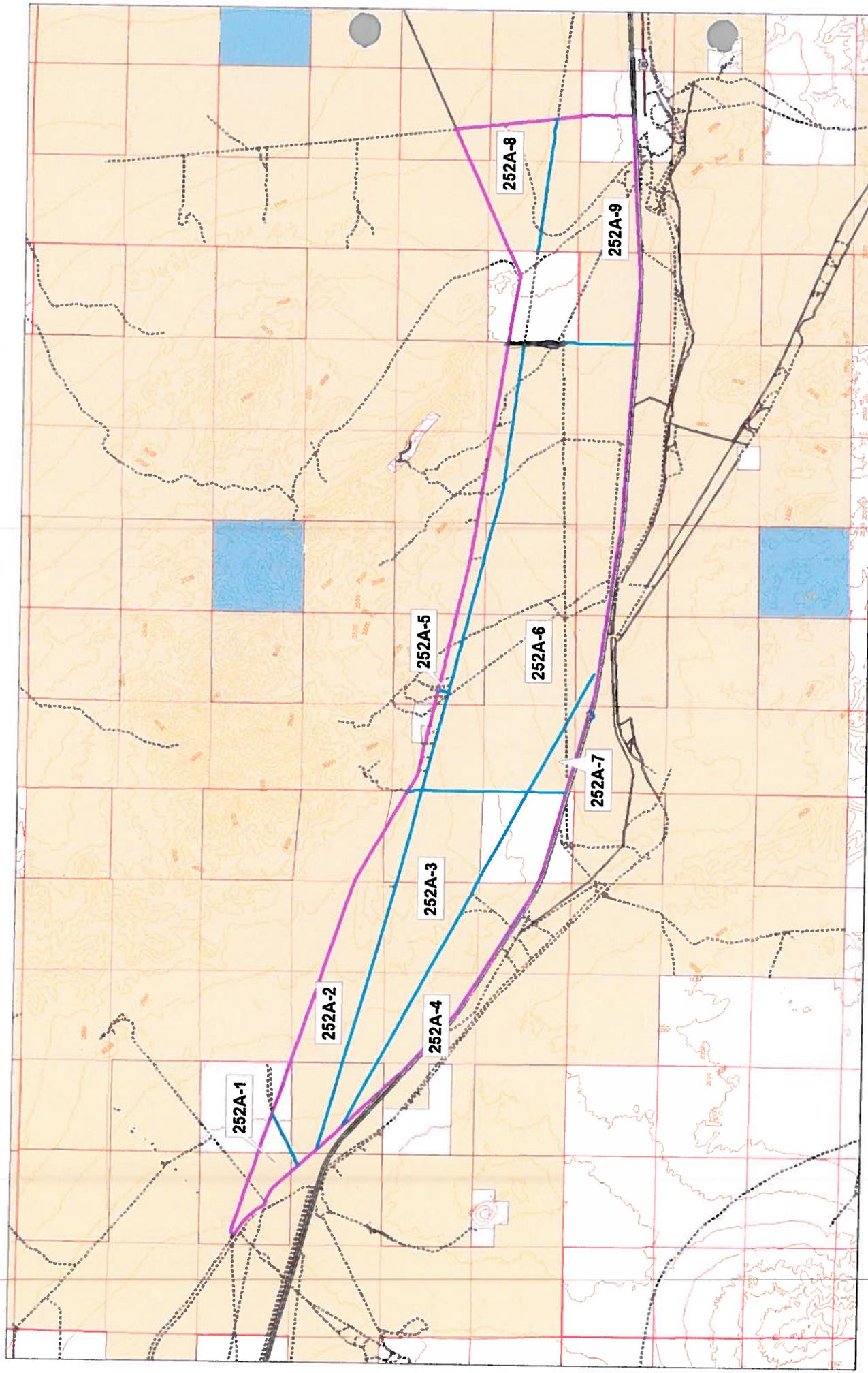
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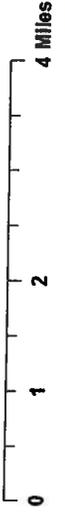
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# LWC Unit 252A East of Pisgah Map 2



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## Legend

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  - Partoning Roads
  - Interstate
  - MajorUS
  - MajorState
  - MajorCnty
  - Unpaved
  - 4wd
  - ATV, Motorcycle
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