

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY
APPENDIX A – PERMANENT DOCUMENTATION FILE

The permanent documentation file should include the following:

1. **Inventory Area Evaluation:** Appendix B.
2. **Route Analysis:** Appendix C.
3. **Inventory Maps:** Inventory maps used in conducting and documenting findings of wilderness characteristics inventories must be retained. Maps should depict the area's unique identifier, boundary, and any photo points.
4. **Photo Documentation:** Documentation could include a descriptive log and photographs (Appendix D).
5. **Supporting Documentation:** Include additional notes, forms, and documents.

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APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.

2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.

FORM 1 - Southeast Cliff Unit

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?

No _____ (Go to Form 2) Yes X (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a) **Inventory Source:** 2000 Roadless and Wilderness Values Inventory on the Roan Plateau

b) **Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):** Roan Plateau Planning Area

c) **Map Name(s)/Number(s):** _____

d) **BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):** Northwest District/CRVFO

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: Roan Plateau Wilderness Findings Inventory Executive Summary 2000

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No	Conclusion, Does area have Wilderness Character?
Southeast Cliff Unit	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

FORM 2 - Southeast Cliff Unit**Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**Area Unique Identifier Southeast Cliff Unit Acreage 5,336 acres

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes X No _____

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.): The Unit is located in Garfield County, approximately 4 miles northwest of Rifle. The Unit's northern boundary is located on the southeastern cliff edge of the Roan Plateau and includes lands south of the JQS road, east of the Anvil Points road, and north of private lands north of I-70. The Southeast Cliff inventory unit contained 5,338 acres of which 5,336 acres were found to be roadless.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities): Due to the Unit's steep and rugged topography and lack of public access in the western half, most of the area is inaccessible and appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature. One boundary adjustment was done to eliminate the imprint of man by re-aligning the northwest corner to follow the "old JQS" route. Another adjustment added 368 acres of adjacent roadless lands above the rim into the unit in the SW corner. Route SE-3 which is adjacent to an irrigation ditch, pipeline (Murphy tunnel), fence and an access road to the diversion point, dropped 99 acres. Route SE-12 serves as a main access to private property to the north and carries grand-fathered water rights to a functioning spring development. This adjustment dropped 46 acres. 5,193 acres were found to be natural.

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(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 X No N/A

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

The Southeast Cliff Unit provides visitors a variety of outstanding opportunities for solitude throughout most of the unit. The rugged topography and diverse vegetation provide natural screening and opportunities for seclusion in most of the unit. Outside sights and sounds are apparant when on the top of the Plateau along the western boundary's cliff edge, but due to the long distance, it does not detract from the opportunities for solitude. Overall, the unit's rugged character provides for outstanding opportunities for visitors seeking solitude.

(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 X No _____ N/A _____

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

The Southeast Cliff inventory unit offers visitors outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation. Access is limited due to private land bounding the unit along portions of the southern boundary and the steepness of the cliffs along the western boundary. This, along with the difficult terrain, restricts most visitors to undeveloped recreational activities in most of the unit excluding the top 113 acres on top of the Plateau. However, once in the area, visitors have excellent opportunities to enjoy undeveloped types of recreation such as hiking, backpacking, sightseeing, camping, wildlife viewing, and hunting.

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

Yes X No _____ N/A _____

Description: Portions of this Unit were identified as "Significant" conservation site for biodiversity by the CNHP in 1996. One element, the Parachute penstemon, has been found in only one other location in the world. The unit includes "Yellow Slide" which historically has been claimed to be a meteor impact site. The unit supports 14 elements identified by the CNHP report which include: 1) the Federally endangered American peregrine falcon, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, golden eagle, Northern harrier, Long-eared owl; 2) two watchlisted butterfly species; 3) several oil shale endemic plants including the Parachute penstemon; 4) montane grasslands; 5) excellent scenic opportunities; 6) Big game refuge during hunting; 7) geologic values.

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APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: Southeast Cliff Unit

Route or Route Segment³ Name and/or Identifier: See attached Spreadsheet
(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map _____ and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe: See attached Maps and Photo Point Summary

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

¹ 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.

² Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

³ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe: _____

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes ___ No ___ Unknown ___

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW? _____

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes ___ No ___ Unknown or N/A ___

Explain: _____

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes ___ (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No ___ (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes ___ No ___

Examples: Paved___ Bladed___ Graveled___ Roadside Berms___ Cut/Fill___ Other___

Describe: _____

⁴ The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes ___ No ___ If "yes": by Hand Tools ___ by Machine ___

Examples: Culverts___ Hardened Stream Crossings___ Bridges___ Drainage___ Barriers___ Other___

Describe: _____

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes ___ (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked "yes" below) No ___ (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery? Yes ___ No ___ If "yes": by Hand Tools ___ by Machine ___

Explain: _____

2. If the route or route segment is in good⁵ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable? Yes ___ No ___

Explain: _____

⁵ Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes ____ No ____

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).⁶

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment⁷ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A and III.B and III.C all checked yes)?

Yes ____ = Wilderness Inventory Road inventory purposes

No ____ = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁸: _____

Evaluator(s): _____ Date: _____

⁶ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

⁷ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

Appendix C

Southeast Cliff Unit - Route Analysis							
Route Identifier	Photo Point(s)	Current Purpose	ROW	Evidence of Construction and/or Improvement Using Mechanical Means	Maintenance	Use	Conclusion
SE-1	3-10, 3-11	Recreation		No evidence of construction or improvements using mechanical means- recreationally driven in	No evidence of route maintenance	Yes, evidence of regular and continuous use- tracks	Not a road for wilderness
SE-2 (8041)	1-10, 1-11	Inholding- ranch Hunting (used for predator control for adjacent sheep operation)	Oil and Gas Pipelines for Oil and Gas Facilities for Williams Production RMT CO (COC 068426)	No evidence of construction or improvements using mechanical means.	No evidence of route maintenance	Yes, evidence of regular and continuous use- tracks	Not a road for wilderness
SE-3 (8042)	1-13, 3-1, 3-2, 3-7	Recreation	Water Facility for non-energy facilities for Teresa Potter - ditch (COC 076141)	No evidence of construction or improvements using mechanical means.	No evidence route is maintained. Would be maintained to access ditch along upper part if necessary.	No evidence of regular or continuous use	Is a road for wilderness
SE-4 (8043)	3-12	Inholding- ranch Hunting	Unknown.	No evidence of construction or improvements using mechanical means.	No evidence of maintenance	Evidence of Regular and continuous use includes tracks	Not a road for wilderness
SE-5 (8036C)	2-1, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6	Range Improvement- fence Inholding- ranch Hunting/Ranching	Unknown.	Yes, evidence route was originally constructed using mechanical methods (e.g. blading). Originally constructed for fenceline.	No recent evidence of maintenance- drivable for ATV but dense with Oak	No regular or continuous use- evidence of ATV/motorcycle tracks	Not a road for wilderness
SE-6 (8036)	2-8, 2-12	Hunting	Unknown.	Yes, evidence route was originally constructed using mechanical methods (e.g. blading). Originally constructed by sheep operator	No recent evidence of maintenance	Regular and continuous use evidenced by tracks	Not a road for wilderness

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SE-7 (8036)	2-9, 2-10, 2-11	Inholding- ranch (old spring dvlpmnt 1/8 mi up draw)	Unknown.	Yes, evidence route was originally constructed using mechanical methods (e.g. blading).	No evidence of maintenance	No evidence of regular or continuous use	Not a road for wilderness
SE-8 (8000L)	None	Range Improvement- stock tank, spring Inholding- ranch Recreation	Road for other energy facilities for Berry Petroleum CO (COC 070487)	No evidence of construction or improvements using mechanical means.	No evidence of maintenance.	Regular and continuous use as evidenced by ATV and vehicular tracks	Not a road for wilderness
SE-9 (8000L)	4-12	Unknown.	Road for other energy facilities for Berry Petroleum CO (COC 070487)	No evidence of construction or improvements using mechanical means.	No evidence of maintenance.	Yes, evidence of regular and continuous use- tracks and vehicles	Not a road for wilderness
SE-10 (8000M)	4-13, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17	Range Improvement- reservoir Inholding- ranch	Road for other energy facilities for Berry Petroleum CO (COC 070487)	Yes, evidence route was originally constructed using mechanical methods (e.g. blading). Confirmed by Peters that road was constructed.	No recent evidence of road maintenance. Would be maintained to access reservoir and inholding.	Yes, evidence of regular and continuous use- tracks	Is a road for wilderness
SE-11 (8000N)	None	Recreation Concentrated Use Site- campground	Road for other energy facilities for Berry Petroleum CO (COC 070487)	Yes, evidence route was originally constructed using mechanical methods (e.g. blading).	Yes, evidence road is maintained- main campground access. Would be maintained to access campground for recreation.	Yes, regular and continuous use- tracks	Is a road for wilderness

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SE-12 (8034)	None	Range Improvement- (stock tank and spring) Inholding- (ranch)	Unknown.	Yes, evidence route was originally constructed using mechanical methods (e.g. blading). Route was bladed. Constructed to access Northern private property	Yes, evidence road is maintained- landowner runs small dozer to get to tanks. Would be maintained to access stock tanks, spring, and inholding.	Yes, evidence of regular and continuous use- tracks	Is a road for wilderness

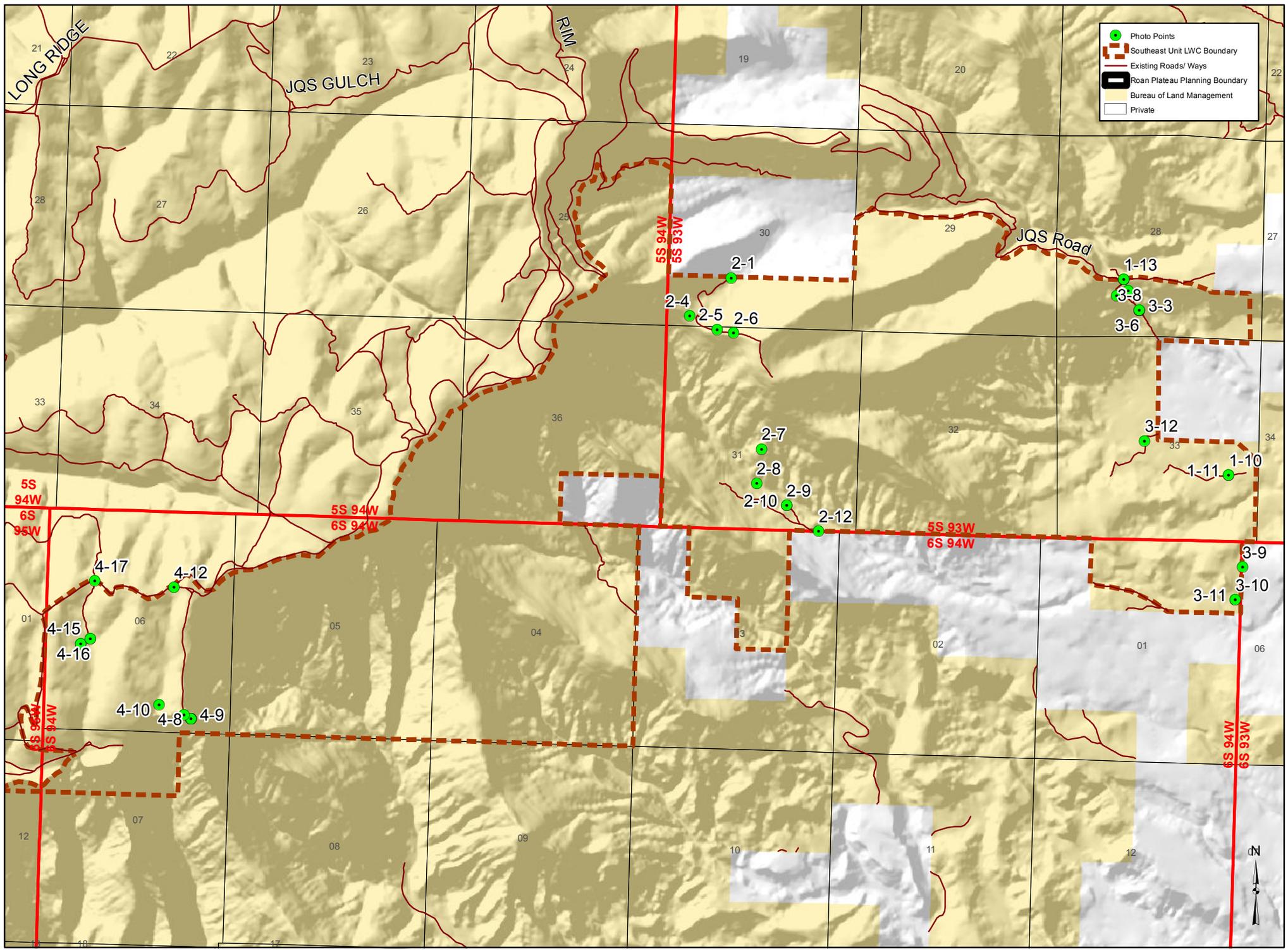
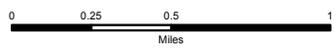
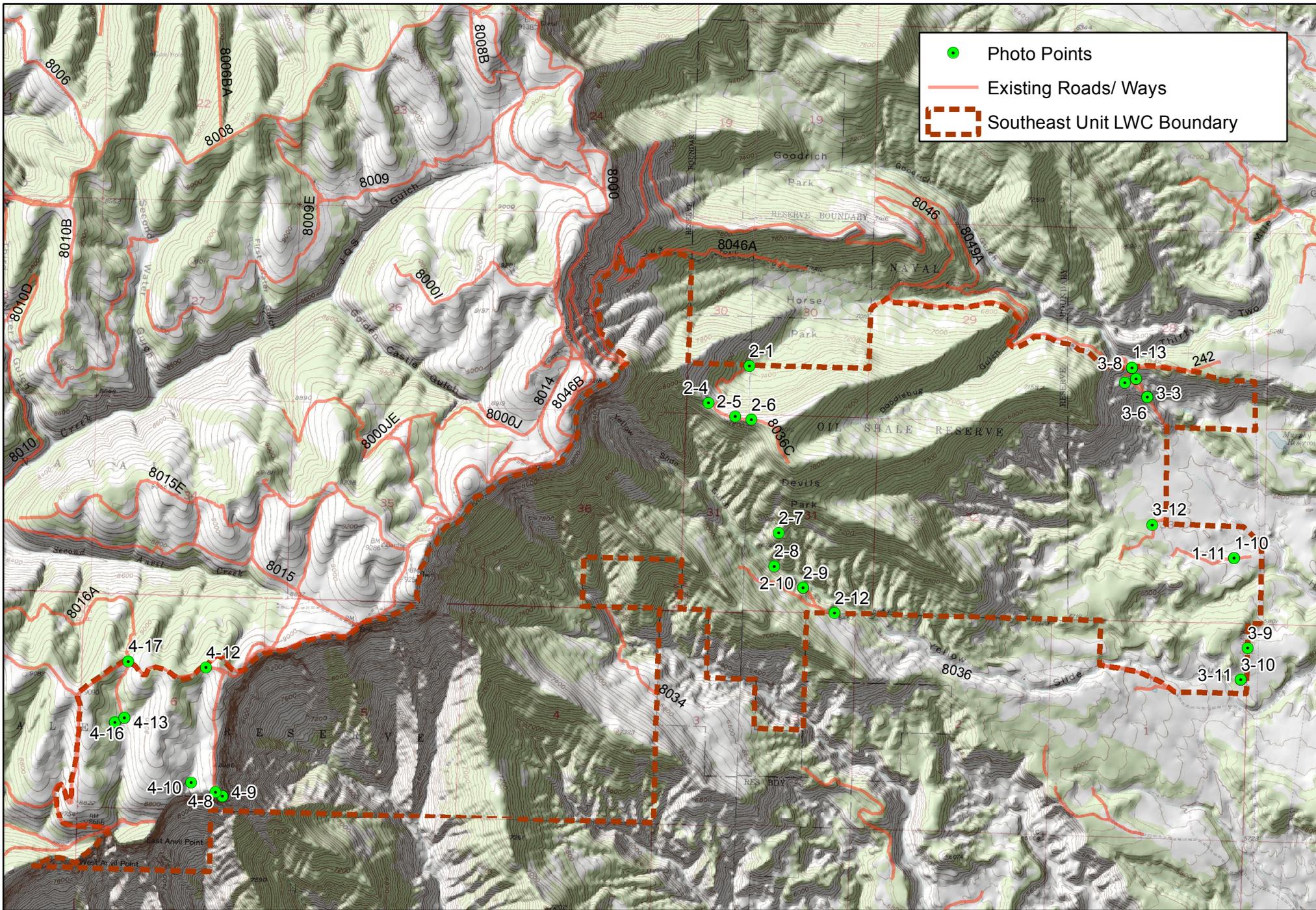


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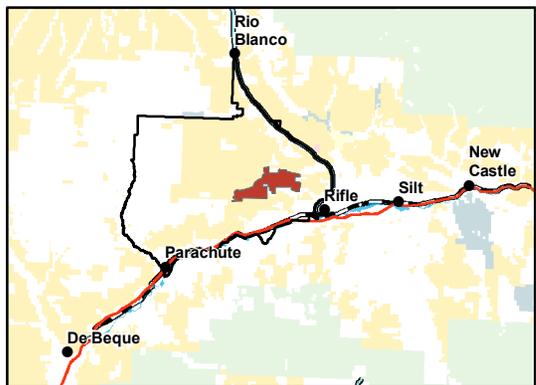
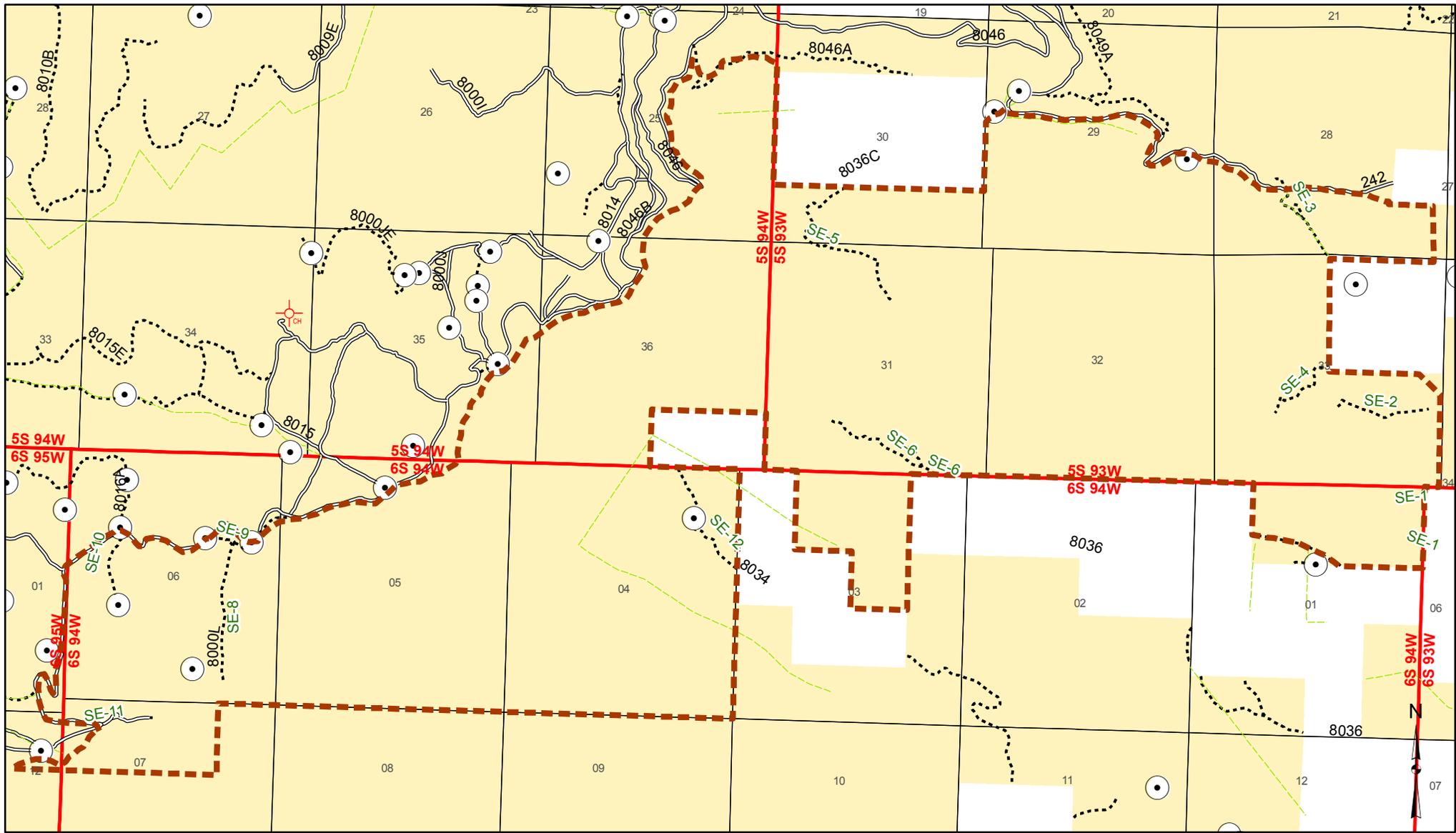
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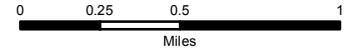
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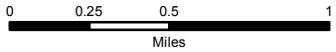
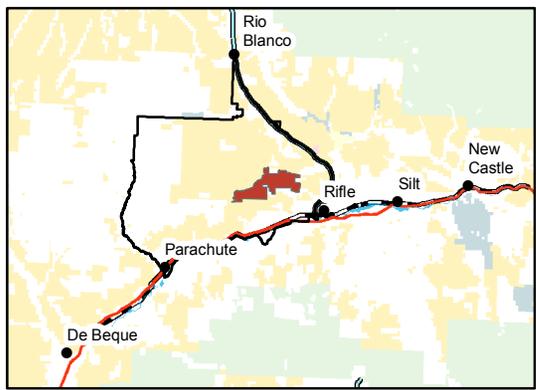
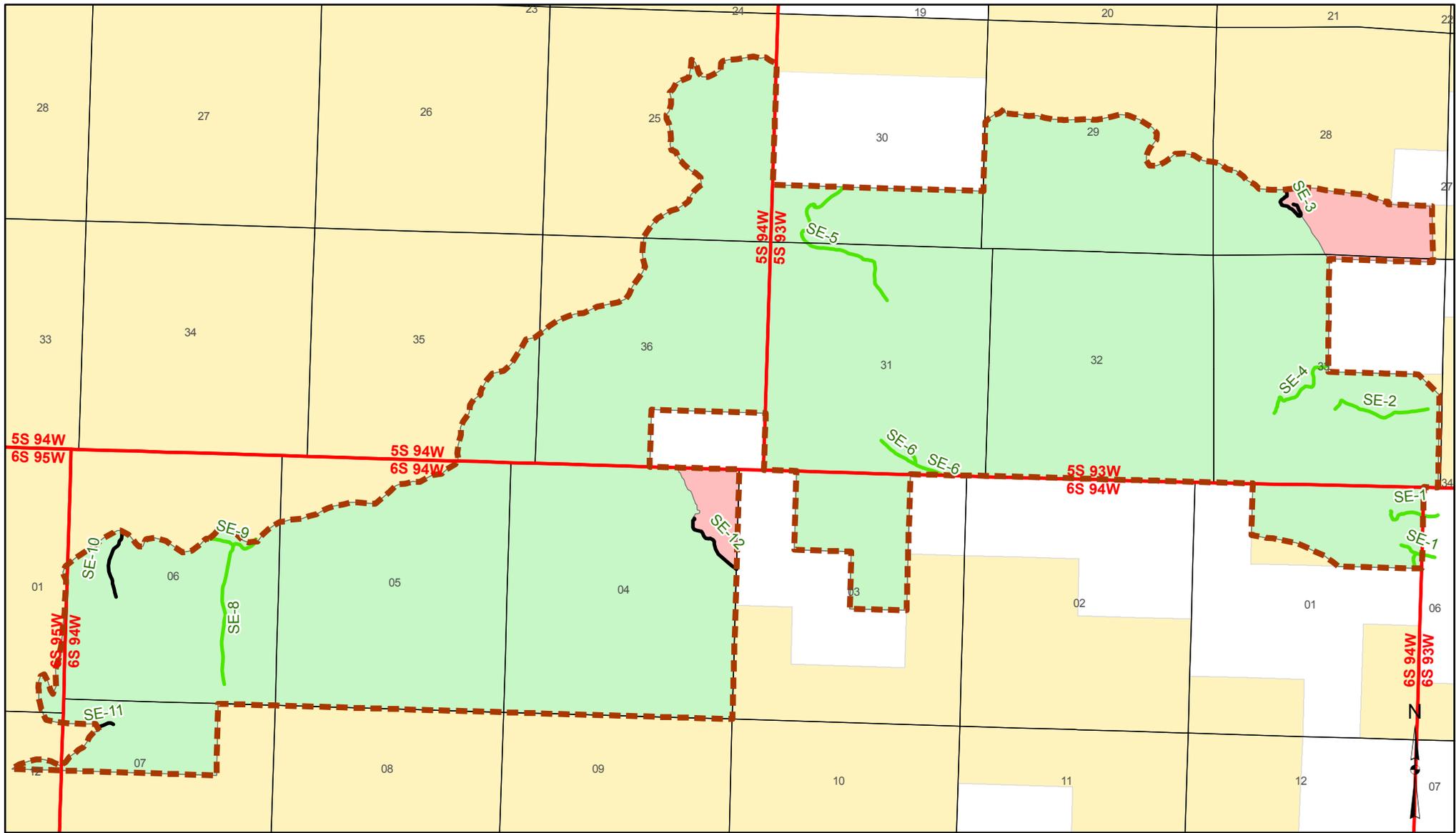
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Topography
Southeast LWC Unit



-  Southeast Unit LWC Boundary
- Roan Plateau Transportation**
-  Full Sized Vehicle
-  Foot and Horse Trail
-  Roan Plateau Planning Boundary
-  Core Hole
-  Range Improvements
-  Range Improvements
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private

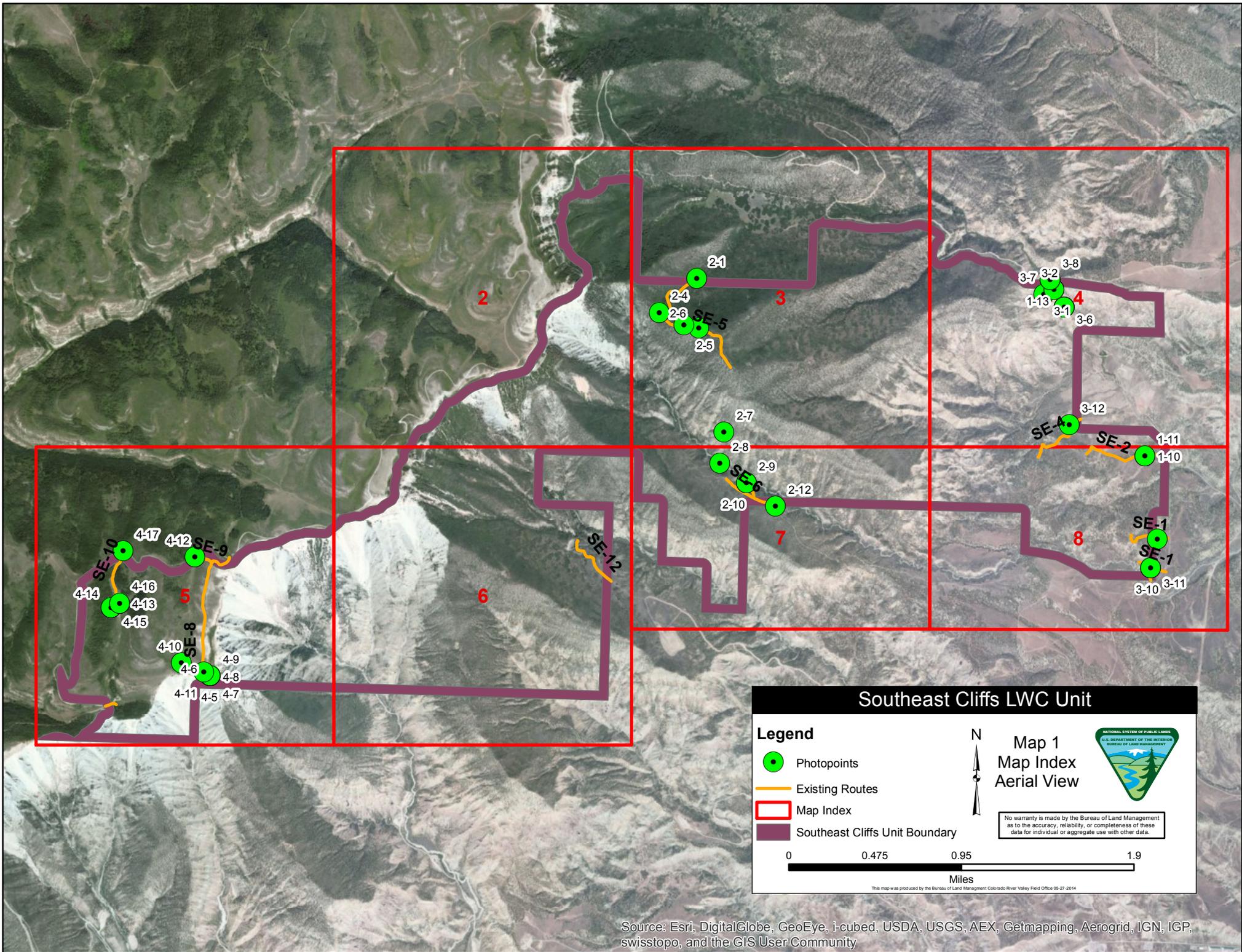


Map 4
Improvements and Developments
Southeast LWC Unit



- Southeast Unit LWC Boundary
- Wilderness Inventory Road
- Primitive Route
- Lands with wilderness characteristics
- Lands without wilderness characteristics
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- Private

Map 5
Revised Boundary
Southeast LWC Unit



Southeast Cliffs LWC Unit

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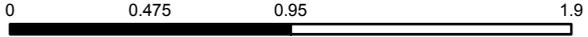
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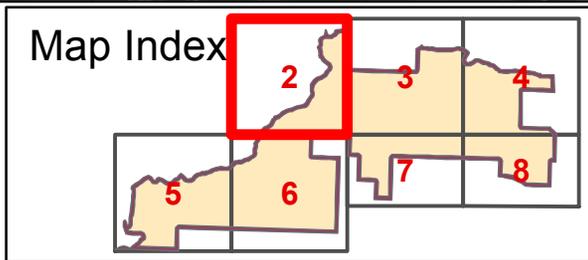
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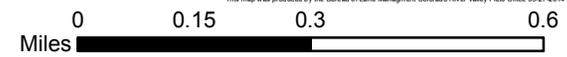
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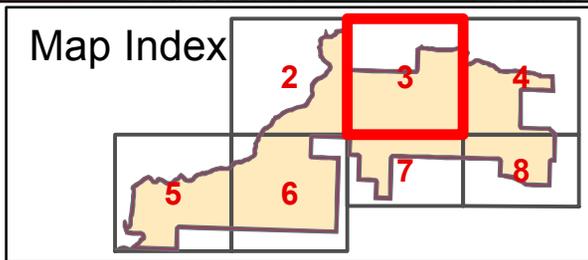
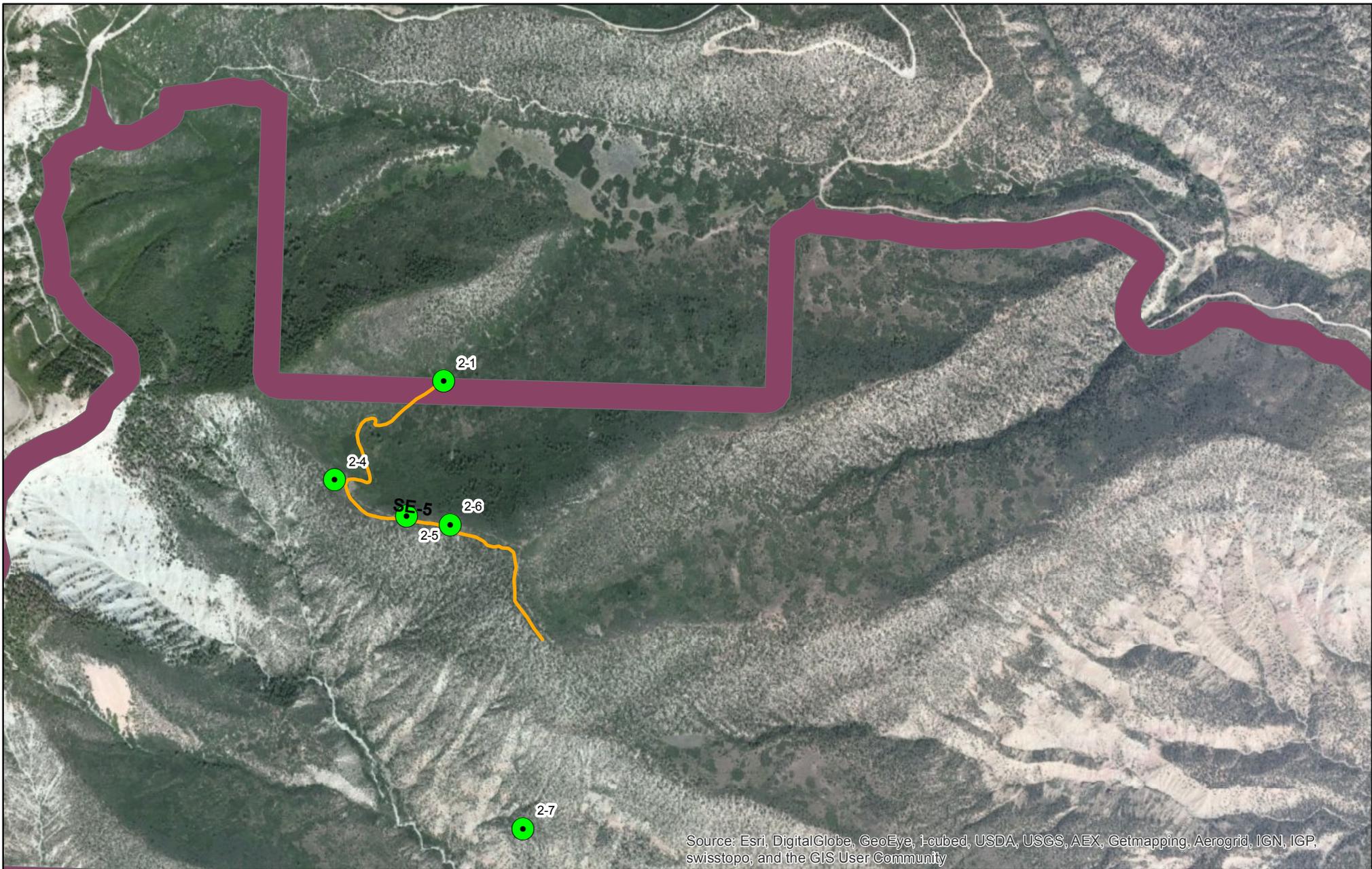


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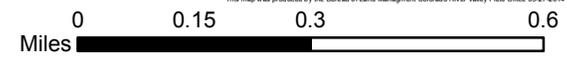
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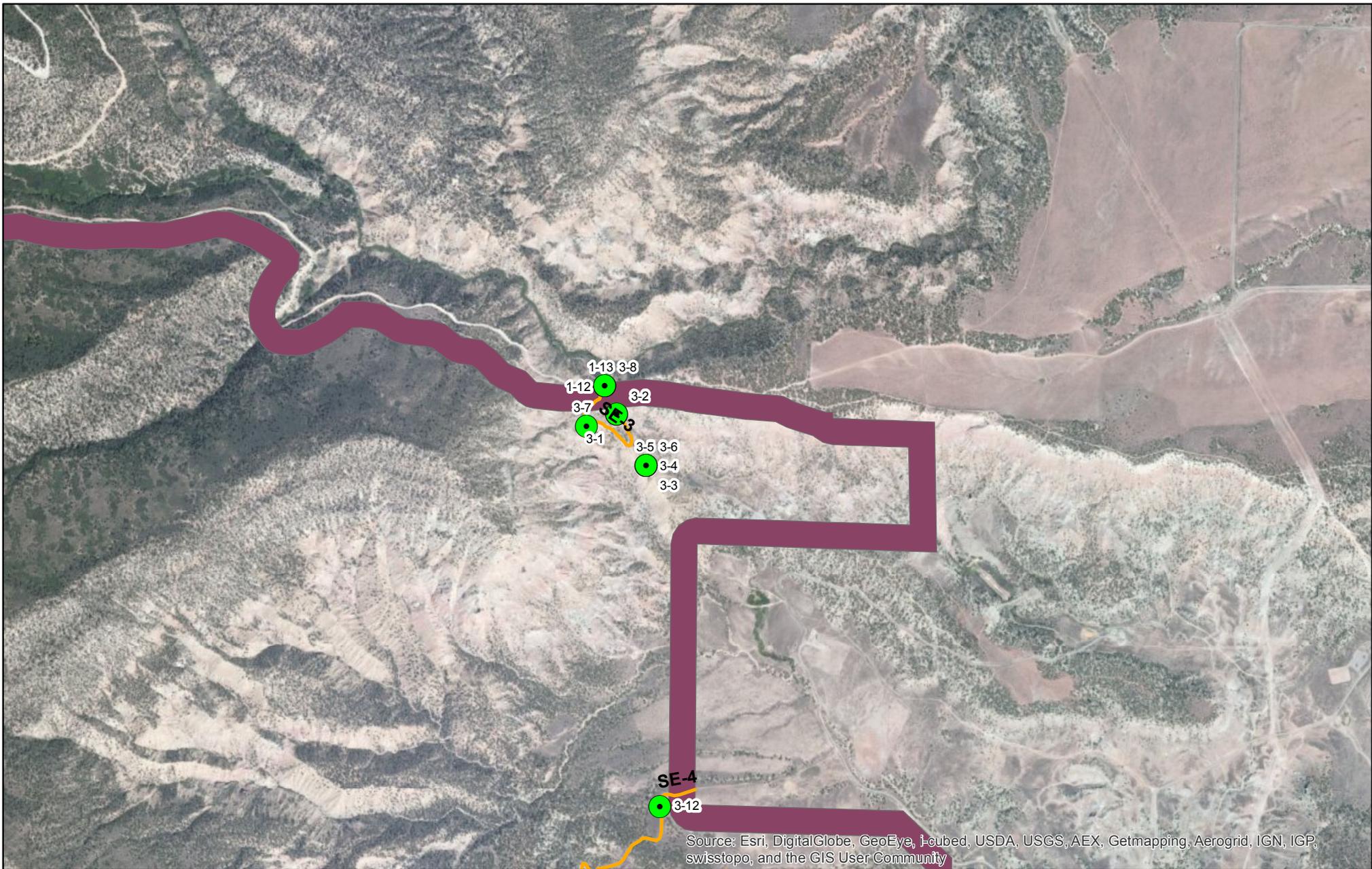


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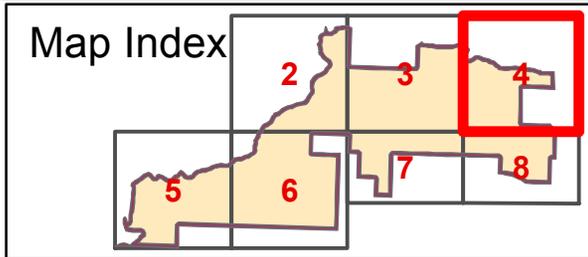
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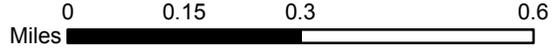
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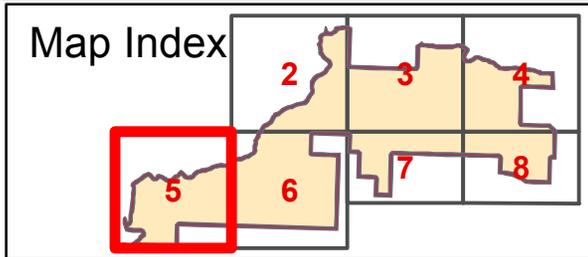
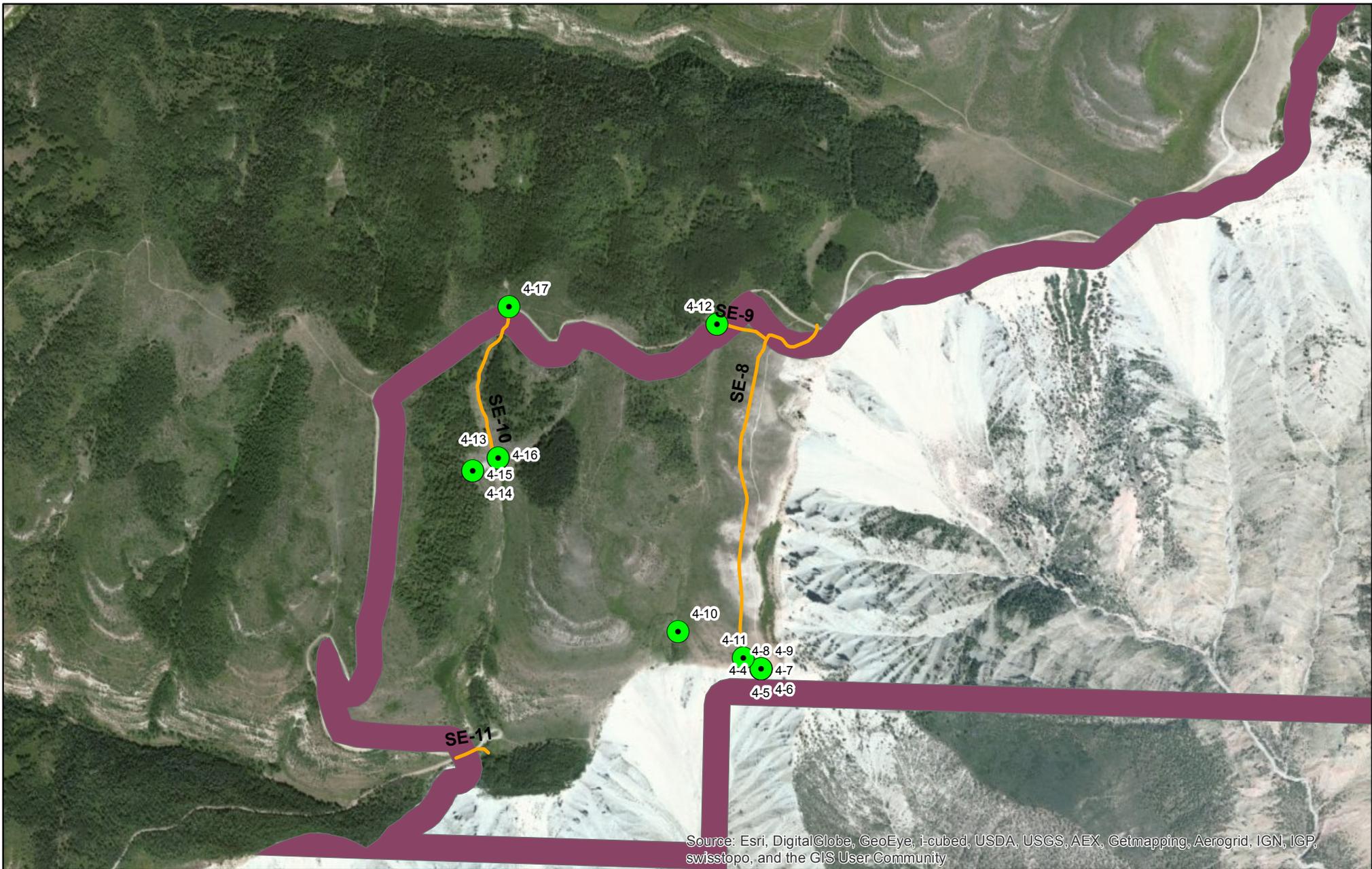


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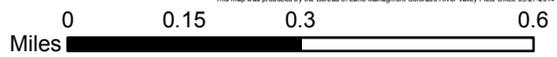
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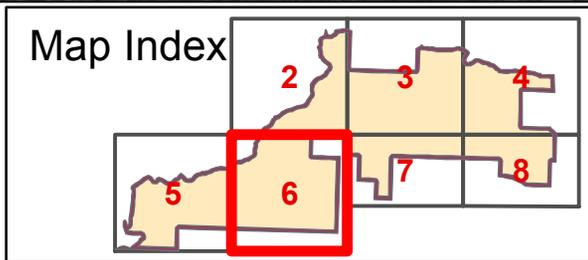
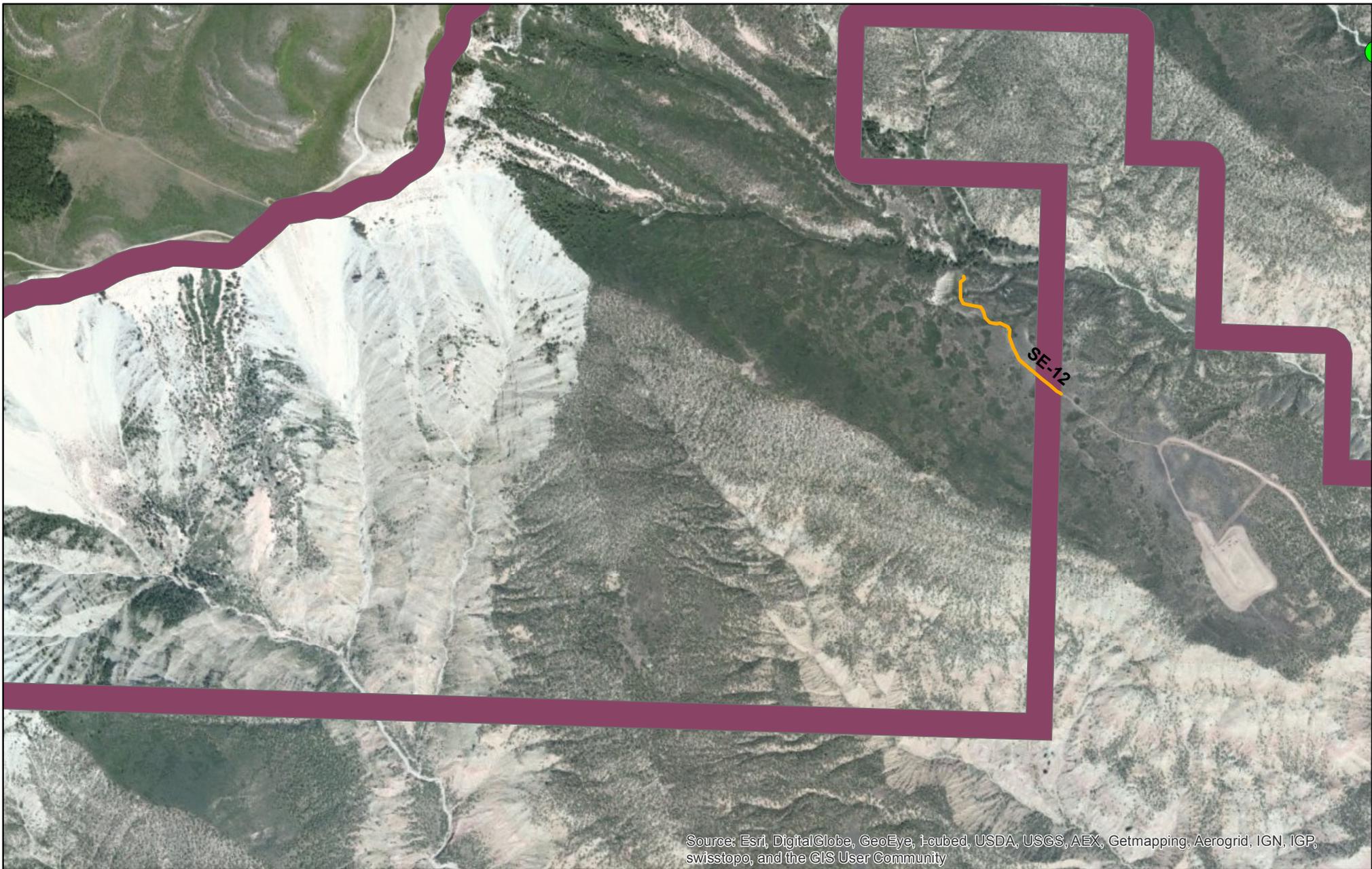


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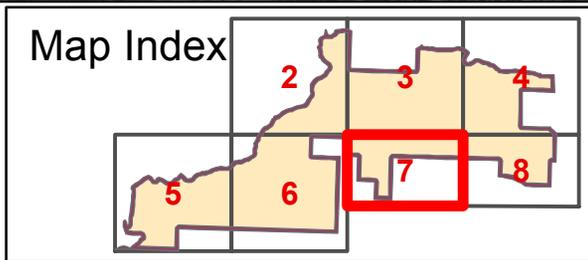
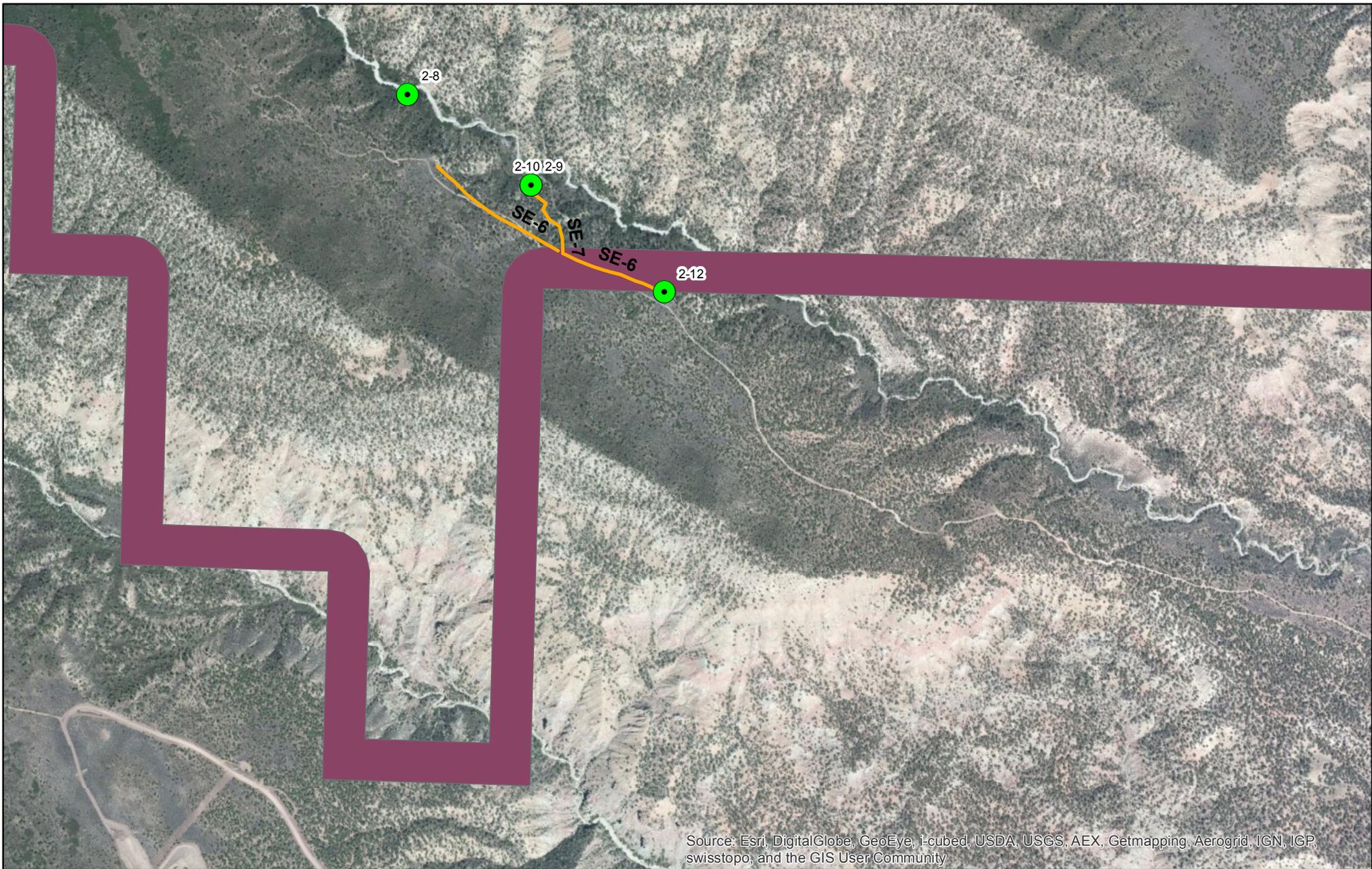
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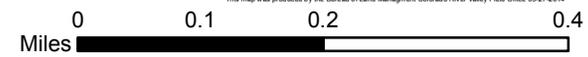
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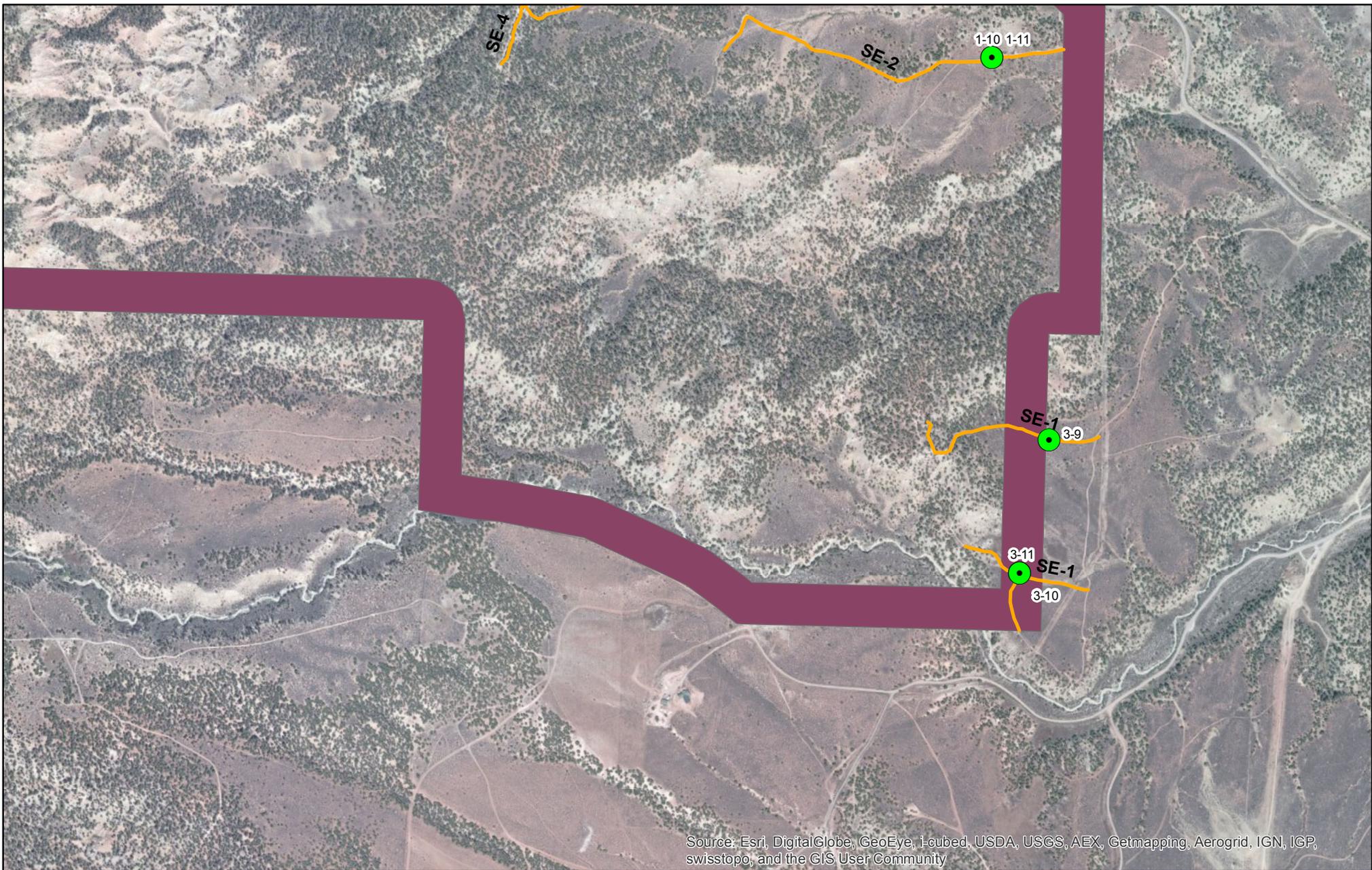


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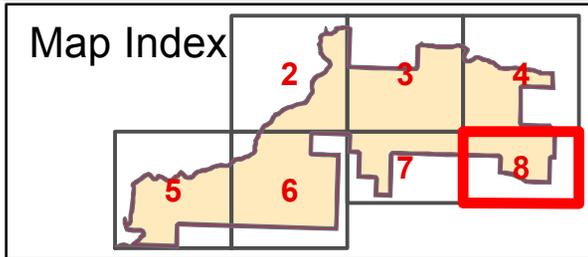
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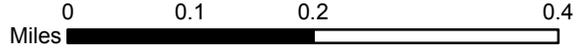
Southeast Cliffs LWC Unit



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Aerial View

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Appendix E

Southeast Cliffs Unit—Photo Points

Photo Points: 1-10, 1-12 — 1-14, 2-4 — 2-5



Photo Point 1-10: Ditch above Magpie Gulch — View West



Photo Point 1-12: Head of Ditch on Magpie Gulch — View Southwest



Photo Point 1-13: Stream above Ditch — View Southwest



Photo Point 1-14: Stream at confluence — View Southwest



Photo Point 2-4: Road below from North end of cliffs — View East

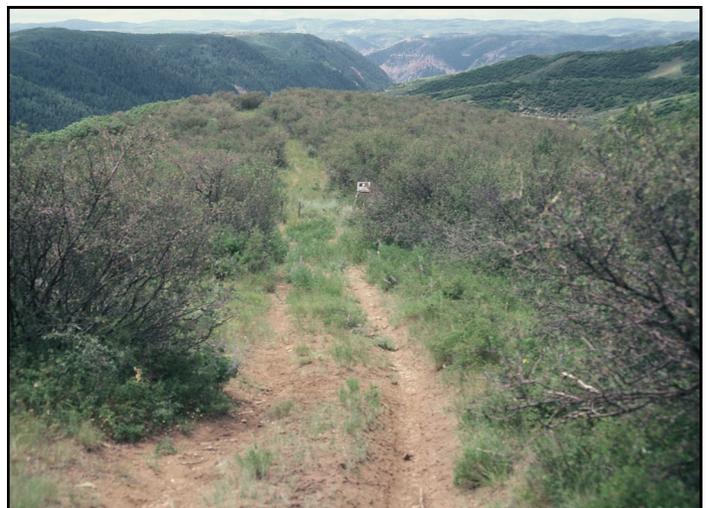


Photo Point 2-5: TC-2; Route at private — View Southwest

Photo Points: 2-6 — 2-10, 2-12



Photo Point 2-6: TC-1 — View South



Photo Point 2-7: TC-3 — View North



Photo Point 2-8: Across valley to Northwest corner of Trapper Creek Unit — View North



Photo Point 2-9: TC-4 — View West



Photo Point 2-10: TC-5 — View South



Photo Point 2-12: TC-8 — View North

Photo Points: 3-2 — 3-7



Photo Point 3-2: TC-13; bottom — View South

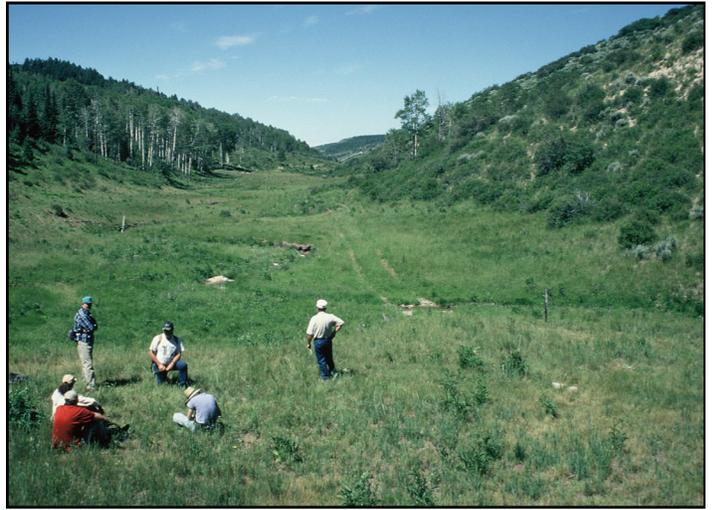


Photo Point 3-3: Trapper Creek valley — View West



Photo Point 3-4: Trapper Creek — View Southeast



Photo Point 3-5: Stock pond — View South



Photo Point 3-6: Valley with no routes — View South



Photo Point 3-7: Fenceline — View South

Photo Points: 3-8 — 3-12, 4-2



Photo Point 3-8: Fenceline — View North



Photo Point 3-9: Exclosure fences — View South



Photo Point 3-10: Exclosure fences—View South



Photo Point 3-11: Trapper Creek cutting along fence — View North



Photo Point 3-12: Drop structures in Trapper Creek — View South-west



Photo Point 4-2: TC-17 — View North

Photo Points: 4-03 — 4-08



Photo Point 4-03: TC-17; Shepherders trailer and route 8004 — View West



Photo Point 4-4: TC-18 — View South



Photo Point 4-5: TC-18; Viewshed — View Northwest



Photo Point 4-6: TC-19 in Aspens — View Southwest



Photo Point 4-7: TC-19; Sawed logs — View North



Photo Point 4-8: TC-19; towards 275130FE2 — View North

Photo Points: 4-9 — 4-14



Photo Point 4-9: TC-19 — View North



Photo Point 4-10: TC-19; Fence 275319WD12 — View Northwest



Photo Point 4-11: TC-20; towards 271007WD10 — View Northwest



Photo Point 4-12: TC-20; Looking into Trapper Creek — View North



Photo Point 4-13: TC-21 — View South



Photo Point 4-14: Route TC-21; Bladed sagebrush — View South

Photo Points: 4-15 — 4-17



Photo Point 4-15: TC-21; Looking into Northwater — View Southeast



Photo Point 4-16: TC-21; Water development 276042WD10 — View North



Photo Point 4-17: TC-21 to 276042WD10

Southeast Cliff Unit

Supporting Documentation

In September, 2013, the BLM – Colorado River Valley Field Office Team of Greg Wolfgang, Julie McGrew, and Faith Dziedzic reviewed the 1999 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory and verified that it is still valid. It was determined that no additional field work was needed at that time. Kimberly Miller then put the 1999 inventory in the updated digital format in April, 2014. This included typing the 1999 information into the updated forms, recreating the maps in GIS, and converting the 1999 photos that were on slides to digital format.

The review verified there was no new information available to change any of the inventory for 2014.