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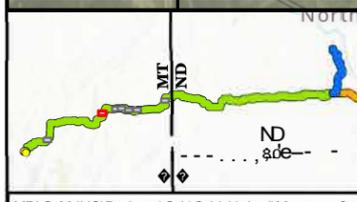
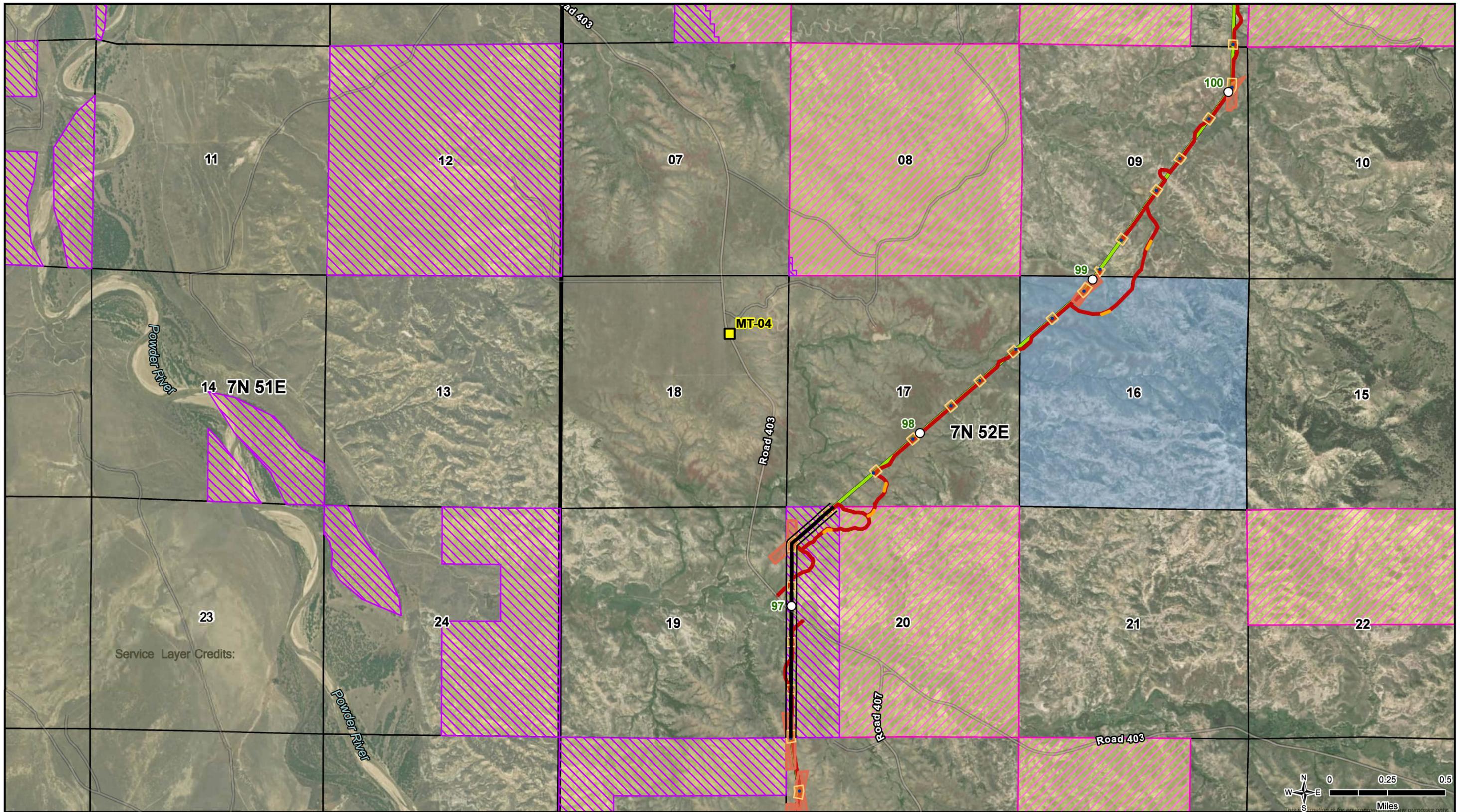


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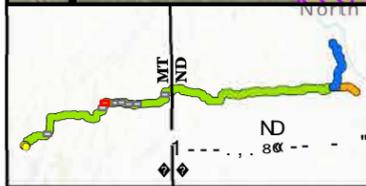
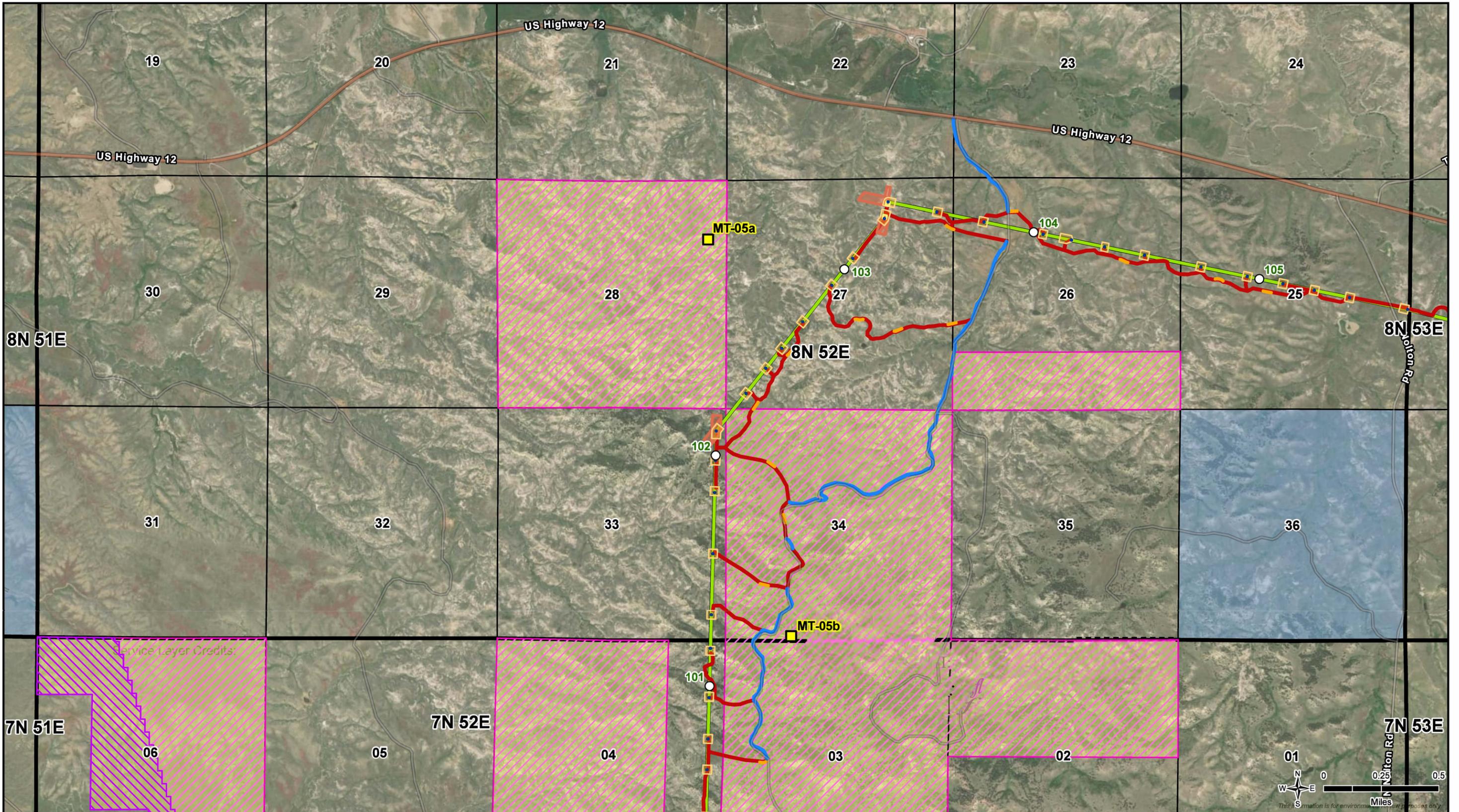


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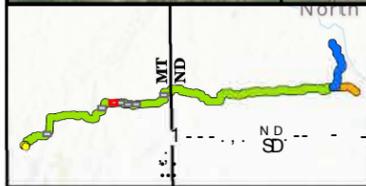
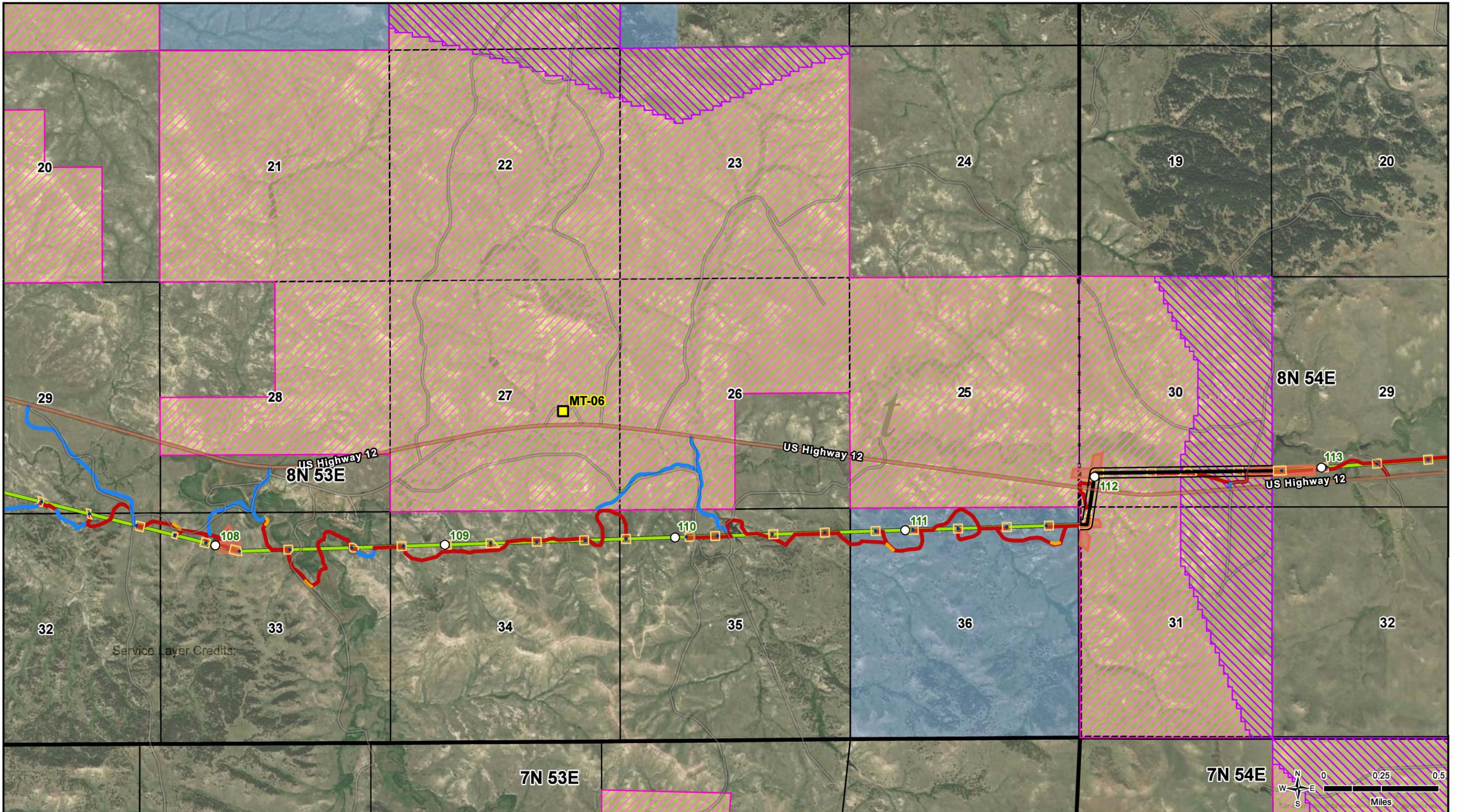
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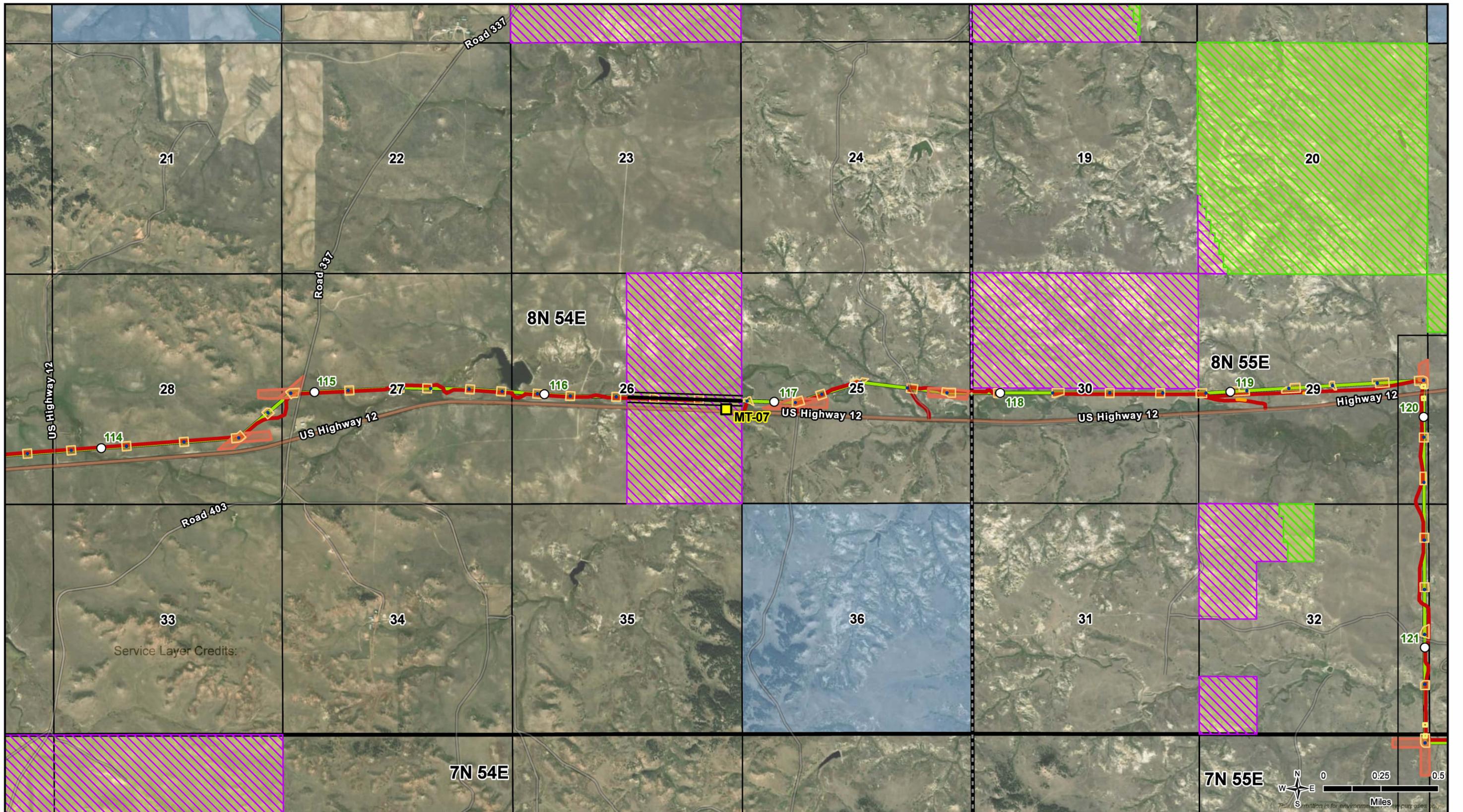
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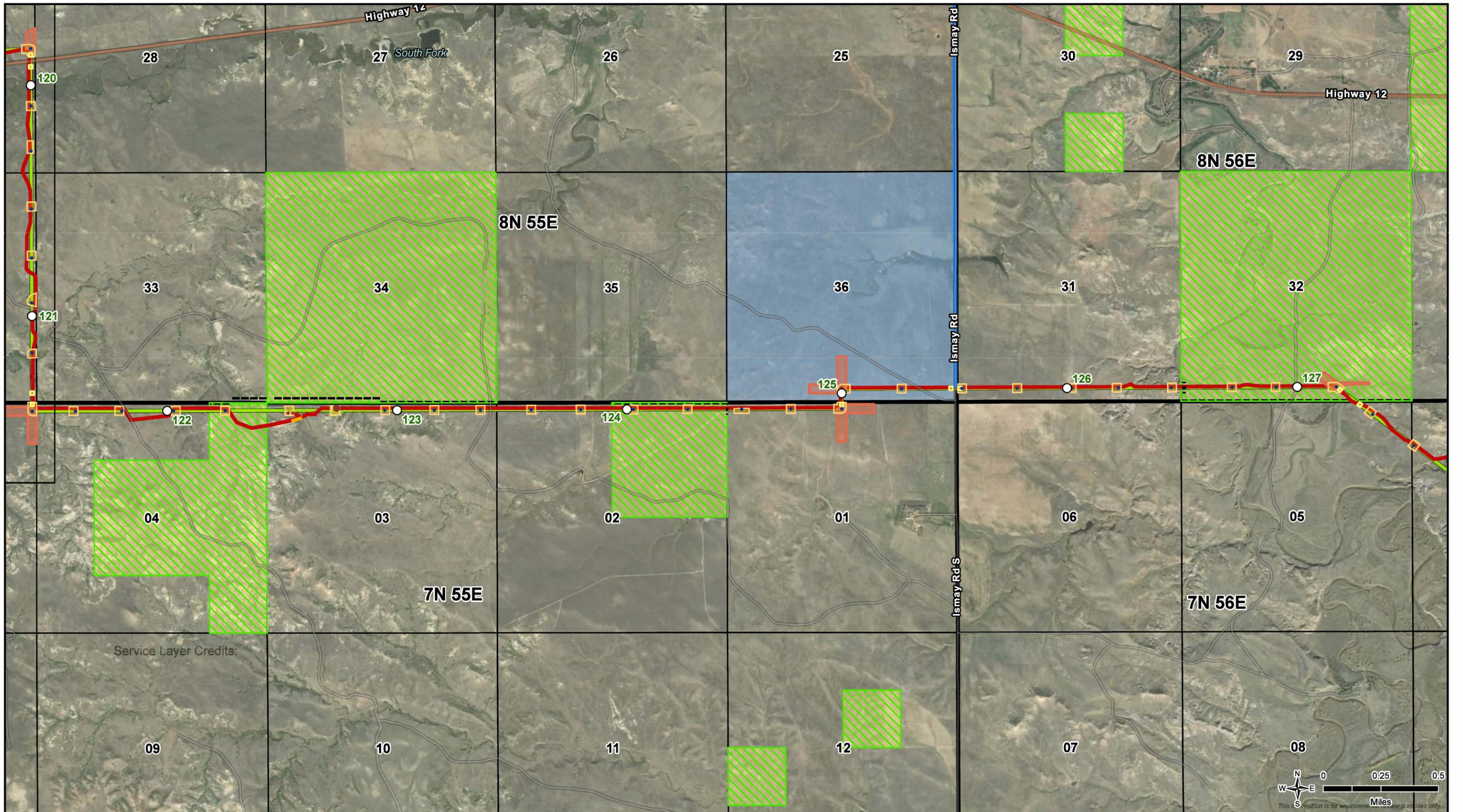


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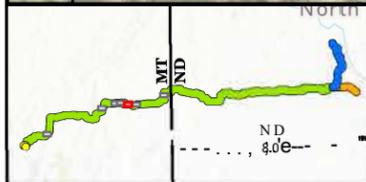


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- Land Ownership**
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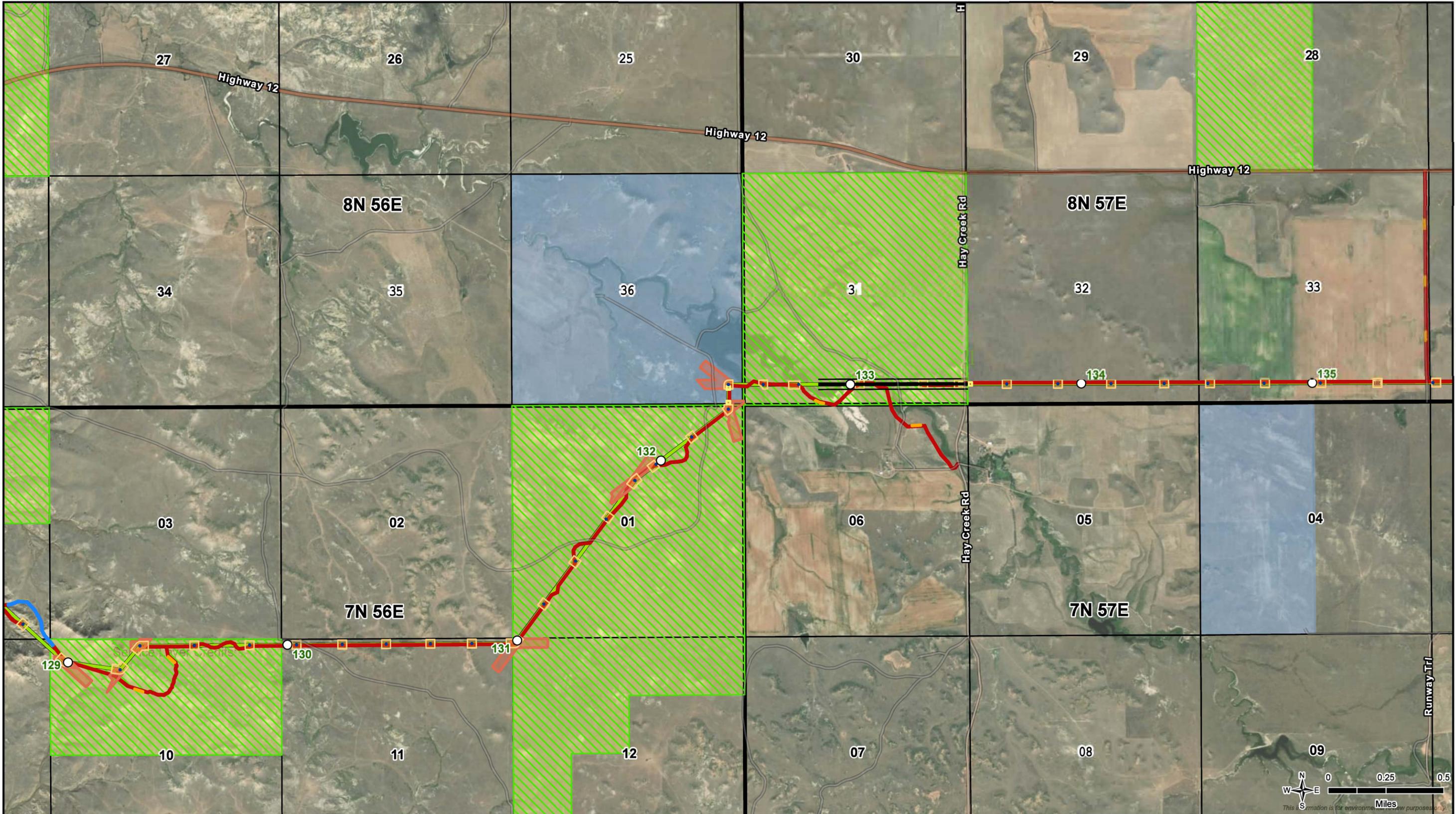
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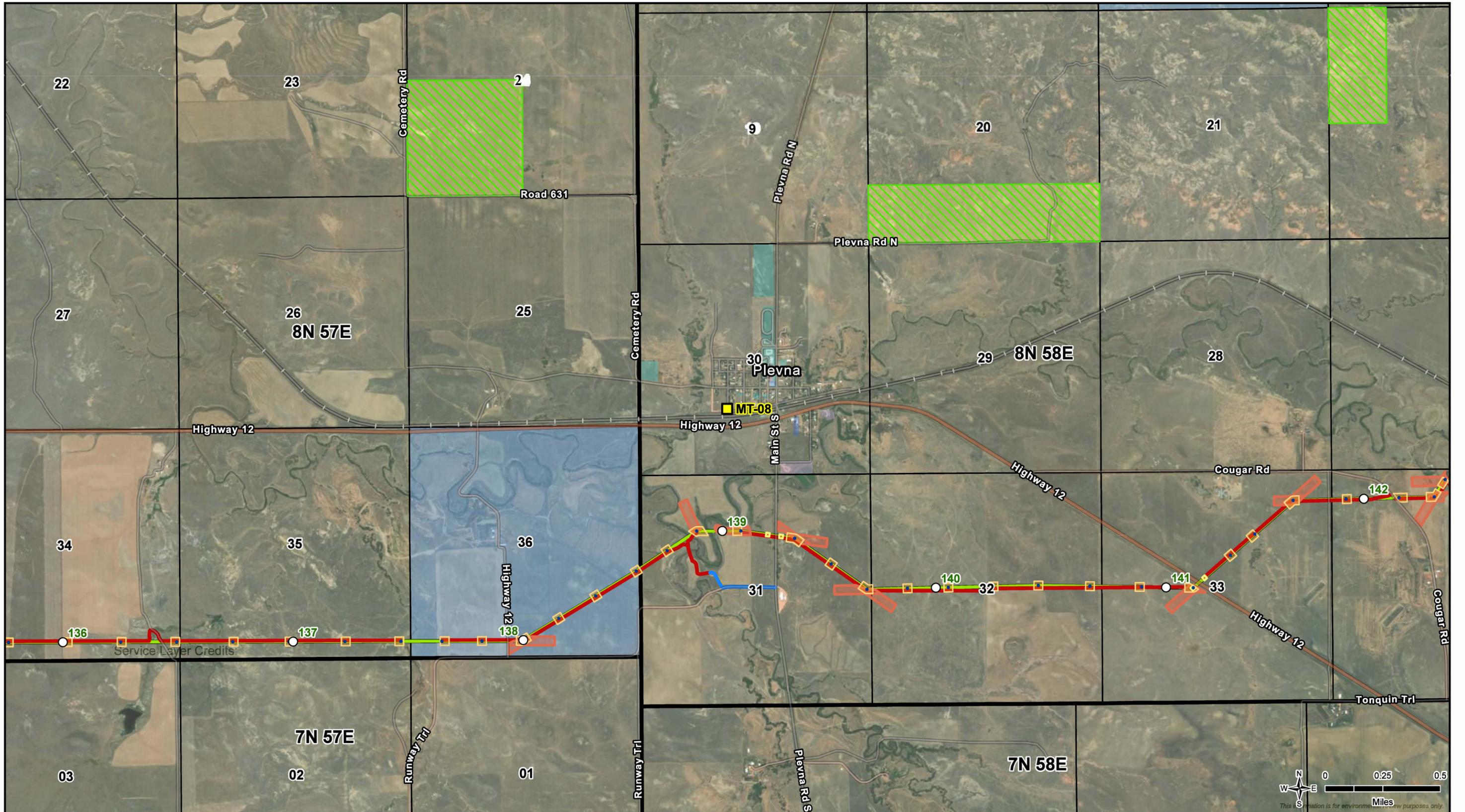


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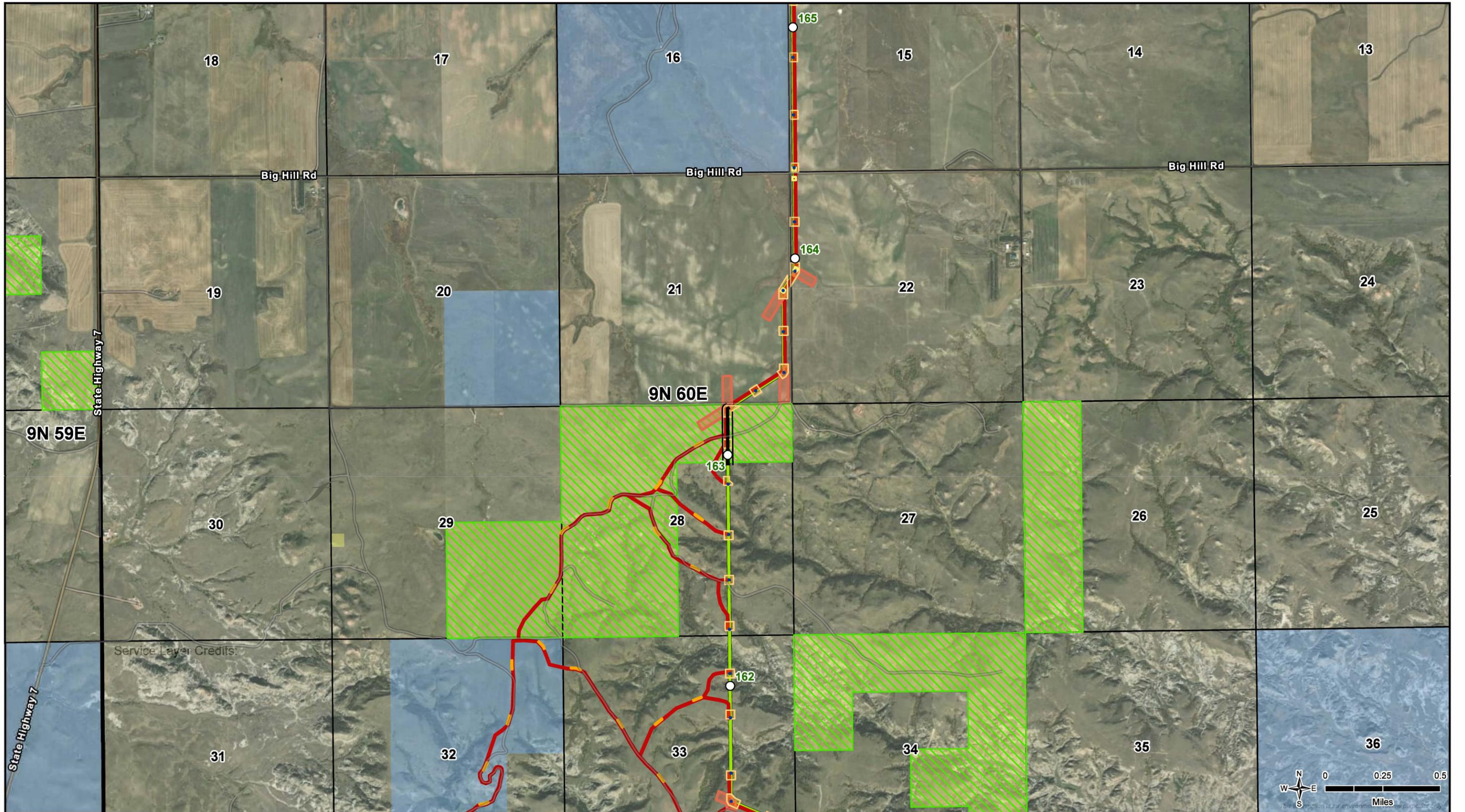


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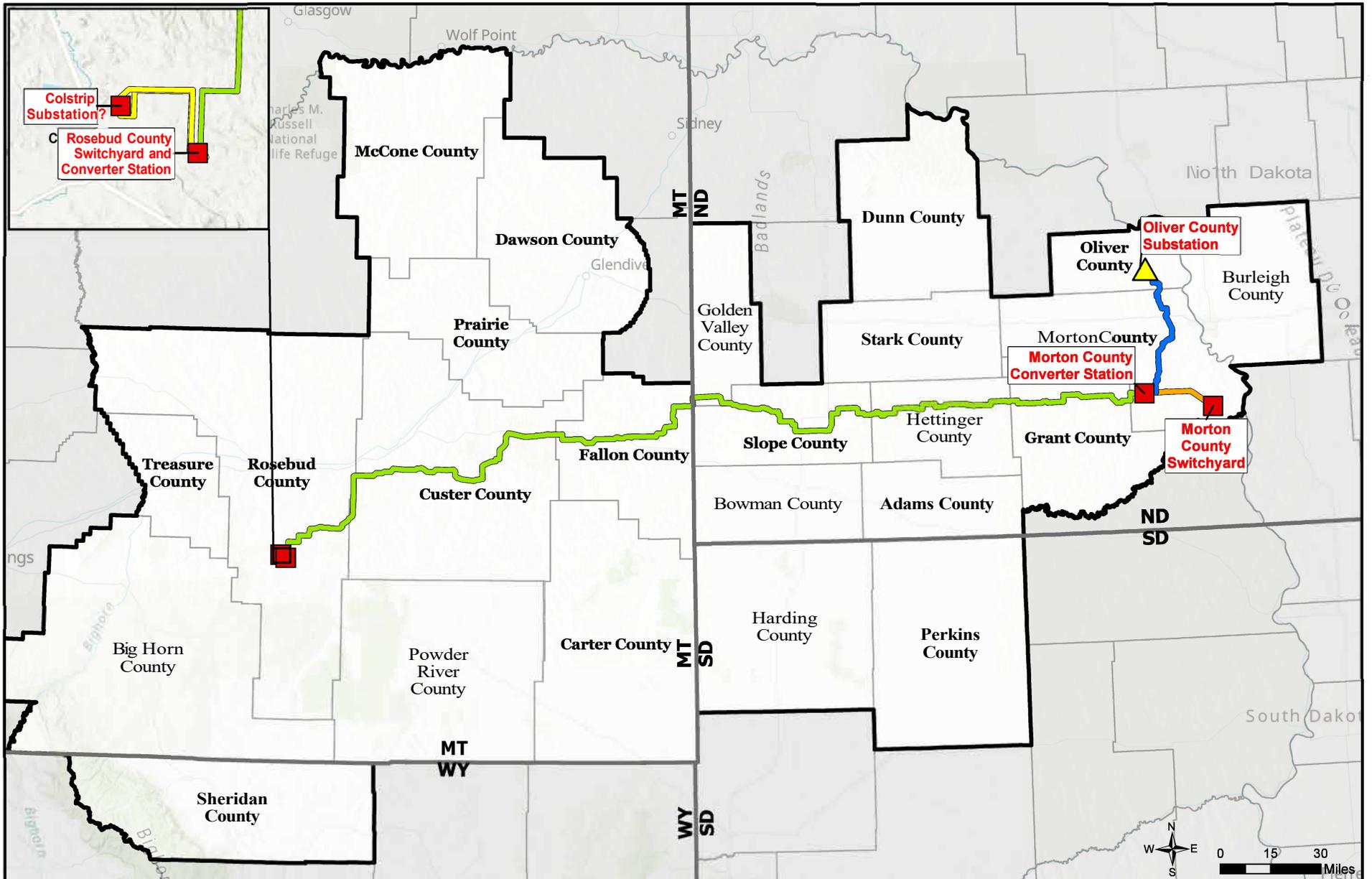
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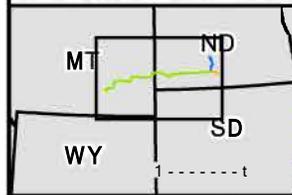
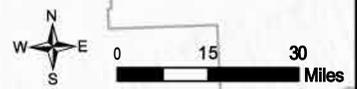
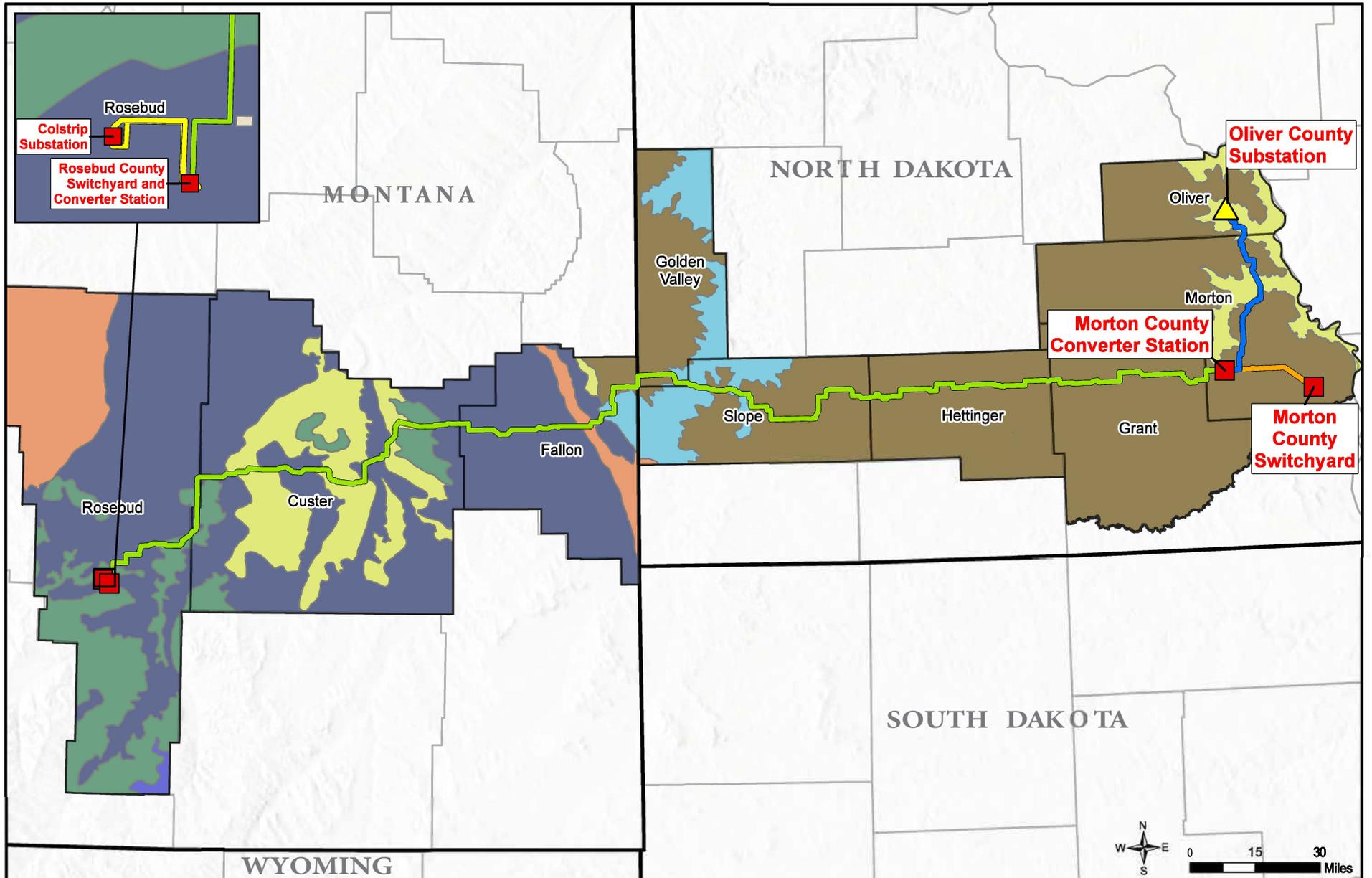


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- Proposed Alternative HVDC Transmission Line (525 kV)
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**Socioeconomic Analysis Area**  
 North Plains Connector  
 Montana and North Dakota



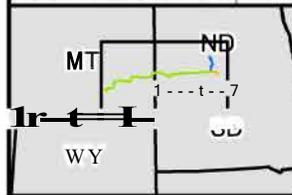
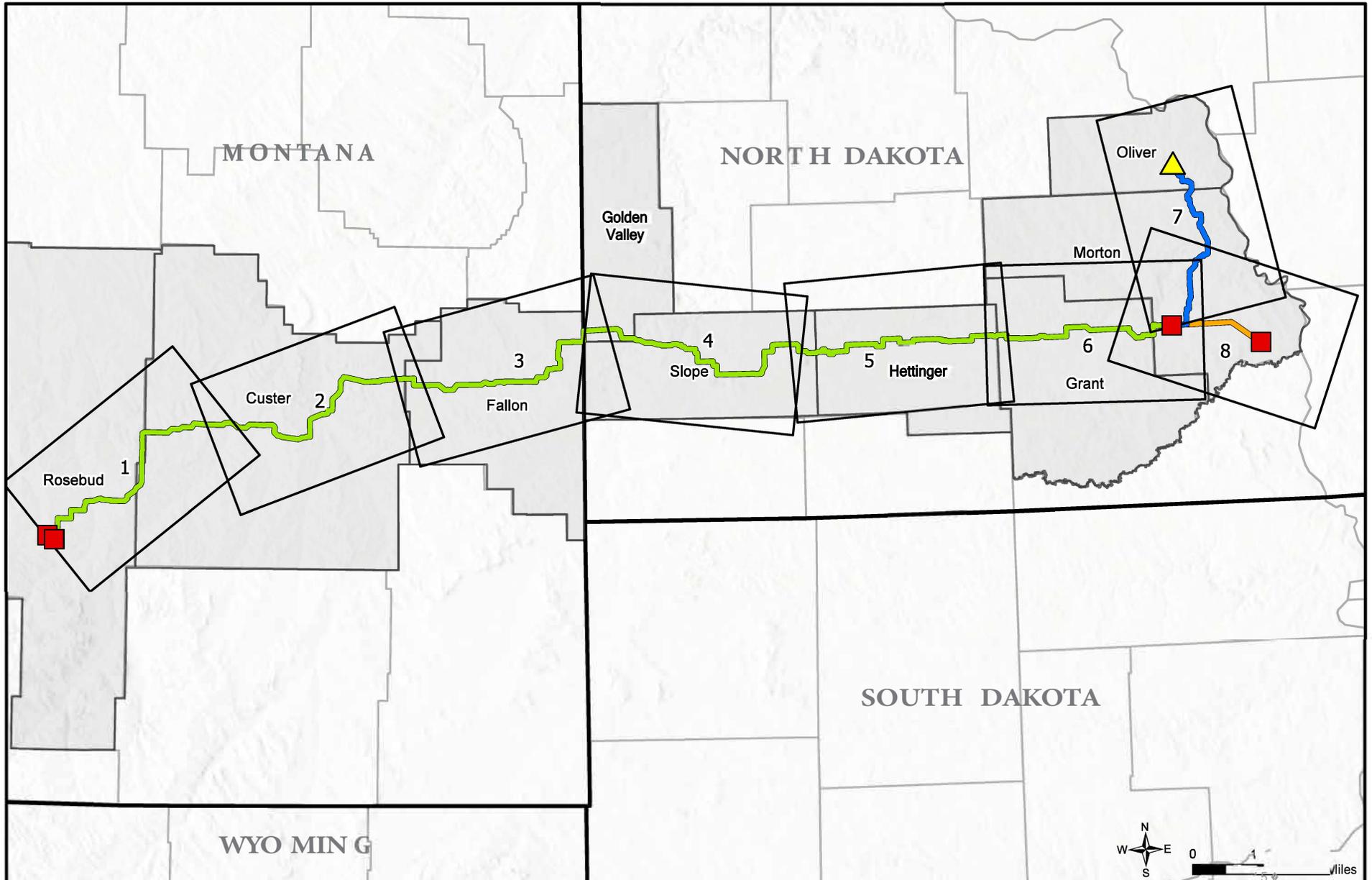


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Project Facility	Rosebud Transmission Line (500-kV)	Mesic Dissected Plains
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Morton Transmission Line (345-kV)	Central and Glaciated Prairie	Central
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	Central and Glaciated Prairie	River Breaks
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**USEPA Level IV Ecoregions Crossed**  
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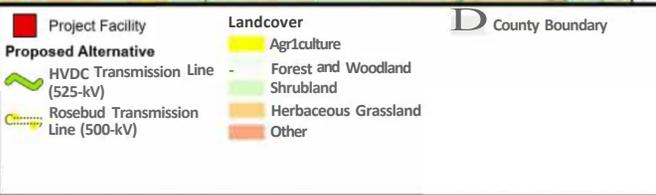
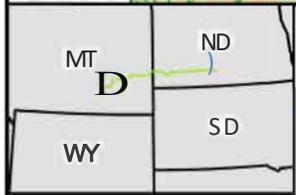
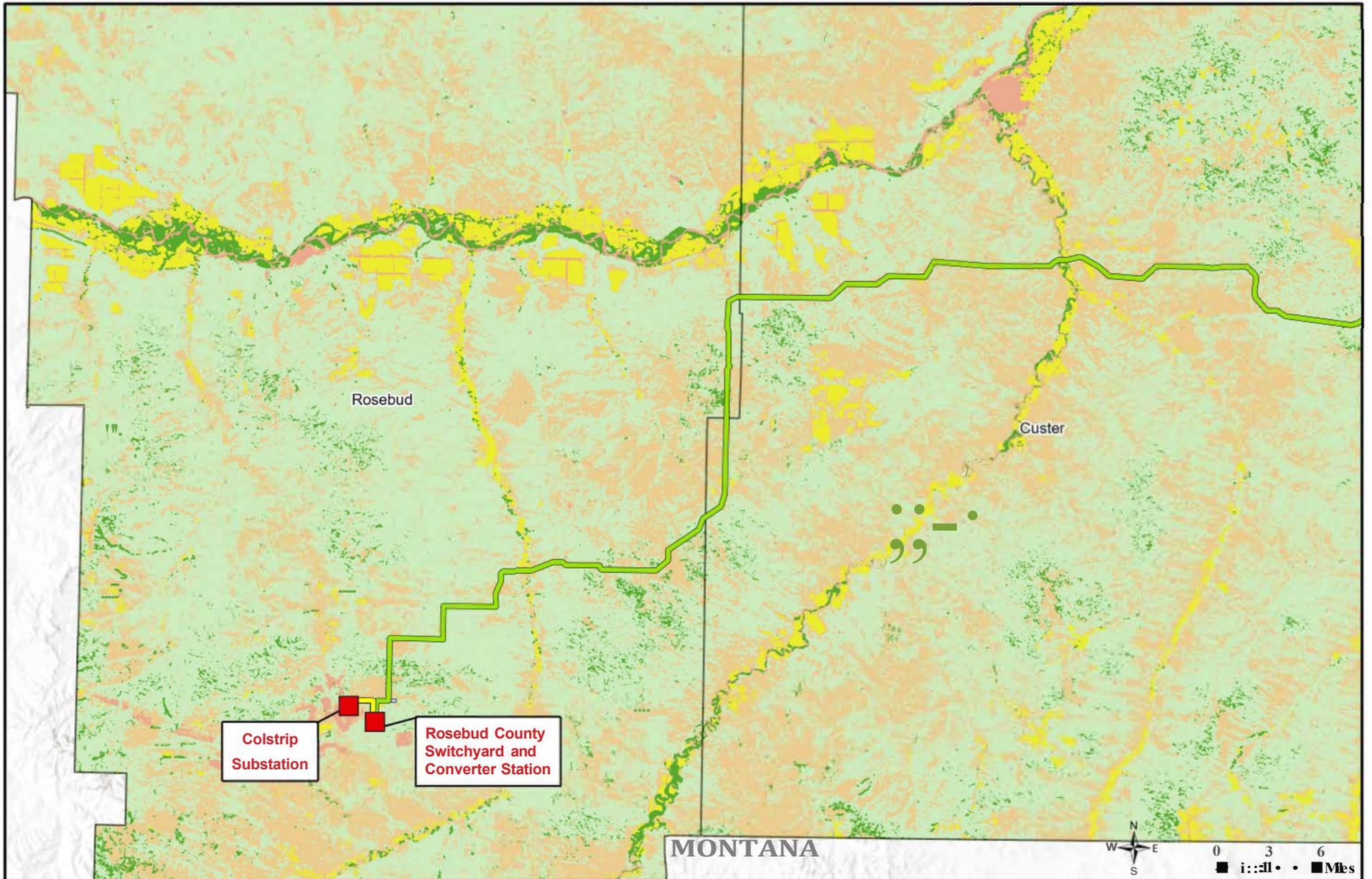


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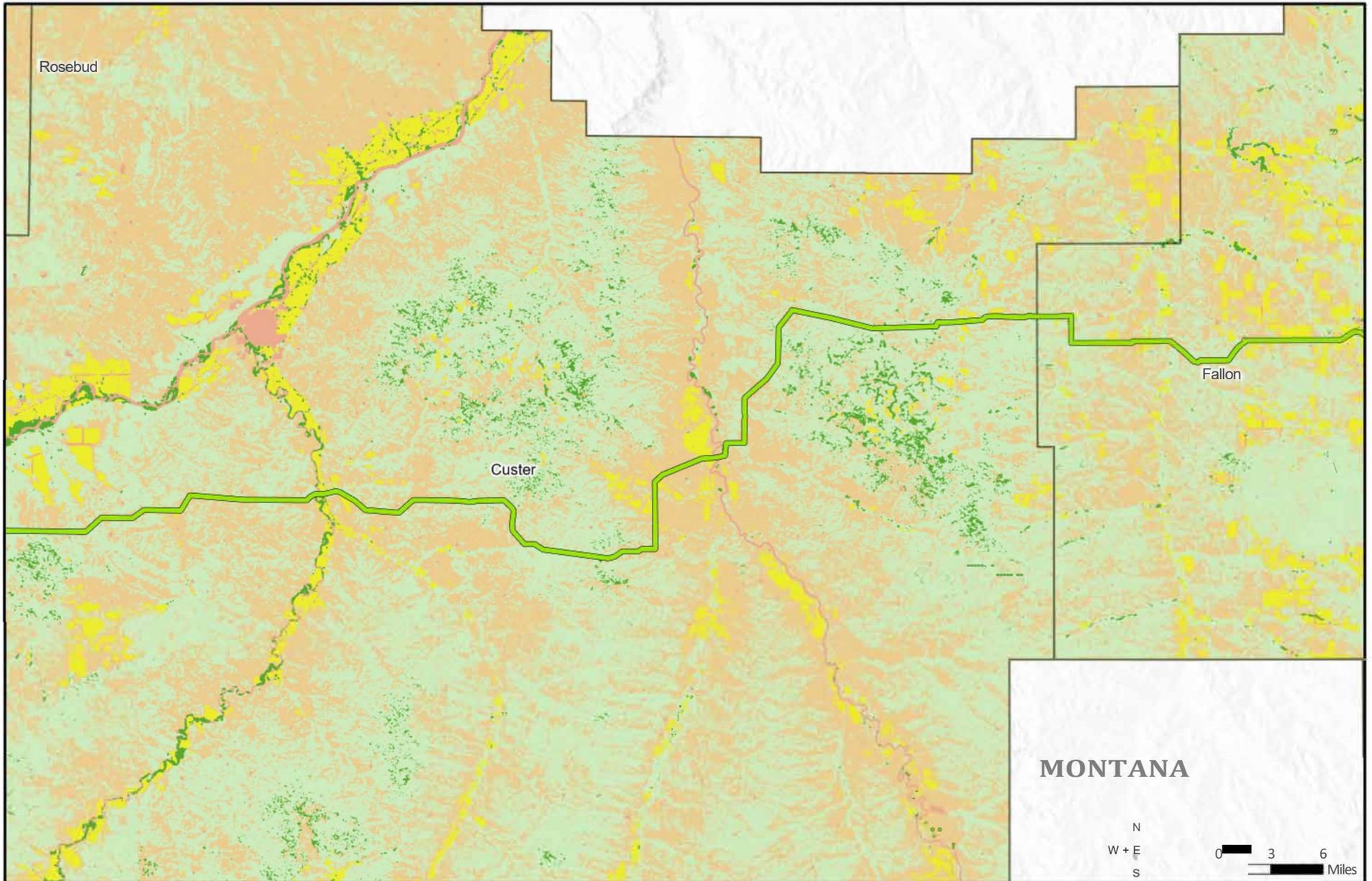


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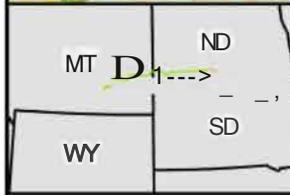




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 HVDC Transmission Line (521-kV)

**Landcover**

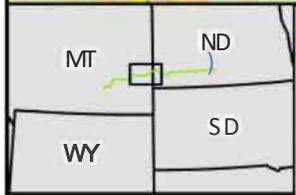
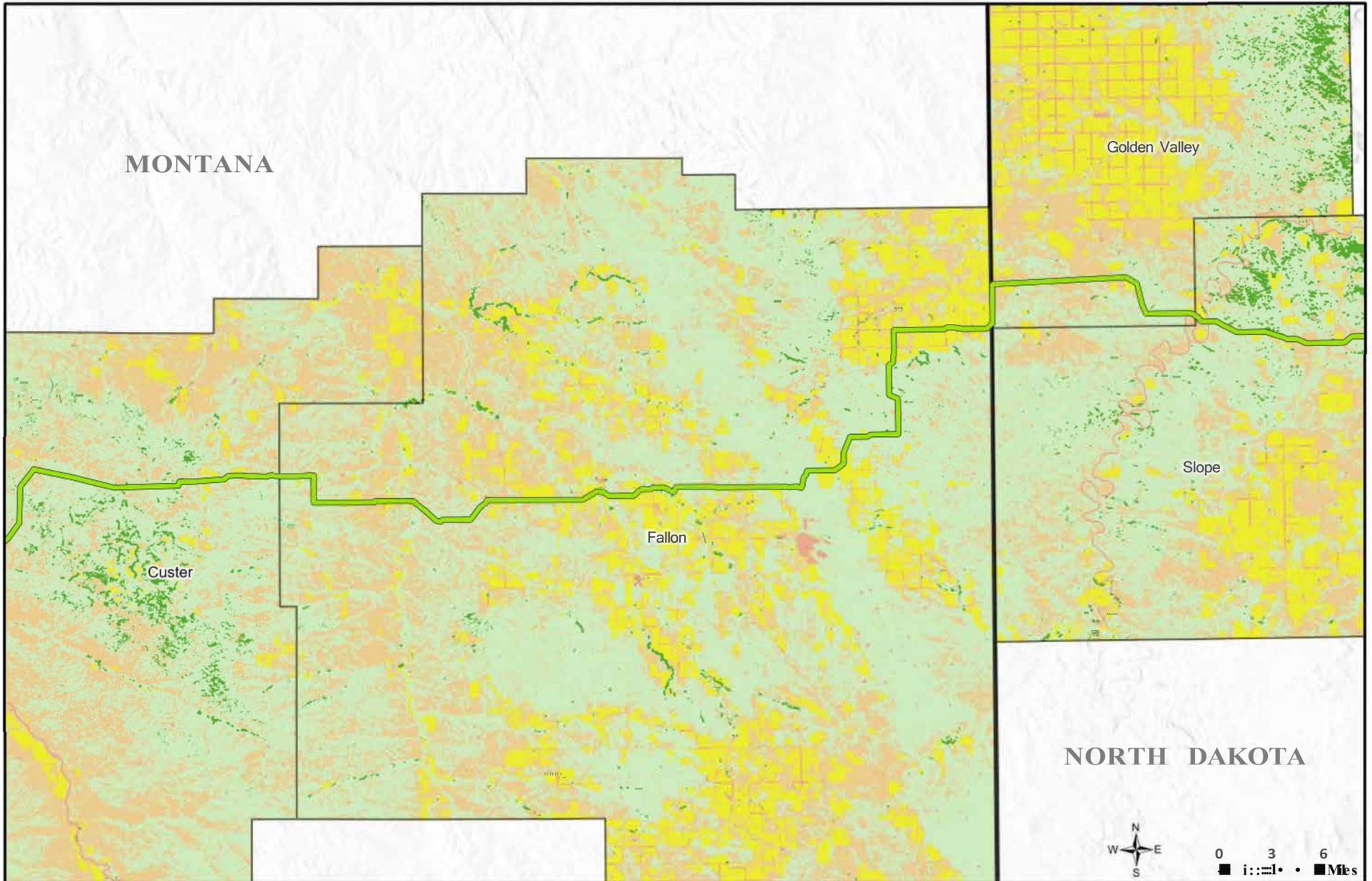
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**County Boundary**



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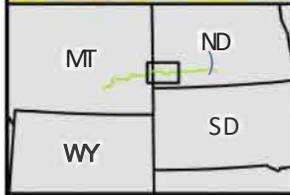
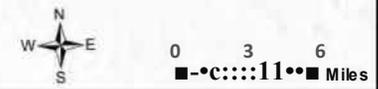
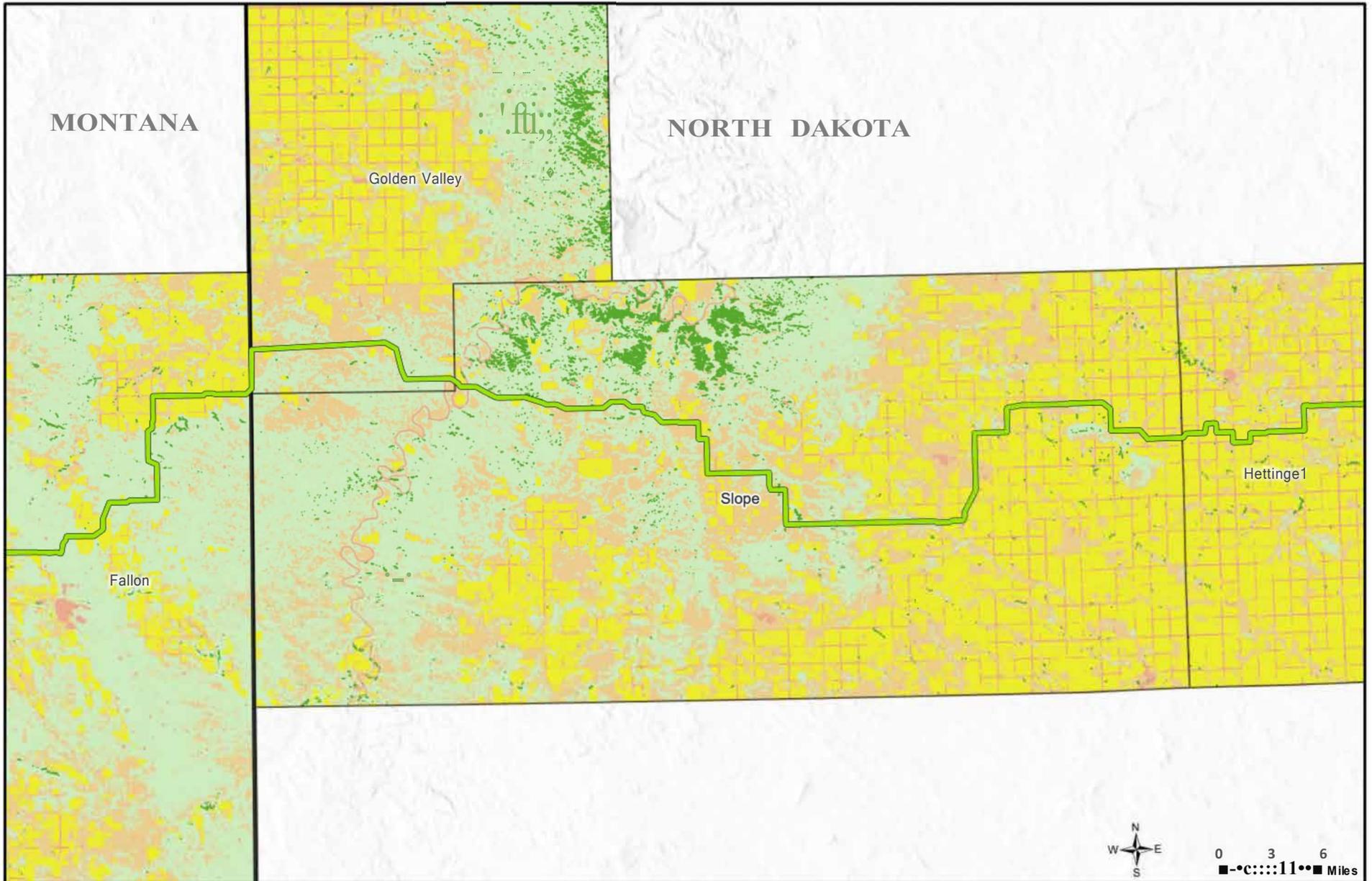


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 Herbaceous Grassland  
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**D** County Boundary

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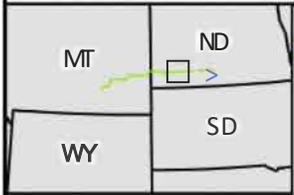
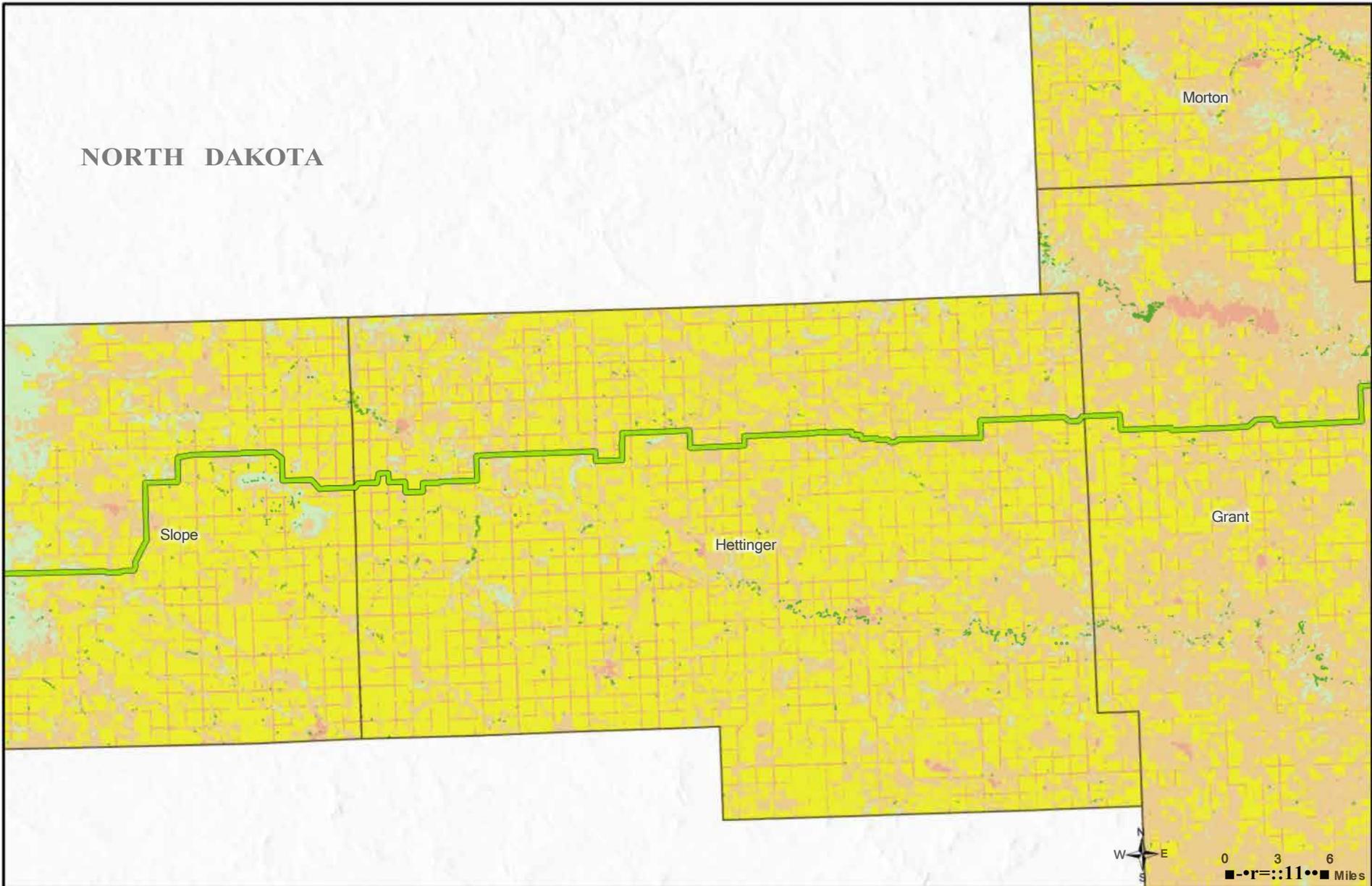
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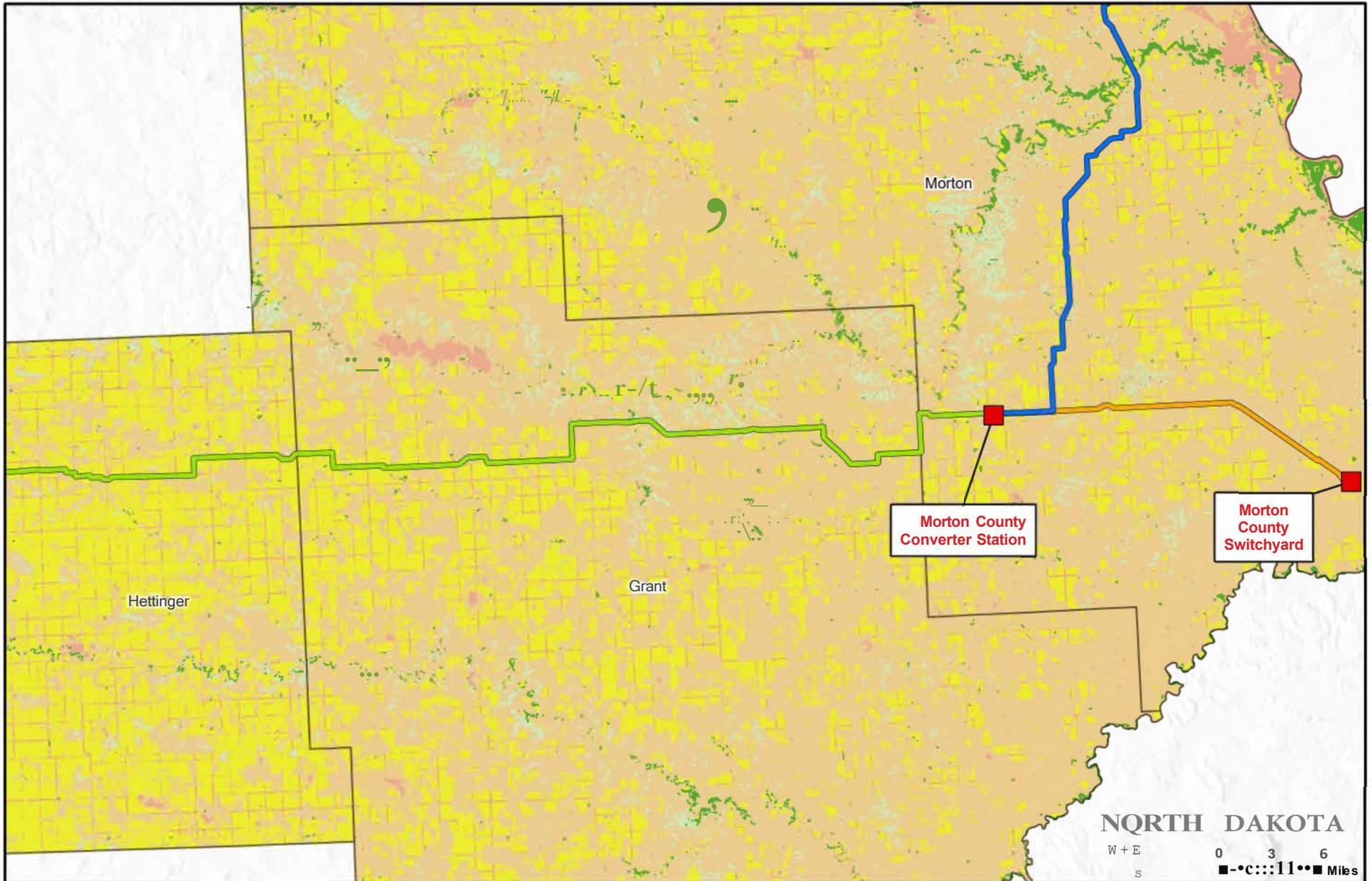
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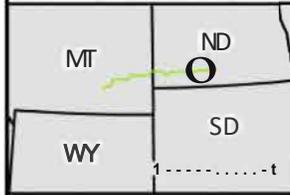


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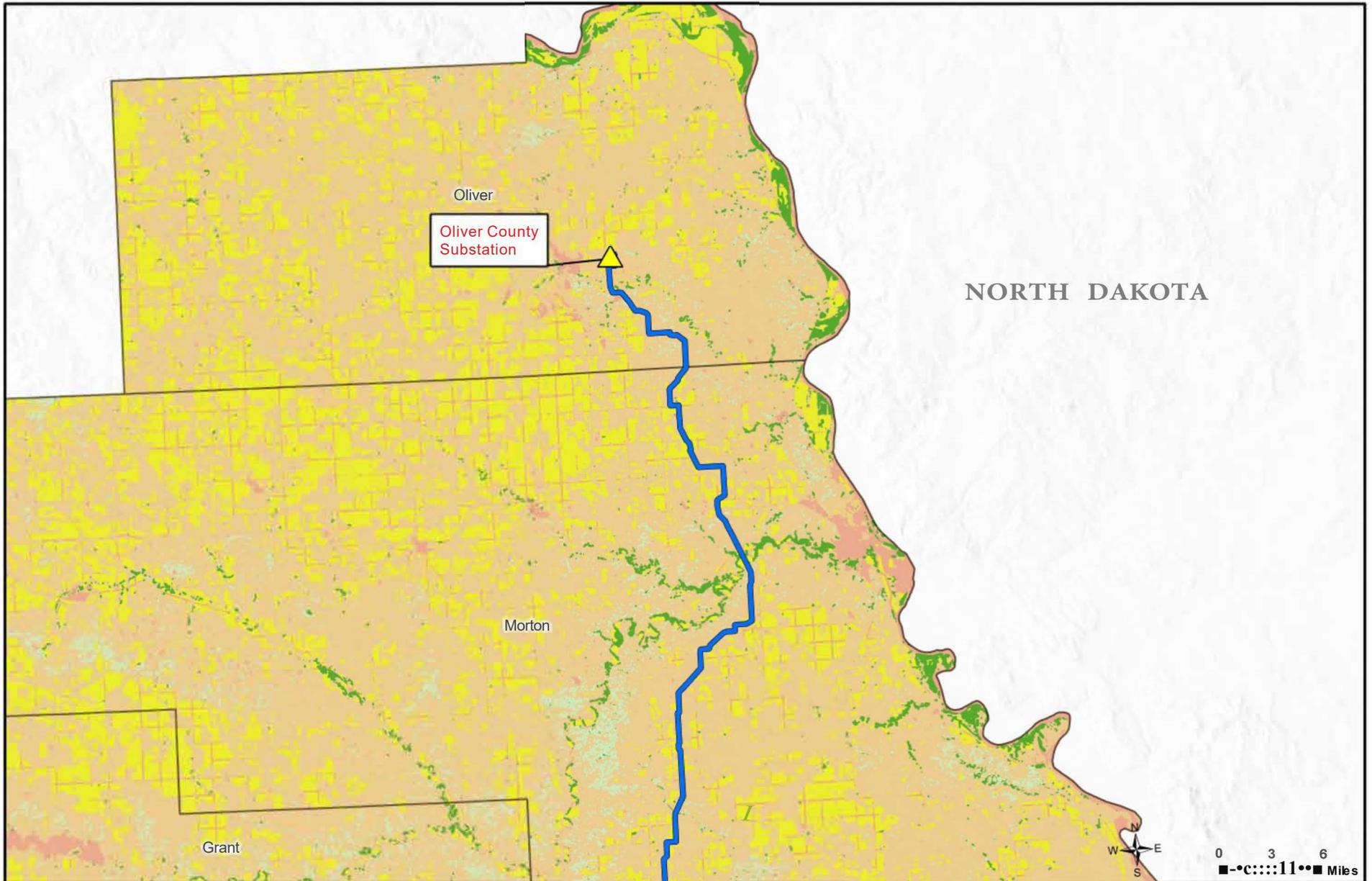
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Project Facility	Agriculture	County Boundary
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Morton Transmission Line (345-kV)	Shrubland	
Oliver Transmission Line (345-kV)	Herbaceous Grassland	
	Other	

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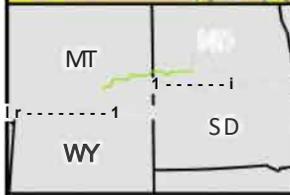
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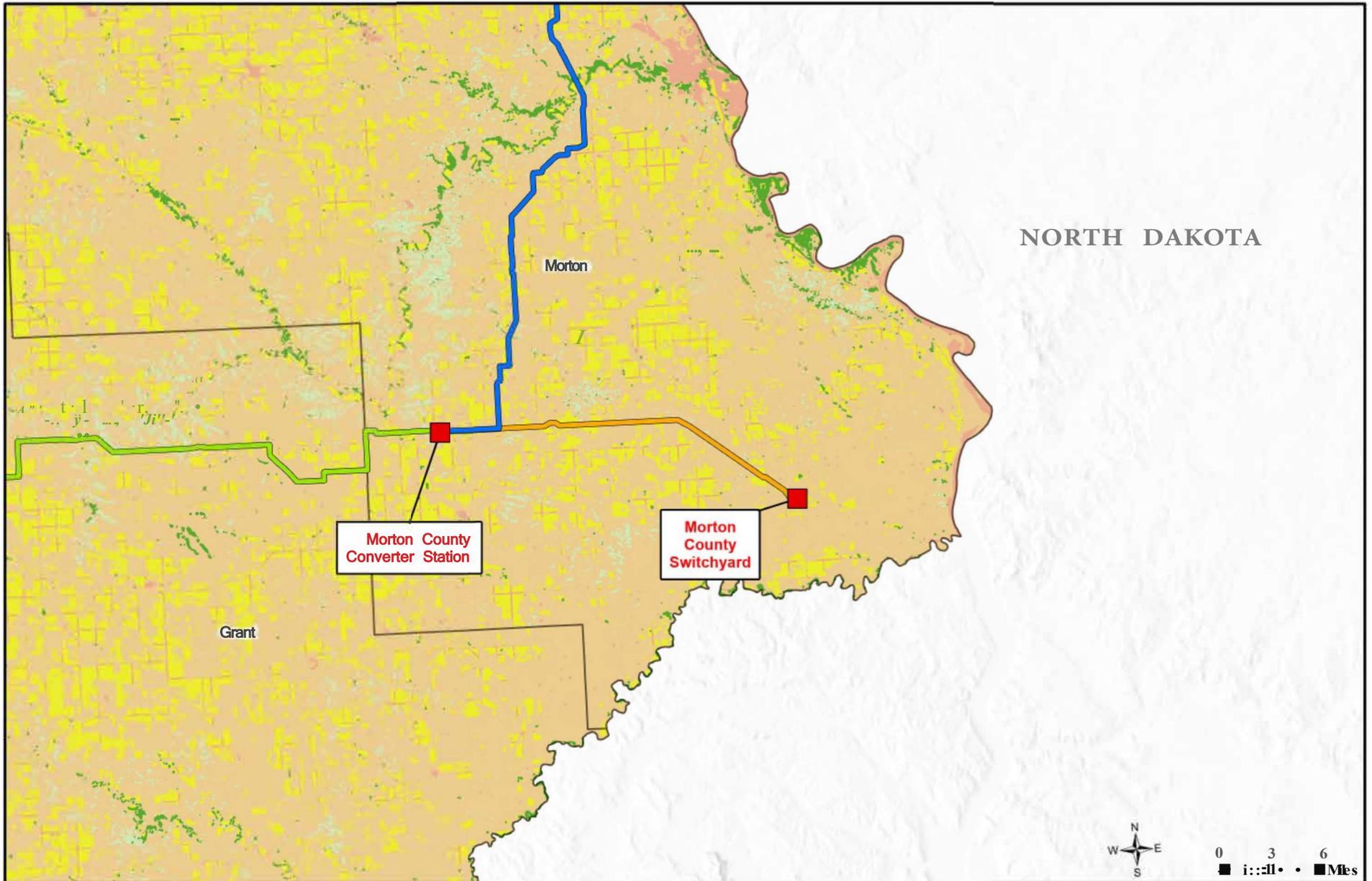


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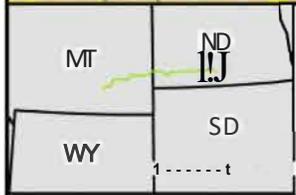
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