

Introduction

On February 1, 2012, Plains Pipeline, L. P. (Plains), received a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility (No. 127) and a Route Permit (No. 136) for its Bakken North Pipeline project from the Public Service Commission (Case No. PU-10-630). This pertains to the construction of the Bakken North Pipeline Project (Project), a crude oil pipeline, located in Williams County, North Dakota. As stated under North Dakota Century Code, Section 49-22-07, a utility may not begin construction of a transmission facility in the state without first having obtained a Route Permit. The facility must be constructed, operated, and maintained in conformity with the permit and any terms, conditions, or modifications of the permit.

Plains initiated construction of the Project on or about May 23, 2012. Construction of the pipeline progressed from the north to the south. Normal construction sequence includes communication with North Dakota One Call (One Call) network in advance of ground disturbing activities for the purpose of identifying buried utilities located in or adjacent to the proposed work space. The results of the One Call(s) conducted in advance of construction near the southern terminus of the project revealed a congested corridor occupied by several previously unknown foreign pipelines. A recently constructed pipeline, owned and operated by Banner Pipeline Company (Banner), was found to encroach upon the Project's approved workspace and occupying portions of the approved Route.

Plains engaged in negotiations with Banner to resolve easement and operating issues in a manner agreeable to both parties. The proposed solution with Banner would require modification of the approved Route. The alignment modification would minimize collateral impacts associated with other route alternatives while providing sufficient offset distance between each entities' pipeline to accommodate construction of the Project as well as future operations and maintenance activities.

The proposed route modification would impact a single landowner. Plains has received landowner approval for the proposed route deviation from the affected landowner. In the interest of minimizing collateral impacts to the environment and project schedule, Plains is requesting authorization to proceed.

Plains has engineered a new alignment for the purpose of establishing a minimum offset distance between the Project and Banner pipeline. This will require a minor modification of the original alignment entailing an offset of approximately 45 feet for an approximate length of 823 feet. The entirety of the proposed route modification is fully encompassed by the existing certificated corridor. Plains requests the approval of this minor route modification to facilitate the installation and future operations of the pipeline.

This request will not result in any modification to previously reported facility type, size or design including above ground facilities.

This request shall conform to all previously approved mitigation measures as well as right-of-way preparation and reclamation measures.

Case No PU-10-630
Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County
Siting Application – Route Amendment

This request shall not impact any Exclusion or Avoidance Areas and shall conform to the Siting Criteria as previously reported.

Landowner approval has been received from all affected parties.

All supporting attachments have been previously filed with the Commission except for the engineering detail of the proposed off-set alignment.

Project Location

The proposed route amendment occurs between MP 0.5 and 0.7 which is located in the following section of Williams County.

- T154N, R102W, Section 35

Route Amendment

Plains requests Commission approval of a minor route modification to accommodate construction workspace requirements and future operating needs to accommodate an adjacent pipeline. Please refer to the attached engineering drawing for additional details. The proposed route deviation includes:

- 45 foot offset west of the approved alignment, to include consistent and equal offsets to:
 - Construction right of way; and
 - Permanent right of way.
- Length of route modification:
 - 823 feet
 - Beginning at Station 28+71
 - Ending at Station 36+94

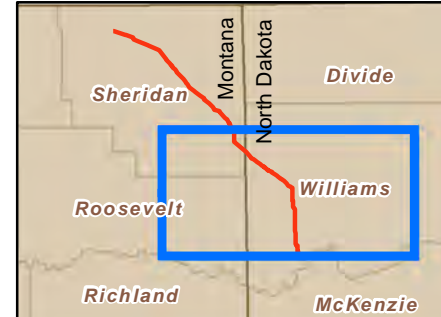
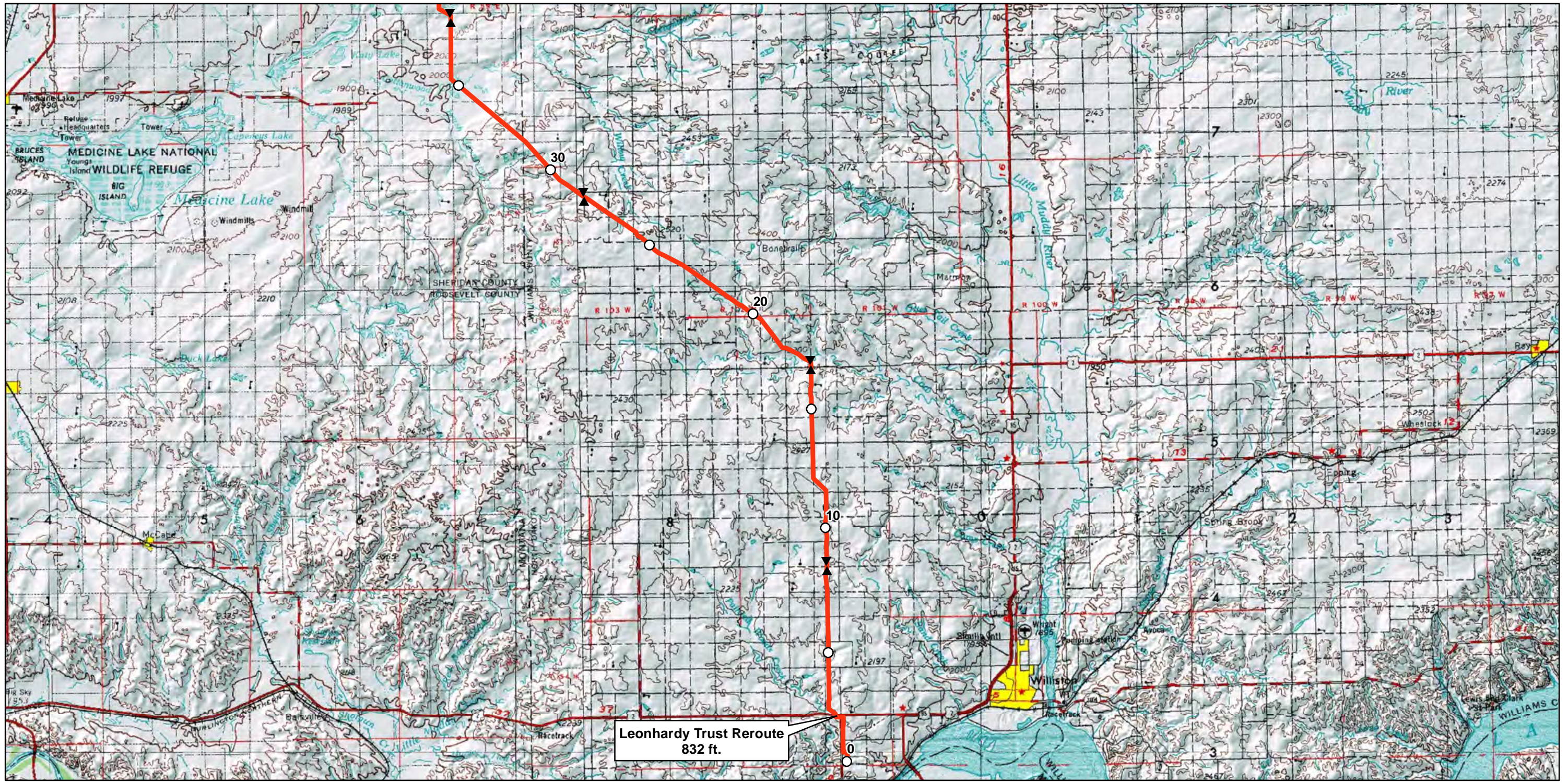
Route Analysis and Findings

The requested route modification and all associated workspace will occur entirely within the area previously surveyed for natural and cultural resources. These environmental survey limits coincide with the boundaries of the Certificate of Corridor Compatibility previously issued for the Project.

The requested route modification shall not result in new or additional impacts to natural or cultural resources and shall conform to the results and conclusions as previously reported.

Attachments:

- Figure M2 Route Overview – original alignment and survey corridor (previously filed as late file exhibit)
- Engineering Drawing – alignment offset
- Drawing 14933-M-1101 - previously approved route (previously filed with original application)
- Figure SC-1 – mapped natural resources within re-route area (previously filed with amended route)
- Figure SC-CR-01 – mapped cultural resources within re-route area (previously filed with amended route)






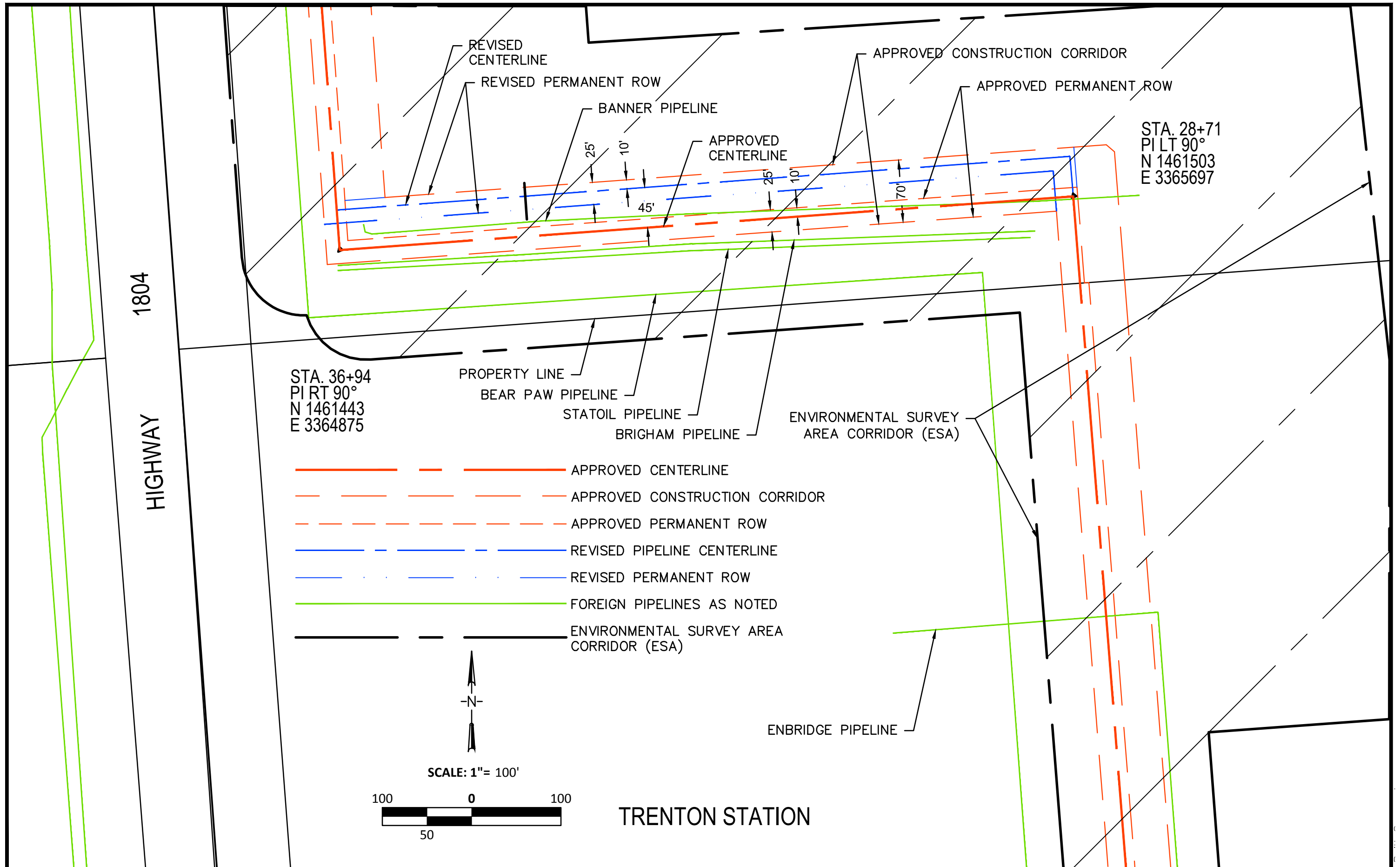
-  Valve
-  Bakken North Mainline (6-13-11)
-  Federal Lands
-  State Lands



Figure M2
Plains All American Pipeline
Bakken North Project
Proposed Pipeline
Siting Criteria

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Casper, WY 82601
307-577-0806

350 Parsley Boulevard
Cheyenne, WY 82007
307-635-6827

257 Alan Road
Powell, WY 82435
307-754-7170

193 Flaming Gorge Way
Green River, WY 82935
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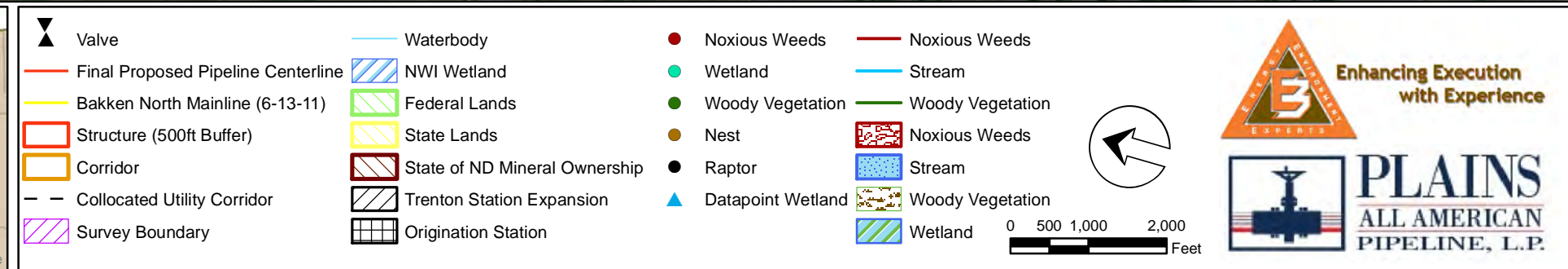
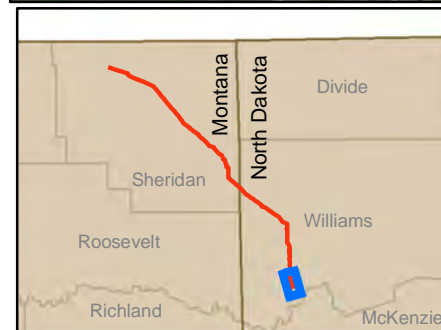
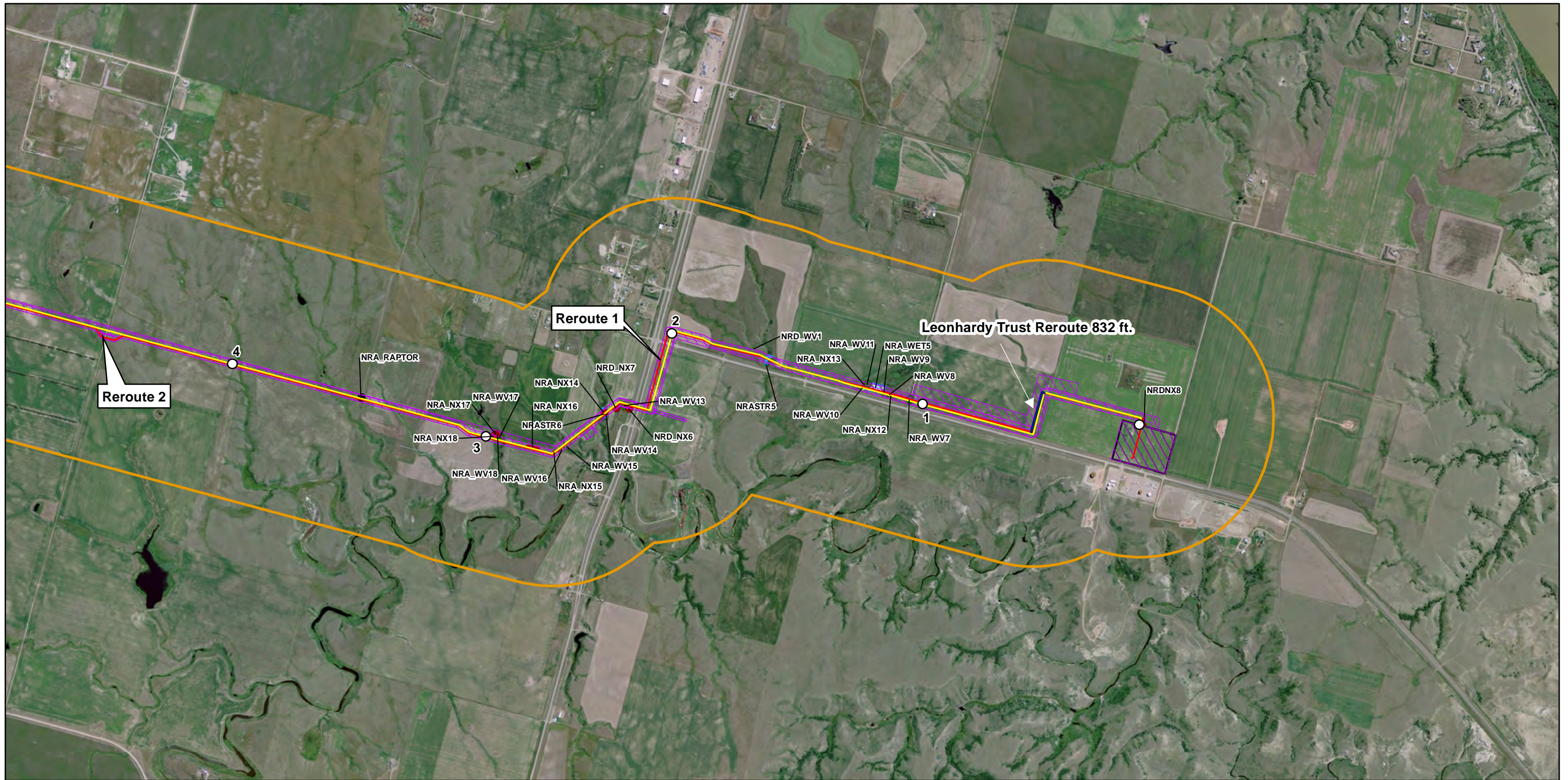


Figure SC-1
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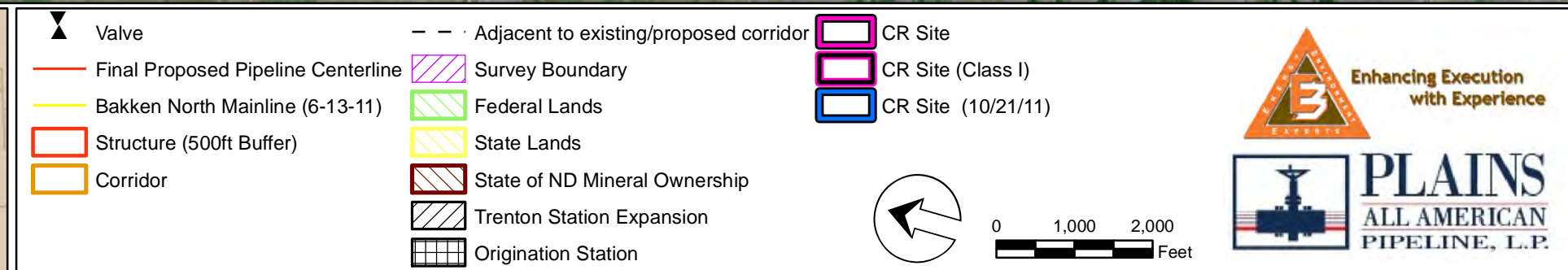
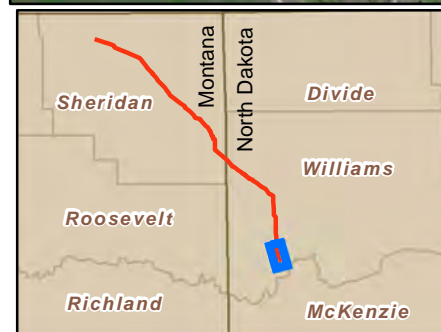
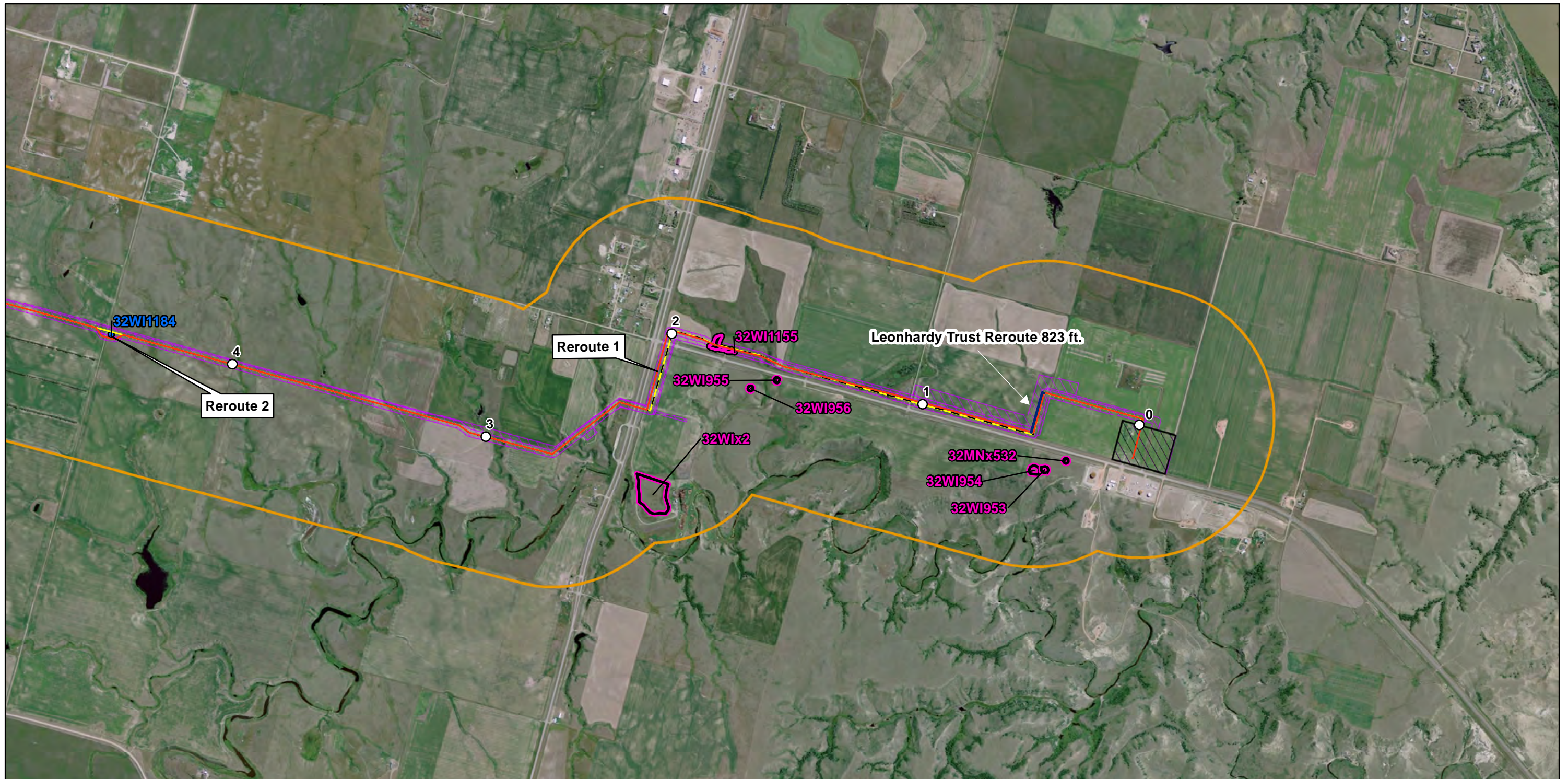


Figure SC-CR-01
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