

**Memorandum**

To: Bill Behling, Joe Griffiths, Bob Evans, Capital Power Corporation, Inc.  
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Date: May 2, 2018  
Project: New Frontier Wind Energy Project  
Subject: Evaluation of Wetlands within Previously Un-Surveyed Areas of Project Layout

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**Introduction**

On May 10, 2017, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) issued the Order on Continuing Suitability (PSC Order) to Meadowlark Wind I, LLC (Meadowlark) for the New Frontier Wind Energy Project (Project) in McHenry County, North Dakota (Figure 1). Order Number 6 of the PSC Order states “If modifications are made to the Project layout, Meadowlark shall complete a wetland delineation of any previously un-surveyed areas affected by Project-related activities, as necessary, and file the report with the Commission”. Since the PSC Order was issued, Meadowlark has again made minor modifications to the Project layout. This memorandum documents wetlands and other waters of the United States (WOTUS) surveys conducted for the modifications to the Project layout, as requested in the PSC Order.

In October 2011, HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) performed wetland and other WOTUS surveys for the Project. The Wetland Delineation Report for those surveys (HDR 2011) was submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in November 2011 (HDR 2011). An approved jurisdictional determination (JD) from the USACE was received on February 24, 2012; this JD was set to expire February 24, 2017. Meadowlark submitted a request to the USACE to re-verify the JD for an additional 5 years and the new JD from the USACE was received on December 8, 2016. The Project layout was modified and Capital Power requested Tetra Tech conduct follow-up wetland surveys to determine whether potential jurisdictional wetlands occurred within the portions of the revised Project layout that had not previously been surveyed (Project layout dated October 17, 2017). That work was completed and a letter report was filed on November 27, 2017. Minor modifications to the layout were made again in 2018, and Tetra Tech has completed a second survey for potential jurisdictional wetlands and other WOTUS in previously un-surveyed areas of the Project. These wetland surveys were conducted April 27 and 28, 2018.

**Methods**

Prior to conducting the field surveys, Tetra Tech conducted a desktop analysis of the portions of the revised Project layout that had not previously been surveyed to identify potential jurisdictional wetlands and other WOTUS. The desktop analysis reviewed the following sources of information: results of the previous wetland delineation conducted for the project in 2011 by HDR 2011, aerial imagery, the U.S.

Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), and the data from the October 2017 survey effort by Tetra Tech.

During this field survey, Tetra Tech wetland scientists evaluated the previously un-surveyed areas of the most current 2018 Project layout and made one of four determinations:

- Upland—no wetland or other WOTUS present
- USACE Non-Jurisdictional wetland present
- USACE Jurisdictional wetland present
- Stream—not previously mapped

During the field survey, wetland boundaries were determined based on observations of dominant hydrophytic vegetation and the presence of characteristic wetland hydrology. No formal delineations of wetlands according to USACE methodology were undertaken because no new potentially jurisdictional wetlands were encountered. Observations of each wetland that was identified during the survey were documented through mapping of an observation point (OB-B-01, -02, etc.).

A geographic information specialist (GIS) specialist designed a Project-specific geodatabase that was used to (1) capture wetland and non-wetland feature location data in the field with Trimble GPS technology. To complete the field surveys, the geodatabase was loaded on a Trimble Geo 7X handheld GPS with sub-meter accuracy running ESRI's ArcPad 10.2 software.

## Results

A total of 65 previously un-surveyed areas were evaluated during field surveys conducted on April 27 and 28, 2018. Locational data was collected using a GPS at each observation point. Photographs were taken and notes were collected in a field logbook. Of these 65 observation points, 36 were identified as upland areas with no wetlands or other WOTUS present. Twenty-six of the observation points came from portions of un-surveyed area that contained USACE non-jurisdictional wetlands. Two observation points were from previously un-surveyed area that contain USACE jurisdictional wetlands. In addition to the 64 observation points, the field team mapped one intermittent stream feature (ST-B-01) at a position along the transmission line corridor north of the main wind farm site in the vicinity of a transmission line pulling site.

Sixty-four observation points and one intermittent stream were evaluated within previously un-surveyed portions of the Project layout during this survey event. Three locations will be avoided during construction and will be flagged prior to construction to ensure no impacts to these features will occur. These three locations are:

**Stream ST-B-01**—The observation point on this stream (Blacktail Coulee) is located at latitude 47.96560893, longitude -100.88844079. This location is near a planned pulling site for the transmission line north of the Project (Figure Stream ST-B-01). The stream will be flagged along its ordinary high water mark prior to construction, and impacts will be avoided in this surface water feature. Observations of this stream were documented using wetland determination forms (Attachment 1).

**Observation Point OB-B-58**— This previously un-surveyed area is near a planned pulling site for the transmission line at latitude 47.86306663, longitude -100.86270185 (Figure Observation Point OB-B-58).

It contains a small portion of a USACE jurisdictional wetland. The wetland boundary will be flagged prior to construction and the planned pulling site along the transmission line will avoid any impact to the jurisdictional wetland feature.

**Observation Point OB-B-64**— This previously un-surveyed area is near Turbine 19 and contains a USACE jurisdictional wetland at latitude 47.88571268, longitude -100.92449798 (Figure Observation Point OB-B-64). The wetland boundary will be flagged prior to construction and the proposed access road that leads to Turbine 19 will avoid any impacts to the jurisdictional wetland feature.

## Conclusions

A total of 65 previously un-surveyed areas were evaluated during field surveys conducted on April 27 and 28, 2018. Of the 64 observation points, 36 were identified as upland areas with no wetlands or other WOTUS present, 26 were identified as USACE non-jurisdictional wetlands, and two were identified as USACE jurisdictional wetlands. In addition, one intermittent stream feature was identified.

Other than the three areas noted above, there were no other wetlands or other WoUS identified during the field survey that would likely be considered jurisdictional wetlands or other WoUS. Based on these findings and the avoidance of jurisdictional wetland features, we do not anticipate a need to consult with the USACE nor obtain a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

## References

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Table 1:  
Field Observations for Wetlands and Streams in Previously Un-Surveyed Areas of the New Frontier Wind Energy Project

Observation Point ID	Upland—no wetland or other WOTUS present	USACE Non-Jurisdictional wetland present	USACE Jurisdictional wetland present	Named Stream	Notes
OB-B-01		X			Soybean field. Non-JD wetland in its north end.
OB-B-02		X			Northern edge in non-JD wetland
OB-B-03		X			Within a non-JD wetland
OB-B-04		X			Roadside ditch. Non-JD wetland.
OB-B-05		X			Roadside ditch/pothole.
OB-B-06	X				Same polygon as OB-B-01. This point is on the south end where there are no mapped water features, but it is in an isolated roadside ditch.
OB-B-07	X				Roadside ditch. Not previously mapped as wetland. It is isolated in the landscape.
OB-B-08	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-09	X				Soybean field. No water features.
OB-B-10		X			Soybean field.
OB-B-11		X			Corn stubble. Non-JD wetland in this previously un-surveyed area.
OB-B-12	X				Ag field. No water features.
OB-B-13		X			Wheat stubble. No water features. Adjacent non-JD wetland.
OB-B-14	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-15	X				Turbine 15 buffer area. Soybean field plus forested area. No water features.
OB-B-16	X				Soybean field. No water features.
OB-B-17	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-18	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-19	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-20		X			Wheat stubble, but the polygon does intersect a non-JD wetland.
OB-B-21	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-22		X			Plowed field. Non-JD wetland in the un-surveyed polygon.
OB-B-23		X			Non-JD wetland in the un-surveyed polygon
OB-B-24		X			Plowed field. Non-JD wetland in the un-surveyed polygon.

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Observation Point ID	Upland—no wetland or other WOTUS present	USACE Non-Jurisdictional wetland present	USACE Jurisdictional wetland present	Named Stream	Notes
OB-B-25	X				Soybean stubble. No water features.
OB-B-26	X				Corn stubble. No water features.
OB-B-27	X				Corn stubble. No water features.
OB-B-28	X				Corn. No water features.
OB-B-29	X				Native prairie. No water features.
OB-B-30	X				Crop field. There are adjacent water features, but none in this polygon.
OB-B-31	X				Soybean field. No water features.
OB-B-32	X				Soybean field. No water features.
OB-B-33	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-34	X				Soybean stubble. No water features.
OB-B-35		X			Mostly wheat stubble, but intersects two non-JD wetlands.
OB-B-36	X				Soybean field. No water features.
OB-B-37	X				No water features intersected.
OB-B-38		X			Intersects a non-JD wetland.
OB-B-39		X			Intersects a non-JD wetland.
OB-B-40	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-41	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-42	X				Wheat stubble. No water features. USAF power cable intersects this polygon.
OB-B-43		X			Rangeland.
OB-B-44		X			Rangeland. Intersects non-JD wetland.
OB-B-45	X				Rangeland. Lies in a low area of topography between two non-JD pothole wetlands.
OB-B-46		X			Rangeland.
OB-B-47		X			Rangeland.
OB-B-48		X			Rangeland.
OB-B-49		X			Rangeland.

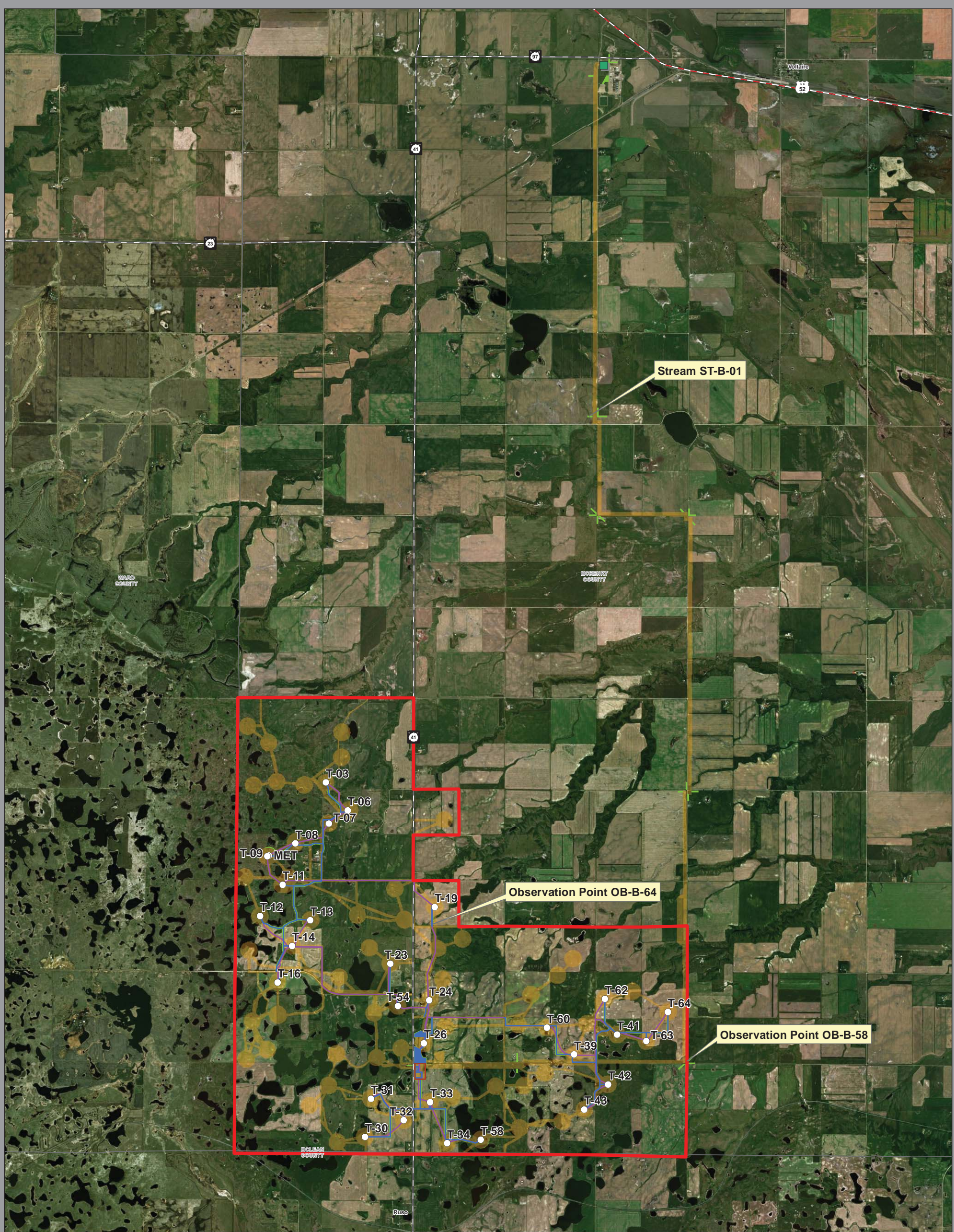
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OB-B-50		X			Rangeland.
OB-B-51		X			Rangeland. Intersects a non-JD wetland on its northern end.
OB-B-52	X				Wheat stubble. No water features.
OB-B-53	X				Old wheat field. No water features.
OB-B-54	X				Rangeland. No water features.
OB-B-55	X				Rangeland. No water features.
OB-B-56	X				Rangeland. No water features.
OB-B-57	X				Rangeland. No water features.
OB-B-58			X		Pulling site. USACE Jurisdictional wetland will be flagged prior to construction and the wetland will be avoided.
OB-B-59		X			Pulling site. Non-jurisdictional wetland in surveyed area.
OB-B-60		X			Pulling site. Non-jurisdictional wetland in surveyed area.
OB-B-61	X				Pulling site. No water features.
OB-B-62		X			Mapped perimeter. Non-JD wetland.
OB-B-63	X				Pulling site. Rangeland near ADM industrial property. No water features.
OB-B-64			X		Wetland will be flagged prior to construction. Access road to Turbine 19 will avoid any impact to the USACE Jurisdictional Wetland.
ST-B-01				X	Blacktail Coulee. Stream's ordinary high water mark will be flagged prior to construction and the stream will be avoided by activity associated with the transmission line pulling site.

# Figures

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# NEW FRONTIER WIND ENERGY PROJECT

Figure 1: Project Overview

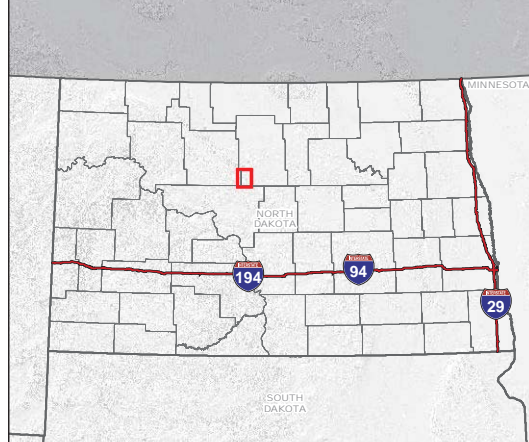
- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Additional Area To Be Surveyed
- Previously Surveyed Area

*\*\*Project layout provided April 24th, 2018*

0 0.5 1 Miles  
Scale is 1:32,000 when printed at 22x34"



### Vicinity Map







Area to be flagged and avoided  
(Blacktail Coulee Stream)

BONHEBY  
COUNTY

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## Stream ST-B-01

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- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Additional Area To Be Surveyed
- Previously Surveyed Area

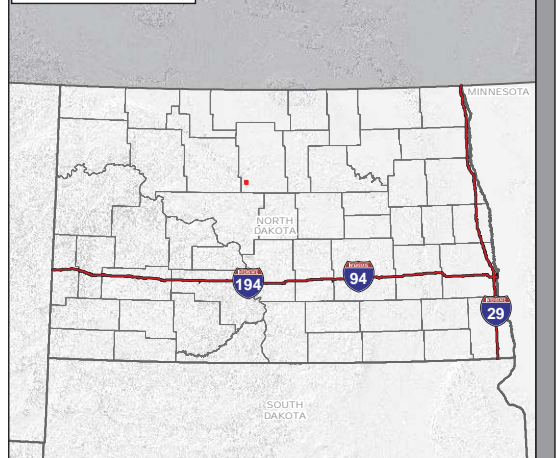
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### Hydrology

- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Canal Ditch
- USACE Jurisdictional Wetland



### Vicinity Map







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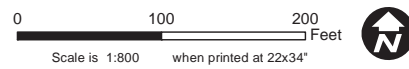
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- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Additional Area To Be Surveyed
- Previously Surveyed Area

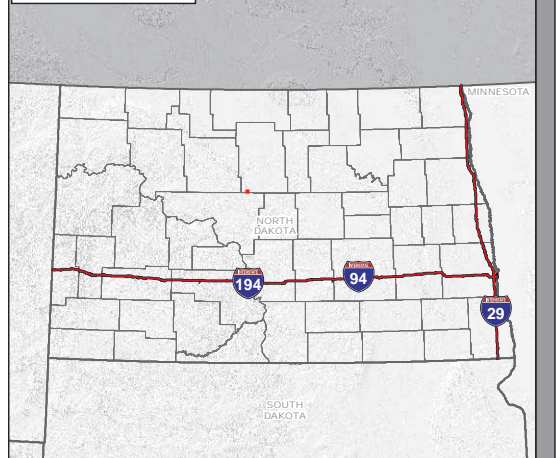
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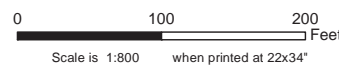
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- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Additional Area To Be Surveyed
- Previously Surveyed Area

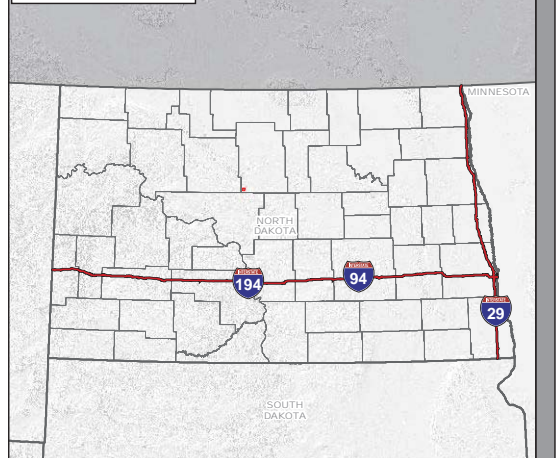
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### Hydrology

- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Canal Ditch
- USACE Jurisdictional Wetland



### Vicinity Map



# Attachment 1: Wetland Determination Data Forms

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GENERAL ID					
Stream ID S-B-01		Stream Name: Blacktail Coulee			
Lat: 47.96560893		Long: -100.88844079		Date: 04/28/2018	
Project Name: New Frontier			Client: Capitol Power		
Investigators: Ryan Sparhawk, Steve Yarbrough					
Flow Regime: Intermittent		Water Type: RPW		Photo ID: Multiple photos	
CHANNEL FEATURES					
Estimate Measurements			Stream Erosion		
Top of Bank Width (feet):		20	Stream Erosion:		Moderate
Top of Bank Height (feet):			Artificial, Modified, or Channelized		No
LB (feet):		3	Dam Present:		No
RB (feet):		3	Sinuosity:		Medium
Water Depth (in.):		8	Gradient:		Flat (0.5-100ft)
Water Width (feet):		5			
High Water Mark (inches):		12			
FLOW CHARACTERISTICS					
Water Present:		Flowing Water		Proportion of Reach Represented by Stream Morphology Types:	
Velocity:		Moderate	Riffle (%): 40	Pool (%): 20	Run (%): 40
Turbidity:		Clear			
		Other:			
SUBSTRATE COMPONENTS					
Inorganic Substrate Components—Should add to 100%			Organic Substrate Components—Does not necessarily add to 100%		
Substrate Type	Diameter	% Composition in Sampling Reach	Substrate Type	Characteristic	% Composition in Sampling Reach
Bedrock			Detritus	Sticks, wood, coarse plant materials (CPOM)	
Boulder	> 256mm (10")	5	Muck-Mud	Black, very fine grain organic	
Cobble	64–256mm (2.5"–10")	20	Marl	Grey, shell fragments	
Gravel	2–64mm (0.1"–2.5")	25			
Sand	0.06–2mm (gritty)	40			
Silt	0.004–0.06mm	10			
Clay	< 0.004mm (slick)				
WATERSHED FEATURES					
Predominant Surrounding Land Use:		<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field/Pasture <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial (gravel quarry) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Other: Bulls in pasture	
Indicate the dominant type:		<input type="checkbox"/> Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Shrubs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grasses <input type="checkbox"/> Herbaceous	
Canopy Cover:		Open			
Floodplain Width:		Moderate (15-30 ft)	Wetland Present:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Wetland ID: In-channel
AQUATIC VEGETATION					
Indicate the dominant type and record the dominant species present:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rooted emergent	<input type="checkbox"/> Rooted submergent	<input type="checkbox"/> Rooted floating	<input type="checkbox"/> Free floating		
<input type="checkbox"/> Floating algae	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached algae	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Reed canary grass		
MACROINVERTEBRATES OR OTHER WILDLIFE OBSERVED/OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES					
This stream location is north of the main wind farm site, but may be impacted from pulling sites along the transmission line.					

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## Introduction

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## Methods

Prior to conducting the field surveys, Tetra Tech conducted a desktop analysis of the portions of the revised Project layout that had not previously been surveyed to identify potential jurisdictional wetlands and other WoUS. The desktop analysis reviewed the following sources of information: results of the previous wetland delineation conducted for the project in 2011 by HDR 2011, aerial imagery, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), and the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI).

Field surveys of the previously un-surveyed areas were conducted on October 18-20, 2017. The field surveys followed the protocols established during the initial surveys conducted by HDR in 2011. These protocols used a combination of the following approaches: 1) Routine Determination, On-site Inspection



Unnecessary (i.e., routine determination from aerial imagery) and 2) Routine Determination, On-site Inspection Necessary as outlined in the 1987 USACE Wetland Delineation Manual (USACE 1987). On-site wetland determinations and delineations were conducted using the methodology in the USACE *Wetland Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987) and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Great Plains Region* (Version 2.0).

During the field surveys, Tetra Tech biologists evaluated the previously un-surveyed areas of the current Project layout and made one of four determinations:

- Upland – no wetland or other WoUS present
- Swale – no wetland or other WoUS present
- Previously Mapped Wetland Boundary Confirmed – boundaries of wetlands mapped during the 2011 surveys that occurred immediately adjacent to or within areas that, under the revised layout, had not previously been surveyed were verified
- Wetland – Wetland not previously mapped

During the field survey, wetland boundaries were determined based on observations of vegetation, hydrology, and topography. For a site to be considered a wetland, there must be positive indication of dominance by hydrophytic vegetation, presence of hydric soils, and characteristic wetland hydrology. Observations of each wetland identified during the survey were documented using wetland determination forms (Attachment 1).

A GIS specialist designed a geodatabase specifically for the Project that was used to (1) capture wetland and non-wetland feature location data in the field with Trimble GPS technology and (2) manage and display features for quality control and electronic deliverables. The geodatabase was loaded on the Trimble Geo 7X handheld GPS with sub-meter accuracy running ESRI's ArcPad 10 which was used during the field surveys. After the field data were post-processed, a quality control review of the geodatabase containing the field data was conducted to ensure the features collected corresponded with field observations.

## Results

A total of 75 previously un-surveyed areas were evaluated during field surveys conducted on October 18-20, 2017. Seventy of these areas were visited during the field surveys and five areas were evaluated by aerial imagery. Of these, 35 areas were identified as upland areas or swales with no wetlands or other WoUS present. In addition, 31 areas contained wetlands that were previously mapped with the previous determination and the wetland boundary was field-confirmed to be accurate. All 31 of these wetlands were previously determined to be non-jurisdictional wetlands. The five areas not visited during the field surveys were evaluated using aerial imagery and determined to be located within active cropland with no visible evidence of wetlands or other WoUS identified. The remaining four areas contained wetlands that had not previously been delineated. These four new wetlands are described below.

### ***Wetland A-12***

Wetland A-12 is a prairie pothole previously mapped by NWI. This feature is located in the southeast portion of the construction buffer of turbine 11 (Figure 2, Mapsheet 3). Vegetation in the wetland sample plot was dominated by cattails (*Typha latifolia*, OBL) and prairie cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*, FACW). Soils were observed to be a silty clay that qualified for the hydric soil indicator Redox Dark Surface (F6). Hydrology indicators for the wetland included Saturation in the upper 12 inches of the soil profile (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3), Geomorphic Position (D2) and FAC-Neutral Test (D5). The feature appeared to be an isolated wetland that had no visible signs of inflow or outflow of water to connect it to a WoUS. Therefore, the wetland does not likely meet the definition of a jurisdictional WoUS.

### ***Wetland A-13***

Wetland A-13 is a linear wetland within a roadside ditch. The feature is located on the south side of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street between Highway 41 and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue west of turbine 54 (Figure 2, Mapsheet 4). Vegetation in the plot was dominated by prairie cordgrass and meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus arundinaceus*, FACW). Soils were observed to be a silty clay that qualified for the hydric soil indicators Depleted Matrix (F3) and Redox Dark Surface (F6). Hydrology indicators for the wetland included Geomorphic Position (D2) and FAC-Neutral Test (D5). The feature is connected to a previously mapped non-jurisdictional wetland with no connection to a WoUS. Therefore, the wetland does not likely meet the definition of a jurisdictional WoUS.

### ***Wetland A-15***

Wetland A-15 is prairie pothole previously mapped by NWI. The feature is located in the northern construction buffer of turbine 43 (Figure 2, Mapsheet 9). The NWI mapped two wetlands in this area; however, field investigations determined that the two NWI features are connected. Vegetation in the wetland plot was dominated by foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*, FACW) and an unknown sedge (*Carex* sp.). Soils were observed to be a silty clay that qualified for the hydric soil indicators Depleted Matrix (F3) and Redox Dark Surface (F6). Hydrology indicators for the wetland included Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3), Salt Crust (B11), and Geomorphic Position (D2). The feature appeared to be an isolated wetland that had no visible signs of inflow or outflow of water to connect it to a WoUS. Therefore, the wetland does not likely meet the definition of a jurisdictional WoUS.

### ***Wetland A-16***

Wetland A-13 is a linear wetland within a roadside ditch. The feature is located within the transmission line corridor along the east side of McHenry substation south of Highway 97 (Figure 2, Mapsheet 11). This wetland was previously mapped; however, this wetland was re-mapped during the field surveys. Vegetation in the plot was dominated by cattails and white dock (*Rumex trianguivalvis*, FACW), which was still identifiable despite the fact that the area had recently been mowed. Soils were observed to be a silty clay that qualified for the hydric soil indicators Depleted Matrix (F3) and Redox Dark Surface (F6). Hydrology indicators for the wetland included Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3), FAC-Neutral Test (D5) and Geomorphic Position (D2). The feature is connected to a previously mapped non-

jurisdictional wetland with no connection to a WoUS. Therefore, the wetland does not likely meet the definition of a jurisdictional WoUS.

## Conclusions

A total of 75 previously un-surveyed areas were evaluated during field surveys conducted October 18-20, 2017. Seventy areas were visited during the field surveys and five areas were evaluated by aerial imagery. Of these, 35 areas were identified as upland areas or swales with no wetlands or other WoUS present. In addition, 31 areas contained wetlands that were previously mapped and the previous determination and wetland boundaries were confirmed to be accurate. These 31 wetlands were previously determined to be non-jurisdictional wetlands. The five areas not visited during the field visit were evaluated using aerial imagery and determined to be located within active cropland with no visible evidence of wetland or other WoUS identified. The remaining four areas contained wetland features that had not previously been mapped. There were no wetlands or other WoUS identified during the field survey that would likely be considered jurisdictional wetlands or other WoUS.

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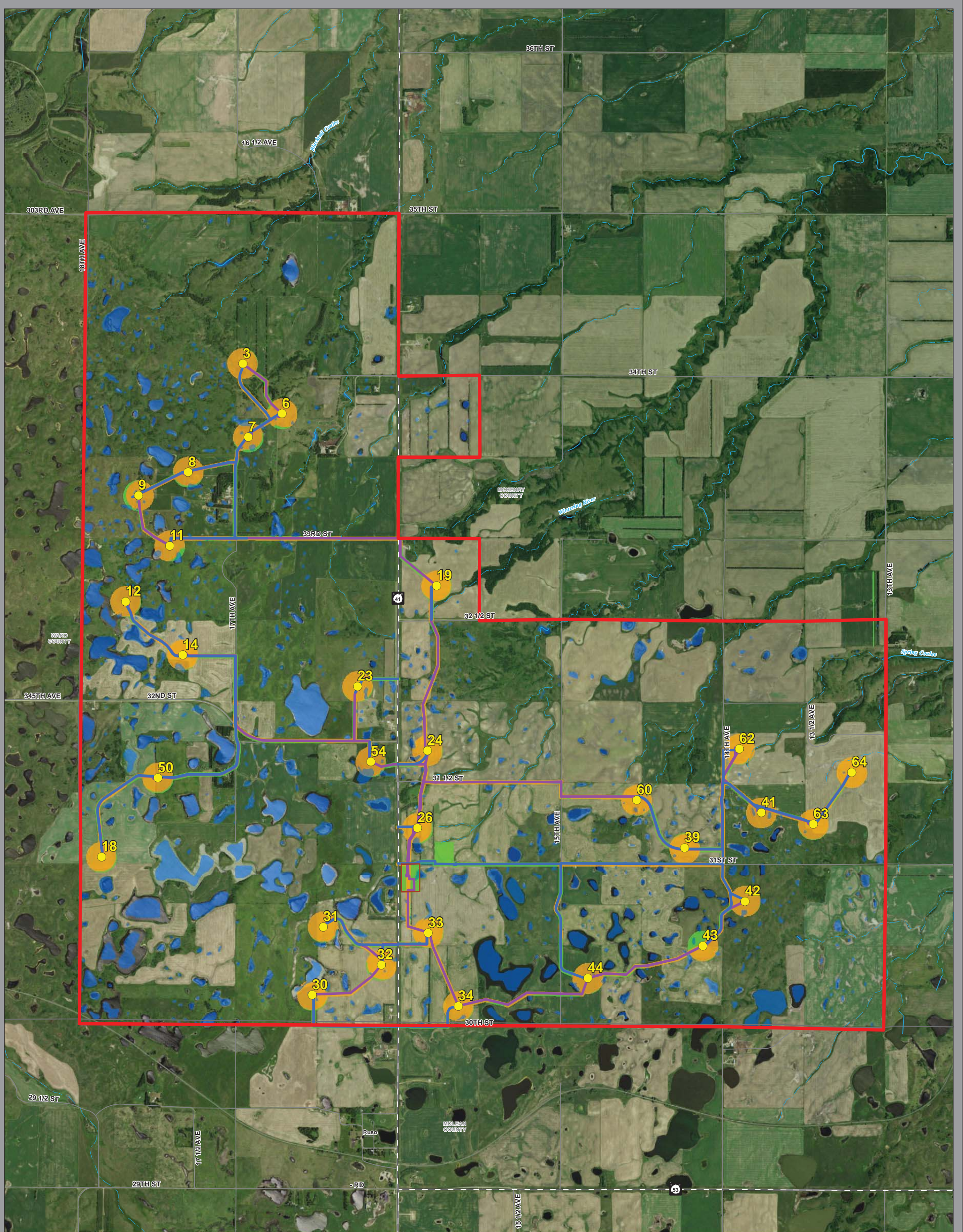
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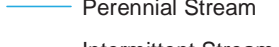

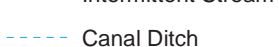

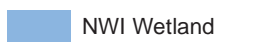



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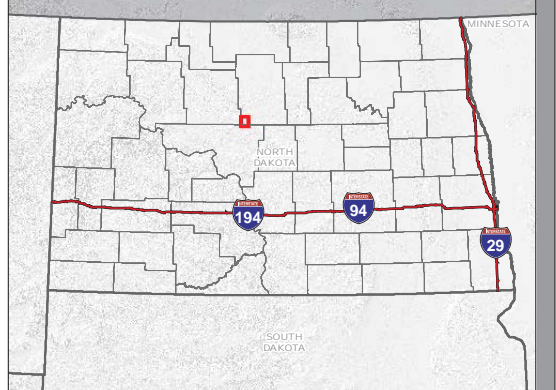
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|--|---|
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|  Access Road                                   |  Perennial Stream    |
|  Collector Line                                |  Intermittent Stream |
|  Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel                  |  Canal Ditch         |
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|  Previously Un-surveyed Area                   |   |
|  Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers |   |

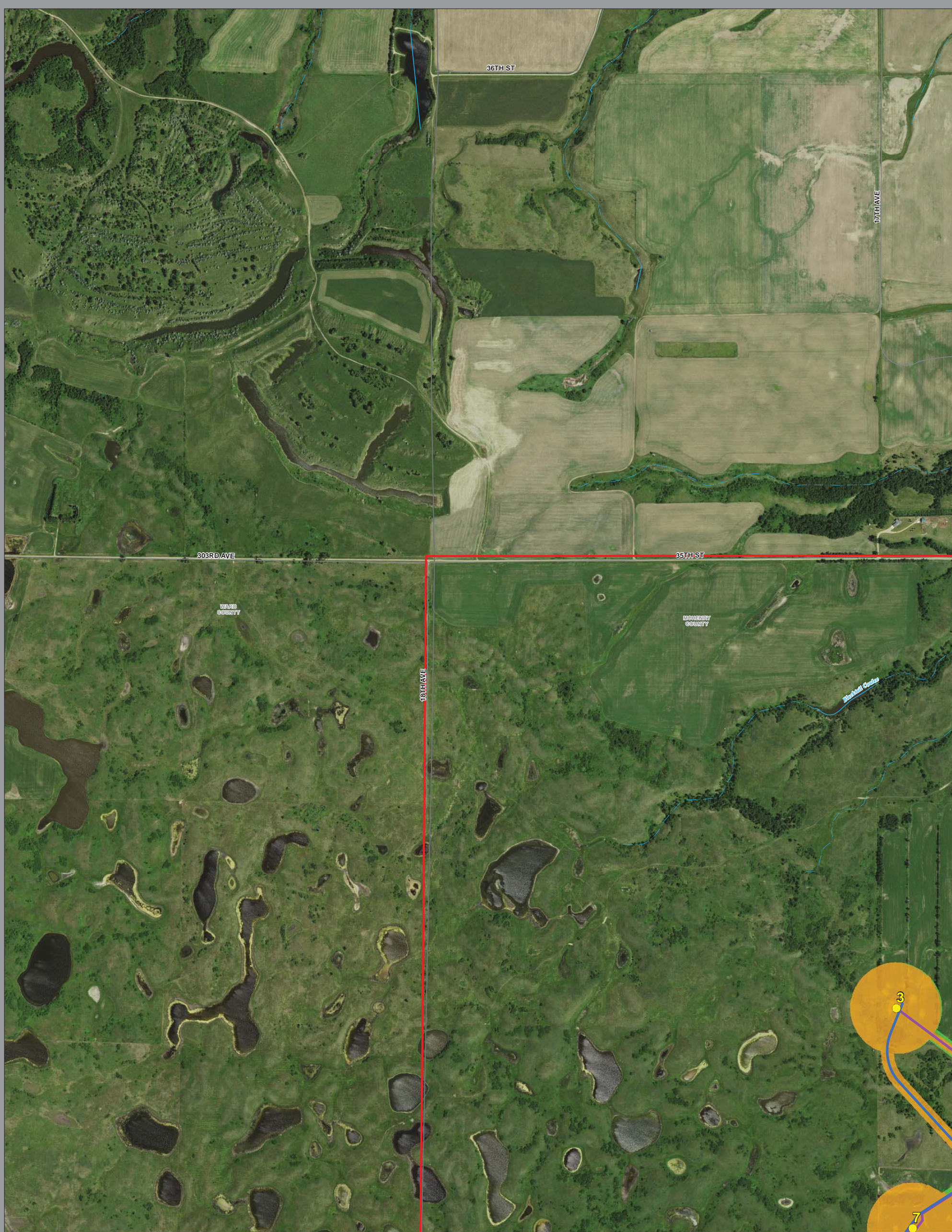
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### Vicinity Map







# NEW FRONTIER WIND ENERGY PROJECT

## Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:1



- Proposed Turbine
- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- Hydrology**
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  - Intermittent Stream
  - Canal Ditch

- Wetland Determination<sup>1</sup>**
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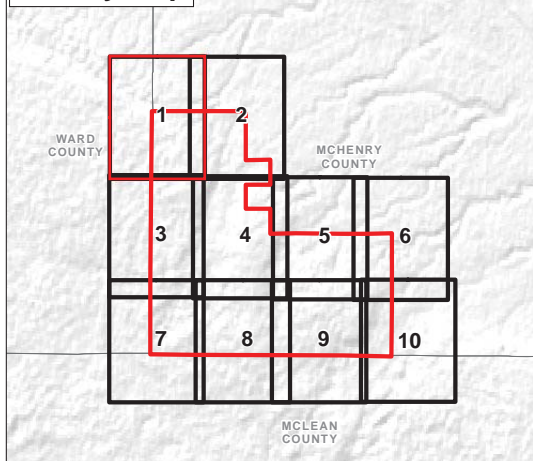
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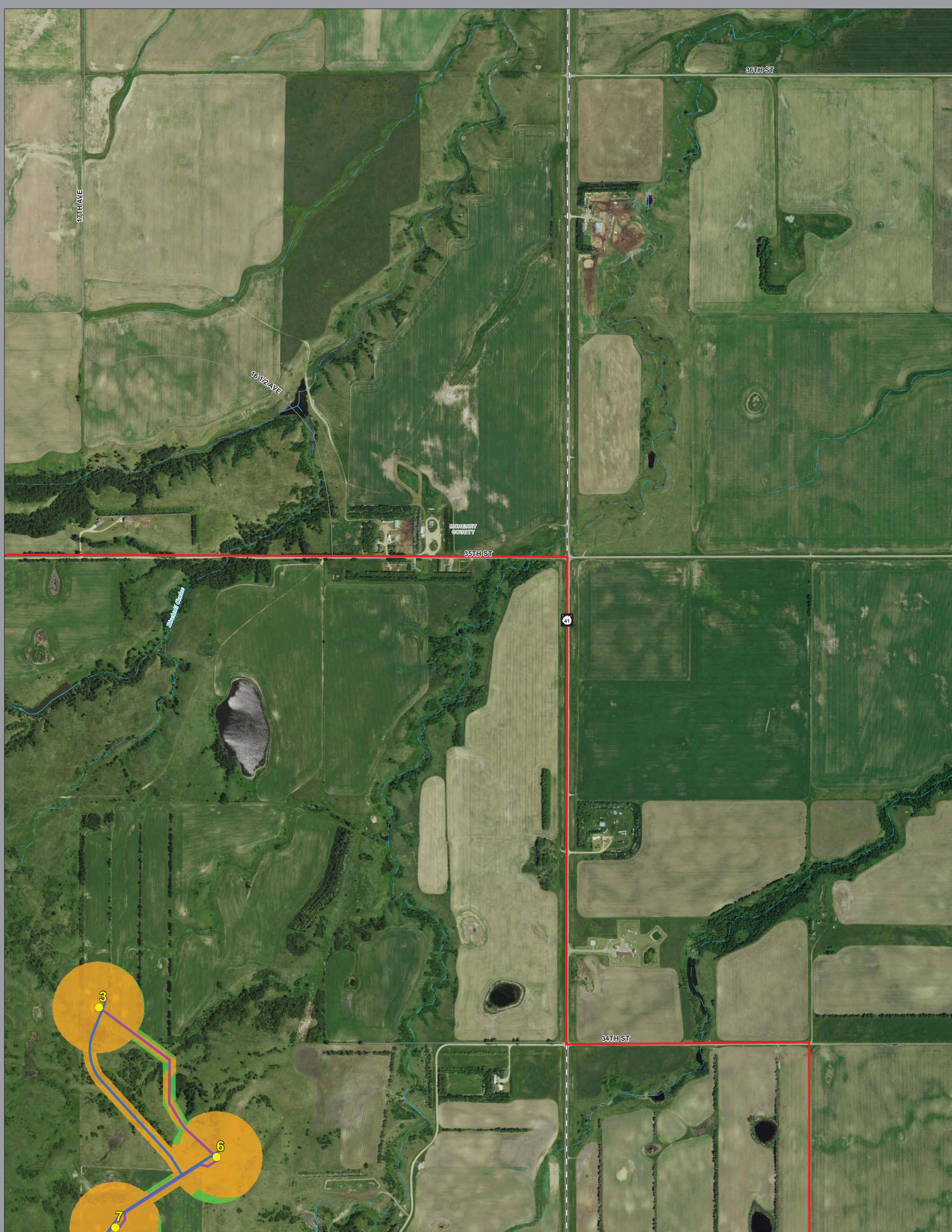
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### Vicinity Map







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Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:2



- Proposed Turbine
- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- Hydrology**
- Perennial Stream
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  - Canal Ditch

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- USACE Jurisdictional
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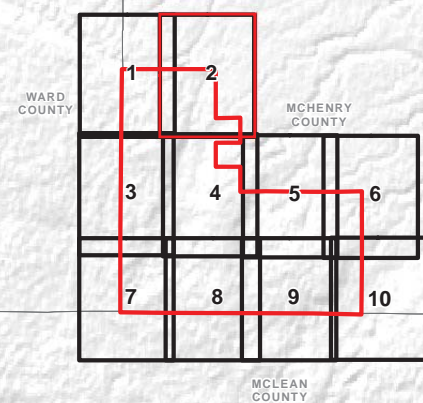
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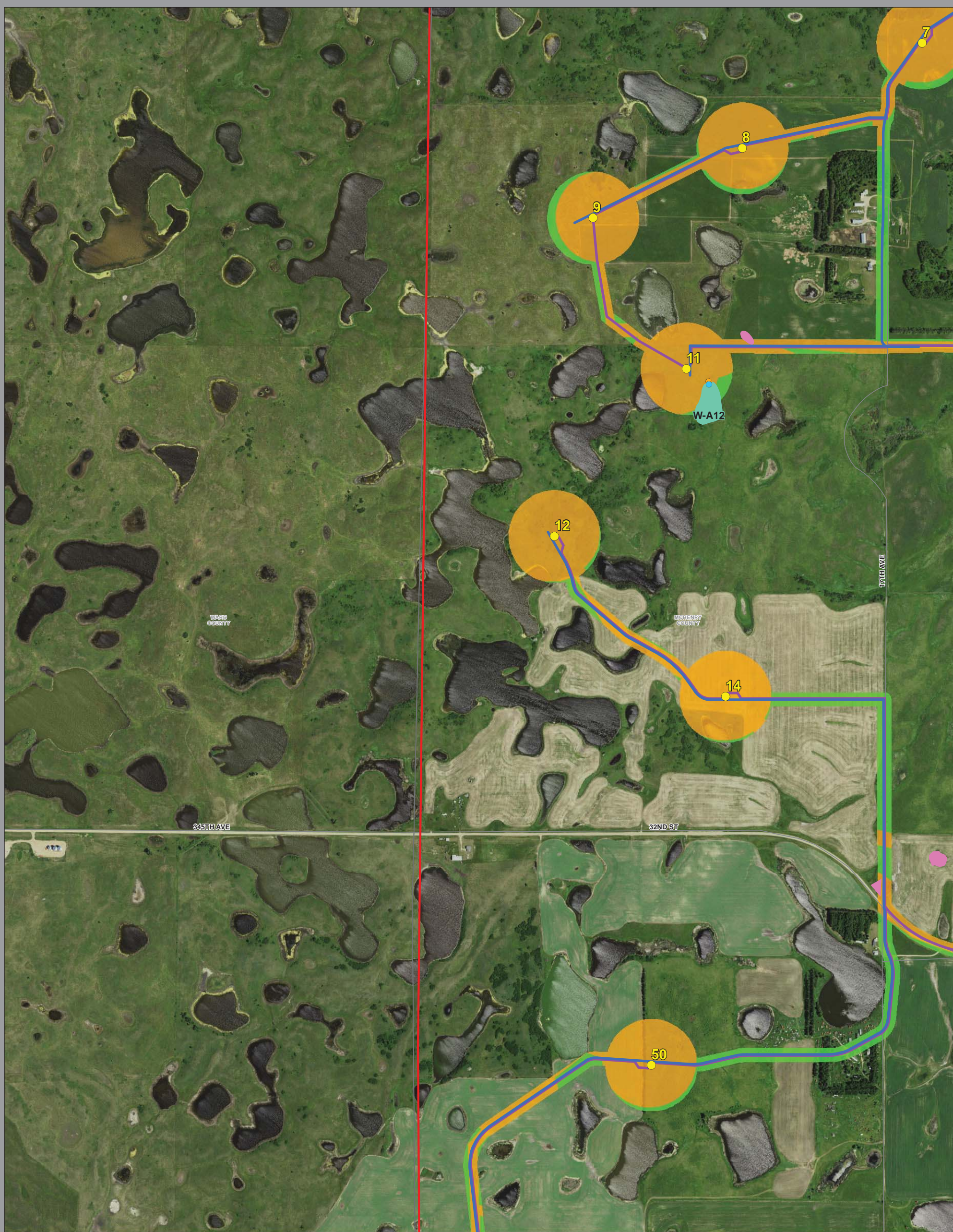
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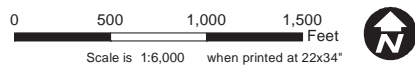






# NEW FRONTIER WIND ENERGY PROJECT

Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:3



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- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
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- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- Hydrology**
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  - Intermittent Stream
  - Canal Ditch

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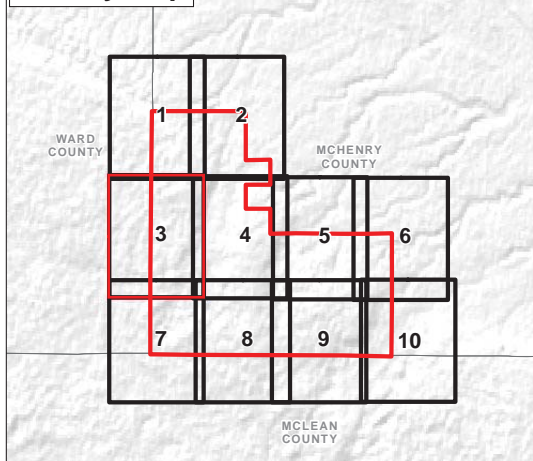
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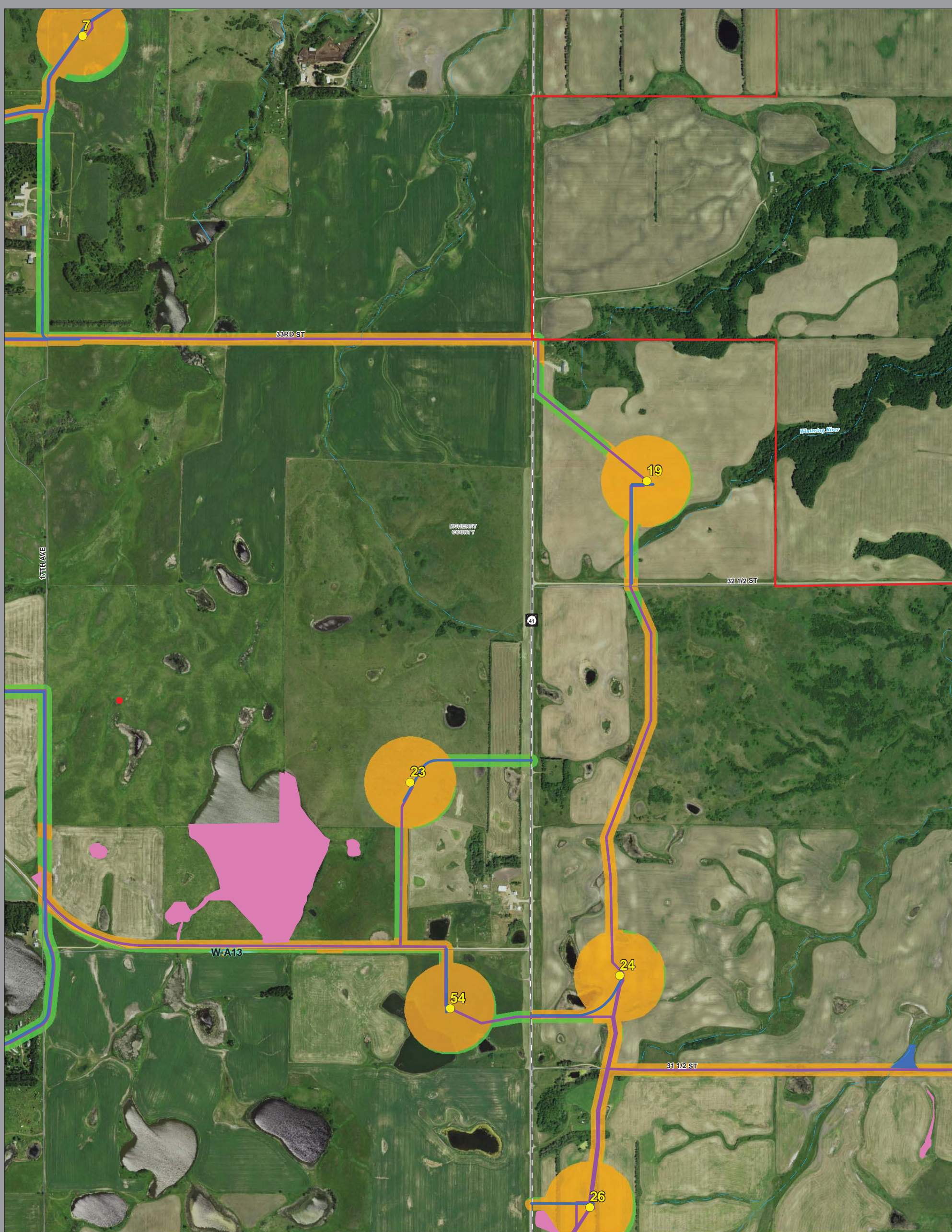
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**Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:4**

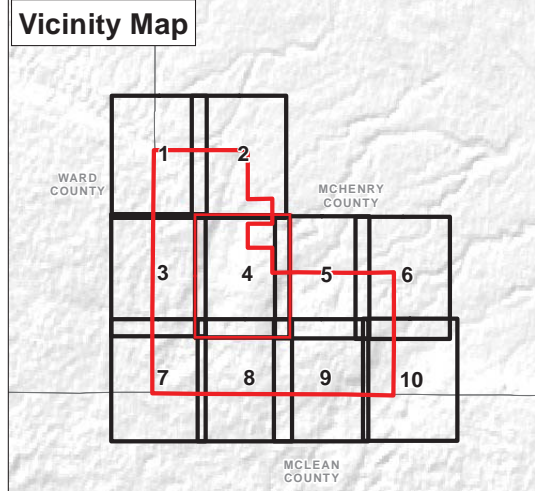
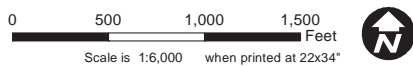
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- Hydrology**
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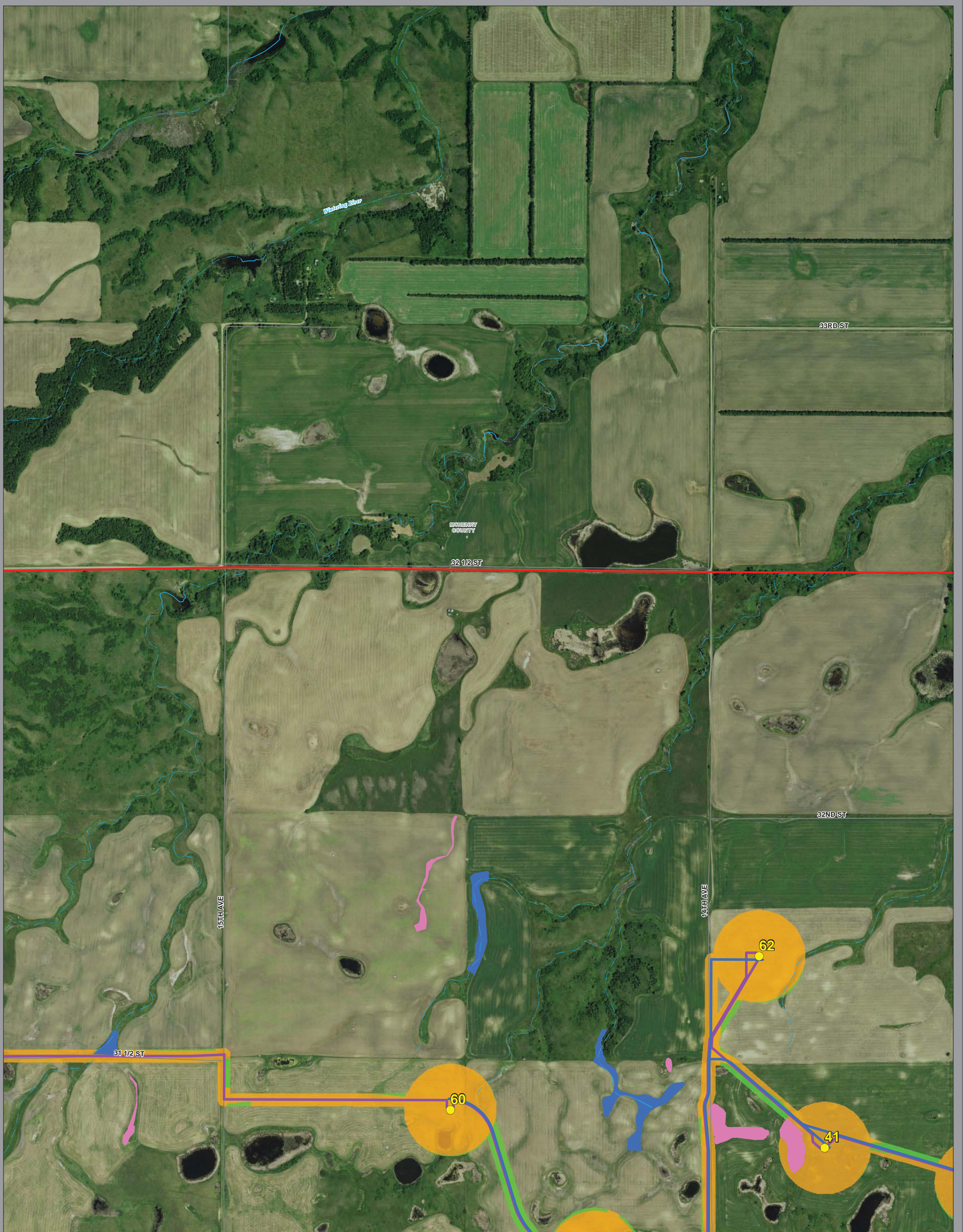
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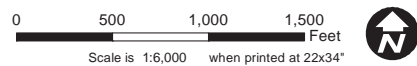






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## Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:5



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- Collector Line
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- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

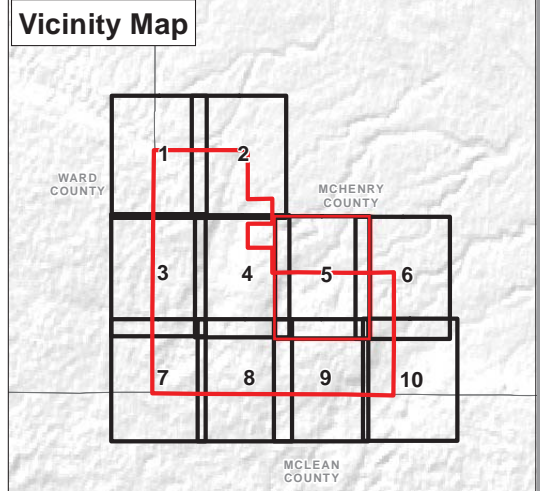
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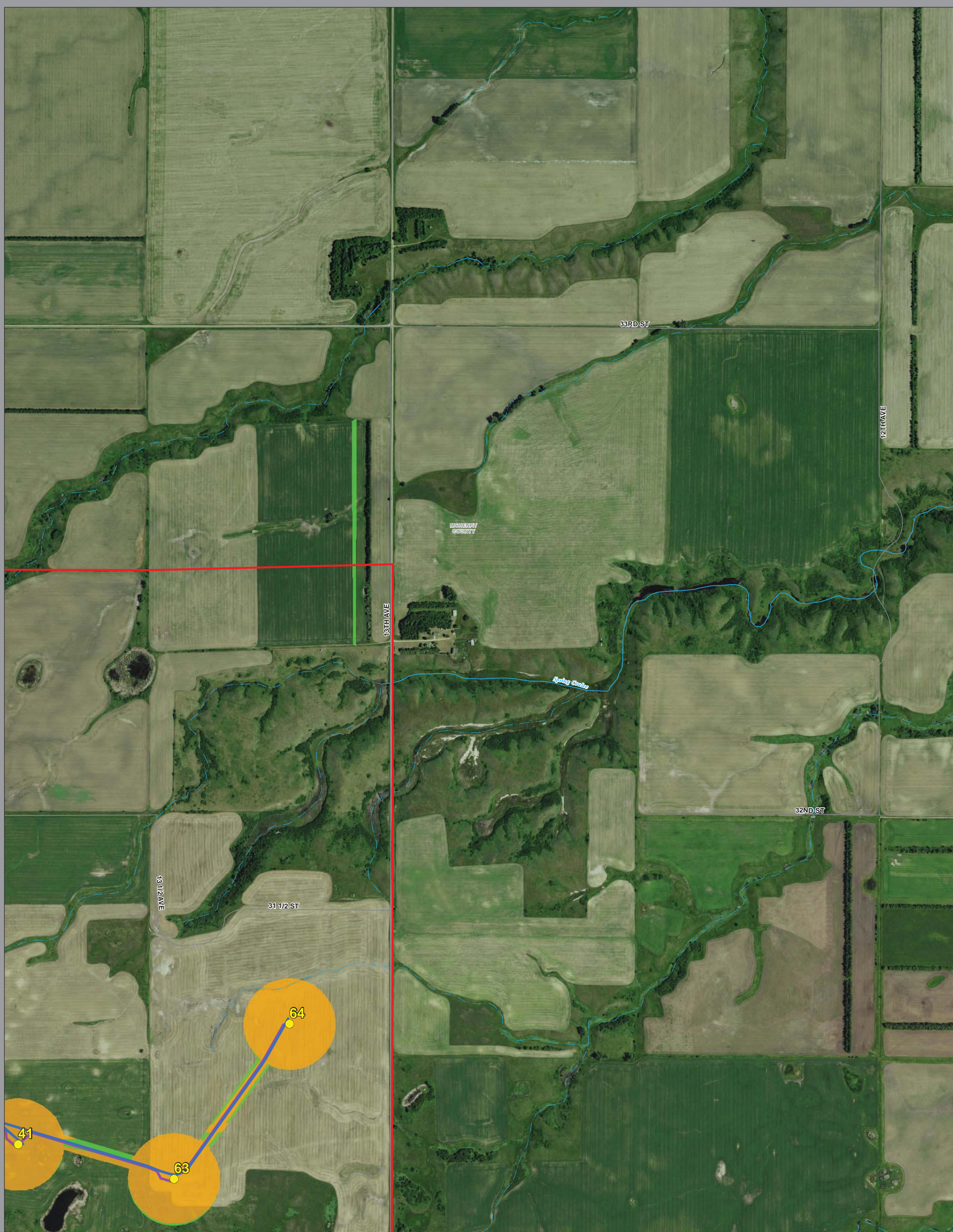
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## Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:6



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- Project Area
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- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- Hydrology**
- Perennial Stream
  - Intermittent Stream
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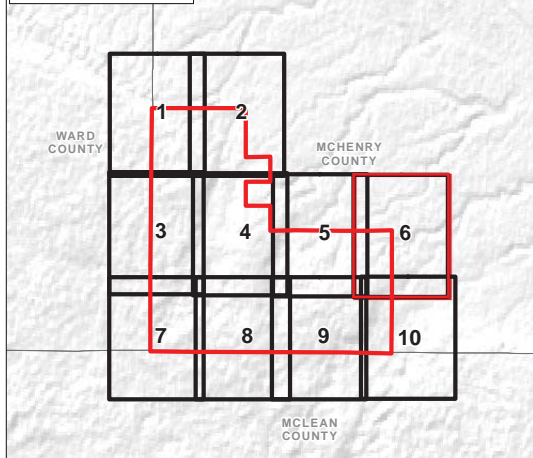
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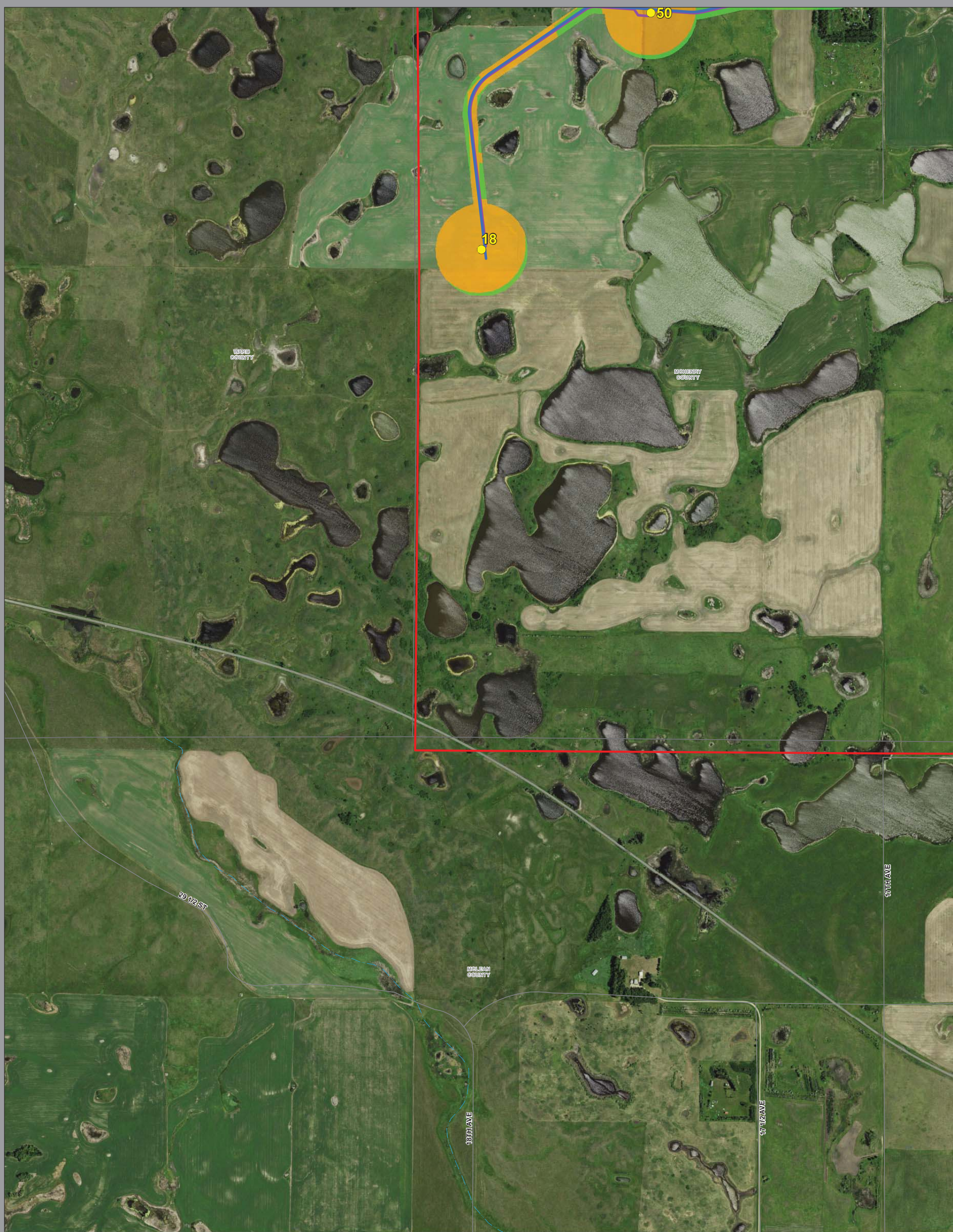
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Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:7



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- Project Area
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- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

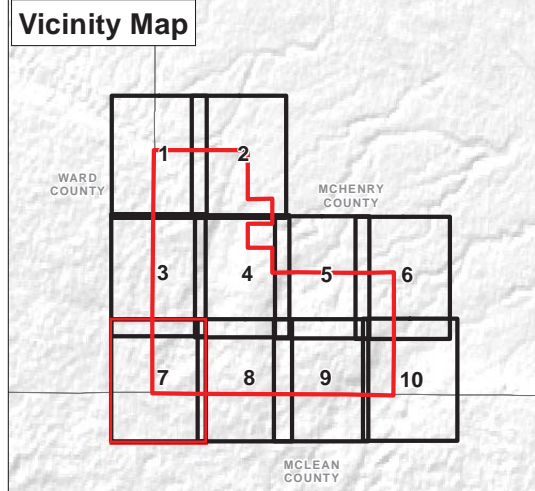
- Hydrology**
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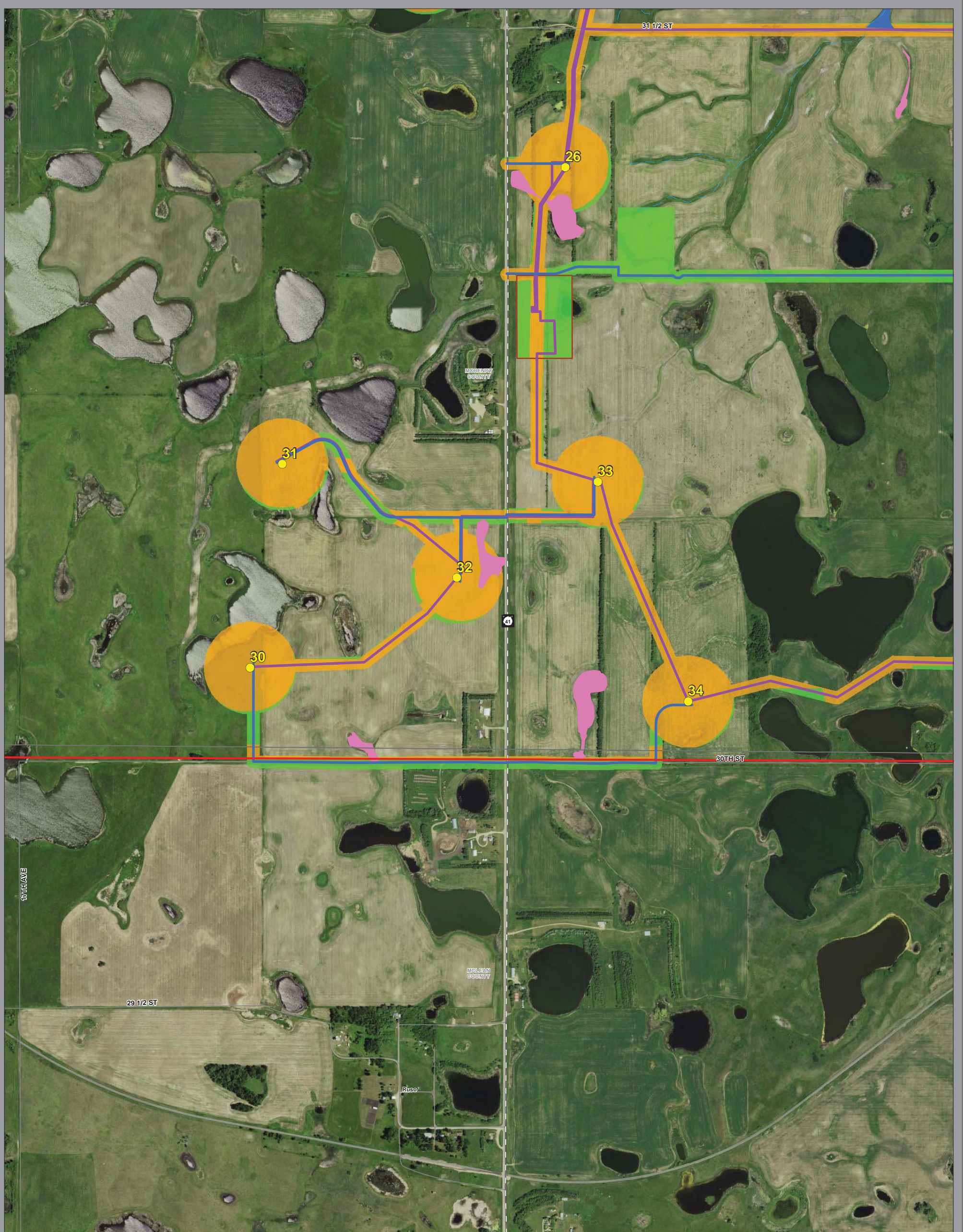
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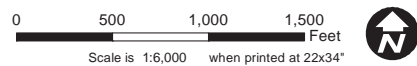




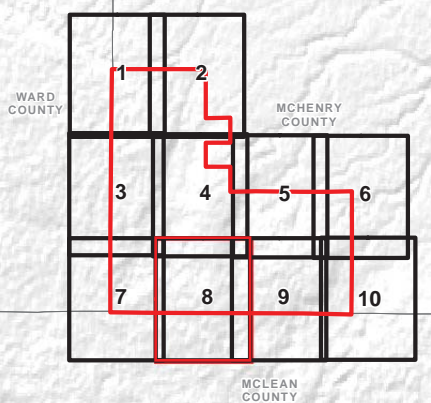


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Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:8



## Vicinity Map



- Proposed Turbine
- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
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- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- Hydrology**
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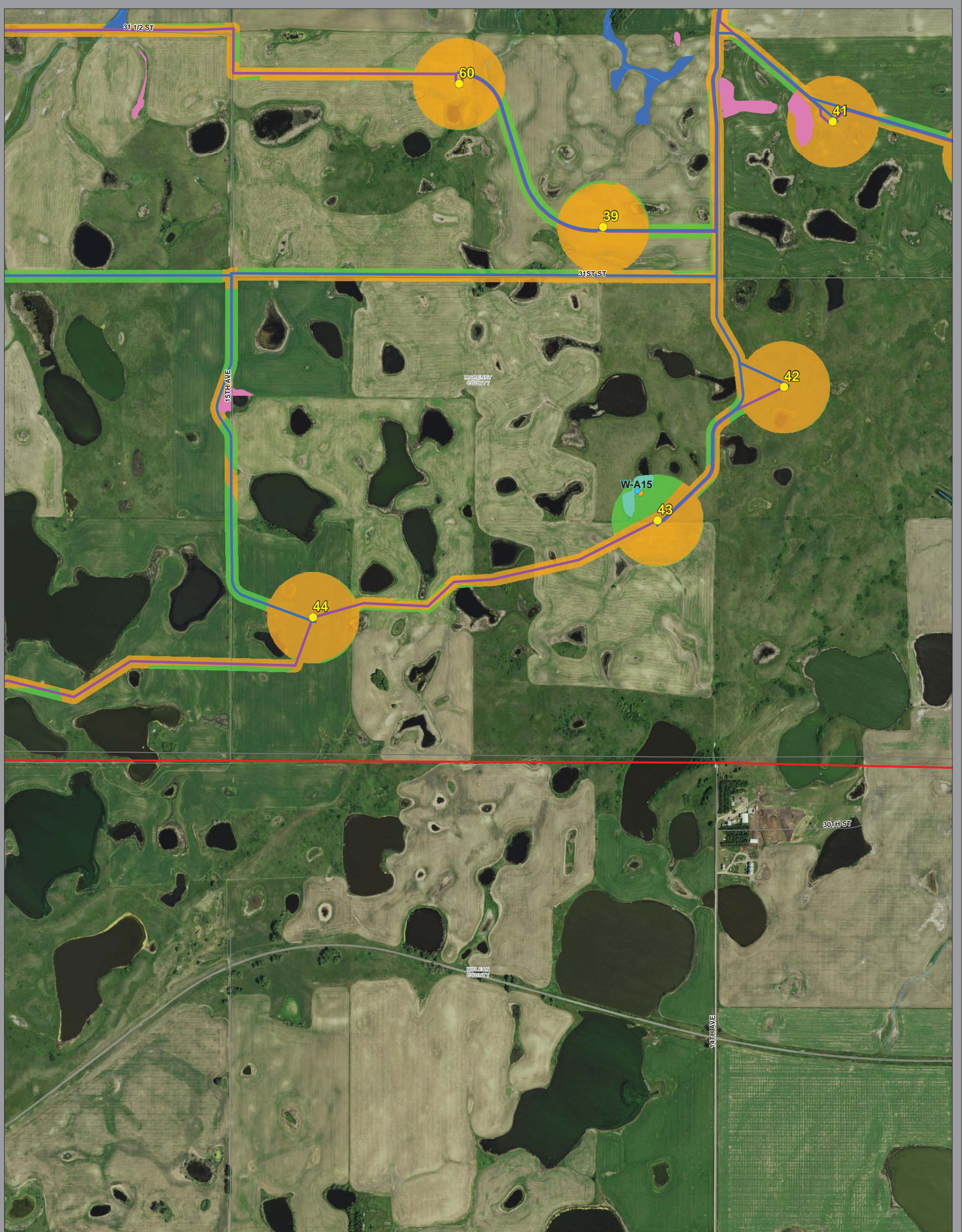
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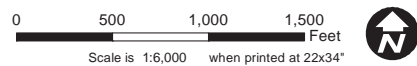




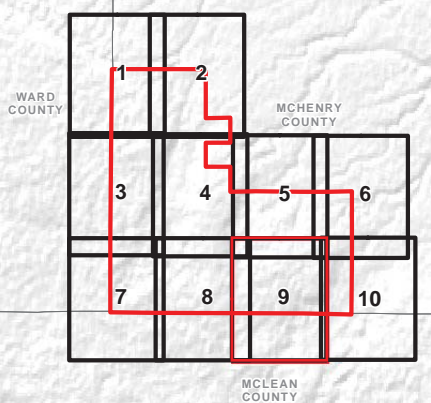


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## Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:9



### Vicinity Map



- Proposed Turbine
- Project Area
- Access Road
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- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- #### Hydrology
- Perennial Stream
  - Intermittent Stream
  - Canal Ditch

- #### Wetland Determination<sup>1</sup>
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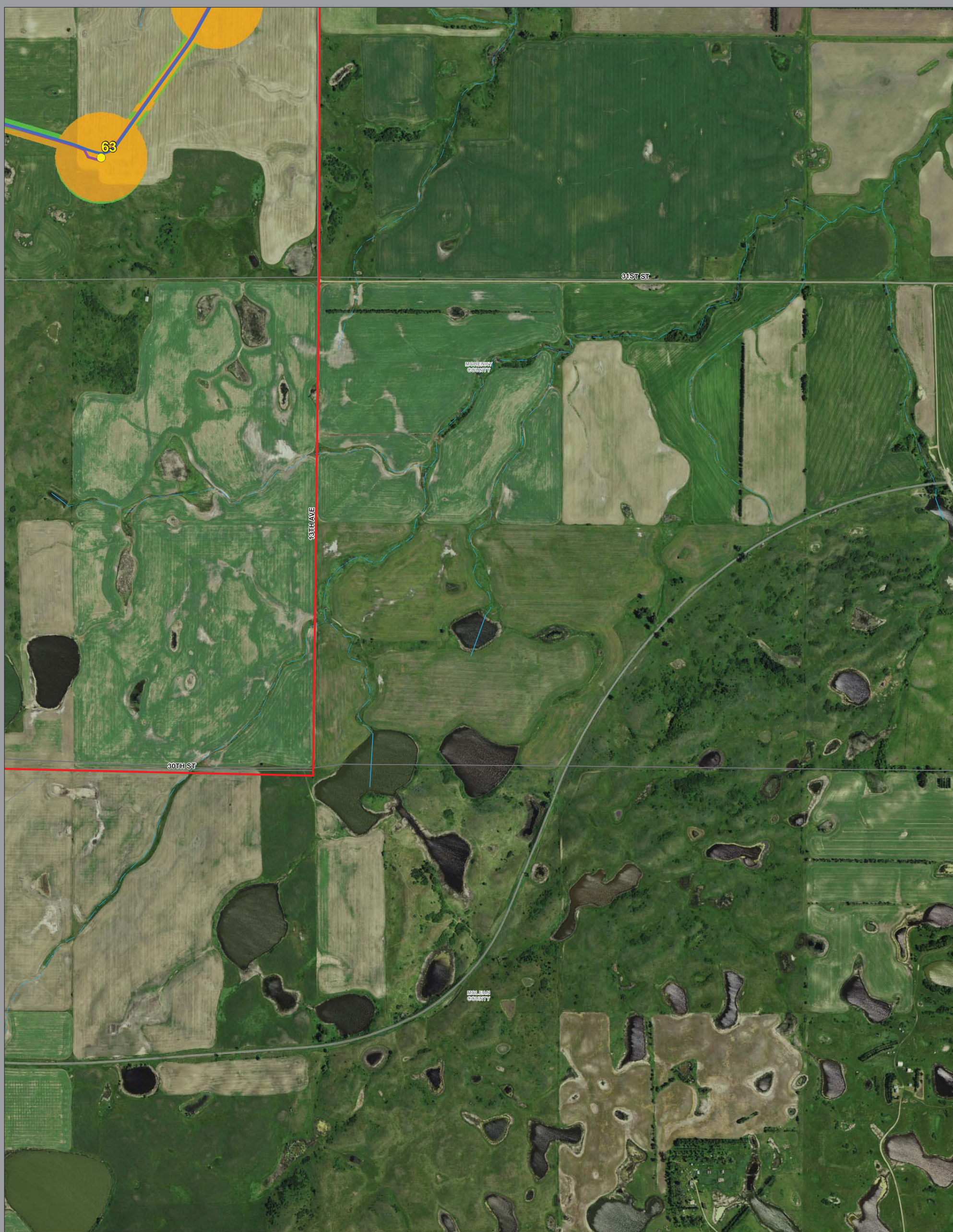
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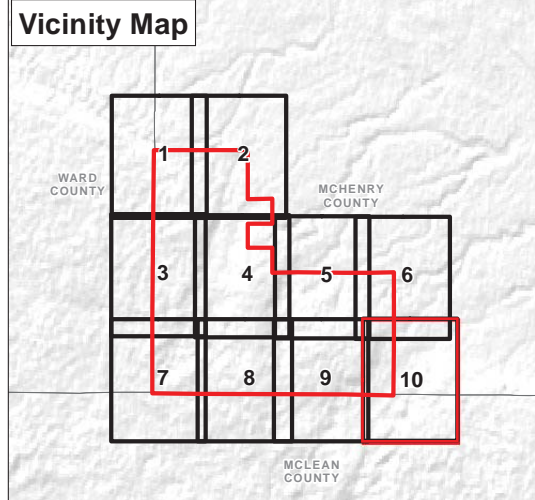
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- Hydrology**
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**Figure 2: Project Detail Map Sheet:11**



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- Project Area
- Access Road
- Collector Line
- Switchyard/O&M Leased Parcel
- \*\*Project layout dated October 17, 2017**
- Previously Un-surveyed Area
- Previous Survey within Current Layout Buffers

- Hydrology**
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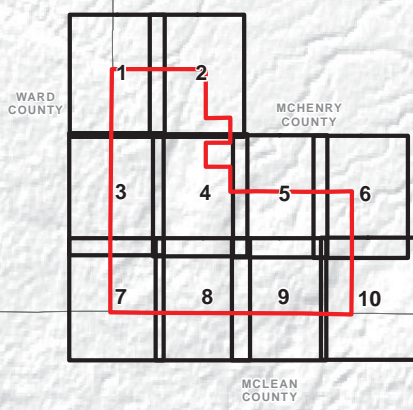
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**Vicinity Map**





# Attachment 1: Wetland Determination Data Forms

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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: New Frontier City/County: McHenry Sampling Date: 10/18/17
Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A12-UP1
Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 19, T151N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 5
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 47.890628 Long: -100.958628 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Zahl-Max-Bowbells loams, 6 to 35 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation X, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X
Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes No X
Remarks: Plot paired with wetland plot W-A12-WT1. Vegetation recently plowed.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1. None
2.
3.
4.
0 = Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1. None
2.
3.
4.
5.
0 = Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Bromus inermus 40 Y FACU
2. Spartina pectinata 60 Y FACW
3. Cirsium arvense 2 N FACU
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
102 = Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
0 = Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0
Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 1 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50 (A/B)
Prevalence Index worksheet:
Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3 - Prevalence Index is <=3.0^1
4 - Morphological Adaptations^1 (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation^1 (Explain)
^1 Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X

Remarks:



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Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A12-WT1  
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Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Remarks:	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>30'</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
1. <u>None</u>				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
0 = Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>15'</u> )				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
1. <u>None</u>				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
0 = Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>5'</u> )				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. <u>Typha latifolia</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>OBL</u>	
2. <u>Spartina pectinata</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
3. <u>Cirsium arvense</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
4. <u>Ambrosia psilostachya</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
5. <u>Rorippa sp?</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>N</u>		
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
9. _____				
10. _____				
89 = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>30'</u> )				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
1. <u>None</u>				
2. _____				
0 = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>11</u>				
Remarks:				

**SOIL**

**Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)**

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-8	10YR 2/1	100					Silt Clay	
8-16	10YR 2/1	98	2.5YR 3/6	2	C	M/PL	Silt Clay	
16-20	10YR 3/2	95	2.5YR 3/6	5	C	M/PL	Silt Clay	

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)**

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5) (**LRR F**)
- 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (**LRR G, H**)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR F**)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- High Plains Depressions (F16) (**MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H**)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:**

- 1 cm Muck (A9) (**LRR I, J**)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR F, G, H**)
- Dark Surface (S7) (**LRR G**)
- High Plains Depressions (F16) (**LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73**)
- Reduced Vertic (F18)
- Red Parent Material (TF2)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present?    Yes     No \_\_\_\_\_**

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Salt Crust (B11)
- Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where not tilled**)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (**where tilled**)
- Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (**LRR F**)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No     Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No     Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No     Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Wetland Hydrology Present?    Yes     No \_\_\_\_\_**

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: New Frontier City/County: McHenry Sampling Date: 10/19/17
Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A13-UP1
Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 29, T151N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Rolling Hills Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 47.873427 Long: -100.942755 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Williams-Zahl-Zahill complex, 6 to 9 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X
Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes No X
Remarks: Plot paired with wetland W-A13-WT1.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1. None
2.
3.
4.
0 = Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1. None
2.
3.
4.
5.
0 = Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Cirsium arvense 20 Y FACU
2. Bromus inermus 70 Y FACU
3. Poa pratensis 20 N FACU
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
110 = Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
0 = Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0
Remarks:

Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 0 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A/B)
Prevalence Index worksheet:
Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3 - Prevalence Index is <=3.0^1
4 - Morphological Adaptations^1 (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation^1 (Explain)
^1 Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.



**SOIL**

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-10	10YR 3/1	100					Silt Loam	
10-18	10YR 4/3	100					Silt Clay	
18-20	10YR 3/2	80	10YR 5/2	20	D	M	Silt Clay	

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)		Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Plains Depressions (F16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5) (LRR F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<b>(LRR H outside of MLRA 72 &amp; 73)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR F, G, H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Vertic (F18)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G, H)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Plains Depressions (F16)	<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR F)	<b>(MLRA 72 &amp; 73 of LRR H)</b>	

<b>Restrictive Layer (if present):</b> Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes _____    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:	
Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<b>(where tilled)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes _____    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present?    Yes _____    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)    Yes _____    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes _____    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: New Frontier City/County: McHenry Sampling Date: 10/18/17
Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A13-WT1
Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 29, T151N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Rolling Hills Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 2
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 47.873471 Long: -100.942760 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Williams-Zahl-Zahill complex, 6 to 9 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes X No
Remarks: Wetland located in a roadside ditch eventually draining into a larger wetland complex through a culvert under the adjacent road.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1. None
2.
3.
4.
0 = Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1. None
2.
3.
4.
5.
0 = Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Alopecurus arundinaceus 45 Y FACW
2. Spartina pectinata 45 Y FACW
3. Juncus balticus 5 N FACW
4. Melilotus officinalis 5 N FACU
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
100 = Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
0 = Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 0
Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 2 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100 (A/B)
Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3 - Prevalence Index is <=3.0^1
4 - Morphological Adaptations^1 (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation^1 (Explain)
^1 Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No

Remarks:





WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: New Frontier City/County: McHenry Sampling Date: 10/20/17
Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A15-UP1
Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 2, T152N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 1
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 47.856357 Long: -100.889365 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Williams-Zahl-Zahill complex, 6 to 9 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation X, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X
Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes No X
Remarks: Upland plot paired with W-A15-WT1.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1.
2.
3.
4.
= Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
= Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Poa pratensis 20 Y FACU
2. Elymus repens 15 N FACU
3. Bromus inermis 40 Y UPL
4. Trifolium repens 15 N FACU
5. Melilotus officinalis 10 N FACU
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
100 = Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
0 = Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum
Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 0 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Prevalence Index worksheet:
Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3 - Prevalence Index is <=3.0^1
4 - Morphological Adaptations^1 (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation^1 (Explain)
^1 Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X

Remarks: Vegetation mowed at time of sampling.



**SOIL**

**Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)**

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-6	10YR 3/3	100					Silt Loam	
6-18	10YR 3/2	100					Silt Loam	

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)**

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5) (LRR F)
- 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR F, G, H)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G, H)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR F)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- High Plains Depressions (F16)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:**

- 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
  - Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
  - Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
  - High Plains Depressions (F16)
  - (LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)**
  - Reduced Vertic (F18)
  - Red Parent Material (TF2)
  - Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
  - Other (Explain in Remarks)
- <sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Salt Crust (B11)
- Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- (where not tilled)**
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- (where tilled)**
- Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturation Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: New Frontier City/County: McHenry Sampling Date: 10/19/17
Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A15-WT1
Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 34, T151N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 0.5
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 47.856422 Long: -100.889488 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Williams-Zahl-Zahill complex, 6 to 9 percent slopes NWI classification: PEMC

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes X No
Remarks: Wetland extends between 2 NWI mapped wetlands. Wetland is in a closed basin with no visible outflow.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1.
2.
3.
4.
= Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
= Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Rumex crispus 25 Y FAC
2. Hordeum jubatum 40 Y FACW
3. Carex sp? 15 N
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
80 = Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
0 = Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 20
Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 2 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100 (A/B)
Prevalence Index worksheet:
Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
X 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3 - Prevalence Index is <=3.0^1
4 - Morphological Adaptations^1 (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation^1 (Explain)
^1 Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No

Remarks:



**SOIL**

**Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)**

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-14	10YR 3/1	98	2.5YR 3/6	2	C	M	Silt Clay	

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

**Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)**

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5) **(LRR F)**
- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR F, G, H)**
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) **(LRR G, H)**
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) **(LRR F)**
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- High Plains Depressions (F16)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:**

- 1 cm Muck (A9) **(LRR I, J)**
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) **(LRR F, G, H)**
- Dark Surface (S7) **(LRR G)**
- High Plains Depressions (F16)
- (LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)**
- Reduced Vertic (F18)
- Red Parent Material (TF2)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if present):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_**

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Salt Crust (B11)
- Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- (where not tilled)**
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- (where tilled)**
- Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) **(LRR F)**

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_**

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region

Project/Site: New Frontier City/County: McHenry Sampling Date: 10/20/17
Applicant/Owner: Capital Power State: ND Sampling Point: W-A16-UP1
Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 2, T152N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 1
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 48.021468 Long: -100.883954 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Williams-Zahl-Zahill complex, 6 to 9 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation X, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X No
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes No X
Remarks: Upland plot paired with W-A16-WT1.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1.
2.
3.
4.
= Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
= Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Poa pratensis 60 Y FACU
2. Elymus repens 40 Y FACU
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
= Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
= Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum
0 = Total Cover
Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 0 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Prevalence Index worksheet:
Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3 - Prevalence Index is <=3.0^1
4 - Morphological Adaptations^1 (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation^1 (Explain)
^1 Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X

Remarks: Vegetation mowed at time of sampling.





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Investigator(s): C. Ansari, K. Brimacombe Section, Township, Range: Sec. 2, T152N, R80W
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave Slope (%): 1
Subregion (LRR): Northern Great Plains (F) Lat: 48.021469 Long: -100.884006 Datum: WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Williams-Zahl-Zahill complex, 6 to 9 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No
Hydic Soil Present? Yes X No
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No
Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes X No
Remarks: Wetland mapped during a previous field survey. Feature follows a drainage ditch between two industrial facilities.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30') Absolute % Cover Dominant Species? Indicator Status
1.
2.
3.
4.
= Total Cover
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15')
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
= Total Cover
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5')
1. Typha latifolia 50 Y OBL
2. Rumex triangulivalvis 25 Y FACW
3. Rumex crispus 5 N FAC
4. Elymus repens 5 N FACU
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
85 = Total Cover
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30')
1. None
2.
0 = Total Cover
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 15
Dominance Test worksheet:
Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): 2 (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100 (A/B)
Prevalence Index worksheet:
Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
OBL species x 1 =
FACW species x 2 =
FAC species x 3 =
FACU species x 4 =
UPL species x 5 =
Column Totals: (A) (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A =
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No

Remarks:



