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Sent via email vschock@nd.gov

RE: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. Roughrider to Mandan 230kV Transmission Line Restoration, Siting Exclusion Certification under N.D.C.C §49-22-03(4)(a)(4)

Dear Messrs. Kahl and Schock,

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. experienced transmission line damage as a result of the supercell storm in June 2025. The storm damaged approximately 5.3 miles of 230kV transmission line in southern Oliver and northern Morton Counties (project referred to as “Roughrider to Mandan”), see enclosed Map 1. While power supply has been maintained to our service territory and members rebuild and power restoration of Roughrider to Mandan is an essential part of our storm response effort.

This stretch of Roughrider to Mandan was constructed prior to April 9, 1975, and rebuilt in 2013 following filing of Class I report with North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (NDSHPO) concurrence and Certification under 49-22-03(4)(a)(4), see Case PU-13-540.

The rebuild effort entails installation of new structures approximately 10 feet from the base of the damaged structures, all replacements will remain within the existing route, a total of 34 structures will be installed. There is a laydown yard identified in Map 1, which is located on Minnkota-owned property and will store equipment and material during the rebuild, which should take approximately 4-6 weeks starting approximately August 1, 2025. No grading, excavation, or compaction is required to establish the laydown yard, since it is an already existing parking area. Ingress and egress to the right-of-way are established county roadways or were approved as part of the 2013 rebuild by NDSHPO, identified on Map 1.

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code 49-22-03(4)(a)(4), please find enclosed a notarized certification indicating that the rebuild of this transmission line will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas as defined by NDAC 69-06-08-02(1) and (2), and that Minnkota will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in siting laws and rules and commission orders previously issued for any part of this facility.

Should you have any questions concerning this project, please contact the undersigned 701-795-4000 or at dinman@minnkota.com with a copy to smikula@minnkota.com.

Respectfully,

Daniel Inman
Senior VP of Power Delivery

CC: *Kacey Borin, Environmental Specialist II*
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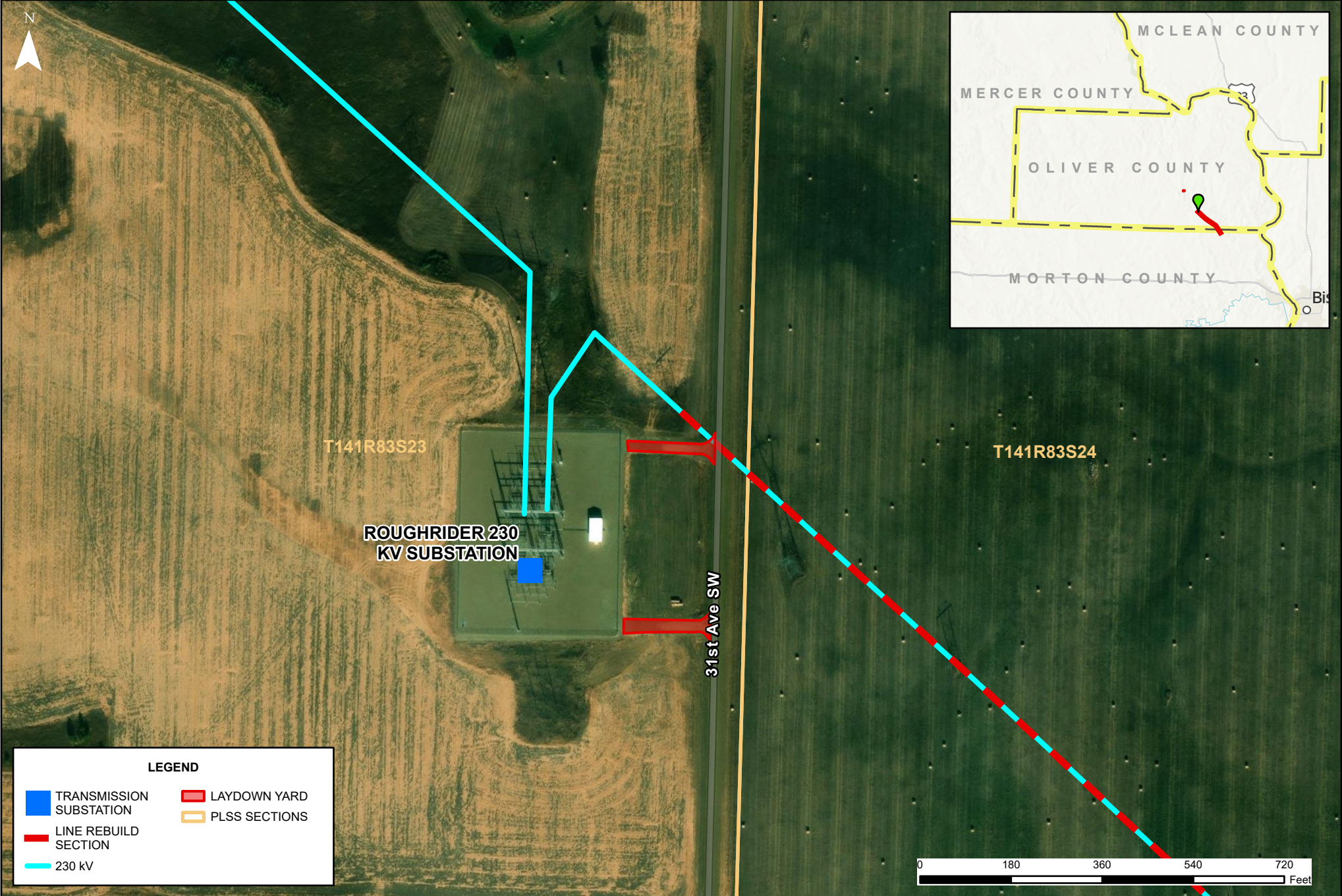


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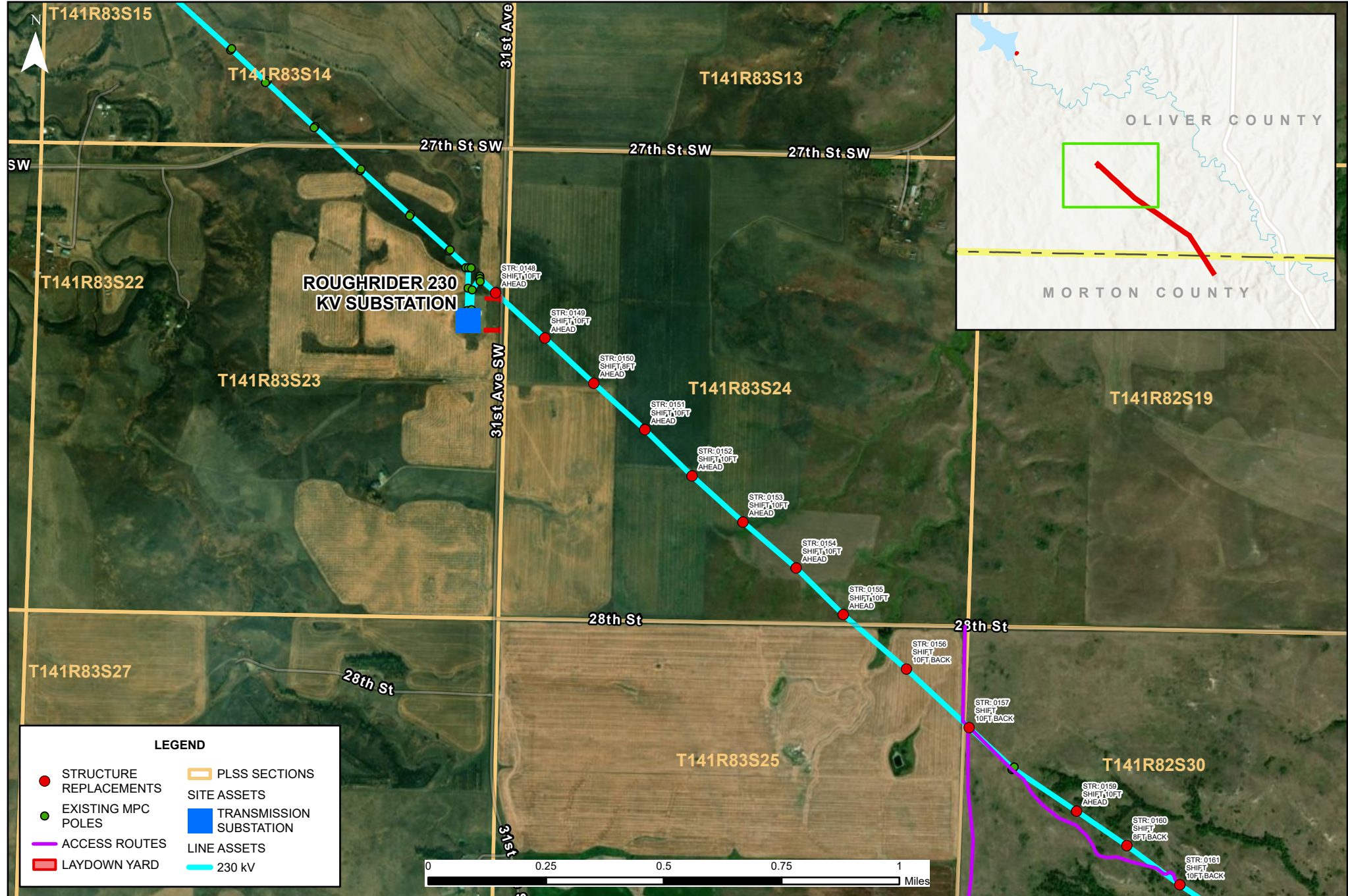
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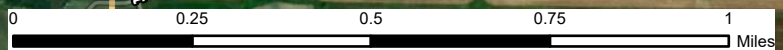


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● STRUCTURE REPLACEMENTS	 PLS SECTIONS
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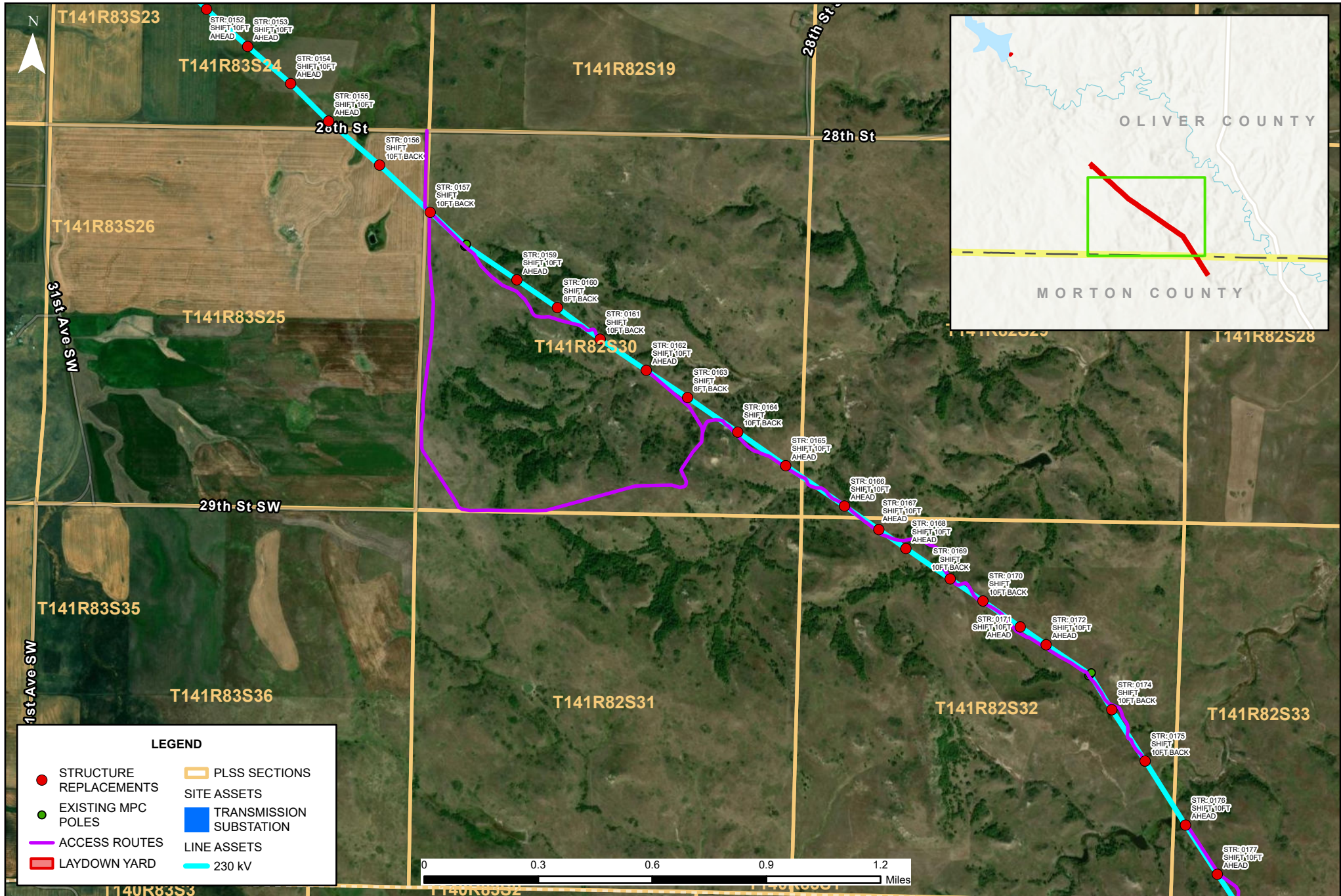


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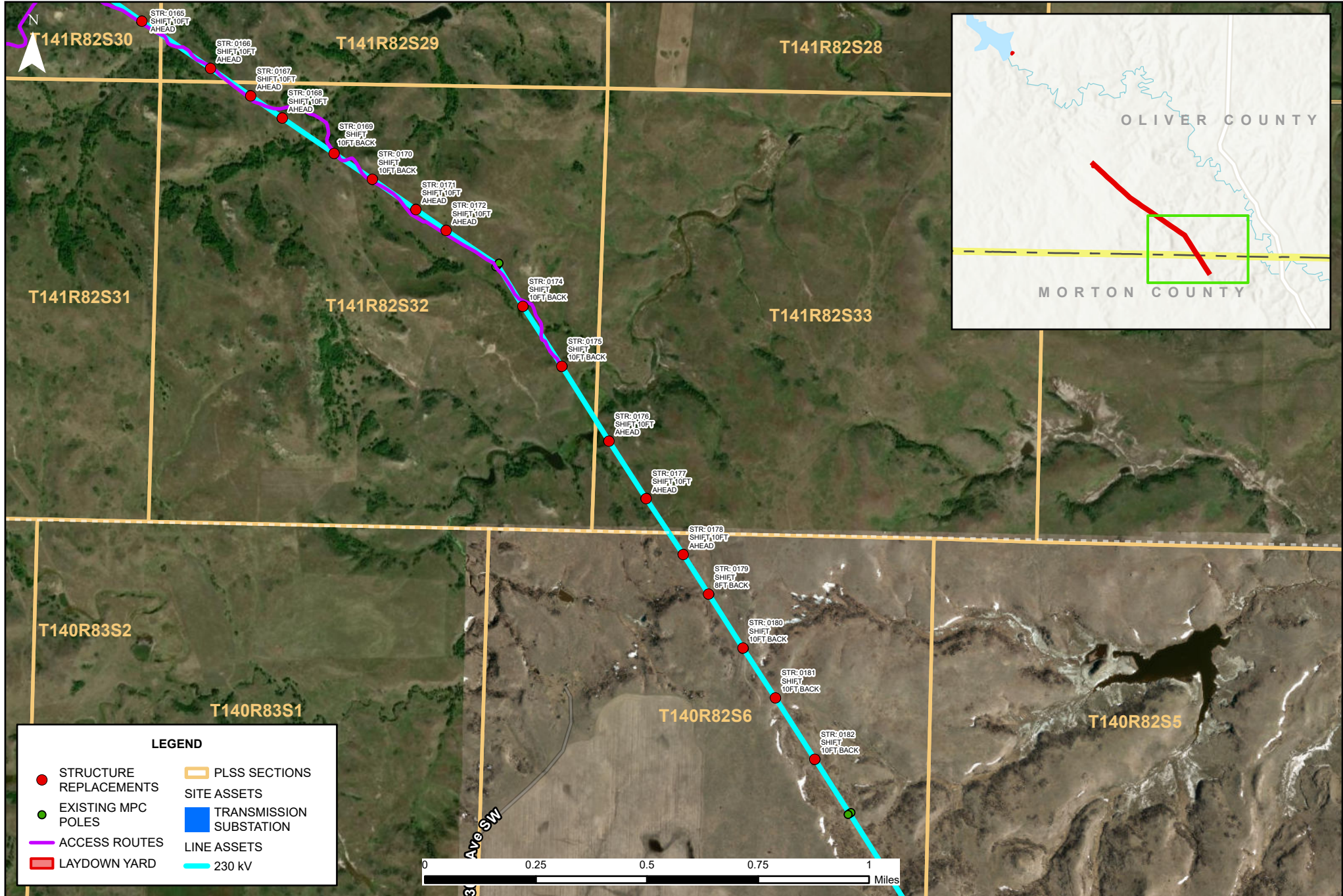


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