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**Subject:** Kessler Site Visit.docx  
**Attachments:** Kessler Site Visit.docx; doc18598820170515095607.pdf

Attached is a summary of remaining issues as discussed during our site visit to the Kessler ranch on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please respond to confirm these issues or to let me know if I have missed anything.

Thank you.

Jerry Lein  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File Case No. I-195  
Fr: John Shuh and Jerry Lein  
Da: May 15, 2017  
Re: Kessler Complaint re Bison 4 Project  
Summary of Issues

On Friday, April 14, we visited the Keith Kessler Ranch in response to complaints from the Kesslers regarding reclamation issues on their land and a turbine placed too close to a residence now occupied by their son. Present for the site visit were Mr and Mrs Kessler along with ALLETE ROW agents Wade Isaacson and Scott Monroe. What follows is a summary of issues:

1. There are areas with washouts, ruts, rocks, weeds and other minor reclamation issues including a need for further de-compaction and reseeding along portions of crane walk paths. Mr. Kessler provided the attached map of his property detailing where these areas requiring further attention are located
2. MN Power replaced several segments of fence wire but there are numerous remaining areas with splices in fencing wire that Mr. Kessler believes should be replaced with new fencing.
3. There was a cattle guard on an access road to Turbine #441 that was not working because it had not been installed properly. There was also a question concerning whether a fence should be routed around or across the 441 turbine pad.
4. Turbine #441 is located within approximately 1200 feet of a residence occupied by the Kessler's son resulting in noise, shadow flicker and other issues at the residence. The residence was not occupied when Bison 4 was sited and constructed. Mr and Mrs Kessler state they informed the ROW agents before the turbine was sited that they did not want turbines near that residence because their son was planning to occupy it.

Noxious Weeds

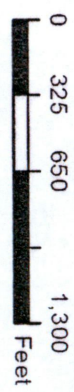
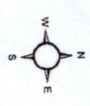
Reclamation  
Grass + Alfalfa  
Reseeding

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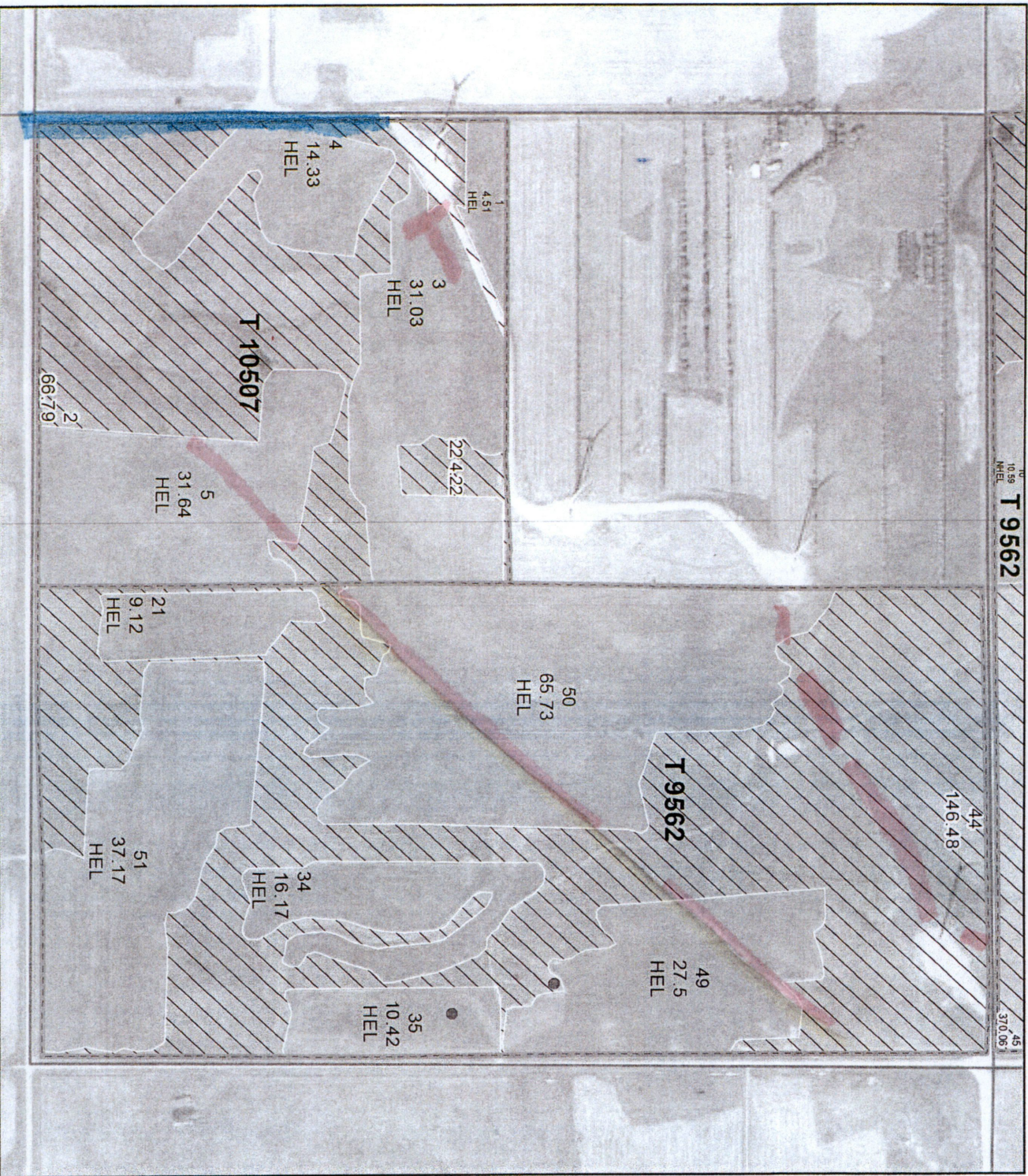
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**Common Land Unit**

- Tract Boundary
- Non-Cropland
- Cropland
- PLSS

**Wetland Determination Identifiers**

- Restricted Use
- Limited Restrictions
- Exempt from Conservation
- Compliance Provisions



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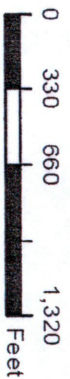
*Reclamation  
Cattle guard*

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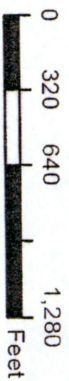
Recreation  
 Grain walk  
 Compaction

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


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


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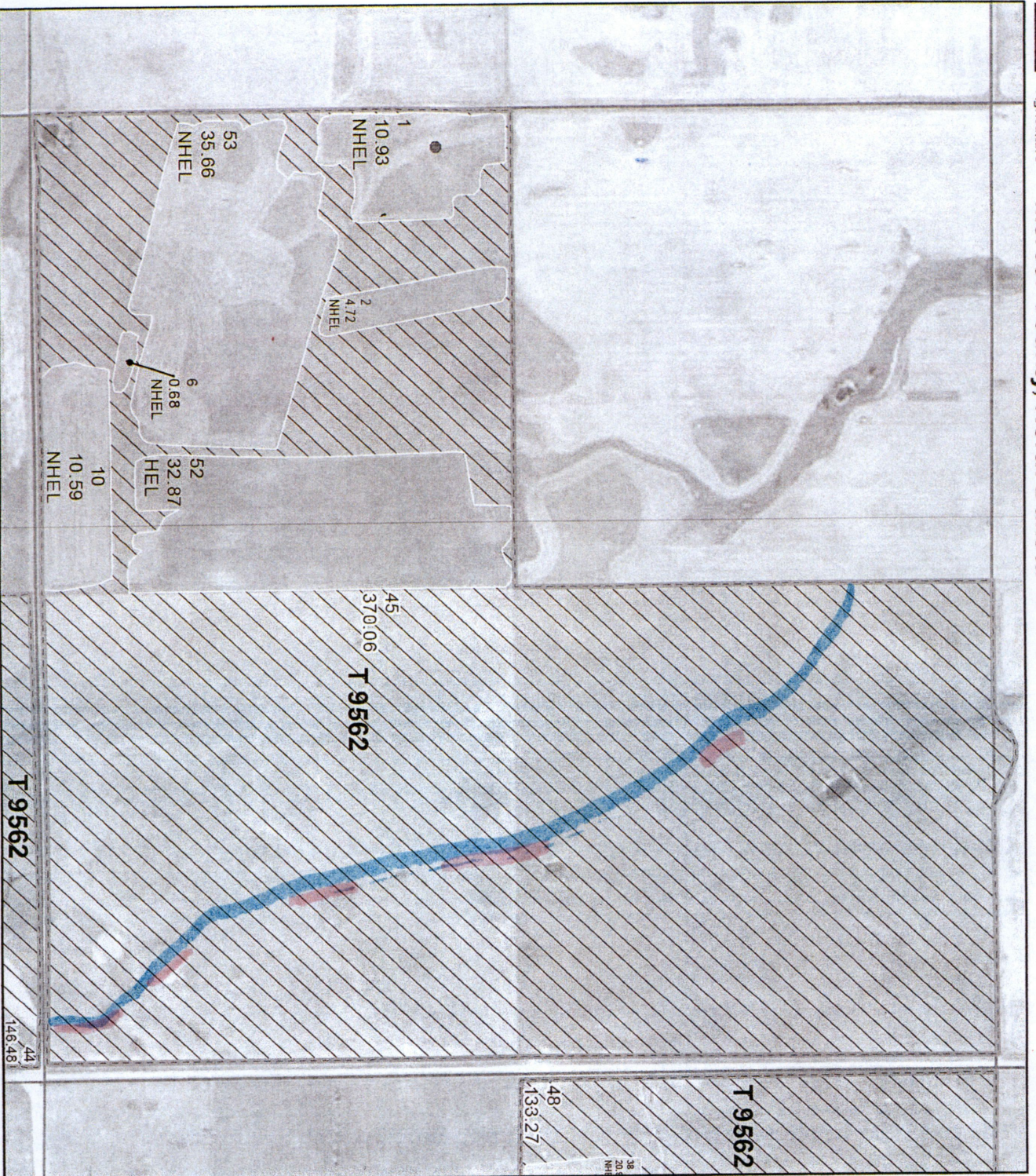
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