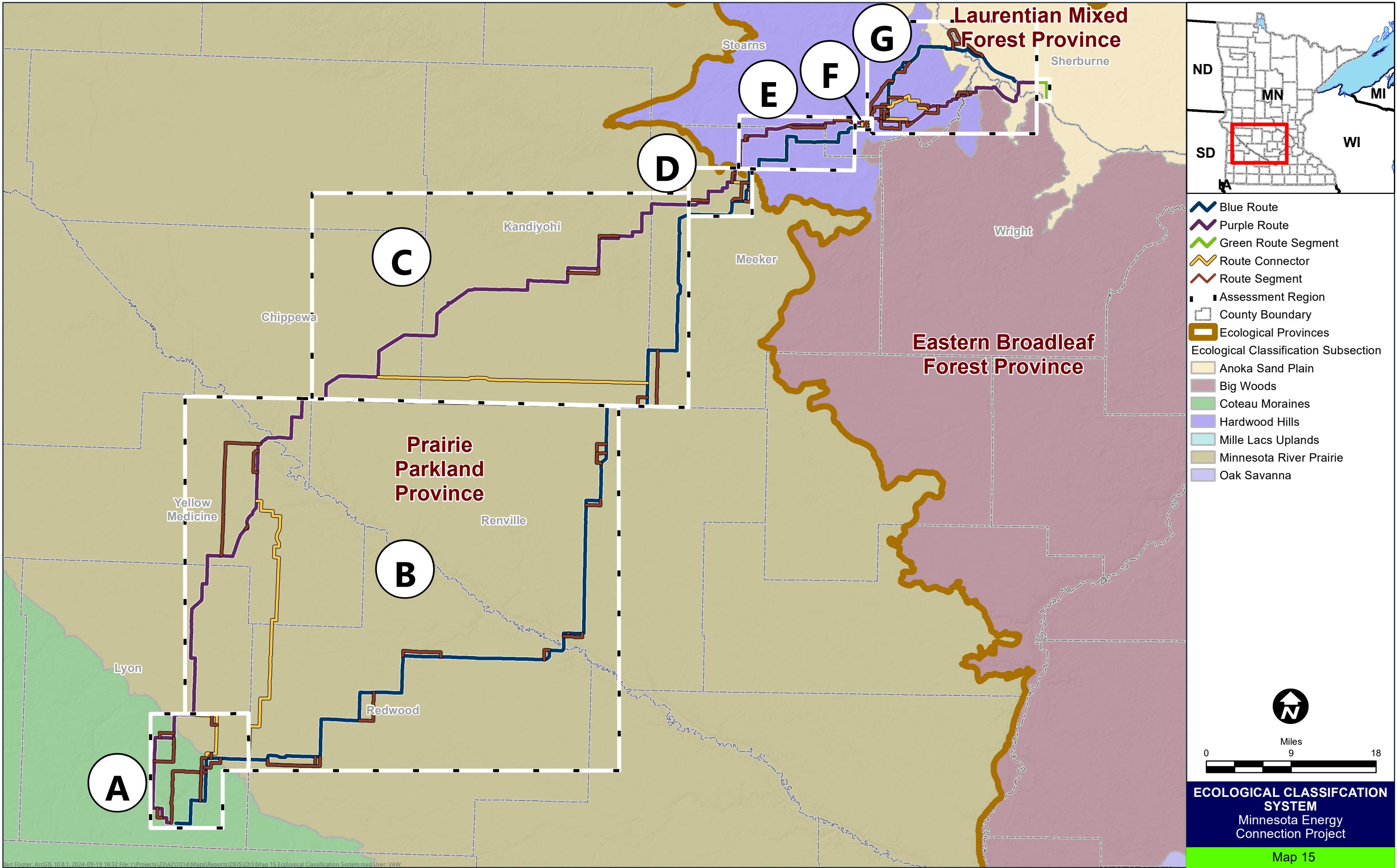
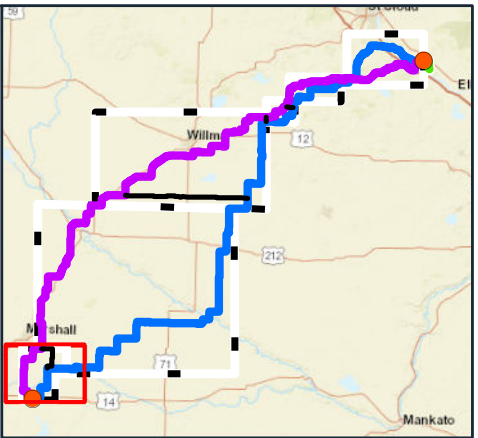
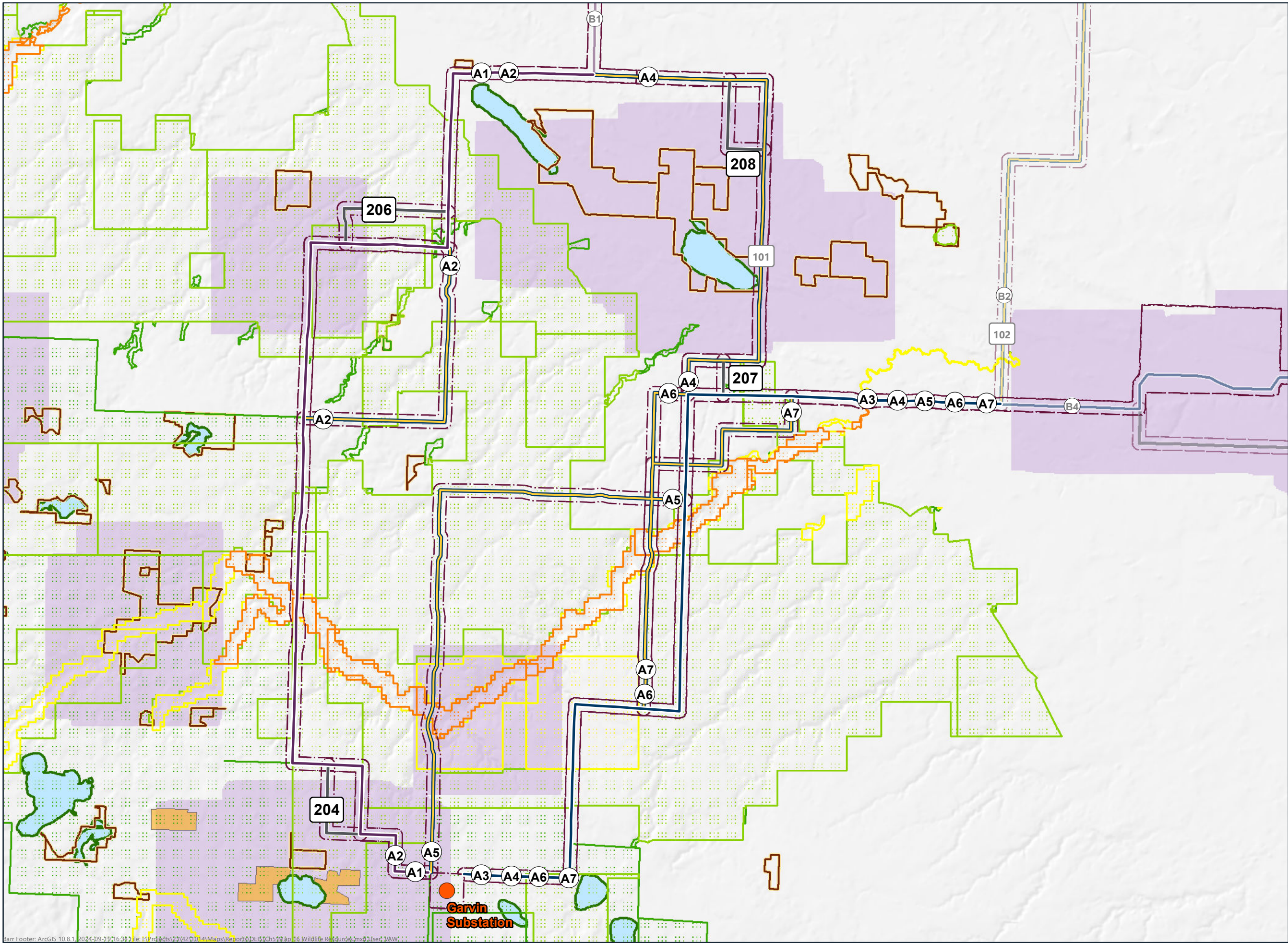
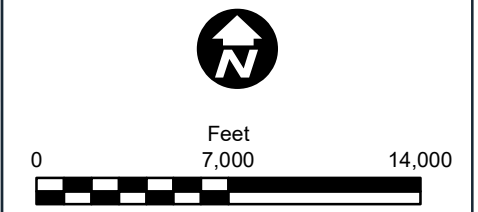
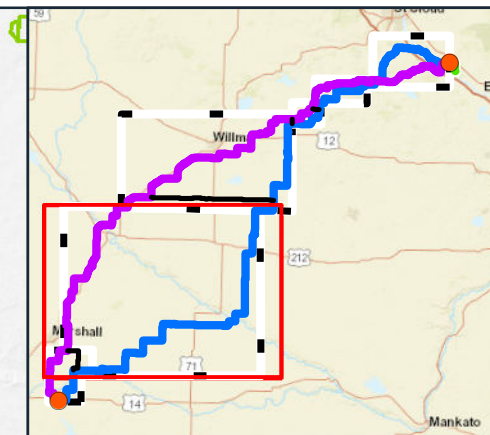
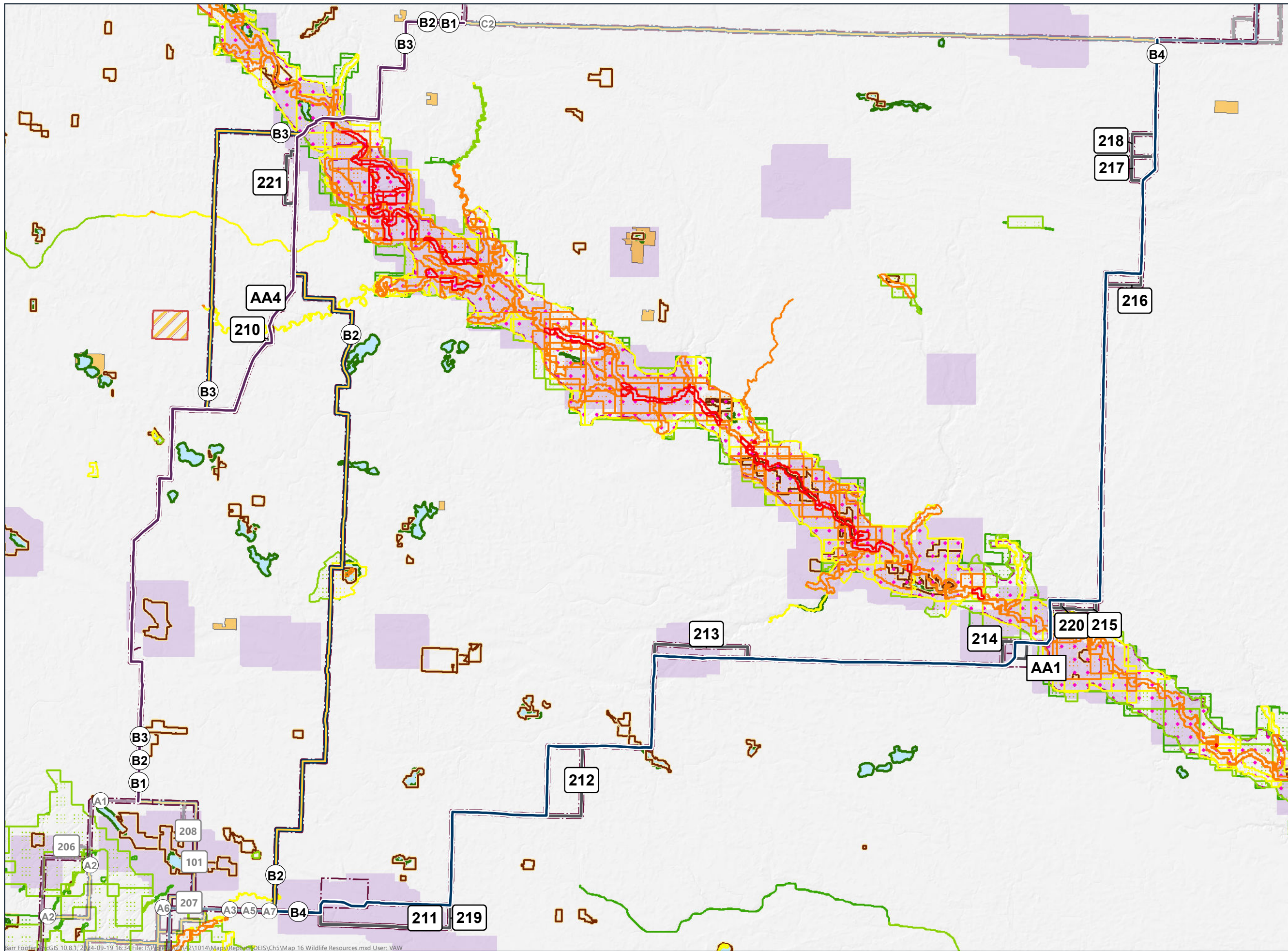






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- 200** Refinement Label
- Route Segment A1 (Purple Route)
- Route Segment A3 (Blue Route)
- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Refinement
- Route Connector
- Route Width
- Proposed Substation
- Wildlife Management Area
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Shallow Wildlife Lake
- Waterfowl Production Area
- Wildlife Action Network Rank**
 - Low
 - Low-Medium
 - Medium
 - Medium-High



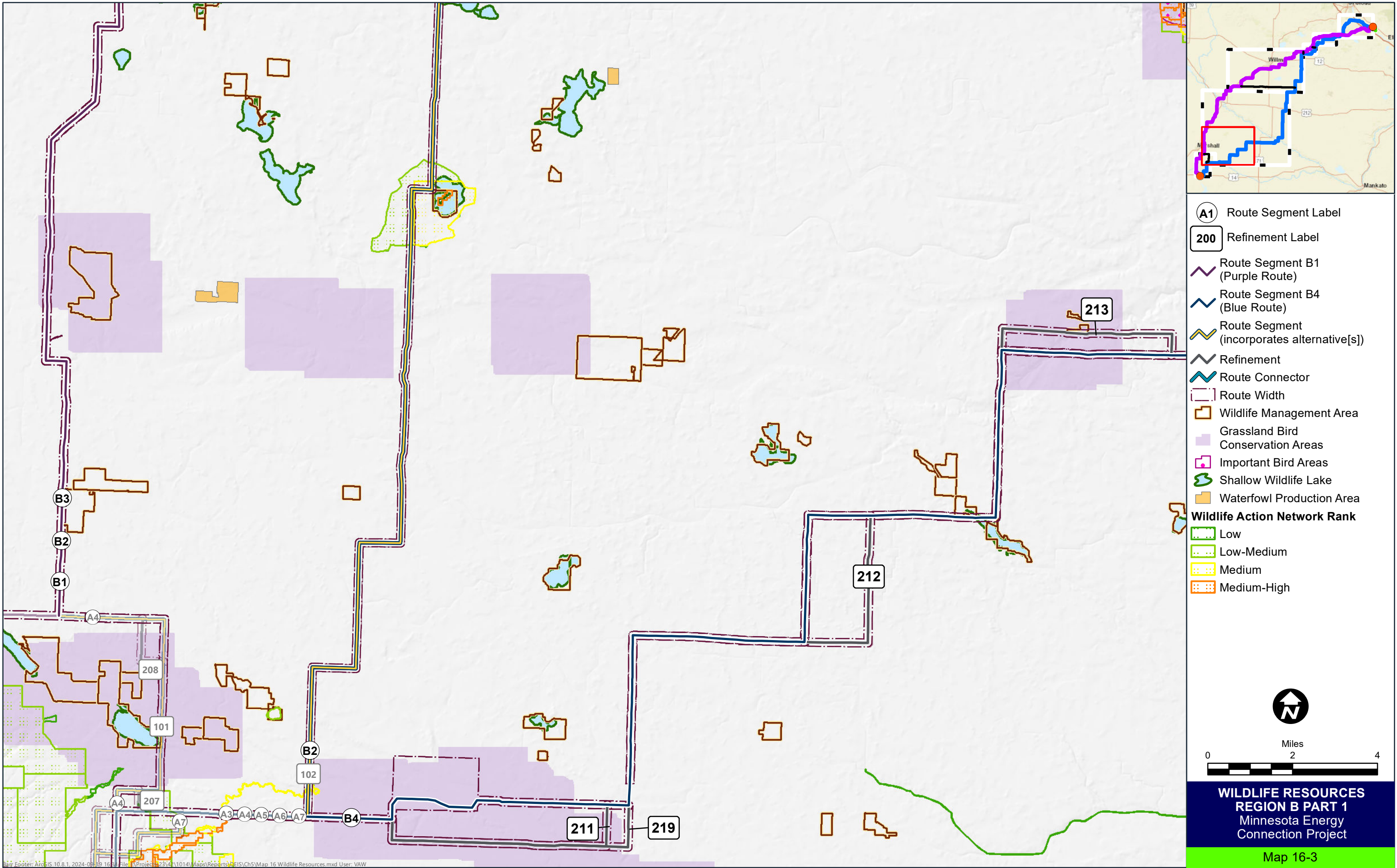


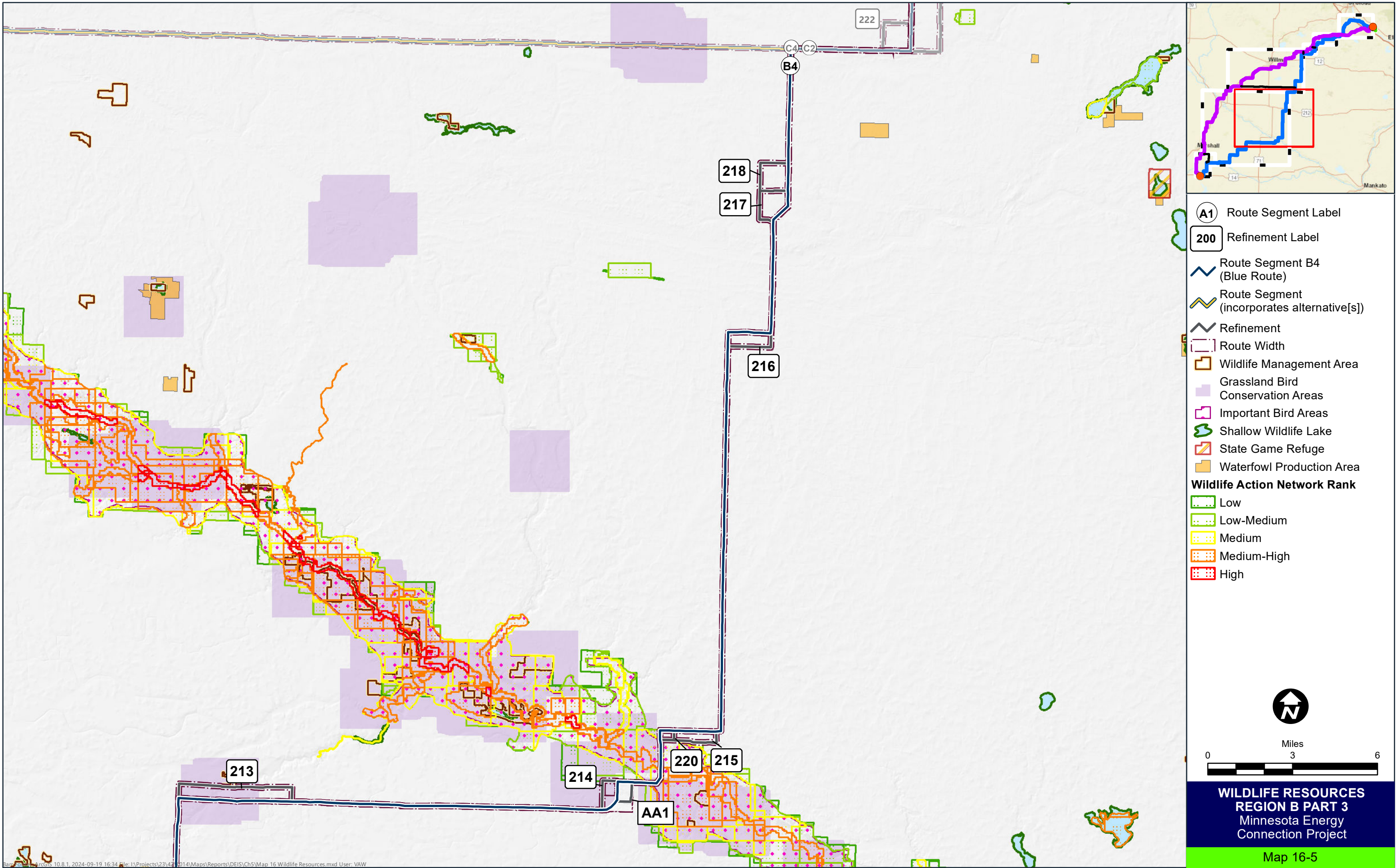
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- Route Segment B4 (Blue Route)
- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Refinement
- Route Connector
- Route Width
- Wildlife Management Area
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Important Bird Areas
- Shallow Wildlife Lake
- State Game Refuge
- Waterfowl Production Area
- Wildlife Action Network Rank**
- Low
- Low-Medium
- Medium
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- High

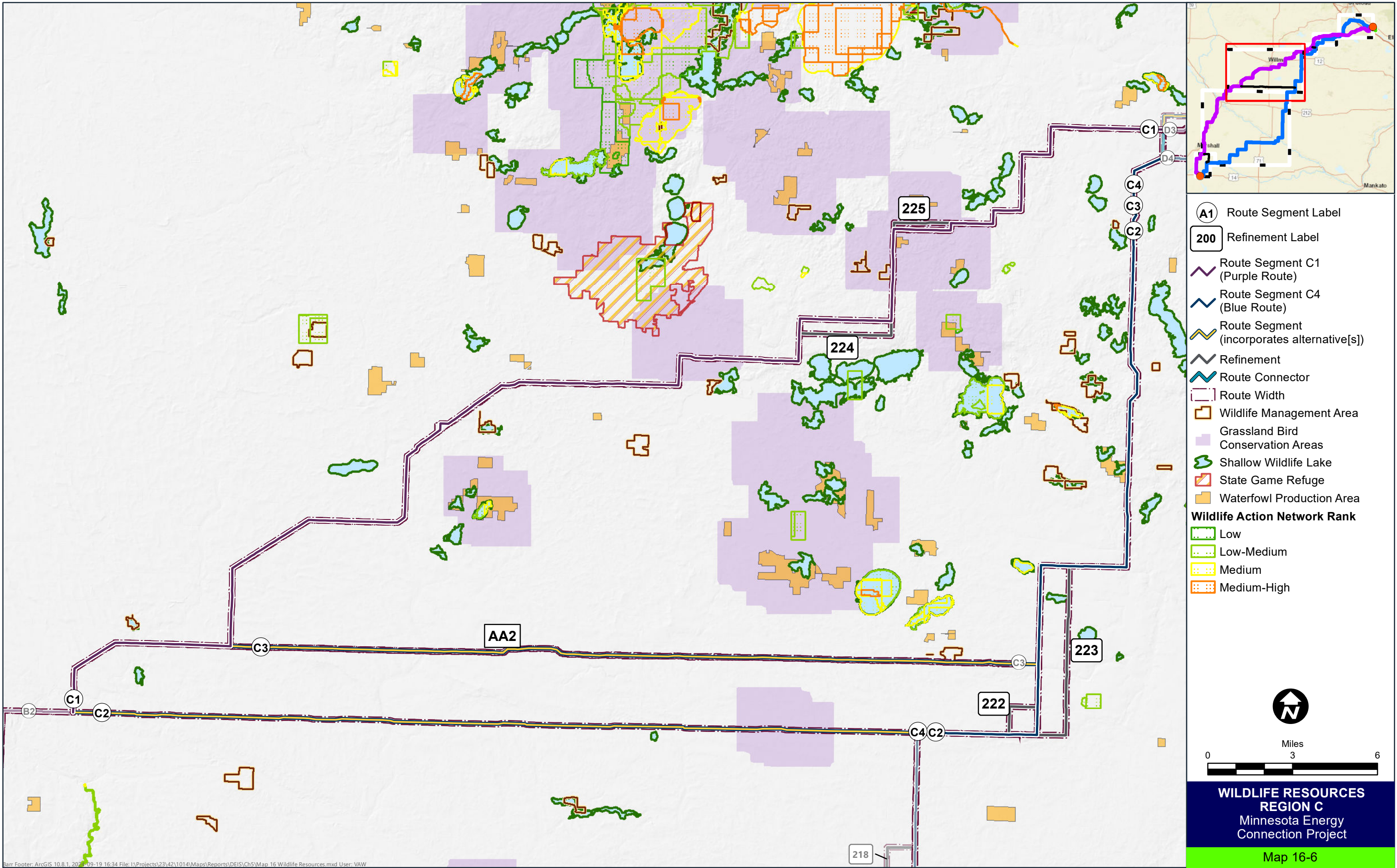


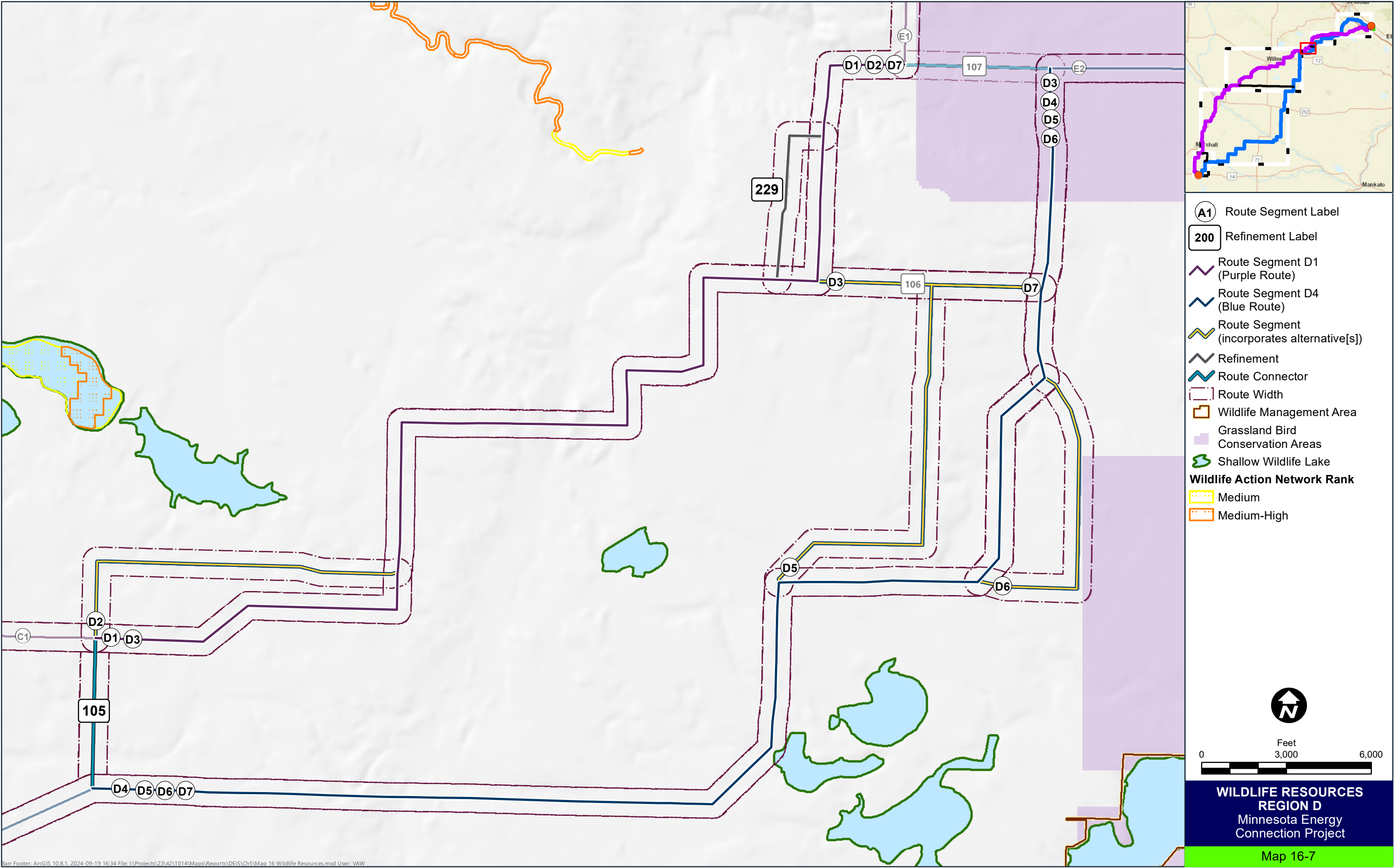
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REGION B OVERVIEW**
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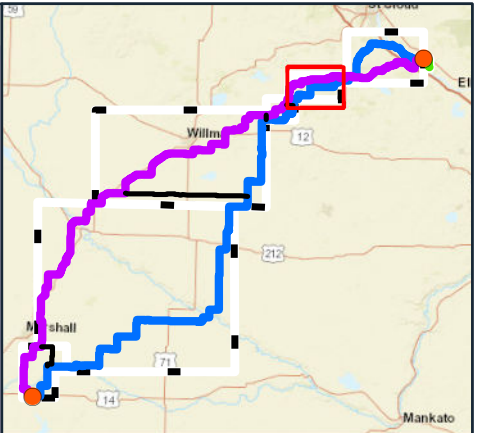
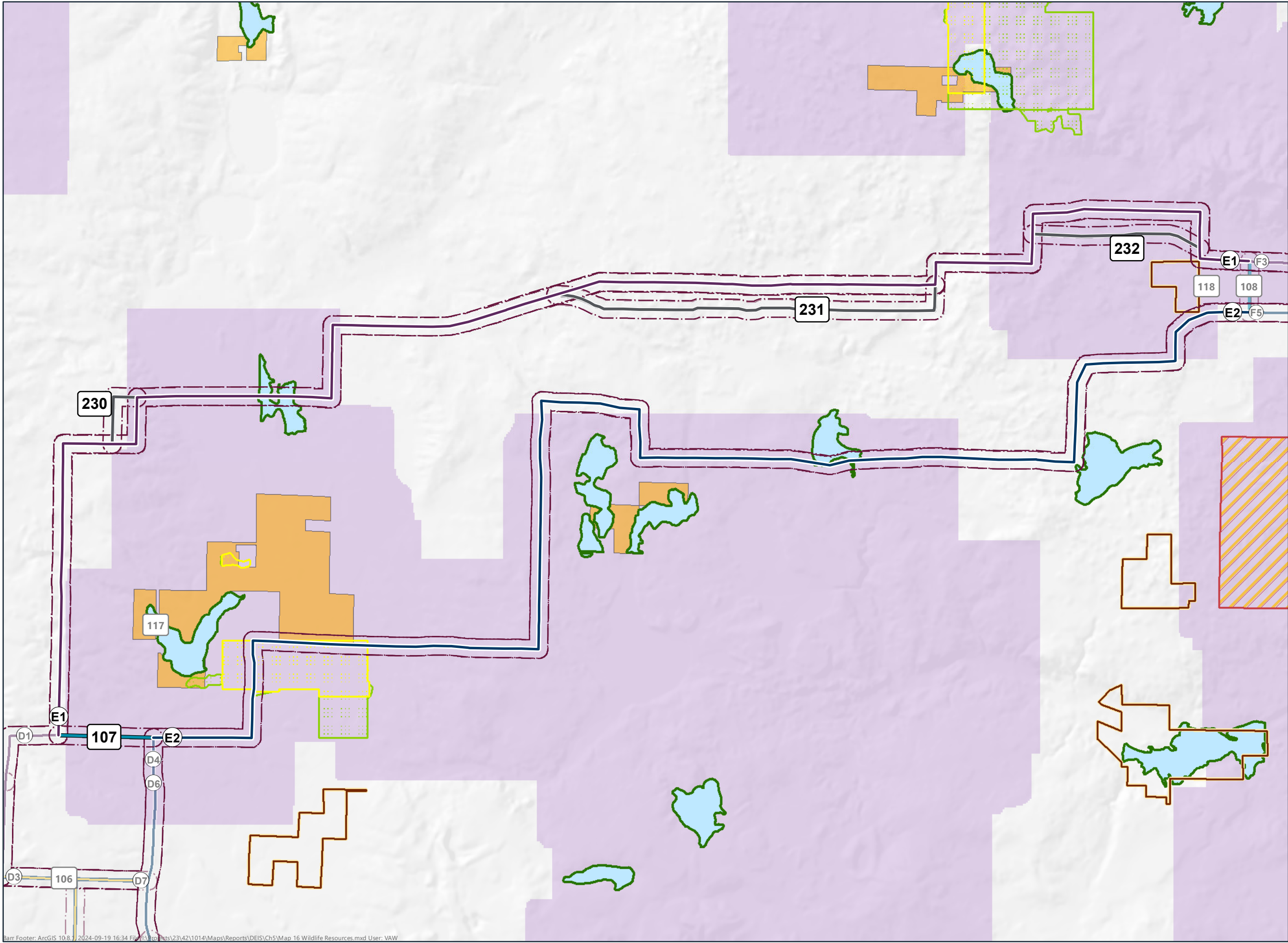
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- Route Segment E1 (Purple Route)
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- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Refinement
- Route Connector
- Route Width
- Wildlife Management Area
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- Shallow Wildlife Lake
- State Game Refuge
- Waterfowl Production Area
- Wildlife Action Network Rank**
 - Low
 - Low-Medium
 - Medium

Feet

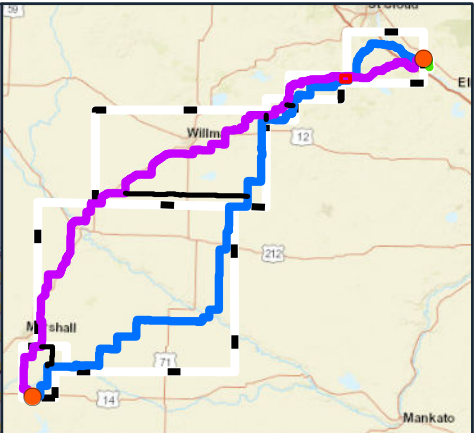
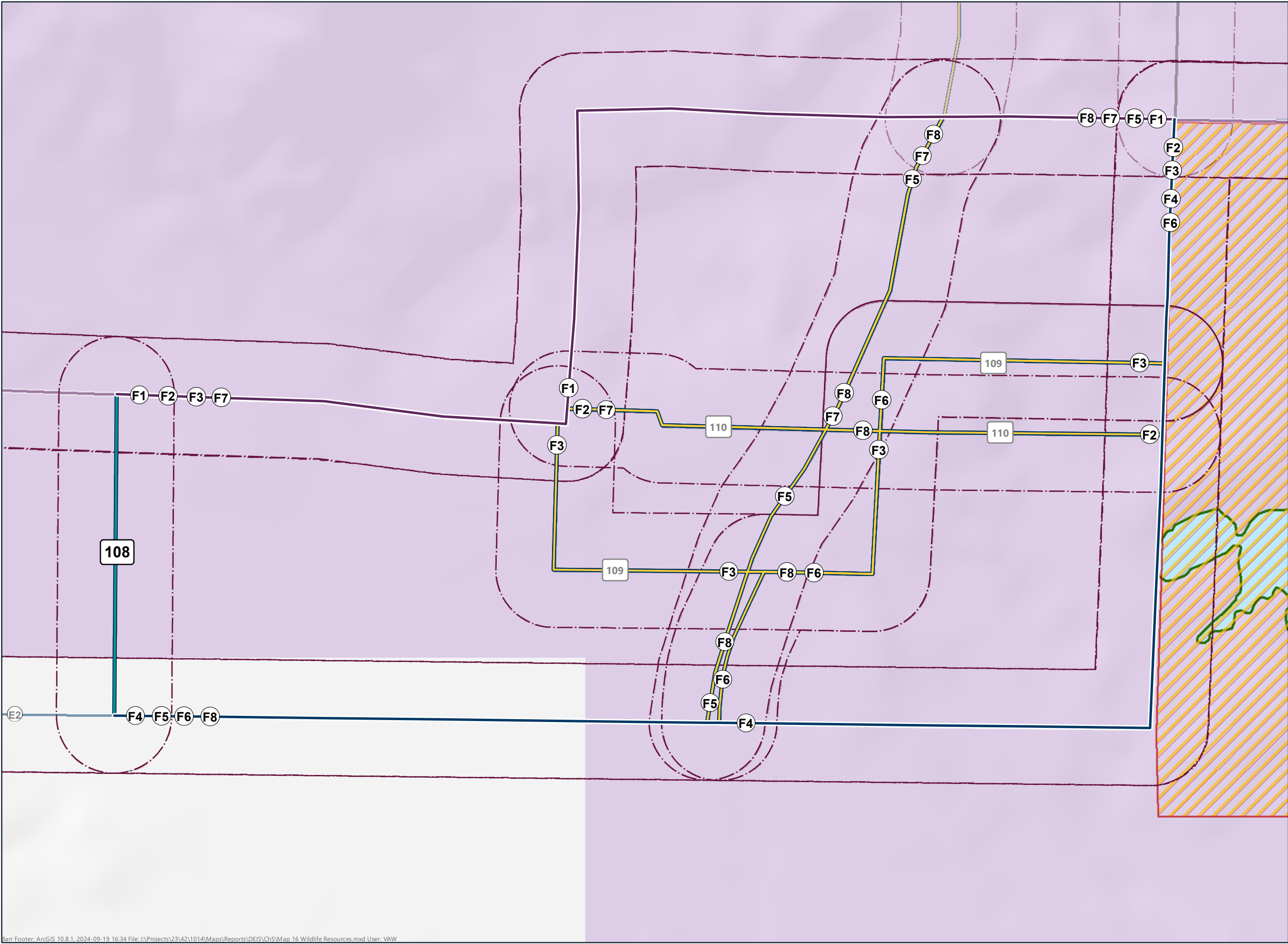
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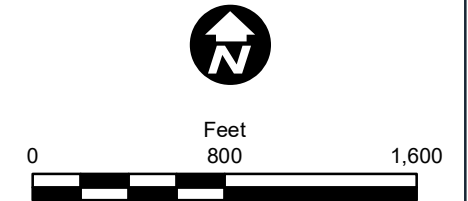
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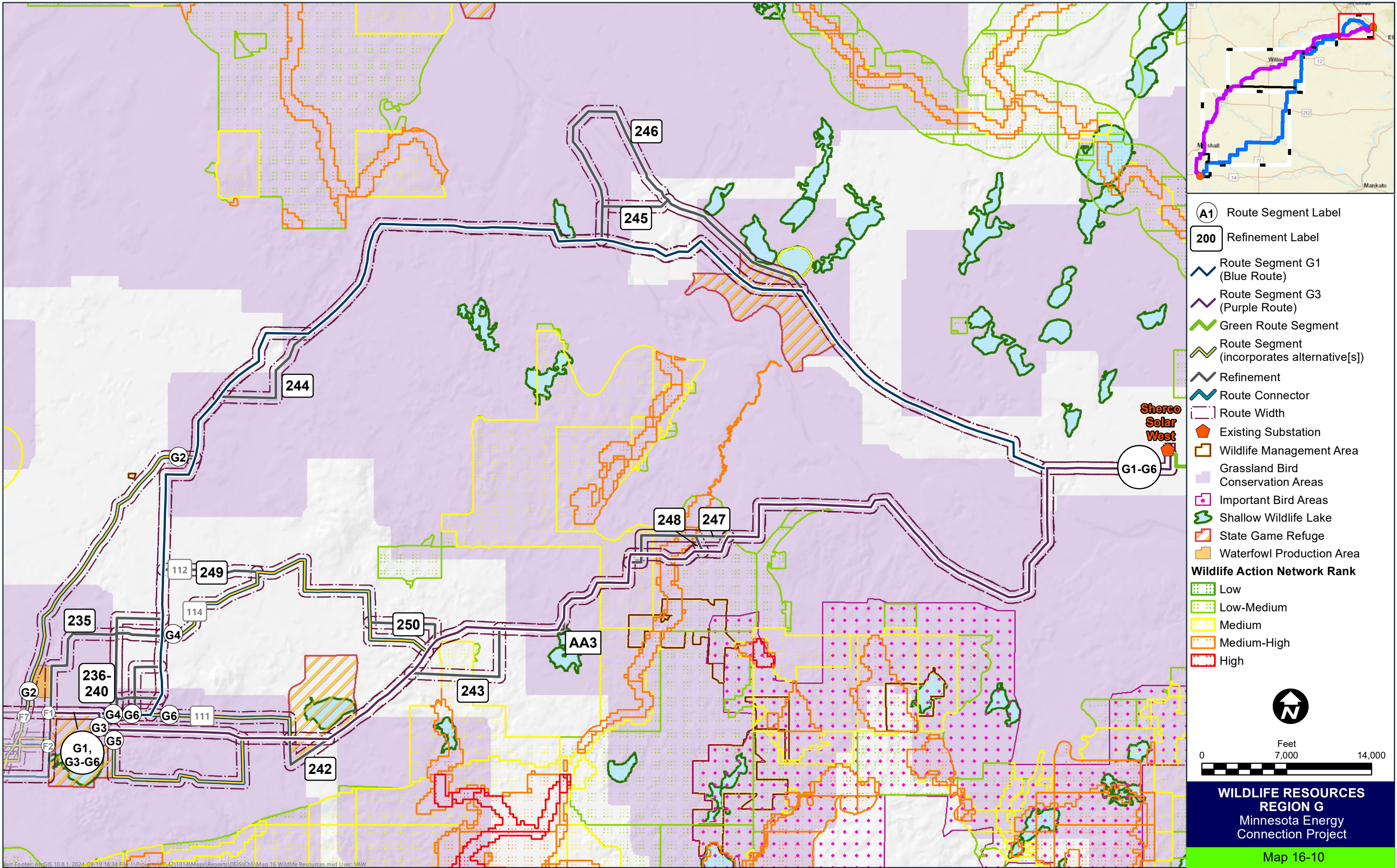
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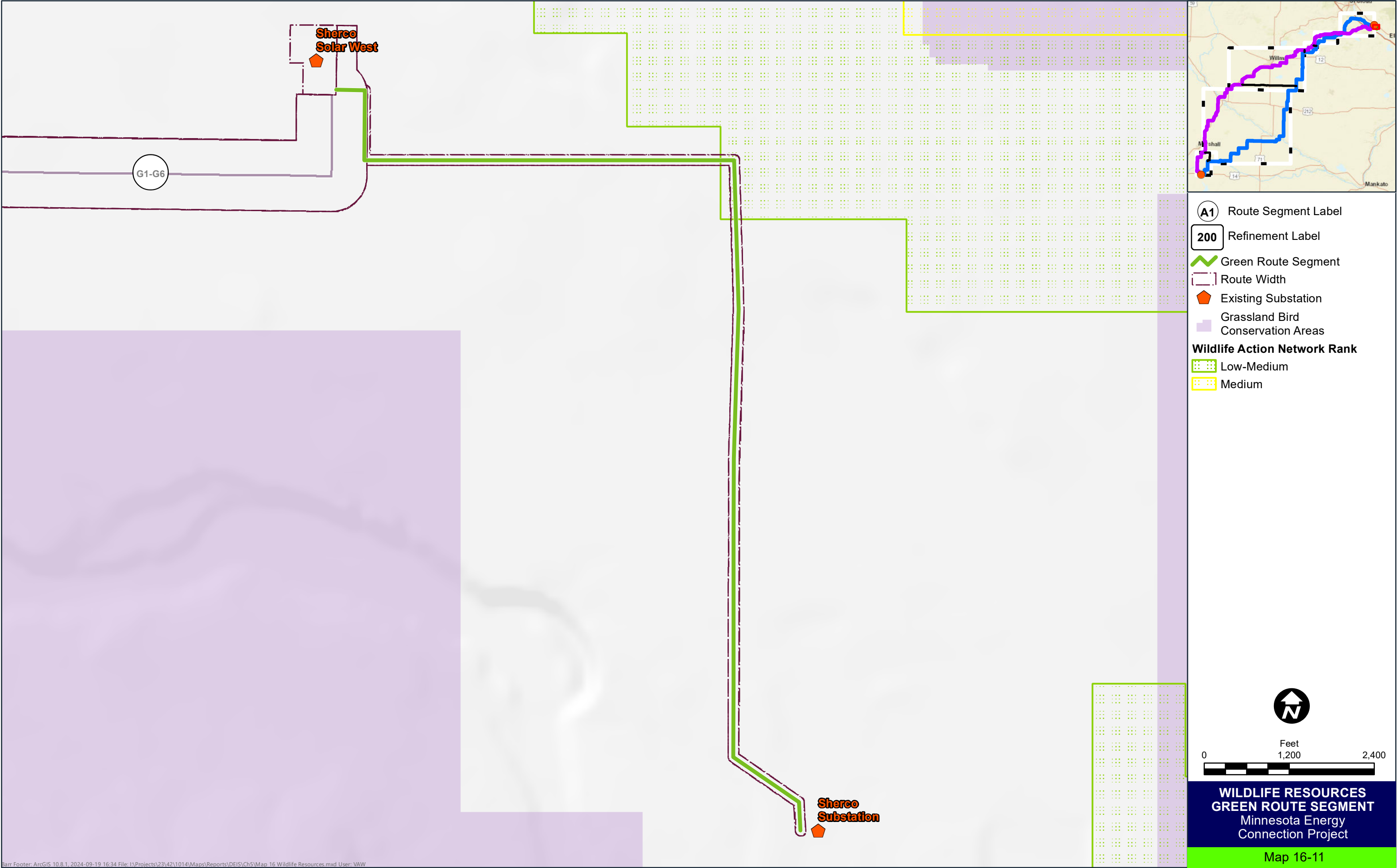
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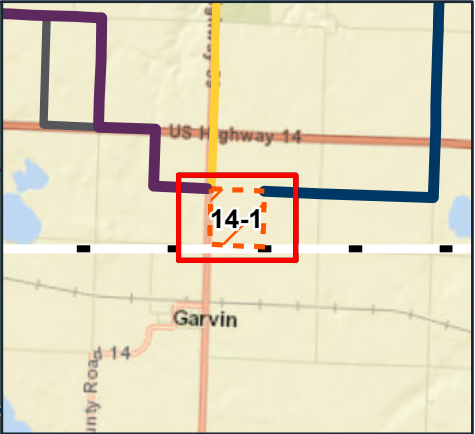
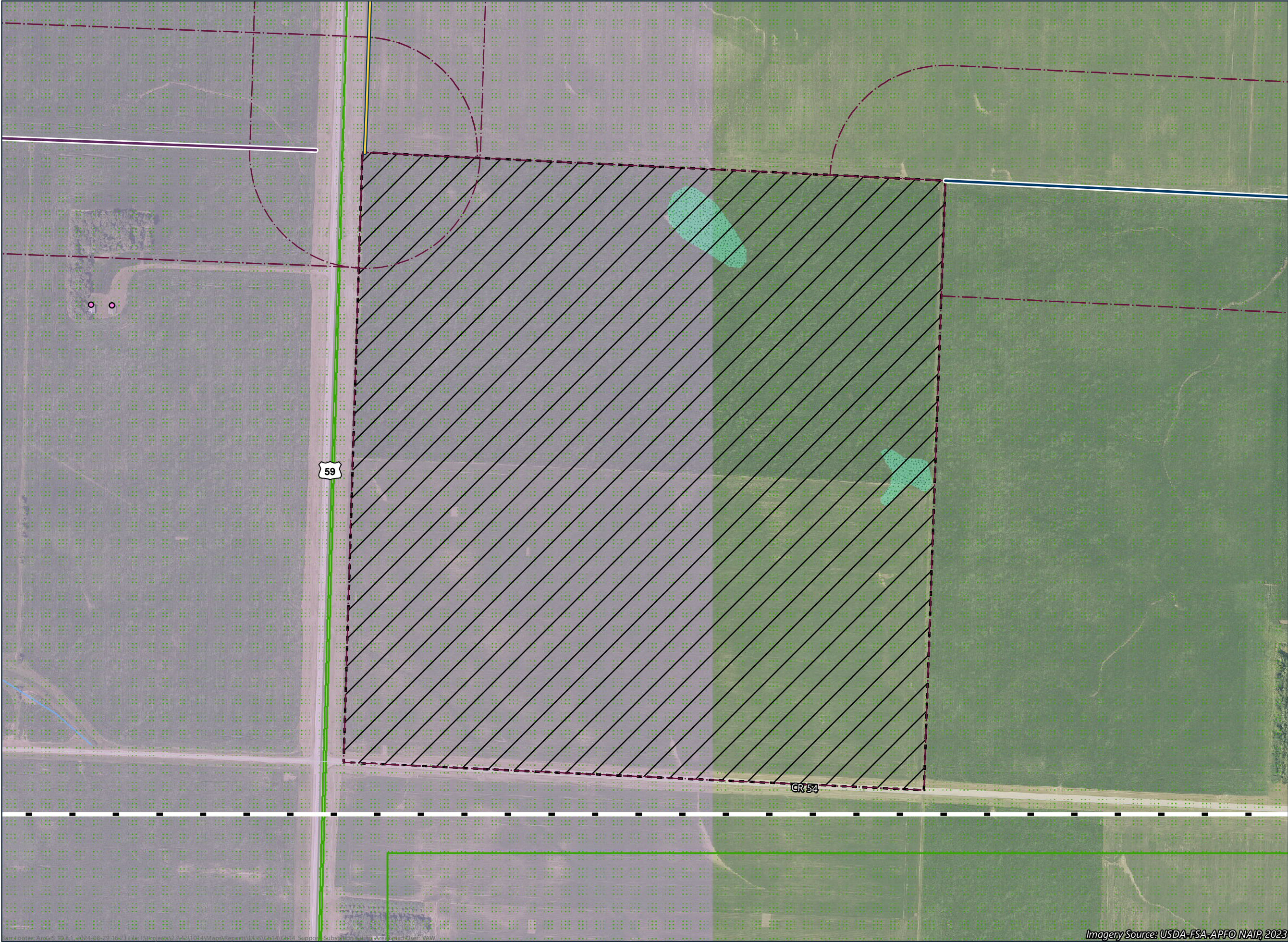


- (A1)** Route Segment Label
- 200** Refinement Label
- Route Segment F1 (Purple Route)
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- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Route Connector
- Route Width
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Shallow Wildlife Lake
- State Game Refuge

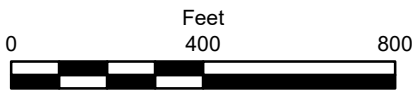




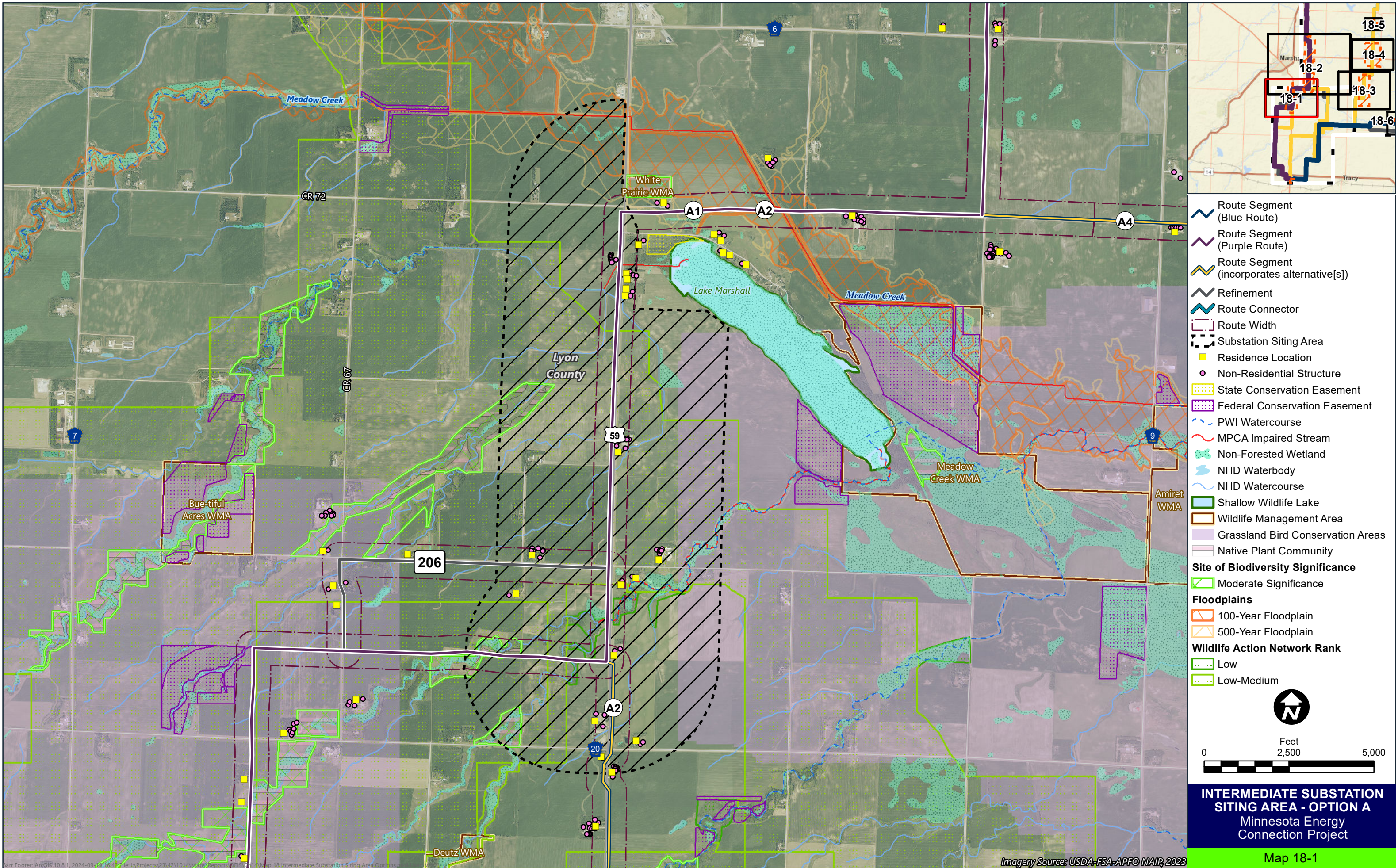


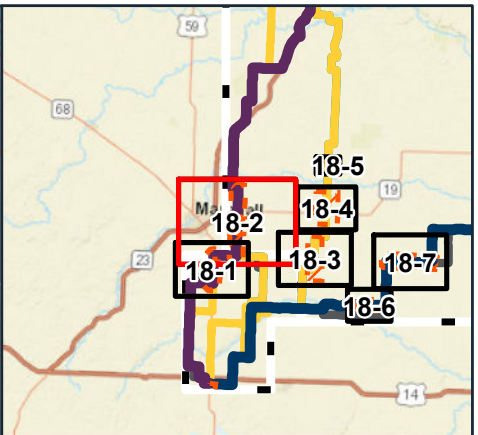
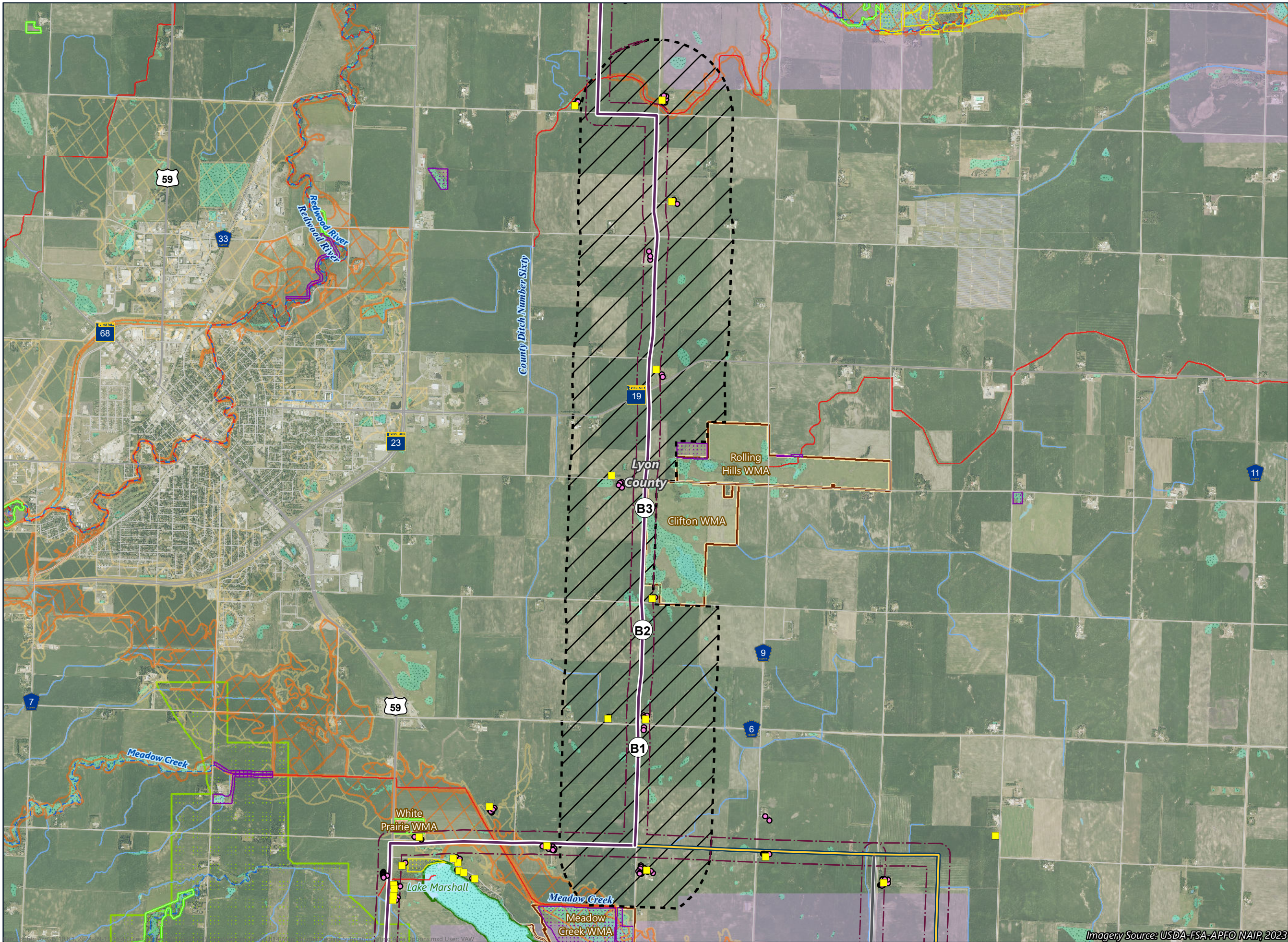


- Route Segment (Blue Route)
- Route Segment (Purple Route)
- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Route Width
- Substation Siting Area
- Assessment Region
- Non-Residential Structure
- Non-Forested Wetland
- NHD Watercourse
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Wildlife Action Network Rank**
- Low



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Route Segment (Blue Route)

Route Segment (Purple Route)

Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])

Refinement

Route Connector

Route Width

Substation Siting Area

Residence Location

Non-Residential Structure

State Conservation Easement

Federal Conservation Easement

PWI Watercourse

MPCA Impaired Stream

Non-Forested Wetland

NHD Waterbody

NHD Watercourse

Shallow Wildlife Lake

Wildlife Management Area

Grassland Bird Conservation Areas

Native Plant Community

Site of Biodiversity Significance

Moderate Significance

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain

500-Year Floodplain

Wildlife Action Network Rank

Low

Low-Medium

Feet

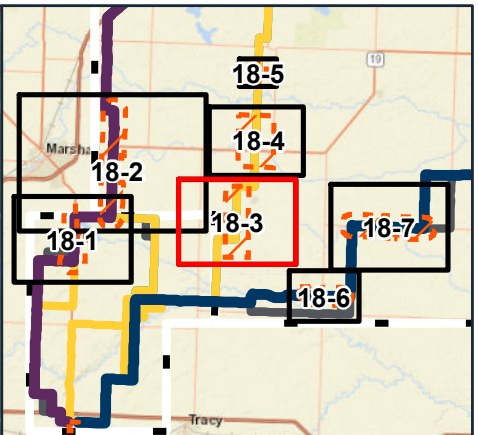
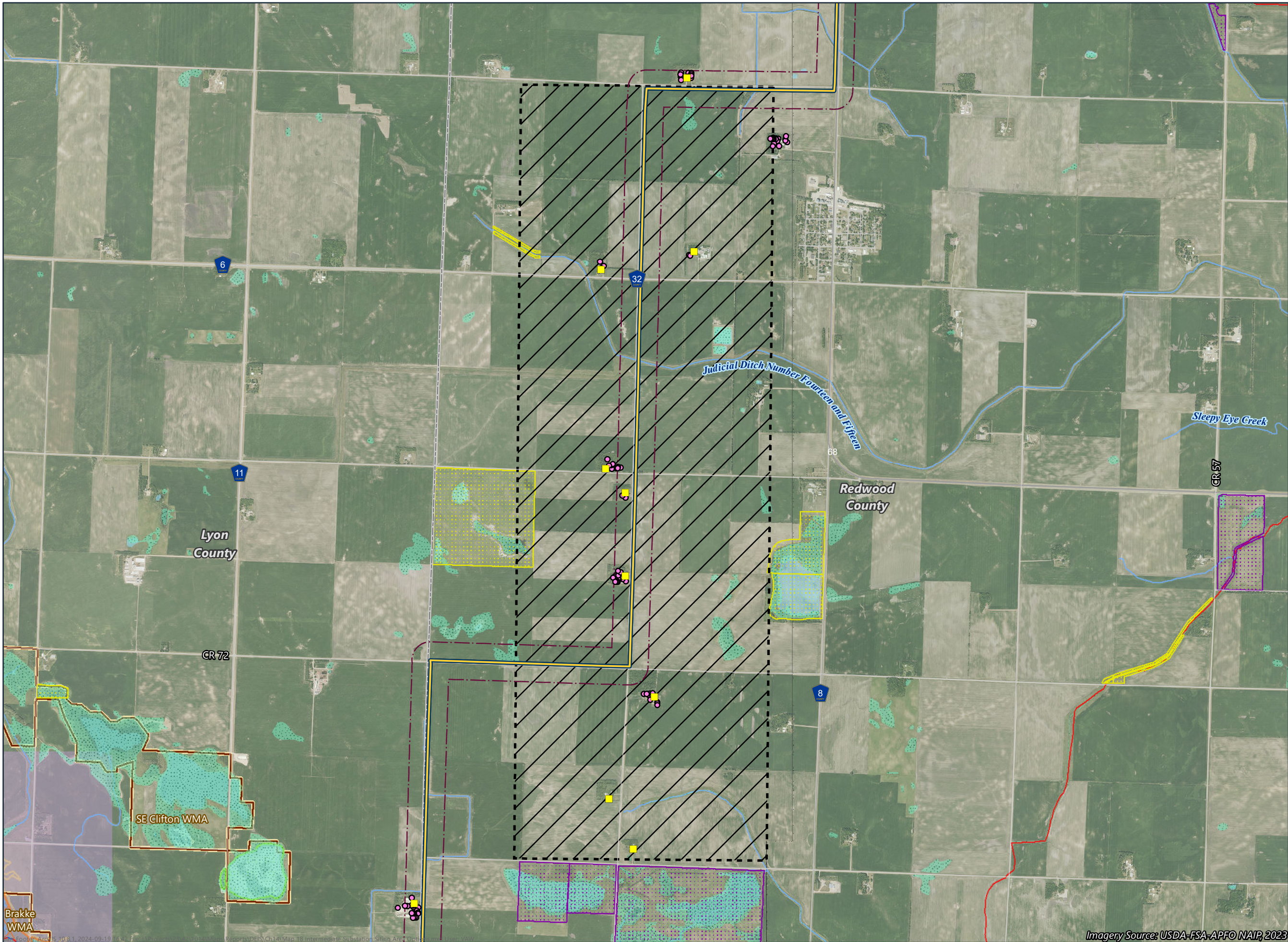
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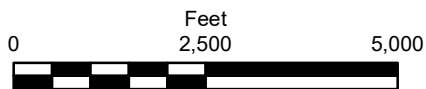
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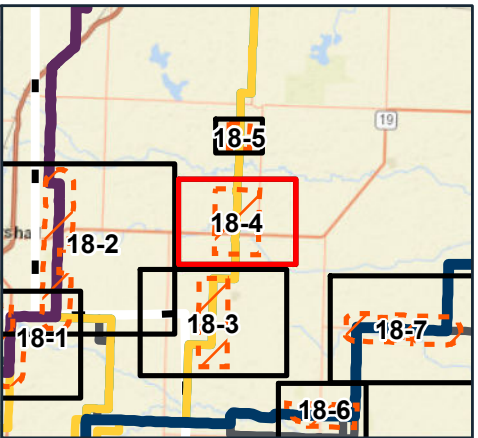
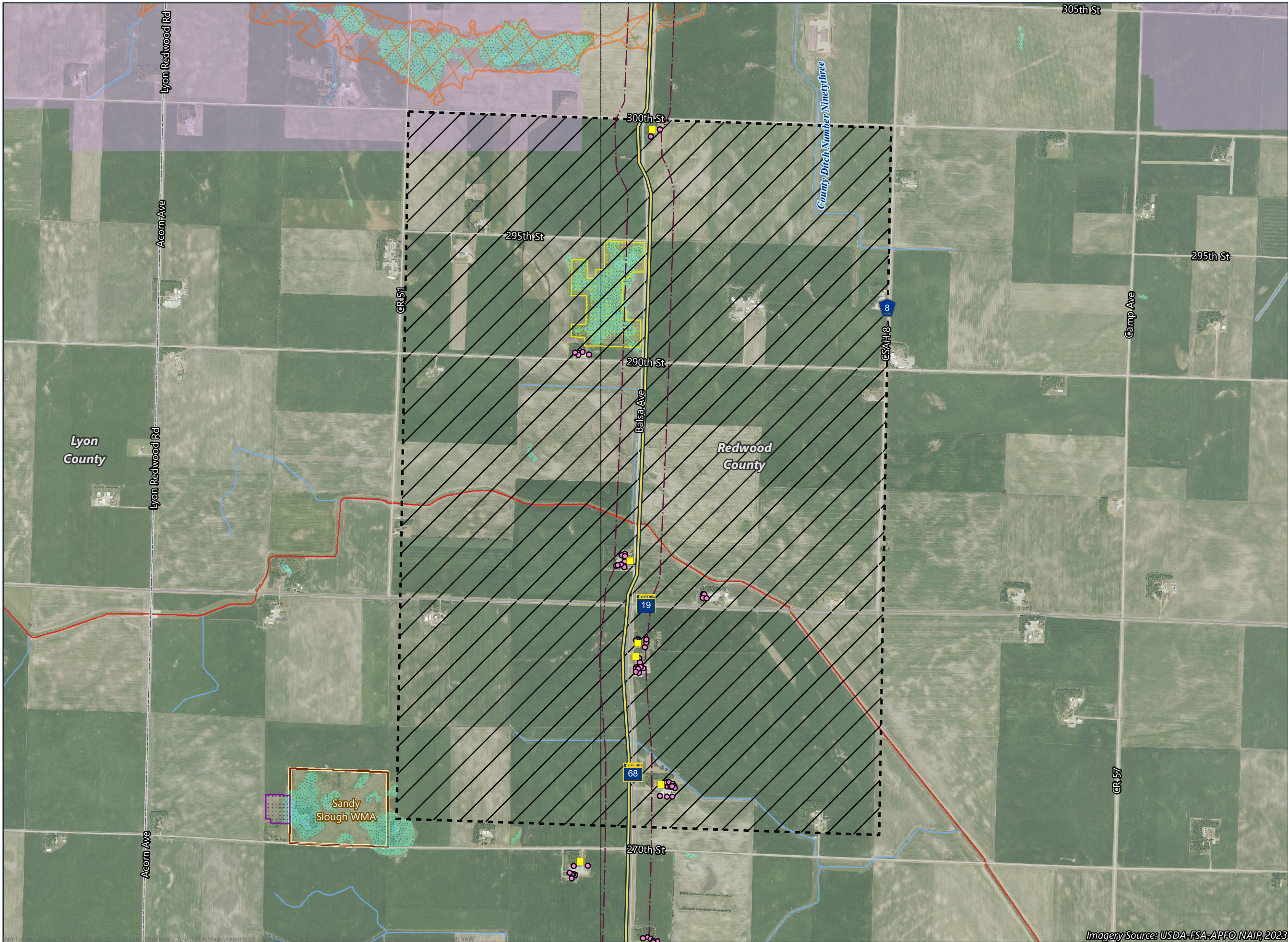
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- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Route Connector
- Route Width
- Substation Siting Area
- Residence Location
- Non-Residential Structure
- State Conservation Easement
- Federal Conservation Easement
- PWI Watercourse
- MPCA Impaired Stream
- Non-Forested Wetland
- NHD Waterbody
- NHD Watercourse
- Wildlife Management Area
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Floodplains**
 - 100-Year Floodplain
 - 500-Year Floodplain
- Wildlife Action Network Rank**
 - Low-Medium



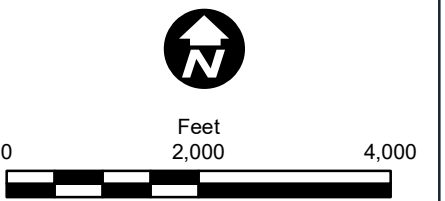
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SITING AREA - OPTION C**
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Map 18-3

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- Route Segment (Purple Route)
- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Route Connector
- Route Width
- Substation Siting Area
- Residence Location
- Non-Residential Structure
- State Conservation Easement
- Federal Conservation Easement
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- NHD Waterbody
- NHD Watercourse
- Wildlife Management Area
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Floodplains**
- 100-Year Floodplain

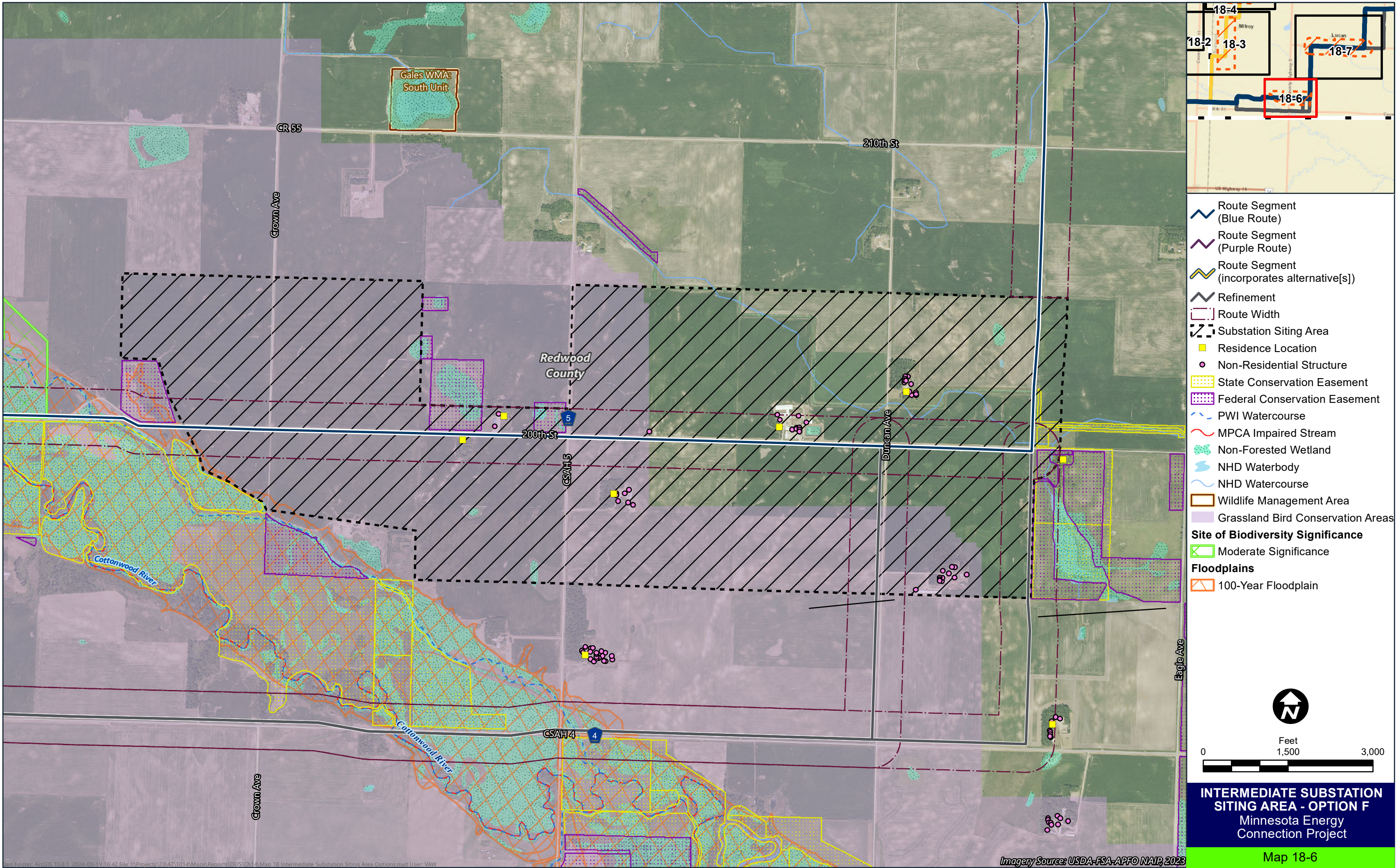


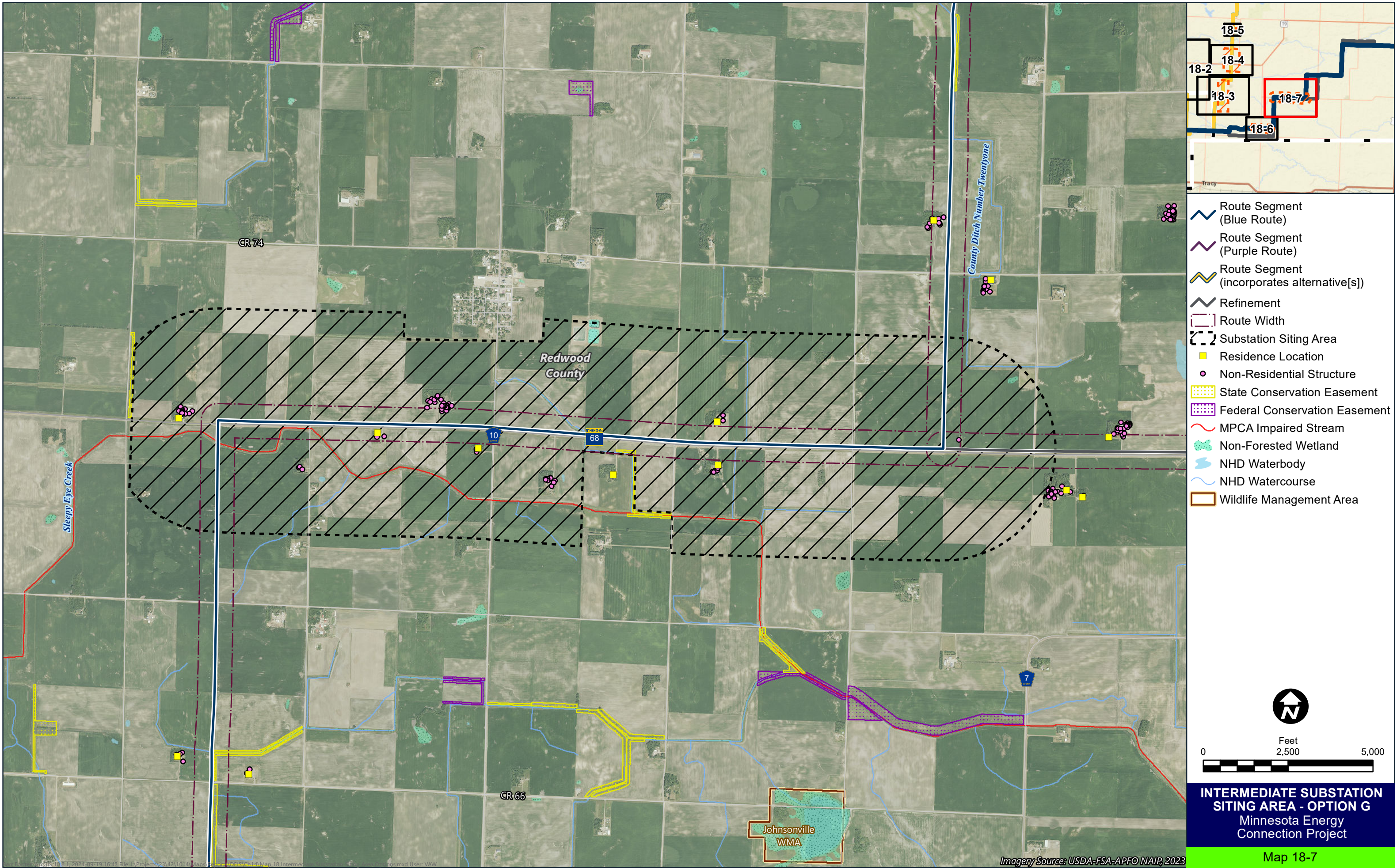
**INTERMEDIATE SUBSTATION
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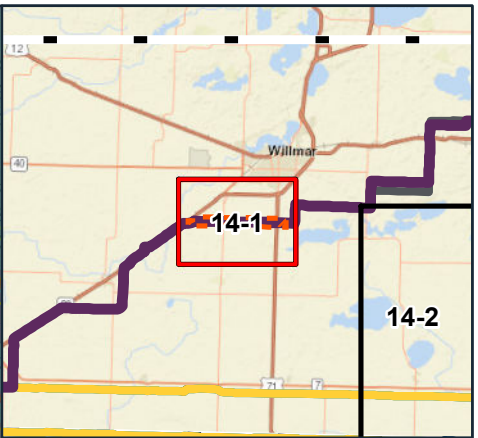
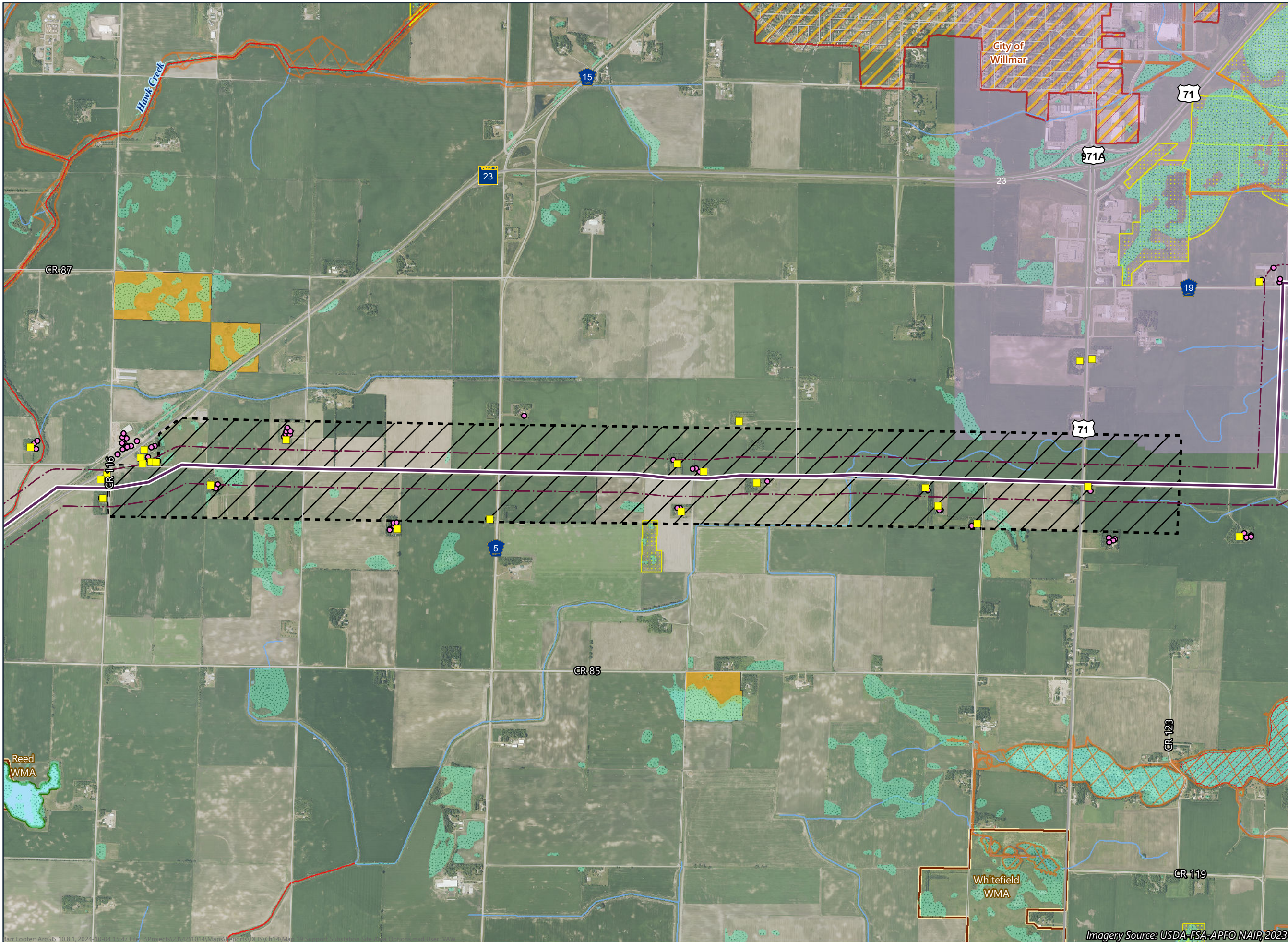
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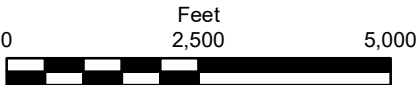




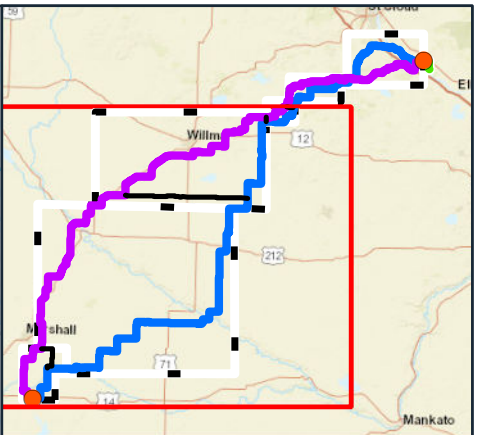
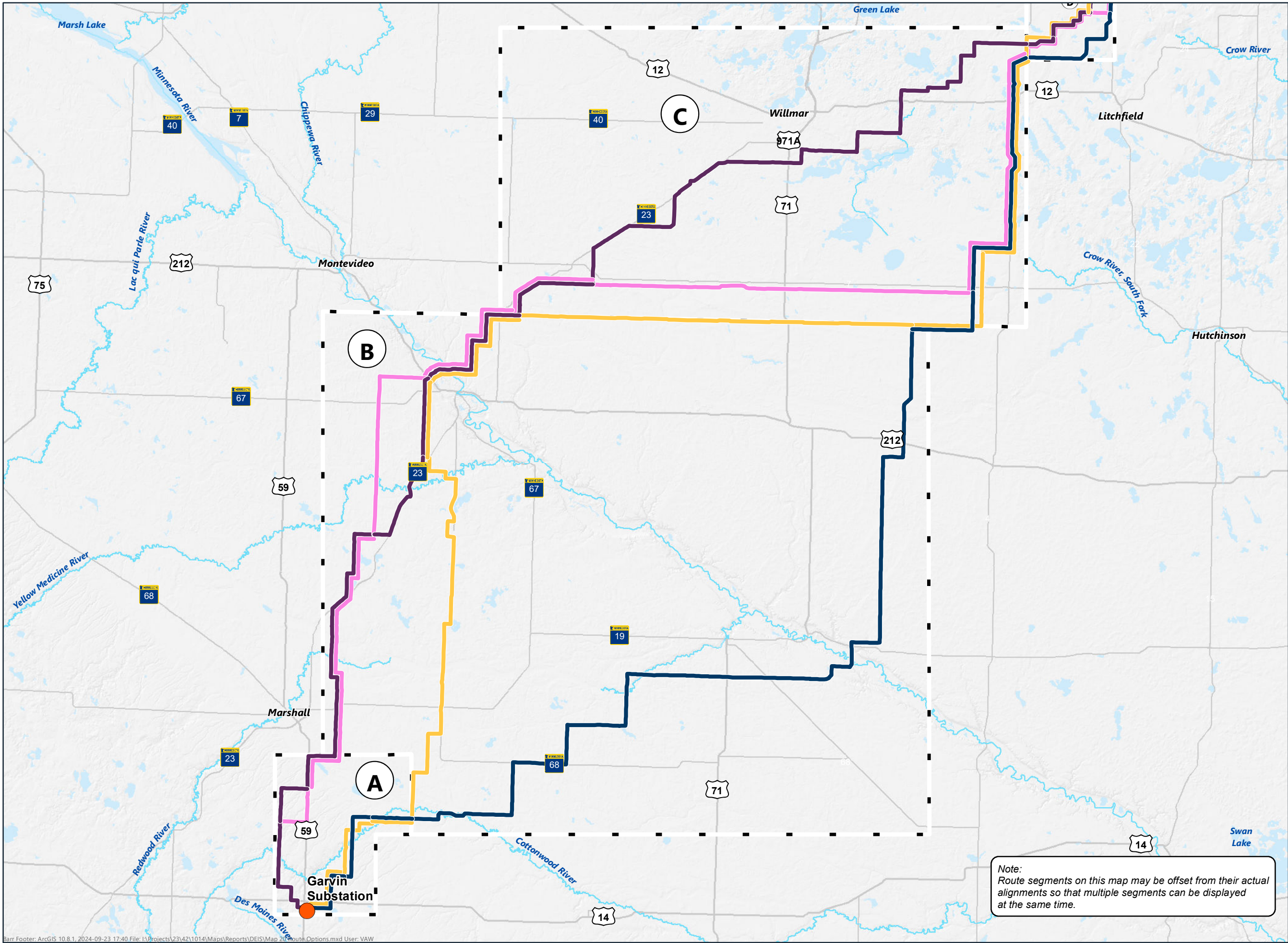




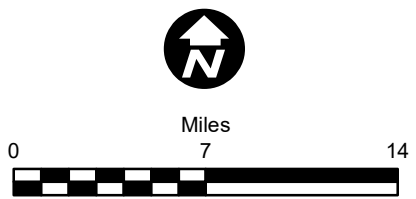
- Route Segment (Purple Route)
- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Route Width
- Substation Siting Area
- Assessment Region
- Residence Location
- Non-Residential Structure
- State Conservation Easement
- MPCA Impaired Waterbody
- MPCA Impaired Stream
- Non-Forested Wetland
- NHD Waterbody
- NHD Watercourse
- Shallow Wildlife Lake
- State Game Refuge
- Wildlife Management Area
- Waterfowl Production Area
- Grassland Bird Conservation Areas
- Floodplains**
- 100-Year Floodplain



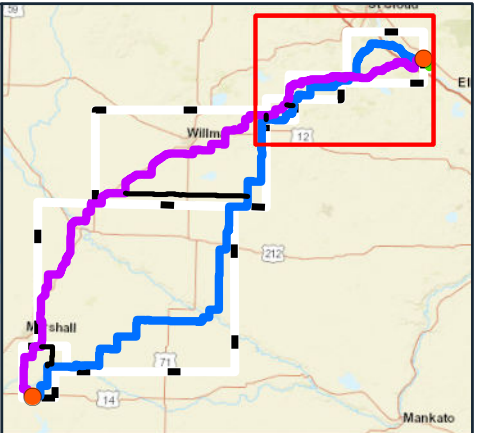
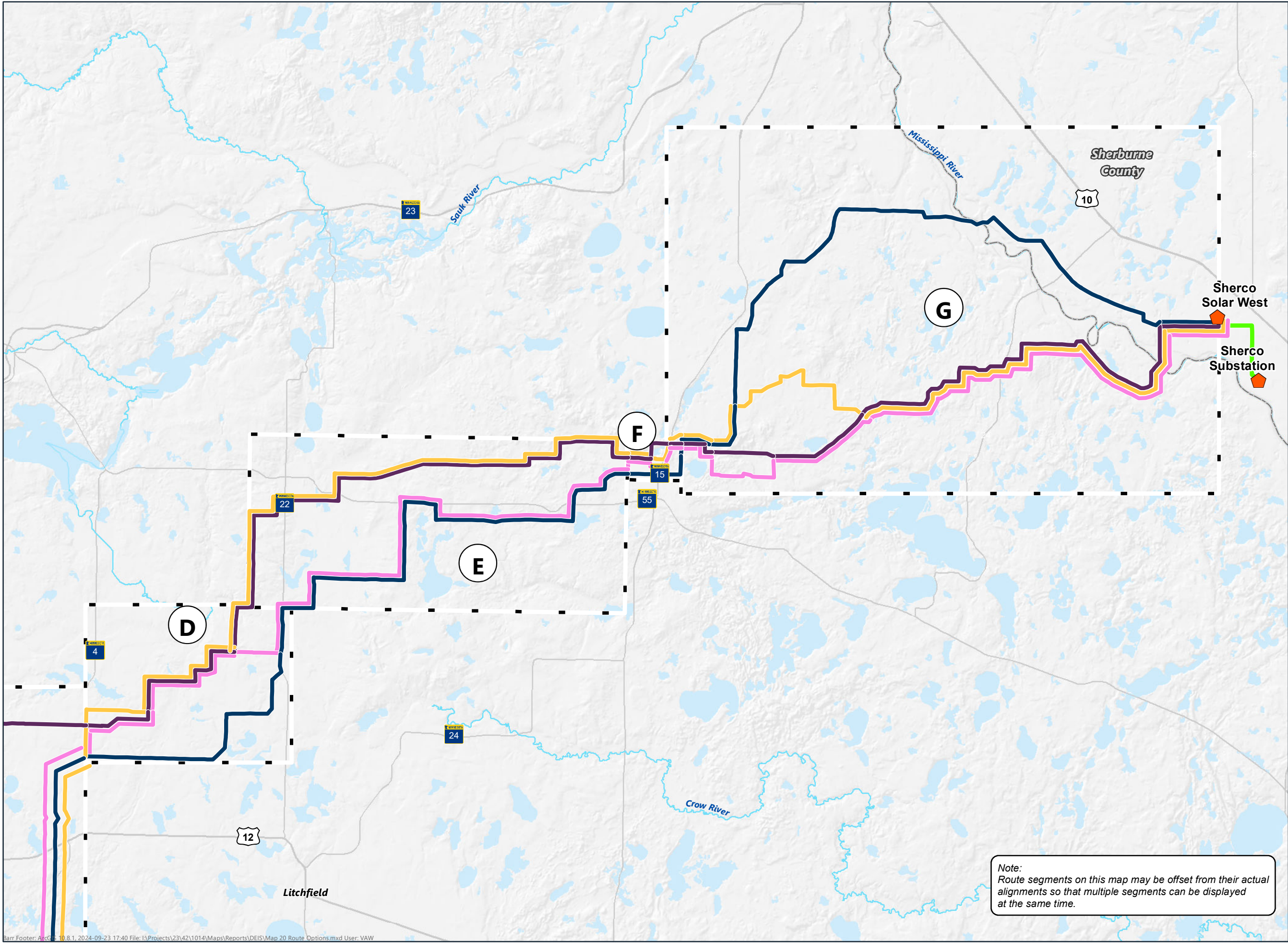
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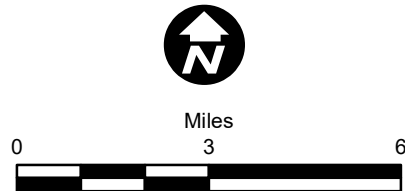
- Route Option A (Purple Route)
- Route Option B (Blue Route)
- Route Option C
- Route Option D
- Proposed Substation
- PWI Waterway
- PWI Basins
- Assessment Region



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- Route Option A (Purple Route)
- Route Option B (Blue Route)
- Route Option C
- Route Option D
- Green Route
- Existing Substation
- PWI Waterway
- PWI Basins
- Assessment Region



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