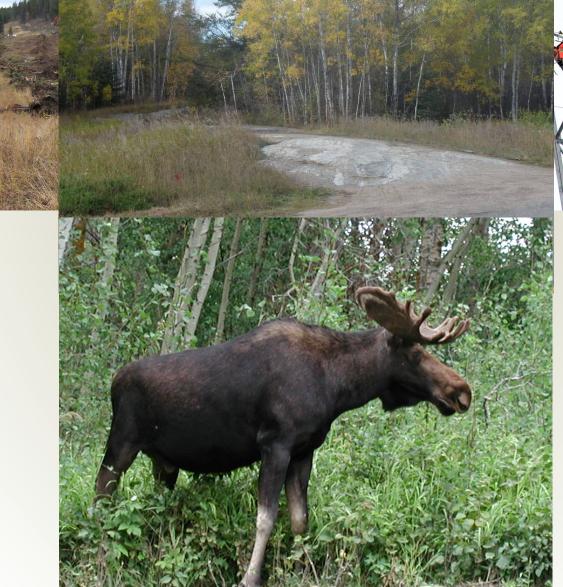


Lake Winnipeg East System Improvement Transmission Project Operational Access Management Plan





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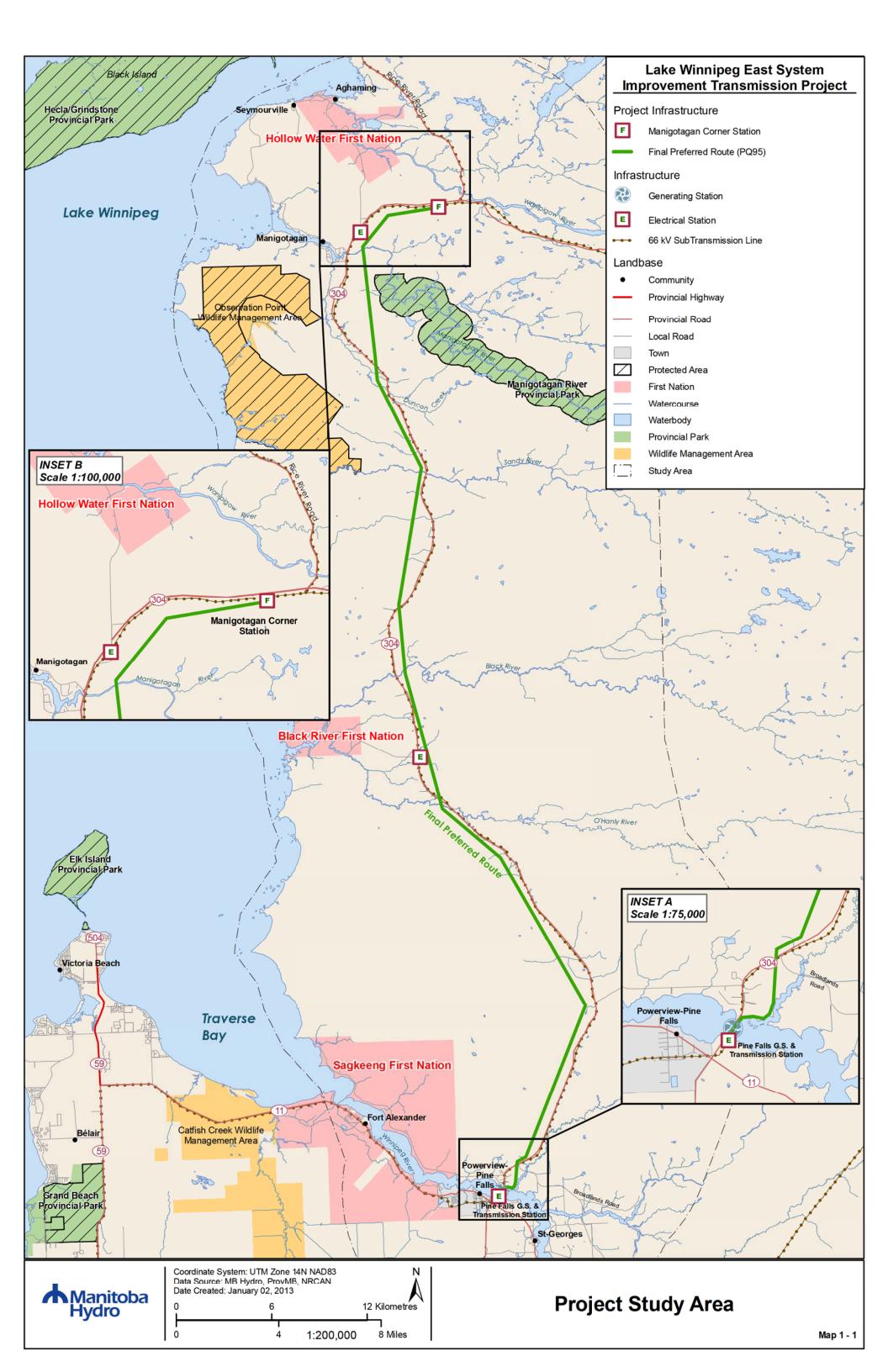
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1. Introduction

Consistent with its corporate Environmental Management Policy, Manitoba Hydro has committed, within the Lake Winnipeg East System Improvement Environmental Assessment Report (EA), to developing an operational access management plan (AMP) as part of a larger suite of mitigation measures to minimize potential negative environmental and socio-economic effects. The AMP is a direct response to recommendations made by Project study team specialists in supporting technical reports, key person interviews, stakeholder, public and Aboriginal engagement and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) studies. This AMP is a component of the overall Lake Winnipeg East System Improvement Operational and Maintenance Environmental Protection Program.



2. Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this AMP is to address issues of concern expressed by stakeholders, the public, and Aboriginal peoples during Project engagement, and by the environmental assessment team. The focus of this AMP is on the Operations and Maintenance phase of the Project.

The objectives of the AMP are to:

- Provide for safe, coordinated access onto and along the Project workers;
- Support sustainable use through the protection of natural resources within the Project area;
- Support the preservation of socio-economic, cultural, spiritual and heritage values within the Project area;
- Allow Manitoba Hydro staff and contractors to operate and maintain the Project year round (where applicable);
- Provide security for Project personnel and property; and
- Prescribe strategies and mitigation measures to minimize potential negative direct and indirect effects of Project access.

2.1 Access Management Plan Coverage

From a geographic perspective the scope of this AMP includes the Project's transmission right of way (ROW) and access routes and bypass trails as delineated in map book Appendix A.

3. Environment Act Licence Conditions

There are numerous licence conditions that apply to the operation and maintenance of the Project and can be found on the Manitoba Sustainable Development Public Registry

http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/5624lake_winnipeg/licence3120.pdf or from the Manitoba Hydro Licensing and Environmental Assessment Department. Below is a list of those licence conditions that apply to operational access management:

- 8. The Licencee shall, prior to completion of construction of the transmission line component of the Development, submit an operations and maintenance-phase access management plan for approval of the Director. The operations and maintenance access management plan shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a) the location of roads, trails, and water crossings required to access the right-of way of the Development for maintenance and ongoing operations purposes;
 - b) the identification of roads, trails, and water crossings to be decommissioned at the completion of construction, and the methods and timeframes for conducting decommissioning and rehabilitation works; and
 - c) methods to be used for managing vegetation along the right-of-way of the Development.
- 24. The Licencee shall, during construction and maintenance of the Development, prevent the introduction and spread of foreign biota (e.g., weeds, non-native species) on land and to surface waters. All equipment used for the construction of the Development shall be cleaned prior to entering the construction area. Monitoring for incursion of invasive plant species as a result of the project, and control programs for invasive plants, shall be conducted as described in the Proposal dated January 2, 2013.
- 28. The Licencee shall maintain or enhance existing visual barriers using vegetation composition and/or terrain features at all points where the transmission right-of-way of the Development intersects PR 304, to limit the ability of humans and predators to observe wildlife along the right-of-way. The length of the individual visual vegetation barriers shall be as indicated in the in the access management plans approved pursuant to Clause 7 and 8 of this Licence, unless otherwise approved by the IRMT.
- 29. The Licencee shall not create or improve any roads, trails, or other access routes for construction and/or maintenance of the transmission line component of Development unless approved in the access management plans pursuant to Clause 7 and 8 of this Licence, or as otherwise approved by the IRMT.
- 30. The Licensee shall design and maintain access routes to the transmission line right-of-way originating from PR 304 for a maximum line-of-sight of 50 metres from the centreline of PR 304 where possible, unless otherwise approved by the IRMT.
- 31. The Licencee shall decommission and rehabilitate any access routes created or improved in association with the transmission line component Development that are not required for maintenance or operation upon completion of construction of the Development, as indicated

in the operations and maintenance access management plan approved pursuant to Clause 8 of this Licence.

The above licence conditions are to be upheld during any and all operations and maintenance activities, if you require any assistance in interpreting or implementing these conditions please contact your departments Environmental Specialist or Licensing and Environmental Assessment Department at <u>LEAProjects@hydro.mb.ca</u> or 1-877-343-1631

4. Indigenous and Stakeholder Interests and Issues

The primary concerns from indigenous organizations, stakeholders, regulators and environmental assessment team are protection of the environment, wildlife species, interference with resource use practices/activities, and safety. It is important to note that the majority of access routes to the ROW were pre-existing of the Project development and are of great interest to variety of resource users, Manitoba Hydro staff and contractors must exercise due care when conducting its maintenance activities with respect to these pre-existing access routes and the resource users ability to utilize them.

5. Visual Barriers

Manitoba Hydro will maintain or enhance existing visual barriers using vegetation composition and/or terrain features at all points where the transmission line right-of-way intersects Provincial Road 304, to limit the line of sight of humans and predators along the right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Integrated Resource Management Team (IRMT) of Manitoba Sustainable Development (SD).

6. Approved Access Routes and By-pass Trails

In the attached map book (Appendix A) approved access routes and bypass trails are identified, if additional access routes or by-pass trails are required to be cleared and/or constructed on Crown Land please contact the SD Eastern Region IRMT in Lac Du Bonnet, MB. For additional access routes or by-pass trails on private lands seek authorization from landowner.

7. Access Decommissioning

Transmission development on the landscape often requires the creation of or improving of existing access roads and trails to facilitate construction and operation of the development. Manitoba Hydro's preference is to utilize existing roads and trails to the extent possible prior to development of any new access routes. The use of existing access routes may result in vegetation removal and road base improvements. Where access is not required for operations those access routes will be allowed to return to their previous state or decommissioned through a trench and berm technique, each access decommissioning prescription is identified in Appendix A.

- Trench and berm technique The access route is dug out and usually a culvert removed, the cut is then extended to treed edge or up to 100 meters on each side of the route to discourage travel by 4WD trucks. The berm is on the main access side of the cut, two "Closed" signs (approx. 10" x 12"), and two white/orange barricade panels will be installed on either side of trench and berm.
- 2) Rock Boulders technique- Boulders of sufficient number and size that heavy equipment is required to move them will be installed across the access route to the treed edge or up to 100m on each side of the route to discourage travel by 4WD trucks. Two "Closed" signs (approx. 10" x 12"), and two white/orange barricade panels will be installed on either side of boulders when this technique is installed in place of trench and berm technique due to bedrock ground conditions.

8. Right of way Vegetation Management

The long-term objective of the Vegetation Management Program is the conversion of the right of way from dense stands of tall growing vegetation, into low-growing stable plant communities compatible with the safe and reliable operation of the Transmission System. Manitoba Hydro uses a variety of industry standard techniques to manage target vegetation on and off the ROW. Specifically; the integrated vegetation management practices focus on vegetation that can or have the potential to grow and/or fall, into or within the arcing distance of the transmission lines and or facilities. The natural regeneration of woody incompatible tree species must be controlled to maintain a safe and reliable transmission system.

The Programs goals are:

- To maintain the integrity of the transmission system to ensure that there are no outages due to interference and/or contact with the conductors from vegetation;
- To provide access, where reasonable to all structures in the transmission system;
- Reduce the risk of fires caused by trees contacting lines;
- Respect traditional land uses, practices and indigenous rights;
- Utilize maintenance methods which are legal, safe, and economically feasible to the utility industry;
- Develop and promote land use practices with land owners which discourage development of incompatible tree species (e.g. pastures, wildlife food plots and habitat, , agriculture, etc.).

This Program also strives to:

- Encourage a stable, low growing plant community;
- Selectively control only non-compatible species;
- Reduce environmental effects of vegetation maintenance operations; and
- Enhance biodiversity.

There are four primary ways of managing the ROW to achieve the objective of a stable low growing plant Community:

- Selective control Wherever possible, control methods target only tall-growing vegetation and retain, encourage or introduce desirable low-growing species, particularly shrubs and indigenous plants that are naturally present on the site, since this helps to suppress tallgrowing species.
- Compatible use Encourage the use of ROWs for activities that will not conflict with transmission lines and that control or prevent the growth of tall trees, such as recreational or agricultural uses.
- No clearing required (NCR) Areas not cleared are where trees at their mature height will
 never come within the "limits of approach" (minimum allowable distance between vegetation
 and the conductor) at the maximum "conductor sag" (degree to which the line could sag
 towards the ground). NCR sites are those that will likely never require vegetation
 maintenance because they pose no threat to transmission lines.
- Altering existing vegetation In rare cases where it is impractical to remove undesirable species from along the edges of the ROW, existing vegetation can be modified by pruning or trimming to maintain clearances from transmission lines.

8.1 Treatment Options

To prevent vegetation related electrical grounding, and/or outages, trees on and off the ROW must not be permitted to grow or fall within the minimum wire clearance standard. Right of way design criteria (permissible tree heights and side distances) account for maximum designed conductor sag and sway. Trees are managed by measuring the tree height from the ground up, rather than measuring the distance from the vegetation to the wires.

Control practices include either and/or a combination of the following:

- Manual clearing;
- Mechanical clearing;
- Cultural; and
- Herbicide.

Vegetation control on Manitoba Hydro's ROWs are achieved primarily through mechanical control (wheeled or tracked prime movers with drum or rotary cutters, mulcher, feller-bunchers, bulldozers with modified brush blades, etc.,), herbicides, and manual control (chain saws, brush saws, and brush axes).

The method and timing chosen depends on the species, growing conditions, and density of the noncompatible species; the existing plant community; the terrain; economic feasibility; environmental sensitivity; and the ownership of the ROW and adjacent property.

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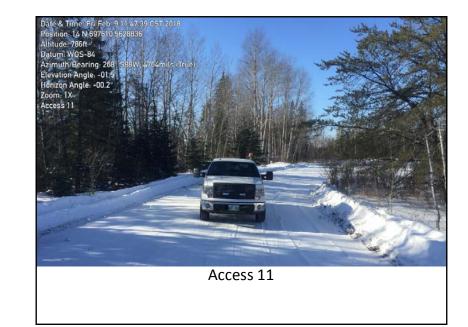




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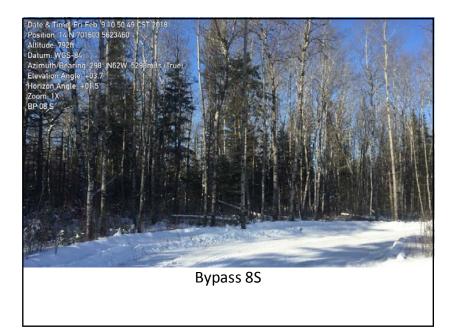




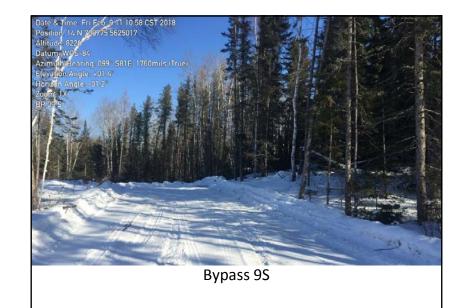






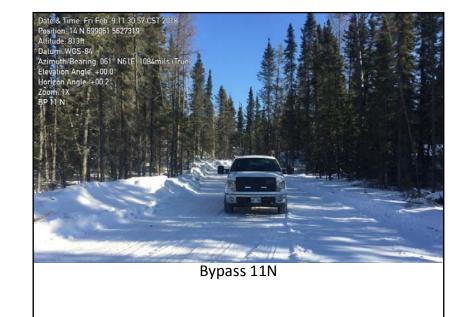
















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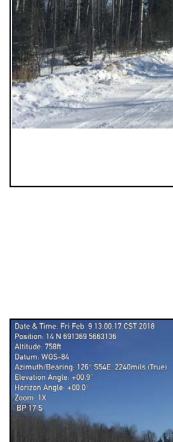
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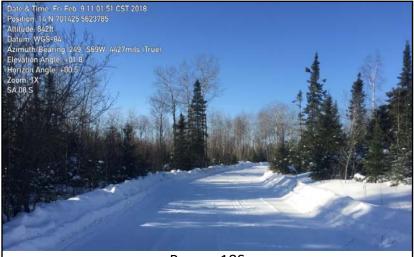


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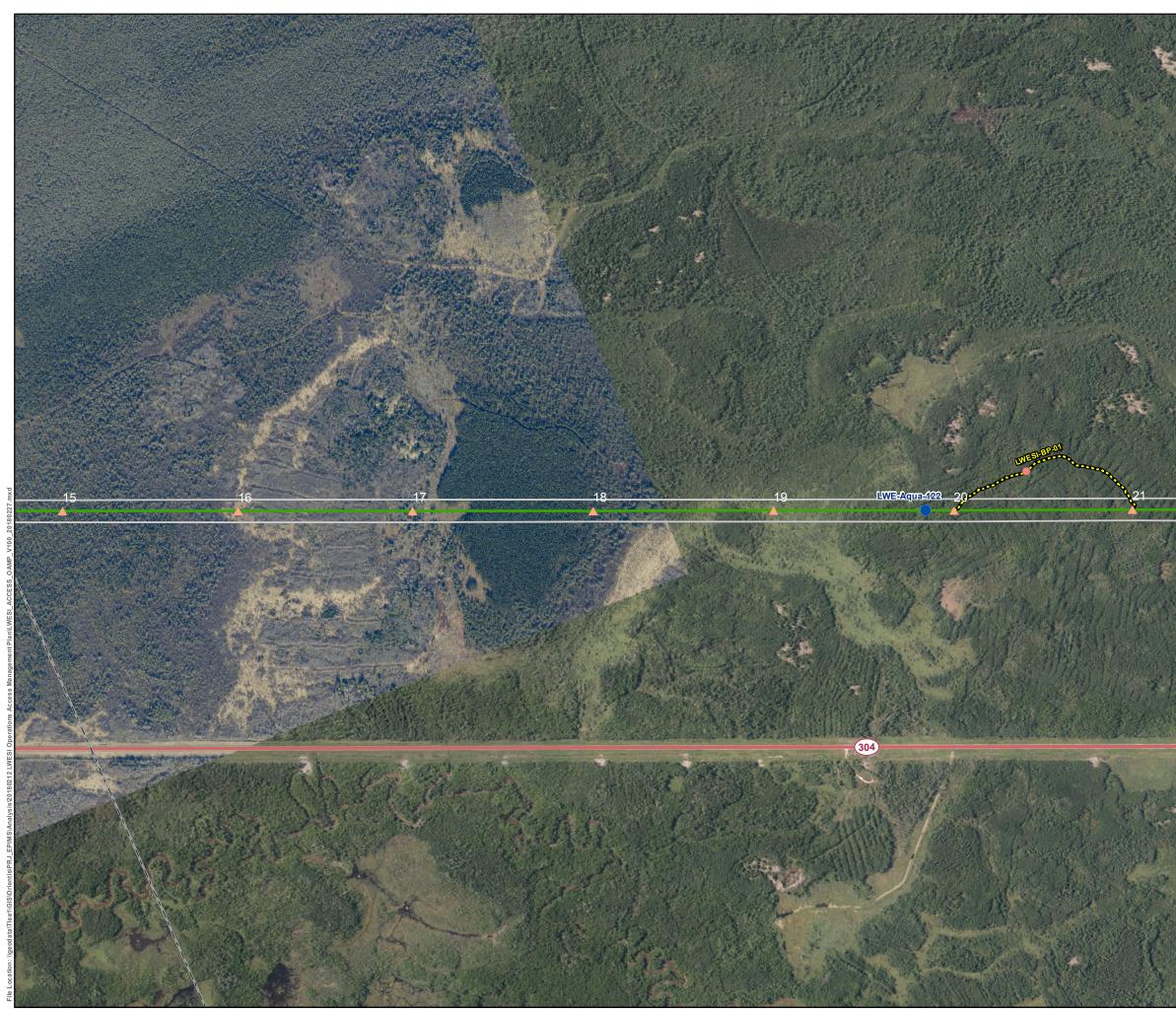


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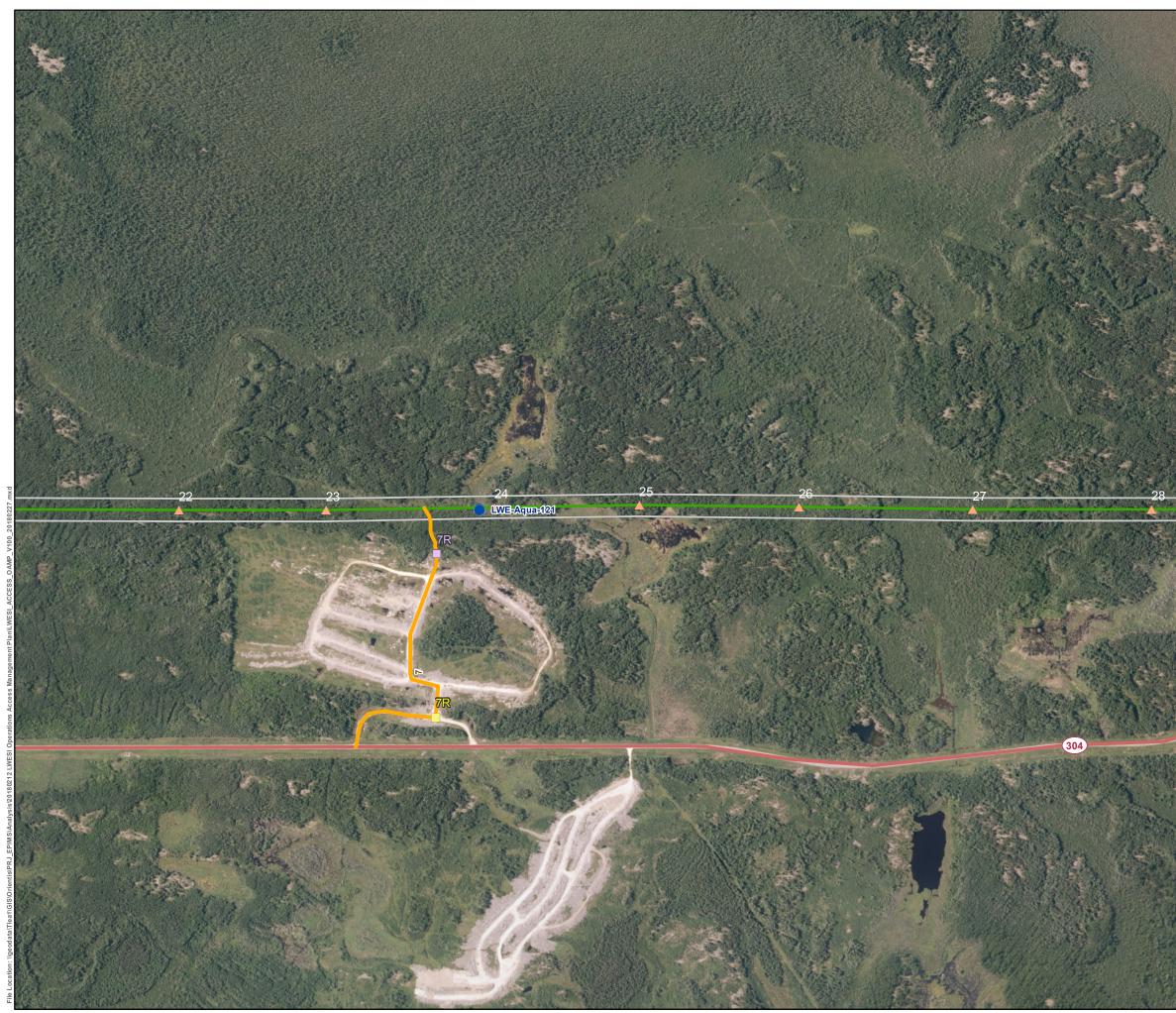
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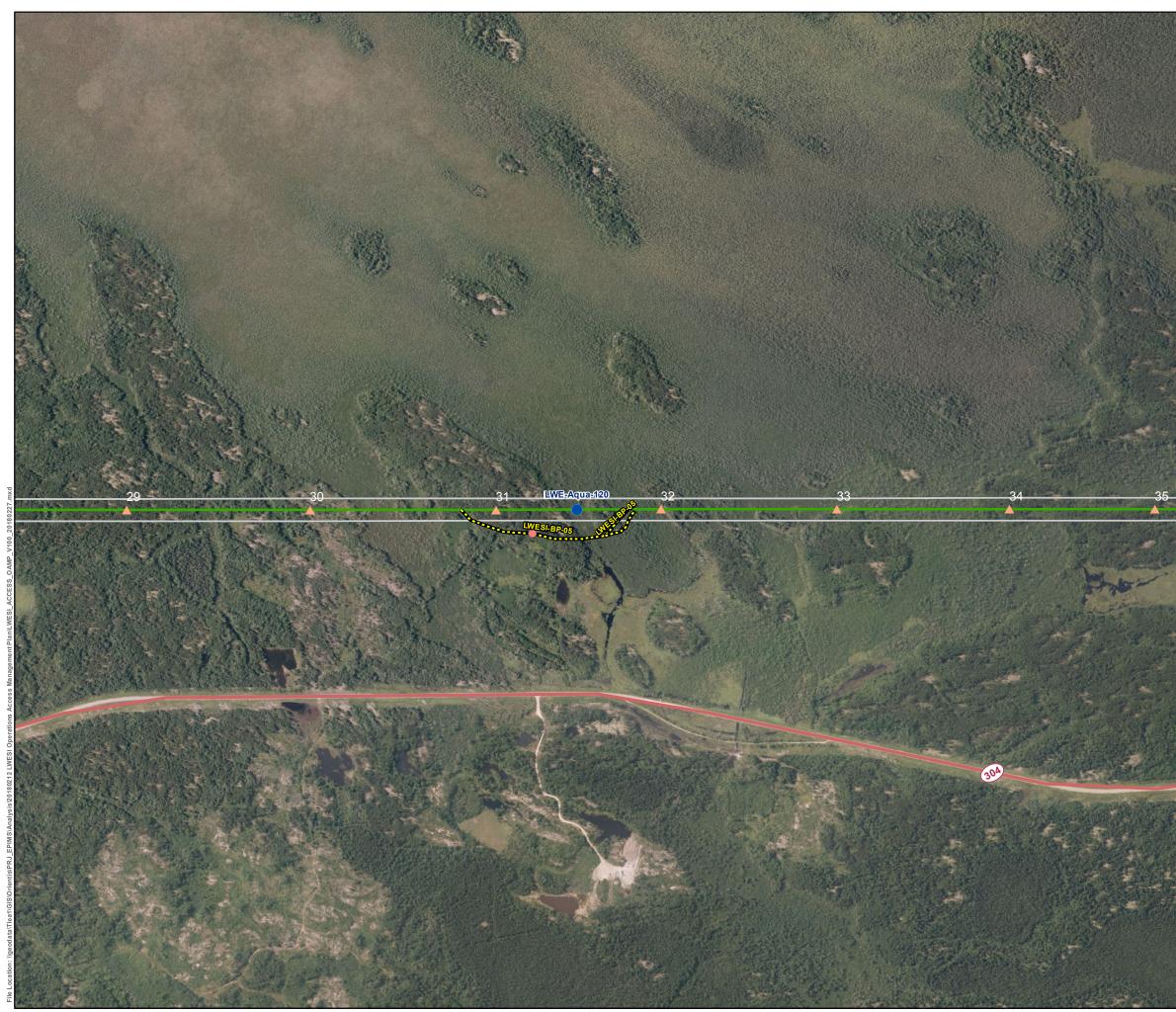
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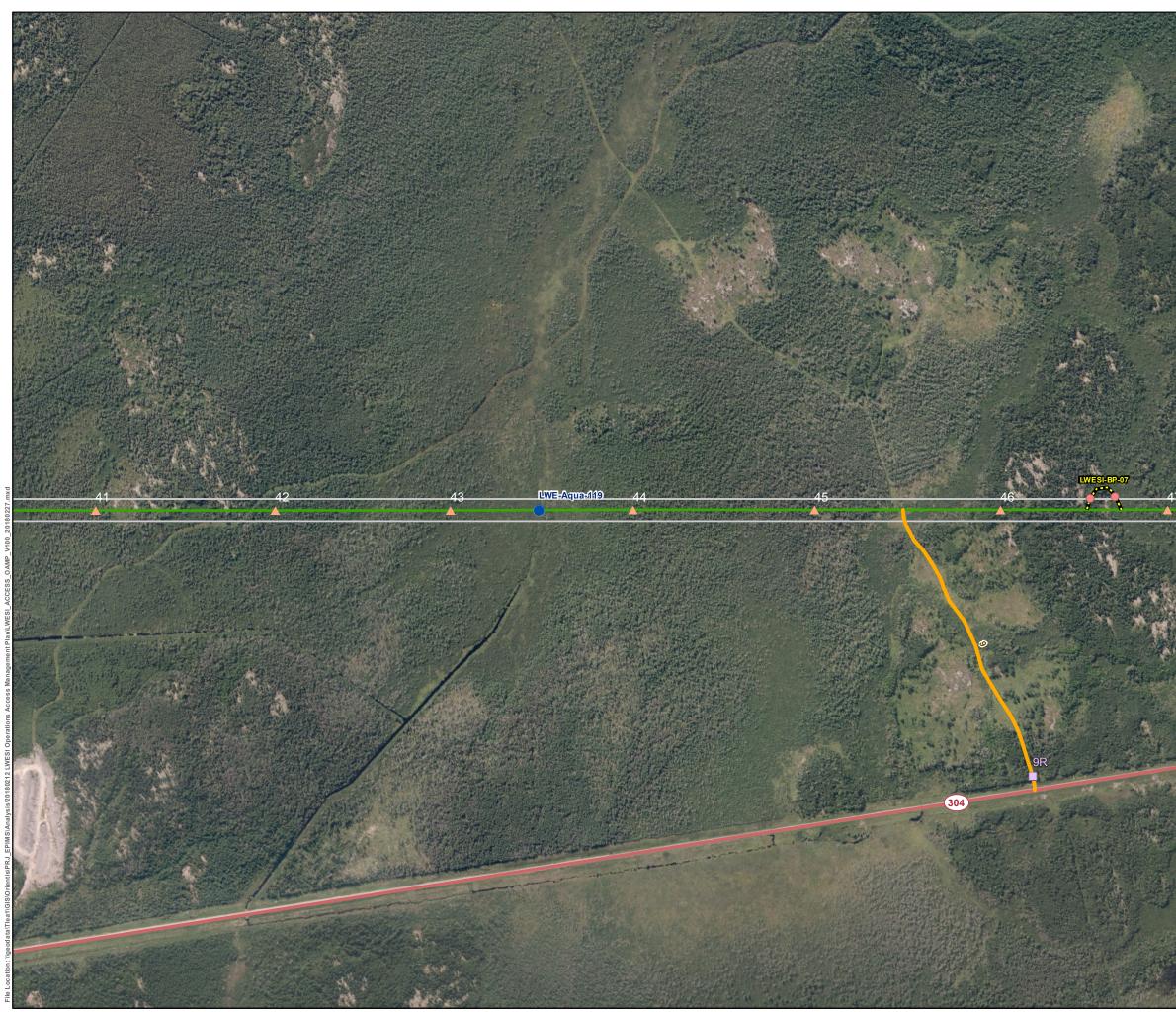
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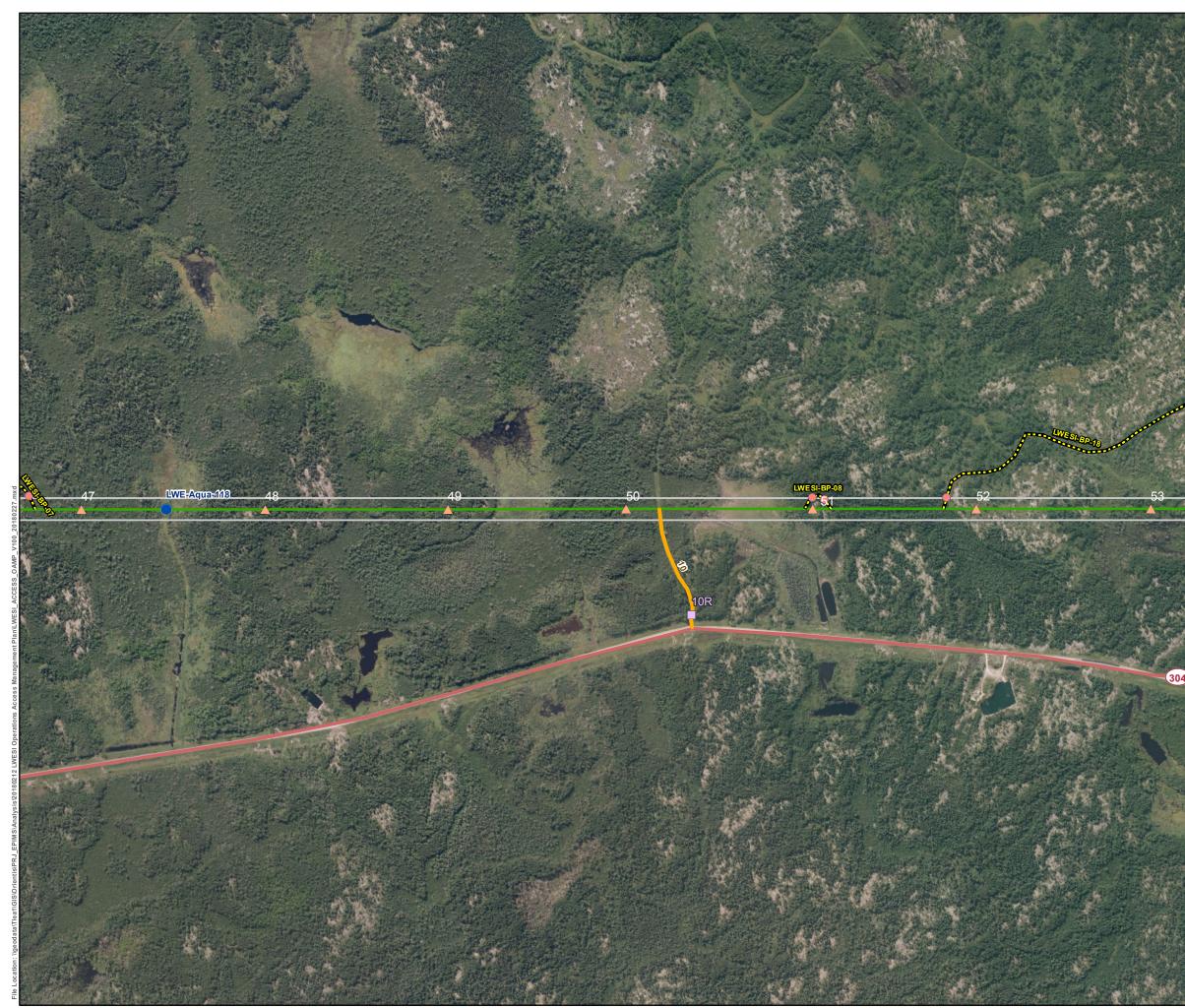
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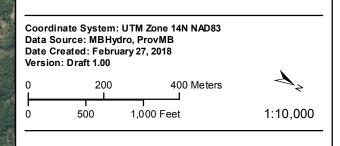
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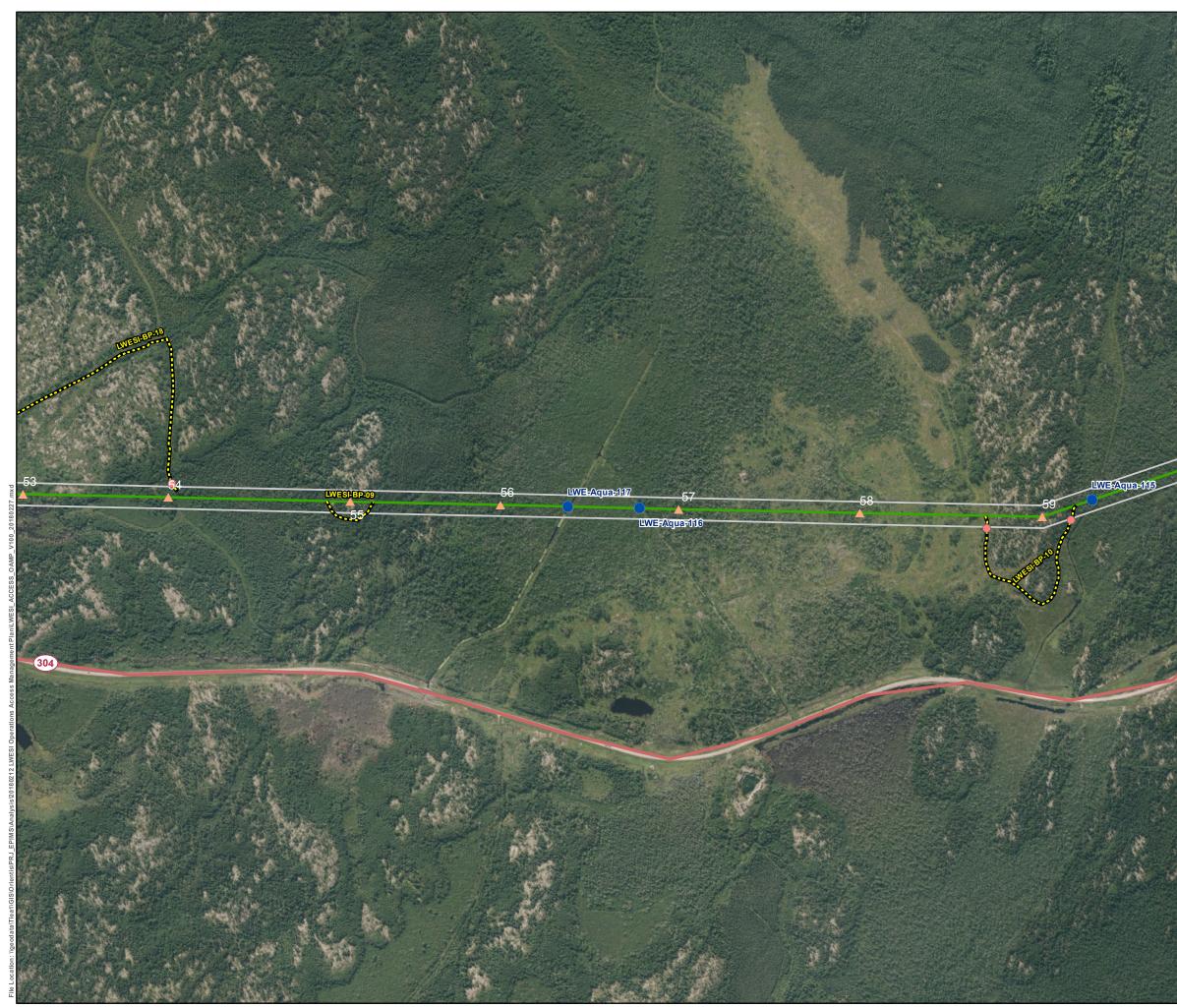
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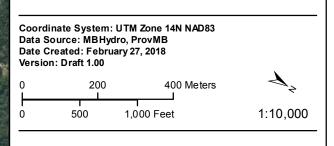
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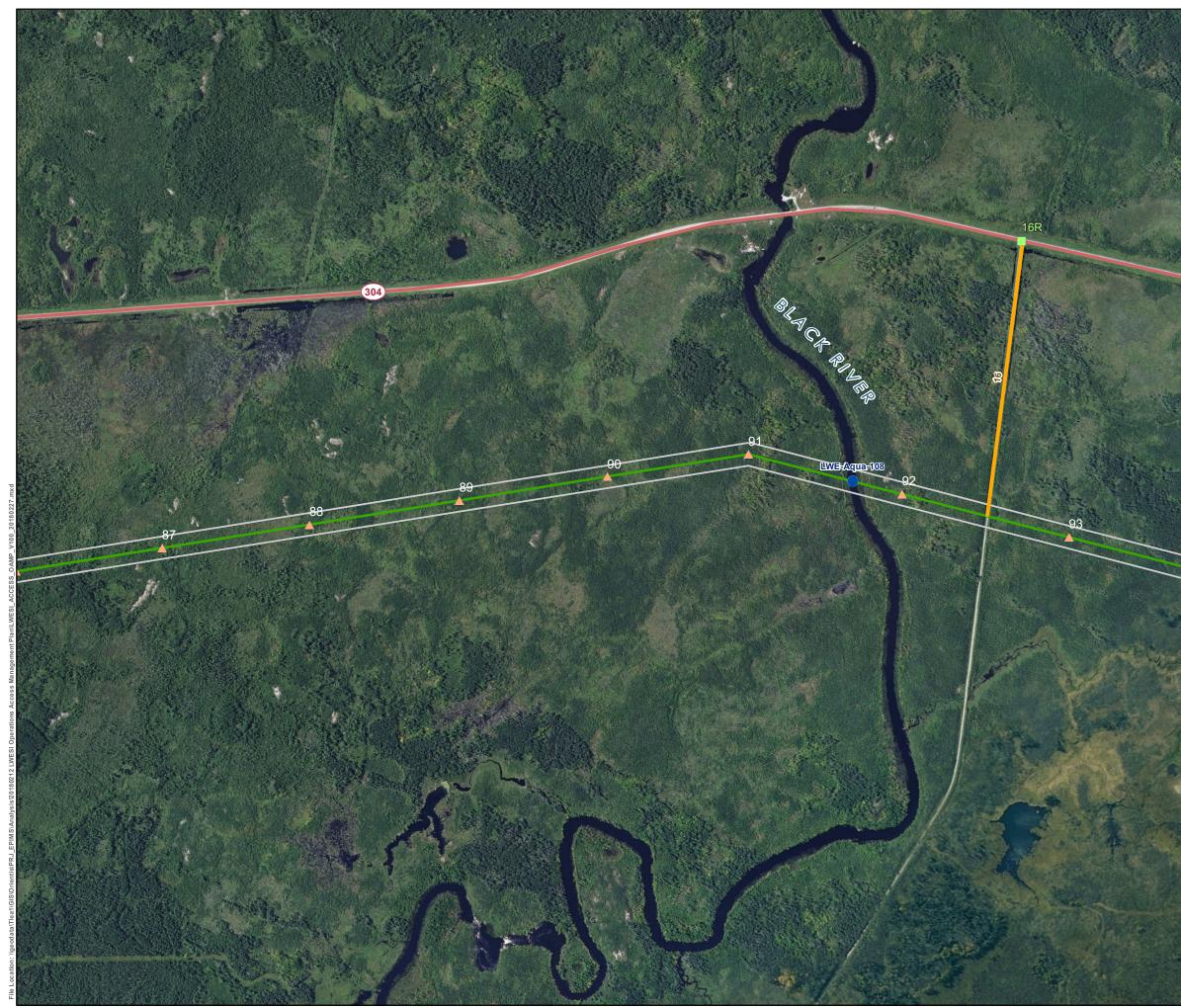
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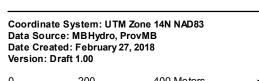
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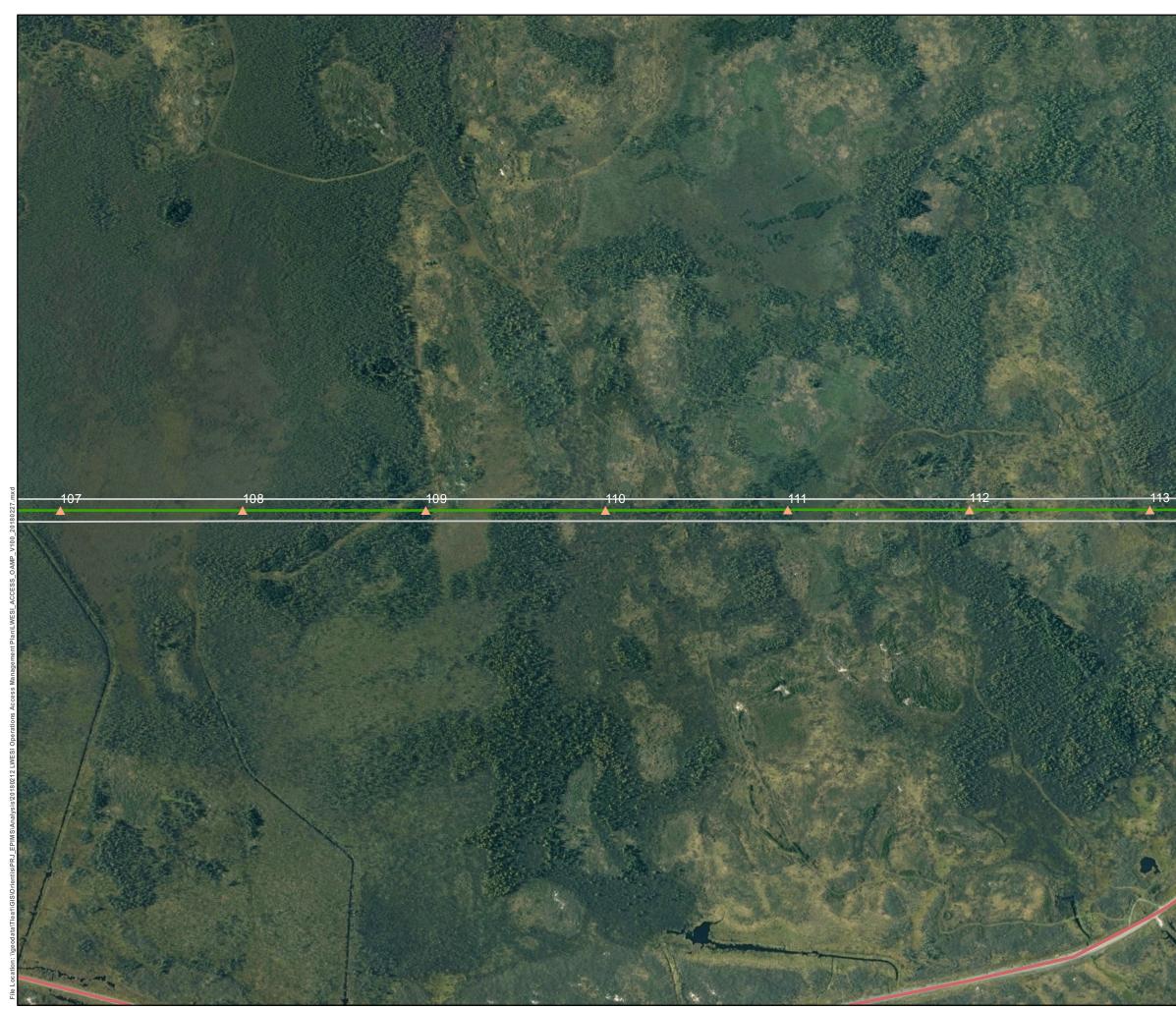
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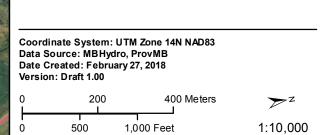
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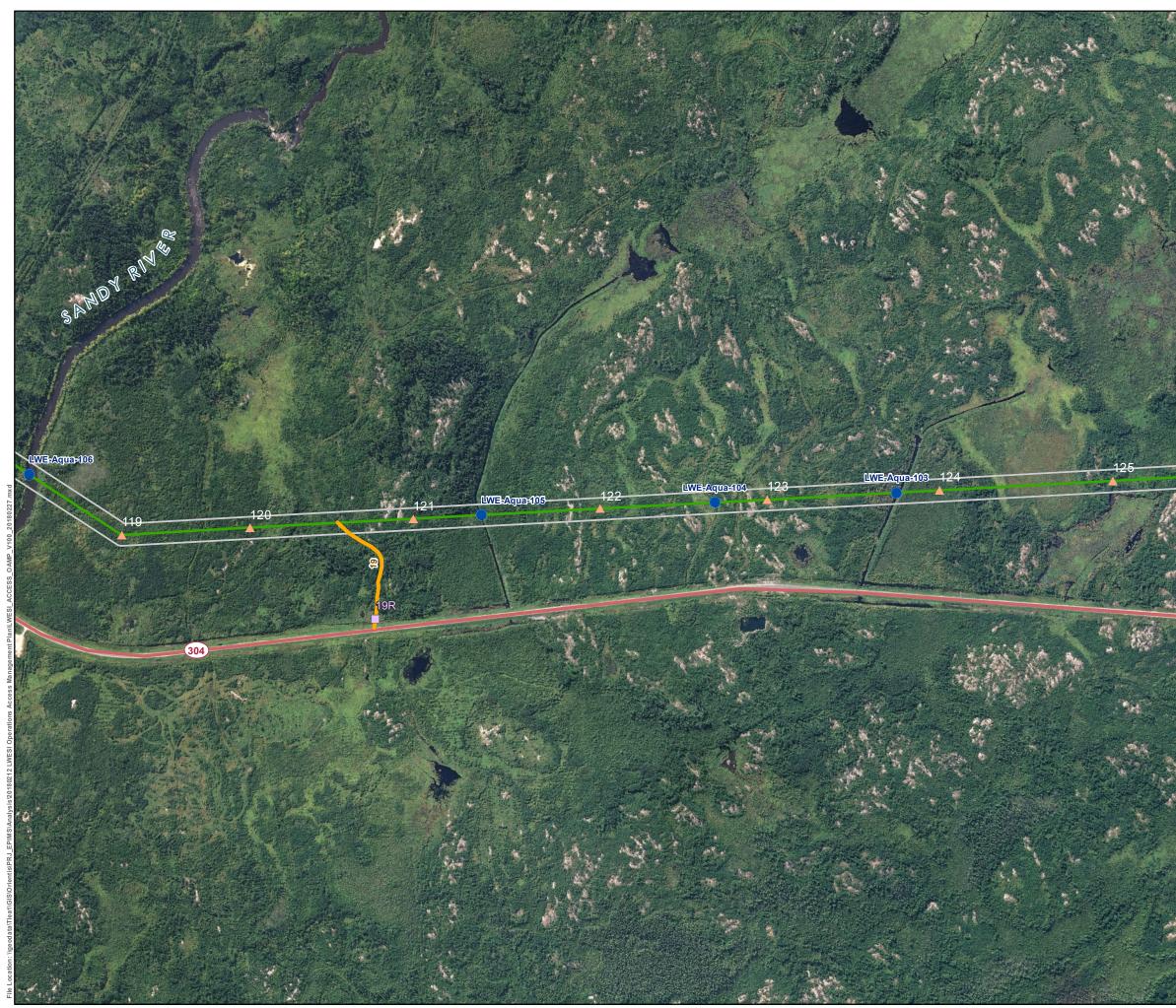
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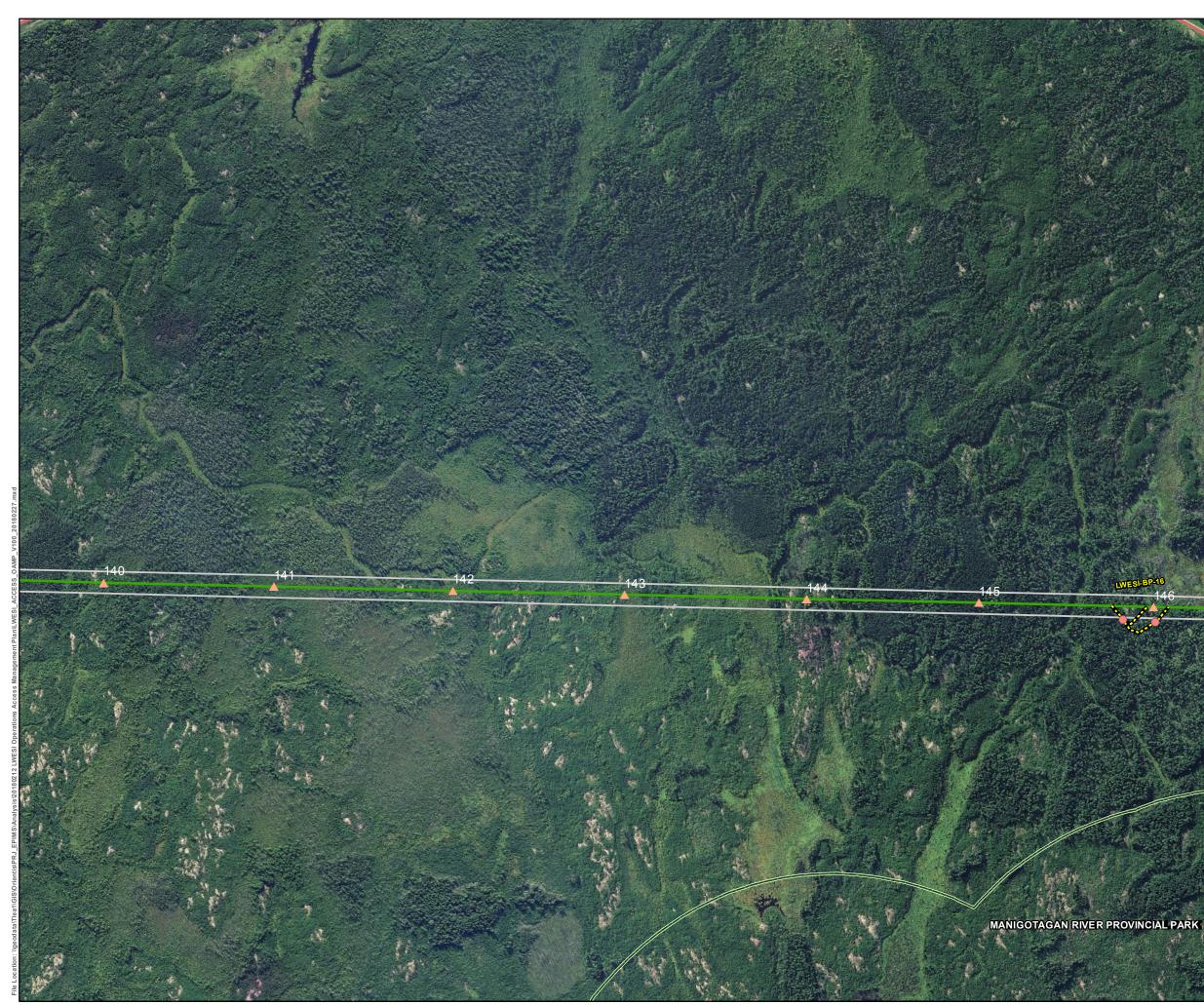
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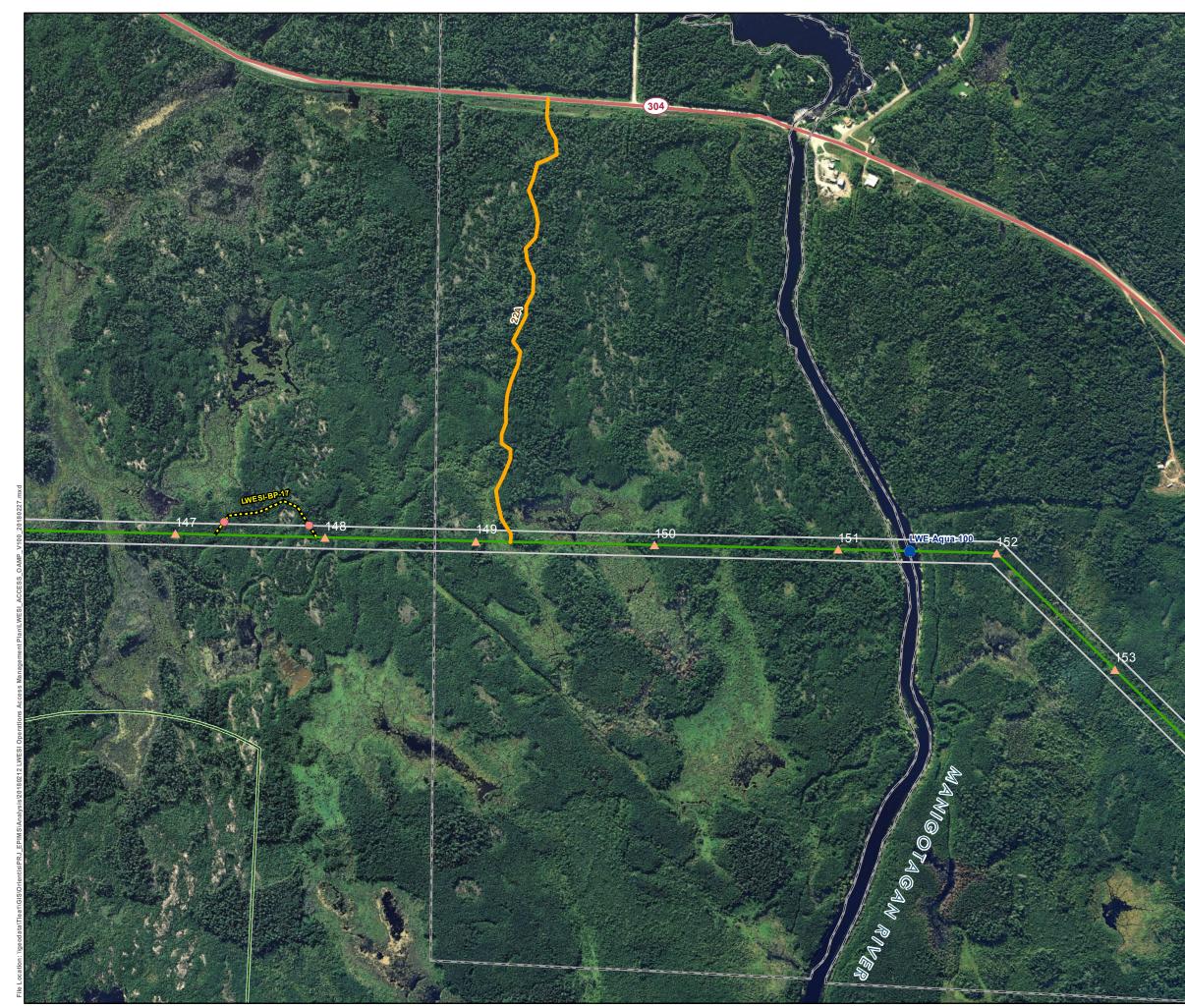
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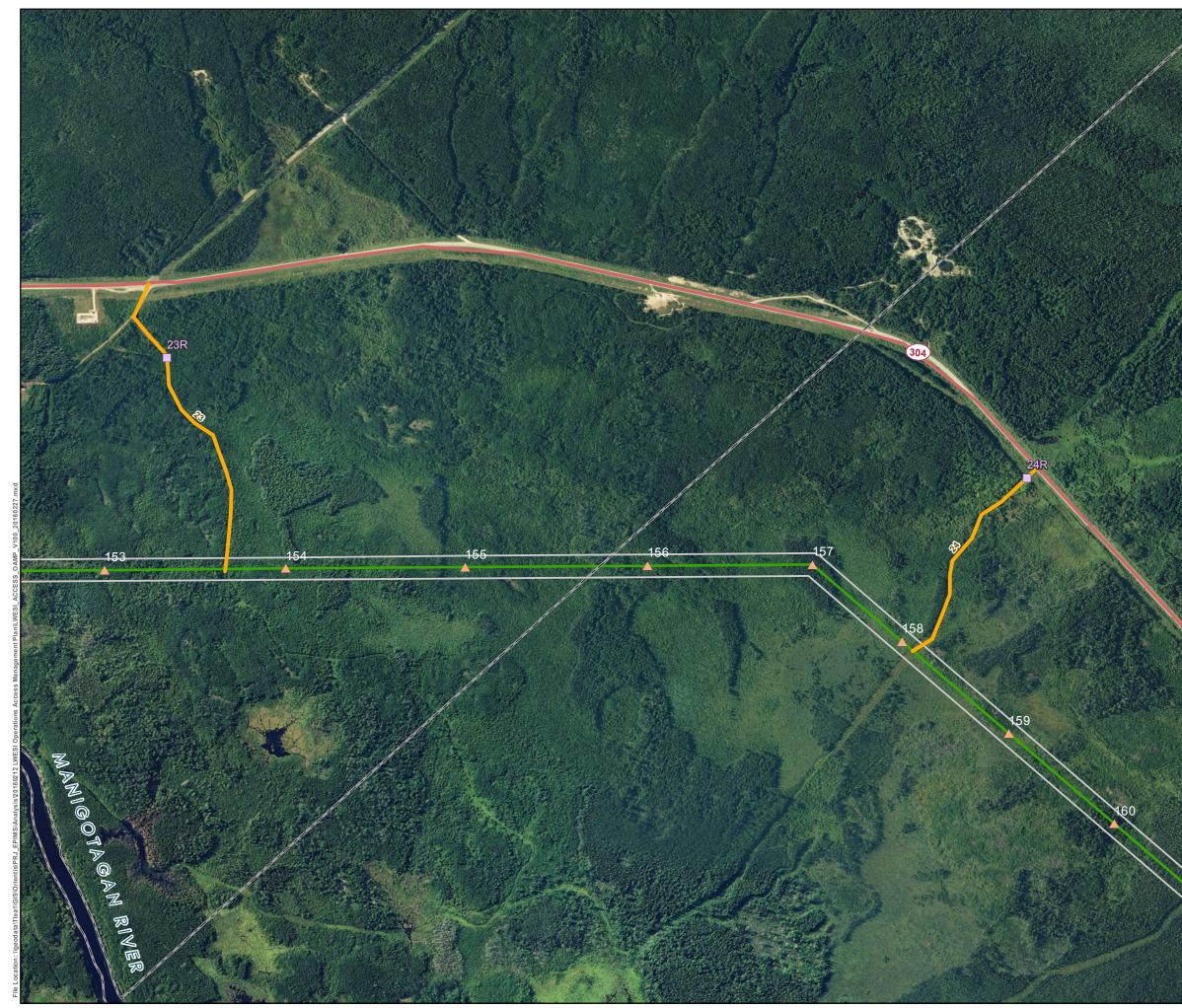
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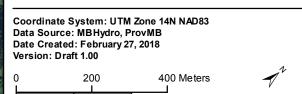
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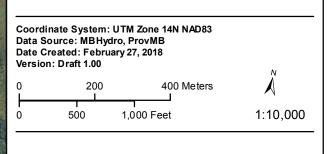
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APPENDIX C DECOMISSIONING PRESCRIPTIONS

Access Route Decommissioning

Access_ID	Easting	Northing	Access Type	Decommission Method	Decommission Comments	Required for Operations
1R	699643.4		Private Road	No Decomissioning Prescribed		Yes
2R	700040.2	5605956.3	Private Road	No Decomissioning Prescribed		Yes
4R	701304.3	5606888.7	Private Property off of Broadlands Road	No Decomissioning Prescribed		Yes
6R	701288.0	5607511.8	Private Road/Crown Land	No Decomissioning Prescribed		No
			Crown Land-Former Tembec Laydown-Forestry	Replace Boulders at PTH Entrance/Tank Trench at		
7R	703310.1	5612169.9	Trail/Rd	ROW Access		Yes
8R	705508.3	5618398.3	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		Yes
9R	703407.9	5621823.8	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		No
10R	702036.7	5623343.8	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		Yes
11R	697613.3	5628830.3	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		Yes
13R	694694.2	5632934.2	Crown Land - MH Black River substation	No Decomissioning Prescribed		Yes
					Pre-existing Tank Trench installed by	
16R	693061.8	5638695.2	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Rebuild Berm on Existing Tank Trench	Sustainable Development	Yes
18R	695050.4	5650547.8	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	No Decomissioning Prescribed		Yes
19R	694801.7	5651858.7	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		Yes
20R	692739.9	5655891.3	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		Yes
					Pre-existing Tank Trench installed by	
21R	692687.9	5656334.7	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Rebuild Berm on Existing Tank Trench	Sustainable Development	Yes
					Existing Gate on Private Land, need	
					Confirmation from SD on	
22A	690165.0		Private Road/Crown Land	No Decomissioning Prescribed	CrownLand Location	Yes
23R	691050.0		Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		Yes
24R	690162.0		Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	Tank Trench		No
25R	695920.0	5667735.2	Crown Land-Existing/Former Forestry Road/Trail	No Decomissioning Prescribed	Station Entrance	Yes

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