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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant:
Kelsey Gocke
Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC

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Mobile District
Permit Application No. SAM-2026-00070-KPJ
Joint Public Notice: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Office of
Pollution Control (MDEQ)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Mobile District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344). **The proposed activities are energy related; therefore, the USACE is following emergency permitting procedures for the review of this application in accordance with Executive Order 14156-Declaring a National Energy Emergency.** The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

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Gulf South Pipeline Company, ,
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9 Greenway Plaza
Houston, Texas 77046

AGENT: Melissa Cross
TRC Environmental Corporation
11767 Katy Freeway
Suite 850
Houston, Texas 77079

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States associated with Leaf River. The project/review areas are located on the east and west sides of Route 11, approximately 0.5 miles and 2.2 miles north of the intersection Highway 11 and Evelyn Grand Parkway in Sections 14, 23, 25 and 26, Township 5 North, Range 13 West; at approximate center coordinates Latitude 31.368392 and Longitude -89.265640, and Latitude 31.391548 and Longitude 89.273279; in Petal, Forrest County, Mississippi.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The first project area is approximately 102 acres with approximately 72 acres being forested land at the Petal Cavern Storage Facility in Petal, Mississippi. This project area is bordered by Route 11 to the west, and existing facilities of Petal Cavern Storage to the north, south, and east. The second project area

is approximately 16 acres of cleared land on the west side of Route 11. This project area is bordered by existing facilities and cleared land to the north and south, and forested land to the east and west.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: The Corps has determined that the basic purpose of the project is industrial development.

Overall: The Corps has determined that the overall project purpose is to expand the storage capacity of the Petal Cavern Storage facility, enhance regional energy reliability and operational flexibility, support economic growth and grid stability, and provide environmentally responsible natural gas solutions.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant requests authorization to discharge fill material into 3.10 acres of non-tidal wetlands to develop a new cavern for natural gas storage with associated instrumentation, add brine and freshwater lines to the new cavern to be connected to the existing leach plant, connect the new cavern to both Petal and Hattiesburg headers, develop two new disposal wells, and install new access roads to the cavern and disposal wells.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment: Project information indicates that there are approximately 32.58 acres of non-tidal wetlands, one perennial stream (0.02 acre), one intermittent stream (0.01 acre), and one ephemeral stream (0.02 acre) within the two project areas. Permanent impacts to 3.10 acres of wetlands are proposed, approximately 2.13 acres of temporary impacts to wetlands are proposed; resulting in avoidance or no impacts to approximately 27.35 acres of wetlands and three streams. Any wetlands that would be temporarily impacted would be restored to pre-construction conditions either by stockpiling and replacing topsoil post-construction, and/or restoring any altered contours by the replacement of removed soil. Temporary impacts to wetlands would not last longer than six months in duration at each individual wetland. All wetlands that are disturbed within the temporary workspace areas would be monitored post construction per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements. The one perennial stream would be in an area of temporary workspace and a permanent access road. The access road currently exists and is culverted to allow the perennial stream to flow. No culvert improvements or other work is proposed. The perennial stream would be entirely avoided within the area of temporary workspace by the use of silt fencing, or similar BMPs, to keep construction equipment outside the boundaries of the stream. Sediment control BMPs would be in place to minimize any runoff from construction areas within the vicinity of the stream, as defined in the project SWPPP.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment: The applicant proposes to provide in-kind compensatory mitigation through an approved

mitigation bank.

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead Federal agency for Section 106 consultation for the proposed action. Any required consultation will be completed by FERC. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the application. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system was accessed to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, and/or any proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project may affect species and critical habitat listed below. No other ESA-listed species or critical habitat will be affected by the proposed action.

Table 1. ESA-listed species and/or critical habitat potentially present in the action area.

Species Common Name and/or Critical Habitat Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status
Black pinesnake	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi</i>)	Threatened
Dusky gopher frog	<i>Rana sevosa</i>	Endangered
Eastern indigo snake	<i>Drymarchon couperi</i>	Threatened
Gopher tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	Threatened
Tricolored bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered
Yellow-blotched map turtle	<i>Graptemys flavimaculata</i>	Threatened

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402. FERC is the lead Federal agency for ESA consultation for the proposed action. Any required consultation will be completed by FERC.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

NAVIGATION: The proposed structure or activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

SECTION 408: The applicant will not require permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Water Quality Certification may be required from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule (Certification Rule, 40 CFR 121), requires certification for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. The applicant is responsible for requesting certification and providing required information to the certifying agency. As of the date of this public notice, the applicant has not submitted a certification request to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (certifying authority).

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that either are, or are presumed to be, within the Corps jurisdiction has not been verified by Corps personnel.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food, and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the

preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The Mobile District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until March 20, 2026. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or to Karen Jordan at karen.p.jordan@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Attention: Karen Jordan, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

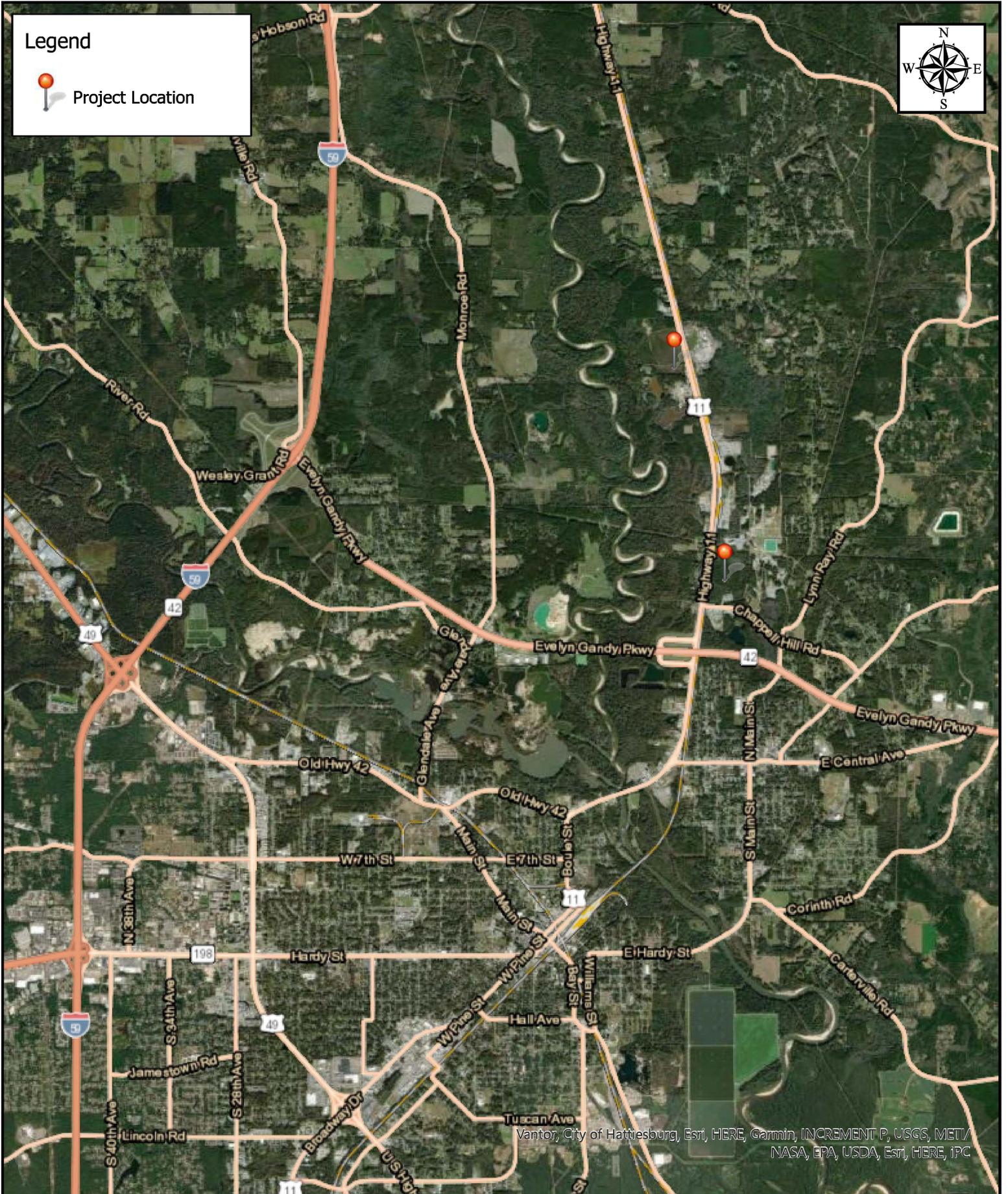
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.

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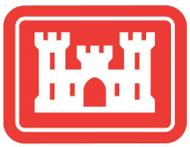
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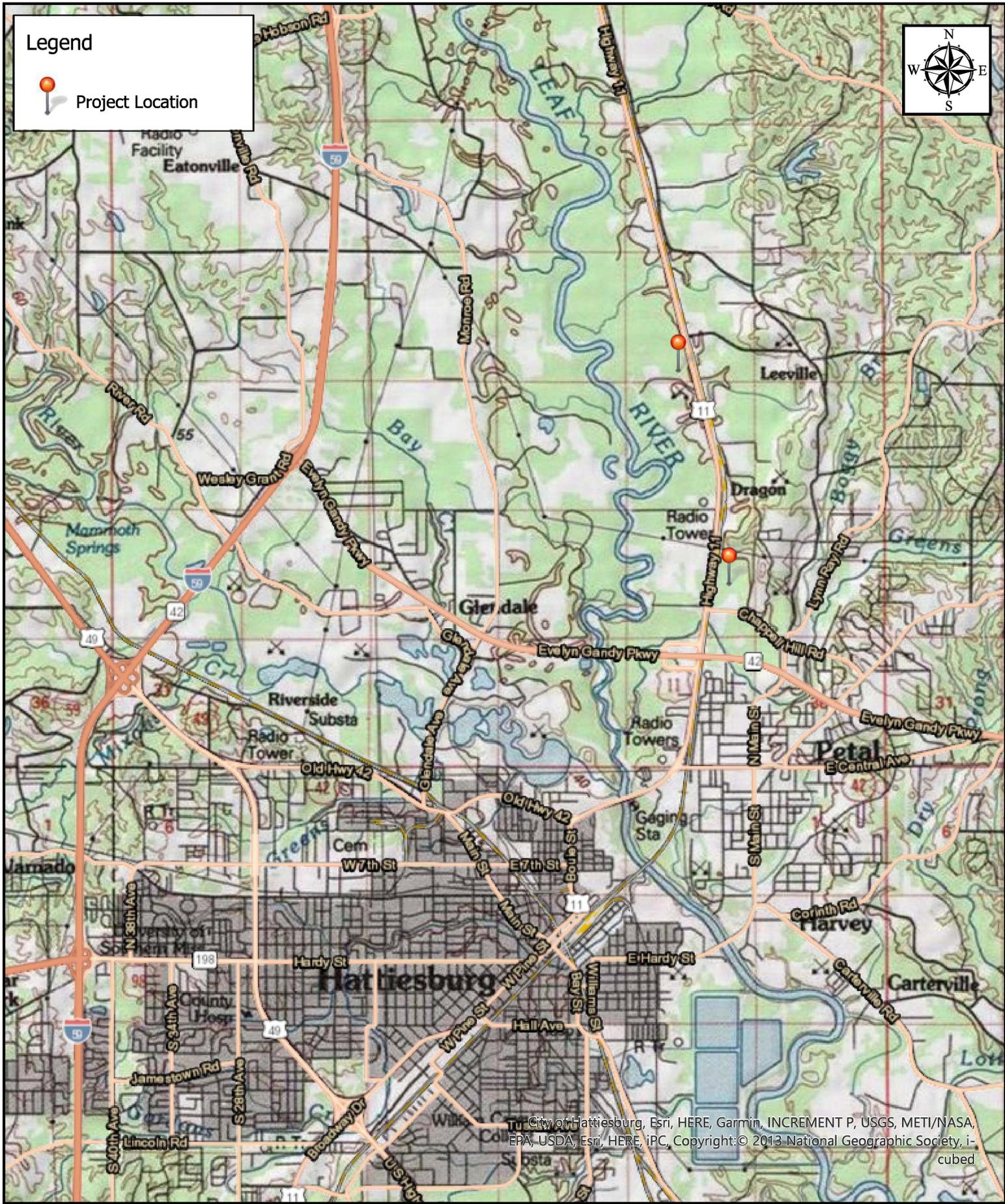


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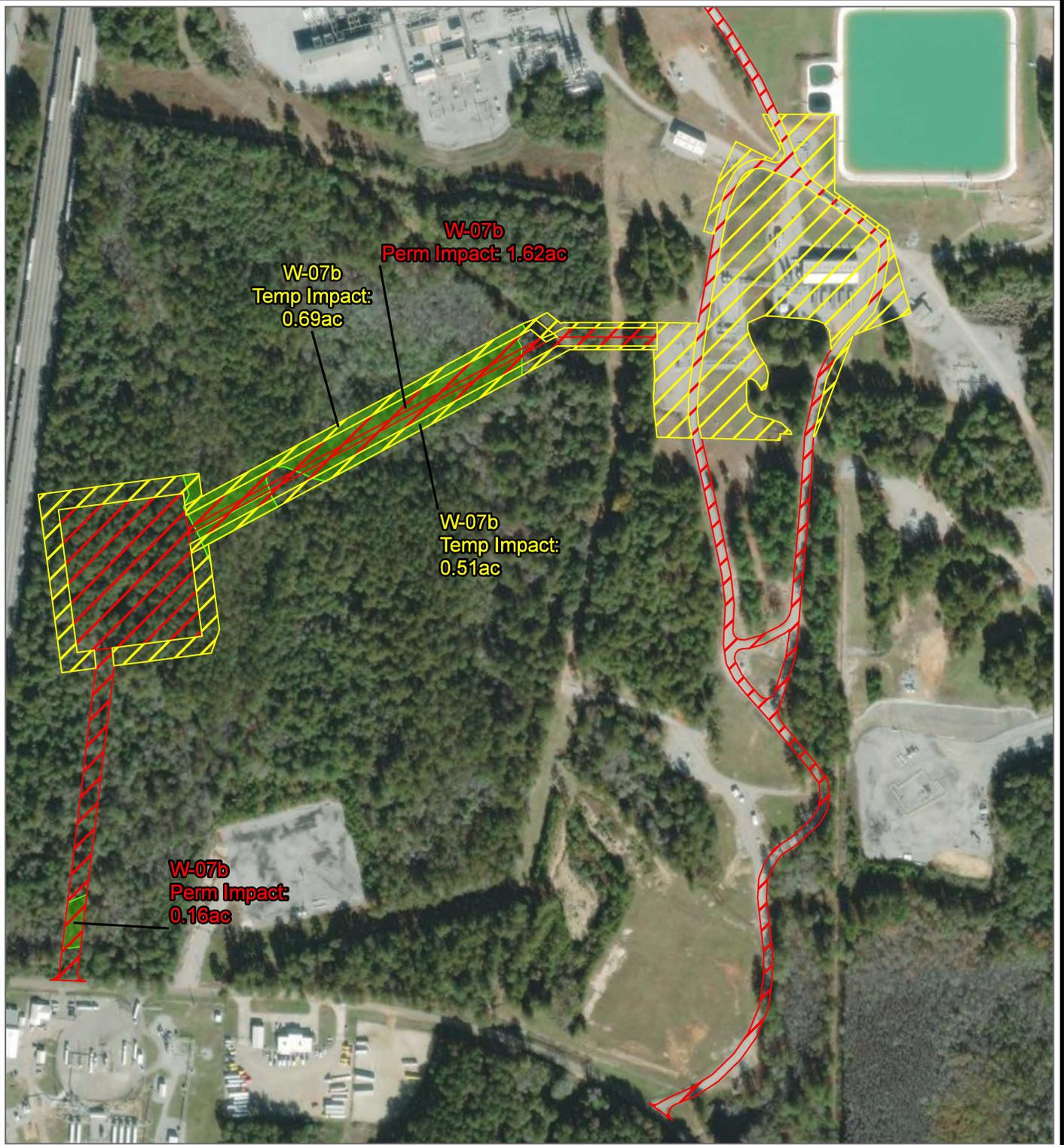


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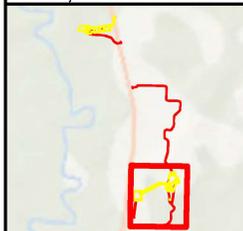
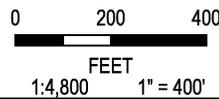


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 PETAL CAVERN EXPANSION PROJECT
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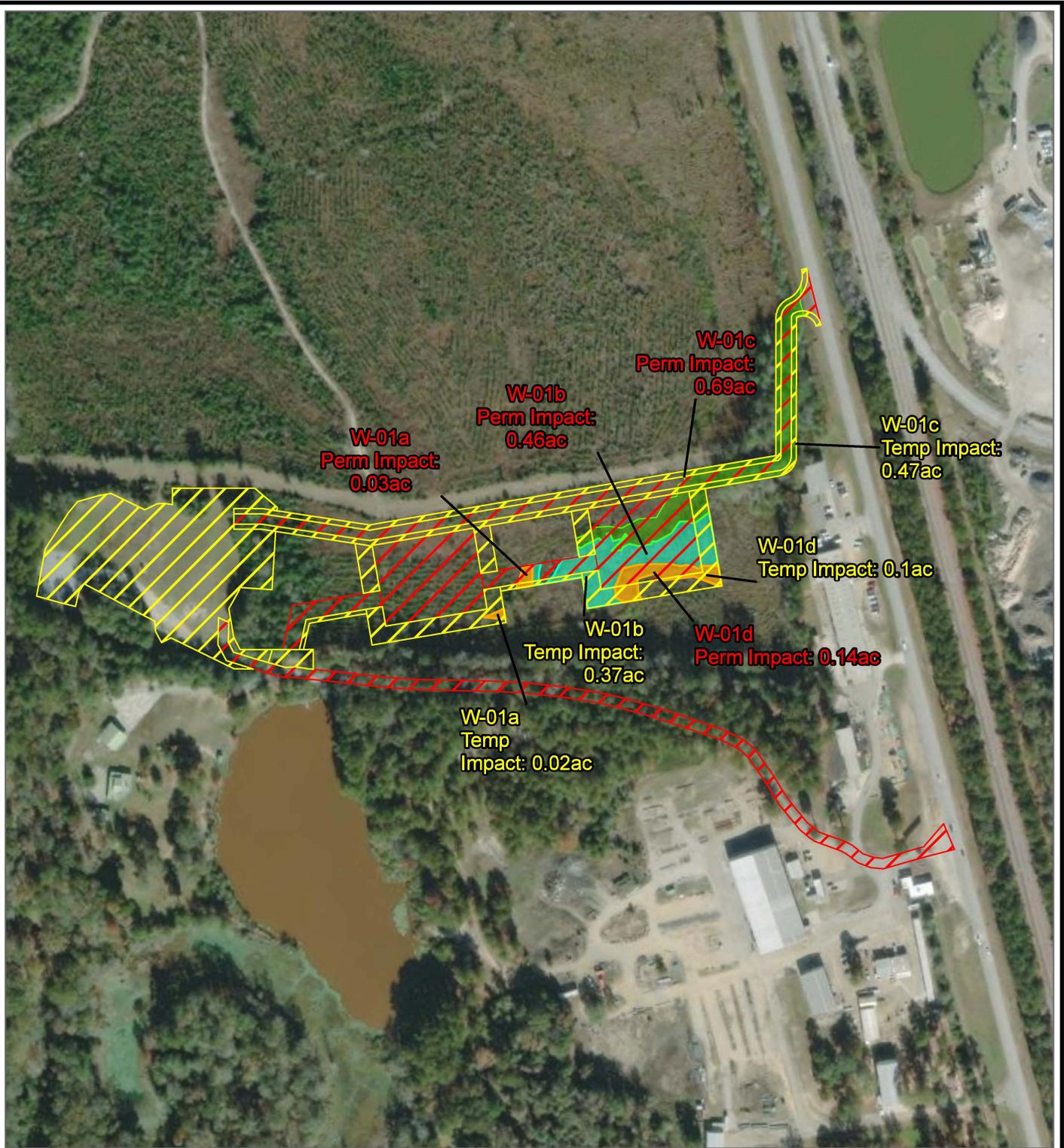
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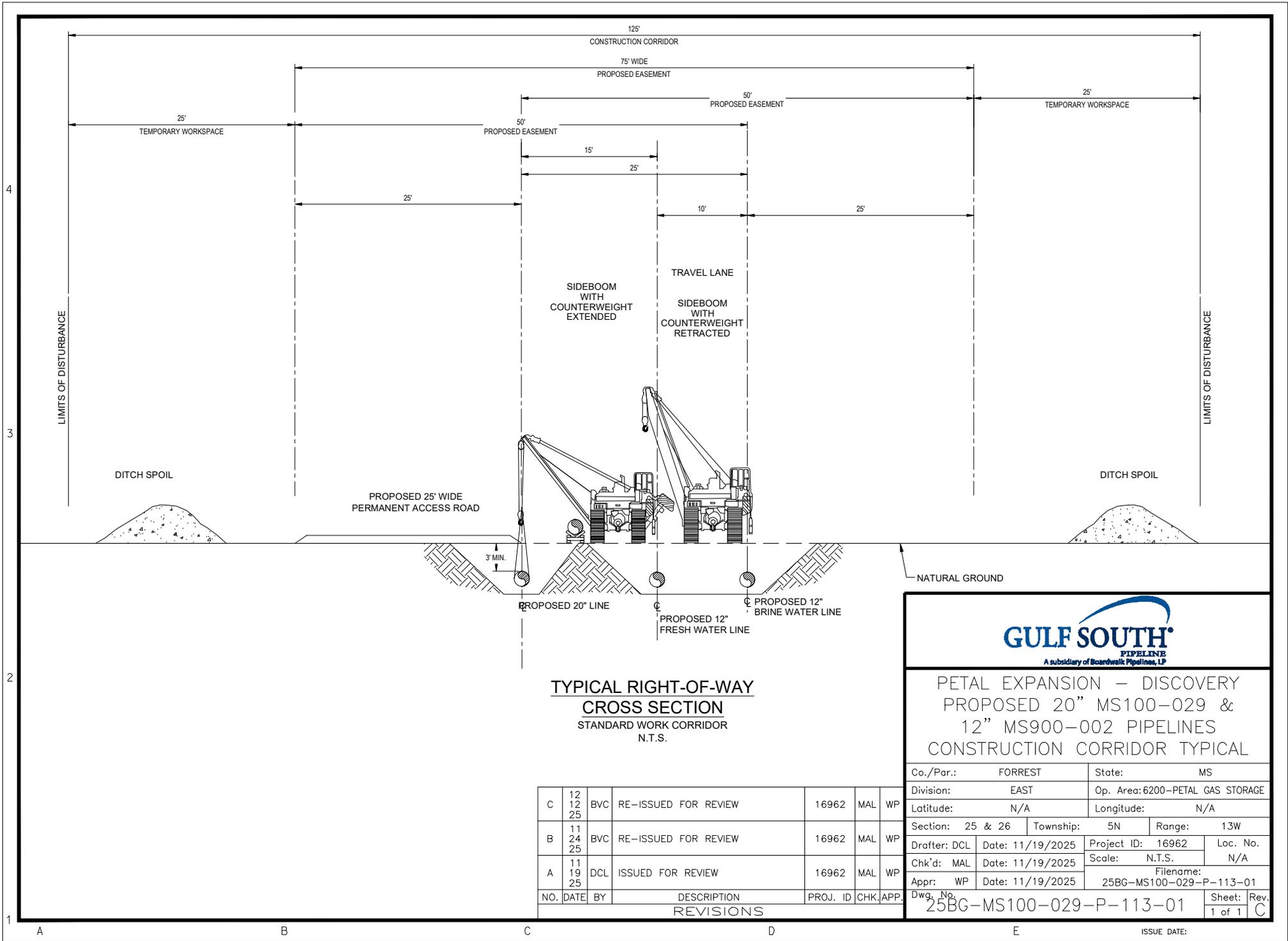

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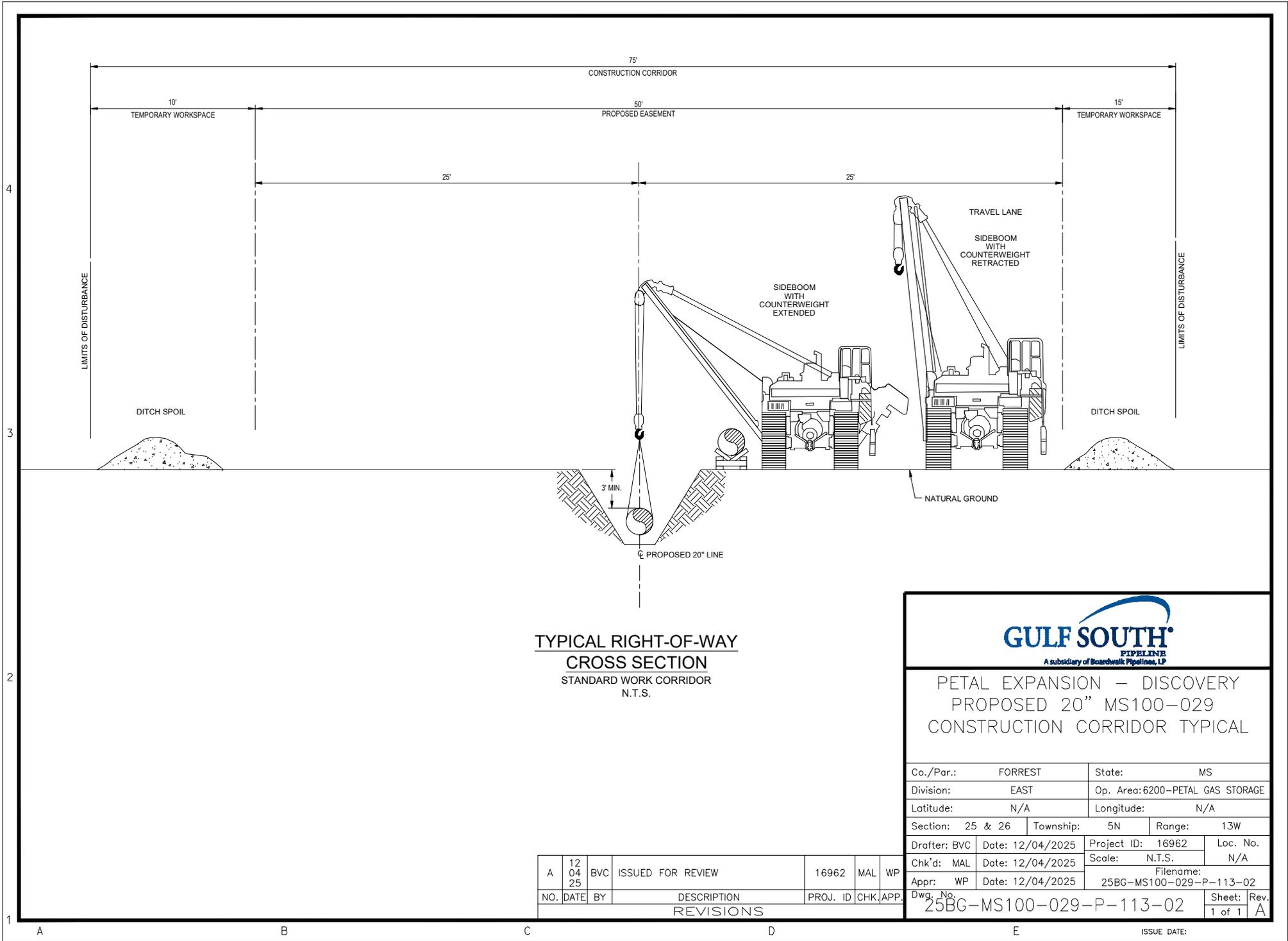
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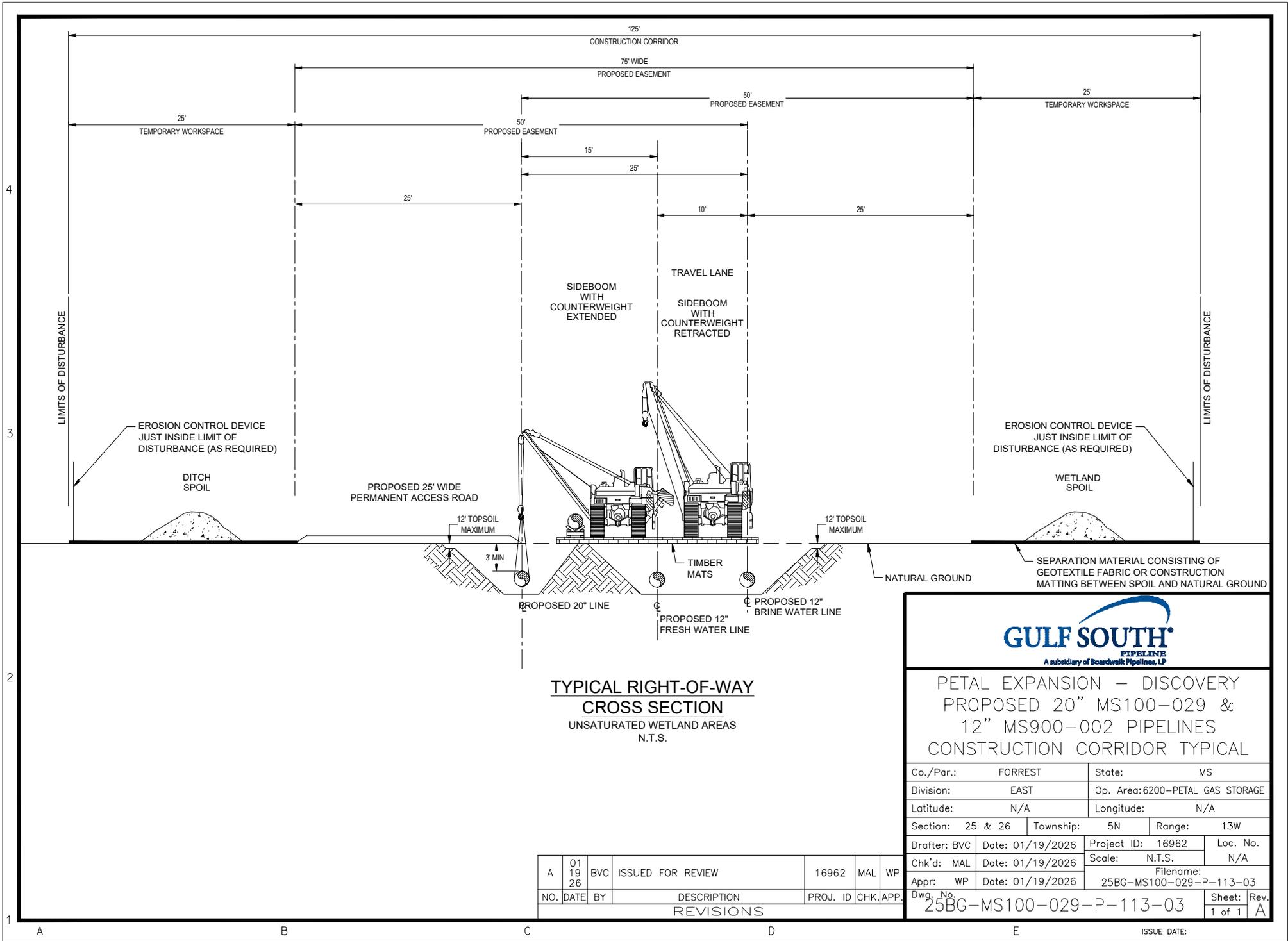


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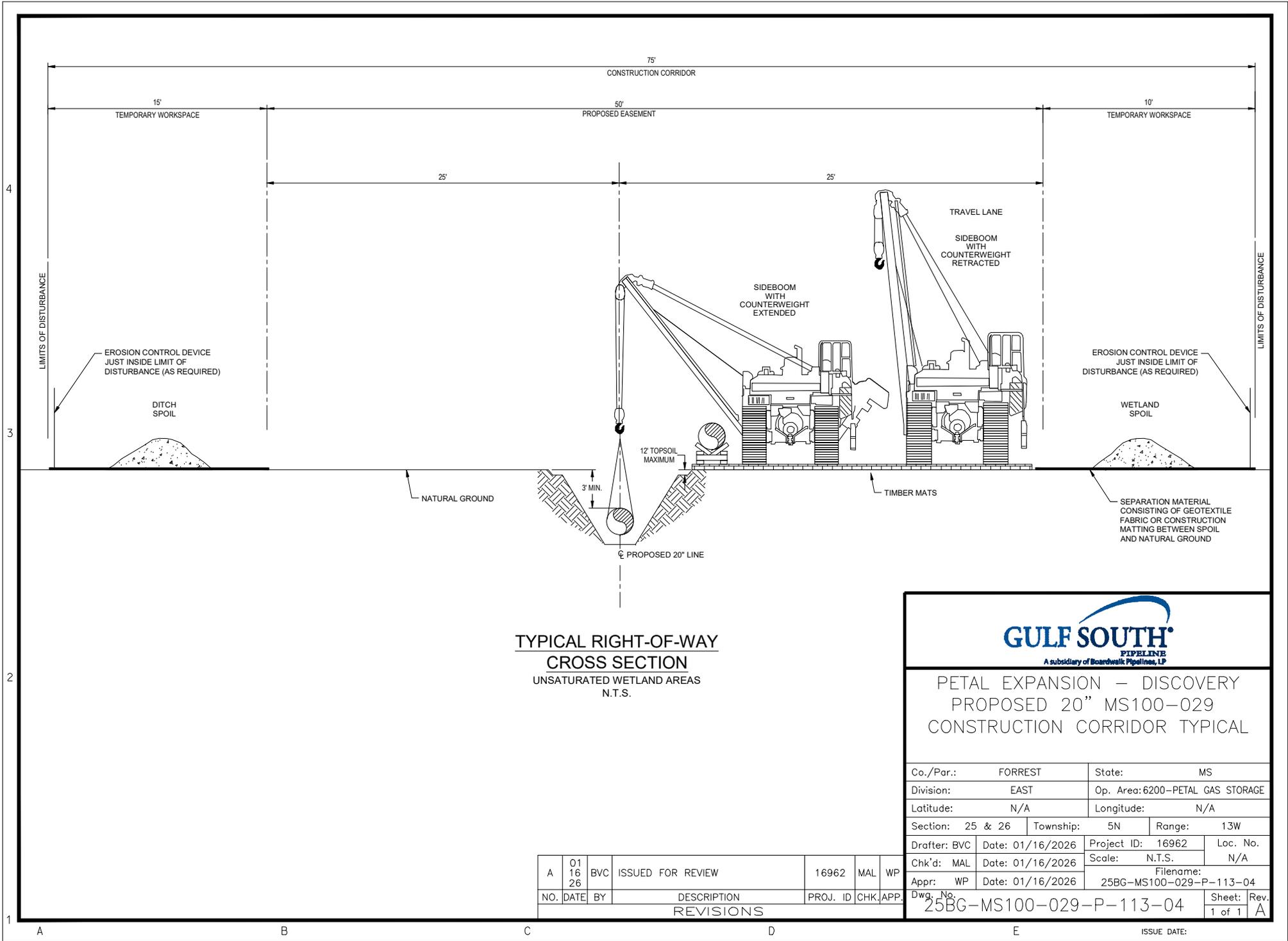
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