

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FOR THE GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT DEPLOYMENT AND MINUTEMAN III DECOMMISSIONING AND DISPOSAL



Air Force Global Strike Command
Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana



OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT DEPLOYMENT AND MINUTEMAN III DECOMMISSIONING AND DISPOSAL



July 2022

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PART 1: NOTICE OF INTENT

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Frequency: Once per user per project.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1.5 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 150 hours.

Abstract: The DFC Serbia-Kosovo Investment Portal will be the principal document used by DFC to screen the viability of potential of projects for DFC financing as part of the implementation of the Serbia-Kosovo Economic Normalization Agreement.

Nichole Skoyles,

Administrative Counsel, Office of the General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The United States Air Force (Air Force) is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential impacts on the human and natural environments of deploying the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system and decommissioning and disposing of the Minuteman III ICBM system. The Air Force invites public participation in the scoping process to determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS and eliminate issues which are not significant.

DATES: A public scoping period of 45-days will take place starting from the date of this NOI publication in the **Federal Register**. Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process; however, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public scoping comments during preparation of the Draft EIS, please submit comments within the 45-days scoping period. Major milestone dates for the GBSD EIS are as follows:

- Draft EIS and Notice of Availability (NOA) Publication, Spring 2022
- Draft EIS Public Comment Period and Hearing, Spring 2022
- Final EIS and NOA Publication, Spring 2023
- Final ROD signature, Spring 2023

Given the complexity and the scope of this proposal, the Air Force anticipates the environmental analysis to extend past two years for completion and has received senior agency official approval.

ADDRESSES: For GBSD deployment EIS inquiries or requests for printed or digital copies of the scoping materials, please contact Capt Christina Camp, phone: (318) 456–6519, or request materials by email:

AFGSC.GBSD.ImpactStudy@us.af.mil.

The public and interested parties can submit their comments through the project website at *www.gbsdeis.com*; or mail comments to AFCEC/CZN, Attn: GBSD Project EIS, 2261 Hughes Avenue, Suite 155, JBSA Lackland TX 78236–9853; FedEx and UPS deliveries to AFCEC/CZN, Attn: GBSD Project EIS; 3515 S General McMullen, San Antonio, TX 78226–9853.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the proposed action is to replace all ground based Minuteman III weapons systems within the continental United States with the GBSD system. The proposed action is needed to meet national security requirements and to comply with the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232 § 1663, 132 Stat. 2153), which directs the Air Force to develop and implement a strategy “to accelerate the development, procurement, and fielding of the ground-based strategic deterrent program.” The scope of the deployment activities would include replacing all ground based Minuteman III ICBMs in the United States, including motors, interstages, and missile guidance sets, with the GBSD weapon system, a technologically advanced ICBM system. All launch facilities, communication systems, infrastructure, and technologies would be modernized and replaced as necessary to support the GBSD system.

The Secretary of the Air Force announced that the GBSD deployment will take place at three sequenced Operational Locations 1–3 (“Ops 1–3”), with the scope of each Ops location occurring both on-base and in the associated missile fields. The Ops locations are the alternatives being consider in the EIS. Each location is the preferred alternative for its respective sequenced order, and includes Francis E. Warren Air Force Base (AFB) WY

(Ops-1); Malmstrom AFB, MT (Ops-2); and Minot AFB, ND (Ops-3). The additional maintenance, training, storage, testing, support, decommissioning, and disposal actions would occur at Hill AFB, UT; the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; Camp Guernsey, WY; and Camp Navajo, AZ.

The EIS may consider alternatives that include deploying the GBSD system in phases. The Proposed Action would not include generating or disposing of nuclear material, and the number of ground based nuclear missiles would remain unchanged. Deployment of the GBSD system would begin in the mid-2020s, extending the capabilities of the ground-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad through at least 2075.

The EIS will analyze facility construction, modification, and operations at and around Francis E. Warren AFB and Camp Guernsey, Malmstrom AFB, Minot AFB, Hill AFB and UTTR, and Camp Navajo. During the transition from Minuteman III to GBSD, the two weapon systems would be partially operated and maintained concurrently for several years; therefore, the EIS also will analyze the overlapping actions and resulting impacts of conducting aspects of the programs in parallel. The EIS will also analyze the No Action Alternative which will also be fully considered. It serves as the baseline against which to compare the Proposed Action. Under the No Action Alternative, the Air Force would continue to maintain and operate the Minuteman III weapon system in its current configuration and the GBSD system would not be deployed. Expected environmental impacts are assumed to result from ground disturbing activities associated with construction of the GBSD system. It is anticipated that these environmental impacts, will be mitigated to the extent practical or avoided where possible. Further, the Air Force will pursue all required Federal and State permits, licenses, and other authorizations during the course of this EIS process, including but not limited to consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as well as permits under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*).

The scoping process allows and invites early and meaningful participation by the public and is used to define the full range of issues and concerns to be evaluated in the EIS. As such, the Air Force is soliciting scoping comments and/or identification of

potential alternatives, information, and analysis relevant to the proposed action from interested local, state, and federal agencies and organizations; Native American Tribes; and members of the public. Concurrently, public scoping notices will be announced locally within the proposed actions region of influence. Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, the Air Force will not hold face-to-face public scoping meetings. Public scoping will be accomplished remotely via the project website that includes materials on the project website at www.gbsdeis.com. The website provides posters, slides, other meeting materials, and a capability to provide public scoping comments. To make alternative arrangements to receive printed or digital copies of the scoping materials, please contact Capt Christina Camp at (318) 456-6519, or by email: AFGSC.GBSD.ImpactStudy@us.af.mil.

Adriane Paris,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2020-SCC-0072]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement CARES Act

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 26, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jack Cox, 202-453-6314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement CARES Act.

OMB Control Number: 1801-0005.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 34,230.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 17,115.

Abstract: The Department of Education (the Department) is requesting clearance to allow for immediate outreach to institutions of higher education (IHEs) to meet the requirements of the CARES Act. Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136 (March 27, 2020), authorizes the Secretary of Education ("Secretary") to allocate formula grant funds to participating institutions of higher education (IHEs). Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires the IHEs to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses

under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

Dated: September 22, 2020.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0082]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 26, 2020.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Gaby Watts, 202-453-7195.

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PART 2: COOPERATING AGENCY LETTERS

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Dr. BJ Howerton
Branch Chief
Environmental and Cultural Resources Management
Office of Trust Services
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Dear Dr. Howerton,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated there will be 40.4 miles of new utility corridors proposed across lands that are administered by the BIA. GBSD deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and map relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

The DAF requests that as a Cooperating Agency (CA) in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §1501.8, you participate in the several areas of EIS development associated with your areas of jurisdiction by law or special expertise by:

- Participating in the scoping process;
- Assuming responsibility, upon request, for developing information and preparing environmental analysis, including the portions of the EIS concerning the areas you have jurisdiction or special expertise;
- Making staff support available to enhance interdisciplinary review capability and provide specific comments; and
- Meet the DAF's schedule for providing comments and limit your comments to those matters for which you have jurisdiction or special expertise.

To avoid unnecessary delays, the DAF has developed a schedule (attached) setting milestones for reviews and authorizations for implementation of the proposal. We ask that you provide appropriate information and related materials in a timely fashion and establish timelines for your complete review.

Please acknowledge in writing your acceptance or declination of this request. You may decline to participate as a CA in the EIS, per 40 C.F.R. §1501.8(c). Should you or your staff have questions regarding this letter, our point of contact is Mr. Jack Bush, HQ USAF/A4CI, who can be reached at jack.bush@us.af.mil or (703) 867-1082.

Sincerely,

MORIARTY.ROBE
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ROBERT E. MORIARTY, P.E., SES
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
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Attachments:

1. GBSD Program Overview
2. GBSD Milestone Schedule
3. Maps of lands associated with the proposed GBSD EIS_Minot

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Mr. Andrew R. Tkach
Division of Decision Support, Planning, and NEPA
Bureau of Land Management
20 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Tkach,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated there will be 4.6 miles of new utility corridors proposed across land managed by BLM. GBSD deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and map relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

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Mr. Steve Davies
Area Manager
Bureau of Reclamation Montana Area Office
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Billings, MT 59107-0137

Dear Mr. Davies,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated that there will be 3.6 miles of new utility corridors proposed across lands managed by Bureau of Reclamation. GBSD deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and map relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

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Ms. Devetta Hill
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Dear Ms. Hill,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated there will be 6.9 miles of new utility corridors proposed across lands managed by USACE. GBSD deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and map relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

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Ms. Vicki Christiansen
Chief, Headquarters
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Sidney R. Yates Federal Building
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Dear Ms. Christiansen,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated there will be 19.9 miles of new utility corridors proposed across lands managed by USFS. GBSD deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and maps relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

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Mr. Scott Blackburn
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Blackburn,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated there will be 11.5 miles of new utility corridors proposed across lands under USFWS management. GBSD deployment will primarily occur on Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and maps relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

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Attachments:

1. GBSD Program Overview
2. GBSD Milestone Schedule
3. Maps of lands associated with the proposed GBSD EIS_Malmstrom
4. Maps of lands associated with the proposed GBSD EIS_Minot

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Dr. BJ Howerton
Branch Chief
Environmental and Cultural Resources Management
Office of Trust Services
Bureau of Indian Affairs
1001 Indian School Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Dear Dr. Howerton,

As the Lead Agency, the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the *Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal*. The EIS will address (1) the deployment of the GBSD intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system and (2) decommissioning and disposal of the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system.

The DAF held an information interagency meeting 25 June 2020 where the details of the GBSD EIS were presented that indicated there will be 40.4 miles of new utility corridors proposed across lands that are administered by the BIA. GBSD deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY. GBSD program overview and map relevant to your area of responsibility are attached.

The DAF requests that as a Cooperating Agency (CA) in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §1501.8, you participate in the several areas of EIS development associated with your areas of jurisdiction by law or special expertise by:

- Participating in the scoping process;
- Assuming responsibility, upon request, for developing information and preparing environmental analysis, including the portions of the EIS concerning the areas you have jurisdiction or special expertise;
- Making staff support available to enhance interdisciplinary review capability and provide specific comments; and
- Meet the DAF's schedule for providing comments and limit your comments to those matters for which you have jurisdiction or special expertise.

To avoid unnecessary delays, the DAF has developed a schedule (attached) setting milestones for reviews and authorizations for implementation of the proposal. We ask that you provide appropriate information and related materials in a timely fashion and establish timelines for your complete review.

Please acknowledge in writing your acceptance or declination of this request. You may decline to participate as a CA in the EIS, per 40 C.F.R. §1501.8(c). Should you or your staff have questions regarding this letter, our point of contact is Mr. Jack Bush, HQ USAF/A4CI, who can be reached at jack.bush@us.af.mil or (703) 867-1082.

Sincerely,

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Air Force - GBSD Cooperating Agency Request

Good morning Mr. Scherer,

Thank you for requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) join the Department of the Air Force as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal.

Yes, BIA would like to join the Department of the Air Force as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the GBSD EIS. The BIA can provide comments regarding the proposed 40.4 miles of new utility corridors crossing lands that are administered by the BIA. Please note no project map was attached to the Agency Request letter.

Additionally, BIA understands the GBSD project deployment will primarily occur at Malmstrom AFB, MT; Francis E. Warren AFB, WY; Minot AFB, ND; and around their associated missile fields. Additional maintenance, training, storage, disposal, and support actions would occur at Camp Navajo, AZ; Hill AFB, UT; Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), UT; and Camp Guernsey, WY.

Once BIA receives the project map identifying the proposed 40.4 miles of new utility corridors crossing lands administered by the BIA, location specific field representatives (POCs) can be assigned. Also, can you provide a list of the 60 tribes USAF is working with? Thank you.

If you have additional questions my office number is 505-563-3013.

Respectfully,

BJ

Dr. BJ Howerton, MBA
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March 3, 2021

Devin Scherer, State Cooperative
Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary
Installation Planning (SAF/IEIP)
1665 Air Force Pentagon, 4B941
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Mr. Scherer:

I am writing to provide a formal response and confirmation to the cooperating agency request regarding cooperator agency status for the Environmental Impact Statement for Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal. I am the Field Manager for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lewistown Field Office and will serve as the point of contact for this project. I do have delegated authority within the BLM project area to participate and sign applicable documents.

The BLM acknowledges the importance of this project and will make every effort to collaborate timely and professionally. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 538-1918 or bblumhardt@blm.gov. We look forward to working with you in completing this national security project.

Sincerely,

Brett A. Blumhardt
Field Manager
Lewistown Field Office
Bureau of Land Management



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Robert E. Moriarty
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force – SAF/IEI
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Washington, DC 20330-1665

Subject: EIS Cooperator Status by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – GBSD and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal

Dear Mr. Moriarty:

Reclamation confirms our acceptance and participation regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process currently underway for the Department of the Air Force (DAF) Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal. As requested, Reclamation accepts the related cooperating agency status and is glad to assist when and where appropriate.

We understand and support DAF's request for Reclamation to serve as a Cooperating Agency in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §1501.8 and to provide overall interagency cooperation. Reclamation will assist with EIS development as it pertains to our jurisdiction and expertise, including:

- Participating in further scoping.
- Assisting with information development and environmental or cultural resource analyses.
- Providing reasonable staff support to enhance interdisciplinary review and provide comments on matters within our authorities and interests.

Per correspondence and discussions during the past recent months, Reclamation is already engaged in assisting DAF-hired consultants performing surveys for wildlife, wetlands and cultural resources at locations on Reclamation land in Montana.

For further coordination with Reclamation, please contact Mr. Bud Fazio, Missouri Basin Region Supervisor for Environmental and Cultural Resources, by phone at (406) 351-2297, or by email at bfazio@usbr.gov. For the hearing impaired, please call the Federal Relay System at (800) 877-8339.

Sincerely,

Brent C Esplin
Missouri Basin Regional Director
Bureau of Reclamation

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NOVEMBER 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Action No. NWO-2020-01286, Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal.

Robert Moriarty, P.E., SES
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
1665 Air Force Pentagon, 4B941
Washington, DC 20330

Dear Mr. Moriarty:

We appreciate your invitation to be a cooperating agency for the U.S. Air Force, Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District (Corps) jurisdiction over the proposed project is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. In accordance with Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 1501.6, the Corps agrees to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. The Corps' involvement in the EIS process will be limited to those areas within the Corps' statutory authority, including, but not limited to:

1. Verifying delineations of aquatic resources within the project area;
2. Assist in developing the purpose and need statement;
3. Assist in developing alternatives sufficient to meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's §404(b)(1) Guidelines, in order to ensure that impacts to the aquatic environment are avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable;
4. Assist in integrating the requirements of NEPA and the §404(b)(1) Guidelines into the EIS;
5. Participate in meetings as resources allow;
6. When requested, review and comment on technical studies that pertain to the Corps' regulatory authority;

7. Review and comment on portions of the administrative draft/final EIS that pertain to the Corps regulatory authority. The review of all administrative draft/final documents will require a minimum of 30 days; and
8. Assist in identifying appropriate and practicable compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to the aquatic environment.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact Michael Stanley at (307) 275-4014 or by e-mail at Michael.G.Stanley@usace.army.mil, and reference **Corps File No. NWO-2020-01286**.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Laux
Chief, Regulatory Branch

File Code: 1950
Date: June 9, 2021

Mr. Robert Moriarty, P.E., SES
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
1665 Air Force Pentagon, 4B941
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Mr. Moriarty:

Thank you for your invitation to be a cooperating agency for the U.S. Air Force (USAF), Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In accordance with Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 1501.8, the USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) agrees to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

Points of coordination include:

- The Forest Service agrees to provide agency requirements in support of a comprehensive environmental analysis. This includes site-specific requirements on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest (HLC) and the Pawnee National Grassland (PNG).
- USAF agrees to conduct a site-specific analysis in the EIS of the connected action of issuance of special use authorizations by the Forest Service for USAF requirements.
- The Forest Service agrees to review and comment on portions of the administrative draft/final EIS that pertain to National Forest System (NFS) lands. The review of all draft/final documents will require a minimum of 30 days.
- USAF agrees to incorporate agency-specific wording in the draft EIS NOA addressing requirements contained in 36 CFR 218. The Forest Service will provide the wording.
- USAF agrees to comply with Forest Service requirements for distribution of the draft and final EIS. Distribution list found here: <https://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nepa/index.shtml>.
- USAF agrees to provide to the Forest Service any agency-specific comments they receive from public scoping efforts and the draft EIS. The Forest Service agrees to provide responses to agency-specific comments received during scoping and/or the draft EIS comment periods.



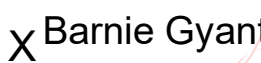
- The Forest Service agrees to fund and provide required legal notices for 36 CFR 218 notice and comment and administrative review periods. The administrative review filing period begins after the final EIS and Forest Service draft ROD are published.
- The Forest Service agrees to share and discuss any issues raised in the administrative review process that may have substantive impacts to the USAF ROD.
- USAF agrees to delay project implementation on NFS lands until agency RODs are signed and special use authorizations are issued. This is anticipated to be three to four months following the USAF ROD.
- USAF agrees to provide Forest Service access to the project record.

The Agency liaison for coordination is Steve Stadelman, NEPA Specialist, at (202) 570-6865 or steven.stadelman@usda.gov.

The HLC point of contact for project requirements is Tessa Donahue, GIS and Lands Special Use Program Manager, at (406) 431-3974, or tessa.donahue@usda.gov.

The PNG point of contact for project requirements is Vernon Koehler, Minerals and Lands Staff Officer, at (719) 252-4778, or vernon.koehler@usda.gov.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Status update on cooperating agency

Good afternoon Devin,

My apologies, we have been working at breakneck speed to finish some of the previous Administration's priorities.

Please accept this email as confirmation that the Fish and Wildlife Service will continue to work with the Project team on both the NEPA and ESA processes as a cooperating agency.

I am happy to help and am available should you need any assistance.

-----Original Message-----

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Mr. Scherer,

The Wyoming Military Department is pleased to join the Department of the Air Force as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) Deployment and Minuteman III Decommissioning and Disposal.

At this time our POC is COL Loren Thomson, the ARNG Facilities Management Officer. His e-mail is included in the cc line. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Respectfully,

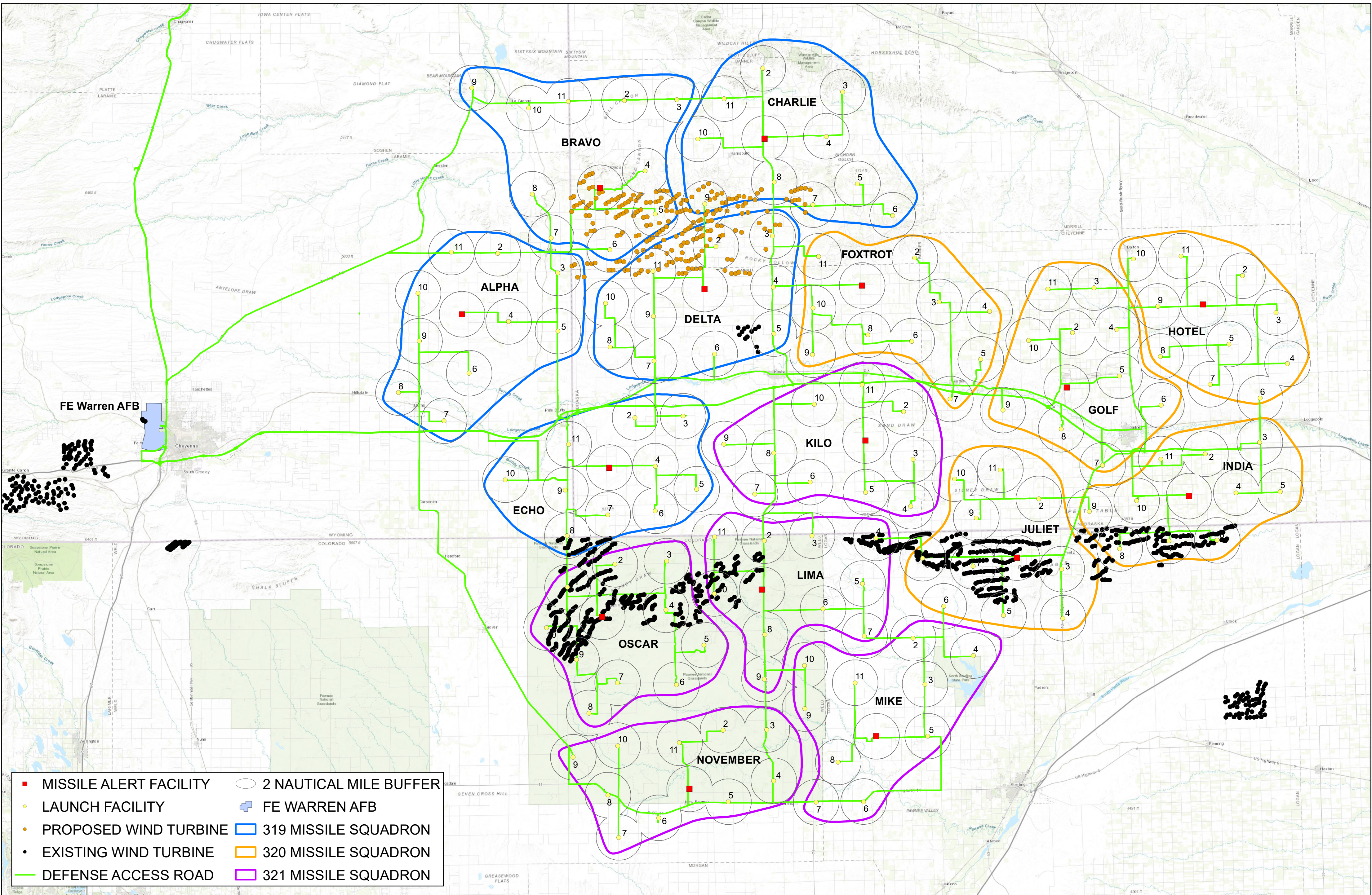
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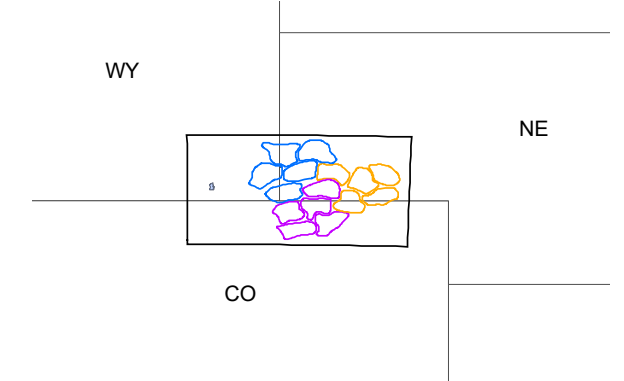
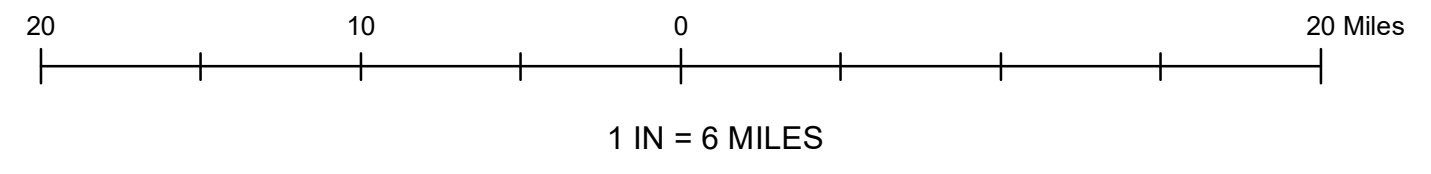
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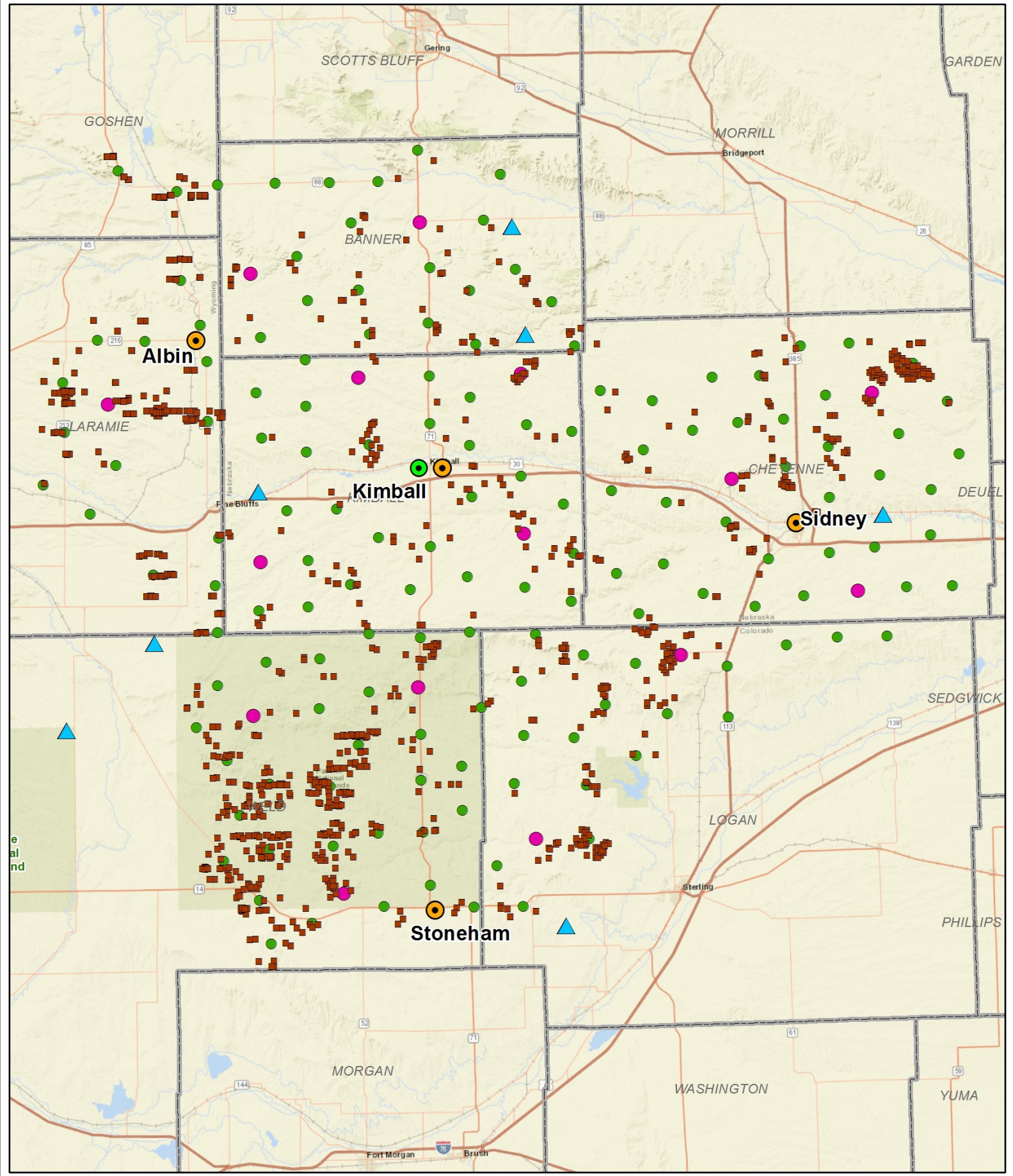
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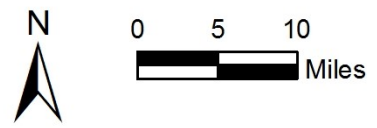
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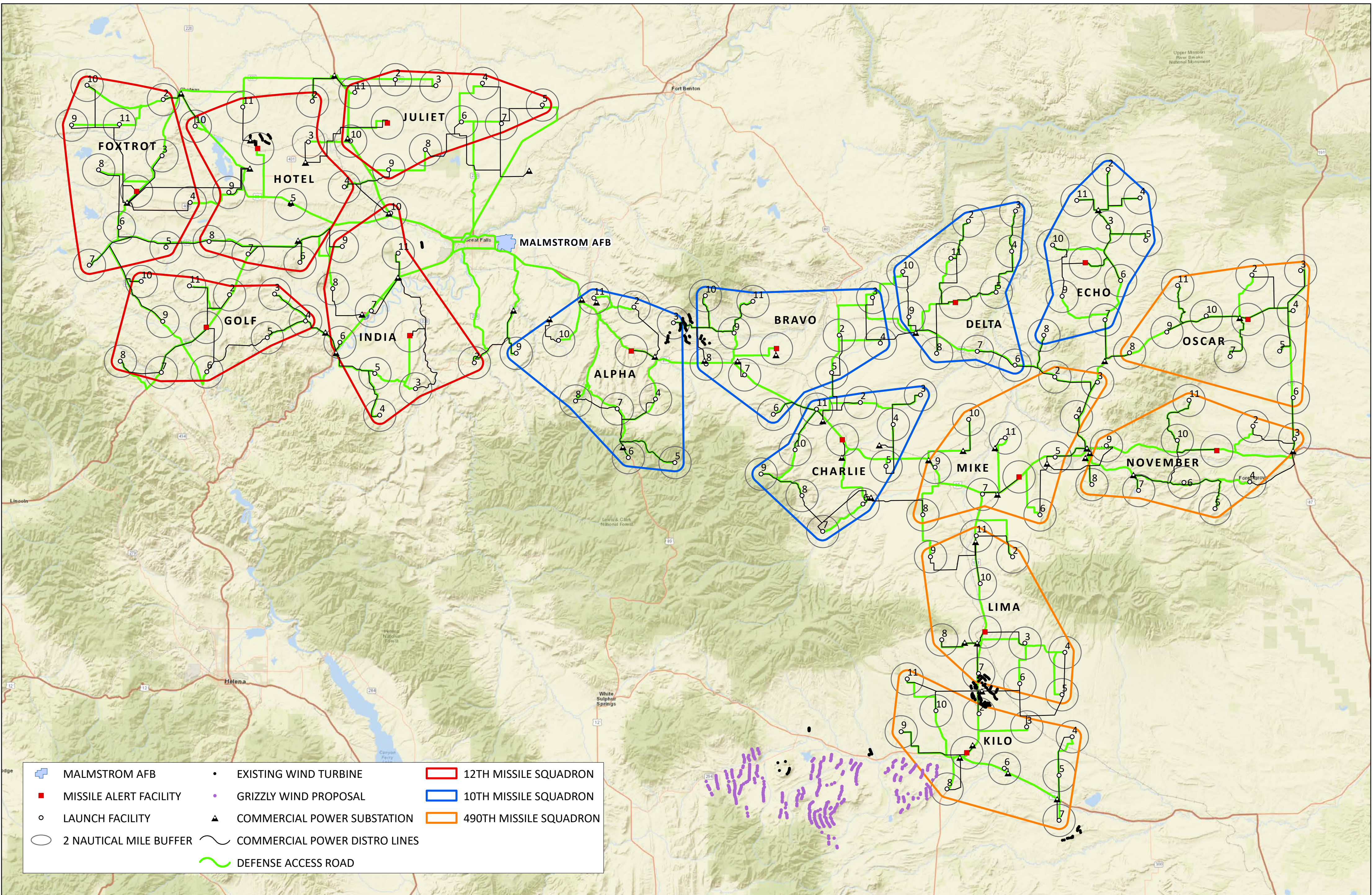


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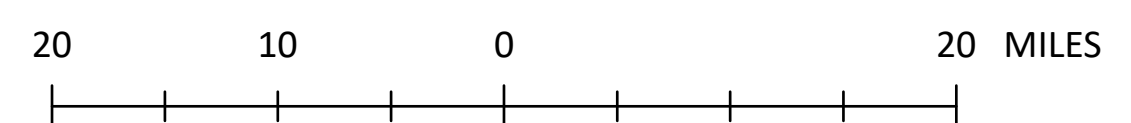


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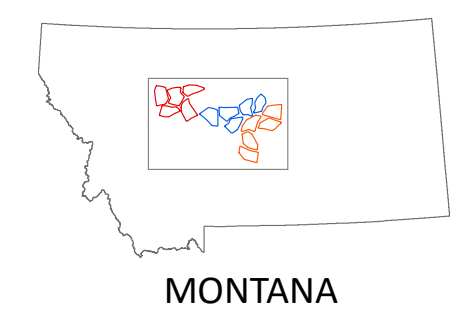
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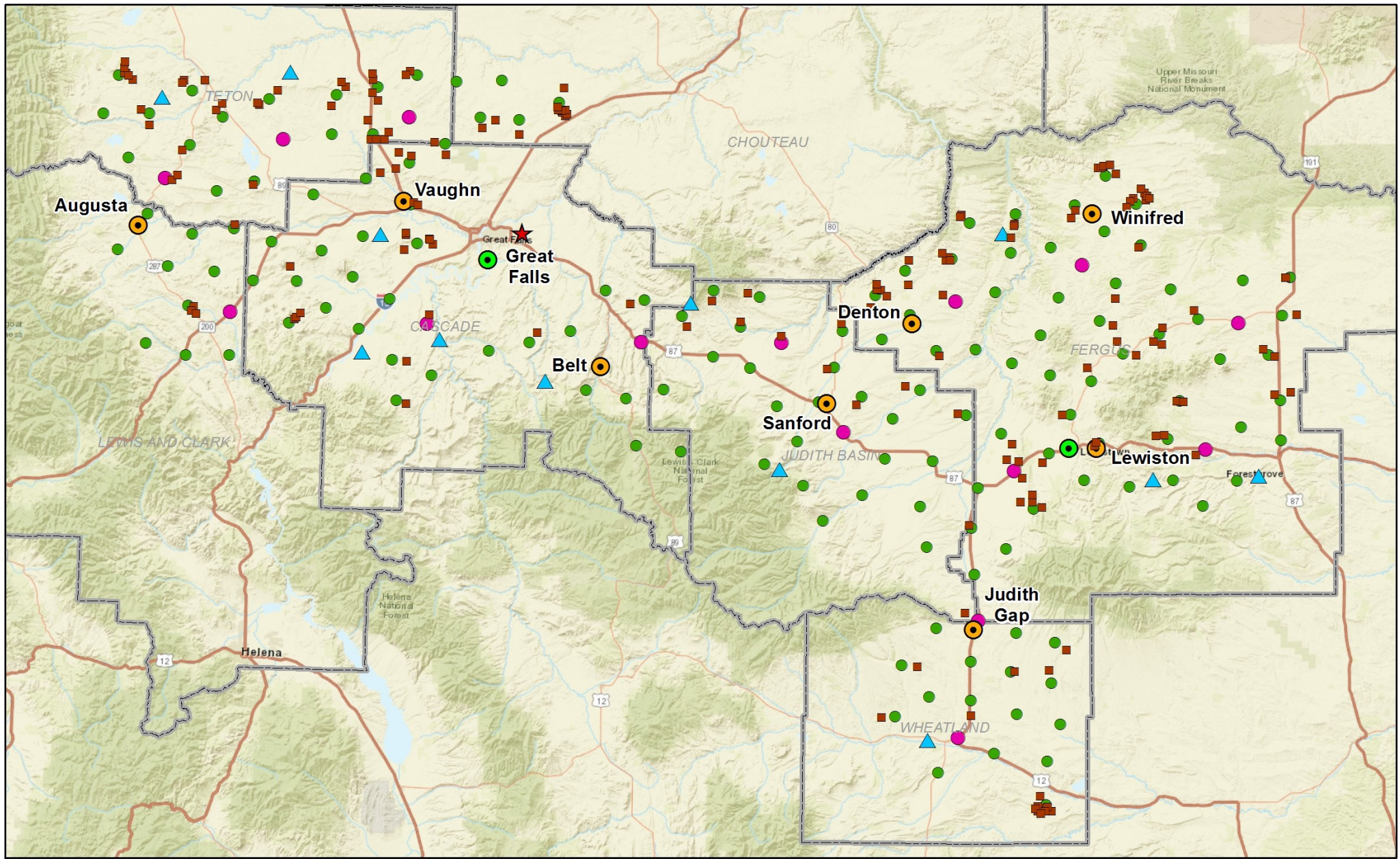


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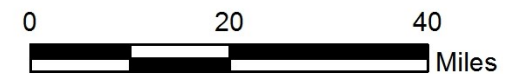


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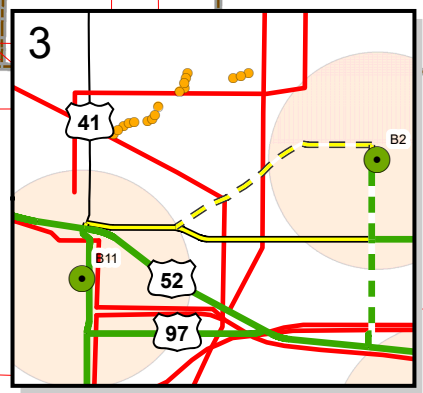
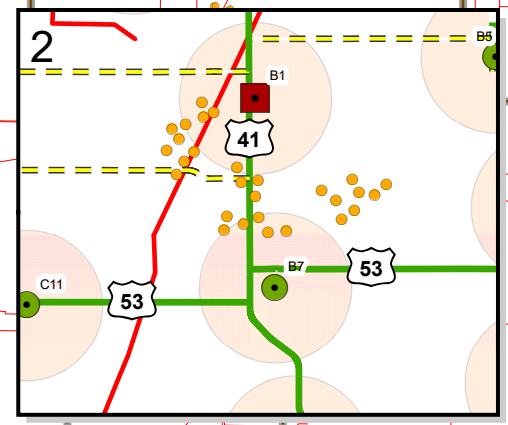
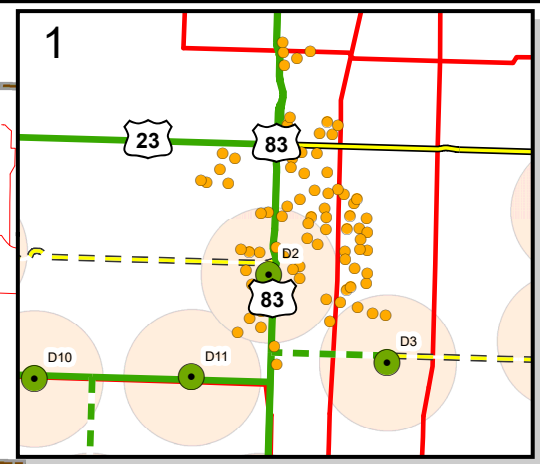
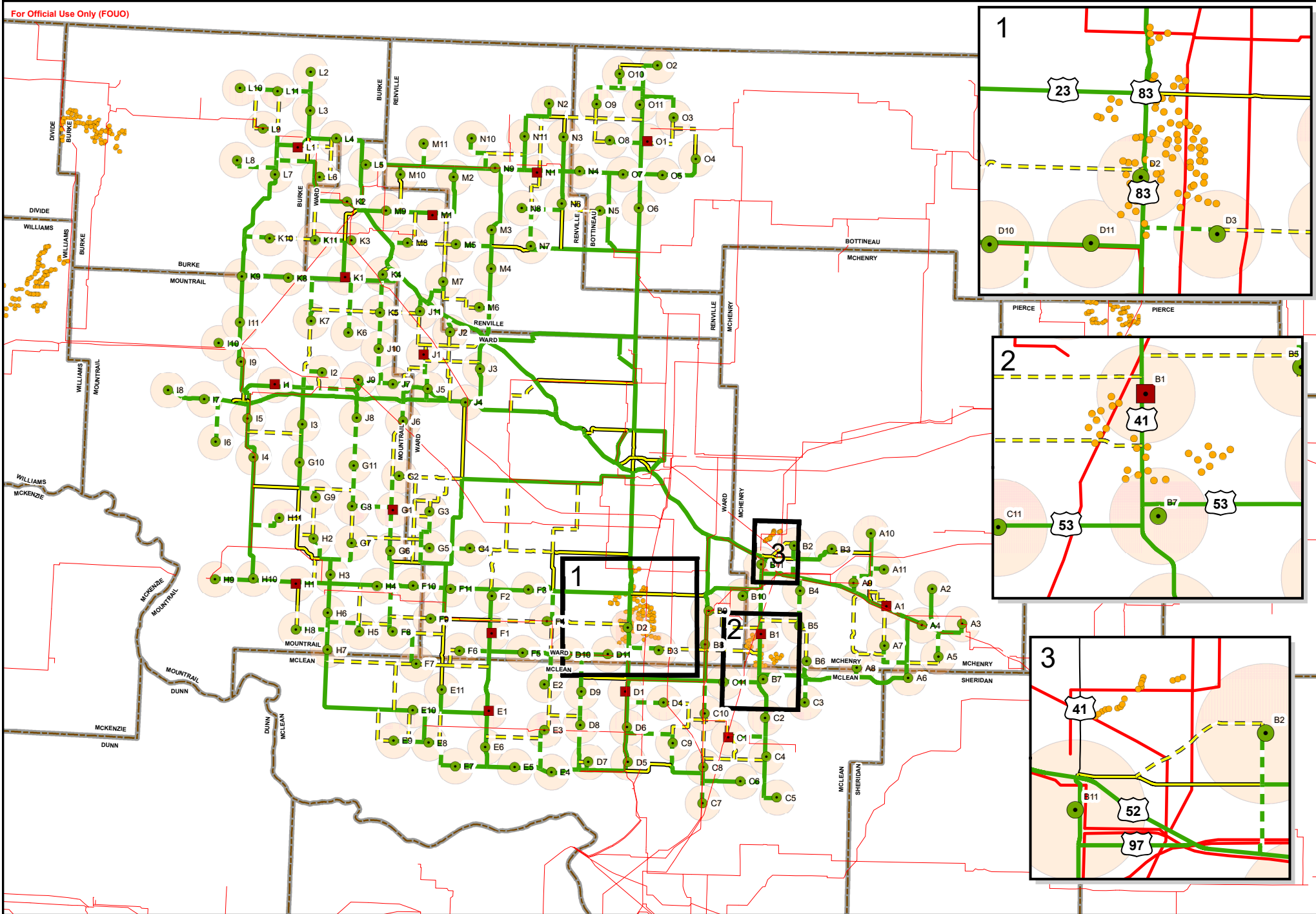


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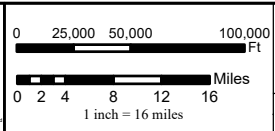


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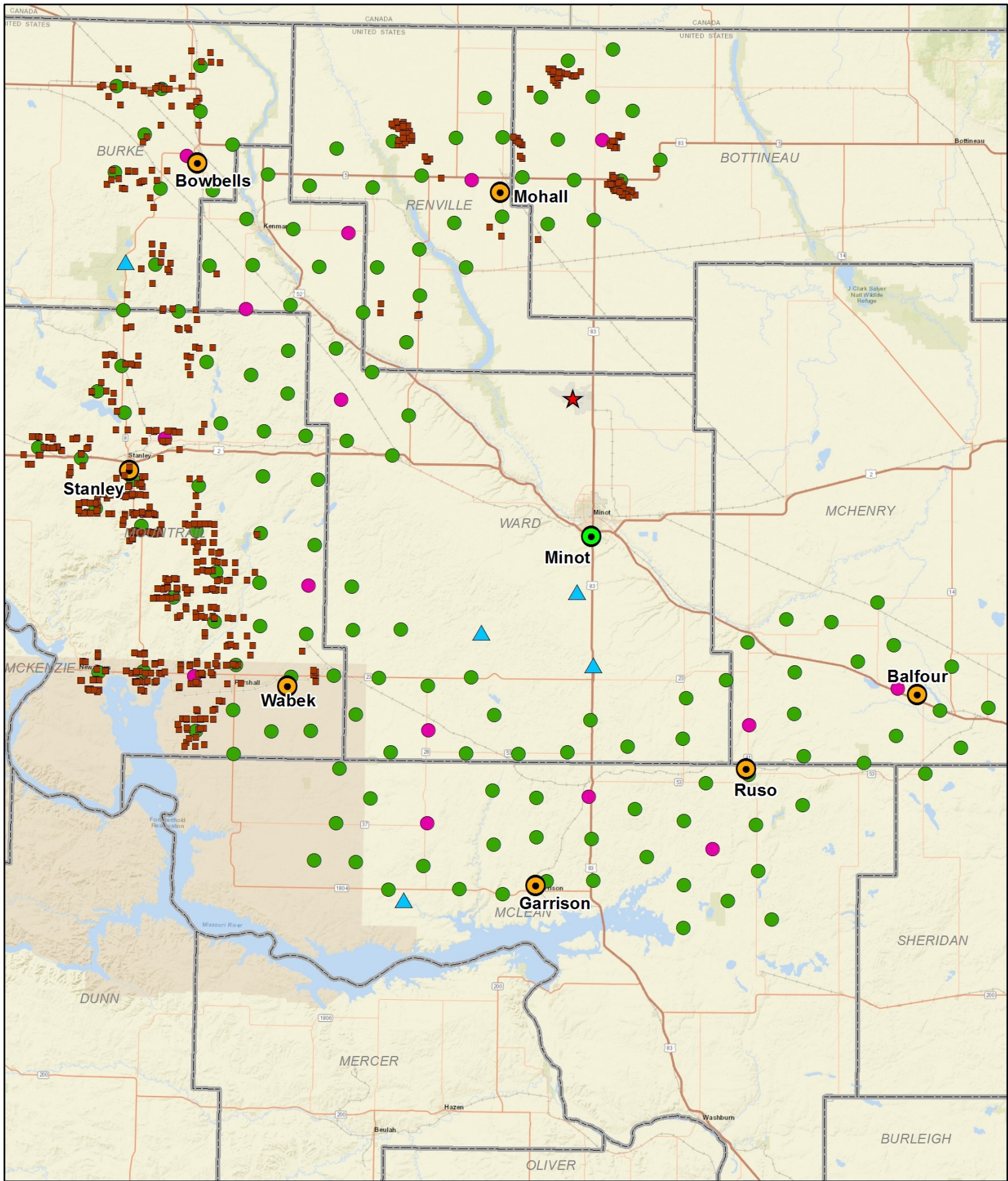
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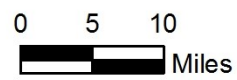
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