

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION)
FOR THE LOCATION APPROVAL OF THE)
EXPANDED CORONA WIND PROJECT AND THE)
REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM AND FOR)
RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH APPROVAL PURSUANT)
TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY ACT, NMSA 1978, §62-9-)
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Case No. 21-00____-UT

**ANCHO WIND LLC, COWBOY MESA LLC,)
GALLINAS MOUNTAIN WIND LLC, MESA)
CANYONS WIND, LLC, PATTERN SC HOLDINGS)
LLC, VIENTO LOCO LLC,)**

JOINT APPLICANTS.

**JOINT APPLICATION FOR LOCATION SITE APPROVAL OF THE EXPANSION OF
THE CORONA WIND PROJECTS AND REVISIONS TO THE ROUTE OF THE
PROPOSED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM AND
REQUEST FOR RIGHT OF WAY DETERMINATION**

Ancho Wind LLC, Cowboy Mesa LLC, Gallinas Mountain Wind LLC, Mesa Canyons Wind, LLC, Pattern SC Holdings LLC, and Viento Loco LLC, (collectively, the “Joint Applicants”¹) respectfully move the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission”) to approve this Joint Application to authorize the Joint Applicants to: a) expand the area for the wind turbines beyond that previously approved in NMPRC Case Nos. 17-00221-UT and 18-00065-UT; b) modify the proposed route for the 345- kilovolt (“kV”) Corona Gen-Tie System approved in NMPRC Case No. 18-00065-UT and reconfigured and expanded in NMPRC Case No. 20-00008-UT; and, c) provide the necessary approval to the extent required by law, for the

¹ The parties which applied for and received location approval in earlier New Mexico Public Regulation Commission proceedings included three entities that are not included in the Joint Applicants in this proceeding. These companies are Duran Mesa LLC, Red Cloud Wind LLC and Tecolote Wind LLC. Each will not own any of the additional facilities that are the subject of this proceeding but will continue to be an owner of some of the wind turbine generation for which Commission approval has already been obtained.

180-200-foot right-of-way (“ROW”)² for the revised Corona Gen-Tie System that is the subject of this Joint Application. The expanded area for wind turbines for which Commission approval is sought in this Joint Application is hereafter referred to as the “2021 Corona Generation Expansion” and is more specifically described in Exhibit JA-1, attached hereto. The proposed revisions and extensions to the previously approved route for the Corona Gen-Tie System for which Commission approval is sought are hereafter referred to as the “2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System” and are more specifically described in Exhibits JA-2 and JA-3, attached hereto. Collectively, the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion, the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System are referred to as the “2021 Corona Wind Update.”

I. BACKGROUND.

A. THE JOINT APPLICANTS.

1. The Joint Applicants are limited liability companies, organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and are indirectly held subsidiaries of Pattern Energy Group 2 LP (together with Pattern Energy Group LP, referred to as “Pattern Energy”). Pattern Energy has developed and constructed wind projects of significant size and scope throughout the world, including in New Mexico.

2. The Joint Applicants and Pattern Energy are not public utilities under New Mexico law, NMSA 1978, §62-3-3(G), and none are regulated by the Commission.

B. THE CORONA WIND PROJECT.

3. The Commission has previously granted location approval for up to 2,300 MW of wind power facilities located within approximately 489,107 acres of private and state land within

² As noted herein the Joint Applicants will require 200-foot ROW for certain segments of the Gen-Tie System and 180-foot ROW for the remainder of the system. The segments of the Gen-Tie System that will require the 200-foot ROW are identified in the Testimony of Greg Parent.

Lincoln, Tarrant, and Guadalupe Counties in New Mexico in NMPRC Case Nos. 17-00221-UT, 18-00065-UT, and 20-00008-UT (collectively referred to as the “Location Approval Proceedings”). The wind generation facilities and associated Gen-Tie systems and related facilities for which location approval was obtained in the Location Approval Proceedings and for which additional approvals are sought in this proceeding collectively constitute the Corona Wind Project.³

4. In this proceeding, the Joint Applicants propose to expand the Corona Wind Project to include the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion, which consists of approximately 200 MW of additional wind resources located on 50,100 acres. Approximately 7,580 acres will be on state land and approximately 42,520 acres will be located on private lands. The Joint Applicants are also proposing to obtain location approval for the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System to reflect the expansion of the Corona Wind Project and the results of additional environmental and siting information obtained through the ongoing comprehensive environmental and engineering analysis being undertaken in connection with this expansion.⁴ The linear length of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System is 59.2 miles or 312,576 linear feet.

5. To produce the desired energy, it is anticipated that there will be up to 50 wind turbines with a nameplate capacity ranging from 2.3 MW to 4.5 MW. Each of the turbines will be connected by 34.5-kV collection lines to new substations to be located within the Corona Wind Project area. A final determination of the number of turbines to be used and the specific siting of

³ The Mesa Canyons Wind Farm obtained location approval in NMPRC Case No. 17-00221-UT. This project was subsequently acquired by Pattern Energy and is now included in the Corona Wind Project. As part of the environmental analysis being performed for this Joint Application, the Joint Applicants have extended this same level of analysis to the areas encompassed by the Mesa Canyons Wind Farm.

⁴ As was the case in NMPRC Case No. 20-00008-UT, the Joint Applicants have continued to evaluate environmental and engineering conditions in areas for which prior location approval has been granted by the Commission. This ongoing analysis and review have resulted in further adjustments to previous proposed routes for the Corona Gen-Tie System to minimize environmental impacts without jeopardizing the reliability of the Corona Wind Project.

the turbines, collection lines, and substations will be made over time, and such information will be made available to the Commission. The proposed in-service date for the 2021 Corona Wind Update is the end of 2026.

6. An updated environmental analysis has been performed by the Joint Applicants' consultant, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., and is sponsored by and submitted as an exhibit to the Testimony of Nathan Olday. This comprehensive environmental analysis was performed throughout the entire area of the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion, the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System and the area for which prior location approval was granted in NMPRC Case No. 17-00221-UT involving the Mesa Canyons Wind Farm ("Mesa Canyons Project Area"). Collectively, the areas covered by the environmental analysis for the 2021 Corona Wind Update, including the Mesa Canyons Project Area, are referred to herein as the "2021 Corona Wind Update Study Area."

7. Although the Joint Applicants broadened the region which was evaluated as part of the environmental review, thereby eliminating the necessity to identify a narrower one-mile corridor containing the proposed 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System route, this Joint Application still identifies the one-mile corridor which contains the proposed route. Joint Applicants are requesting that the Commission approve the location of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System within the broader 2021 Corona Wind Update Study Area because of the expanded environmental review and analysis performed over this broader region. This approach will enable the Joint Applicants more flexibility in making final siting decisions and minimize the need for subsequent environmental review if adjustments are required and unanticipated information becomes available about particular sites and potential environmental impacts. Joint Applicants believe that the time and expense of performing a detailed environmental review of a

much broader area than a one-mile corridor enables them to avoid subsequent analysis and possible delays caused by regulatory proceedings if reasonable and prudent siting determinations require movement of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System outside of a narrower one-mile corridor but within the 2021 Corona Wind Update Study Area.

8. Notwithstanding the detailed analysis performed for the entire 2021 Corona Wind Update Study Area, the Joint Applicants are seeking approval of the specific locations identified for the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion and the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System in Exhibits JA-1, JA-2 and JA-3 submitted with this Joint Application, with the realization that any subsequent adjustments required during the construction phase of the project as a result of unanticipated or previously unknown environmental issues must be made within the 2021 Corona Wind Update Study Area.⁵

C. THE 2021 REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM.

9. The Corona Gen-Tie System that was approved in NMPRC Case No. 18-00065-UT consists of an approximately 80-mile 345-kV transmission system and associated transmission facilities, including a 180-foot ROW located within a one-mile-wide corridor, referred to in that proceeding as the Corona Gen-Tie System Study Corridor.

10. In NMPRC Case No. 18-00065-UT, the applicants stated the intent that the Corona Gen-Tie System will connect the Corona Wind Project to one of the proposed SunZia Transmission LLC's two 500-kV transmission lines ("SunZia Project"). When completed, the first phase of the SunZia Project will be utilized by the Corona Wind Project.

⁵ Joint Applicants note that the submission of an entirely new application for location approval when adjustments are made to a previously approved route has not been required by the Commission provided that the adjustments are within the areas that have been subjected to comprehensive environmental review and if the Commission staff is notified of such changes. The relief sought in this application is no different, with the exception that the Joint Applicants expended significant resources and monies to perform the comprehensive environmental analysis over a larger area than the one-mile corridor used in prior cases, thereby allowing the Joint Applicants greater siting flexibility in the event that modifications to the proposed route are necessary as the construction phase of the 2021 Corona Wind Update proceeds.

11. In NMPRC Case No. 20-00008-UT, the Corona Gen-Tie System was: (a) revised to include both a reconfiguration of the previously approved proposed route outside of the previously approved Corona Gen-Tie System Study Corridor to reflect more current environmental and engineering analysis and (b) extended to the north to allow interconnection to the proposed Western Spirit Transmission Project.⁶ The Joint Applicants are proposing new updates to the Corona Gen-Tie System to include approximately 59.2 miles of new 345-kV transmission line and up to five new step-up substations to serve wind turbine generation projects in Lincoln and Torrance Counties that would interconnect to the eastern terminus of the SunZia Transmission System to the Corona Wind Project.

II. LOCATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY.

A. LOCATION STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.

12. The purpose of NMSA 1978, §62-9-3 (“Siting Statute”), is to provide for the supervision and control by the Commission of the location within this state of new plants, facilities, and transmission lines for the generation and transmission of electricity for sale to the public. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(A).

13. The Siting Statute further provides that no application shall be approved if such application violates an existing state, county, or municipal land use statute or administrative regulation unless the Commission finds that the regulation is unreasonably restrictive, and compliance is not in the interest of the public convenience and necessity. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(G). The Joint Applicants have determined that applicable state, county, and municipal land use

⁶ The Western Spirit Transmission Project is an approximately 155-mile 345-kV transmission project being co-developed by Western Spirit Transmission LLC and the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority. Western Spirit Transmission LLC is an affiliate of Pattern Energy.

statutes, and administrative regulations are not violated and will allow for the installation of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System.

14. Under the Siting Statute, the Commission may approve an application without a formal hearing if no protests are filed within sixty (60) days of the date the notice is given. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(K). An application is deemed to be approved if the Commission fails to issue an order within six (6) months after filing. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(L).

15. The Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission proceed to an expedited decision without a hearing if no valid protests are filed within sixty (60) days of the date of publication notice. A proposed form of notice is attached as Exhibit JA-4 to this Joint Application.

1. GENERATION PLANT.

16. The Siting Statute provides the Commission with specific and limited jurisdiction over the siting of power plants within the State of New Mexico with a “capacity of three hundred thousand kilowatts [300 MW] or more for the generation of electricity for the sale to the public within or without [the state of New Mexico.]” NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(B). With respect to the various projects located in New Mexico, the Joint Applicants have always aggregated the capacity of the proposed wind turbines in concluding that the Commission may have jurisdiction to approve the location of these individual generation facilities as a single generation plant.

17. The Commission is required to approve an application for the location of the generating plant unless it finds that the operations of the facilities for which approval is sought will not comply with all applicable existing air and water pollution control standards and regulations. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(E). However, the Commission is precluded by the Siting Statute from requiring “compliance with performance standards other than those established by the agency

of this state having jurisdiction over a particular pollution source.” *Id.* The New Mexico agency that has jurisdiction over air and water pollution is the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”).

18. The Joint Applicants have evaluated the air and water pollution control standards in connection with the proposed 2021 Corona Wind Update and have determined that the Corona Wind Project will comply with these standards. Furthermore, in NMPRC Case No. 18-00065-UT, the Joint Applicants voluntarily elected to extend the protection measures addressing sensitive resources under the standard of review for location control of transmission facilities to the entire generation area of the Corona Wind Project and not limit such measures to the areas where the transmission facilities would be located. This same commitment is made again with respect to the additional land that would be included in the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion and the Mesa Canyons Project Area. For more detailed information, please refer to the Direct Testimonies of Nathan Olday and Adam Cernea Clark and the environmental report performed by Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company Inc., which is Exhibit NO-1 to the Direct Testimony of Nathan Olday (“Corona Environmental Report”).

2. TRANSMISSION LINES.

19. The Siting Statute gives the Commission jurisdiction over “transmission lines in connection with ... a [generating] plant, on a location within [New Mexico]” NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(B). For purposes of this statute, transmission line “means any electric transmission line and associated facilities designed for or capable of operations at a nominal voltage of two hundred thirty kilovolts or more....” *Id.*

20. The Commission is required to approve an application for the location of transmission lines unless it finds the location will unduly impair important environmental values

or that the operation of the proposed transmission lines will unduly impair power system reliability. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(F). Past Commission decisions have held that environmental values will not be unduly impaired if the requirements under Commission Rule 17.9.592.10 NMAC are met. *In the Matter of Sw. Pub. Serv. Company's Application Requesting: (1) Issuance of A Certificate of Pub. Convenience & Necessity Authorizing Constr. & Operation of A 345-Kv Transmission Line & Associated Facilities in Eddy & Lea Ctys., New Mexico; (2) Approval of the Location of the 345-Kv Transmission Line; (3) Determination of Right of Way Width; & (4) Authorization to Accrue an Allowance for Funds Used During Constr. for the Transmission Line & Associated Facilities Sw. Pub. Serv. Company, Case No. 16-00126-UT, 2016 WL 6678978, at 6 (Nov. 9, 2016); In the Matter of Sw. Pub. Serv. Co.'s Application for: (1) Issuance of A Certificate of Pub. Convenience & Necessity Authorizing Constr. & Operation of Two 230 Kv Transmission Lines & Associated Substation Facilities in Curry & Roosevelt Ctys., New Mexico; (2) Approval of the Location of the 230 Kv Transmission Lines & Associated Facilities; & (3) Authorizing Accrual of an Allowance for Funds Used During Constr. For the Transmission and Associated Facilities Sw. Pub. Serv. Co.'s Applicant, Case No. 12-00027-UT, 2012 WL 10937016, at 1 (June 20, 2012).*⁷ The operation of the proposed transmission lines will not impair power system reliability.⁸

21. The Commission also has the discretion to consider certain additional factors under NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(M) to determine if a proposed transmission line unduly impairs important environmental values. These additional factors are:

- (1) existing plans of the state, local government, and private entities for other developments at or in the vicinity of the proposed location;

⁷ See Section II(C) for more details on Commission Rule 17.9.592.10NMAC.

⁸ See Direct Testimony of Greg Parent.

- (2) fish, wildlife, and plant life;
- (3) noise emission levels and interference with communication signals;
- (4) the proposed availability of the location to the public for recreational purposes, consistent with safety considerations and regulations;
- (5) existing scenic areas, historic, cultural or religious sites and structures or archaeological sites at or in the vicinity of the proposed location; and,
- (6) additional factors that require consideration under applicable federal and state laws pertaining to the location.

22. The Joint Applicants have evaluated these factors in connection with the proposed 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System and have determined that the statutory and regulatory requirements for siting a transmission line or associated facilities are or will be satisfied.⁹

3. ROW WIDTH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2.

23. NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2 (“ROW Statute”) provides that “unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, no person shall begin the construction of any transmission line requiring a width for ROW of greater than one hundred feet without first obtaining from the Commission a determination of the necessary right-of-way width to construct and maintain the transmission line.” NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2(A). With the exception of those portions of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System located outside of the original one-mile study corridor that was approved in NMPRC Case No. 20-00008-UT, the Commission previously approved the ROW width of 180 feet for the Corona Gen-Tie System transmission facilities.¹⁰ The Joint Applicants have included a request for

⁹ Analysis and conclusions of the studies performed are discussed in detail in the Direct Testimony of Adam Cernea Clark and in the Corona Environmental Report.

¹⁰ The Joint Applicants do not believe that the Commission needs to revisit this issue with respect to areas of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System not covered by the Commission’s Order in NMPRC Case No. 18-00065-UT or NMPRC Case No. 20-

ROW approval with this Joint Application to assure that the Joint Application is deemed complete to the extent that the Commission determines that an additional ROW width approval is necessary for the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System. Additionally, as noted in the Testimony of Greg Parent, there are segments of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System that may conservatively require a 200-foot ROW to facilitate efficient operation and enable the Joint Applicants to collocate two circuits on a single set of transmission structures rather than constructing two independent parallel segments. This will result in an overall minimization of environmental effects but will require a wider ROW.

24. Those segments of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System for which the Joint Applicants are requesting approval of a 200-foot ROW width are identified in the Testimony of Greg Parent.

25. Under the ROW Statute, “the applicant shall cause notice of the time and place of hearing on the application for the [ROW] determination to any owner of property proposed to be taken.” NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2(D). Notice shall be given by first class mail at least twenty (20) days before the time set for hearing, and the applicant shall file proof of notice on or before the hearing. *Id.*

26. The ROW Statute further provides that the Commission shall act upon the application, after public hearing, within six (6) months of the date the application was filed, and failure to do so is deemed to be approval of the application. NMSA 1978, §§62-9-3.2(E) and (F).

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, COMMISSION RULE 17.9.592 NMAC.

00008-UT, as the ROW width for the entire 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System has been or will be agreed upon by all the interested parties prior to construction per the provisions of NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2(A).

27. The Commission’s Location of Large Capacity Plants and Transmission Lines Rule 17.9.592 NMAC (“Location Rule”) states the requirements for an application for location approval of a large capacity generation plant and a transmission line, pursuant to the Siting Statute, NMSA 1978, §62-9-3. The Joint Application, including the supporting testimonies and exhibits, provide all the required information for Commission review.

5. GENERATION PLANT—2021 CORONA GENERATION EXPANSION.

28. Location Rule 17.9.592.9 NMAC for generating facilities (“Generation Location Rule”) lists the requirements for a generating plant capable of operation at a capacity of 300 MW or greater:

- A. a description of the large capacity plant, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) a legal description of the property upon which the large capacity plant will be located;
 - (2) the size of the large capacity plant;
 - (3) fuel specifications including, but not limited to, the type of fuel to be used; and,
 - (4) a map showing the location of the large capacity plant;
- B. identification of all applicable land use statutes and administrative regulations and proof of compliance or a statement of noncompliance with each;
- C. identification of all applicable air and water pollution control standards and regulations and proof of compliance or a statement of noncompliance with each;
- D. all written air and water quality authorizations necessary to begin construction of the large capacity plant;

- E. all written air and water quality authorizations necessary to begin operation of the large capacity plant; if any such authorization cannot be obtained until after construction of the large capacity plant, proof of application for such authorization;
- F. the expected date that the large capacity plant will be online;
- G. proof that the application has been served on all local authorities in each county and township where the large capacity plant will be located, the New Mexico attorney general, the New Mexico environment department, and the New Mexico State Engineer;
- H. any other information, including photographs, which the applicant wishes to submit in support of the application.

6. TRANSMISSION LINES—2021 REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM

29. Under Commission Rule 17.9.592.10 NMAC for approval of the location of transmission lines (“Transmission Location Rule”), an applicant must file an application supported by written testimony and exhibits that contain the following information for transmission lines for which location approval is required:

- A. a description of the transmission line including, but not limited to:
 - (1) the location of the transmission line;
 - (2) identification of the ownership of the land (such as private, bureau of land management, United States Forest Service, state trust, etc.) the transmission line will cross and the number of feet the transmission line will cross over each owner’s land;
 - (3) the total length of each transmission line in feet;

- (4) a description of interconnection facilities;
 - (5) a map showing the location of the transmission line; and
 - (6) a schematic diagram showing the transmission line and the interconnection of the transmission line to the transmission grid;
- B. identification of all applicable land use statutes and administrative regulations and proof of compliance or statement of noncompliance with each;
 - C. if required under NEPA, an environmental assessment prepared in connection with the transmission line;
 - D. if required under NEPA, an environmental impact statement and record of decision or a finding of no significant impact, prepared in connection with the transmission line;
 - E. if preparation of a federal environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is not required under NEPA in connection with the transmission line, then a report, comparable to an environmental impact statement, in the format prescribed in 40 C.F.R. Section 1502.10;
 - F. all written federal, state, and local environmental authorizations necessary to begin construction of the transmission line;
 - G. all written federal, state, and local environmental authorizations necessary to begin operation of the transmission line; if any such authorization cannot be obtained until after construction of the transmission line, proof of application for such authorization;
 - H. testimony demonstrating that the transmission line will not unduly impair important environmental values; important environmental values include, but

are not limited to, preservation of air and water quality, land uses, soils, flora and fauna, and water, mineral, socioeconomic, cultural, historic, religious, visual, geologic and geographic resources;

- I. the expected date that the transmission line will be online;
- J. proof that the application has been served on all local authorities in each county and township where the transmission line will be located, the New Mexico attorney general, the New Mexico environment department, and the New Mexico State Engineer;
- K. any other information, including photographs, which the applicant wishes to submit in support of the application.

III. ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REQUESTED APPROVAL ARE SATISFIED.

30. The 2021 Corona Wind Update will satisfy all the requirements of NMSA 1978, §62-9-3 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC for location approval of a generation facility and a transmission line because: (1) the Joint Applicants will cause the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion and the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System to comply with all applicable requirements under the Siting Statute and Location Rule; (2) existing state, county, and municipal land use statutory and administrative regulations allow for the installation of these projects; and, (3) the proposed ROW width is necessary for the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System. If the Commission grants the location approvals sought in this proceeding, the Joint Applicants will implement all the conditions for the 2021 Corona Wind Update, including the voluntary Protective Measures, that were agreed to and incorporated in the Final Orders in NMPRC Case Nos. 18-00065-UT and 20-00008-UT.

A. THE 2021 CORONA WIND UPDATE.

31. As renewable energy generation facilities, the Corona Wind Project will result in environmental benefits and will not negatively impact air or water quality during the operating life of the generating facilities. The Corona Wind Project will produce zero-emission electricity using state-of-the-art wind turbine technology and may even displace electricity generated from non-renewable sources causing a reduction in greenhouse gas emission and regulated air pollutants. The 2021 Corona Wind Update will also have a *de minimis* effect on water quality during the construction of the projects and will conserve water that would otherwise be used in cooling thermal power plants during the operation of the projects.

32. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §62-9-3, the Joint Applicants will cause the 2021 Corona Wind Update to comply with all applicable: (1) water pollution control standards and regulations of the NMED; and (2) air pollution control standards and regulations of the NMED. The Direct Testimony of Adam Cernea Clark explains the applicable requirements and summarizes how the Joint Applicants intend to comply with these standards.

33. The types of construction activity permits needed to construct the Corona Wind Project are typically applied for and issued shortly before the start of construction and are anticipated to consist of air quality permits from NMED for concrete batch plants and mobile rock crushing. No other air or water pollution permits are required from NMED.

34. All air and water quality permits associated with environmental impacts due to construction activities will be acquired by the balance of plant (“BOP”) contractor from the NMED prior to the initiation of construction of such project. Issuance of these permits by NMED and compliance with their terms by the Joint Applicants will satisfy applicable state water and air pollution control standards and regulations. This is consistent with provisions which the

Commission has already approved for the Corona Wind Project Area in the Final Orders in NMPRC Case Nos. 18-00065-UT and 20-00008-UT.

B. WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS OF THE NMED.

35. The Joint Applicants will not need any water quality permits from NMED to comply with all water quality performance standards and regulations of NMED. However, they will obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”).

36. The purpose of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Act (“New Mexico Water Act”) is to prevent the impairment of New Mexico’s groundwater quality. NMSA 1978, §§74-6-1 *et seq.* Because turbines do not require water to produce electricity, the 2021 Corona Wind Update will not impair groundwater quality. Joint Applicants will not transfer any surface or ground water rights for project use. The BOP contractor may elect at the approval of the State Engineer to temporarily transfer water rights during the construction period. Since the Joint Applicants do not intend to adversely affect surface or groundwater at the site, they will not require a permit under the New Mexico Water Act.

37. The Joint Applicants will acquire one or more NPDES permits from the EPA under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, as amended, more commonly referred to as the “Clean Water Act.” *See* 33 U.S.C. §1342. This permit will ensure that storm water discharge from construction activities that disturb one or more acres are managed through best management practices. However, the 2021 Corona Wind Update is also expected to qualify for a storm water Construction General Permit (“CGP”).

38. The Joint Applicants will obtain coverage under a NPDES CGP from the EPA pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1342. This construction phase permit requires the management of storm

water discharge from the site during construction, including implementation of standard erosion control measures and best management practices. Further, project facilities will be sited to avoid and/or minimize fill in Waters of the U.S. so that any fill, if necessary, would be within the thresholds allowed under the Nationwide Permit Program under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. *See* 33 U.S.C. §1344. The 2021 Corona Wind Update facilities will be sited to minimize placement in the floodplain.

C. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS OF THE NMED.

39. With respect to applicable air pollution standards, construction activities will be required to comply with General Construction Permits (“GCP”). The Joint Applicants will require air quality general construction permitting from NMED to comply with all air quality performance standards and regulations of NMED.

40. The New Mexico Air Quality Control Act applies to the Corona Wind Projects. NMSA 1978, §§74-2-1 *et seq.* The Joint Applicants will require the BOP contractor to obtain a GCP before the start of construction, for concrete batch plants and a general construction permit for aggregate facilities (permits GCP-5 and GCP-2, respectively) from the Air Quality Bureau of NMED. The Joint Applicants will provide copies of these permits to the Commission upon request before construction activities associated with these permits begin.

41. The application for the GCP will demonstrate that the construction of the 2021 Corona Wind Update complies with applicable air pollution control standards and regulations. Once the 2021 Corona Wind Update is in operation, there will be no adverse impact to air quality. Instead, the Corona Wind Project will benefit the air quality by displacing sources of electricity in the Southwest which adversely impact air quality.

D. THE GENERATION LOCATION RULE.

42. The Joint Application and supporting testimony and exhibits provide the information required by the Generation Location Rule and the necessary information needed for the Commission's evaluation of this Joint Application to construct the Corona Wind Update.

43. The Joint Applicants will require the 2021 Corona Wind Update to comply with local land use statutes and administrative regulations.

44. The Joint Applicants will obtain New Mexico State Land Office ("SLO") approval for use of any state trust land, in compliance with Commission Rule 17.9.592.9(B) NMAC.

45. The necessary authorizations to begin construction and operation of the wind facilities are typically obtained immediately prior to the start of construction and will be obtained prior to construction.

46. The Joint Applicants intend to put the wind facilities into operation no later than the end of 2026.

47. The Joint Application and supporting testimony and exhibits have been served on all local authorities in Lincoln and Torrance Counties in New Mexico, the New Mexico Attorney General, the New Mexico Environment Department, and the New Mexico State Engineer. A copy of the Joint Application and testimony is available at the public library in the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, which is the county seat of Lincoln County and in Estancia, New Mexico which is the county seat of Torrance County. This Joint Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are also available on the Joint Applicants' website, <https://patternenergy.com/en/project-documents>, all in compliance with Commission Rule 17.9.592.9(G) NMAC, and Commission Rule 17.9.592.13 NMAC.

E. THE TRANSMISSION LOCATION RULE.

48. The location of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will not unduly impair any important environmental values. A more detailed discussion of environmental aspects of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System is provided in the Direct Testimonies of Adam Cernea Clark and Nathan Olday, as well as in the Corona Environmental Report.

49. The 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will comport with existing plans of the state and local government. *See* NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(M)(1). The 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System is being constructed in connection with the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion in Lincoln and Torrance Counties in the State of New Mexico.

50. The proposed 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will also comport with and enhance existing land uses (farming and ranching) near and adjacent to the site and the line will have limited impacts on natural resources. *See* NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(M)(2). This conclusion is supported by extensive studies and fieldwork performed for the 2021 Corona Wind Update and surrounding area and inclusive of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System.

51. The 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will not produce significant noise emission levels or interference with communication signals. *See* NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(M)(3). A more detailed discussion is provided in the Direct Testimonies of Nathan Olday and Adam Cernea Clark.

52. The vast majority of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System is located on private land that is not open to the public. The 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will not impact public access to the portion of the line passing through state trust land, except to the extent restricted by the SLO. *See* NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(M)(4). A more detailed discussion is provided in the Direct Testimonies of Nathan Olday and Adam Cernea Clark.

53. The Joint Applicants have conducted extensive, voluntary cultural and archaeological studies and incorporated protection measures into this process and determined that the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will not unduly impair “existing scenic areas, historic, cultural or religious sites and structures or archaeological sites at or in the vicinity of the proposed location” of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System. *See* NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(M)(5). A more detailed discussion is provided in the prepared Direct Testimonies of Adam Cernea Clark and Nathan Olday, as well as the Corona Environmental Report.

54. The Joint Application, including supporting testimony and exhibits, provides the information required by the Transmission Location Rule and the necessary information needed for the Commission’s evaluation of this Joint Application.

55. The Joint Applicants will cause the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System to comply with local land use statutes and administrative regulations.

56. The Joint Applicants will obtain SLO approval for use of any state trust land, in compliance with Commission Rule 17.9.592.10(B) NMAC.

57. The necessary authorizations to begin construction and operation of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System are typically obtained and will be obtained by the Joint Applicants immediately prior to the start of construction.

58. The Joint Applicants intend to put the complete 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System into operation no later than the end of 2026. The 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will not unduly impair important environmental values in compliance with Commission Rule 17.9.592.10(I) and (H) NMAC. *See* the Direct Testimonies of Adam Cernea Clark and Nathan Olday.

59. The Joint Application and supporting materials have been served on all local authorities in Lincoln and Torrance Counties in New Mexico, the New Mexico Attorney General, the New Mexico Environment Department, and the New Mexico State Engineer. A copy of the Joint Application and testimony is available at the public library in the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, which is the county seat of Lincoln County and in Estancia, New Mexico, which is the county seat of Torrance County. This Joint Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are also available on the Joint Applicants' website, <https://patternenergy.com/en/project-documents>, all in compliance with Commission Rule 17.9.592.10(J) NMAC, and Commission Rule 17.9.592.13 NMAC.

60. The existing state, county, and municipal land use statutory and administrative regulations allow for the installation of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System. These projects are also supported by local landowners, business leaders, and officials as explained in

61. Lincoln County has a wind energy ordinance, and the Corona Wind Project has previously received approval from Lincoln County under this ordinance for the project areas covered by the prior Location Approval Cases. Additional approval under this ordinance will be sought for new project areas covered by this Joint Application which were not previously approved and such approval is expected. Torrance County does have a zoning ordinance that regulates the zoning of wind projects. The majority of the Corona Wind Project area located in Torrance County has previously received special zoning approval and the portions of the Corona Wind Project not included in the prior approvals will apply for approval and adhere to all requirements of the Torrance County Zoning Ordinance. The Joint Applicants will comply with all zoning requirements of Lincoln and Torrance Counties.

62. The 2021 Corona Wind Update is supported by landowners, local businesses, and community leaders. This is discussed in more detail in the testimony of Jeremy Turner.

63. The Joint Applicants will cause the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System to comply with the conditions for use of state trust lands. The Joint Applicants have submitted or will submit applications for lease agreements for 7,520.5 acres of state trust land. State trust land use as further discussed in the Direct Testimony of Jeremy Turner.

F. THE PROPOSED ROW WIDTH IS NECESSARY FOR THE 2021 REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM

64. A minimum 180-foot ROW width is necessary for the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System to connect the 2021 Corona Wind Update to the electric transmission grid in a safe and reliable manner. However, as noted in the Testimony of Greg Parent there are some areas of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System that will be better served by utilizing a 200-foot ROW width to enable the Joint Applicants to collocate two circuits on a single set of transmission structures rather than constructing two independent parallel segments use for the double circuit transmission line. These areas are identified in the testimony of Mr. Parent. For the overwhelming majority of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System, the 180-foot ROW width which has previously been approved in the prior Location Approval Proceedings and agreed to by all interested parties, provides sufficient space for variation in design, while addressing electrical safety code requirements and construction and operation considerations according to prudent and standard industry practice.

65. Since the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will be located primarily on private land for which the Joint Applicants have obtained or will obtain land rights, all underlying landowners will have to agree to the proposed ROW width. No land will be “taken” as the location, construction, and operation of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System will be dependent upon

landowner agreements, including agreements with the SLO.¹¹ Accordingly, since all the underlying landowners have or will consent to the proposed ROW width, the Joint Applicants do not believe that Commission approval is needed under the ROW Statute in the situation as presented here and request such determination.

66. To the extent that the Commission finds the requested ROW width approval is still necessary, the Joint Applicants request such approval pursuant to NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2.

IV. THE CORONA WIND UPDATE AND 2021 REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM HAVE THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL LANDOWNERS, COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND POLITICAL FIGURES.

67. The 2021 Corona Wind Update has received letters of support from landowners, local community officials, and leading figures of the New Mexico business community.¹²

68. The Joint Applicants have also engaged in outreach to economic development organizations, potential construction partners, and vendors that may participate in the construction of the 2021 Corona Wind Update. There is strong interest in the opportunity these projects afford.¹³

V. NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

69. Attached to this Joint Application is a proposed form of Notice of Application that the Joint Applicants propose, upon order of the Commission, to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln and Torrance Counties.

VI. TESTIMONIES.

70. In support of its Joint Application, the Joint Applicants accompany their Joint Application with the following testimonies:

Witness	Subjects
Crystal Coffman	Project overview

¹¹ This is discussed in the Testimony of Jeremy Turner submitted in support of this Joint Application.

¹² See Testimony of Jeremy Turner.

¹³ Id.

Greg Parent	Right-of-Way Issues
Nathan Olday	Project Environmental Report analysis and methodology
Adam Cernea Clark	Pattern's environmental values, regulatory compliance, and environmental report
Jeremy Turner	Pattern's agreements with landowners and local governmental approvals

VII. CONCLUSION.

71. The Joint Applicants have demonstrated that the 2021 Corona Wind Update meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of NMSA 1978, §§62-9-3, 62-9-3.2 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC. Specifically, (1) the location of the 2021 Corona Wind Update will comply with applicable statutes and environmental regulations under NMSA 1978, §62-9-3 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC; (2) the existing state, county, and municipal land use statutory and administrative regulations allow for the installation of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System, NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(G); and, (3) the 180-foot and in specified instances, the 200-foot ROW width is necessary for the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System.

72. The 2021 Corona Wind Update will comply with all the conditions and Protective Measures set forth in the prior Location Approval Proceedings and reiterated herein in the Testimony of Adam Cernea Clarke.

73. The Joint Applicants have complied with all the applicable requirements of NMSA 1978, §§62-9-3, 62-9-3.2 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC, and respectfully request the Commission issue a Final Order as expeditiously as possible approving the Joint Application for the location of the 2021 Corona Wind Update and, to the extent deemed necessary, the associated 180–200-foot ROW, and provide such other relief as the Commission deems necessary and appropriate.

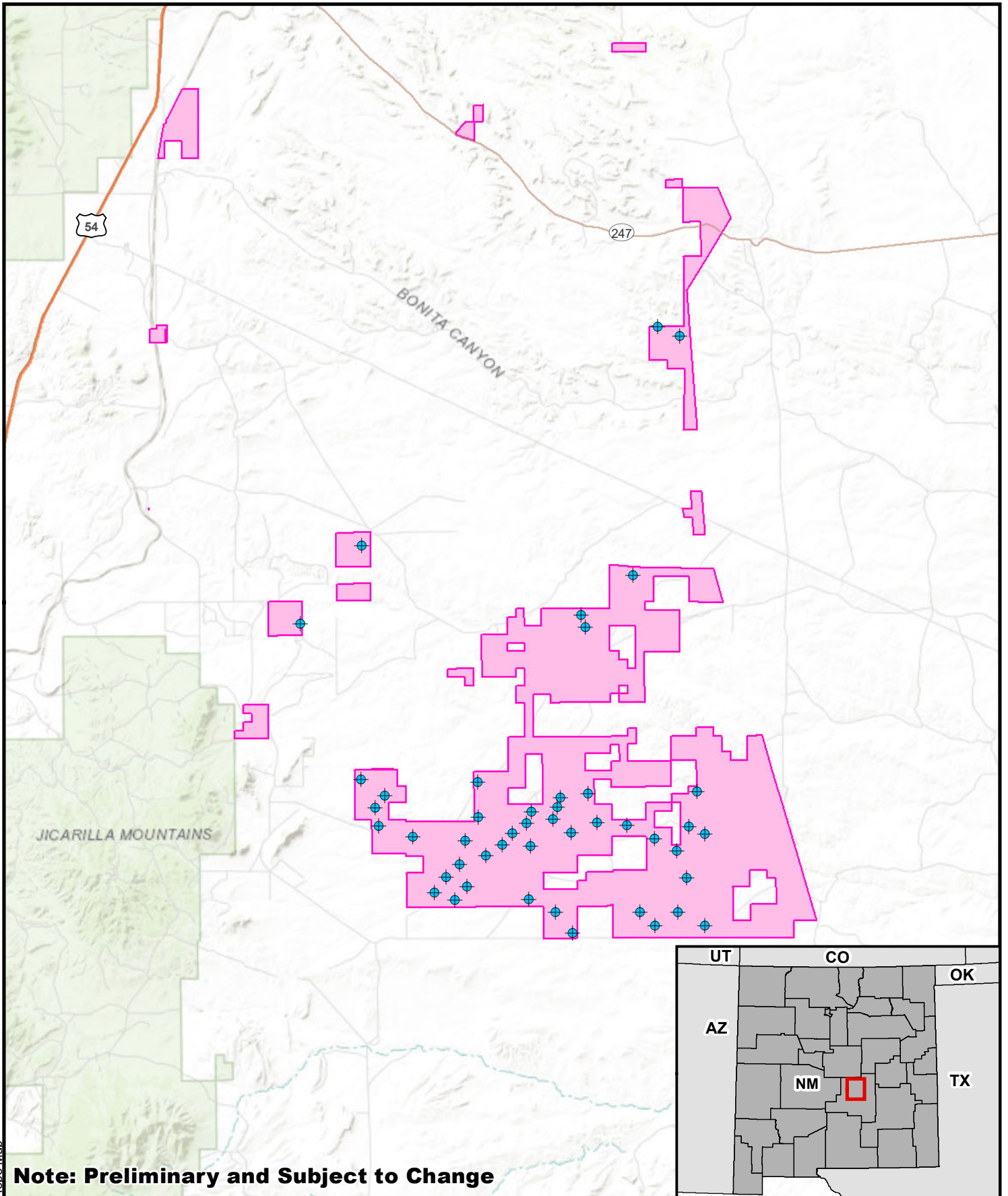
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Joint Applicants request that the Commission grant this Joint Application to the extent required by law and for such other relief as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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Note: Preliminary and Subject to Change

-  Preliminary Wind Turbine Location
-  2021 Corona Generation Expansion

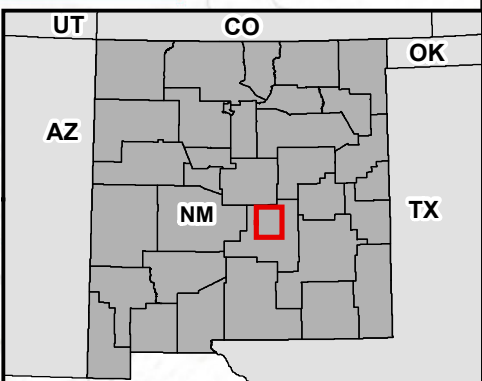
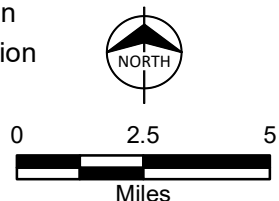
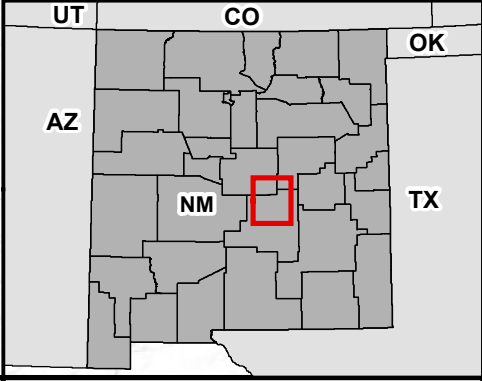
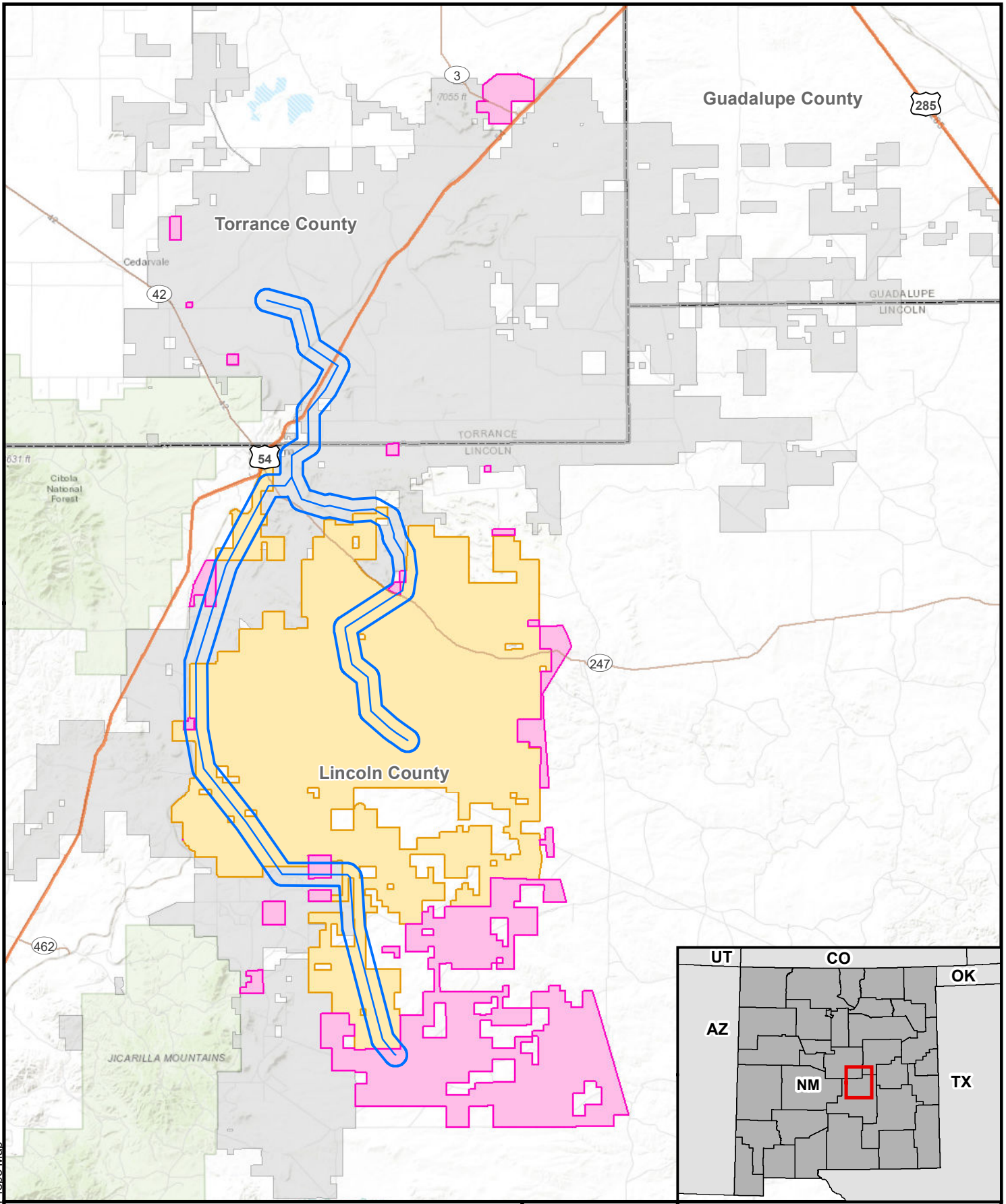


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Preliminary Wind Turbine Layout Map
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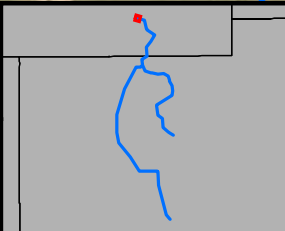
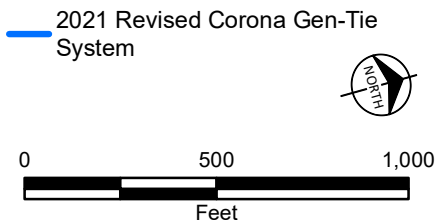
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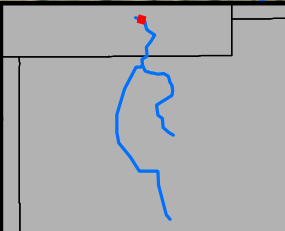
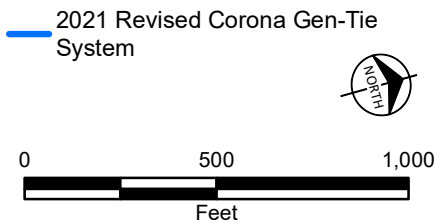


Exhibit JA-2
Assessment Area
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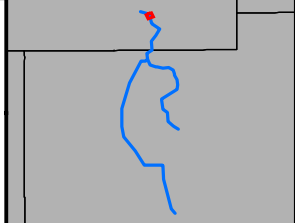
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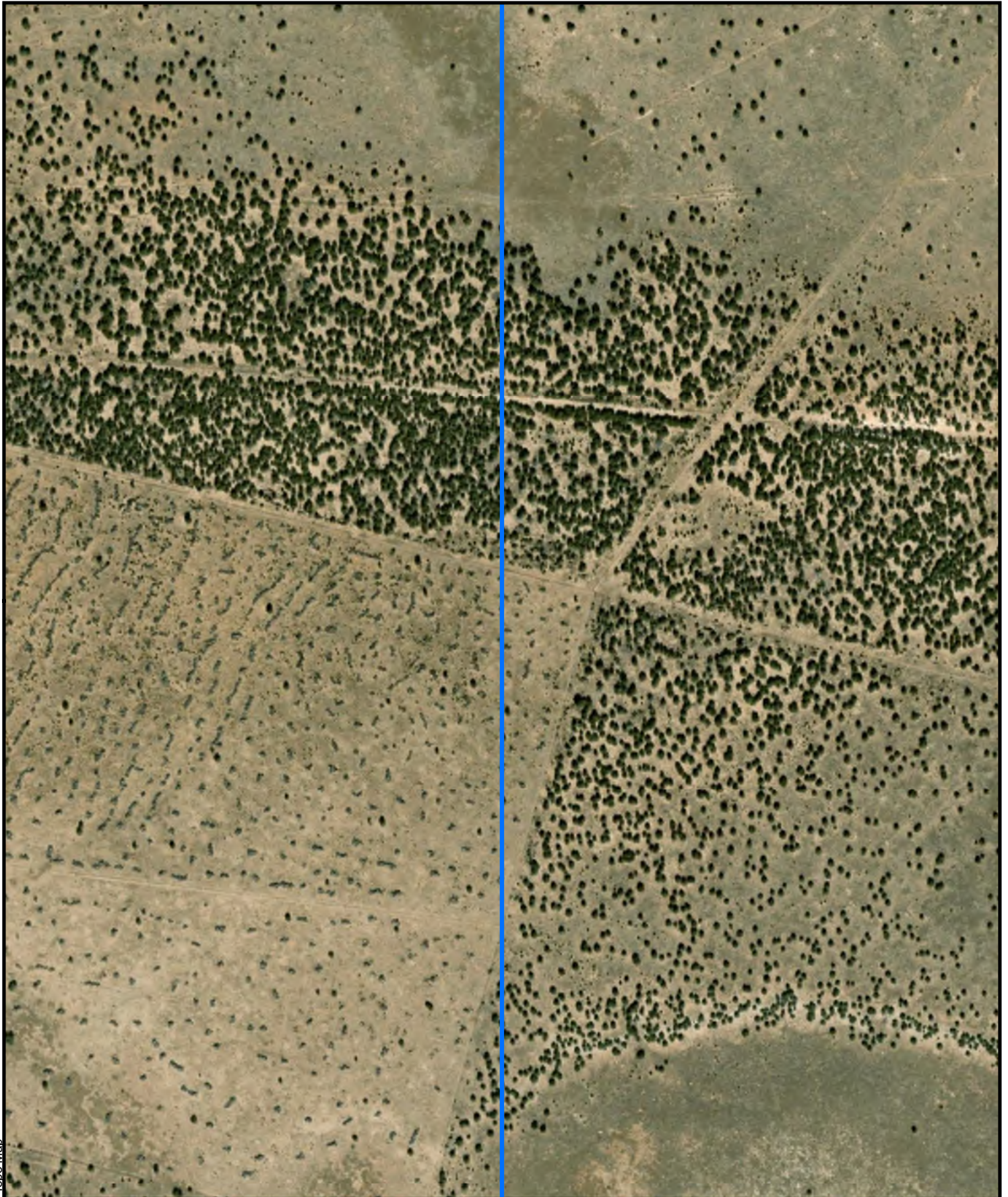
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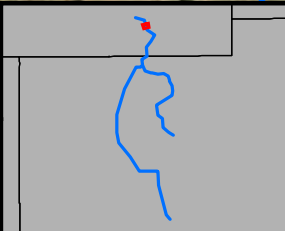
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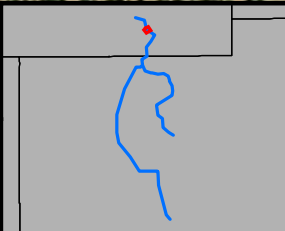
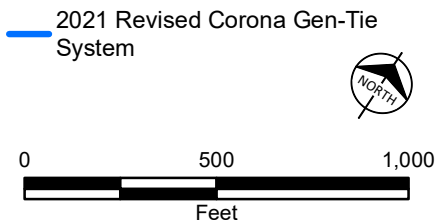
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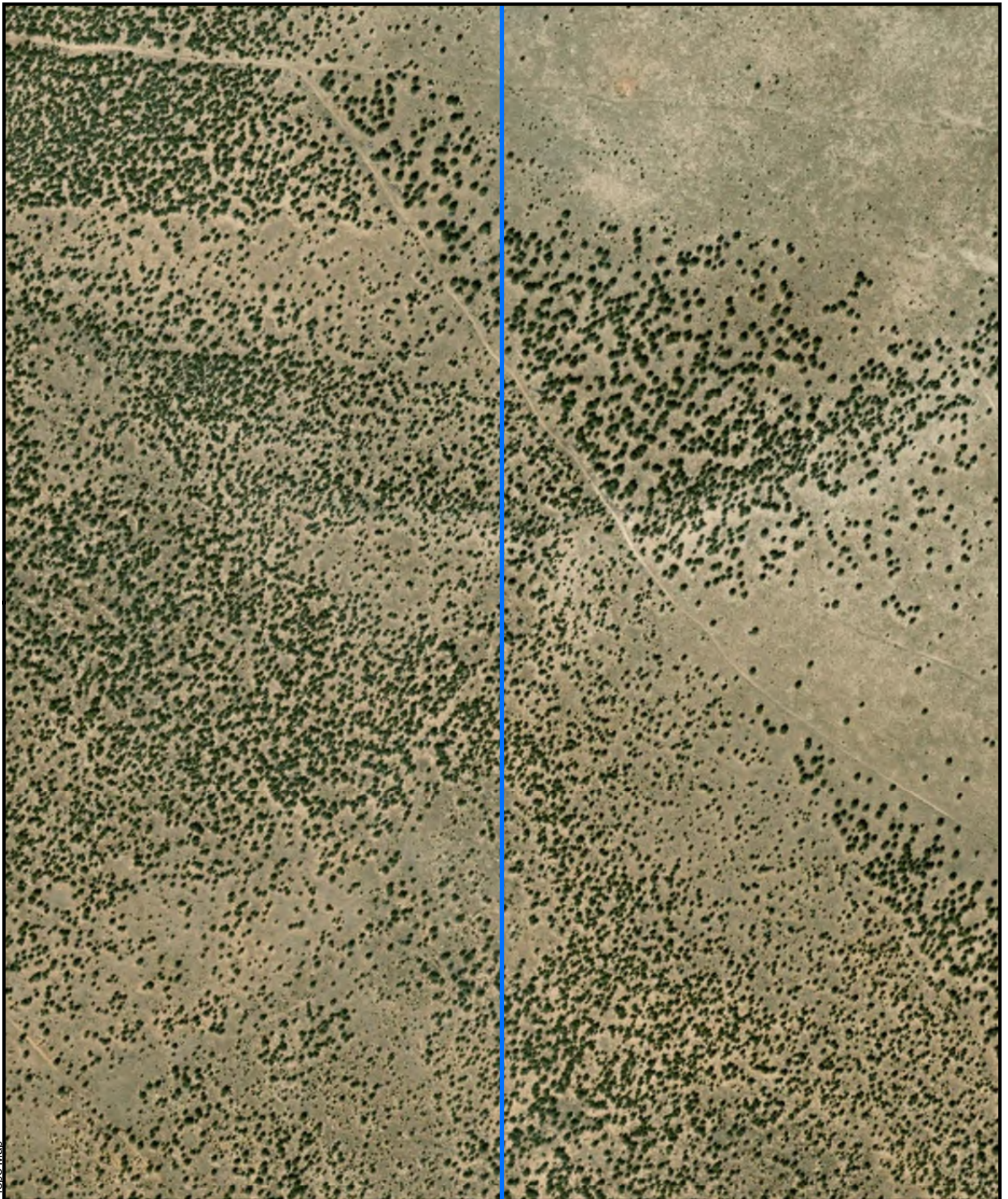
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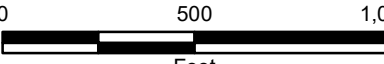

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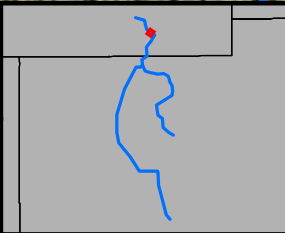
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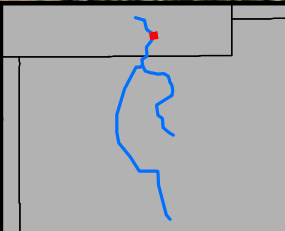
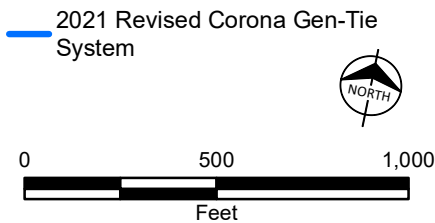
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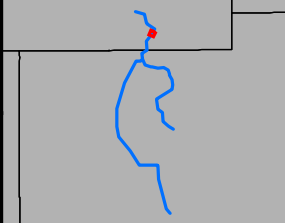
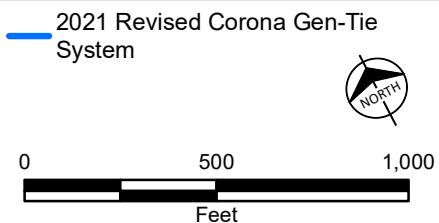
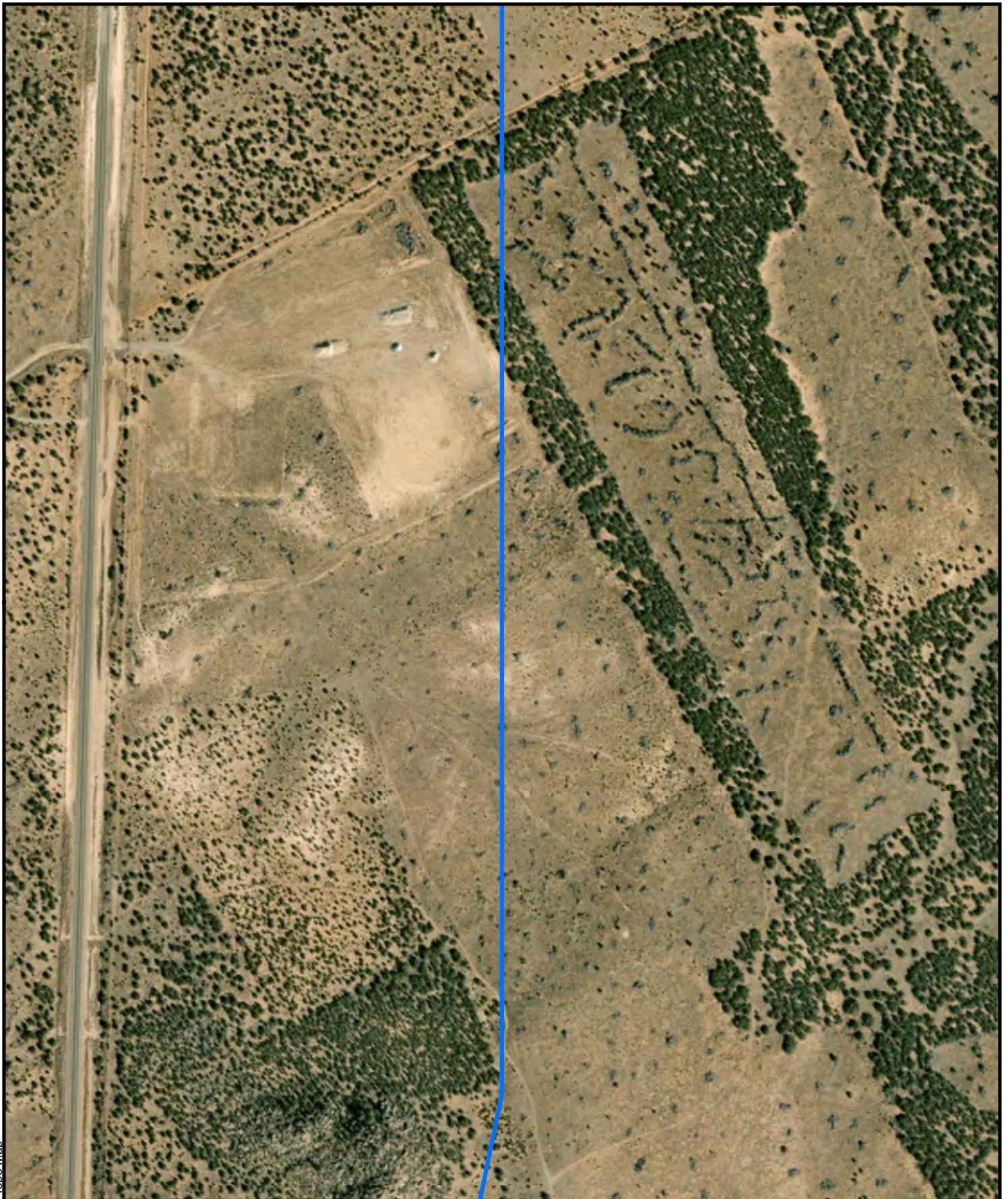
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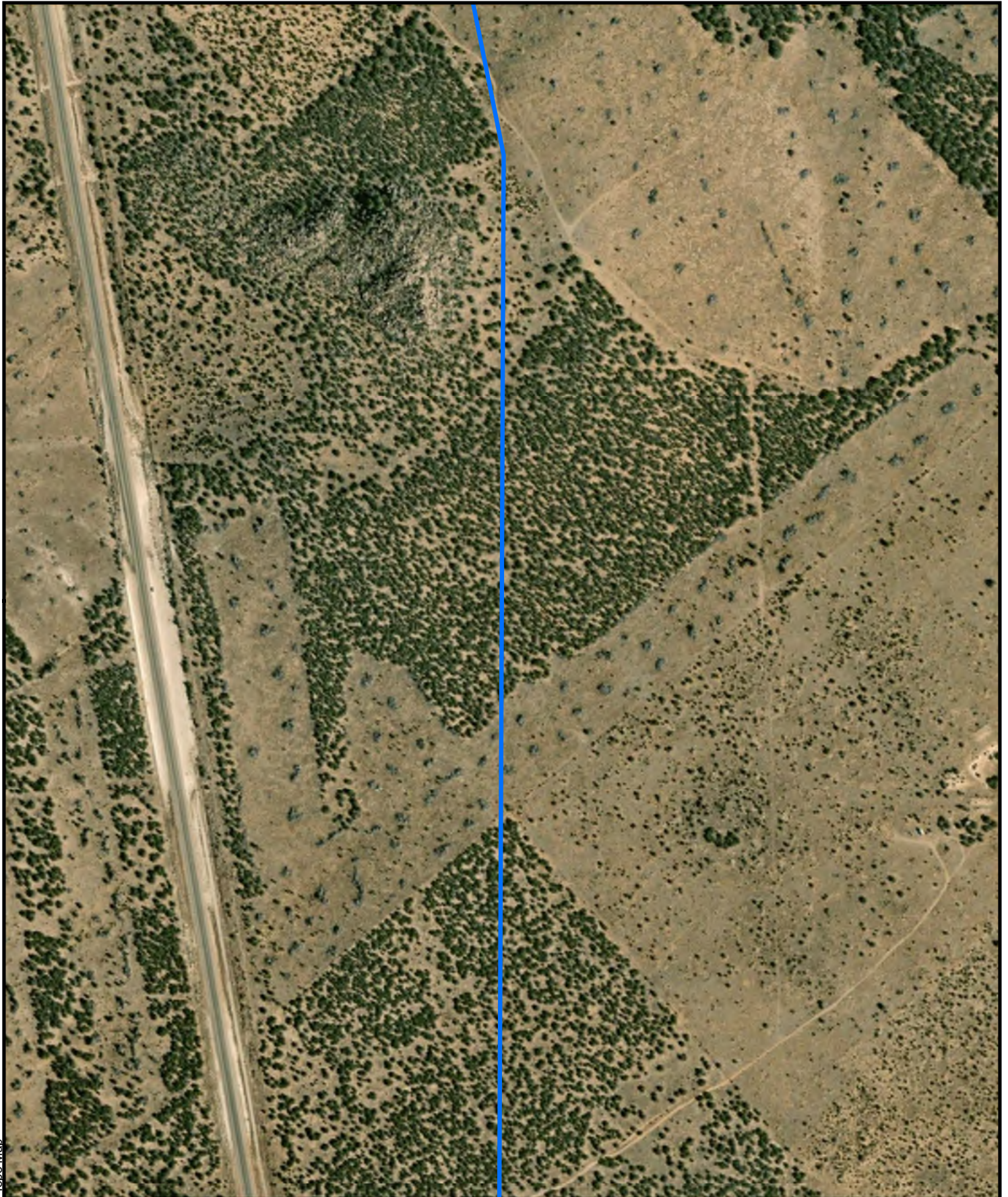
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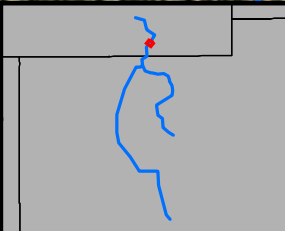
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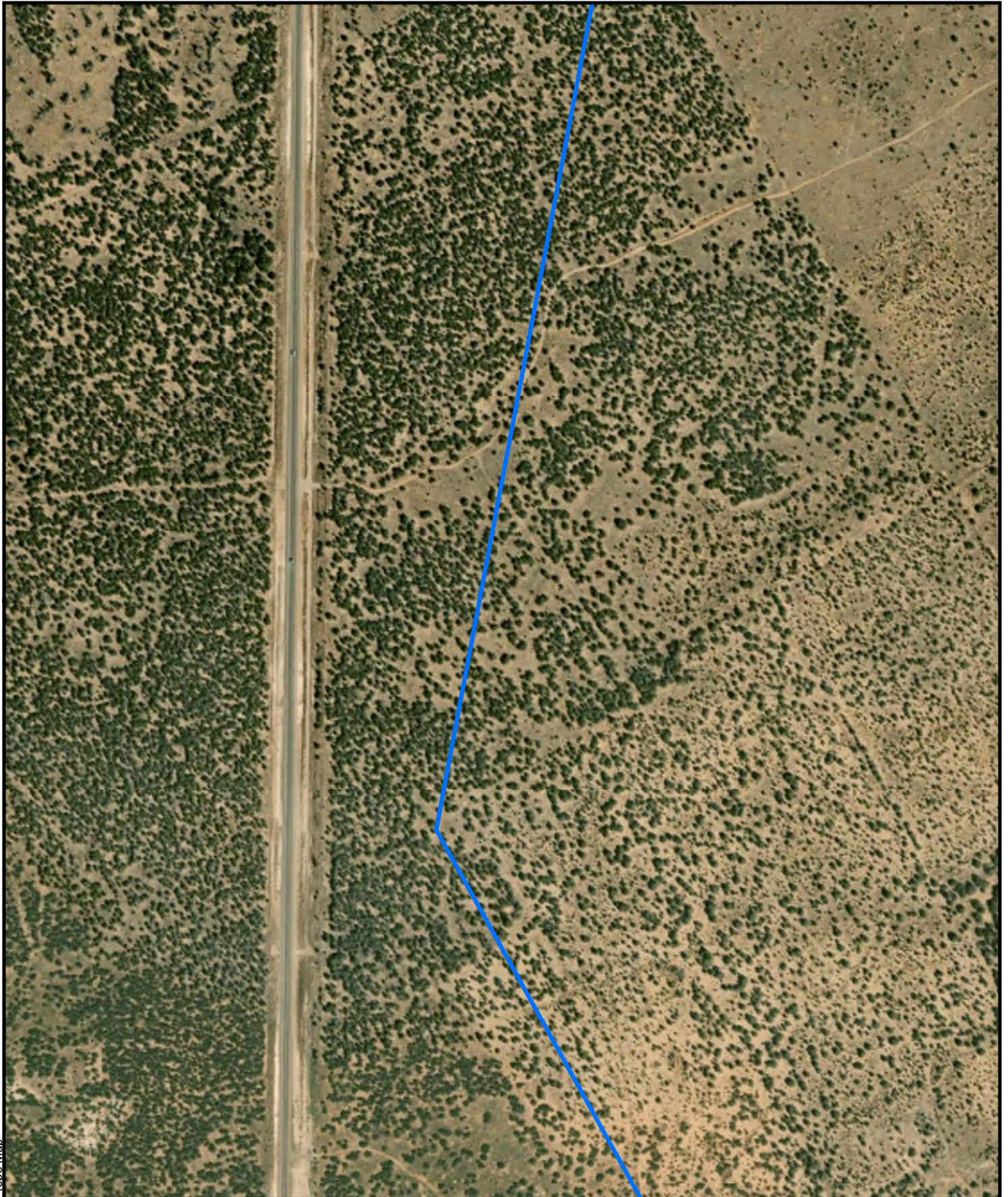
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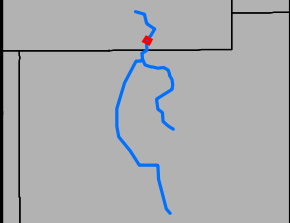
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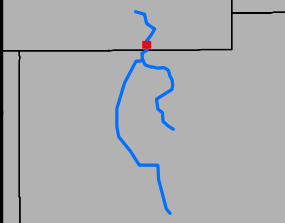
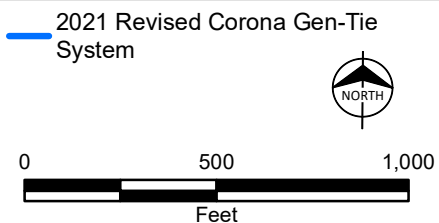
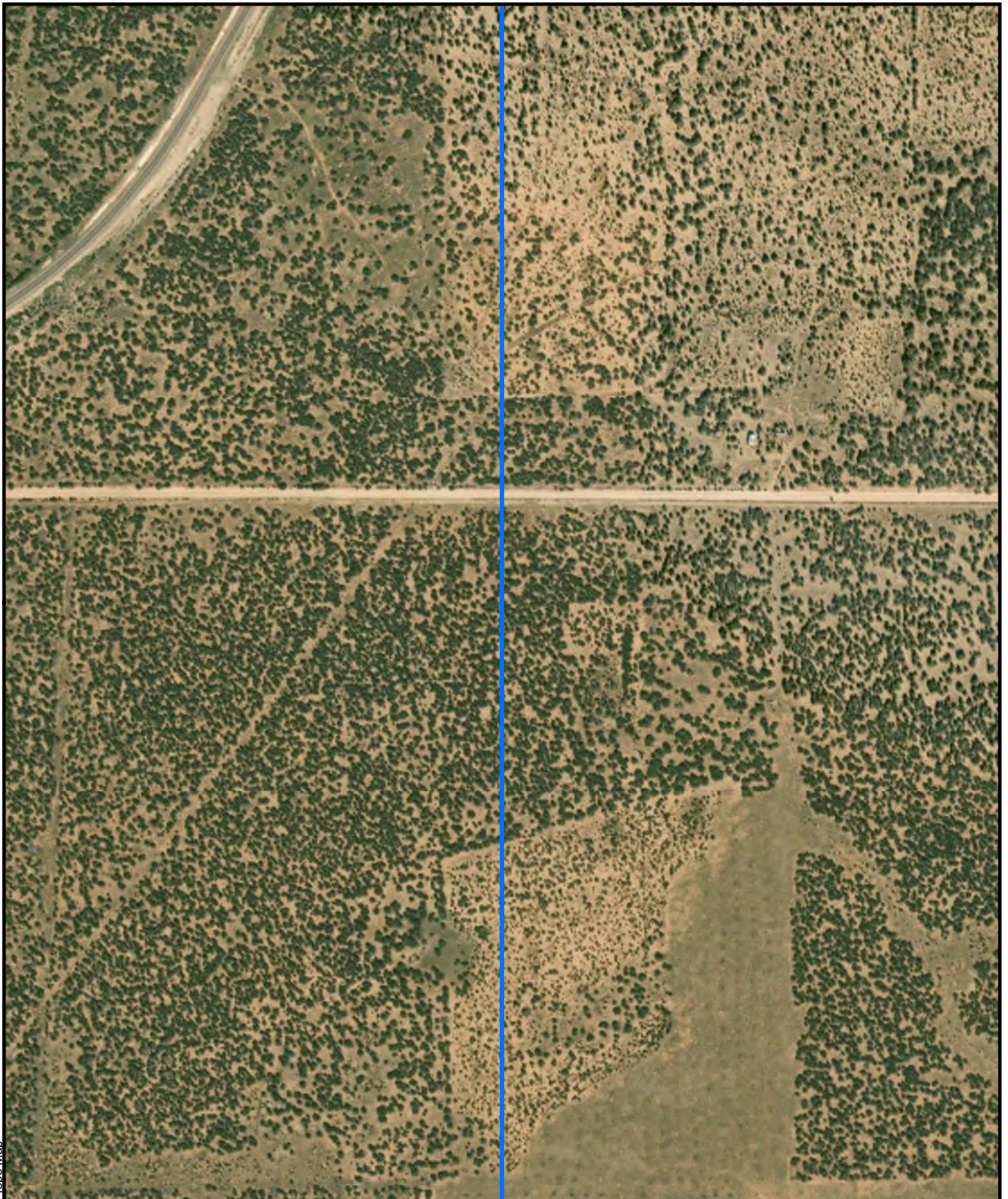
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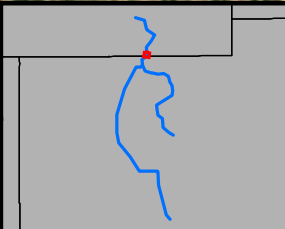
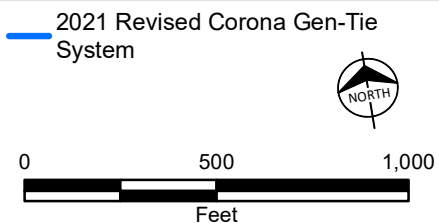
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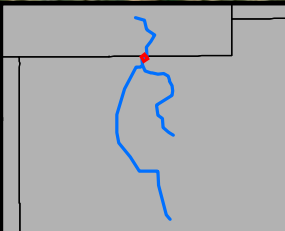
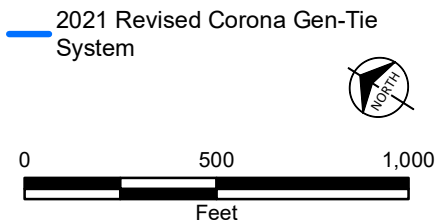
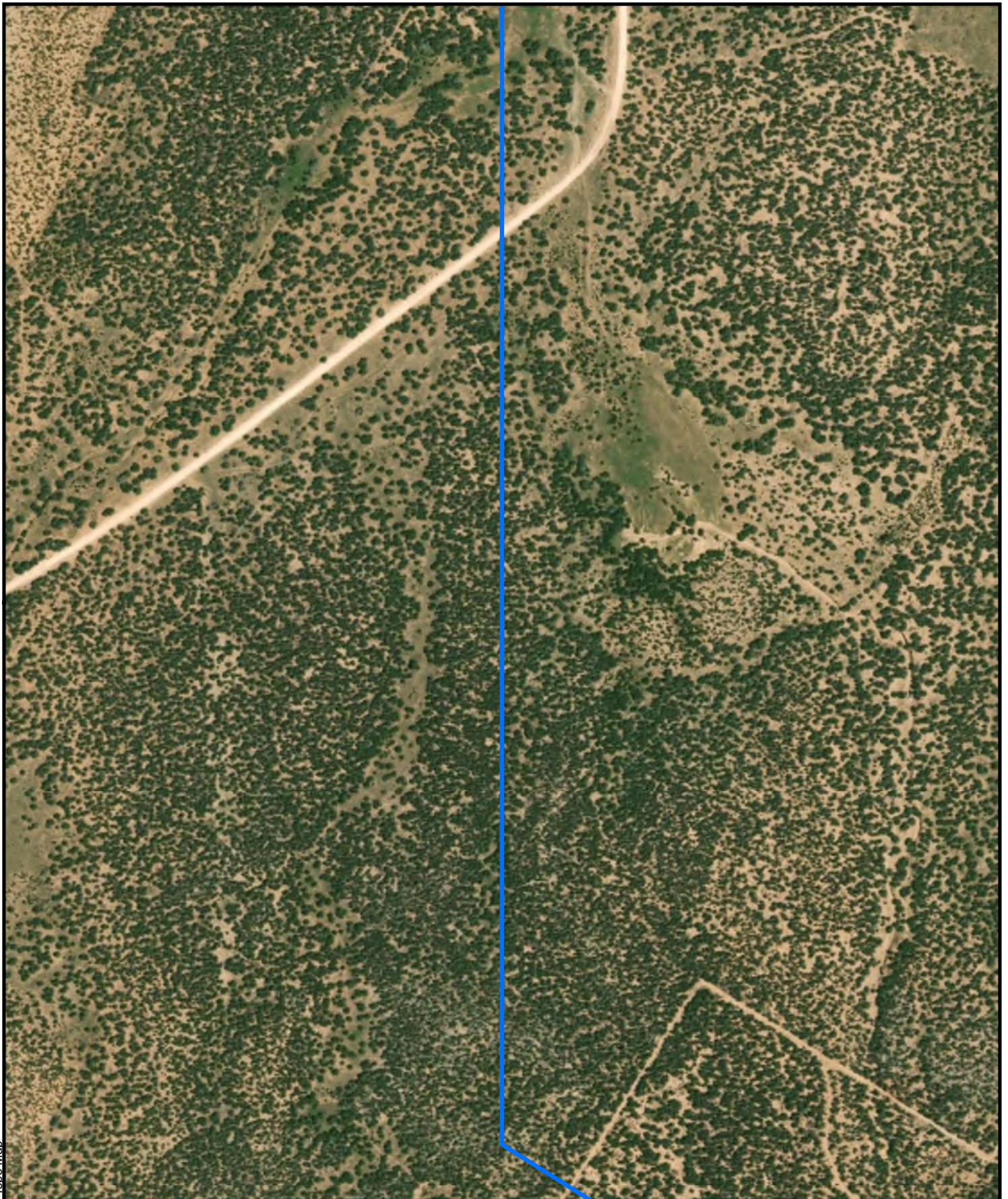
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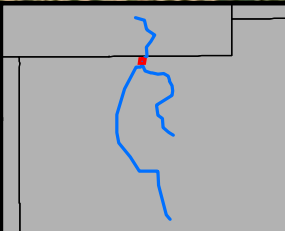
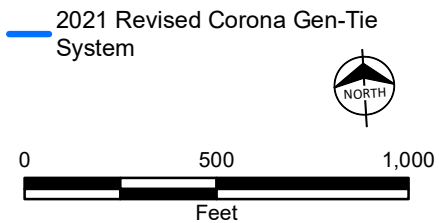
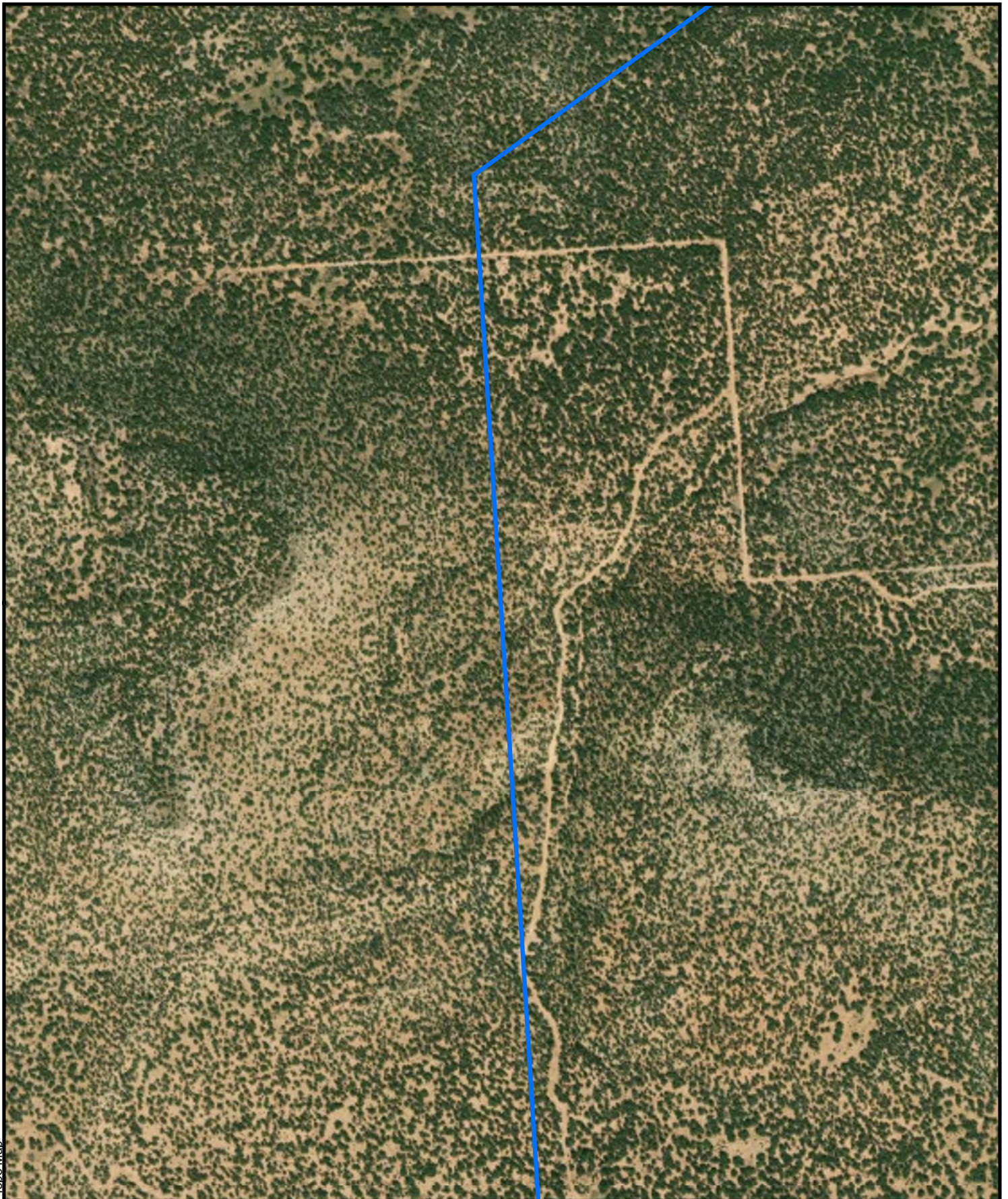
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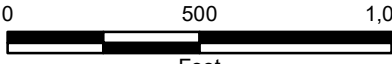

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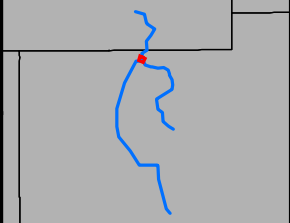
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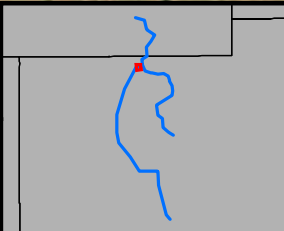
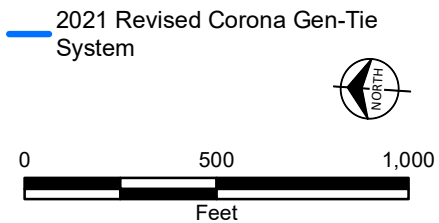
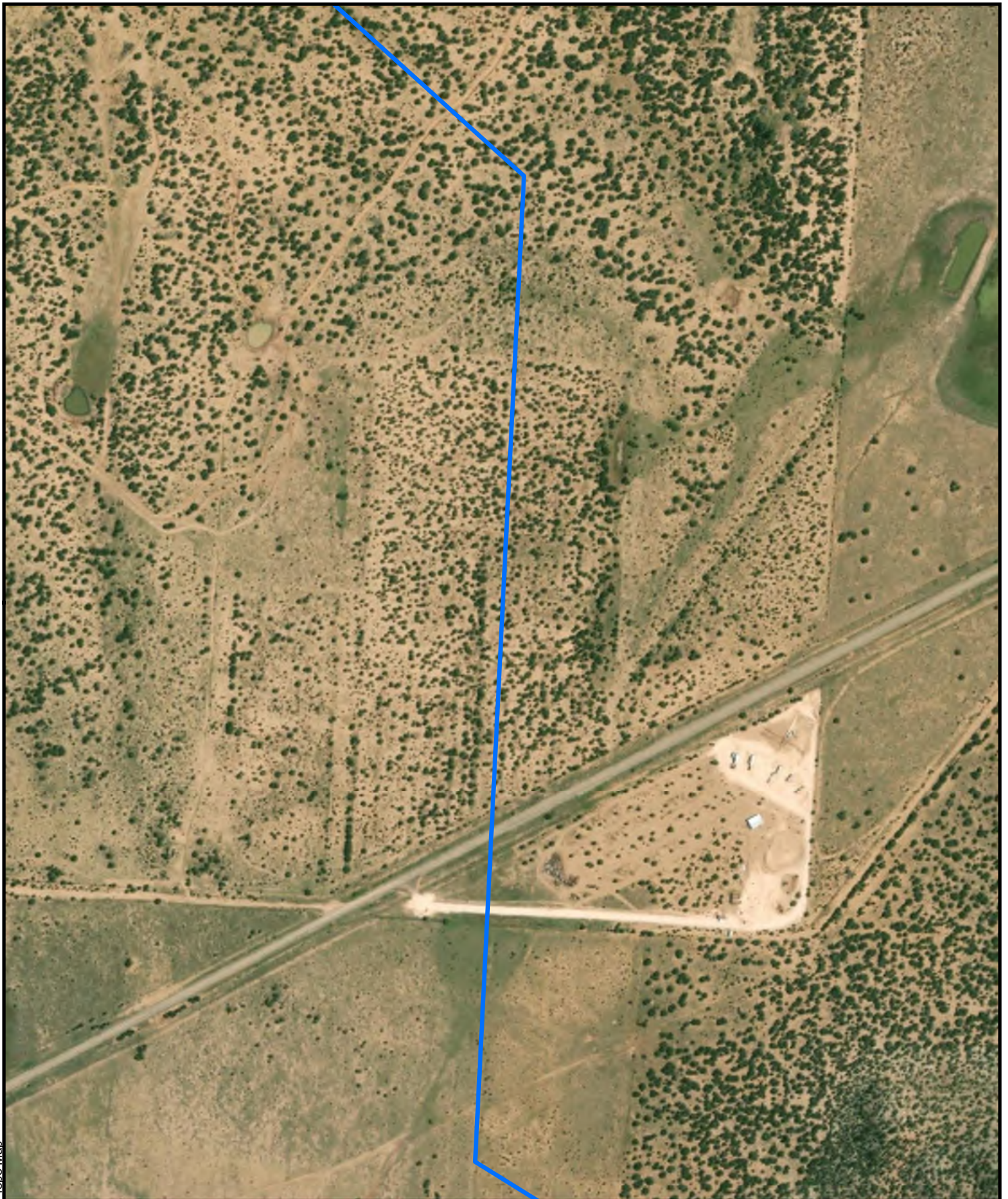
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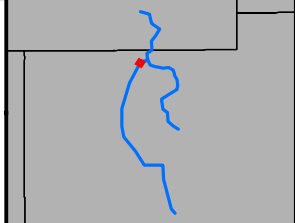
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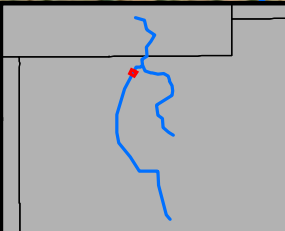
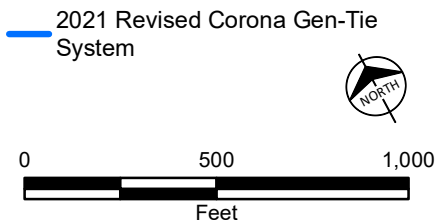
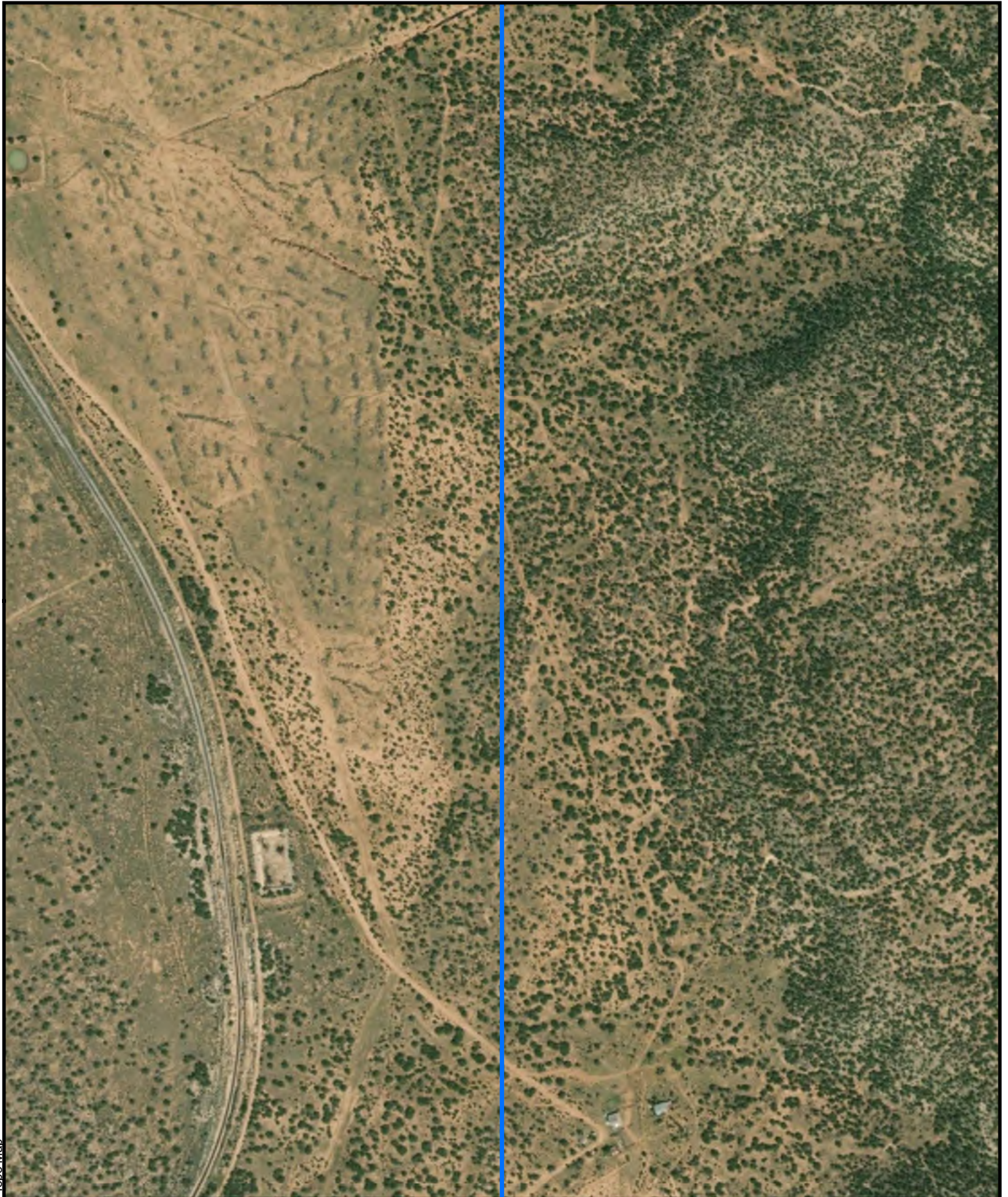
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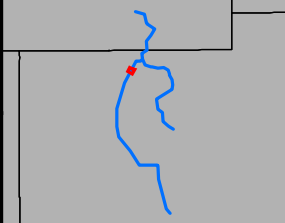
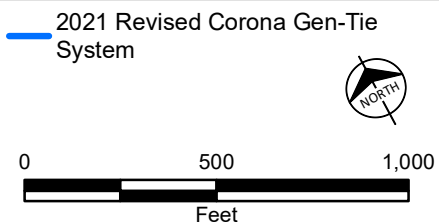
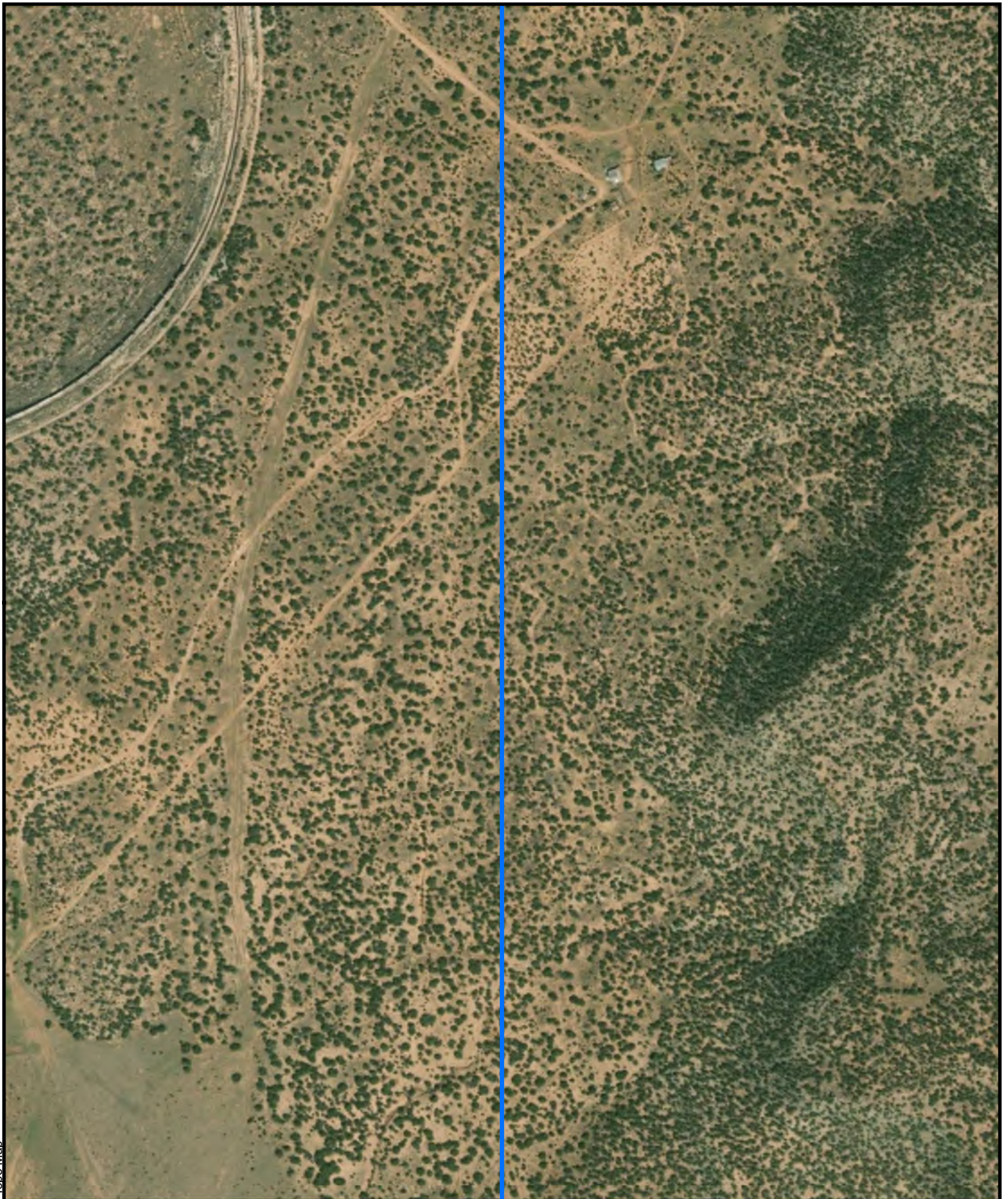
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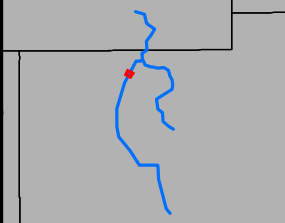
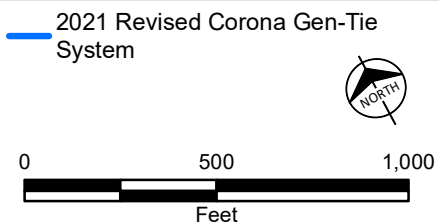
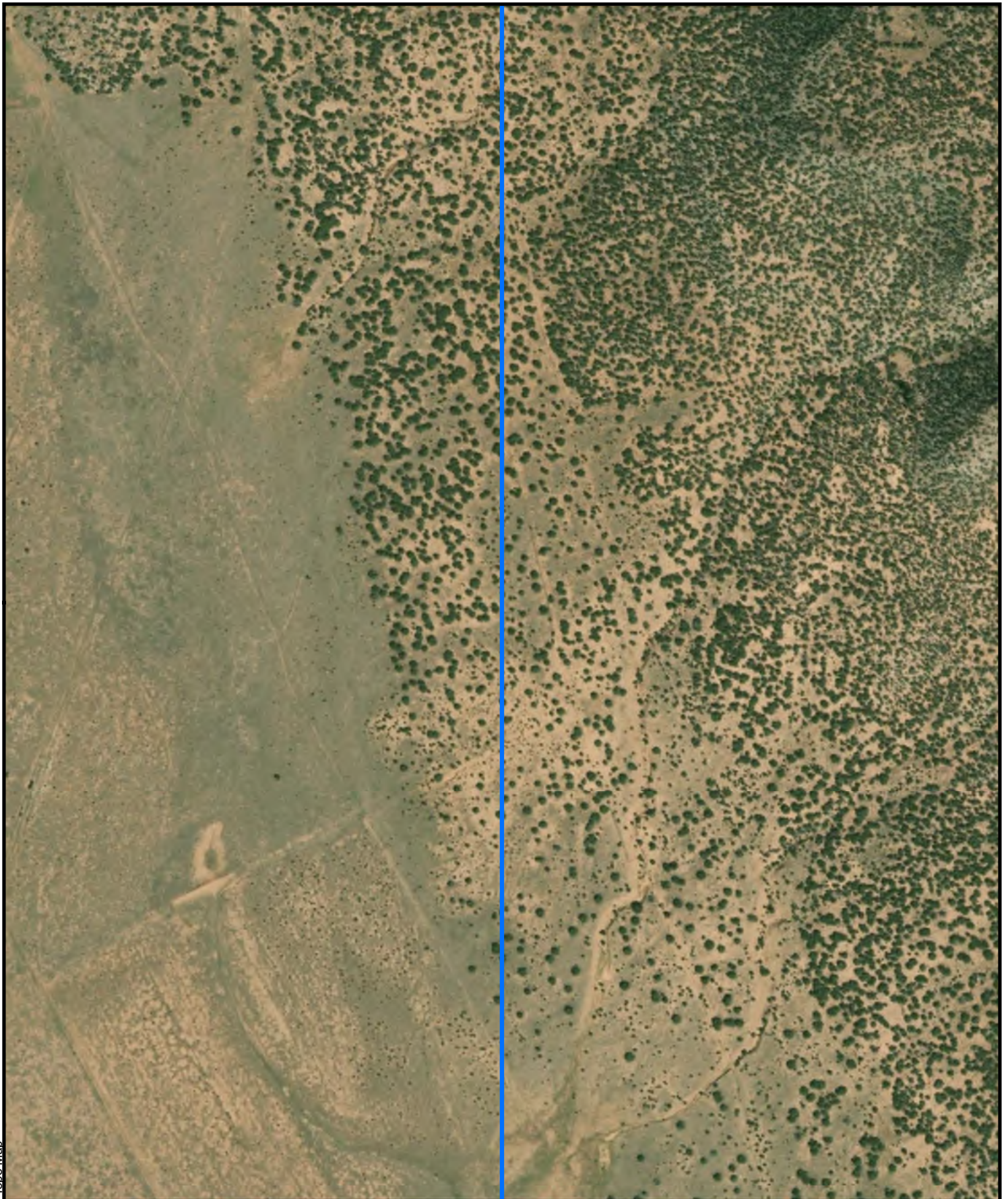
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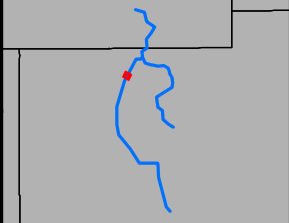
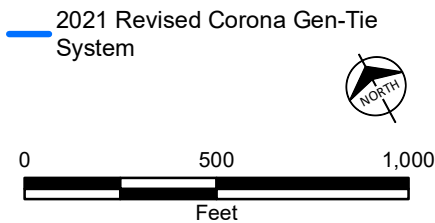
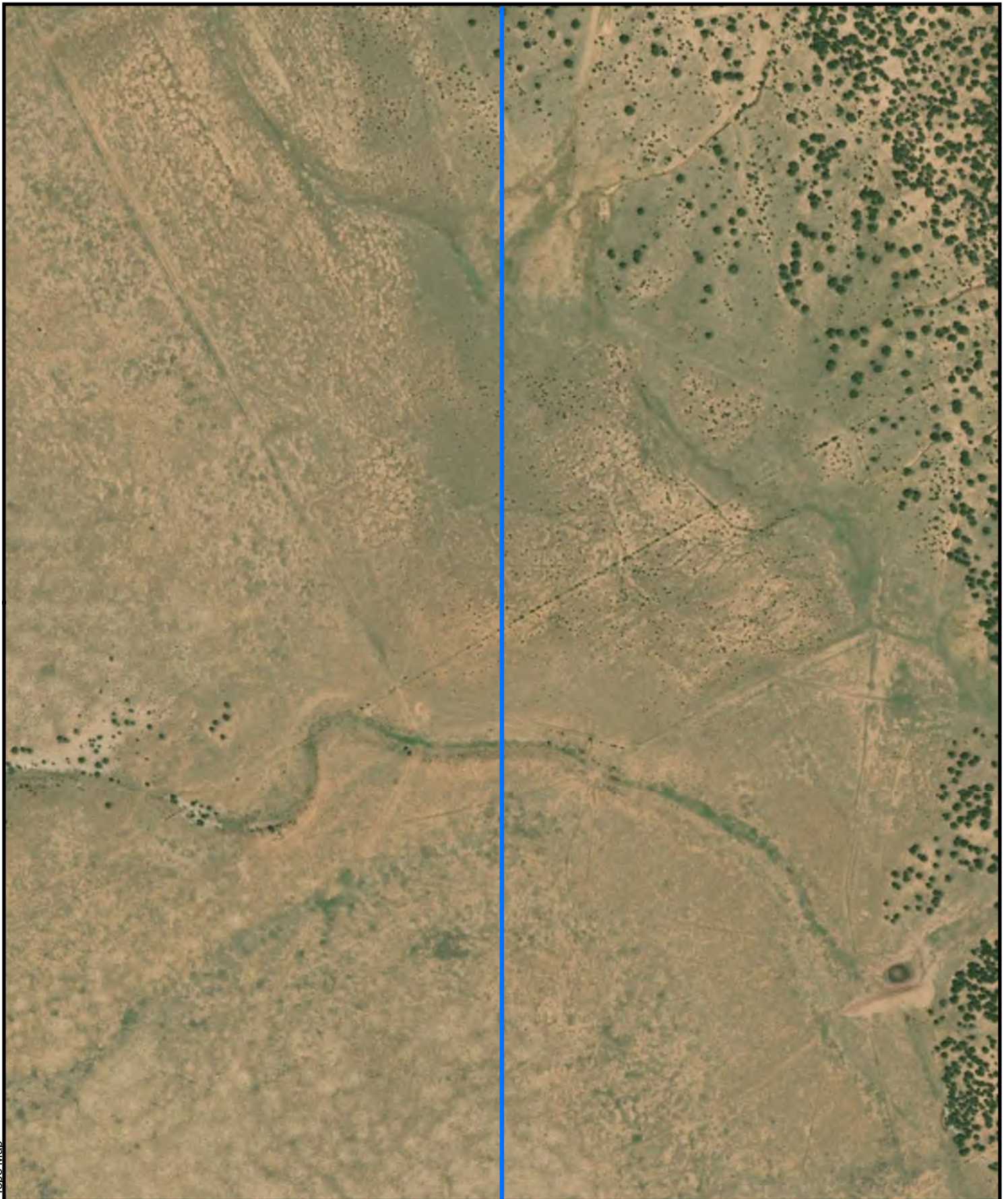
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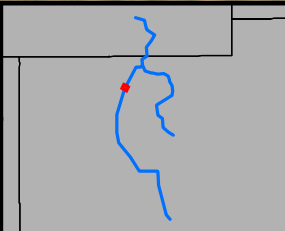
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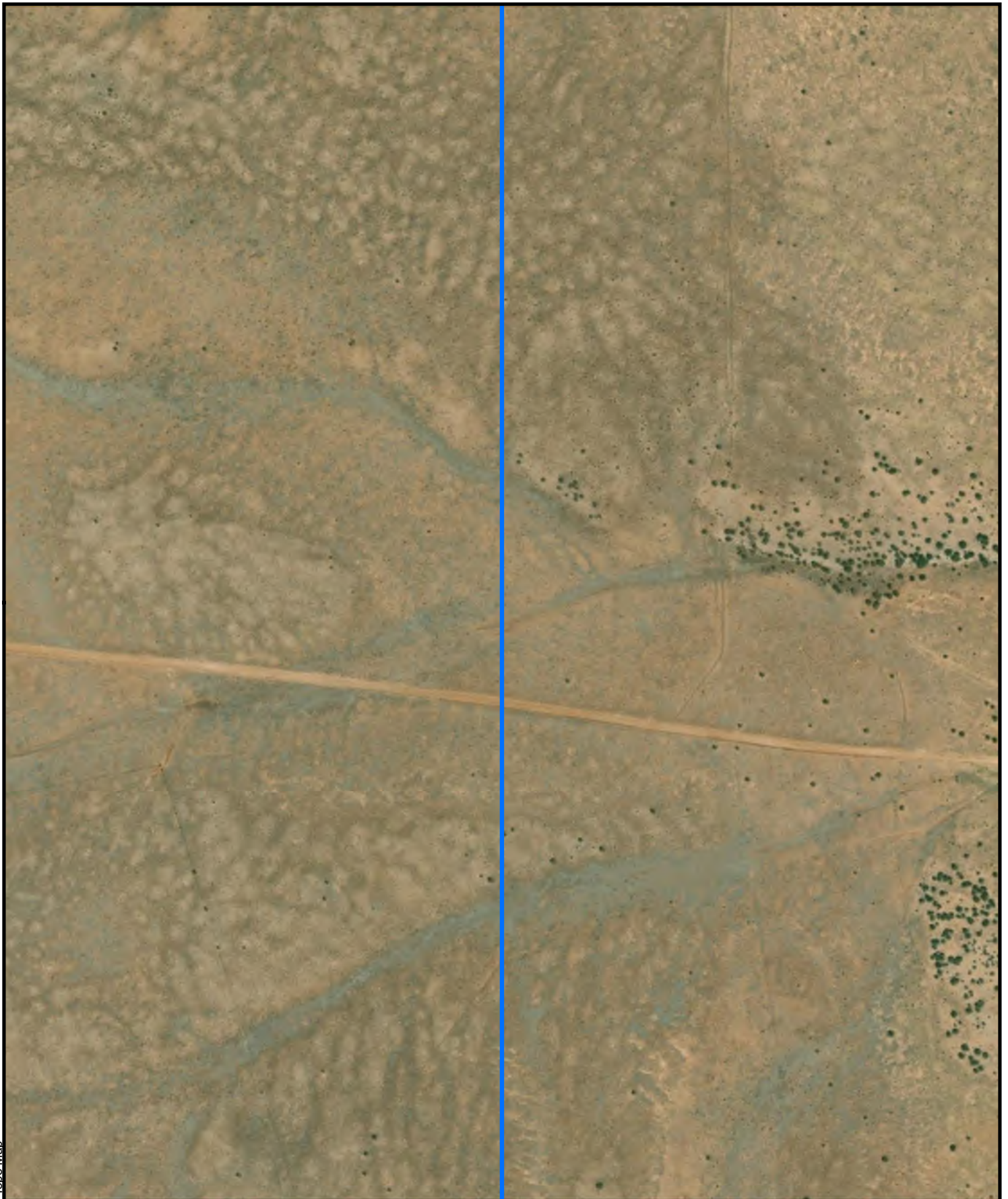
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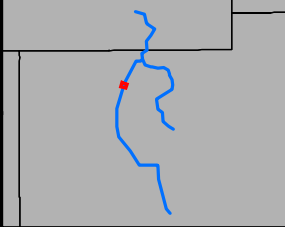
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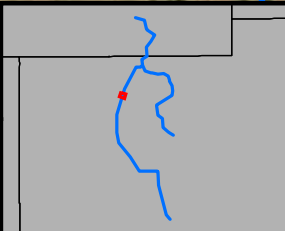
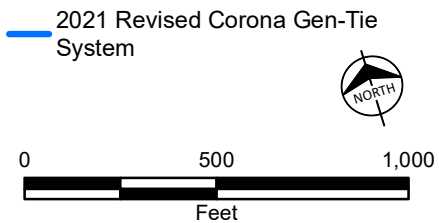
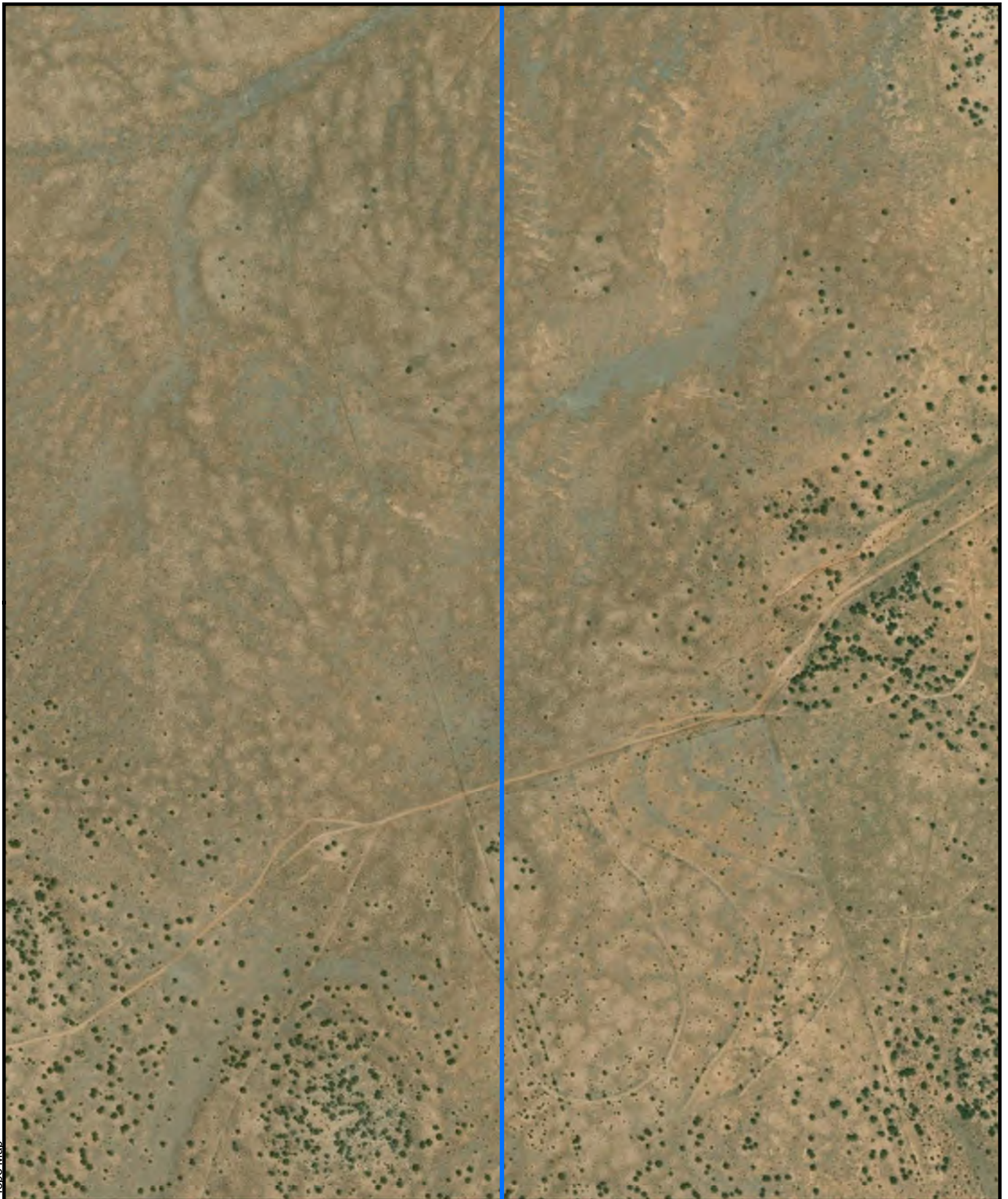
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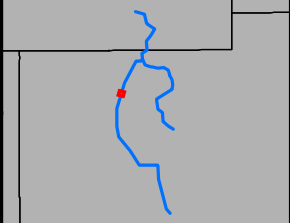
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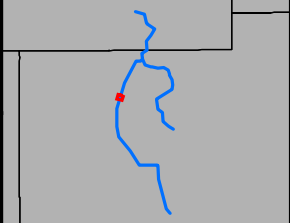
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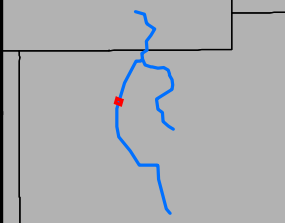
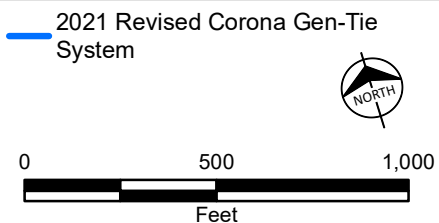
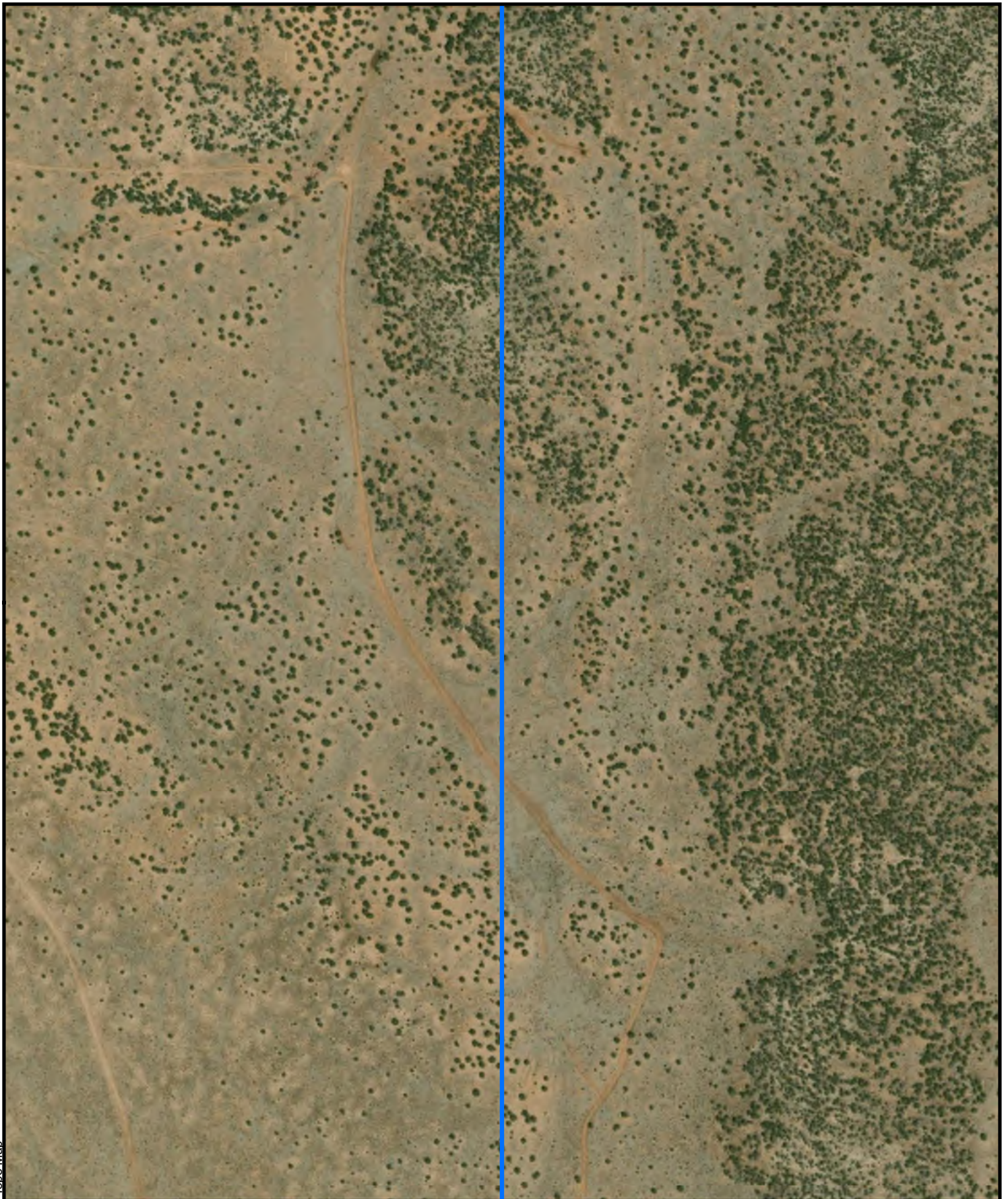
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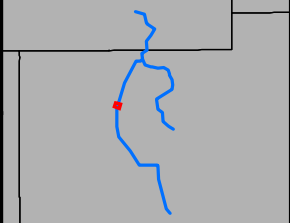
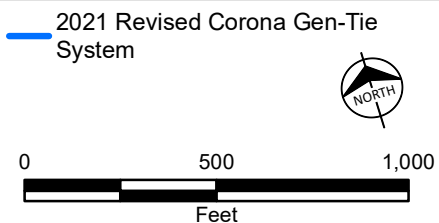
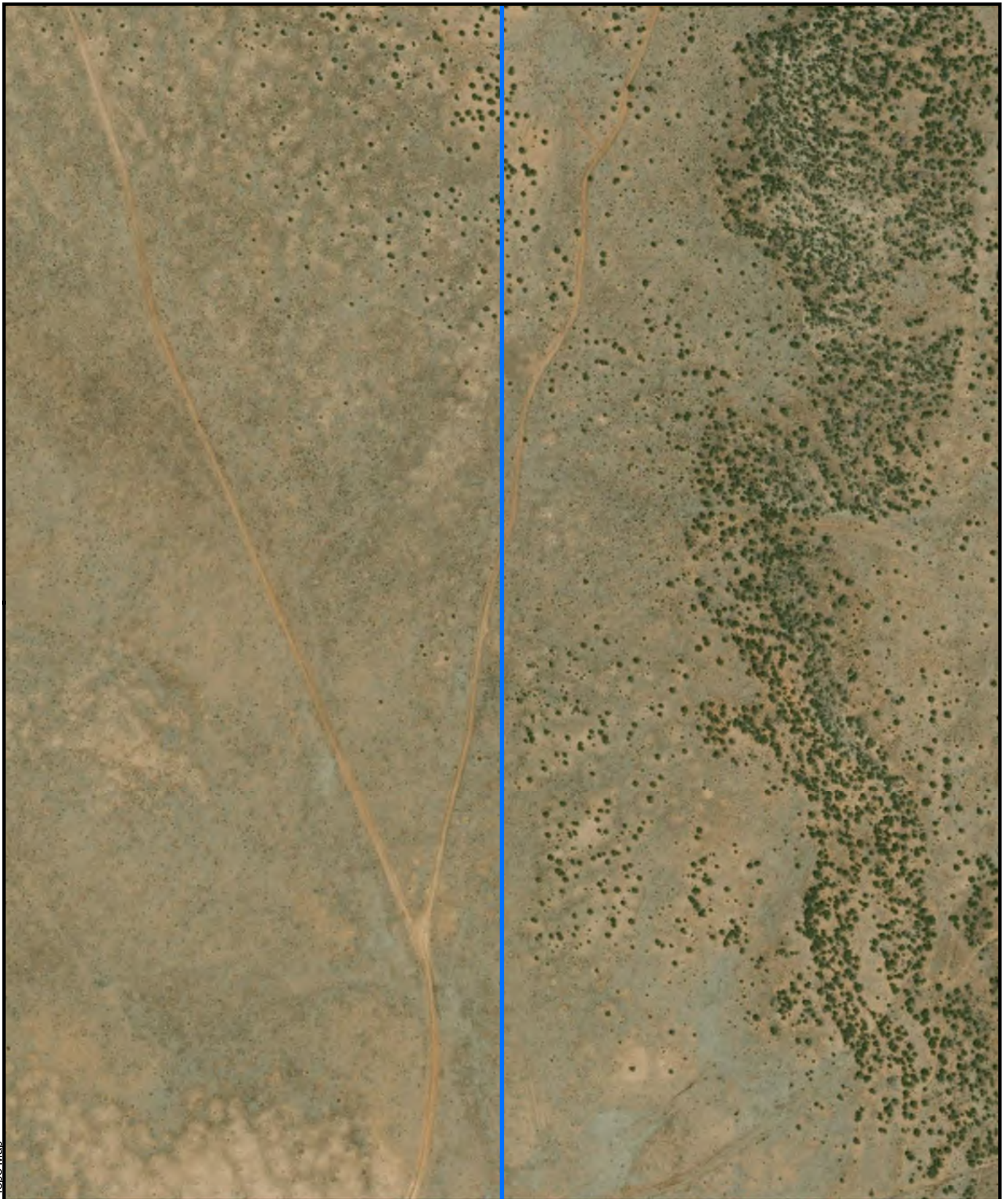
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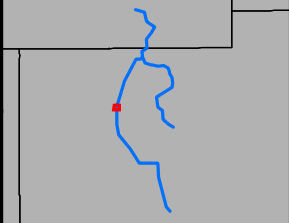
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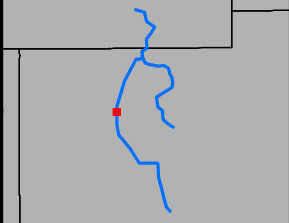
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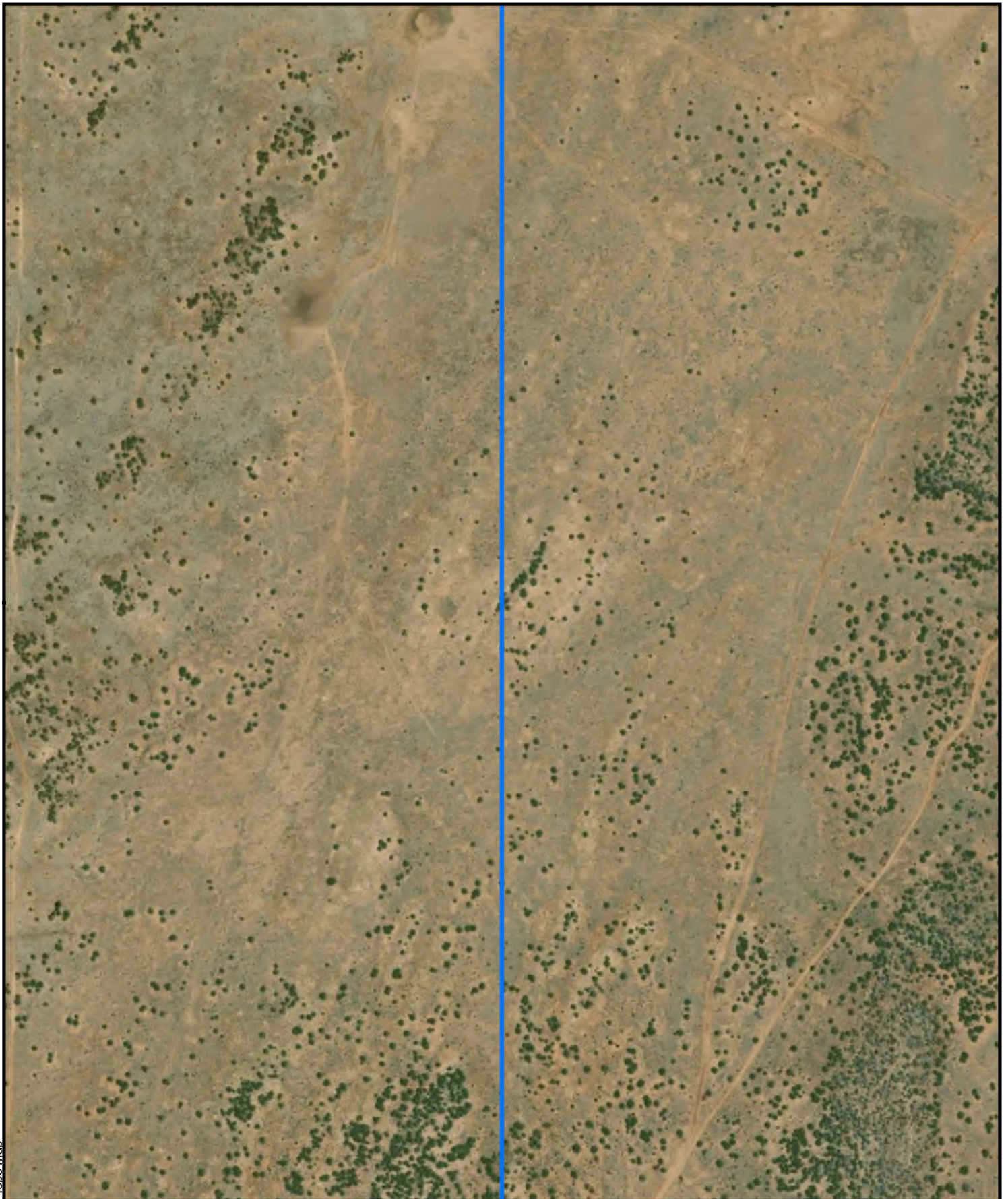
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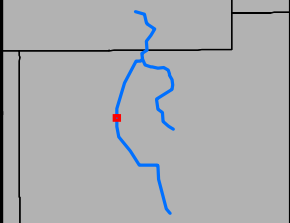
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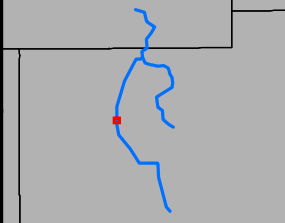
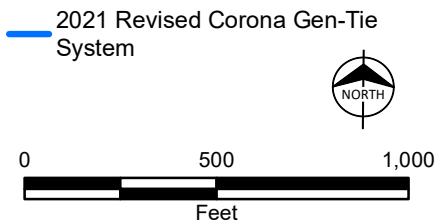
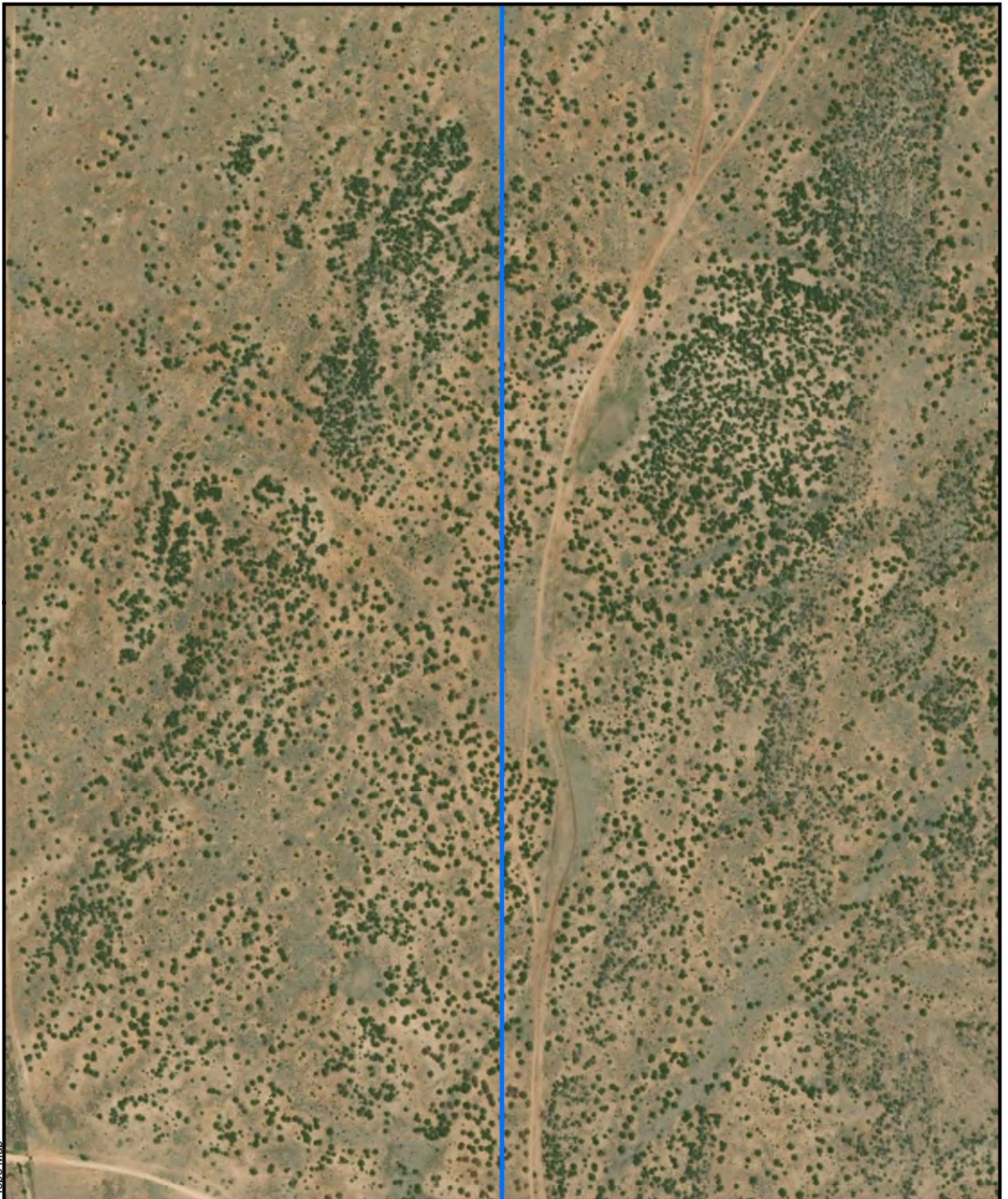
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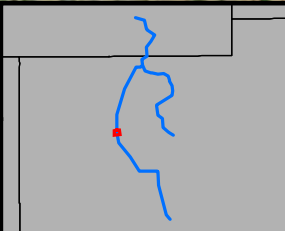
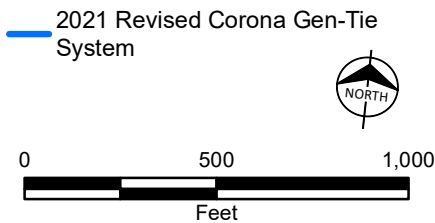
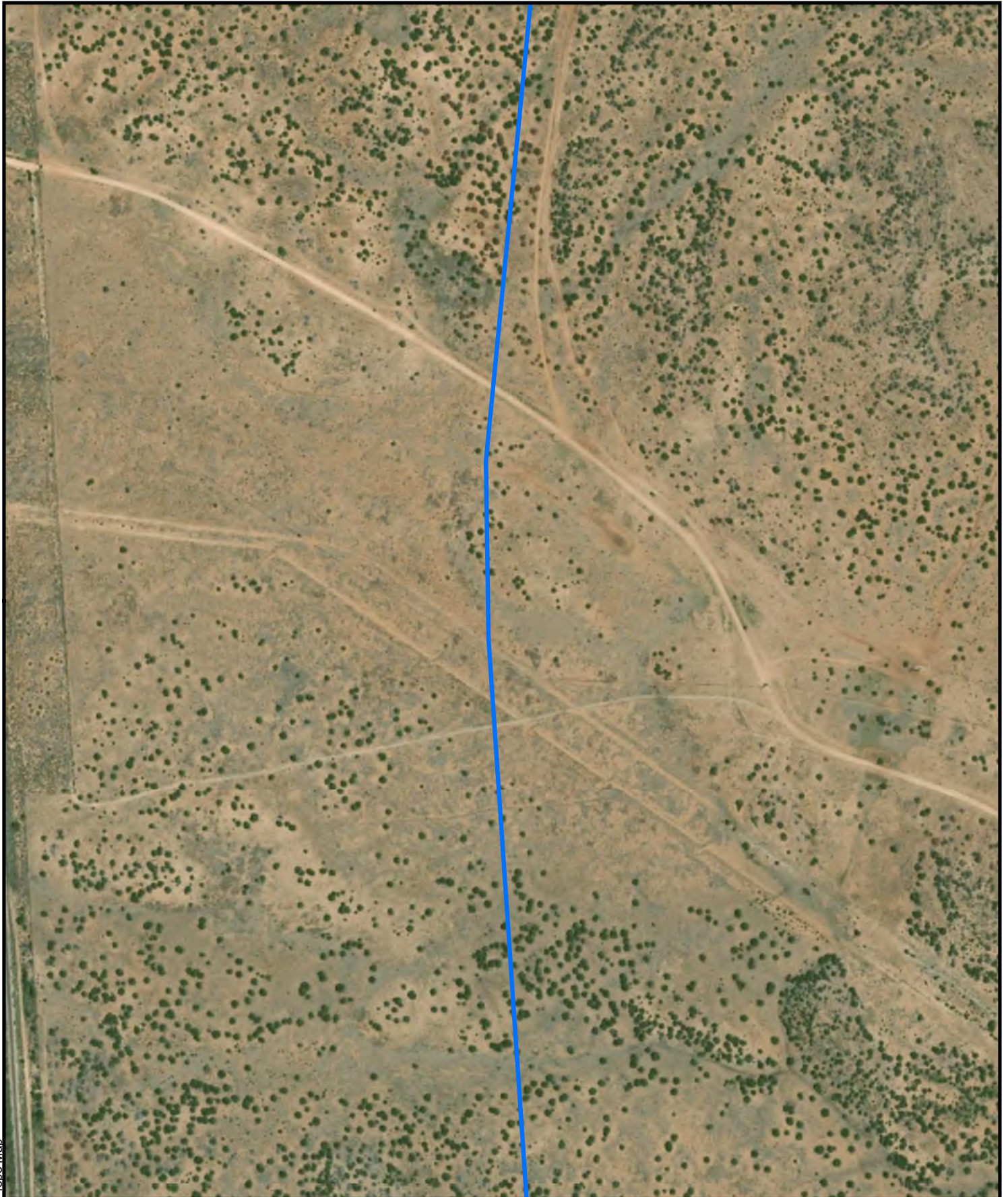
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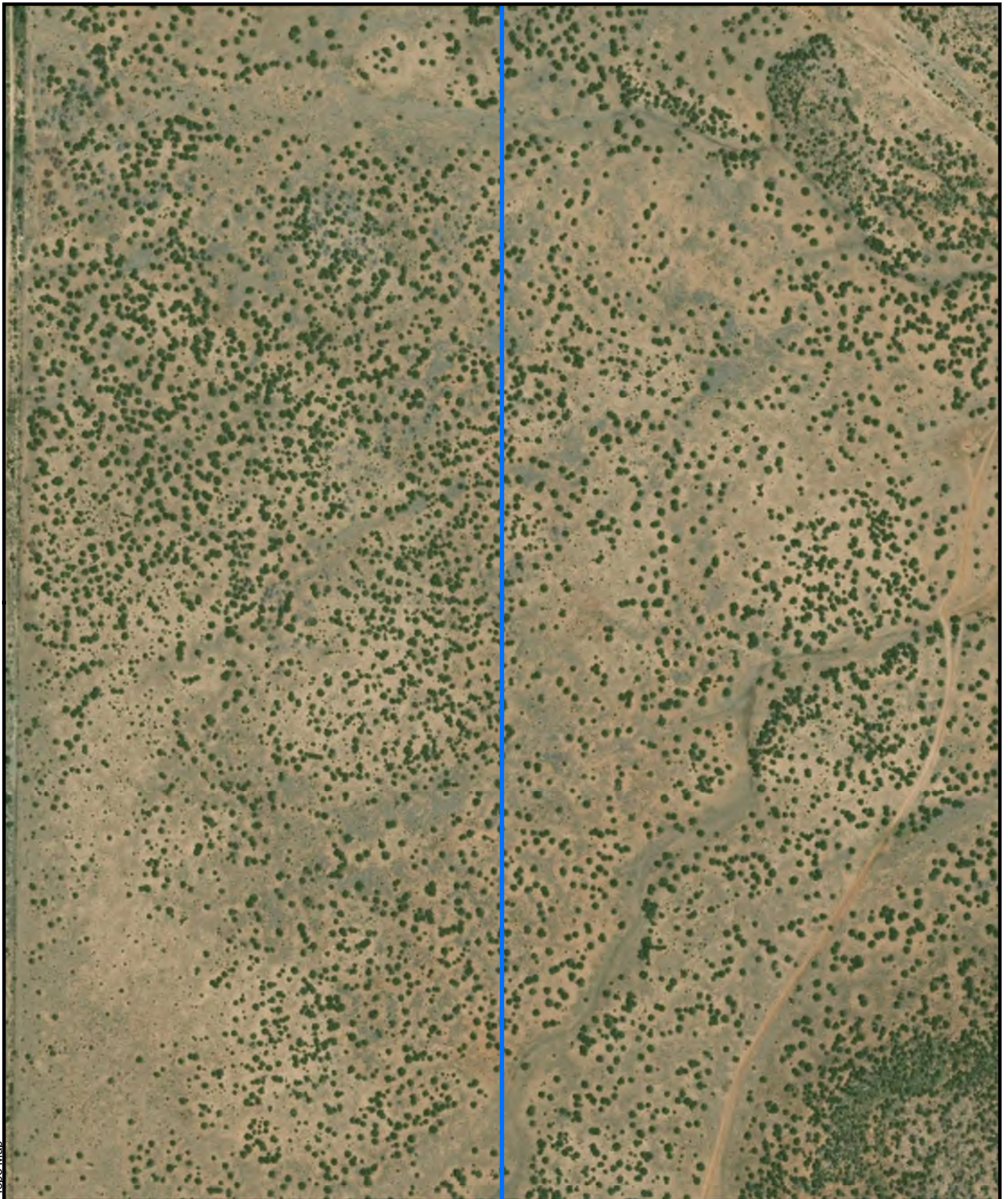
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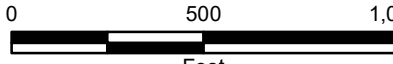

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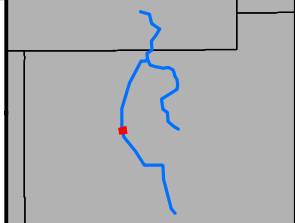
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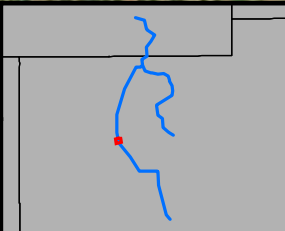
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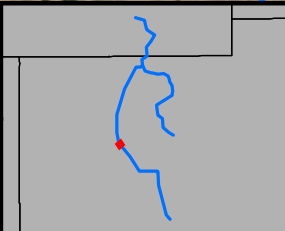
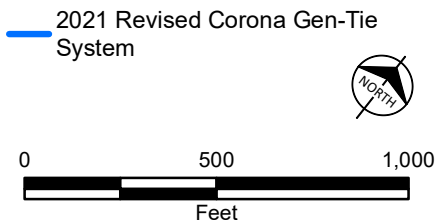
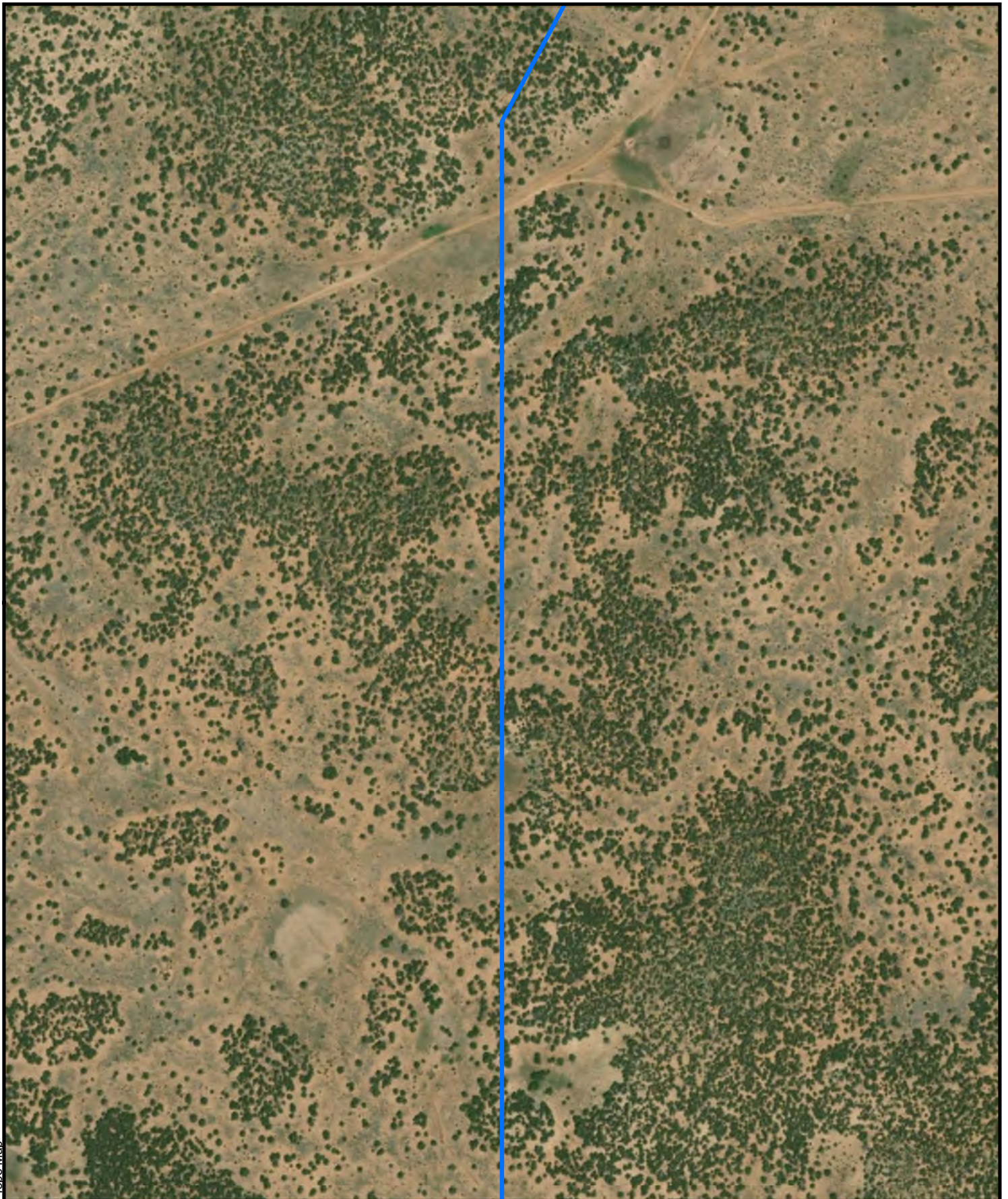
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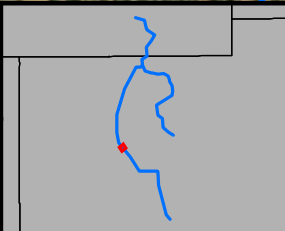
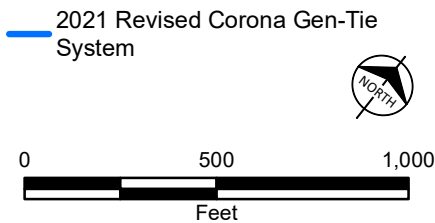
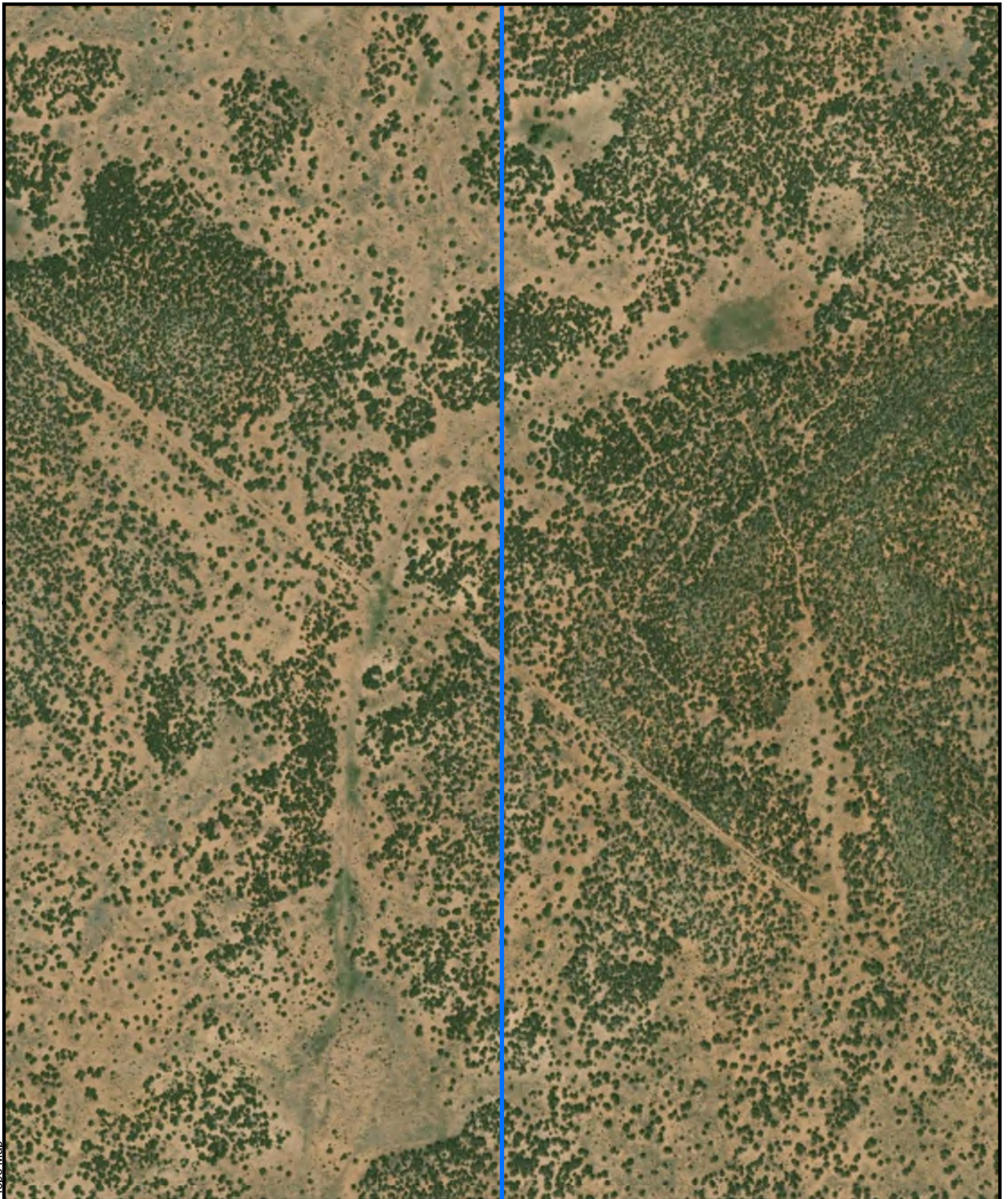
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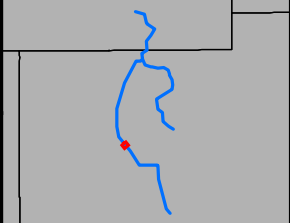
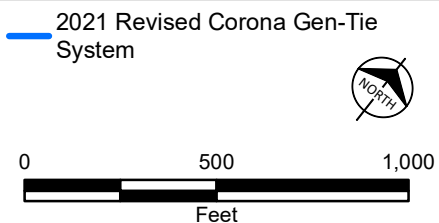
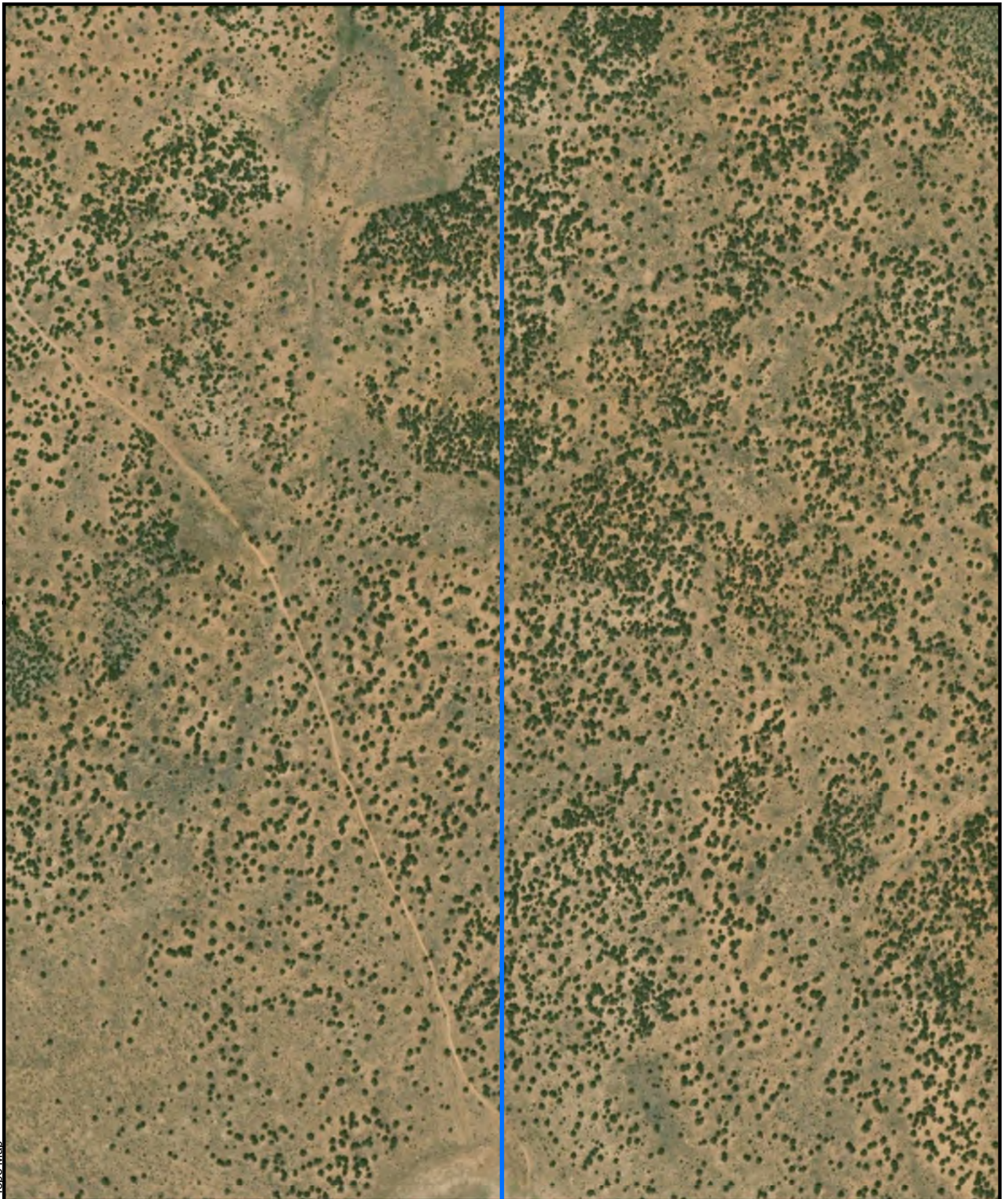
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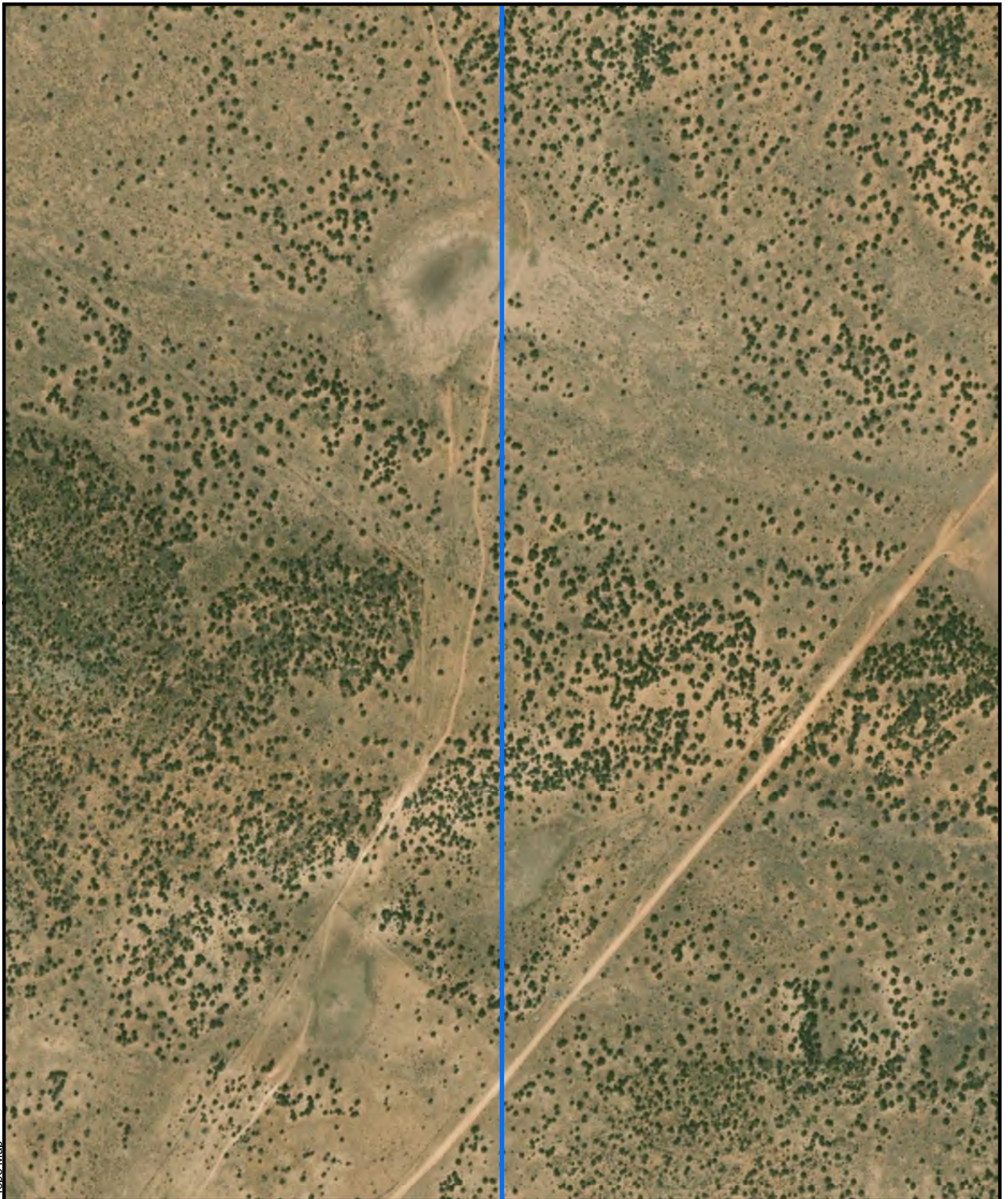
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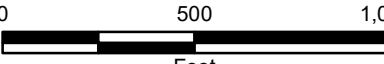

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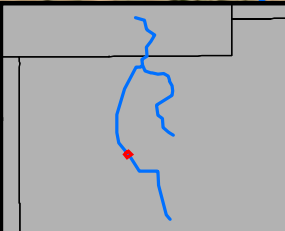
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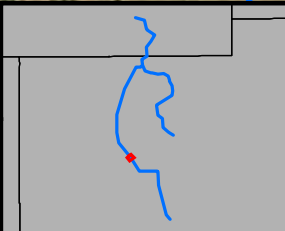
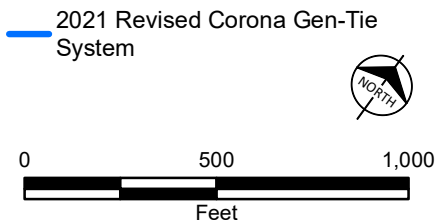
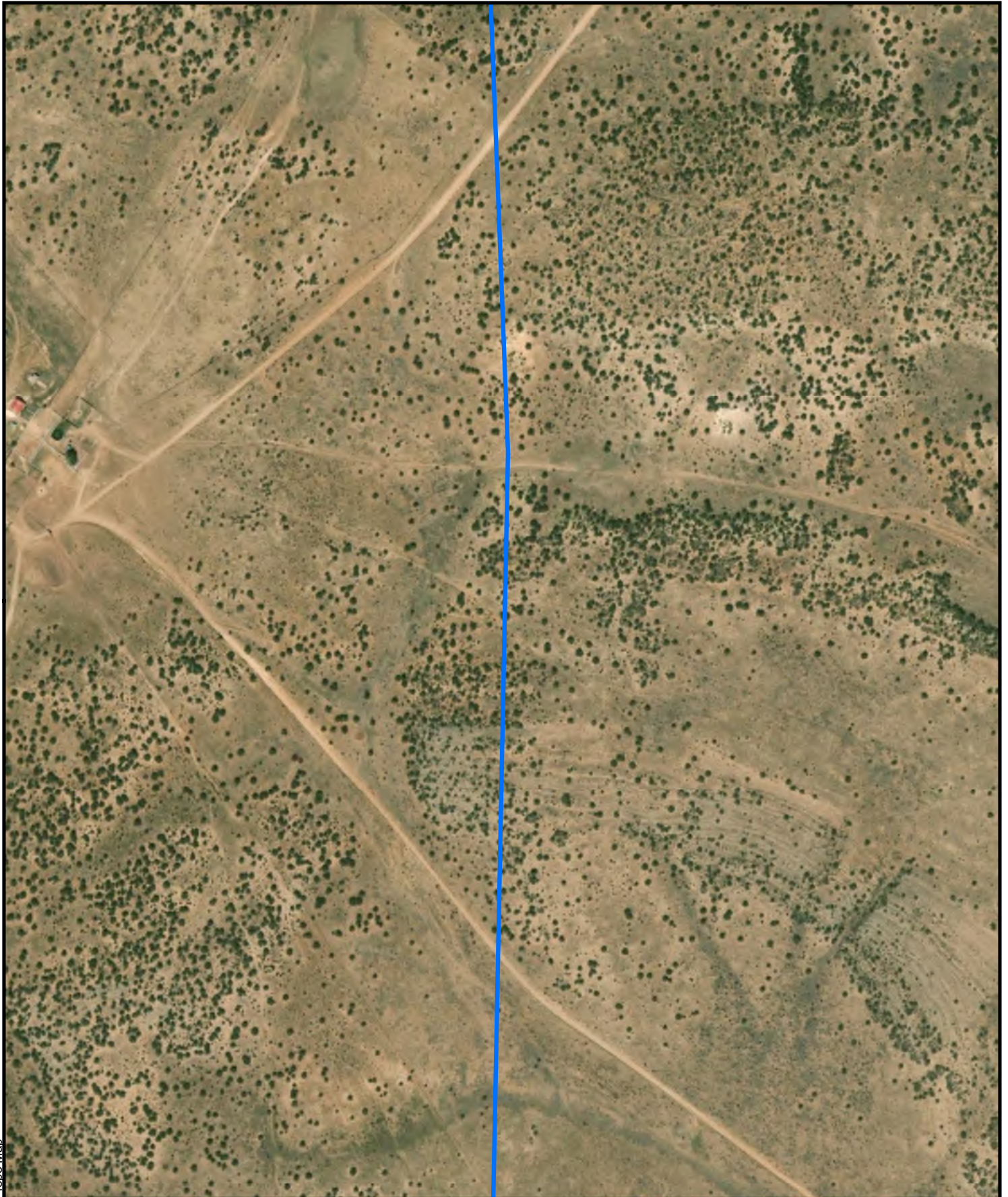
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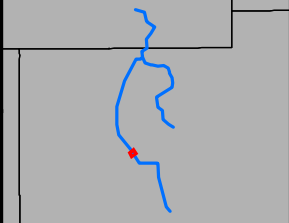
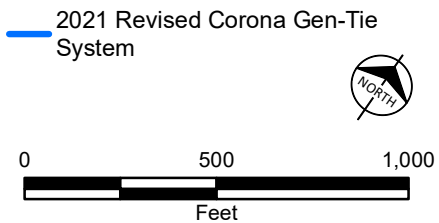
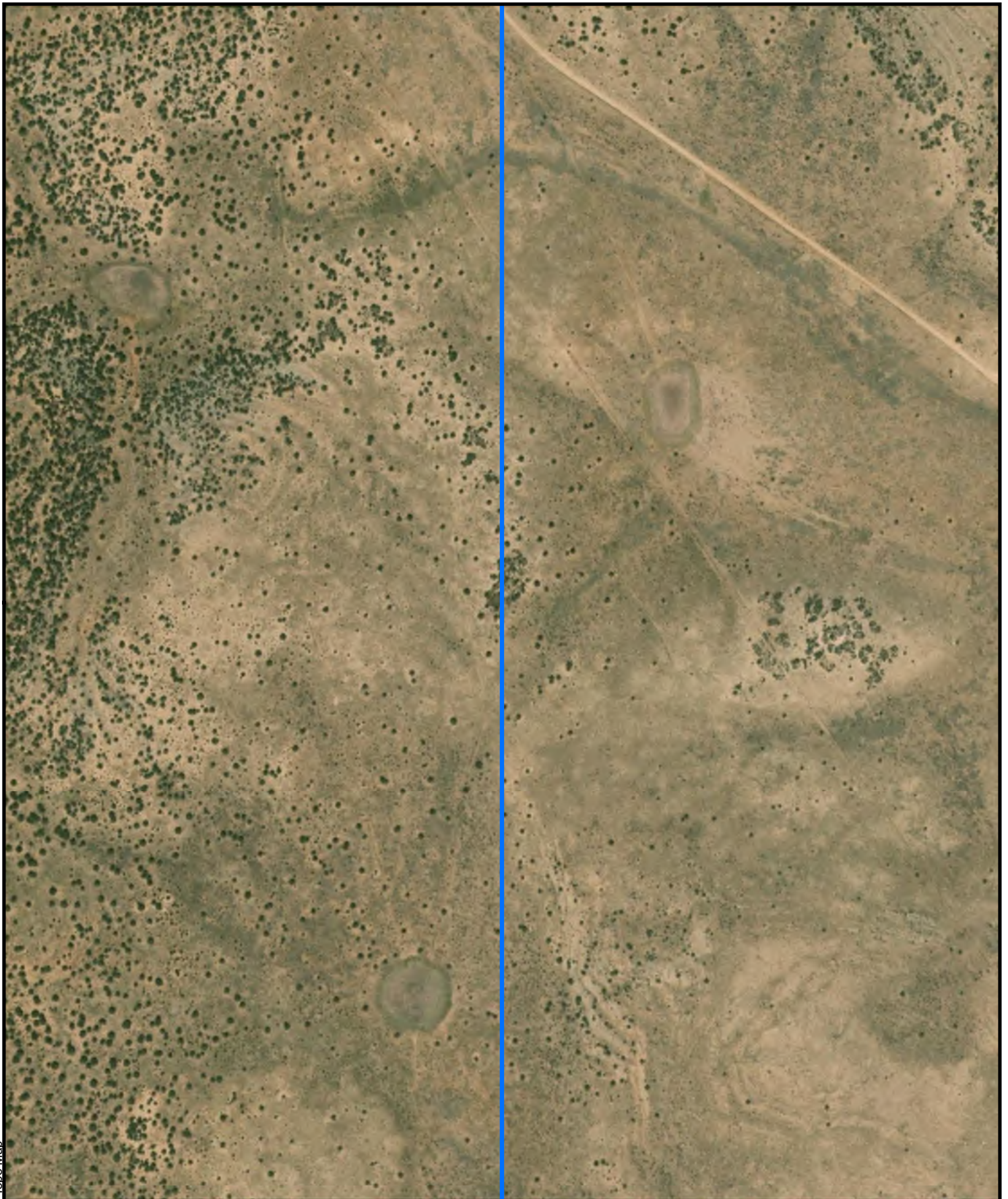
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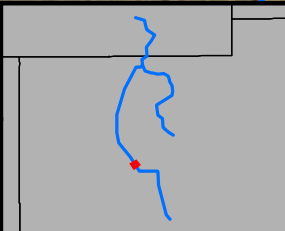
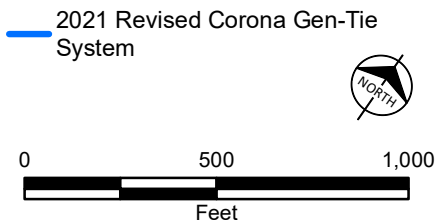
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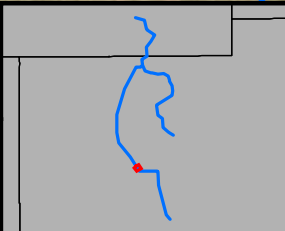
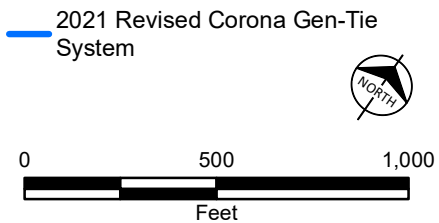
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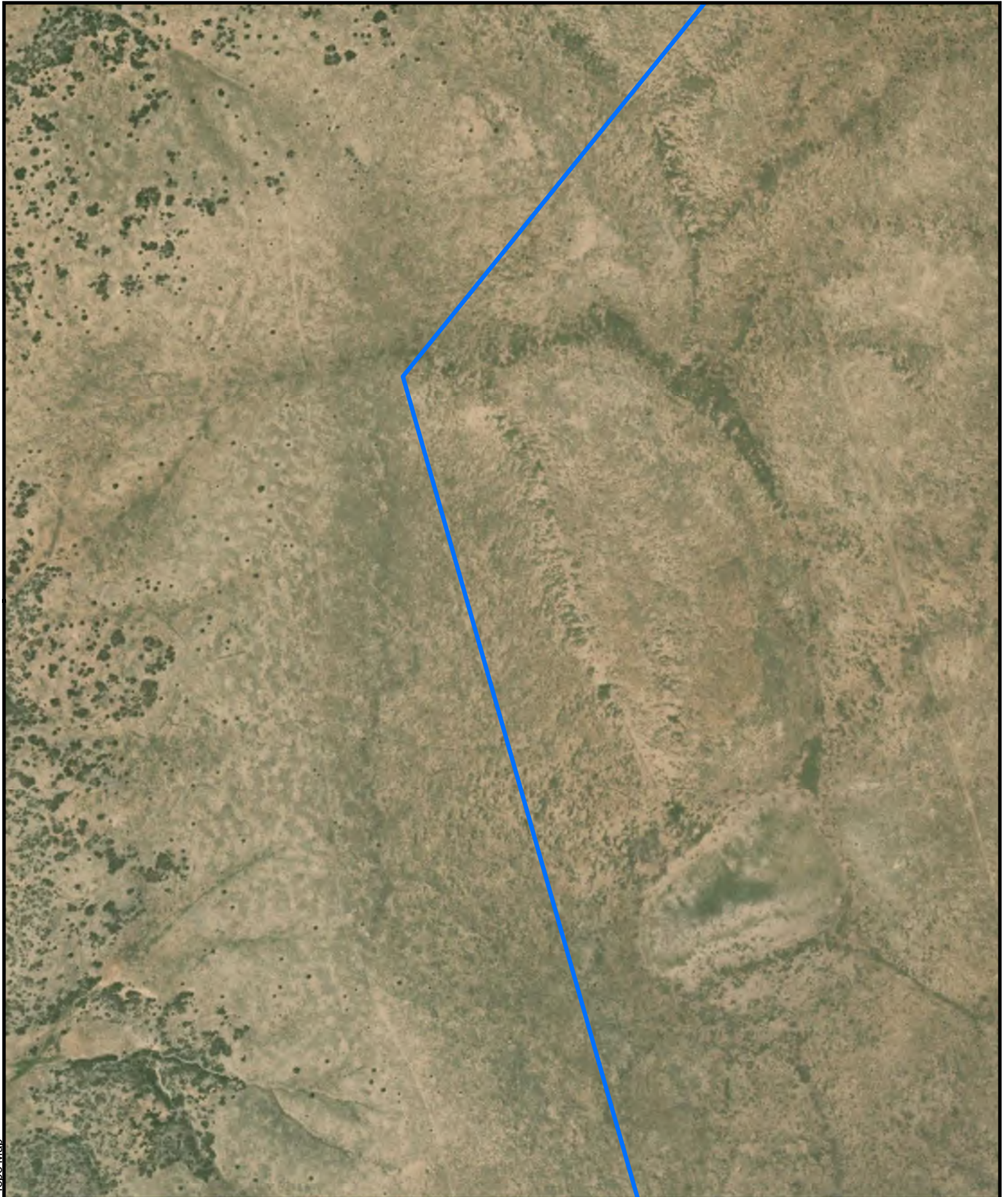
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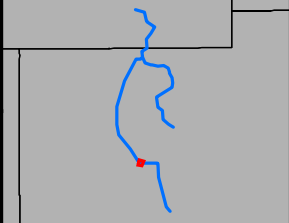
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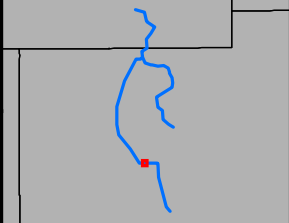
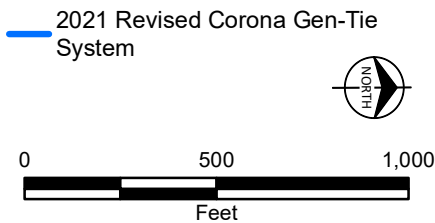
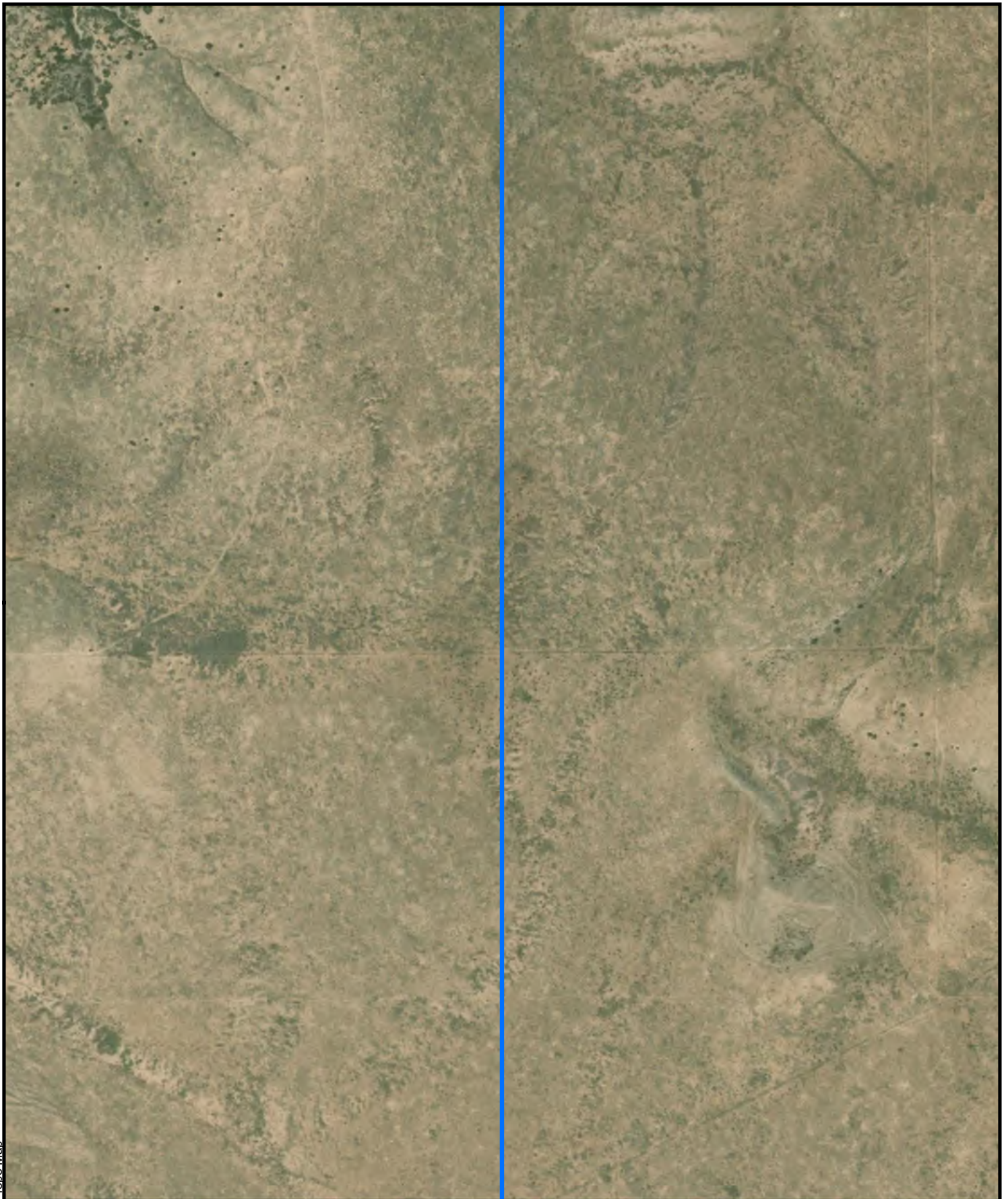
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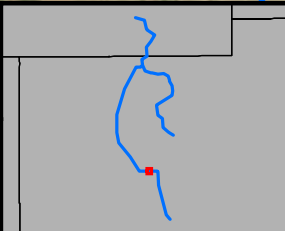
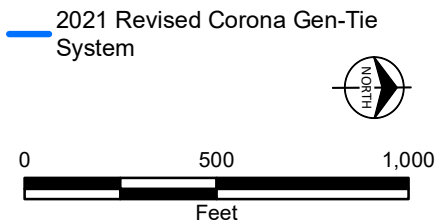
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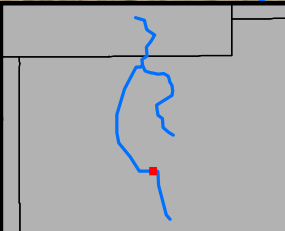
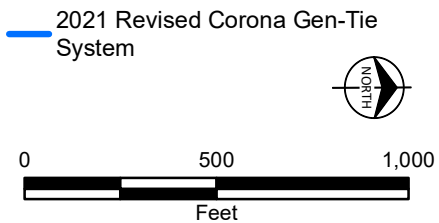
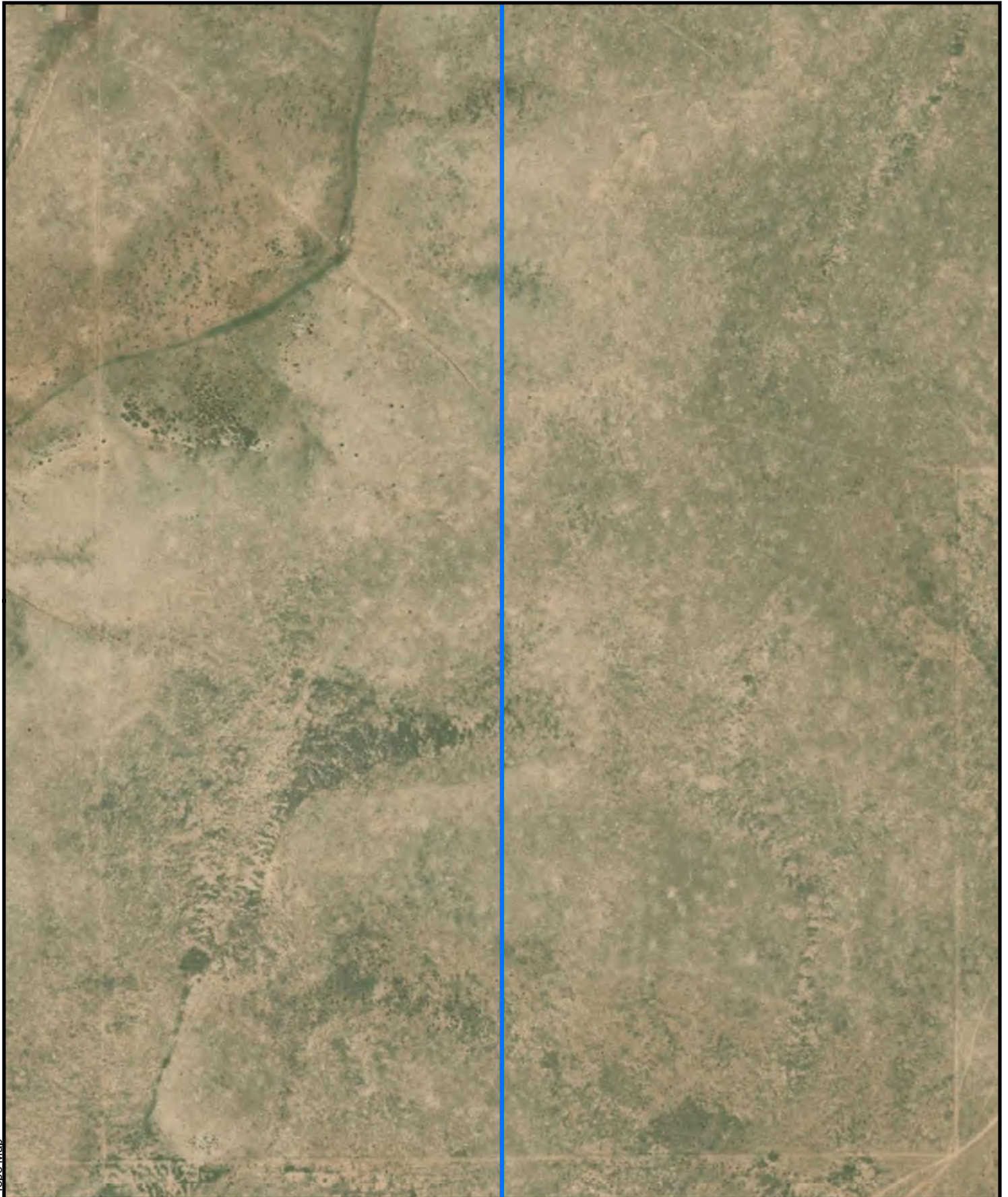
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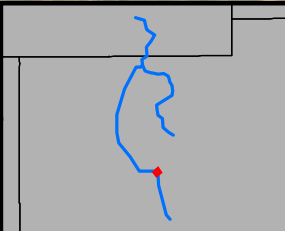
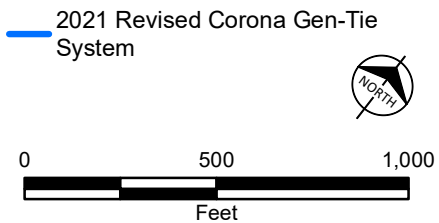
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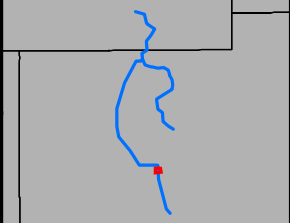
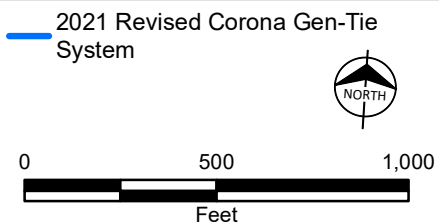
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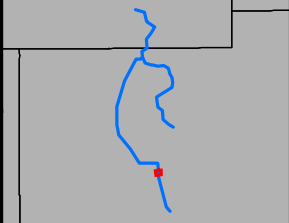
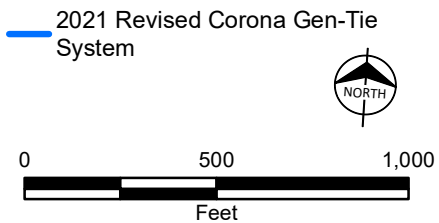
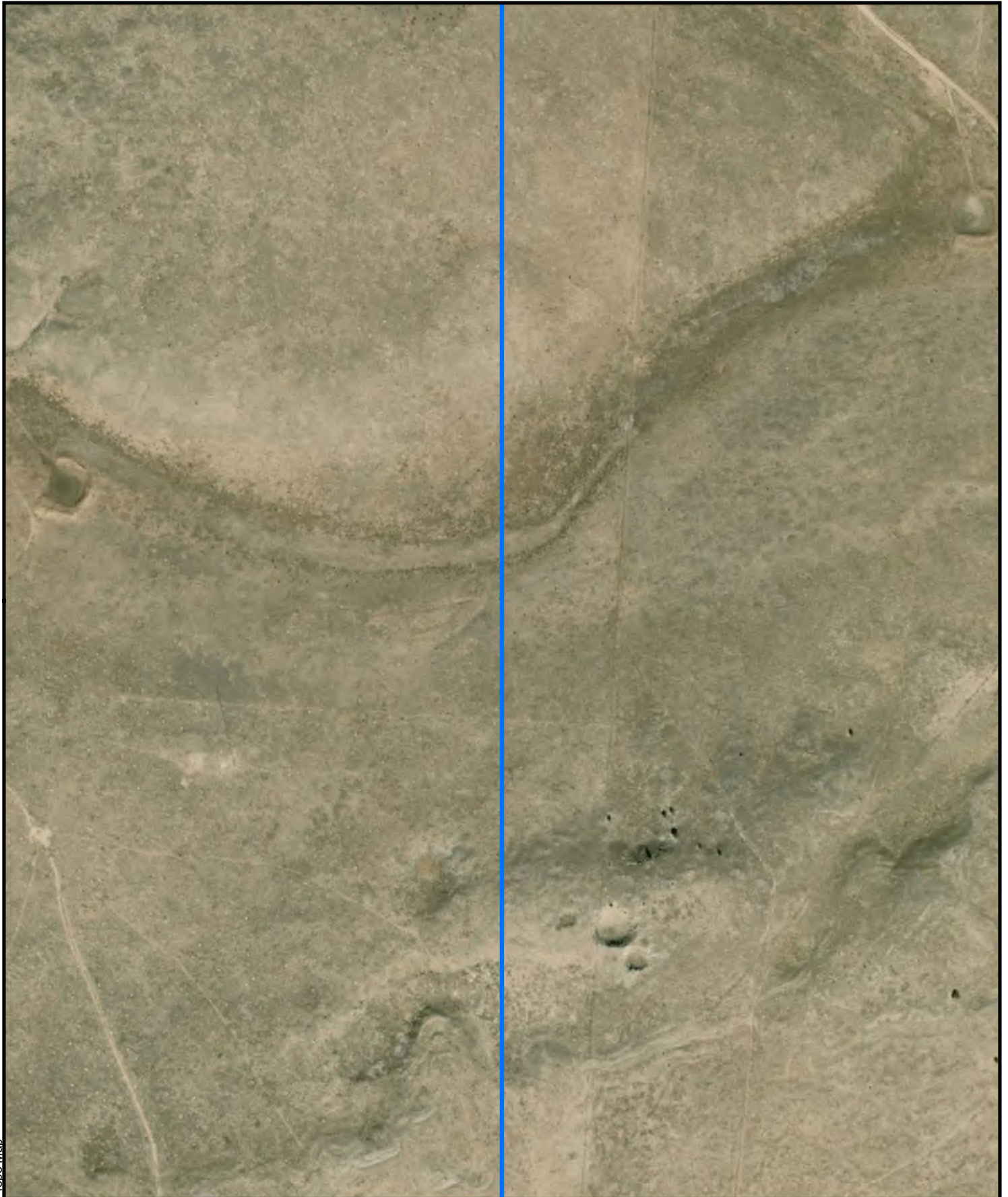
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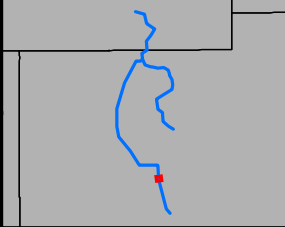
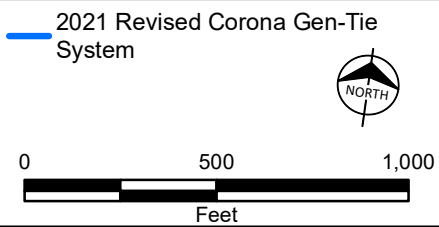
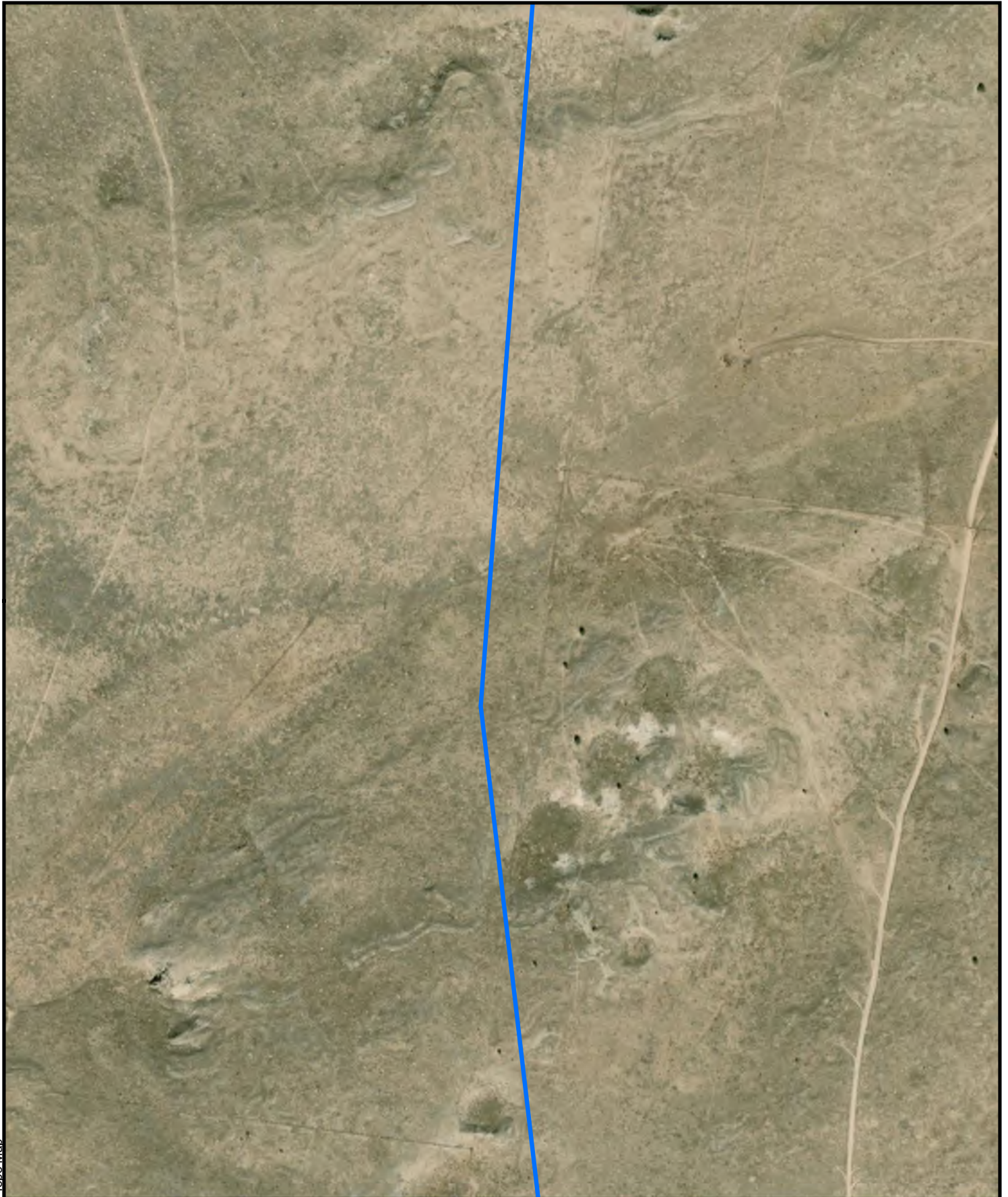
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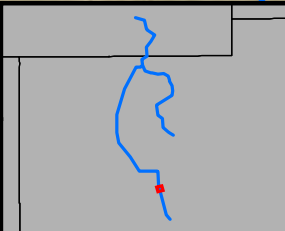
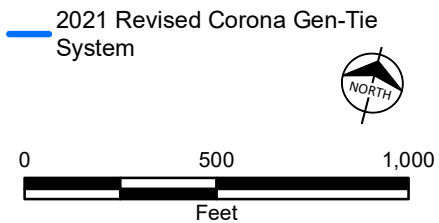
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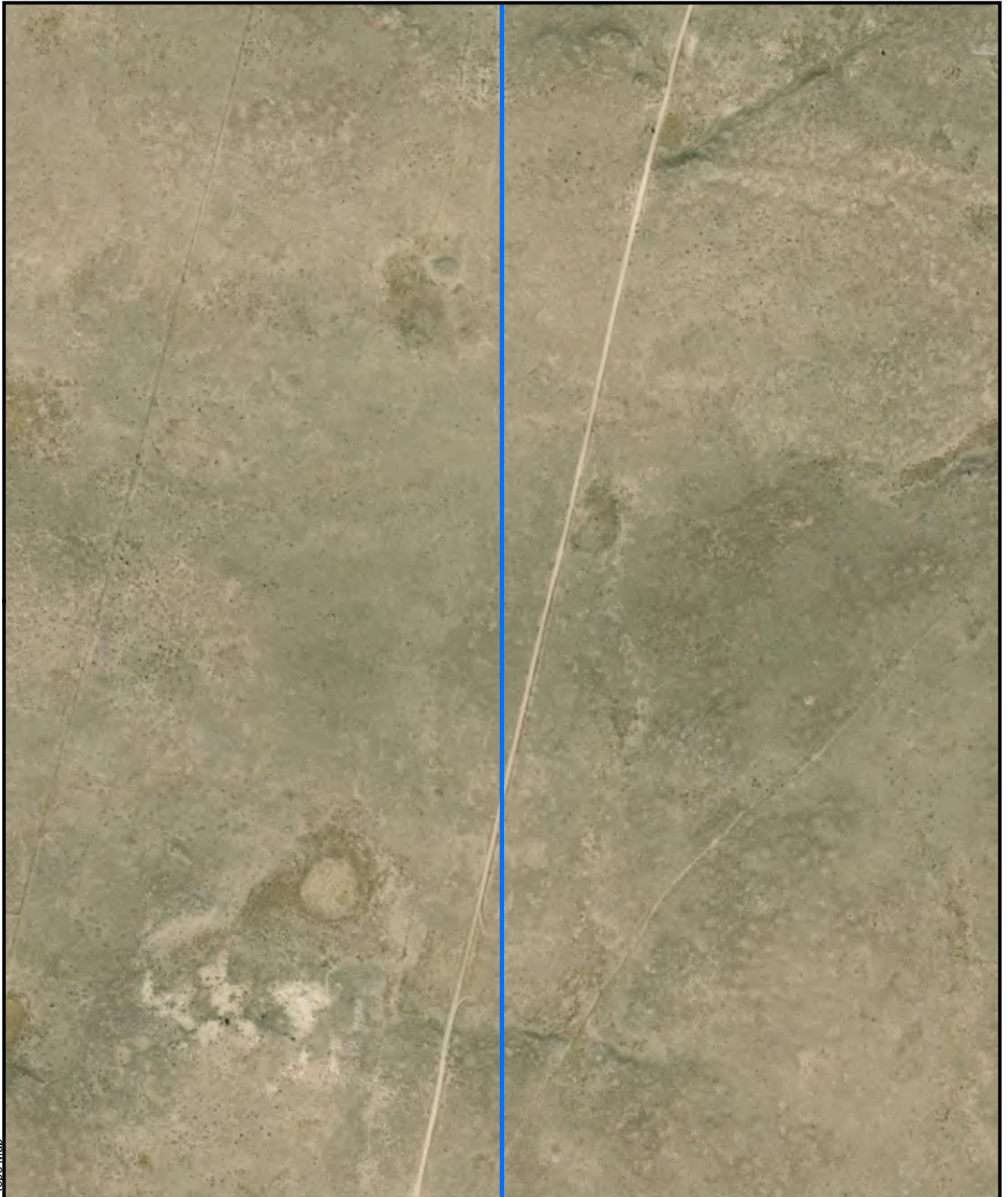
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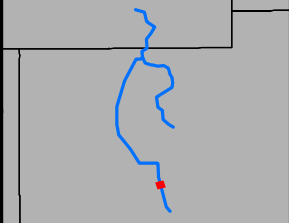
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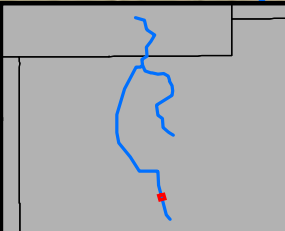
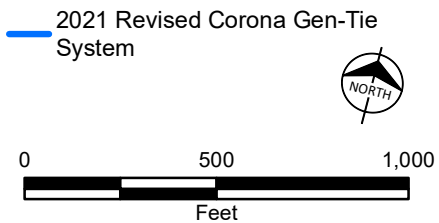
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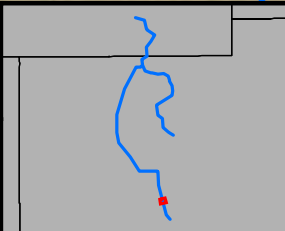
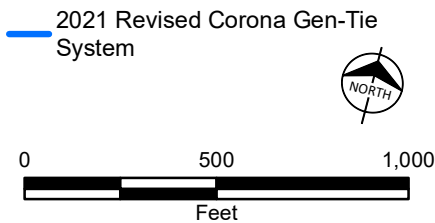
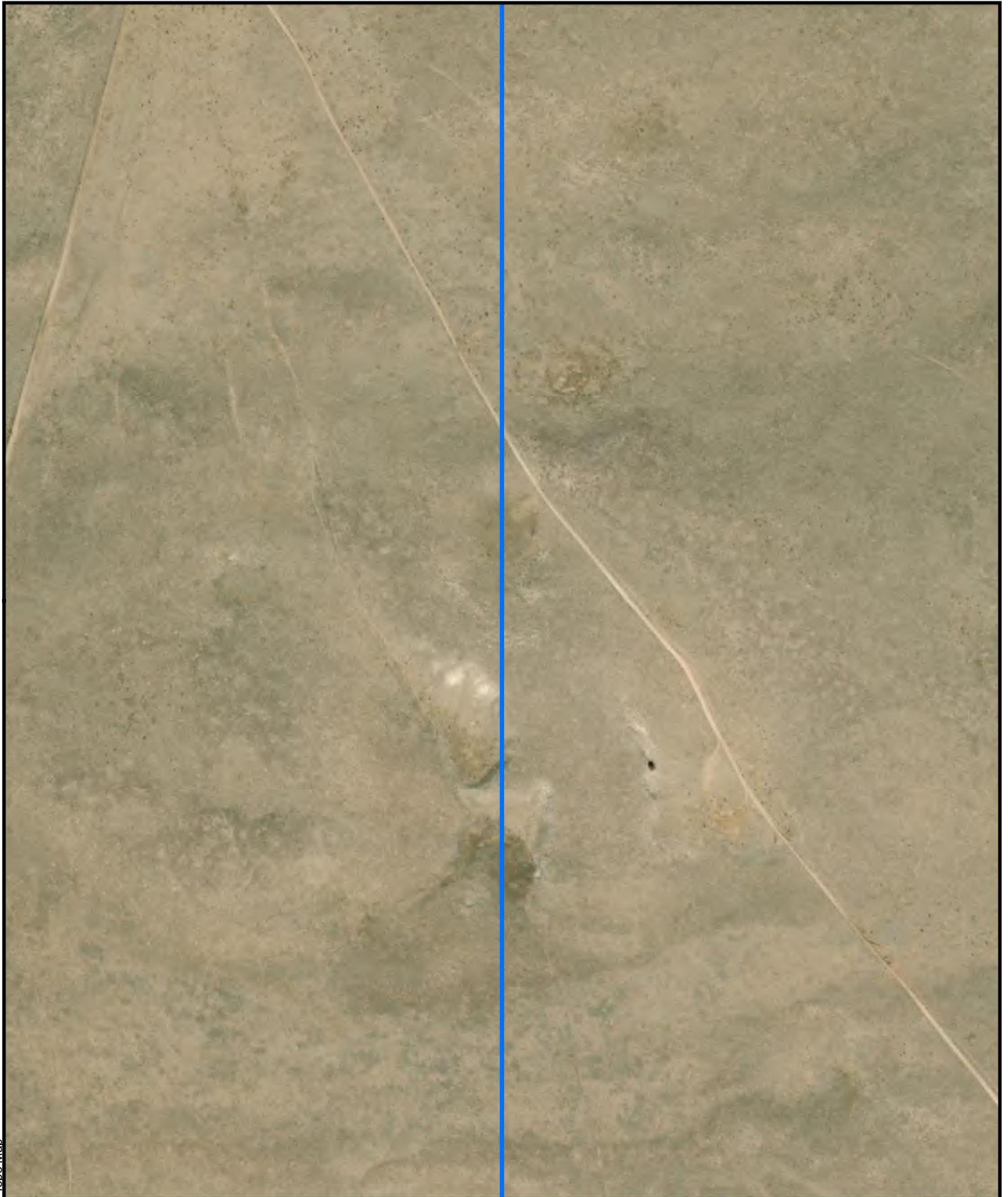
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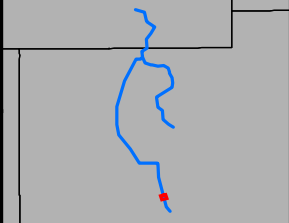
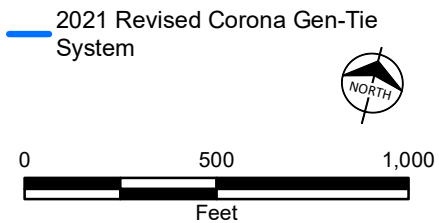
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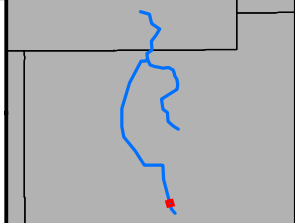
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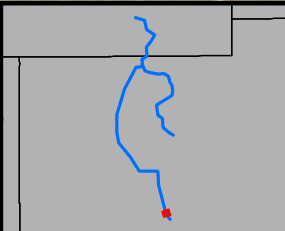
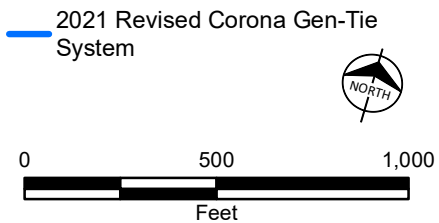
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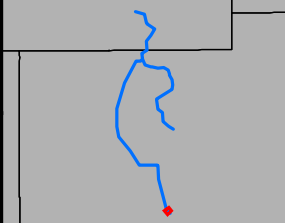
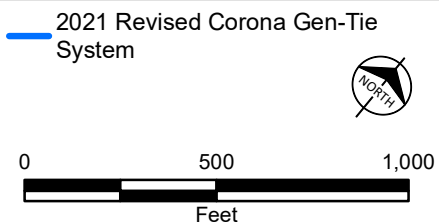
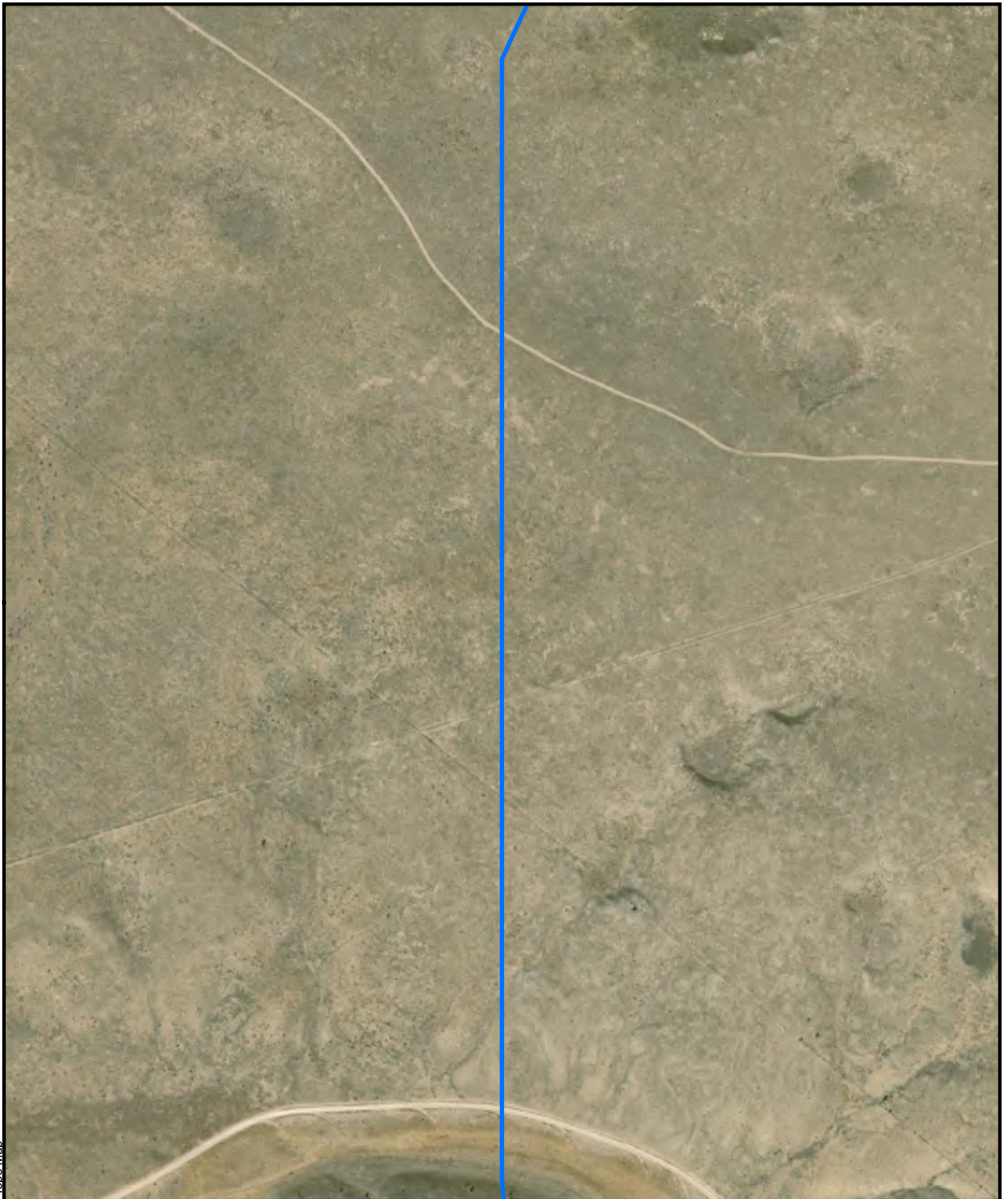
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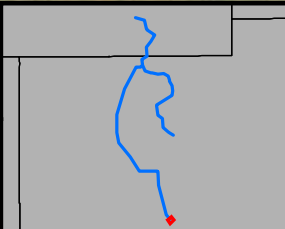
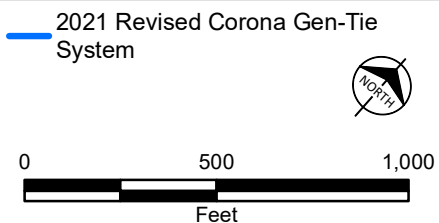
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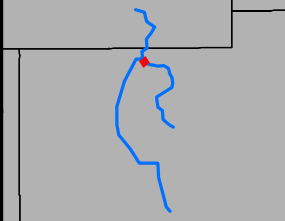
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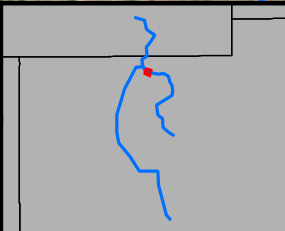
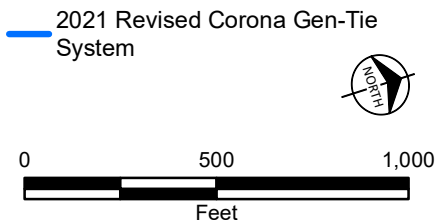
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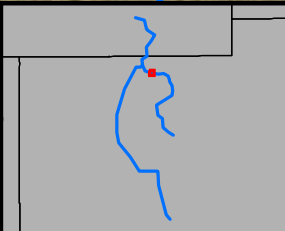
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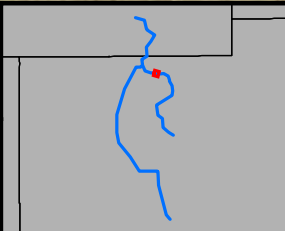
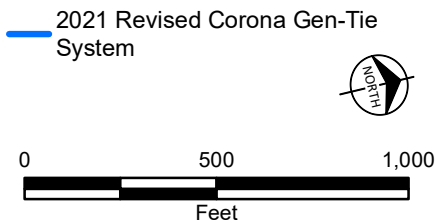
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
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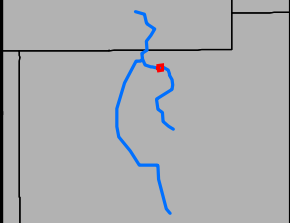
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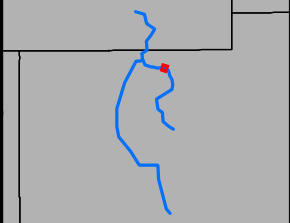
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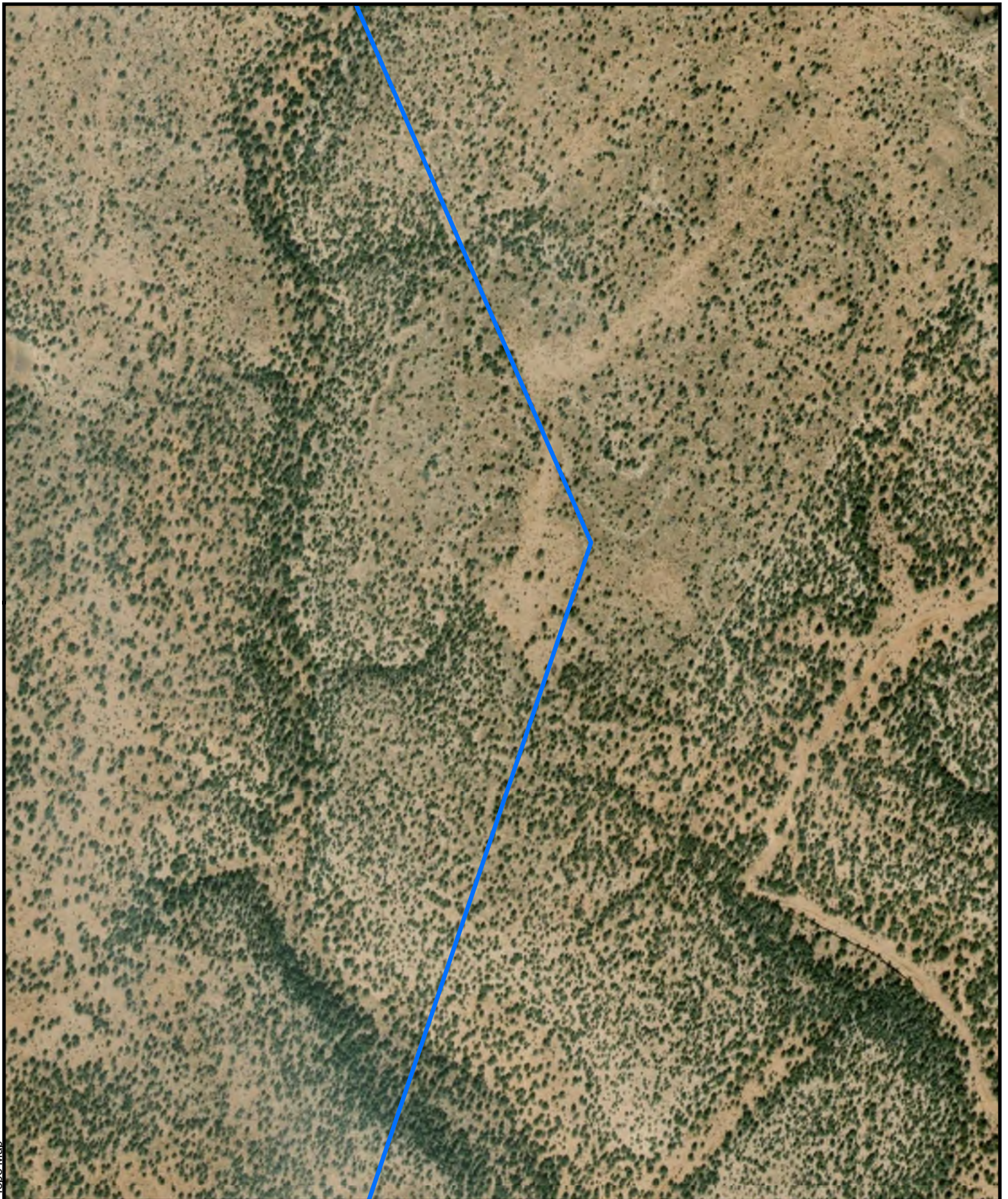
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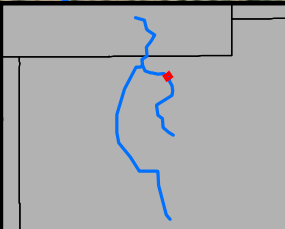
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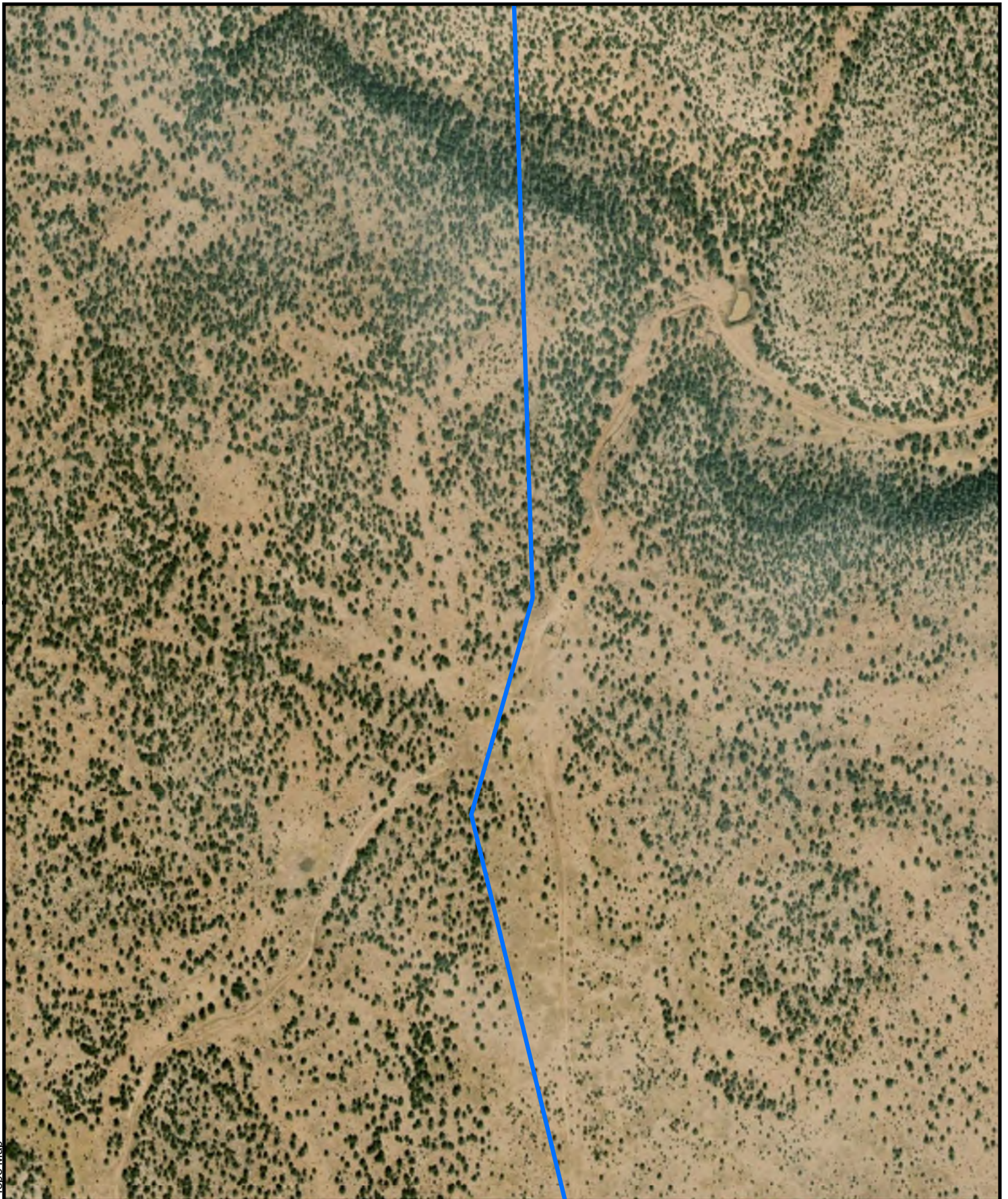
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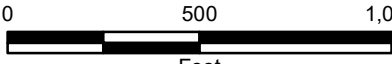

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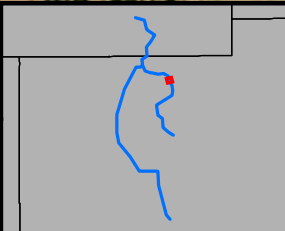
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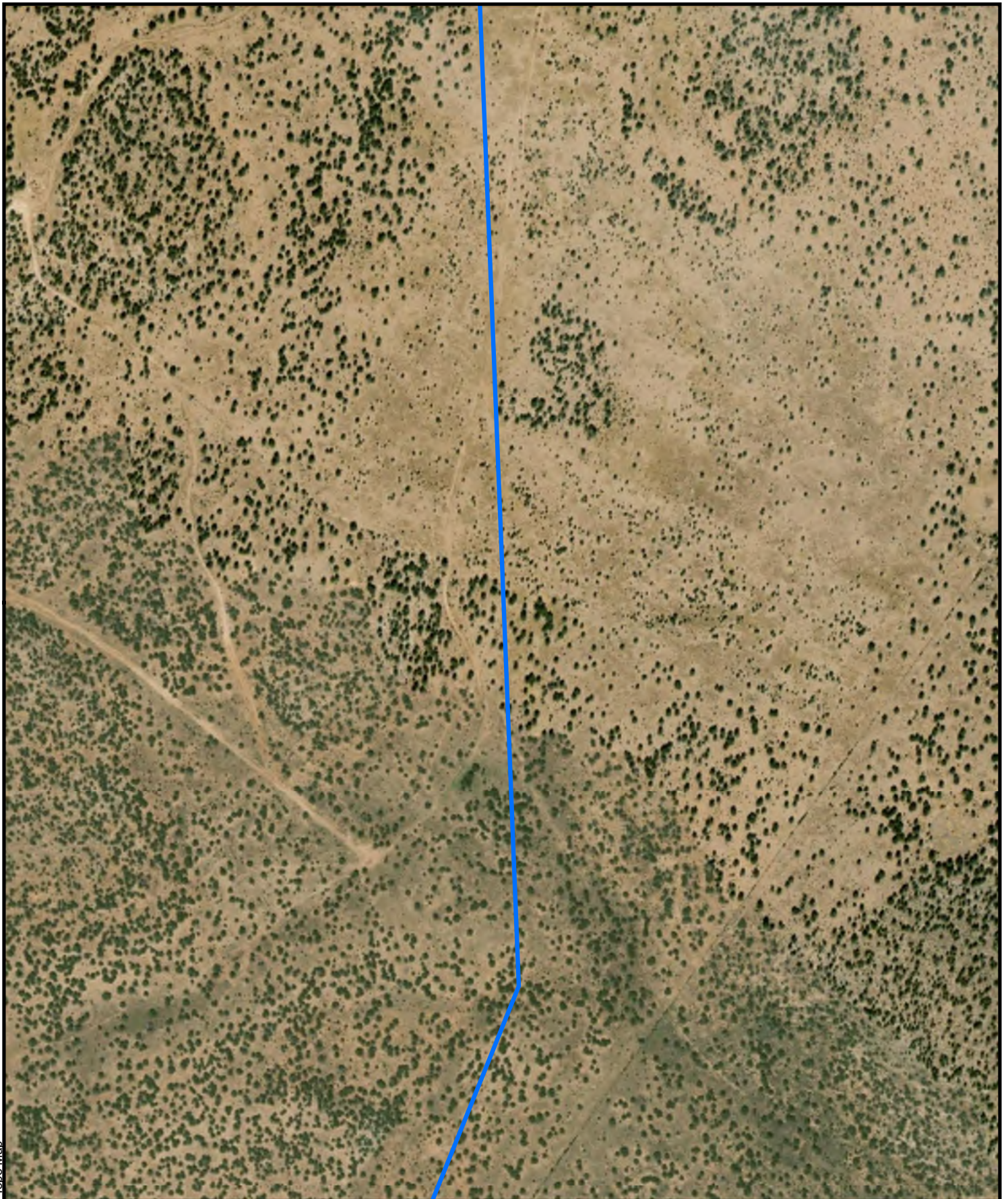
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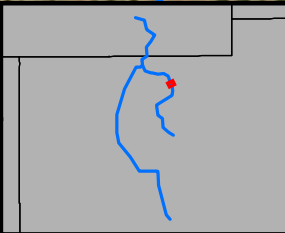
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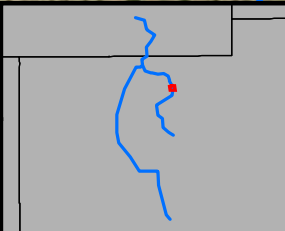
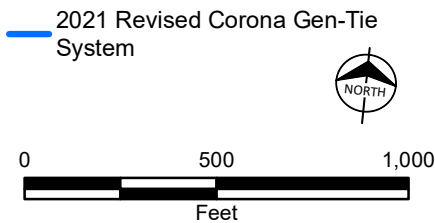
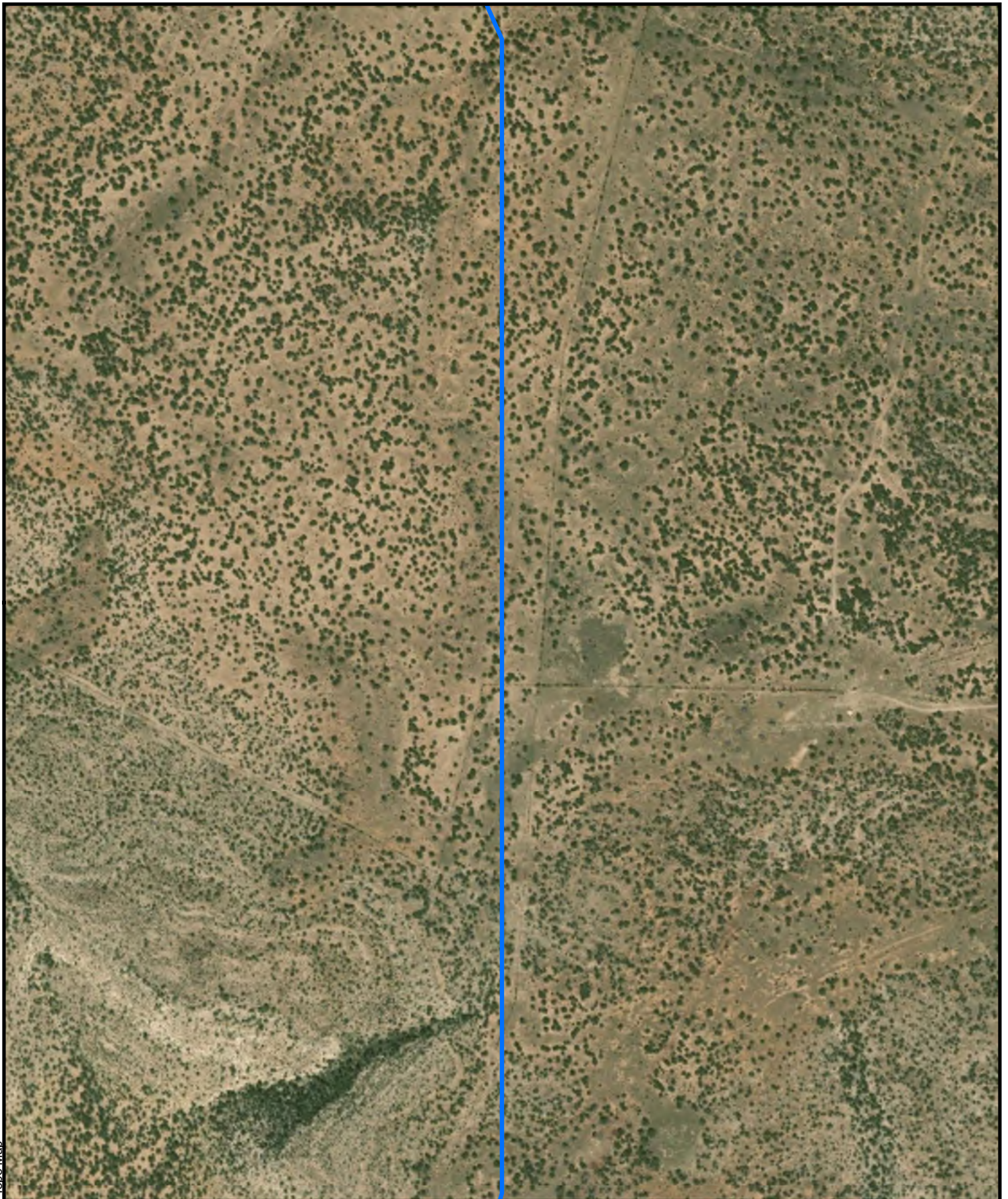
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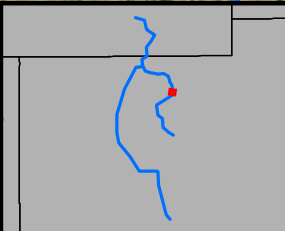
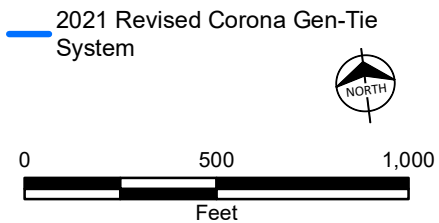
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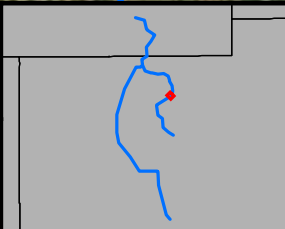
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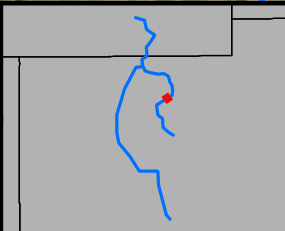
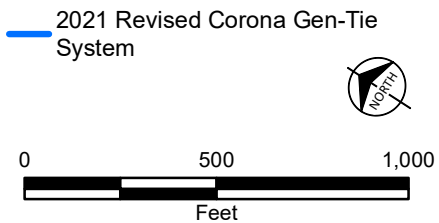
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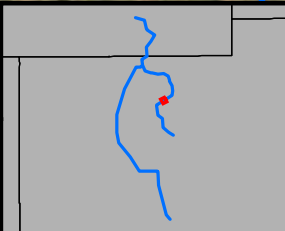
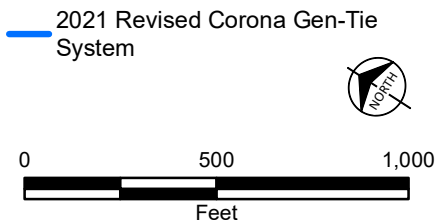
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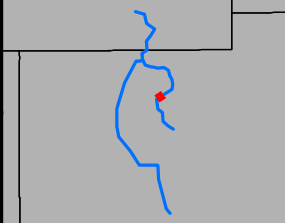
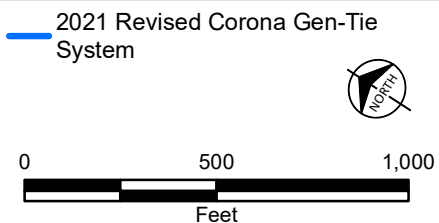
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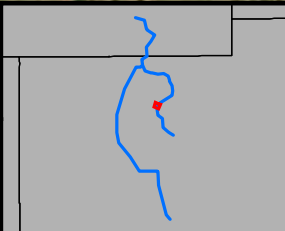
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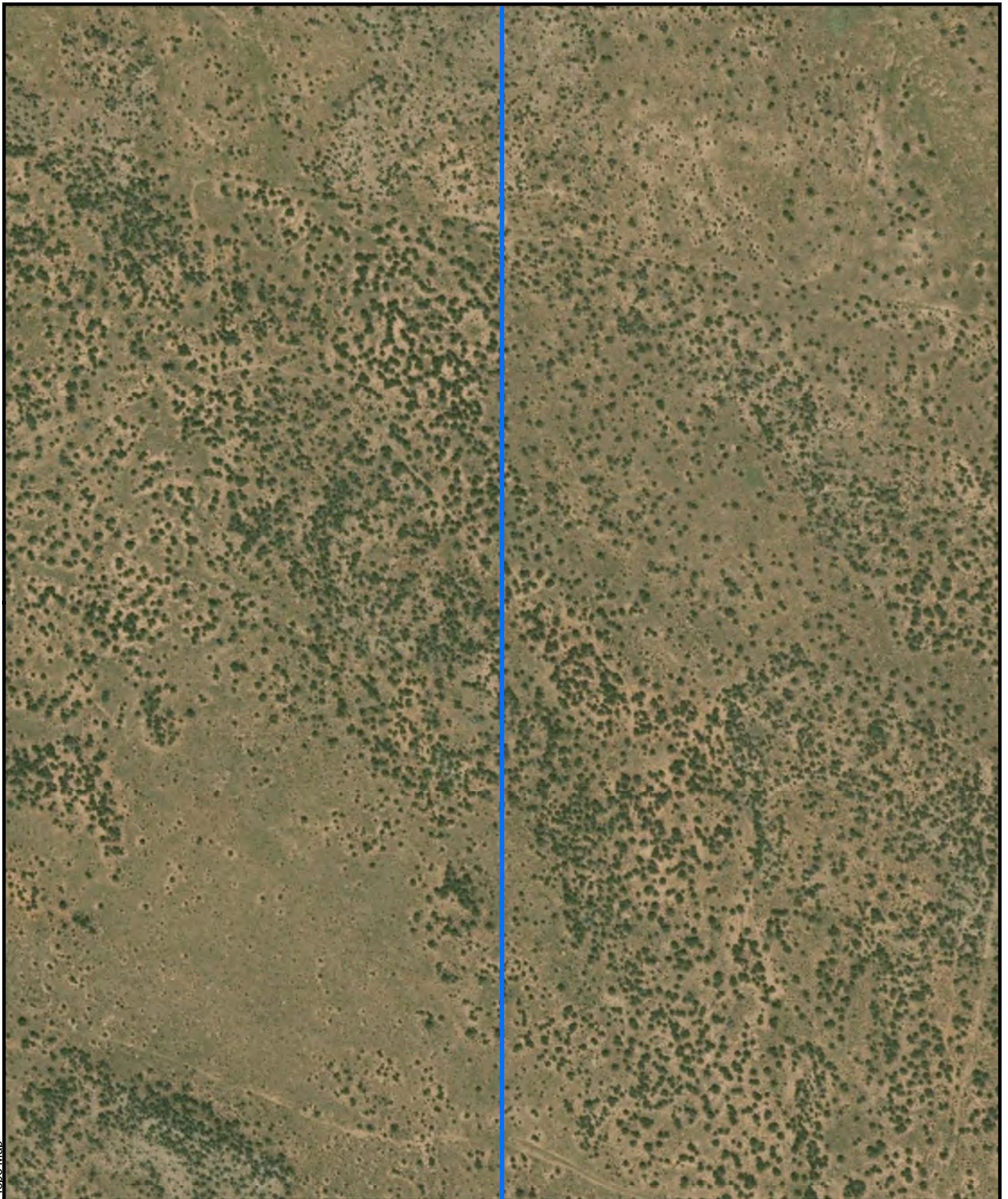
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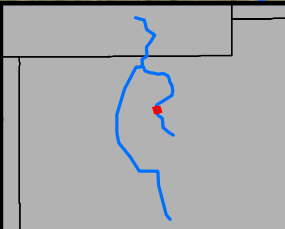
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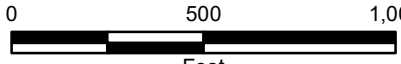

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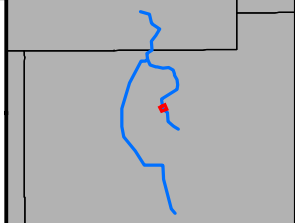
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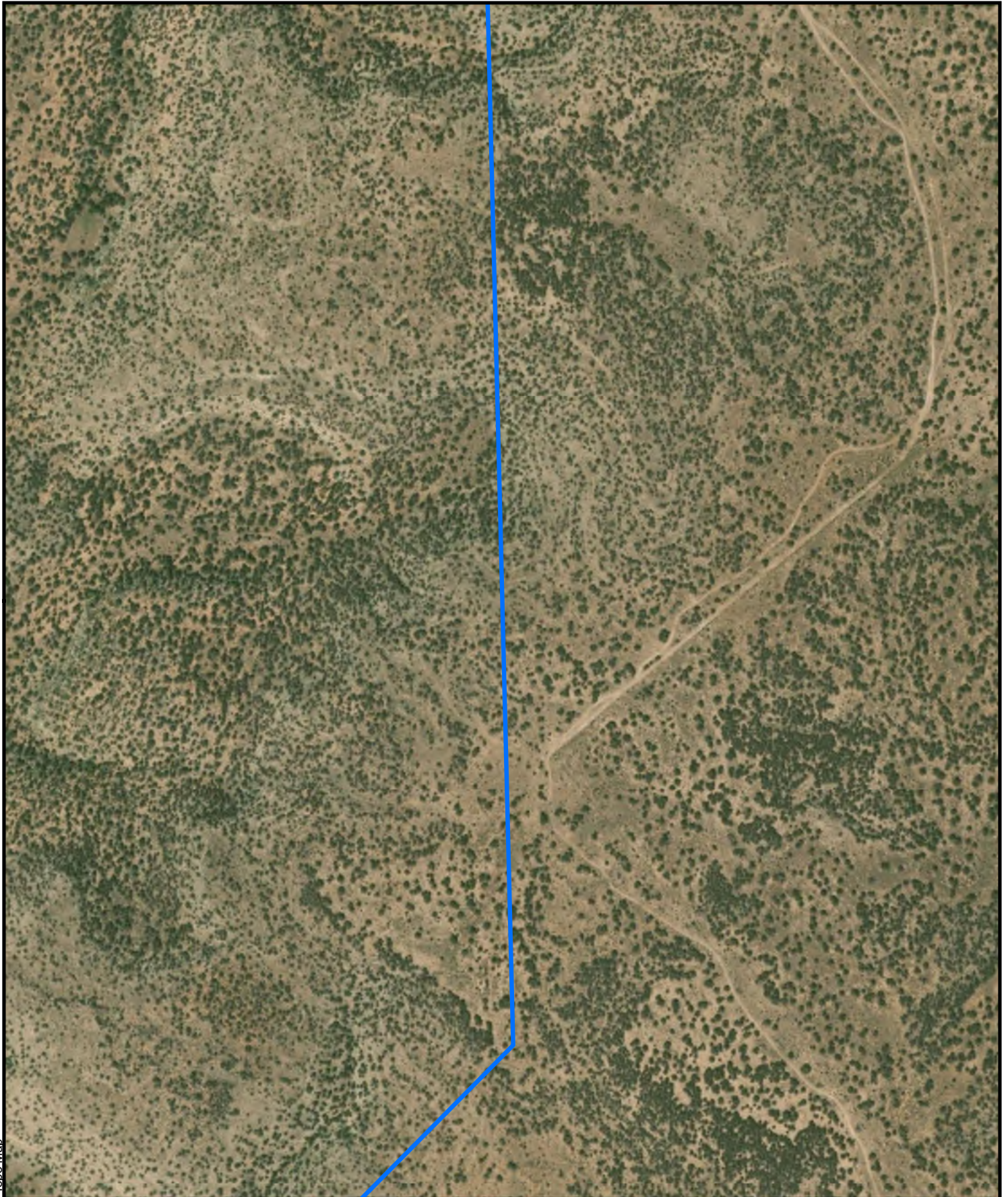
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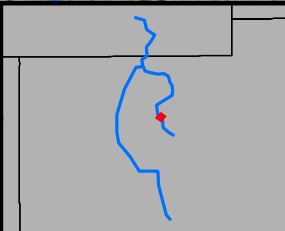
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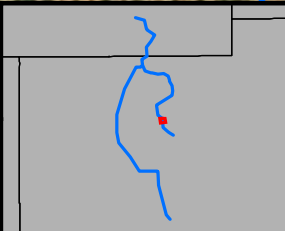
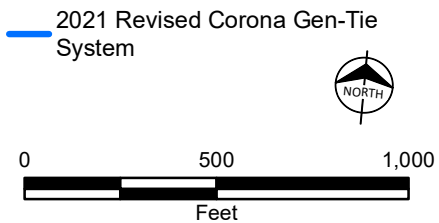
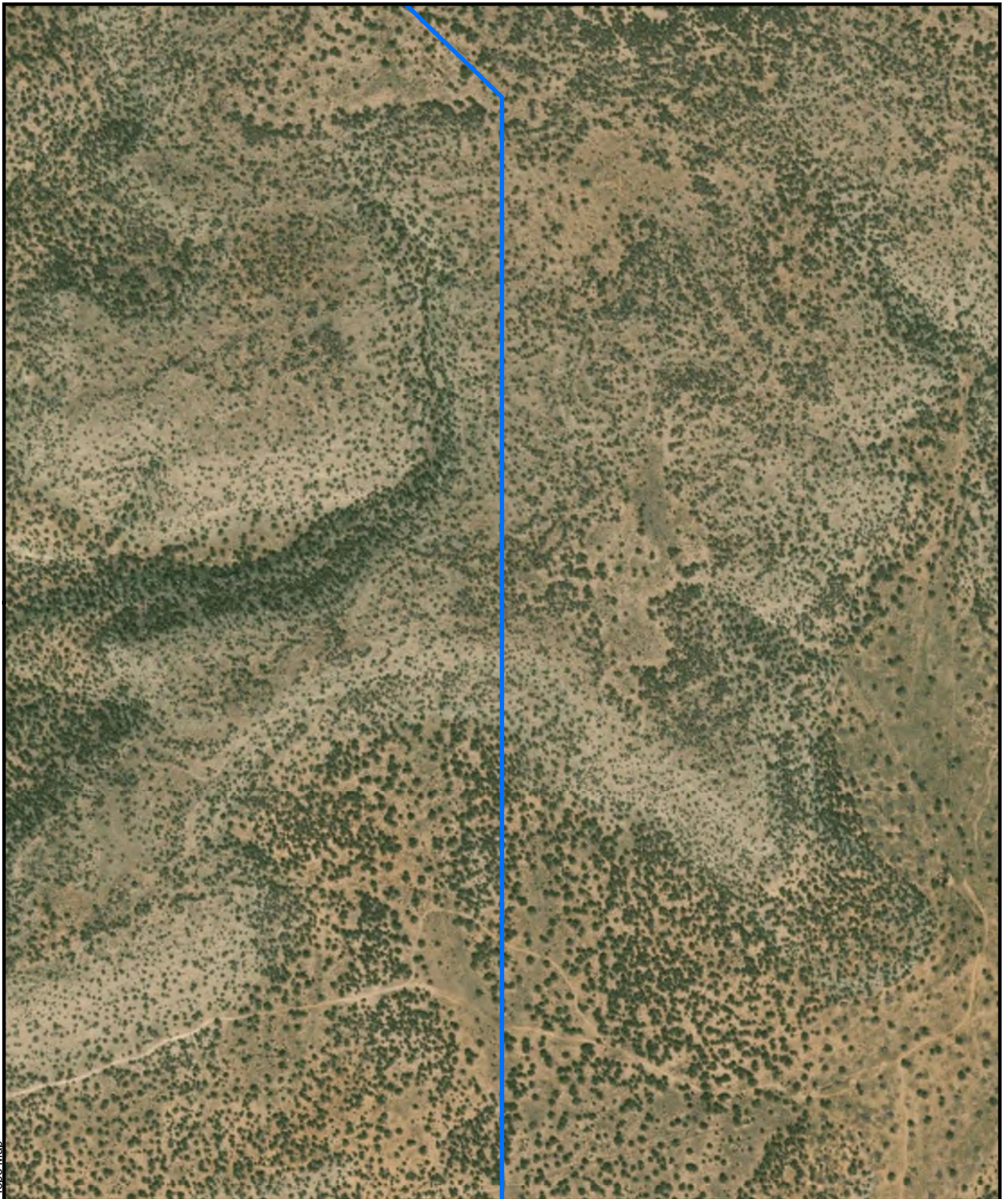
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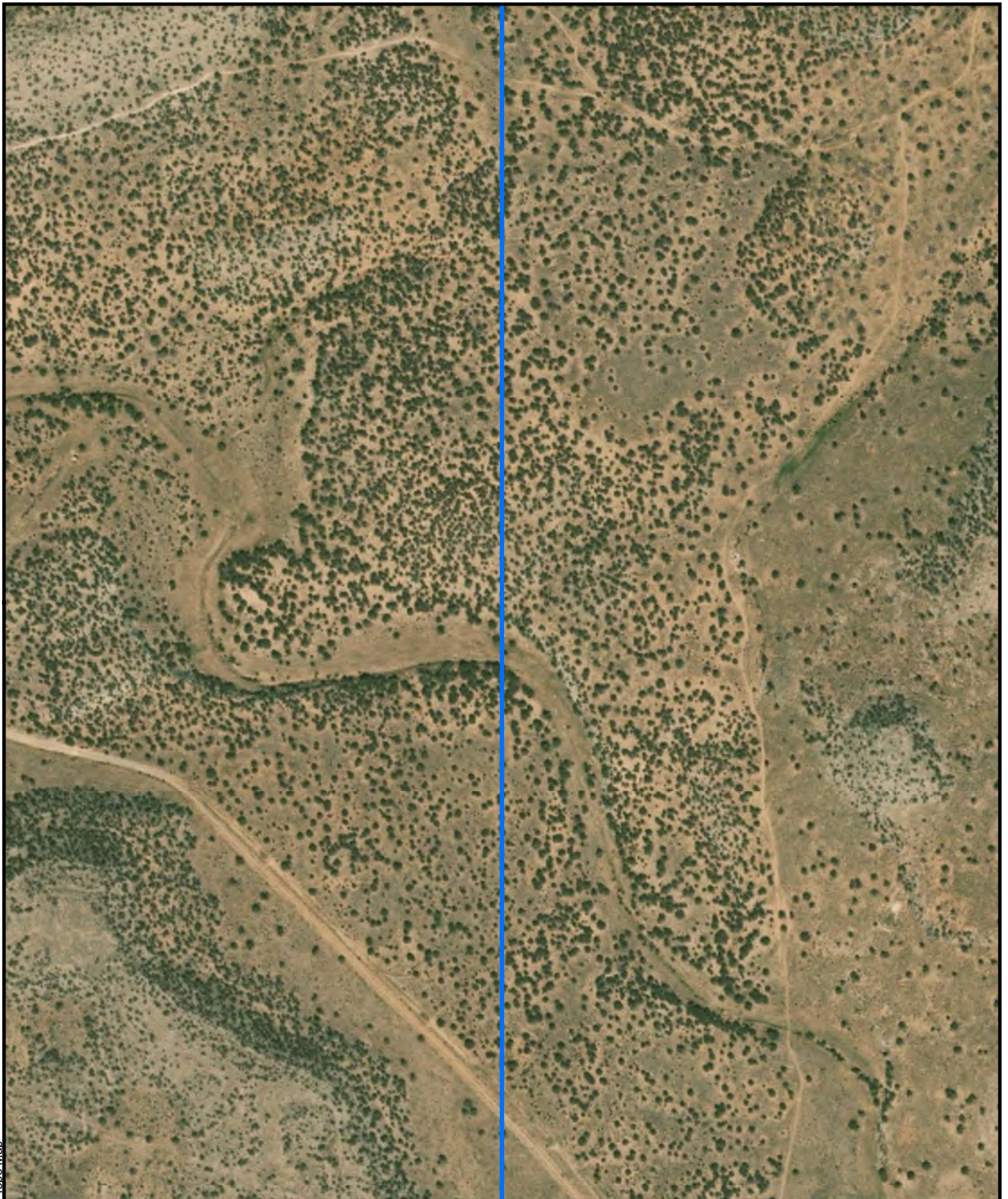
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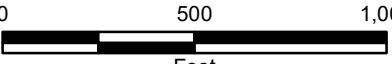

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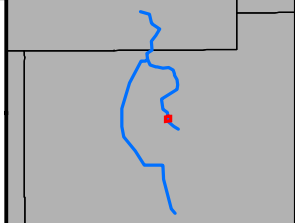
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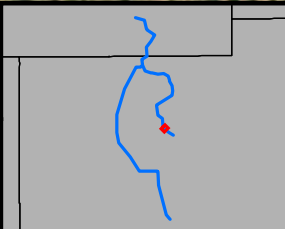
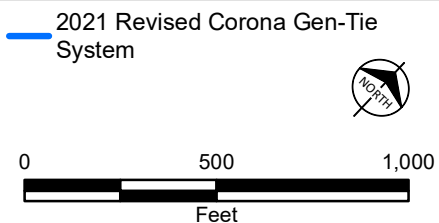
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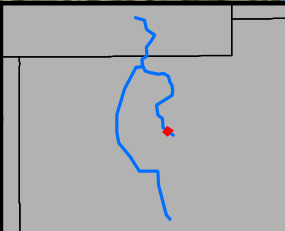
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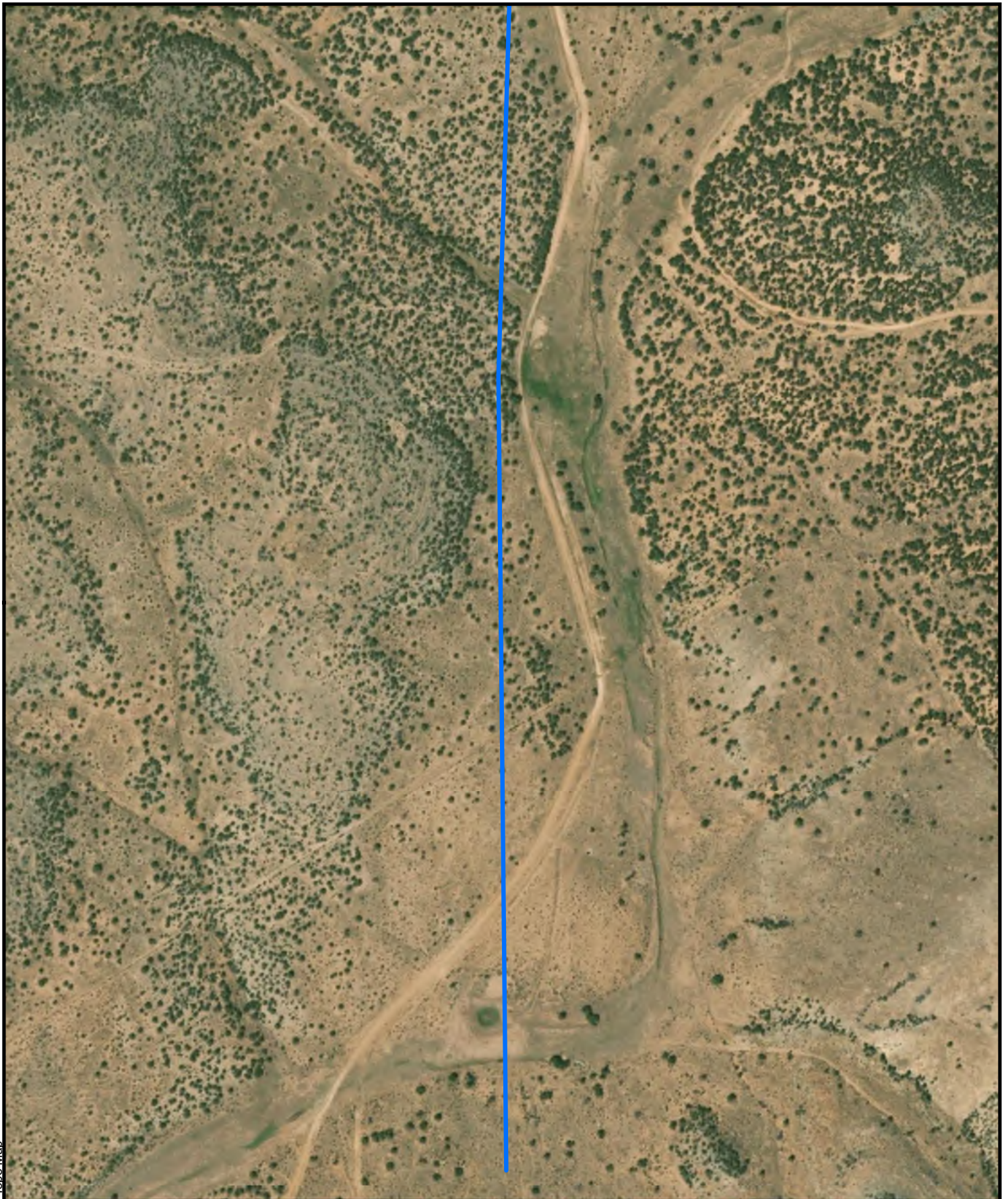
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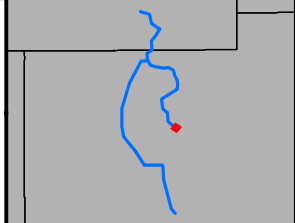
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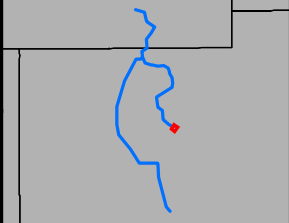
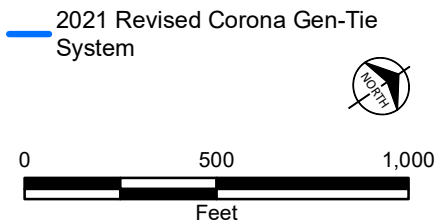
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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION)
FOR THE LOCATION APPROVAL OF THE)
EXPANDED CORONA WIND PROJECTS AND THE)
REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM AND FOR)
RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH APPROVAL PURSUANT)
TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY ACT, NMSA 1978, §62-9-)
3)**

Case No. 21-00____-UT

**ANCHO WIND LLC, COWBOY MESA LLC,)
GALLINAS MOUNTAIN WIND LLC, MESA)
CANYONS WIND, LLC, PATTERN SC HOLDINGS)
LLC, VIENTO LOCO LLC,)**

JOINT APPLICANTS.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission” or “NMPRC”) of the following:

1. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§62-9-3, 62-9-3.2 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC, on _____, 2021, Ancho Wind LLC, Cowboy Mesa LLC, Gallinas Mountain Wind LLC, Mesa Canyons Wind, LLC, Pattern SC Holdings LLC, and Viento Loco LLC, (collectively, the “Joint Applicants”) filed a joint application and supporting direct testimony and exhibits (“Joint Application”) with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (the “Commission”) requesting that the Commission enter a Final Order that a) expands the area for the Joint Applicants’ wind turbines comprising the Corona Wind Project beyond that previously approved in NMPRC Case Nos. 17-00221-UT and 18-00065-UT; b) modifies the proposed route for the 345- kilovolt (“kV”) Corona Wind Project Gen-Tie System approved in NMPRC Case No. 18-00065-UT and reconfigured and expanded in NMPRC Case No. 20-00008-UT; and, c) provides

the necessary approval to the extent required by law, for the 180-200-foot right-of-way (“ROW”) for the revised Corona Gen-Tie System which is the subject of this Joint Application.

2. The Commission previously granted location approval for the Corona Wind Project for up to 2,400 MW of wind power facilities located within approximately 489,051 acres of private and state land within Lincoln, Torrance, and Guadalupe Counties in New Mexico in NMPRC Case Nos. 17-00221-UT, 18-00065-UT, and 20-00008-UT (collectively referred to as the “Location Approval Proceedings”).

3. In this proceeding, the Joint Applicants propose to expand the Corona Wind Project to include the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion, which consists of approximately 200 MW of additional wind resources located on 51,804 acres. Approximately 7,520 acres will be on state land and approximately 44,284 acres will be located on private lands. The Joint Applicants are also proposing to obtain location approval for the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System to reflect the expansion of the Corona Wind Project and the results of additional environmental and siting information obtained through the ongoing comprehensive environmental and engineering analysis being undertaken in connection with this expansion. The linear length of the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System is 51.7 miles or 273,178 linear feet.

4. To produce the desired energy, it is anticipated that the additional generation for which approval is sought in this proceeding will consist of up to 50 wind turbines with a nameplate capacity ranging from 2.3 MW to 4.5 MW. Each of the turbines will be connected by 34.5-kV collection lines to new substations to be located within the Corona Wind Project area. A final determination of the number of turbines to be used and the specific siting of the turbines, collection lines, and substations will be made over time, and such information will be made available to the Commission. The proposed in-service date for the 2021 Corona Wind Update is the end of 2026.

5. The Joint Applicants are proposing new updates to the Corona Gen-Tie System to include approximately 59.2 miles of new 345 kV transmission line and up to eight new step-up substations to serve wind turbine generation projects in Lincoln and Tarrant Counties that would interconnect to the eastern terminus of the SunZia Transmission System to the Corona Wind Project.

6. The Commission has assigned Case No. 21-00____-UT to this Joint Application, and all correspondence, pleadings, comments, and other communications shall refer to that case number.

7. The procedural schedule established in this case is as follows:

- A. The Joint Applicants shall, at their sole expense, publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln and Tarrant Counties on or before _____ 2021;
- B. The Commission's Utility Division Staff ("Staff") shall file a response to the Joint Application by advising the Commission on Staff's position as to the merits of the Joint Application and the need for a public hearing on the location application;
- C. Any interested person may intervene in this case by filing a motion for leave to intervene pursuant to Commission Rule 1.2.2.23(A) NMAC and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC on or before _____;
- D. Staff shall, and Interveners may, file direct testimony by _____;
- E. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before _____, and;
- F. A public hearing will be held on _____, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices at 142 W Palace Ave # 300, Santa Fe, NM 87501, to

hear and receive evidence, arguments, and any other appropriate matters pertaining to the case.

8. In accordance with NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(K), the Commission may approve the Joint Applicants' request for location approval without formal hearing if no protest is filed within sixty (60) days after notice has been given that the Joint Application has been filed.

9. The Joint Application may be examined by an interested person at the Commission's website (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/>), the Joint Applicants' website (<https://patternenergy.com/en/project-documents>) or at the offices of the Joint Applicants and the Commission at the following addresses:

Joint Applicants
Pier 1, Bay 3
San Francisco, CA 94111

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
142 W Palace Ave # 300 Santa Fe, NM 87501

10. Pursuant to Commission Rule 17.9.592.13 NMAC, the Joint Application may also be examined by any interested person at:

Town of Carrizozo Public Library,
c/o Head Librarian
406 Central Avenue (Hwy 54)
Carrizozo, NM 88301

Town of Estancia, Public Library
c/o Head Librarian
601 South Tenth Street
PO Box 166 Estancia, NM 87016

11. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make a written or oral comment, pursuant to Commission Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

12. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are as provided in the Procedural Order issued in this case and are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. Any interested person should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

13. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony shall serve copies thereof on all parties of record and Staff and the Hearing Examiner by (1) first class mail or hand-delivery and (2) by email as provided by the Procedural Order. Copies served on the Hearing Examiner shall include an electronic version of the filing in word format. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

14. The Commission's Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC, shall apply to this case except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission or at www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmcc/.

15. All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.O. Box 1269 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504. The following physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand-deliveries: 142 W Palace Ave # 300, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

16. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CASE SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

