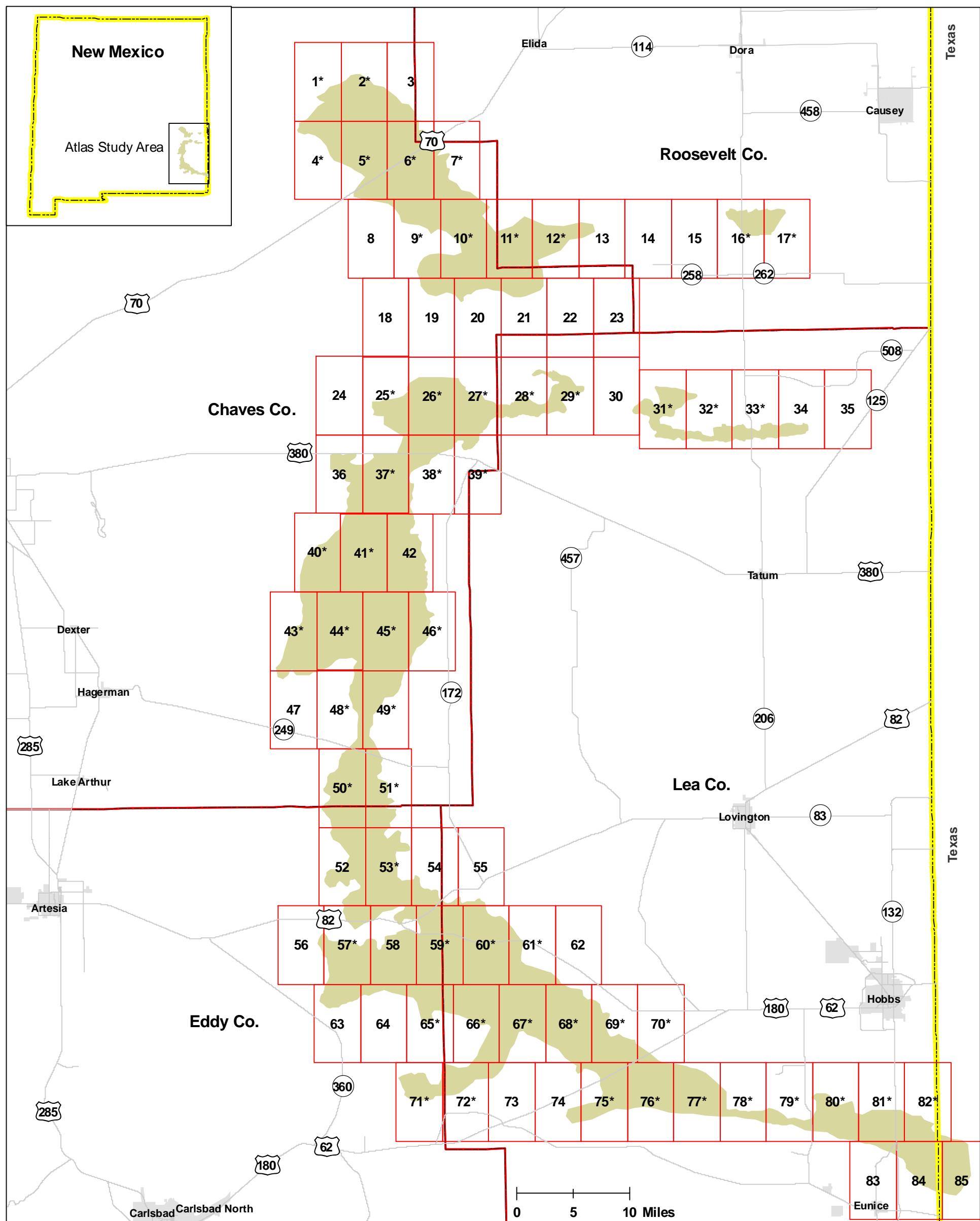


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*Grid numbers refer to detailed map pages.  
Asterisk indicates map with a specimen locality.*



## Key to Features

- ★ *Sceloporus arenicolus* historical species occurrences
- ★ *Sceloporus arenicolus* presence verified since 2005
- 55 U.S. route
- 55 State route
- 55 County road
- Road Road
- City Populated area
- Township boundary
- Distribution boundary
- Shinnery Oak dominated shrubland and duneland, classified by Natural Heritage New Mexico

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## Purpose

This atlas is a visual tool for understanding the geographic distribution of the dunes sagebrush lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*) in the context of its unique and easily identifiable habitat, shinnery oak dune complexes. *Sceloporus arenicolus* is endemic to the Mescalero Sands and Monahans Sandhills ecosystem and occurs exclusively in shinnery oak dune complexes characterized by open sand dune blowouts. Because these features can be accurately perceived with remotely sensed imagery, the atlas serves to identify potential and suitable habitat of *Sceloporus arenicolus*. The atlas illustrates the currently known extent, connectivity, and fragmentation of the species' habitat within New Mexico.

## Scale

The atlas is designed to be printed on 11"x17" pages. When printed at this size, the scale of the map is 1:30,000. Therefore, 1" (2.54 cm) on the map is equivalent to 0.47 mi or 0.76 km. The graphic scale on each page allows accurate determination of distance if the atlas is printed at a different size.

## Atlas Data Layers and Details

The atlas was created in ArcInfo 9.3 by overlaying the following layers:

- One-meter resolution Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQs) from 2004 serve as the basemap of the atlas;
- *Sceloporus arenicolus* locality data, derived from specimen voucher data obtained from natural history collections and from surveys conducted in 2008 – 2010;
- Vegetation classification from Natural Heritage New Mexico<sup>1,2</sup> illustrating shinnery oak (*Quercus havardii*) dominated shrubland and duneland;
- *Sceloporus arenicolus* geographic range polygon, described below;
- Township-and-Range based on the Public Land Survey System available from the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office.

A total of 85 detailed maps covering the range of *Sceloporus arenicolus* in New Mexico are provided in this atlas. A separate atlas covers the species' range in Texas<sup>3</sup>. These maps cover the known geographic distribution of the lizard, and also potential habitat that has not been surveyed but appears suitable based on DOQQs and vegetation classification (e.g., maps 18 and 24). In addition to the map layers described above, UTM coordinates on the corners of each page assist the user in finding localities and potential sites. Road names are included for many of the roads that are visible on the maps. GIS road layers, Google map, and Yahoo map were used to determine and provide as many road names as possible.

*Sceloporus arenicolus* presence is depicted using different colors for historical localities and for localities where *Sceloporus arenicolus* has been found since 2005. This distinction is made only to provide the user with more information; **the atlas is not intended to analyze patterns of colonization or extirpation**. An appendix gives coordinates for the *Sceloporus arenicolus* localities. It is important to note that the locality numbers in the atlas were generated for the purposes of this publication, and do not correspond to site numbers associated with any projects or research on *Sceloporus arenicolus*.

## Geographic Range Polygon

The range of *Sceloporus arenicolus* was determined by visual assessment of the following data layers in ArcInfo 9.3:

- *Sceloporus arenicolus* presence and absence localities, derived from surveys conducted in 1994 – 1996<sup>4</sup> and 2008 – 2010, and from specimen voucher data.
- A series of 1-meter resolution Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQQs) from 2004. These ortho-rectified aerial photos allow visual assessment of the shinnery oak sand dune blowout landforms throughout the range of *S. arenicolus* as of 2004.
- Vegetation classification from Natural Heritage New Mexico<sup>1,2</sup>, illustrating shinnery oak (*Quercus havardii*) vegetation.
- A soil model provided by BLM, Carlsbad Office, produced by Ty Allen that illustrates areas that have sandy soils with sand sub-surface, which is correlated to *Sceloporus arenicolus* localities.

Using the above information, the known geographic range of *Sceloporus arenicolus* was delineated to include continuous blowout landforms and shinnery oak vegetation where soils were categorized as suitable and where *Sceloporus arenicolus* presence has been verified. Where vegetation or soils were unavailable (due to extent of the GIS layer), delineation relied on DOQQs and survey data.

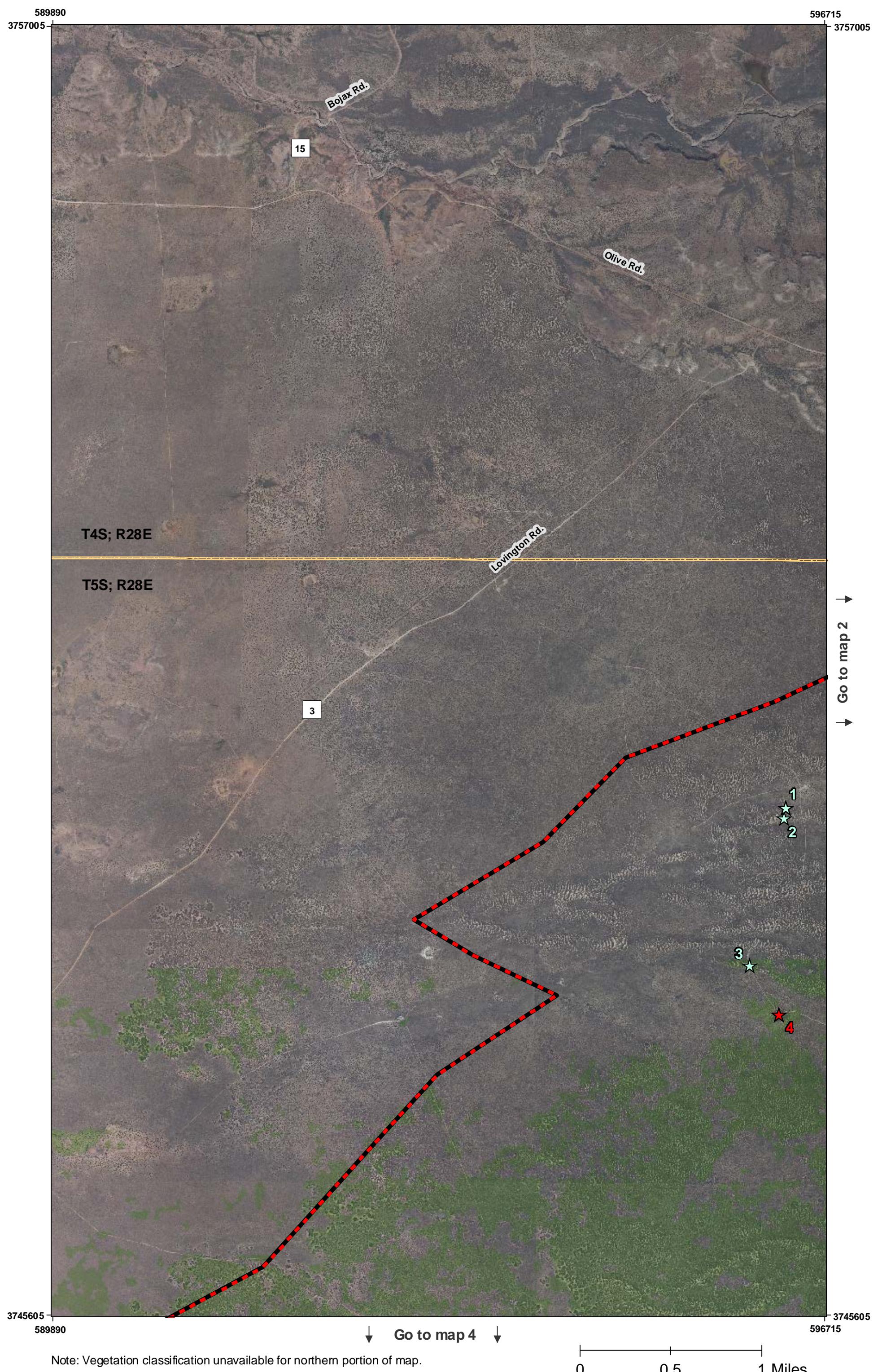
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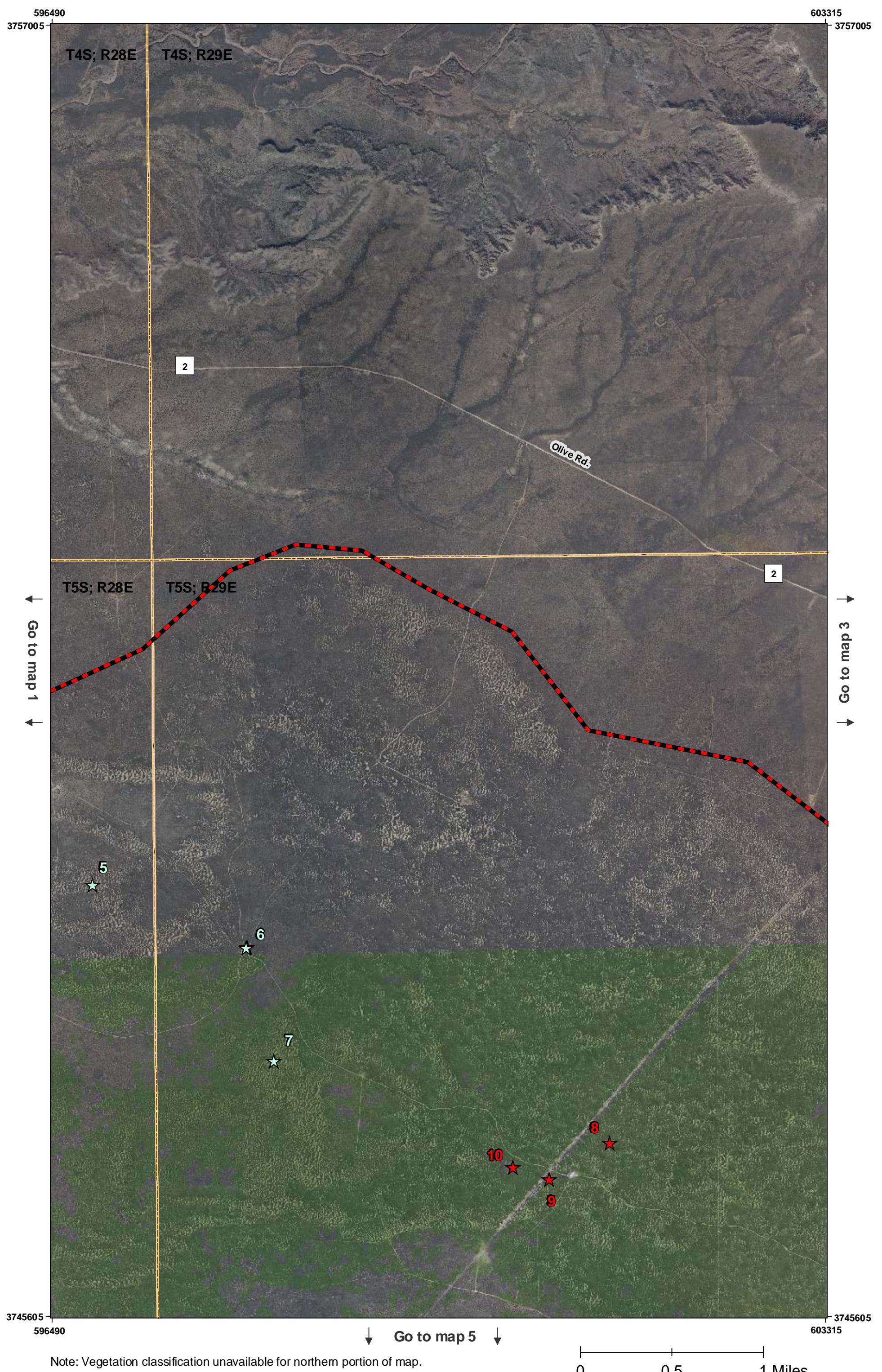
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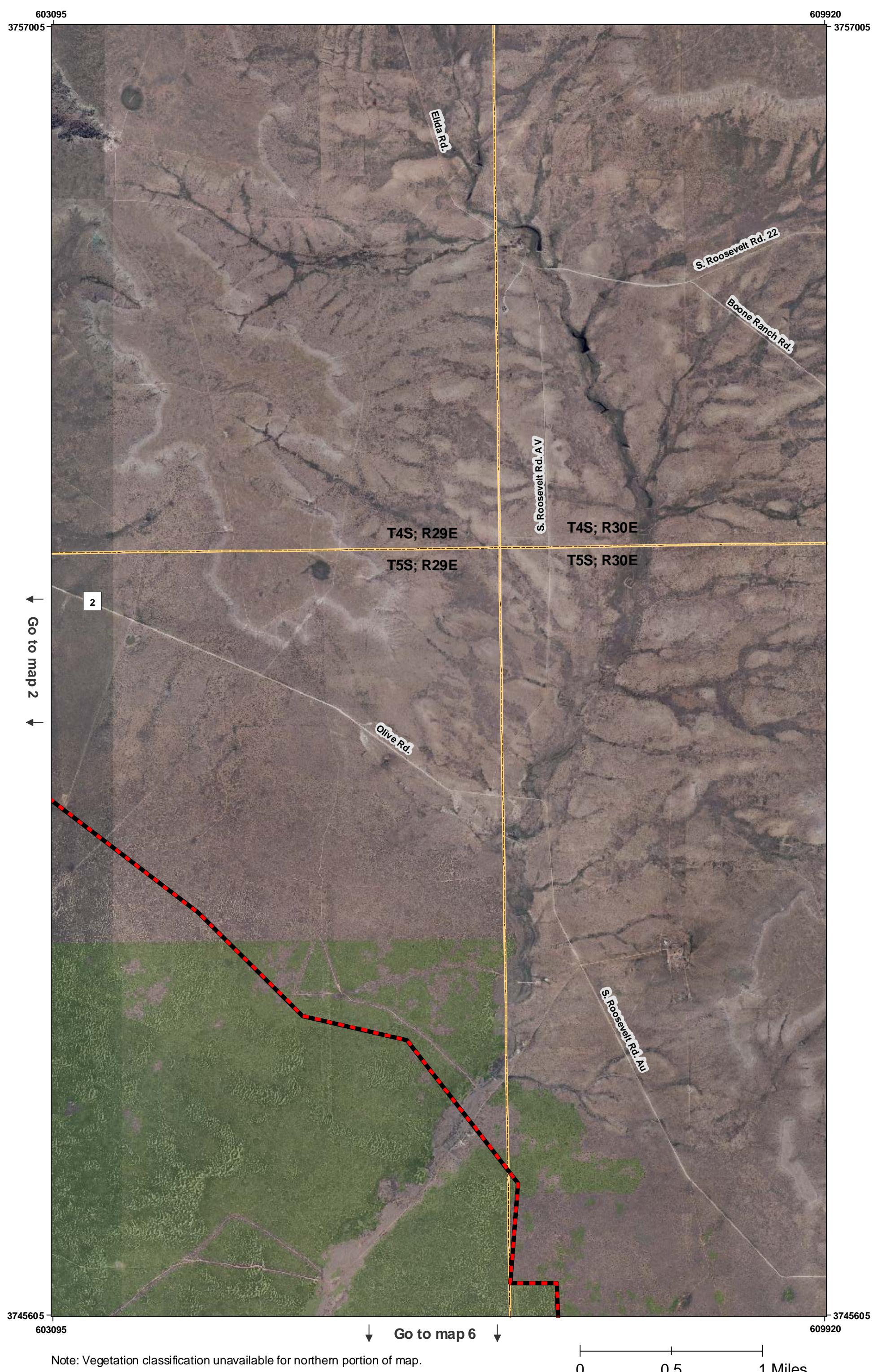
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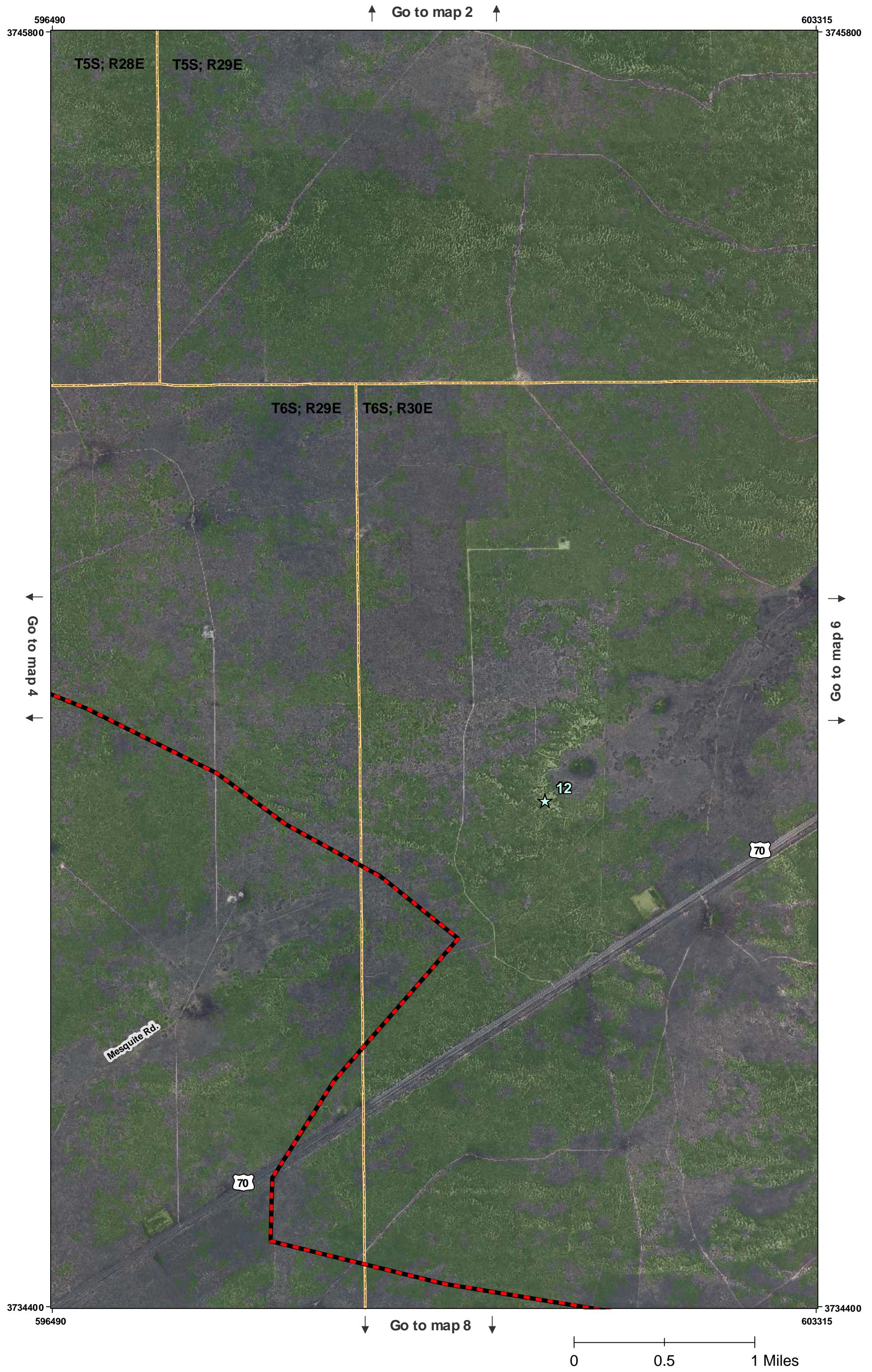
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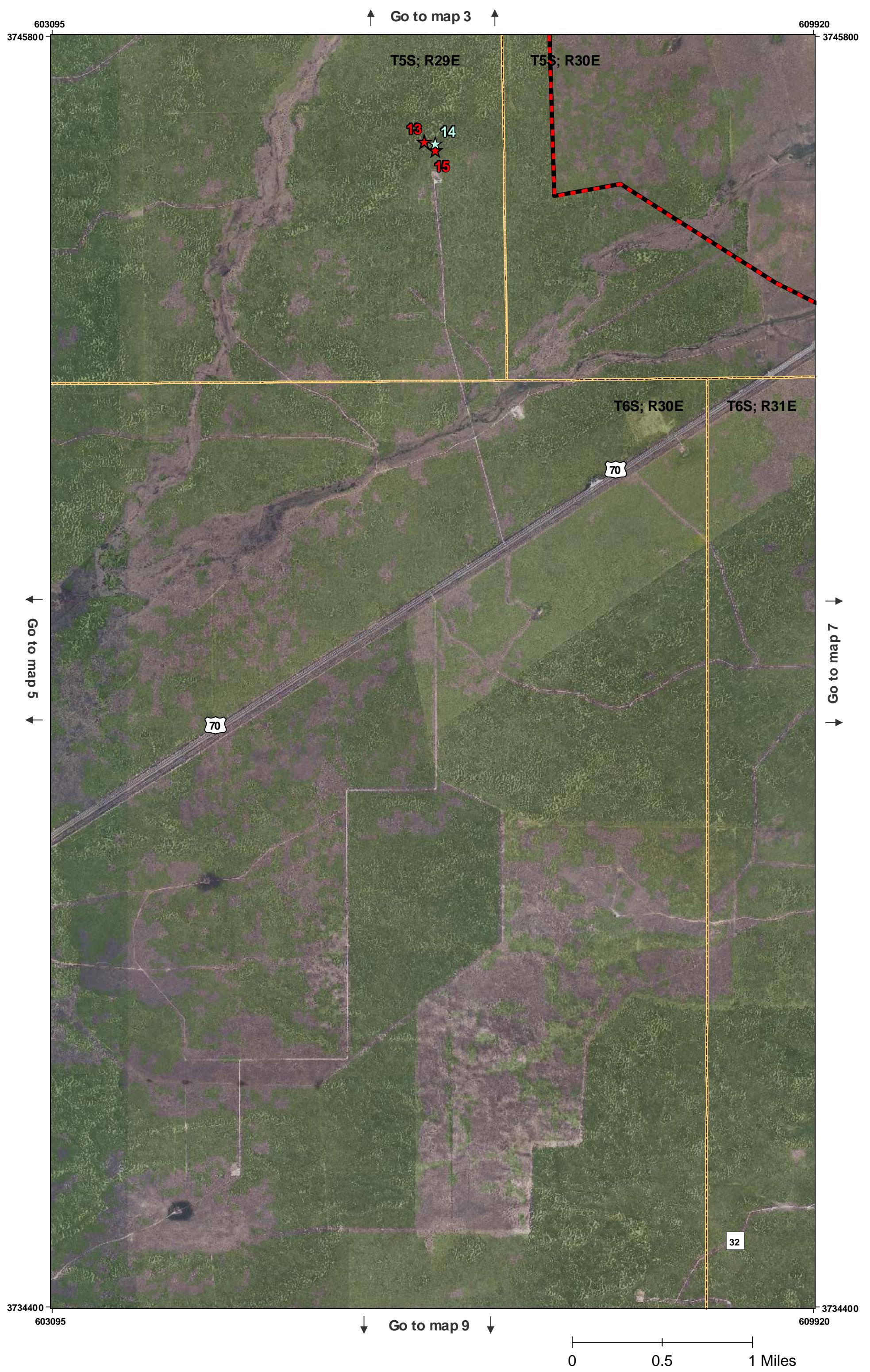
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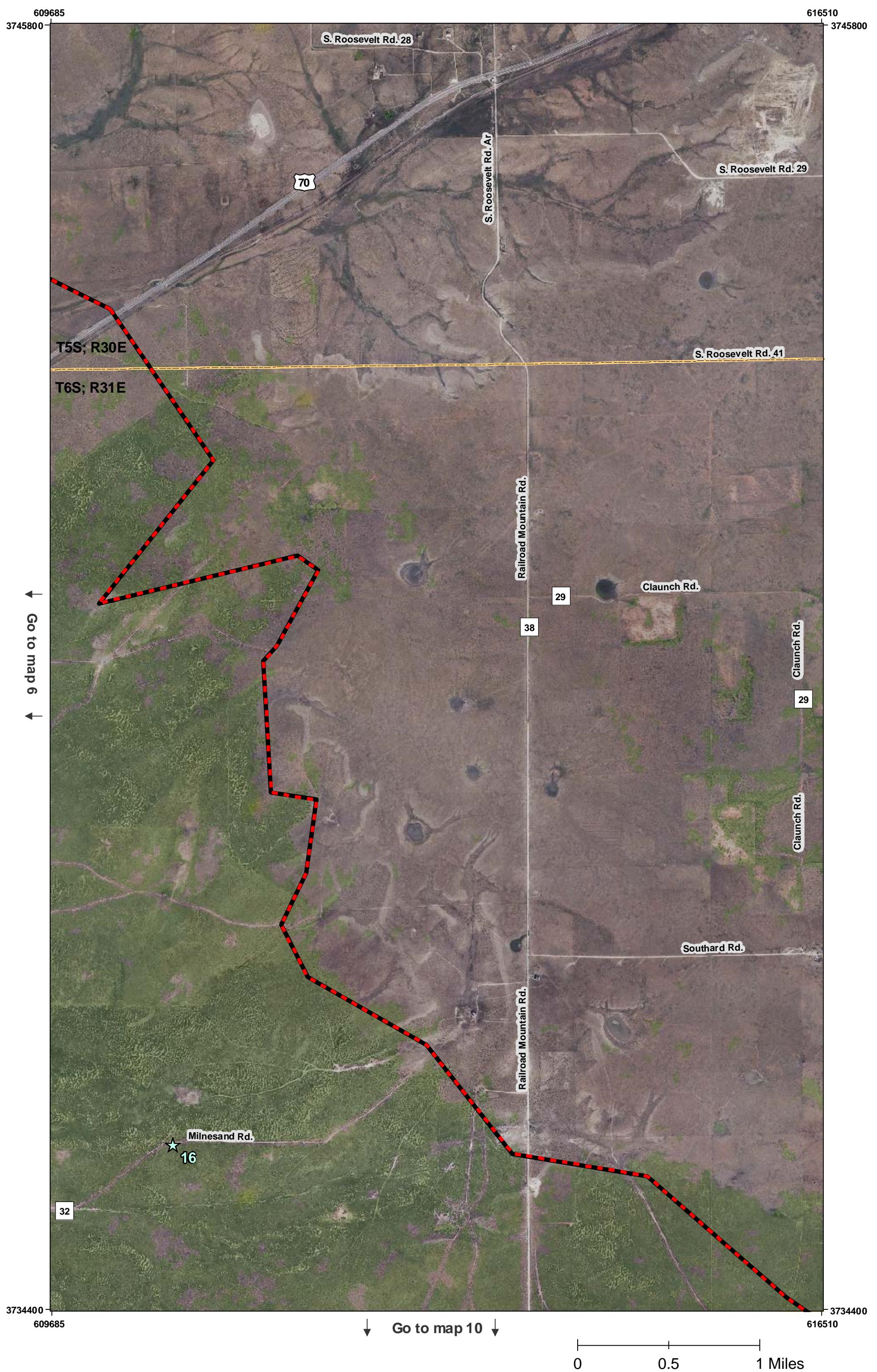
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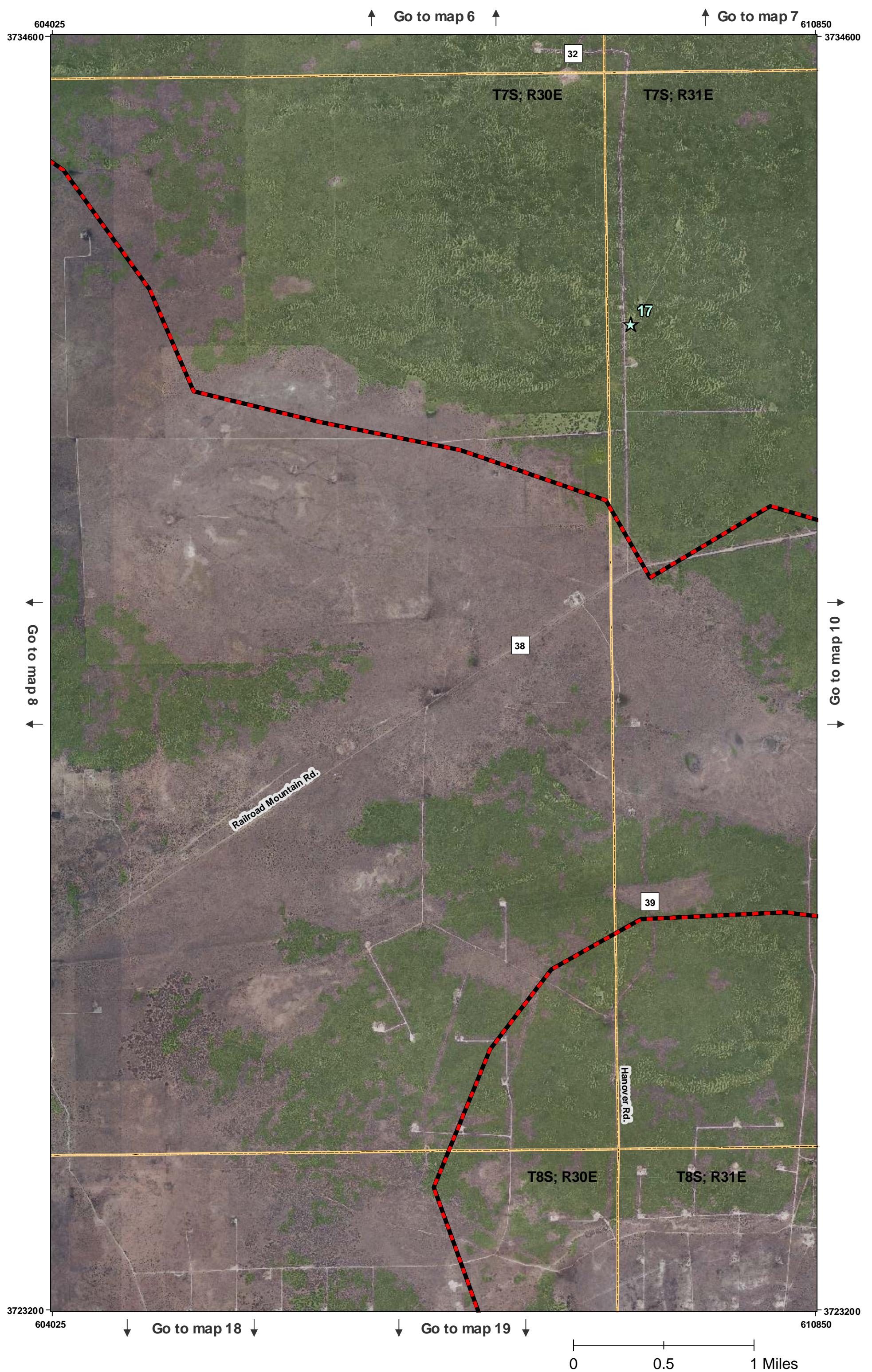




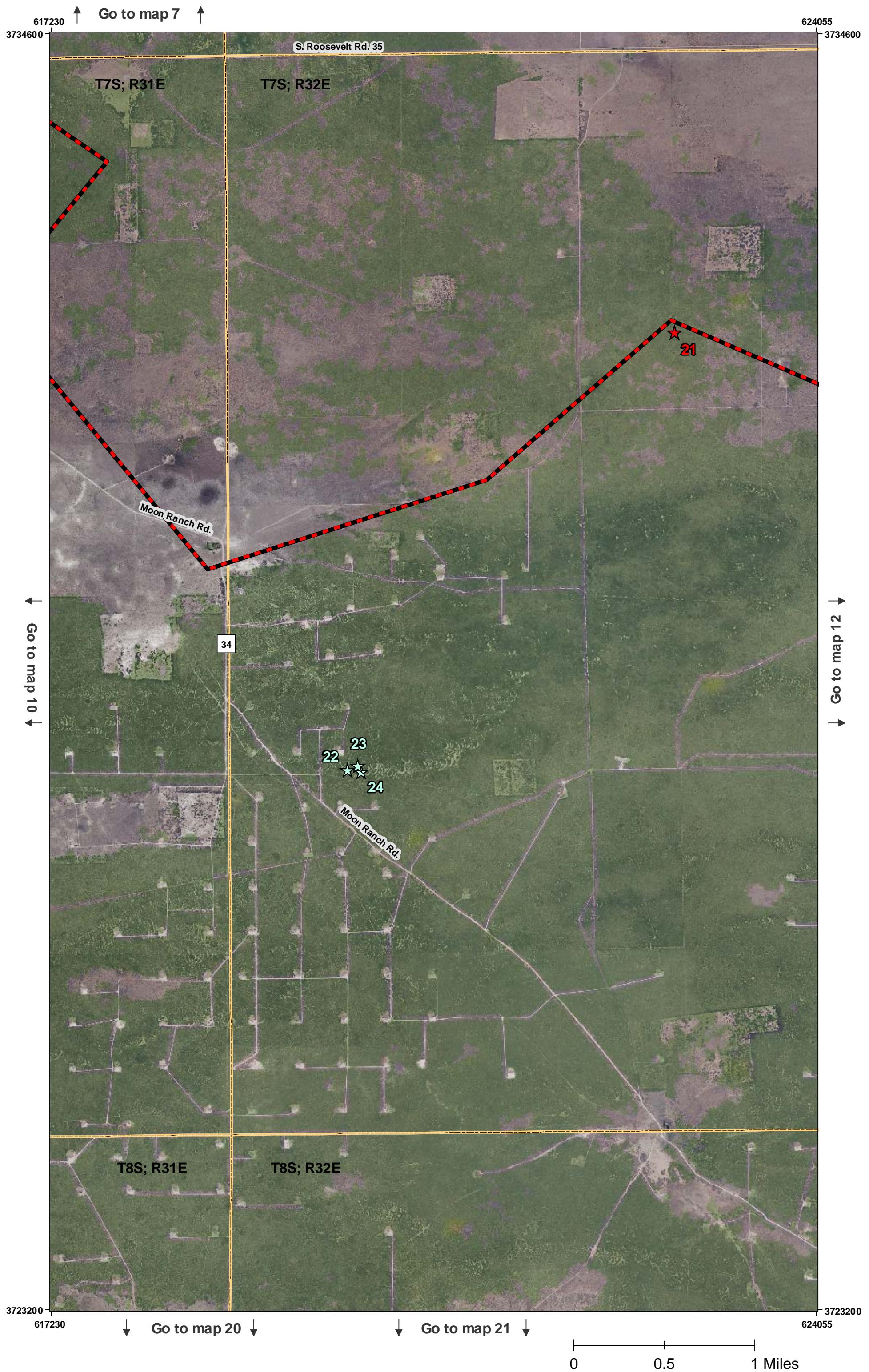
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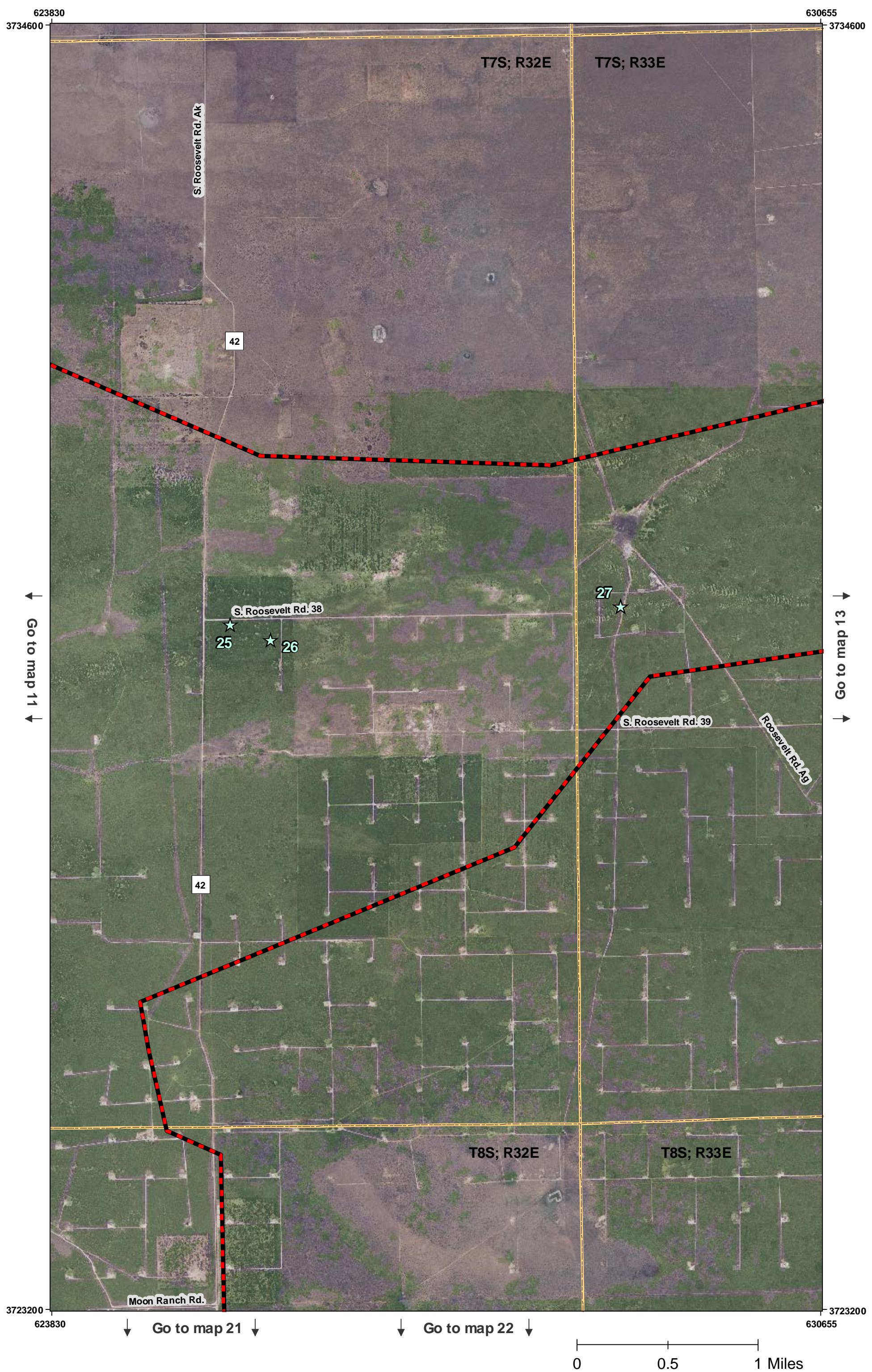


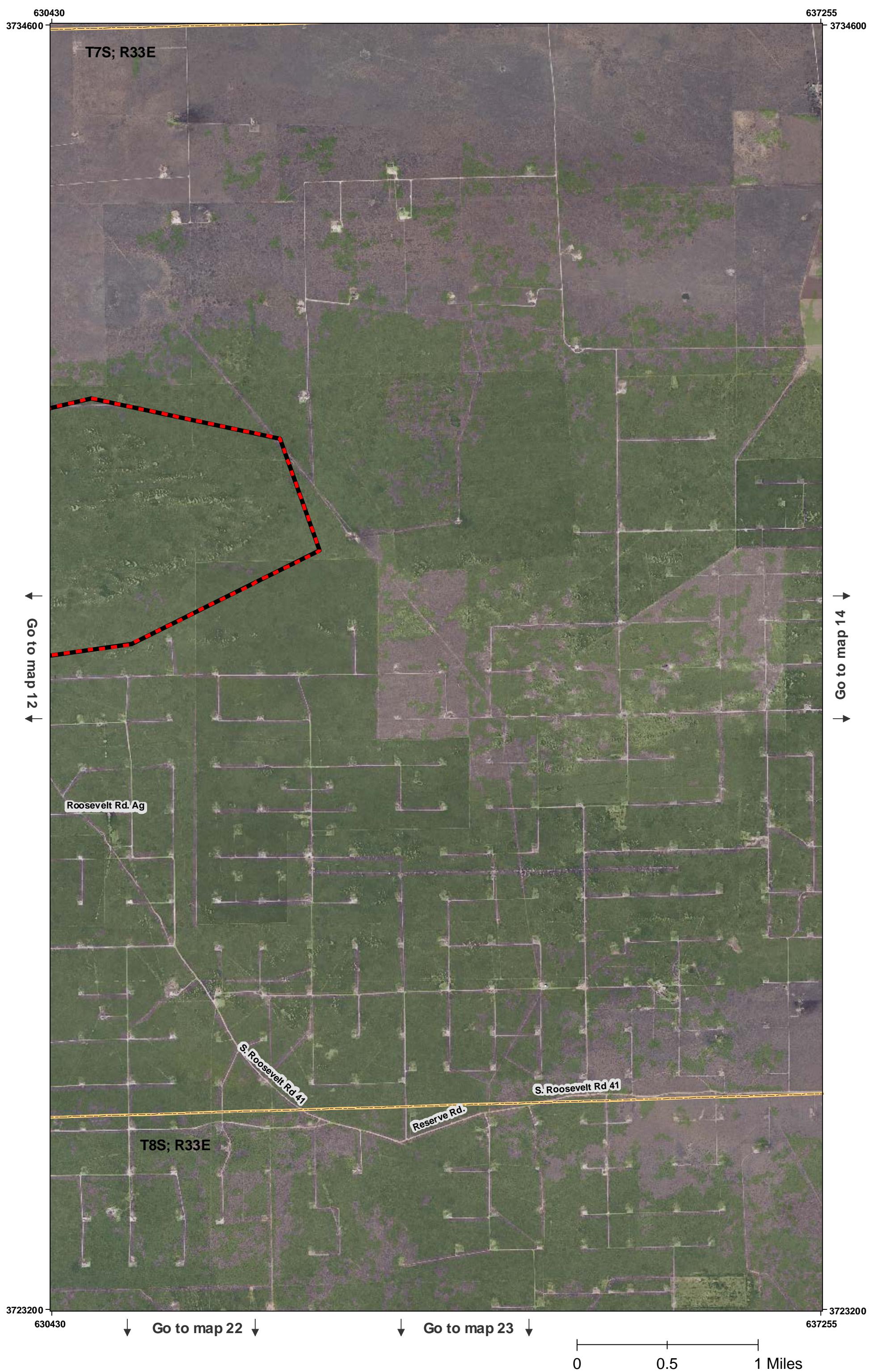


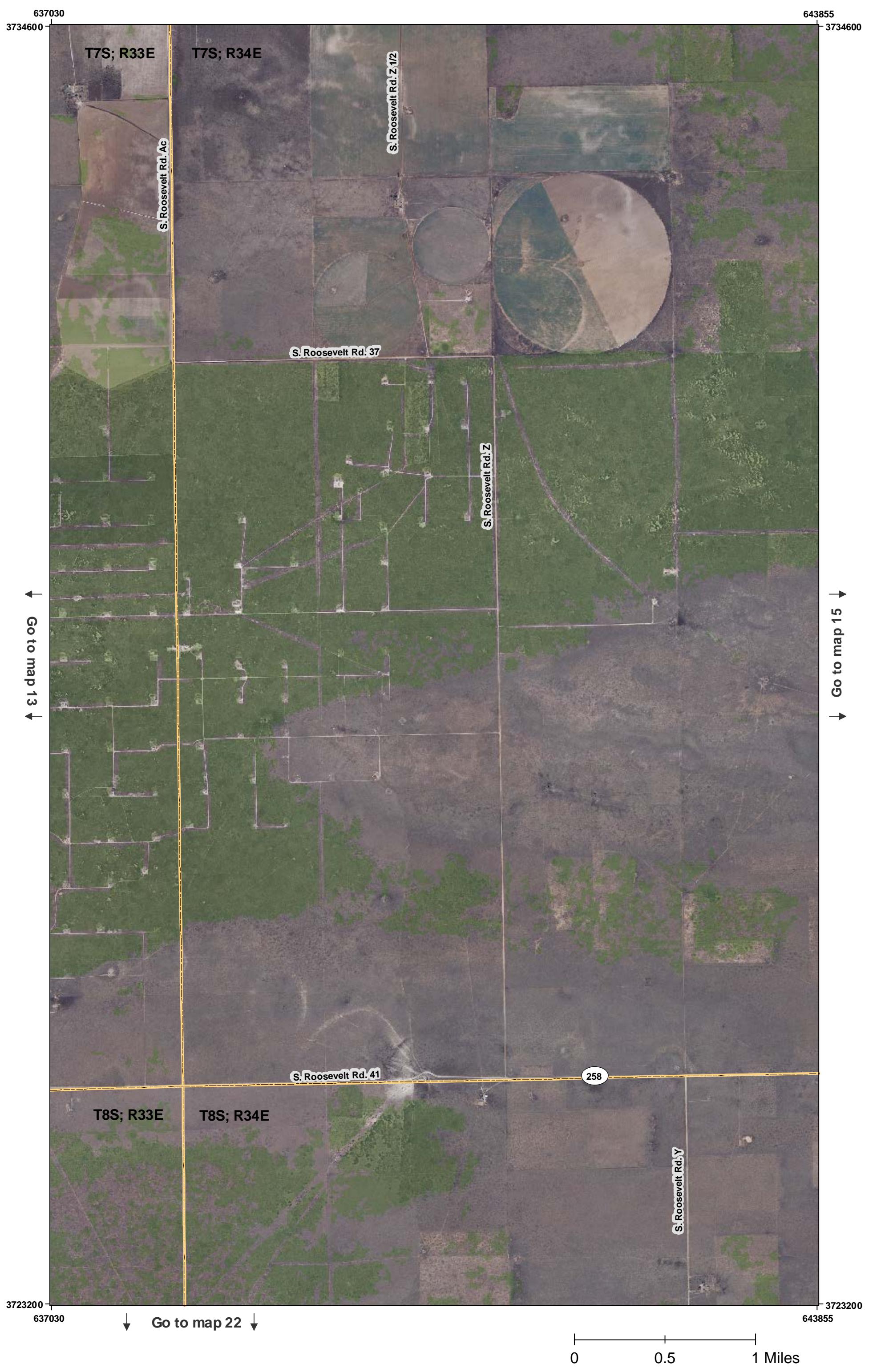






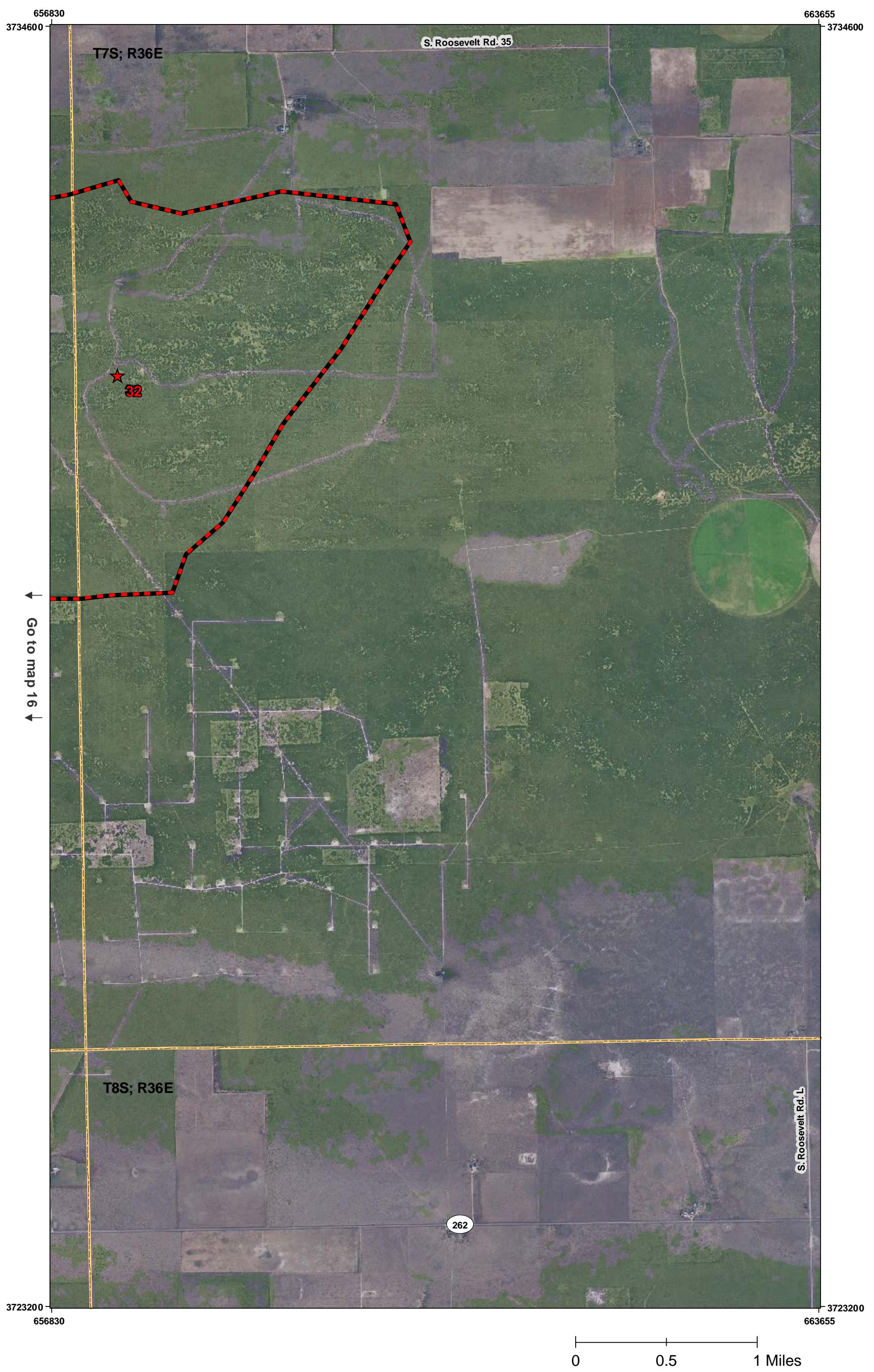




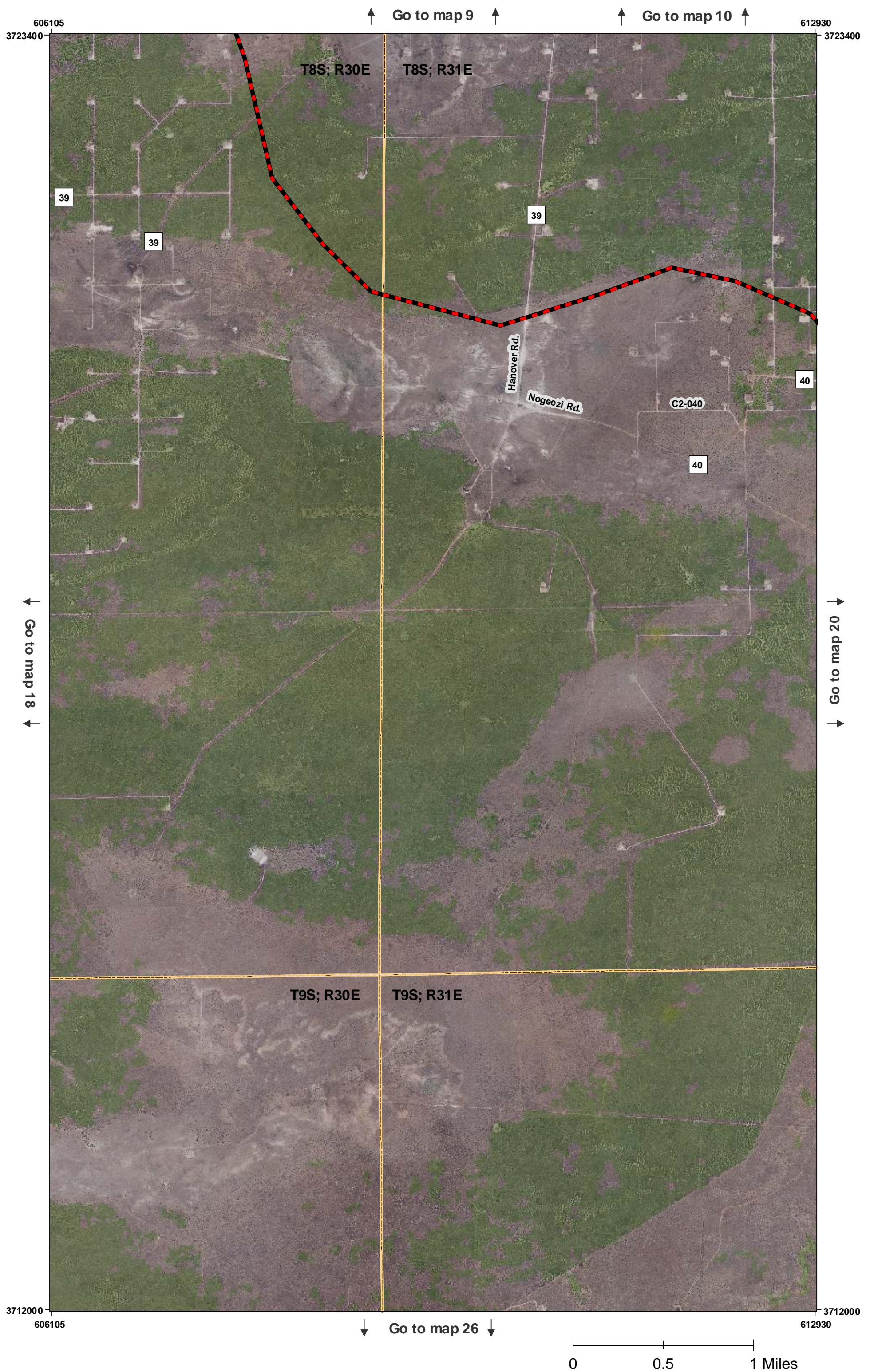




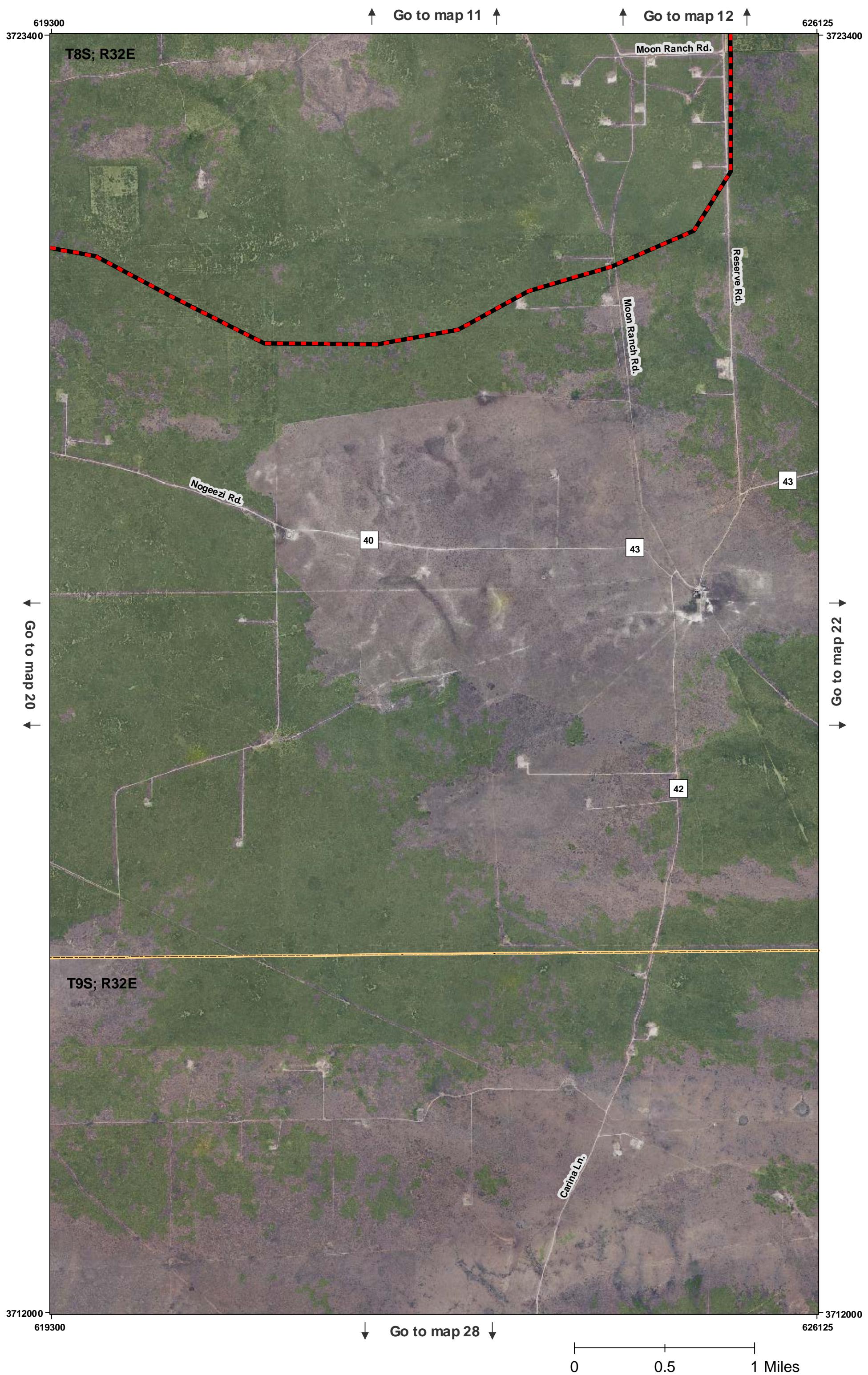


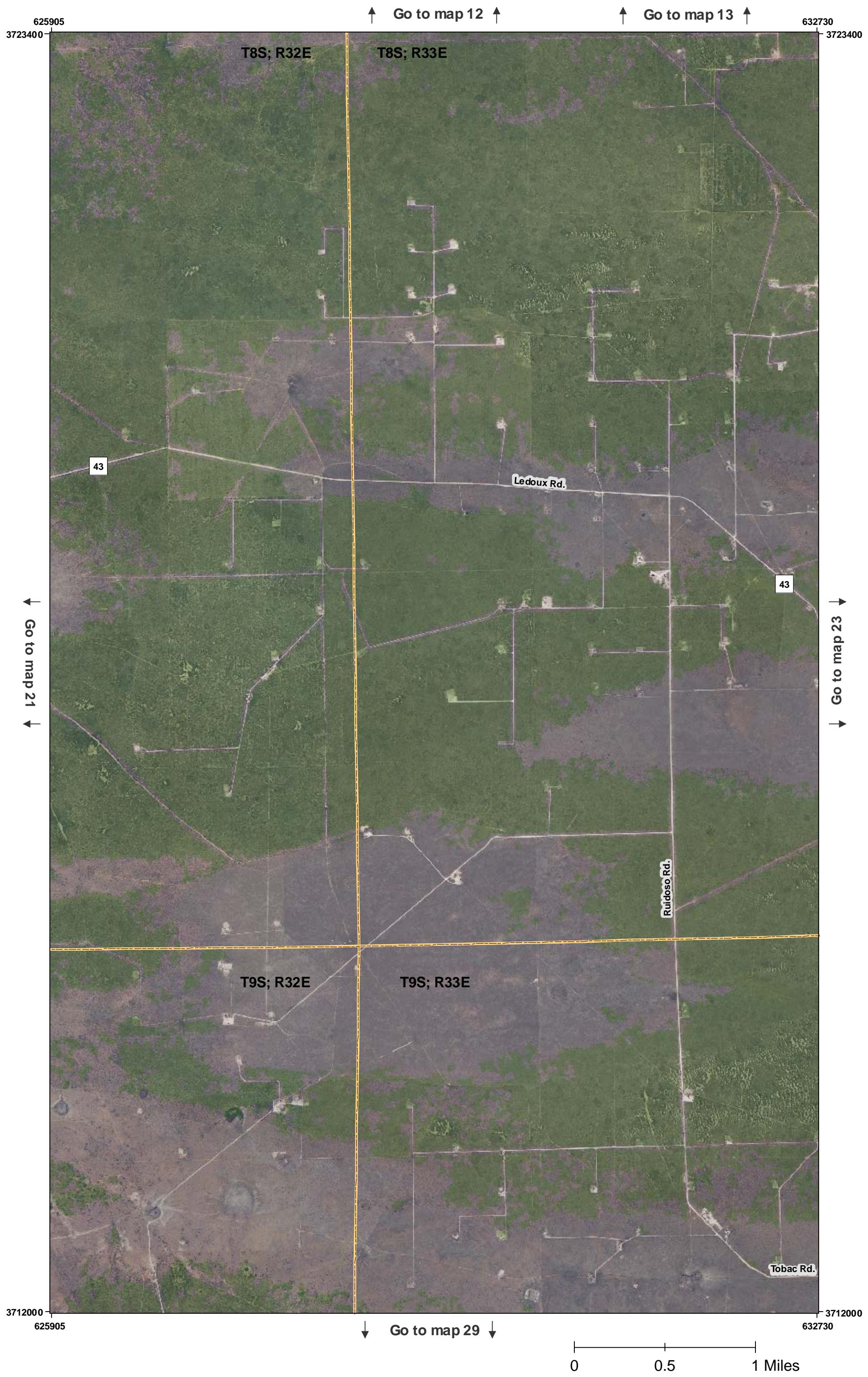




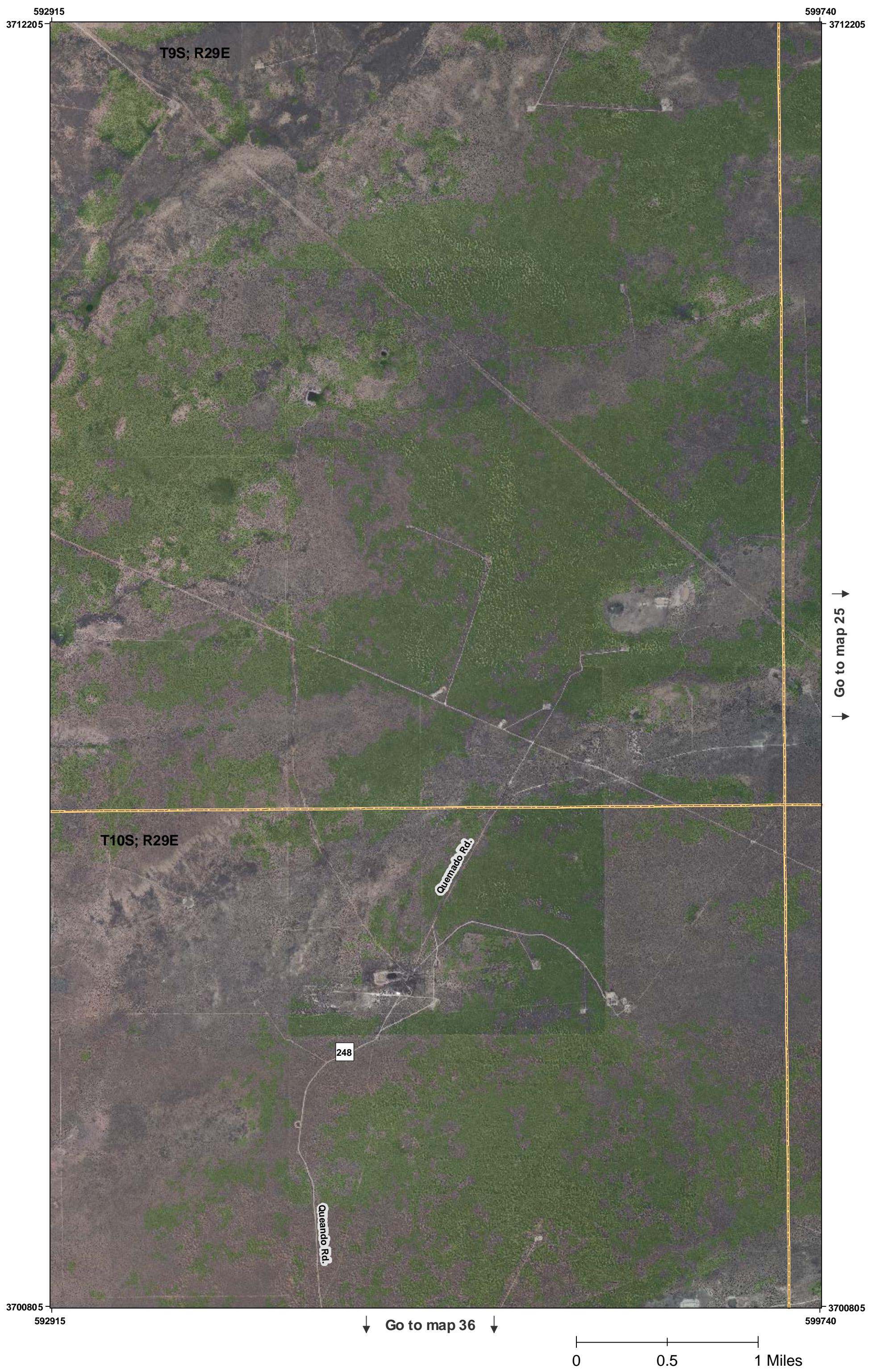


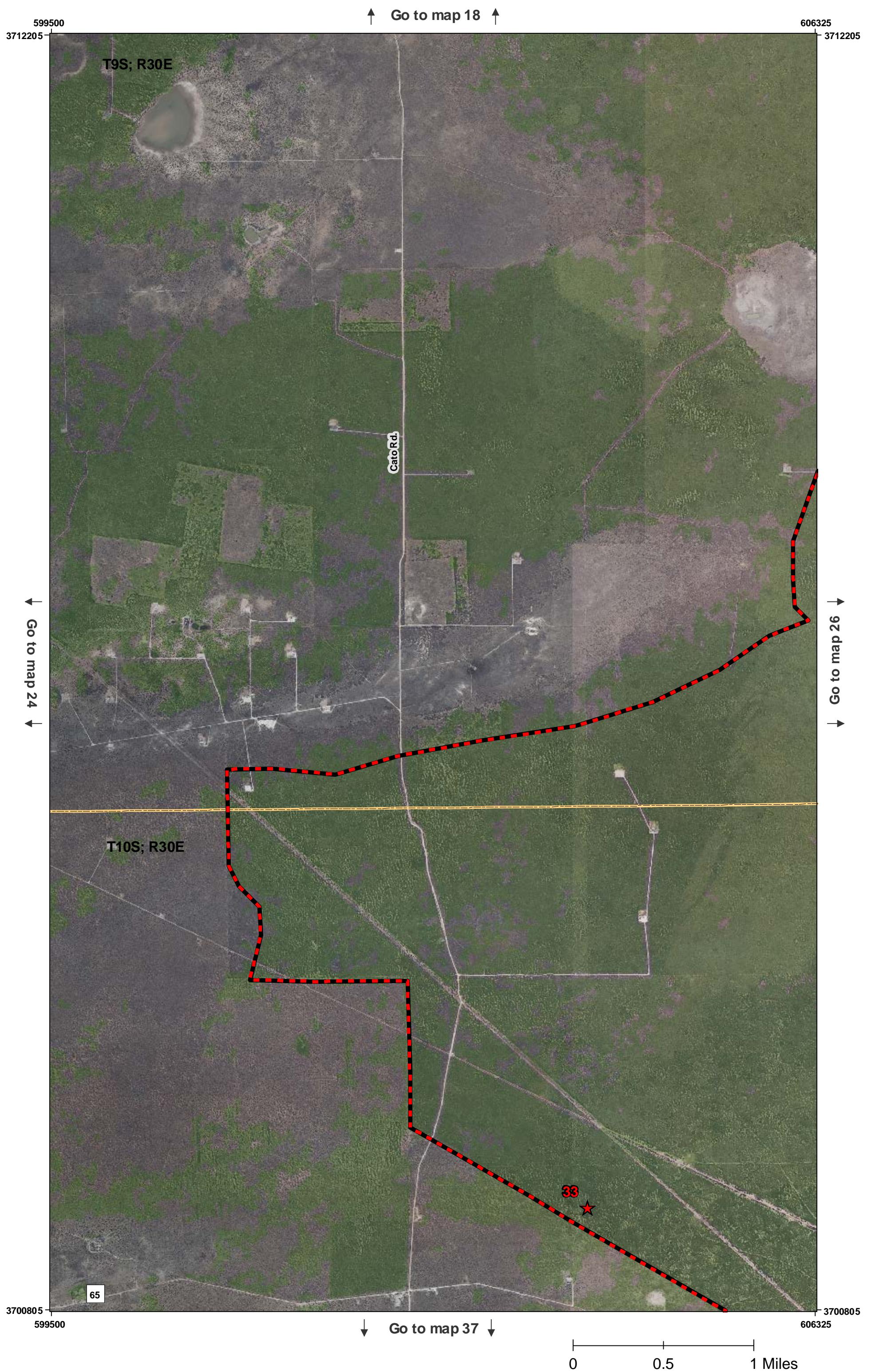


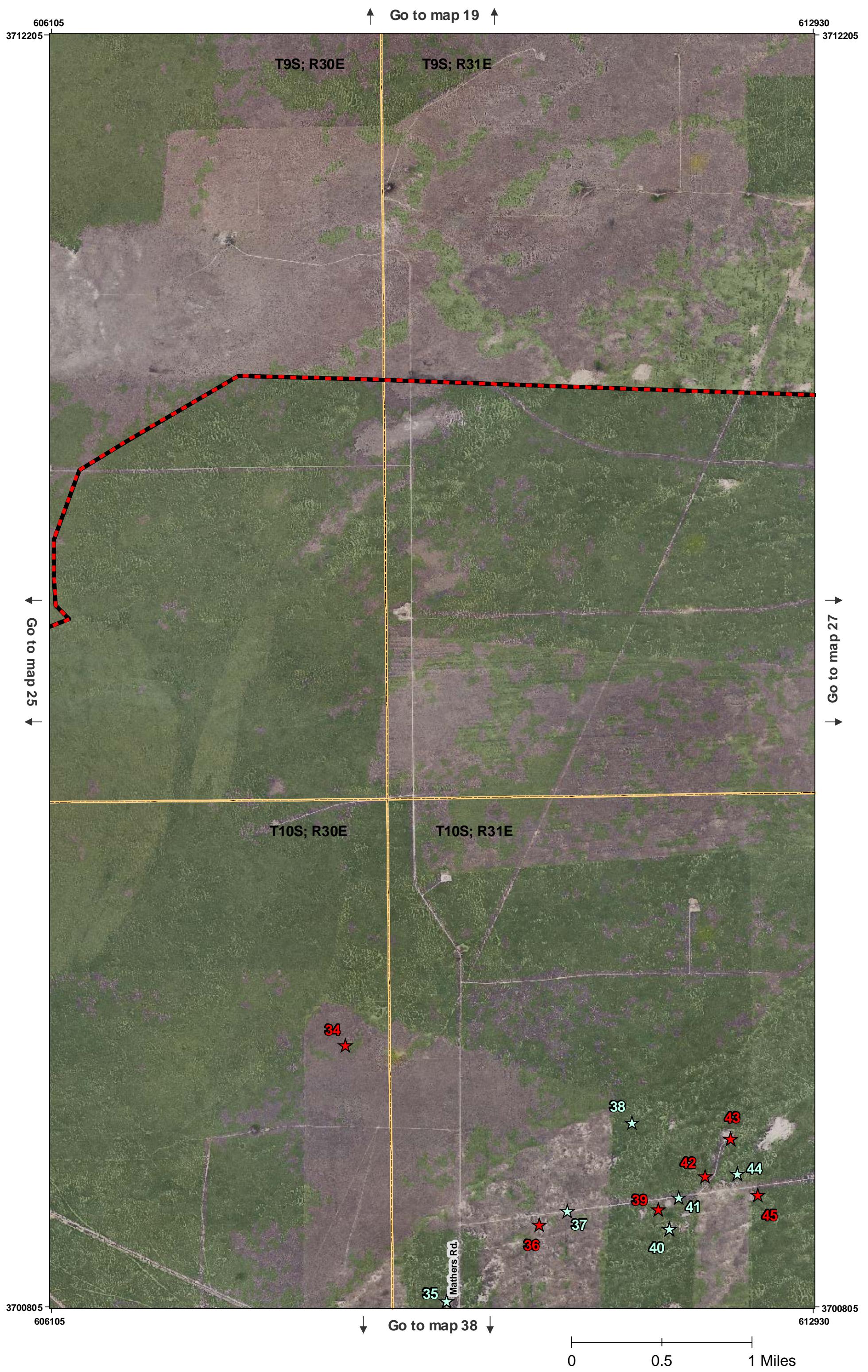


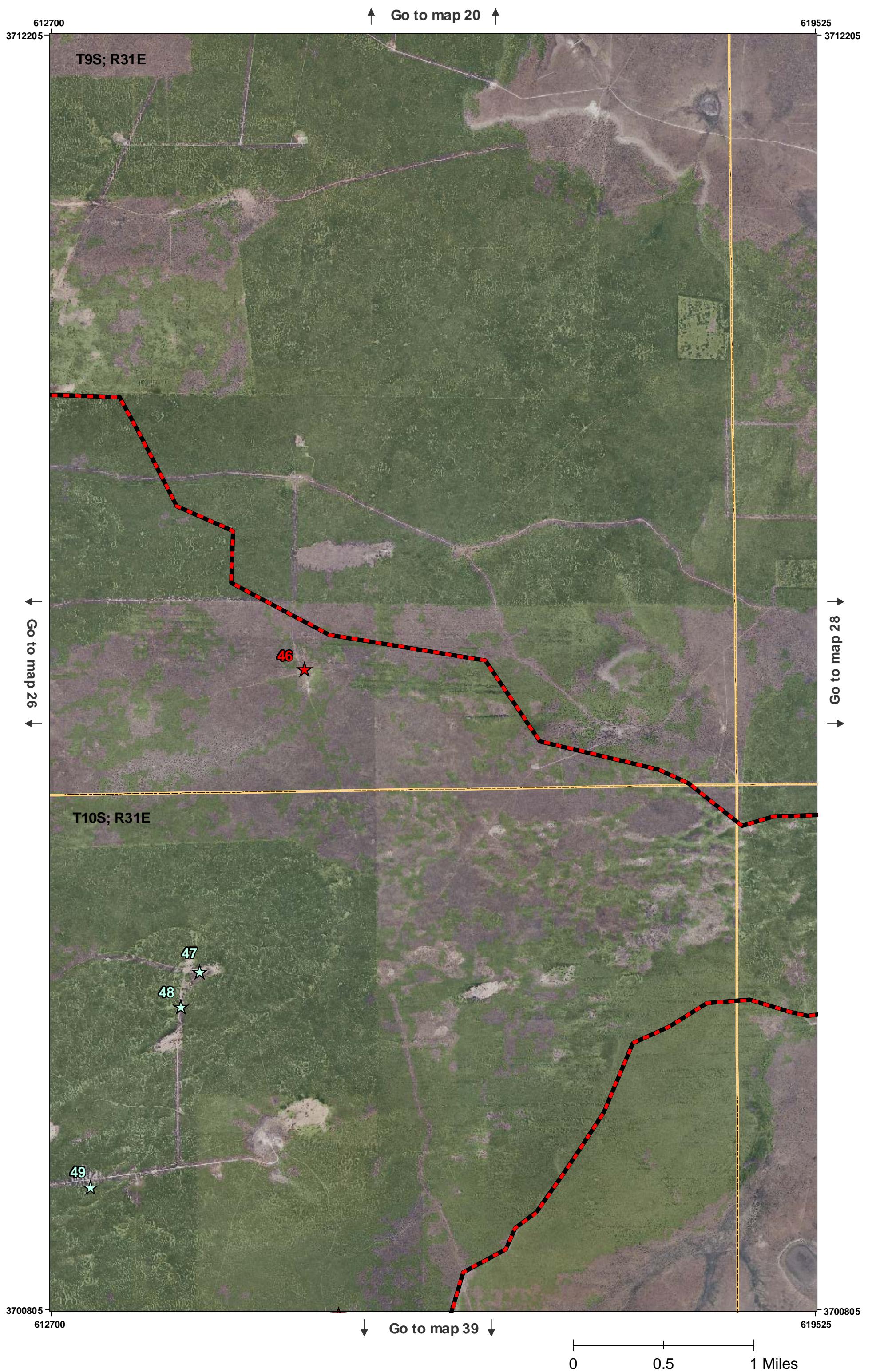


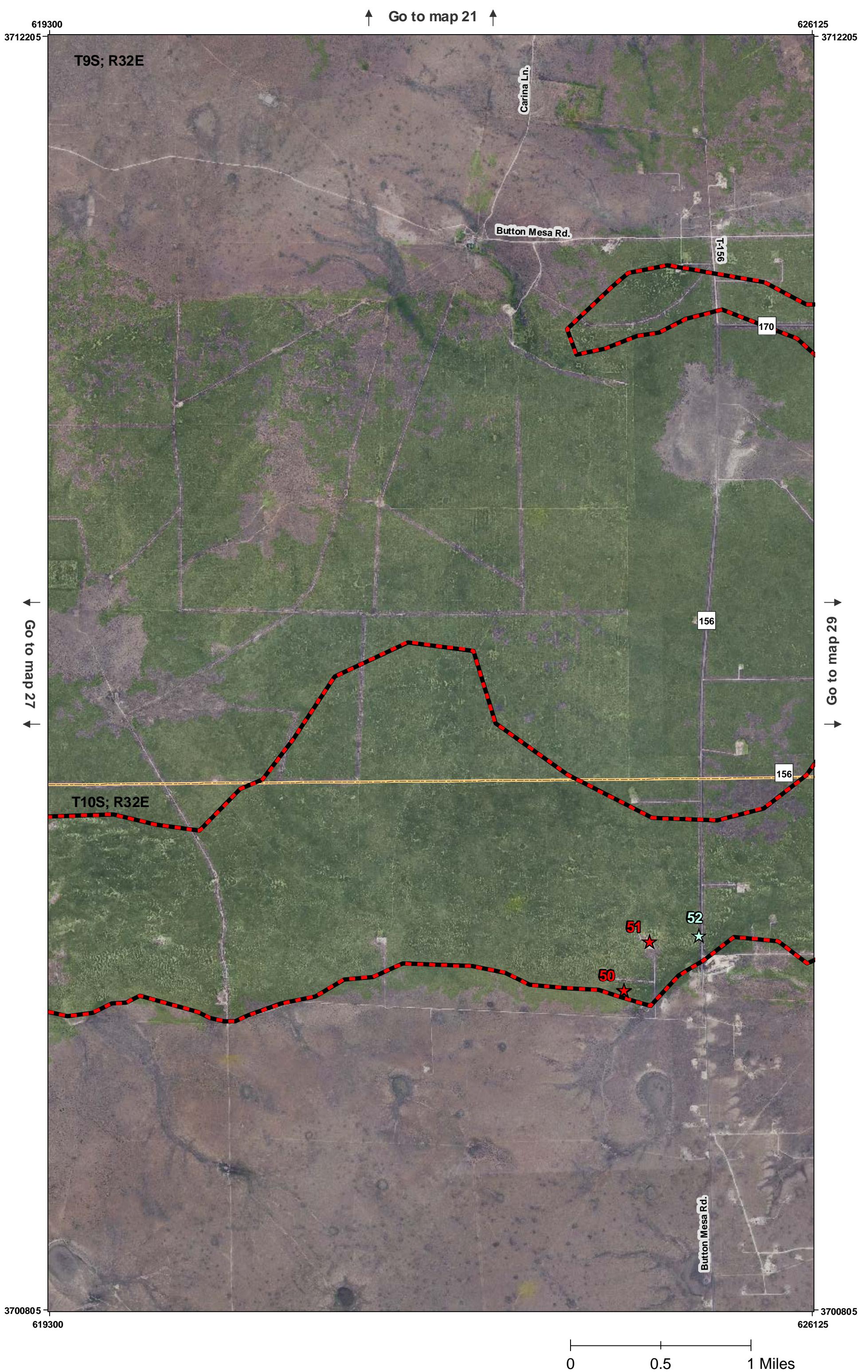






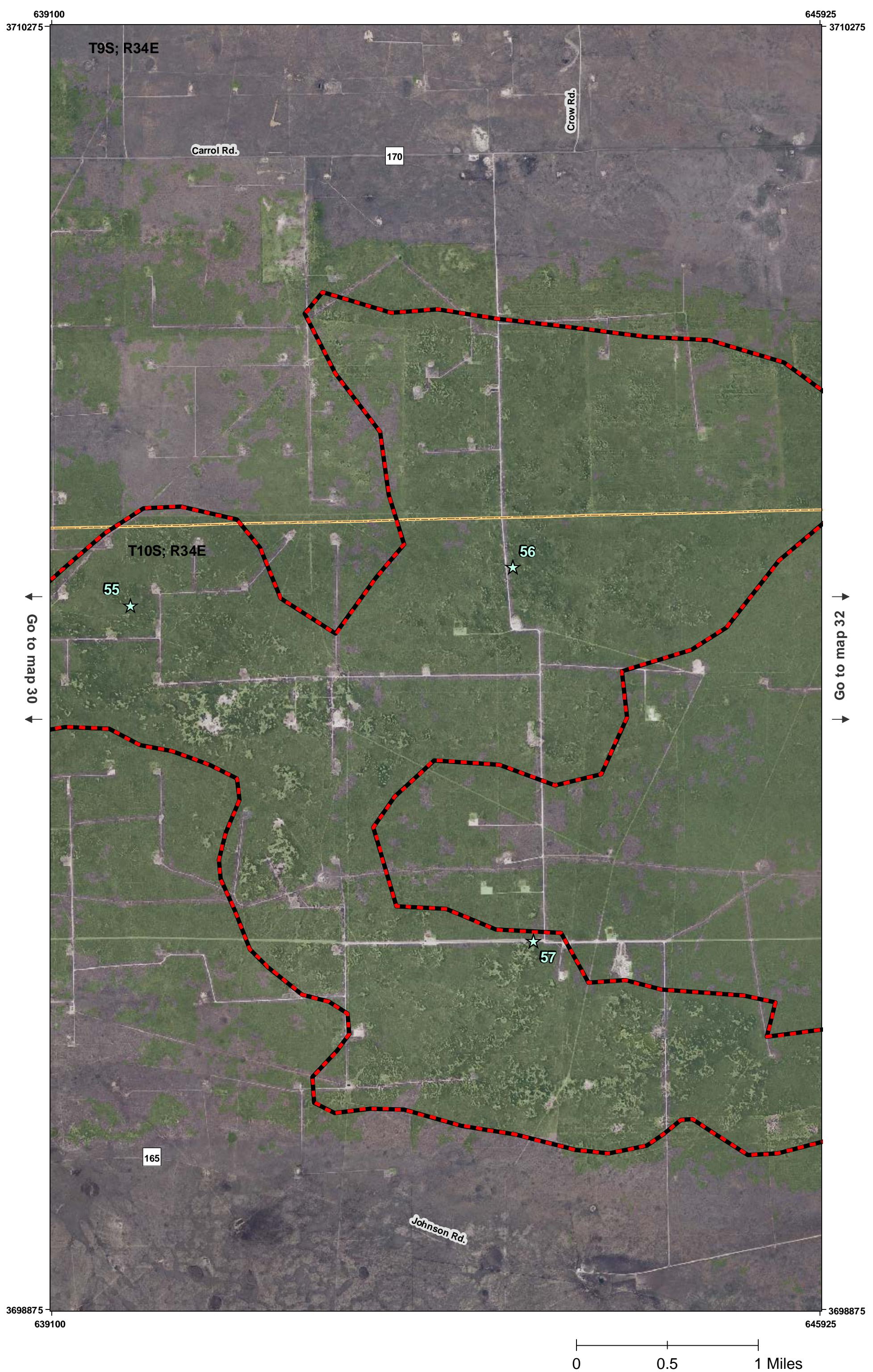


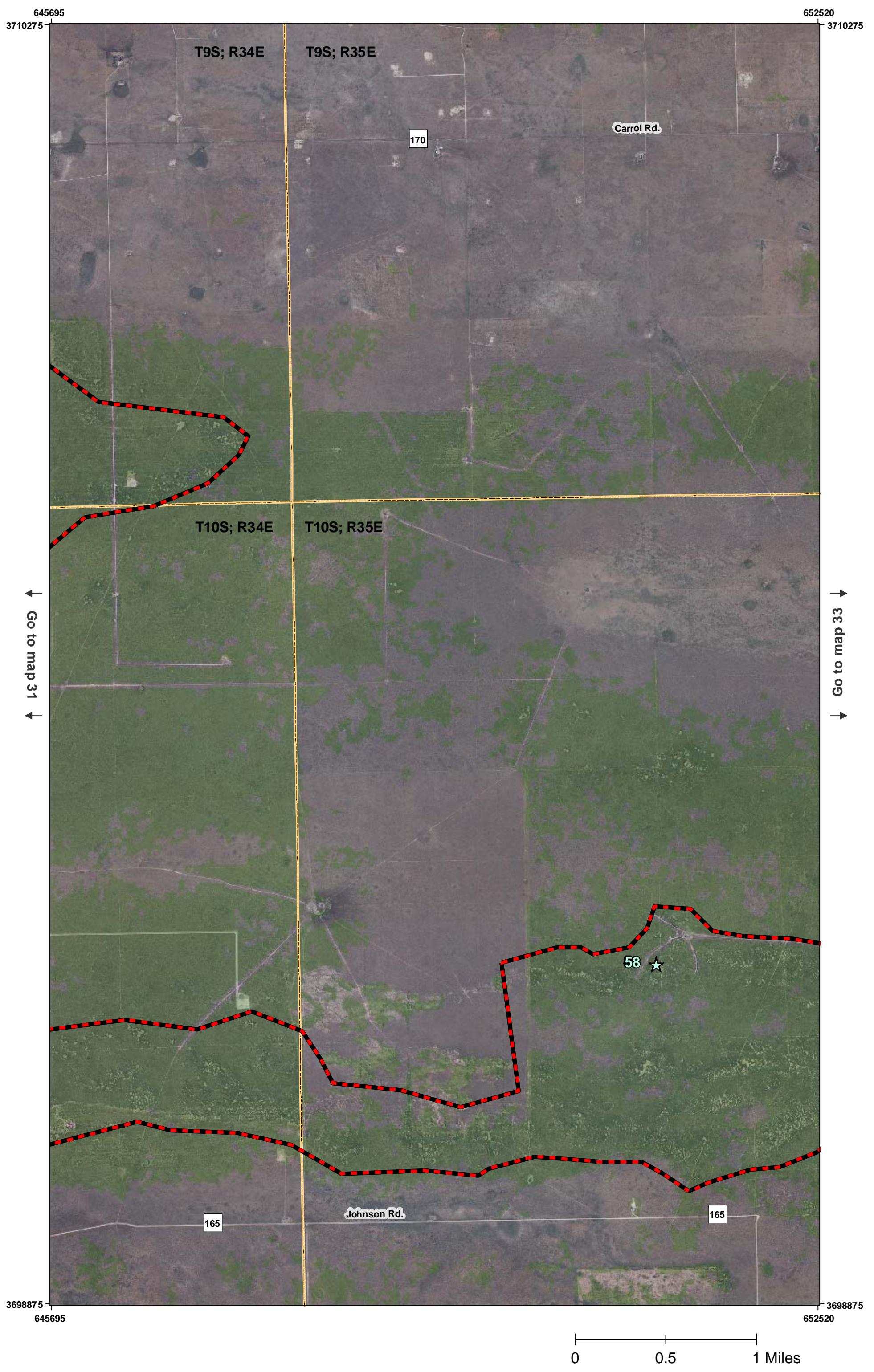


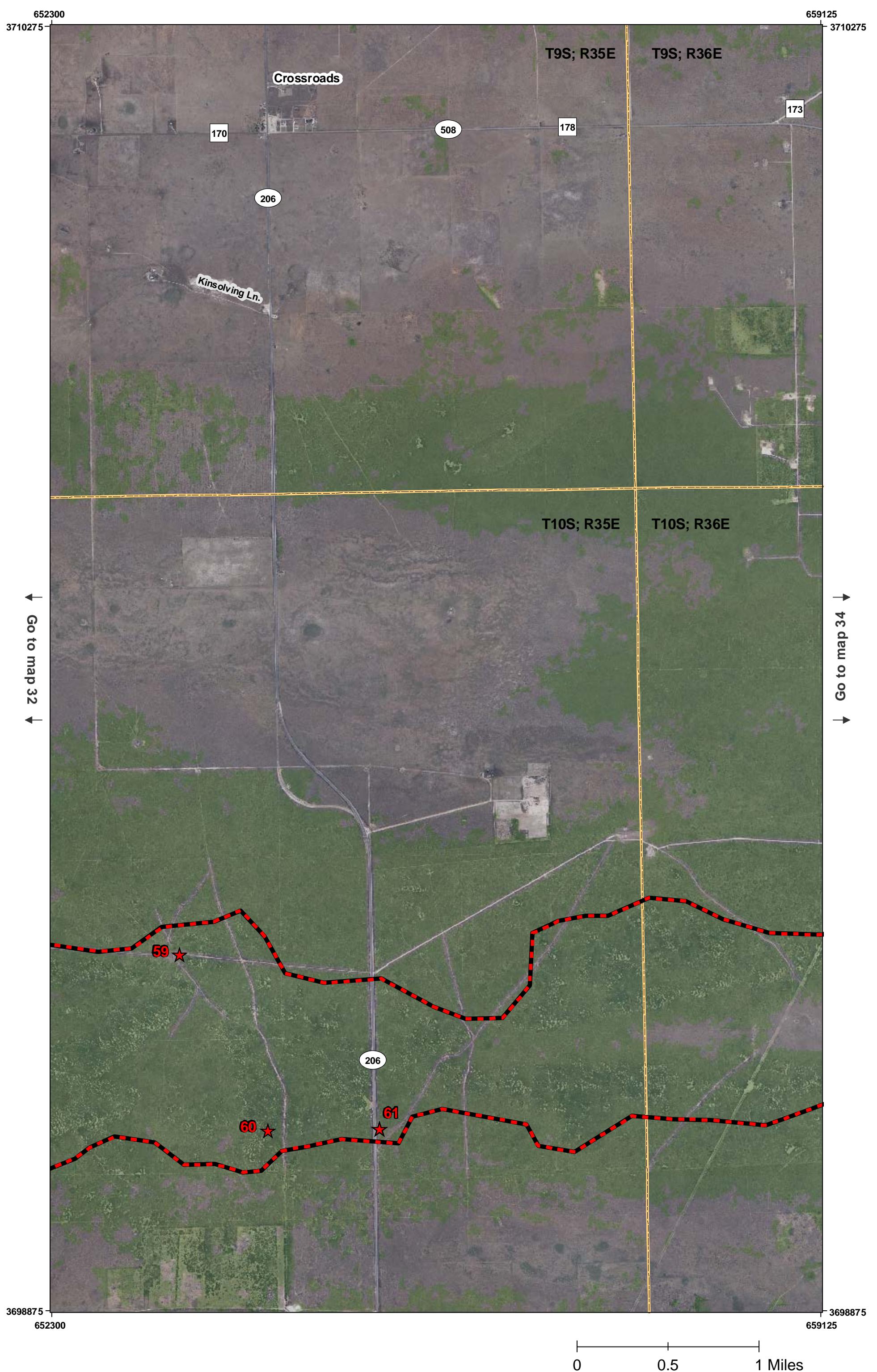


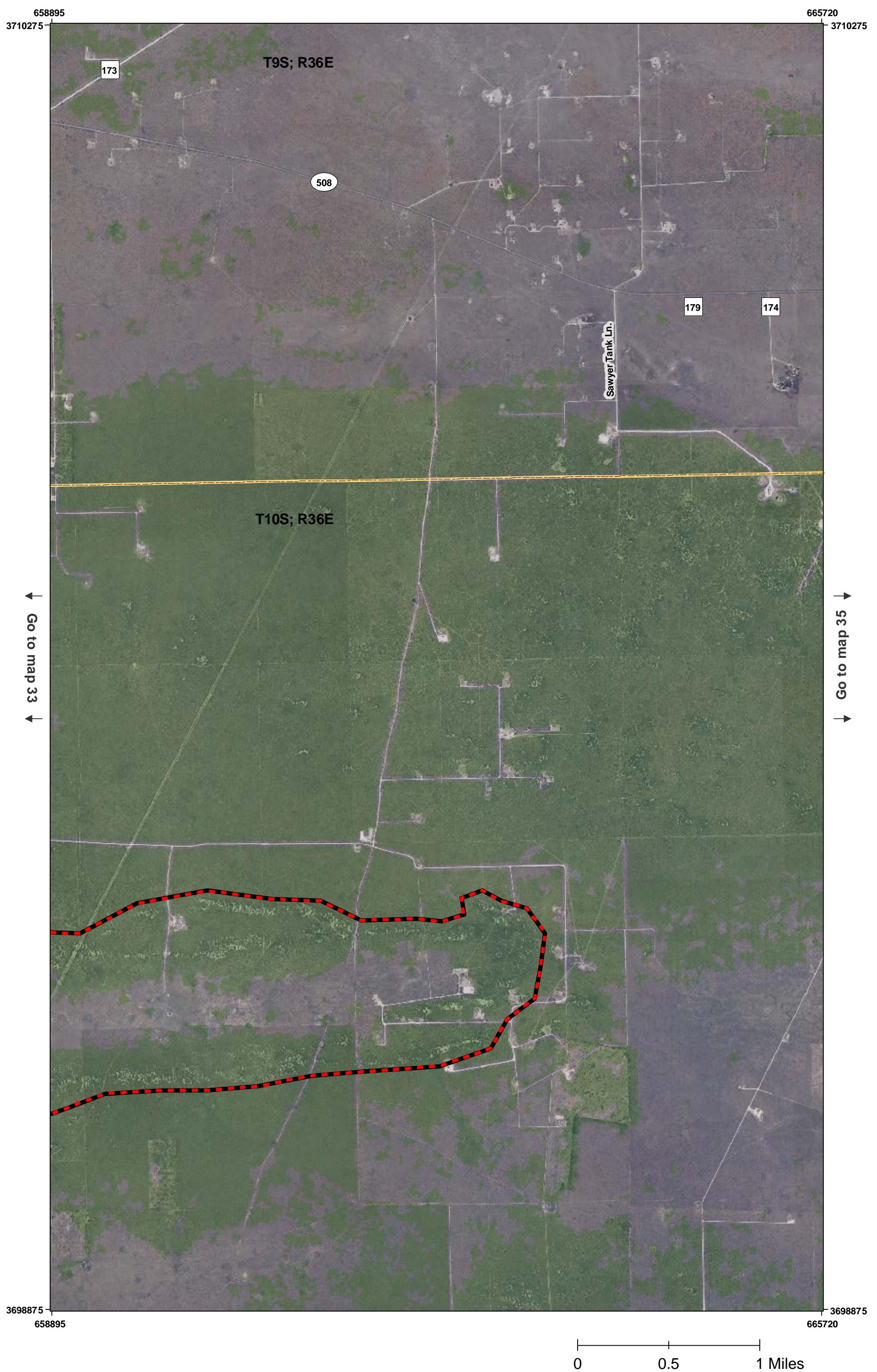




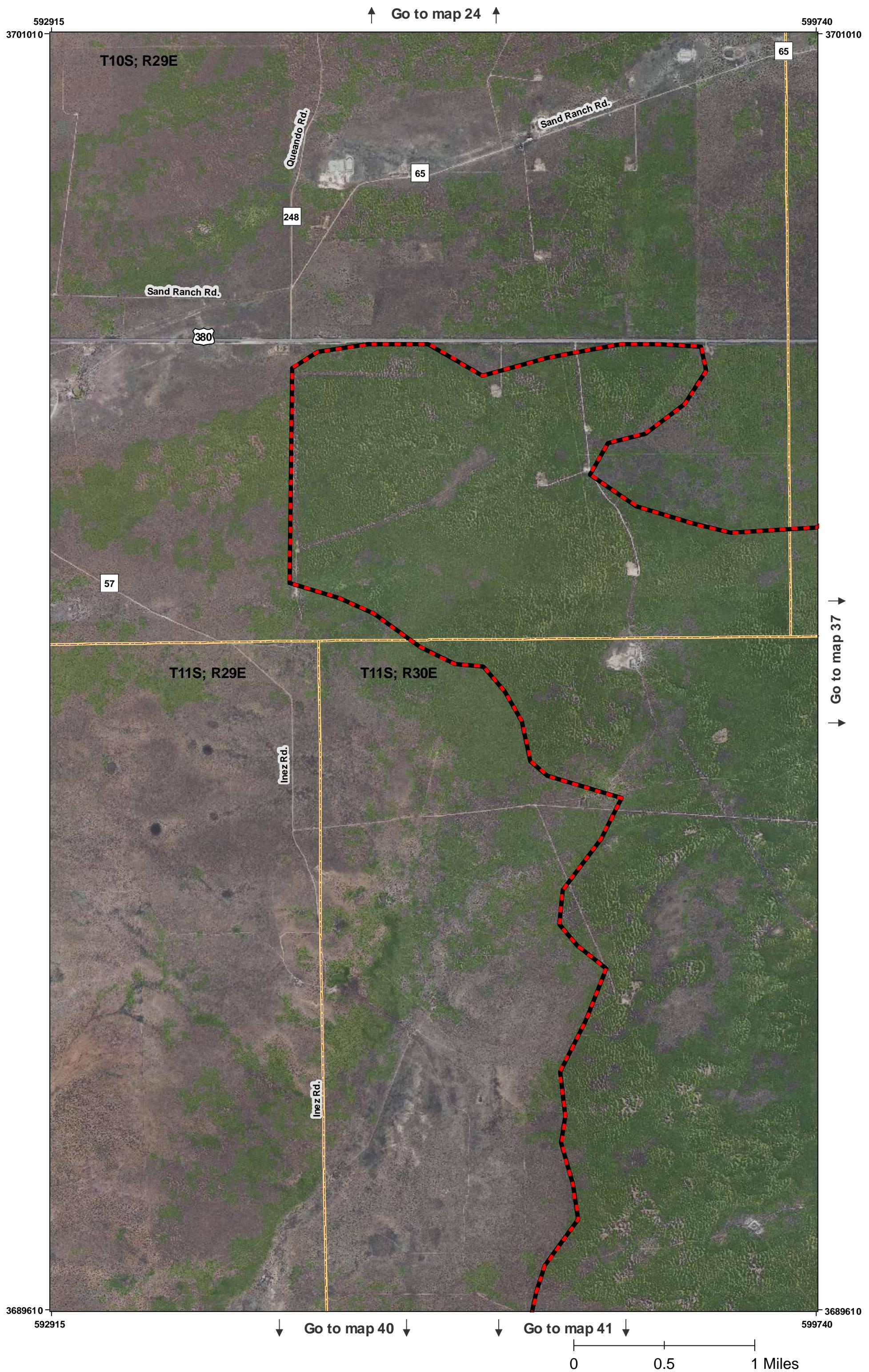


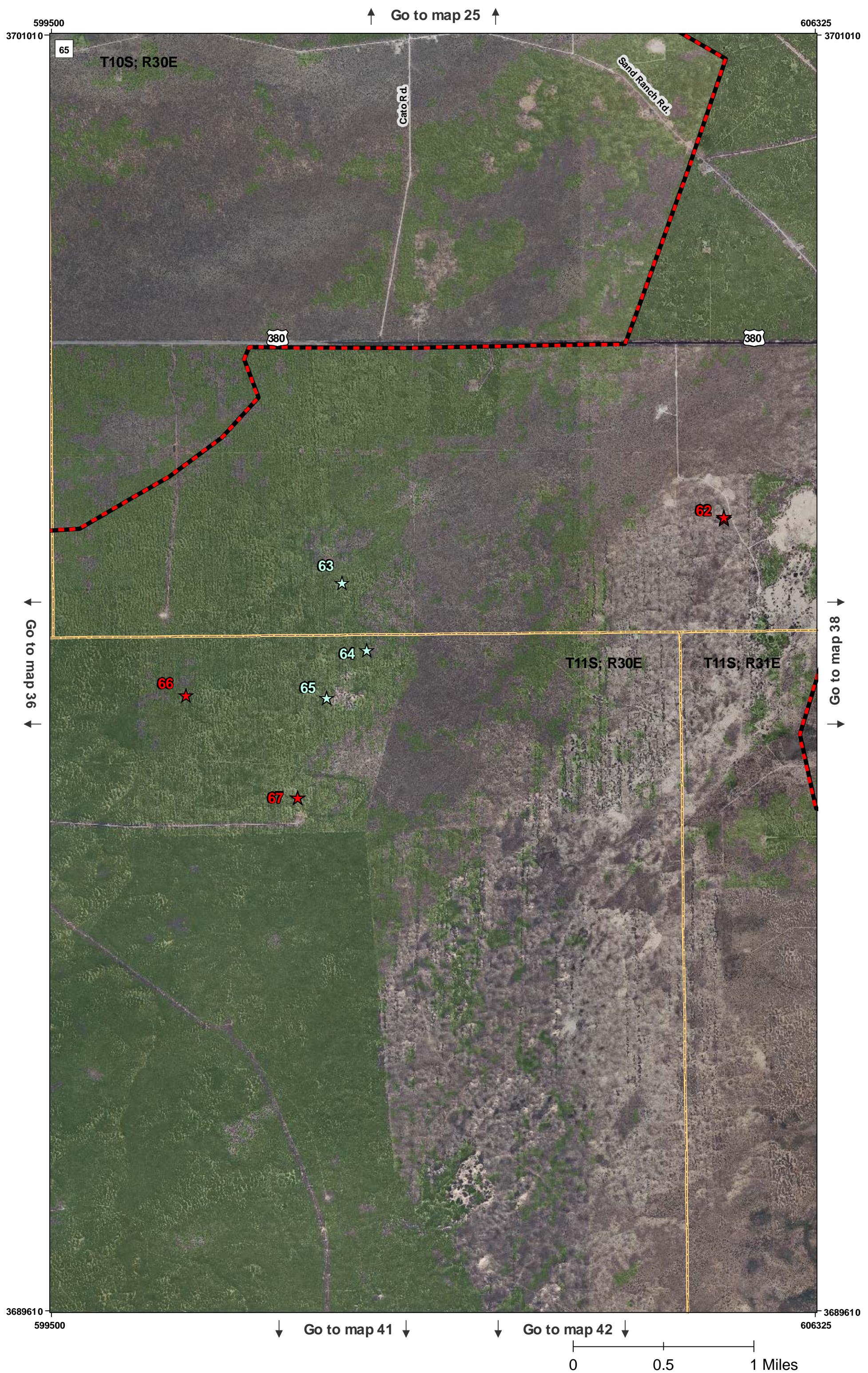


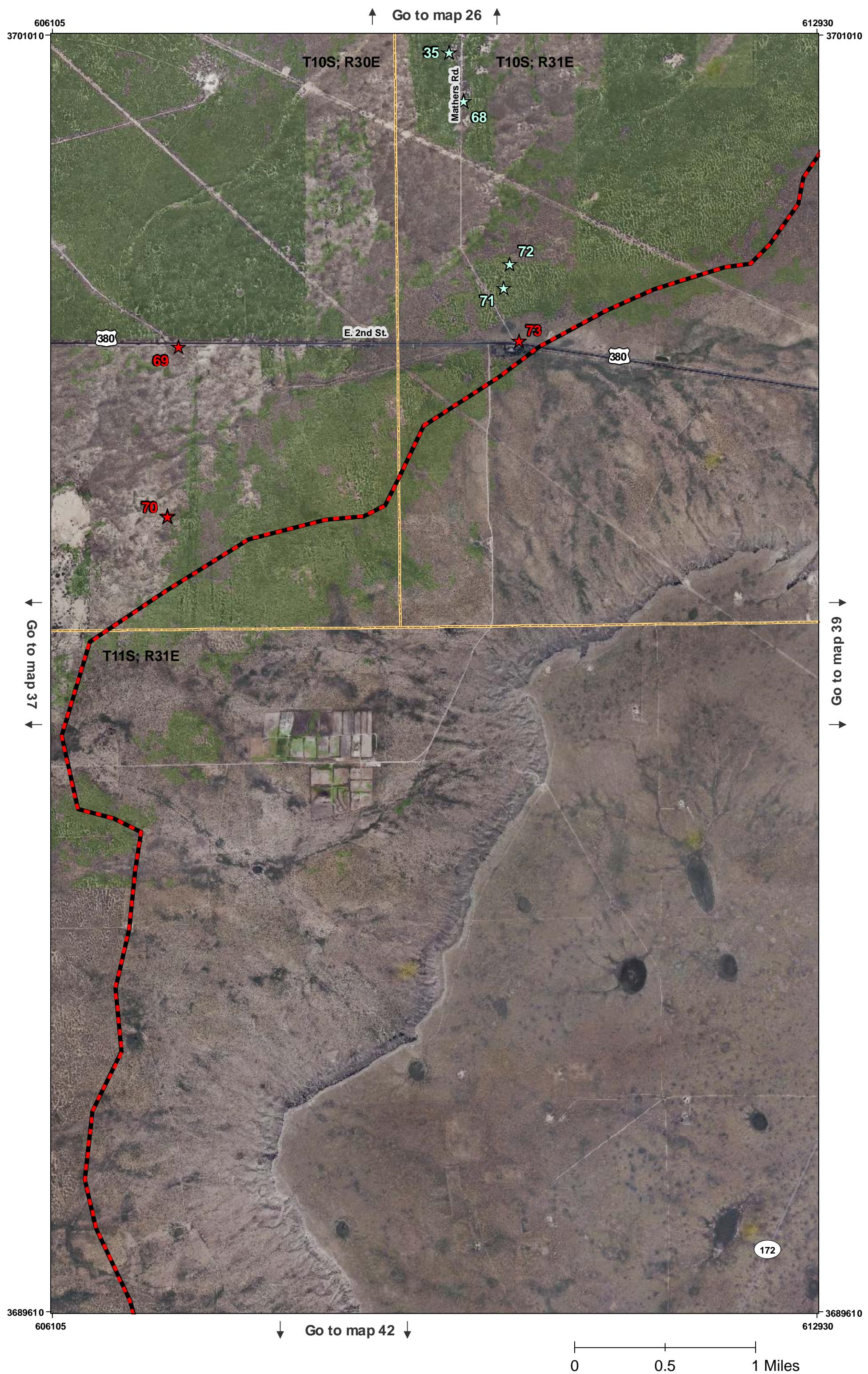


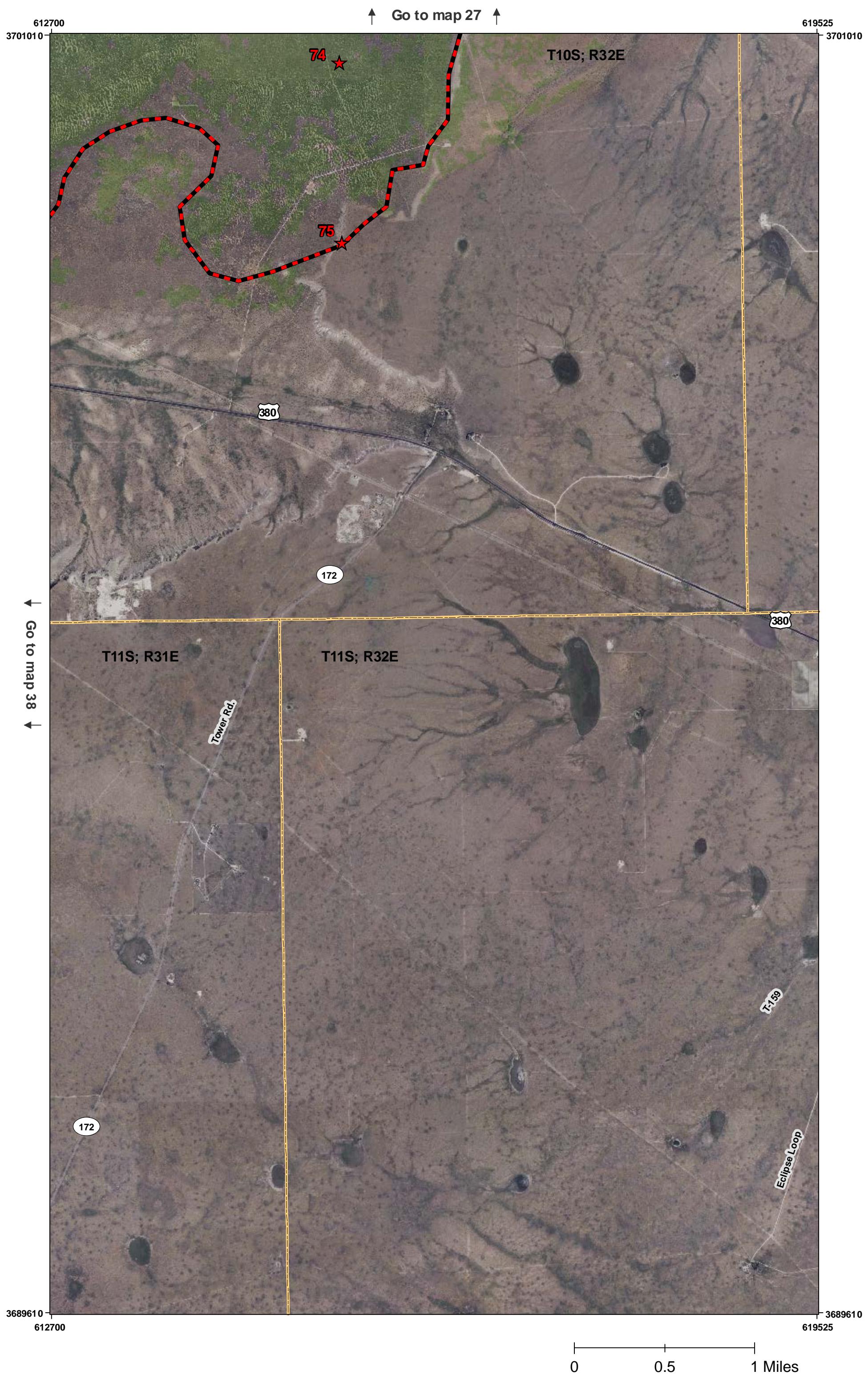


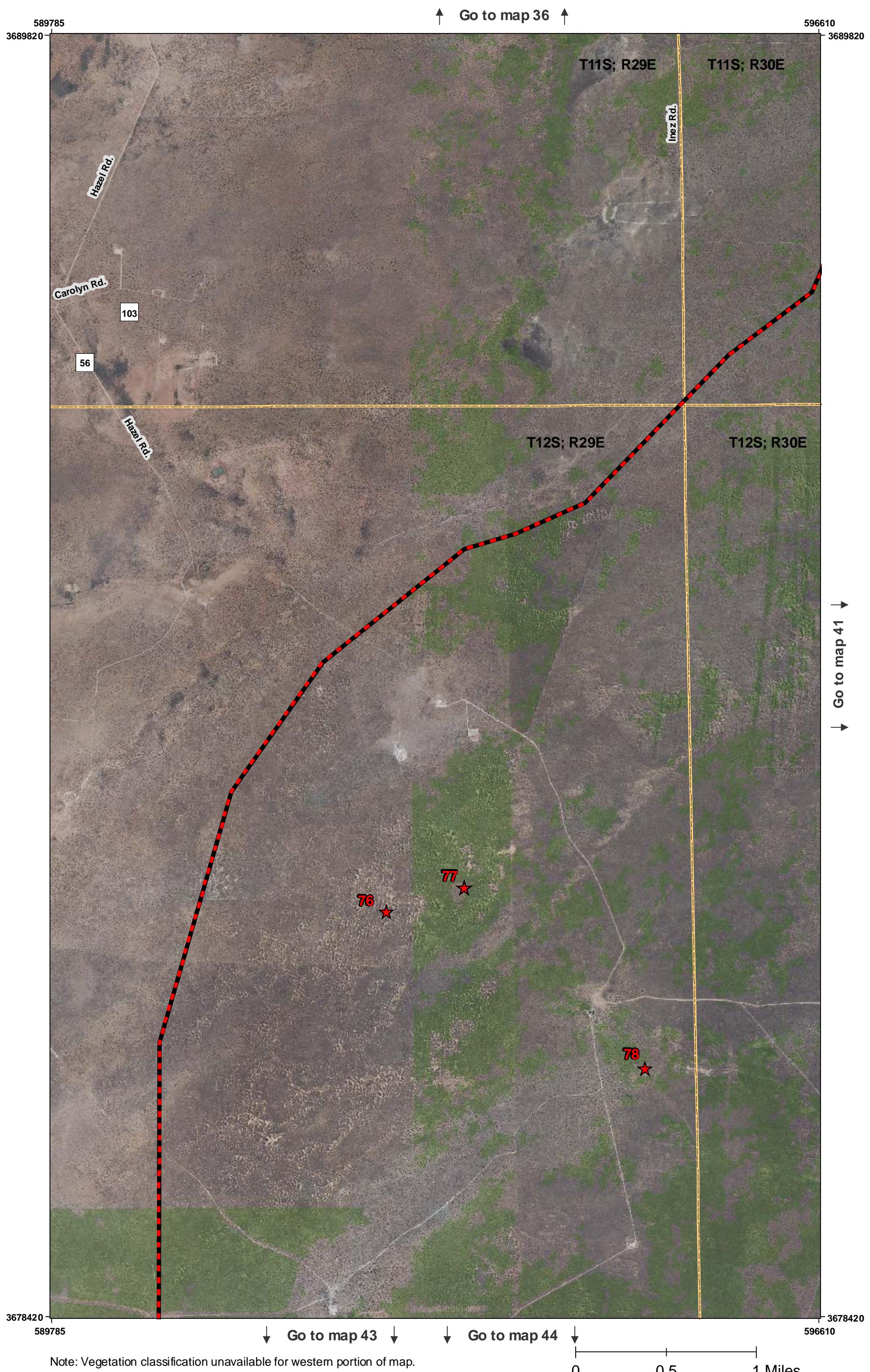


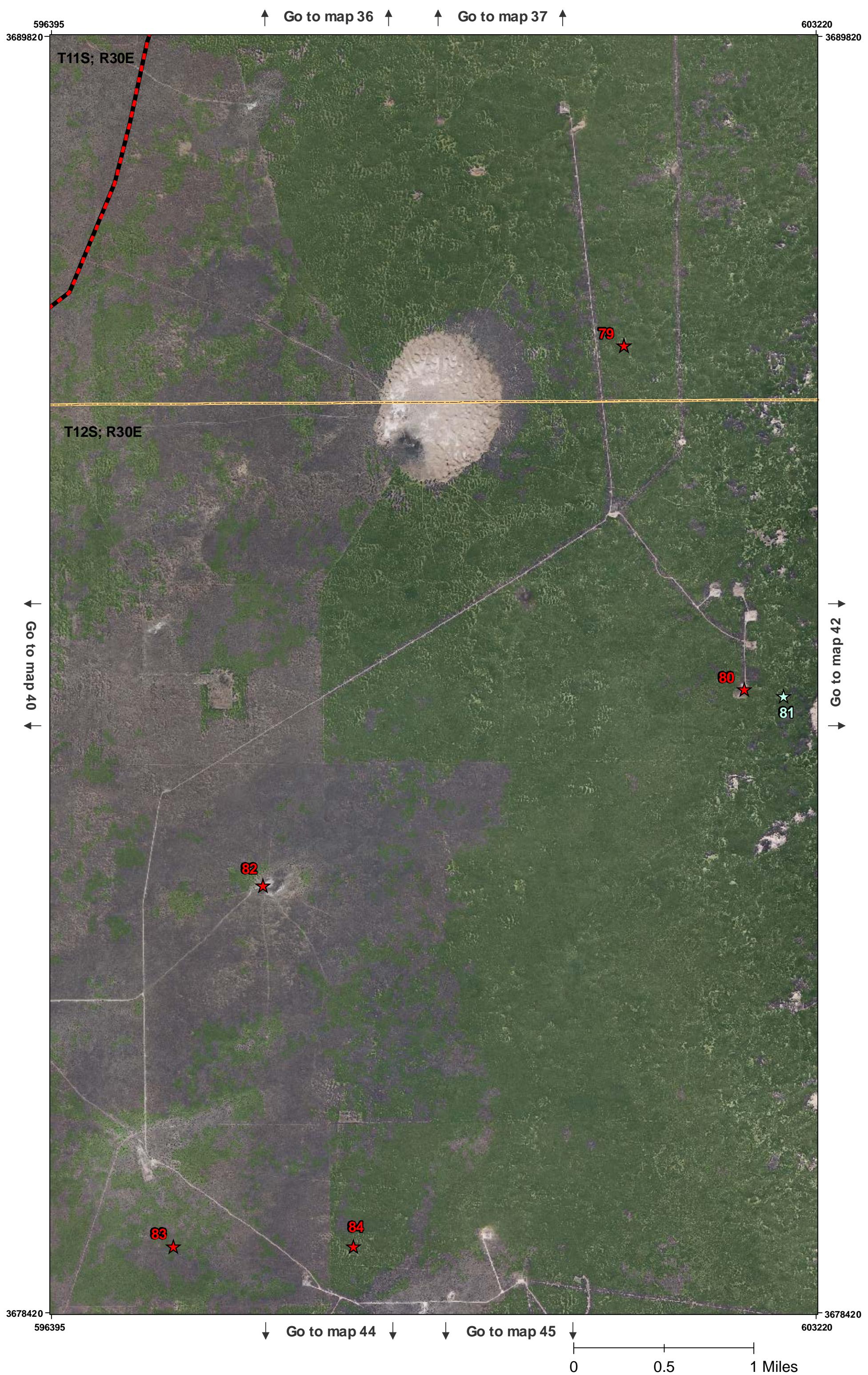


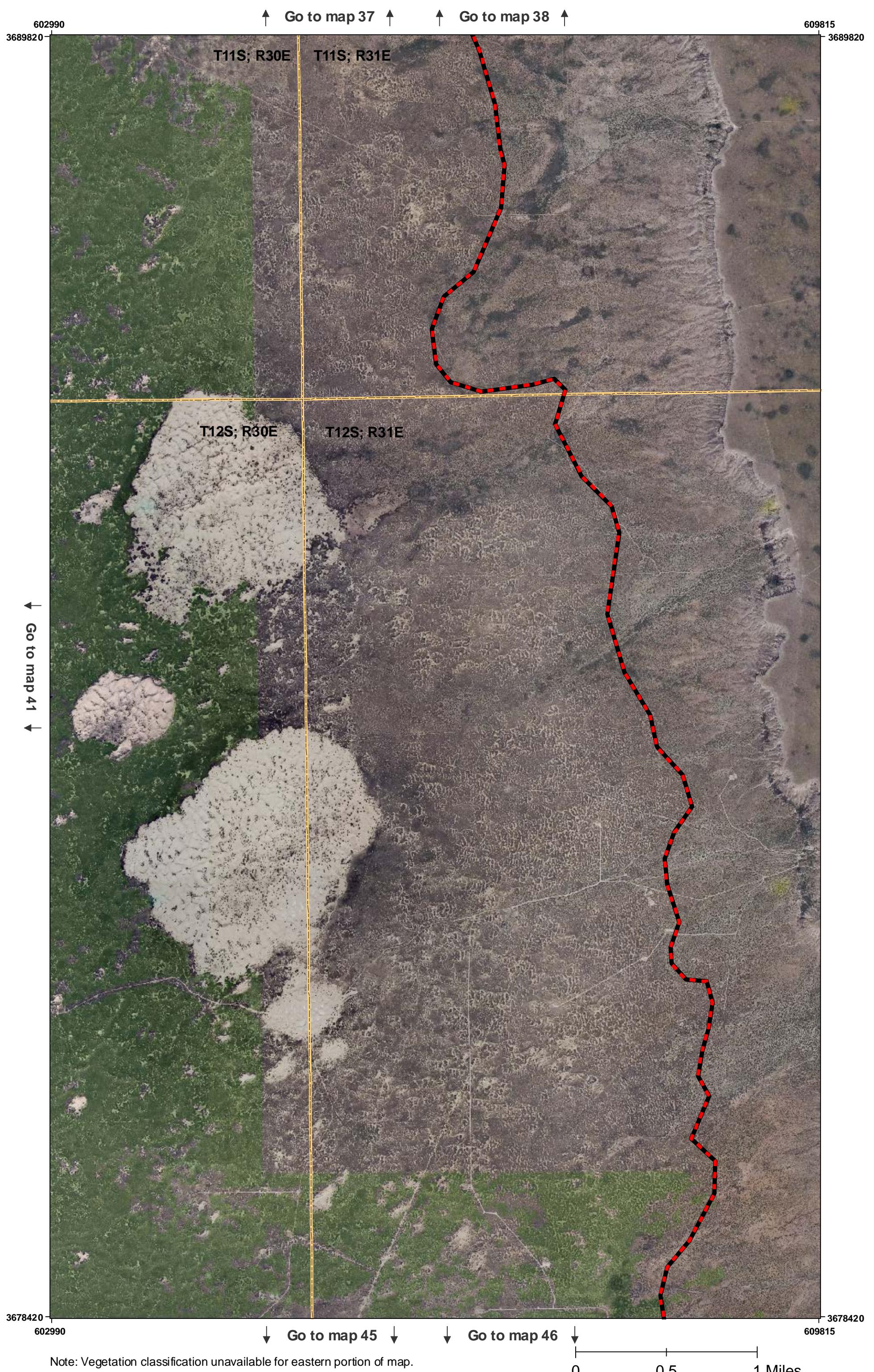


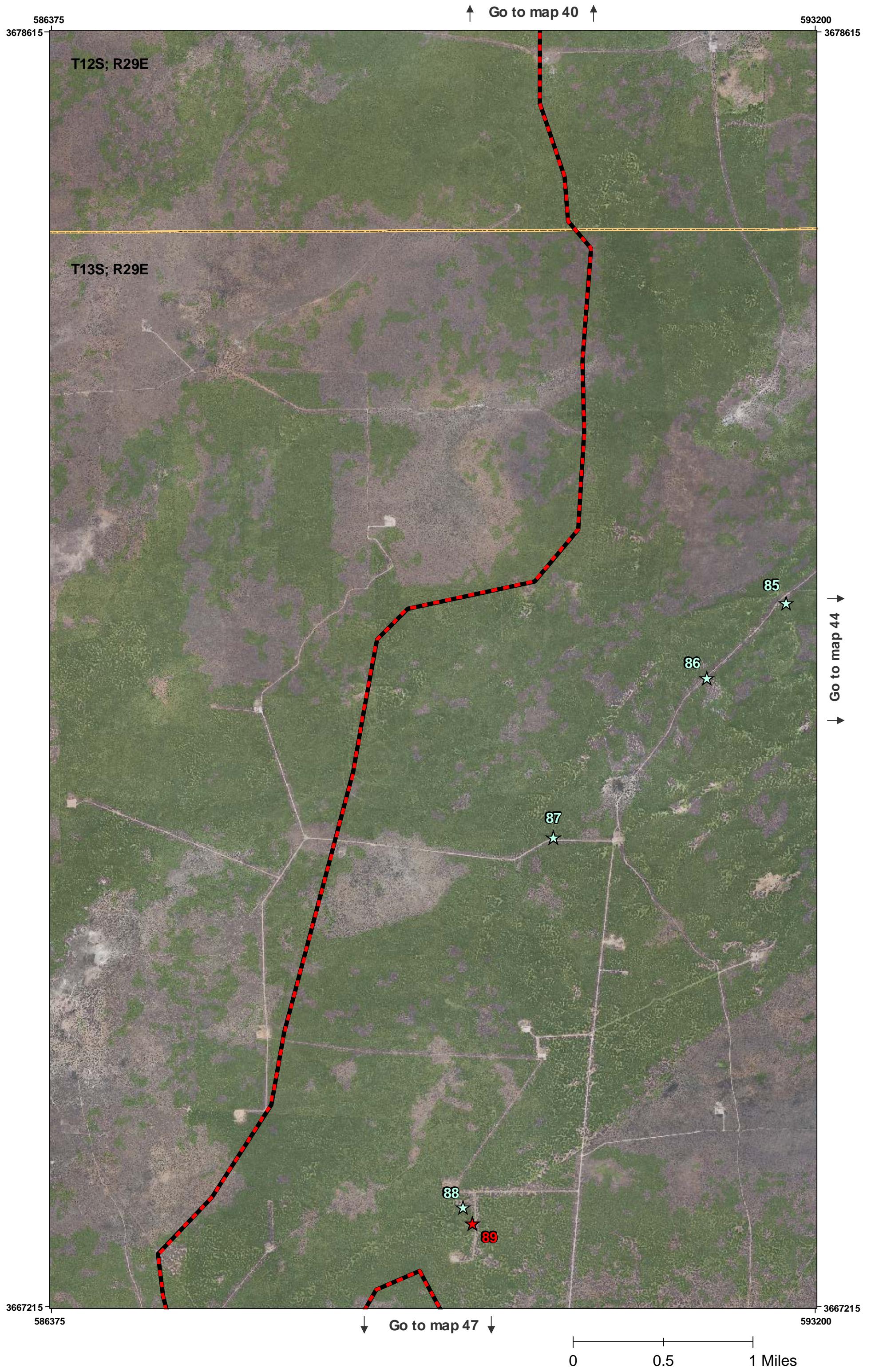


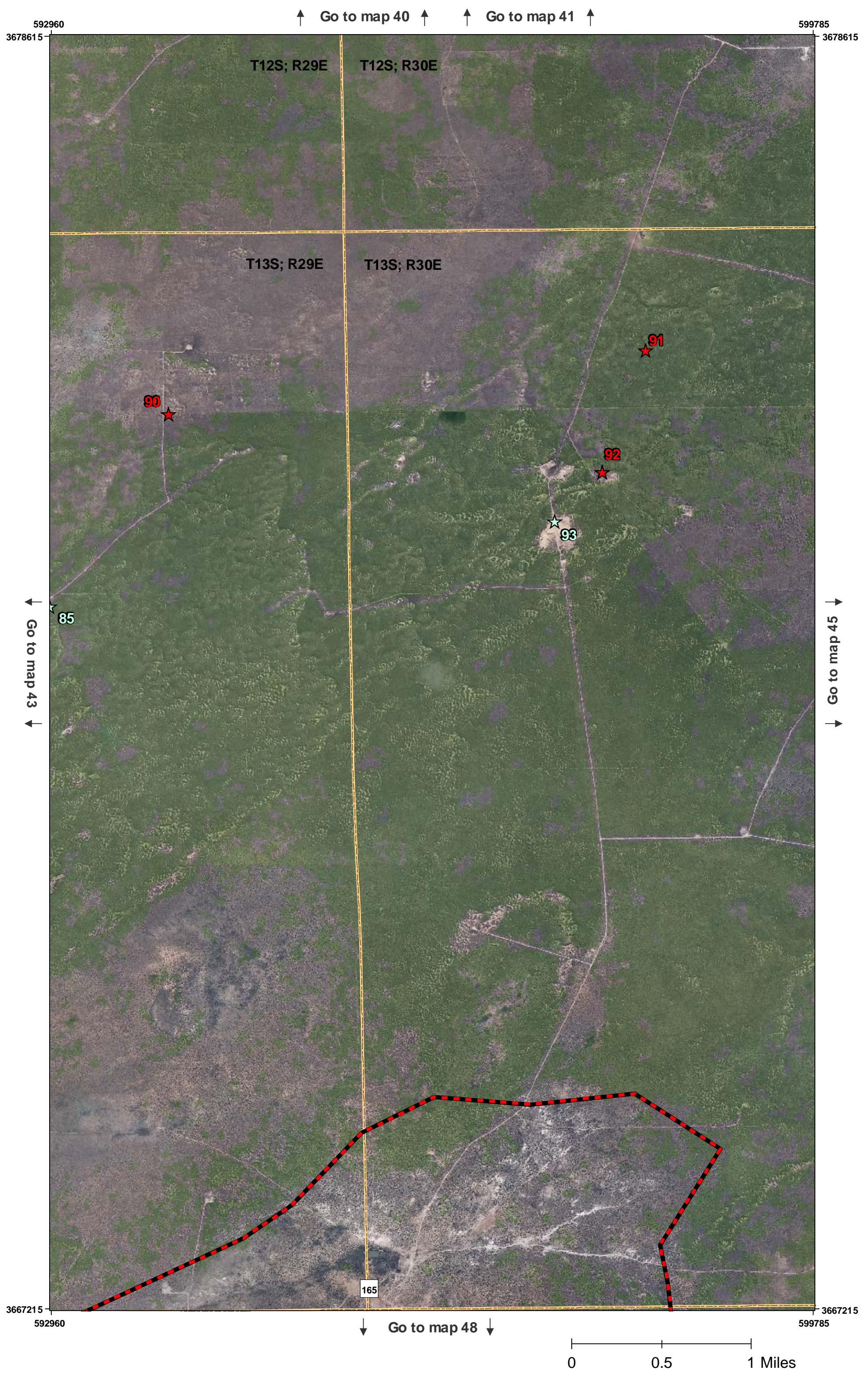


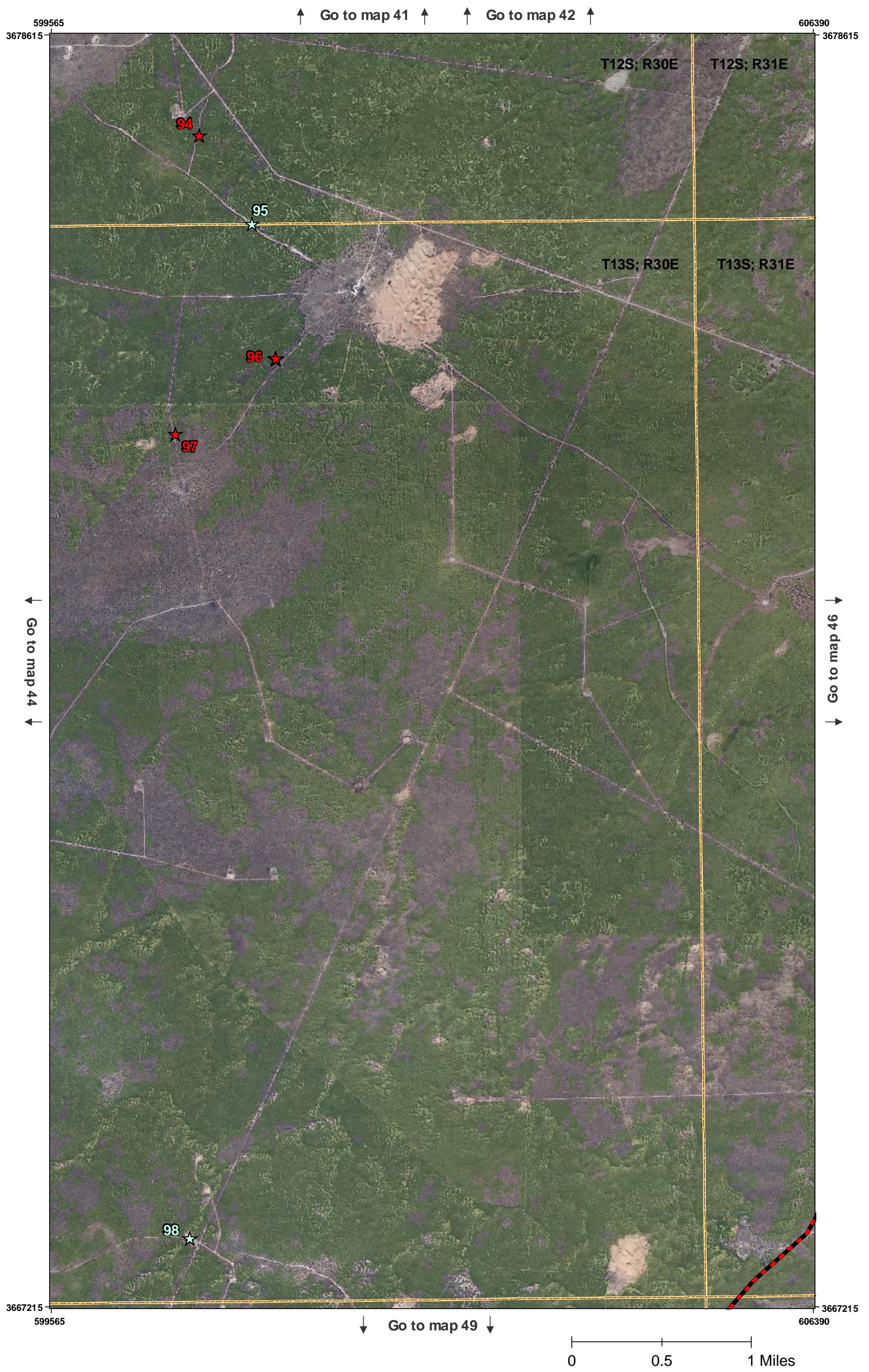


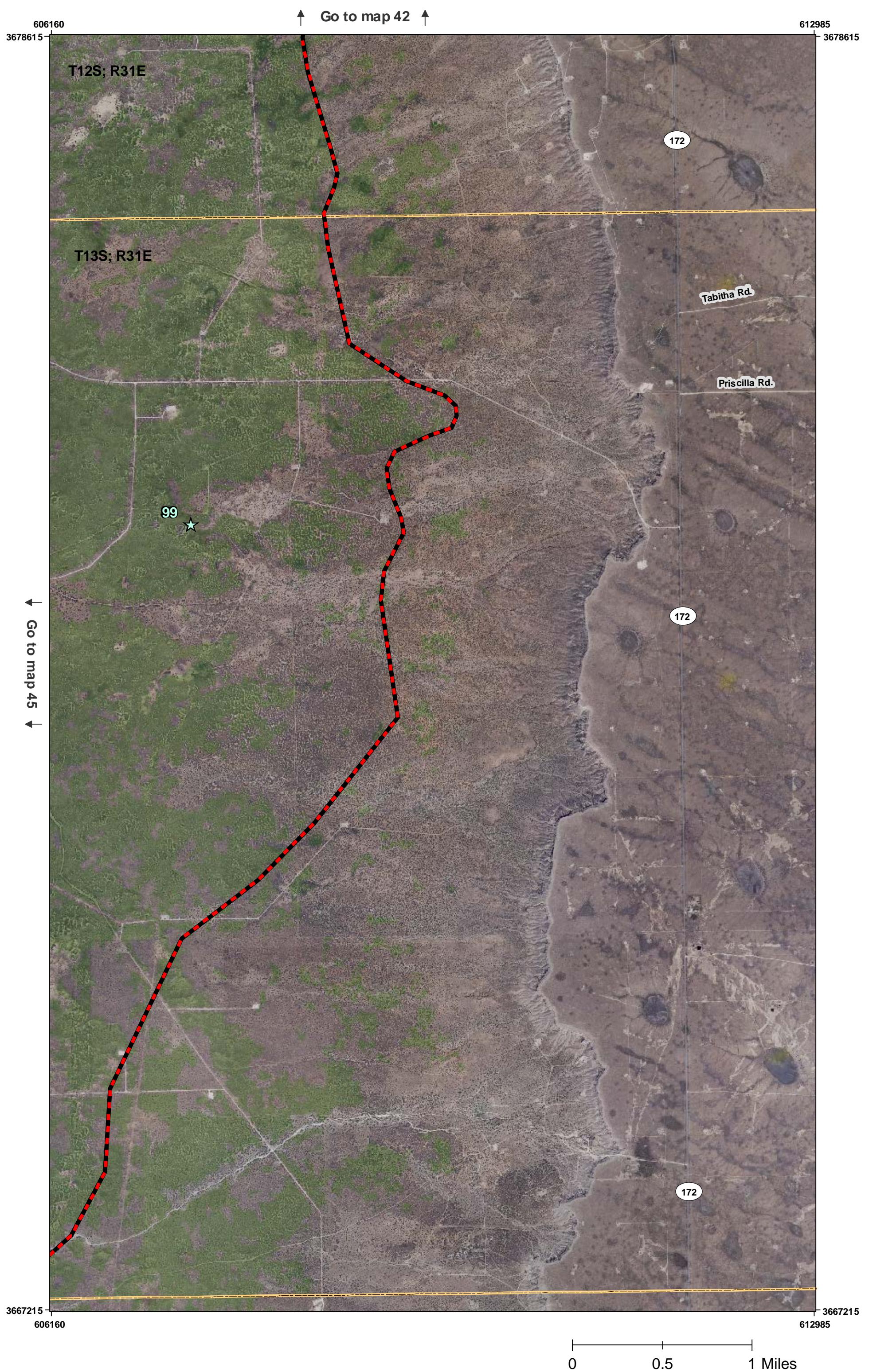


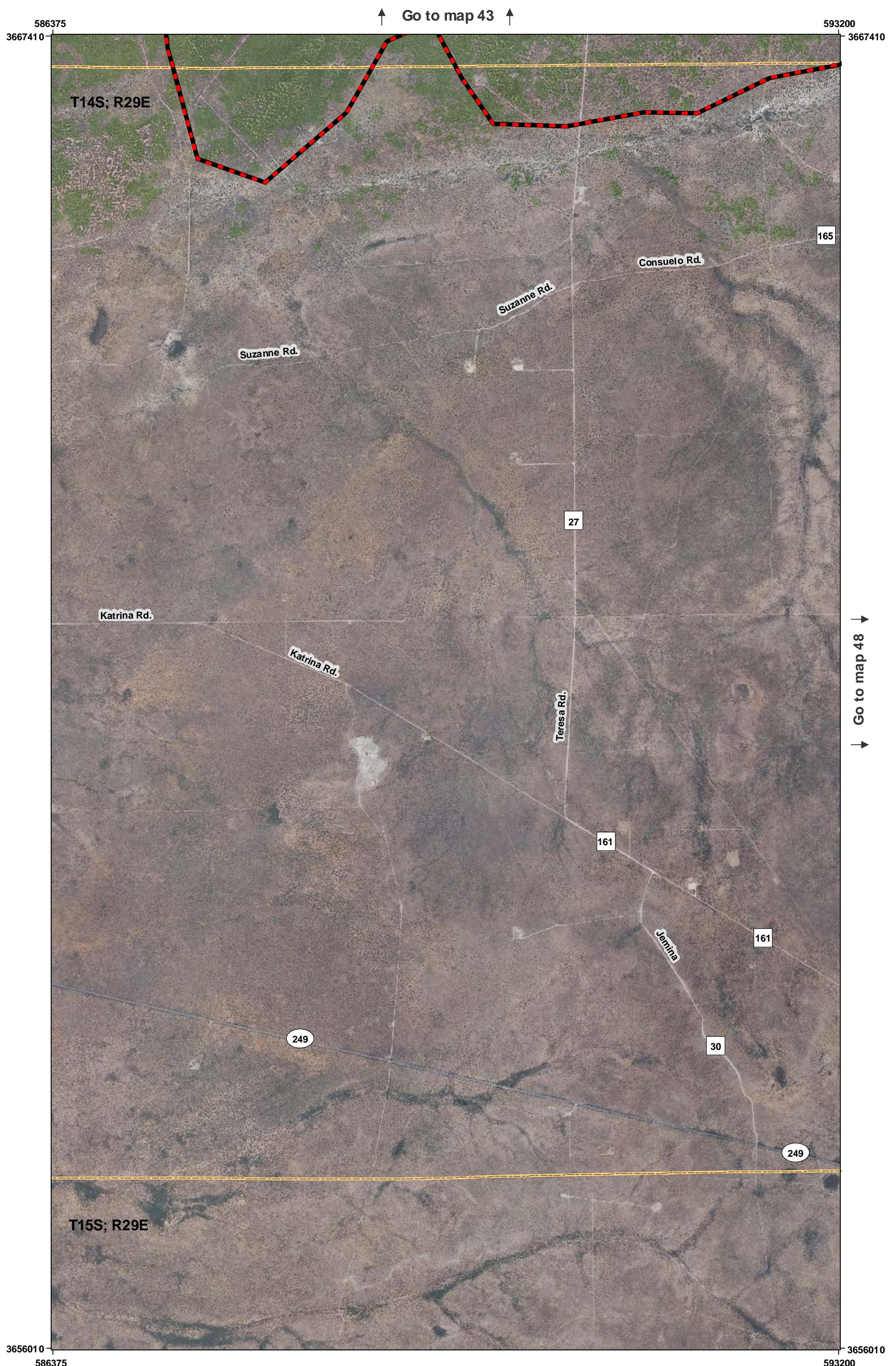




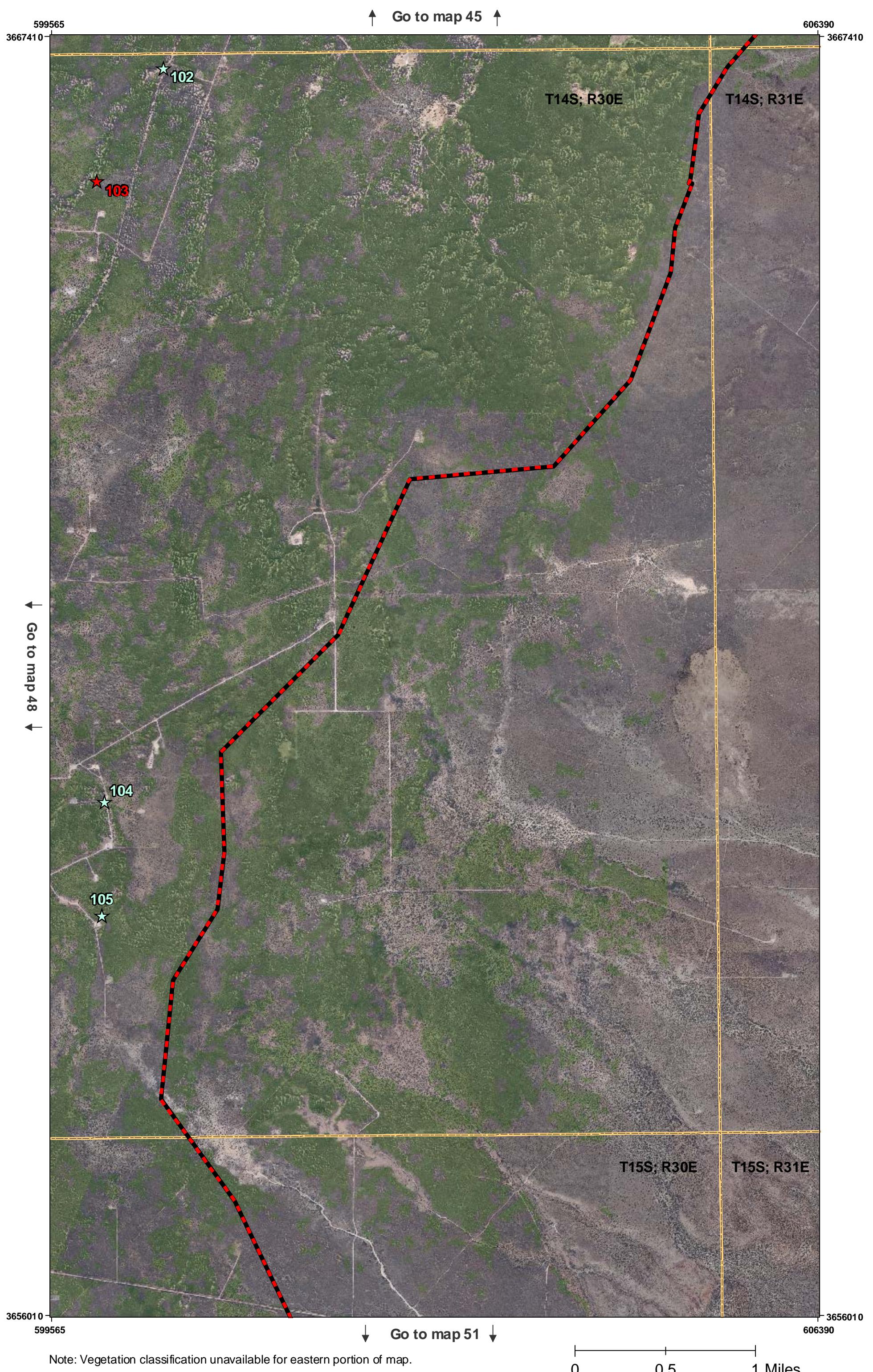


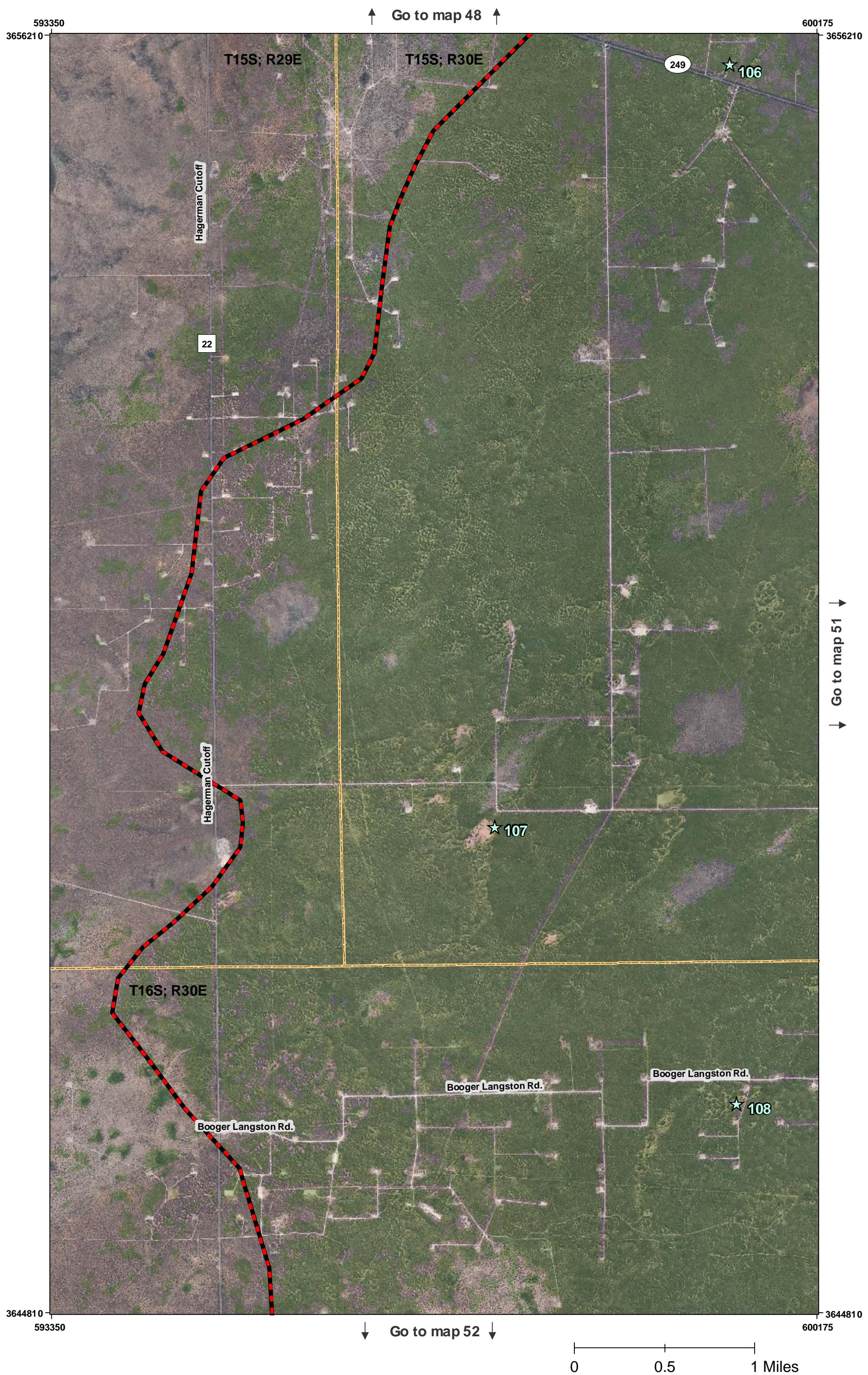


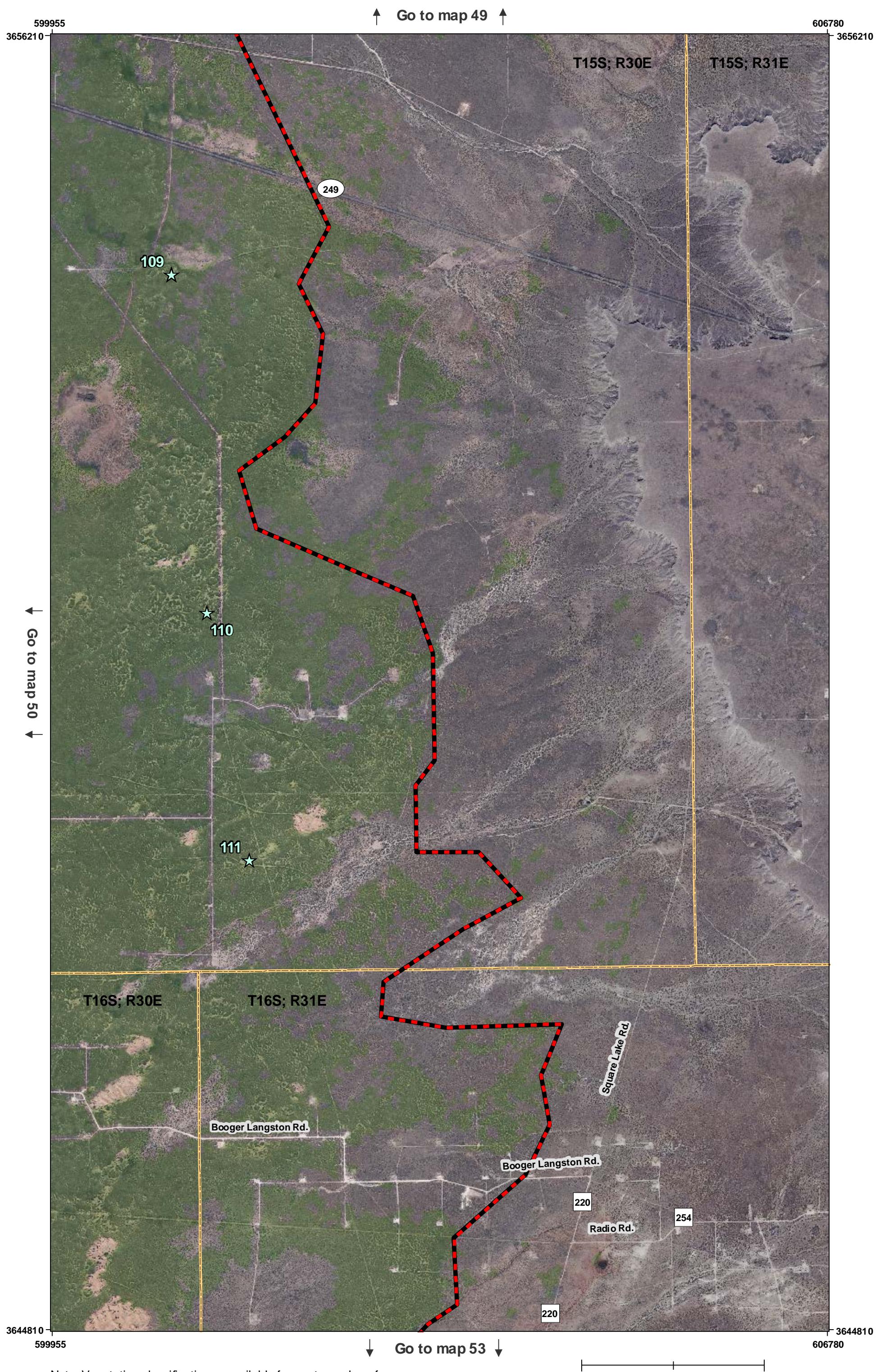


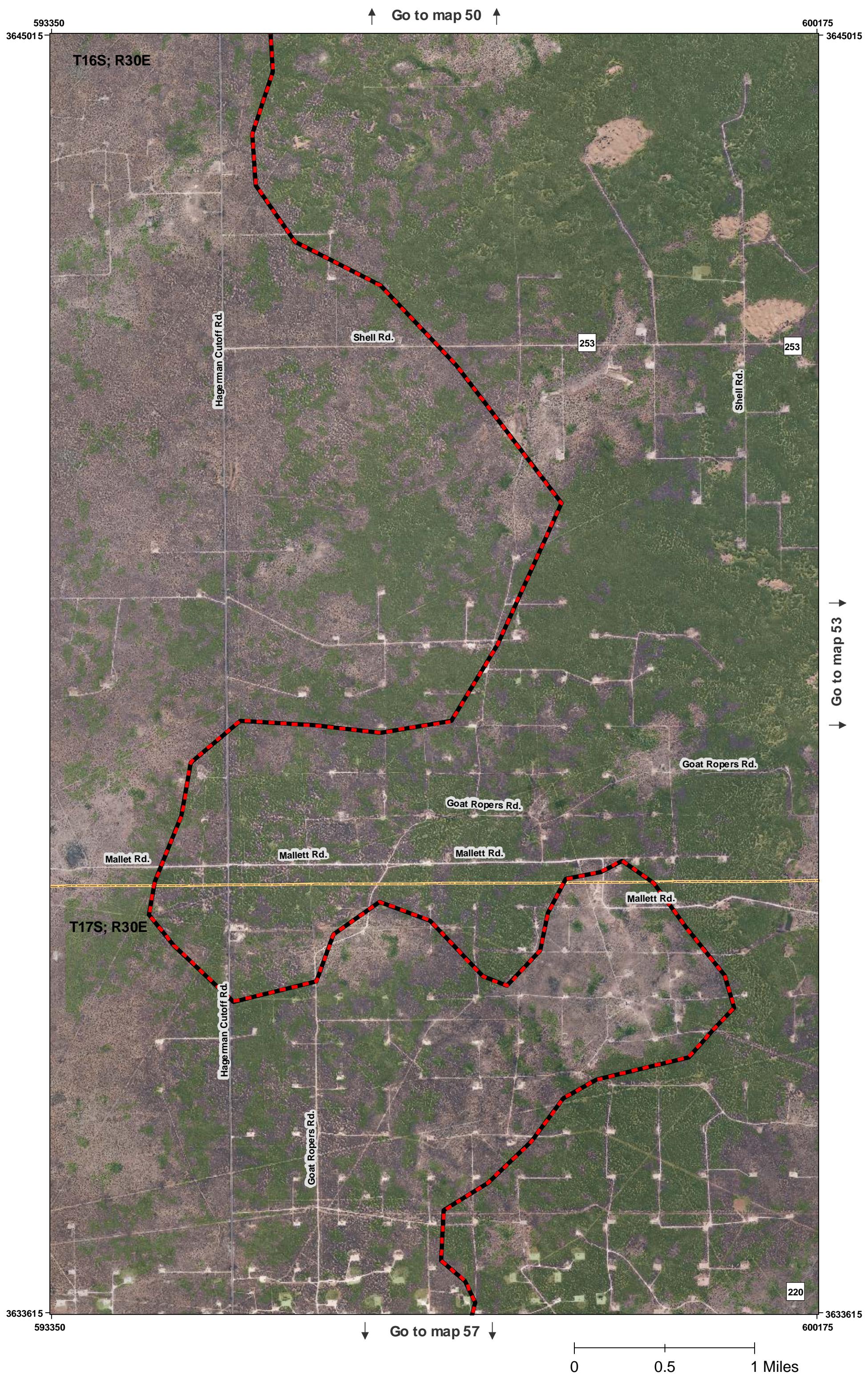




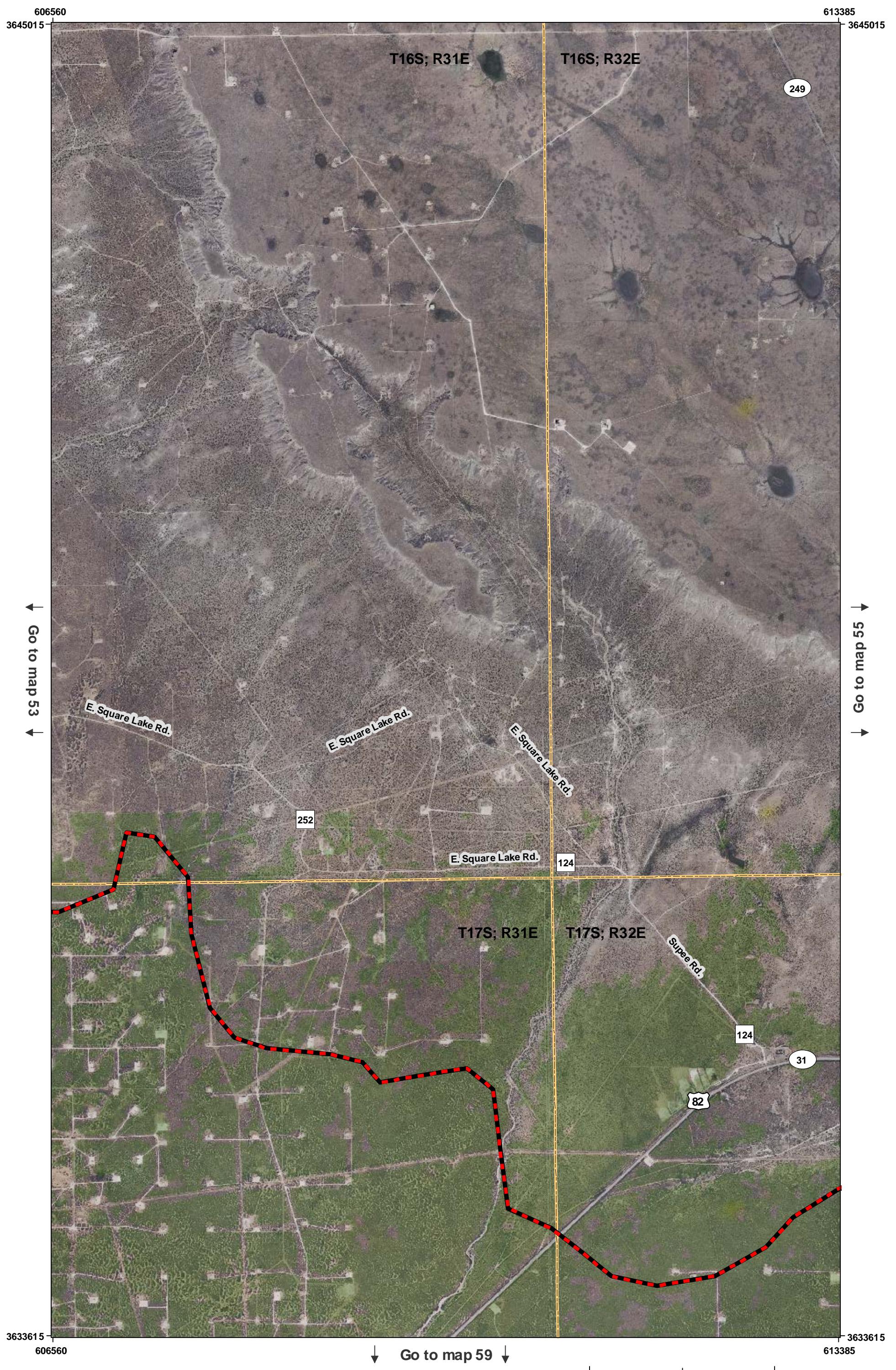










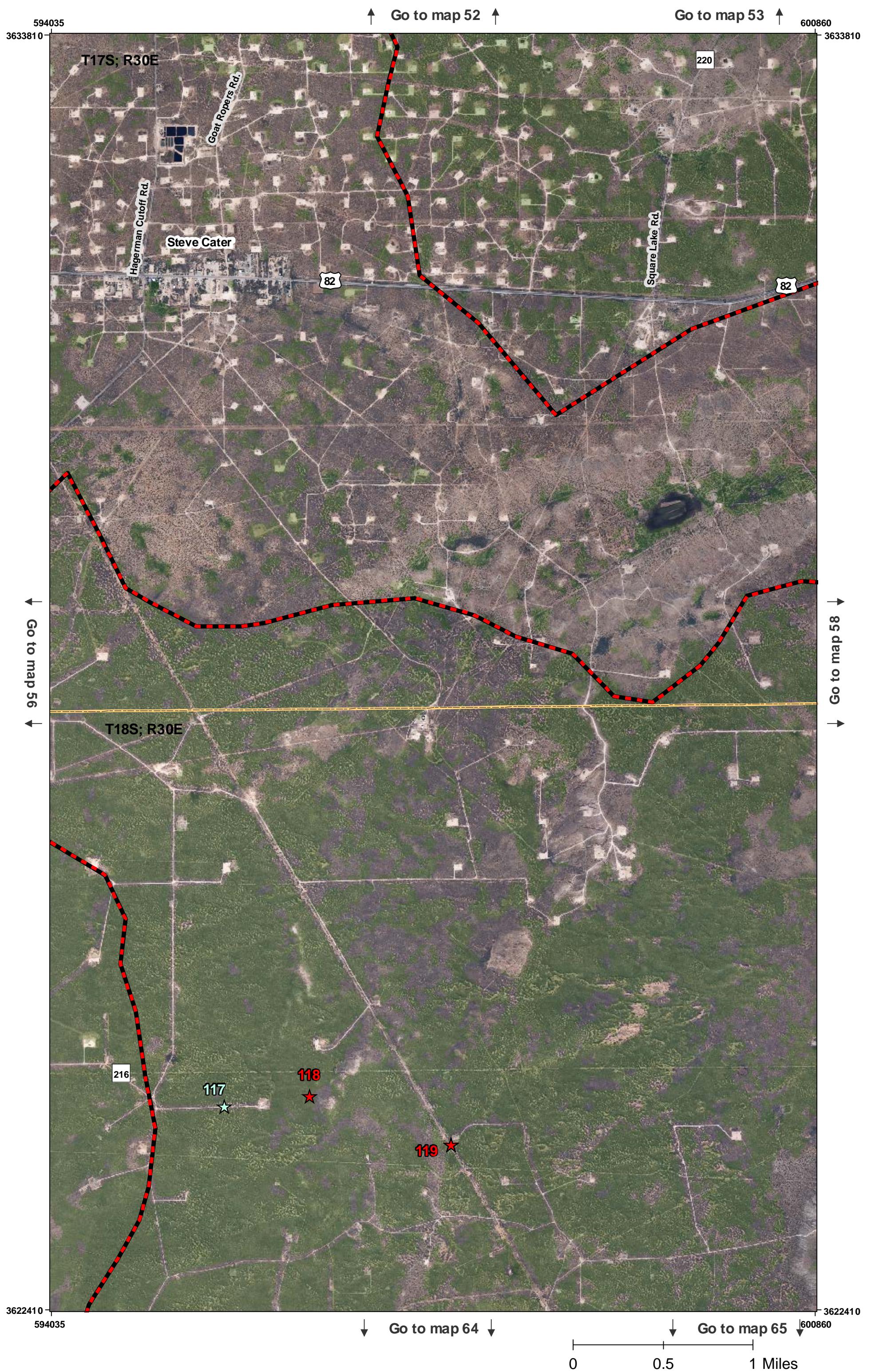


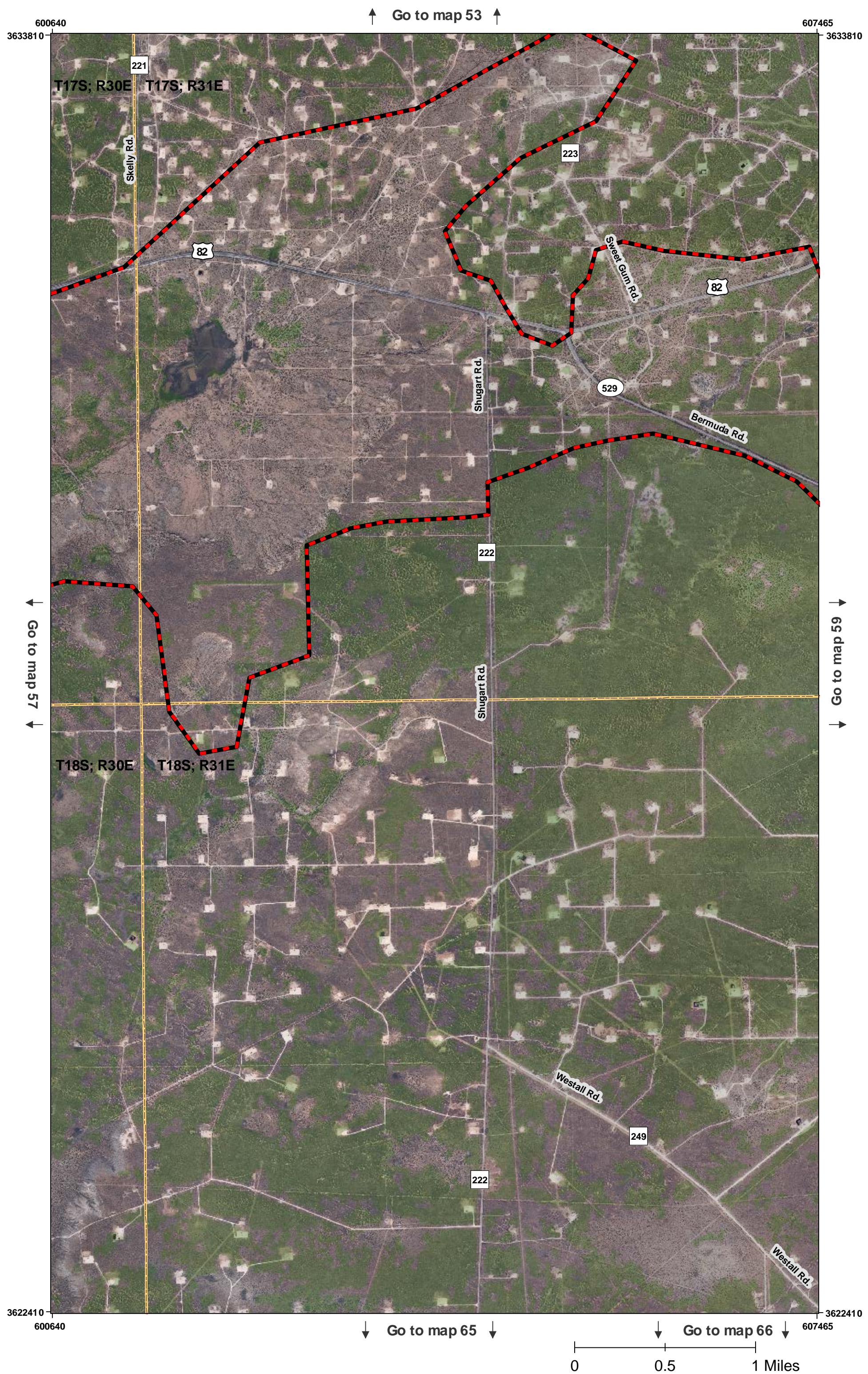


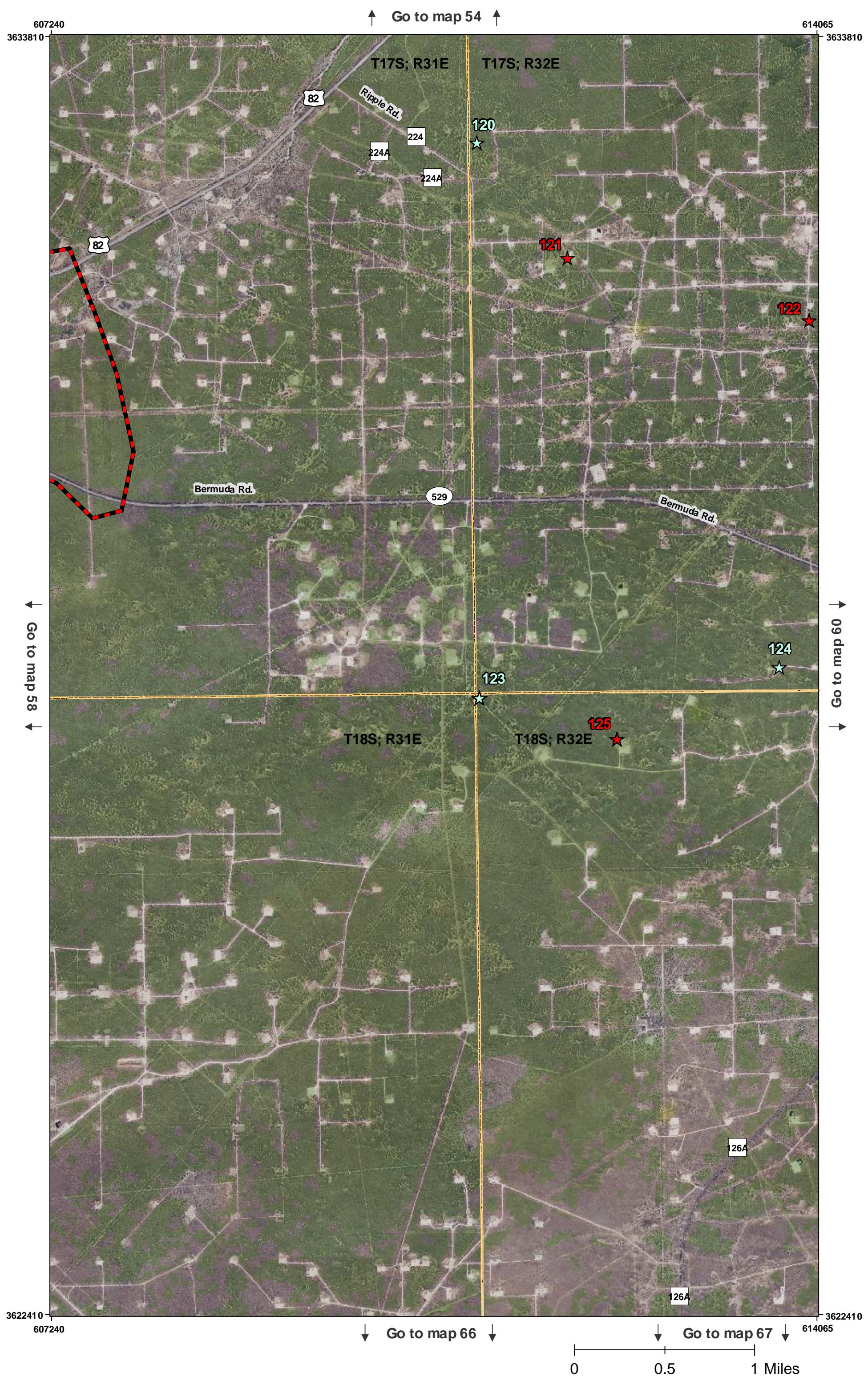


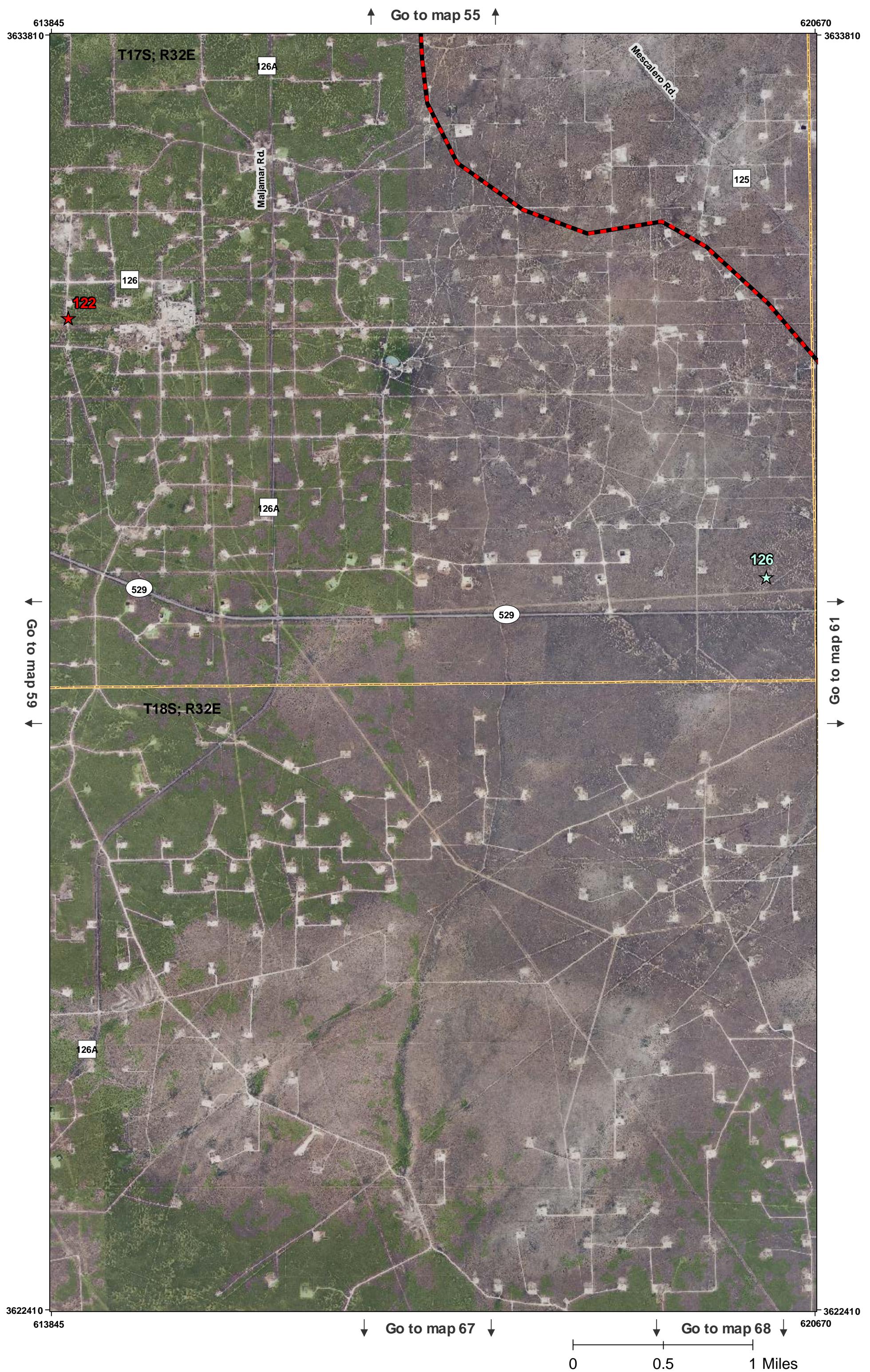
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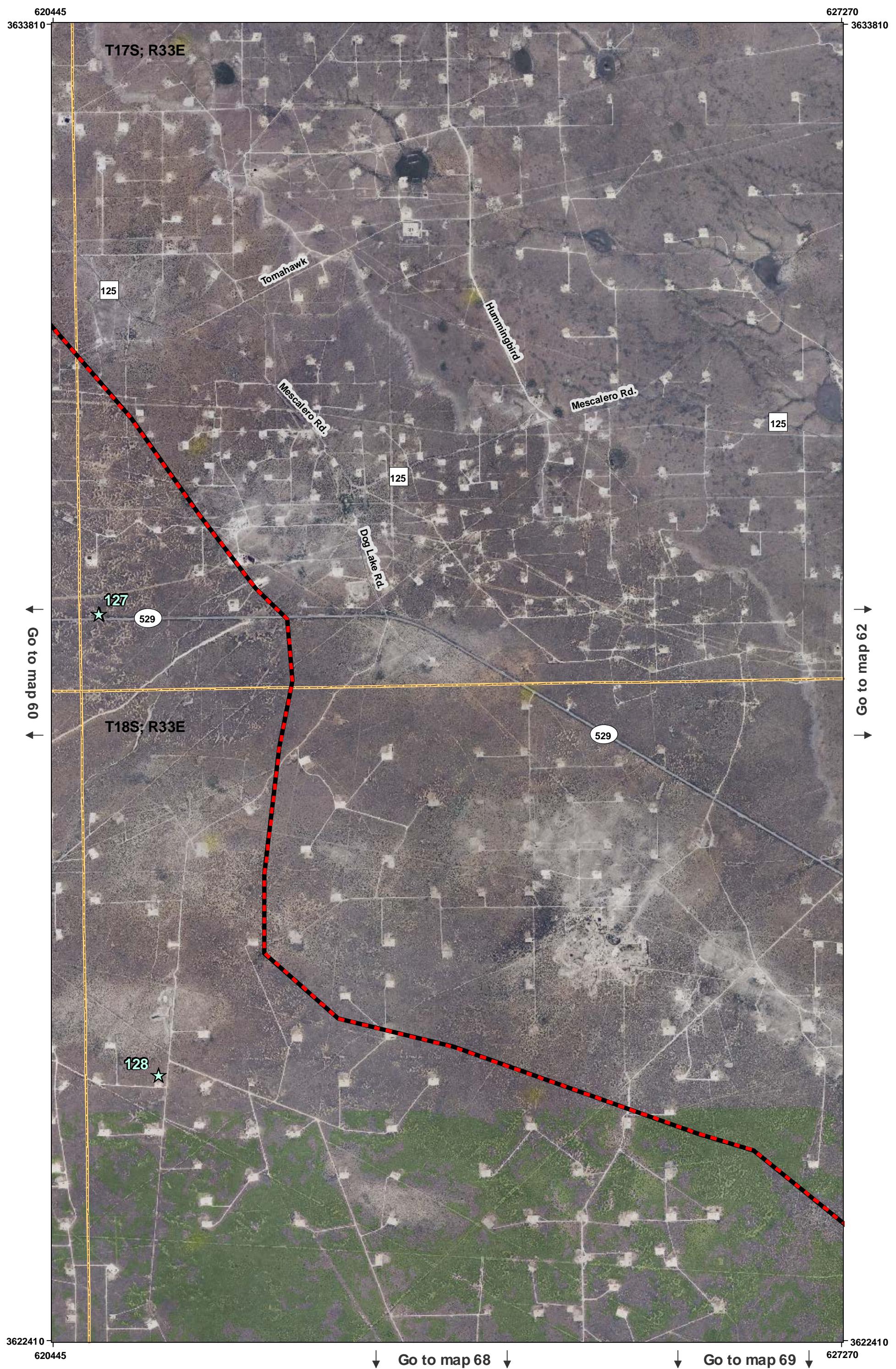
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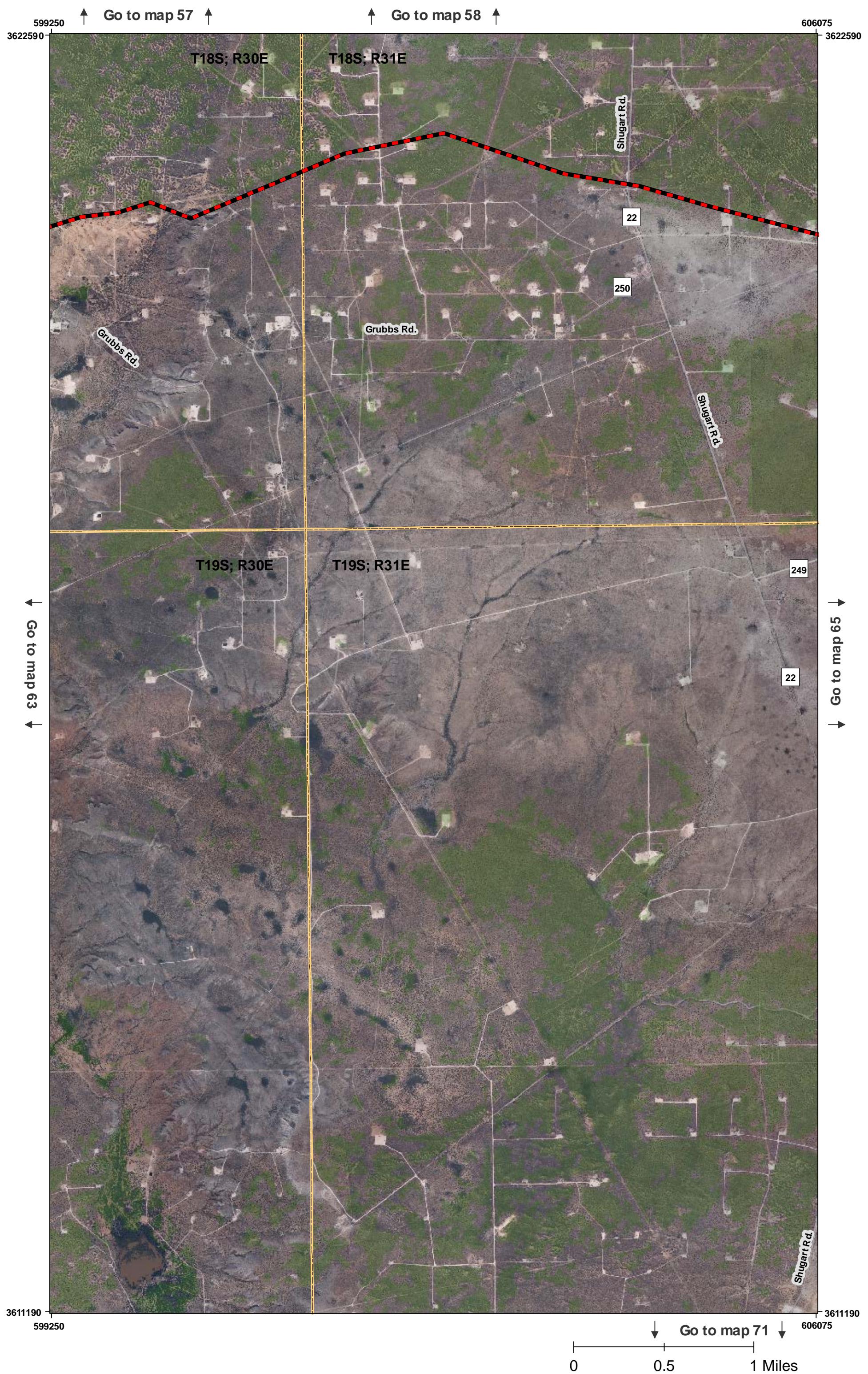


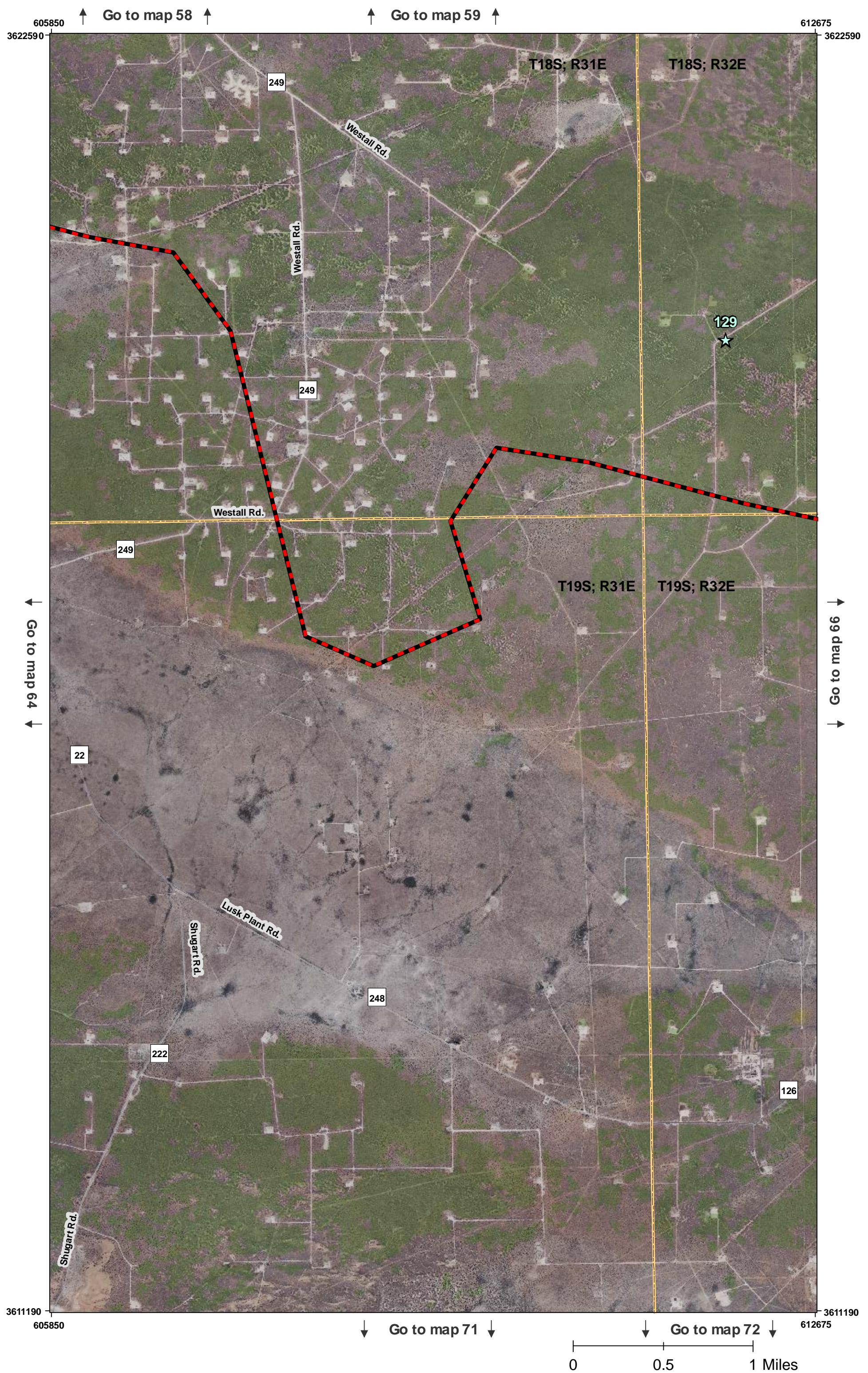
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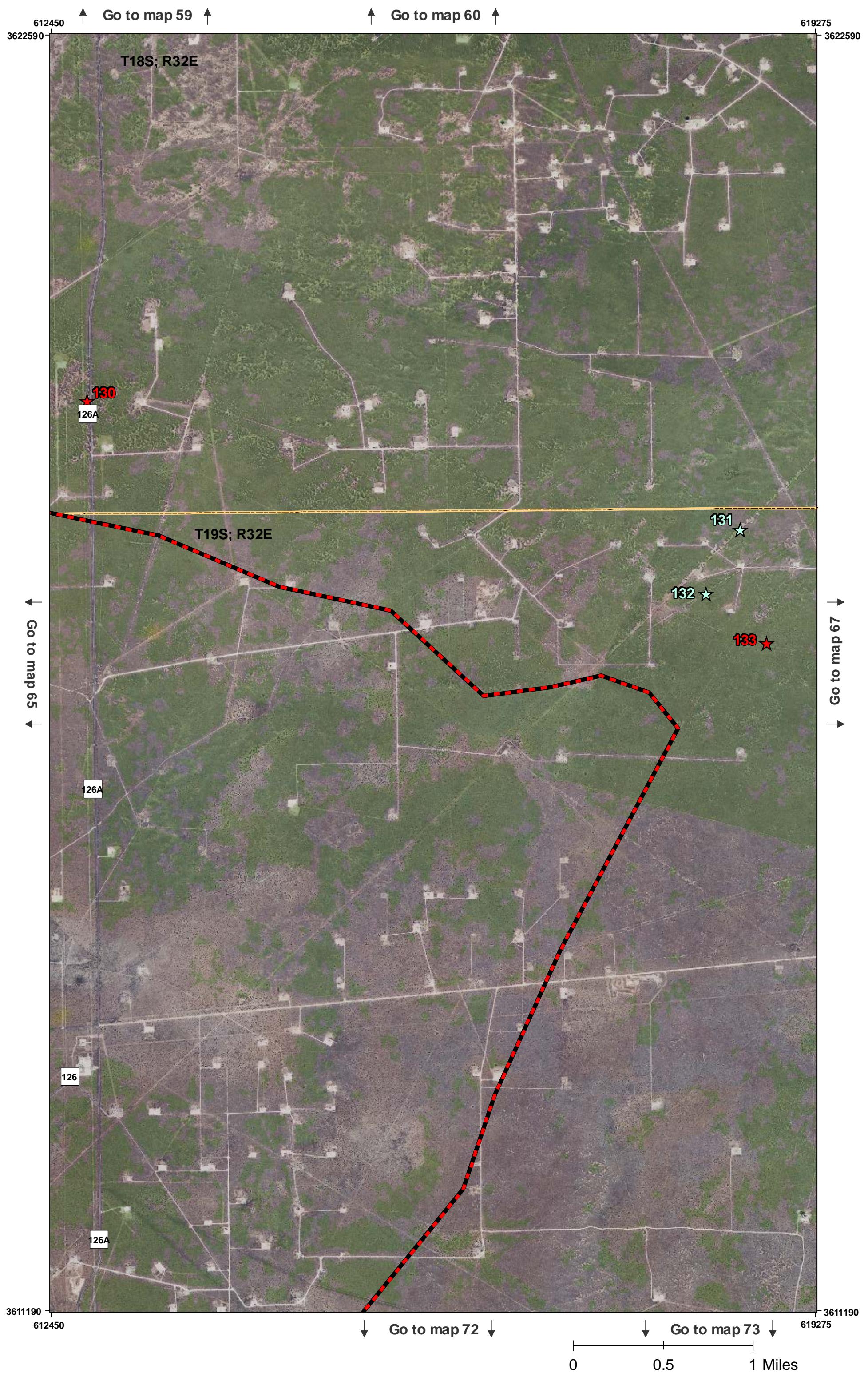


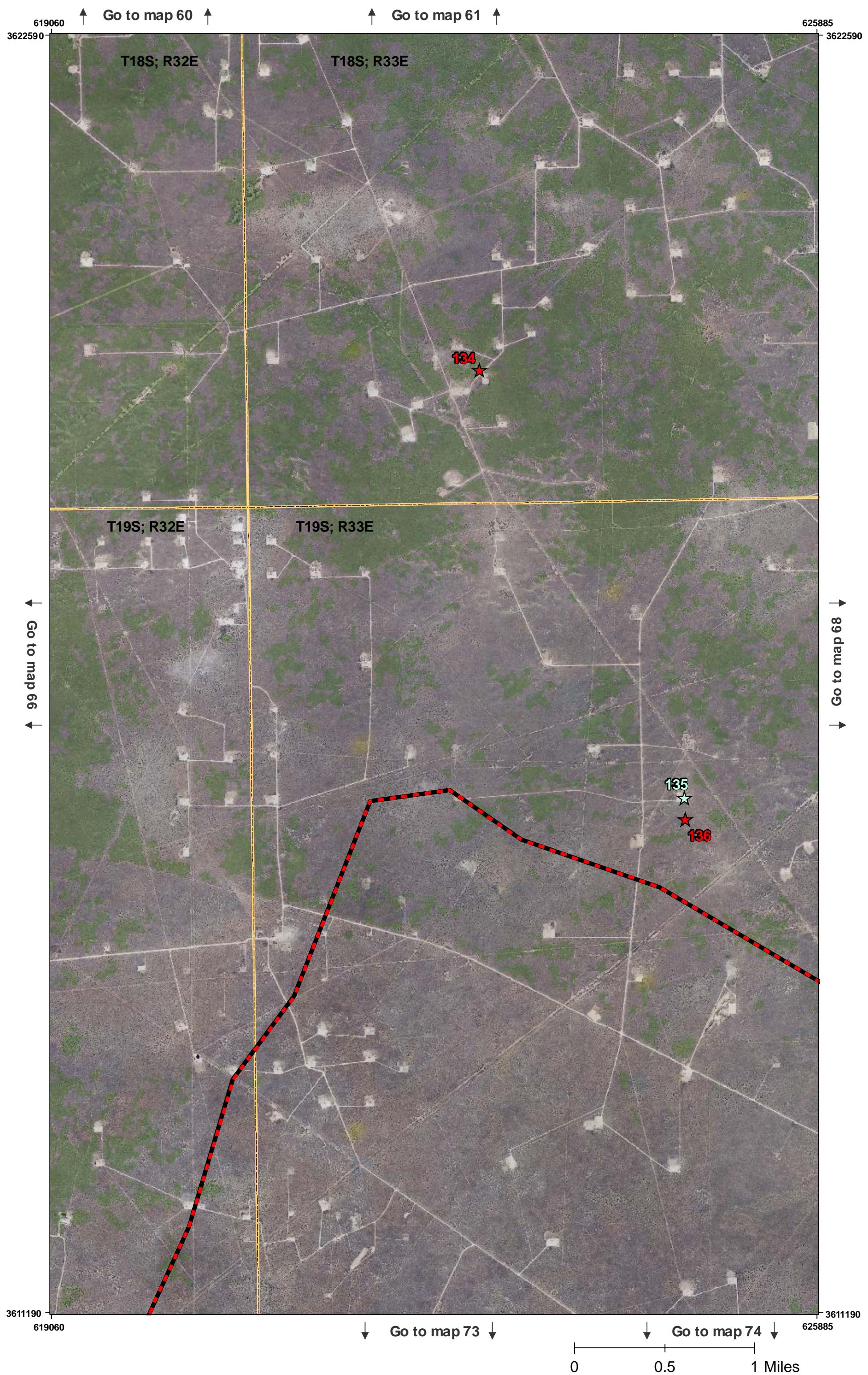
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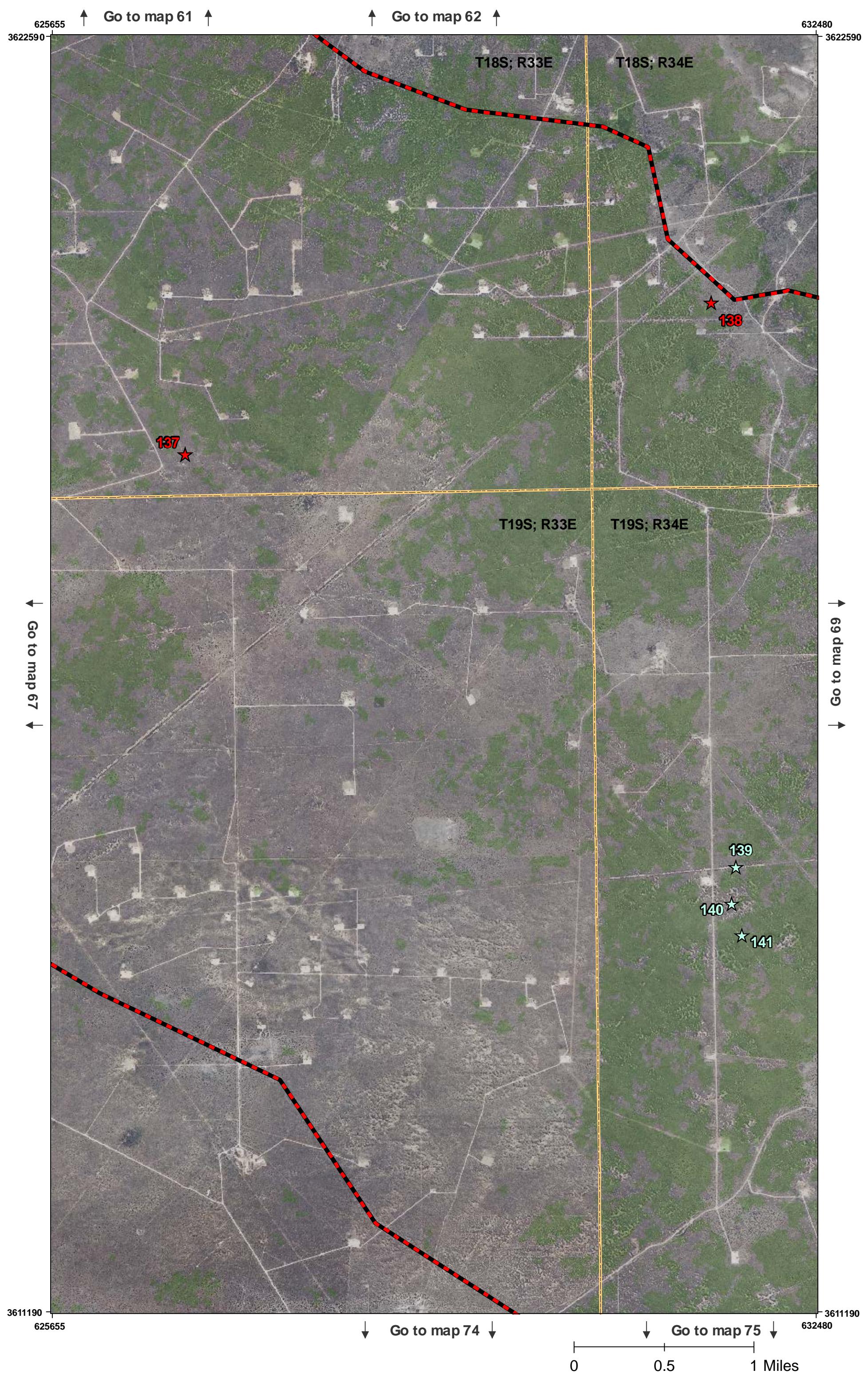
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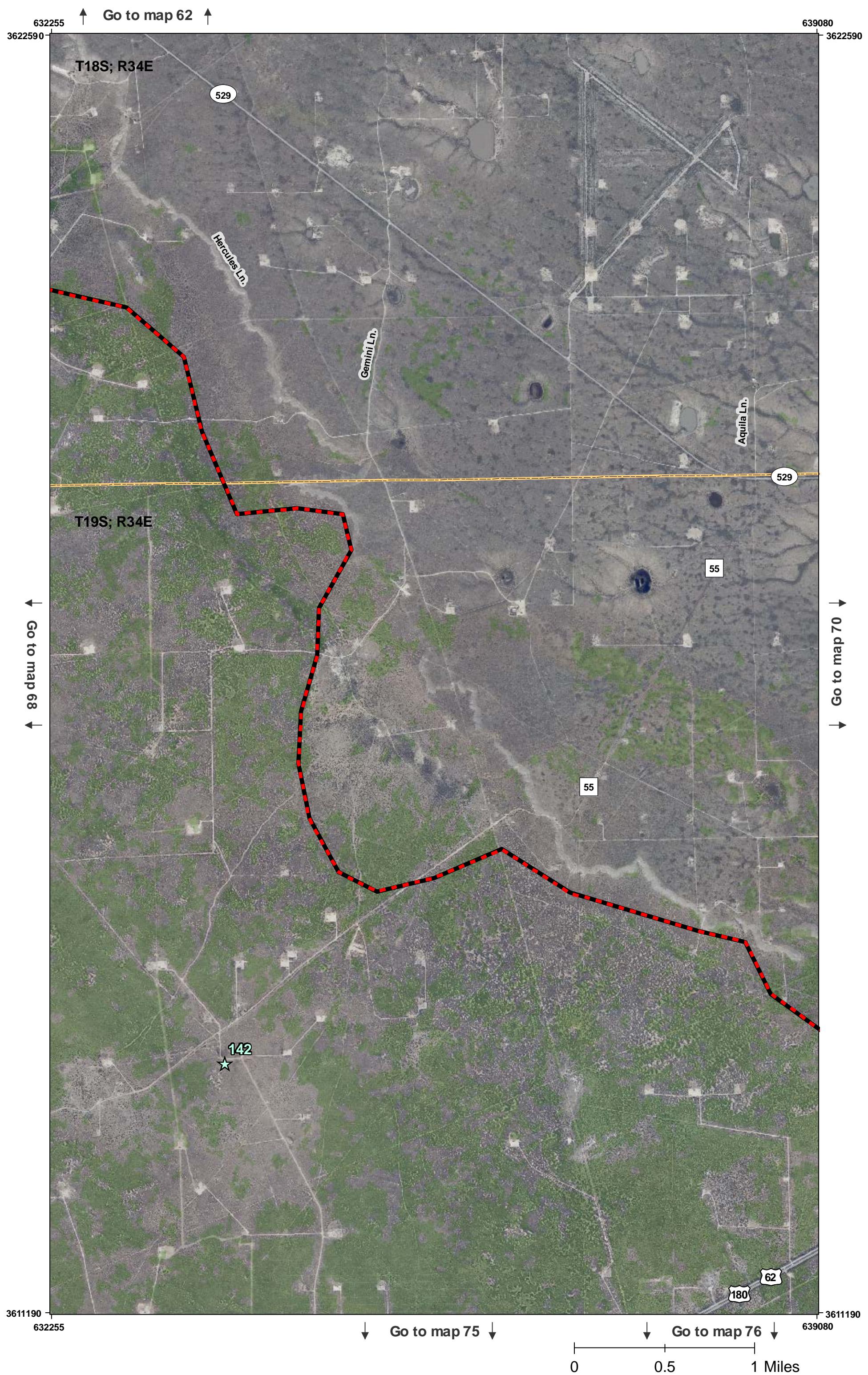






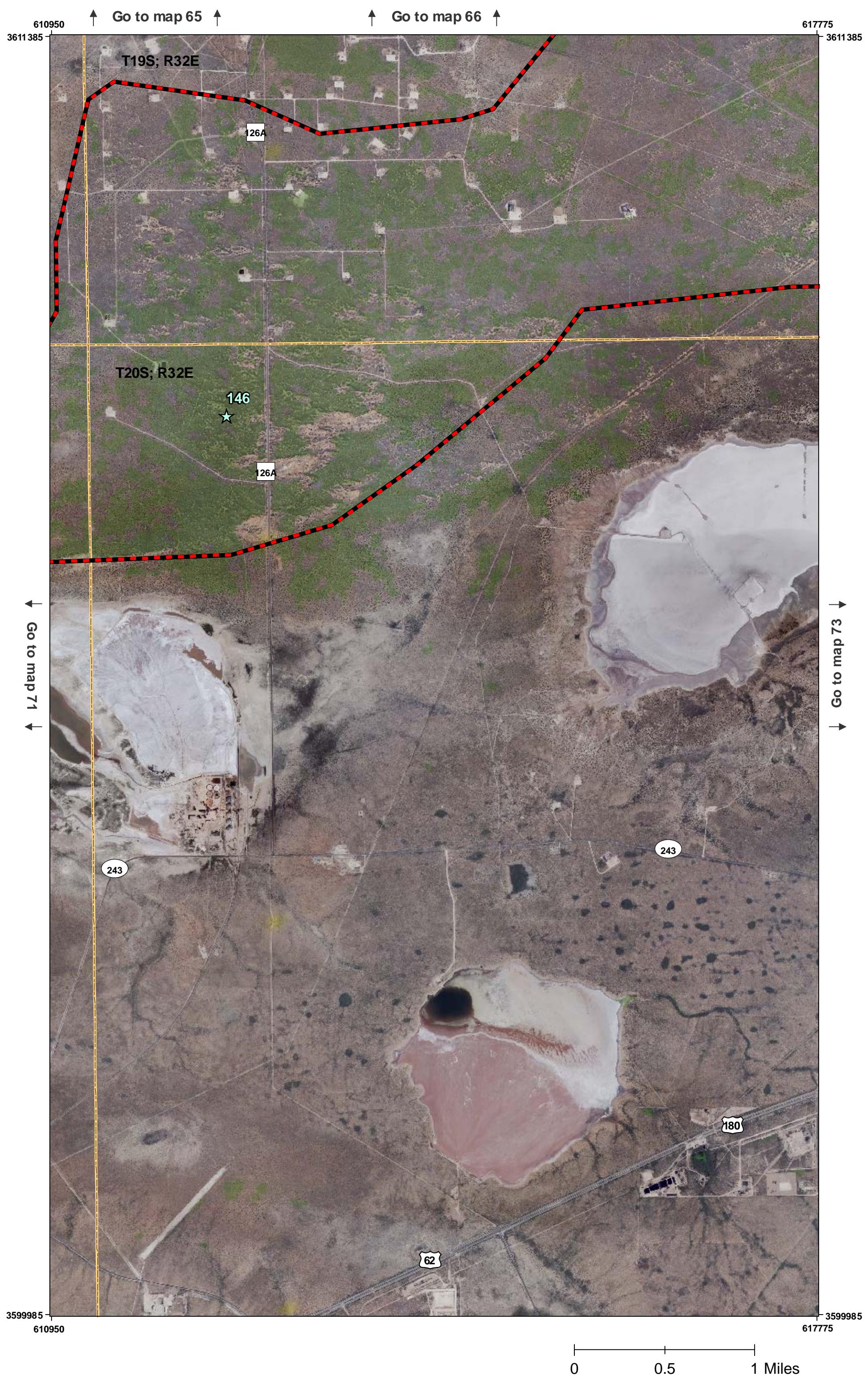


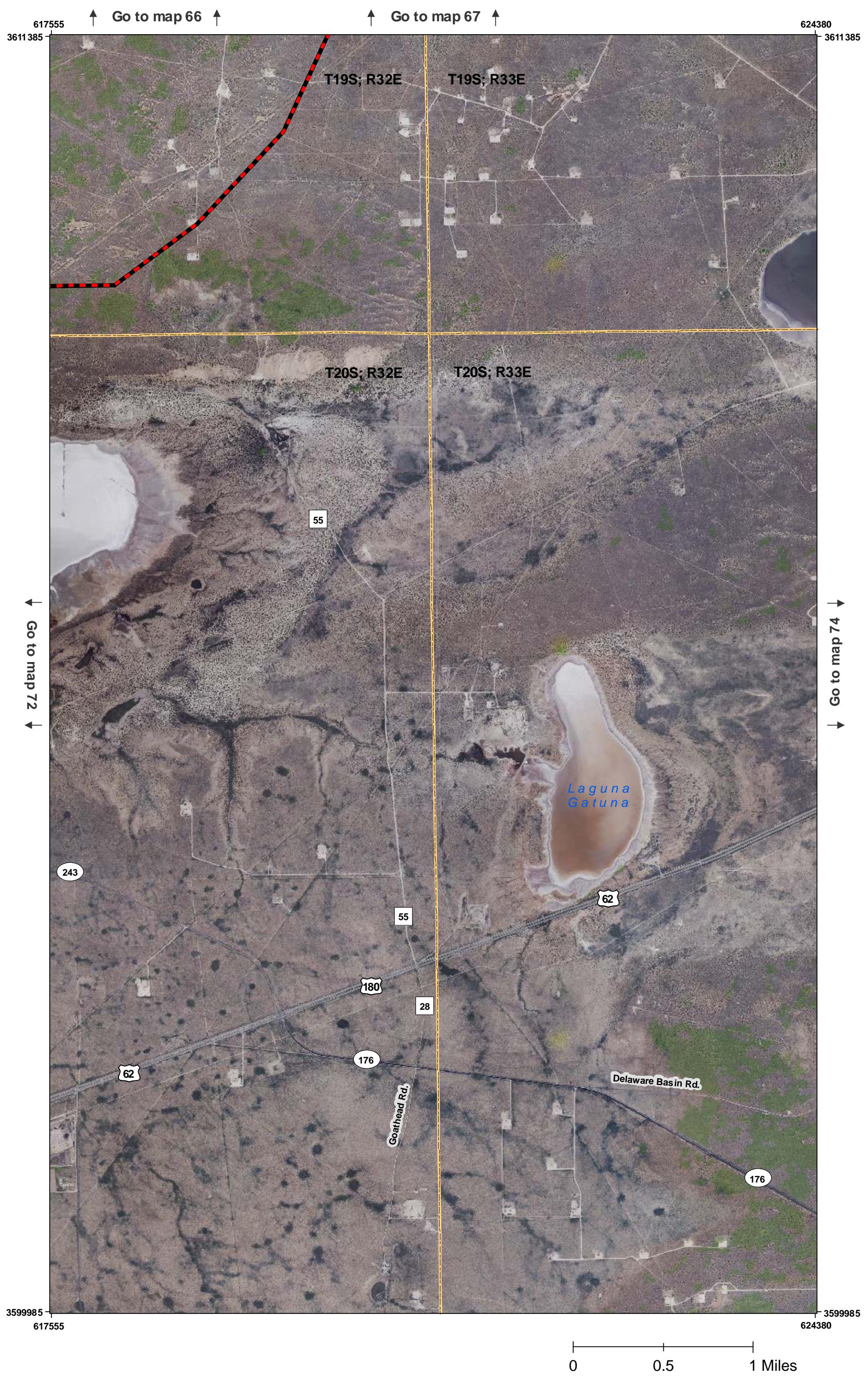


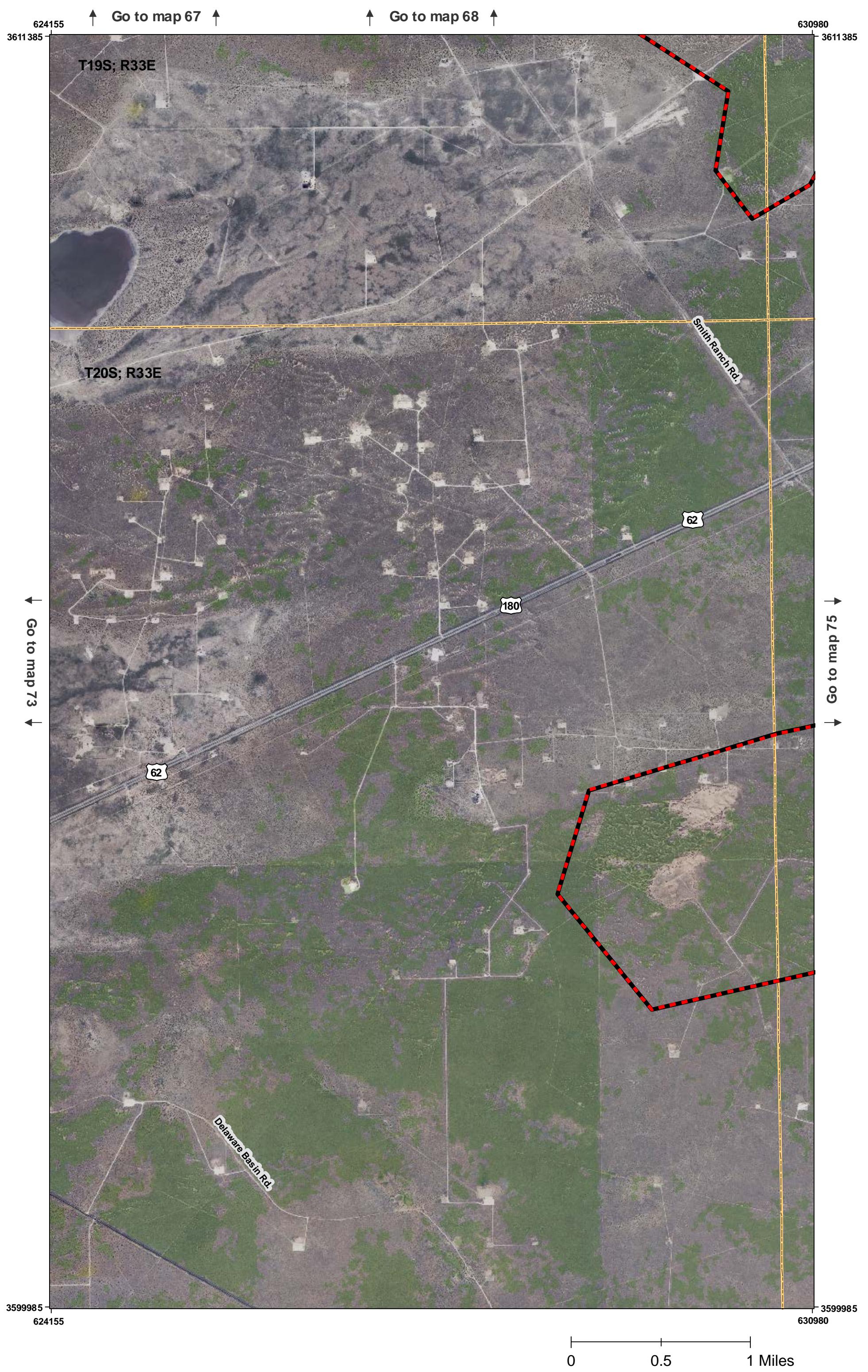


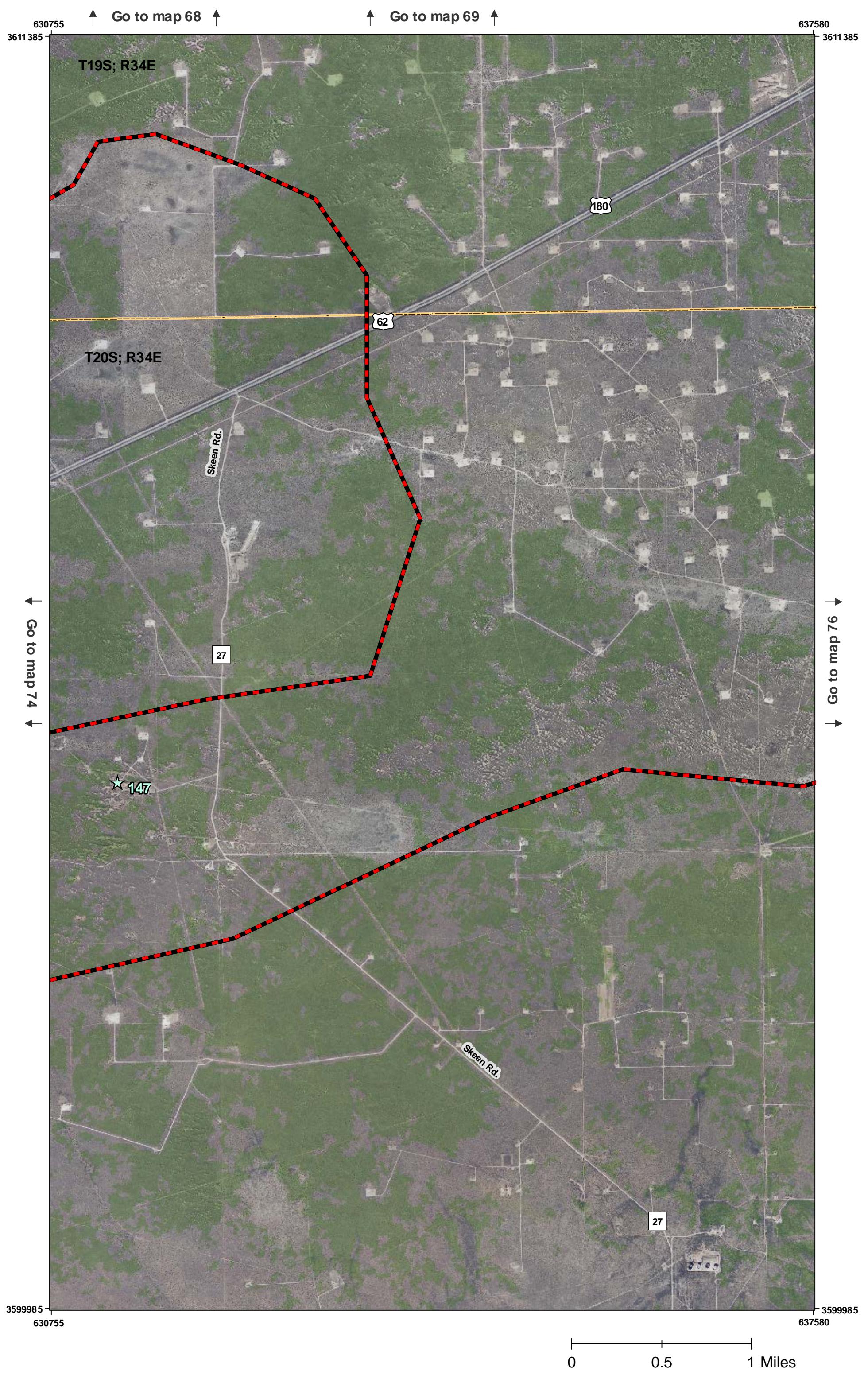


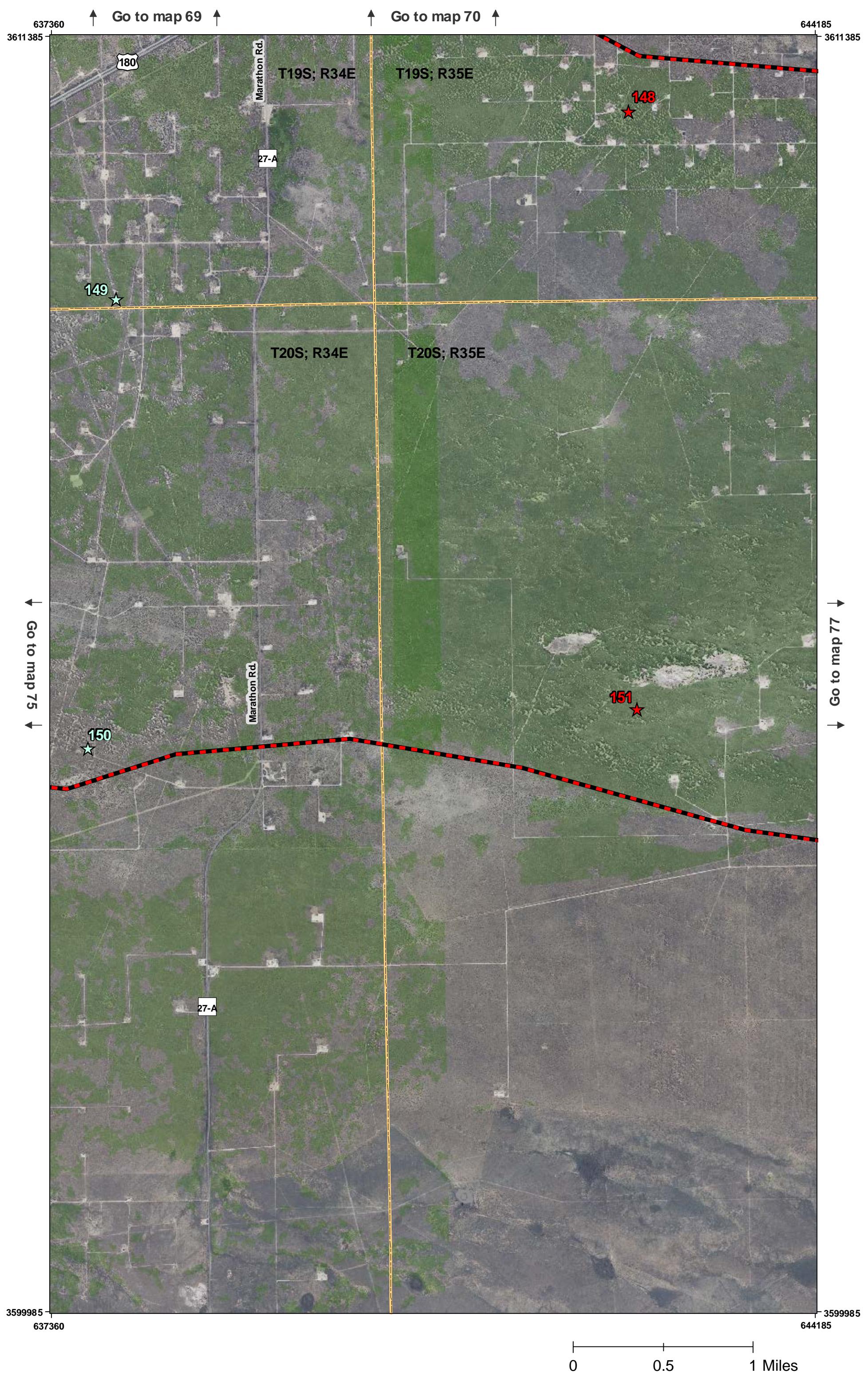


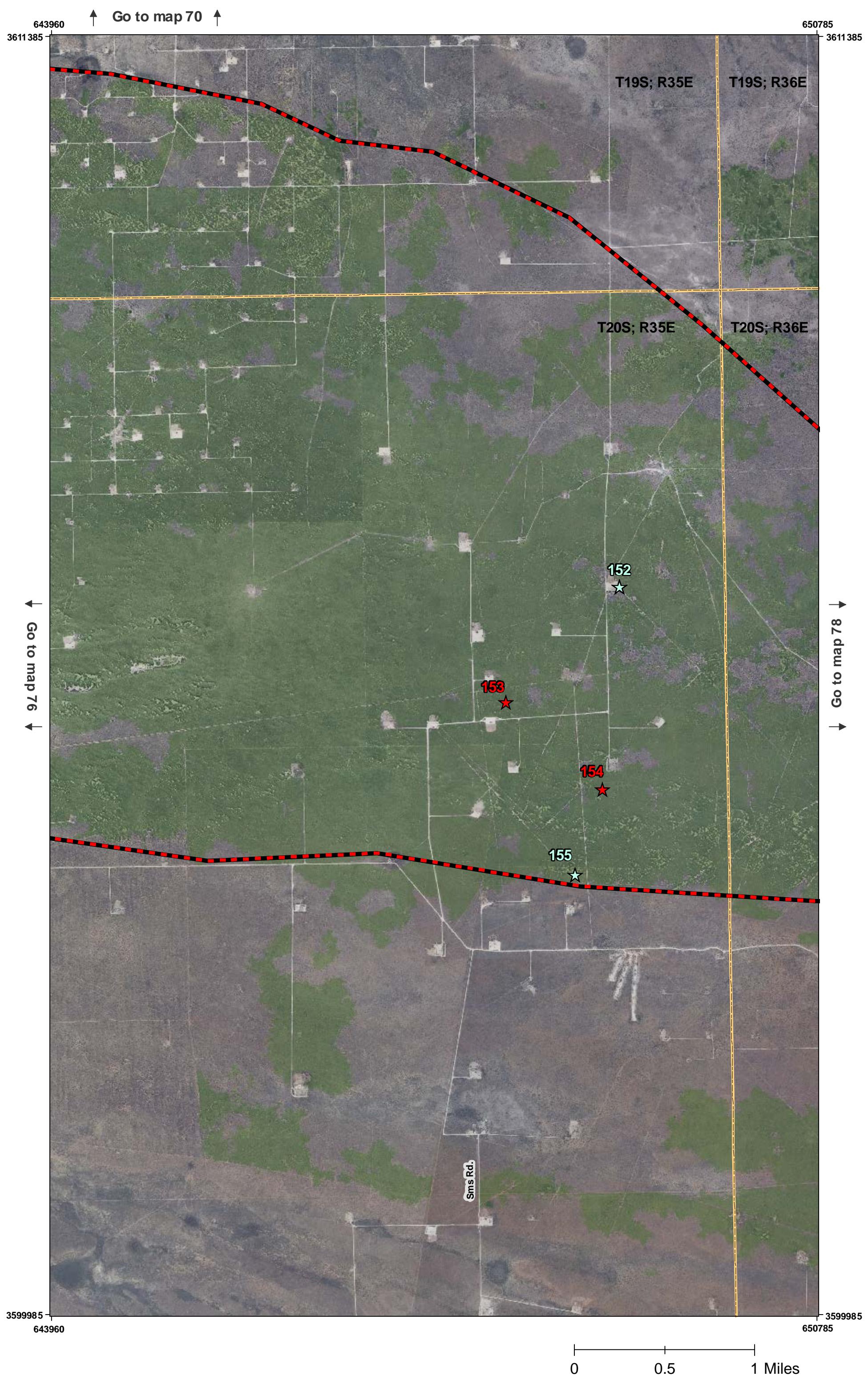


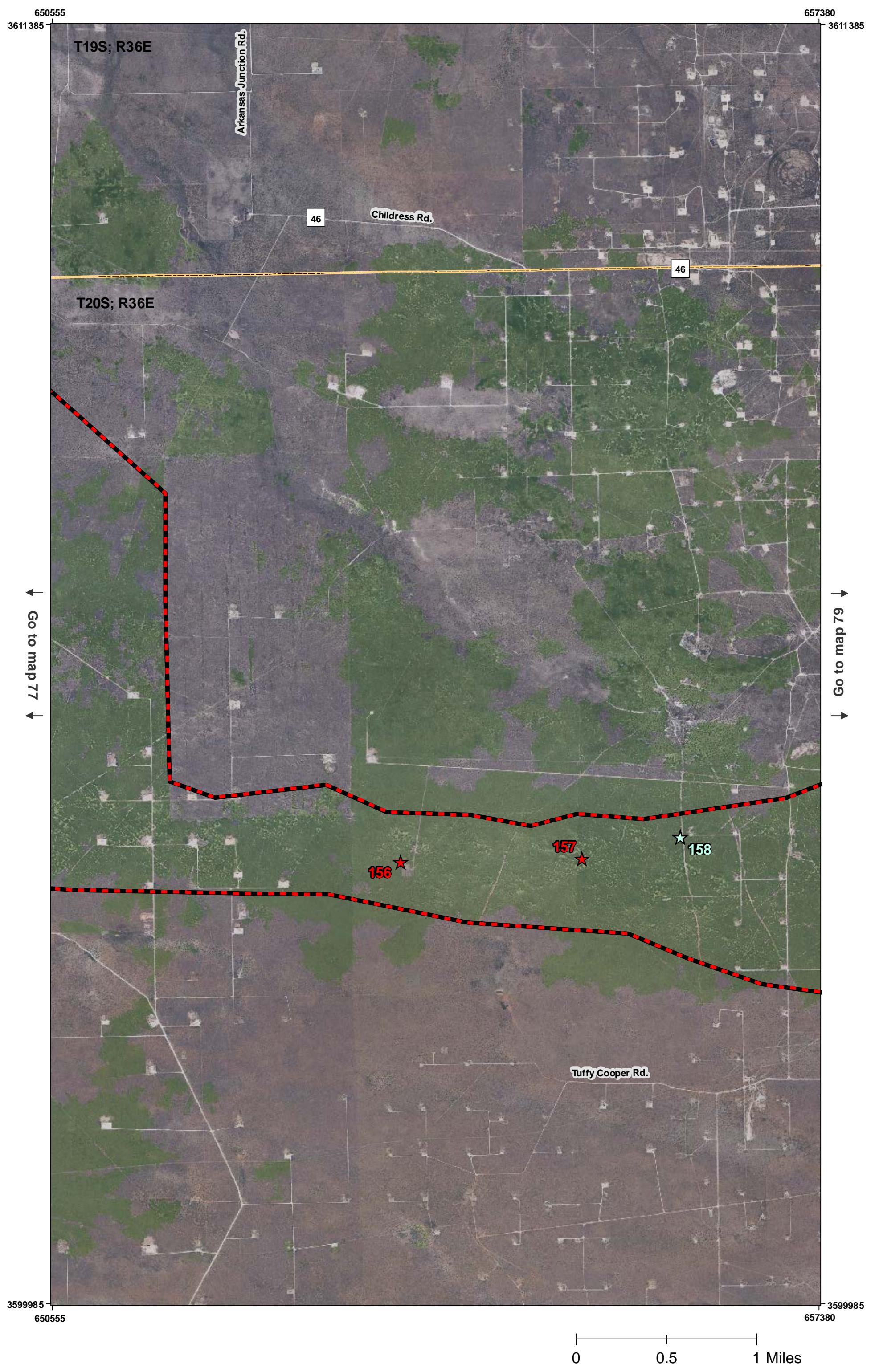


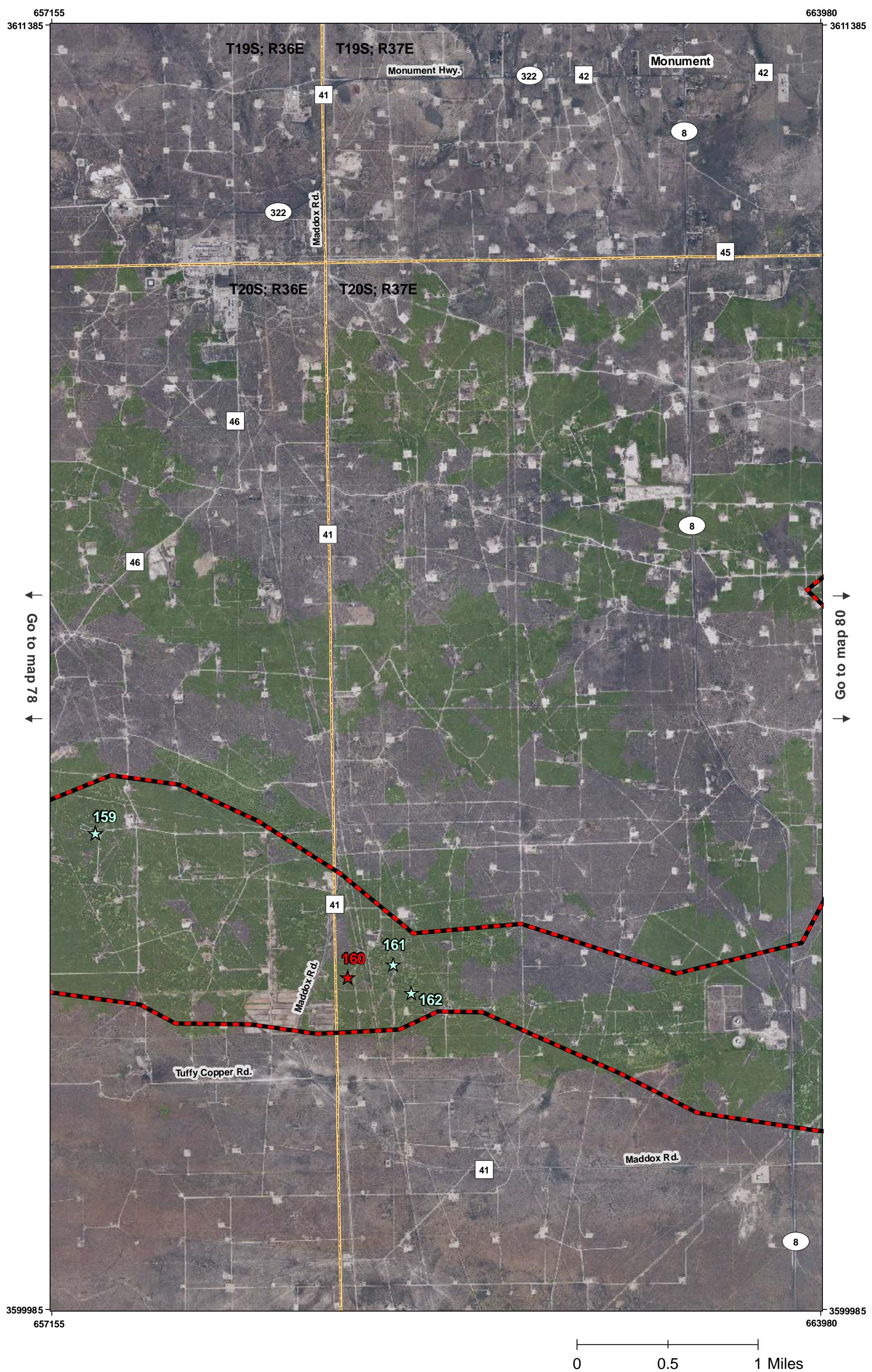


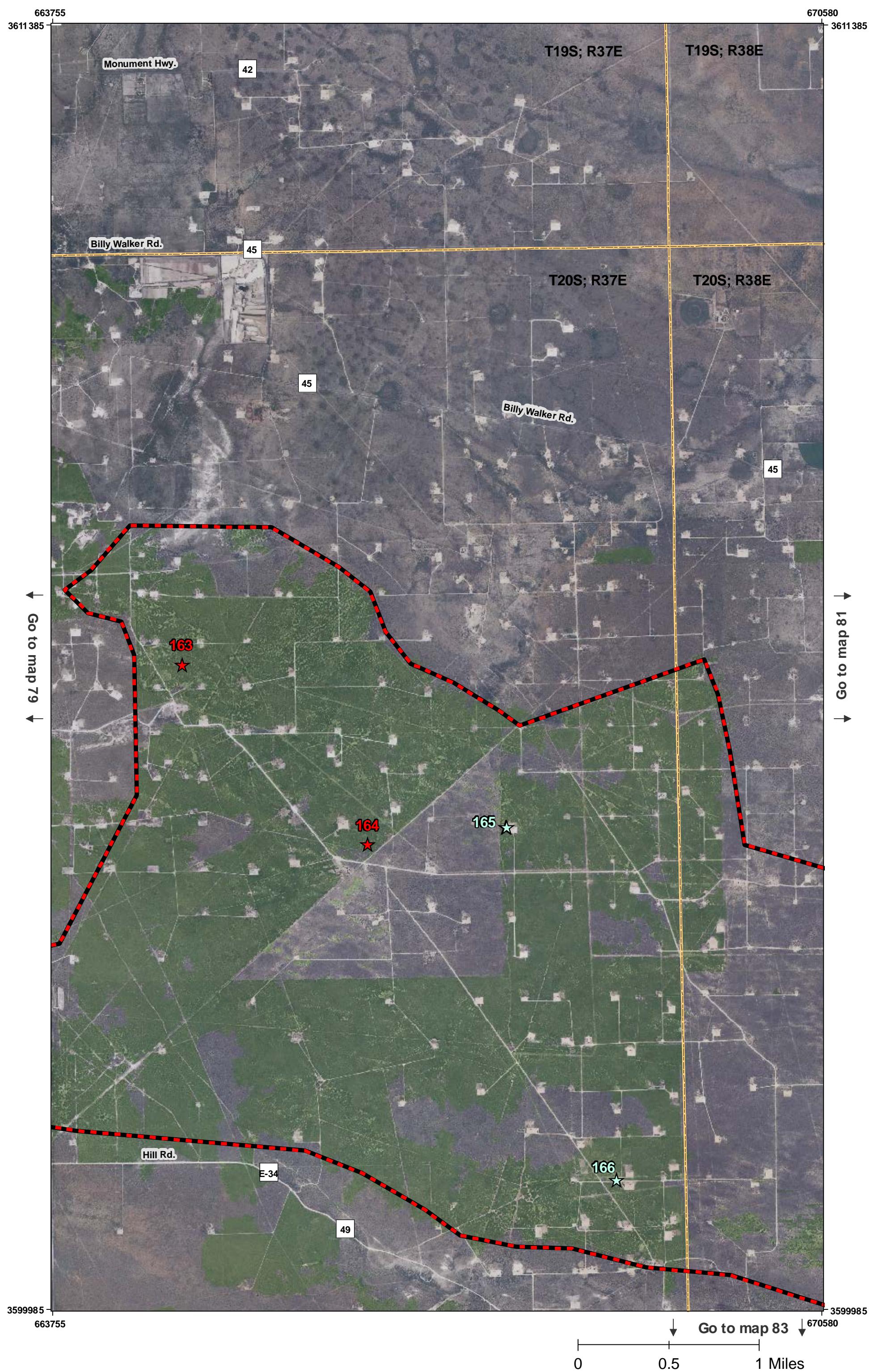




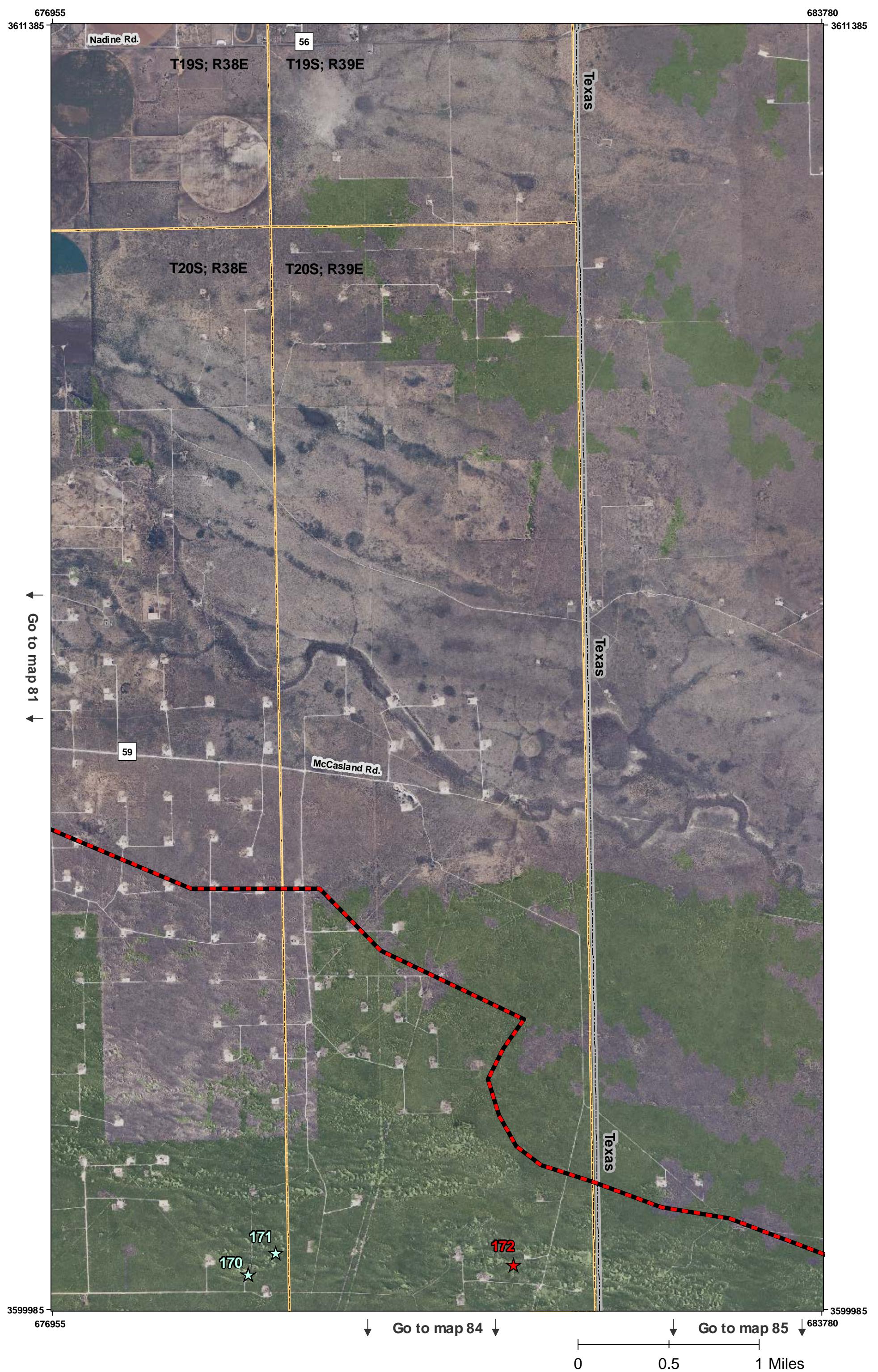


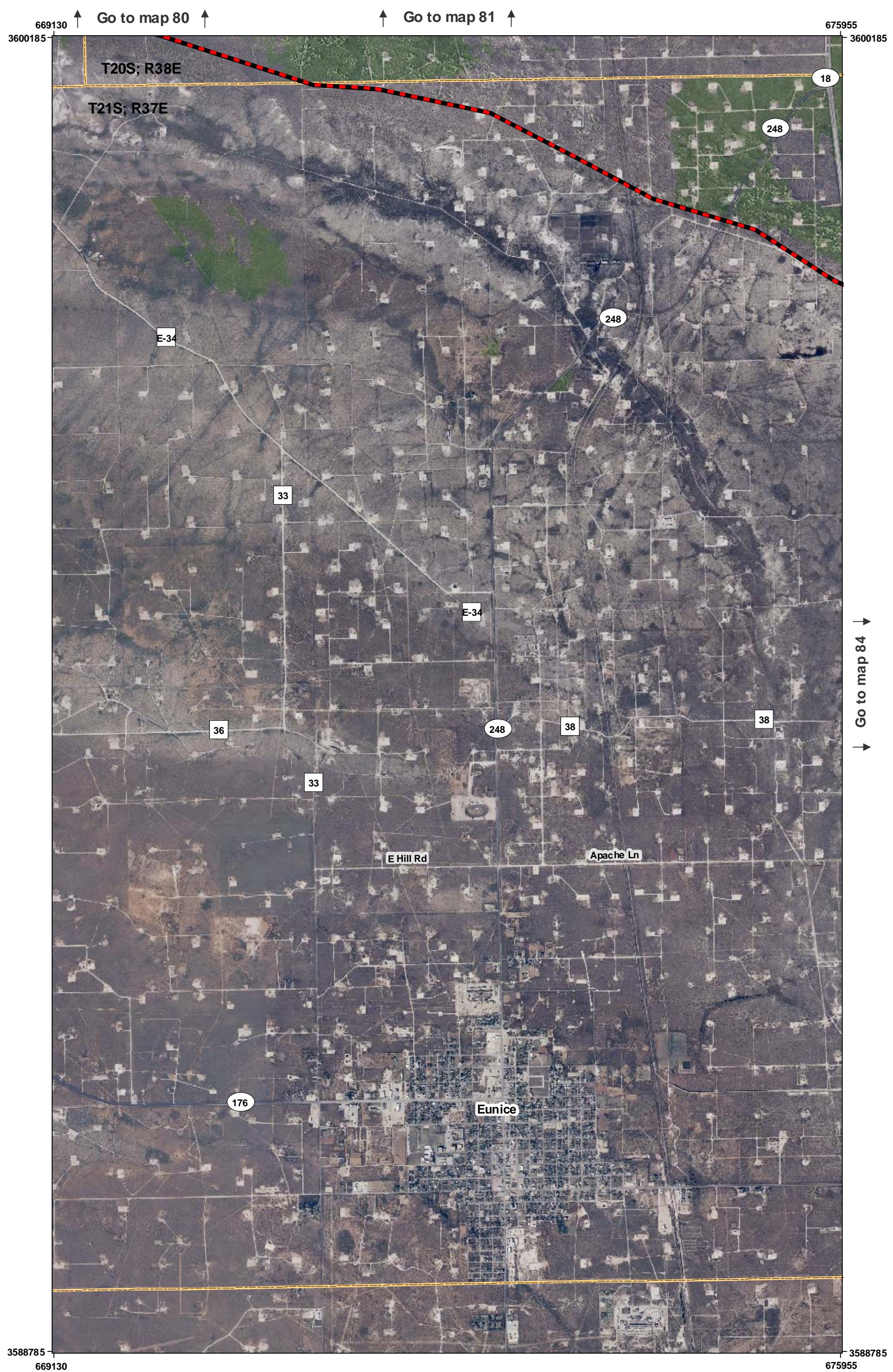




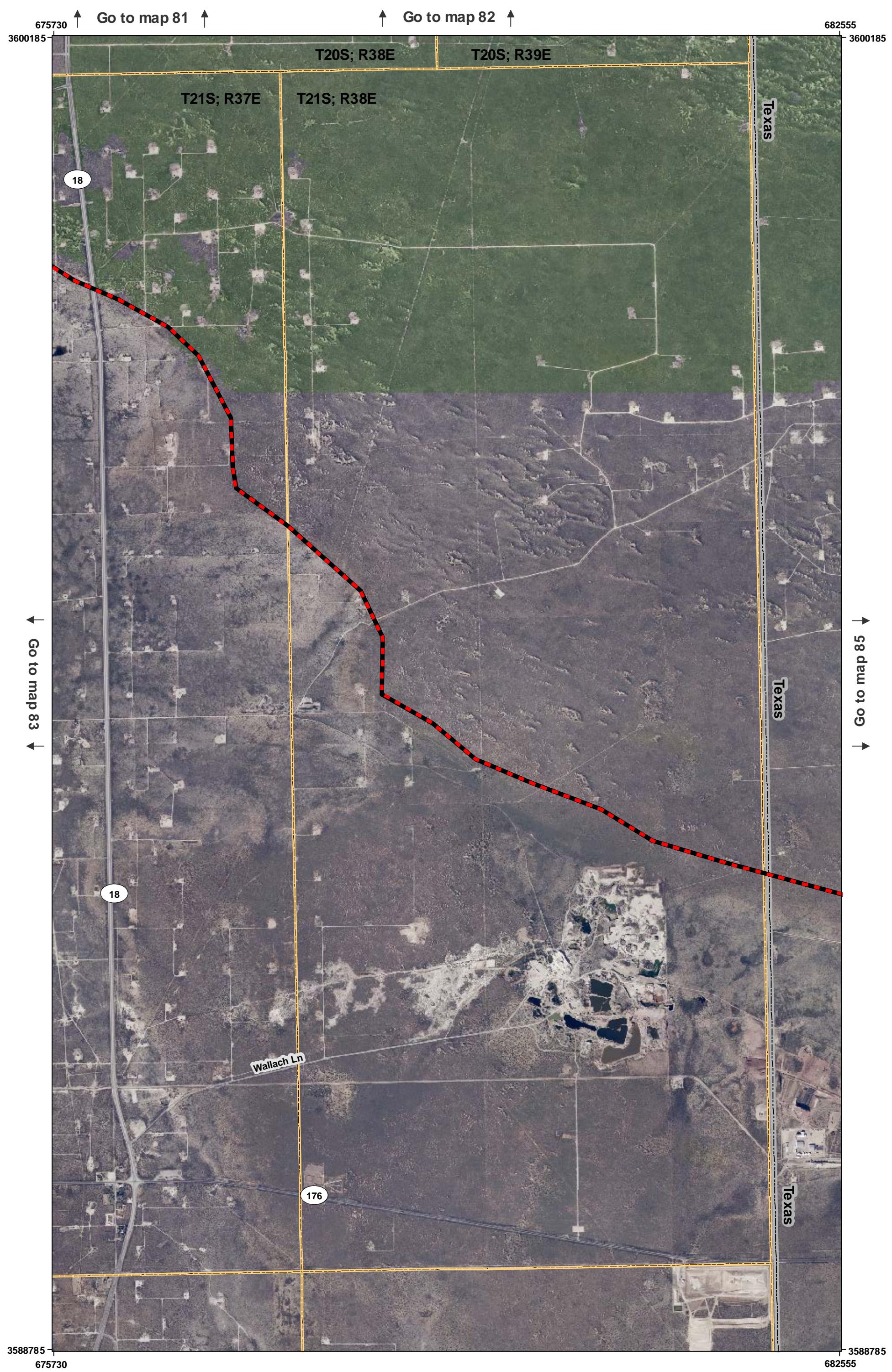








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## Appendix

Coordinates and specimen information are shown for each numbered locality on the maps. Multiple specimens exist for some localities. Separate line entries show different years specimens were collected at the same locality. The natural history collection (museum) where specimens are deposited is indicated by its symbolic code, "MSB" for Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico and "TCWC" for Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection, Texas A&M University. In a few cases collection catalog numbers have not been assigned to specimens recently collected; these are indicated by "TBC" (waiting to be catalogued).

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