

Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC)

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Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Fallon Range Training Complex

Agenda

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023

1:00 p.m. PDT

Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the

Fallon Convention Center

100 Campus Way

Fallon, NV 89406

This meeting will be held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023.

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13. Adjourn

Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Fallon Range Training Complex

Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023

2:00 p.m. PDT

Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the

Bureau of Land Management Carson City District Office

5665 Morgan Mill Road

Carson City, NV 89701

This meeting will be held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023.

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Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) Elected Positions				
Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Nevada Department of Agriculture	Chair J.J. Goicoechea (elected at this meeting)		√	
Churchill County	Vice-Chair Bus Scharmann	√		
IEC Members				
Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Navy, Naval Air Station Fallon	Captain Shane Tanner	√		
Navy, Naval Air Station Fallon	Commander Dan Muller	√		
Bureau of Land Management	Jon Raby, State Director	√		
Bureau of Land Management	Kim Dow, District Manager	√		
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Colleen LaBelle, Superintendent			√
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Sean Woster, Regional Archaeologist			√
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Alan Jenne, Director			√
Nevada Department of Wildlife	Matt Maples, Habitat Division, Wildlife Staff Specialist	√		
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	James Settlemeyer, Director			√
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director	√		
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Scott Carey, State Lands Planner	√		
Nevada Department of Agriculture	J.J. Goicoechea, Director		√	
Nevada Department of Agriculture	Doug Farris, Division Administrator			√
Nevada Division of Minerals	Mike Visser, Administrator	√		
Nevada Division of Minerals	Rob Ghiglieri			√
Churchill County	Bus Scharmann, Commissioner	√		
Churchill County	Jim Barbee, County Manager	√		
Lyon County	Scott Keller, Commissioner		√	
Lyon County	Andrew Haskin, County Manager		√	
Mineral County	Cassie Hall, Commissioner		√	
Pershing County	Shayla Hudson, Commissioner			√
Pershing County	Carol Shank, Commissioner			√
Nye County	Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner (1069)		√	
Nye County	Lorinda Wichman, Natural Resources Director			
Eureka County	Rich McKay, Commissioner			√

Eureka County	Jake Tibbitts, Natural Resources Manager		√	
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	Cathi Tuni, Chairwoman	√		
Walker River Paiute Tribe	Olen McCleod, Tribal Chairman		√	
Walker River Paiute Tribe	Elveda Martinez, Water Resources Coordinator		√	
Yomba Shoshone Tribe	Darryl Brady, Chairman			√
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	James Phoenix, Chairman			√
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Debbie George, Chairwoman			√
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Warren Graham, Tribal Chairman and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer			√
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Debbie O'Neil, Vice-Chairwoman			√
Battle Mountain Band Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Clorinda Guzman, Chair			√
Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Danena Ike, Chairwoman			√
Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Leah Brady, Council Member		√	
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes	Arlo Crutcher, Chairman			√
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman			√
South Fork Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Duane Garcia, Chairman			√
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Serrell Smokey, Chairman			√
Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Harvey Healy, Chairman			√
Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Andrea Wood, Vice Chairwoman			√
Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada	Judy Rojo, Chairwoman			√
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman		√	
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe	Nedra Crane, Vice-Chairwoman			√
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Joseph Holley, Chairman			√
Yerington Paiute Tribe	Elwood Emm, Chairman			√

IEC Liaisons and Support

Government/Agency	Name	In Person	Zoom	Not Present
Naval Air Station Fallon	Toni Burton, Tribal Coordinator	√		
Naval Air Station Fallon	Robin Schofield, Community Planning and Liaison Officer	√		
Bureau of Land Management	Melanie Hornsby, Support	√		
ManTech	Allison Turner, Moderator	√		

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call of Committee Members

- Mr. Bus Scharmann, Churchill County, opened the meeting and introduced himself as Vice-Chair.
- Ms. Toni Burton, IEC Liaison, called roll. The list of attendees/absentees is above.

2. Verification of Agenda Posting

- The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241.020.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Captain Shane Tanner, Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, motioned to delay the recurring updates for natural resources, cultural resources, and tribal engagement from the agenda, to allow more time and discussion for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Navy updates on implementation strategy. Discussion of implementation strategy was requested by the IEC at the January meeting, and BLM and the Navy have prepared presentations to address the request.
- Vice-Chair Scharmann summarized the motion to strike the natural resources, cultural resources, and tribal engagement updates from the April agenda and called for the approval the amended agenda. Mr. Jon Raby, BLM, seconded the motion. IEC members voted to approve the agenda by consensus voice vote; the motion passed with no dissent or abstentions.

4. Public Comment – Three minutes maximum per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item.

- Mr. Jim Lee of Minden, an instructor pilot and member of 10 different flying organizations, expressed concern that airspace issues were not a topic in past IEC meetings, and that this topic was brought up in the last meeting during public comments. He noted that he would like to know more about airspace changes, in particular Restricted Area 4805 that will expand airspace south out of Fallon down past Gabbs. He stated pilots are curious as to when this will be implemented. He expressed hope that it could be addressed at this meeting even though not on the agenda. Captain Tanner responded that the topic could be integrated into the next implementation update and added to the agenda for the next IEC meeting.
- The meeting moderator, Ms. Allison Turner, opened the public comment period to attendees via Zoom and reviewed the instructions for providing comments. She noted that there would be a second opportunity for public comment on the content of the meeting.
- No additional public comments were received and the public comment period was closed.

5. New/Old Business

- *Election of Chair of FRTC IEC.* A motion was made by Mr. Jake Tibbitts, Eureka County, and seconded by Vice-Chair Scharmann, to nominate Director J.J. Goicoechea, Nevada Department of Agriculture, for the position of IEC Chair. Captain Tanner nominated Chairwoman Cathi Tuni, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, to serve as Chair; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Raby. The nomination was voted on by secret ballot (one per organization, via card for in-person attendees and via chat for Zoom attendees), with votes totaling eight for Director Goicoechea and five for Chairwoman Tuni. Newly elected Chair Goicoechea opted to allow Vice-Chair Scharmann to

continue in his role leading the current meeting, and will assume his role as Chair for the next meeting.

- *Discussion/Possible Action: Public Comment/Q&A Session.* Ms. Robin Schofield, IEC Liaison, relaying a suggestion made to IEC Admin, proposed to (1) have the last public comment period of IEC meetings revised to a Q&A session, keeping the three-minute time limit per comment or question, and (2) limit the session time limit to 30 minutes, with comments or questions beyond that time period submitted in writing for discussion at the next meeting. This would go into effect at the next IEC meeting.
 - Captain Tanner and Vice-Chair Scharmann clarified that this format would offer both real-time responses to questions and, for those questions that could not be readily answered, would be noted for the next meeting. Vice-Chair Scharmann entertained a motion to approve, Captain Tanner seconded the motion, and IEC members provided consensus voice vote, with no dissent or abstentions.
- *Amendments to IEC Documents.* Ms. Schofield noted that IEC Admin will have the amendments to IEC documents ready for the next meeting. Vice-Chair Scharmann confirmed this would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Jan. 24, 2023

- Captain Tanner motioned to approve the April meeting minutes; Mr. Raby seconded the motion. IEC members voted to approve the meeting minutes by consensus voice vote; the motion passed with no dissent or abstentions.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: BLM Update – Implementation Strategy

- Mr. Raby expressed appreciation for the meeting that was recently held at NAS Fallon and introduced Ms. Melanie Hornsby, the BLM liaison to NAS Fallon, who would present an update of BLM actions in relation to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Mr. Raby stated that the overall intent is to have pragmatic solutions to issues and to work with other entities where the BLM has discretion to do so.
- Ms. Hornsby, Planning and Environmental Coordinator and Military Liaison in the Stillwater Field Office of BLM, presented on five topics and associated geographical depictions.
 - *Special Designations, Wilderness Areas, and Wilderness Study Areas Released.* There are three special designations under the NDAA: (1) Numu Newe Special Management Area, (2) Numunaa Nobe National Conservation Area (NCA), and (3) Pistone-Black Mountain NCA.
 - The NDAA legislation specifies that BLM must protect, conserve, and enhance the nationally important (a) natural, cultural, and scenic resources of the Nunu Newe and Numunaa Nobe areas, and (b) historic, cultural, archaeological, natural, and educational resources of the Pistone site on Black Mountain.
 - Three wilderness areas (WAs) were also established by the NDAA: Clan-Alpine WA (128,362 acres), Desatoya Mountains WA (40,303 acres), and Cain Mountain WA (14,030 acres).
 - Management plans are currently being developed and any actions taken will be subject to valid existing rights.
 - Any remaining lands that were not designated as WAs were released. The Wilderness Study Areas that were released (located in Churchill, Lander, and Pershing counties) will be managed consistent with the BLM's Resource

Management Plan. There were also Wilderness Study Areas in Lander County and Pershing County were released from being Wilderness Study Areas.

- *Livestock Grazing.* The NDAA required grazing allotment permit modifications in the expanded bombing ranges. BLM will work with the Navy and grazing permittees to maintain current grazing operations until bombing ranges are closed to livestock grazing, with a minimum two-year notice to permittees prior to closures. When the Navy is ready to close a bombing range, BLM will sign a decision record that closes the portion of the allotment affected by the NDAA. If the Navy is not ready for closure beyond the end of the two-year notification period, the permittee can continue to graze until BLM issues a decision.
- *Mining Claims.* The Navy will notify mining claimants within the expanded bombing ranges. BLM is encouraging claimants with questions to coordinate with the Carson City District.
- *Tribal Cultural Resources.* BLM is a signatory for the Tribal Access Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which affirms procedures to ensure 13 federally recognized Tribes can access land within the FRTC bombing ranges. The NDAA specified two areas of land to be held in trust, the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Trust Lands (10,000 acres) and the Walker River Paiute Trust Lands (8,170 acres). The latter is spread between three areas (Fernley East Parcels, Silver Springs Parcel, and Walker Lake Parcel). Ms. Elveda Martinez, Walker River Paiute Tribe, noted that their Tribe did not receive the Silver Springs Parcel as part of the trust lands. BLM will validate the information they have with the information in the NDAA to confirm the status of that parcel; it could potentially be a mapping error.
- *Realty Actions.* An overview map of all NDAA actions was presented, illustrating the realty actions that are being worked on by the cadastral and realty teams within BLM. There are two major road realignments, a pipeline relocation, the Checkerboard Resolution Area, withdraw and reservation of public lands, and land exchanges and conveyances. For the latter, the NDAA says the Navy would coordinate with the Department of the Interior, which may be BLM, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- *Summary.* Mr. Raby noted that these were the main components at the very early phases of implementation and recognized that there are a lot of details regarding components such as the Checkerboard Consolidation and other Navy transfers, but this presentation is focused on the immediate areas of importance.
- *Question & Answer.*
 - Mr. Mike Visher, Nevada Division of Minerals, asked if the shape files for the realty action were available. Ms. Hornsby responded that they are working with Navy Cadastral to make the files available to the public.
 - The roads to be realigned were discussed using the overview map. Lone Tree and Sand Canyon roads, State Route 361, the area from Middlegate to Gabbs (approximately 15 miles, traffic studies are underway), and Pole Line Road were discussed. BLM is serving as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead for the road in the southwest area of FRTC and Pole Line Road.
 - Ms. Martinez asked if WAs would be fenced; Mr. Raby said they are not typically fenced off unless there is a compelling reason to do so, and that survey boundaries will designate perimeters in future. Mr. Raby stated that he is not aware of any compelling reasons to fence off the WAs in question. In the interim, mapping and ground features will be used to for boundaries.

- Ms. Hornsby clarified that the bombing areas would be fenced off once all the required actions are completed (e.g., road realignments) and prior to being operational. Captain Tanner stated, to be clear, that the ranges would not be active until all obligations, as detailed in the NDAA, are complete.
- Mr. Visser asked about the timeframe and public outreach for the management plans for the conservation areas and special management areas. Mr. Raby noted that there would be management plans specific to the areas, and possibly interim management plans, and that, unless he hears a need to keep them separate, they would also be part of the State-wide effort.
- Chair Goicoechea asked if, at the end of a two-year closure notice for grazing, roads had not been realigned or other components were not completed, what would be done. Committee members discussed other potential scenarios; Mr. Raby responded that he didn't have that answer as it would depend on the specifics of the circumstance and did not want to speculate.
- The focus of discussion was brought back to meeting the obligations and timeframes set forth in the NDAA. Mr. Raby reiterated that BLM is looking for pragmatic solutions and noted that the intention is to allow appropriate uses such as grazing to continue within the construct of the NDAA.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update

- Captain Tanner noted that, since the NDAA passed, the Navy has worked to satisfy the immediate obligations as outlined in the NDAA. The compensation package is complete for Churchill County, is awaiting confirmation for the Walker River compensation package, and is in the final stages of transferring the package to the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.
- The second obligation is the Tribal Access Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Captain Tanner recognized Chairwoman Tuni for her extraordinary leadership in supporting the Navy in coordinating with the 13 federally recognized Tribes, providing input and feedback on what the MOA should look like, and personally thanked her for her hard work. He looks forward to the consolidated feedback from the Tribes on the MOA and working together on the next steps.
- The Navy hosted a Native American Small Business Training in Fallon to facilitate small business involvement with projects associated with the modernization effort. Captain Tanner thanked Ms. Burton for setting up the training, described it as a resounding success, and plans to offer it again due to the economic value to the local community. The next training session is likely to be this Fall.
- The Undersecretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy Installations and Environment, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Mission Readiness visited NAS Fallon for a series of engagements with Walker, Fallon, and Washoe Tribal leadership, and City of Fallon and Churchill County leadership. Senior Navy leadership left with a comprehensive understanding of Tribal, city, and county concerns related to modernization.
- At the last IEC meeting, the resounding question after the legislation was passed was "What's next?" Ms. Liz Barris and Mr. Kobe Hertzog from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Southwest prepared a presentation in response to that question.
- Ms. Barris, the FRTC Modernization Program Manager, introduced herself and noted that her role is to secure the funding for modernization plans and the people that are managing natural resources, cultural resources, and engineering, making sure to meet milestones and commitments to get ranges operational and to continue to inform stakeholders. Mr. Herzog is a new member of the team and is a scheduler.

- The presentation was organized into three main areas: (1) Timeline Overview, (2) General Execution Approach by Location (including the Dixie Valley Training Area, B-16, B-17, and B-20), and (3) More Information. A bar chart, organized by range and showing fiscal years (FYs) of implementation (from FY23 to FY31), with a yellow line indicating where each range implementation is on the FY timeline, was shown. Under each range were implementation components (e.g., modification of grazing allotments, cultural resource surveys) and a bar indicating the planned FYs of implementation (both planning and construction) from start to projected completion. As an added note, the bars associated with modifications of grazing allotments indicate when the Navy would assume control of allotments or fencing may be erected (actual payments may occur later). The timeline represents what is known currently by the Navy and is subject to change.
 - *Timeline Overview:*
 - *Dixie Valley Training Area.* At Dixie Valley, the task is to purchase non-federal land, with an expected start in FY23 and completion in FY25.
 - *B-16.* Modification of grazing allotments, applicable to the three ranges, will commence with B-16 and have an anticipated completion in 2025. Payments to mining claim holders, Lone Tree Road improvements, and Sand Canyon Road relocation is also planned within this timeline. The B-16 boundary survey is currently in progress to put up the fence.
 - *B-17.* B-17 is more complicated with longer timelines, with the relocation of State Route 361 (an alternatives analysis study is underway) and the Great Basin Pipeline relocation (27 miles), payment to mining claim holders, cultural resource surveys (underway), and purchase of non-federal land. There are also private lands associated in the area affected by the NDAA.
 - *Subtopic: NEPA and Fencing.* The Navy is funding the NEPA efforts and construction associated with the relocations; fences would not be constructed until completion of actions listed in the timeline (and above). Captain Tanner clarified that, as funds become available, they may be spent on fences, and fences will be constructed as small requirements have been met. Ms. Barris noted that funding for building the B-16 fence has been appropriated, as has approximately half of the funding for B-16 grazing allotment payments. Ms. Barris noted that approximately 230 miles of fence will ultimately be installed.
 - *B-20.* The relocation of Pole Line Road and the Checkerboard Resolution Area (with private lands) are implementation components of Range B-20, and the former is expected to receive funding last.
 - *General Execution Approach:*
 - *Dixie Valley.* Additional land withdrawal at Dixie Valley Training Area totals 245K acres. The area will remain fenced, with approximately 2.3K acres of non-federal land purchased, along with associated water rights.
 - *B-16.* Cultural resource surveys have been completed and will help guide the perimeter fence location. Grazing and mining modifications and payments are planned, along with widening and improving Lone Tree Road and relocating Sand Canyon Road.

- *B-17.* Cultural resource surveys are underway, and the work plan is approved and starting. Also included is the rerouting of State Route 361, the relocation of the Great Basin Pipeline, and the implementation of the Hunt Program.
 - The rerouting/relocation projects for State Route 361 and the Great Basin Pipeline and associated NEPA efforts are planned, and grazing and mining modifications and payments are part of the expansion. The SR 361 relocation would include 15 miles or more, depending on the Nevada Department of Transportation's decisions on rerouting. Mr. Visser recommended that any additional mining claims be looked at once the rerouting alternatives are determined (as that may affect payment timing), and a general discussion of the timing of funding and appropriations ensued. Ms. Barris differentiated between the nominal mining payments for unvalidated mining claims and the validated mining claims associated with private lands, and made a note to obtain more information related to the mining payments. Mr. Visser reiterated the general concept that, depending on the location of the rerouting, it may affect the Navy's planning and appropriations. Captain Tanner has added this to the Navy's action item list.
- *B-20.* BLM will lead the NEPA process for the relocation of Pole Line Road, and the county will be the lead for the construction project. The county will also be the lead for the construction project for Sand Canyon Road. Timelines, in general, will be affected by these relocations. The Navy will be entering into associated real estate agreements and funding transfers.
 - *More Information.* There are natural resource, cultural resource, tribal engagement, and other commitments made, and these are listed on the website, which will be updated to include the Record of Decision commitments and the 23 NDAA commitments. There are also non-range-specific actions that the Navy brings to the area, such as natural and cultural resource groups.

9. Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting

- The Navy will include the recurring updates and add airspace discussion as requested.

10. Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held during the July 24–28 or July 31–August 4 timeframes. A Doodle Poll will be sent out for the members to vote for their preferred date and time. The next meeting will be held in Fallon.

11. Public Comment – Three minutes maximum per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item.

- Mr. Kurt Haukoil, Nevada Department of Aviation, shared that he had the opportunity to meet with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control as well as Seattle mapping groups, and obtained copy of the Wildland Fire Management Plan. He would like to see discussion of the fire management plan as an upcoming agenda item, noted that they share air assets with BLM Fire, and that the Navy only has a land fire group, called Fed Fire, for putting out fires on their base. He noted that the range areas contain potentially live ordnance and the way to put the fires out is with an air asset. They are encouraging the FAA, as well as the Navy, to purchase some fire buckets and air assets to put the fires out themselves, or at least cover their own areas, especially those that are fenced or not available to people other than

contractors. Mr. Haukohl stated the Wildland Fire Management Plan as well written and comprehensive but noted that it does not include purchase of a single bucket or aircraft that could respond to an initial fire air attack.

- From Zoom, Mr. Bob Clifford asked where maps can be accessed that include legends and if the roads to the Shoal site would still be open. Ms. Schofield answered that the FRTC modernization maps are on the FRTC website (under the IEC tab, meeting package) and the legends should be on those maps. For the second question, Captain Tanner responded that the roads to the Shoal site will remain open.
- From the Zoom chat, Mr. Rob Bastien asked if the public would be allowed access the withdrawn land (primarily related to B-17) during the construction phase and until the end of FY28 per the timeline, until all NDAA obligations are addressed. Mr. Raby answered that, yes, the areas would be open but during construction there would be limited access. He added that questions with a certain level of specificity are probably better suited for a written response.
- Mr. John Powell asked if there was a mechanism for submitting questions to the IEC. Ms. Schofield replied that questions could be emailed to IEC Admin (Ms. Burton or herself), and that they are working on a channel for submitting questions.
- Mr. Justin Snow, B-16 grazing permittee, asked how the building of the fences and timeline is going to work in relation to the payments to the permittees. He feels that permittees are in limbo and in need of answers. He stated that, if the two-year notice period ends and negotiations are still in progress, or BLM hasn't found replacement ranches, or compensation isn't settled, whatever the circumstance, the cows will still be there and wouldn't leave until the permittees have been dealt with. If fence construction is started before the end of the two years, gates would need to provide access for the cows so they can have access to their natural water spots. Mr. Snow added that funding will be needed to gather the more than 600 mustangs that are on B-16 and B-20. Captain Tanner noted that this question is important, one that needs to be considered, and a satisfying answer provided. Captain Tanner replied that he would like to register this question and questions like these so that the answers can be researched, tailored to individual circumstances, and presented at the next meeting.
- Mr. Rob Thomas, retiree, noted that the wild horse population in B-17 are going to need surveyed, identified, and rounded up, hopefully before the fencing is completed. He mentioned there is also a herd of longhorns, and actions to meet the two-year deadline need to occur sooner rather than later to allow time to find all the horses and cows and relocate them.
- Mr. Scott Keller, Lyon County, requested an update on the Silver Springs parcels and a corrected map if needed. Ms. Turner responded that this was noted as an action item for BLM.

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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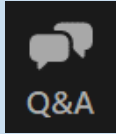
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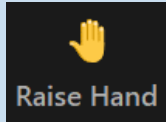
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- 3-minute maximum per person
- Be courteous and respectful!
- The Committee reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment.

New/Old Business

- Website/Point of Contact Update

Approve April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes are included in FRTC IEC meeting package
- One addition to IEC staff/support list (BLM)

SR 361 Relocation – Alignment Alternative Development Study

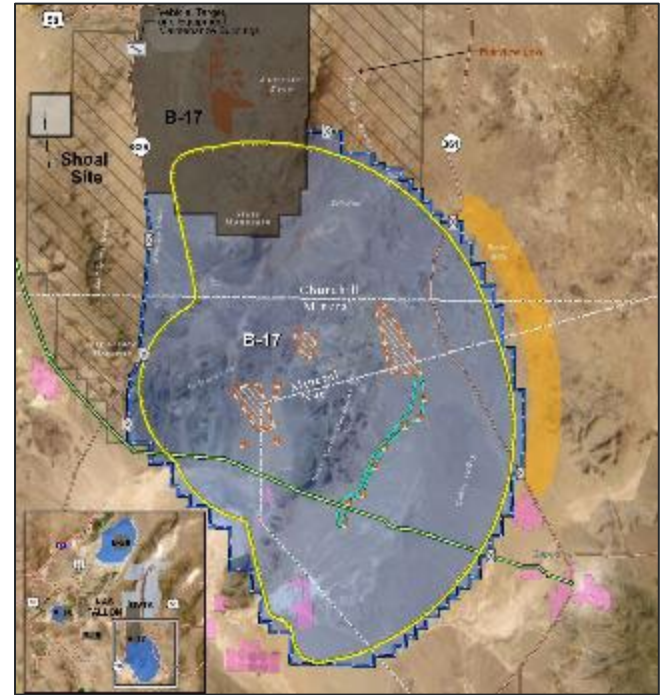
Public Information Meeting



July 18, 2023

What is the SR 361 Realignment Project?

- Realignment of approximately 13 miles of SR 361 between Middlegate and Gabbs
- Required due to the US Navy's Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization
 - B-17 range expansion conflicts with existing SR 361
 - Environmental review completed March 12, 2020
 - In 2023, National Defense Authorization Act authorized funding and authority for the base modernization
- Website: <https://frtcmodernization.com/>
- Contact: Robin Schofield NASF Community Planning and Liaison Officer
 - robin.m.schofield2.civ@us.navy.mil



Map as shown in the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement – January 2020 – Subject to Change

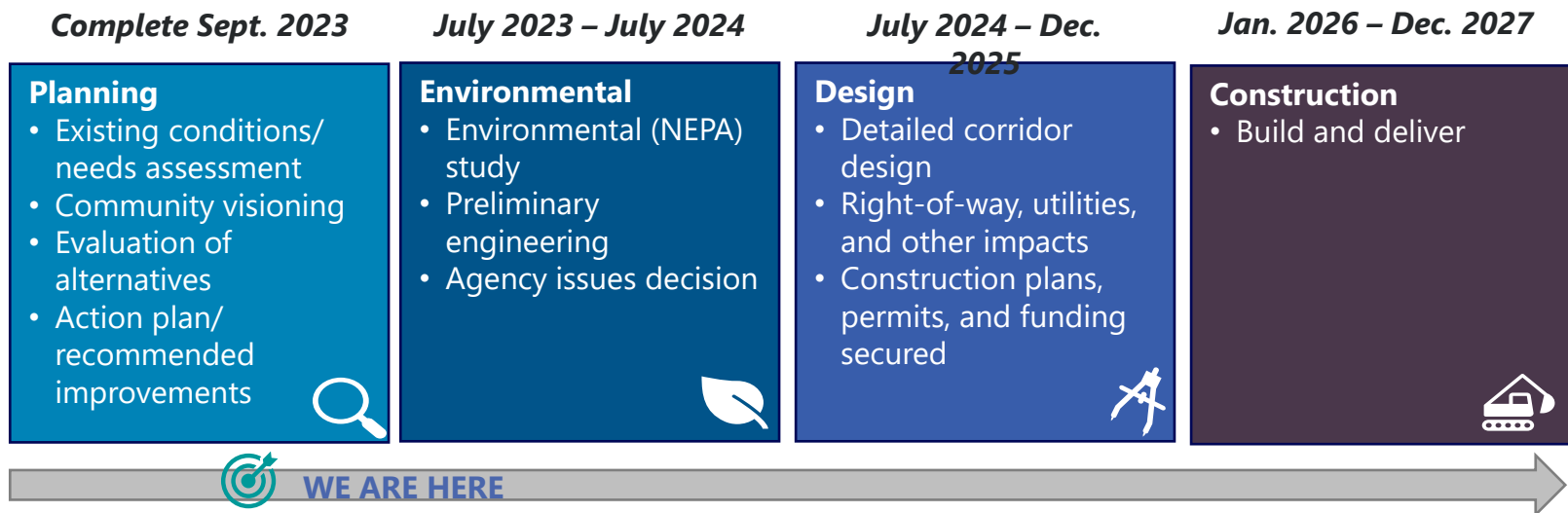


Why is NDOT involved?

- NDOT is responsible for operating and maintaining SR 361
- NDOT will lead all upcoming environmental studies/clearance, final design, and construction efforts related specifically to the new SR 361 alignment
- NDOT will receive funding from US Navy via the Federal Highway Administration
- A Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study was used to identify and screen alternatives to support a future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study



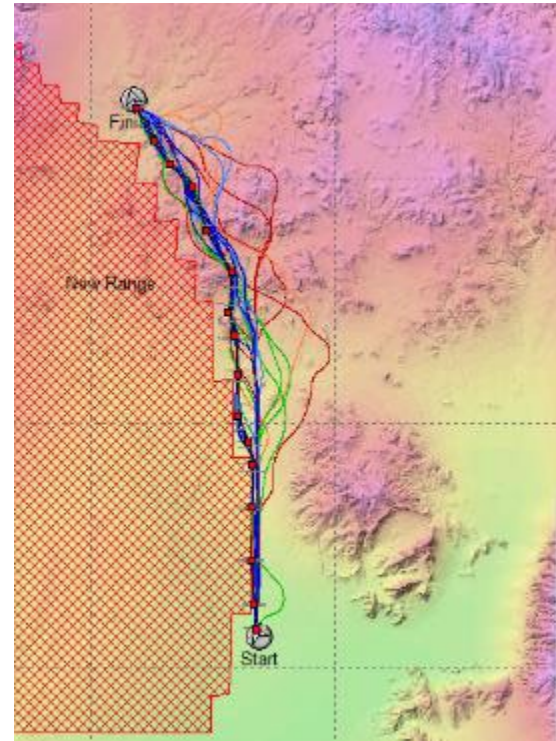
Where is NDOT in the process?



Initial Alignment Evaluation

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- NDOT Conducted an initial alternative evaluation using specialized software called QUANTM
- QUANTM considered topography, initial design criteria, costs, and avoid zones
- The project team identified consistent cost-efficient corridors to refine a potential alignment corridor

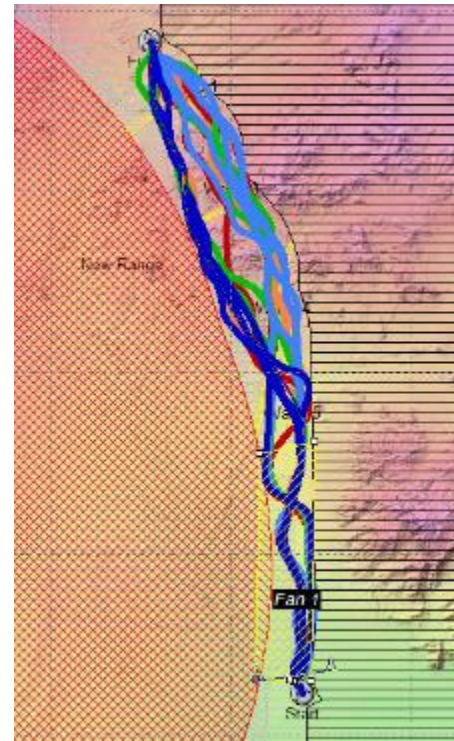


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Refined Alignment Evaluation

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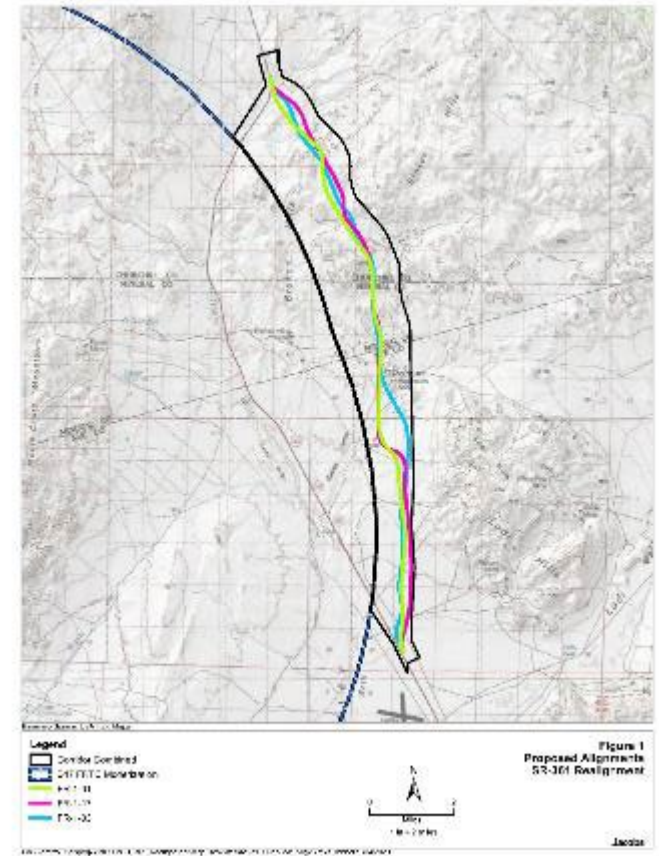
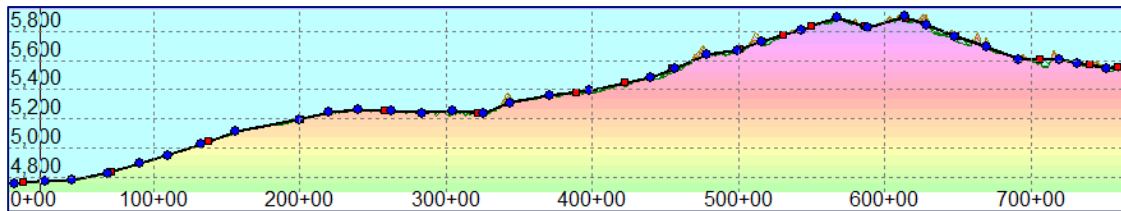
- NDOT confined analysis to identify alignments within the refined alignment corridor
- Conducted alignment sensitivity analysis on various engineering factors including roadway slopes and drainage
- Identified most cost-efficient alignments for moving forward into environmental studies
- Environmental factors considered included mines, biological, and cultural resources



Preliminary – Subject to Change

Proposed Alignment Corridor

- Recommended corridor identified
- Width varies between 1-2 miles wide
- Approximately 13 miles long
- Provides flexibility as more detailed design and environmental information is obtained
- Minimizes realigned roadway length and maximum elevation



Preliminary – Subject to Change



Initial Environmental Screening

- Biological
 - Eagles
 - Deer and bighorn sheep
 - Sage grouse
 - Plants
- Cultural
 - Native American Tribal considerations
 - Historic areas
 - Archaeological
- Erionite and Naturally Occurring Asbestos
- Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL)

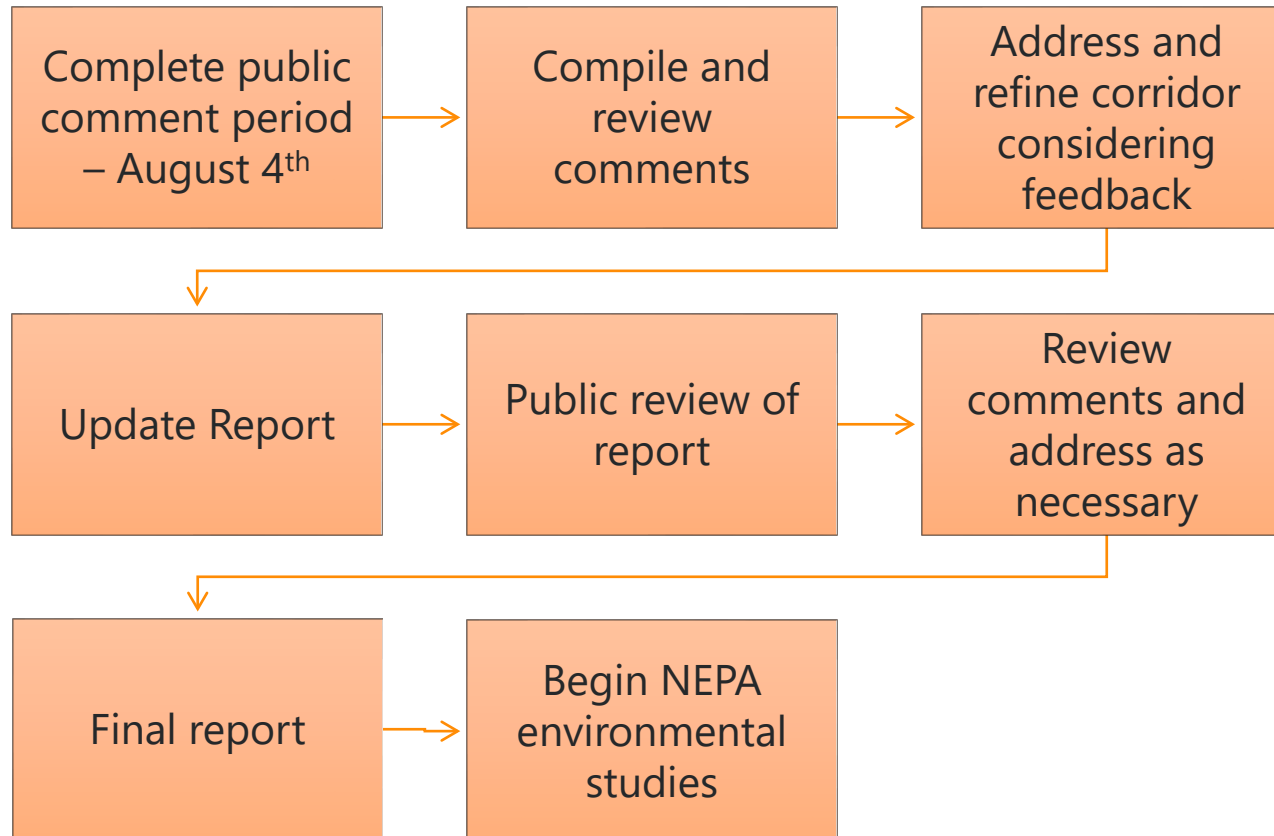


Stakeholder Outreach

- Agency Stakeholders
 - US Navy
 - County Officials
 - BLM
 - Resources Agencies
 - Federal Highway Administration
- Public
 - Upcoming community conversations in Middlegate and Gabbs
 - Fallon
 - Additional users
- Native American Tribes



Next Steps



How do I provide comments?

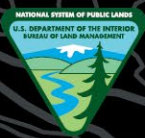
- Comment period open through August 4, 2023
- In-Person Public Meeting
 - Court reporter
 - Comment Forms
- Virtual Public Meeting
 - Virtual website www.dot.nv.gov/sr361
 - Email rhornback@dot.nv.gov
 - July 3 – August 4



Questions and Comments

- Please state your full name prior to your question or statement
- Three-minute verbal comment limit per individual
- A court reporter will record the presentation and the Q&A period and is available to take individual comments
 - *NOTICE: The information you provide becomes a public record subject to disclosure (NRS 239.0107)*





NDAA

BLM related actions in the NDAA

- Livestock Grazing
- Mining Claims
- Realty Actions



Title XXIX, Section 2993

- **BLM CCDO and WDO had conversations with all permittees impacted by the future bombing range closures**
- **BLM issued a 2-year closure notification letter to permittees impacted by the B-16 closure in accordance with BLM regulations §4110.4-2**
- **BLM is working with the Navy and permittees to maintain current grazing operations until bombing ranges are fully operational (fenced)**



- **Title XXIX, Section 2995**
- **Each claimant has different circumstances related to their claim and access needs**
- **Encouraging claimants that have questions about their claims to coordinate with the Carson City District**
- **Can new claims be filed on NDAA withdrawn lands?**



- What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?
- Section 2991- B-16 Sand Canyon road realignment
- Section 2988- Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker River Paiute Tribe Trust Land
- Section 2908- Checkerboard Resolution Area
- Bureau of Reclamation Newlands Project - Overlaps with NDAA 2023 map



What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

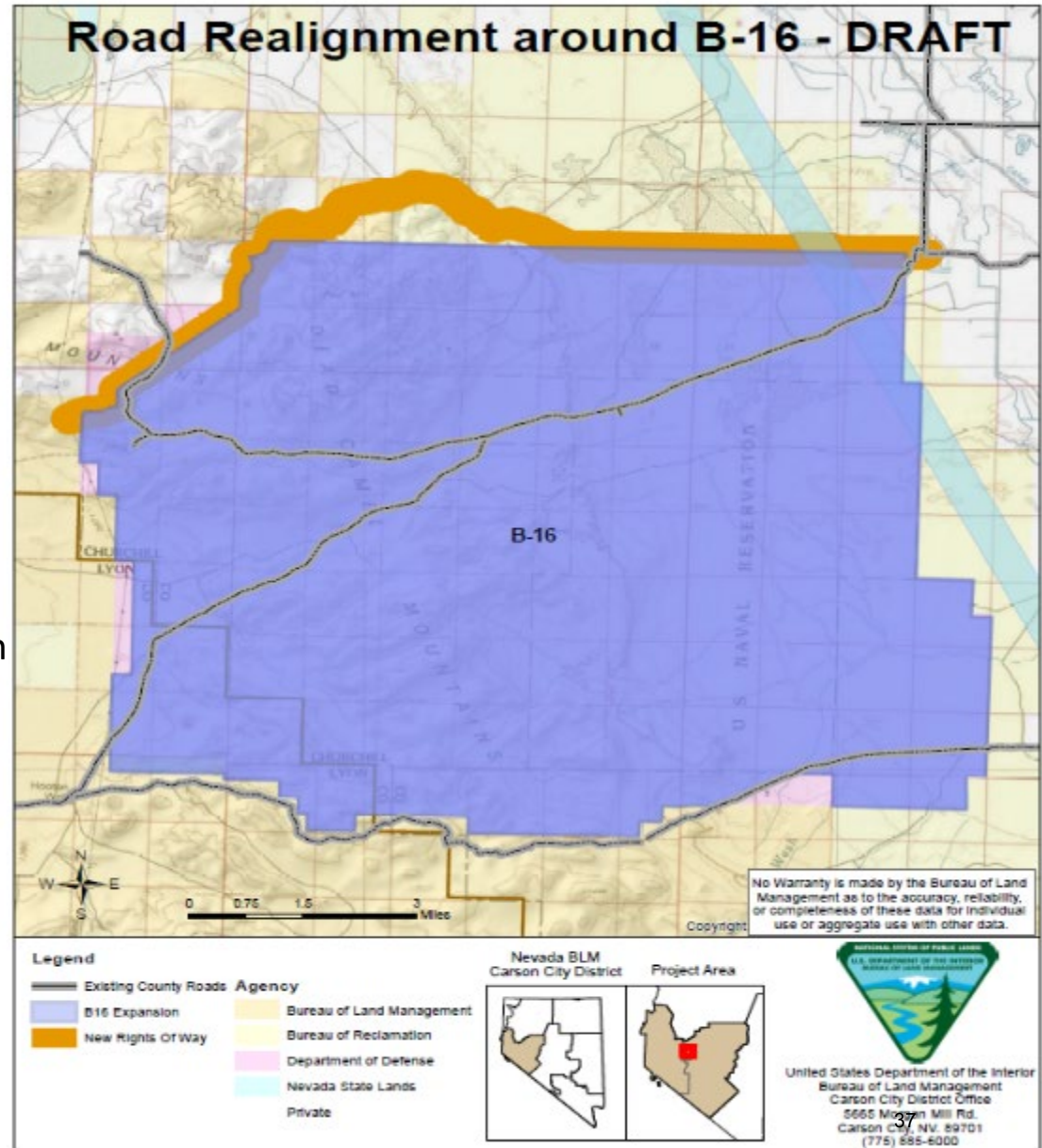
- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was signed into law on January 1, 1970. NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of a proposed action prior to making decisions.
- Levels of NEPA planning:
 - Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)
 - Environmental Assessments (EAs)
 - Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs)
 - Categorical Exclusions (CXs)



Title XXIX, Section 2991 B-16 Sand Canyon road realignment

BLM is the lead agency on
the NEPA analysis.

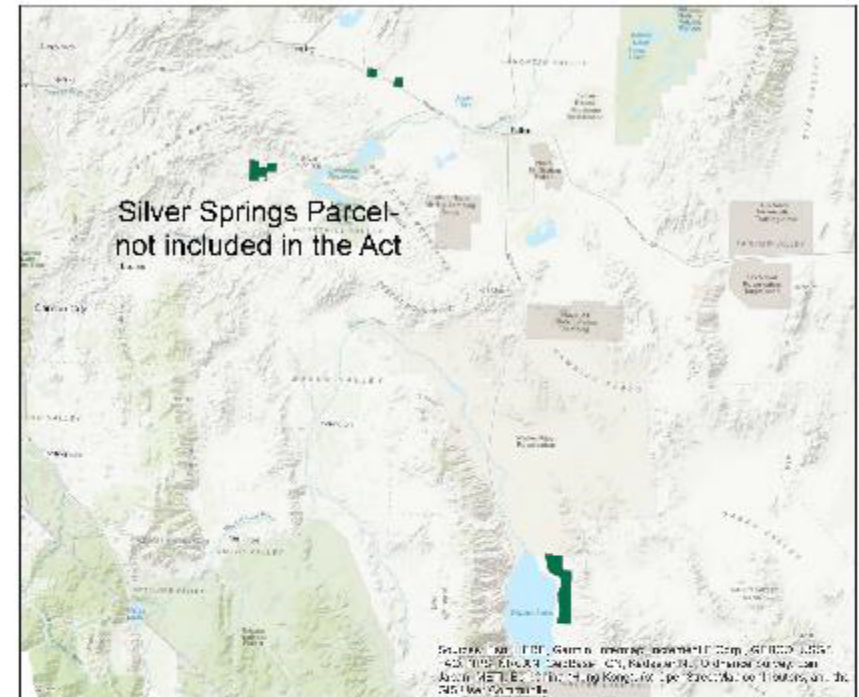
- *Community Impact:* Result in the closure of a portion of the existing Sand Canyon Road to general traffic.
- *Completed:* Project Information Form (PIF) was submitted.
- *Current:* Navy will be funding the project.
- *Next:* Composing a timeline.





Title XXIX, Section 2988

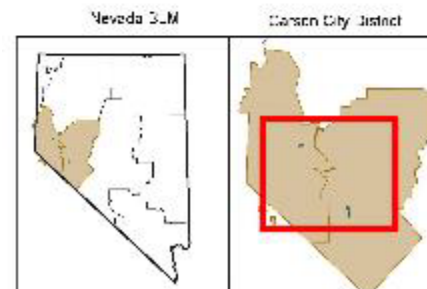
**Walker River Paiute Tribe Trust Lands
include the Walker Lake and Fernley
East parcels, not the Silver Springs
Parcel- Legislative map error**



Legend

Walker River Paiute Expansion

0 4.25 0.5 1 2.5 5 Miles



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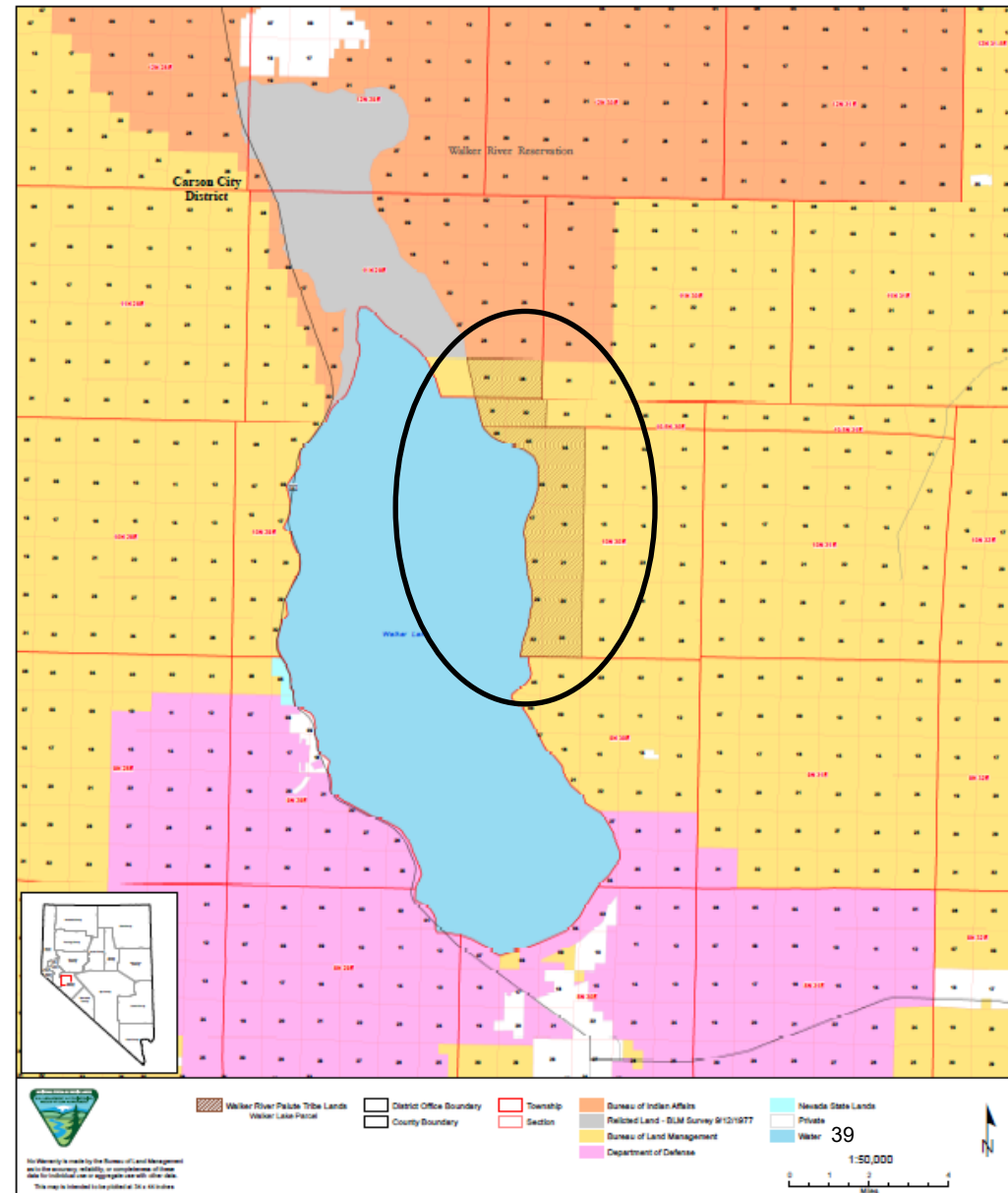


Section 2988, Bureau of Indian Affairs - Walker River Paiute Tribe Trust Land

BIA is the lead agency on the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) with a 1 – year timeline from enactment date.

- *Community Impact:* ESA is valid for 6 months after completed.
- *Completed:* BLM provided feedback to BIA questionnaire for the ESA.
- *Current:* Meeting with BIA and Walker River Paiute Tribe for a field visit to review the Fernley East and Walker Lake parcels.
- *Next:* Assist BIA to complete the ESA.

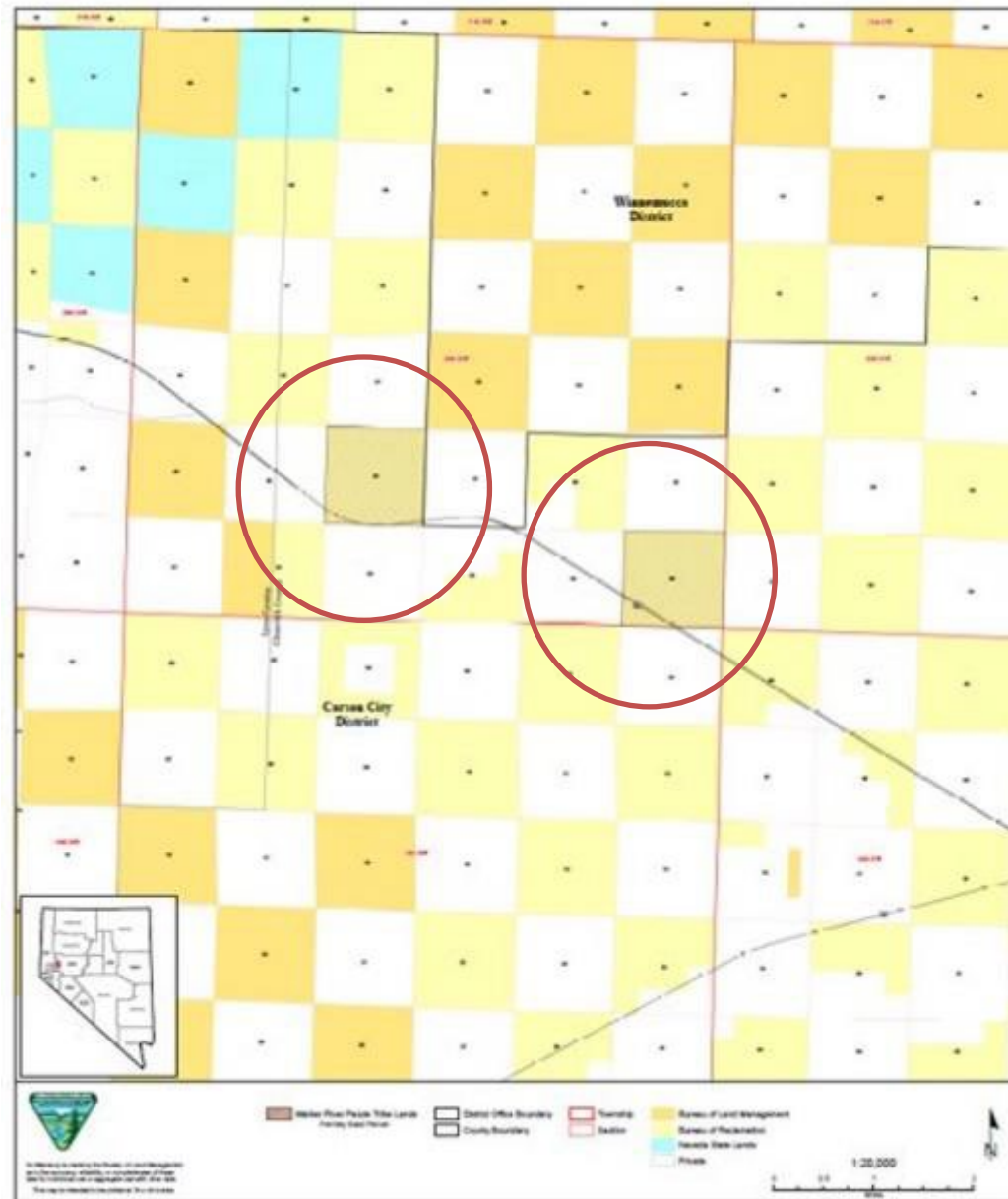
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REALTY ACTIONS

Walker River Paiute Tribe Lands





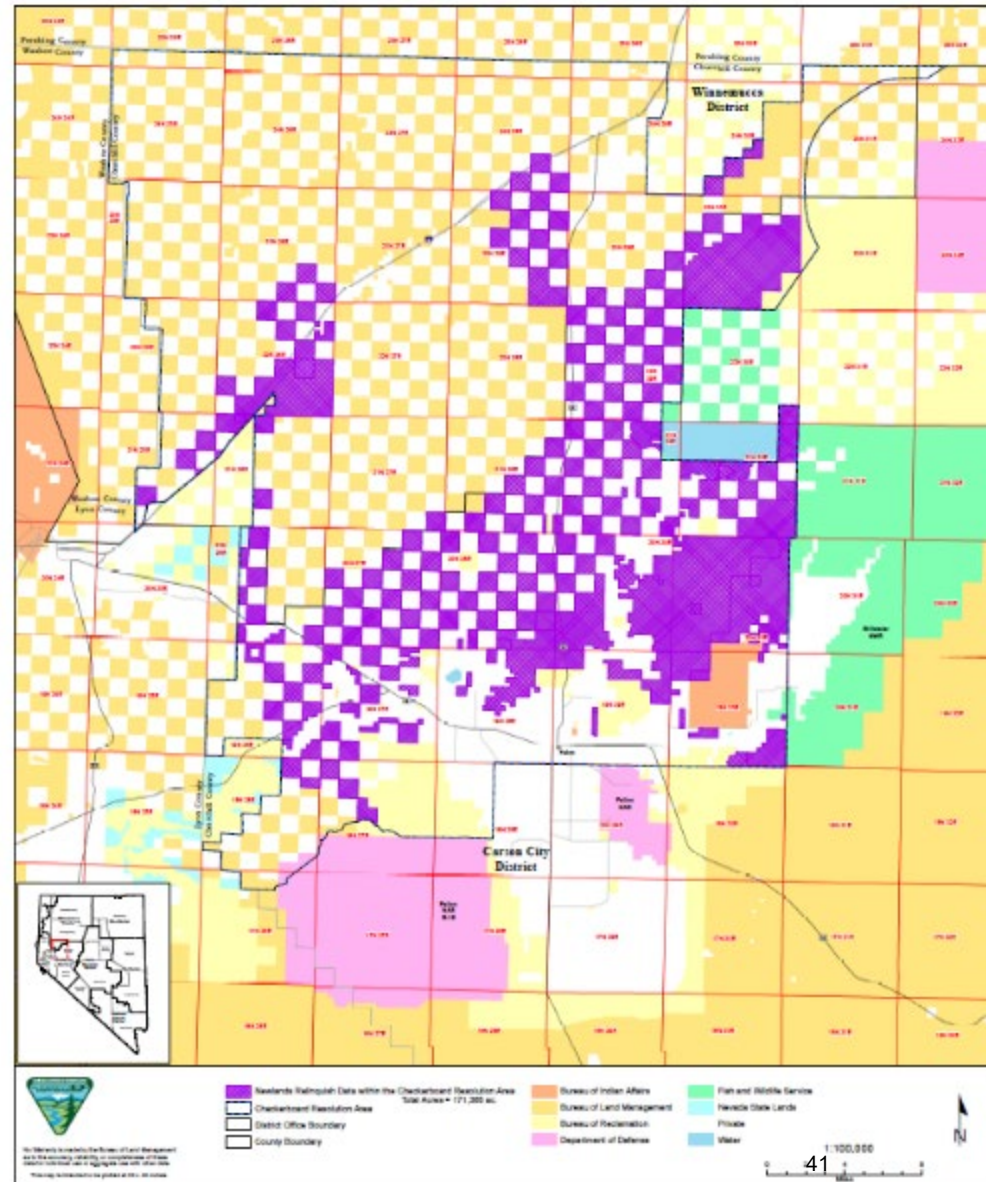
Title XXIX, Section 2908 - Checkerboard Resolution Area

Newlands project lands overlaps with NDAA 2023 Checkerboard Resolution Area, approximately 171,000 acres

BLM is the lead agency on the NEPA analysis.

- *Community Impact:* The focus of the checkerboard will probably start sometime in FY2024 to review the land exchange process between DOI and Churchill County.
- *Completed:* Hosted BLM internal meetings to discuss the Checkerboard Resolution by identifying land ownership and land administrators.
- *Current:* Coordinating with the Winnemucca District due to jurisdiction crossover. Assigned a POC from the BLM (Terah Malsam). Secured staff assistance with processing the transfers of land.
- *Next:* Need to identify a strategic or business plan for FY24 is needed. Need to identify priority areas in the checkerboard. Need to develop a timeline and budget analysis.

Checkerboard Resolution Area - Newlands Data Overlay



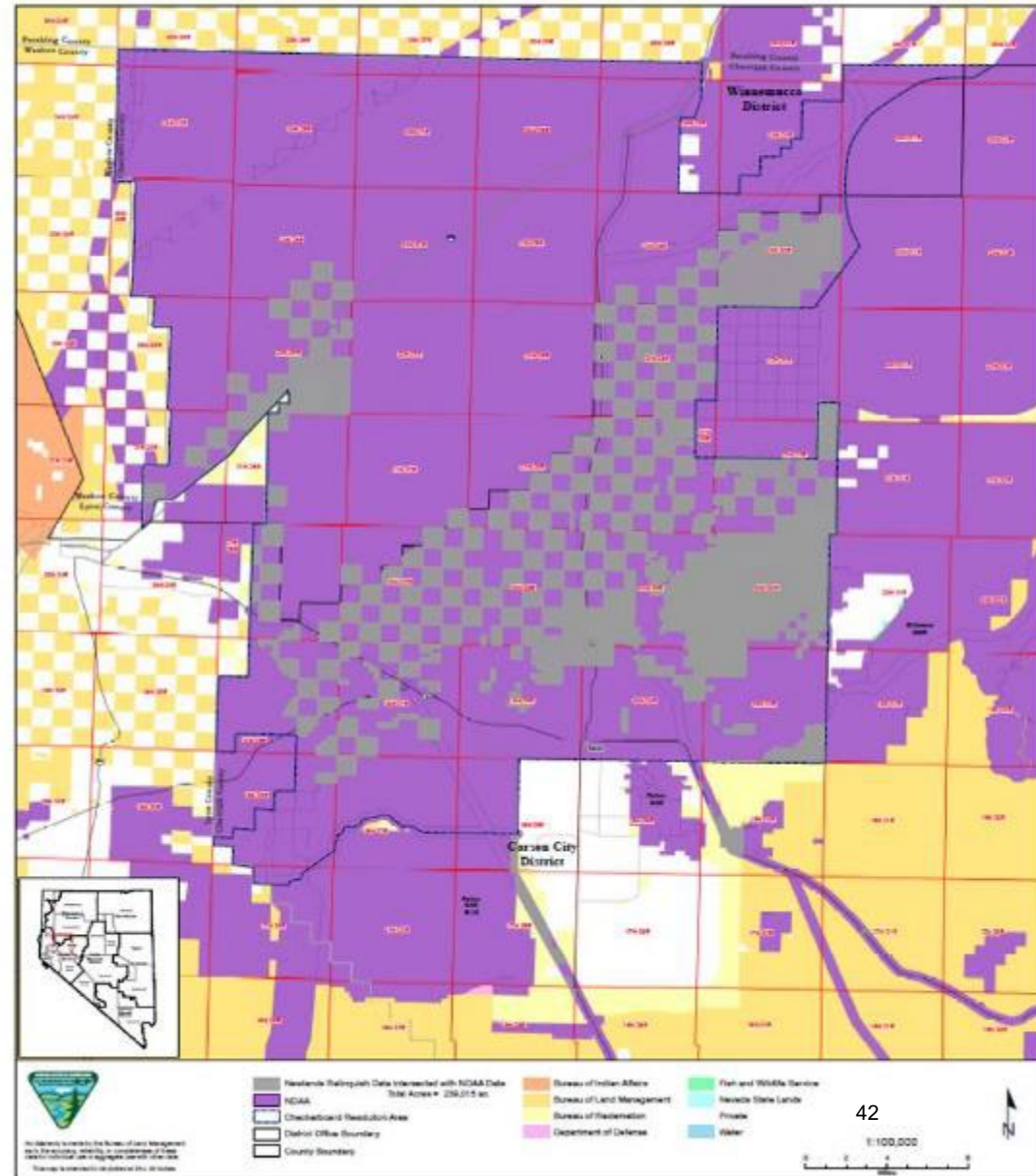


Bureau of Reclamation Newlands Project - Overlaps with NDAA 2023

Newlands project lands overlaps with NDAA 2023, approximately 239,000 acres, BLM identifying priorities, across CCDO and WDO

- *Community Impact:* Need to identify which parcels can be directly conveyed from BOR to Churchill County.
- *Completed:* Reviewed the Newlands acres that overlaps the NDAA 2023 congressional map.
- *Current:* Reviewing Title Records and maps with Nevada State Office to verify data.
- *Next:* Need to have a conversation to discuss the conveyance process between BLM and BOR.

NDAA and Newlands Data Overlay





Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Implementation Plan

Intergovernmental Executive Committee Meeting

Liz Barris

FRTC Modernization Program Manager

8 AUG 2023





Agenda



1. **FY23 Accomplishment Summary**
2. **Timeline Overview**
3. **ROD/NDAA Commitments Summary:**
 - **In-Progress**
 - **Planned**
 - **Completed**
4. **More Information**



Accomplishments in FY23



Guzzler Construction: 2023

Tribal Engagement and Outreach:

- Access Agreement MOA Addendum
- VIP visits: Nevada CODEL, Navy, and DOI

Execution:

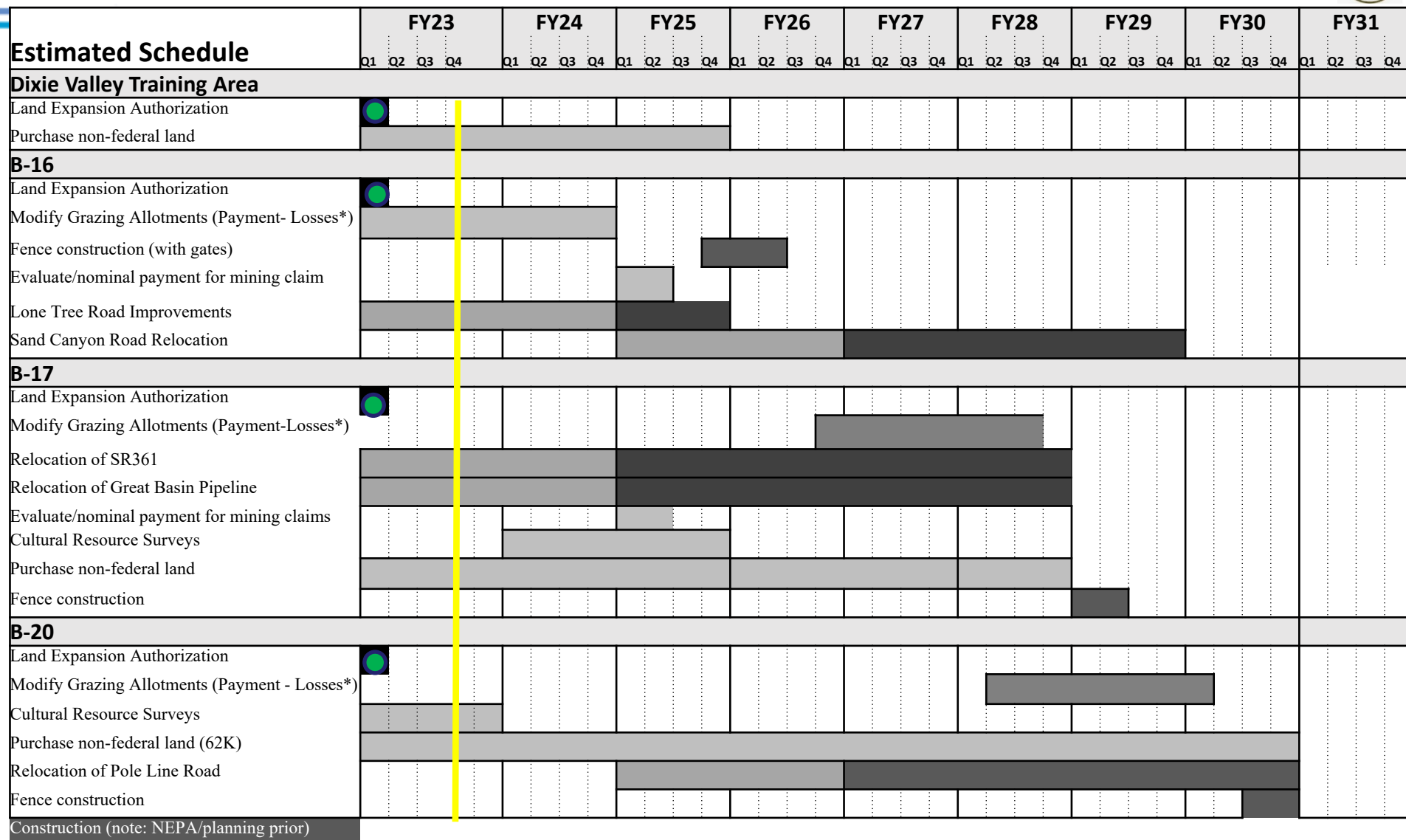
- Land expansion withdraw in NDAA
- Three \$20M payouts
- SR361 Alternative Analysis
- Follow-on NEPA funding SR361 and Pipeline
- Awarded 4 Real Estate Contracts/Options
- Natural Resource / Fire Management Plans
- Grazing Notification letters / Process
- Developed Execution Plans / Timelines



Earth Day 2023: USN, DASN, ASN, CAPT Tanner, Toni Burton



Timeline Overview



*payment for grazing losses not shown; timing based on availability and interest in alternate grazing allotments

timelines based on funding and estimated process durations – subject to change



In-Progress



#	Commitment	Start	End	Notes
1	Access Agreement Addendum	Dec-22	Aug-23	On-going
2	Revise Cultural Resources Management Plan	Dec-22	Dec-24	Tribes will be asked to participate in the revision
3	Develop a replacement PA	Nov-20	Dec-24	The development of replacement PA in progress
4	Complete ethnographic overview study	Feb-20	2025	Contract underway with periodic updates to Tribes
5	Complete cultural resources surveys	Jan-20	2025	Class III pedestrian survey with Tribal involvement
6	Include/compensate Tribes w/Ethno Survey	Feb-20	2025	On-going
7	Avoid sacred sites and cultural resources	Jan-20	on-going	On-going
8	Notify grazing permit holders of impacts	Nov-18	Dec-23	Initial notification letters sent May 2023
9	Make payments to grazing permit holders	Mar-23	2029	Grazing Appraisal contract underway
10	Revise Natural Resources Management Plan	Dec-22	2024	Contract revision award planned for FY23
11	Revise the Fire Management Plan	Dec-22	2024	Contract revision award planned for FY23
12	Conduct Sage Grouse Noise Study	Dec-19	TBD	Study design anticipated to be finalized in FY23
13	Fund 2 conservation law enforcement officers	2022	2025	Navy evaluating options for filling these positions
14	Avoid Biologically Sensitive Areas.	Dec-19	on-going	The Navy will avoid target placement in these areas
15	Incorporate wildlife-friendly fencing	Nov-18	TBD	The Navy will use four-wire, wildlife-friendly fencing
16	Bighorn sheep hunting program (B-17)	TBD	on-going	MOA with NDOW in progress
17	Develop guzzler program with BLM/NDOW	TBD	on-going	Plan in process

Majority of the Natural/Cultural Resource Commitments are multi-year efforts



Planned



#	Commitment	Start	End	Notes
1	Notify/compensate private landowners for losses	2023	2030	Updated appraisal evaluation is underway
2	Disclose impacts Fox Peak, Medicine Rock, Fairview Mtn	TBD	TBD	Info will be reviewed/shared with the Tribes
3	Agreement with BLM for DVTA	TBD	TBD	Include protocols for geothermal
4	Access for USFW to B-20 Wildlife Refuge.	TBD	TBD	Access protocols to be developed
5	Coordinate with BOR on flood management B-16/B-20	TBD	TBD	Access protocols to be developed
6	Access protocols for scientific management	TBD	TBD	Access to be coordinated with agencies
7	Access Agmts for State Govt B-16/B-19/B-20	TBD	TBD	Access agreement to be developed
8	Post signs warning of risks entering expanded lands	TBD	TBD	Signs to be installed when fences erected
9	Navy will take operational control range-by-range	2025	2030	Commitments will be made at all range prior
10	Notify/make payments to impacted mining claim holders	2025	2029	Nominal payments to be made
11	Congressional funds needed for SR361 relocation	2020	2026	Funds included in MILCON P444
12	Reroute Sand Canyon and Red Mountain Roads	2025	2028	The Navy looking to accelerate reroute
13	ROWs Sand Canyon, Red Mtn, Pole Line & East County	2026	2028	The Navy will work with state and county
14	Congressional funds needed to improve SR718	2020	2026	Funds included in MILCON P444
15	Reroute Pole Line Road consistent	2026	2028	The Navy will work with BLM and the County
16	Purchase the portion of the Great Basin Pipeline	2020	2026	Funds included in MILCON P444; NEPA underway
17	Airspace exclusion zone over Gabbs, Eureka & Crescent	TBD	TBD	Exclusion zones in the ROM; airspace FAA

Planned commitments are dependent tasks (either tied to funding/process)



Completed



#	Commitment	Start	End
1	Rotate B-17 to avoid SR 839 and Rawhide Mine	Dec-19	Mar-20
2	Establish IEC with BLM, Tribes, State, Stakeholders	Mar-20	Apr-21
3	Reduce range withdrawal areas to match proposed WDZ	Dec-20	Mar-20
4	Reduce the boundary of B-20 to avoid the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)	Mar-20	Apr-22
5	Execute the amended 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) and invite Tribes to sign	Aug-19	Mar-20
6	Initiate development of a replacement PA within 90 days of the signing of the ROD	Jun-20	Jun-20
7	Establish a Tribal Liaison Office	Mar-20	Dec-20
8	Commit to unrestricted tribal access to the DVTA, including new expanded areas	Mar-20	Dec-22
9	Develop protocols for tribal access to Bravo ranges	Apr-20	Mar-22
10	Air to ground ordnance targets prohibited in Monte Cristo Range (B-17)	Dec-22	Dec-22
11	Allow saleable mineral mining activities in the Dixie Valley Training Area (DVTA)	Jan-20	Mar-20
12	Allow geothermal exploration/ development in the DVTA west of State Highway 121	Nov-18	TBD
13	Minimize withdrawal overlap with the Bell Mountain mining claim area (B-17)	Jun-18	Mar-20
14	Commit to allowing grazing in the Dixie Valley Training Area (DVTA)	Mar-20	Dec-22
15	Accommodate ROW along the NE boundary of B-16	Dec-19	Mar-20
16	Conduct Pole Line Road alternative study out of the expanded B-20	Oct-20	Mar-22
17	Relinquish currently withdrawn areas of Simpson Road and the area south of the road	Nov-18	Mar-20
18	Avoid identified county roads	Apr-18	Nov-18
19	Recognize and honor existing ROW for roads that qualify under Revised Statute 2477	Apr-18	Nov-18
20	Avoid withdrawing East County Road or land east of the road	Apr-18	Nov-18
21	Avoid withdraw along SR 50, 95, 839, and Earthquake Fault. Assure access SR 121	Apr-18	Nov-18
22	Support the Dixie Valley Water Project	Nov-18	Mar-20
23	Accommodate 3 additional (electrical) transmission lines or a utility corridor in the DVTA	Dec-19	Mar-20
24	Revise the ROM to identify Crescent Valley and Eureka as noise-sensitive areas	Apr-19	Apr-19
25	Provide for an airport exclusion zone around Gabbs, Crescent Valley and Eureka airports	Dec-18	Dec-18
26	Extend the VFR corridor through the newly established airspace	Dec-18	Dec-18
27	Make 3, \$20M payouts to WRPT, FPST and Churchill County (FY23 NDAA)	Dec-22	May-23

Navy has made progress and continues to make progress on it's commitments



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FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION

Welcome to the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy's website for the *Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization*. This online resource provides information about the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (referred to as the "Fallon Ranges"), located near Fallon, Nevada.

The Navy prepared a Final EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of [modernizing the Fallon Range Training Complex](#). Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, 3) airspace expansion and modifications, and 4) upgrades to range infrastructure. Aviation and ground training would not increase from the types and tempos currently conducted. The Navy signed a [Record of Decision](#) on March 12, 2020.

Click the image to watch an informational video about the Fallon Range Training Complex.



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Announcements

FY23 National Defense Authorization Act signed, enacting FRTC Modernization

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 was enacted into law on December 23, 2022. This act granted the Navy's proposed expansion and modernization. [Read about Project Updates](#)

Navy and DOI Establish Intergovernmental Executive Committee

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Natural Resources Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

Ann Schofield
August 8, 2023



Natural Resources



Natural Resources Plan Revisions

- Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) Revision
 - Revision will incorporate new FRTC lands
 - Contract to be awarded by end of August
 - Seek meaningful input from Sikes Act partners, Tribes, and Counties
 - 2-year timeline identified in the NDAA
 - New Operation & Effect signatures
 - NEPA will be required, anticipate Environmental Assessment (EA)





Natural Resources



Natural Resources Plan Revisions

- Wildland Fire Management Plan (WFMP) Revision
 - Contract to be awarded by end of August
 - Evaluate fire risk and Identify fuels management / fuel breaks
 - NEPA analysis will be required, anticipate EA
- WFMP EA for existing lands
 - EA is being finalized, FONSI expected shortly
- Installation Climate Resiliency program funding
 - Wildland Fire management focused projects
 - Implement fuel breaks on existing ranges
 - B-17 fire scar restoration; on and off Navy land
 - Other funded Climate Resiliency projects
 - Horse Creek habitat restoration
 - Vegetation conversion monitoring



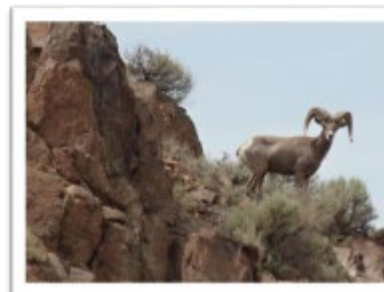


Natural Resources



Additional Natural Resources Commitments

- Sage Grouse Noise Study
 - USGS lead investigator in collaboration with Navy, NDOW, and USFWS
 - Desktop analysis in progress; Fieldwork to begin 2024
- B-17 Bighorn Sheep Hunt MOA
 - Draft MOA alignment with NDAA language and map
- Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEO)
 - Evaluating potential in-house program for CLEO





Questions



Cultural Resources Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

Mike Baskerville
August 8, 2023



B-20 Inventories



- Inventory of 118,000 Acres of the B-20 Range expansion
 - Inventory has resumed after the Summer hiatus.
 - Crews have inventoried approximately 73,122 acres (approx. 62%).
 - Sites documented include Paleo-Indian sites (11,500-7,500 B.P.) and historic mining sites.
 - Each field crew has a minimum of one Native American Archaeological Technician assigned.



B-17 Inventory



- Inventories of the B-17 expansion area continue.
- To date, 12,355 acres of the 34,595 acres that are currently contracted to be inventoried have been inventoried (38%).



Fallon ICRMP and PA Development



- The Draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) is being reviewed internally. Fallon Section 106 practices will be generally consistent with BLM strategies.
- Any differences in practices are a reflection of mission and types of resources.
- Development of a revised Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP) is being planned for. Navy is currently executing options to begin the revision this fiscal year.



Additional Range Studies



- **Paleoenvironmental Study**

- Currently a contract is being flownd for the development of a research design intended to address gaps in knowledge related to the area's environmental history.
- Overall project is intended to assist in developing natural resource management strategies to match regional environmental trends.
- Assist in understanding pre-contact changes in technology and resource procurement strategies.



Questions



Tribal Engagement Program Intergovernmental Executive Committee Brief

**Toni Burton
August 8, 2023**



Latest News and Projects



Tribal Access MOA

- Purpose: To establish a procedure on accessing the FRTC ranges based on the needs of all the Tribes & the Navy
- 2023 Progress
 - Feb 2023 Navy sent revision including requirements from NDAA
 - April 2023 Tribal leadership discussion of FPST revision
 - June 2023 Navy received FPST revision including tribal comments
 - After Navy review, Tribal consultation will occur for final version & signatures
- Ethnographic & Archaeological Surveys
 - Contractor: Far Western Anthropological Group
 - Current updates of total acres surveyed for inventory & resource documentation: B-17 – 34,595; B-20 – 73,122
 - Ethnographic studies are ongoing with coordination & consultation between Far Western and Tribal members.



Latest News and Projects



HWY SR-361 Realignment

- Nevada Department of Transportation lead federal agency in cooperation with BLM, Fed. Hwy. Administration, U.S. Navy
- Currently in planning study phase of roadway alignment alternatives, potential impacts, etc. for most feasible alternatives for future NEPA study
- Public meeting was held in Fallon, NV on July 18, 2023
- Public meeting is available 24/7 online at dot.nv.gov/SR361 from July 3-August 4, 2023
- Submit your comments & concerns to:

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Evan Pellegrini, Native American Consultation Coordinator,
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Latest News and Projects



NAGPRA Consultation & Coordination

- Collection stored at Nevada State Museum
 - Feb 2023 Presentation & intro to NSM (meeting at NSM)
 - June 2023 Tribal consultation with THPOs, Cultural and Tribal leadership
 - July 2023 Tribal working group to discuss repatriation protocol and future findings
 - Tribal Engagement team to post “Notice of Inventory Completion” on Federal Register, Site visit for repatriation location, follow guidance of tribes to complete repatriation



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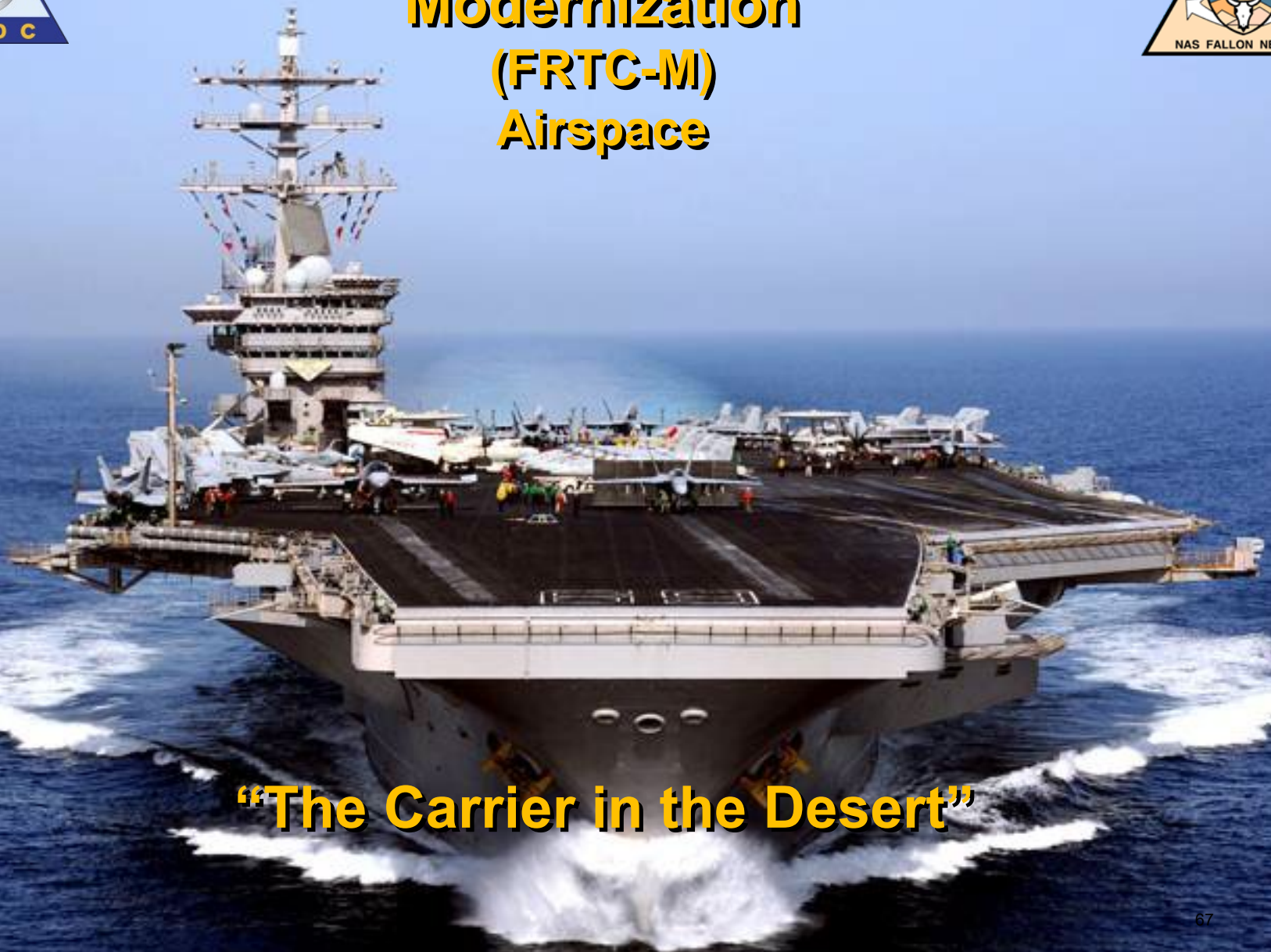
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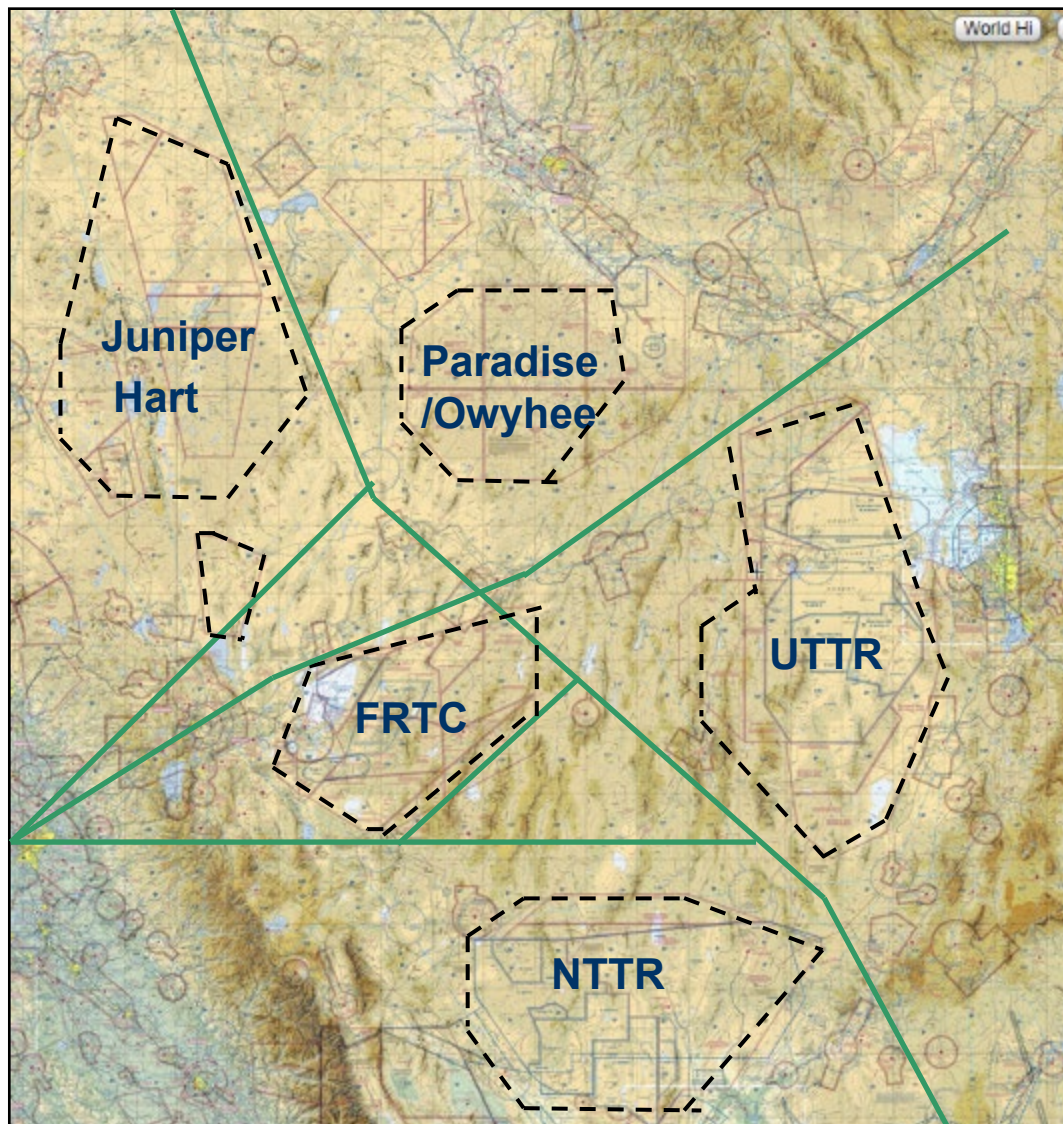
Fallon Range Training Complex - Modernization (FRTC-M) Airspace



“The Carrier in the Desert”



Fallon Airspace Constraints



➤ FRTC

- Fallon Range Training Complex
- Reno MOA

➤ UTTR

- Utah Test & Training Range
- Hill Air Force Base

➤ NTTR

- Nellis Test & Training Range
- Nellis & Creech Air Force Bases

➤ Paradise / Owyhee Complex

- Mountain Home Air Force Base

➤ Juniper Hart Complex

- Oregon Air National Guard

— Major Commercial Airways



FRTC Airspace Overview



➤ Definitions

- VFR (Visual Flight Rules): Regulations that allow an aircraft to operate in clear visual conditions such as sunny, clear days; navigating by visual references on the ground.
- IFR (Instrument Flight Rules): Rules that govern flight under conditions in which flight by outside visual reference is not safe. IFR flight requires the ability to fly solely by reference to instruments in the cockpit.

➤ Special Use Airspace (SUA)

- MOA (Military Operations Area): Airspace established to separate certain military flight activities from other non-military aircraft where these activities are conducted. MOAs are used to contain military flight activities including, but not limited to, air combat maneuvers, air intercepts, low altitude tactics, etc.
- RA (Restricted Areas): Airspace within which the flight of aircraft is subject to restriction in order to segregate hazardous activities (like dropping bombs) from nonparticipating aircraft like civilian aircraft and drones.



FRTC Airspace Overview (Cont.)



➤ **Controlled Airspace**

- ATCAA (Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace): Airspace of defined vertical and lateral limits, assigned by Air Traffic Control (ATC) for the purpose of providing air traffic separation between the specified activities being conducted within the assigned airspace and other IFR air traffic.

➤ **Uncontrolled Airspace**

- VFR Corridor: Airspace through SUA, with defined vertical and lateral boundaries, in which VFR aircraft may operate without an ATC clearance or communication with air traffic control.

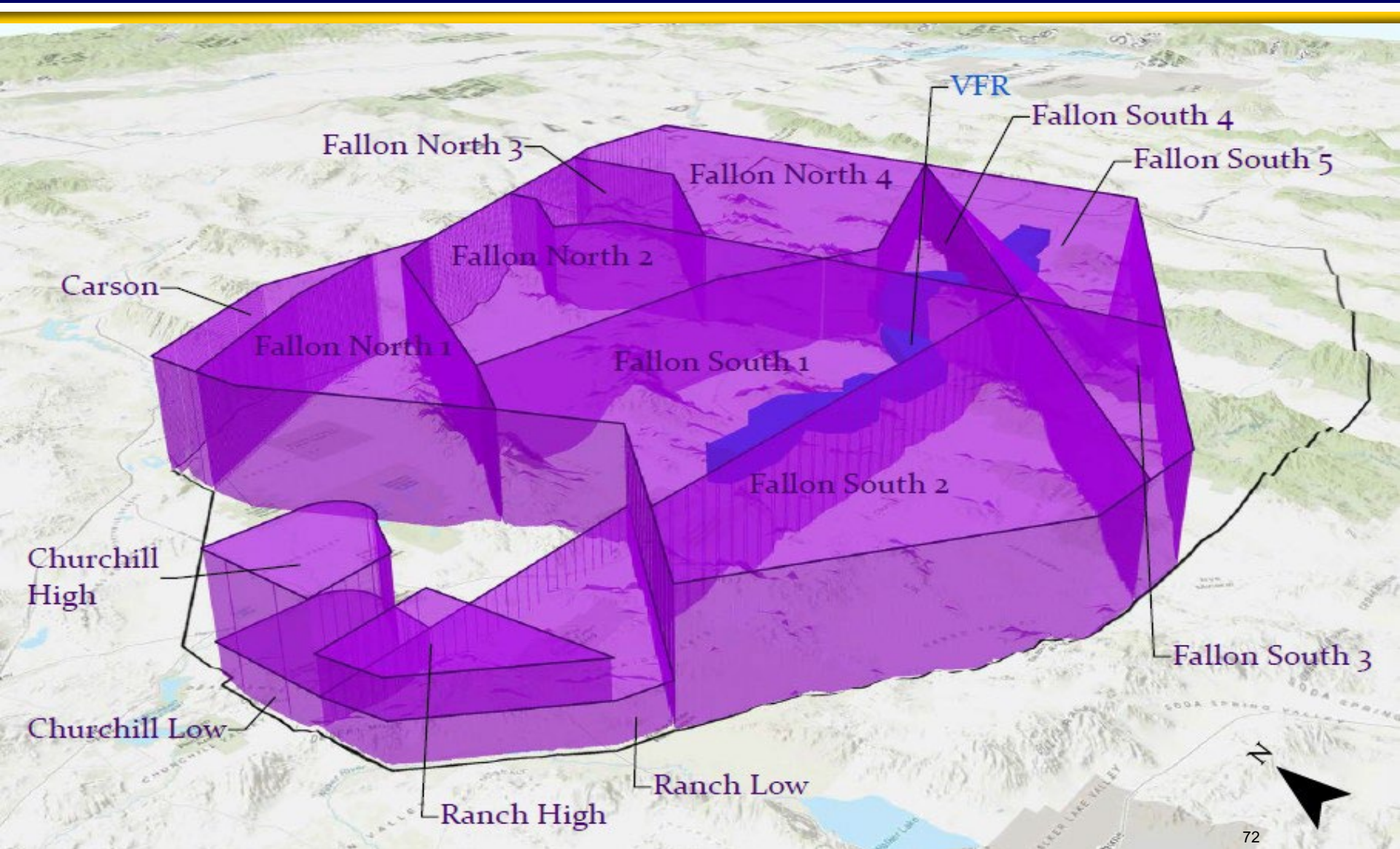


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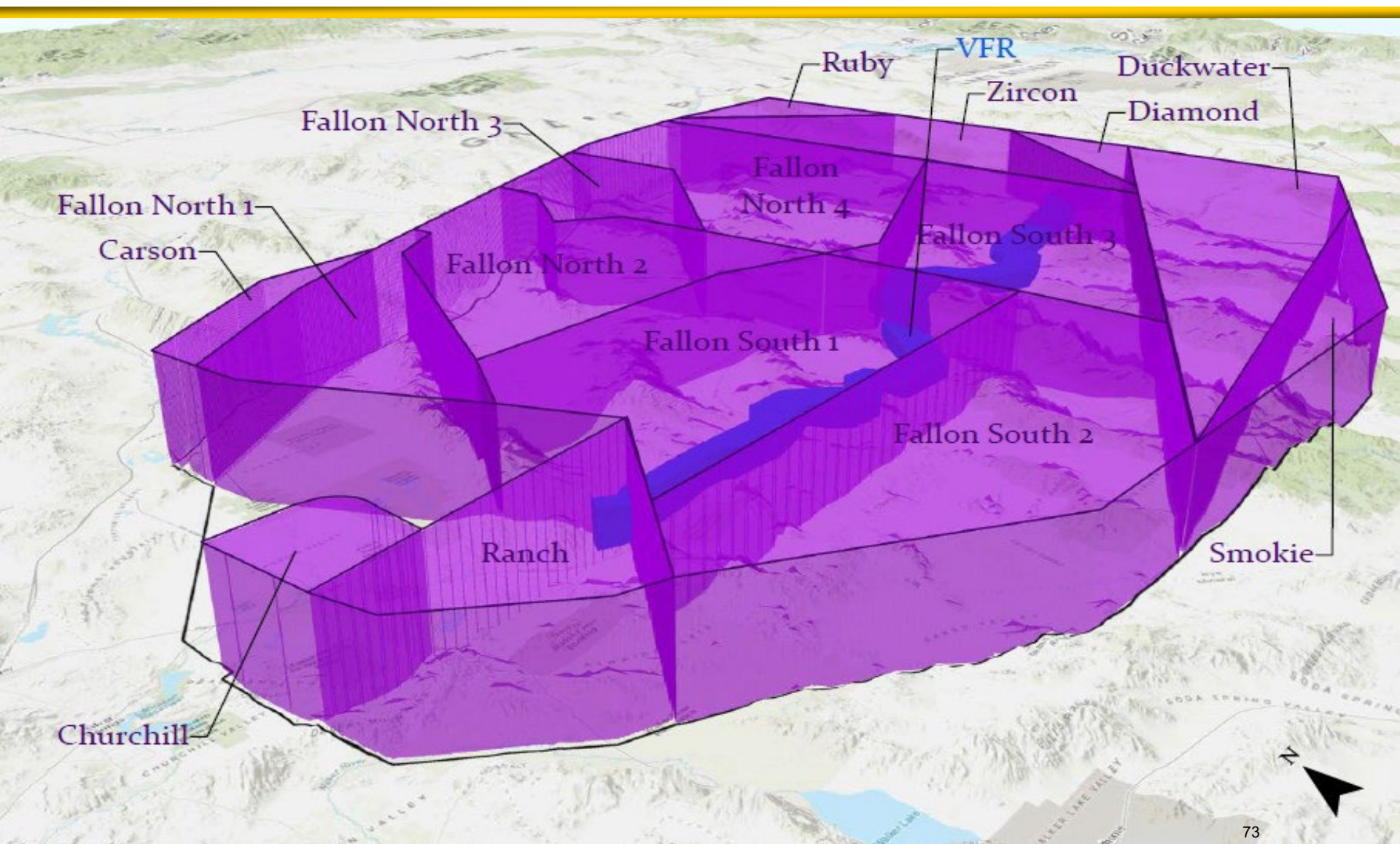


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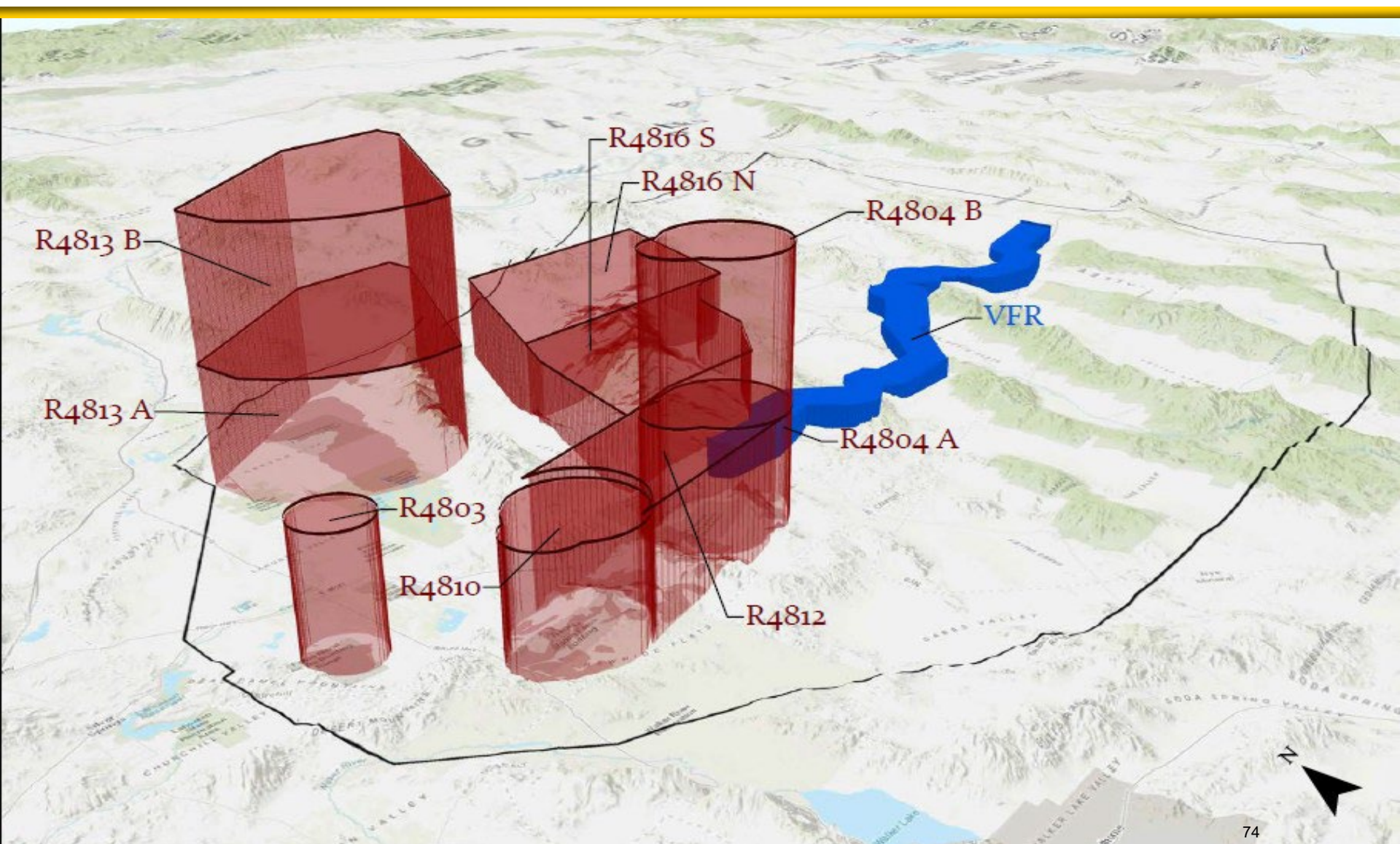


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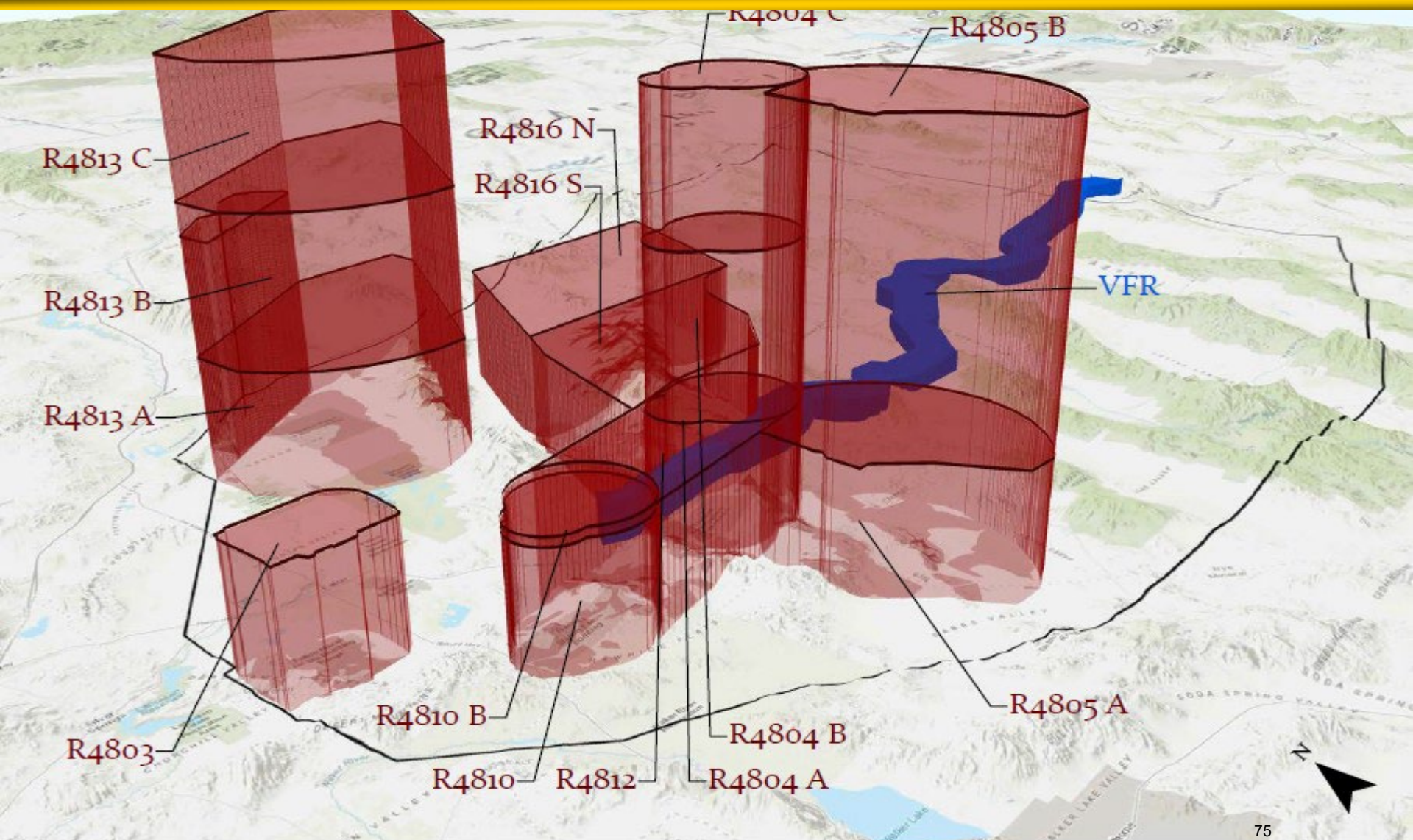


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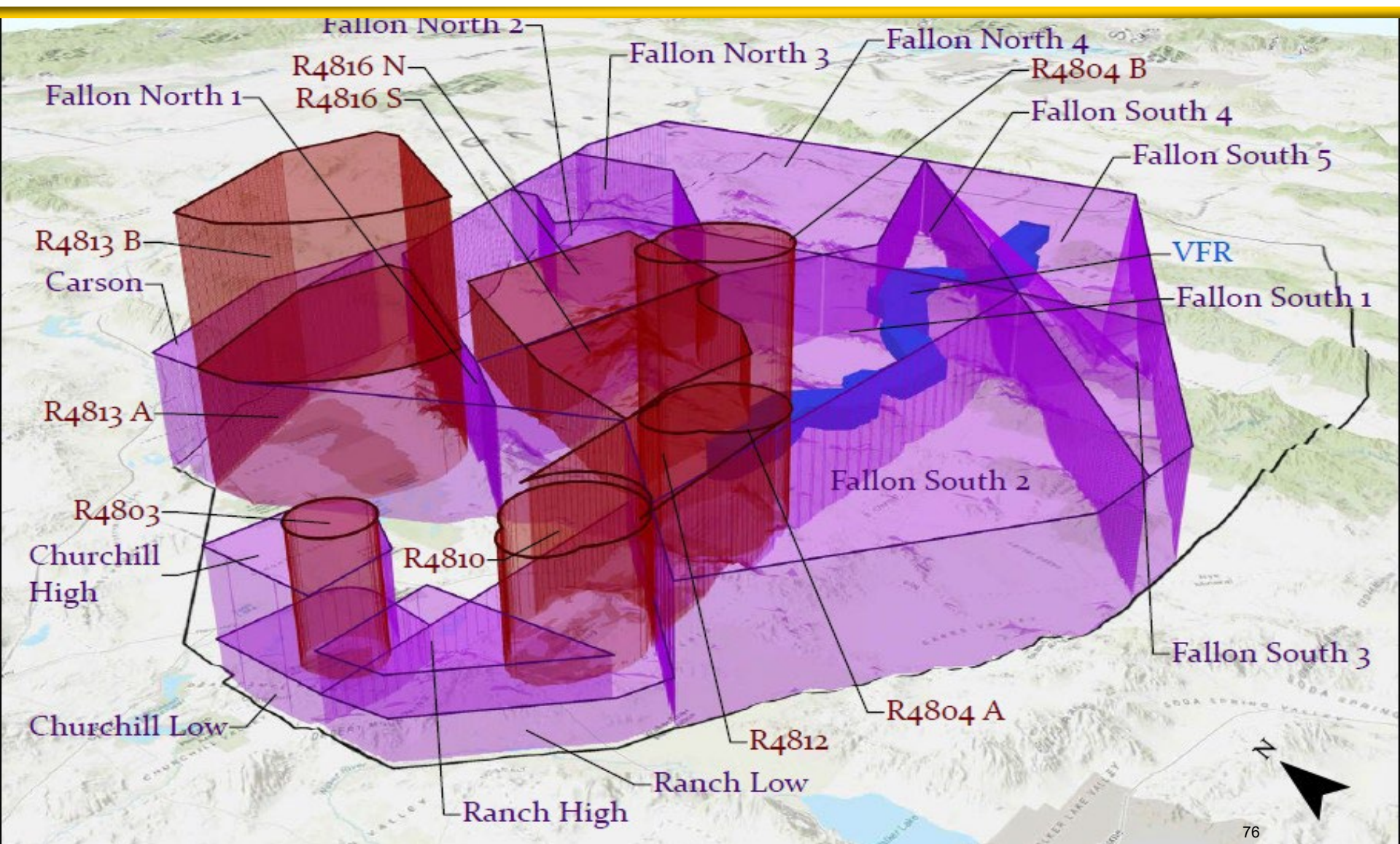


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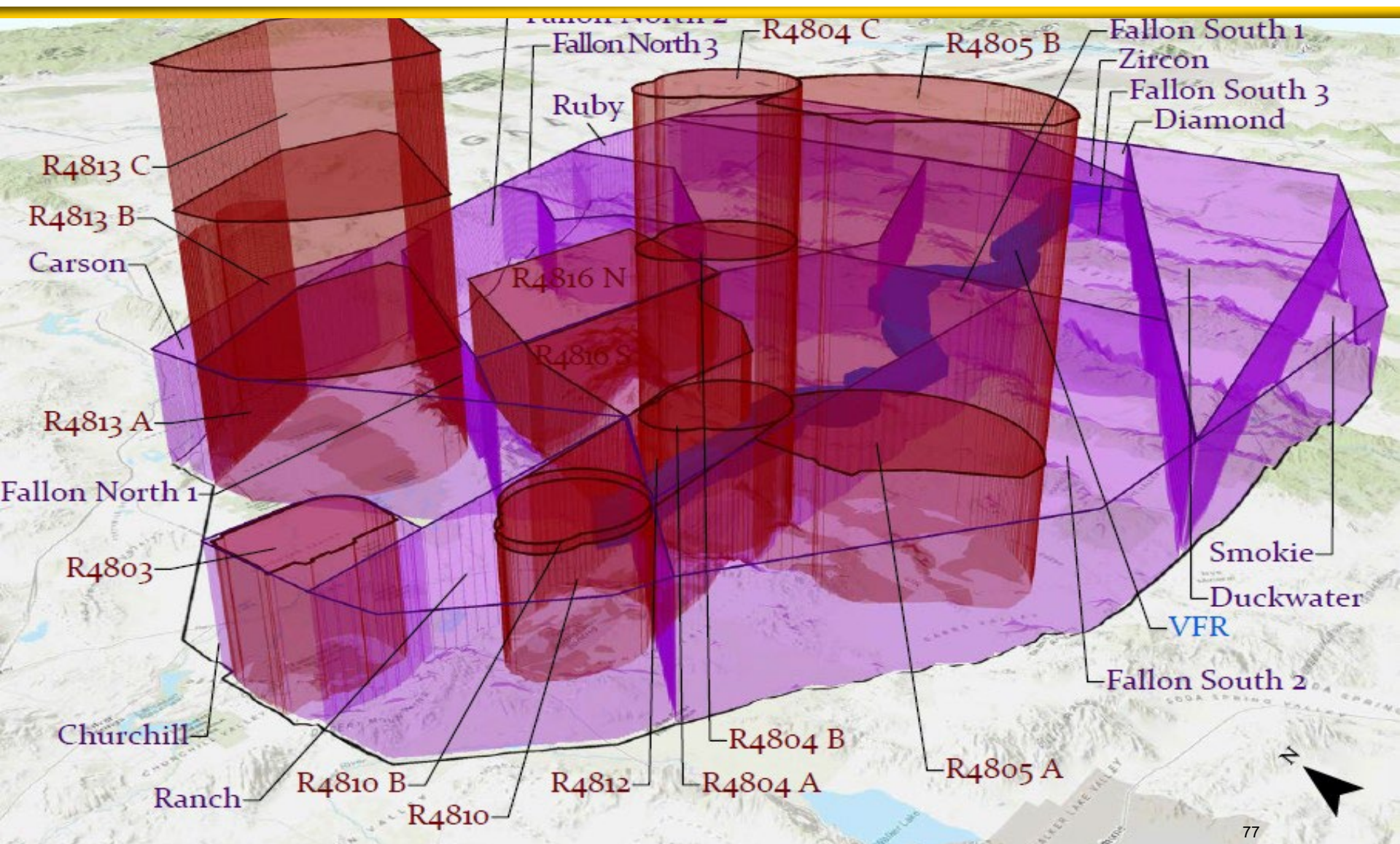


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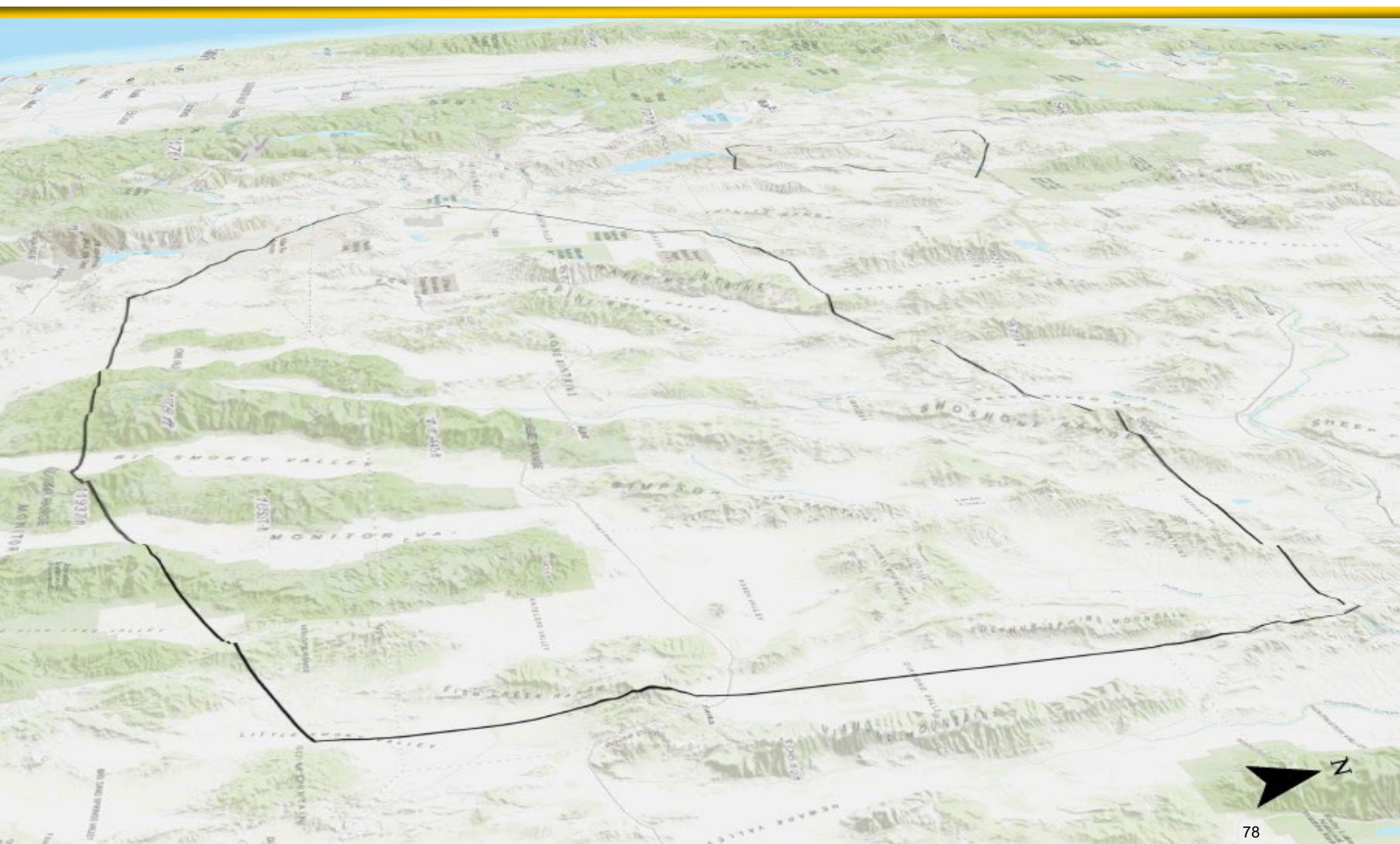


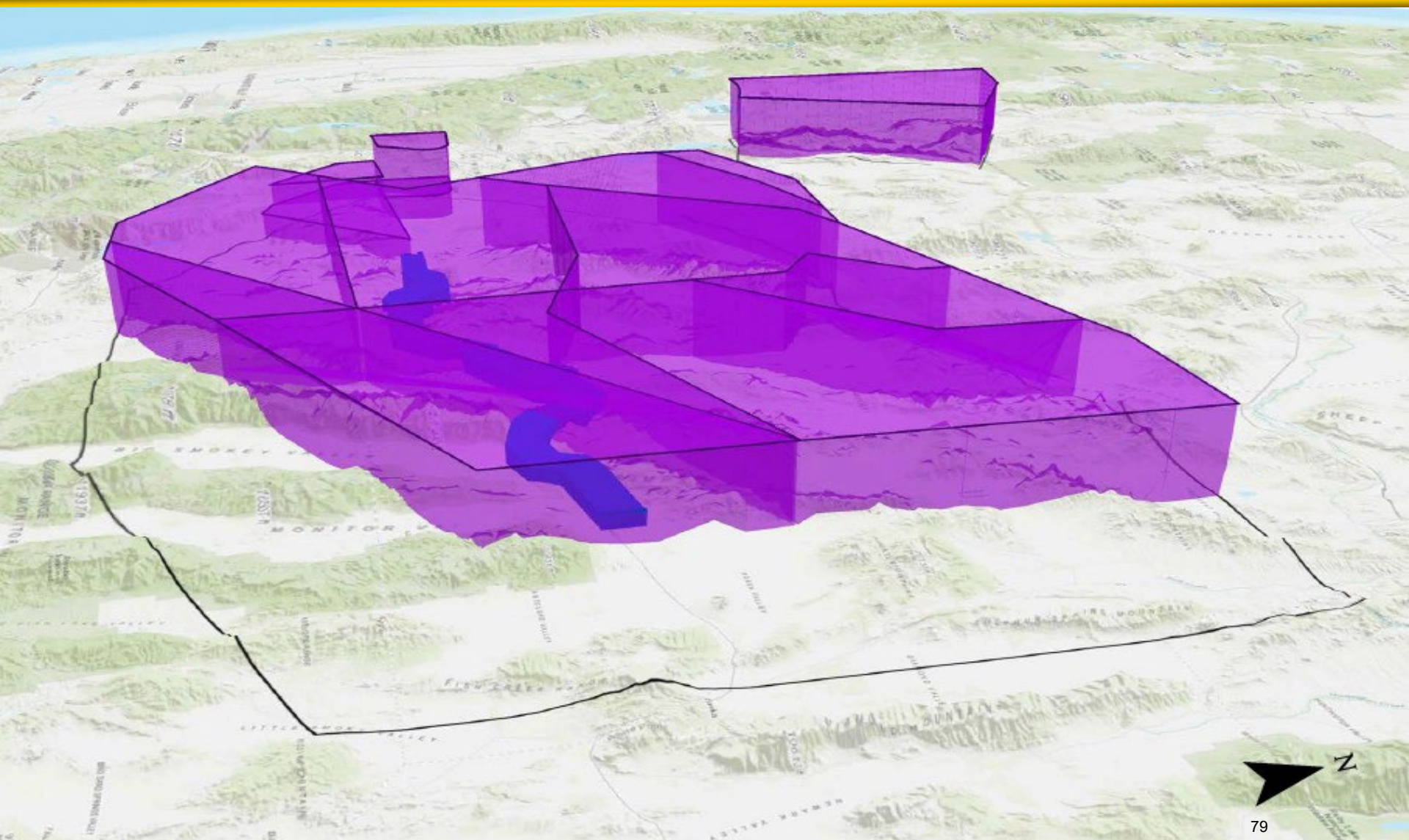
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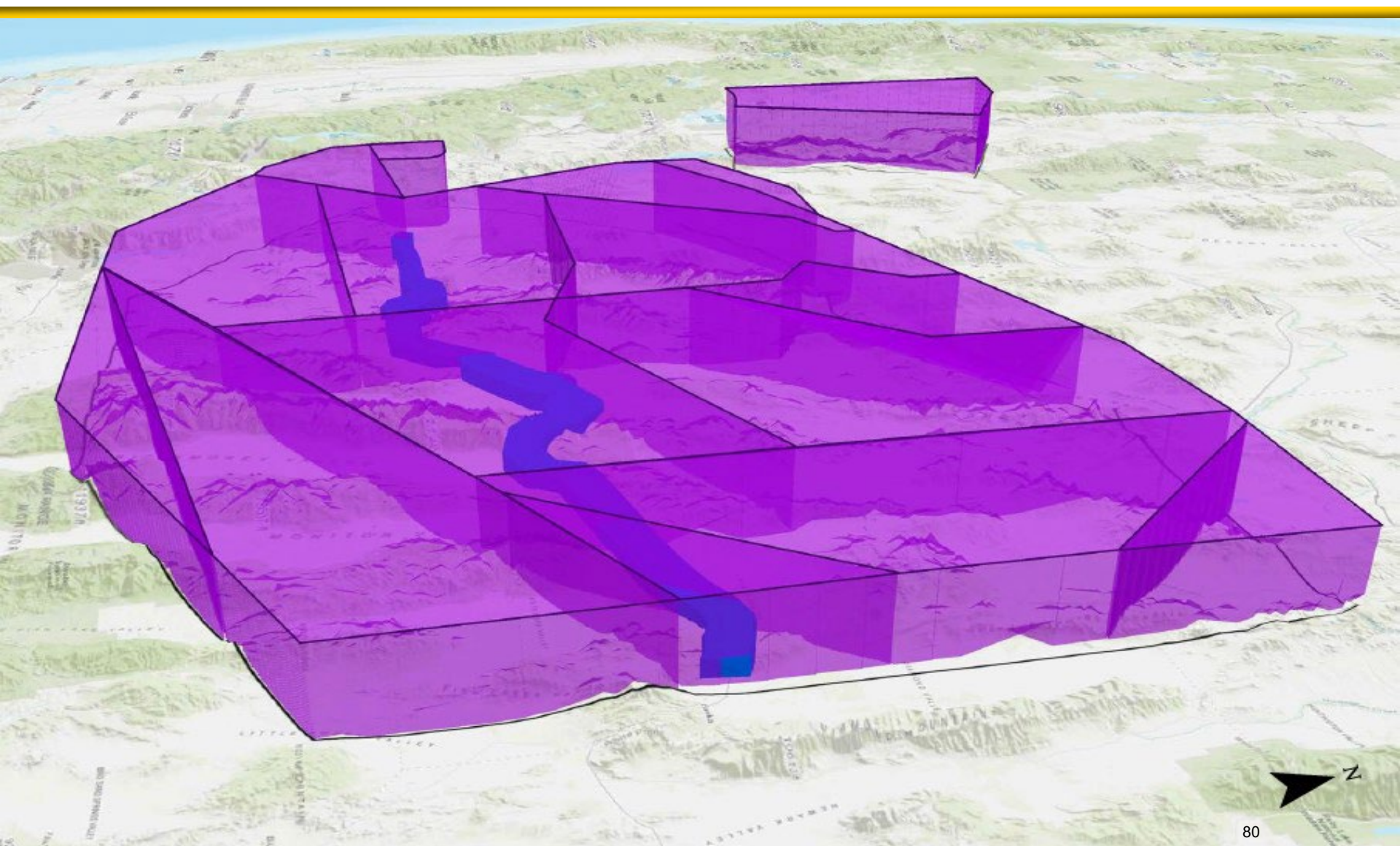
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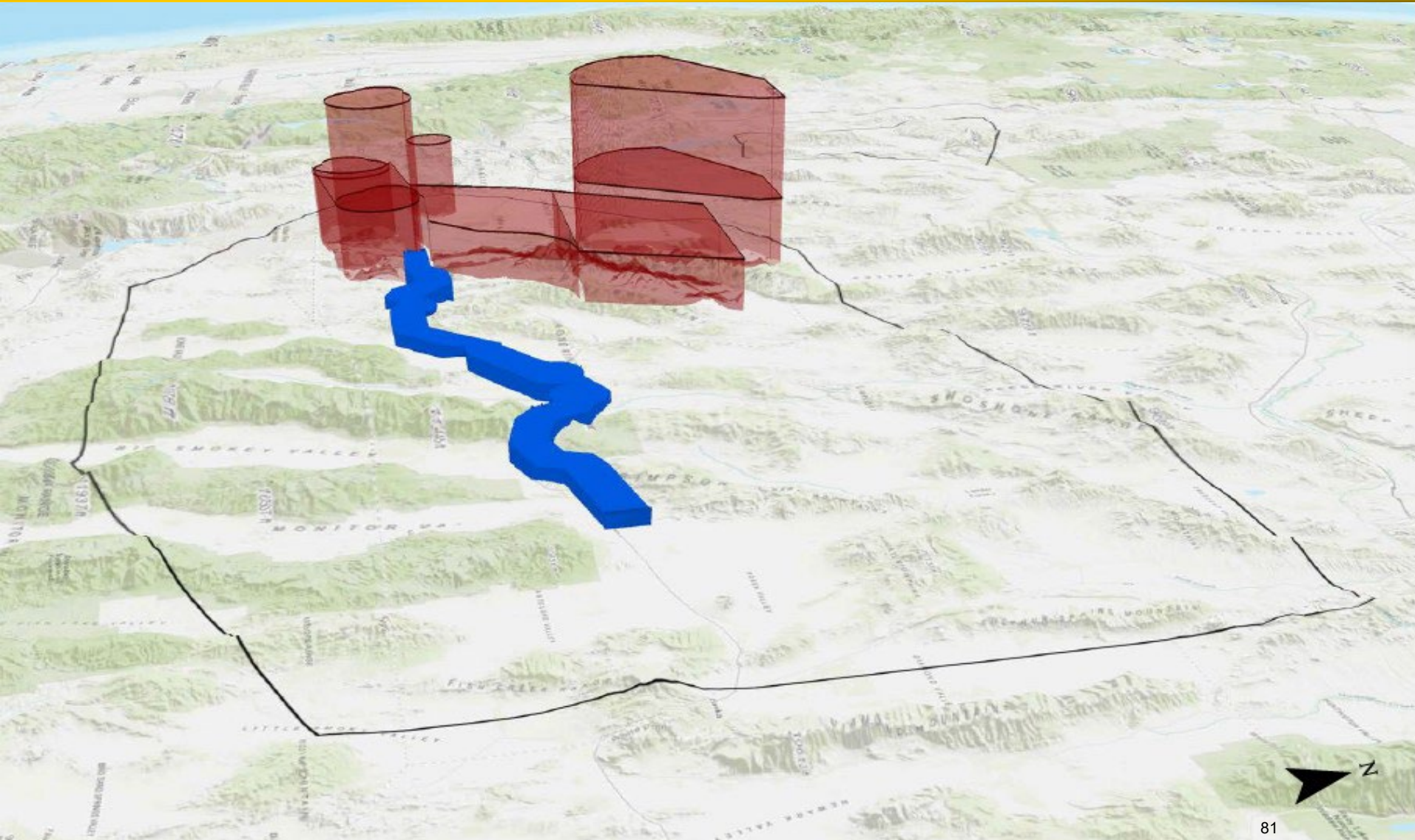


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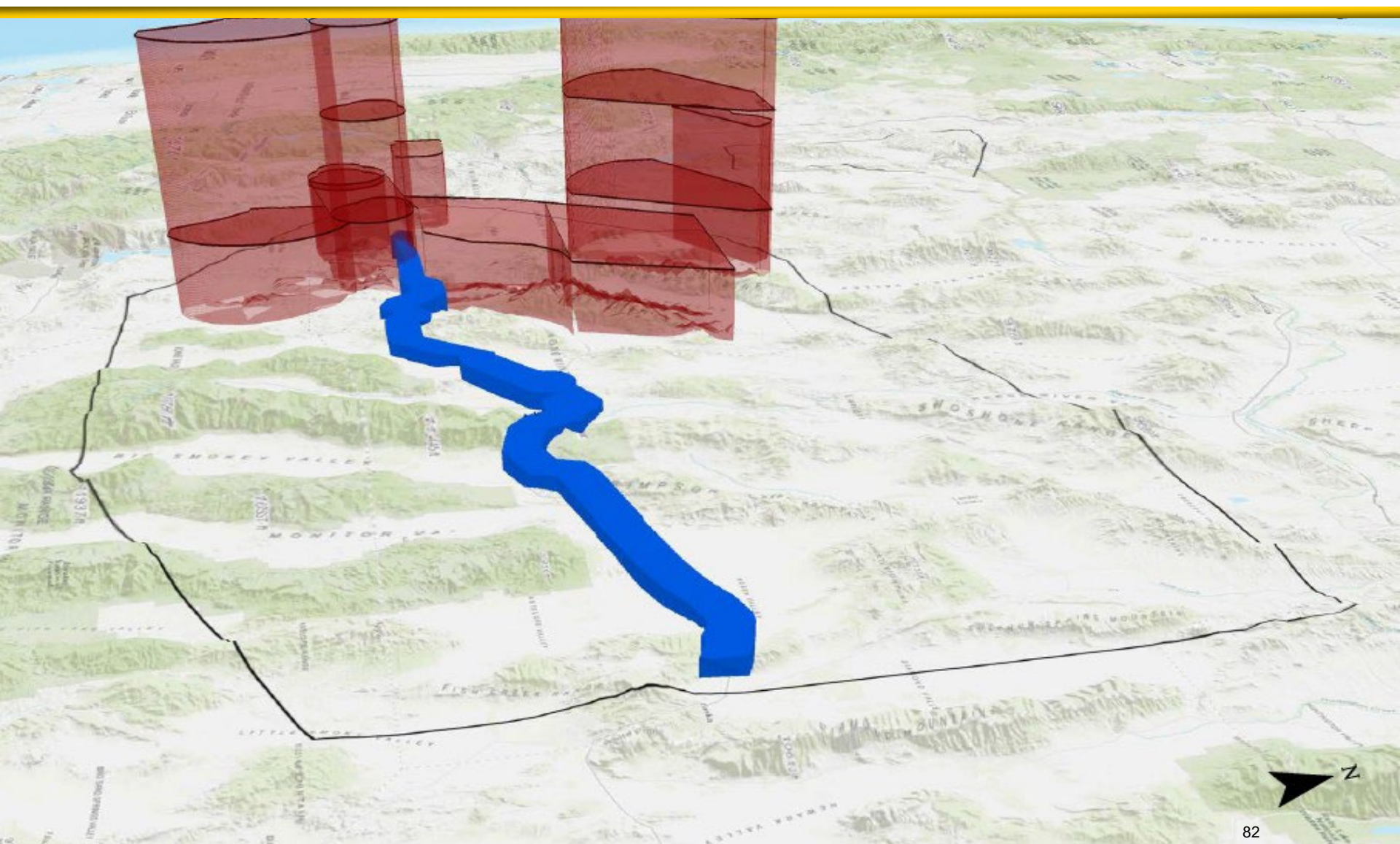


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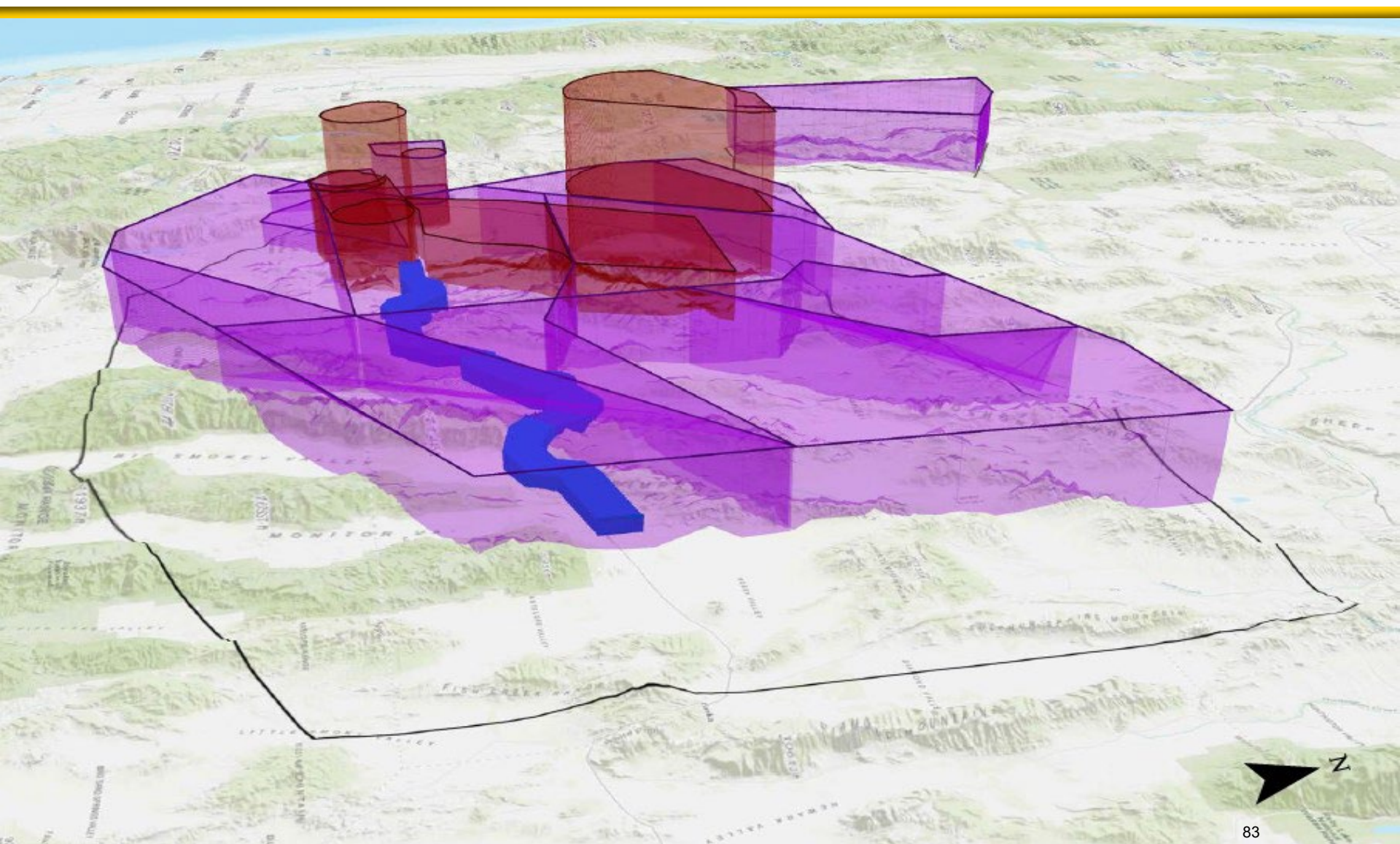


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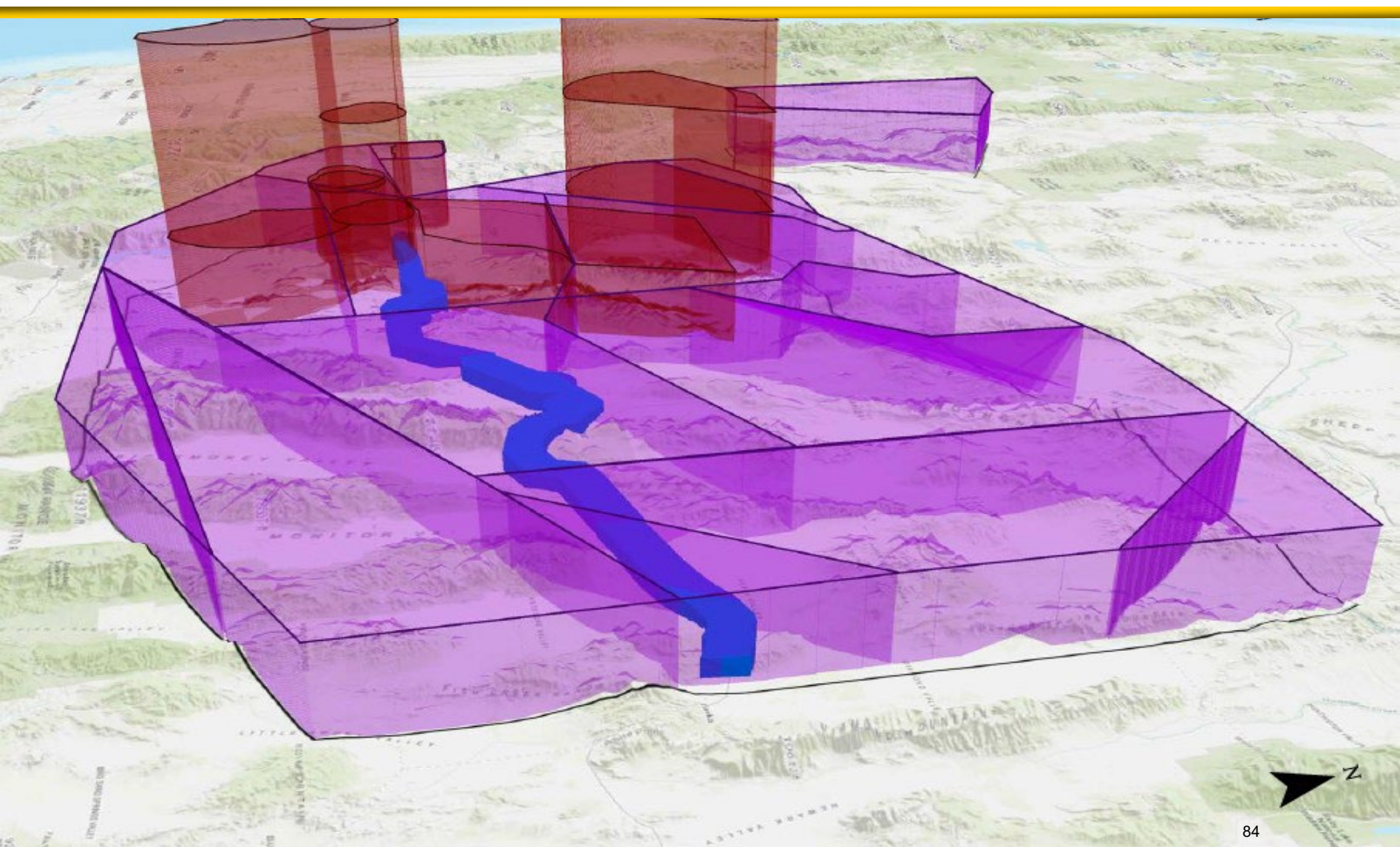


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Modernized MOAs & RAs





Airspace Implementation



- **Phase I - Reno Military Operating Area (MOA) and Reno Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAA)**
- **Phase II - Expansion of the current FRTC and addition of new MOAs agreed to between Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – Oakland Center (ZOA) and FAA – Salt Lake City Center (ZLC). Includes:**
 - Modification of the Churchill MOA, Fallon North (N) 1 MOA/ATCAA, Fallon N2 MOA/ATCAA, Fallon N3 MOA/ATCAA, Fallon N4 MOA/ATCAA, and Ranch MOA
 - Establishment of the Diamond MOA, Duckwater MOA, Ruby MOA/ATCAA, Smokie MOA, and Zircon MOA/ATCAA. These are the MOAs of concern for Sage Grouse.
- **Phase III - Remainder of the FRTC: Diamond ATCAA, Duckwater ATCAA, and Smokie ATCAA**
- **Phase IV - Modification of R-4803 and establishment of R-4804C, R-4805A and B, R-48010B, R-4813C, R-4814A and B, R-4816 North (N) Low, and R-4816 South (S) Low. Pending land acquisition(s) identified for expansion.**



Questions?



Back Up Slides

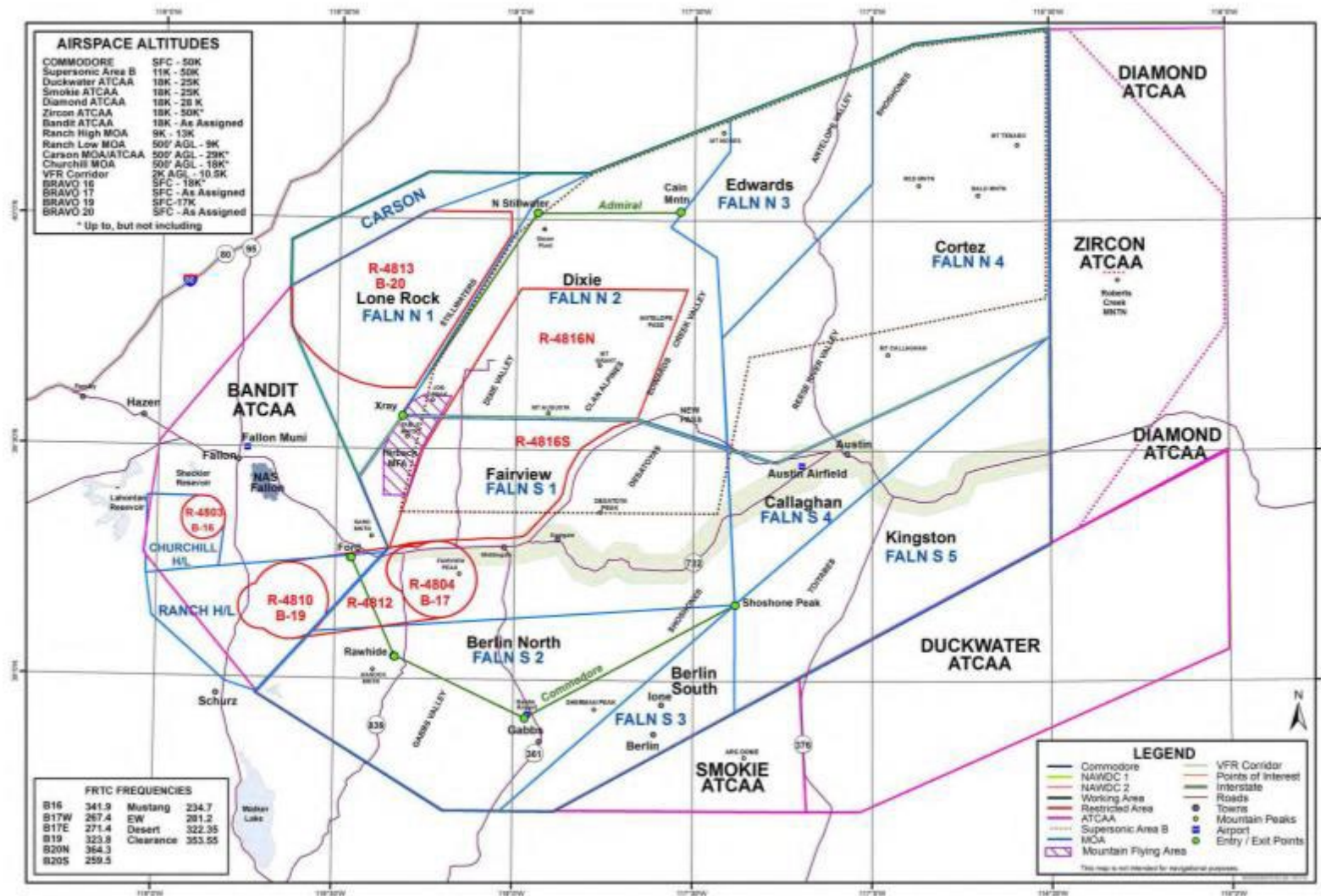
Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Airspace changes would include:

- **R-4803** (B-16) would be increased in horizontal size to the West, to match associated land range changes and the altitude would remain the same, from surface to 17,999 ft. MSL.
- **R-4804/C** (B-17) would increase the airspace ceiling of R-4804 from 35,000 MSL to 50,000 ft. MSL. The horizontal size would remain the same.
- **R-4805A/B** would be established to extend the southern border of R-4804 farther to the south to encompass the new B-17 ordnance WDs. Altitude would be from the surface to 50,000 ft. MSL.
- **R-4810/B** (B-19) would increase the airspace ceiling from current surface to 17,000 ft. MSL, to surface to * 18,000 ft. MSL.
- **R-4813/C** (B-20) would increase the airspace ceiling from 35,000 to 50,000 ft. MSL. The horizontal size would remain the same.
- **R-4814A/B** (B-20) would be established to match associated land range changes with the B-20 range expansion. Altitude would be from surface to * 29,000 ft. MSL.
- **R-4816N Low** would match associated land changes and altitude would be surface to but not include 1500 ft. AGL. It would always be activated with R-4816N.
- **R-4816S Low** would match associated land changes and altitude would be surface to but not include 500 ft. AGL. It would always be activated with R-4816S.
- **Churchill MOA**- Churchill High and Low MOAs will be combined into one MOA (New Churchill MOA) and the altitude would change to 500 ft. AGL to * 18,000 ft. MSL.
- **Diamond MOA**. A new Diamond MOA would be established underneath the southern portion of the current Diamond ATCAA from 1,200 ft. AGL to * 18,000 ft. MSL.
- **Diamond ATCAA**. The Diamond ATCAA border would be modified to only use the southern portion and be raised to operate from 18,000 ft. MSL to * 50,000 feet MSL.
- **Duckwater MOA** would be established from 200 ft. AGL floor to * 18,000 ft. MSL ceiling underneath the Duckwater ATCAA.
- **Duckwater ATCAA** border would be modified horizontally to better align with local air traffic routes. The Duckwater ATCAA ceiling would begin at 18,000 ft. MSL and raise the ceiling from current 25,000 feet MSL to * 50,000 feet MSL.
- **FALN N 1-4 Northern Expansion (MOA)**. The Northern border of the FRTC would be slightly expanded to the North, beginning with the Carson Military Operating Area (MOA) to the west and extending to the FALN North 4 MOA to the east. The new Northern border would encompass the current Fallon North 1-4 MOAs at an altitude of 100 ft. AGL (FALN N 1 & 2) / 200 ft. AGL. (FALN N 3 & 4) to * 18,000 ft. MSL.
- **FALN N 1-4 Northern Expansion (ATCAA)**. The new ATCAA would overlie the associated MOA from 18,000 ft. MSL to * 50,000 ft. MSL.
- **FALN S 1-3**. FALLON South MOAs:
 - The Fallon South 2 and 3 MOAs would be combined into a single MOA and be renamed as FALN S 2 (Fallon South 2 MOA).
 - The Fallon South 4 and 5 MOAs would be combined into a single MOA and renamed as FALN S 3 (Fallon South 3 MOA).
- **Ranch MOA**. The Reno Low/High MOAs would be combined into one MOA (new Ranch MOA) and the altitudes would change from the current 500 foot AGL floor and 9,000 and 13,000 MSL ceilings to 500 AGL and * 18,000 ft. MSL for the new Ranch MOA.
- **Reno MOA / ATCAA** would be modified from the current 13,000 ft. MSL floor and 31,000 ft. ceiling to a 1,500 ft. Above Ground Level (AGL) floor and * 40,000 ft. ceiling; add supersonic capability above 30,000 ft. MSL, and add chaff and flare release capability (standard flare minimum altitude restrictions). The * 40,000 ft. ceiling would be requested on rare occasions.
- **Ruby MOA**. A new Ruby MOA would be created and operate from 1,200 ft. AGL to * 18,000 ft. MSL.
- **Ruby ATCAA**. The Ruby ATCAA would be created from 18,000 ft. MSL to * 28,000 ft. MSL replacing/renaming the northern portion of the current Diamond ATCAA.
- **Smokie MOA**. The Smokie MOA would be established from 200 ft. AGL floor to * 18,000 ft. MSL ceiling below the horizontally modified Smokie ATCAA.
- **Smokie ATCAA**. The Smokie ATCAA border would also be modified horizontally to better align with local air traffic routes and the Smokie ATCAA would begin at 18,000 ft. MSL. The ceiling would raise from current 25,000 feet MSL to * 29,000 feet MSL.
- **Zircon MOA**. The Zircon ATCAA would remain unchanged from current 18,000 ft. MSL to 50,000 ft. MSL. and a new Zircon MOA would be created and operate underneath it from 1,200 ft. AGL to * 18,000 ft. MSL, (creating a Zircon MOA/ATCAA).
- The VFR Corridor would extend Eastward through the Zircon and Diamond MOA.

* But not including



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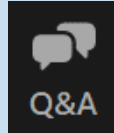
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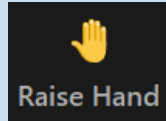
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- 3-minute maximum per person
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Adjourn

Thank you!