



US Army Corps
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Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	April 24, 2026
EXPIRATION DATE:	May 25, 2026
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2015-00025-M9
WATERWAY:	Colville River

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

All comments regarding this public notice should be sent to the address noted above. If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the project manager's email as listed below or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the public notice reference number listed above.

All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this public notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Drew E. Sliger at (907) 753-2723, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at drew.e.sliger@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

APPLICANT: Alan Johnson, Oil Search Alaska, LLC., a subsidiary of Santos Limited
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601 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

LOCATION: The project is situated at the site of the Nanushuk Drillsite C (NDC), located approximately 56 miles west of Deadhorse, North Slope Borough, Alaska (Latitude 70.2647, Longitude -150.7492).

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to accommodate updated safety and logistics considerations for operations, drilling and completions activities.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes the modification of the Pikka Development Project, (formerly known as the Nanushuk Project). The proposed modifications would increase the footprint of NDC pad and access road as well as the construction of two pipeline valve pads to discharge 46,500 cubic yards of gravel fill resulting in permanent impacts to 3.44 acres of wetland. Specifically, the proposed impacts would consist of a 2.3 acre expansion of the NDC pad footprint, 0.9 acre for two NDC valve pads, and 0.24 acre increase in the NDC access road footprint. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (Figures 1 through 13), dated April 17, 2026.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: The applicant stated the following: The proposed gravel fill would be located adjacent to the already permitted NDC Pad, pipeline, and access road. This would concentrate gravel fill placement in areas already permitted for development and would avoid additional impacts to undisturbed tundra areas. Gravel for the project would be stockpiled in the uplands or be transported directly from the material site and placed within the permitted footprint. Single-season ice roads and ice pads would be used to support winter construction, avoiding the need for temporary fills during construction.

b. Minimization: The applicant stated the following: The proposed expansion of the permitted footprint of the NDC Pad, would accommodate completions, storage, well stimulation, and testing equipment; as well as temporary construction and production facilities, and avoid the need for a separate staging pad, therefore minimizing impacts to waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). Tundra access ramps, that allow access over the pipeline, were removed from the proposed valve pad design to further minimize impacts to WOTUS. Since the Kachemach River Pipeline Bridge would be located upstream of the river and NDC access road, it was determined that tundra access ramps would not be required. The proposed NDC Pad was designed to the minimum requirements for safe practices and planned development activities. Wells would be positioned to the minimum spacing standards, while maintaining adherence to project surface and subsurface requirements. Gravel fill material would be placed during frozen conditions to minimize wetland disturbance. All gravel would be clean and sourced from one of the local existing mine sites. Water withdrawal for ice pad and ice road construction would be conducted in compliance with Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) water withdrawal authorizations and Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) fish habitat permit stipulations.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant stated the following: A compensatory mitigation plan (CMP) was approved for this project and modified under the 4th modification. The CMP is applicable to the proposed modifications and continues to provide appropriate and practicable compensatory mitigation to compensate for unavoidable loss Waters of the United States, based on USACE's watershed informed decision. The applicant proposes no additional compensatory mitigation beyond what is being implemented under the previously approved plan.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no cultural resources in the permit area or within the vicinity of the permit area. The permit area has been determined to be the waters of the United States within the footprint or vicinity of the proposed regulated activity. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) at this time, and we are otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. The Corps has made a No Historic Properties Affected (No Effect) determination for the proposed project. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Federally recognized Tribes, and other consulting parties. Any comments SHPO, Federally recognized Tribes, and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work. The Corps is requesting the SHPO's concurrence with this determination.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPAC) statement, the project area is within the known or historic range of the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), spectacled eider (*Somateria fischerii*), Steller's eider (*Polistica stellari*). Additionally, there are no critical habitats within the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), through the appropriate consultation procedures under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Any comments the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect EFH. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Corps fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Corps, Alaska District, on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and

resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This public notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal rights or resources. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander. This application is being coordinated with federally recognized tribes and other consulting parties. Any comments federal recognized tribes and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by the work under the requested permit will be considered in the Corps final assessment of the described work.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(CHOOSE Authority and delete others)

(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States – Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings are enclosed with this public notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

PIKKA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT POA-2015-00025

Permit History	Permanent Fill (acres)	Temporary Impacts (acres)	Date Issued (month/day/year)
Original Permit	266.2	5.8	5/21/2019
Modification 1. Updates to DS2/NDB, TIP, water source access road, toe	1.9	0	11/15/2019
Modification 2. Updates to STP, STP Pipeline, Screeding	6.88	10.28	11/9/2020
Modification 3. Updates to Boat Launch, Pump house, pipeline, valve & tundra crossing pads	6.87	0	4/21/2021
Modification 4. Administrative update for Compensatory Mitigation Plan (CMP)	n/a	n/a	4/26/2022
Modification 5. Updates to Project, STP, & GSP	3.3	0	5/19/2023
Modification 6. Administrative update to extend permit expiration date	n/a	n/a	8/9/2023
Modification 7. Relocate EQ52 location	n/a	n/a	12/6/2023
Modification 8. NPF Pad Expansion	0.19	n/a	8/16/2024
Total:	285.34		

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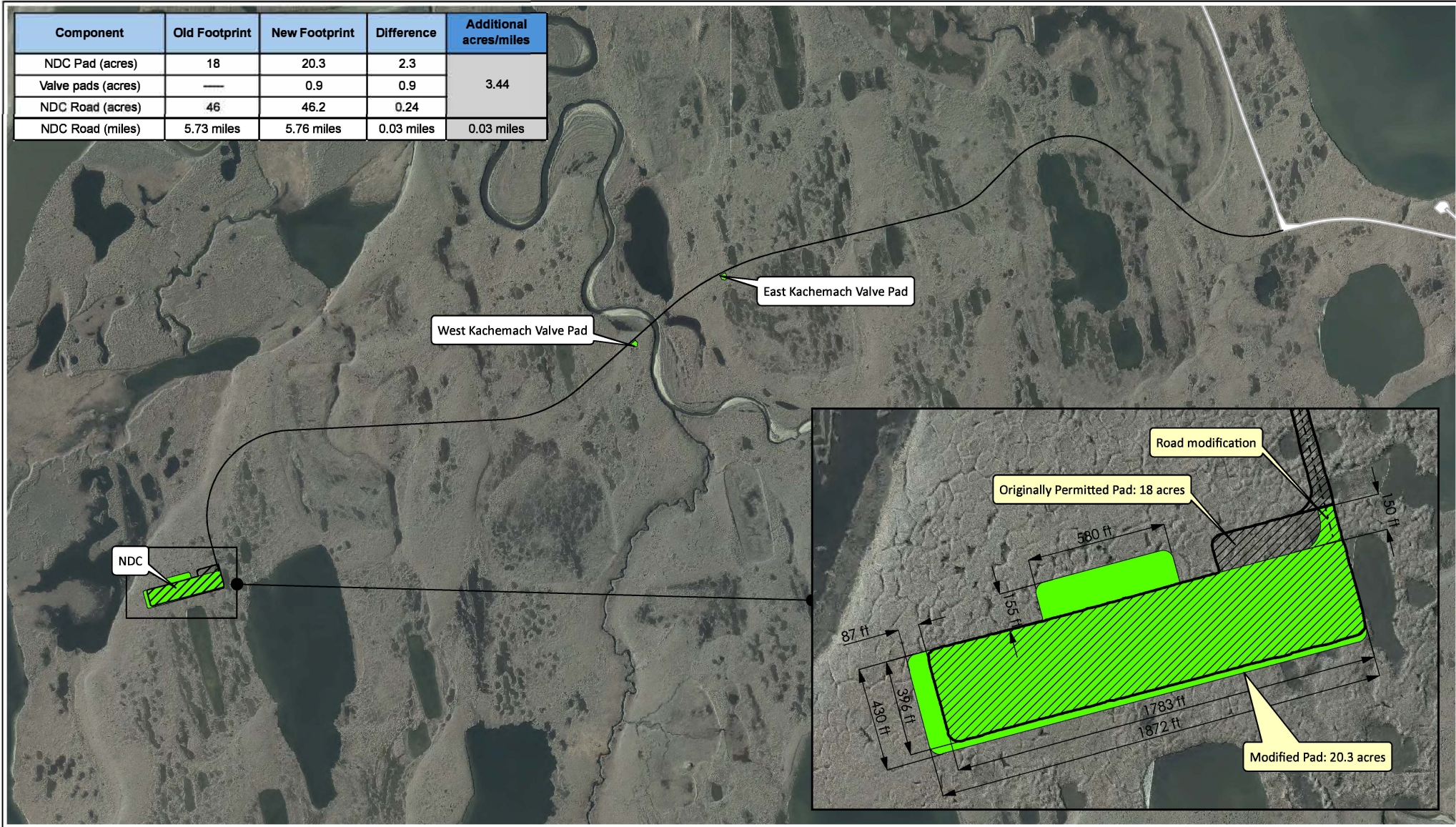
**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS
 PIKKA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT POA-2015-00025-M9**

Project Component	Proposed Additional Footprint (acres)	Proposed Additional Gravel Fill (cubic yards)	Component Location (Latitude, - Longitude)	Property Owner
NDC Road	0.24 acre (0.03 miles)	2,000	Start: (70.288561, -150.533314) End: (70.266466, -150.734565) U011N006E S21-23, 28-31 U011N005E S25, 36	State of Alaska and Kuukpik Corporation
West NDC Valve Pad	0.5 acre	6,250	(70.285332, -150.639043) U011N006E S29	Kuukpik Corporation
East NDC Valve Pad	0.4 acre	6,250	(70.280923, -150.655850) U011N006E S28	State of Alaska
NDC Pad	2.3 acre	32,000	(70.264755, -150.749226) U011N005E S36 U011N006E S31	Kuukpik Corporation
Total Proposed	3.44 acre footprint	46,500 cubic yards gravel fill		

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Pikka Development Project
Figure 2

Component	Old Footprint	New Footprint	Difference	Additional acres/miles
NDC Pad (acres)	18	20.3	2.3	3.44
Valve pads (acres)	—	0.9	0.9	
NDC Road (acres)	46	46.2	0.24	0.03 miles
NDC Road (miles)	5.73 miles	5.76 miles	0.03 miles	

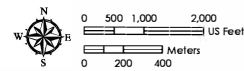


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- MODIFIED GRAVEL
- PERMITTED GRAVEL
- GRAVEL ROADS/PADS BUILT

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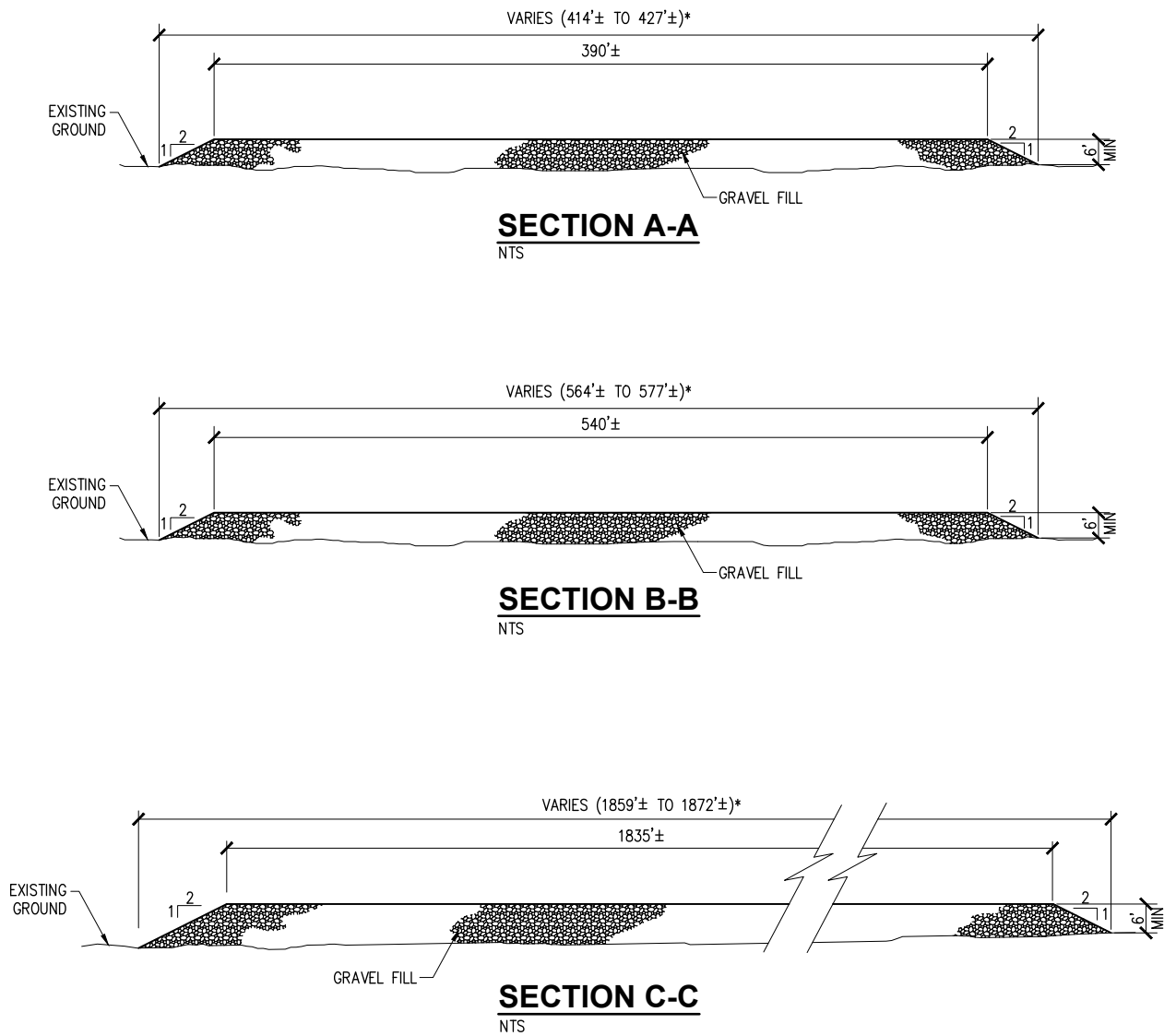
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 PIKKA DEVELOPMENT
PERMITTED NDC AREA WITH PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS



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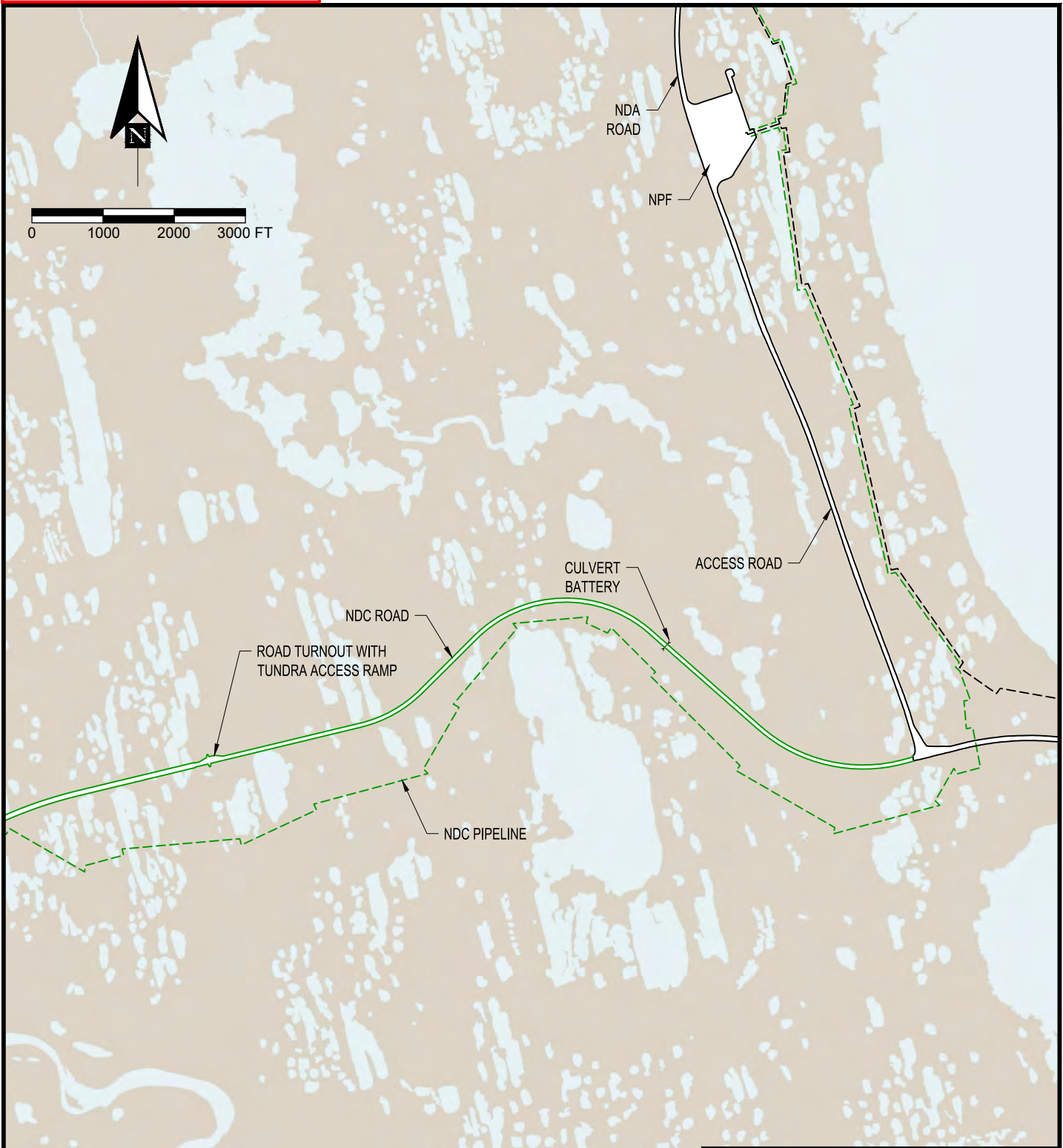


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NANUSHUK DRILLSITE C (NDC) PAD SECTIONS

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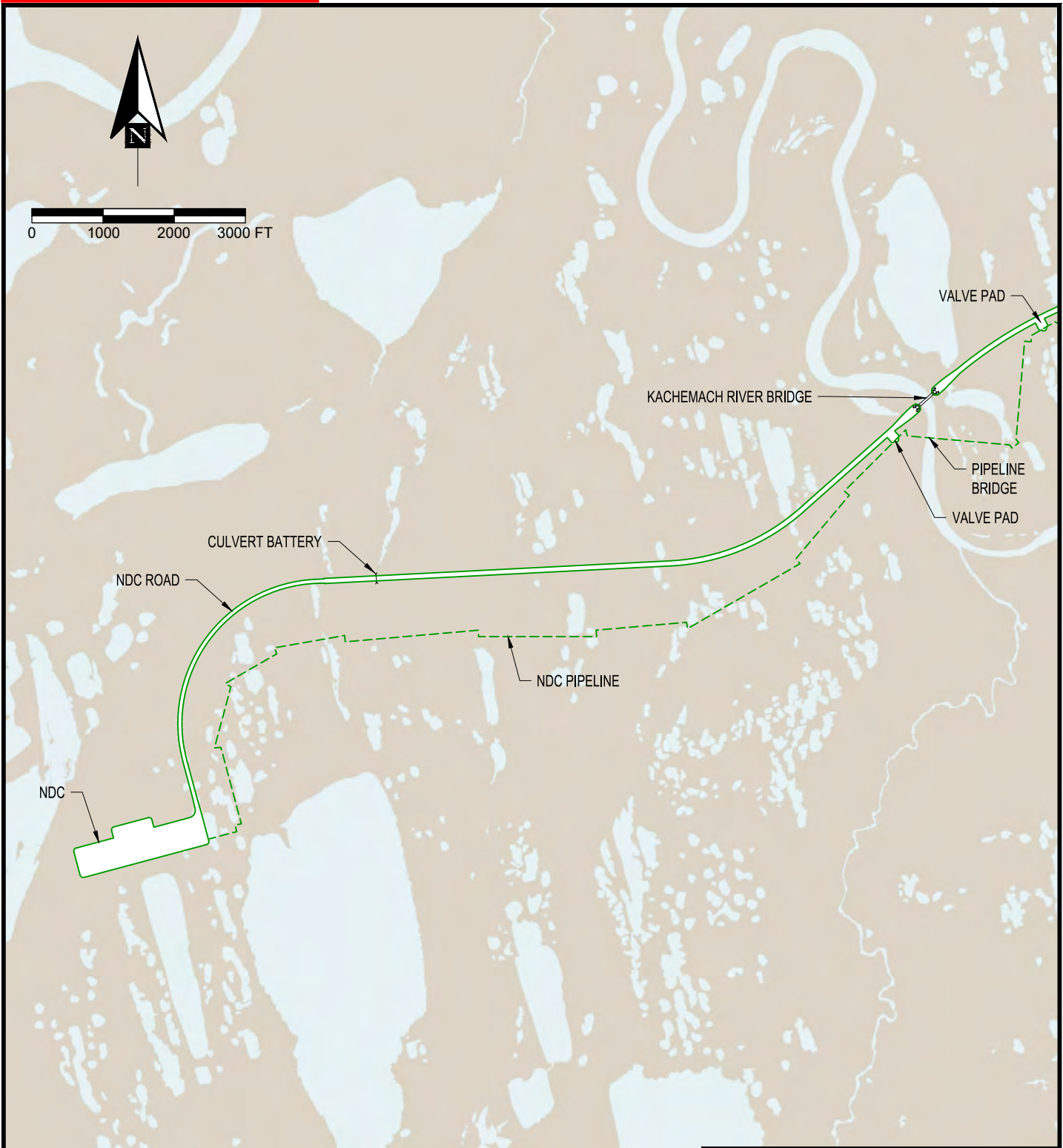
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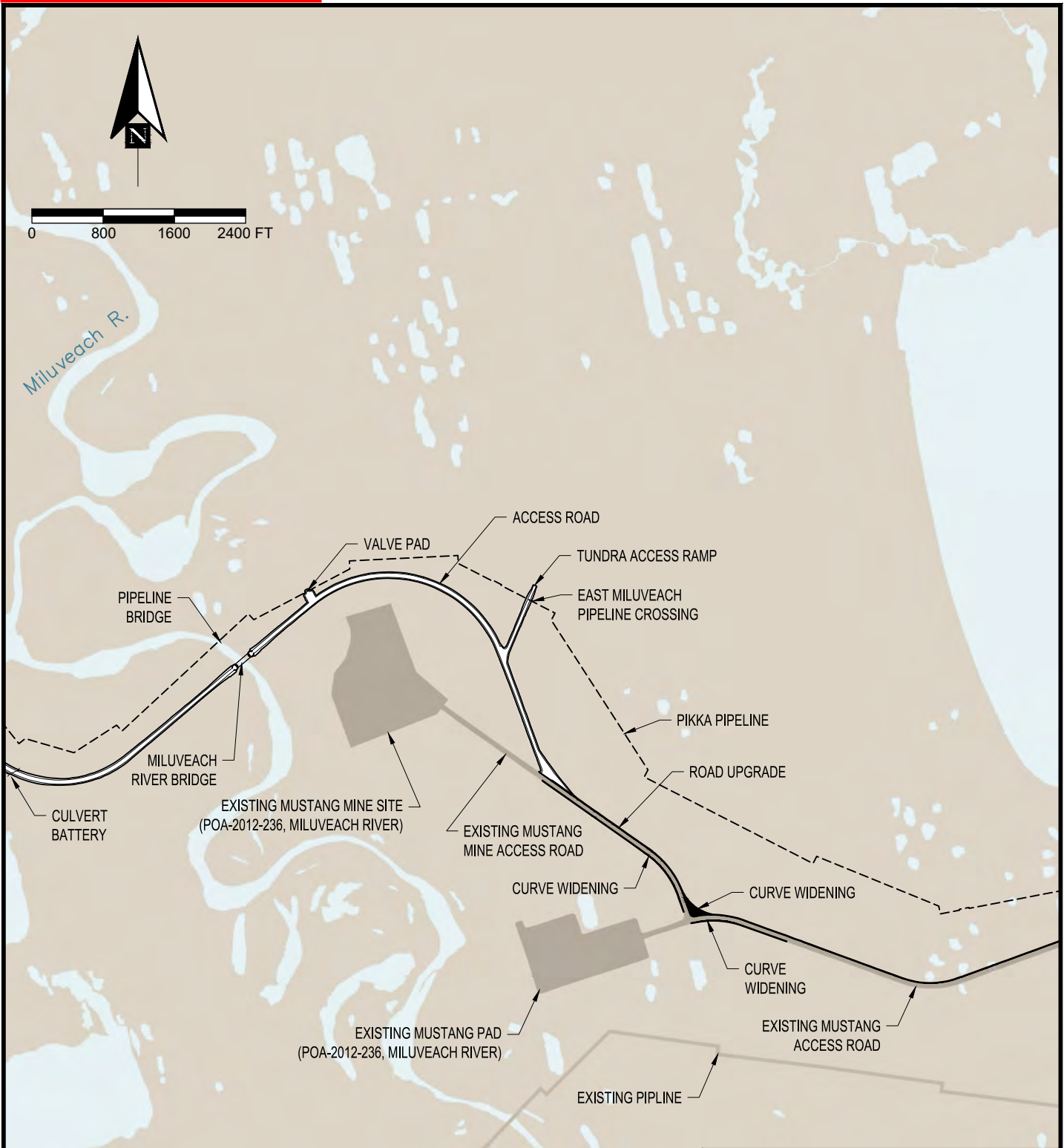
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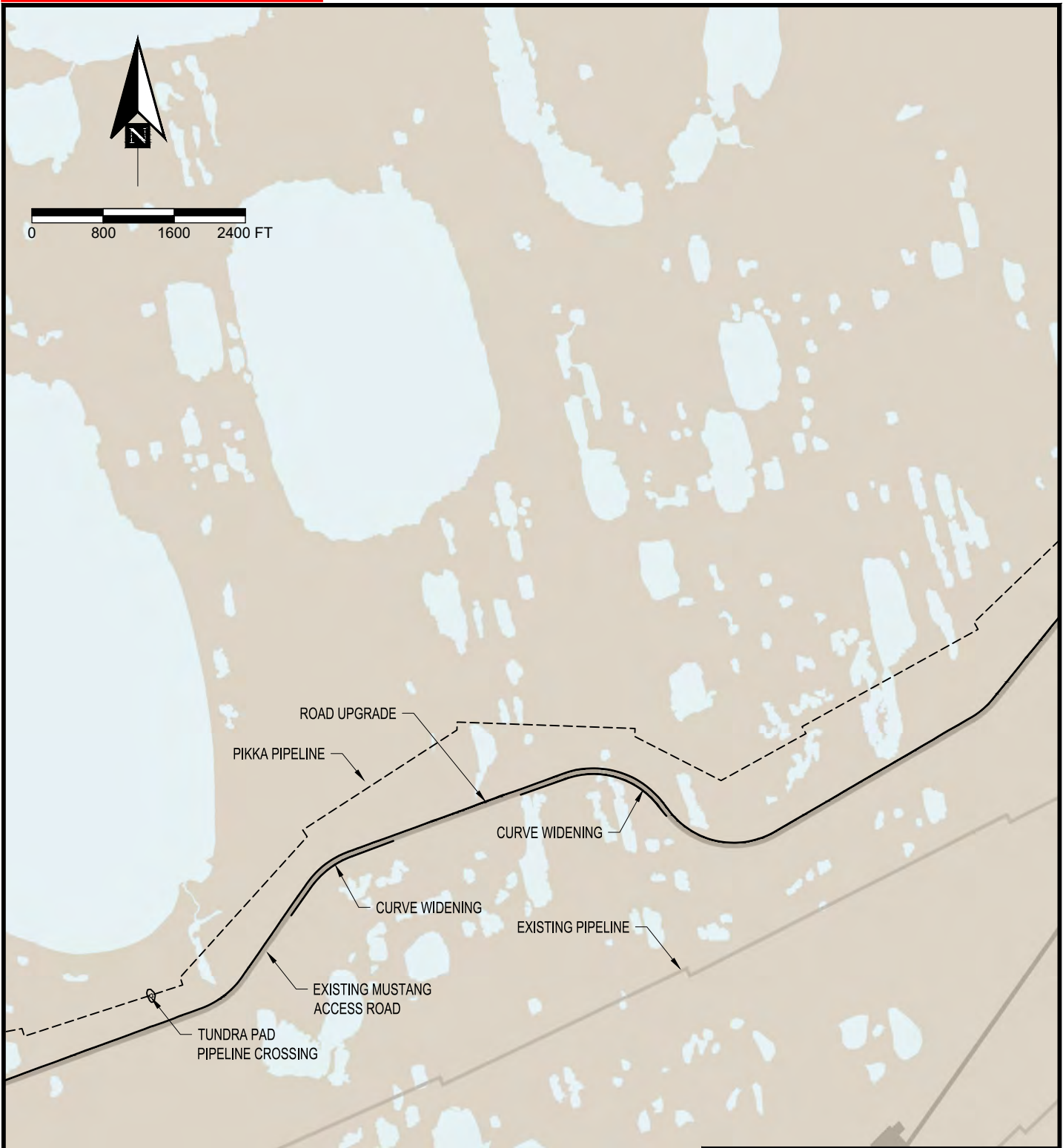
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ACCESS ROAD AND PIKKA PIPELINE

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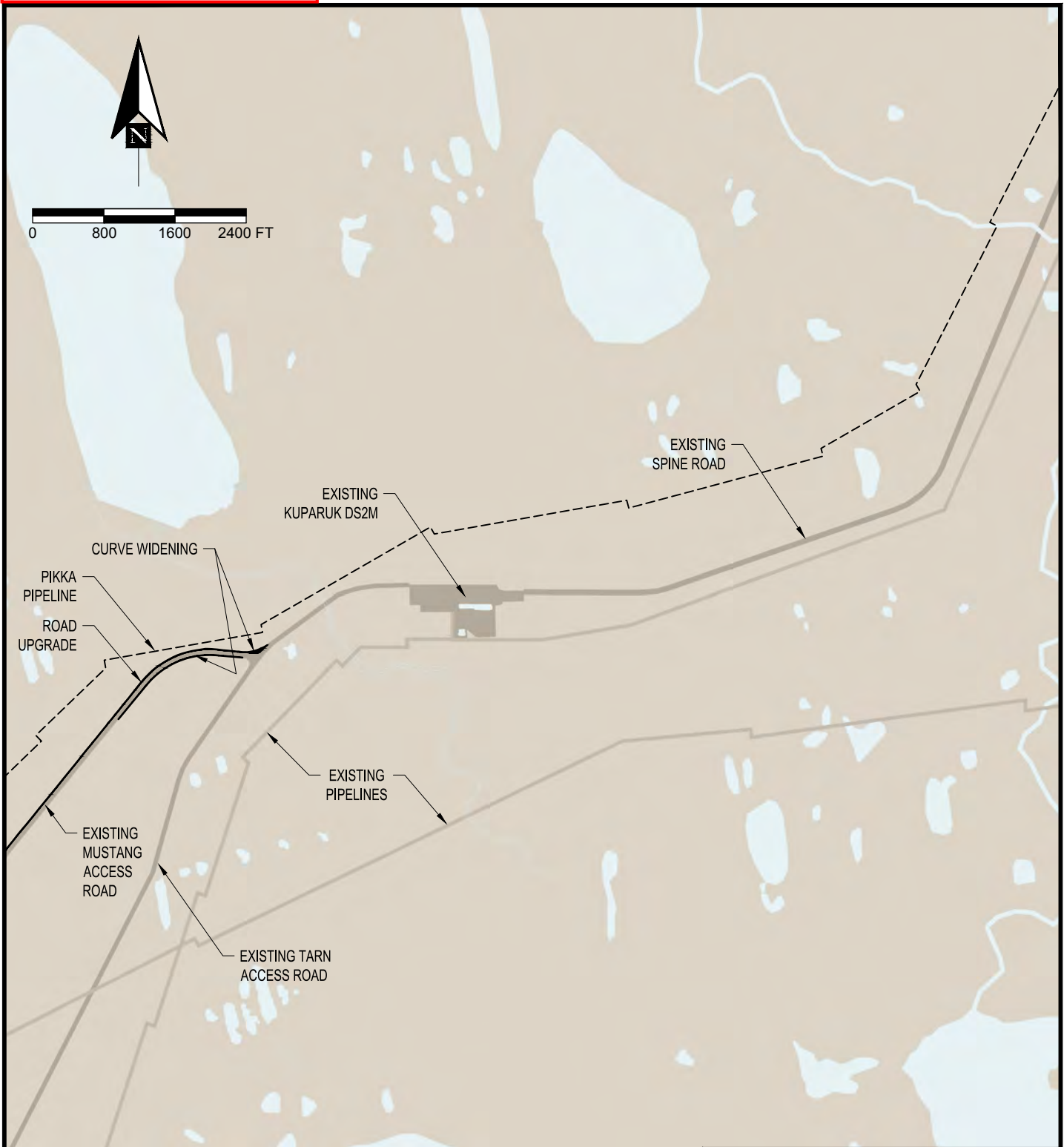
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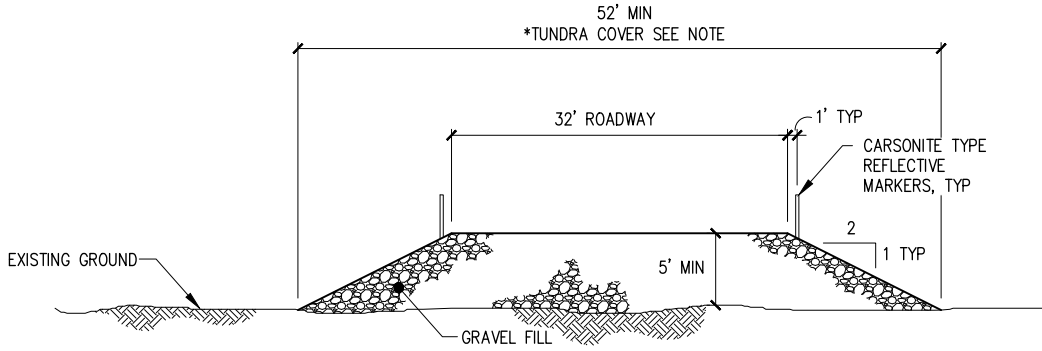
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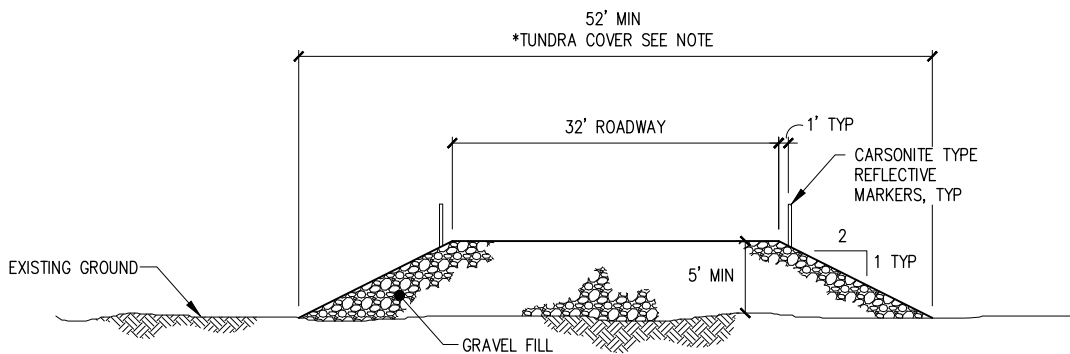
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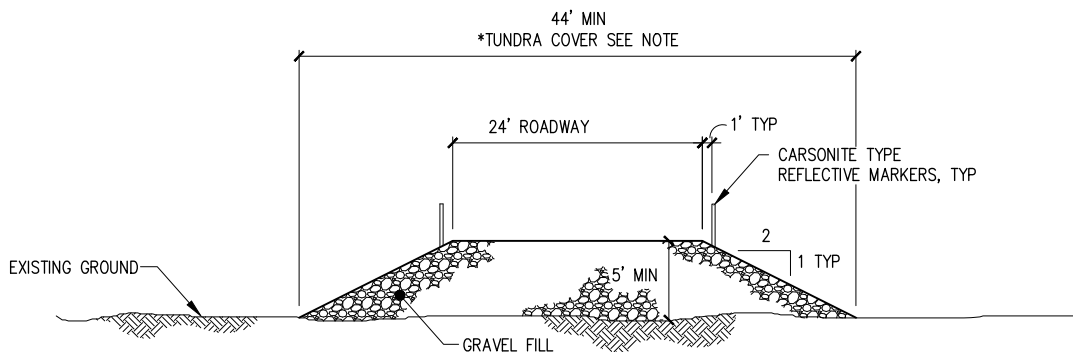
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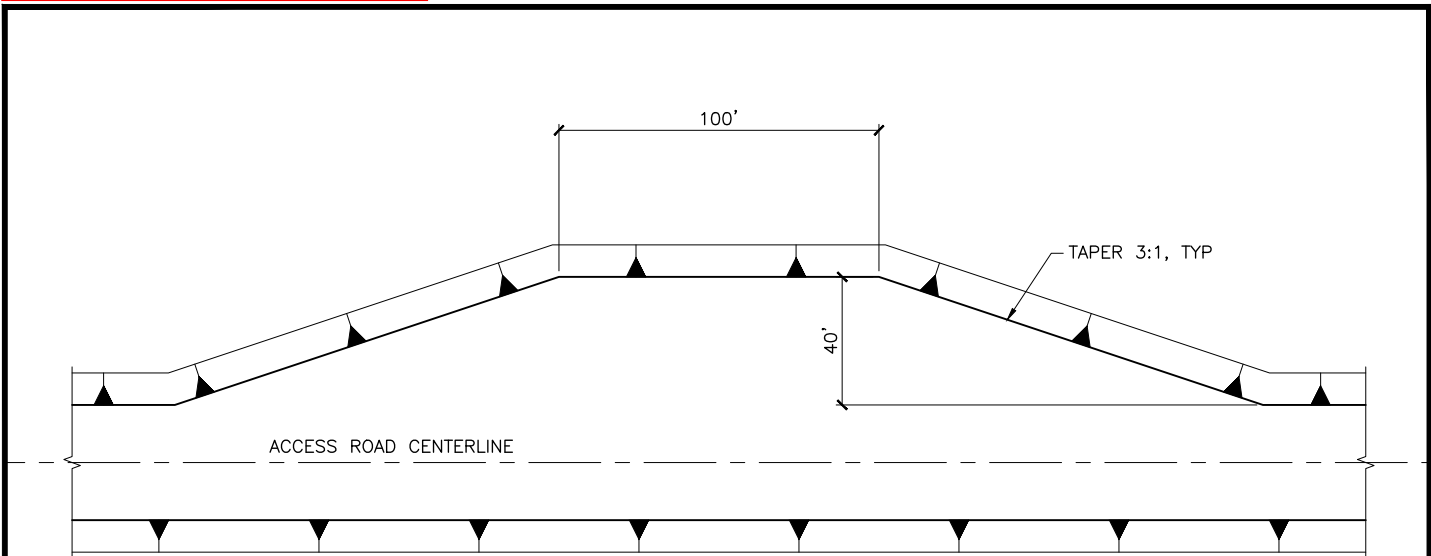
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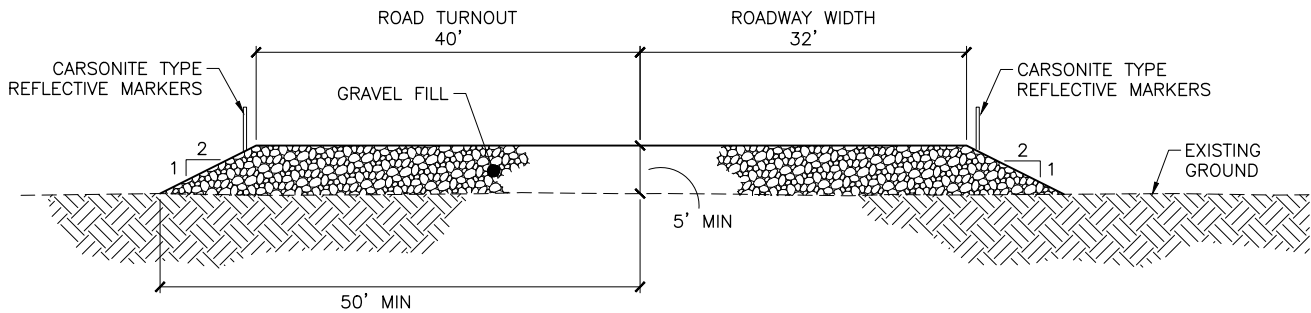
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TYPICAL ROAD SECTIONS



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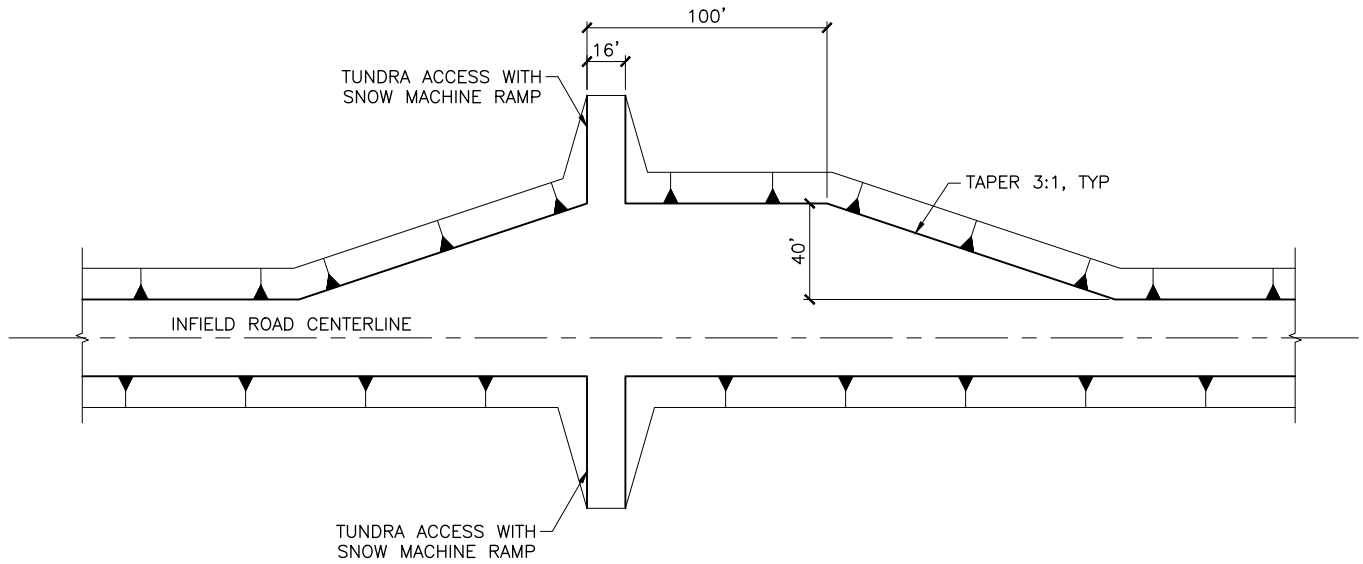
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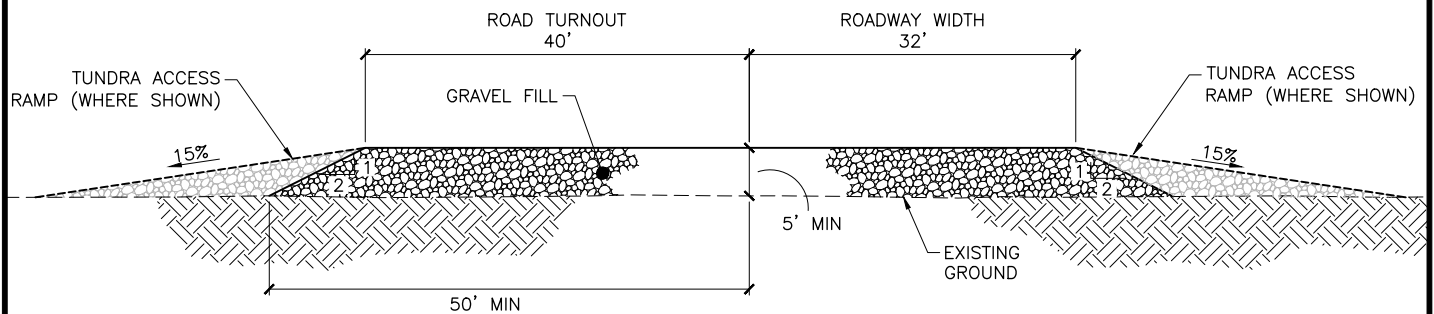
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ROAD TURNOUT WITH TUNDRA ACCESS RAMP PLAN

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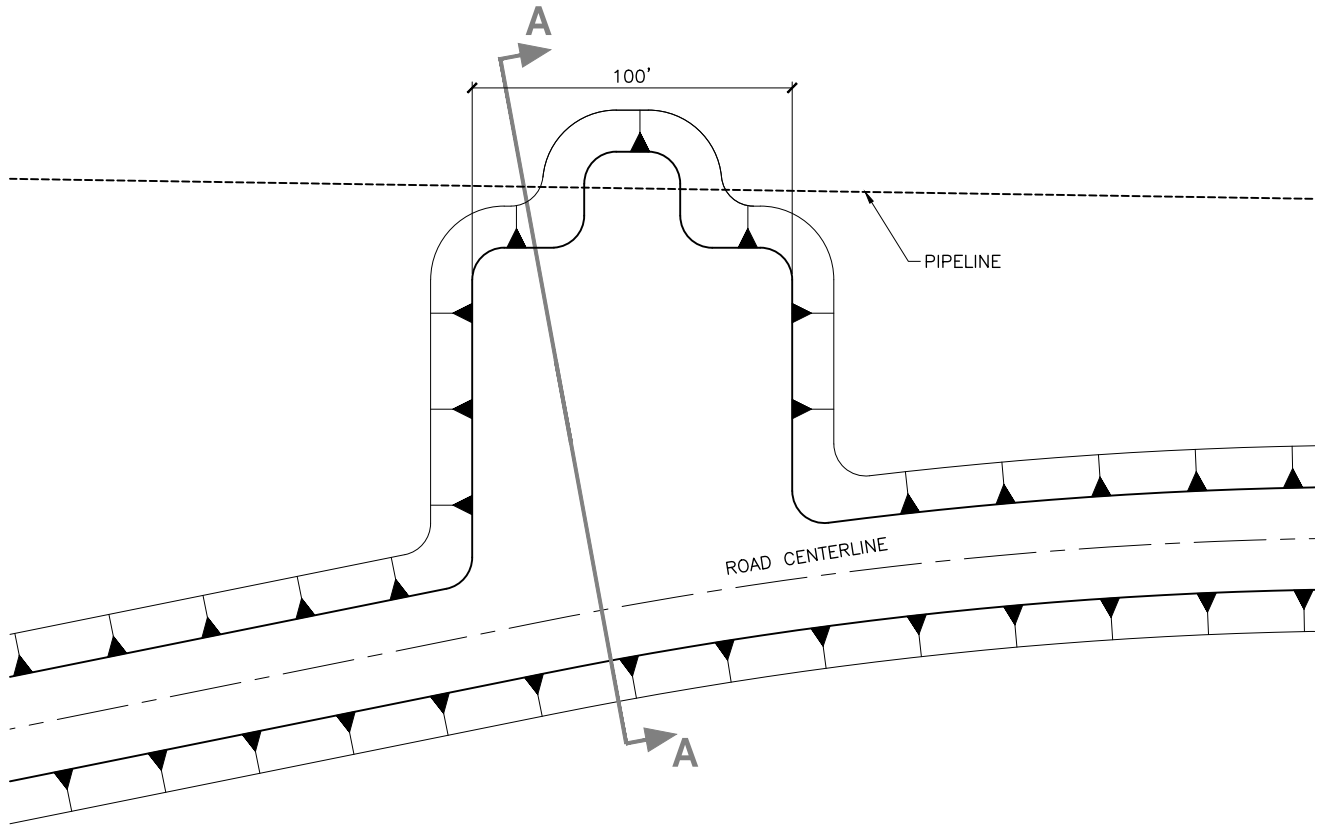
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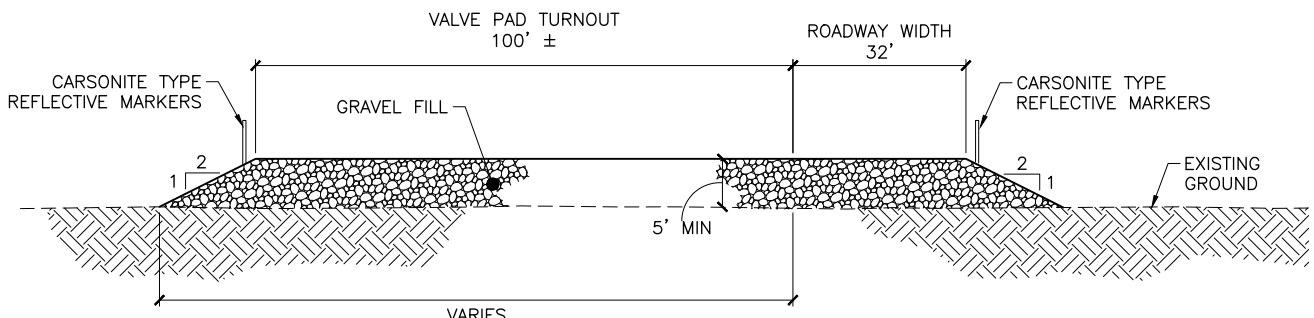
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ROAD TURNOUTS WITH TUNDRA ACCESS RAMPS



VALVE PAD PLAN
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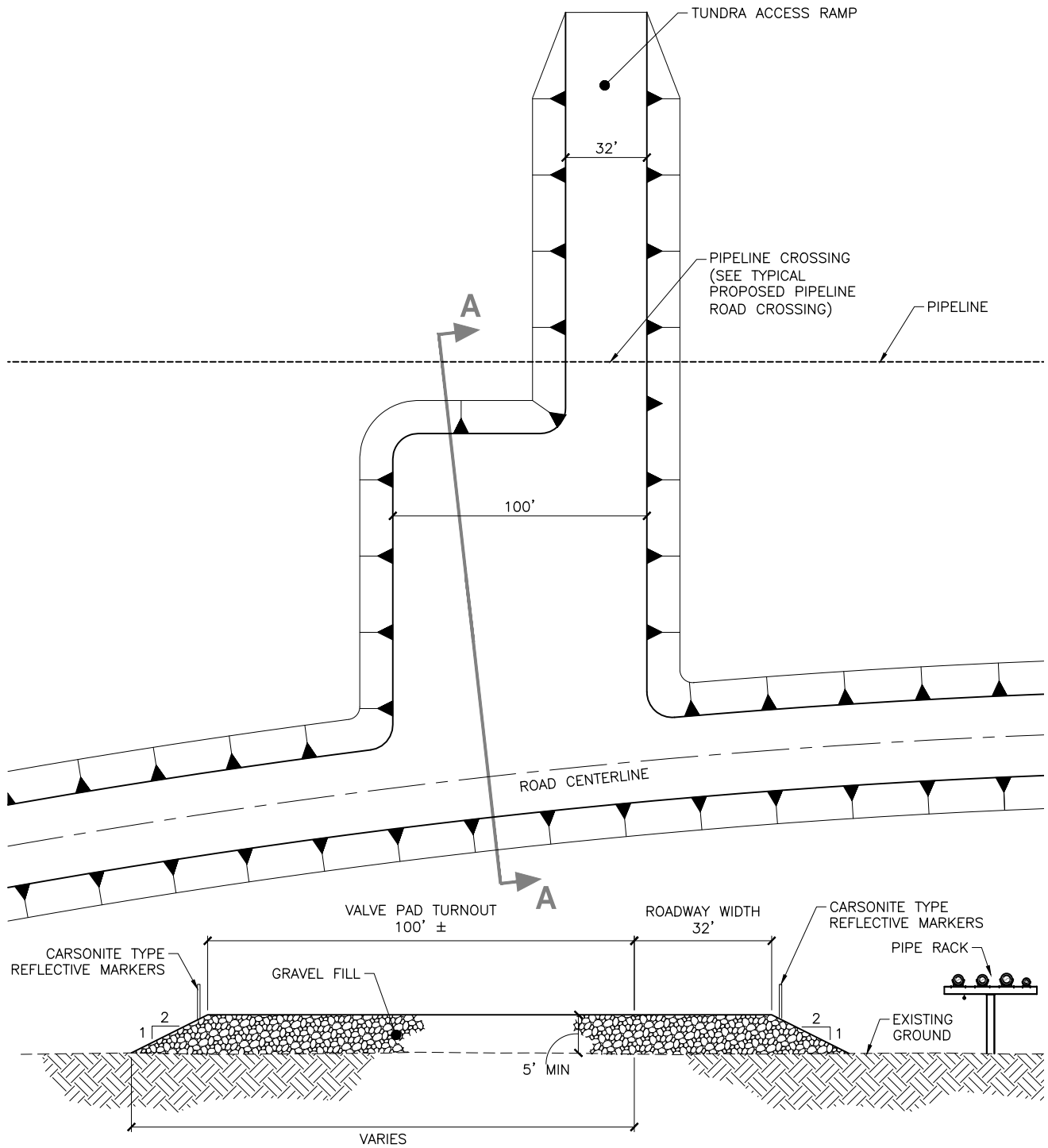


TYPICAL VALVE PAD SECTION
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TYPICAL VALVE PAD WITH TUNDRA ACCESS RAMP SECTION

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