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Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States.

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: **September 29, 2026**

EXPIRATION DATE: **October 30, 2026**

REFERENCE NUMBER: **POA-2026-00416**

WATERWAY: **Indian Creek**

APPLICANT: Hilcorp Alaska LLC, Attn: Mr. Stetson Sannes

LOCATION: The project site is located within Latitude 61.1903 ° N., Longitude 151.0344° W.; north of the existing Chugach Electric Association power plant, near the community of Beluga, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the following request associated with the Beluga River Natural Gas Storage Pad Project has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In EO 14156 the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Alaska District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures.

CONTACT: Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted electronically to John Sargent by email at John.C.Sargent@usace.army.mil.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
Regulatory Division / CEPOA-RD
P.O. Box 6898
JBER, AK 99506-0898

If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the Project Manager's email as listed above or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the public notice reference number listed above.

The full text of this public notice, including any associated maps and drawings, is attached and is also available on our website at: <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/>

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FAIRBANKS FIELD OFFICE
Regulatory Division (1145)
CEPOA-RD
1046 Marks Road
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Public Notice of Application for Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: September 29, 2026

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Public Notice for a Standard Individual Permit Application to be Processed using the Procedures Outlined in the Alaska District Standard Operating Procedures for Processing of Permit Applications in Emergency Situations Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 14156

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the following request associated with the Beluga River Natural Gas Storage Pad Project has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In EO 14156 the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Alaska District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures to address an energy supply situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures.

The Alaska District will implement the special processing procedures approved by Pacific Ocean Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4).

APPLICANT: Hilcorp Alaska LLC, Attn: Mr. Stetson Sannes

LOCATION OF WORK: The project site is located within Latitude 61.1903 ° N., Longitude 151.0344° W.; north of the existing Chugach Electric Association power plant, near the community of Beluga, Alaska.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The proposed project would involve placement of clean gravel fill to support expanded natural gas pipeline operations in the Beluga River Unit. The overall pad would be approximately 7.38 acres in size. Approximately 2.35 acres of palustrine wetlands will be directly filled as a result of this project through the placement of approximately 17,682.3 cubic yards of gravel fill. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-5), dated September 23, 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.

Avoidance: The applicant states the proposed project area contains jurisdictional waters of the United States; therefore, complete avoidance is not practicable. Hilcorp proposes to include the following practicable avoidance measures: Project limits would be delineated with silt fencing or similar material to avoid impacts outside the proposed pad construction area; and work would occur from existing infrastructure to avoid additional temporary impacts to Waters of the U.S.

Minimization: The applicant states Hilcorp would incorporate the following minimization measures into project design and construction to reduce overall impacts on Waters of the United States: The pad would be constructed with a minimum 2 Vertical:1 Horizontal side slopes to minimize fill area and impacts to wetlands. Surface watering would occur during operation to minimize fugitive dust deposition to the area. Existing gravel sources would be utilized for clean fill material.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant has provided the following explanation why compensatory mitigation should not be required for the fill of 2.35 acres of freshwater wetlands: The project would not affect rare or threatened wetlands, other special aquatic sites such as mudflats, or anadromous fish waters. The proposed project would not result in significant adverse effects to the aquatic environment and would only result in 0.02 percent land cover disturbance within the Indian Creek-Frontal Cook Inlet Watershed.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Compliance with Section 401 Water Quality Certification procedures is required for this project.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with the special processing procedures established by Pacific Ocean Division, the district is coordinating with the State Historic

Preservation Office and Federally Recognized Tribes under 36 CFR Part 800.12 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

PUBLIC INTEREST: This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR Parts 320-332, the Regulatory Program of USACE, and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230). Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline 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. The district will make a permit decision after considering/addressing any comments submitted by the agencies.

COMMENTS: Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted electronically to John Sargent by email at John.C.Sargent@usace.army.mil.

If you do not have internet access, comments may be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to the following address:

United States Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Alaska District, Regulatory Division (CEPOA-RD)
Attn: John Sargent
Public Notice: POA-2026-00416
1046 Marks Road
Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703

Comments should only be provided through the USPS when electronic transmission is not possible. Precautionary internal mail handling procedures may be instituted to protect our workforce, which may result in longer than normal times to process and receive hard copy submissions. To be considered in our evaluation, comments submitted through the USPS should have a postmark dated on, or prior to, the close of the comment period, October 30, 2026.

Please note that submitted comments in response to this Public Notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, may be available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our Nation's water

resources. John Sargent may also be reached at (907) 347-1801 or
John.C.Sargent@usace.army.mil.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

BELUGA RIVER UNIT GAS STORAGE FACILITY PAD

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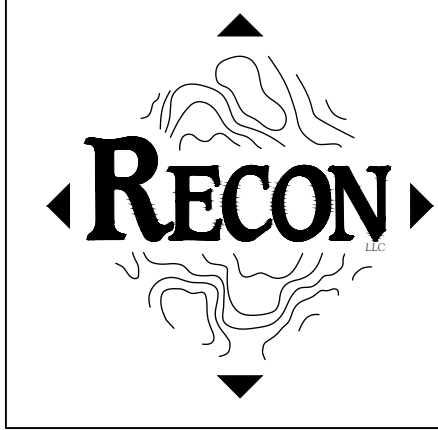
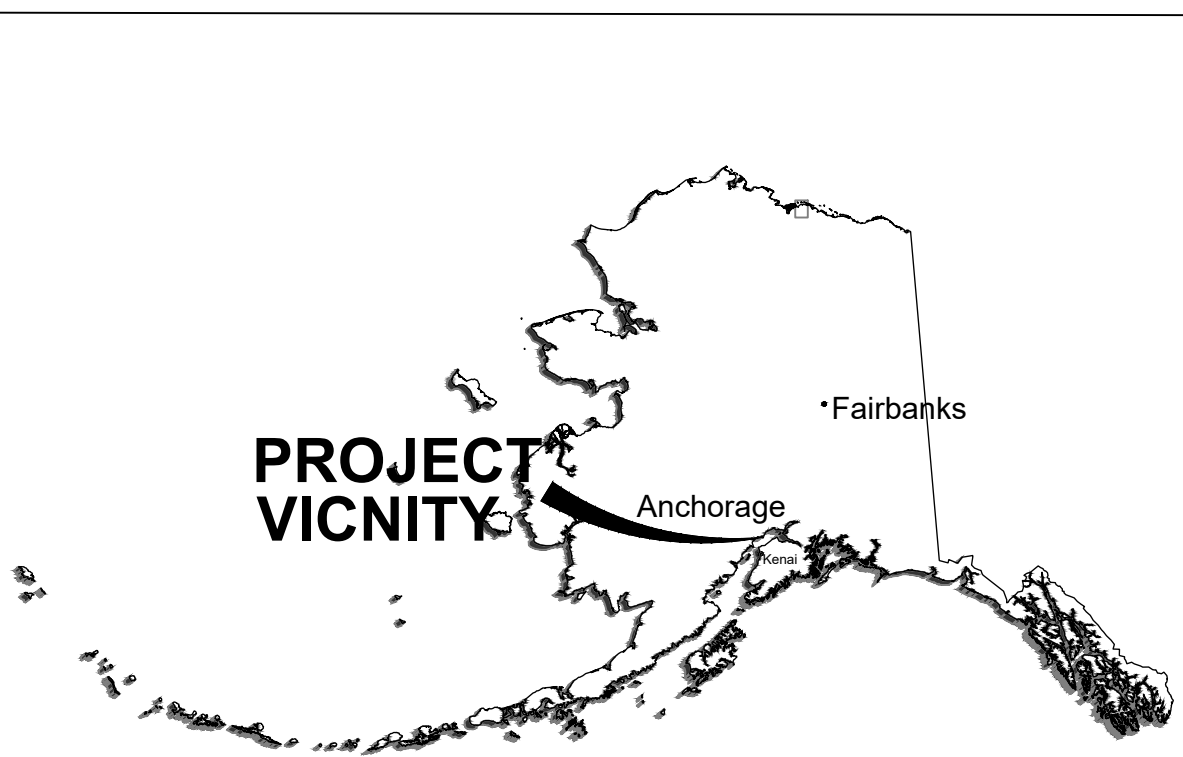
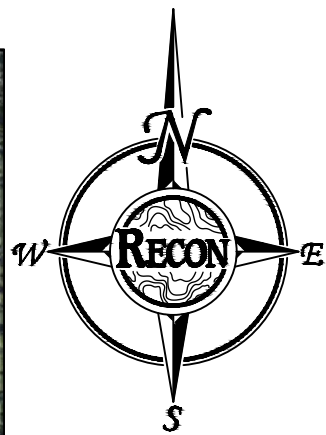
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BELUGA RIVER UNIT
GAS STORAGE FACILITY PAD
TITLE SHEET

SCALE	1" = 500'	SHEET SIZE	22" X 34"
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PROJECT: GAS STORAGE FACILITY PAD			
PROJECT ENGINEER: STEVEN R. ROWLAND			
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GENERAL NOTES

GENERAL DESIGN PARAMETERS

1. ROAD GRADE 3.0% MAXIMUM
2. ACCESS ROAD SURFACE WIDTH TO BE 24'
3. DESIGN SPEED 15 MPH

IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ABOVE REFERENCES AND THESE GENERAL NOTES, THE OWNER IS TO BE NOTIFIED OF ALL CONFLICTS AND THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PRIORITY SHALL BE FOLLOWED:

1. ALL PROJECT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
2. THESE GENERAL NOTES
3. THE DESIGN DRAWINGS

PERMITS

1. THE OWNER WILL PROVIDE THE CONTRACTOR COPIES OF ALL PERMITS AND APPROVALS THAT ARE OBTAINED BY THE OWNER.
2. THE OWNER WILL TRANSMIT TO THE CONTRACTOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION.

SIGNAGE

1. PERMANENT SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED BY HILCORP.

INSTALLATION

GRAVEL PLACEMENT

1. GRAVEL FILL MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE GRAVEL FILL FOOTPRINT SPECIFIED IN THE DESIGN DRAWINGS. GRAVEL FILL MATERIAL PLACED OUTSIDE OF THOSE LIMITS, INTENTIONALLY OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE RECOVERED.
2. GRAVEL FILL FOR ROAD AND PAD SHALL BE PLACED ON PROPERLY COMPACTED NATIVE CLEAN SAND OR GRAVEL MATERIAL SUBGRADE. NO GRAVEL (BASE MATERIAL) OR CLASSIFIED FILL TO BE PLACED OVER SILT OR ORGANIC SOILS
3. TRUCK TRAVEL ROUTES FROM THE MATERIAL SOURCE TO THE PROJECT SITE ARE AS SPECIFIED BY OWNER.

DELETERIOUS MATERIALS AT PLACEMENT

1. DELETERIOUS AND WASTE MATERIALS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF AT AN OWNER APPROVED WASTE AREA.
2. ALL SUBGRADE PREPARATION AND GRADING SHALL BE COMPLETED WHEN SOIL IS NOT FROZEN. PLACEMENT OF FILL SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY FROZEN MATERIAL.

PLACEMENT AND COMPACTION OF GRAVEL

1. THE FIRST LIFT OF GRAVEL FILL MATERIAL SHALL BE OF A DEPTH NO GREATER THAN TWELVE (12") INCHES PRIOR TO COMPACTION. ALL SUBSEQUENT LIFTS SHALL BE OF A DEPTH NO GREATER THAN TWELVE (12") INCHES PRIOR TO COMPACTION.
2. EACH LIFT OF GRAVEL FILL MATERIAL SHALL BE COMPACTED TO A DENSITY NOT LESS THAN 95% OPTIMUM DRY DENSITY AS DETERMINED BY ASTM D1557.

PLACEMENT GRADES AND TOLERANCES

1. GRAVEL FILL FINAL GRADE AND LOCATION SHALL CONFORM THE ALIGNMENTS AND GRADES SHOWN ON THE DESIGN DRAWINGS. GRAVEL FILL SHALL BE FINISHED TO WITHIN A TOLERANCE OF MINUS 0.0FT/PLUS 0.2 FT.

PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES

1. AN OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE PRESENT FOR ALL PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES AND SHALL BE PROVIDED SAFE AND TIMELY ACCESS TO ALL PLACEMENT PROCESSES.

REQUIRED GRAVEL FILL MATERIALS TESTING

1. MATERIALS TESTING SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ASTM SPECIFICATIONS CITED BELOW:

C136	METHOD FOR SIEVE ANALYSIS OF FINE AND COARSE AGGREGATES
D1557	STANDARD TEST METHODS FOR LABORATORY COMPACTION
D6938	STANDARD TEST METHODS FOR IN-PLACE DENSITY AND WATER CONTENT OF SOIL AND SOIL-AGGREGATE BY NUCLEAR METHODS (SHALLOW DEPTH)
2. MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES AND OTHER ASSOCIATED QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE OWNER.
3. THE QUALITY CONTROL TESTING PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS AND A RELEVANT WORK HISTORY PERTAINING TO THIS PROJECT.

MATERIAL QUANTITIES			
ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED VOLUME OF PLACED MATERIAL FOLLOWING SUMMER GRADING & FINAL COMPACTION (CYDS)	APPROXIMATE AREA OF DISTURBANCE (ACRES)
	GRAVEL FILL	54600	7.38

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

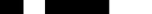
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NO. 200	0 - 10% DETERMINED ON THE MINUS 3" PORTION OF THE SAMPLE
2. PAD FILL MATERIAL TO MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED ABOVE AND TO BE FROM A HILCORP PROVIDED SOURCE. OBTAIN ENGINEER APPROVAL PRIOR TO USE. FILL MATERIAL SHALL CONSIST OF NON COHESIVE NATIVE GRAVEL WITH SAND OR SAND WITH GRAVEL.
3. OBSERVED DELETERIOUS MATERIALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GRAVEL FILL MATERIAL PRIOR TO THE GRAVEL FILL MATERIAL LEAVING THE MATERIAL SOURCE. DELETERIOUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:
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 - OVERBURDEN
 - ORGANIC MATERIAL
 - CLAY OR SILT

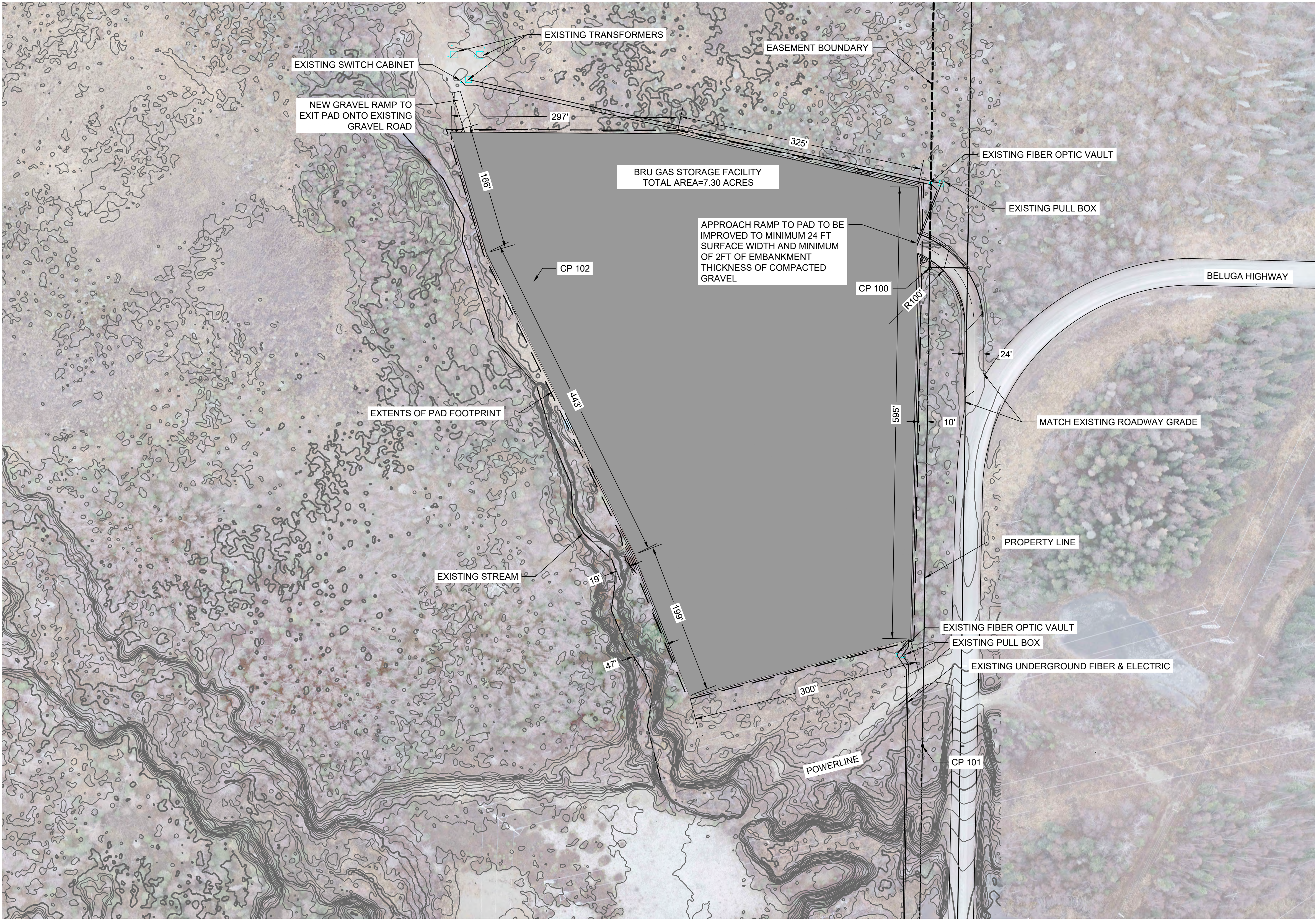
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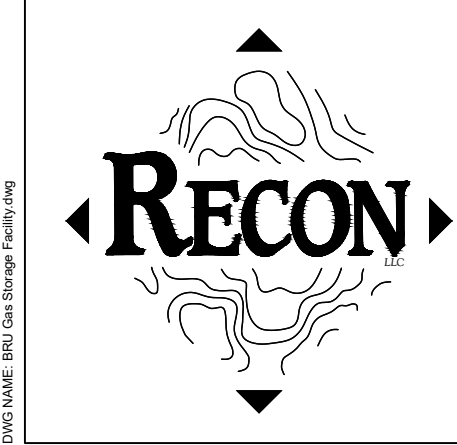
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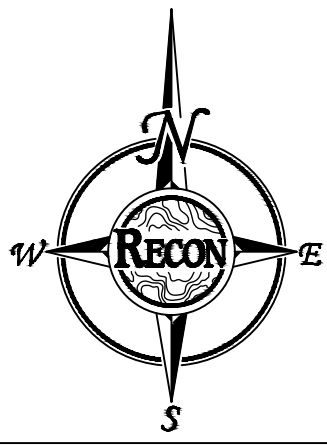
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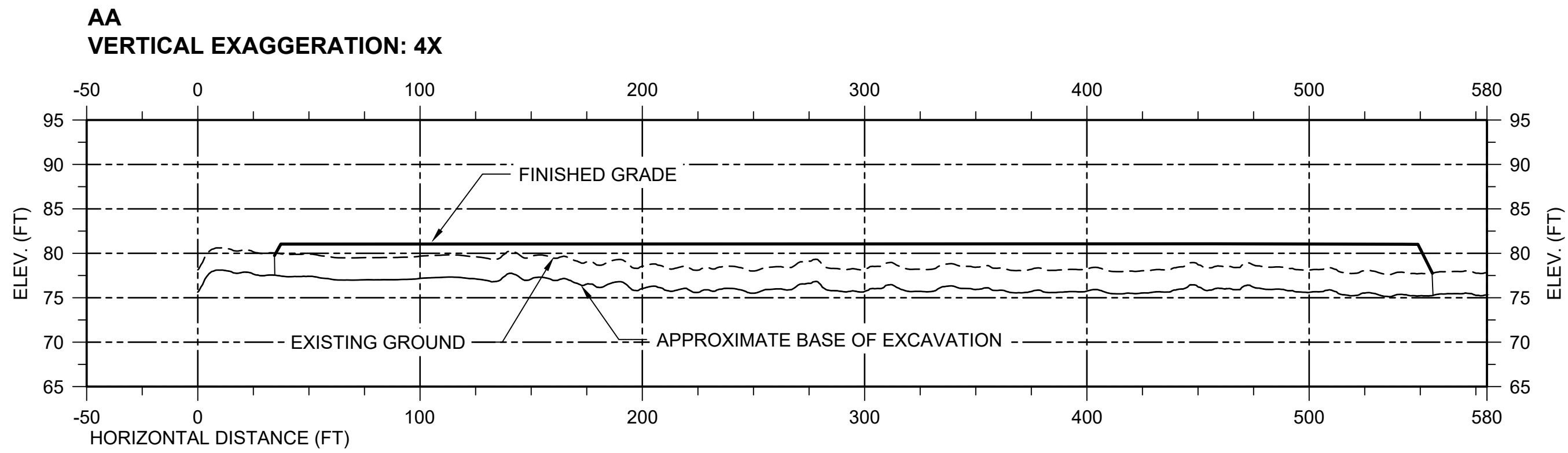
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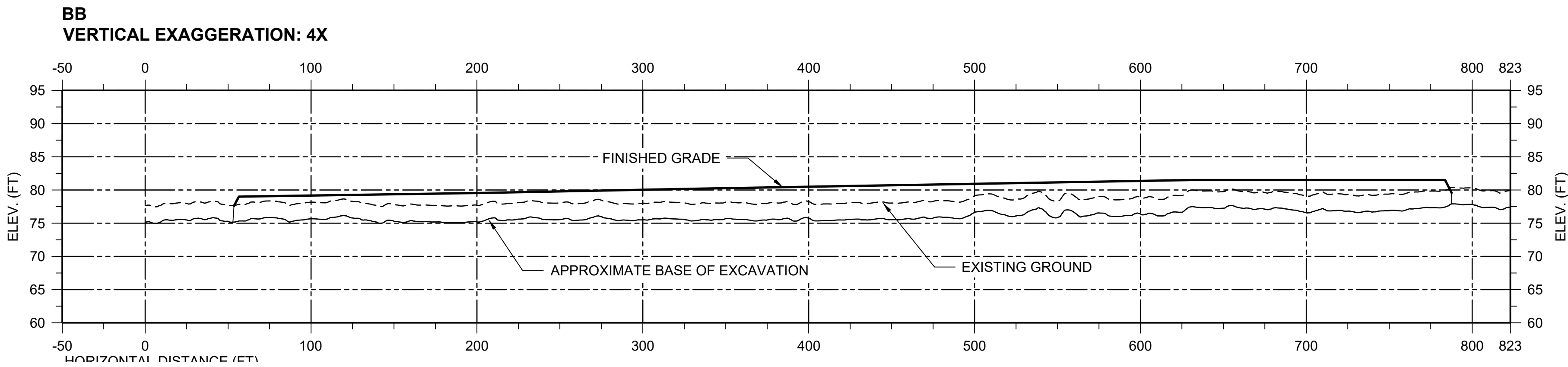
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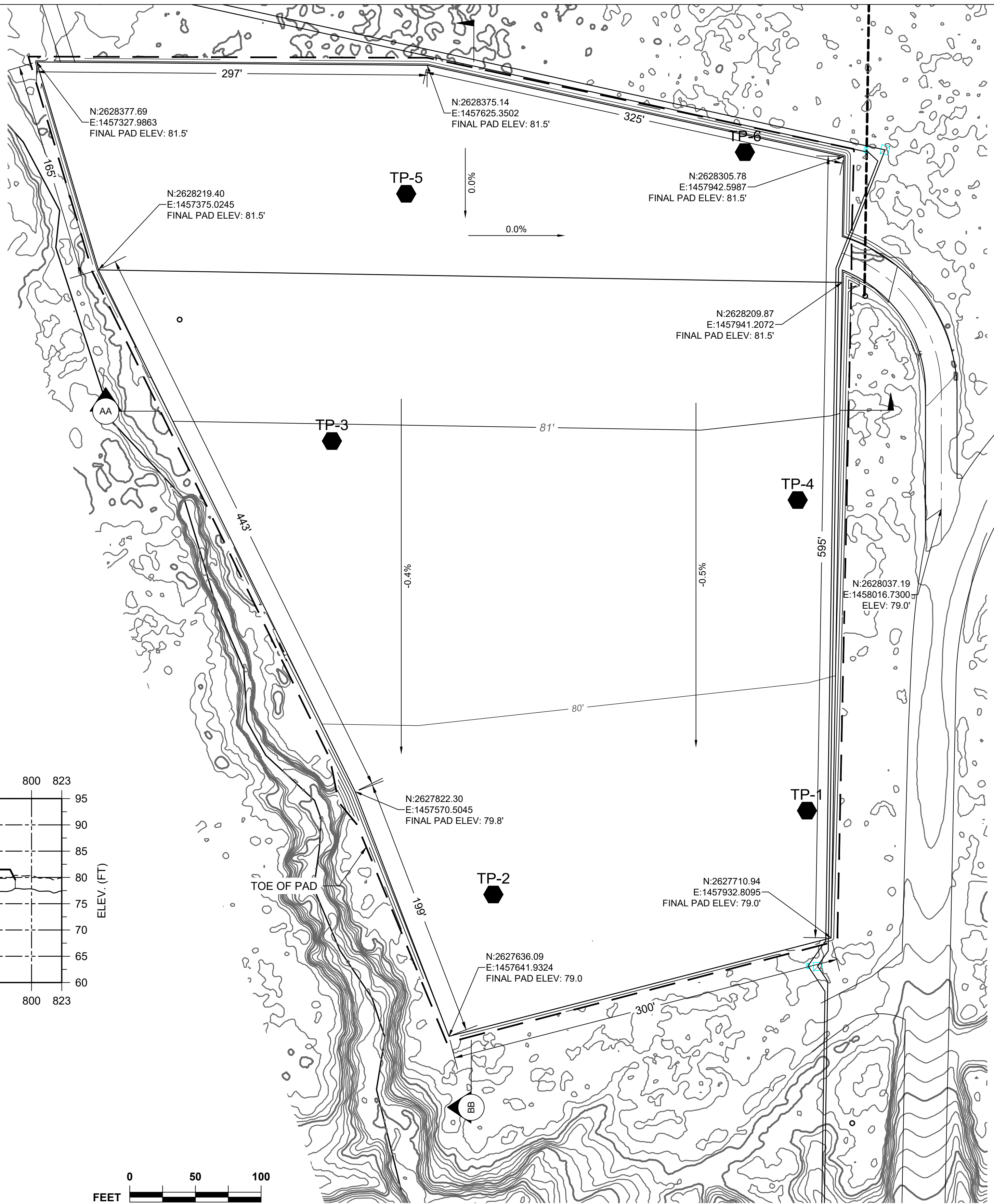


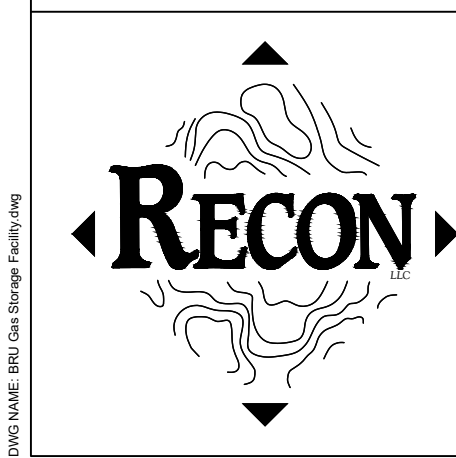
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1. SURFACE DATA WAS GENERATED BY ALASKA REMOTE IMAGERY OCTOBER 2025
 2. VERTICAL DATUM: NAD 83 US FEET
 3. FINAL FILL SLOPES ARE 2:1
 4. ELEVATIONS SHOWN IN PLAN VIEW ARE FINAL ELEVATIONS AFTER FINAL GRADING AND COMPACTION.





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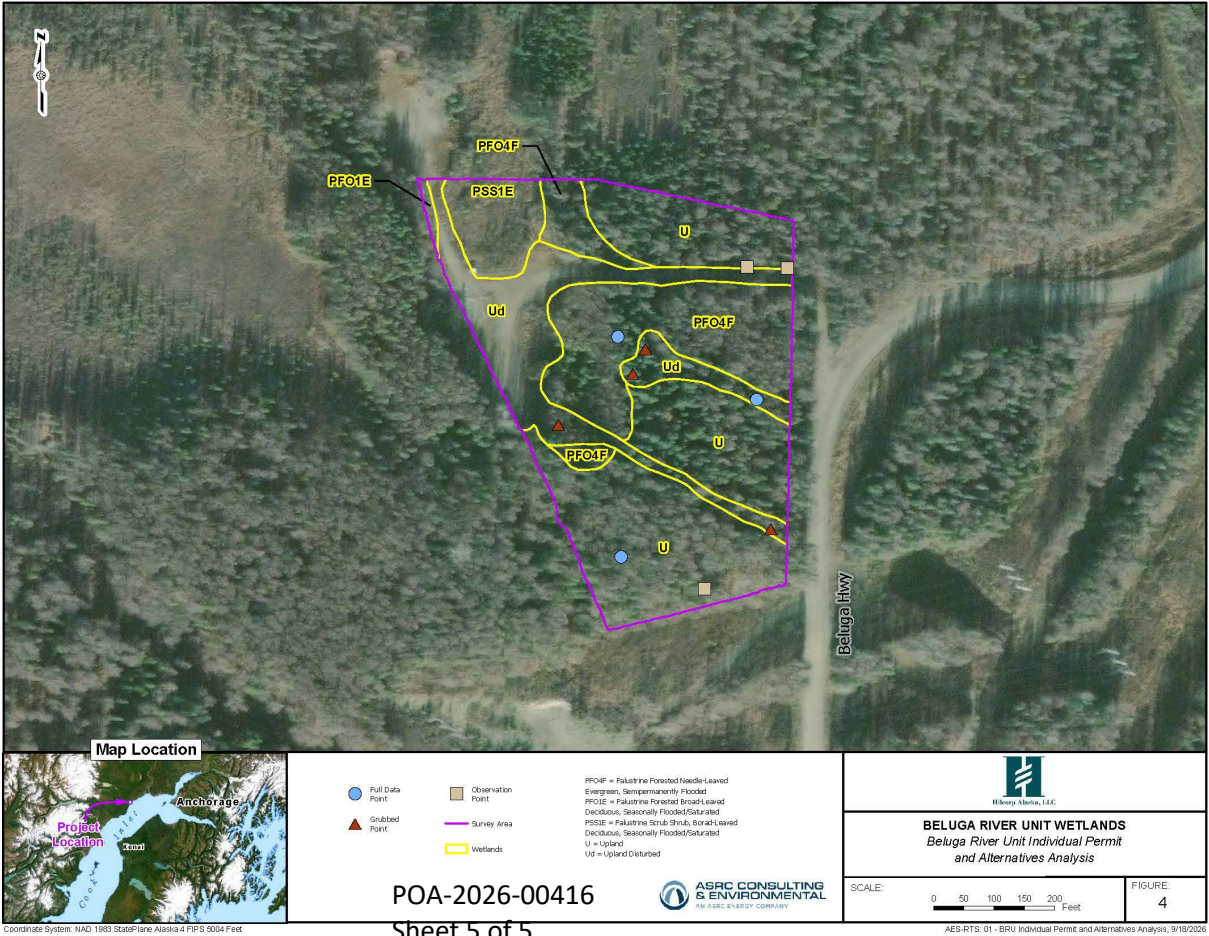
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**BELUGA RIVER UNIT
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PLAN AND PROFILE**

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Figure 4: Kalotsa Site Pad Expansion Wetland Overview



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