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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Expires: October 30, 2026
Permit Application No. POA-2026-00371
Waterway: Sagavanirktok River

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Alaska District of the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

APPLICANT: Heather Lescanec
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (Alyeska)
P.O. Box 196660
Anchorage, Alaska 99519

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States and navigable waters of the United States associated with the Sagavanirktok River. The project/review area is located within a large area with multiple sections (please see provided plans for full legal description); Umiat Meridian; occurring between Latitude 69.2107° N.' Longitude 148.7569° W., and Latitude 69.1196° N.' Longitude 148.8063° W. Between Pipeline Milepost 77 and 84, in the North Slope Borough, Alaska

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The Sagavanirktok River is highly dynamic: spring breakup, snowmelt, summer rainfall, bank thaw, and periodic overbank flooding can shift channels, erode banks, deposit gravel and fine sediment, and reconnect portions of the floodplain. In winter, low flow and freezing conditions can produce augeis (overflow ice), which may divert water across the floodplain and contribute to channel avulsion or migration during subsequent high-water periods. There is some existing infrastructure in the project area including, the Dalton Highway and the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to protect the Trans Alaska Pipeline System buried pipeline by augmenting existing spur dikes and stage materials for timely responding to Sagavanirktok River erosion.

Basic: The basic purpose is to augment existing stabilization structures and construct stockpile/stockpile structures.

Overall: The overall purpose is to augment existing stabilization structures and construct stockpile/stabilization structures near the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), and the Sagavanirktok River.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to conduct work in a navigable water and discharge approximately 20,000 cubic yards of alluvial gravel in up to 126 acres below the ordinary high water mark of the Sagavanirktok River in order to mine gravel from gravel bars and discharge up to 390,650 cubic yards of the mined gravel in up to 8.97 acres of the waters of the U.S. in order to augment existing stabilization structures and construct stockpile/stabilization structures. A temporary berm would be created from streambed material to project the gravel mining site and then regraded into the channel after the mining season. Total impacts are up to 135 acres of the waters of the U.S.

This work would be implemented in late fall when the river stage is typically very low and local seasonal side channels are frozen or dry. Depending on field conditions, isolated areas of groundwater seepage may be encountered especially in the early stages of construction. Therefore, it is anticipated that the work area would be mostly frozen and/or dry. Equipment would be staged above the ordinary high water mark, in the adjacent uplands. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-9), dated 6/22/2026. Sheet 4 shows mining for a general area, however the applicant has stated vegetated gravel bars would be avoided.

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 and fill material as well as structures and work.

- a. Avoidance: The applicant states that Alyeska is avoiding wetlands as much as possible for the storage sites of material; these storage sites have been identified by Alyeska's Environmental Coordinators as upland areas adjacent to the Sagavanirktok River. Alyeska is also choosing travel routes to avoid any wetlands, and creating minimal impacts on all vegetation.
- b. Minimization: The applicant states that Alyeska would revegetate or stabilize vegetation after the project. Additionally, they state they have active coordination with our ADF&G regulatory agency to avoid fish spawning areas, and have already acquired a Title 16 fish habitat permit(s)
- c. The applicant has provided the following explanation why compensatory mitigation should not be required: Alyeska is both avoiding wetlands, and minimizing any direct impacts.

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: USACE is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). USACE has defined the undertaking as all portions of the project described above, which require DA authorization. USACE has defined the permit area as the footprint of the project in jurisdictional waters, the stockpile areas for materials from jurisdictional waters, and materials stockpiled in jurisdictional waters. No resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places are known to be present in the vicinity of the proposed work; however, the permit area has not been formally surveyed for the presence of cultural resources. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal Government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Additional work may be necessary to identify and assess any cultural resources that may be present. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally recognized Tribes, and other interested parties. This notice serves as a request to State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and/or other interested parties to provide any information they may have regarding historic properties.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA): USACE has performed an initial review of the application, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Section 7 Mapper, and the NMFS Critical Habitat Mapper to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, USACE has made a determination that the proposed project would not affect any listed species or critical habitat.

Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they 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 (EFH): USACE intends to initiate EFH consultation separately from this public notice. A separate EFH consultation package will be sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). USACE will not make a permit decision until the consultation process is complete. Any comments NMFS may have will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

NAVIGATION: The proposed structure or activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

EVALUATION: 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 benefits, which reasonably may be expected to

accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical 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. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act or the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

COMMENTS: USACE 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 USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to 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 (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The Alaska District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until October 30, 2026. All comments regarding this public notice should be sent to the address noted below. If you desire to submit your comments electronically, you should send it to the project manager's email as listed below, to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil, or via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs>. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District:

Regulatory Division (1145)
CEPOA-RD
Post Office Box 6898
JBER, Alaska 99506-0898

Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

All comments should reach this office no later than October 30, 2026 to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Tyler Marye at (907) 753-753-5778, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at Tyler.J.Marye@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.

Project drawings are enclosed with this public notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

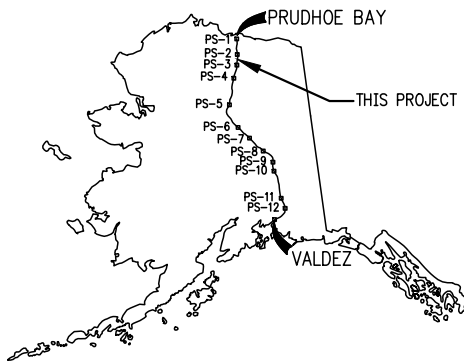
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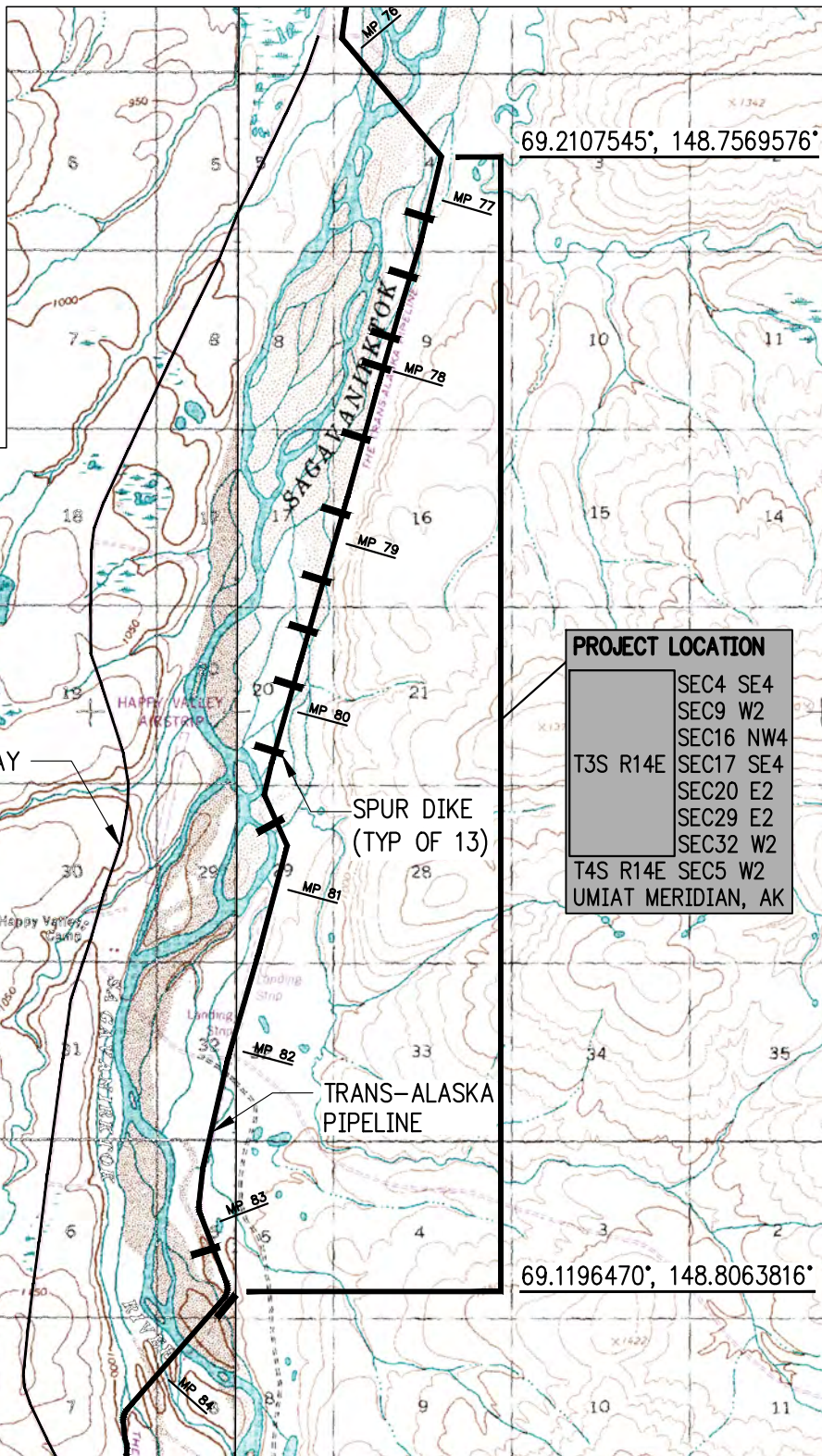
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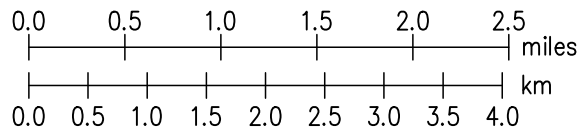
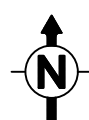
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ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE CO.

2026 RIVERS AND FLOODPLAINS IMPROVEMENTS
UPPER SAG RIVER – MP77 TO MP84 FAIL-SAFE STRUCTURES
LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP

TRANS ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM

DATE: 06/22/26

PLATE 1

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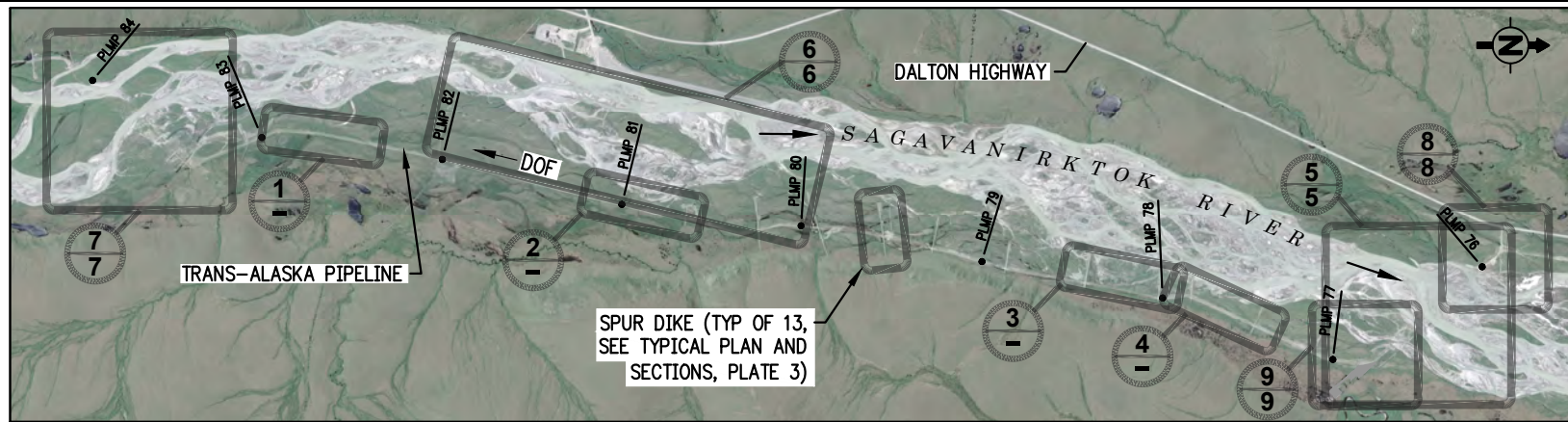
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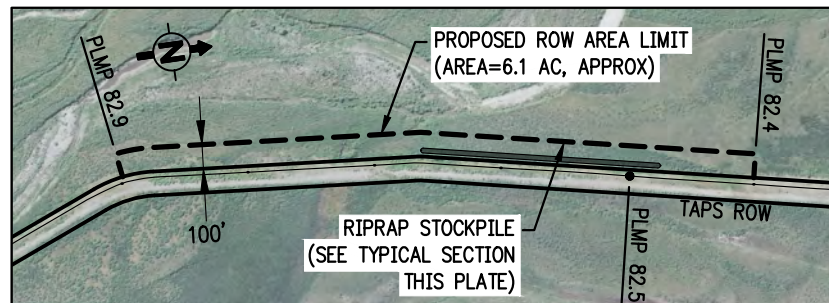
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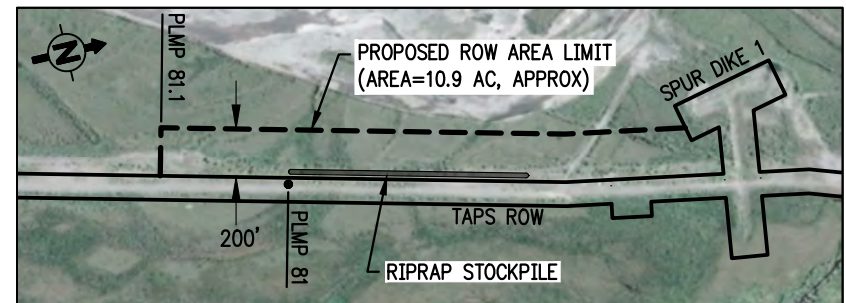


INDEX MAP
SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

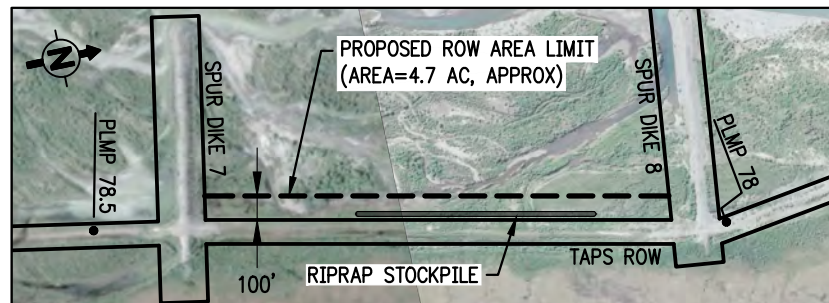
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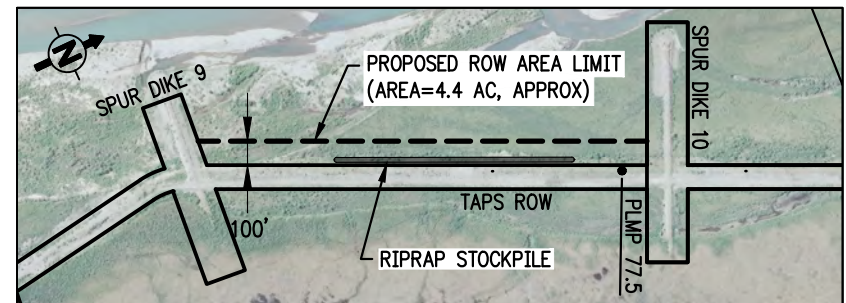
RIPRAP STOCKPILE PLAN 1
SCALE: 1" = 800'



RIPRAP STOCKPILE PLAN 2
SCALE: 1" = 800'



RIPRAP STOCKPILE PLAN 3
SCALE: 1" = 800'



RIPRAP STOCKPILE PLAN 4
SCALE: 1" = 800'

NOTE 1:
STOCKPILE LENGTH = 1000 FT,
STOCKPILE VOLUME = 2500 CY, APPROX

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STRATEGIC RIPRAP STOCKPILES

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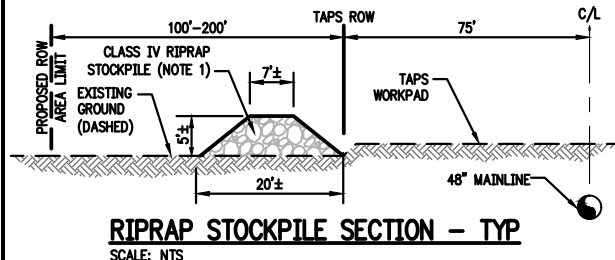
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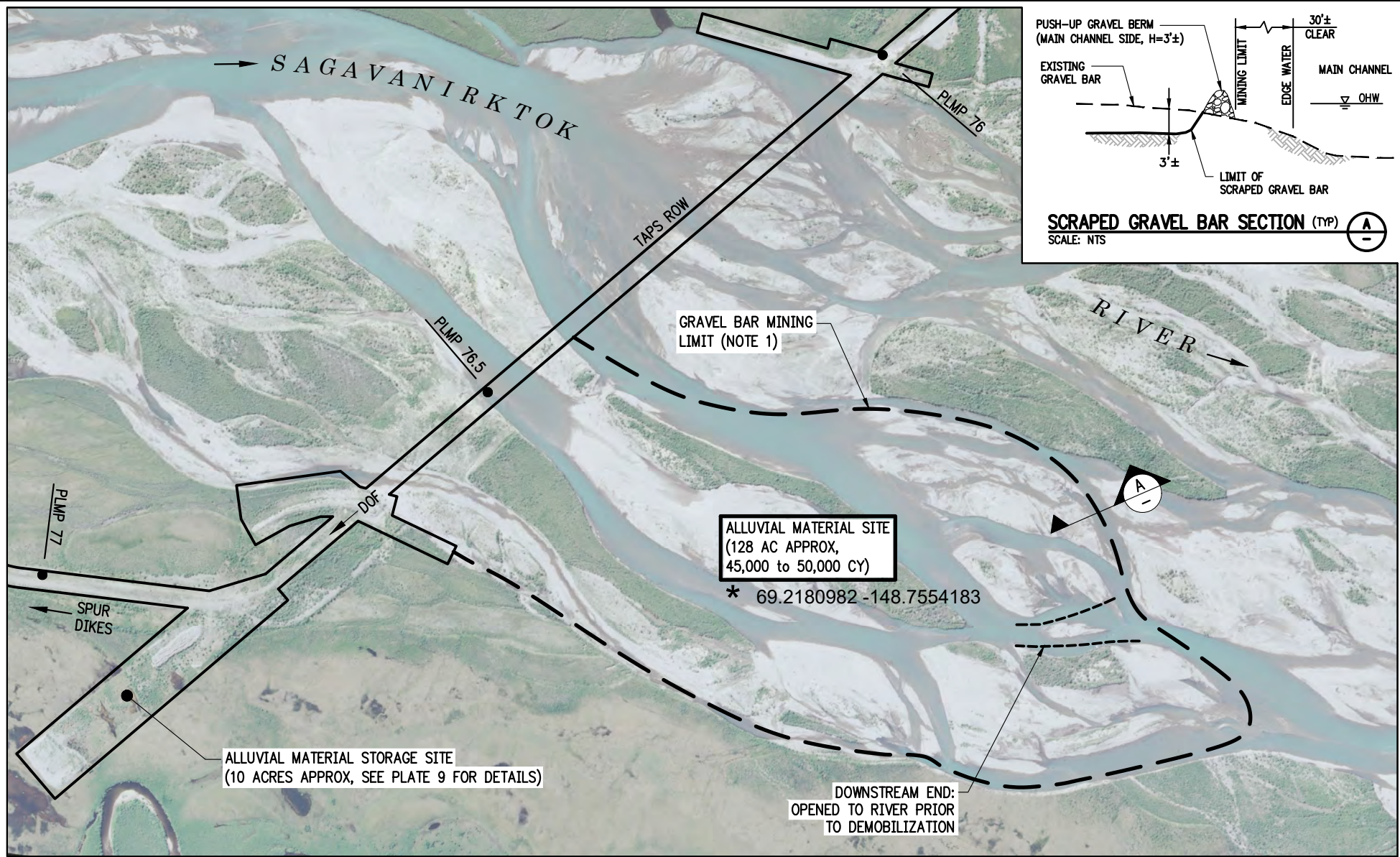
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SCRAPED GRAVEL BAR SECTION (TYP)
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GRAVEL BAR MINING PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 700'

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NOTE:

- 1. MATERIAL SITE BOUNDARIES MAY BE FIELD-ADJUSTED TO AVOID RIVER CHANNELS AND VEGETATED AREAS.

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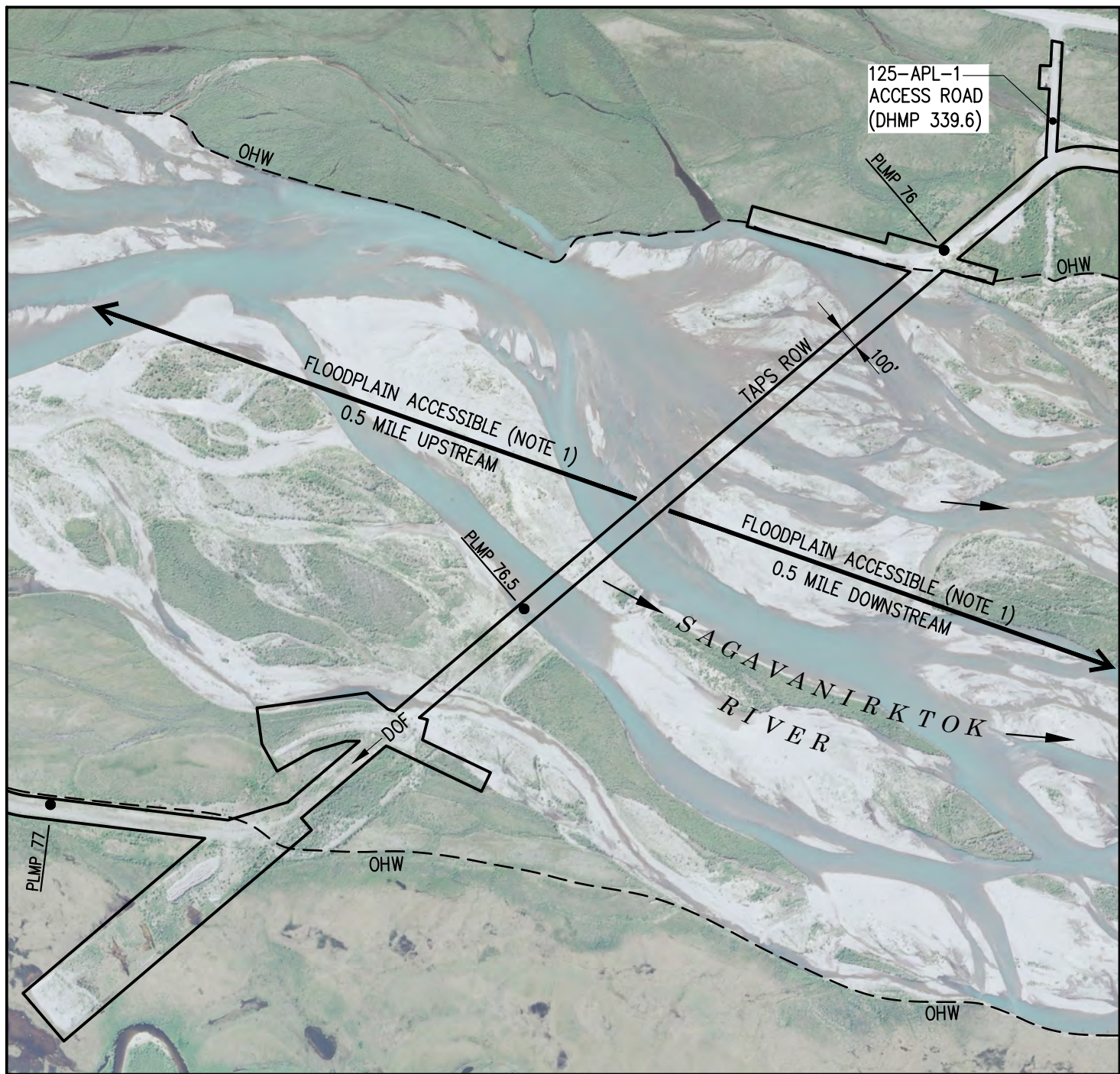
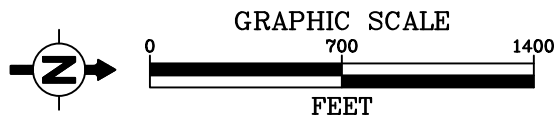


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PLMP 76 CROSSING PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 700'

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NOTE:

1. FLOODPLAIN ACCESSIBLE BETWEEN ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARKS ON BOTH SIDES RIVER.

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UPPER SAG RIVER - MP77 TO MP84 FAIL-SAFE STRUCTURES
SITE ACCESS PLAN

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PLATE 5

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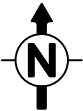
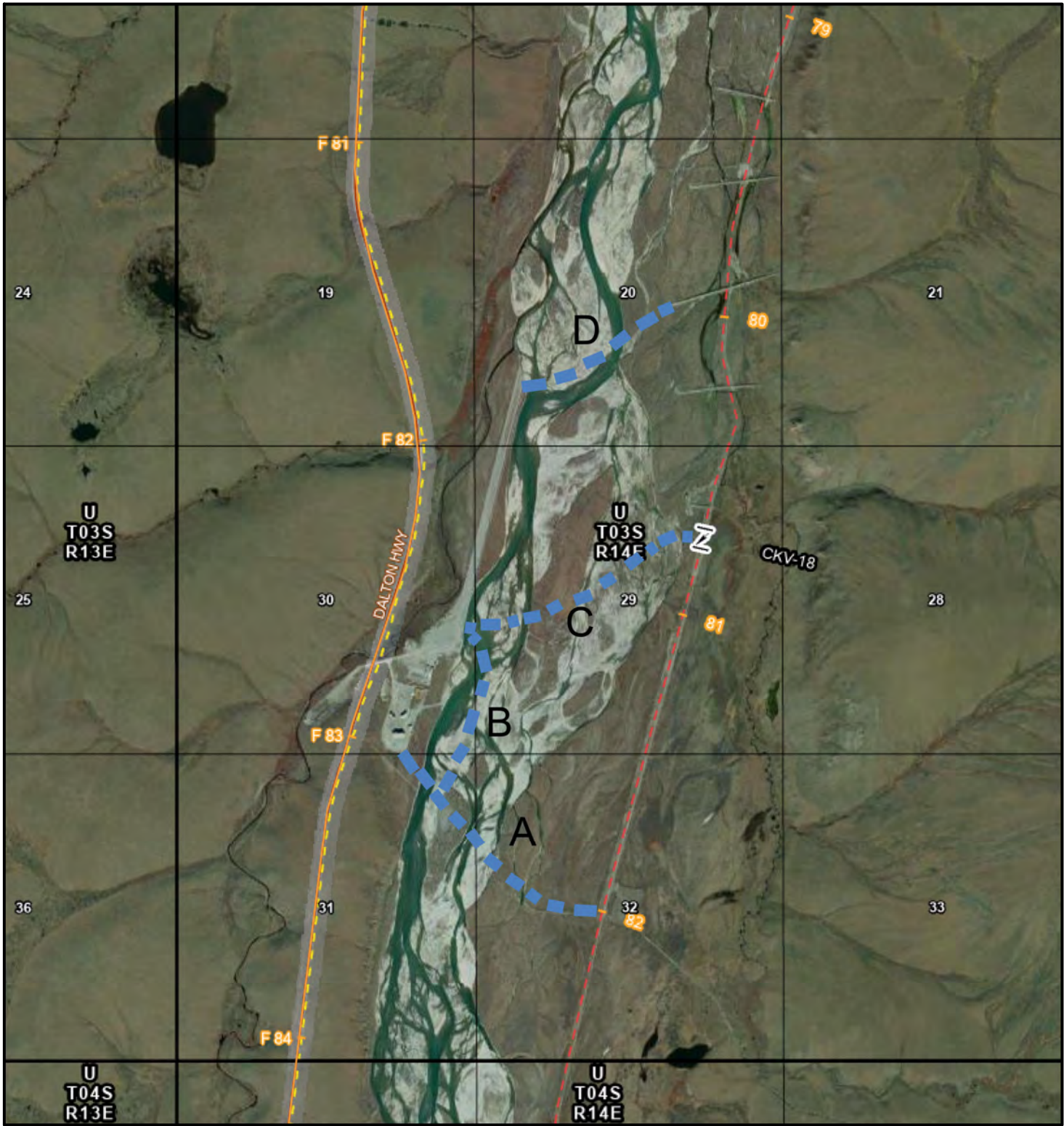
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HAPPY VALLEY CROSSING PLAN

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PLATE 6

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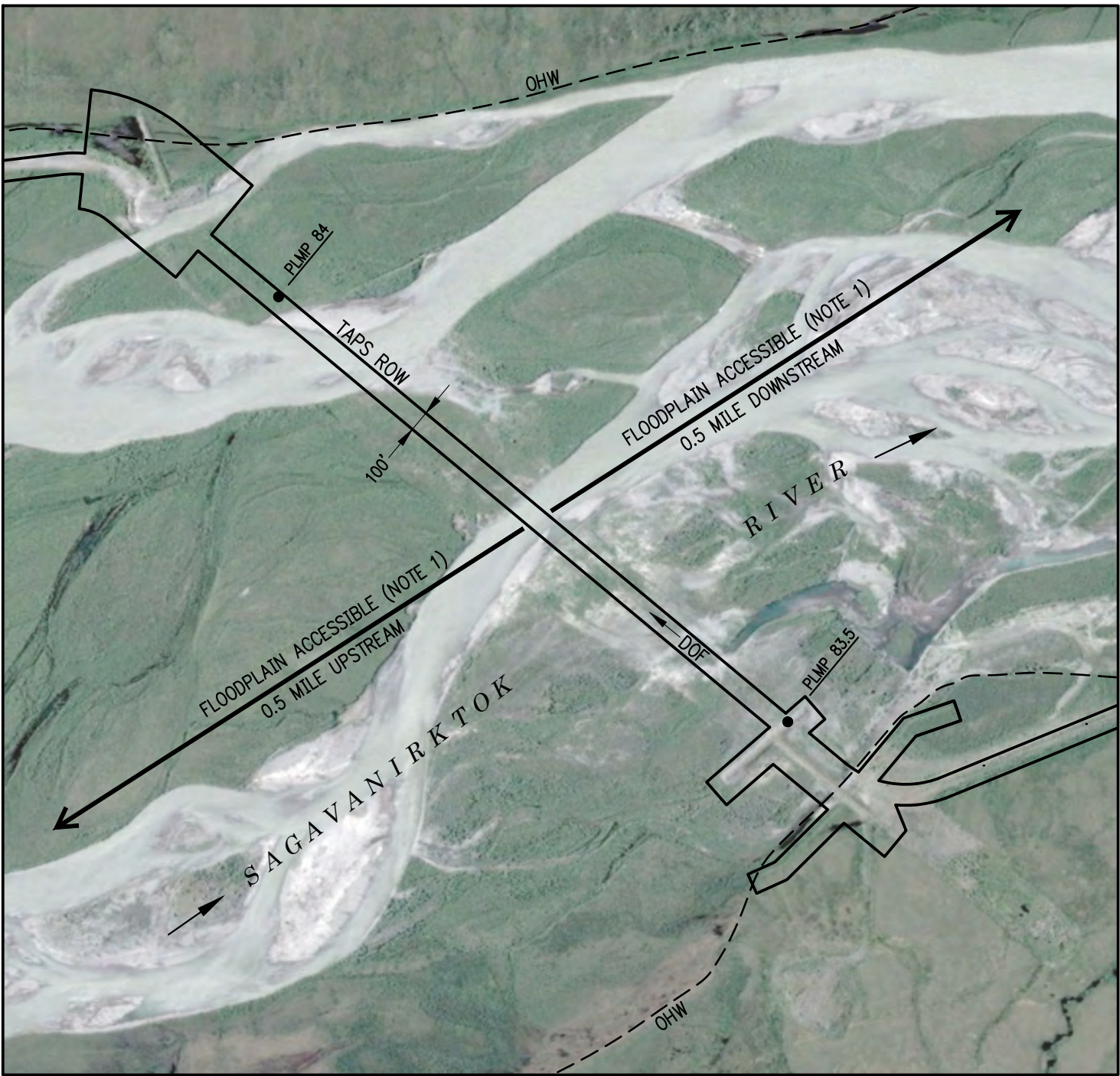
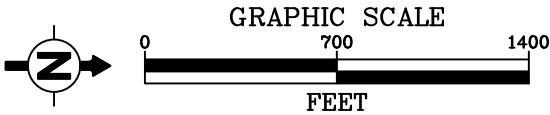


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PLMP 84 CROSSING PLAN 7
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PLATE 7

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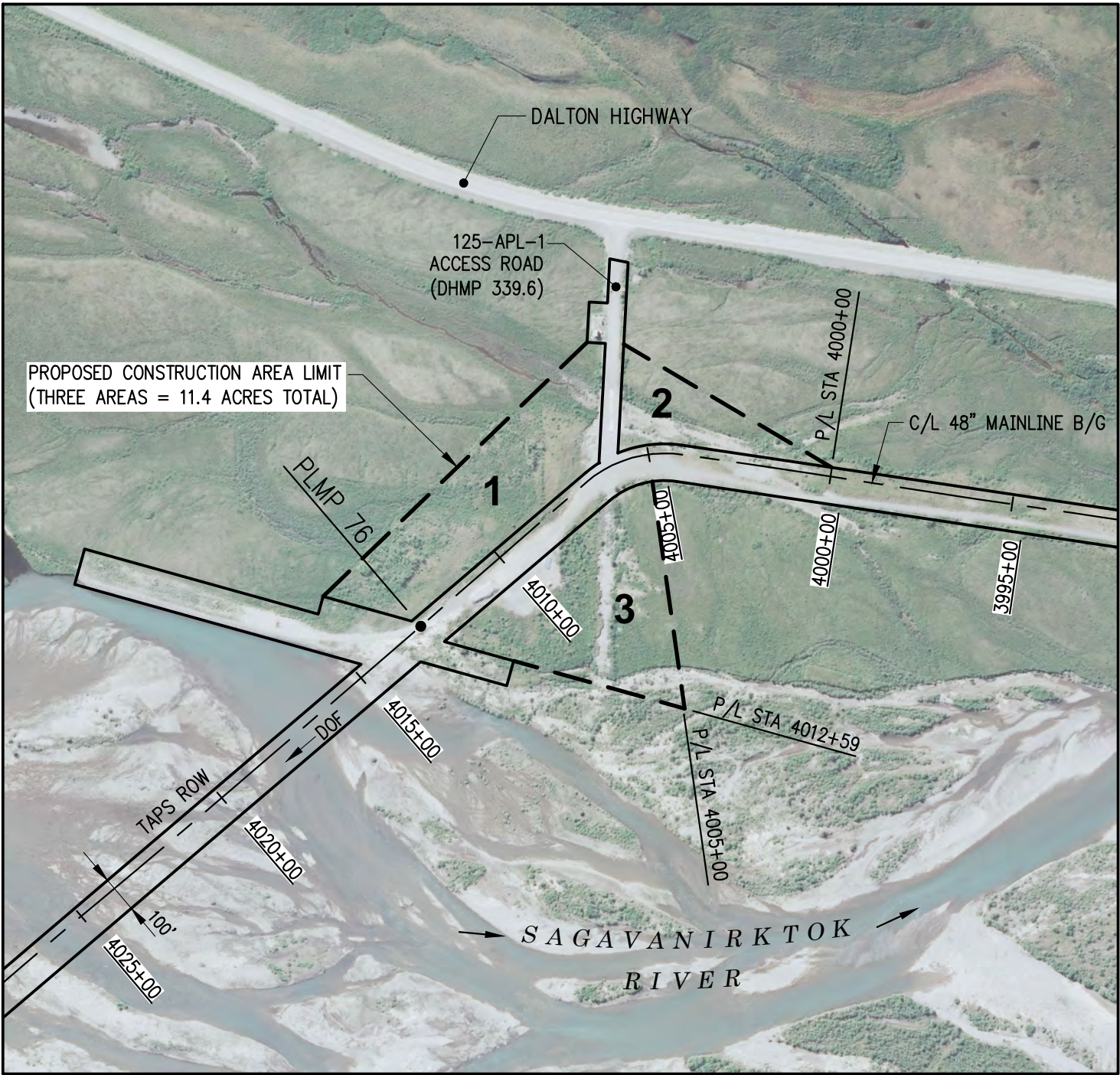
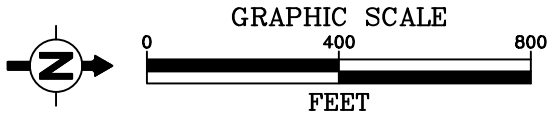


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TEMPORARY LAND USE PLAN 8
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SCALE: 1" = 400'



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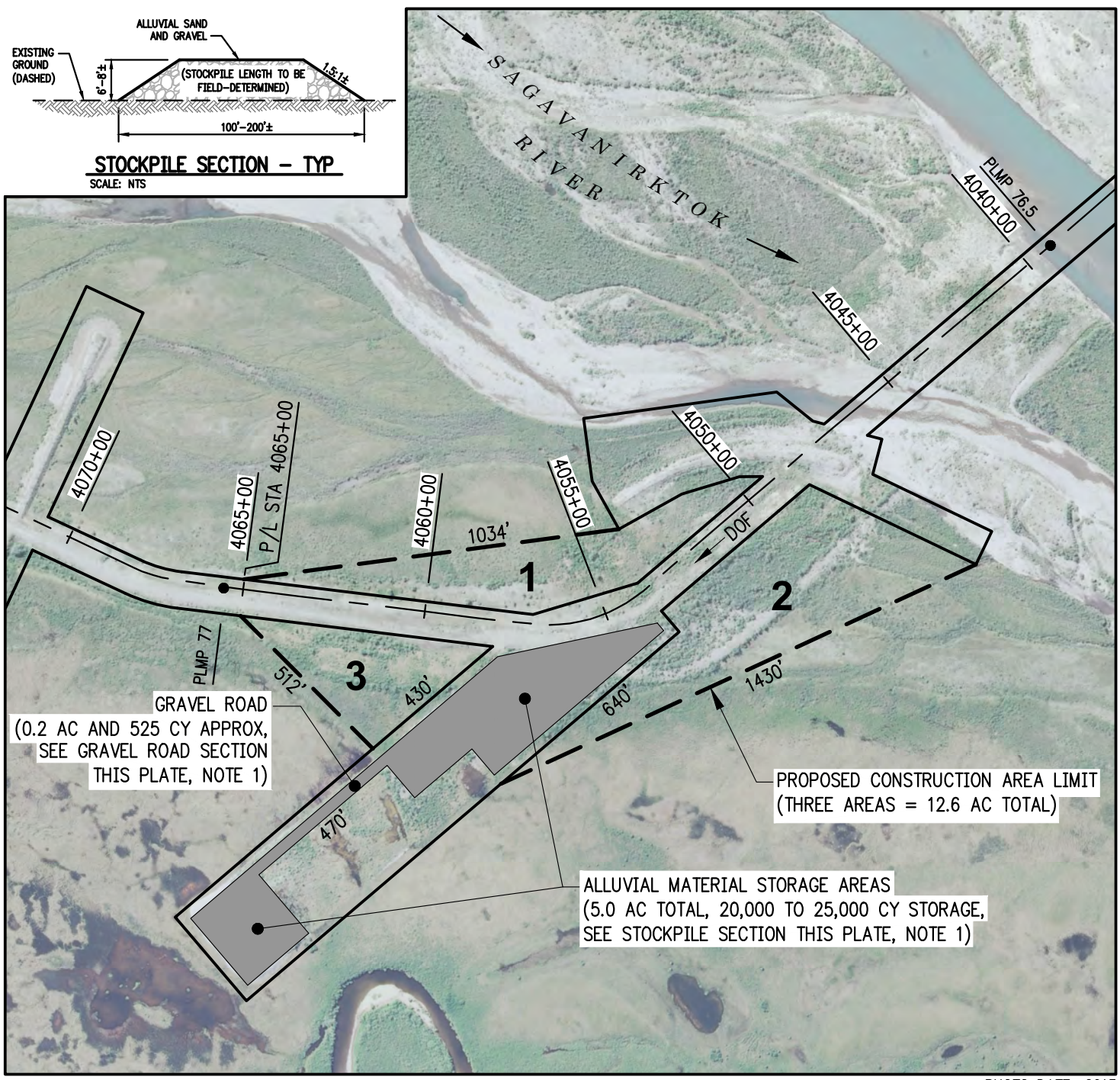
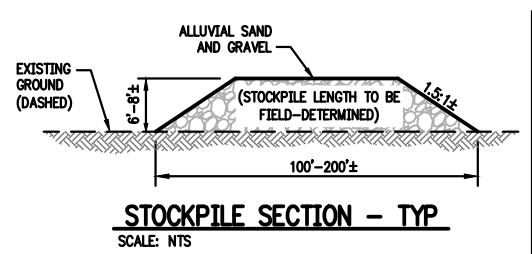
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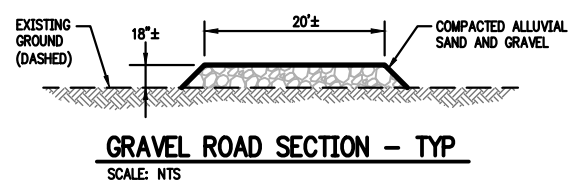
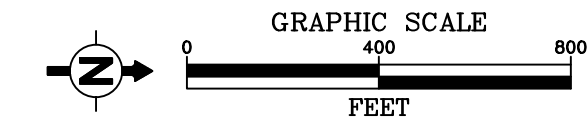


TEMPORARY LAND USE PLAN 9
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NOTE:

1. STOCKPILES AND GRAVEL ROAD SHALL BE PLACED ON NON-WETLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES. WETLAND AREAS SHALL BE STAKED PRIOR TO MATERIAL STOCKPILING ACTIVITY.



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