Water Right Conditions Tracking Slip

Groundwater/Hydrology Section

FILE # # G-17592

ROUTED TO: Water Rights - Jeana

TOWNSHIP/
RANGE-SECTION: various - 30 wells

CONDITIONS ATTACHED?: [ ] yes [✓] no

REMARKS OR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS:
Groundwater not available (Sec B).

Reviewer: Mike Zwart

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

MEMO January 22, 2013

TO: **Application G-** 17592

FROM: **GW:** Mike Zwart
(Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT: **Scenic Waterway Interference Evaluation**

_____YES
__✓__NO The source of appropriation is within or above a Scenic Waterway

_____YES
__✓__NO Use the Scenic Waterway condition (Condition 7J)

_____Per ORS 390.835, the Ground Water Section is **able** to calculate ground water interference with surface water that contributes to a Scenic Waterway. The calculated interference is distributed below.

_____Per ORS 390.835, the Ground Water Section is **unable** to calculate ground water interference with surface water that contributes to a scenic waterway; **therefore, the Department is unable to find that there is a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway.**

DISTRIBUTION OF INTERFERENCE

Calculate the percentage of consumptive use by month and fill in the table below. If interference cannot be calculated, per criteria in 390.835, do not fill in the table but check the "unable" option above, thus informing Water Rights that the Department is unable to make a Preponderance of Evidence finding.

Exercise of this permit is calculated to reduce monthly flows in _____Scenic Waterway by the following amounts expressed as a proportion of the consumptive use by which surface water flow is reduced.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date **January 22, 2013**

FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section **Michael Zwart** (Reviewer's Name)

SUBJECT: Application G- **17592** Supersedes review of _____ (Date of Review(s))

PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER

OAR 690-310-130 (1) *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.* Department staff review ground water applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. **This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION: Applicant's Name: **Golden Rule Farms, Inc.** County: **Harney**

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) **80.2** cfs from **30** well(s) in the **Malheur Lake & Malheur** Basin,
Quad Map: **New Princeton, Adobe Flat, Malheur Lake West, Malheur Lake East, Barton Lake, Jackass Butte NE**

A2. Proposed use: **Irrigation, 4192.57 acres** Seasonality: **March 1 to October 31**

A3. Well and aquifer data **(attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid)**:

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	**Proposed**	**	**Alluv./Volcanics**	**2.6738**	**	**
2						
3						
4						
5						

* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
All	**					**0-18**						

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments: **See the application maps and this review's maps for details regarding applicant's well numbers, locational information and estimated elevations. All wells are proposed to be constructed identically with minimal seal depth and no total depth specified. All are also proposed to be pumped at a rate of 1200 gallons per minute each (2.6738 cfs).**

A5. ☒ **Provisions of the Malheur Lake** Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of ground water hydraulically connected to surface water ☐ **are**, *or* ☒ **are not**, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)
Comments: _____

A6. ☐ **Well(s) #** _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.
Name of administrative area: _____
Comments: _____

B. GROUND WATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070

B1. **Based upon available data,** I have determined that ground water* for the proposed use:

a. ☐ **is** over appropriated, ☐ **is not** over appropriated, *or* ☒ **cannot be determined to be** over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. * This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;

b. ☒ **will not** *or* ☐ **will** likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. * This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;

c. ☒ **will not** *or* ☐ **will** likely to be available within the capacity of the ground water resource; or

d. ☐ **will, if properly conditioned,** avoid injury to existing ground water rights or to the ground water resource:
   i. ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s) _____;
   ii. ☐ The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
   iii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

B2. a. ☐ **Condition** to allow ground water production from no deeper than _____ ft. below land surface;

b. ☐ **Condition** to allow ground water production from no shallower than _____ ft. below land surface;

c. ☐ **Condition** to allow ground water production only from the _____ ground water reservoir between approximately_____ ft. and_____ ft. below land surface;

d. ☐ **Well reconstruction** is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Ground Water Section.

Describe injury –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): _____

B3. **Ground water availability remarks:** **Other than being located in a different part of the Malheur Lake Basin and in a similar geologic setting within the Malheur Basin (Briggs wells 10-17), this application is similar to application G-17581, for which the same findings regarding groundwater availability have been made. The findings are based on water-level data being collected in the Weaver Springs area and in other parts of the Malheur Lake Basin which have disclosed groundwater level declines in areas that have experienced significant development of groundwater for irrigation. The Weaver Springs area is noteworthy because it is a local example of over-appropriation of the groundwater resource and it has a similar climate, underlying geology and recharge as the area here. Given the documented water-level declines in the basin and the fact that many permitted groundwater rights are yet to be developed, it appears likely that the declines will increase in time as these rights are more fully developed. Issuance of a permit for the very significant amounts proposed here will likely result in water-level declines at the proposed wells that would exceed the limits set forth in permit condition 7N, which is typically recommended. In addition, the use of the proposed wells would likely result in water-level declines and possibly also substantial interference at any nearby wells with senior rights.**

C. GROUND WATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040

C1. **690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
All	**Alluvium and valley-fill sediments and/or underlying**	☐	☒
	interbedded volcanic, sedimentary and volcaniclastic rocks	☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: The application proposes minimal casing and seal depth for all proposed wells. Therefore, the wells will very likely develop an unconfined aquifer where available.

C2. **690-09-040 (2) (3):** Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected? YES	NO	ASSUMED	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed? YES	NO
*	1	**Malheur Lake**			*	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
**	2	**Unnamed creek**			**	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: *The application identifies seven proposed wells (Briggs 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32 & 33) within one mile of Malheur Lake (3170' to 4930'). These selected wells (25/33 below), at a minimum, may need to be cased and sealed to 100 feet, or more, to prevent hydraulic connection with the lake. **The eight wells in the Malheur Basin (Briggs 10-17) are within one mile of an unnamed creek (100' to 1600'). This creek appears to be intermittent and contained entirely within Adobe Flat, a small closed basin. It is not "tributary" in the usual sense to the South Fork Malheur River and I am therefore not considering it to be a surface water source for this review.
Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: No WAB data for proposed wells in the Malheur Lake Basin; S. Fk. Malheur R > Malheur R ab Indian Cr (31011633) for proposed Briggs wells 10-17.

C3a. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% *natural* flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked ☒ box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
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C3b. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. **Complete only if Q is distributed among wells.** Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

	SW #		Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
25/33	**1**		☒			☐		☐		☒
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐

Comments: **The total proposed appropriation is well over 5 cfs.**

C4a. **690-09-040 (5):** Estimated impacts on **hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile** as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells

Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													

Distributed Wells

Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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Well Q as CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(A) = Total Interf.												
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q												
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q												
(D) = (A) > (C)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(E) = (A / B) x 100	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

Basis for impact evaluation:

C4b. **690-09-040 (5) (b) The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.**

C5. ☐ **If properly conditioned**, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or ground water use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:

i. ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s)_____;

ii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions**

References Used: **Local well logs; local recent reviews; review of water level data collected at wells in the Weaver Springs area from 2009 to November 2012; GW Report 16, by Leonard, 1970; Greene, Walker, and Corcoran, 1972, Geologic Map of the Burns Quadrangle, Oregon, USGS Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-680; Harney Basin Groundwater Study, DRAFT Report by Aquaveo, LLC for the Harney County Watershed Council, November 2012; Memo by Ivan Gall, 1/15, 2008: Stream Assessment for Division 9 Review in the Malheur Lakes Basin.**

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D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. **Well #:** _____ **Logid:** _____

D2. **THE WELL does not meet current well construction standards based upon:**

a. ☐ review of the well log;
b. ☐ field inspection by _____;
c. ☐ report of CWRE _____;
d. ☐ other: (specify) _____

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency**:

a. ☐ constitutes a health threat under Division 200 rules;
b. ☐ commingles water from more than one ground water reservoir;
c. ☐ permits the loss of artesian head;
d. ☐ permits the de-watering of one or more ground water reservoirs;
e. ☐ other: (specify) _____

D4. **THE WELL construction deficiency is described as follows:** _____

D5. **THE WELL**

a. ☐ **was,** *or* ☐ **was not** constructed according to the standards in effect at the time of original construction or most recent modification.

b. ☐ I don't know if it met standards at the time of construction.

D6. ☐ **Route to the Enforcement Section.** I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Enforcement Section and the Ground Water Section.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

D7. ☐ Well construction deficiency has been corrected by the following actions: _____

_____ _____, 200____.
(Enforcement Section Signature)

D8. ☐ **Route to Water Rights Section (attach well reconstruction logs to this page).**

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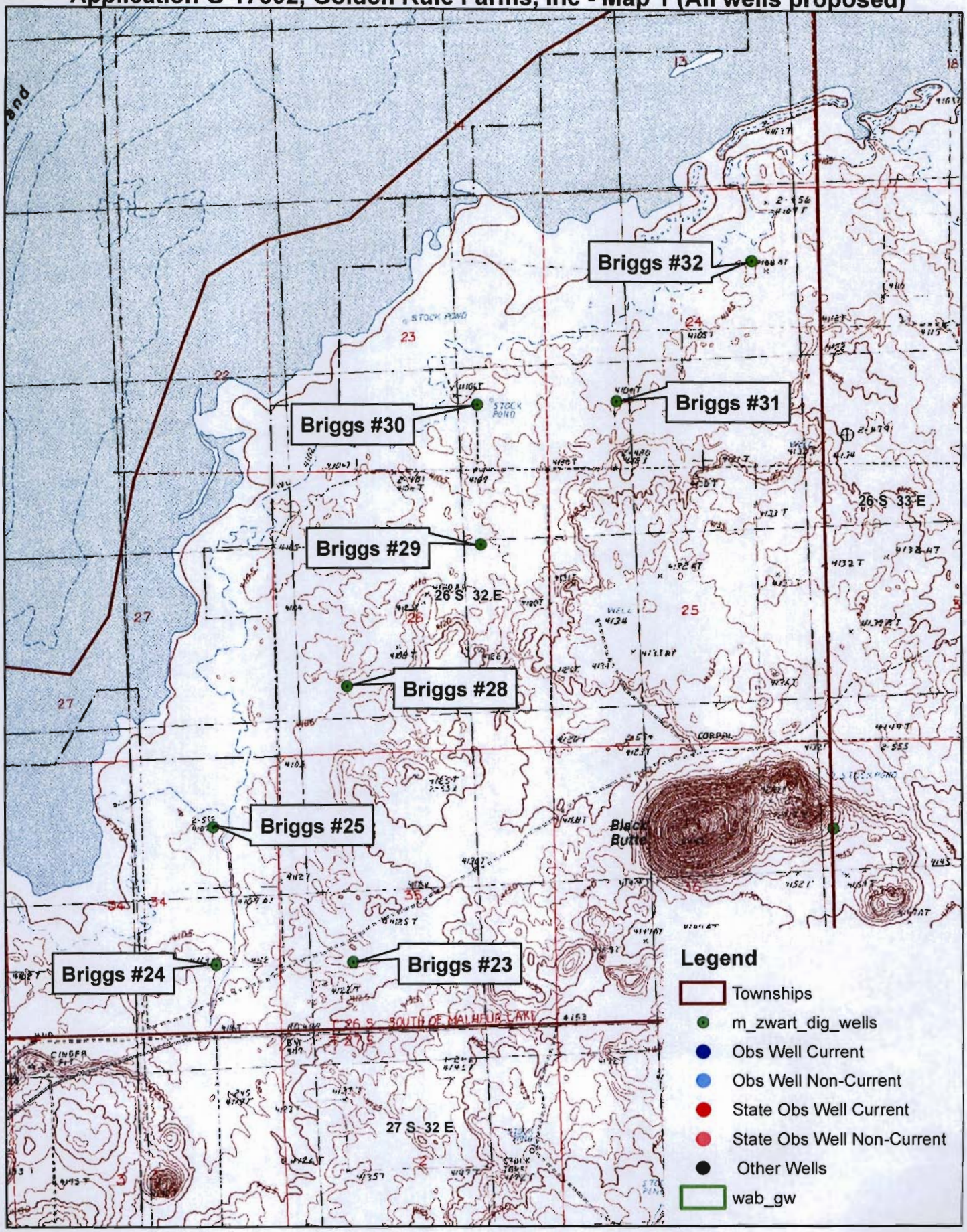

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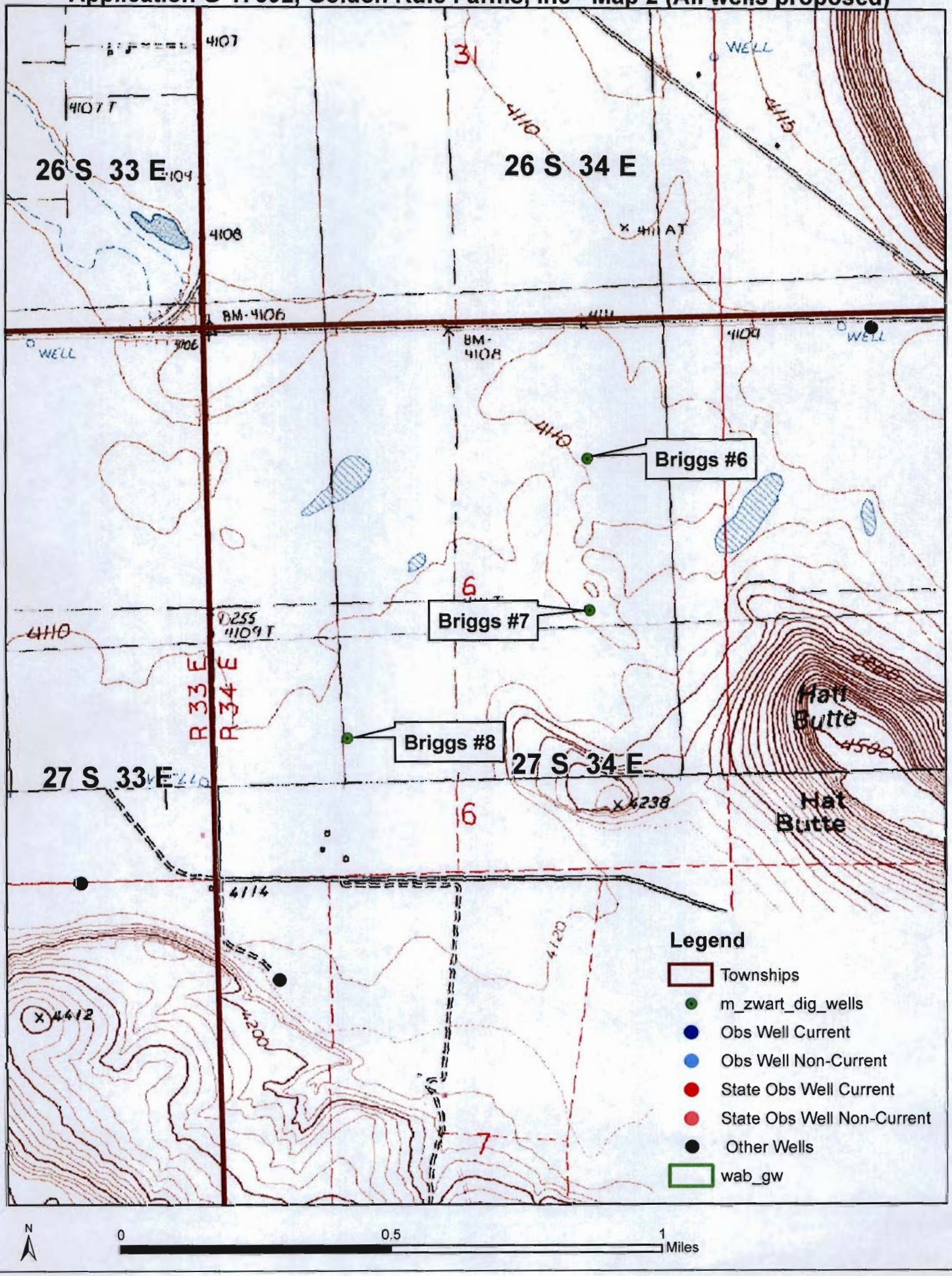

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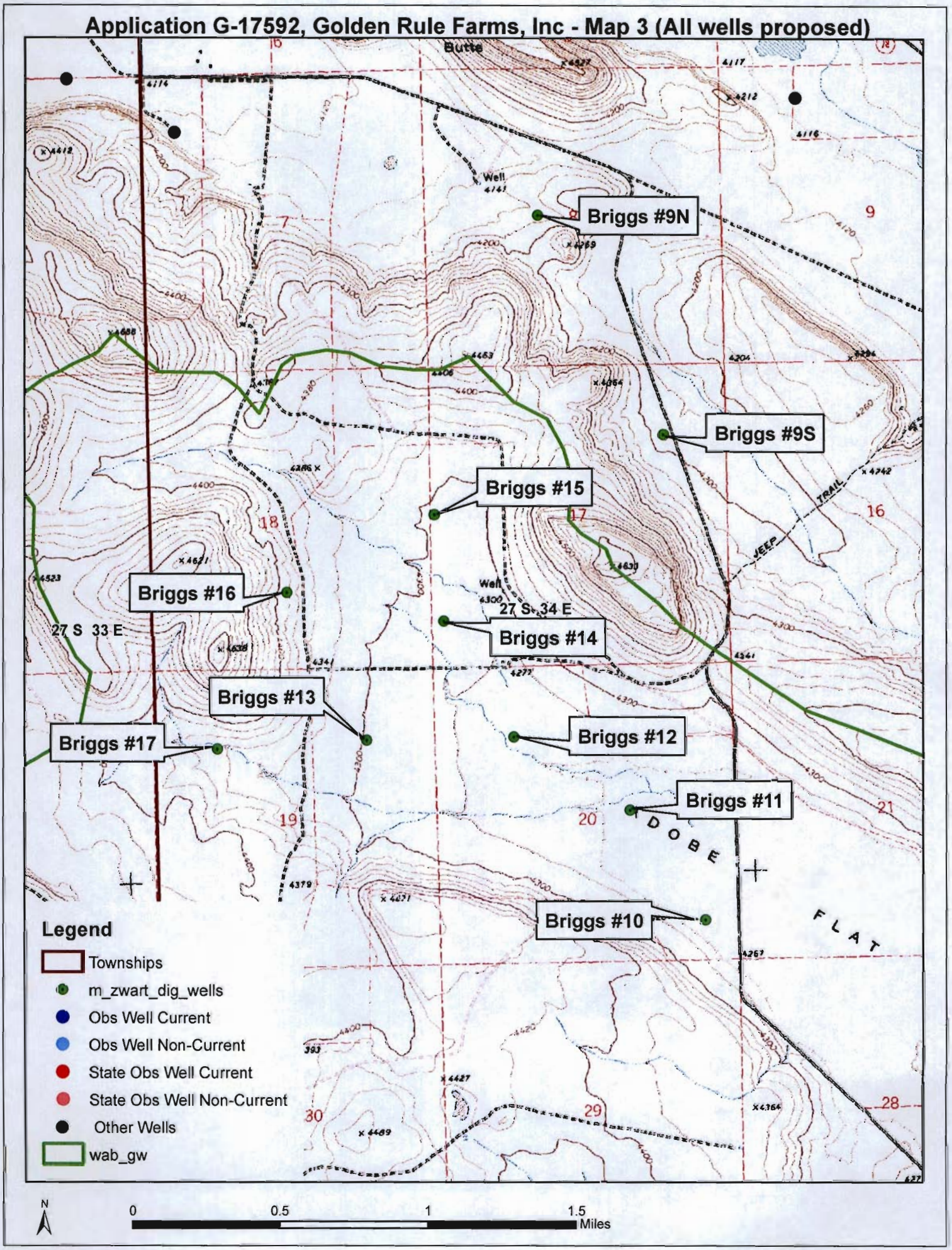

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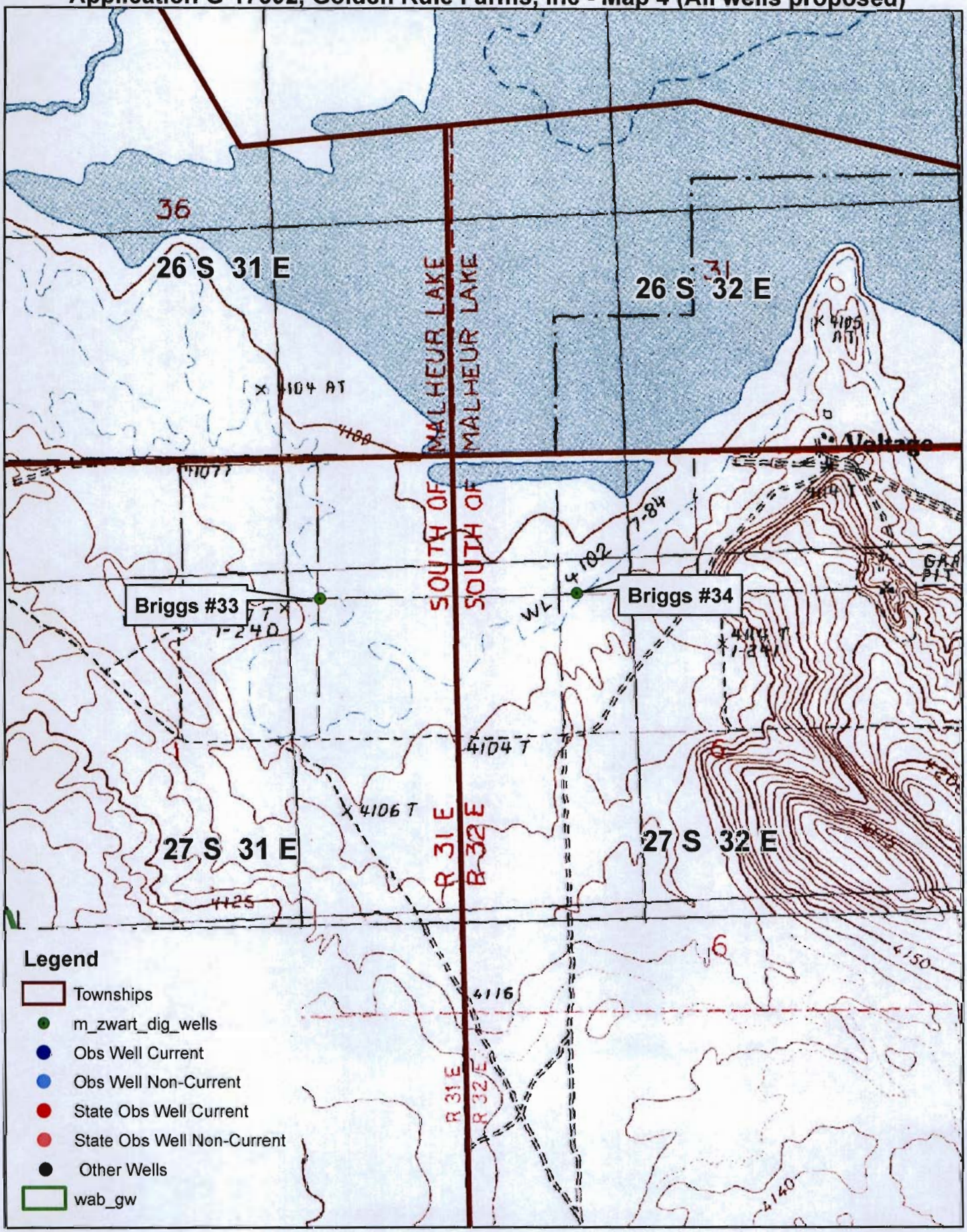

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