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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent, Fort Berthold Agency

FROM: <sup>Acting</sup> Regional Director, Great Plains Region

SUBJECT: Supplemental to Environmental Assessment

A Categorical Exclusion has been completed in compliance with the regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The proposed Supplemental Categorical Exclusion is for information tiering off of an existing Environmental Assessment for Oneok Pipeline, and authorizes pipe size changes to previously approved pipelines on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

All the necessary requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act have been completed. Attached for your files is a copy of the Categorical Exclusion.

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Bercier, Regional Environmental Scientist, Division of Environment, Safety and Cultural Resources Management, at (605) 226-7656.

Attachment

cc: Tex Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes (with attachment)  
Elgin Crows Breast, THPO (with attachment)  
Derek Enderud, BLM, Dickinson, ND (with attachment)  
Kayla Block-Torgerson, KLJ, (with attachment)  
Carson Hood/Fred Fox, MHA Energy Dept. (with attachment)  
Jeffrey Hunt, Fort Berthold Agency



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## EXCEPTION CHECKLIST FOR BIA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

Date: 7/17/2012

Project: Supplemental to Environmental Assessment (EA) Addendums for ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC (ONEOK) Arvid Bangen USA 31-18H, Elk USA 11-17H, Danks USA 11-3H & Galen Fox USA 24-7H Gas Pipelines, January 2012; ONEOK Everett Fisher, Fisher and Henry Charging Pipelines, January 2012; and ONEOK Fisher Jessica Pipeline, April 2012, to authorize the change in pipe size.

Nature of Proposed Action: The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize ONEOK to change the pipe sizes of several previously approved pipelines. The Arvid Bangen USA 31-18H pipeline has been changed from a 6-inch high density poly ethylene (HDPE) natural gas pipeline to a 10-inch HDPE natural gas pipeline. The Everett Fisher pipeline and the Fisher Jessica pipeline have been changed from 6-inch HDPE natural gas pipelines to 8-inch HDPE natural gas pipelines. All pipelines would be constructed in the previously approved routes, as shown on the attached location maps. Best management practices and other commitments agreed upon in the EA Addendums would still apply. The increase in pipeline size would not cause any additional impacts other than those previously disclosed and approved in the EA Addendums.

Exclusion category and number: 516 DM 10.5F(1)

Evaluation of Exceptions to use of Categorical Exclusion:

1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety. No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_
2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geographical features, such as wetlands, wild or scenic rivers, refuges, floodplains, rivers placed on nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands. No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_
3. The action will have highly controversial environmental effects. No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_
4. The action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_
5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions. No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_
6. This action is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively

significant environmental effects.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

7. This action will affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

8. This action will affect a species listed, or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

9. This action threatens to violate federal, state, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

10. This action will have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

11. This action will limit access to, and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

12. This action will contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.

No X Yes \_\_\_\_\_

A "yes" to any of the above exceptions will require that an EA be prepared.

NEPA Action - - - CE X EA \_\_\_\_\_

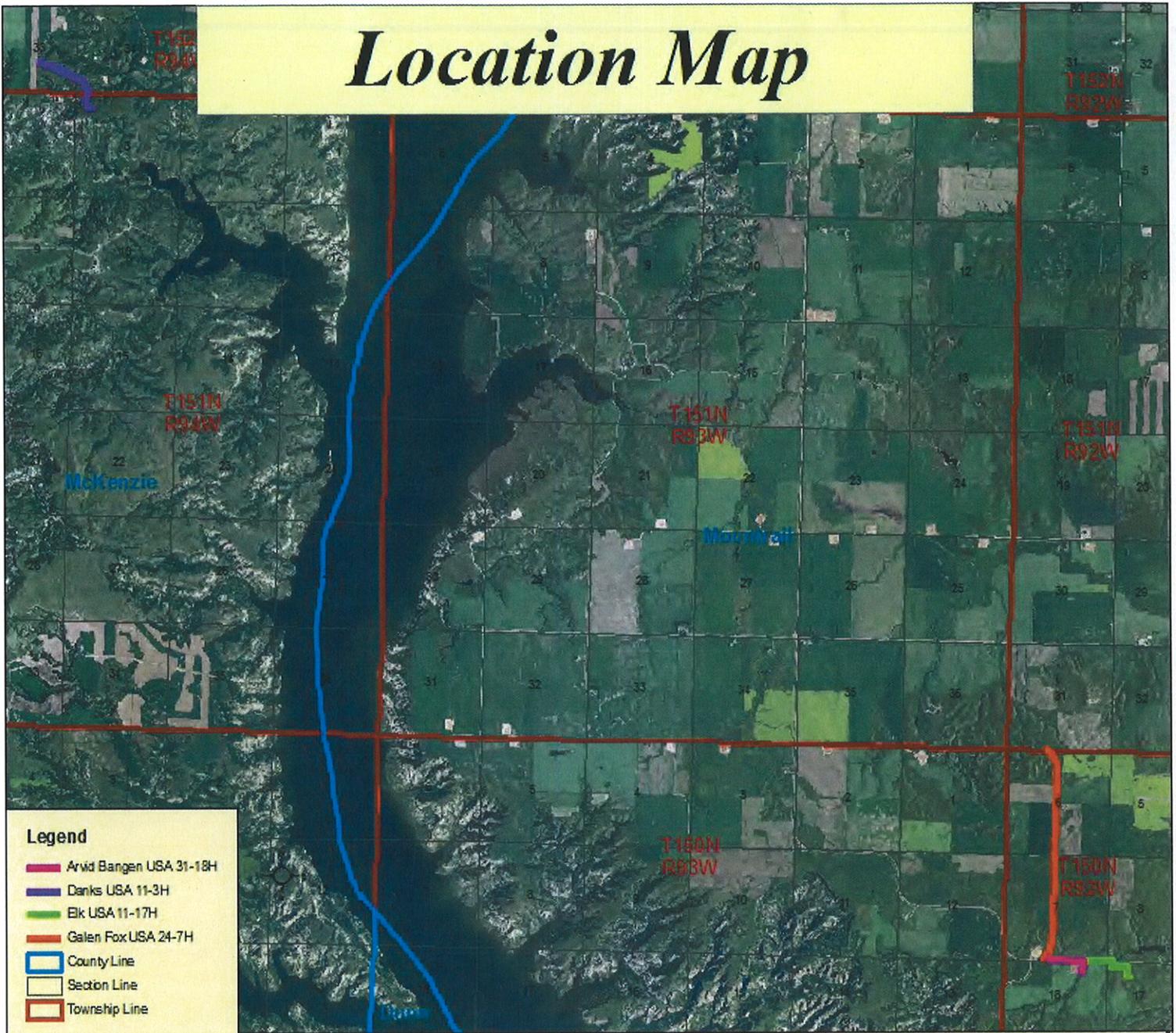
Preparer's Name and Title: Kayla Torgerson, Environmental Scientist, KL&J, Bismarck, ND

Regional Archeologist Concurrence with Item Sebastian C. LeBeau

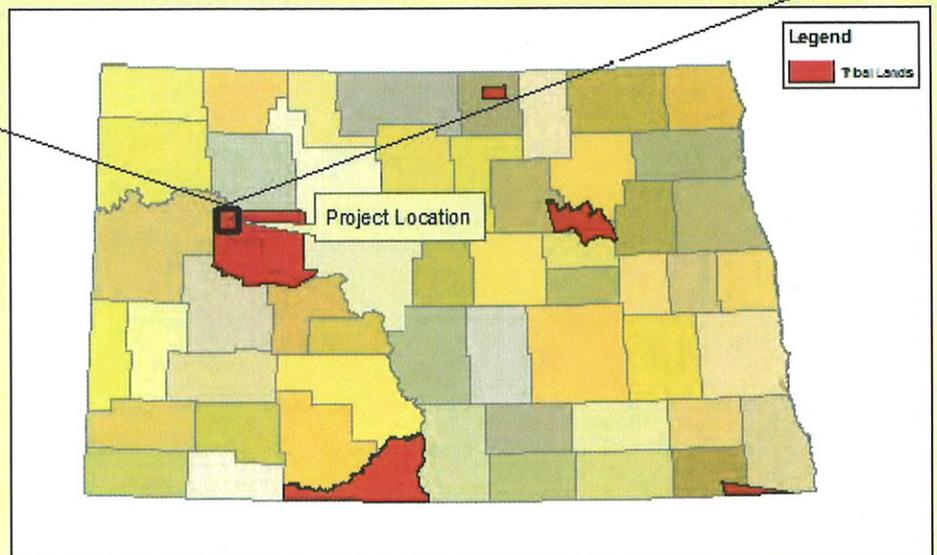
Concur: Jeffrey R. Davis Date: 7-17-2012  
Regional Office/Agency Environmental Coordinator

Concur: Tom [Signature] Date: 7-19-12  
Acting Regional Director/Superintendent

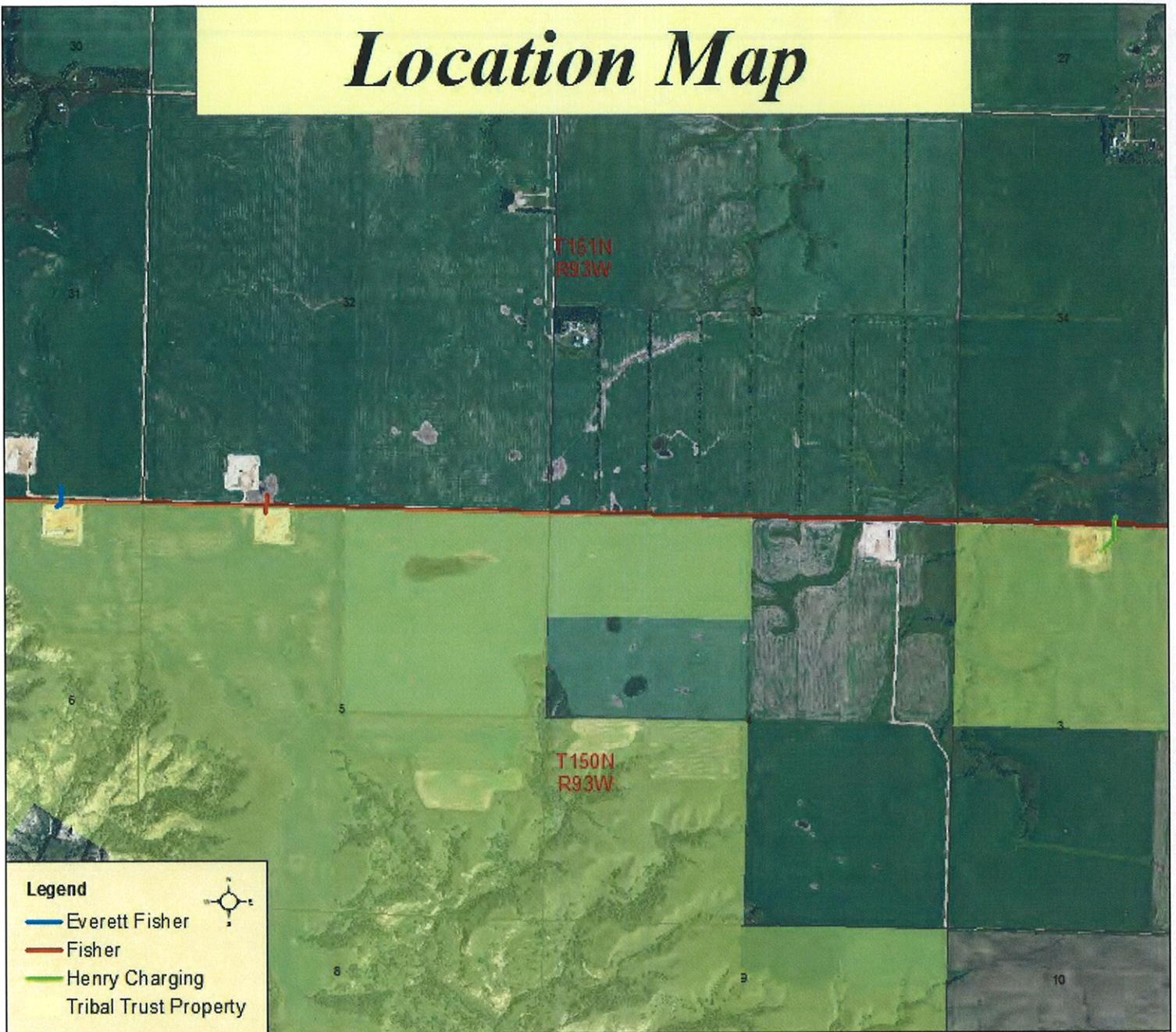
# Location Map



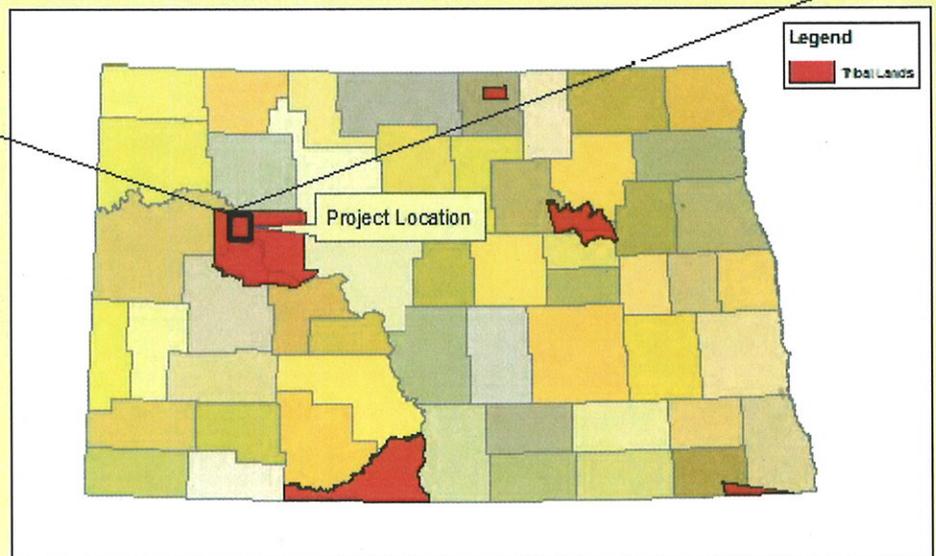
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Proposed Pipelines  
McKenzie and  
Mountrail Counties, ND**



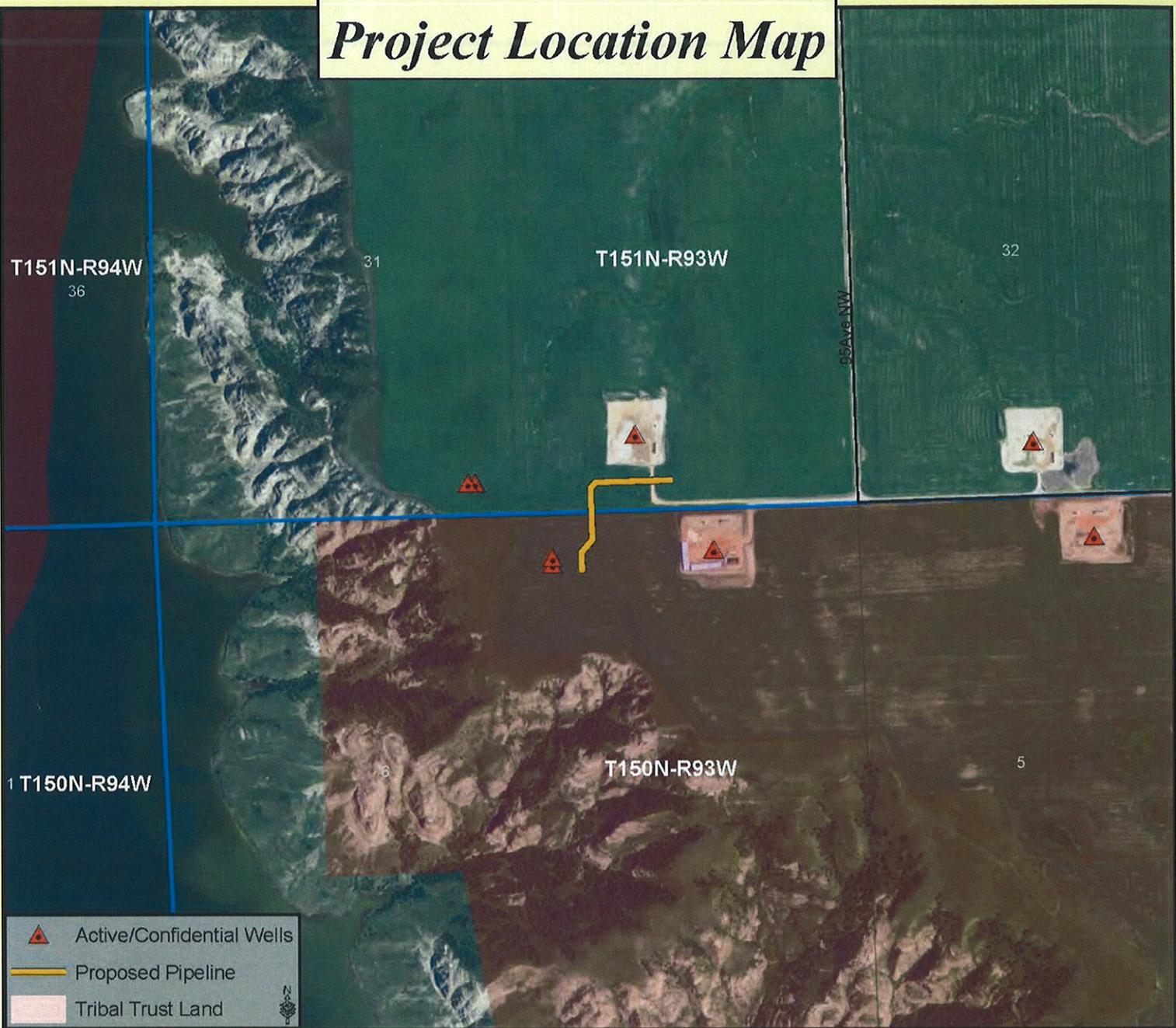
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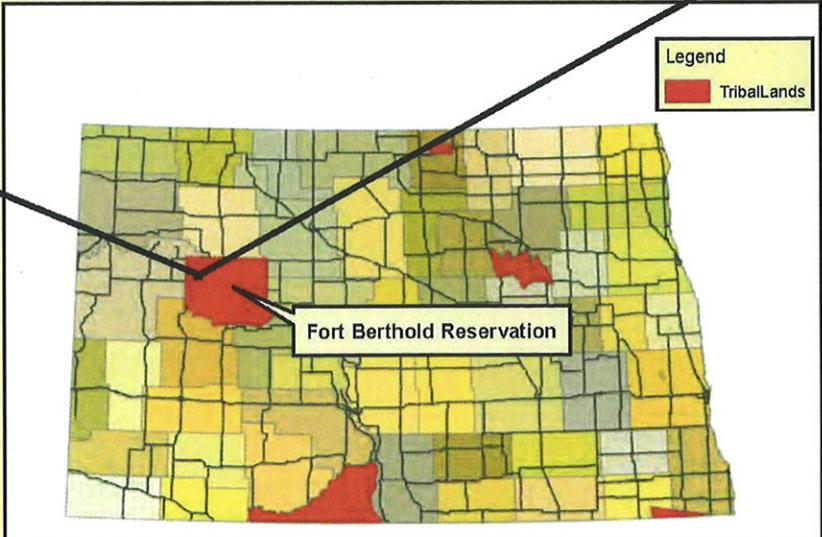
**ONEOK Rockies  
Midstream, LLC  
Everett Fisher, Fisher  
and Henry Charging  
Proposed Pipelines  
Mountrail County, ND**



# Project Location Map



**ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC**  
**Fisher Jessica Addendum**  
**Mountrail County, ND**



**Kadmas**  
**Lee &**  
**Jackson**  
Engineers Surveyors  
Planners