

# APPENDIX G

## APPROVAL DECISION NOTICE UNDER THE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT ACT



## APPROVAL

### Rye Park Wind Farm, Rye Park, NSW (EPBC 2020/8837)

This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*. Note that section 134(1A) of the **EPBC Act** applies to this approval, which provides in general terms that if the approval holder authorises another person to undertake any part of the action, the approval holder must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the other person is informed of any conditions attached to this approval, and that the other person complies with any such condition.

#### Details

<b>Person to whom the approval is granted (approval holder)</b>	Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd
<b>ABN of approval holder</b>	34 601 541 931
<b>Action</b>	To construct and operate a wind farm with up to 77 wind turbines, and associated infrastructure at Rye Park, New South Wales [see EPBC Act referral 2020/8837].

#### Approval decision

My decisions on whether or not to approve the taking of the action for the purposes of each controlling provision for the action are as follows.


#### Controlling Provisions

<b>Listed Threatened Species and Communities</b>	
Section 18	Approve
Section 18A	Approve
<b>Listed Migratory Species</b>	
Section 20	Approve
Section 20A	Approve

#### Period for which the approval has effect

This approval has effect until 1 June 2055.

#### Decision-maker

<b>Name and position</b>	Louise Vickery Assistant Secretary Environment Assessments (NSW, ACT) Branch
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date of decision</b>	1 / 6 / 2021

#### Conditions of approval

This approval is subject to the conditions under the EPBC Act as set out in ANNEXURE A.

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## ANNEXURE A – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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### Part A – Conditions specific to the action

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#### Clearance Limits

1. The approval holder must not construct more than 77 wind turbines within the **project area**.
2. The approval holder must not **clear** within the **project area**, except:
  - a. within the area labelled as 'Project area - Road Upgrades' as shown on the maps in Appendix A and Appendix B; and
  - b. **HBTs**  
unless the Offset Strategy required under condition 13 has been approved by the **Minister**.
3. The approval holder must not **clear** more than:
  - a. 35.73 ha of **Box Gum Woodland**;
  - b. 20.08 ha of **Superb Parrot habitat**;
  - c. 233 **HBTs**;
  - d. 85.28 ha of **Golden Sun Moth habitat**; and
  - e. 43.29 ha of **Striped Legless Lizard habitat**within the **project area**.
4. The approval holder must not **clear** any **confirmed Superb Parrot nest trees** within the **project area**.

#### Management Plans

5. To mitigate unavoidable **impacts** to **protected matters**, the approval holder must submit a Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for the **Minister's** approval prior to the **commencement of the action**.
6. The approval holder must not **commence the action** unless the **Minister** has approved the BMP in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved BMP.
7. The BMP must be consistent with the **department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, and must include:
  - a. The BMP environmental objectives, relevant **protected matters** and a reference to **EPBC Act** approval conditions to which the BMP refers;
  - b. A table of commitments made in the BMP to achieve the objectives, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the BMP;
  - c. Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the BMP;
  - d. An assessment of risks to achieving the BMP environmental objectives and strategies that will be applied to manage risks;
  - e. **Impact** avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and their timing, including:
    - i. details of pre-clearance surveys;
    - ii. rehabilitation and revegetation measures;
    - iii. erosion and sediment control measures;
    - iv. weed management measures;

- v. management measures to prevent the introduction or spread of *Phytophthora cinnamomi*;
  - vi. measures to protect **retained Superb Parrot nest trees**;
  - vii. details of buffer zones or 'no-go zones' within the **project area**;
  - f. A monitoring program, which must include:
    - i. measurable performance indicators;
    - ii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect triggers and changes in the performance indicators;
    - iii. trigger values for corrective actions; and
    - iv. proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached.
  - g. A protocol for **clearing HBTs** to prevent harm or injury to any **EPBC Act listed threatened species**; and
  - h. Any links to other **plans** or conditions of approval (including State approval conditions).
8. To minimise **impacts** to **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** during **commissioning** and **operation** of the wind farm, the approval holder must submit a Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan (BBAMP) for the **Minister's** approval prior to the commencement of **commissioning**. The BBAMP must ensure that the **commissioning** and **operation** of wind turbines is managed, monitored and limited such that **impacts** to **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** are reliably detected, quantified, reported and responded to.
  9. The approval holder must not commence **commissioning** unless the **Minister** has approved the BBAMP in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved BBAMP.
  10. The BBAMP must be consistent with the **department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, and must include:
    - a. The environmental objectives of the BBAMP, relevant **EPBC Act protected matters** and a reference to where each relevant **EPBC Act** approval condition is addressed in the BBAMP;
    - b. A table of commitments made in the BBAMP to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the BBAMP;
    - c. An assessment of risks to achieving the BBAMP environmental objectives and strategies that will be applied to manage risks;
    - d. A proposed program of monitoring to detect or reliably estimate all collisions with **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species**. The approval holder must provide evidence that the proposed methods, frequency and timing of monitoring will provide statistically reliable detection or reliable estimates of all collisions with **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species**. The monitoring program must specify:
      - i. measurable performance indicators;
      - ii. triggers for corrective actions;
      - iii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect triggers and changes in the performance indicators;
      - iv. mortality monitoring, including carcass searches, carcass persistence trials and scavenger trials methodologies;
      - v. proposed corrective actions if triggers are reached, including, but not limited to, ceasing operation of specific wind turbines;

- e. Measures, and their timing, to avoid and mitigate **impacts**, including, but not limited to:
    - i. measures to minimise **impacts** associated with lighting (such as preventing the attraction of **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** to locations with high risk of collision with turbines);
    - ii. measures to minimise the risks to **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** from turbine strike (such as bird and insect deterrents, low wind speed curtailment, ceasing operation of specific wind turbines during specific times, and/or permanent decommissioning of specific turbines); and
    - iii. procedures for dealing with any **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** that require relocation or are injured within the **project area**;
  - f. How the effectiveness of mitigation measures will be monitored and analysed, and decisions made regarding adaptive measures to achieve the environmental objectives of the BBAMP;
  - g. Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the BBAMP. This must include how monitoring data and analysis of monitoring results will be reported and published, and a procedure for reporting the death or injury of any **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** to the **department**;
  - h. A proposal for how any residual significant impact to an **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** will be offset by the approval holder in accordance with the **EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy**.
11. The approval holder must provide an evaluation, prepared by a **suitably qualified person**, of the effectiveness of the measures implemented to avoid and mitigate **impacts** to **EPBC Act listed bird and bat species** within the **project area** from turbine strike, and report against triggers for corrective actions, in each **compliance report** required under condition 29.

#### Offsets

12. Prior to the **commencement of the action**, the approval holder must submit to the **Minister** detailed plans of the **final layout**.
13. To compensate for **impacts** to **protected matters**, prior to **commencement of the action**, the approval holder must submit an Offset Strategy for approval by the **Minister**.
14. The Offset Strategy must be prepared by a **suitably qualified expert(s)**, and must:
- a. based on the areas of habitat for **protected matters**, including **HBTs**, to be **impacted** in the **final layout**, propose offsets to compensate for **impacts** to:
    - i. **Box Gum Woodland**;
    - ii. **Superb Parrot habitat**, including **HBTs**;
    - iii. **Golden Sun Moth habitat**; and
    - iv. **Striped Legless Lizard habitat**
 in accordance with clauses 6.2 and 6.6A of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017* (NSW); and
  - b. provide the **Biodiversity Assessment Method** credit calculations used to determine the required number of **like-for-like biodiversity credits** to be **retired** to compensate for **impacts** to **protected matters**.
15. Prior to the commencement of **operation**, the approval holder must submit to the **Minister** detailed plans of the **completed layout**. If **impacts** to **protected matters** from the **completed layout** are more than those proposed in the **final layout**, the approval holder must submit, for approval by the **Minister**, a version of the Offset Strategy revised to compensate for **impacts** to **protected matters** from the action. The approval holder must not commence **operation** unless the

**Minister** has either confirmed that the **completed layout** has not increased **impacts** relative to the **final layout** or approved the revised Offset Strategy in writing.

16. The approval holder must **retire** the **like-for-like biodiversity credits**, as required in the approved Offset Strategy or, if a revision of the Offset Strategy is required in accordance with condition 15, the approved revised Offset Strategy, within two (2) years of the **commencement of the action**, and prior to the commencement of **operation**.
17. Within 20 **business days** of completing the requirements of condition 16, the approval holder must provide the **department** with **evidence** of when and how the **like-for-like biodiversity credits** were **retired**.
18. To compensate for potential cumulative **impacts** on the **Superb Parrot**, the approval holder must prepare and implement a Superb Parrot Population Monitoring Program (SPPMP). The SPPMP must be submitted to the **Minister** for approval prior to commencement of **commissioning**.
19. The approval holder must not commence **commissioning** unless the **Minister** has approved the SPPMP. The approval holder must implement the approved SPPMP.
20. The implementation of the SPPMP must increase contemporary knowledge of **Superb Parrot** habitat use and breeding ecology within the **South-west Slopes of NSW Important Bird Area**, with a focus on identification of key breeding sites, and a better understanding of local movement patterns during the breeding season and landscape scale movements between the key breeding areas and winter foraging grounds.
21. The SPPMP must support the recovery objectives and actions described in the **National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot *Polytelis swainsonii***. The SPPMP must include:
  - a. specific conservation research and monitoring objectives and proposed activities, additional to any required under the approved BBAMP, to achieve the objectives;
  - b. proposed timing, effort and expertise required for each activity;
  - c. nomination of **suitably qualified persons or organisations** responsible for carrying out the activities;
  - d. commitments for the provision and timing of funding; and
  - e. mechanisms to ensure that knowledge and information gained from the SPPMP is easily accessible and can be used by the **department**, the general public and the scientific community.
22. The approval holder must provide, each year for five (5) years, contributions indexed in line with **CPI** for each year to be equal to the value of at least \$50,000 (GST exclusive) on the date of this approval, to fund the conservation research activities proposed in the approved SPPMP. The first contribution must be made within 20 **business days** of the commencement of **commissioning**. Subsequent annual contributions must be made within 20 **business days** of the anniversary of the commencement of **commissioning**.

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## **Part B – Standard administrative conditions**

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### **Notification of date of commencement**

23. The approval holder must notify the **department** in writing of:
  - a. the date of **commencement of the action** within 10 **business days** after the date of **commencement of the action**;
  - b. the date of commencement of **commissioning** within 10 business days after the date of commencement of **commissioning**;
  - c. the date of commencement of **operation** within 10 **business days** after the date of commencement of **operation**.

24. If the **commencement of the action** does not occur within five (5) years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not **commence the action** without the prior written agreement of the **Minister**.

#### **Compliance records**

25. The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete **compliance records**.
26. If the **department** makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of **compliance records** to the **department** within the timeframe specified in the request.

**Note:** **Compliance records** may be subject to audit by the **department** or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the **EPBC Act**, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the **department's** website or through the general media.

#### **Submission and publication of plans**

27. The approval holder must:
- a. submit **plans** electronically to the **department** for approval by the **Minister**;
  - b. unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Minister, publish each **plan** on the **website** within 20 **business days** of the date:
    - i. the **plan** is approved by the **Minister**, or
    - ii. the **plan** is submitted to the **Minister** or the **department**;
  - c. exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **plans** published on the **website** or provided to a member of the public; and
  - d. keep **plans** published on the **website** until the end date of this approval.
28. The approval holder must ensure that any **monitoring data** (including **sensitive ecological data**), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a **plan**, is prepared in accordance with the **department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data** (2018) and submitted electronically to the **department** in accordance with the requirements of the **plan**.

#### **Annual compliance reporting**

29. The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12 month period following the date of **commencement of the action**, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:
- a. publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12 month period;
  - b. notify the **department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within five (5) **business days** of the date of publication;
  - c. keep all **compliance reports** publicly available on the **website** until this approval expires;
  - d. exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **compliance reports** published on the **website**; and
  - e. where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **department** within five (5) **business days** of publication.

**Note:** **Compliance reports** may be published on the **department's** website.

#### **Reporting non-compliance**

30. The approval holder must notify the **department** in writing of any: **incident**; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in **plans**. The notification must be

given as soon as practicable, and no later than two (2) **business days** after becoming aware of the **incident** or non-compliance. The notification must specify:

- a. any condition which is or may be in breach;
  - b. a short description of the **incident** and/or non-compliance; and
  - c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the **incident** and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.
31. The approval holder must provide to the **department** the details of any **incident** or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in **plans** as soon as practicable and no later than 10 **business days** after becoming aware of the **incident** or non-compliance, specifying:
- a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;
  - b. the potential **impacts** of the **incident** or non-compliance; and
  - c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.

#### **Independent audit**

32. The approval holder must ensure that **independent audits** of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the **Minister**.
33. For each **independent audit**, the approval holder must:
- a. provide the name and qualifications of the **independent** auditor and the draft audit criteria to the **department**;
  - b. only commence the **independent audit** once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the **department**; and
  - c. submit an audit report to the **department** within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.
34. The approval holder must publish the audit report on the **website** within 10 **business days** of receiving the **department's** approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the **website** until the end date of this approval.

#### **Revision of action management plans**

35. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the **Minister** for a variation to an action management plan approved by the **Minister** under conditions 5, 8 and 13 or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the **EPBC Act**. If the **Minister** approves a revised action management plan then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the revised action management plan in place of the previous action management plan.

#### **Completion of the action**

36. Within 20 **business days** after the **completion of the action**, the approval holder must notify the **department** in writing and provide **completion data**.

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### **Part C - Definitions**

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In these conditions, except where contrary intention is expressed, the following definitions are used:

**Biodiversity Assessment Method** means the biodiversity assessment method established under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW) for the purpose of assessing the impact of actions on threatened species and threatened ecological communities, and their habitats.



**Box Gum Woodland** means *White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland* ecological community, listed as critically endangered under the **EPBC Act**.

**Business days** means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.

**Clearing/clear/cleared** means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation (but not including weeds – see the *Australian weeds strategy 2017 to 2027* for further guidance).

**Commencement of the action/commence the action** means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including **clearing** and **construction**. **Commencement of the action** does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to:

- a. undertake surveys or monitoring programs;
- b. install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the project area;
- c. protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installing temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks;
- d. install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking pre-commencement activities so long as these are located where they have no **impact** on **protected matters**; and
- e. conduct investigative drilling, excavation or salvage.

**Commissioning** means all activities, including turning of turbines, after the components of the first complete wind turbine are installed. The date on which **commissioning** commences is the first date on which the blades of the first completed wind turbine start rotating.

**Completed layout** means the post-**construction** layout of the action, including the actual locations and GPS coordinates of all wind turbines, transport routes, underground and overhead wiring locations and associated operational and maintenance infrastructure within the **project area**, and specifying the total area of habitat for each **protected matter** that will be **impacted** by the action.

**Completion data** means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The **department's** preferred spatial data format is **shapefile**. This includes, but is not limited to, the total area of habitat for each **protected matter cleared** within the **project area**.

**Completion of the action** means all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.

**Compliance records** means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.

**Compliance report/s** means written reports:

- a. providing accurate and complete details of compliance, **incidents**, and non-compliance with the conditions and the **plans**;
- b. consistent with the **department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014)**;
- c. include a **shapefile** of any clearance of any **protected matters**, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period; and
- d. annexing a schedule of all **plans** prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period.

**Confirmed Superb Parrot nest trees** means the nest trees labelled as 'Confirmed Superb Parrot Nest Trees' as shown in [Appendix B](#).

**Construction** means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building

or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.

**CPI** means the Consumer Price Index, sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, based on the change for All Groups CPI over the June to June period (released at the end of June each year).

**Department** means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the **EPBC Act**.

**Environmental Management Plan Guidelines** means the *Environmental Management Plan Guidelines* (2014), or subsequent revisions, available from the **department's** website.

**EPBC Act** means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

**EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy** means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* Environmental Offsets Policy (October 2012) including the Offsets Assessment Guide, or any subsequent official version.

**EPBC Act listed migratory species** means migratory species listed under the **EPBC Act** for which this approval has effect, including White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*).

**EPBC Act listed bird or bat species** means the **EPBC Act listed threatened species** and **EPBC Act listed migratory species** for which this approval has effect that are bird or bat species.

**EPBC Act listed threatened species** means the threatened fauna species listed under the **EPBC Act** for which this approval has effect, including:

- a. **Superb Parrot** (*Polytelis swainsonii*);
- b. **Golden Sun Moth** (*Synemon plana*);
- c. **Striped Legless Lizard** (*Delma impar*);
- d. White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*).

**Evidence** means documentation from the relevant authority showing that **like-for-like biodiversity credits** have been **retired**.

**Final layout** means the pre-**construction** layout of the action, including the proposed locations and GPS coordinates of all wind turbines, transport routes, underground and overhead wiring locations and associated operational and maintenance infrastructure within the **project area**, and specifying the total area of habitat for each **protected matter** that will be **impacted** by the action.

**Golden Sun Moth** means the species *Synemon plana* listed as critically endangered under the **EPBC Act**.

**Golden Sun Moth habitat** means habitat preferred by the **Golden Sun Moth**, which is dependent on the presence of grasslands, including non-native grasslands. **Golden Sun Moth habitat** is located where the species is listed to or may occur, and any known **Golden Sun Moth** foraging or breeding habitat. A list of key species habitat characteristics is given in the *Approved Conservation Advice for Synemon plana (golden sun moth)*, which is available on the **department's** website (equivalent NSW plant community type (PCT) includes: PCT 350 and 351).

**HBTs** means hollow-bearing trees located within the areas marked orange and labelled as 'Vegetation Type - PCT 350' as shown in [Appendix B](#).

**Impact/s/ed** (verb) means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action. **Impact** (noun) means any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.

**Incident** means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more **protected matter(s)** other than as permitted under this approval.

**Independent** means a person(s) that does not have an individual or by employment or family affiliation, any conflicting or competing interests with the approval holder; the approval holder's staff, representatives or associated persons; or the project, including any personal, financial, business or employment relationship, other than receiving payment for undertaking the role for which the condition requires an independent person.

**Independent audit/s** means an audit conducted by an **independent** and **suitably qualified person** as detailed in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines* (2019), or subsequent revisions.

**Like-for-like biodiversity credit/s** means **like-for-like ecosystem credits** and **like-for-like species credits**.

**Like-for-like ecosystem credits** has the meaning given under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW) (BC Act).

**Like-for-like species credits** has the meaning given under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW) (BC Act).

**Minister** means the Australian Government Minister administering the **EPBC Act** including any delegate thereof.

**Monitoring data** means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.

**National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot *Polytelis swainsonii*** means the document cited as 'Baker-Gabb, D. (2011). *National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot Polytelis swainsonii*. Department of Sustainability and Environment, Melbourne' or subsequent revisions, available from the **department's** website.

**Operation** means all activities after the components of the final wind turbine are installed.

**Plan/s** means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the **Minister**, and/or implemented by the approval holder and published on the **website** in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).

**Project area** means all of the area marked in blue and labelled as 'Project Area - Road Upgrades' as shown in [Appendix A](#), and the area outlined in black and labelled as 'Development Corridor – Wind Farm', the areas marked in blue and labelled as 'Project Area - Road Upgrades' and the areas outlined in green and labelled as 'Development Corridor – Permanent Met Masts' as shown in [Appendix B](#).

**Protected matter/s** means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the **EPBC Act** for which this approval has effect.

**Retained Superb Parrot nest tree/s** means any **Superb Parrot nest tree** remaining within the **project area** after the clearance limit for **HBTs** under condition 3 has been reached.

**Retire/retired** means change the status of a **like-for-like biodiversity credit** such that the **like-for-like biodiversity credit** can no longer be bought or sold.

**Sensitive ecological data** means data as defined in the Australian Government Department of the Environment (2016) *Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy V1.0*.

**Shapefile/s** means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used. Shapefiles must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.

**South-west Slopes of NSW Important Bird Area** means the area identified by BirdLife Australia as the core distribution of **Superb Parrots** on the south-west slopes of New South Wales, as described and mapped in the *Important Bird Areas factsheet: South-west Slopes of NSW*, available at [www.birdlife.org](http://www.birdlife.org).

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**Striped Legless Lizard** means the species *Delma impar* listed as vulnerable under the **EPBC Act**.

**Striped Legless Lizard habitat** means areas with ecological conditions supporting the **Striped Legless Lizard**, as described in the *Conservation Advice Delma impar striped legless lizard* and the *National Recovery Plan for the Striped Legless Lizard (Delma impar) 1999-2003*, which are available on the **department's** website.

**Suitably qualified expert/s** means a person who has professional qualifications and at least three (3) years of work experience designing and implementing surveys for and managing or studying and preparing prescriptions for the management of **Box Gum Woodland, Superb Parrot, Golden Sun Moth, Striped Legless Lizard** and White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*), and can give an authoritative assessment and advice on the presence of and management requirements of **Box Gum Woodland, Superb Parrot, Golden Sun Moth, Striped Legless Lizard** and White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*) using relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.

**Suitably qualified person** means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.

**Suitably qualified persons or organisations** mean persons and/or organisations with qualifications, training, skills and/or experience specifically relevant to the particular activities which they are nominated in the SPPMP to implement.

**Superb Parrot** means the species *Polytelis swainsonii* listed as vulnerable under the **EPBC Act**.

**Superb Parrot habitat** means habitat preferred by the **Superb Parrot** where the species may occur, and any known **Superb Parrot** foraging or breeding habitat. A list of key species habitat characteristics is given in the *Conservation Advice Polytelis swainsonii superb parrot* and *National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot Polytelis swainsonii*, which are available on the **department's** website (equivalent NSW PCT's include: PCT 350).

**Superb Parrot nest tree** means trees of the *Eucalyptus* species River Red Gum, Blakely's Red Gum *E. blakelyi*, Apple Box *E. bridgesiana*, Grey Box, White Box *E. albens* and Red Box *E. polyanthemus*, with hollows located 5–13 m above the ground as specified in the **National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot Polytelis swainsonii** and that have a hollow diameter >5 cm.

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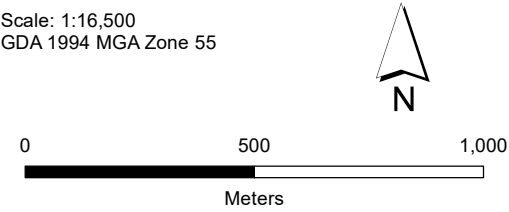
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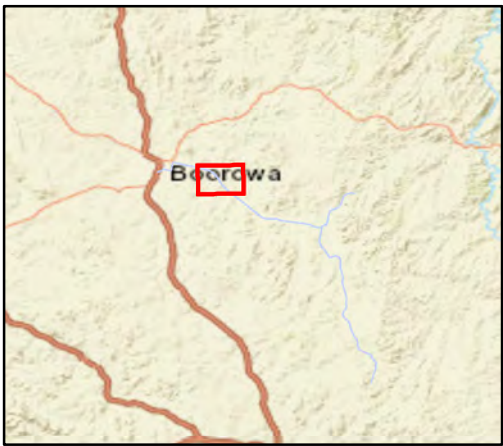
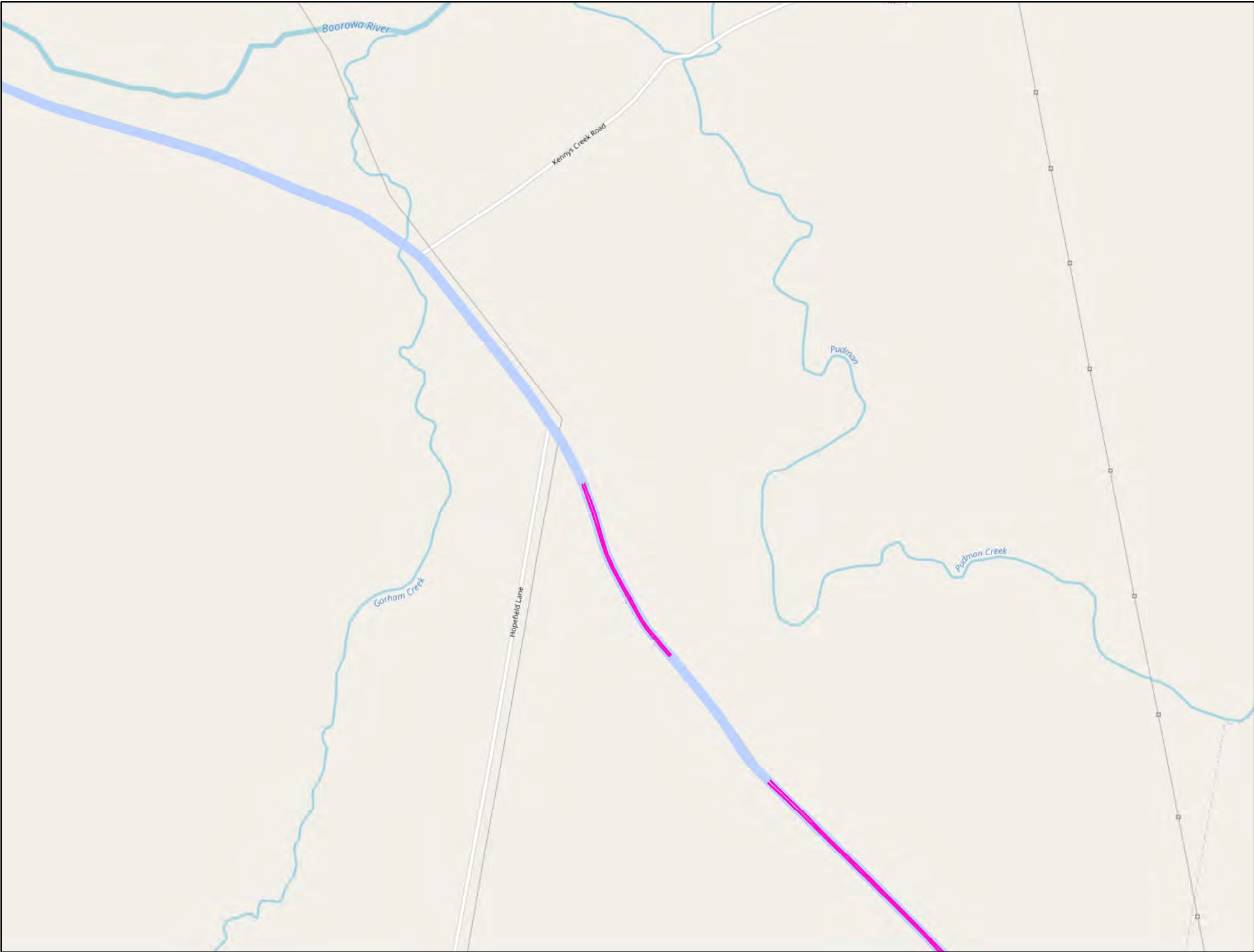
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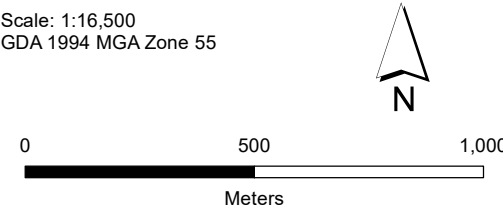




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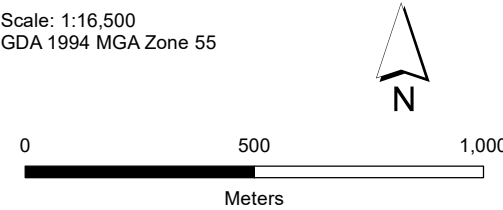




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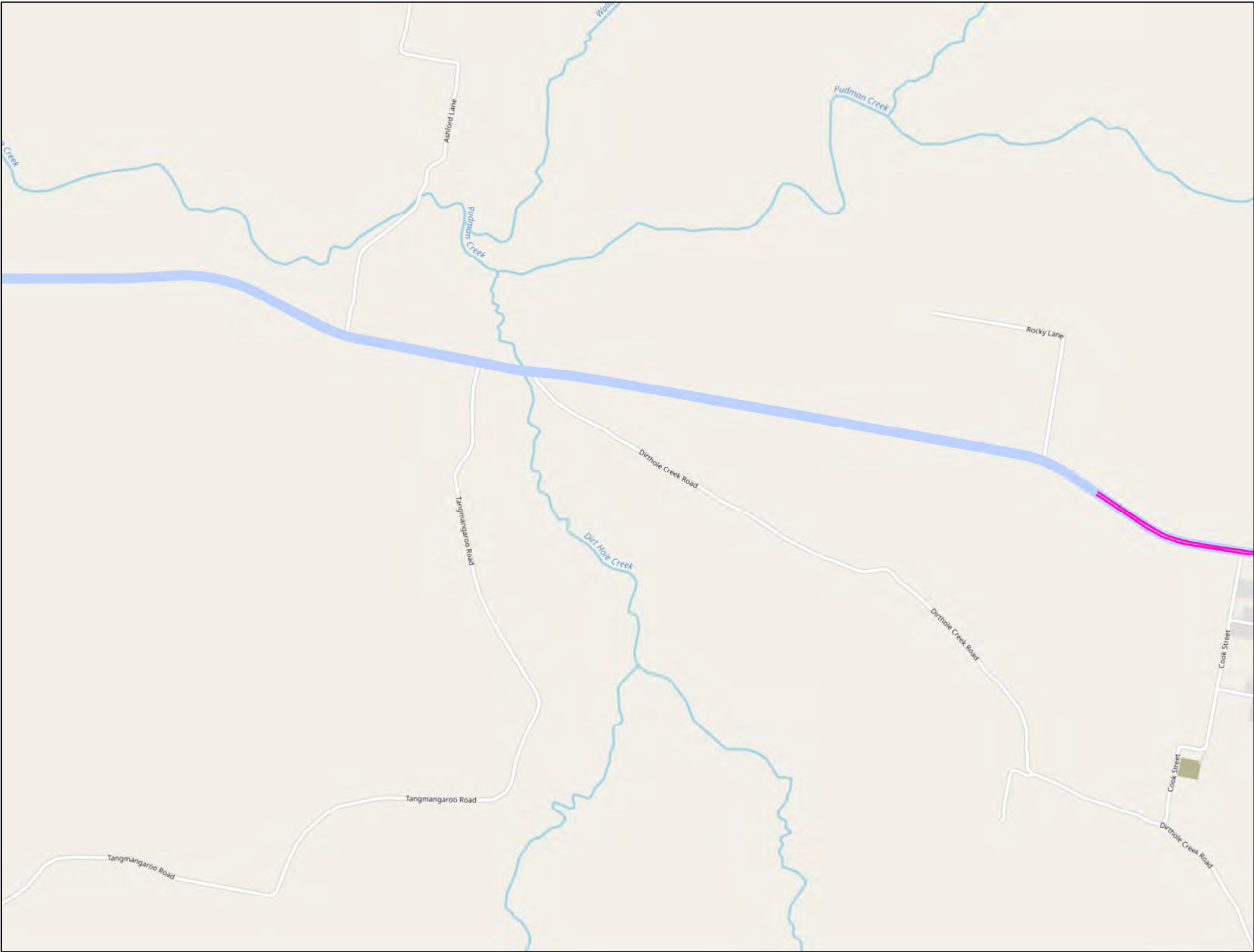
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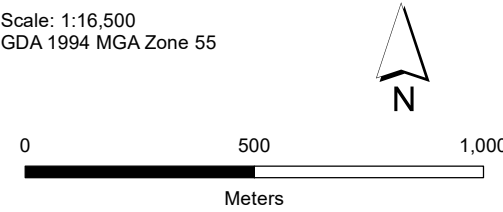




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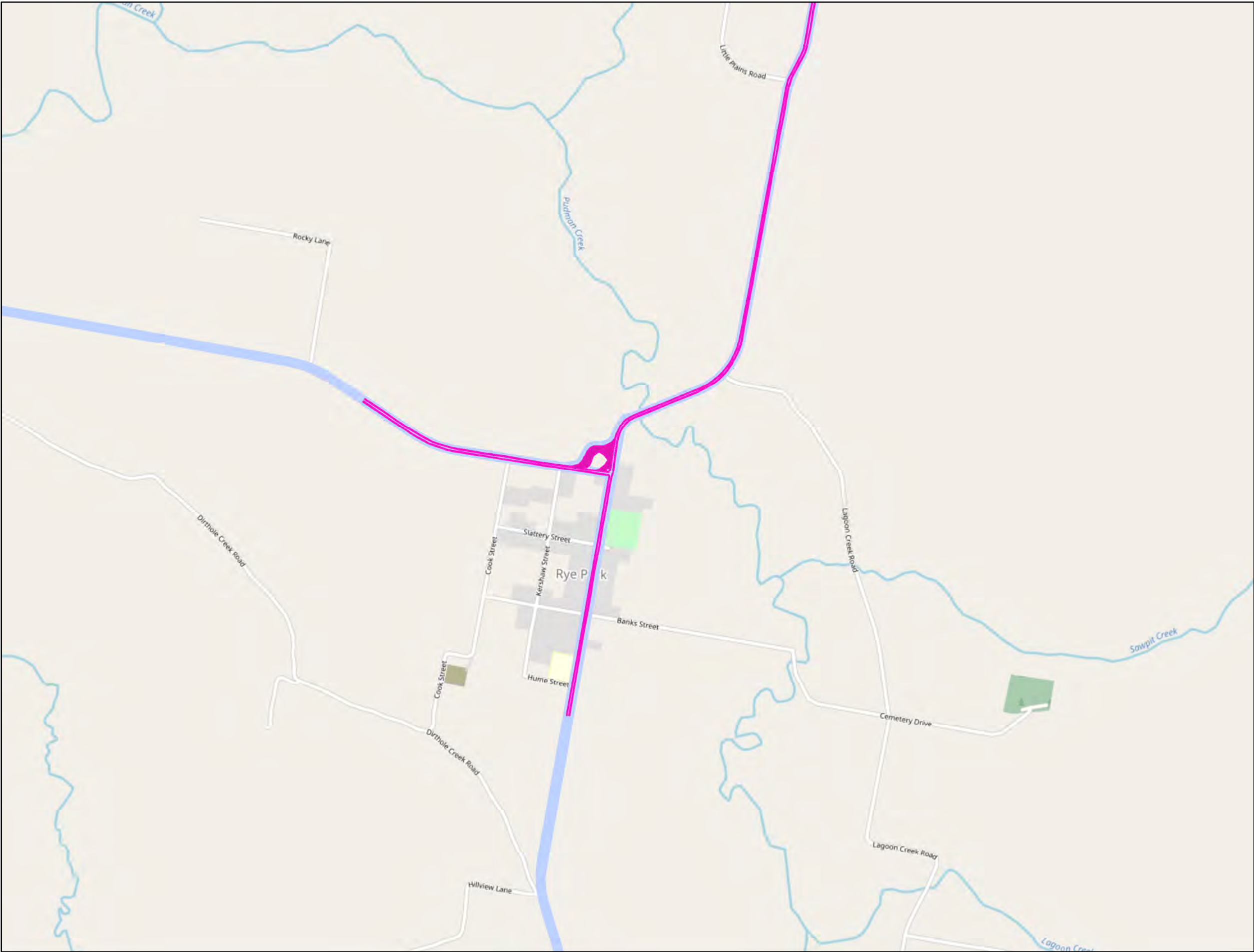
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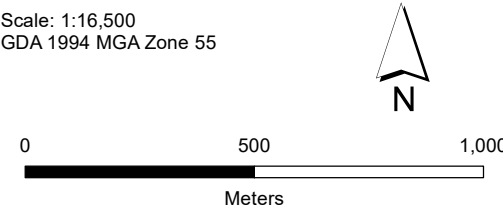




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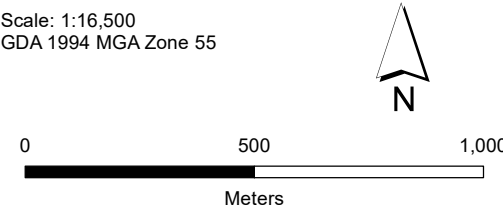




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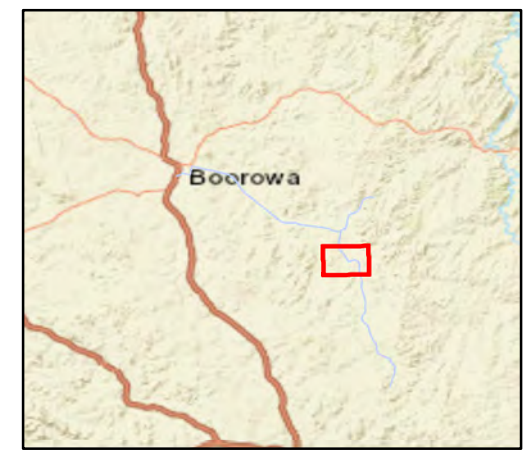
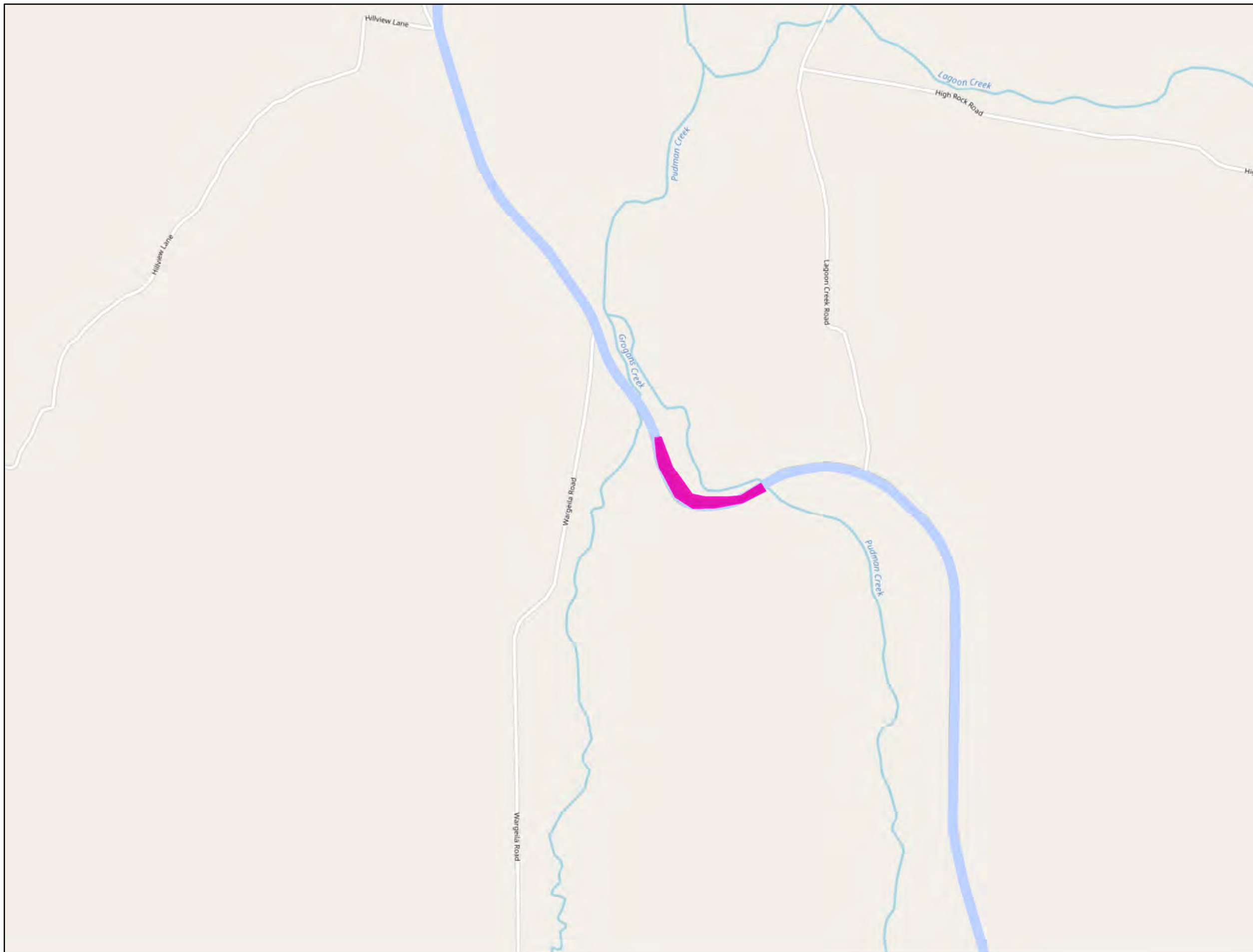
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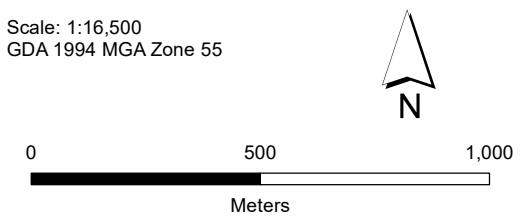




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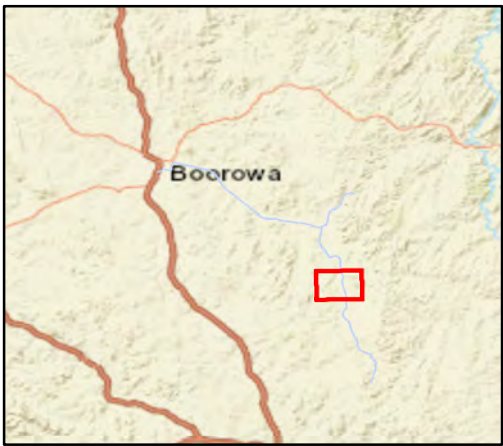
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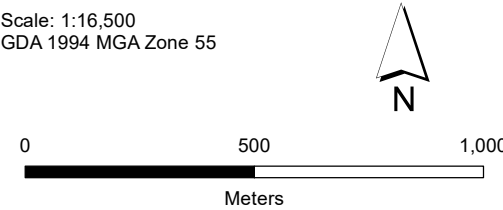




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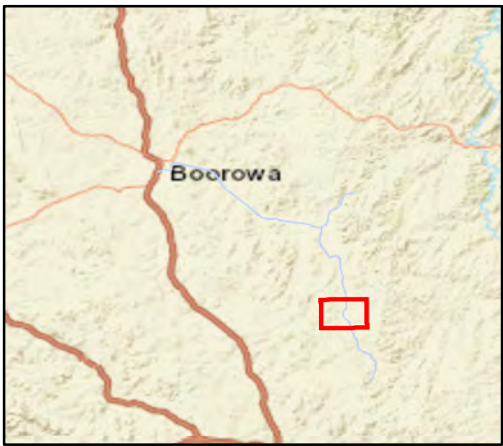
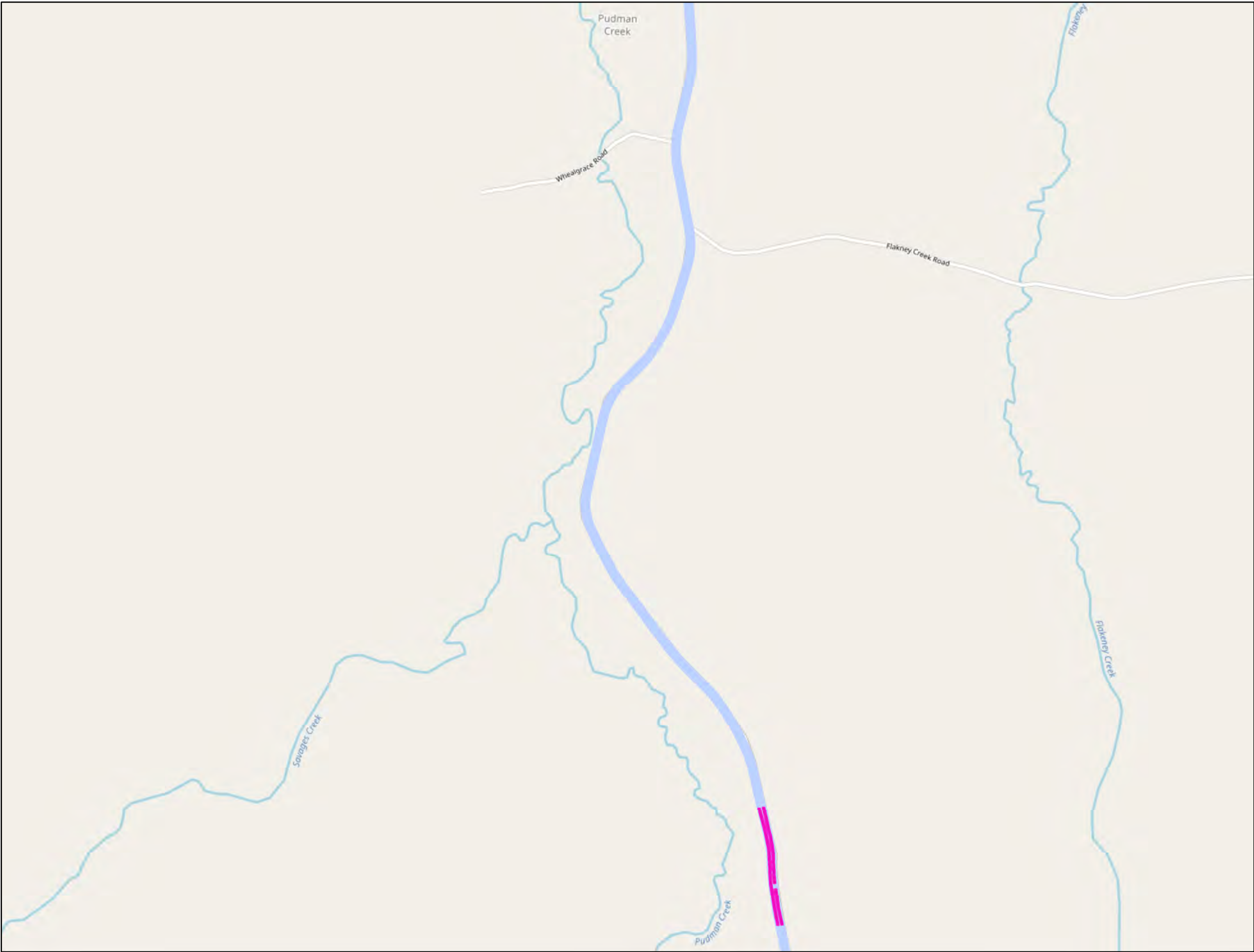
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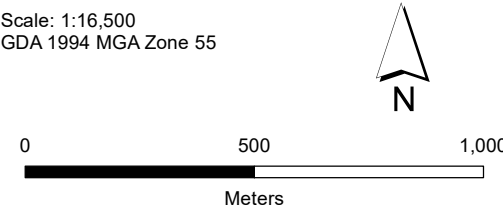




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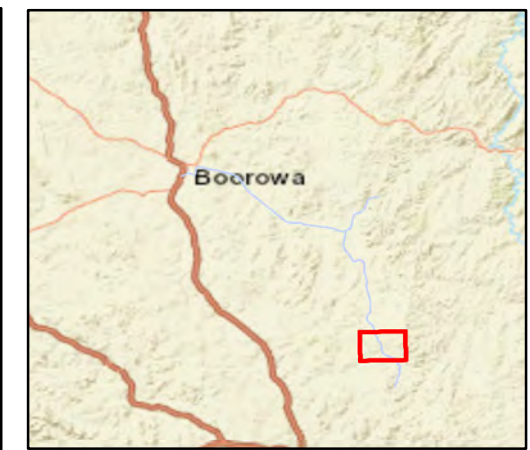
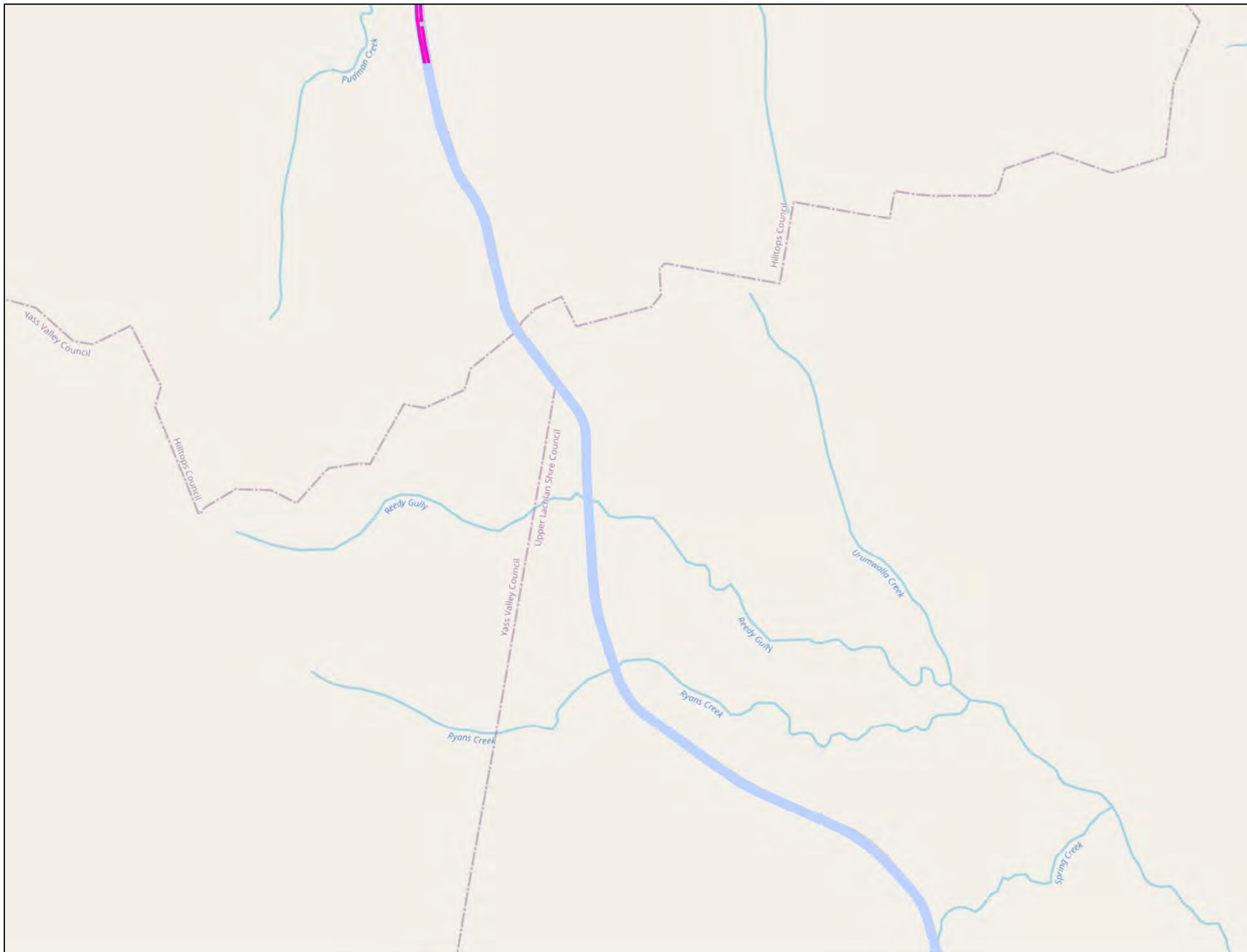
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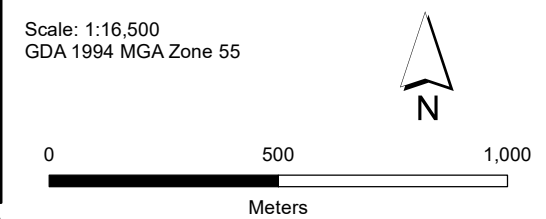




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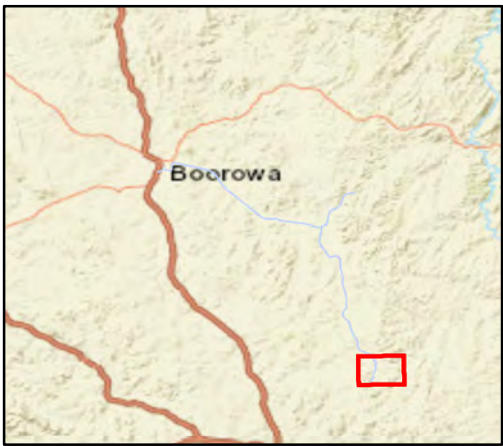
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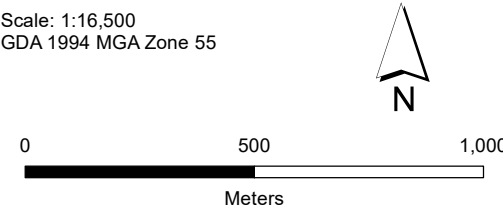




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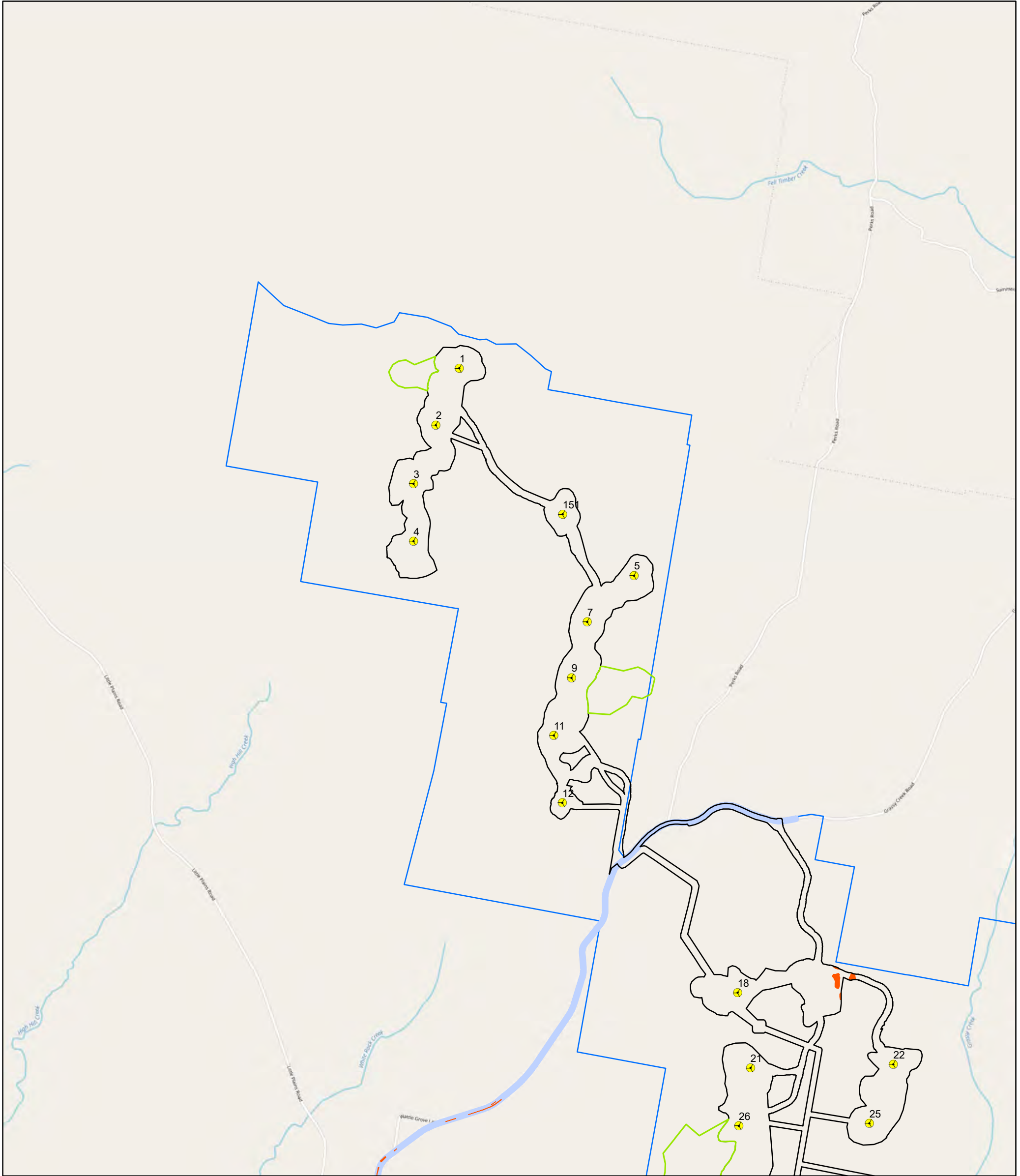
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Appendix B – Wind Farm, including HBTs and confirmed Superb Parrot nest trees





 Indicative Turbine Layout


 Confirmed Superb Parrot Nest Trees

 Project Area - Road Upgrades


 Development Corridor – Permanent Met Masts

 Development Corridor – Wind Farm

 Vegetation Type – PCT350

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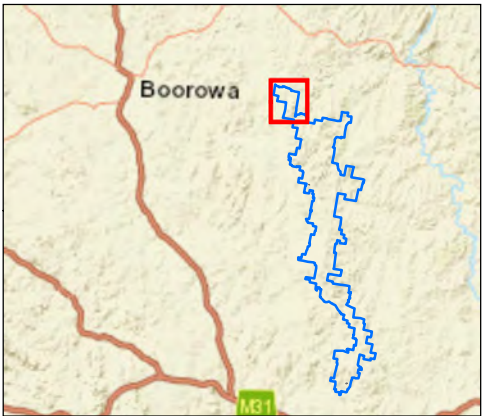


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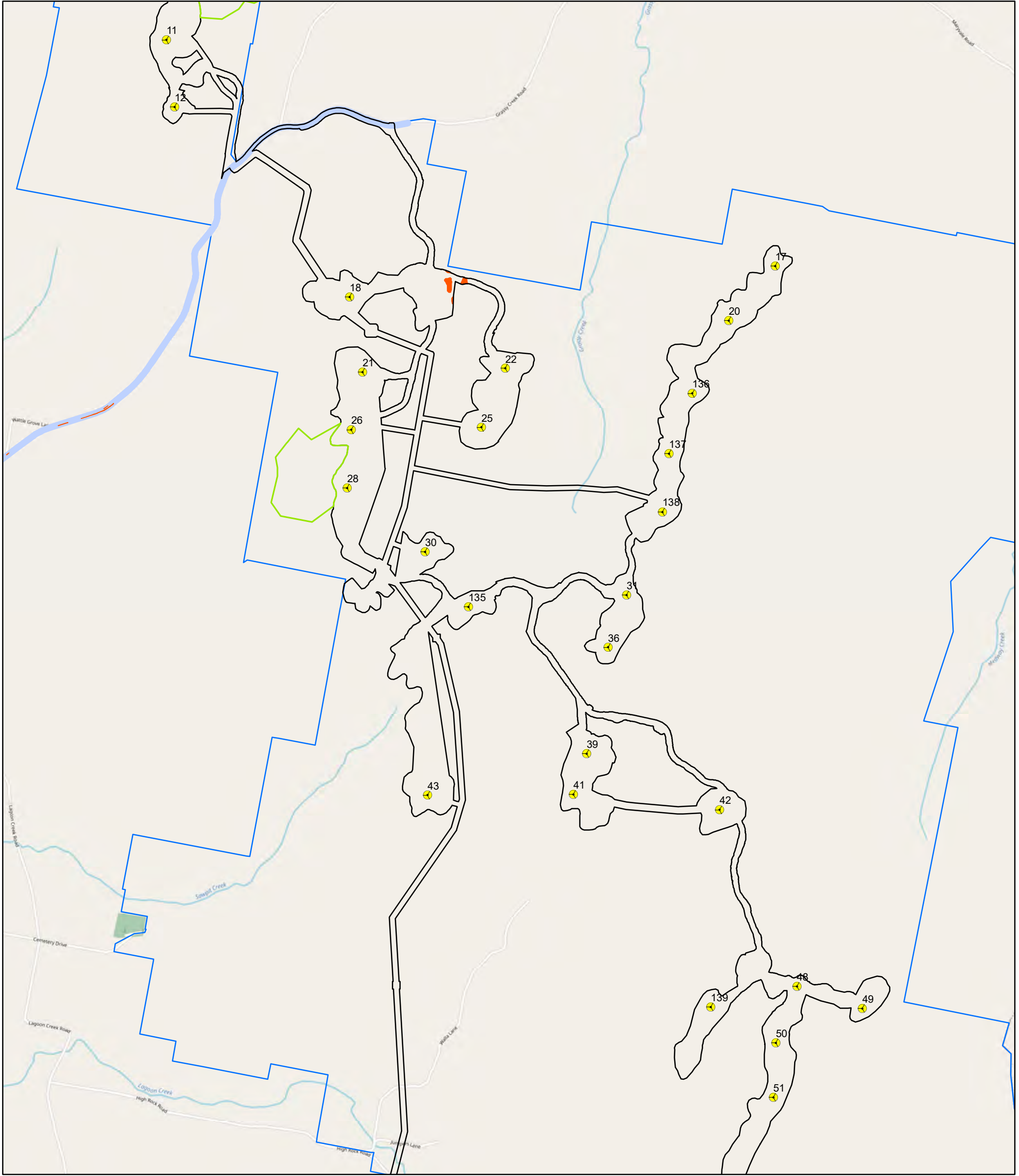
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Indicative Turbine Layout

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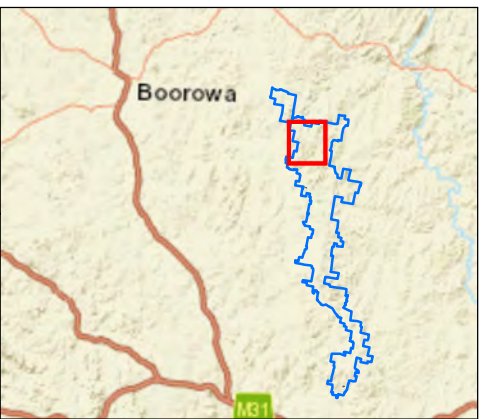
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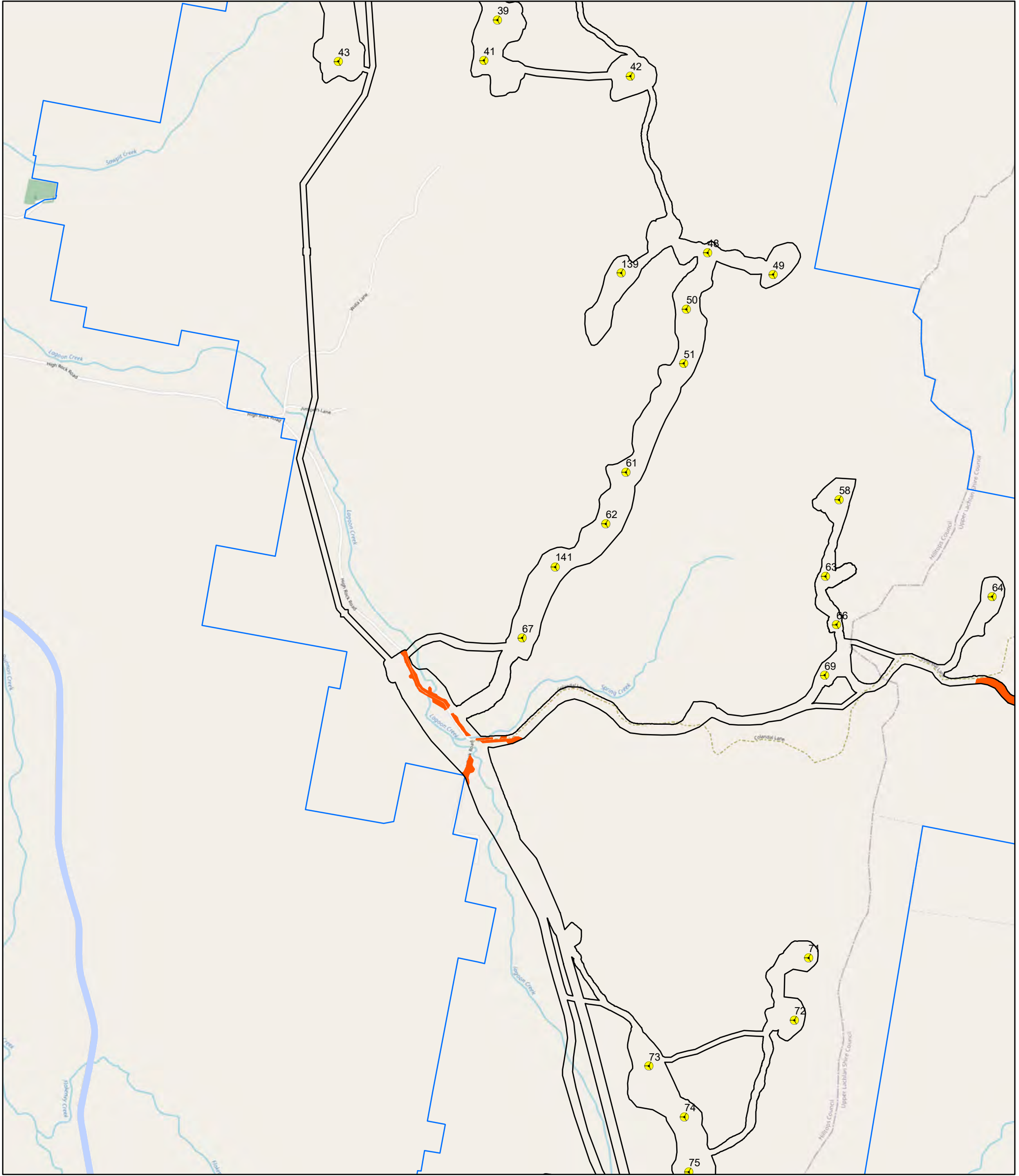
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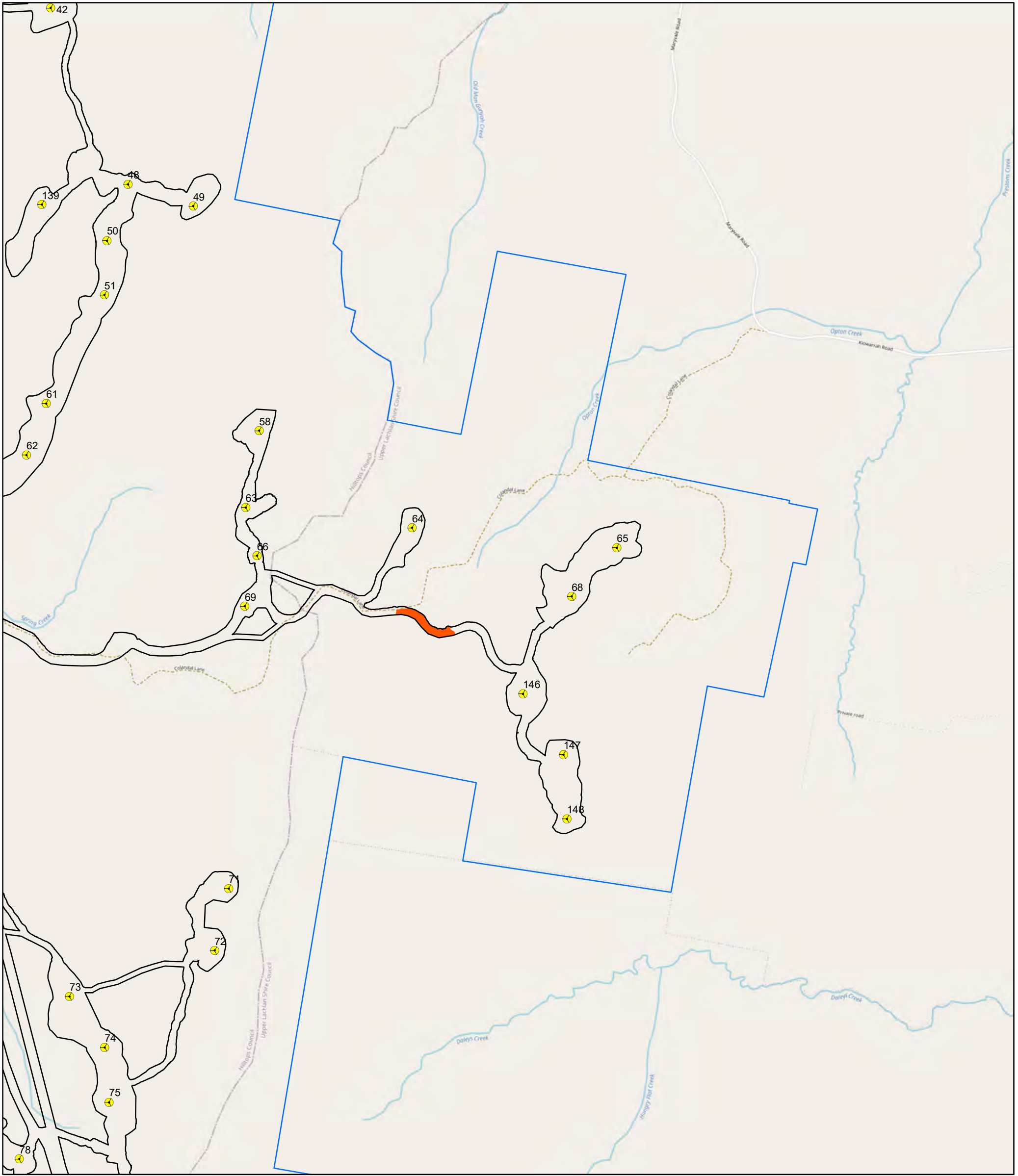
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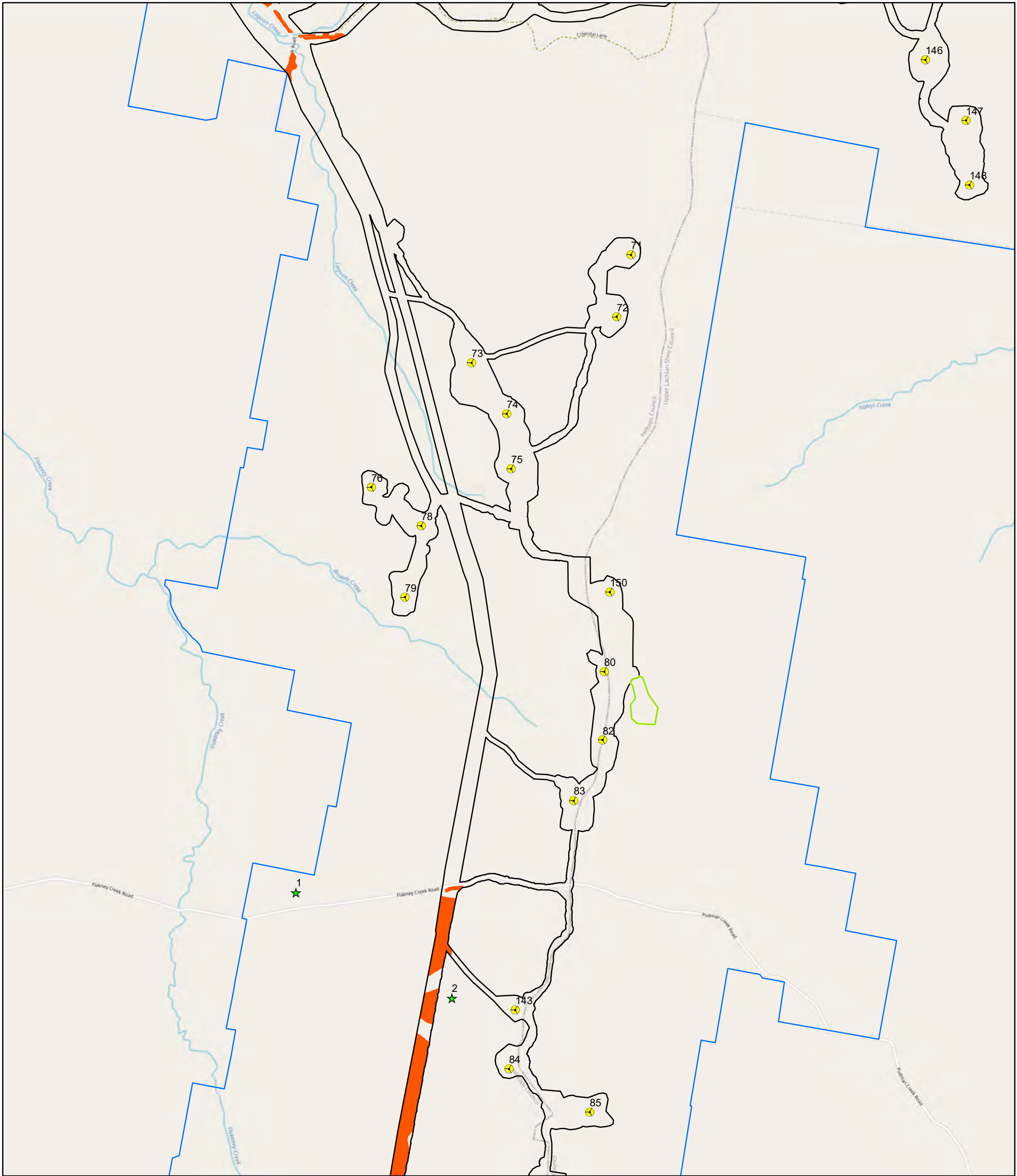
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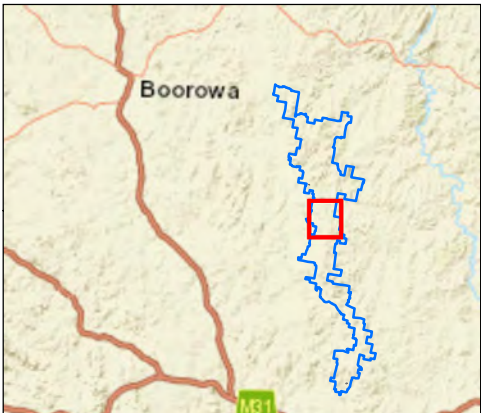
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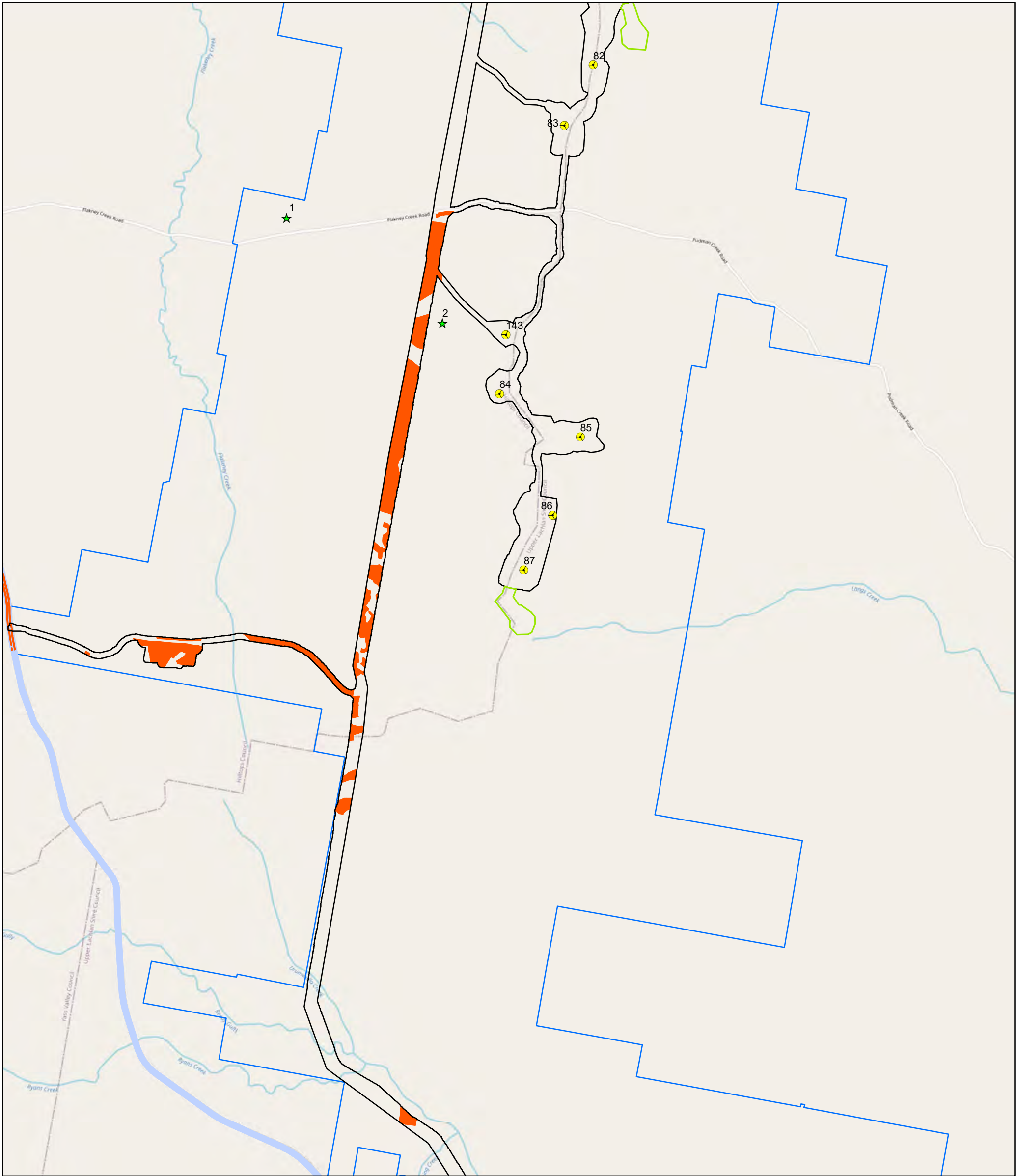
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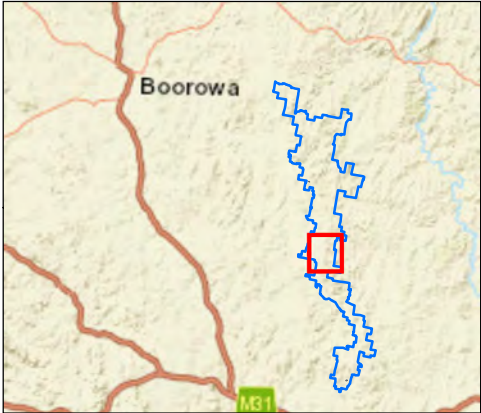
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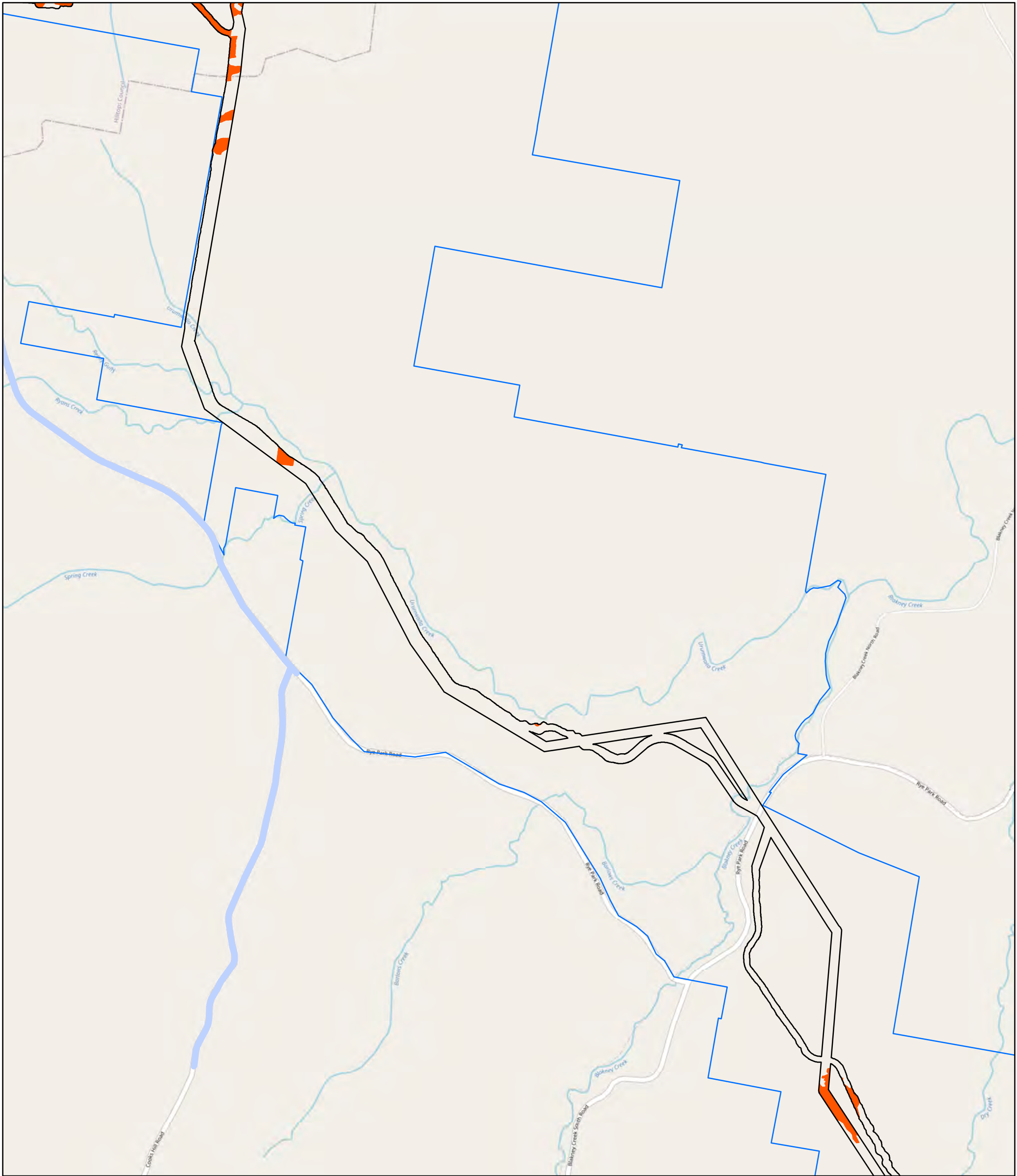


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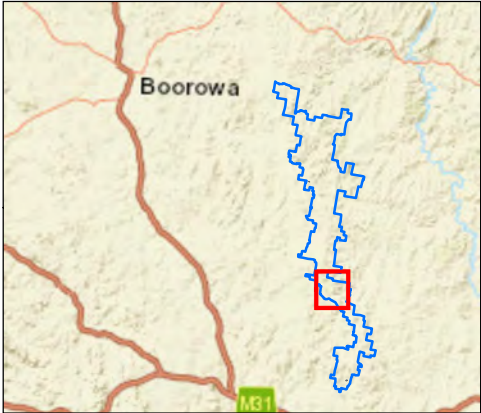
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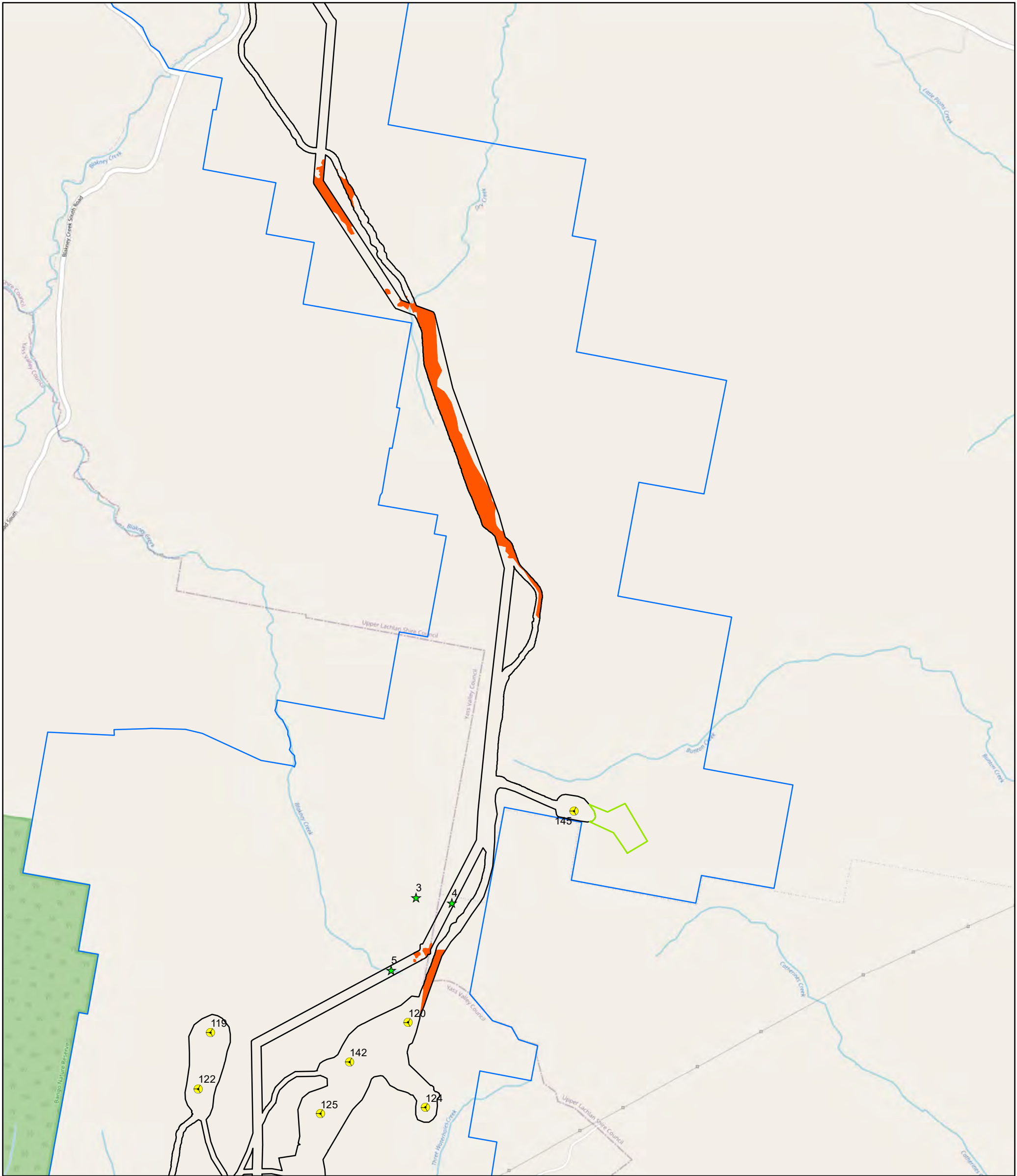


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## Hollow Bearing Trees and Confirmed Superb Parrot Nest Trees







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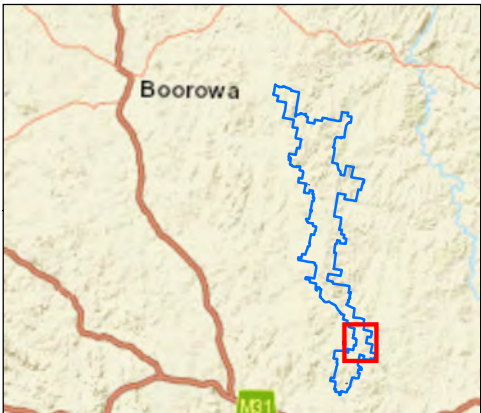
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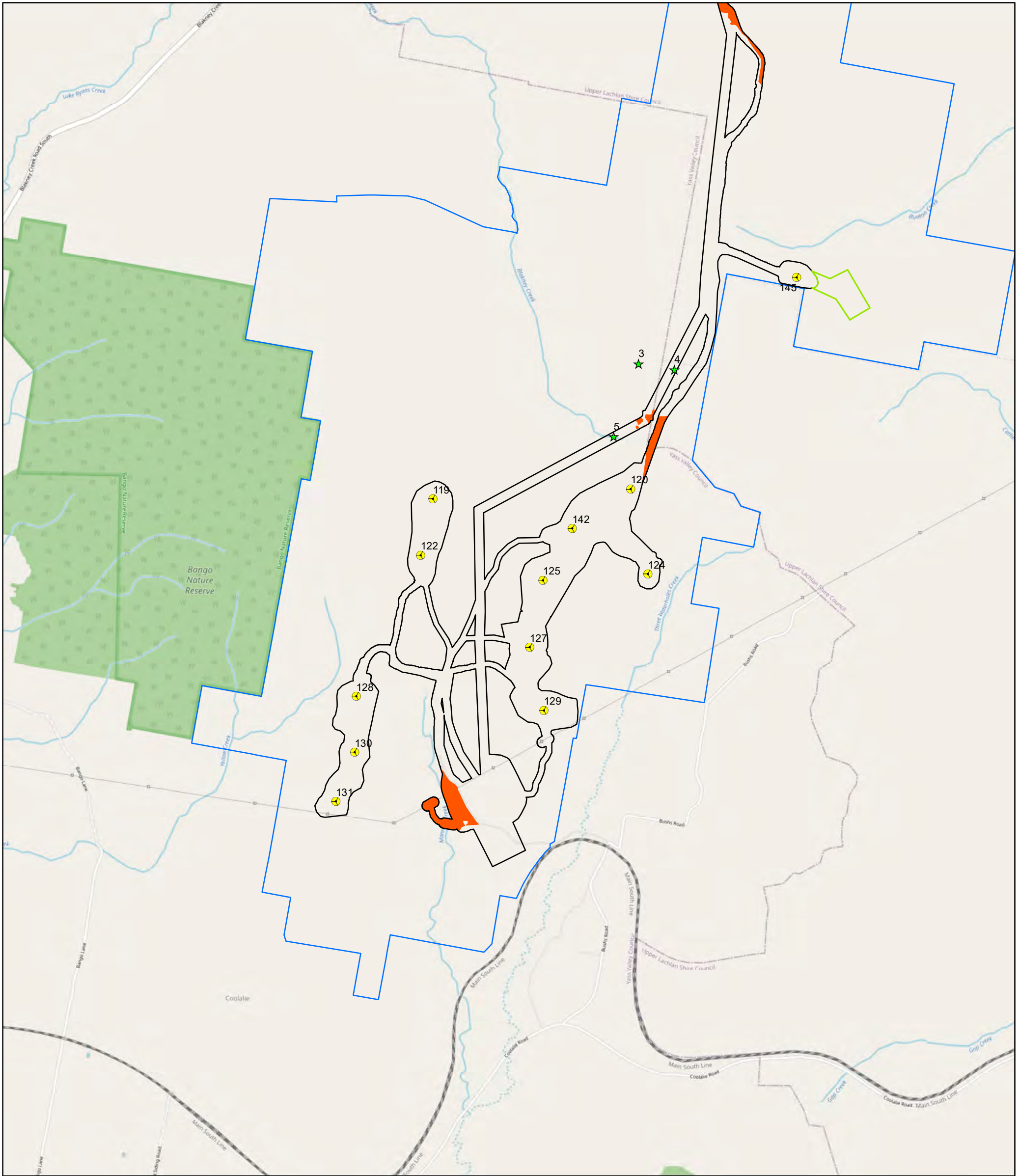
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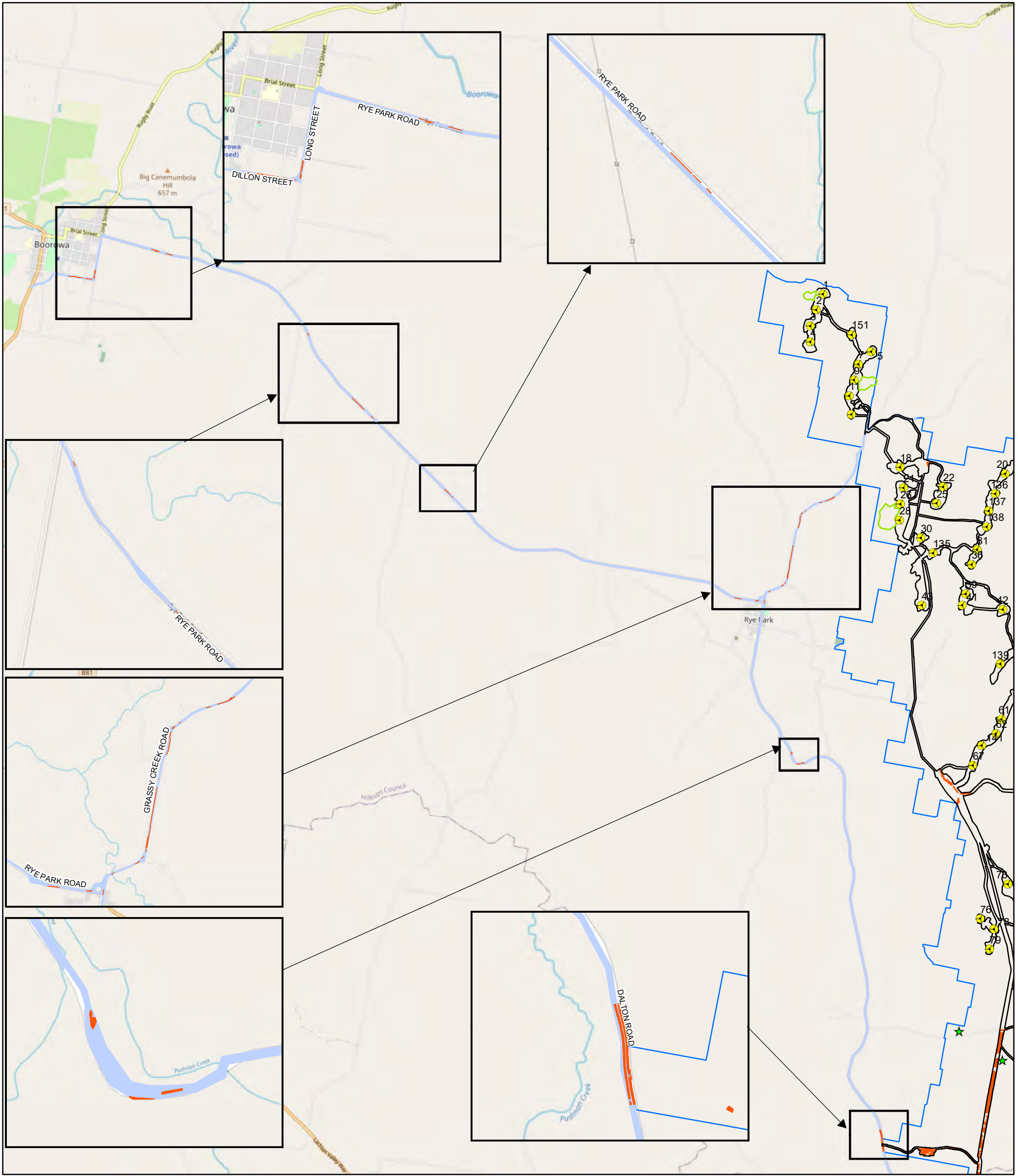
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