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BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Republic)
Wind, LLC for a Certificate to Site Wind)
Powered Electric Generating Facilities in) Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN
Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio)

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHRIS ZEMAN ON
BEHALF OF THE LOCAL RESIDENT INTERVENORS**

Q.1. Please state your name and home address.

A.1. Chris Zeman, 6868 East Township Road 138, Republic, OH 44867.

Q.2. What is your occupation?

A.2. Locomotive Engineer.

Q.3. On whose behalf are you offering testimony in this case?

A.3. I am offering testimony on behalf of Intervenor Joseph & Diane Anderson, Denise Bell,
Aaron & Carrie Boes, Richard & Linda Bollenbacher, Rob & Mary Chappell, Thomas &
Kathleen Fries, Leslie & Dennis Hackenburg, Jeffrey & DeeAnne Hamilton, Allen &
Mary Hassellbach, Duane & Deb Hay, Ethan & Crystal Hoepf, Gary & Dawn Hoepf,
Jason & Michelle Hoepf, Taylor Hoepf, David P. Hoover, Jeffrey A. Hoover, Kenneth &
Debra Hossler, Greg & Laura Jess, Mike & Tiffany Kessler, Leonard & Beverly Kubitz,
Gary & Michelle Miller, Steven & Kelley Miller, Kim Mitchell, Charles & Linda
Morsher, Patricia Motry, Steven & Linda Mulligan, Doug & Jennifer Myers, Linda
Niederkoher, Kevin & Jennifer Oney, Nicholas & Michelle Reiter, Tom & Lori Scheele,
Elaine Schultz, James & Victoria Seliga, Eugene & JoAnn Smith, James & Elaine
Steinmetz, Herman & Patricia Studer, Christine Vogt, Mark Weber & Cindra Riley,

1 Charles & Rhonda Weyer, Ann Wright, and Chris & Danielle Zeman (together, the
2 “Local Residents”).

3 **Q.4. Where do you and your family live in relation to the turbine sites planned for the**
4 **Republic Wind facility?**

5 A.4. My wife Danielle Zeman, our two daughters, and I live on a parcel of about five acres
6 along East Township Road 138 to the west of Township Road 175 in Adams Township,
7 Seneca County. According to Republic Wind’s application, our home and property are
8 located near a number of turbine sites. The attached Exhibit A is a map showing the
9 location of our property within the rose-colored square with white borders, with yellow
10 lines drawn between our property and proposed Republic Wind turbine sites. The seven
11 nearest proposed turbine sites are shown as “+” symbols in red circles. The distance in
12 feet between each of these turbines and our property is shown next to each of these
13 turbine sites.

14 **Q.5. What recreational activities, if any, do you and your family enjoy in your yard?**

15 A.5. We like to garden, walk, and relax in our yard. I frequently watch and listen to the birds
16 and bats in my yard in the area, such as hummingbirds, woodpeckers, geese, and owls. The
17 bats fly around the security light on a pole next to the house and at other locations. A
18 substantial number of birds live in the approximately three acres of trees on our land.

19 **Q.6. Have you seen any Bald Eagles near the Project Area for the Republic Wind**
20 **project?**

21 A.6. Yes.

22 **Q.7. Where have you seen these Bald Eagles?**

1 A.7. While driving on State Route 19 in 2019, I have seen about five Bald Eagles in two fields
2 along State Route 19. One of these fields is just north of Township Road 164 and the
3 other field is just south of Township Road 164. On Exhibit B attached hereto, I have
4 hand-marked with circles the area of these eagle sightings on a copy of Figure 2 of
5 Exhibit E of Republic Wind's application dated December 26, 2018.

6 **Q.8. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

7 A.8. Yes.

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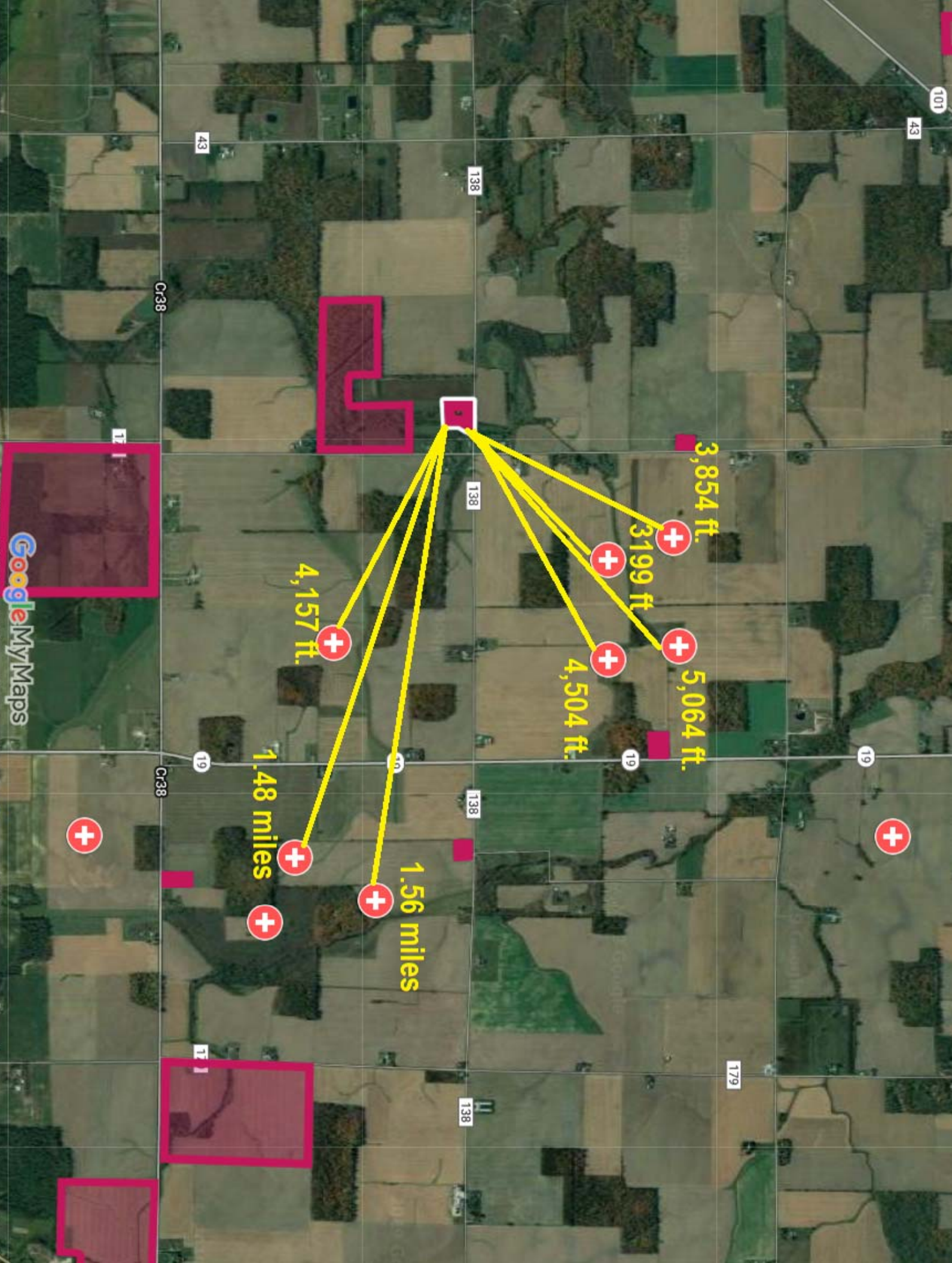
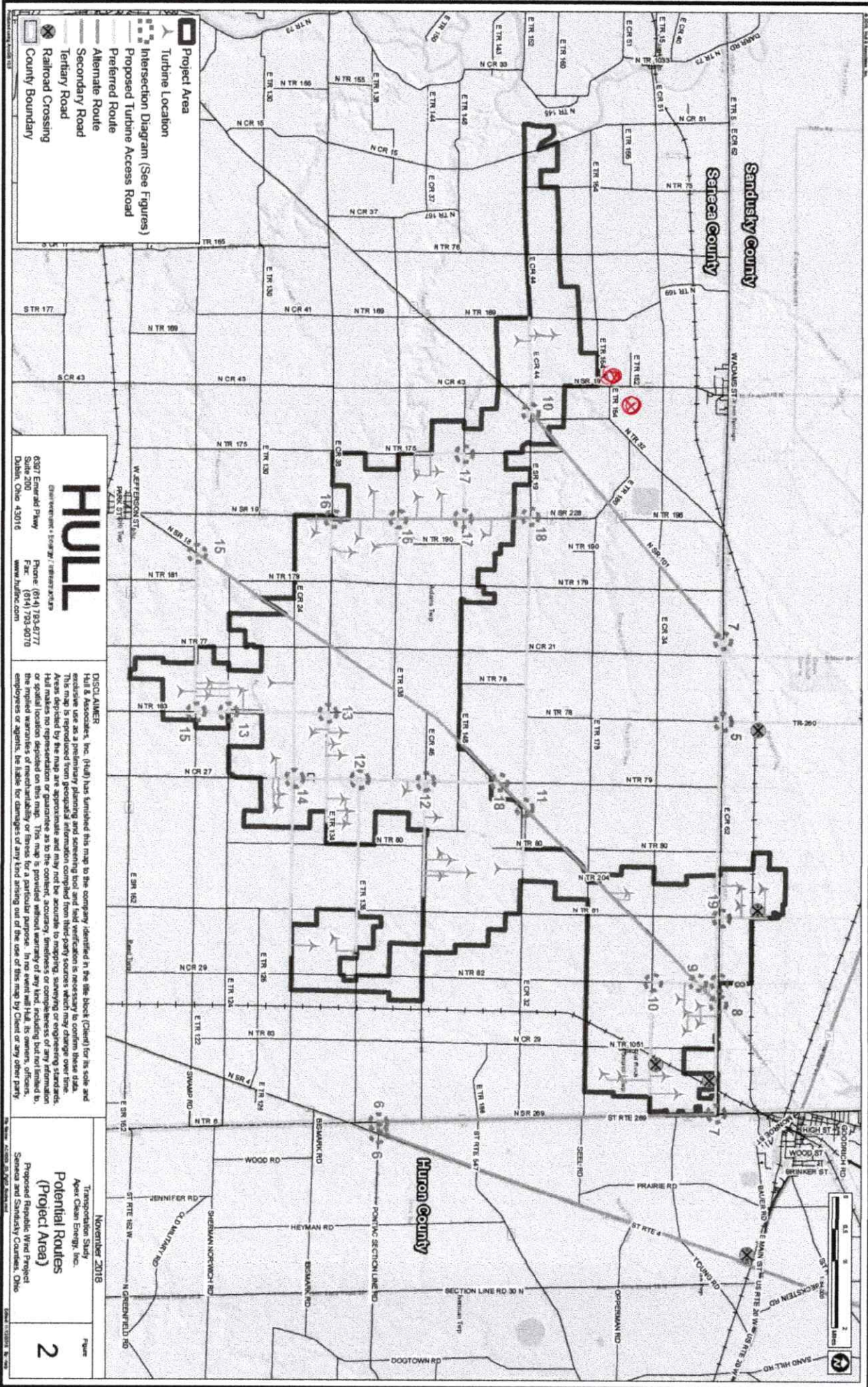


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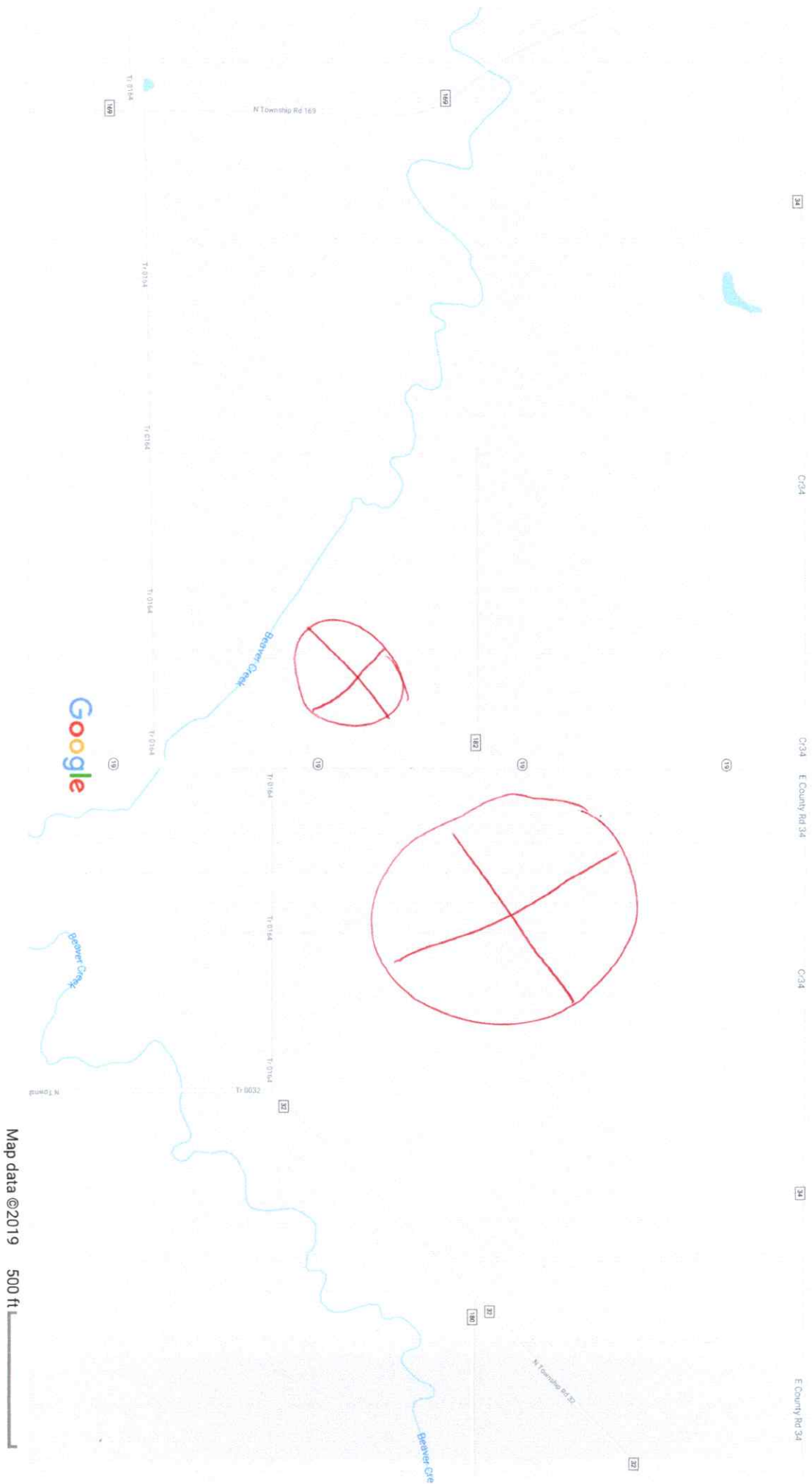


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