COLORADO
Department of Transportation

Cottonwood Pass Concept Design
Natural Resources
Issue Task Force (ITF) Meeting #1

September 12, 2022

Welcome!

AGENDA

- Project introduction
- Existing conditions
  - Land ownership
  - Streams/Water Quality
  - Wetlands
  - Wildlife
- Next steps
- Group discussion/Q&A

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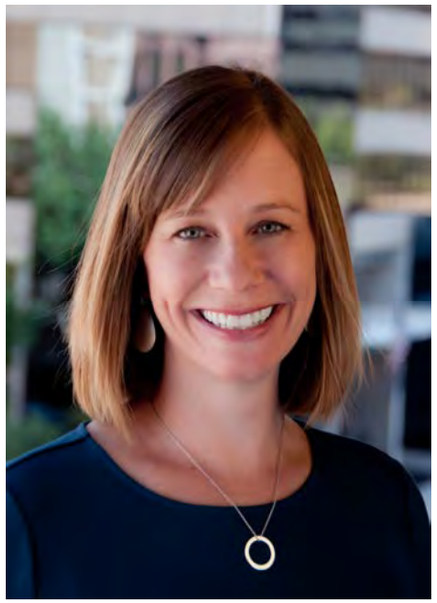

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Planner

Project introduction

Project purpose

FOCUS

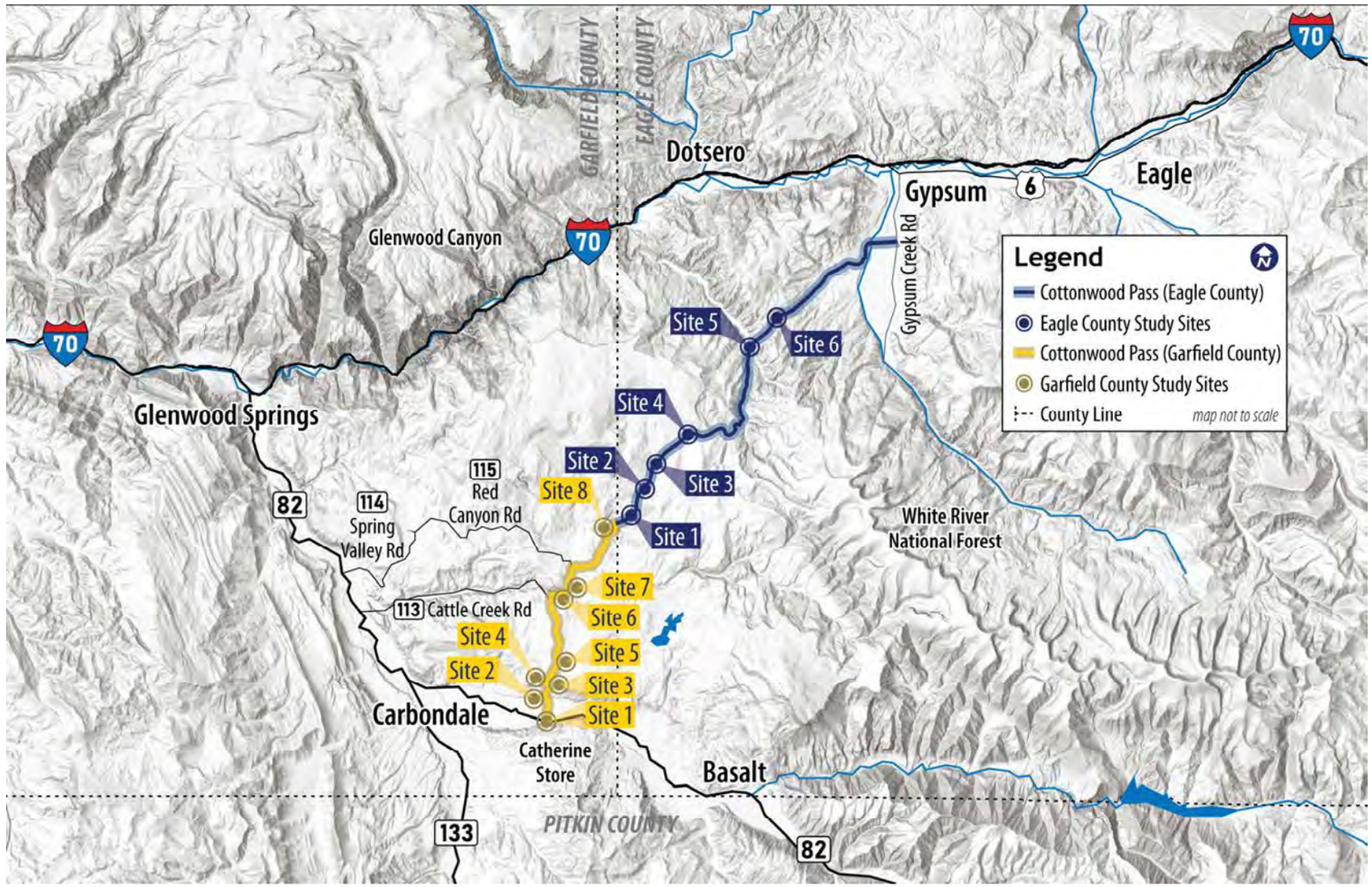
- Cottonwood Pass between Gypsum in Eagle County and CO 82 in Garfield County

PURPOSE

- Safety improvements to make the county roads safer and more functional as a vital travel connection between the local communities

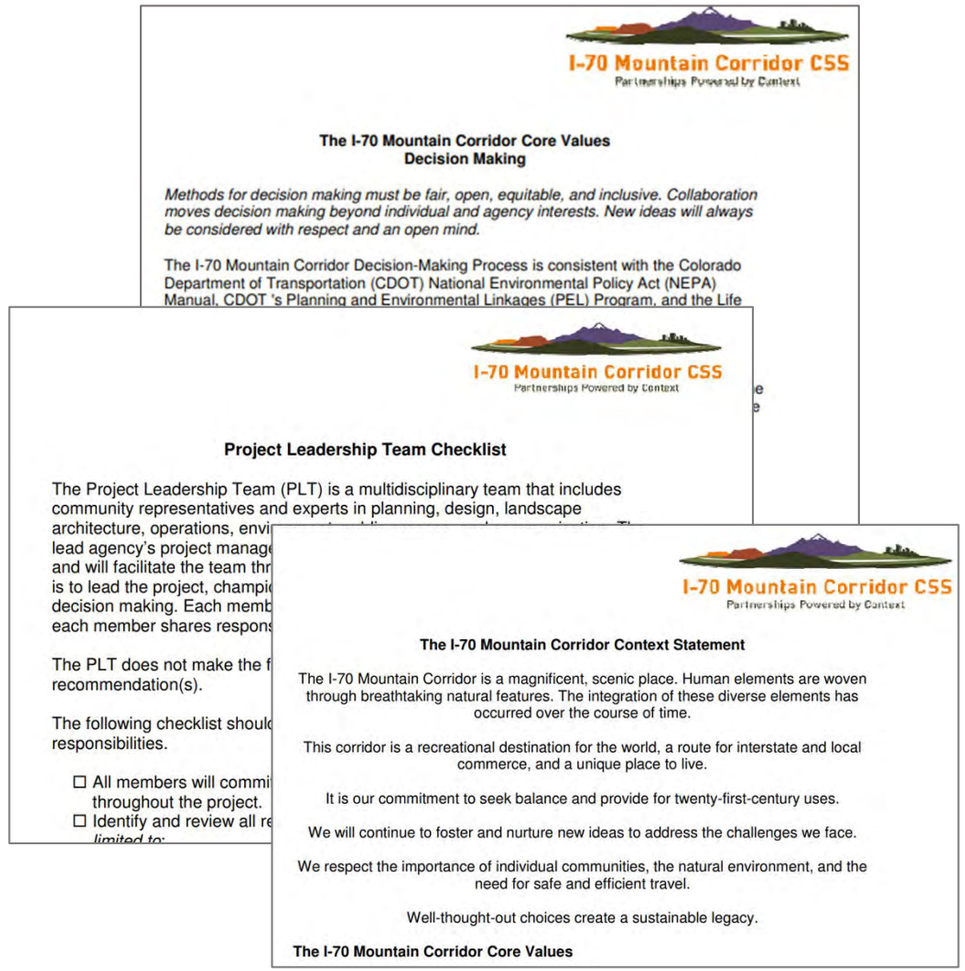
Project site key map

- Focus on 14 specific sites:
  - 6 in Eagle County
  - 8 in Garfield County
- Project sites account for 14% of total length of Cottonwood Pass
  - Corridor-wide improvements are not being considered with this project



Context Sensitive Solutions process

- Context Sensitive Solution is a process that involves all stakeholders to implement transportation improvements that keep in mind the context in which the project is located.
  - Context Statement
  - Core Values
  - Project teams
    - PLT/TT
    - ITFs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The I-70 Mountain Corridor Core Values
Decision Making

Methods for decision making must be fair, open, equitable, and inclusive. Collaboration moves decision making beyond individual and agency interests. New ideas will always be considered with respect and an open mind.

The I-70 Mountain Corridor Decision-Making Process is consistent with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Manual, CDOT 's Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Program, and the Life

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Project Leadership Team Checklist

The Project Leadership Team (PLT) is a multidisciplinary team that includes community representatives and experts in planning, design, landscape architecture, operations, envi
lead agency's project manage
and will facilitate the team thr
is to lead the project, champi
decision making. Each memb
each member shares respons

The PLT does not make the f
recommendation(s).

The following checklist should
responsibilities.

☐ All members will commi
throughout the project.
☐ Identify and review all re
limited to:

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The I-70 Mountain Corridor Context Statement

The I-70 Mountain Corridor is a magnificent, scenic place. Human elements are woven through breathtaking natural features. The integration of these diverse elements has occurred over the course of time.

This corridor is a recreational destination for the world, a route for interstate and local commerce, and a unique place to live.

It is our commitment to seek balance and provide for twenty-first-century uses.

We will continue to foster and nurture new ideas to address the challenges we face.

We respect the importance of individual communities, the natural environment, and the need for safe and efficient travel.

Well-thought-out choices create a sustainable legacy.

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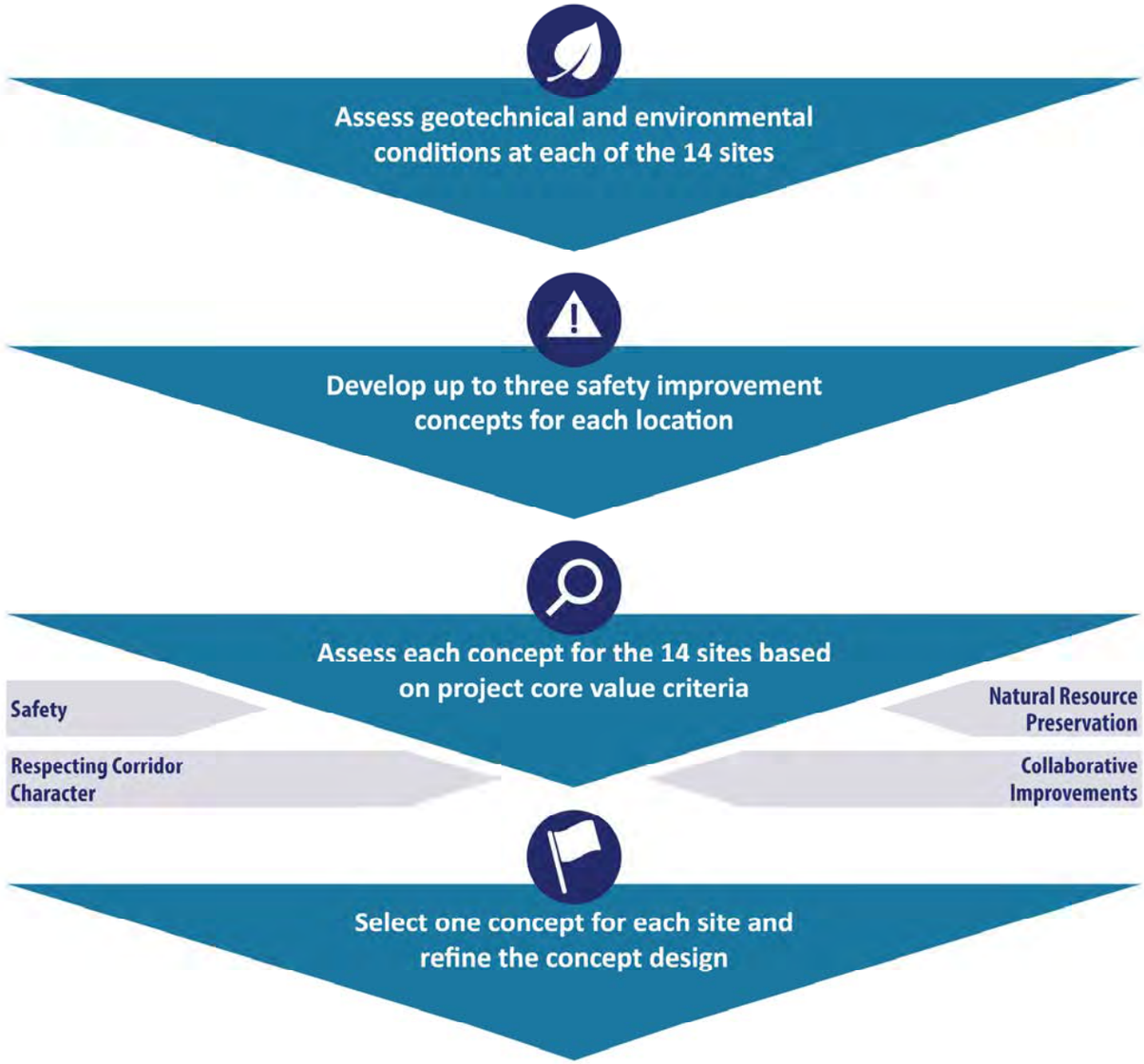
Project process



- Two general public engagement points:
  - In-person public meetings in Glenwood Springs and Gypsum
- Property Owner/Residential Issue Task Force:
  - 3 meetings
- Natural Resources Issue Task Force:
  - 2 meetings

Existing conditions discussion

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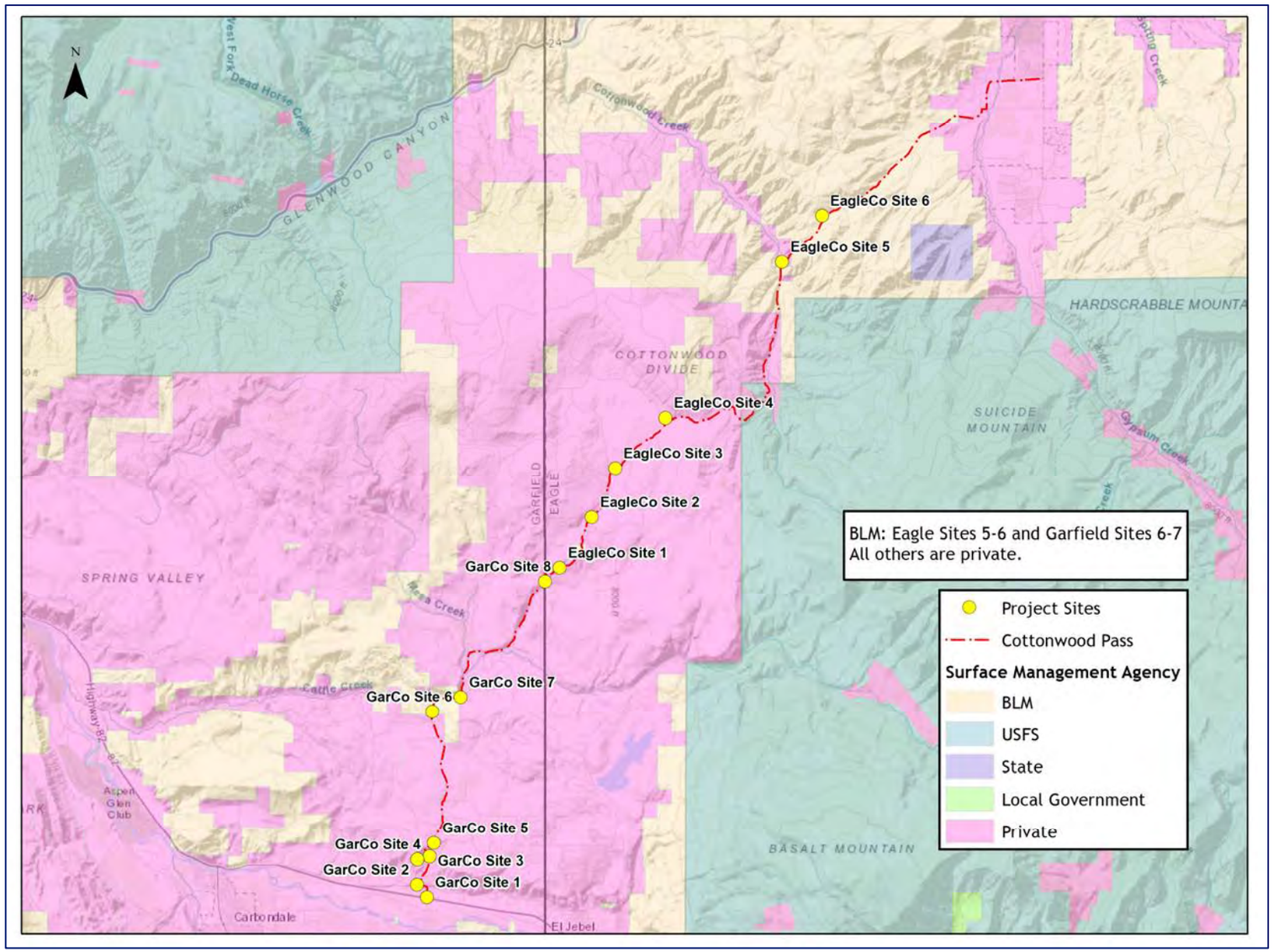
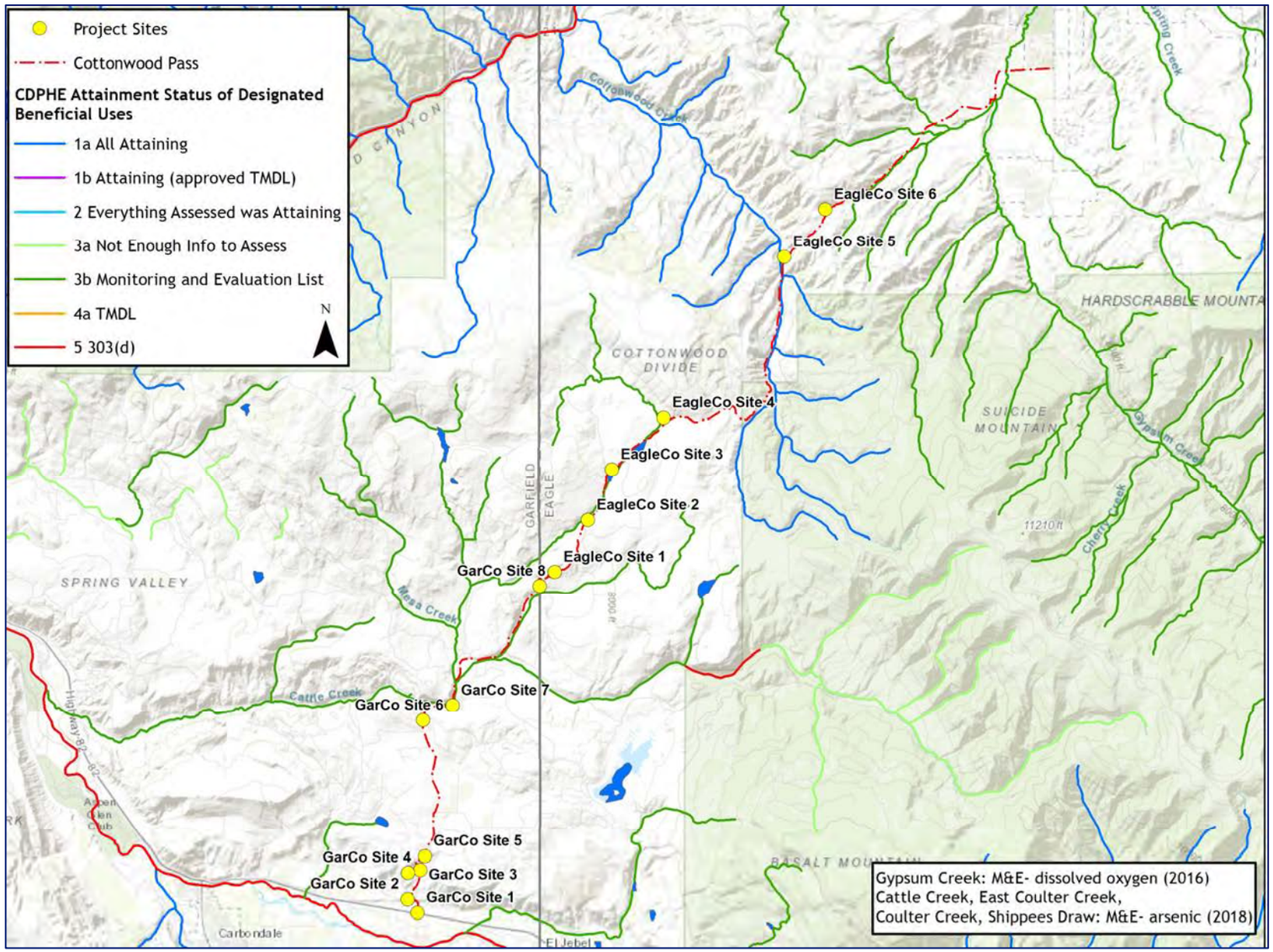
- Land Ownership
- Stream Network and Water Quality Status
- National Wetland Inventory
- Wildlife, T&E

Existing conditions discussion- land ownership



Existing conditions discussion- streams and water quality



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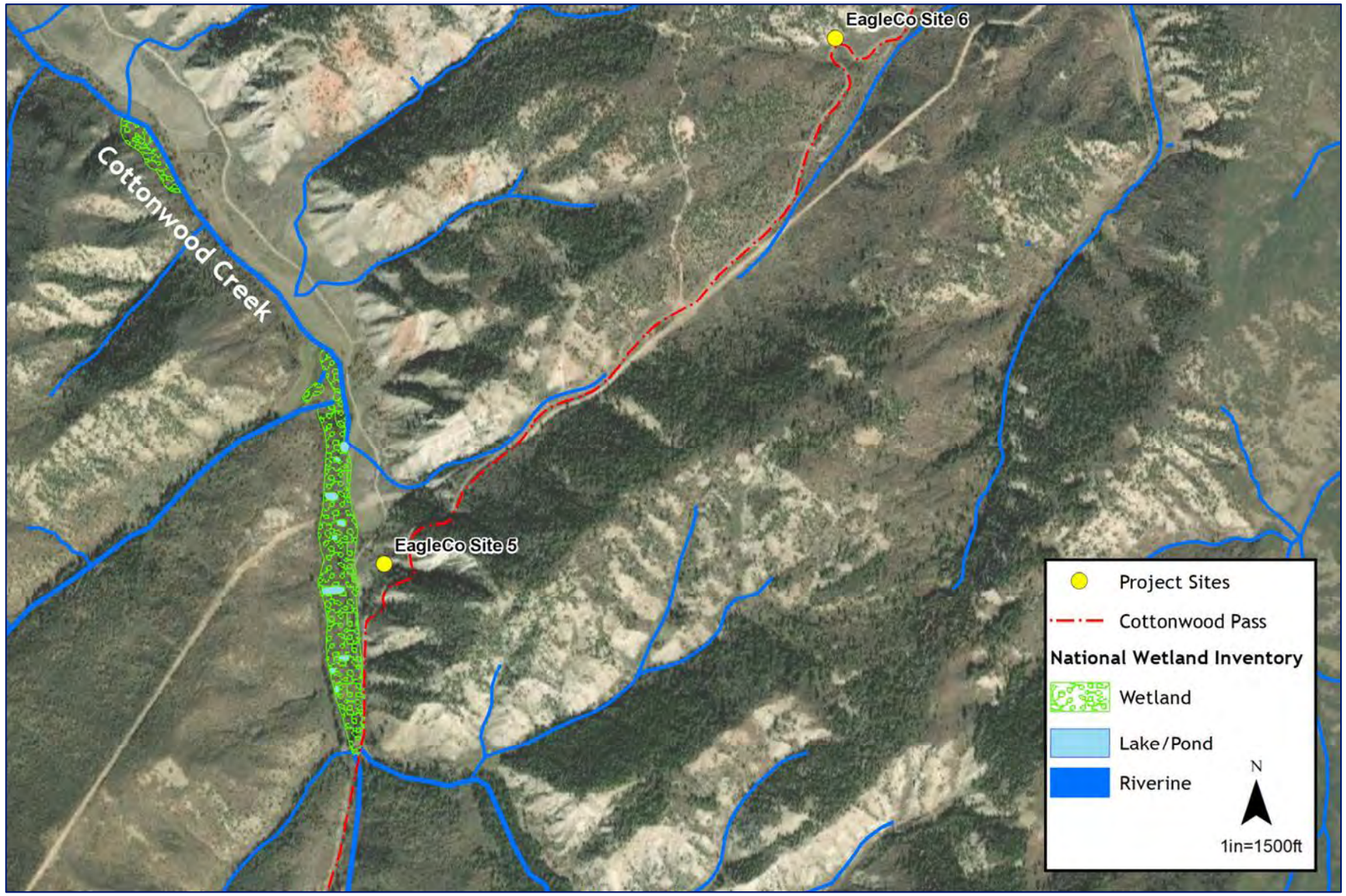

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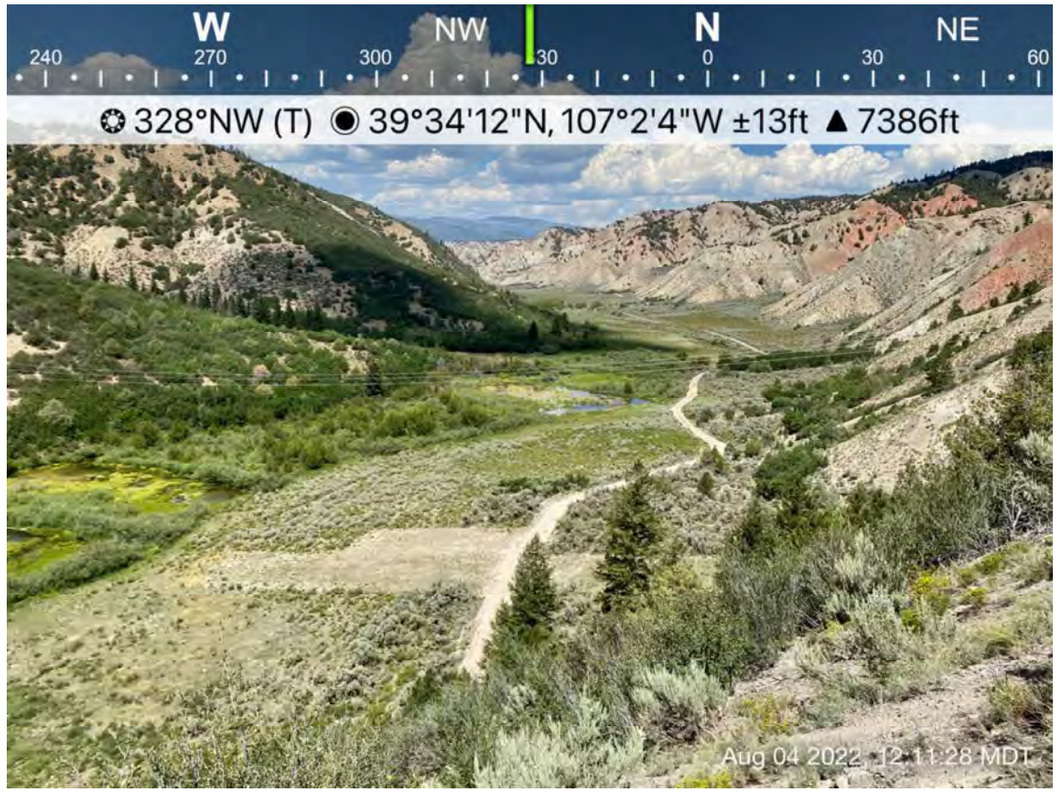
Eagle County Site 5



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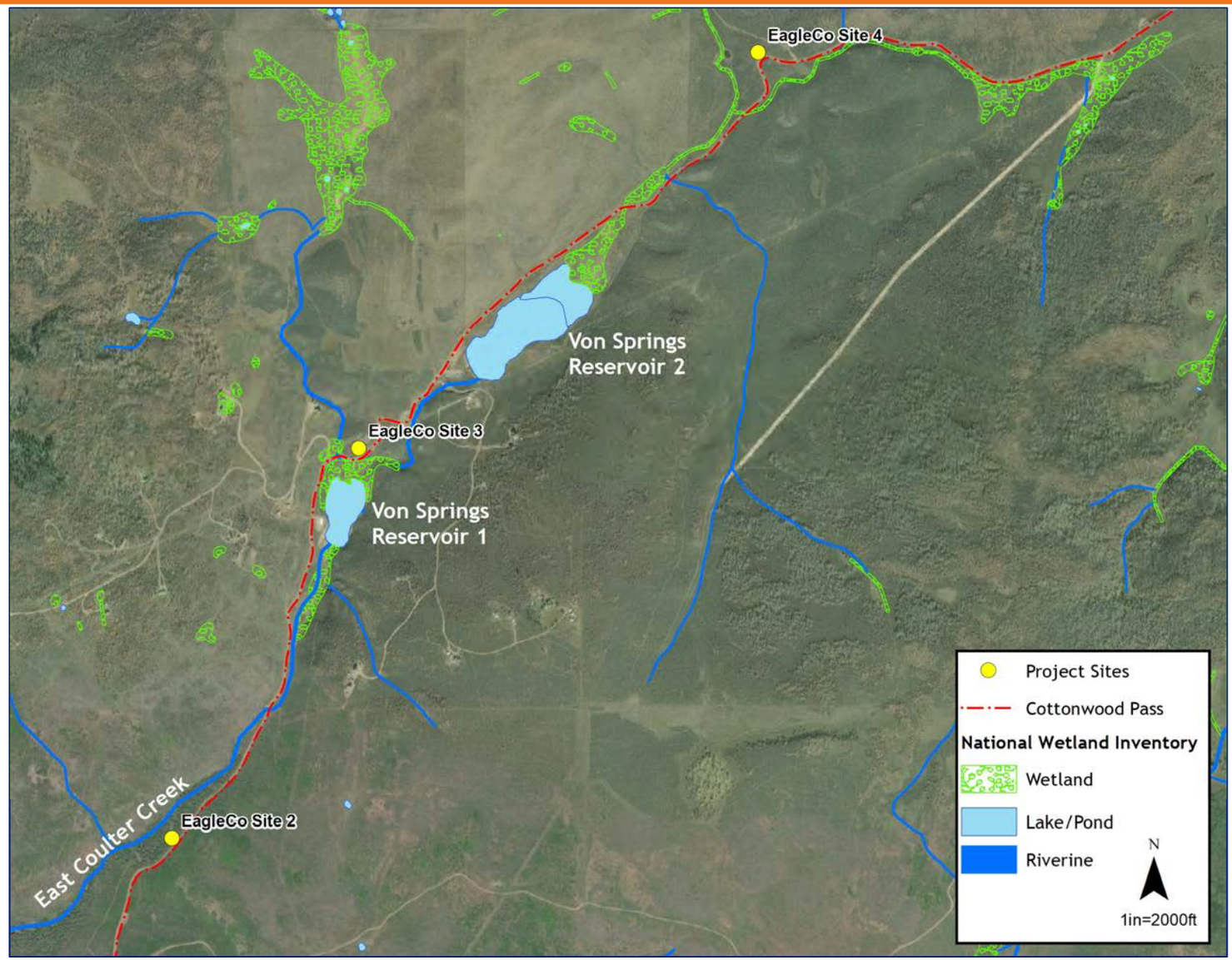

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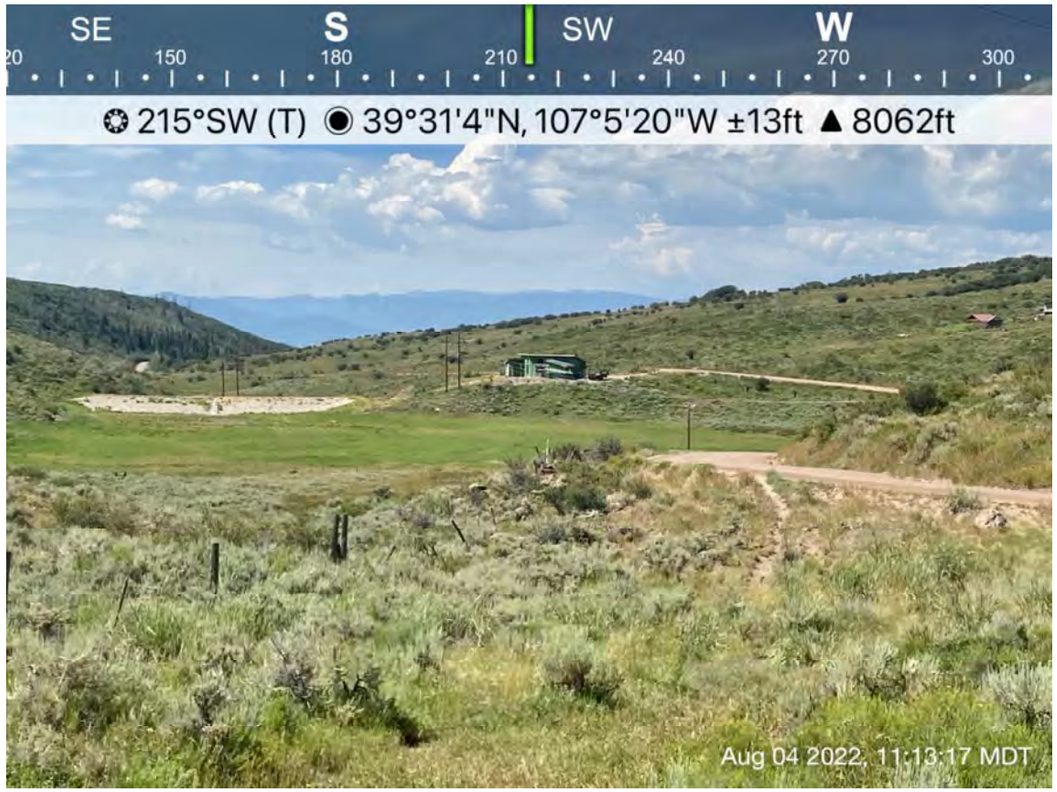

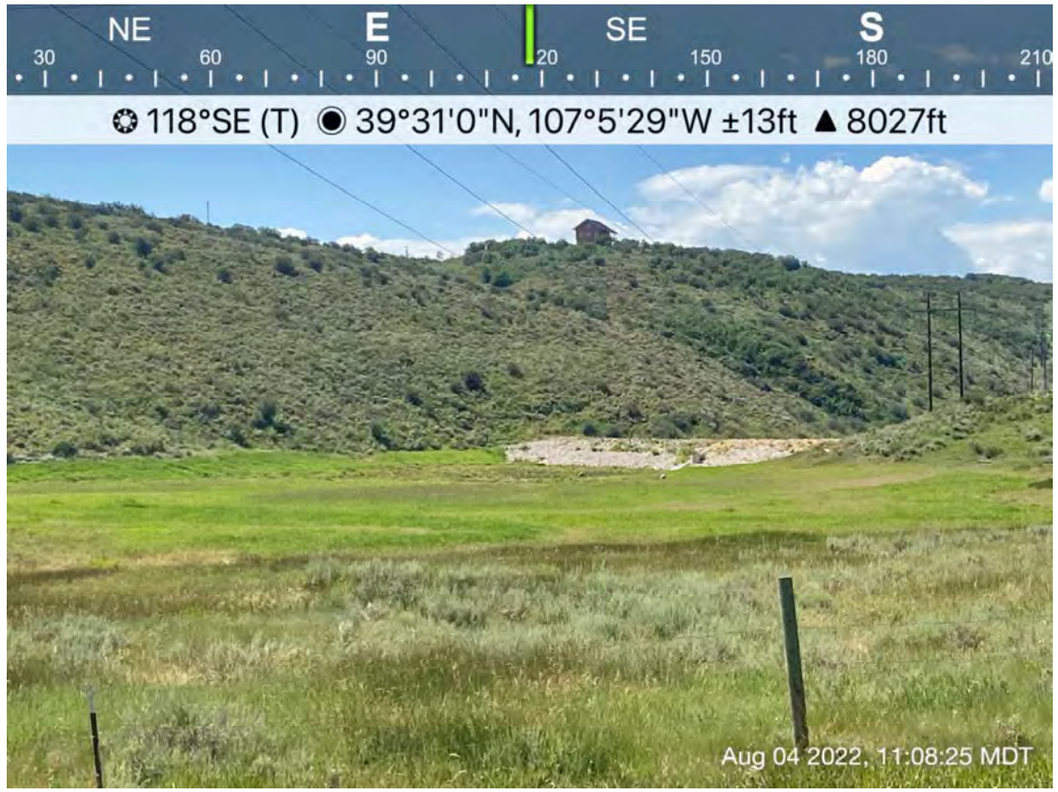

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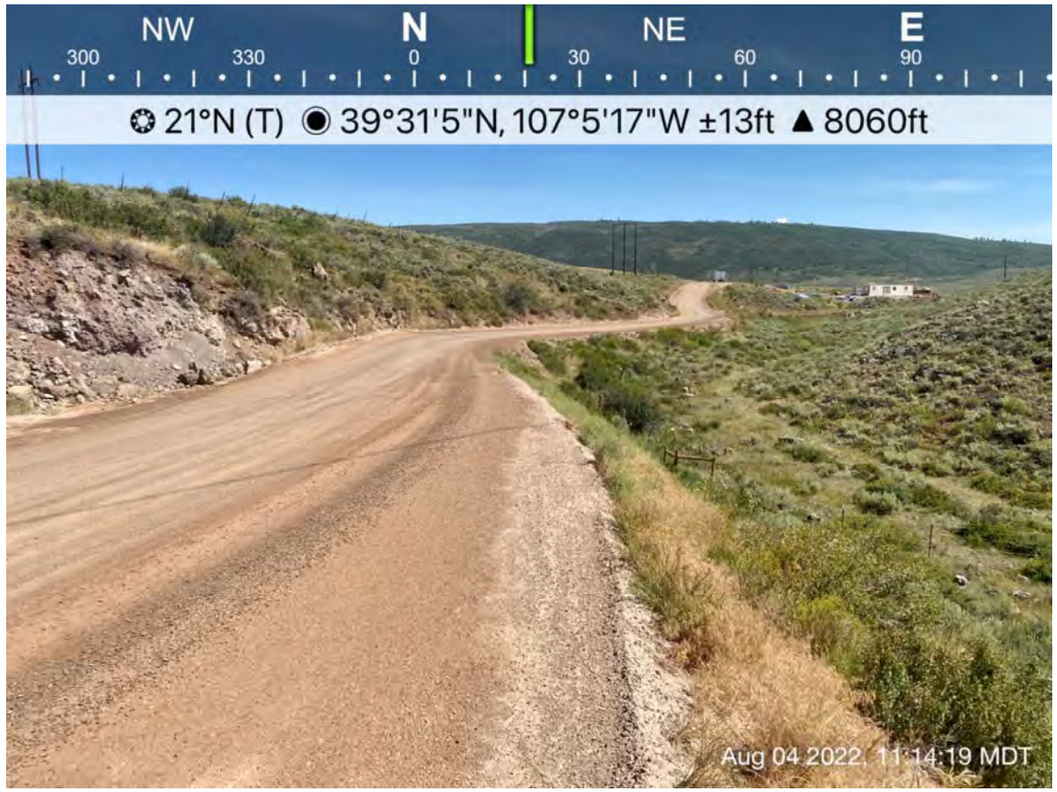

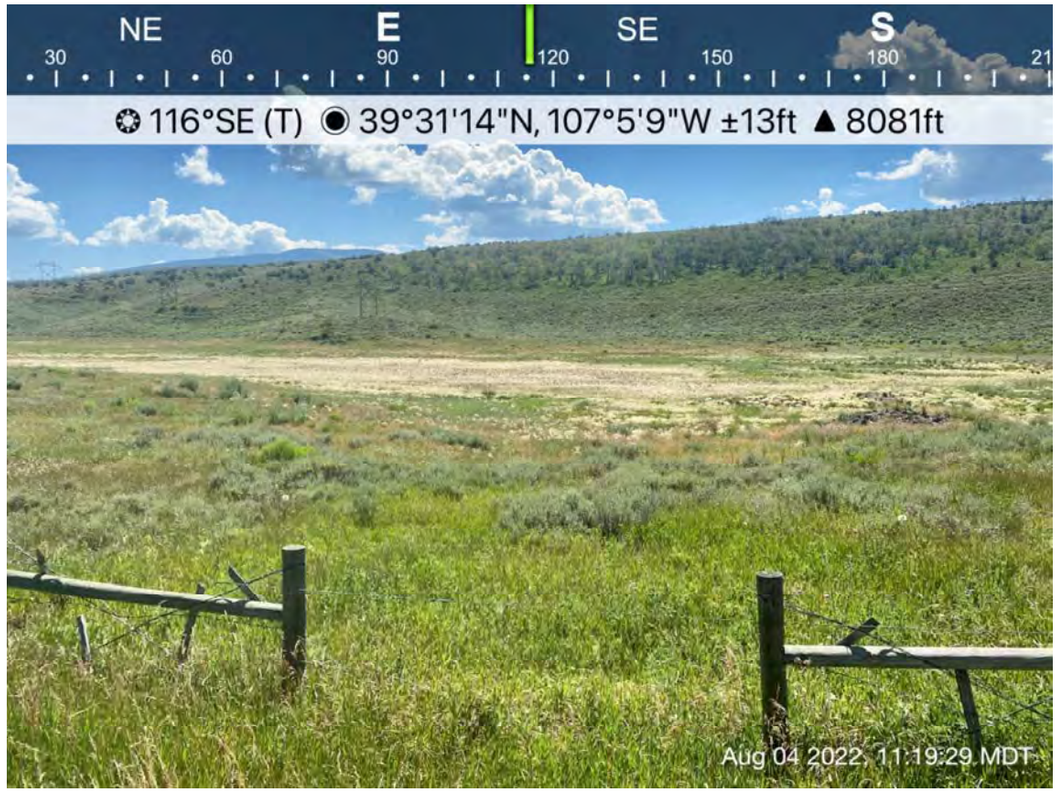

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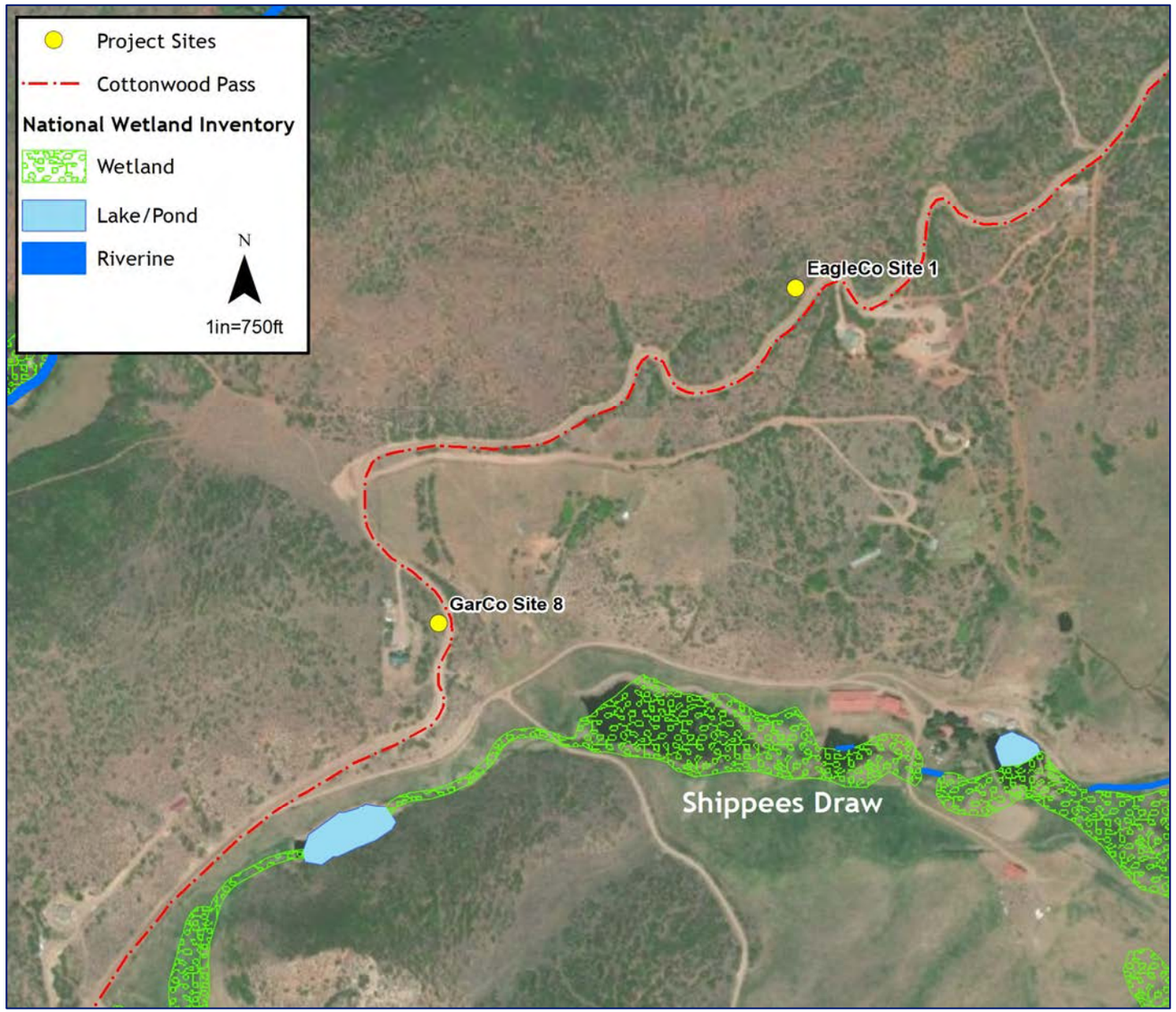

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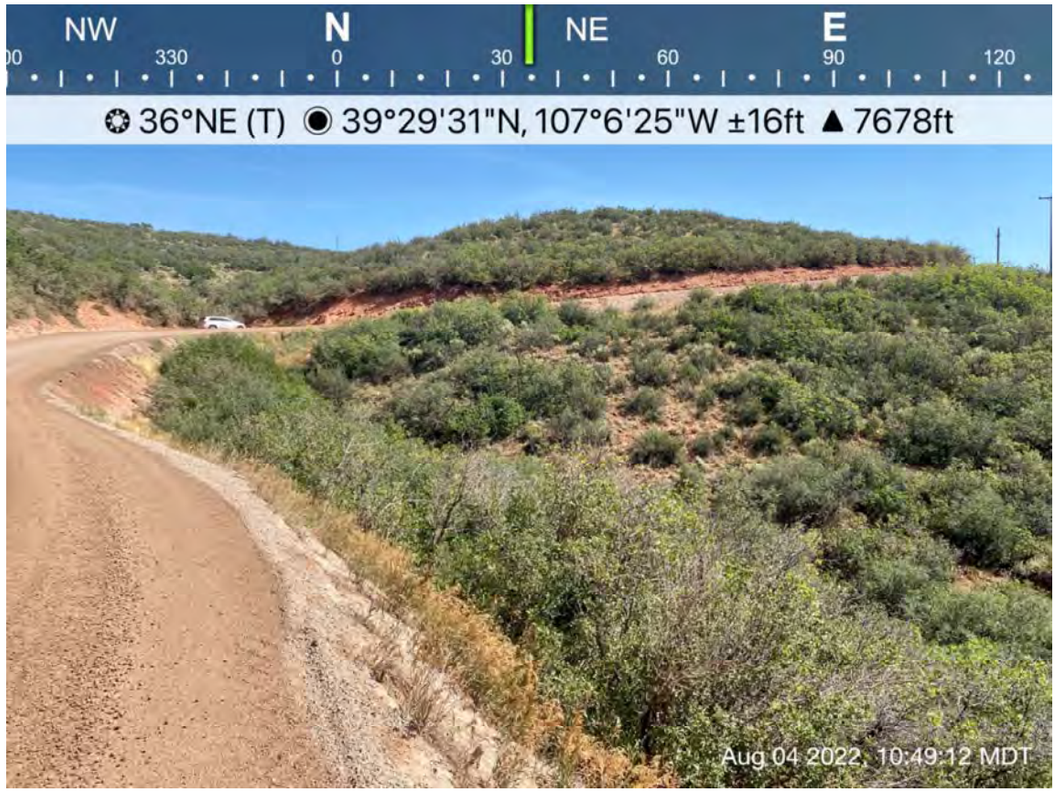

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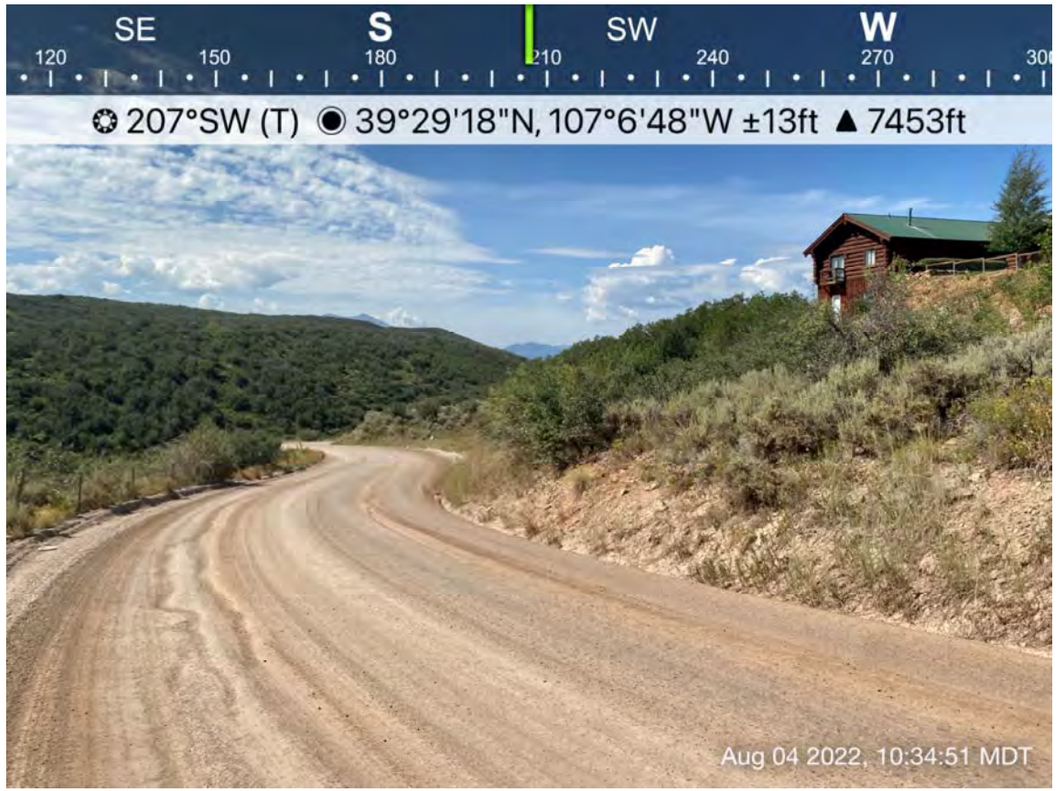

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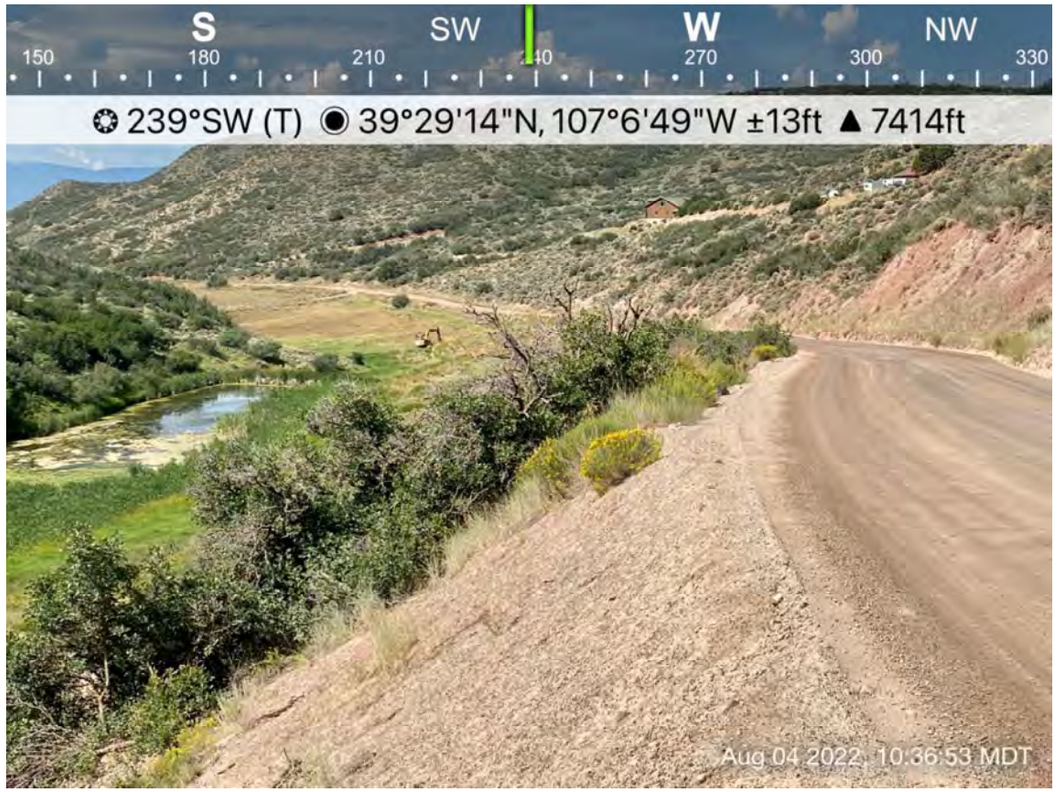

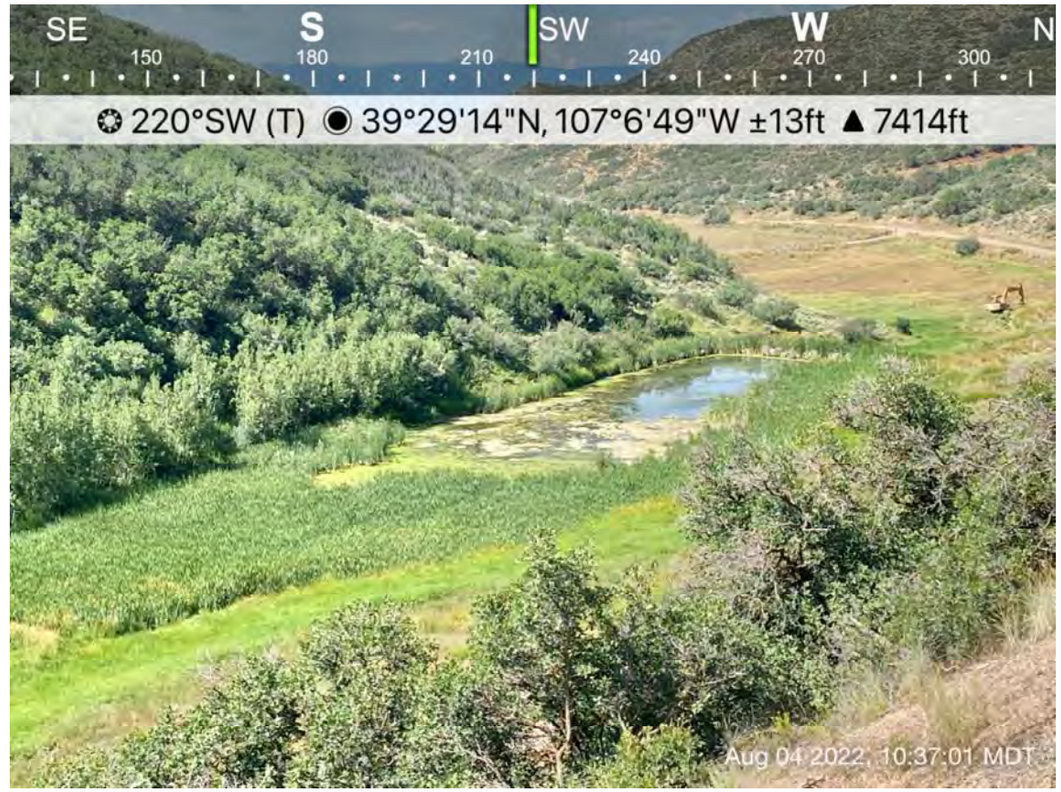

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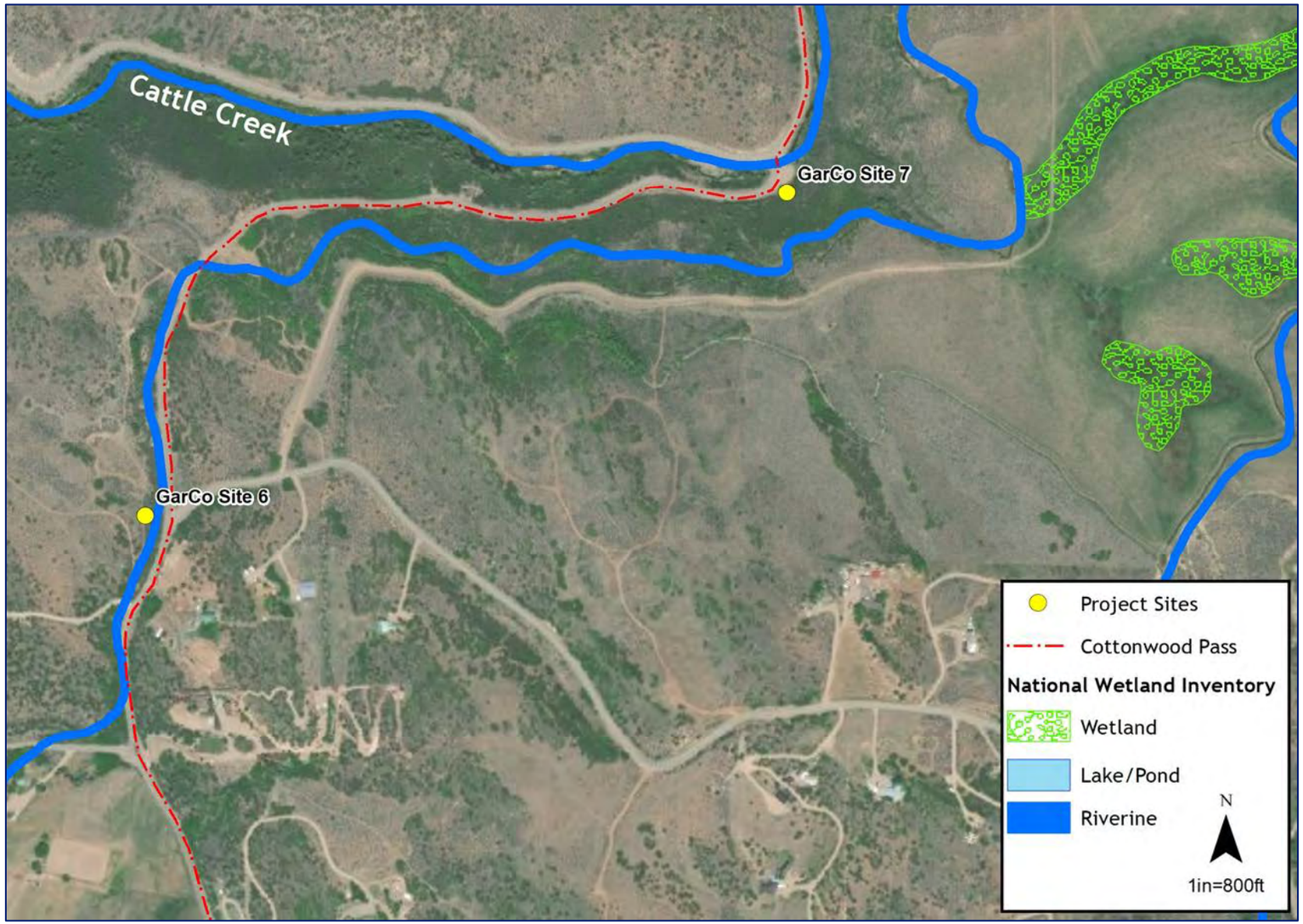

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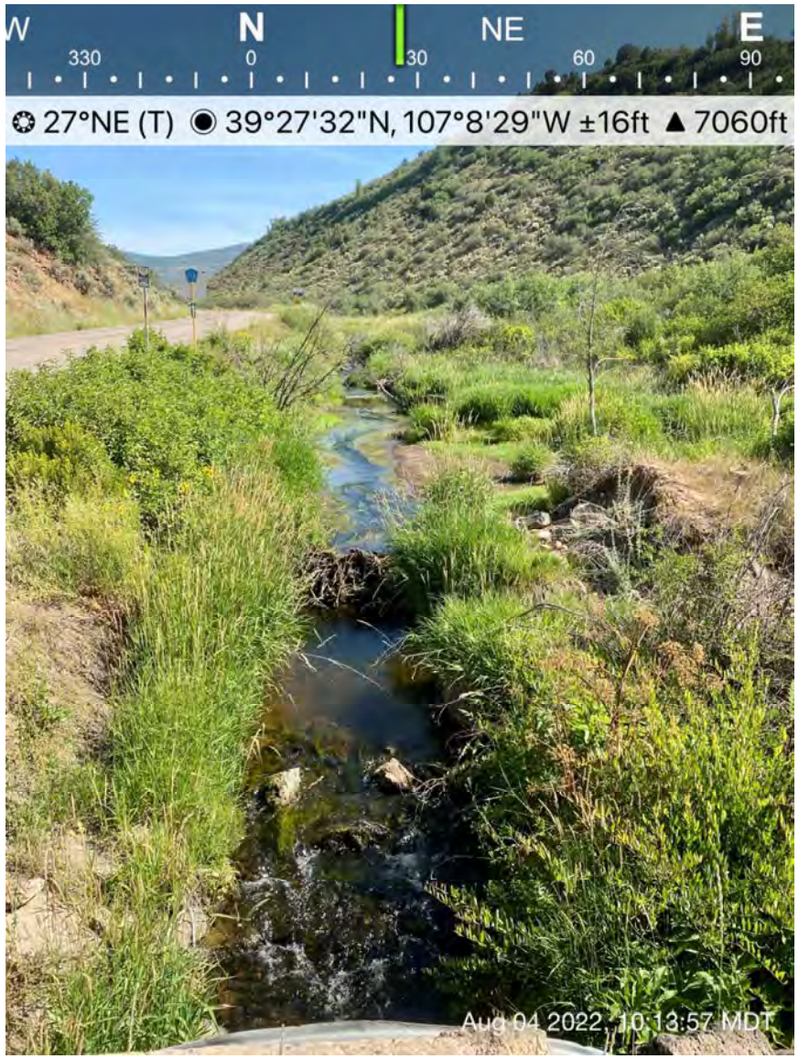

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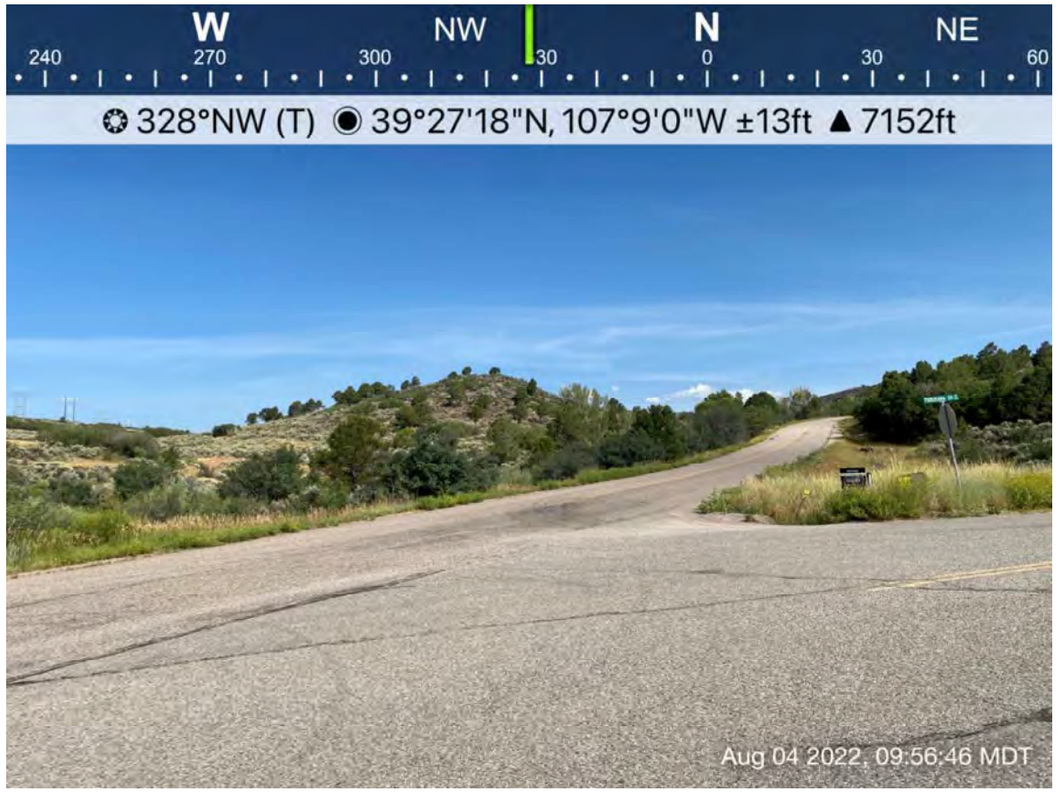

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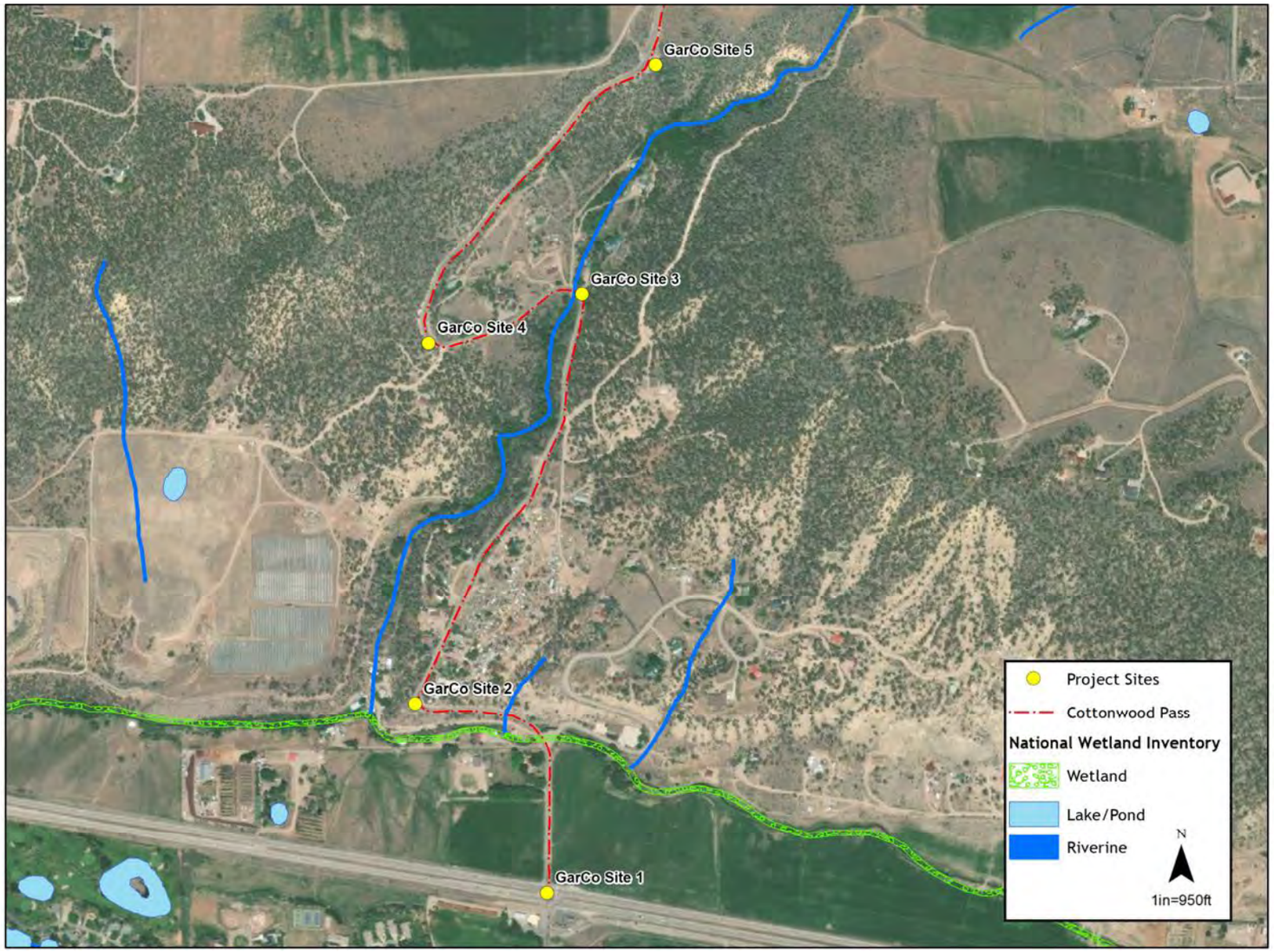

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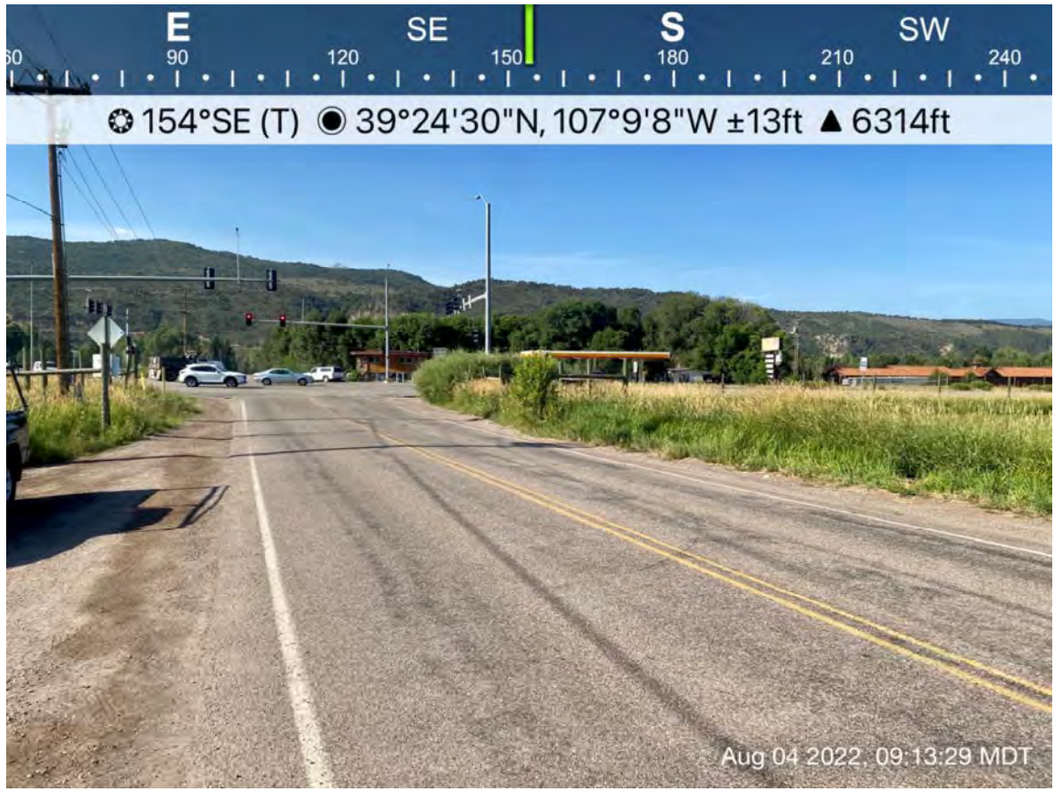
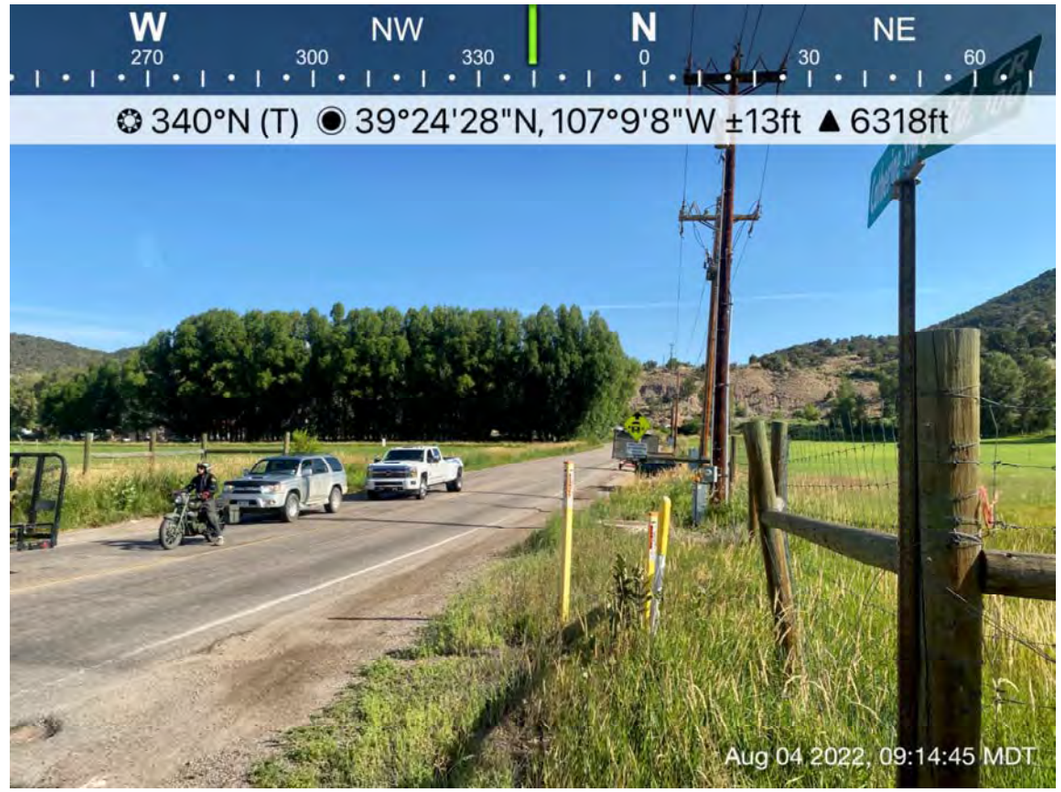
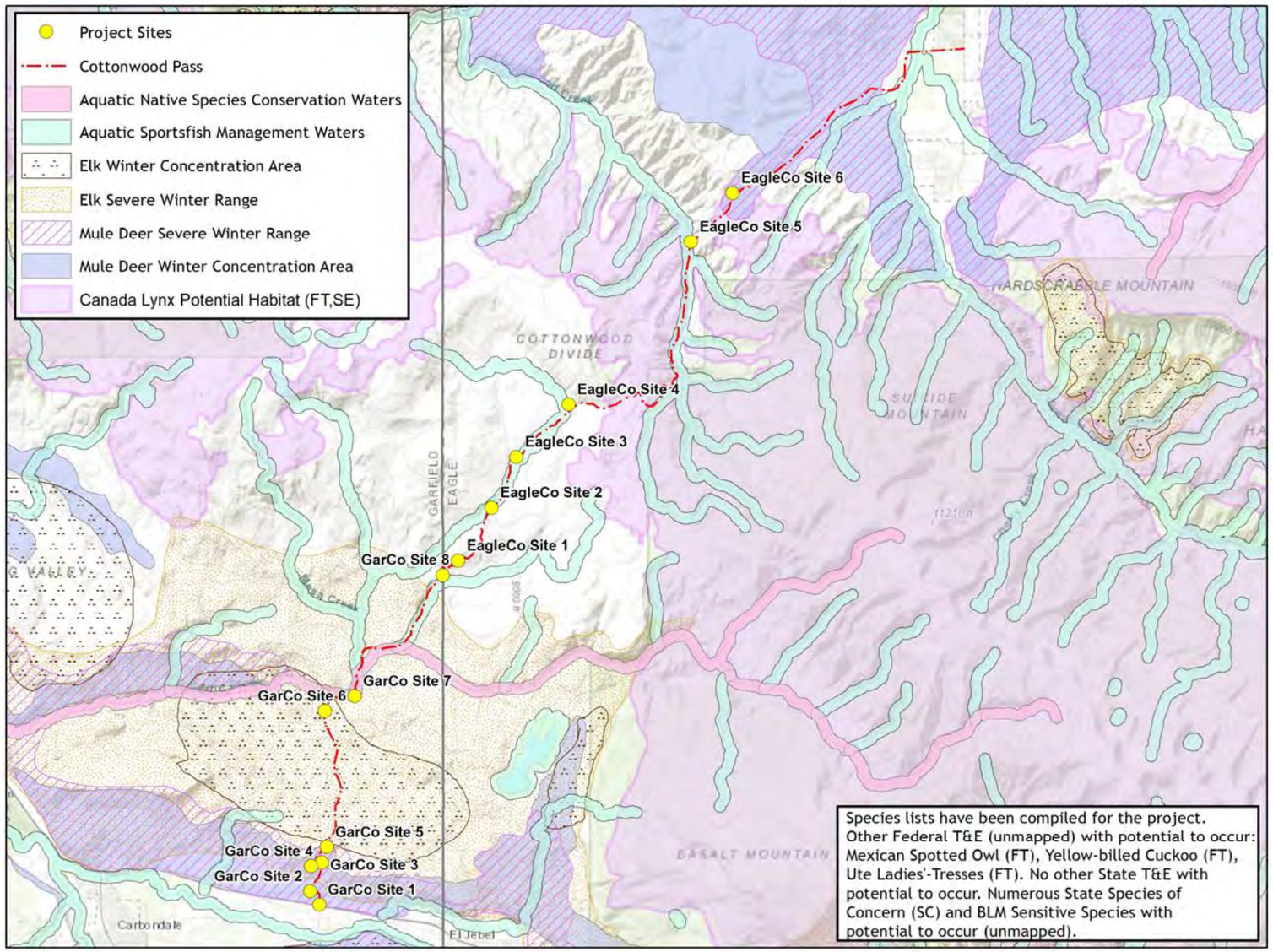




Existing conditions discussion- wildlife



Next steps

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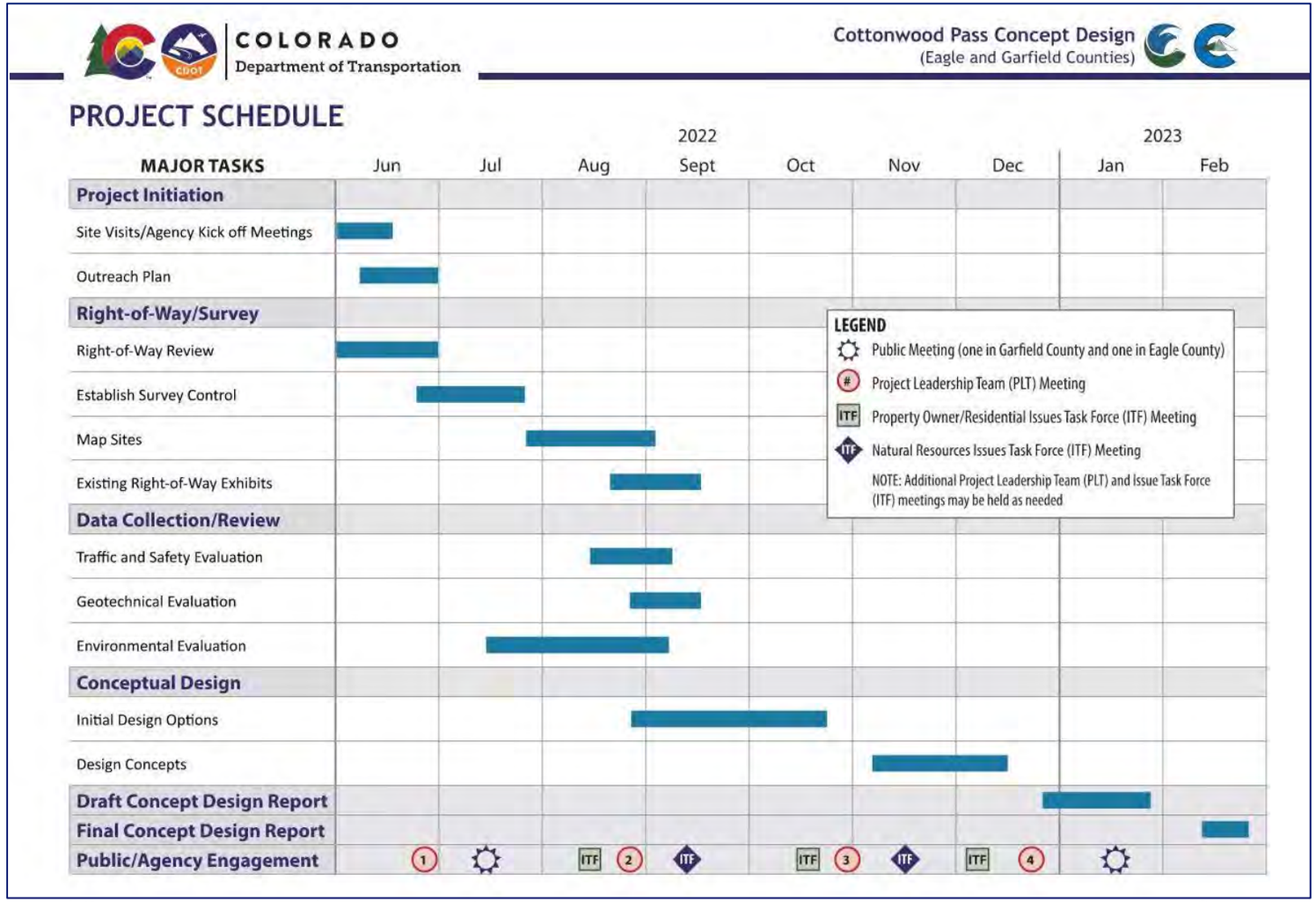
- Site mapping by drone
- Geotechnical evaluation
- Use agency and public input to develop initial evaluation criteria and design options
- Next meeting of this group in Nov. to discuss initial design options



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Please provide all comments/input by September 28th

Send comments to Michael.Gloden@deainc.com

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Thank you!

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