

Water Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026 9:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. REGULATORY

2.A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

2.A.1. Variance Request in the Hydrologically Connected Area (Limited Development Area)

2.A.2. Variance Requests in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area (Normal Development Area)

2.A.3. Variance Requests in the Restricted Development Areas

2.A.4. Well Permit Program

2.A.5. Groundwater Management Plan

A letter is attached from DWEE approving the Groundwater Management Plan updates with some suggested recommendations on water quality improvements. The plan is to set a hearing date and advertise on the LPNNRD website for 4 weeks. A couple of suggestions are to conduct the hearing on March 9 at 11 am or in the latter part of March during the Committee Meeting. The committee directed staff to make minor changes under Water Quality to address the comments in DWEE letter. They agreed to have the hearing at 11 am on March 9th in the Board Room at Wahoo.

An invoice is attached from LRE Water for \$4,252.75 for the approved contract on water quantity and scoring sheets review.

2.A.6. Special Quantity Subareas

At last month's Water Committee Meeting, a group of producers, staff and committee discussed the Platte-Colfax Water Quantity Management Area (SQS #2). Staff made a presentation to the group for discussion, which is attached. After discussion with the Committee and staff, the recommendations are as follows:

- The existing boundary area will continue to require flow meters and water use reports for verification that irrigation management practices are being implemented.
- A new boundary area is shown in green on the attachment titled "Committee Suggested Boundaries." The suggested area includes the

area where the recovery time was one of the longest, along with the area that is showing aquifer depletion.

- The new area, shown in the green boundary, will continue with an allocation of 40 inches over 4 years. The rest of the area will not have an allocation but water use reporting from flow meters will be required.
- No new high capacity irrigation wells (50 GPM) will be allowed in the proposed area, as shown on the map within the green boundary and expansion of acres is done on a case-by-case basis. High capacity livestock and industrial wells will be by Board approval. New irrigation wells can be reviewed and allowed in cases where tracts of land are being split up with no new expansion of acres allowed.
- New irrigation wells could be allowed in the area west of the green line with an in-depth groundwater model of the proposed well being provided to the Committee by a reputable firm showing the potential decline if the well is drilled. The cost will be on the producer applying for the new well. Other conditions can be required, like test holes and pumping tests per site.
- Timetable of new wells being drilled:
 - Hearing of new rules and boundaries would happen in November 2026, with potential Board approval after the hearing documents are evaluated.
 - Variance applications will be taken in 2027 until September 15 for potential approval in October 2027 of the applications.
 - An evaluation would be required of the location by the producer after variance is approved to move forward.
 - Staff, Committee and Board will review the evaluation to determine if a well permit will be issued. A policy will be established on how to evaluate the study.
 - The first well could be drilled after approval by the Board or in the fall—winter of 2027-28.
- Expansion of acres in the area west of the green line will be allowable to a maximum of 20 new acres per quarter after variance request and approval.
- All conditions that are in place presently can be re-implemented immediately if conditions warrant.

An informational meeting is planned for Thursday, February 19, at the Humphrey Community Center from 10 am to noon.

2.A.7. Well Registration Status Change Policy

Discussion on a policy for individuals wanting to change status on the purpose of what the well was originally registered for. More discussion in future Committee Meetings.

2.A.8. Cost Share Programs

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

3.A. DECOMMISSIONED WELL PROGRAM

3.A.1. Well Estimates

2 new wells has been reviewed and approved for decommissioning since the last Committee meeting.

Well Owner	Type of Well	Cost Share Estimate	County
David G & Julie M Wilke	I	\$1,550.07	Platte
Mary T Norton Trustee	I	\$1,108.50	Colfax

3.A.2. Plugged Wells

1 wells have been plugged, reviewed, and ready for cost share payment approval this month.

Well Owner	Type of Well	Cost Share Estimate	County
David Deerson	I	\$797.43	Saunders

3.B. LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD GROUND WATER STUDIES

3.B.1. Phase Area Update

The following invoices have been received and ready for payment:

Tim Rodehorst - 2 flow meters - \$2,000

Jon Engel - 1 flow meter - \$1,000

Lloyd Cuda - 1 flow meter - \$1,000

David Sobota - 7 flow meters - \$7,000

Jonathon Sobota - 1 flow meter - \$1,000

Jonathon Sobota - Gravity to pivot - \$10,000

Total - \$22,000

3.B.2. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA)

An invoice is attached for annual dues of \$30,000 per contract.

3.C. NEW MONITORING WELLS

We are in the process of finding locations as well as getting permission from landowners and municipalities to install dedicated monitoring wells in the district.

We are currently looking in the areas of Newman Grove, Cedar Bluffs, and Mead.

3.D. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

DWEE has sent the Project Closure Letters for both Newman Grove and Platte Center.

3.E. Longitude 103 Update

Staff at Longitude 103 have started the process of transferring the data into their system. NRD staff has done an initial review and will begin combing through the data starting the first week of February. Some discussion with other NRDs on the initial cost with the NRDs that were not utilizing the software when it was first developed in 2023. The first NRDs paid \$5,000 and a second update is happening right now.

4. SURFACE WATER PROGRAMS

4.A. STATE LAKES, FOR THE WEEK OF

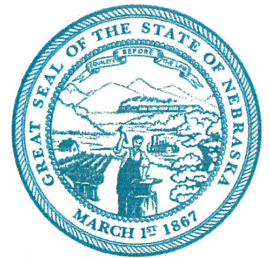
4.B. USGS STREAM FLOW GAUGING SITES

A quarterly invoice is attached for \$4,344 for stream gauges on Shell Creek and Wahoo Creek.

5. OTHER

If the Committee wants a GW retreat, dates to consider are February 18 through the 20th or March 5th and 6th. What would be a preferred time of day? Discussion would be groundwater quality regarding nitrate trigger levels, phase areas and other rules changes. The Committee decided on Thursday, March 5th, from 1 to 4 pm, with the condition that the majority of Board members would be in attendance.

5.A. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC



January 21, 2026

Eric Gottschalk, General Manager
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Lower Platte North NRD
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Sent via electronic mail only

RE: Review of LPNNRD NRD Revised 2026 Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP)

Dear Mr. Gottschalk,

Thank you for providing the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) with a copy of the revised Lower Platte North Natural Resources District's 2026 Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP), received by the Department on October 22, 2025. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-709 through 46-711, the Department is providing our review to ensure the best available studies, data, and information were utilized and considered and that the plan is supported by and is a reasonable application of such information. The Department's comments are provided below for your consideration and as official testimony in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-743.

The Department appreciates the District's efforts and requirement to update their Plan for efficient management and recognizes the authority of the District to make necessary interpretations of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-709. Moreover, the Department commends the steps that the District has taken to proactively manage groundwater resources through its many planning activities, including steps taken in implementing our jointly developed integrated management plan.

The Department has reviewed the 2026 Groundwater Management Plan and find it to be in accordance with state policies and plans and therefore, approve the plan. Even so, there are comments from the Department's Drinking Water Division, and Water Planning Division which are provided for your consideration in future updates to your Groundwater Management Plan or to assist the District in pursuing voluntary measures to address water quality issues found in the District.

To complement the Plan's emphasis on protecting the District's broad agricultural landscape, the Department encourages several proactive steps that would further safeguard public and private drinking water supplies. The following recommendations are made to further the joint goals of the District and Department.

The Department encourages the District to continue its work with Communities to explore project funding through the Department's Source Water Protection Grants to implement Best Management Practices within Wellhead Protection Areas. While the following comments pertain to the Groundwater Management Plan, the Department encourages the District's implementation of Source Water Protection projects which could address many of the following comments through proactive voluntary efforts rather than regulatory measures:

- The Department's Statewide Nitrate Study produced individual nitrate summaries for each community and non-transient non-community Public Water System. The Department would like to review the summaries with the District, to ensure mutual understanding of the information and discuss approaches that could be implemented to support increased levels of protection for those Public Water Systems.
- Please consider incorporating municipal well data, in addition to the District's network wells, into the plan's expansive testing approach. The distribution of wells across the District, as shown in the Groundwater Management Plan, illustrates some information gaps within the District. A broader dataset may help to identify potential focus areas and support more appropriate responses, when warranted.
- Within areas of high nitrate levels, the Department encourages the District to support vulnerable residents (e.g. pregnant people and infants) with information that identifies available water testing resources and alternative sources of drinking water (e.g. bottled water) and treatment options, such as reverse-osmosis.

Because the above comments relating to water quality affect multiple divisions and have considerable overlap, the Department offers to set up a meeting to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding these comments. If the District would like to meet, please contact Tyler Martin at tyler.martin@nebraska.gov or (402) 471-3931 to set up a meeting.

Please continue to provide us with any future revisions and updates as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-709 through 46-711, which you may submit electronically by sending it to DWEE.ecmupload@nebraska.gov. Thank you for providing this opportunity to review the GWMP. We look forward to continuing to work with the District on these and many other important matters into the future.

Sincerely,

Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment



Matthew Manning, P.E., J.D., Chief Water Officer

cc: Ryan Chapman, Lower Platte North NRD Assistant Manager, rchapman@lpnrd.org
Daryl Andersen, Lower Platte North NRD Water Resources Manager, dandersen@lpnrd.org
Jennifer J. Schellpeper, Water Planning Division Manager, Jennifer.Schellpeper@nebraska.gov
Tyler Martin, Lower Platte Basin Coordinator, tyler.martin@nebraska.gov
Laura Johnson, Drinking Water Division Administrator, Laura.R.Johnson@nebraska.gov



January 8, 2026
 Invoice No: 32549

Invoice Total:	\$4,252.75
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(303) 455-9589
billing@LREwater.com

Invoice Email: dandersen@lpnrd.org
 Project No.: 5036LPN07
 Project Name: LPNNRD Scoring Sheets Quantity Areas

Professional Services through December 31, 2025

Task 1 Scoring Sheets

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Hume, David	1.00	255.00	255.00	
Mohr, Jonathan	5.50	207.00	1,138.50	
Sopiwnik, Roscoe	1.00	235.00	235.00	
Tiensvold, Logan	.25	147.00	36.75	
Totals	7.75		1,665.25	
Total Labor				\$1,665.25
		Total this Task		\$1,665.25

Task 2 Revised Criteria for Est. Quantity Mngmt

Professional Personnel

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Task 3 GWMP Resubmission Report

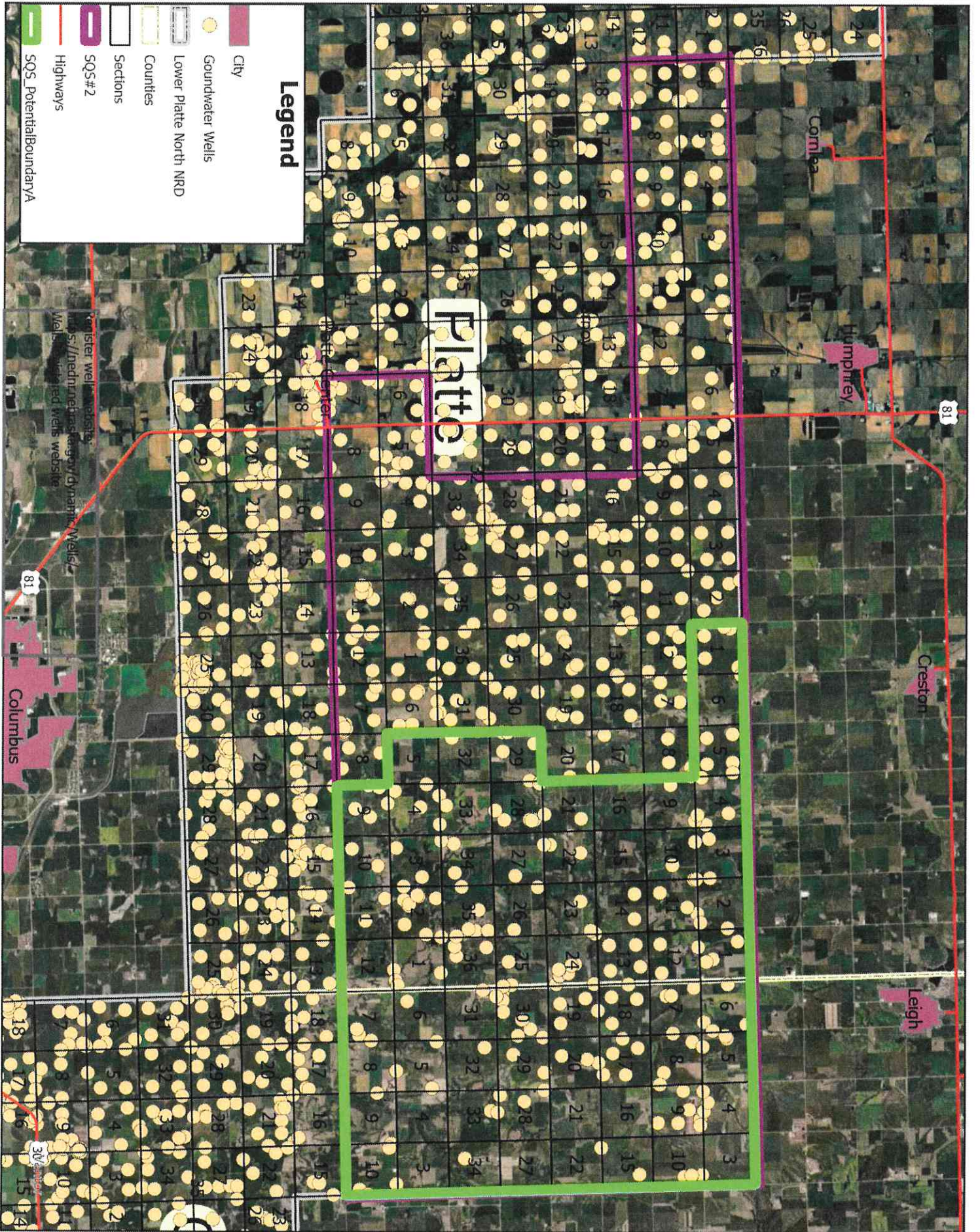
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Total this Invoice **\$4,252.75**







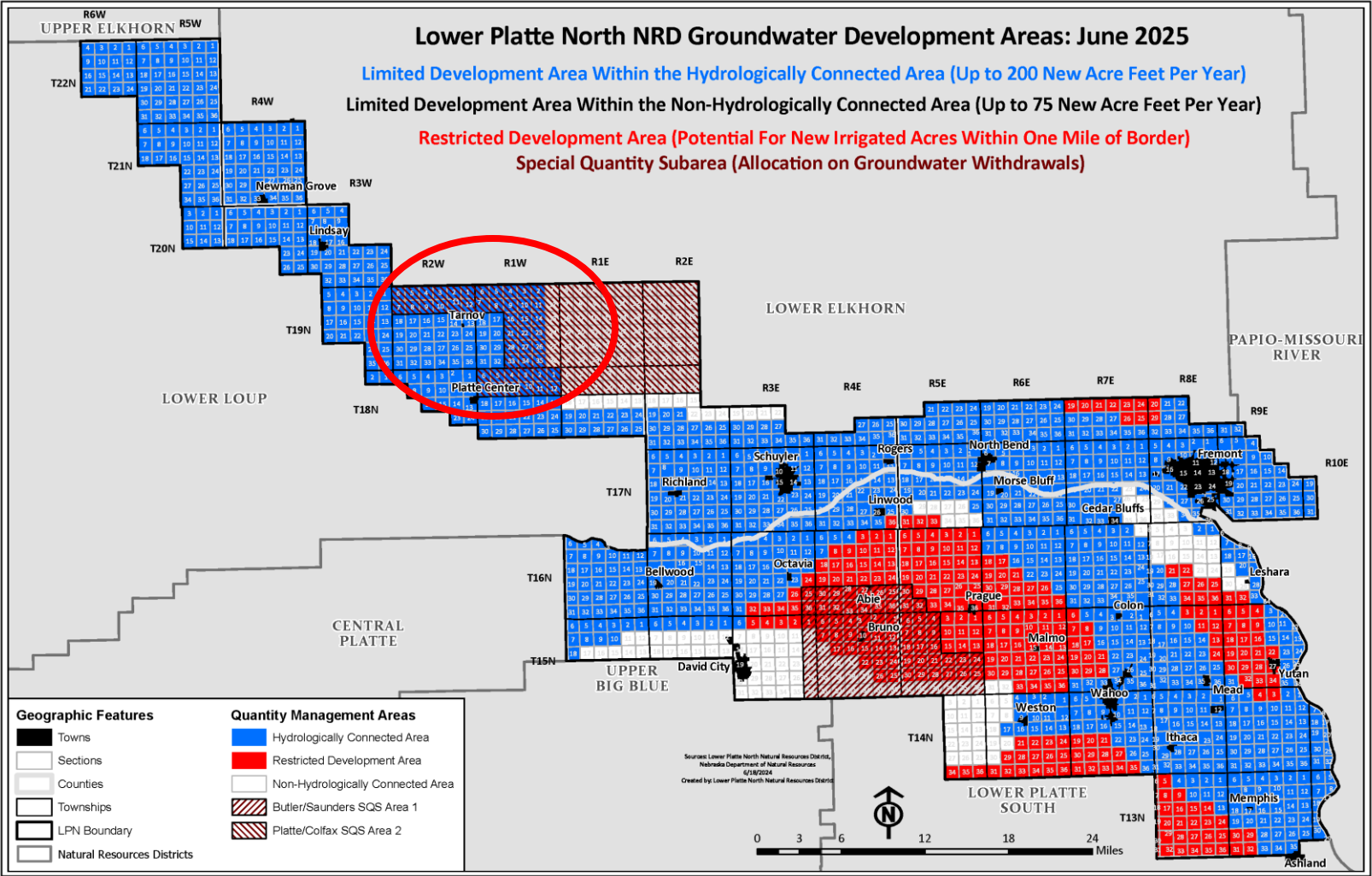
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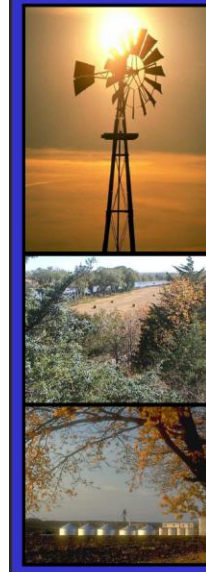
PLATTE-COLFAX SQS DISCUSSION

PLATTE/COLFAX SQS

- Existing management practices in place
- Limited Development Area in western portions



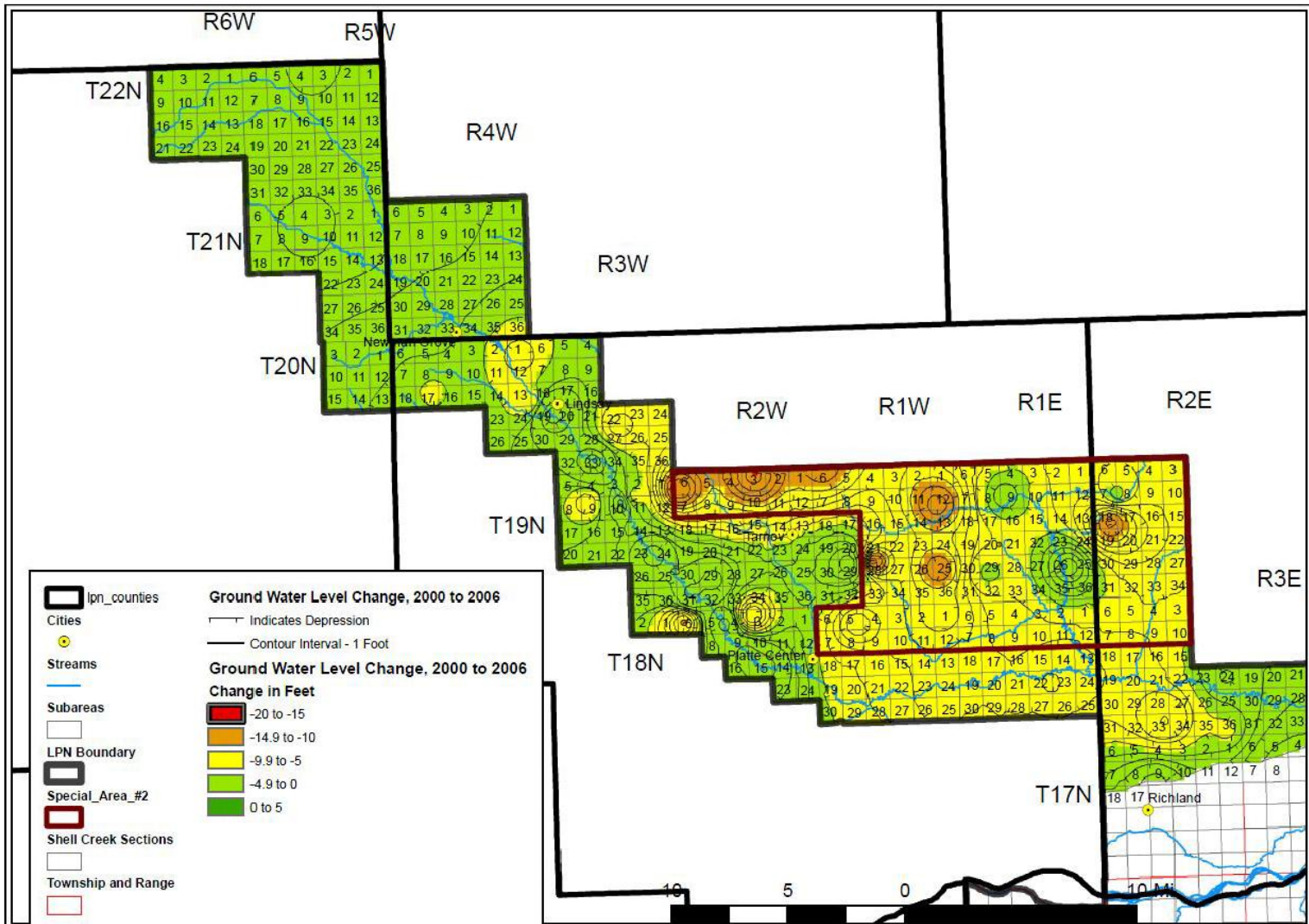
ESTABLISHMENT OF SQS AREAS



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Water Management
Areas*

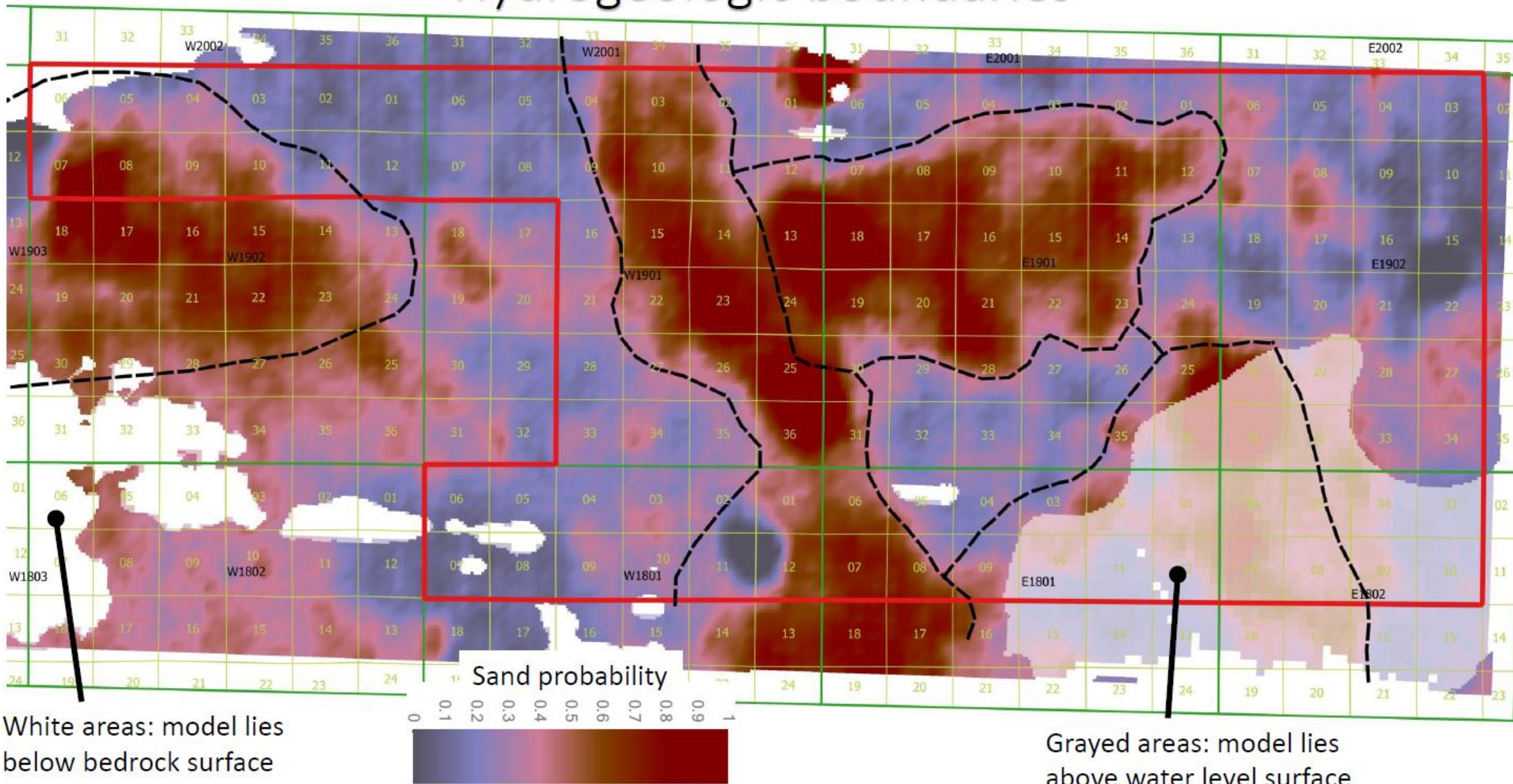
LPNNRD Public Hearing
January 13, 2014



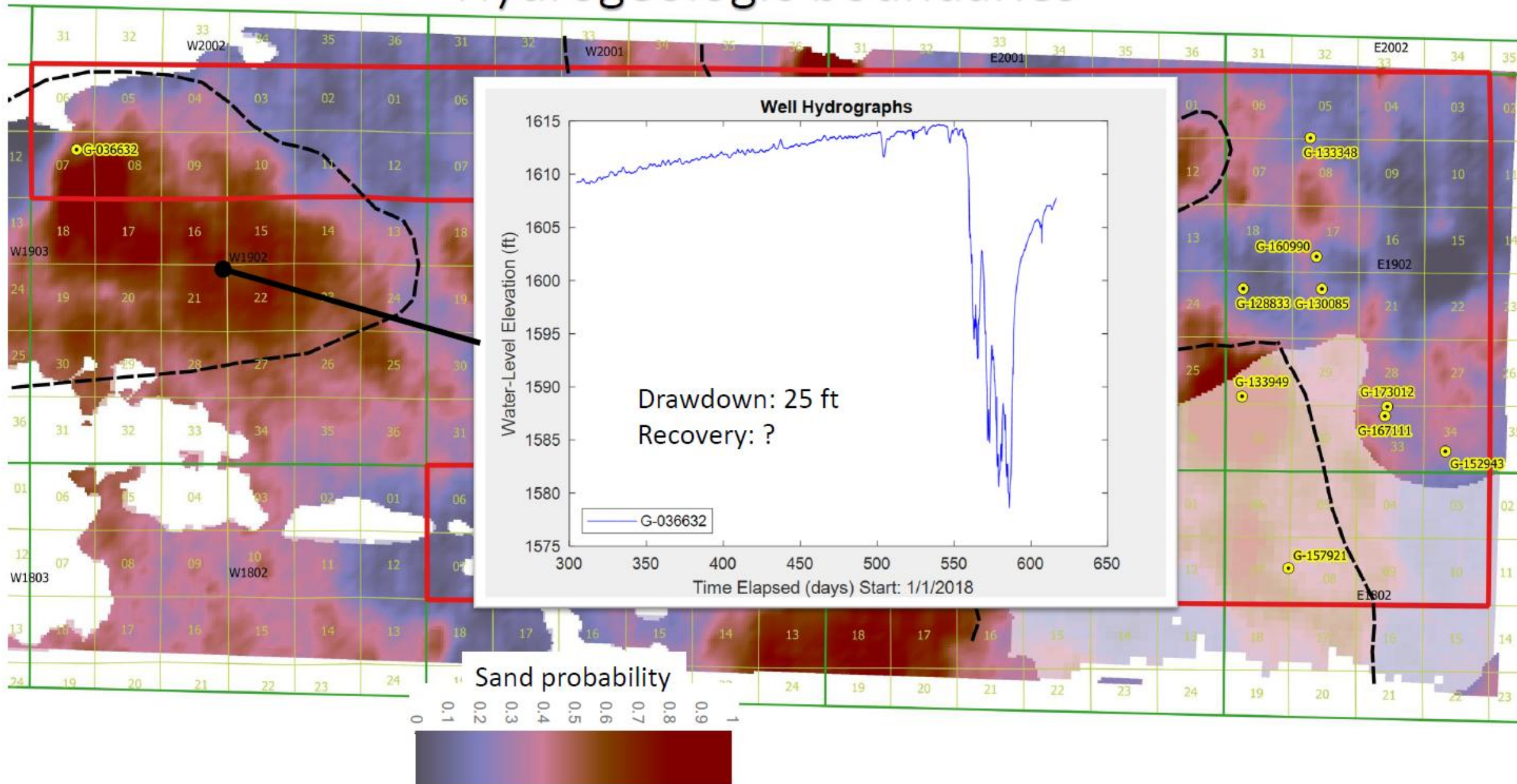
Platte-Colfax Special Quantity Subarea

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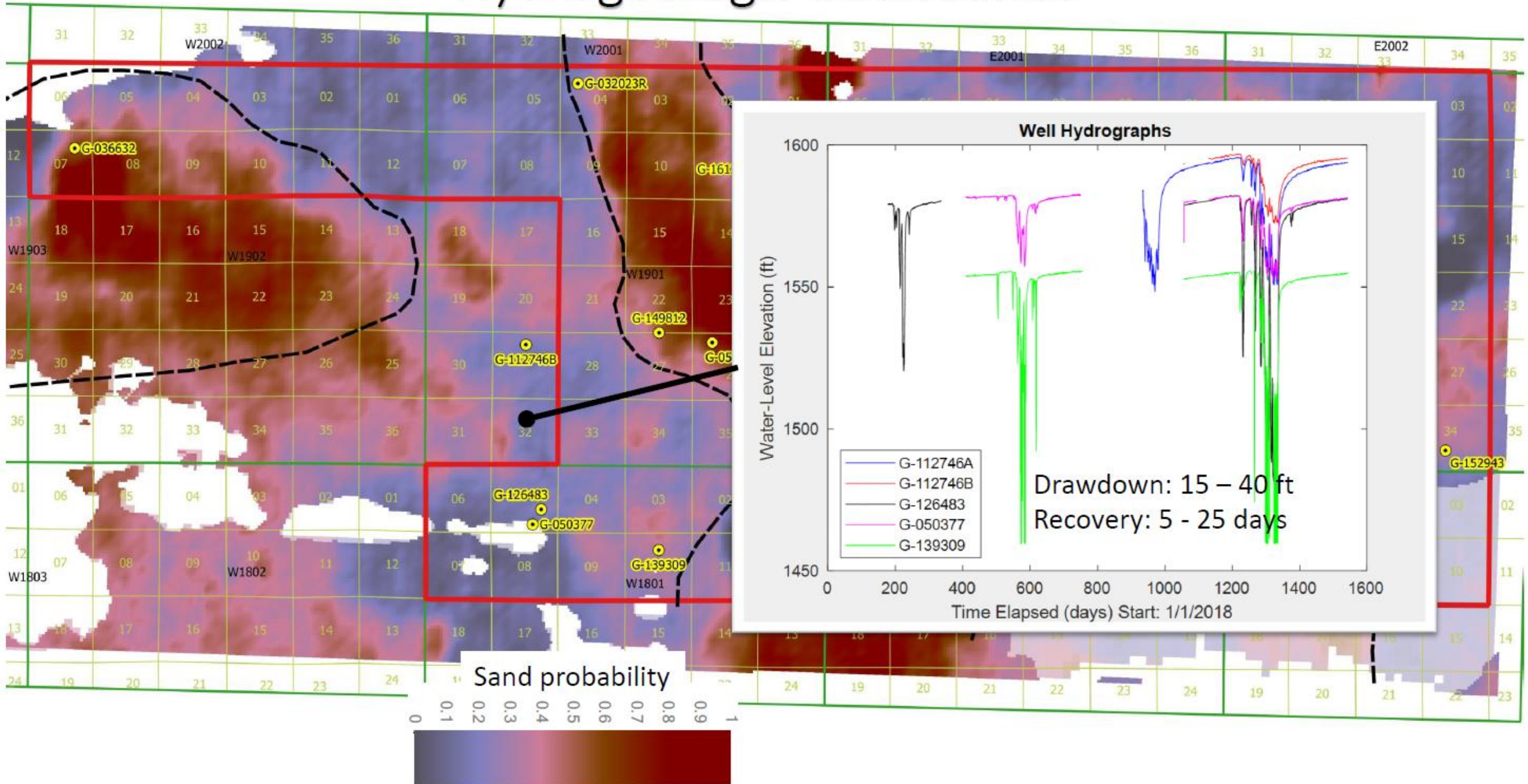
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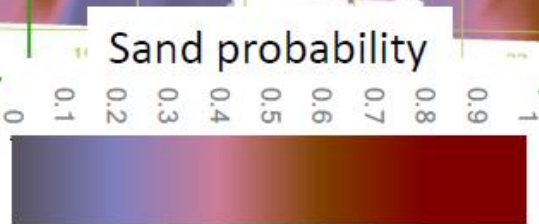
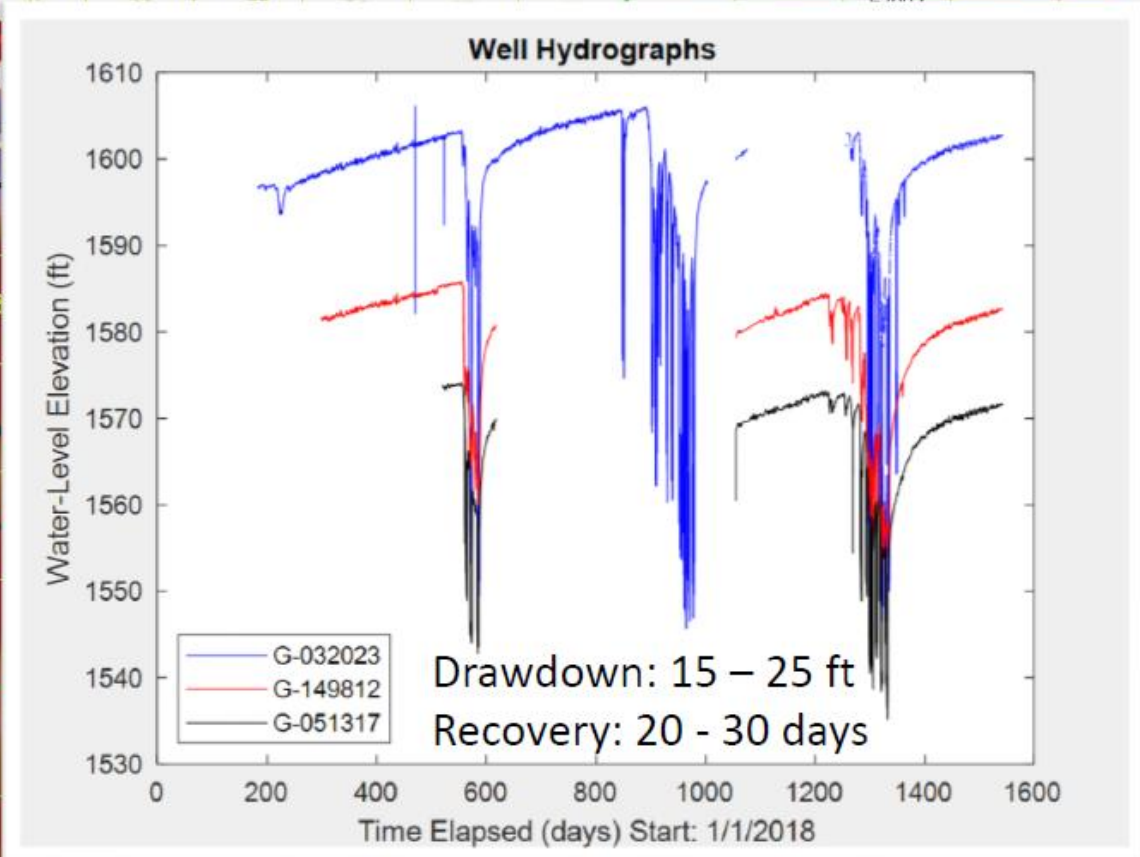
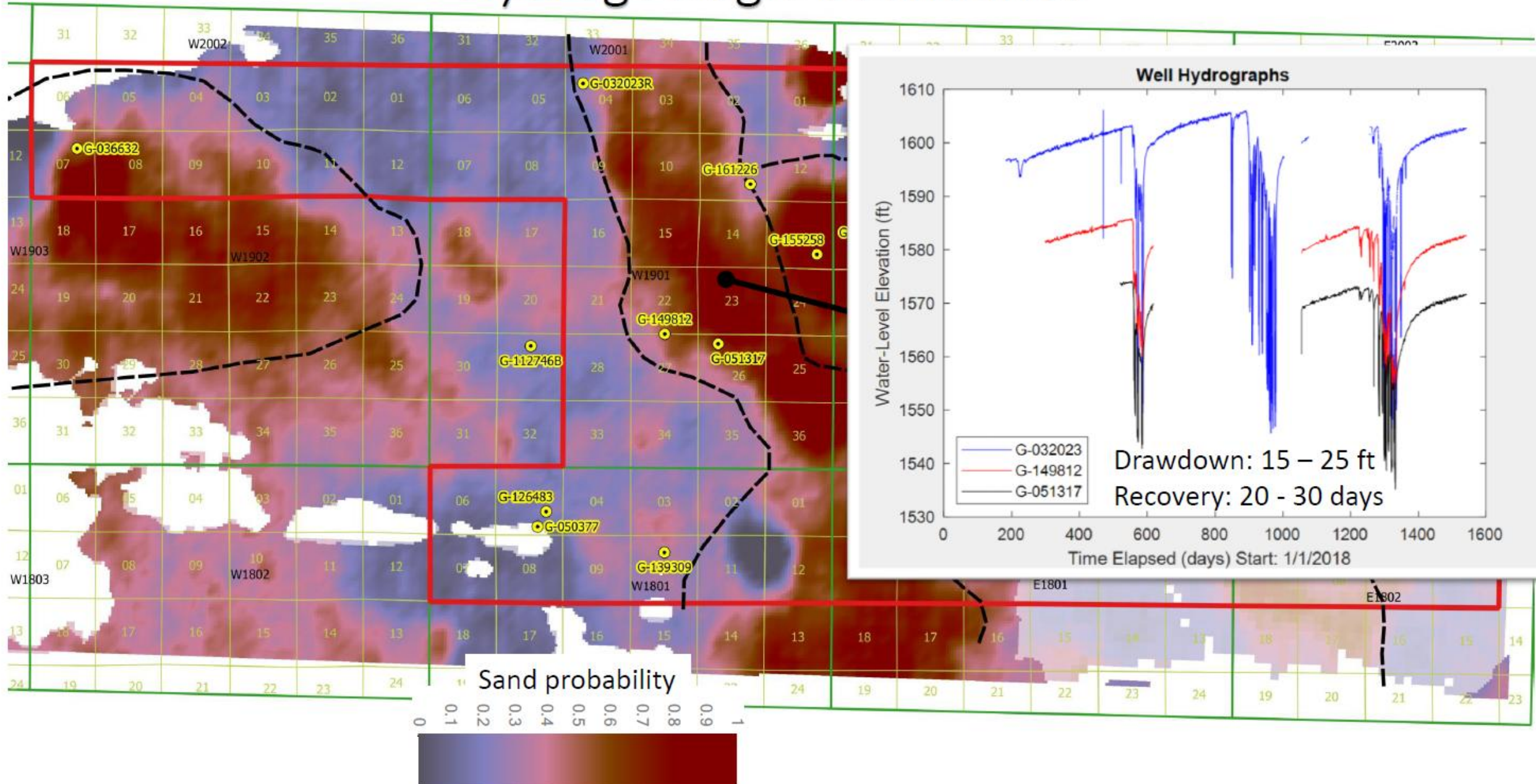
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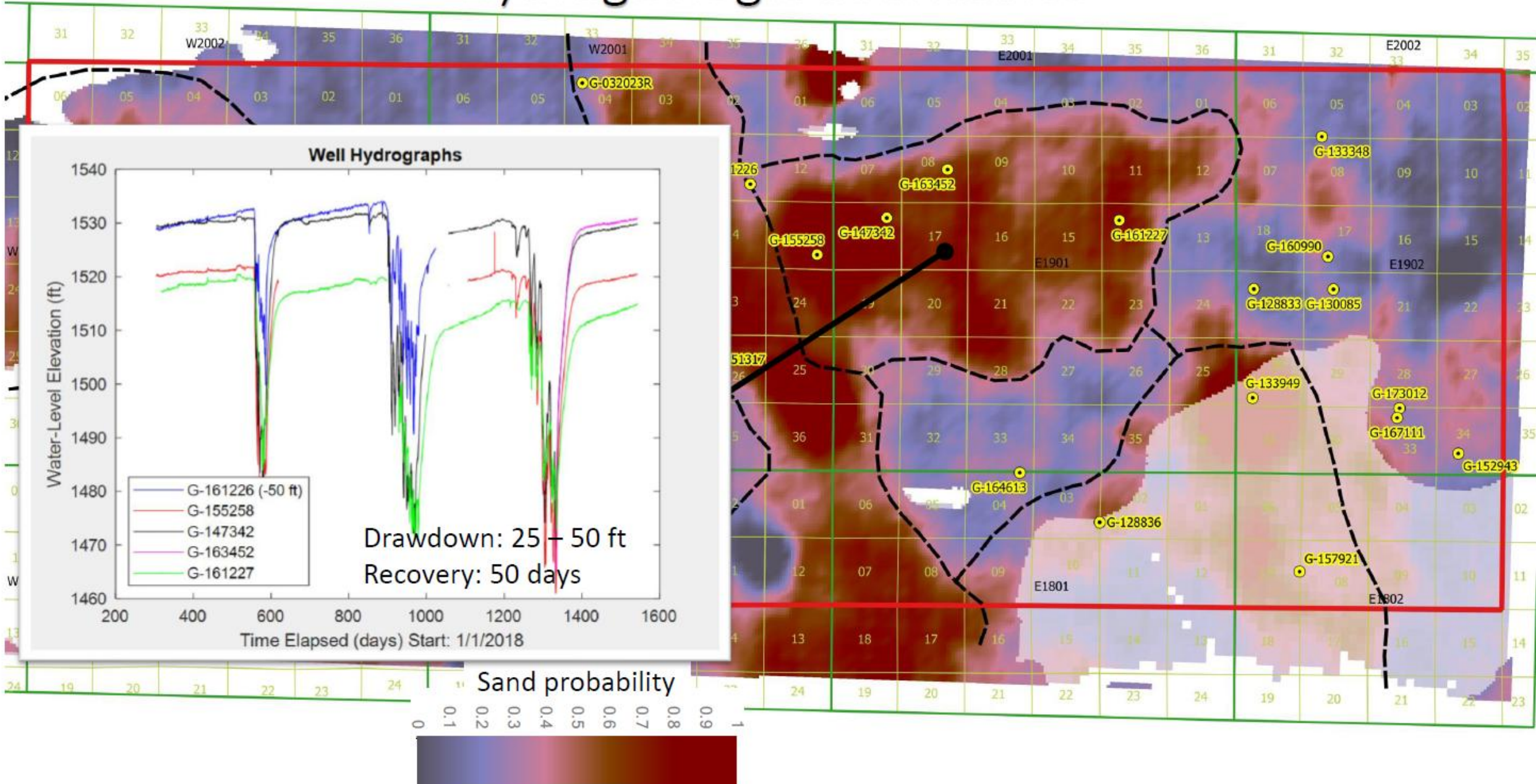
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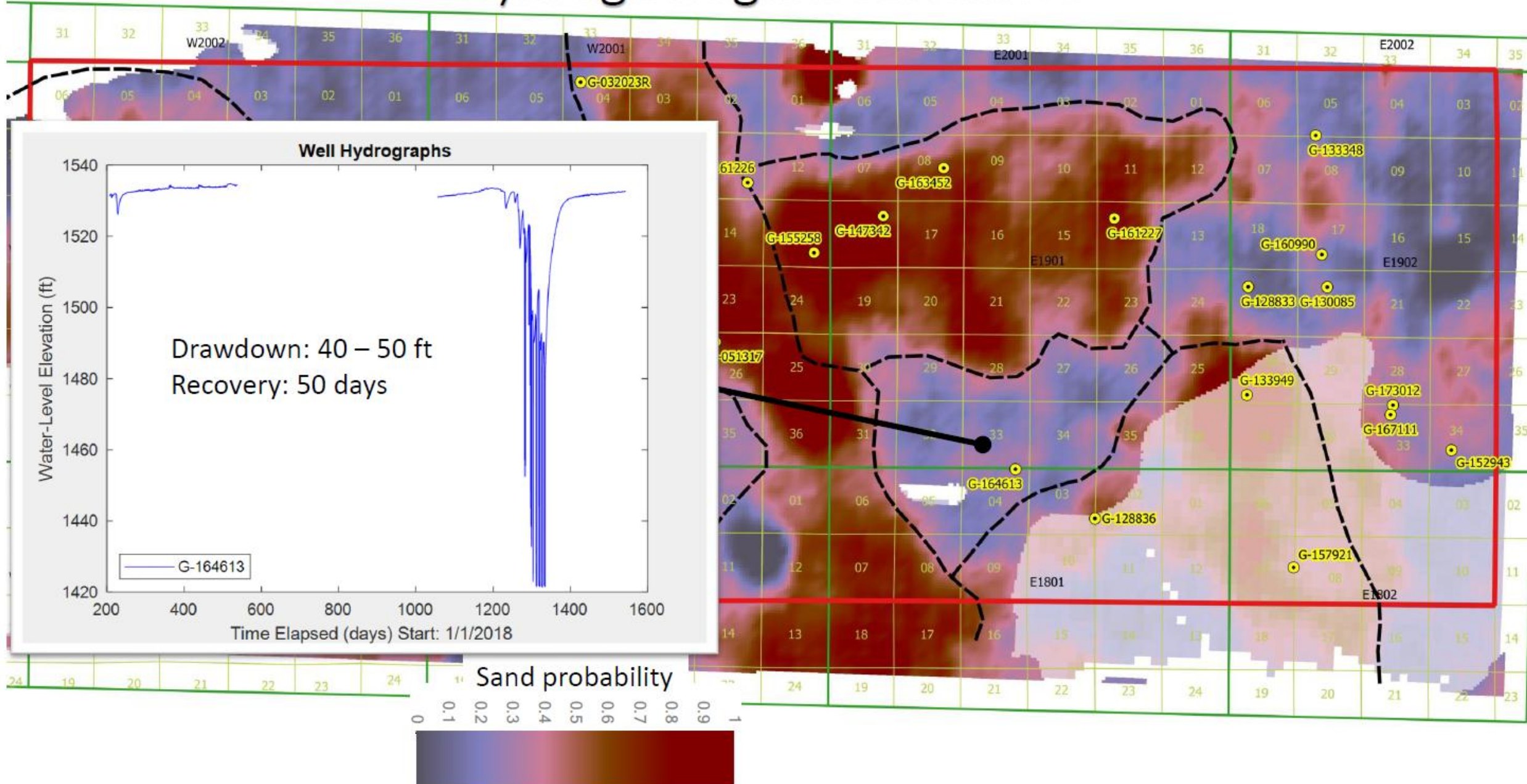
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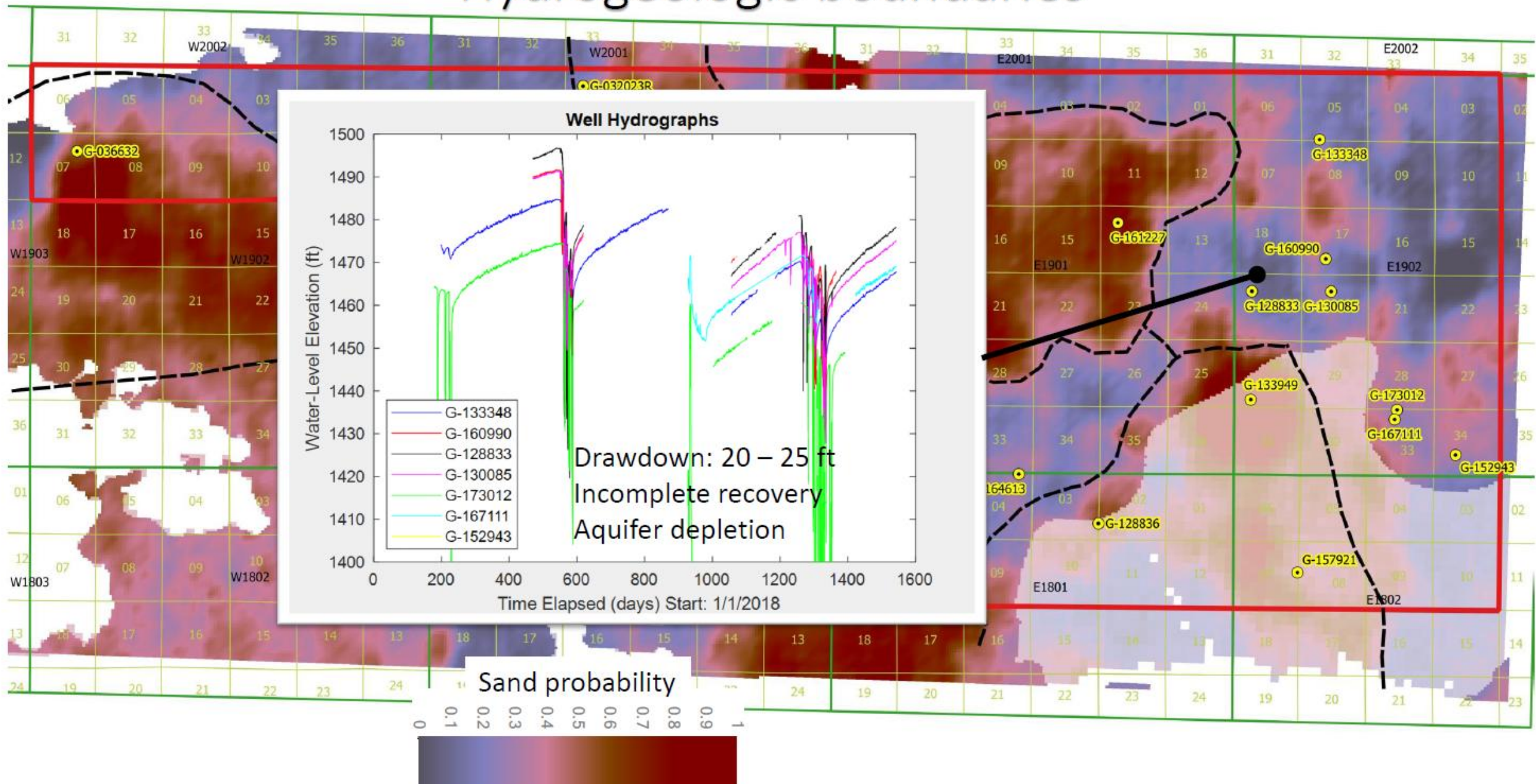
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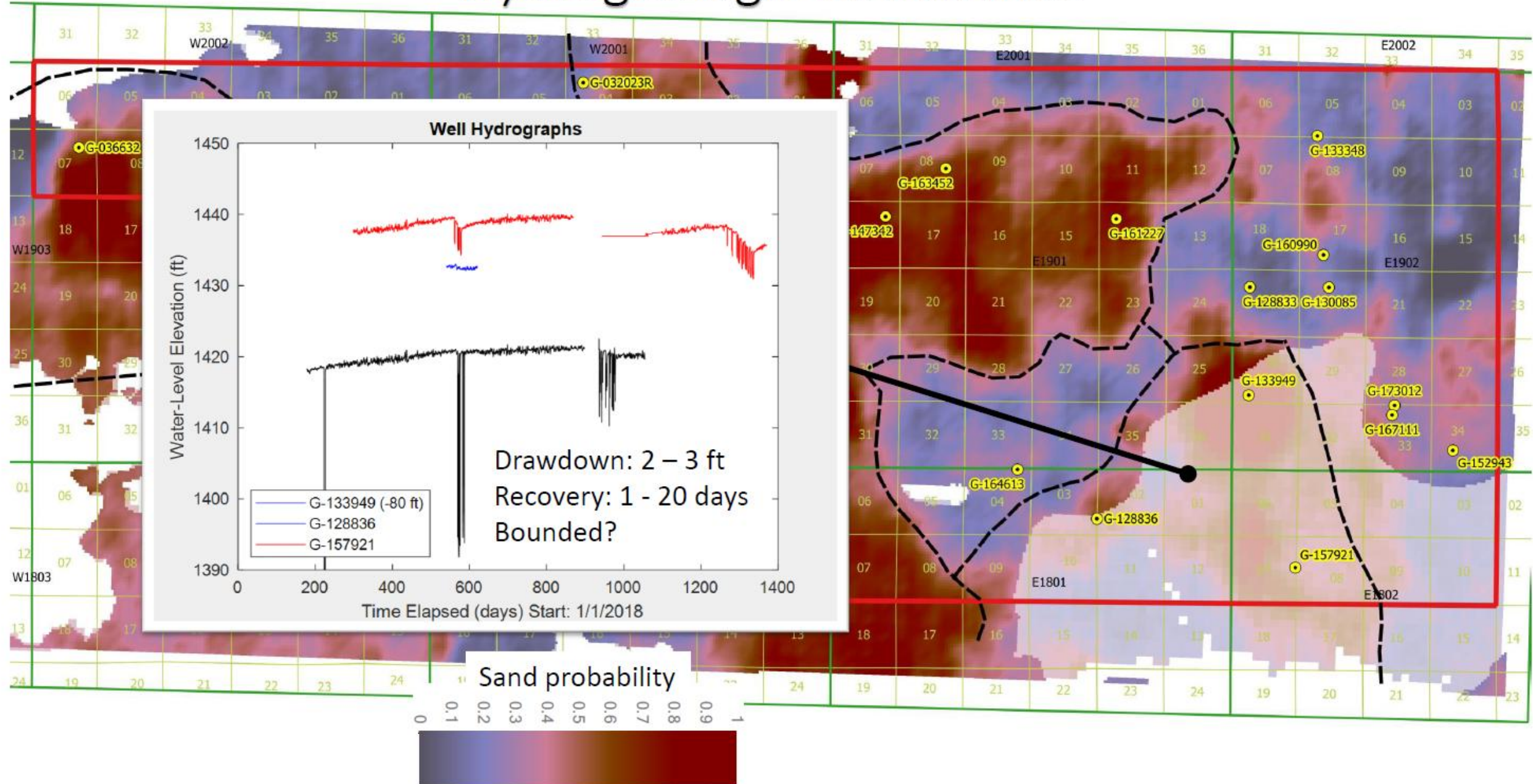
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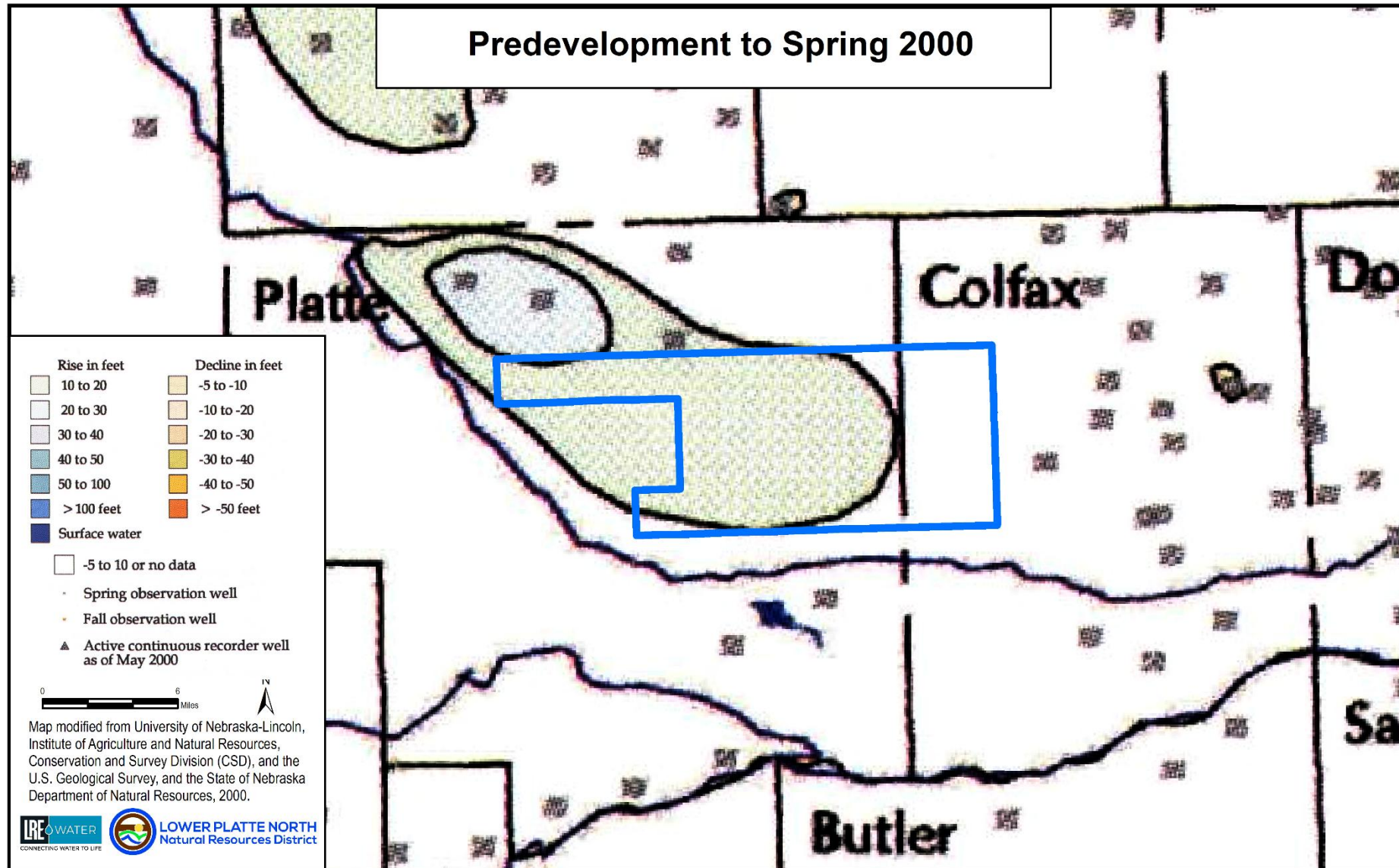


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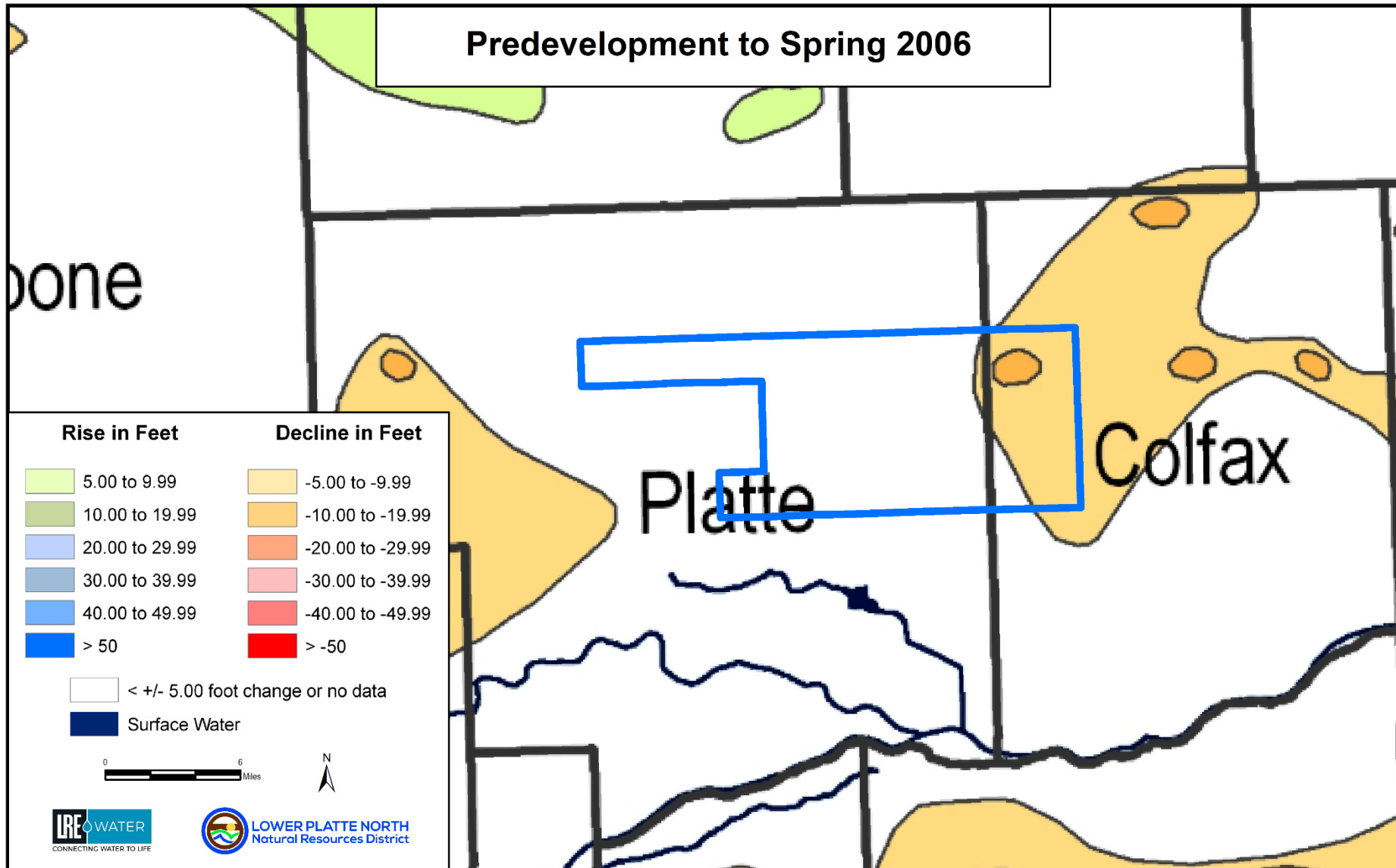
UNL WATER LEVEL MAPS

#3 – PLATTE/COLFAX SQS AREA



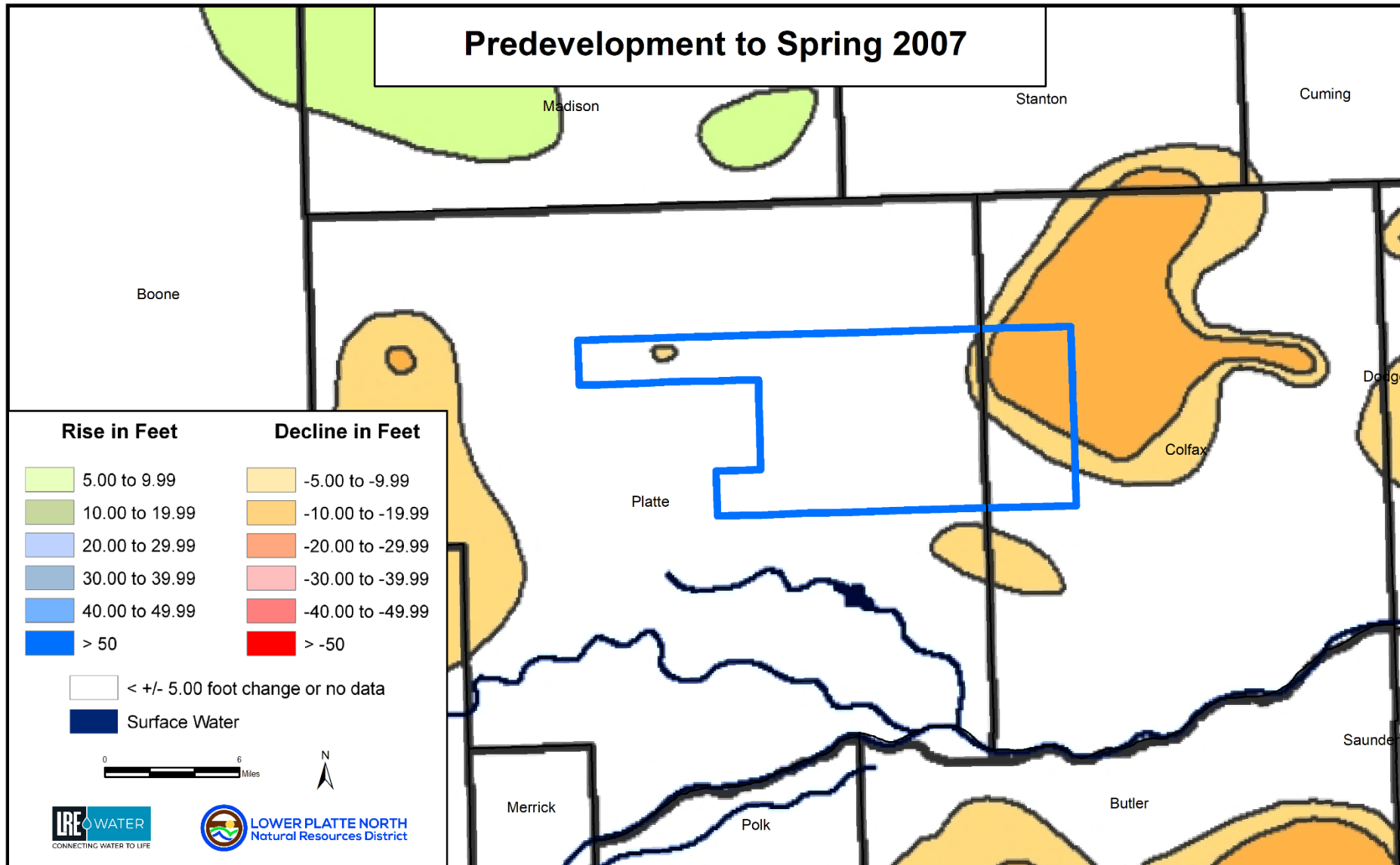
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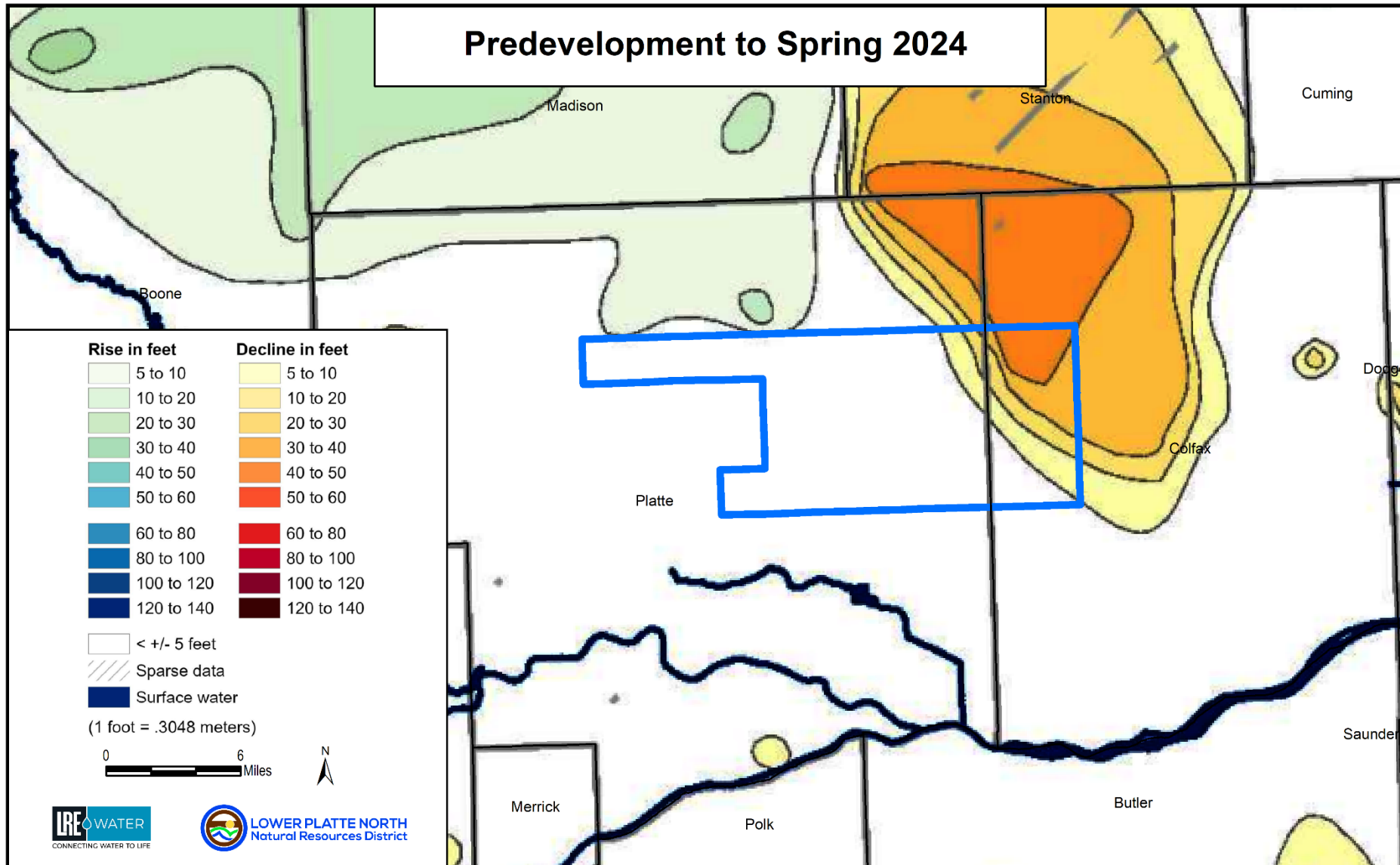
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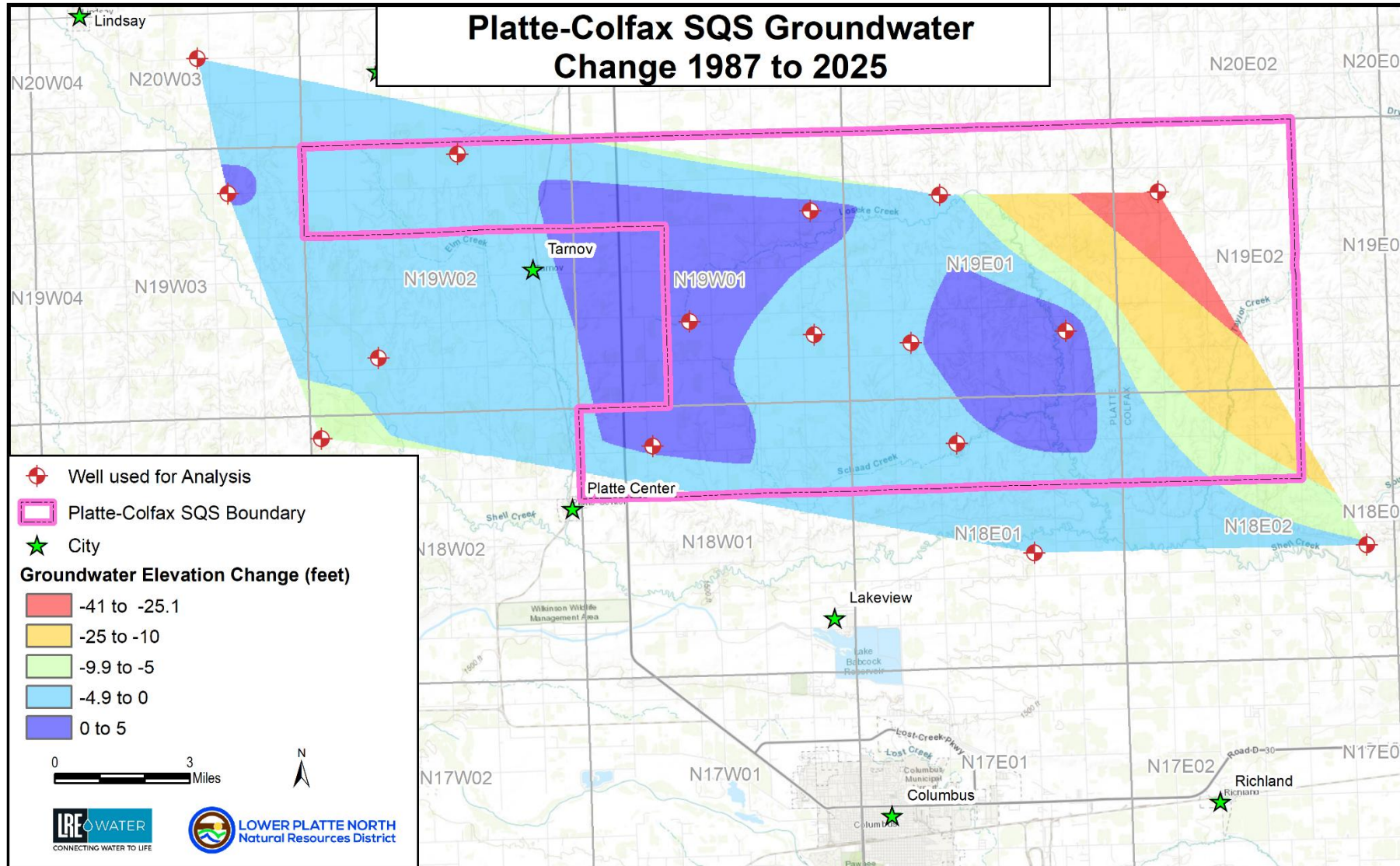
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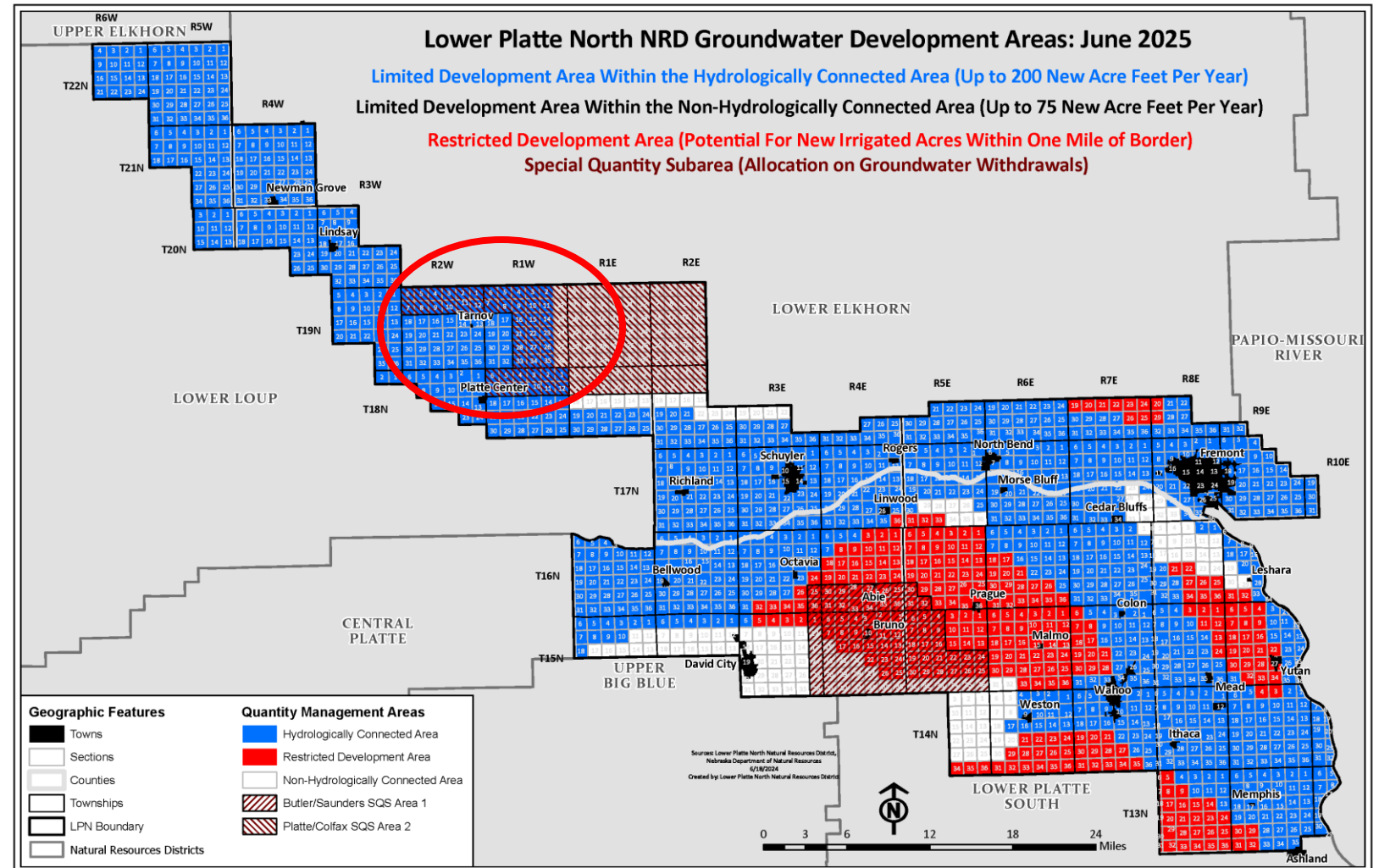
LRE INFORMATION

#3 – PLATTE/COLFAX SQS AREA



RECOMMENDATIONS – PLATTE/COLFAX SQS

- Existing management practices in place
- Limited Development Area in western portions



#3 – PLATTE/COLFAX SQS AREA

- In general, the eastern one-third of the SQS shows historical and continued declines
- Some portions of the aquifer have transitioned from confined to unconfined due to over pumping combined with drought conditions
- The area experiencing the most issues aligns with LRE Water's Risk Map and UNL's Management Zone 6
- Groundwater levels in the western two-thirds show relatively stable levels

RECOMMENDATIONS – PLATTE/COLFAX SQS

1) Boundary Refinement

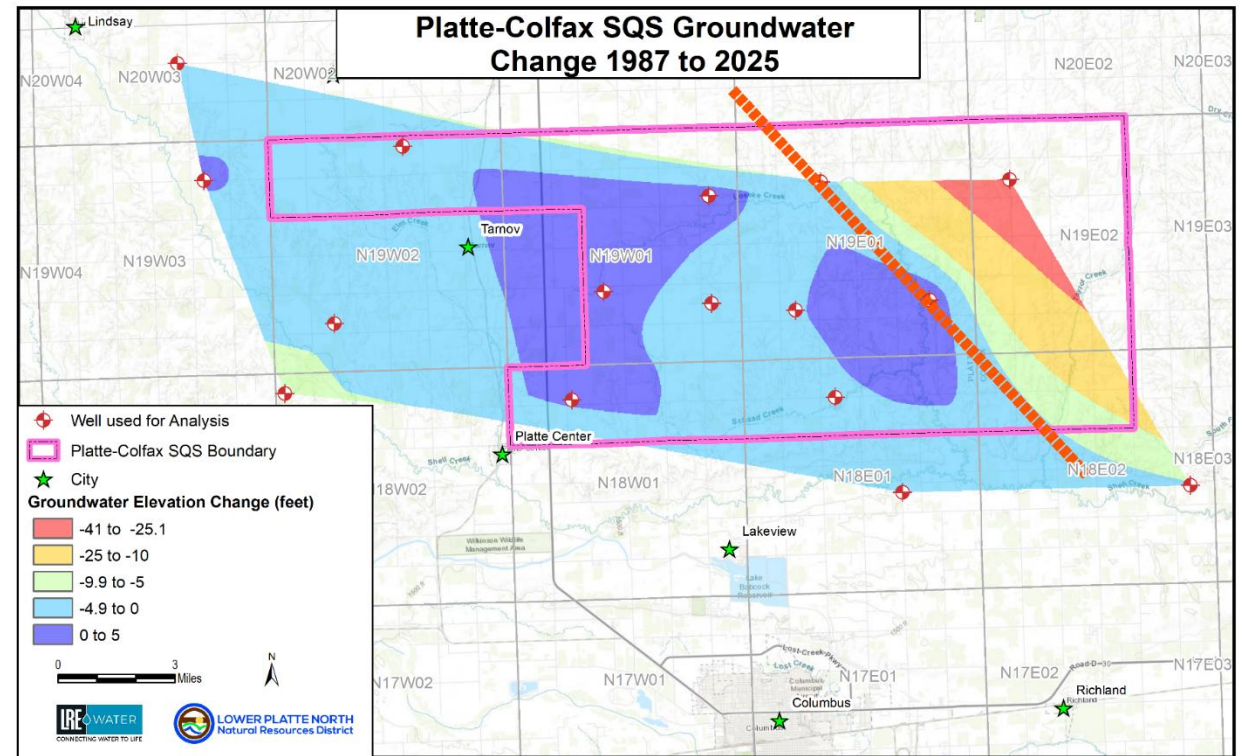
- Consider reducing the size of the SQS to reflect long-term recovery in the western two-thirds

2) Management Adjustments

- Maintain the SQS designation in the eastern areas where chronic issues are documented

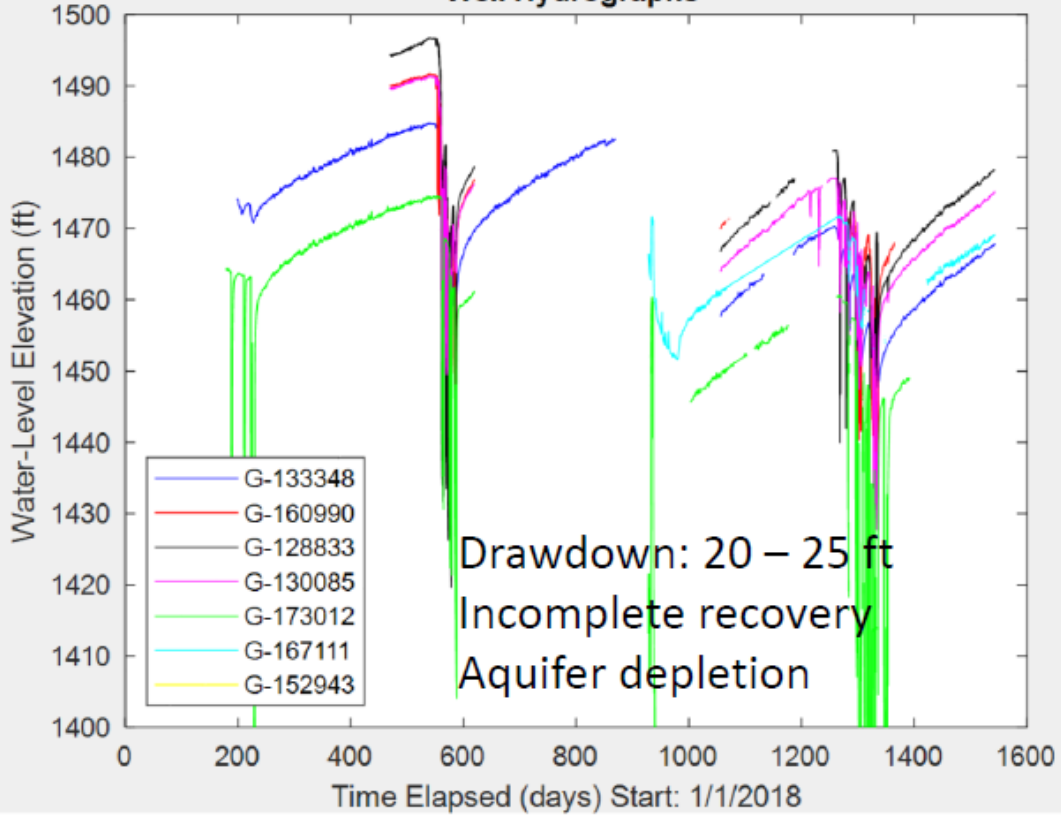
3) Well Impact Assessments

- Groundwater modeling to predict impacts if area is opened up

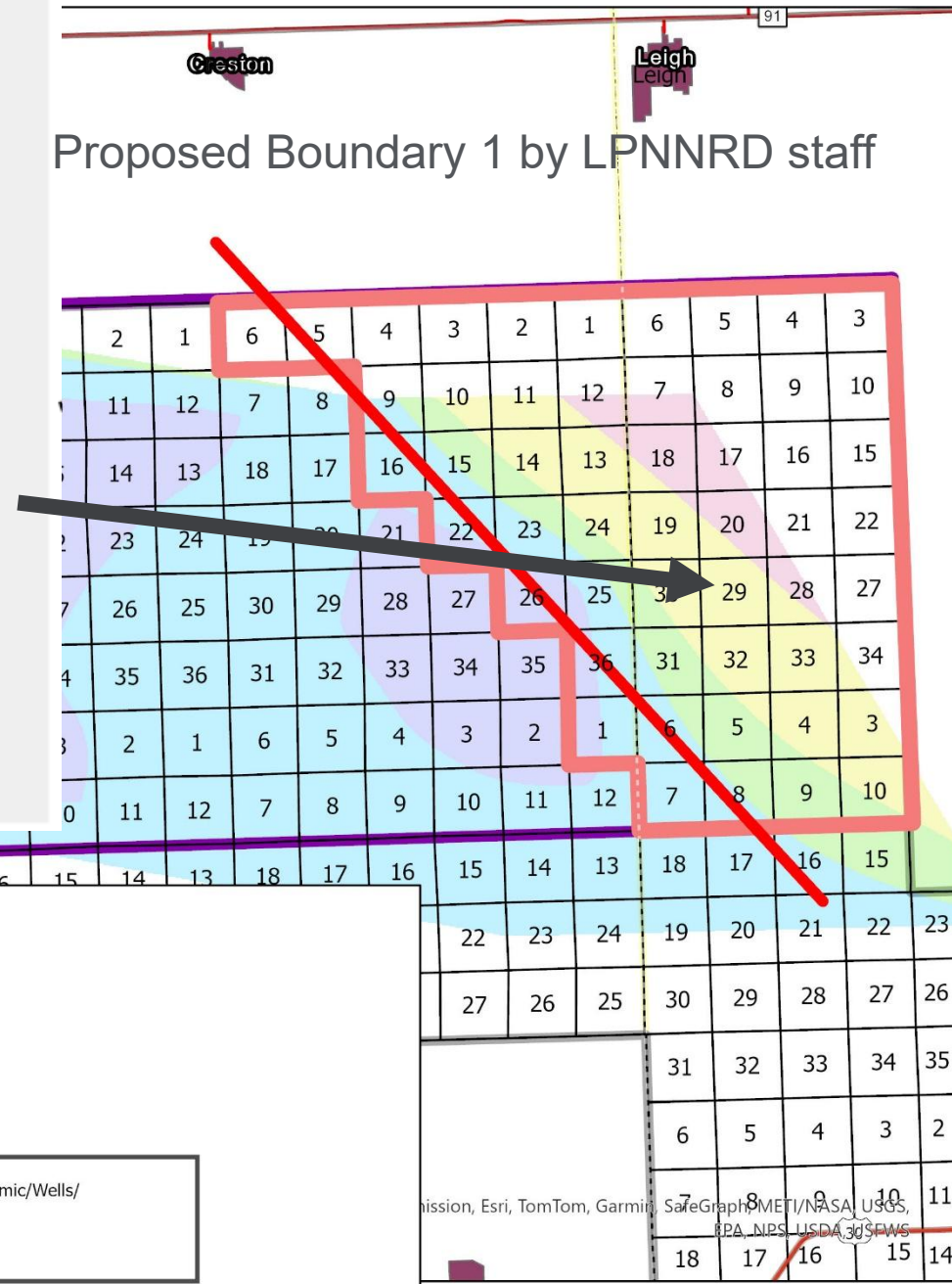


**PROPOSED OPTIONS
BY LPNNRD STAFF**

Well Hydrographs



Proposed Boundary 1 by LPNNRD staff

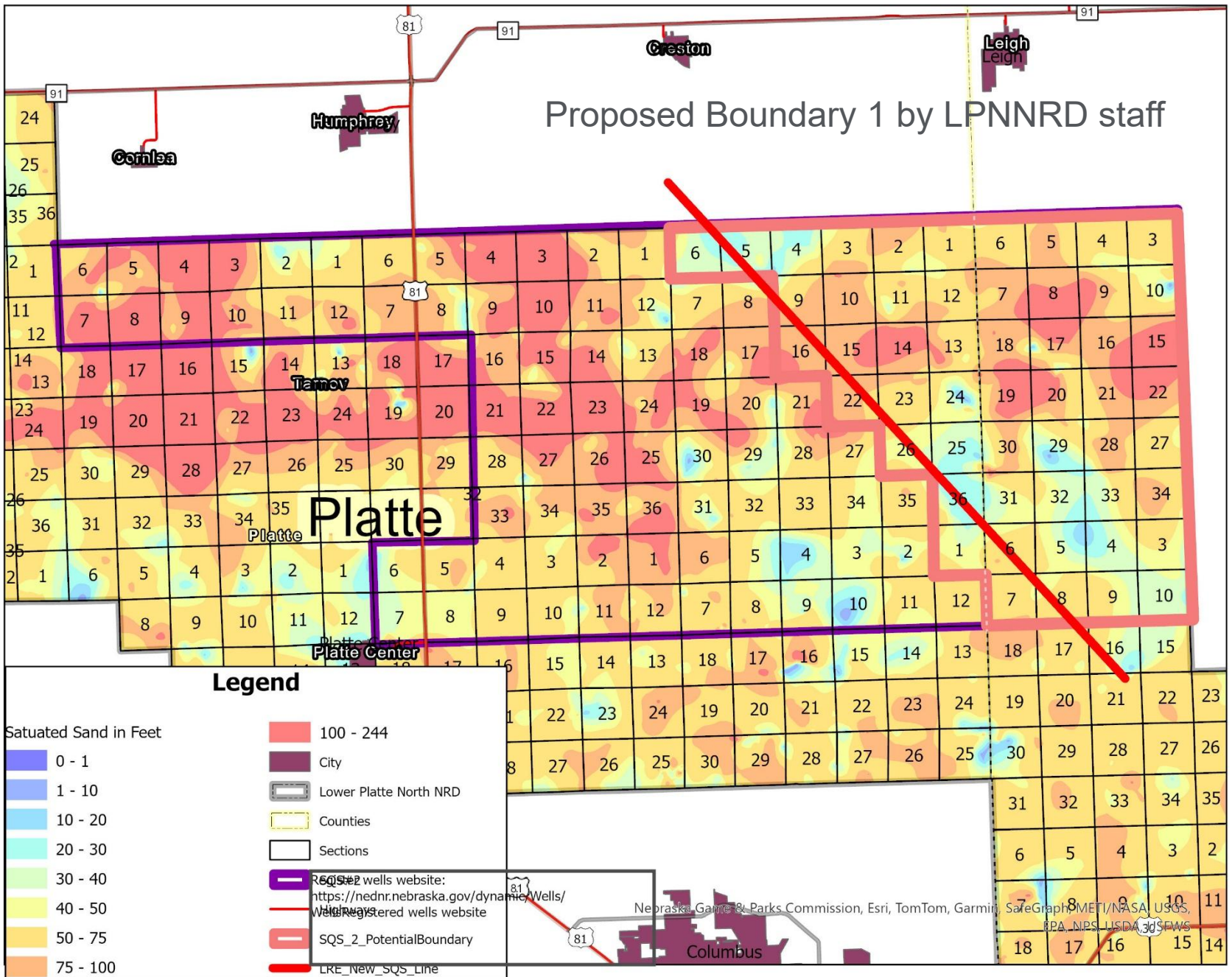


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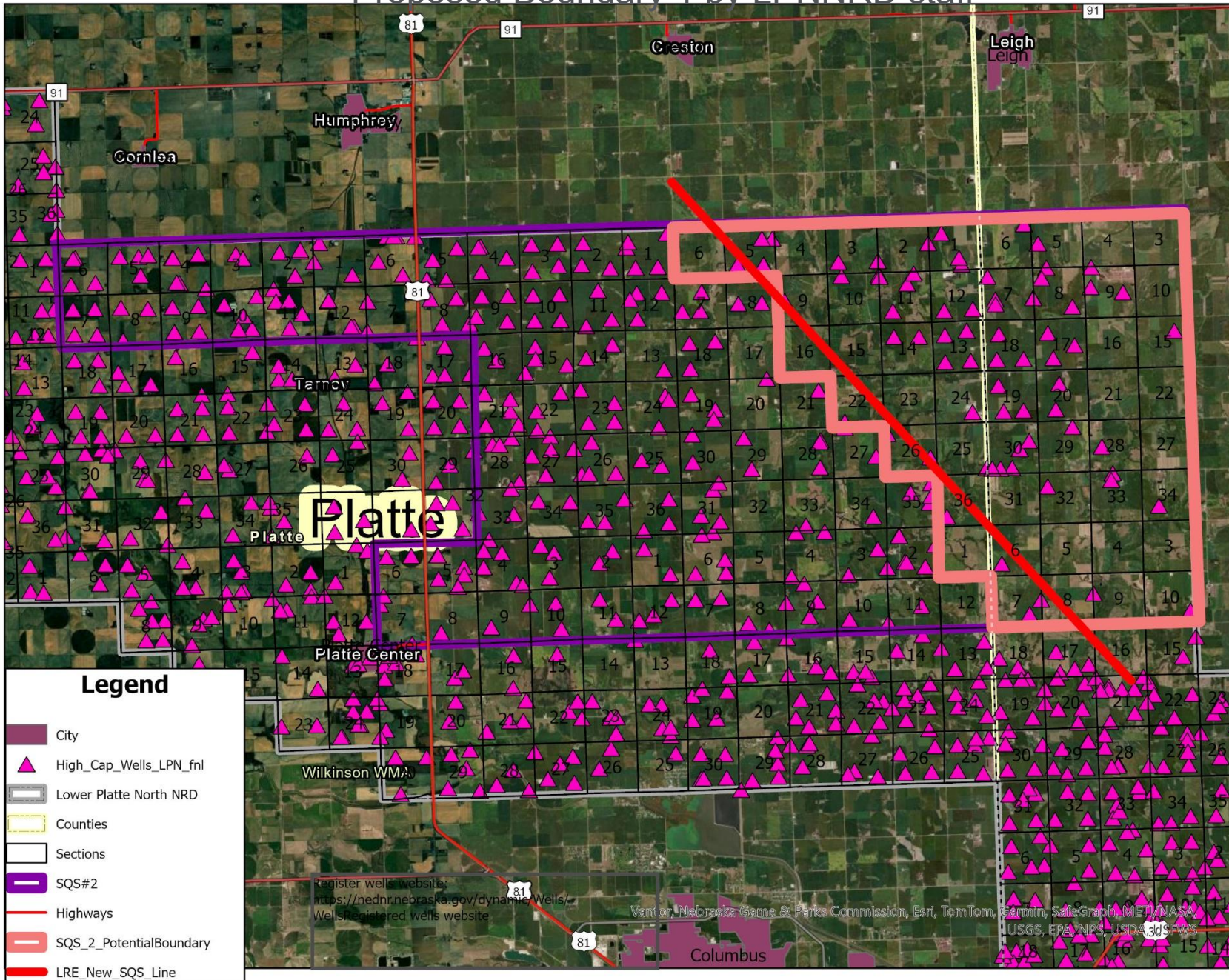
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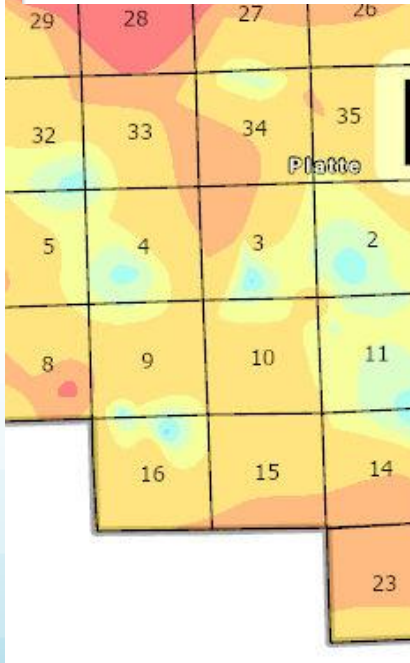
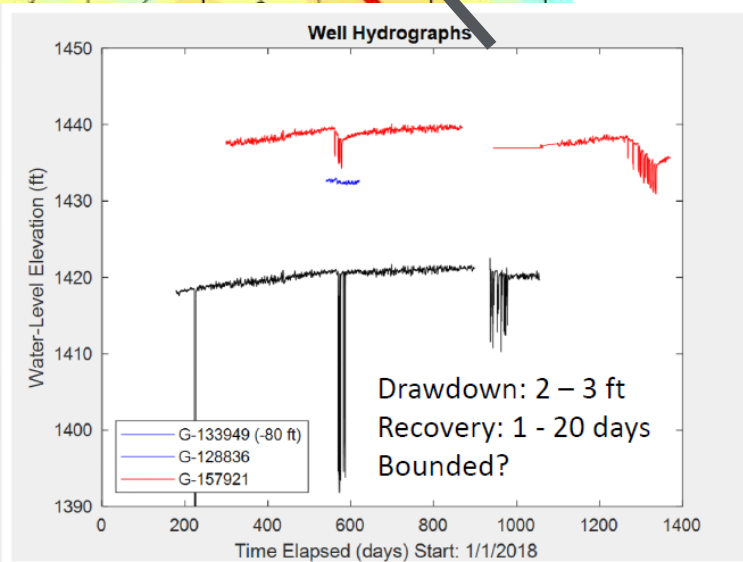
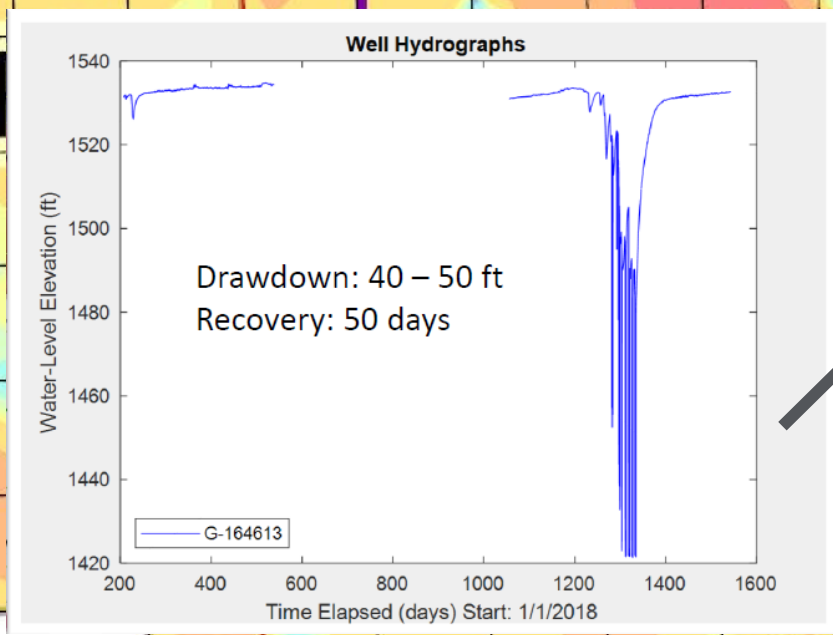
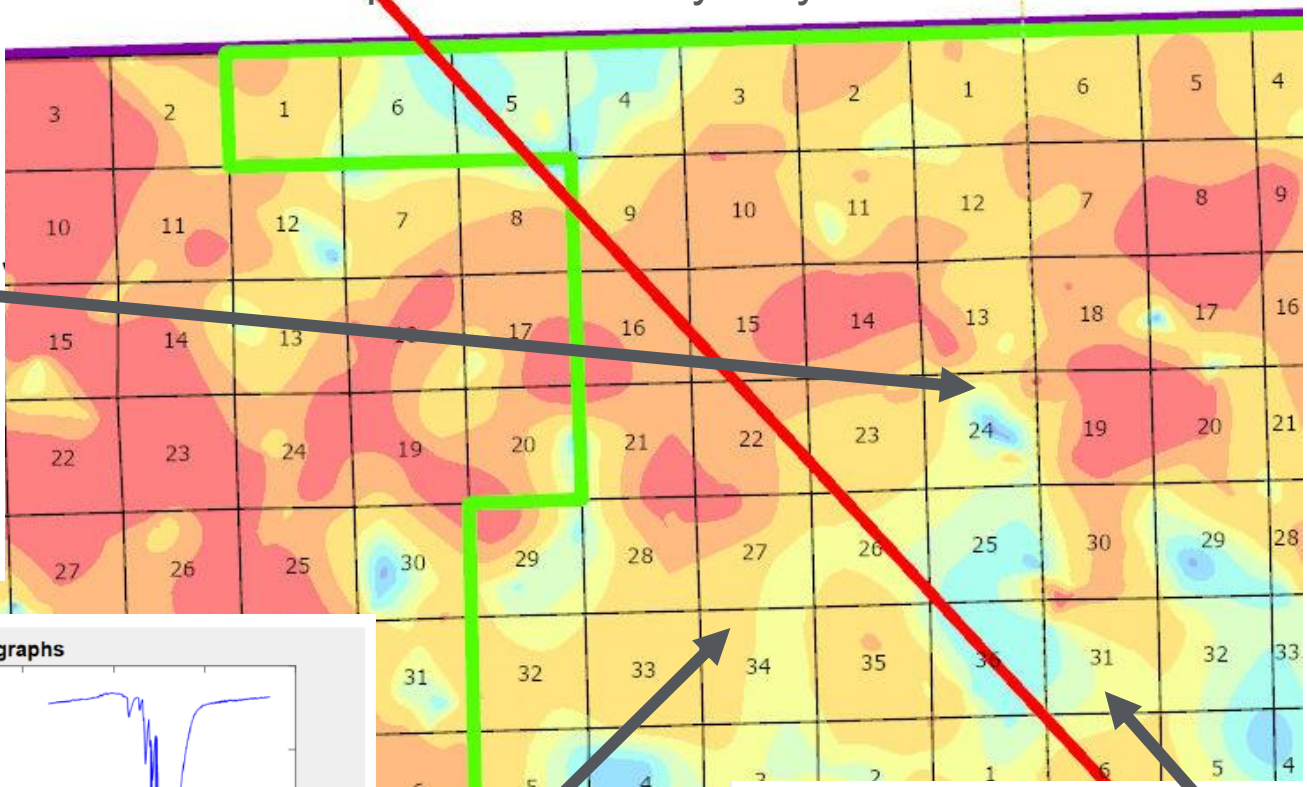
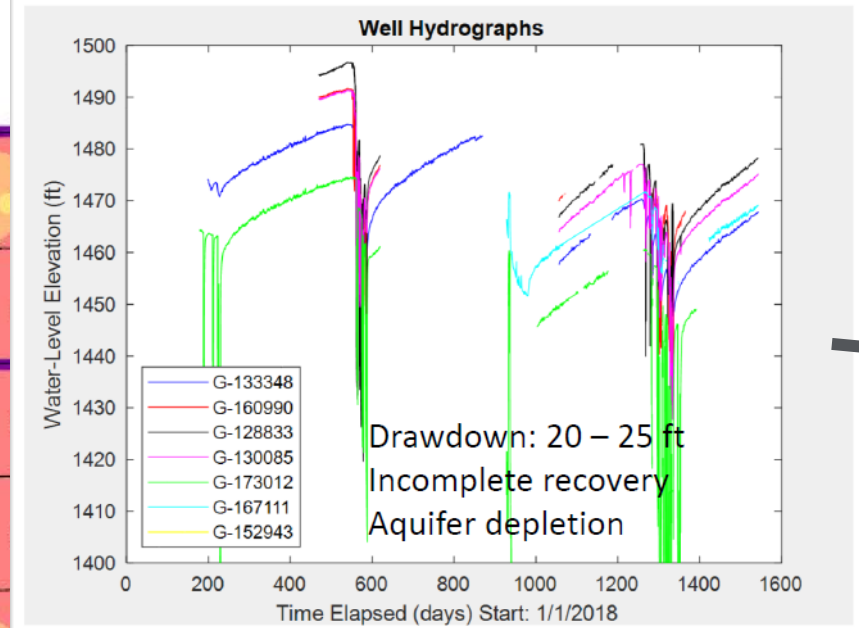
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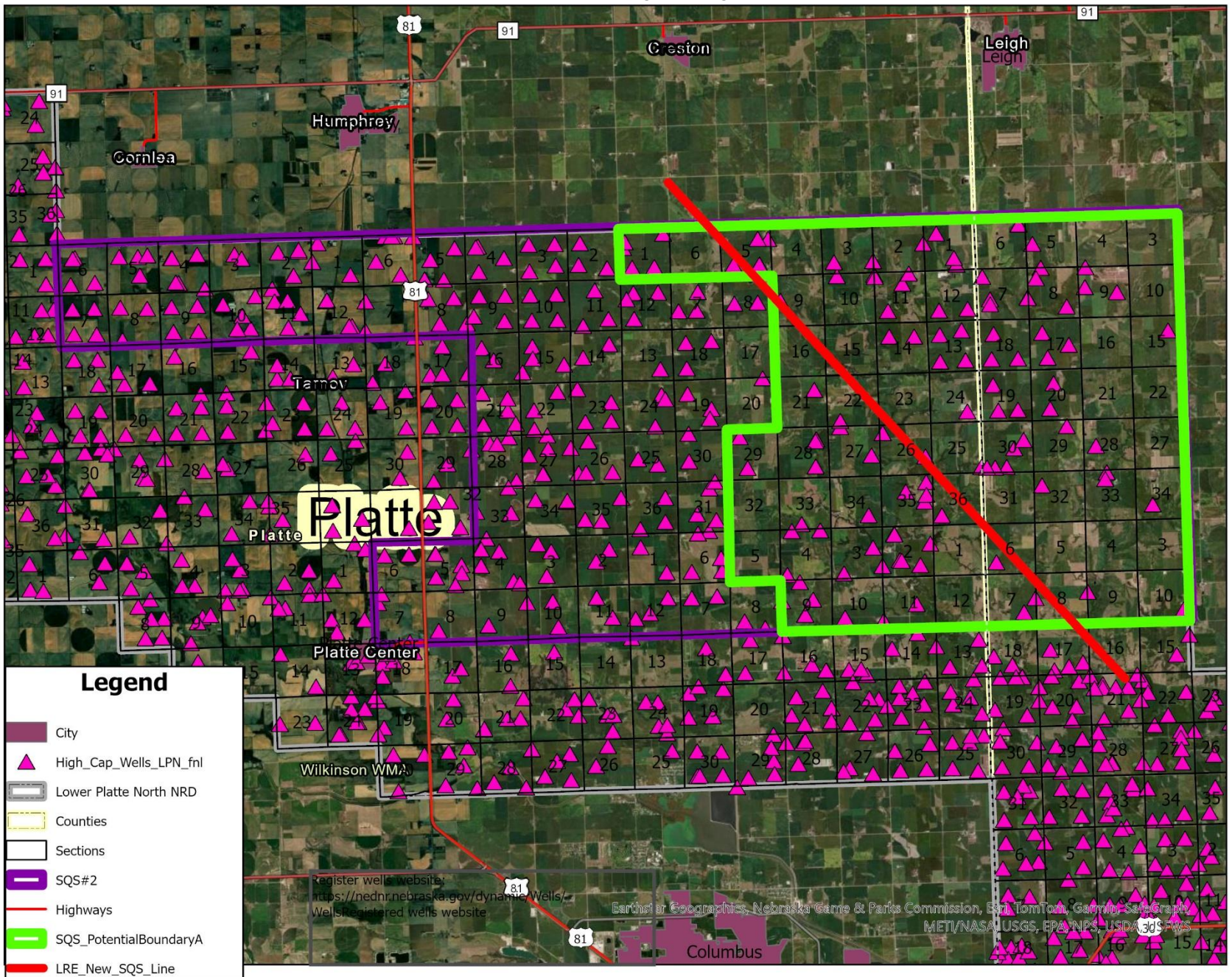
Proposed Boundary 1 by LPNNRD staff

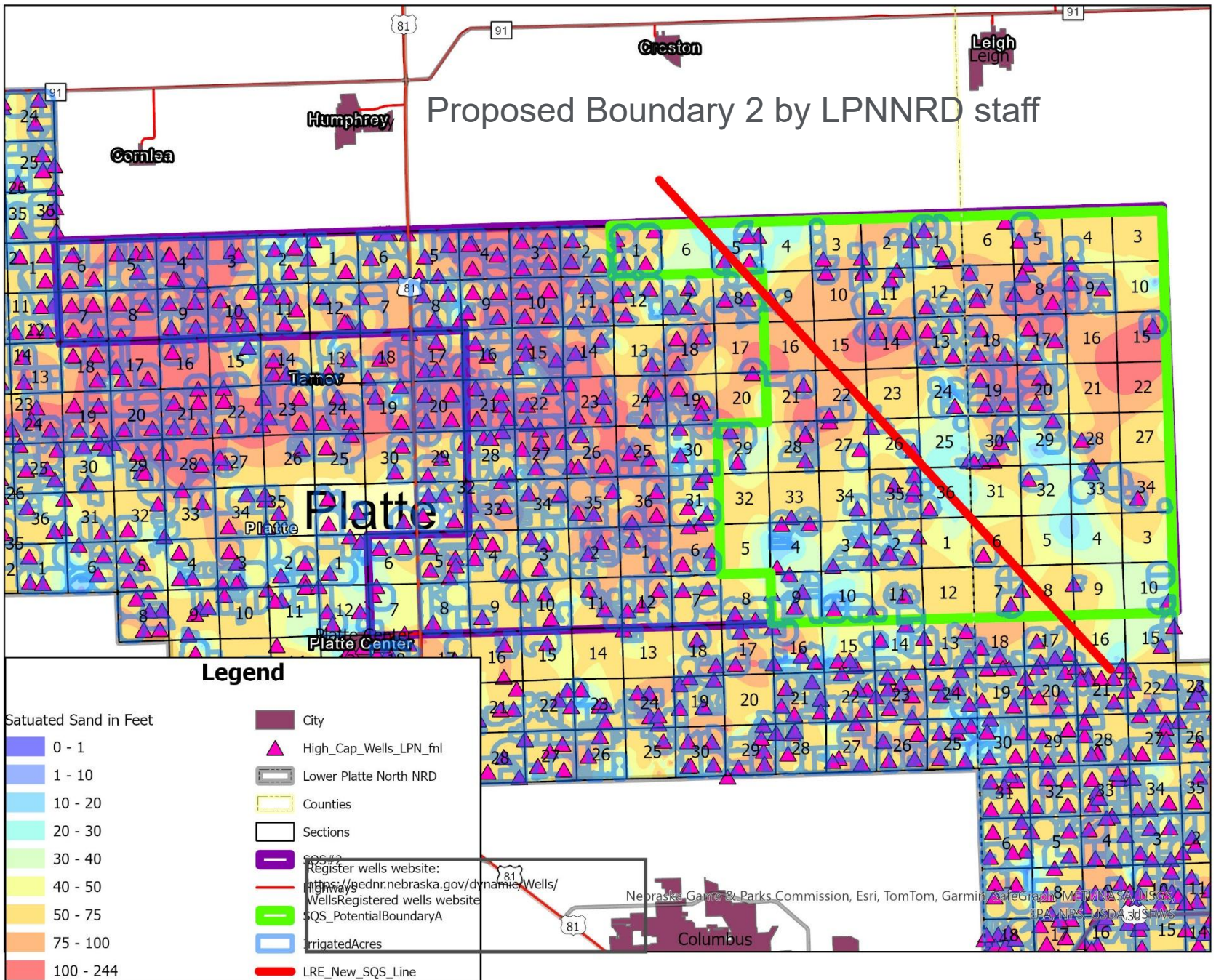


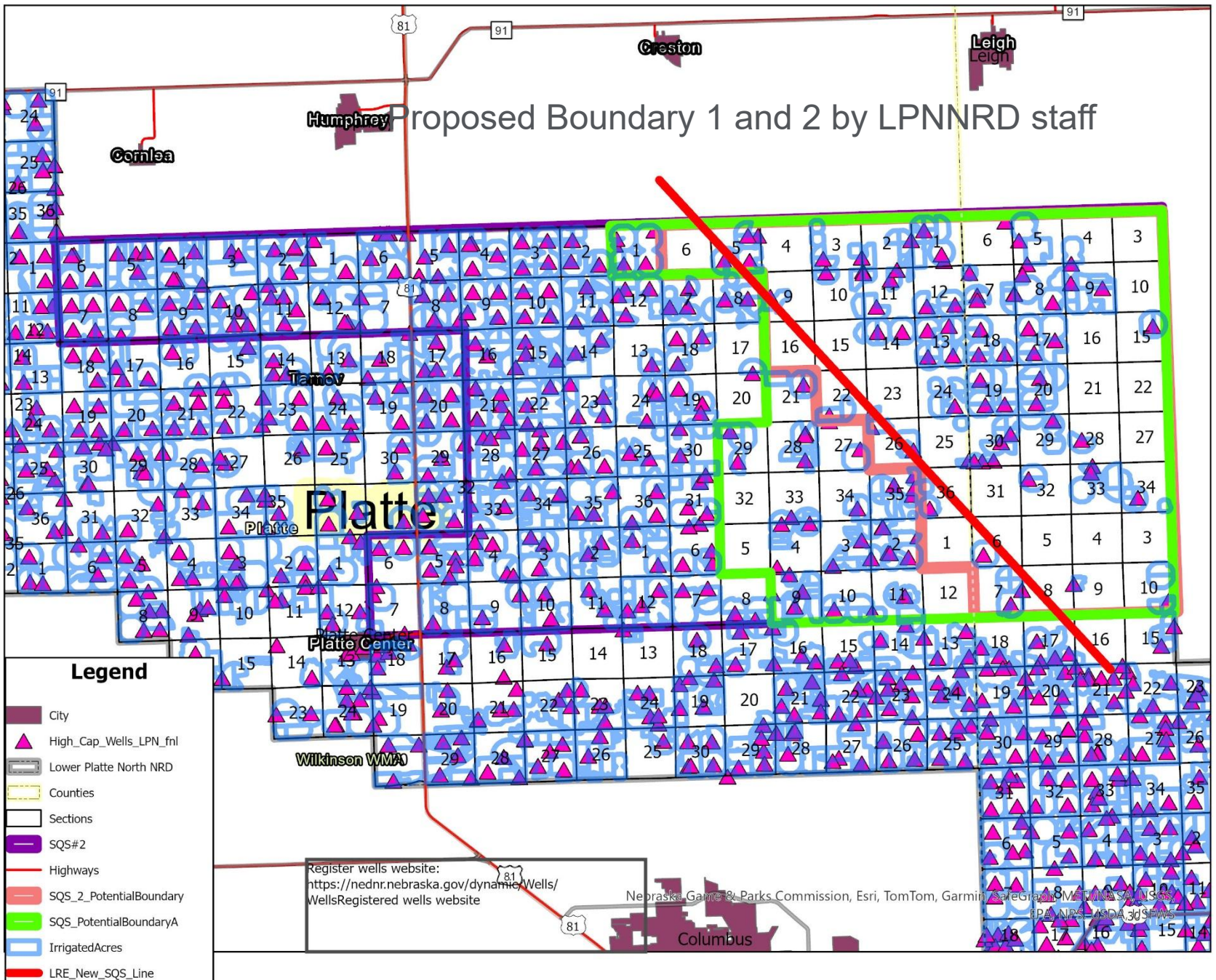
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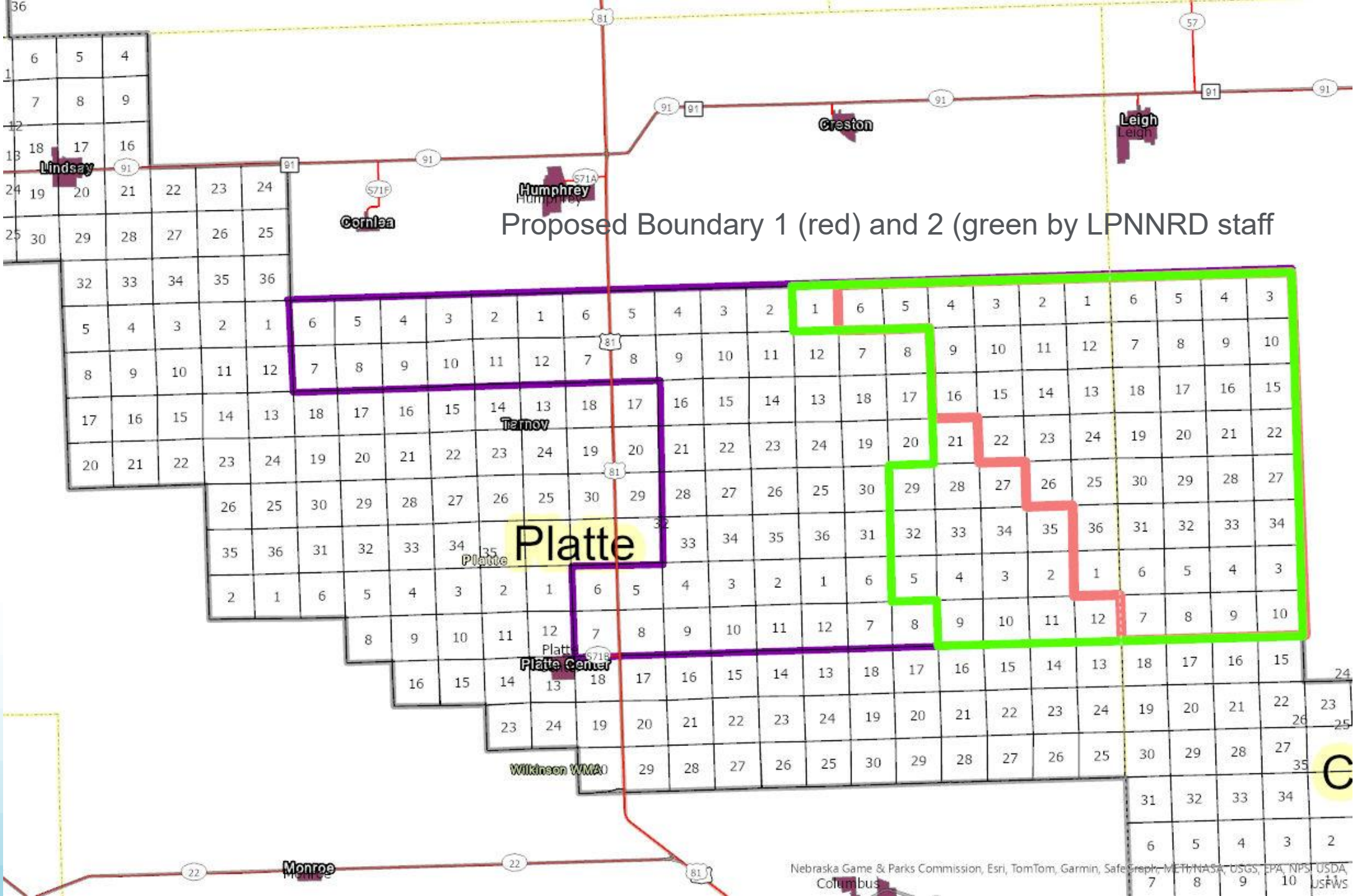


Proposed Boundary 2 by LPNNRD staff









Proposed Boundary 1 (red) and 2 (green by LPNRRD staff)



SQS #2 CURRENT RULES AND POTENTIAL CHANGES BY LPNNRD STAFF

- Boundary Adjustment
 - Potential Boundary 1
 - Potential Boundary 2
 - Keep Existing Boundary
 - Other Boundary Discussion
- New Wells
 - Is the NRD going to allow new wells?
 - How many and where?

SQS #2 CURRENT RULES AND POTENTIAL CHANGES BY LPNNRD STAFF

- Expansion of Acres
 - Allow expansion with current procedure
 - Allow expansion in certain areas only
- Allocations
 - 30 inches over a 3-year period
 - 40 inches over a 4-year period
 - Allows rotation of crops
 - Different allocations in different areas
- Domestic Wells

Section U Controls in Special Quantity Subareas

Rule 1 Designation of Special Quantity Subarea

The District may designate a Management Area for the protection of groundwater quantity in a portion or portions of the District where additional controls are necessary for the protection of groundwater quantity in that area. Such management area shall be known as a Special Quantity Subarea. Additional controls are necessary where the existing action level triggers established in Sections J, K, and L are insufficient to meet the groundwater management objective or the goals of the groundwater management objectives in the Special Quantity Subarea. Such additional controls are in the public interest and for the promotion of the health and welfare of the District because they will minimize pumping conflicts and protect groundwater supplies in the Special Quantity Subarea without imposing unnecessary controls in other portions of the District. Regulation of a Special Quantity Subarea is also grounded on the dynamic hydrologic, geologic, climatic, and soil conditions throughout the District. Because of these varying conditions, the uniform application throughout the management area of one or more controls would fail to carry out the intent of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act in a reasonably effective and equitable manner. As a result, the District imposes the controls for each Special Quantity Subarea described in Section U, Rule 2 as set forth in each in the following Rules respectively.

Rule 2 Standard Controls

Rule 2.1 Only Written Good Cause Variances Allowed

There shall be no new high capacity water wells in the Special Quantity Subarea without a Written Good Cause Variance. There shall be no increase in the consumptive use of Ground Water withdrawals for agricultural purposes from new water wells used for irrigation in the area from a new well, without a Written Good Cause Variance. An applicant for a Written Good Cause Variance that is also subject to this Section shall, in addition to the requirements provided for in the preceding rules, meet the requirements set forth in Section U. The District will follow the procedural requirements set forth in Section U when processing a Written Good Cause Variance under this Section.

Rule 2.2 Expansion of Acres from Existing Wells

New groundwater irrigated acres from an existing water well or wells in series shall be allowed in the Special Quantity Subarea. The applicant shall follow the rules set forth in Section J, Rule 11. Controls may be more stringent including, but not limited to, the number of allowable acres, water allowances and irrigation systems. The Board shall thereafter establish the controls by December 15 of each calendar year. If the Board fails to adopt different controls by December 15, the previous controls will remain in effect. The Board has the right from the conditional variance permits approval to adopt a different rolling allocation than the allocations set within the Quantity Sub-areas.

Rule 2.3 Best Management Practices

Any Landowner withdrawing Groundwater for agricultural purposes from any water well or for the benefit of any irrigated acres in the Special Quantity Subarea shall implement the following best management practices: The Landowner shall not irrigate from any water well or for the benefit of any irrigated acres in the Special Quantity Subarea unless the irrigation is for beneficial use for agricultural purposes. A Landowner must annually notify the District by telephone or in writing before irrigating for agricultural purposes from September 15 to April 15. This section shall not prohibit irrigation when necessary for compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued to a confined animal feeding operation.

Rule 2.4 Mandatory Educational Requirements

There shall be mandatory educational requirements for Landowners withdrawing Groundwater for agricultural purposes from any water well or for the benefit of any irrigated acres in the Special Quantity Subarea. The requirements shall be designed to stabilize or reduce the incidence of Groundwater depletion and reduce conflicts between Groundwater users. The Board shall establish the initial education requirements when establishing the Special Quantity Subarea. The Board shall thereafter establish the applicable educational requirements by December 15 for the following calendar year. The standard educational requirements shall be no less than one hour per year and no more than five hours per year.

Rule 2.5 Well Metering

All Landowners withdrawing Groundwater from a high capacity well, those wells pumping greater than 50 gallons per minute, in the Special Quantity Subarea must install a District approved Flow Meter for measuring Groundwater withdrawals. The General Provisions of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Flow Meters shall apply to Landowners and devices subject to this Section. A report of Groundwater withdrawal is also required and must be postmarked or otherwise submitted to the District by December 15 of the same year. If December 15 is a non-business day, the report must be postmarked by the next following business day.

Rule 2.6 Domestic Wells

New or replacement water wells to be used for domestic purposes in the Special Quantity Subarea shall be constructed to such a depth that they are less likely to be affected by seasonal water level declines caused by other water wells in the same area. Any person who installs a new or replacement water well for domestic purposes in the Special Quantity Subarea shall submit a certification from the water well contractor that the well was constructed in compliance with this section. The certification shall be submitted to the District within 90 days of completing construction.

Rule 2.7 Level One, Two, and Three Management Areas

Each Special Quantity Subarea shall be also governed by the applicable Level One, Two, or Three controls as enumerated in Sections J, K and L of the Rules and Regulations. The applicable controls governing each Special Quantity Subarea shall be based upon which Management Area the respective Subarea is located. The Special Quantity Subarea standard controls of Section U, Rule 2 shall supersede the Level One, Two, and Three controls where the two are in express conflict.

Rule 2.8 Mandatory Acre Certification

All Landowners with irrigation within a Special Quantity Subarea must maintain current, and accurate, irrigated acre certification with the District.

Rule 2.9 Static Water Level Measurements

The Board shall set a policy by December 15 for the taking of Static Water Levels, semi-annually, from a high capacity irrigation well withdrawing groundwater in the Special Quantity Subarea. The first measurement shall take place between March 15 and April 15 of each calendar year with the second measurement taking place between July 15 and August 15 of each calendar year. If the Board fails to adopt different controls by December 15, the previous controls will remain in effect. LPNNRD shall obtain written permission from the landowner to allow LPNNRD personnel to measure their well at the discretion of the District on form "Landowner Waiver for Static Water Level Measurements".

Rule 3 Butler/Saunders County Special Quantity Subarea

Rule 3.1 Standard Controls

The Standard Controls described in Rule 2 shall apply in the Butler/Saunders County Special Quantity Subarea described in Rule 5.1. District approved Flow Meters required under Rule 2.5 shall be properly installed according to manufacturer's recommendation by May 1, 2015. No Landowner shall operate an irrigation well after May 1, 2015 unless it is in compliance with this requirement.

Rule 3.2 Allocation

The use of Groundwater for agricultural purposes from any water well for irrigation or for the benefit of any Irrigated Acre in the Special Quantity Subarea shall be subject to an Allocation. Allocations shall be based upon a 3 year Rolling Allocation. The Board shall establish the initial annual allocation when establishing the Special Quantity Subarea. The Board shall thereafter establish the Rolling Allocation by December 15 of each calendar year. The Rolling Allocation shall specify the total number of acre-inches of irrigation water per irrigated acre for the rolling term. If the Board fails to adopt a Rolling Allocation by December 15, the Rolling Allocation for the following rolling three year term shall be 27 acre-inches per irrigated acre in this Special Quantity Subarea (the equivalent of 9 acre-inches per year of the rolling term). Rolling Allocations for any and all wells may be amended, reduced, increased, or made subject to limitations or conditions by the Board upon notice and hearing.

Rule 3.3 Timing and/or Rotation of Water Use

The timing of water use or applications shall be controlled by the District to restrict pumping during certain times of the day or to establish a rotation so high capacity wells are not all pumping at the same time. The Board may establish timing or rotation restrictions when establishing the Quantity Subarea and shall establish new timing or rotation restrictions by December 15 of each calendar year. Timing or rotation restrictions for any and all wells may be amended, reduced, increased, or made subject to limitations or conditions by the Board upon notice and hearing.

Rule 4 Colfax/Platte County Special Quantity Subarea

Rule 4.1 Standard Controls

The Standard Controls described in Rule 2 shall apply in the Colfax/Platte County Special Quantity Subarea described in Rule 5.2. District approved Flow Meters required under Rule 2.5 shall be properly installed according to manufacturer's recommendation by May 1, 2016. No Landowner shall operate an irrigation well after May 1, 2016 unless it is in compliance with this requirement.

Rule 4.2 Allocation

The use of Groundwater for agricultural purposes from any water well for irrigation or for the benefit of any Irrigated Acre in the Special Quantity Subarea shall be subject to an Allocation. Allocations shall be based upon a 3 year Rolling Allocation. The Board shall establish the initial annual allocation when establishing the Quantity Subarea. The Board shall thereafter establish the Rolling Allocation by December 15 of each calendar year. The Rolling Allocation shall specify the total number of acre-inches of irrigation water per irrigated acre for the rolling term. If the Board fails to adopt a Rolling Allocation by December 15, the Rolling Allocation for the following rolling three year term shall be 27 acre-inches per irrigated acre in this Special Quantity Subarea (the equivalent of 9 acre-inches per year of the rolling term). Rolling Allocations for any and all wells may be amended, reduced, increased, or made subject to limitations or conditions by the Board upon notice and hearing.

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Rule 5 Designation of Special Quantity Subareas in the District

Rule 5.1 Butler/Saunders County

The Butler/Saunders County Special Quantity Subarea shall consist of Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36 in Township 15 North, Range 3 East; Sections 1-36 in Township 15 North, Range 4 East; Sections 4-9 and 16-36 in Township 15 North, Range 5 East; Sections 25 and 36 in Township 16 North, Range 3 East; Sections 25-36 in Township 16 North, Range 4 East; and Sections 30-32 in Township 16 North, Range 5 East in Butler and Saunders Counties. (See attached map as Exhibit "B" for reference.)

Rule 5.2 Colfax/Platte County

The Colfax/Platte County Special Quantity Subarea shall consist of Sections 1-12 in Township 18 North, Range 1 West; Sections 1-12 in Township 18 North, Range 1 East; Sections 3-10 in Township 18 North, Range 2 East; Sections 1-12 in Township 19 North, Range 2 West; Sections 1-16, 21-28, and 33-36 in Township 19 North, Range 1 West; Sections 1-36 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East; and Sections 3-10, 15-22, and 27-34 in Township 19 North, Range 2 East in Colfax and Platte Counties. (See attached map as Exhibit "B" for reference.)

Section V Penalties for Violations in a Special Quantity Subarea

Rule 1 Additional Penalty

In addition to or in lieu of the authority in Section B, and notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules and Regulations, the District may impose a penalty on any person who violates any control required or any Variance granted under this Section. Such penalties include, but are not limited to, a reduction (in whole or in part) in any Rolling Allocation of Groundwater applicable to the person, or additional educational requirements for the person.

Rule 2 Enforcement

The General Manager shall initiate enforcement by sending a notice to the person by Certified Mail. The person shall have 10 days from receiving the notice to request a hearing in writing to the District. If requested, the Board shall hold a hearing. Following the hearing, or if no hearing is requested, the Board shall determine the appropriate penalty under the circumstances.

Rule 3 Annual Reduction Formula

If, at the termination of the three year rolling term, any groundwater user has exceeded the Rolling Allocation by more than one-half (0.5) inches per acre, the Rolling Allocation for the following three year term shall be reduced by the amount the groundwater user exceeded his Rolling Allocation times a factor of 6 (e.g. an excess by one acre-inch shall result in a six acre-inch reduction in the users Rolling Allocation for the following three year term). For purposes of calculation of the reduction, all fractional figures shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

If any groundwater user fails to follow any timing and/or rotation restrictions imposed by the District the user shall have his Rolling Allocation reduced up to 6 acre inches for each offense.

Rule 4 Penalty for Tampering

Any person who tampers, obstructs, modifies, or takes any action for the purpose of producing an inaccurate or incorrect Flow Meter reading or who takes any other action that would prevent the District from obtaining an accurate estimate of actual groundwater use shall be subject to a permanent revocation of the groundwater users variances, well permits, future allocations, and/or the rescission of all Certified Irrigated Acres attributable to the violator. Notice and hearing shall be provided to such groundwater users before the District takes any action under this Rule.

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INVOICE

INVOICE: #3094
Date: January 15, 2026

TO:
Lower Platte North Natural Resources District
PO Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066
Attn: Daryl Andersen

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FY 2026 ENWRA annual dues	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$30,000

Make all checks payable to **ENWRA**

THANK YOU!

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DOWN PAYMENT (BILL) REQUEST

Make Remittance Payable To: U.S. Geological Survey
Billing Contact: Amanda Flynn, Budget Analyst Phone: 402-328-4144,
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Bill #: 90156301
Customer: 6000000136
Date: 01/22/2026
Due Date: 03/23/2026

Remit Payment To: United States Geological Survey
P.O. Box 6200-27
Portland, OR 97228-6200

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Additional forms of payment may be accepted. Please email GS-A-HQ_RMS@USGS.GOV or call 703-648-7683 for additional information.

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Amount of Payment: \$ _____

Date	Description	Qty	Unit Price		Amount
			Cost	Per	
01/22/2026	The streamgages at Shell Creek near Columbus and Wahoo Creek at Ashland, as agreed to in Joint Funding Agreement 25NRJFA00170 between the US Geological Survey and the Lower Platte North NRD JFA 25NRJFA00170 25NRJFA00170	1	4,344.00	1	4,344.00

Amount Due this Bill: 4,344.00

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