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|                     | ) | DOCKET NO. TR- 121647-P              |
|                     | ) |                                      |
| Yakima County Roads | ) | PETITION FOR THE CLOSURE             |
| _____               | ) | OF A HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE              |
| Petitioner,         | ) | CROSSING                             |
|                     | ) |                                      |
| vs.                 | ) |                                      |
| BNSF RAILWAY        | ) |                                      |
| _____               | ) |                                      |
| Respondent          | ) |                                      |
|                     | ) | USDOT CROSSING NO.:                  |
|                     | ) | USDOT 104516J – N Stevens – Railroad |
| .....               | ) | Milepost 68.40                       |

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Prior to submitting a Petition for the Closure of a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) requirements must be met. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-865 (2) requires:


**All actions of the utilities and transportation commission under statutes administered as of December 12, 1975, are exempted, except the following:**

**(2) Authorization of the openings or closing of any highway/railroad grade crossing, or the direction of physical connection of the line of one railroad with that of another;**

Please attach sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the SEPA requirement has been fulfilled. For additional information on SEPA requirements contact the Department of Ecology.

The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to approve the closure of a public at-grade highway-railroad crossing as described in this petition.

*Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information*

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| Petitioner     | YAKIMA COUNTY ROADS   |
| Signature      | X  |
| Street Address | 128 NORTH SECOND STREET-FOURTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE                                       |

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| City, State and Zip Code<br>YAKIMA , WA. 98901        |
| Mailing Address, if different than the street address |
| Contact Person Name<br>KENT MCHENRY                   |
| Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address 509-547-2300  |

*Section 2 – Respondent’s Information*

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| BNSF RAILWAY  | Respondent |
| 2454 OCCIDENTAL AVE SOUTH SUITE 1-A<br>Street Address                           |            |
| SEATTLE, WA. 98134-1451<br>City, State and Zip Code                             |            |
| Mailing Address, if different than the street address                           |            |
| RICHARD WAGNER<br>Contact Person Name   |            |
| 206-625-6152 Richard.Wagner@bnsf.com<br>Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address |            |

**Section 3 – Crossing Location**

1. Existing highway/roadway USDOT 104516J – N Stevens – Railroad Milepost 68.40

2. Existing railroad BNSF RAILWAY

3. USDOT Crossing No. USDOT 104516J – N Stevens – Railroad Milepost 68.40

4. Located in the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Sec. 13 , Twp. 10 , Range 20  
W.M.

5. GPS location, if known \_\_\_\_\_

7. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) USDOT 104516J – N Stevens – Railroad Milepost 68.40

8. City \_\_\_\_\_ County YAKIMA COUNTY

**Section 4 – Crossing Traffic**

1. Type of public road at the crossing  State  County  City

Port  State Park  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Average daily vehicle traffic over the tracks 46 Vehicle speed limit UN-POSTED 50

3. Trucks (commercial vehicles) are what percent of average daily traffic 0%

4. Number of school buses over the crossing each day 0

5. Name of railroad(s) operating at crossing \_\_\_\_\_  
BNSF RAILWAY

6. Type of railroad at crossing  Common Carrier  Logging  Industrial  
 Passenger  Excursion

7. Type of tracks at crossing  Main Line  Siding or Spur

8. Number of tracks at crossing   1  

9. Average daily train traffic, freight   12  

Authorized freight train speed  49 mph  Operated freight train speed  49 mph 

10. Average daily train traffic, passenger   0  

Authorized passenger train speed  N/A  Operated passenger train speed  N/A

***Section 5 – Description of Closure***

1. Describe in detail the reasons for closing the crossing YAKIMA COUNTY ROAD WILL CLOSE N. STEVENS RD AND CONSTRUCT A GRAVEL HAMMER HEAD

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2. Describe the area currently served by the crossing, including the approximate number of homes or businesses that might be affected by the closure NONE

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3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the crossing proposed for closure? 1 MILE

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time \_\_\_\_\_

CARS CAN CONTINUE TO TRAVEL WEST ON SR 22 ONE MILE  
(2 MIN TRAVEL TIME)

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***Section 6 – Illustration of Crossing***

Attach a diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the location of the highway and railroad in the vicinity of the crossing. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the highway for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.

*Section 7 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent*

**Waiver of Hearing**

The undersigned represents the Respondent in the closure of the following crossing.

USDOT Crossing No. \_\_\_USDOT 104516J – N Stevens – Railroad Milepost 68.40\_

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We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We agree the grade crossing should be closed and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

RICHARD WAGNER

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Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

MANAGER PUBLIC PROJECTS

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Title

BNSF RAILWAY

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Name of Company

206-625-6152 Richard.Wagner@bnsf.com

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Phone number and e-mail address

2454 OCCIDENTAL AVE SOUTH SUITE 1-A

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SEATTLE, WA. 98134-1451

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Mailing address

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VERN M. REDIFER, P.E. - Director

September 20, 2012

Yakima County Public Services – Roads and Transportation Division  
Attn: John Hood  
128 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Fourth Floor Courthouse  
Yakima, WA 98901

RE: Closure of North Stevens Road and construction of a gravel hammerhead

Dear Mr. Hood:

This letter is in response to your request for a determination on the requirements for environmental review and critical areas review to close North Stevens Road at the BNSF railroad tracks and construct a gravel hammerhead. Based on the information submitted, including location of proposed work and estimated volume of fill material needed, it has been determined that your proposal does not require Critical Areas review. North Stevens Road is not a highway; therefore a Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is not required under WAC197-11-865(2). The proposal also falls below SEPA categorical exemption flexible thresholds listed in WAC 197-11-800(1) and adopted by Yakima County under Yakima County Code Title 16.04.100.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Byron J. Gumz  
Environmental and Natural Resources Project Planner  
Yakima County Public Services – Planning Division

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*If this letter pertains to a meeting and you need special accommodations, please call us at 509-574-2300 by 10:00 a.m. three days prior to the meeting. For TDD users, please use the State's toll free relay service 1-800-833-6388 and ask the operator to dial 509-574-2300.*

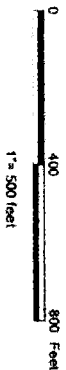
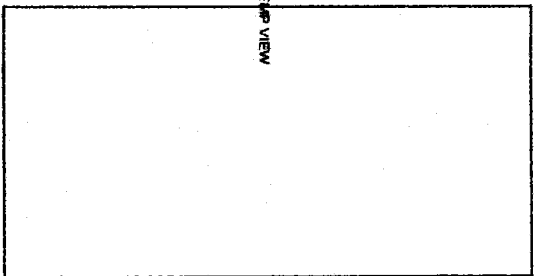


Stevens Rd., N.

Lat 46.218576  
Long -120.162266

N. STEVENS RD

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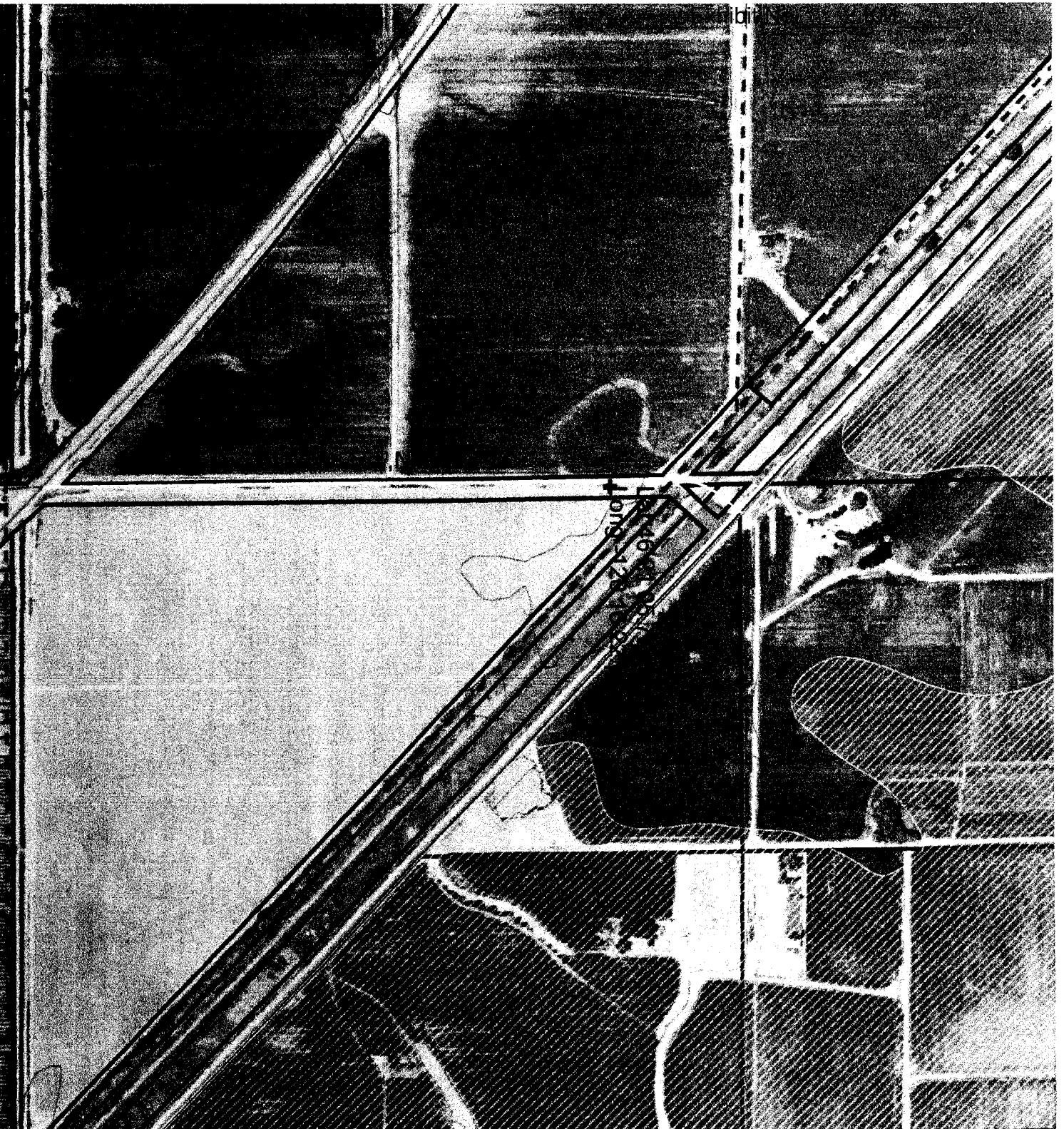


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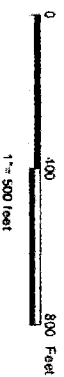
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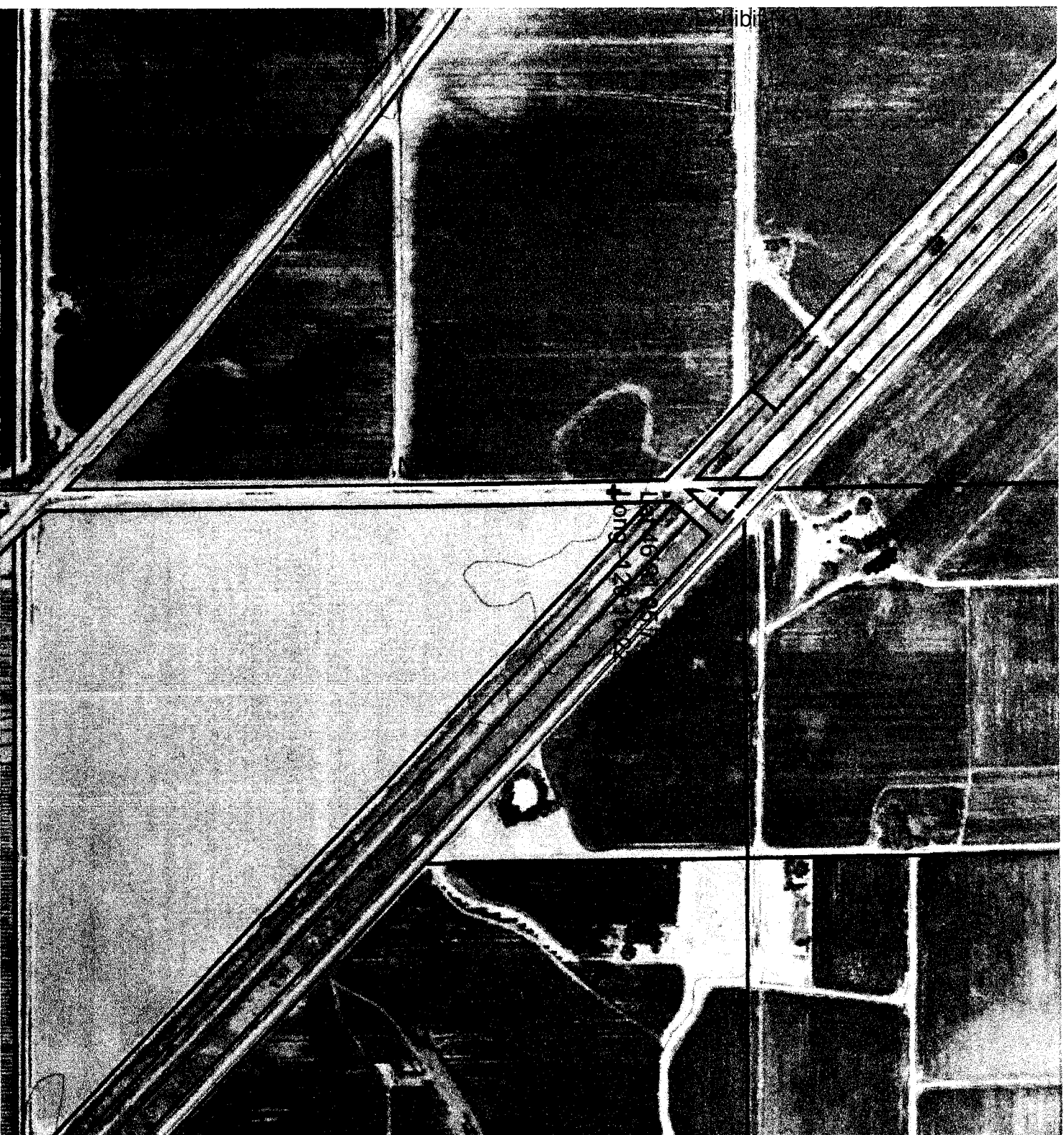
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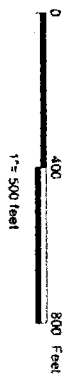
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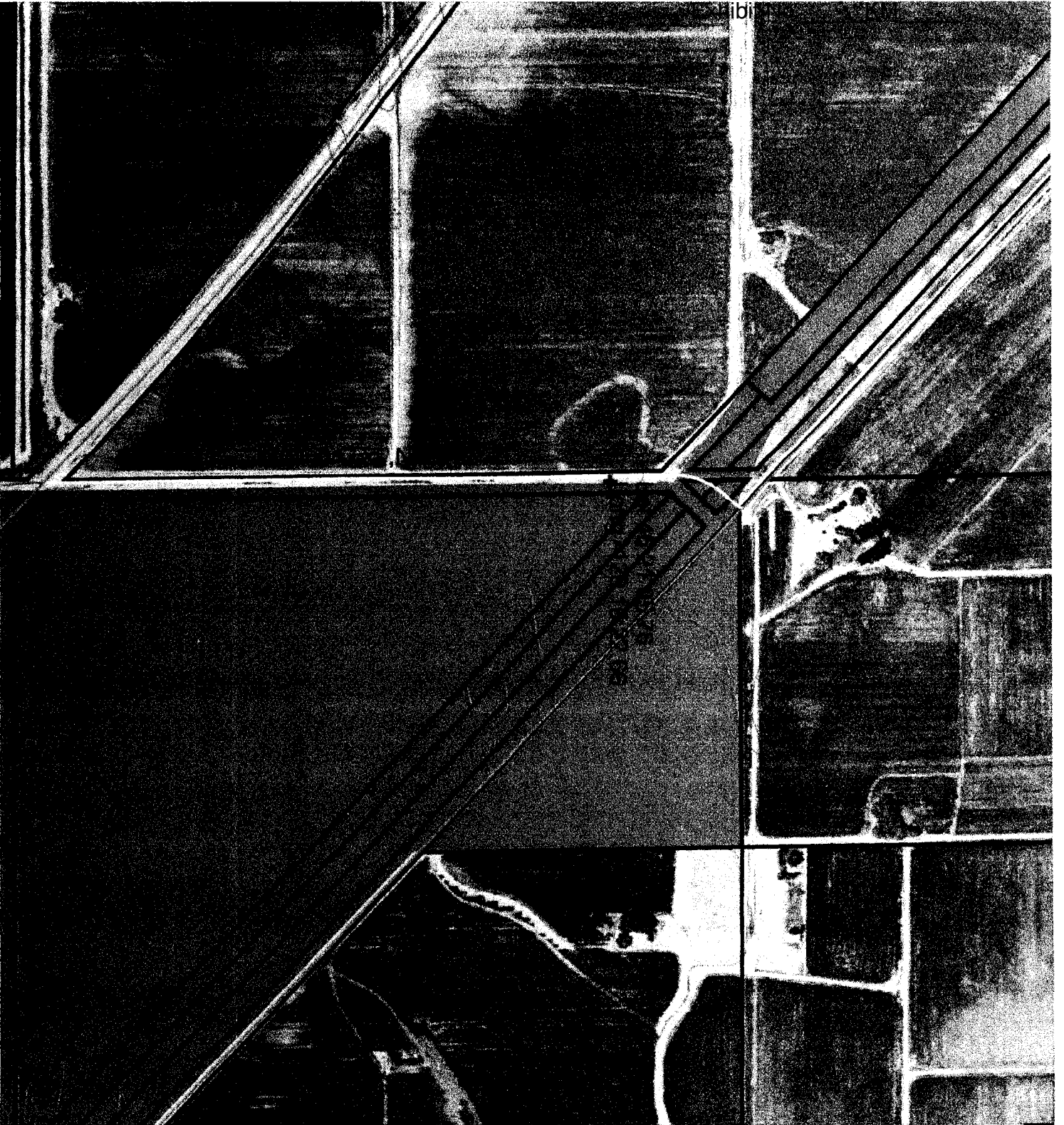
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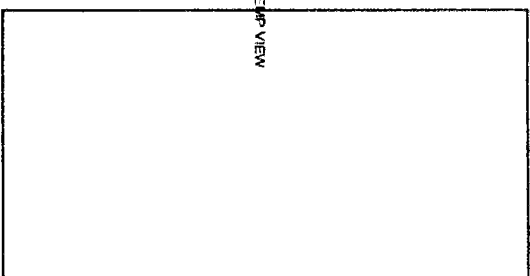
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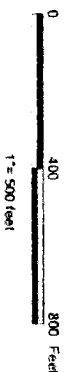
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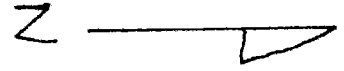
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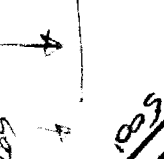
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Stevens Rd., N.

• W2023  
• R11/2

- Signs
- X = North Stevens Rd  
Closed at  
S. Track Rd / I-95 XING
- ① NORTH STEVENS RD  
CLOSED AT  
S. TRACK RD  
(R11-3/MOD)
- ② NORTH STEVENS RD  
CLOSED AT  
S.R. 22



Parton Rd.

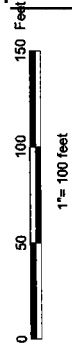
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