

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

)	DOCKET NO. TR- 121647-P
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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

Petitioner	YAKIMA COUNTY ROADS
Signature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 
Street Address	128 NORTH SECOND STREET-FOURTH FLOOR COURTHOUSE

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

Section 2 – Respondent’s Information

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

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

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)

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

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

Printed name of Respondent

Signature of Respondent's Representative

MANAGER PUBLIC PROJECTS

Title

BNSF RAILWAY

Name of Company

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

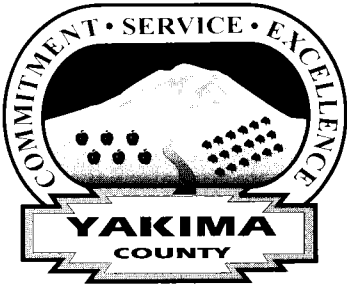
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VERN M. REDIFER, P.E. - Director

September 20, 2012

Yakima County Public Services – Roads and Transportation Division
Attn: John Hood
128 North 2nd 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.

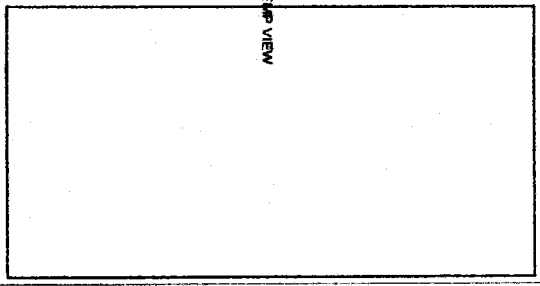
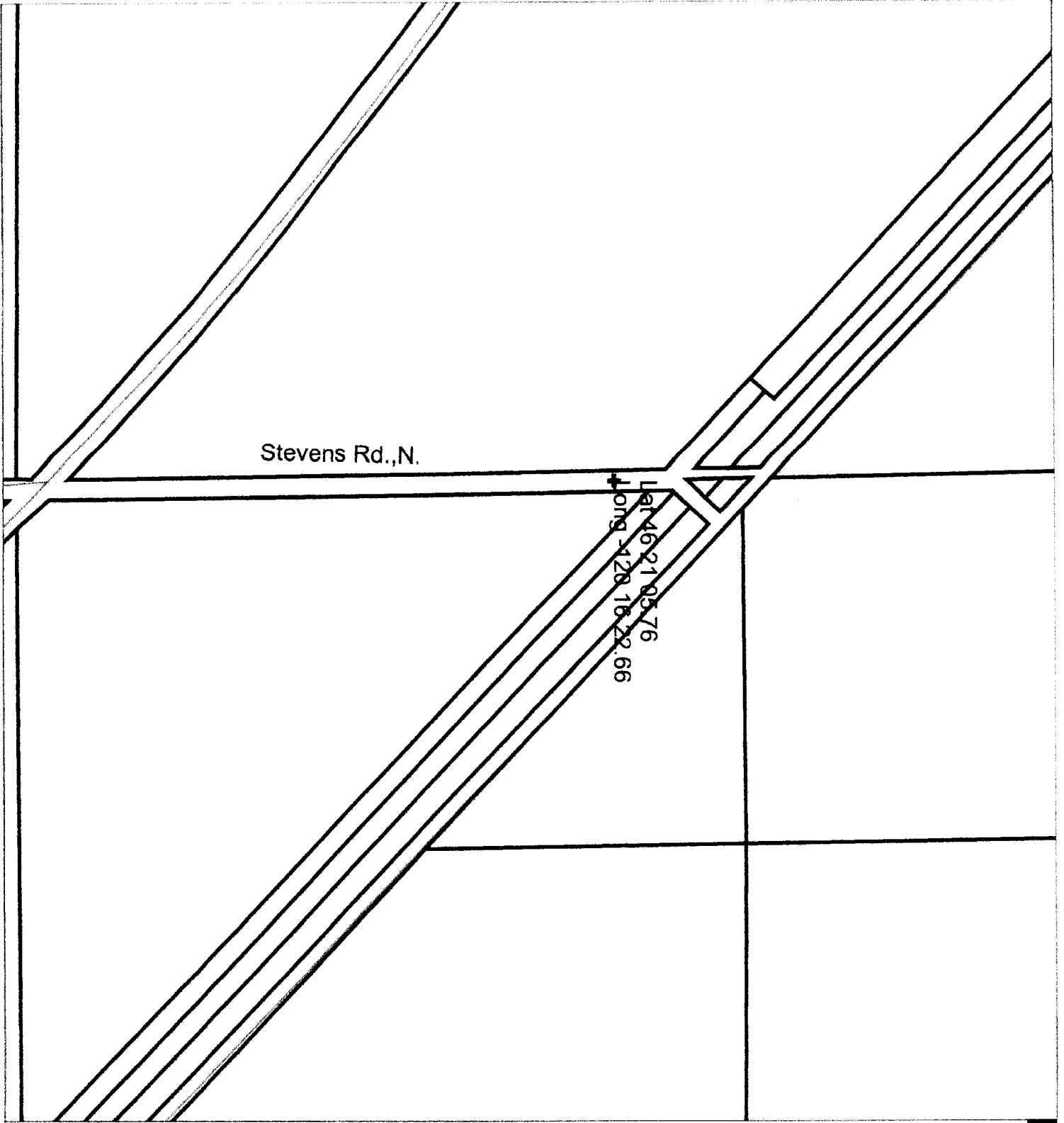
Sincerely,

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

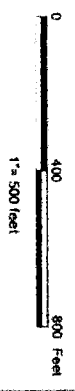
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If this letter pertains to a meeting and you need special accommodations, please call us at 509-574-2300 by 10:00 a.m. three days prior to the meeting. For TDD users, please use the State's toll free relay service 1-800-833-6388 and ask the operator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

N. STEVENS RD



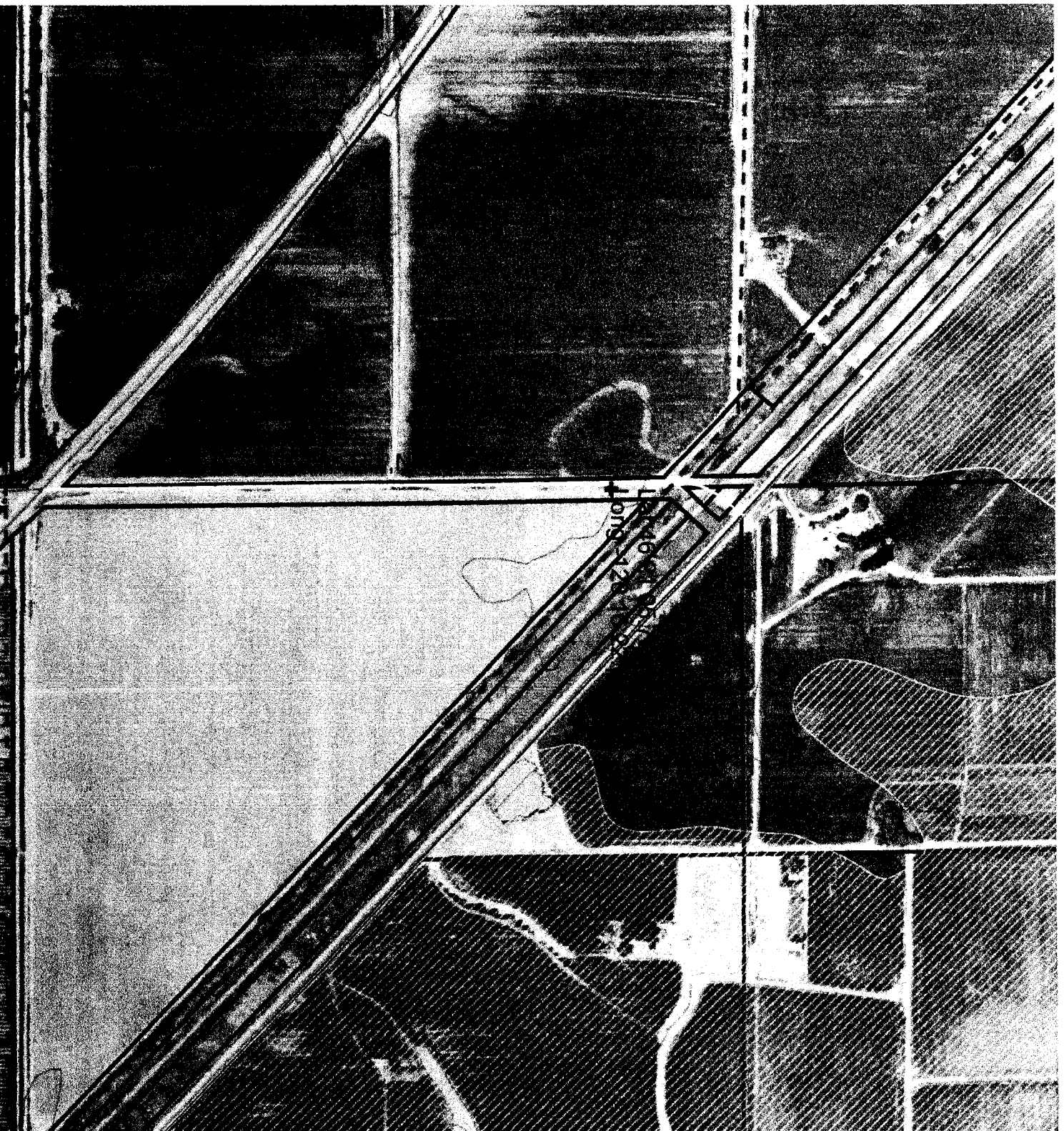
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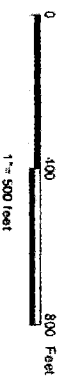
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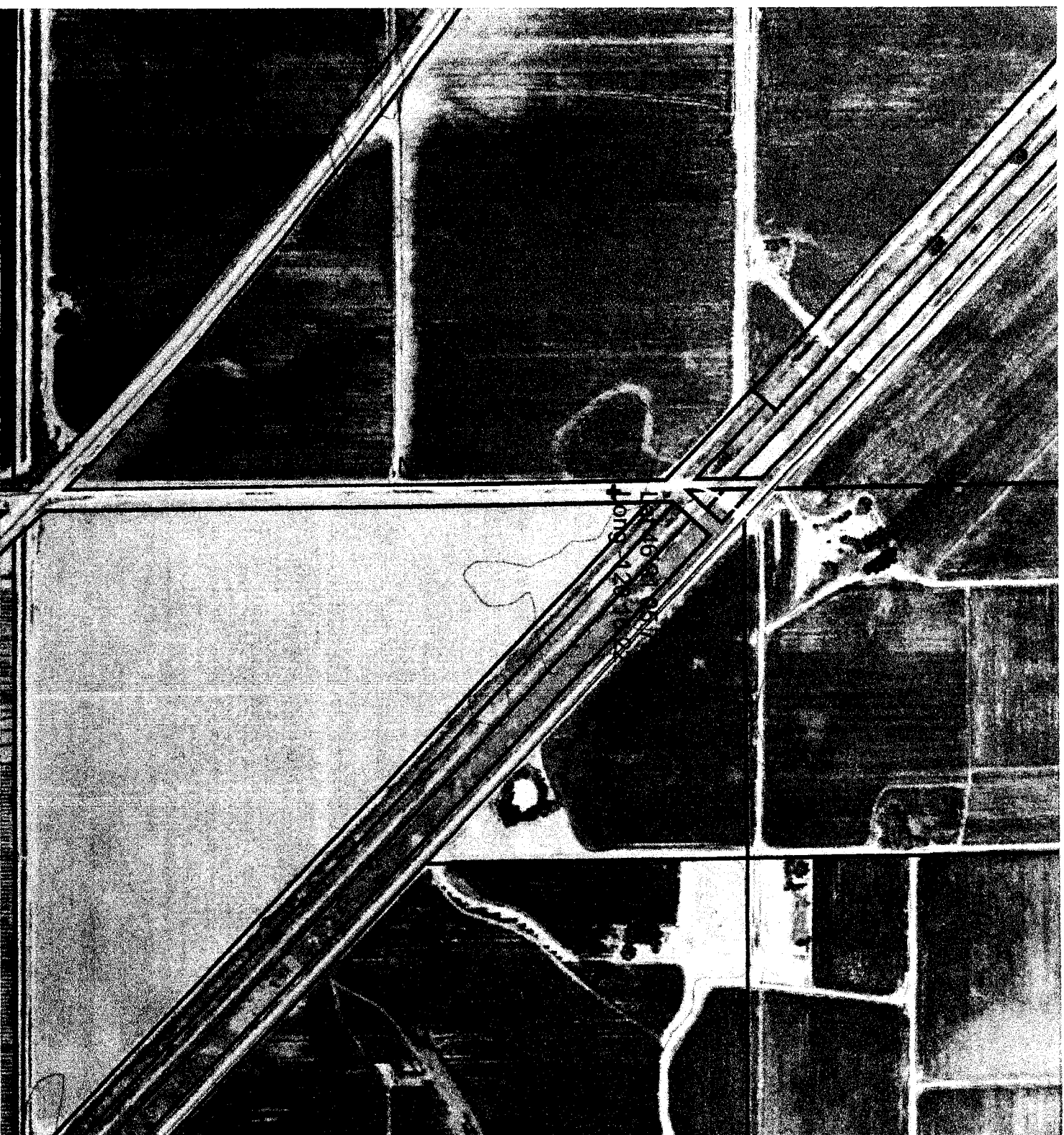


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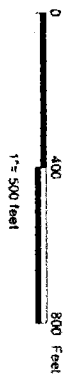
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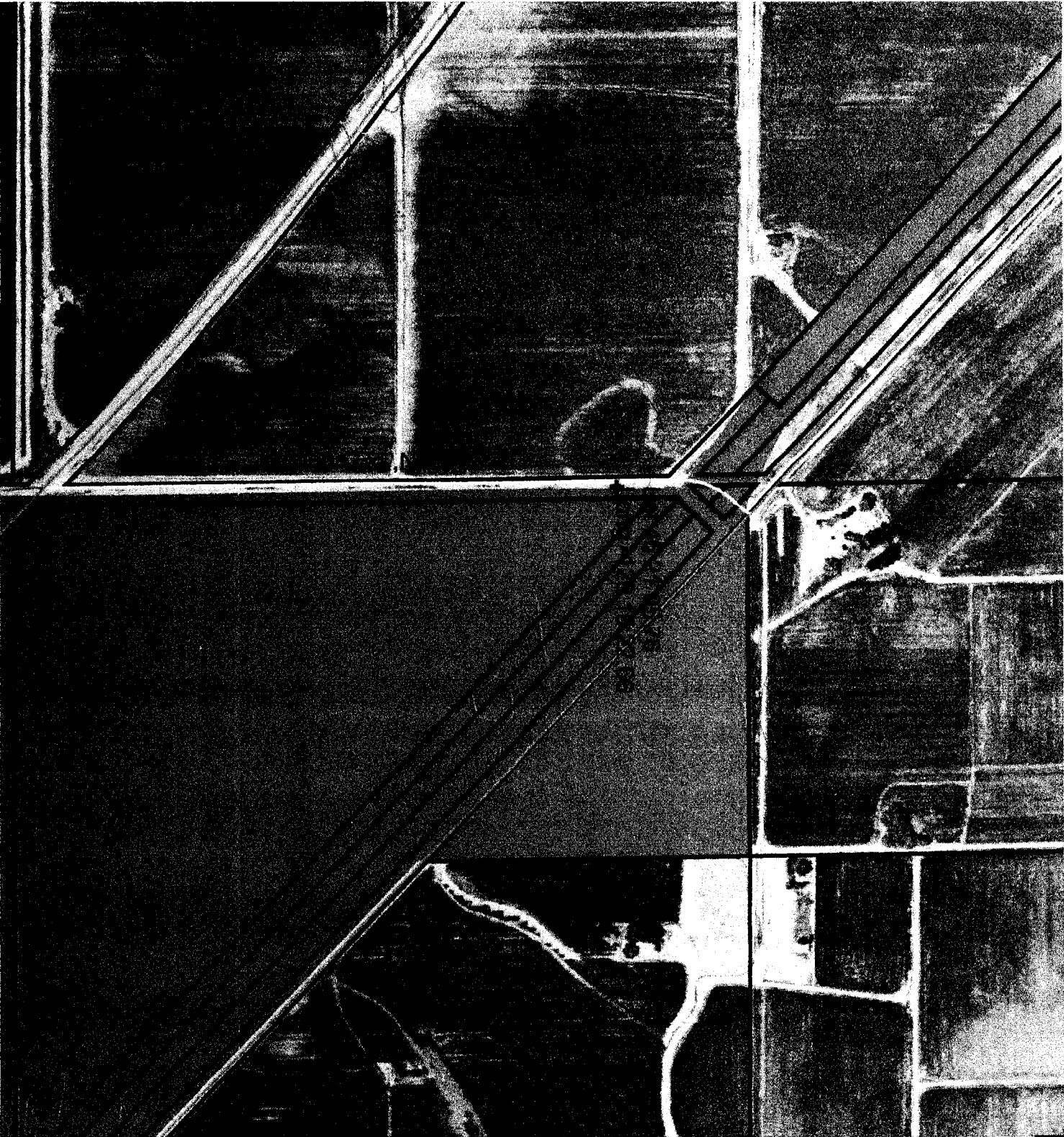
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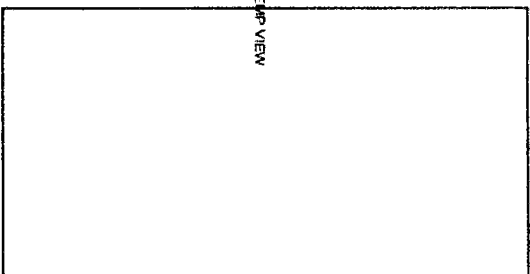
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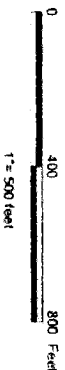
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Meyers Rd., N.

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Stevens Rd., N.

Parton Rd.



S.R. 22

2300'

550'

550'

W2003

R11/2

550'

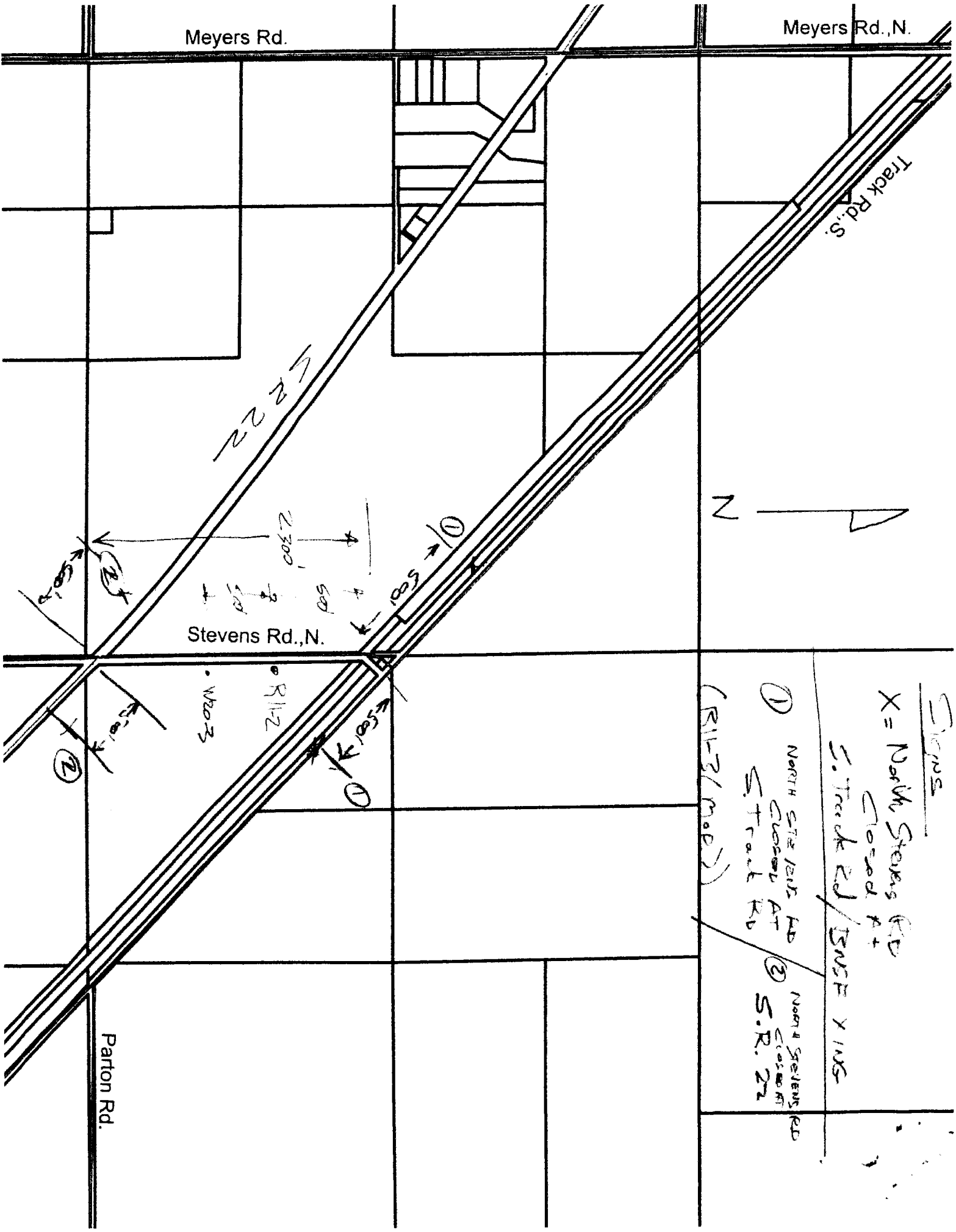
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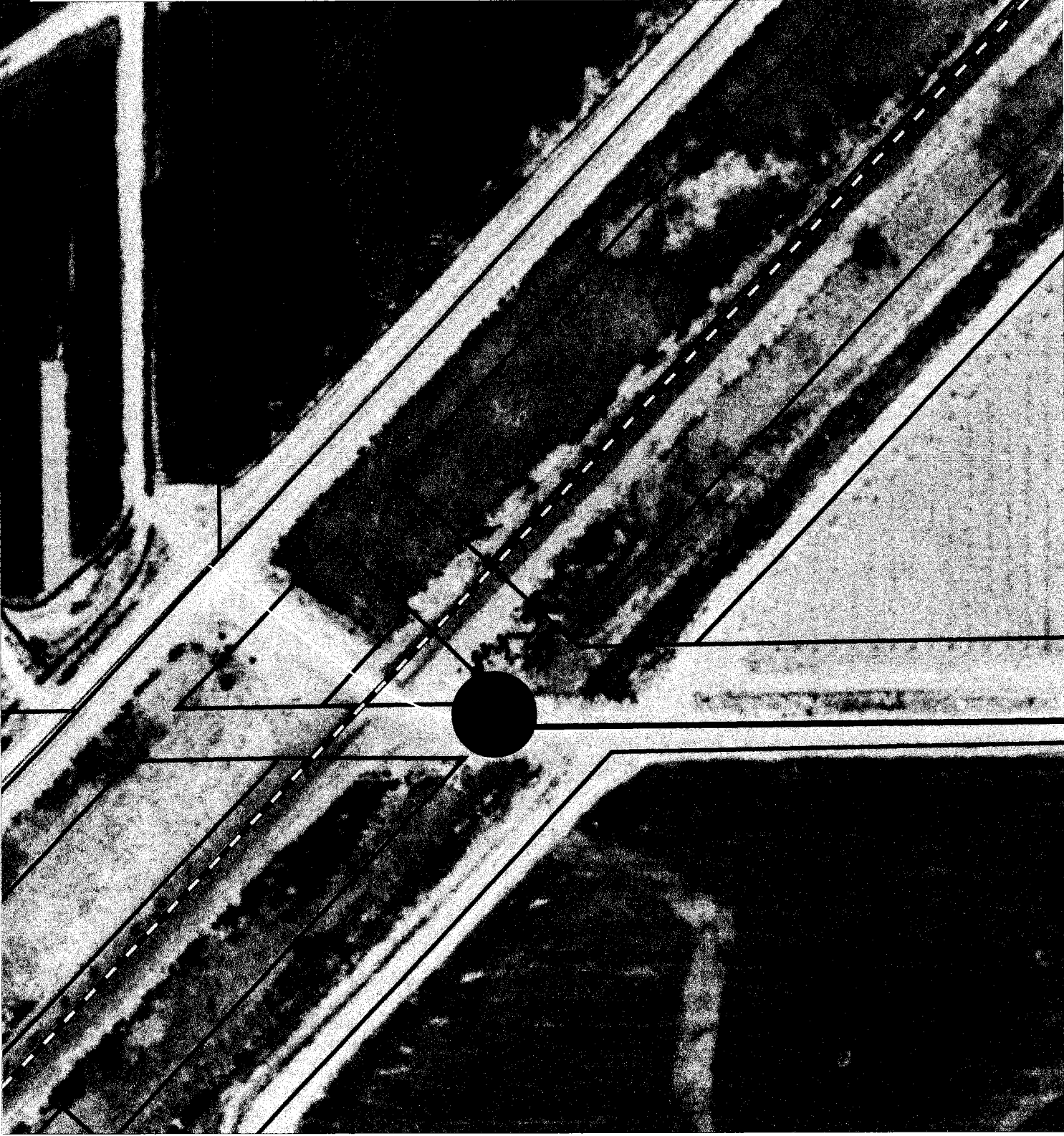
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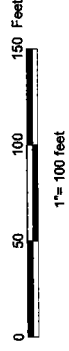
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