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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TABLE TOP TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., FOR
AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK
QC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE INC. TO
AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY

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JOINT APPLICATIONS TO AMEND

CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top"), a Nevada corporation hereby jointly applies with Qwest Corporation, DBA CenturyLink QC, and Midvale Telephone Exchange Inc. to extend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to include seven parcels in Yavapai County and one in Maricopa County, Arizona. With the extension, Table Top will be able to provide telephone and broadband services to customers residing on eight properties that presently cannot receive these services.

As evidenced by the letters attached as parts of Exhibit A, hereto, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") and Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("Midvale"), concur with Table Top's requested CC&N extension concerning the K4 Ranch property. Currently, a portion of the K4 Ranch is in CenturyLink's Chino Valley exchange and another portion of the

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1 K4 ranch lies in Midvale's service territory. As part of this application, Midvale and
2 CenturyLink ask that the K4 Ranch property be deleted from these companies' CC&Ns.

3 The remaining properties that Table Top asks to be added to its CC&N are presently
4 outside the CC&Ns of any incumbent local exchange carrier.

5 **Background.** On September 1, 1994, the Commission granted Table Top a CC&N to
6 provide telecommunications services in Arizona (Decision No. 58763). Table Top provides
7 telecommunication services to approximately 3,500 customers located in six Arizona exchanges:
8 Aguila, Ajo, Bagdad, Inscription Canyon Ranch, Sanders, and Seligman. Table Top's rural
9 service area covers 2,840 square miles in these six noncontiguous exchanges, with an average
10 density of approximately 1.23 access lines per square mile.

11 In Decision No. 66945, dated April 21, 2004, the Commission authorized Table Top to
12 borrow up to \$11,235,000 from the Rural Utilities Service and \$6,540,450 from the Rural
13 Telephone Bank to fund network improvements including fiber-optic connections between its six
14 exchanges. On September 30, 2008, the Commission issued Decision No. 70513, which
15 authorized Table Top to borrow an additional \$8,342,000 from the Rural Utilities Service to fund
16 these improvements.

17 Table Top has now completed these network upgrades. Its fiber-optic lines now traverse
18 seven ranches and a United States Border Patrol office, each of which has requested
19 telecommunications and broadband services from Table Top.

20 **Principal Office.** Table Top's principal business office is located at 600 North Second
21 Avenue, Ajo, AZ 85321, and its telephone number is (520) 387-5600.

22 **Authorized Representative.** The person authorized to receive notices and
23 communications regarding this application is:

24 Matthew J. Boos
25 General Manager
26 Table Top Telephone Company
27 P.O. Box 21
28 O'Neals, CA 93645
29 Telephone: (559) 868-6322

1 Fax: (559) 868-3404
2 mjboos@ponderosatel.com

3 *All discovery, data requests, and other requests for information concerning this Application*
4 *should be directed to Mr. Boos, with a copy to counsel for Table Top.*

5 **Attorney of Record.** Table Top's attorney in this matter is:

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12 Craig.Marks@azbar.org

13 **Property Descriptions.** Exhibits A through H contain maps and property descriptions,
14 for each of the eight parcels:

- 15 • **Exhibit A – K-4 Ranch (John Kieckhefer).** This Exhibit also includes letters from
16 Century Link and Midvale stating that they do not object to Table Top's application
17 to delete this parcel from their service territories and include it in Table Top's CC&N.
- 18 • **Exhibit B – Cienega Ranch.**
- 19 • **Exhibit C – Paddock Place.**
- 20 • **Exhibit D – Strotjost Ranch.**
- 21 • **Exhibit E – Wagon Bow Ranch.**
- 22 • **Exhibit F – Wildhorse Ranch.**
- 23 • **Exhibit G – Yolo Ranch.**
- 24 • **Exhibit H – Border Patrol.**

25 **Requests for Service.** Table Top has received written service requests from one or more
26 customers located on each property described in Exhibits A-H. Table Top believes that each
27 request should be treated confidentially.

28 **Financial Information.** Table Top incorporates as if attached hereto its confidential
29 2014 Annual Report, already filed with the Commission Staff.

Exhibit A – K4 Ranch

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K4 Ranch

Parcel #300-45-004
North ½ of the Southeast ¼
Section 20
Township 18N Range SW

Parcel #300-45-003A
Southwest quarter
Section 21
Township 18N Range SW



2205 Keithley Creek Road
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Midvale, ID 83645
208.355.2211
Fax 208.355.2222

6/20/2014

Mr. Matthew J. Boos
General Manager
Table Top Telephone Company, Inc.
600 North 2nd Avenue
Ajo, Arizona 85321

Dear Mr. Boos:

The purpose of this letter is to formalize the recent discussions between Table Top Telephone Company (Table Top) and Midvale Telephone Company (MTC) related to "Kieckhefer K4 Ranch- Kelly V. Kieckhefer" location. This location is identified in census block 2033, Parcel # 300-45-003A, T-18N, R-5W, and S-21 and as noted on the attached map.

Currently there is a single home within the above mentioned location located 15 miles from MTC's nearest customer in Williamson Valley. It would take MTC considerable time to obtain the necessary federal land permits to build facilities to this customer and the wireless options we explored are problematical due to the terrain. Therefore, MTC supports the transfer of this location to Table Top. MTC believes it is in the customer's best interest to be served by Table Top, due to the fact that Table Top's facilities are close to this location and service could be provided quickly and efficiently.

We propose that Table Top take the lead in filing with the ACC and as a term of the agreement, MTC will not oppose the transfer. We ask that our attorneys have the opportunity to review the filing prior to being filed with the Commission to ensure that we agree to the language.

Please call me on (208) 355-2211 if you have any questions or if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Stuart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Stuart
CEO
Midvale Telephone Company, Inc

Cc: Dennis Farrington
Gary Horton

"Employee Owned, Community Focused, Customer Centered"
MTE Communications is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Reed Peterson
Director – State Regulatory Affairs
20 East Thomas Road – 1st Floor
Phoenix, Arizona, 85012



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Reed.Peterson@centurylink.com

December 5, 2014

Mr. Matthew J. Boos
General Manager
Table Top Telephone Company, Inc.
600 North 2nd Avenue
Ajo, Arizona 85321

Dear Mr. Boos:

The purpose of this letter is to formalize the recent discussions between Table Top Telephone Company (Table Top) and CenturyLink related to the transfer of territory involving the "Kieckhefer K4 Ranch" location. This location is identified in census block 2033, Parcel # 300-45-004, Twp-18N, R-5W, Sec-20, and as noted on the attached map is currently served by CenturyLink in its Chino Valley Exchange.

As discussed with the Commission Staff on October 28, 2014, CenturyLink terminates service to Mr. Kieckhefer at a location in Twp-18N, R-5W, Sec-3. Mr. Kieckhefer then uses his own radio equipment to transmit the signal to other locations beyond this point. One of those locations is currently in Twp-18N, R-5W, Sec-20, and is billed under 928-636-2258. Neither CenturyLink nor Table Top Telephone Company control where the service is distributed beyond the point in Twp-18N, R-5W, Sec-3 by Mr. Kieckhefer.

CenturyLink does not currently provision broadband service to Mr. Kieckhefer in Section 20 and has no plans to do so in the immediate future. I was advised by Table Top employee Steve Nicholls that Mr. Keickhefer has indicated an interest in obtaining both voice and broadband service from Table Top.

Accordingly, pursuant to our discussions and verbal agreements, CenturyLink will not oppose Table Top's application to the Arizona Corporation Commission to serve as the provider of communications services to the Kieckhefer K4 Ranch at the location identified in the census block and Section noted above, and as shown on the maps already provided to Commission Staff. Table Top agrees to bear all of the financial costs associated with the transfer of this area, including, but not limited to court reporter and other costs that may be incurred as part of the hearing process at the ACC, all Public Notices and customer notifications associated with the transfer, and all regulatory fees of any nature.

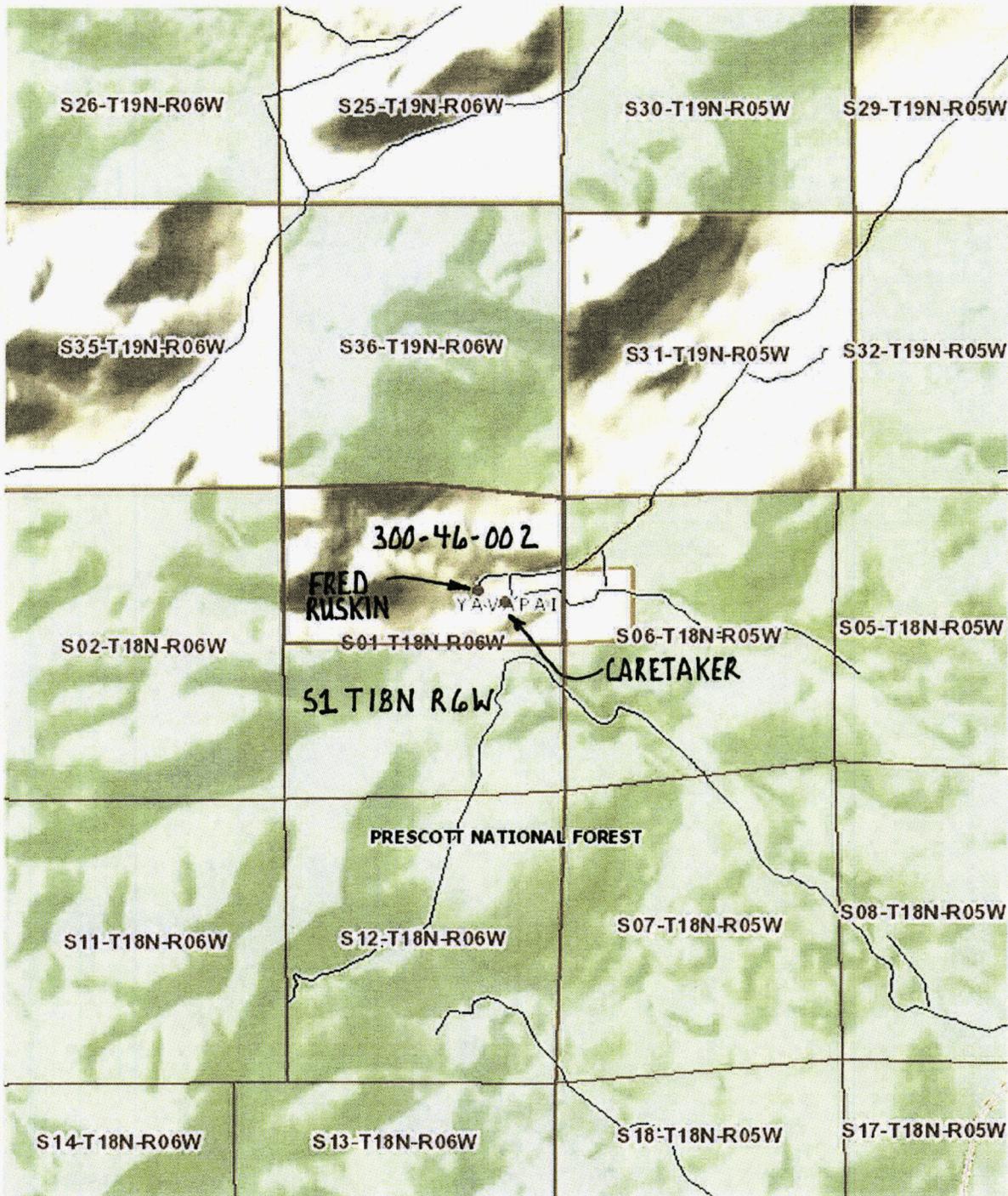
Please call me on (602) 630-8221 if you have any questions or if I may provide further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reed Peterson".

Exhibit B – Cienega Ranch

Cienega Ranch Fred Ruskin



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Cienega Ranch

Parcel #300-46-002

N 1/2 of Section 1
Township 18N
Range 6W

Exhibit C – Paddock Place

Paddock Place

34°47'58"N
112°56'20"W

34°47'58"N
112°55'24"W

W-7-Up-Ranch-Rd

S06-T16N-R06W

S05-T16N-R06W

PADDLCK PLACE
(POLK)

HOUSE

300-30-001

YAVAPAI
HOUSE

800-01-009

S07-T16N-R06W

S08-T16N-R06W

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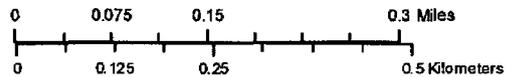
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34°47'2"N
112°56'20"W

34°47'2"N
112°55'24"W



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PARCEL 3: COMMONLY KNOWN AS Paddock PLACE

Homestead Entry Survey No. 79, U.S. Patent, recorded in Book 102 of Deeds at pages 108-109, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Beginning at a corner No. 1 from which the Southeast corner of Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 7 West of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian bears South $59^{\circ} 8' 40''$ West, 32.64 chains distant; thence North $39^{\circ} 37' 30''$ East, 3.24 chains to corner No. 2; thence South $75^{\circ} 21' 30''$ East, 13.15 chains to corner No. 3; thence South $47^{\circ} 10'$ East, 31.92 chains to corner No. 4; thence South $84^{\circ} 54' 30''$ West, 12 chains to corner No. 5; thence North $48^{\circ} 24'$ West, 36.33 chains to corner No. 1, the place of beginning.

Exhibit D – Strotjost Ranch

Strotjost Ranch

34°44'27"N
113°35'59"W

34°44'27"N
113°27'W

S26-T16N-R08W

S25-T16N-R08W

S30-T16N-R07W

S35-T16N-R08W

S36-T16N-R08W

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S31-T16N-R07W

STATE OF ARIZONA LAND

300-32-002

STROTJOST
RANCH

RANCH
HOUSE

S02-T15N-R08W

S01-T15N-R08W

S06-T15N-R07W

W Camp Wood Rd

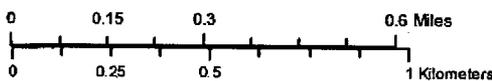
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34°42'33"N
113°35'9"W

34°42'33"N
113°27'W



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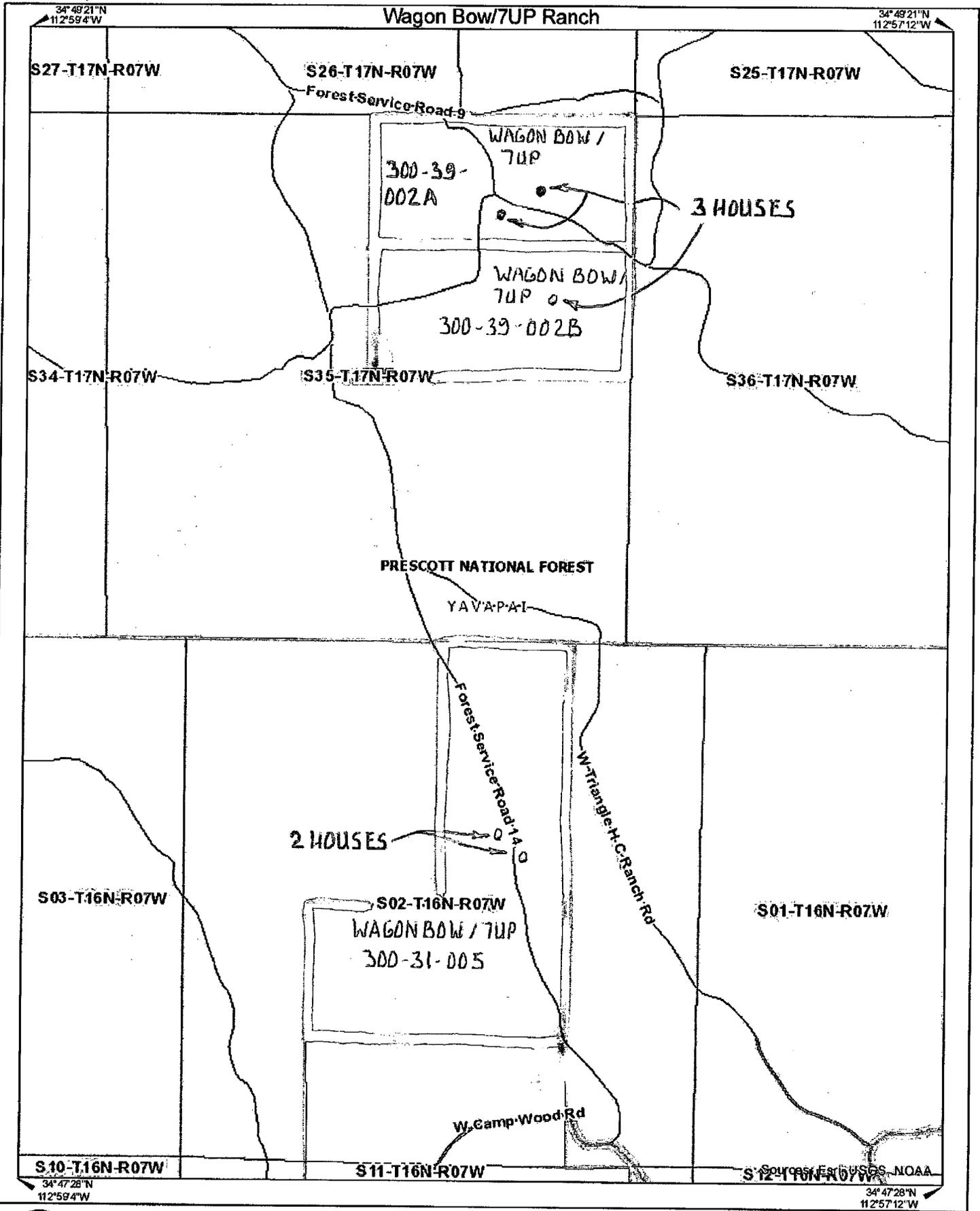
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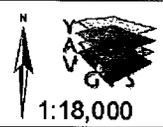
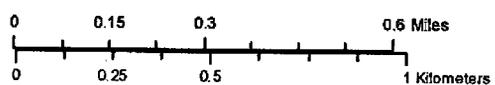
STROTJOST RANCH

SECTION 36 16N 8W E $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36, all in T 16 North, R 8 West G&SRM

Exhibit E – Wagon Bow Ranch



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Wagon Bow Ranch

PARCEL 2:

Lot 2;

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; and The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 16 North, Range 7 West of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian.

PARCEL 8:

The North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 7 West of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian.

PARCEL 9:

The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 7 West of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian.

Exhibit F – Wildhorse Ranch

Kellis Family

WILD HORSE AT BOULDER CR

34°39'51"N
113°6'39"W

34°39'51"N
113°4'47"W

S20-T15N-R08W

S21-T15N-R08W

S22-T15N-R08W

S28-T15N-R08W

STATE OF ARIZONA LAND

S29-T15N-R08W

KELLIS
300-25-004E

S27-T15N-R08W

YAVAPAI
KELLIS

W. Camp Wood Rd

300-25-004E

KELLIS

300-25-004E

WILDHORSE RANCH
AT BOULDER CREEK
300-25-005

LOG
HOUSE

ACCESS RD

S34-T15N-R08W

S32-T15N-R08W

S33-T15N-R08W

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TRUST

BELON GROUND
HOUSE

300-25-005

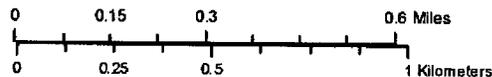
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34°37'57"N
113°6'39"W

34°37'57"N
113°4'47"W



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Wildhorse Ranch

PARCEL II:

Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 8 West of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona.

PARCEL 1:

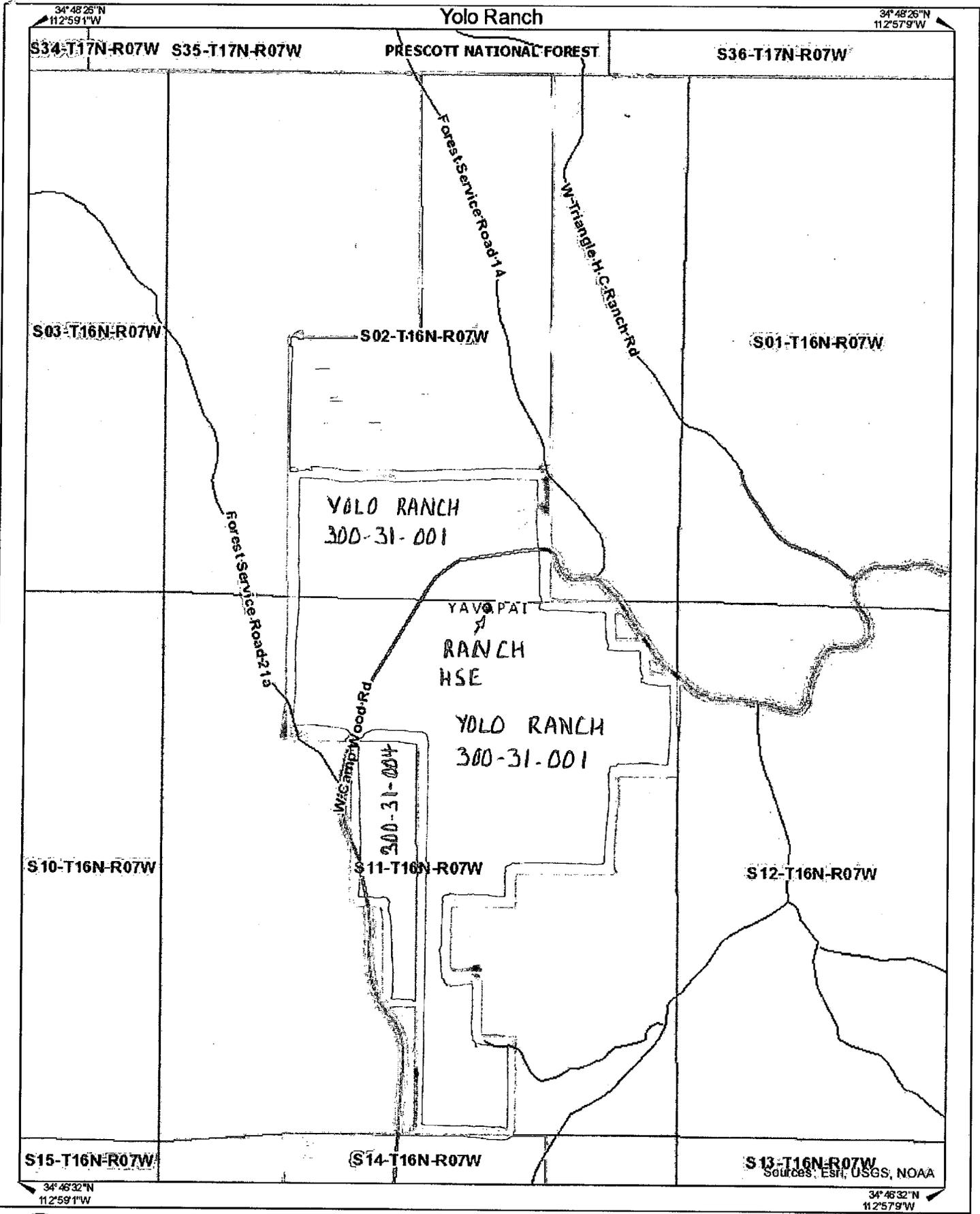
The North half of the Southeast quarter and the South half of the South half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 8 West of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING to the United States all coal and other minerals in said lands as reserved in Patent recorded in Book 165 of Deeds, page 475, records of Yavapai County, Arizona.

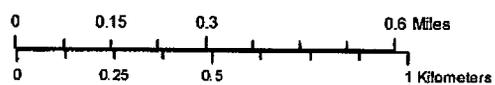
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Access Rd from Campwood Rd to Wildhorse Ranch at Boulder Creek Section 33 T15N R8W

Exhibit G – Yolo Ranch



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Yolo Ranch

PARCEL NO. 13:

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ALL IN TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE AND MERIDIAN, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

PARCEL NO. 14;

SECTION II

THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; AND THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; AND THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; AND THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; AND THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; ALL IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE GILA AND SALT RIVER BASE AND MERIDIAN, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA;

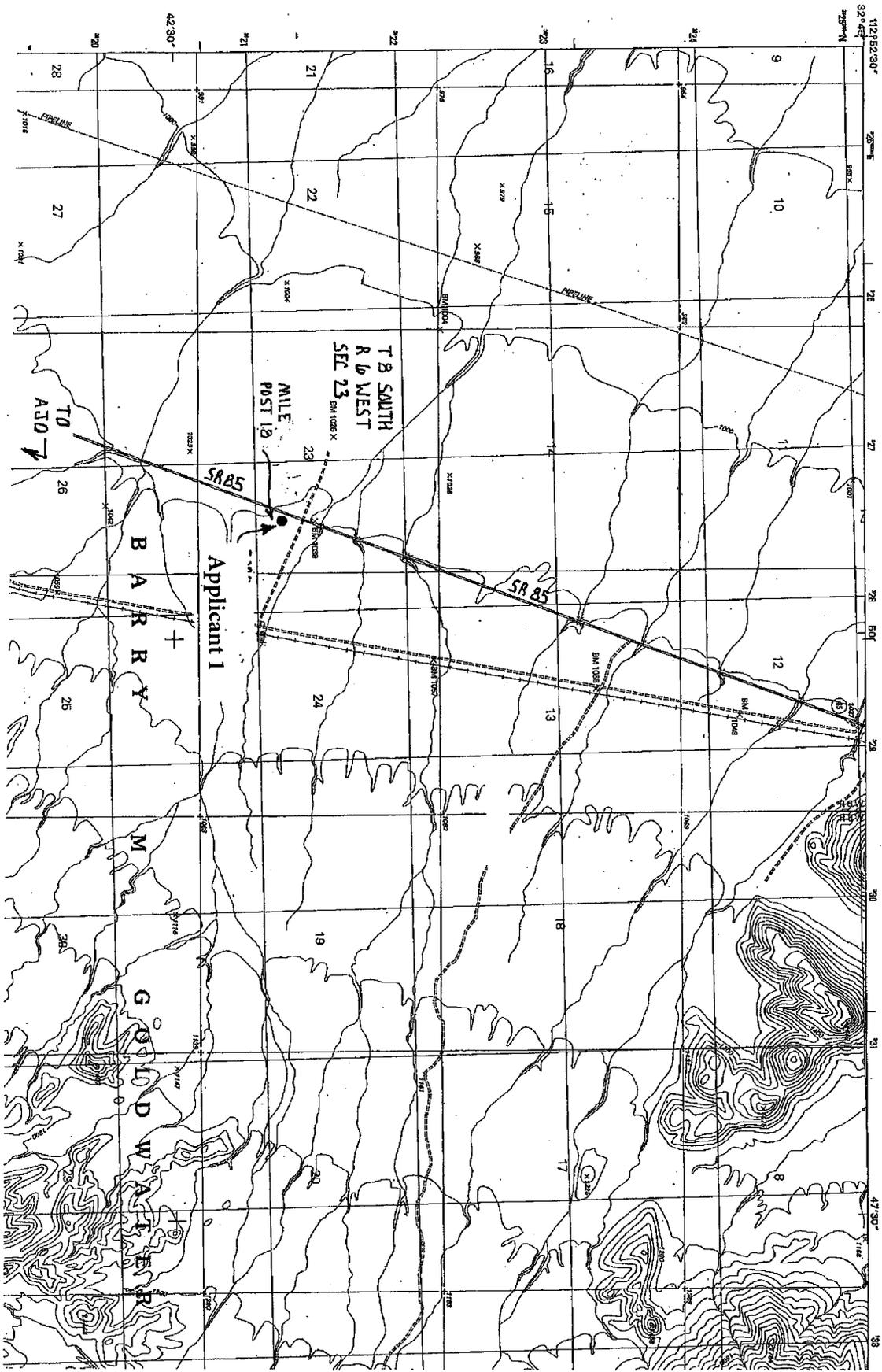
Exhibit H – Border Patrol



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

TO GILA BEND

Ajo Mile Post 18



Ajo Mile Post 18

Section 23
Township 8 South
Range 6 West

Applicant Location

N 32° 42' 57.50"
W 112° 50' 28.19"