

August 21, 2026

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
On Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation for Strawberry Hill picnic area and fishing pond**

**RE: Project # PH 0385(64)117, PCN 08E2, Lawrence County**  
US385 – 4.2 S of US85  
Horizontal Curve Realignment

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has proposed a project to reconstruct a horizontal curve on SD385 4.2 miles south of US85.

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 303) requires a special effort be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside and public and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites. In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing regulations found at 23 CFR Part 774, comments are being solicited regarding the effects this project would have on the Strawberry Hill picnic area and fishing pond, managed by the United States Forest Service (USFS). The Strawberry Hill picnic area is considered a Section 4(f) Property because it is a public recreation area with attributes and features including a picnic area, fishing pond, and campground.

The project will include the acquisition of a minor amount permanent easement and temporary easement on the Strawberry Hill picnic area by SDDOT for the intended purpose of straightening the horizontal curve on US385. This requires additional permanent ROW to maintain appropriate ROW clearance throughout the corridor. The temporary easement is necessary to realign the entrance to Strawberry Hill picnic area. The proposed project will result in 0.36 acres of permanent incorporation of the Strawberry Hill picnic area into a transportation facility (SD385). The proposed project will also result in 3.26 acres of temporary easement which will last for the duration of the project. The minor amount of permanent incorporation will not adversely affect the recreational use or attributes and features of the picnic area. The following measures to minimize harm will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of Strawberry Hill picnic area of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The staging and/or storage of construction equipment or construction materials shall not take place outside proposed construction limits that are within the defined boundaries of the 4(f) property, and waste materials will not be disposed of on USFS land.
- The Contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with SDDOT and the USFS prior to the start of construction activities.

- Access to Strawberry Hill picnic area shall always be maintained during construction activities via flagging operations.

It is anticipated that SDDOT and the FHWA make a Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact finding regarding the effects of the proposed SD385 project on the Strawberry Hill picnic area. This finding is based upon the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are considered to be reasonable and acceptable.

Comments will be accepted by email at [chad.babcock@state.sd.us](mailto:chad.babcock@state.sd.us) or by postal service at:

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Pierre, SD 57501

Comments must be received by September 21, 2026. For further information please contact Chad Babcock, SDDOT, at (605) 773-3721

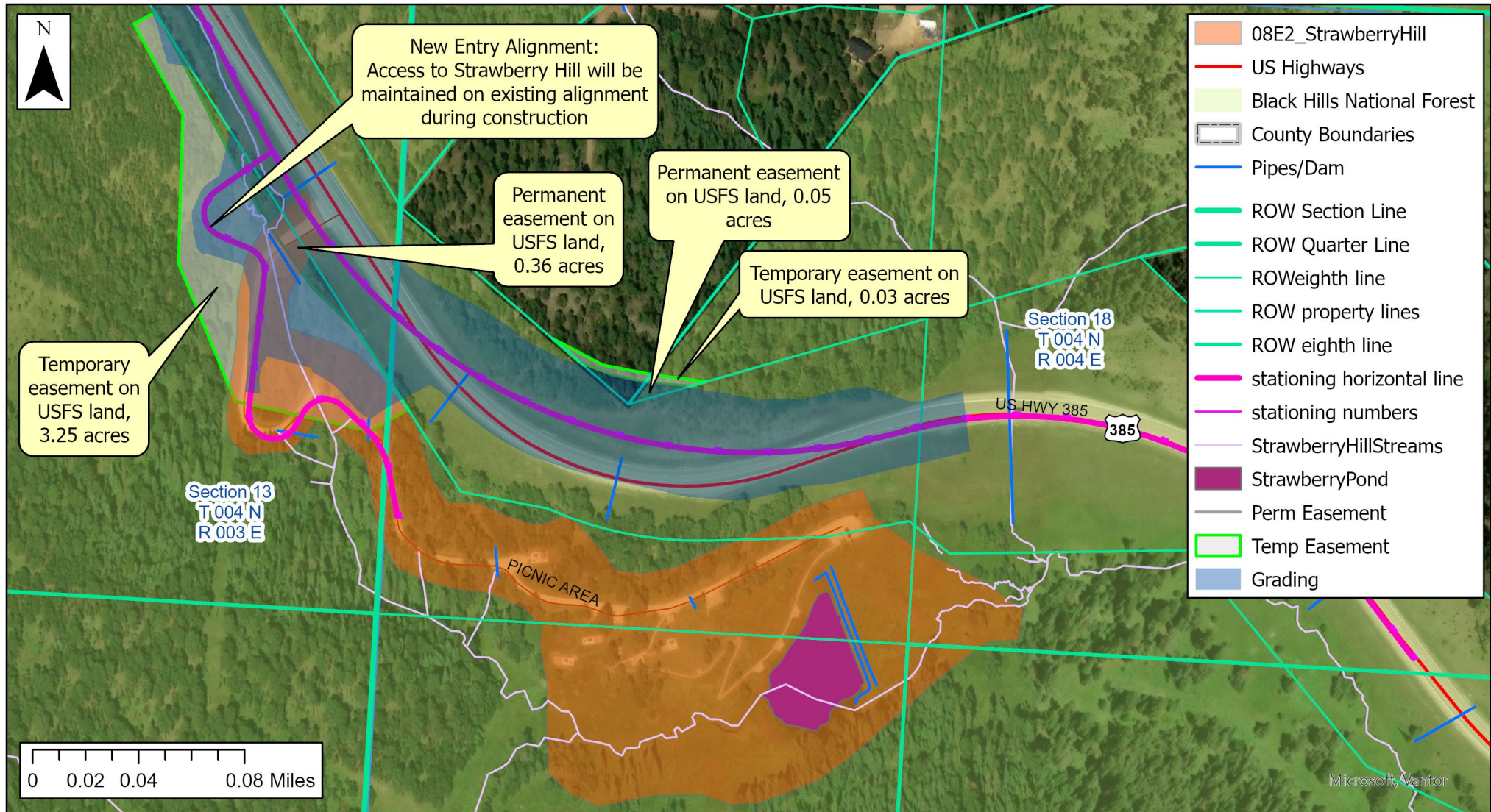
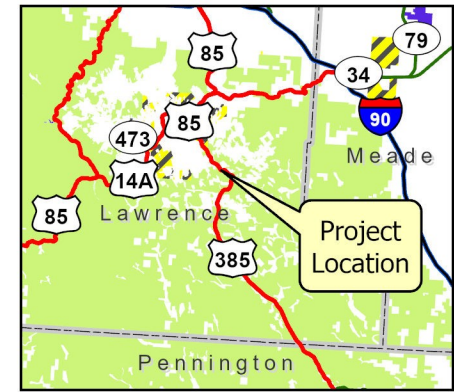
Attachments:  
Section 4(f) Map  
Construction work limits



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Strawberry Hill Picnic Area and Fishing Pond

This map was prepared by Kaylee Senger SDDOT Environmental Office 08/21/2026



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
PLANS FOR PROPOSED

PROJECT PH 0385(64)117  
US HIGHWAY 385  
LAWRENCE COUNTY

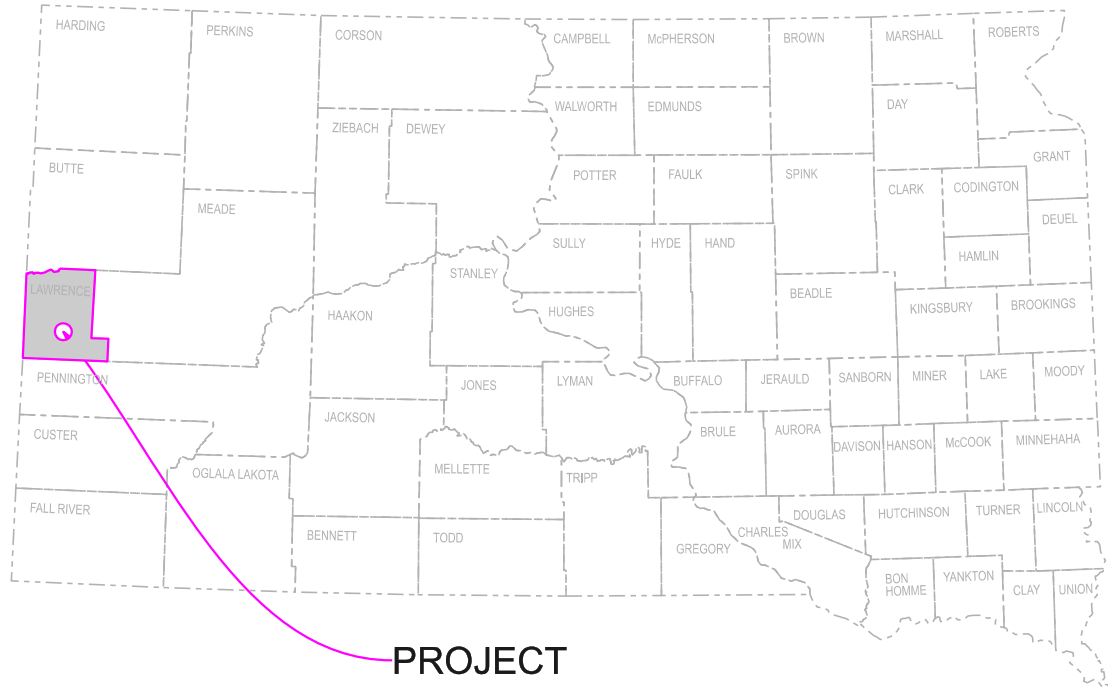
HORIZONTAL CURVE REALIGNMENT  
PCN 08E2

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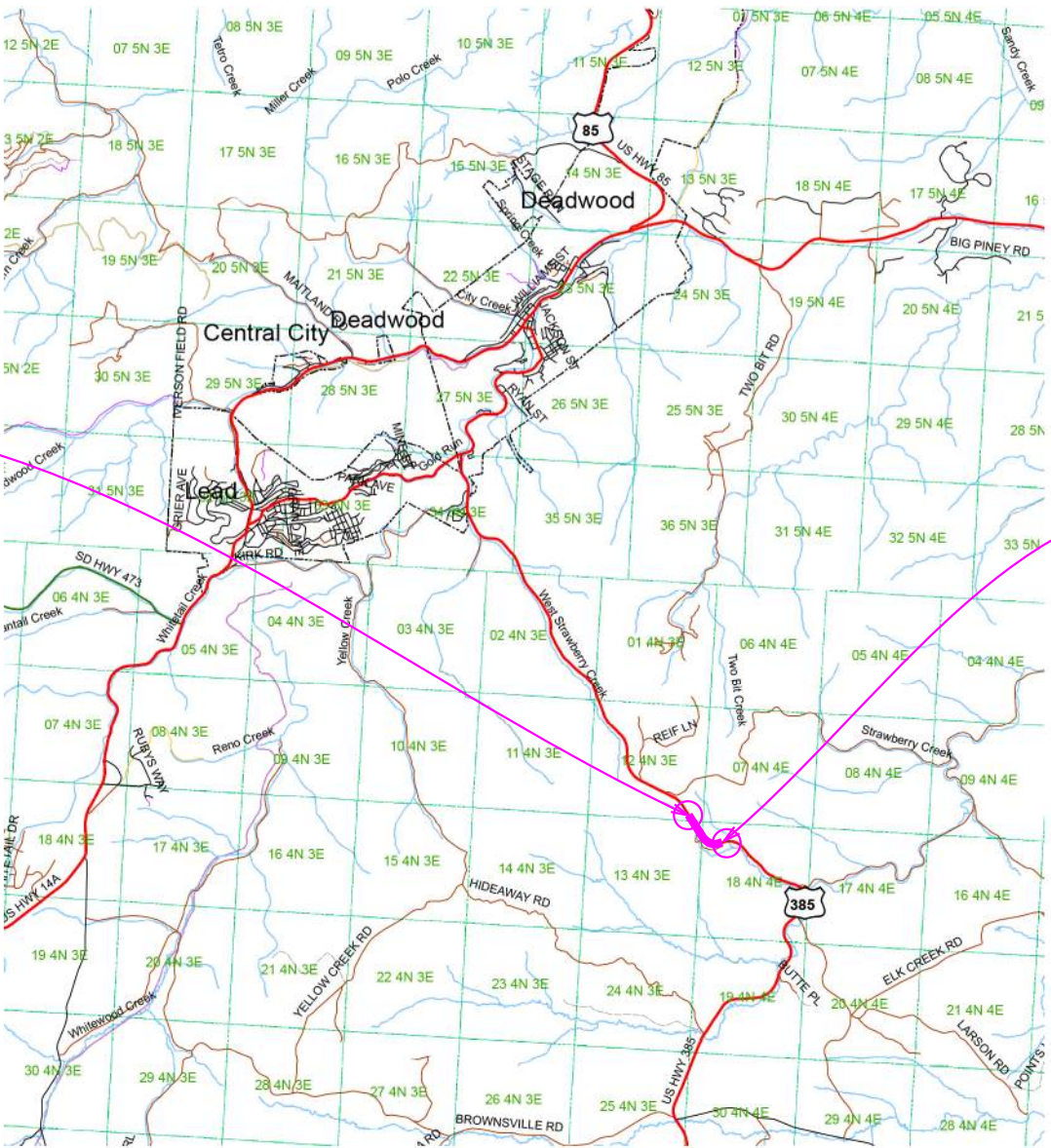
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DESIGN DESIGNATION

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| AADT (2021) | 2270   |
| AADT (2041) | 3289   |
| DHV         | 539    |
| D           | 51%    |
| DHV T%      | 2.8%   |
| AADT T%     | 6.2%   |
| V           | 65 mph |

STORM WATER PERMIT

Major Receiving  
Body of Water: West Strawberry Creek  
Area Disturbed: 9.2 acres  
Total Project Area: 11.9 acres  
Approx. Begin Lat,Long: 44.311814, -103.690630



|                      |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Gross Length         | 3060.00 Feet | 0.580Miles |
| Length of Exceptions | 0.00 Feet    | 0.000Miles |
| Net Length           | 3060.00 Feet | 0.580Miles |

LEGEND

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|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Anchor                      |  | Hedge                       |  | Septic Tank                              |  | State and National Line            |  |
| Antenna                     |  | Highway ROW Marker          |  | Shrub Tree                               |  | County Line                        |  |
| Approach                    |  | Interstate Close Gate       |  | Sidewalk                                 |  | Section Line                       |  |
| Assumed Corner              |  | Iron Pin                    |  | Sign Face                                |  | Quarter Line                       |  |
| Azimuth Marker              |  | Irrigation Ditch            |  | Sign Post                                |  | Sixteenth Line                     |  |
| BBQ Grill/ Fireplace        |  | Lake Edge                   |  | Slough Or Marsh                          |  | Property Line                      |  |
| Bearing Tree                |  | Lawn Sprinkler              |  | Spring                                   |  | Construction Line                  |  |
| Bench Mark                  |  | Mailbox                     |  | Stream Gauge                             |  | ROW Line                           |  |
| Box Culvert                 |  | Manhole Electric            |  | Street Marker                            |  | New ROW Line                       |  |
| Bridge                      |  | Manhole Gas                 |  | Subsurface Utility Exploration Test Hole |  | Cut and Fill Limits                |  |
| Brush                       |  | Manhole Misc                |  | Telephone Fiber Optics                   |  | Control of Access                  |  |
| Buildings                   |  | Manhole Sanitary Sewer      |  | Telephone Junction Box                   |  | New Control of Access              |  |
| Bulk Tank                   |  | Manhole Storm Sewer         |  | Telephone Pole                           |  | Proposed ROW                       |  |
| Cattle Guard                |  | Manhole Telephone           |  | Television Cable Jct Box                 |  | (After Property Disposal)          |  |
| Cemetery                    |  | Manhole Water               |  | Television Tower                         |  |                                    |  |
| Centerline                  |  | Merry-Go-Round              |  | Test Wells/Bore Holes                    |  |                                    |  |
| Cistern                     |  | Microwave Radio Tower       |  | Traffic Signal                           |  | Drainage Arrow                     |  |
| Clothes Line                |  | Misc. Line                  |  | Trash Barrel                             |  |                                    |  |
| Control Point               |  | Misc. Property Corner       |  | Tree Belt                                |  |                                    |  |
| Commercial Sign Double Face |  | Misc. Post                  |  | Tree Coniferous                          |  |                                    |  |
| Commercial Sign One Post    |  | Overhang Or Encroachment    |  | Tree Deciduous                           |  | Remove Concrete Pavement           |  |
| Commercial Sign Overhead    |  | Overhead Utility Line       |  | Tree Stumps                              |  | Remove Concrete Driveway Pavement  |  |
| Commercial Sign Two Post    |  | Parking Meter               |  | Triangulation Station                    |  | Remove Asphalt Concrete Pavement   |  |
| Concrete Symbol             |  | Pedestrian Push Button Pole |  | Underground Electric Line                |  | Remove Concrete Sidewalk           |  |
| Creek Edge                  |  | Pipe With End Section       |  | Underground Gas Line                     |  | Remove Concrete Median Pavement    |  |
| Curb/Gutter                 |  | Pipe With Headwall          |  | Underground High Pressure Gas Line       |  | Remove Concrete Curb and/or Gutter |  |
| Curb                        |  | Pipe Without End Section    |  | Underground Sanitary Sewer               |  |                                    |  |
| Dam Grade/Dike/Levee        |  | Playground Slide            |  | Underground Storm Sewer                  |  |                                    |  |
| Deck Edge                   |  | Playground Swing            |  | Underground Tank                         |  |                                    |  |
| Ditch Block                 |  | Power And Light Pole        |  | Underground Telephone Line               |  |                                    |  |
| Doorway Threshold           |  | Power And Telephone Pole    |  | Underground Television Cable             |  |                                    |  |
| Drainage Profile            |  | Power Meter                 |  | Underground Water Line                   |  |                                    |  |
| Drop Inlet                  |  | Power Pole                  |  | Warning Sign One Post                    |  |                                    |  |
| Edge Of Asphalt             |  | Power Pole And Transformer  |  | Warning Sign Two Post                    |  |                                    |  |
| Edge Of Concrete            |  | Power Tower Structure       |  | Water Fountain                           |  |                                    |  |
| Edge Of Gravel              |  | Propane Tank                |  | Water Hydrant                            |  |                                    |  |
| Edge Of Other               |  | Property Pipe               |  | Water Meter                              |  | Detectable Warning                 |  |
| Edge Of Shoulder            |  | Property Pipe With Cap      |  | Water Tower                              |  | Pedestrian Push Button Pole        |  |
| Elec. Trans./Power Jct. Box |  | Property Stone              |  | Water Valve                              |  | and 30" x 48" Clear Space          |  |
| Fence Barbwire              |  | Public Telephone            |  | Water Well                               |  | with 1.5% slope                    |  |
| Fence Chainlink             |  | Railroad Crossing Signal    |  | Weir Rock                                |  |                                    |  |
| Fence Electric              |  | Railroad Milepost Marker    |  | Windmill                                 |  |                                    |  |
| Fence Misc.                 |  | Railroad Profile            |  | Wingwall                                 |  |                                    |  |
| Fence Rock                  |  | Railroad R.O.W. Marker      |  | Witness Corner                           |  |                                    |  |
| Fence Snow                  |  | Railroad Signs              |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Fence Wood                  |  | Railroad Switch             |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Fence Woven                 |  | Railroad Track              |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Fire Hydrant                |  | Railroad Trestle            |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Flag Pole                   |  | Rebar                       |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Flower Bed                  |  | Rebar With Cap              |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Gas Valve Or Meter          |  | Reference Mark              |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Gas Pump Island             |  | Regulatory Sign One Post    |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Grain Bin                   |  | Regulatory Sign Two Post    |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Guardrail                   |  | Retaining Wall              |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Guide Sign One Post         |  | Riprap                      |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Guide Sign Two Post         |  | River Edge                  |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Gutter                      |  | Rock And Wire Baskets       |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Guy Pole                    |  | Rockpiles                   |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |
| Haystack                    |  | Satellite Dish              |  |                                          |  |                                    |  |

23+00 L to 28+00 L  
Take Out Beam Guardrail  
& End Terminals

MRM 117+0.758  
29+85  
Take Out 24"-112' RCP  
& 2 Sloped Ends  
(Incidental Work, Grading)

30+00  
Install 24"-112' RCP  
& 24" RCP Flared End L  
& 24" RCP Sloped End R

30+00 L  
Install Bank and Channel  
Protection Gabions (4.5 CuYd)  
& Type B Drainage Fabric (15 SqYd)

MRM 117+0.833  
33+30  
Plug 24"-122' Downspout  
with Controlled Density Fill

33+10  
Install 24"-120' RCP  
& 24" RCP Flared End L  
& 24" RCP Sloped End R

33+10 L  
Install Bank and Channel  
Protection Gabions (6.0 CuYd)  
& Type B Drainage Fabric (19 SqYd)

37+48-89' L  
Take Out 30"-120' Downspout  
& 2 End Sections  
(Incidental Work, Grading)

38+82-81' L  
Install 30"-86' CMP  
& 2-30" CMP Flared Ends

38+82 L  
Install Bank and Channel  
Protection Gabions (4.5 SqYd)  
& Type B Drainage Fabric (15 SqYd)

MRM 117+0.932  
38+18  
Take Out 24"-122' Downspout  
& 2 End Sections  
(Incidental Work, Grading)

38+18  
Install 24"-100' RCP  
& 24" RCP Flared End L  
& 24" RCP Sloped End R

38+18 L  
Install Class D Riprap  
(22.4 ton) and  
Type B Drainage Fabric  
(33 SqYd)

MRM 118+0.072  
46+06  
Take Out 24"-88' RCP  
& 2 Sloped Ends  
(Incidental Work, Grading)

46+06  
Install 24"-92' RCP  
& 2- 24" RCP Flared Ends

46+06 L  
Install Bank and Channel  
Protection Gabions (4.5 CuYd)  
& Type B Drainage Fabric (15 SqYd)

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Sec 18 - T4N - R4E

Sec 13 - T4N - R4E

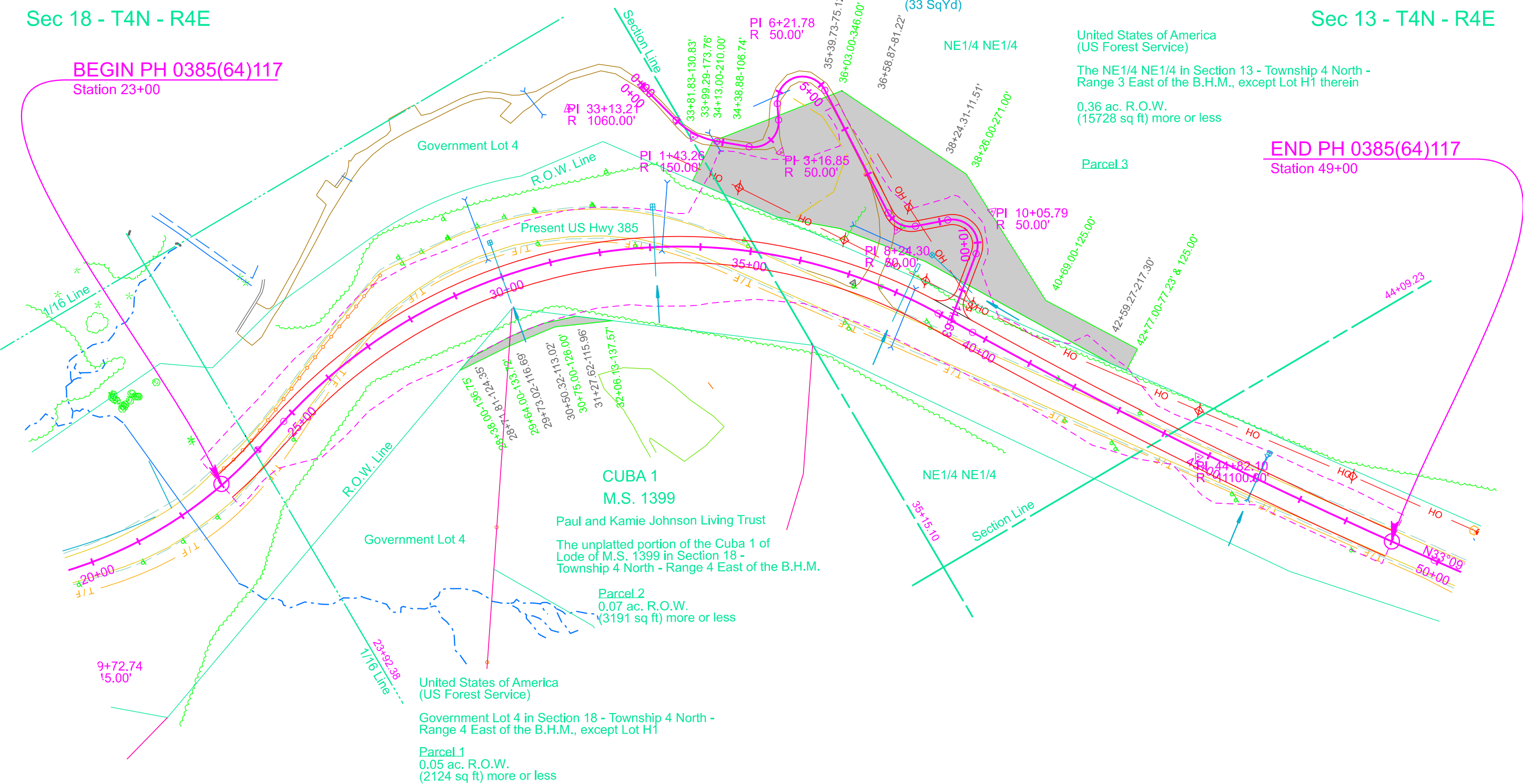
United States of America  
(US Forest Service)

The NE1/4 NE1/4 in Section 13 - Township 4 North -  
Range 3 East of the B.H.M., except Lot H1 therein

0.36 ac. R.O.W.  
(15728 sq ft) more or less

Parcel 3

END PH 0385(64)117  
Station 49+00



Parcel 1  
28+38.00 to 29+73.02 R  
Temporary Easement containing  
0.1 ac, more or less

Parcel 1  
33+81.83 to 34+38.88 L  
Temporary Easement containing  
0.1 ac, more or less

Parcel 2  
29+64.00 to 32+06.13 R  
Temporary Easement containing  
0.1 ac, more or less

Parcel 3  
34+13.00 to 42+77.00 L  
Temporary Easement containing  
3.2 ac, more or less