

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name State maintained Rt. 66: San Jon to Tucumcari

other names/site number Ozark Trail, NM 3

2. Location

street & number E. edge of San Jon to E. exit of I-40 at Tucumcari not for publication

city or town San Jon vicinity

state New Mexico code NM county Quay code 037 zip code 88434

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Lyn Debra SHPO 10-1-97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Ruth Beland

Date of Action

11/19/97

Rt. 66, San Jon to Tucumcari
Name of Property

Quay, NM
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Hist. & Arch. Resources of Rt. 66 through NM

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other earth fill, bank cuts, concrete culverts and bridges

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Continuation SheetHistoric & Architectural Resources
of Route 66 through NmSection number 7 Page 1State maintained Rt. 66: San Jon to
TucumcariHistoric and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM
Quay County, New Mexico

7. Description

This 23.9 mile section of state maintained Route 66 serves as a frontage and local road along Interstate 40 from the eastern edge of San Jon to the eastern edge of Tucumcari. Generally following what, prior to 1926, was known as the Ozark Trail and, after 1926, Route 66, the alignment received a hard surface in 1933 under FAP 127. During the early 1950s further improvements were made on the road including the addition of steel beam bridges over Plaza Largo and Revuelto Creeks and numerous concrete box and pipe culverts. The road was also widened to four lanes through San Jon, as discussed in the Multiple Property listing. Coursing across the rangelands and irrigated farmlands of eastern Quay County, this portion of Route 66 is largely unaltered beyond normal road maintenance and conveys a strong feeling of travel along Route 66 during the period of significance. Brown and white signs denoting "Historic Route 66" have recently been erected by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department along the roadside.

Heading west, the road section passes through San Jon where it was widened in the early 1950s. Commercial buildings, many now vacant, recall earlier roadside businesses supported by Route 66 travellers. West of San Jon, the road diverges from I-40, crossing rangeland well-removed from the modern highway. Concrete box culverts and fill carry the road across small arroyos. Sandstone outcroppings mark the drainage of Plaza Largo and Revuelto Creeks with the pre-1933 alignment of the road visible fifty yards to the south. West of the drainage the road parallels I-40, passing beneath two overpasses. In the distance to the south and west the Caprock and Mt. Tucumcari offer vistas of the increasingly rugged terrain awaiting the westbound motorist. As the road approaches Tucumcari, canals and irrigated fields marking the Arch Hurley Irrigation District lie to the south. Although I-40 closely parallels portions of this section of Route 66, causing a slight deviation from the original alignment for less than a quarter mile at one overpass, the

Rt. 66: San Jon to Tucumcari
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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

transportation

Period of Significance

1933-1956

Significant Dates

1933

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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of Rt. 66 through NM

State maintained Rt. 66: San Jon to
Tucumcari

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM
Quay County, New Mexico

Description (continued)

historic alignment, cross-section template, and surrounding
landscape remain largely intact.

8. Significance

Designated as State Highway 3 in 1914 and a part of the Ozark Trail, a regional road association that preceded the creation of the federal highway system in 1926, the road from San Jon to Tucumcari underwent improvements and slight realignments in the late 1920s and early 1930s. These improvements were funded under FAP 127 and resulted, in 1933, with the hard surfacing of the present alignment. In the early 1950s, the alignment was slightly altered as the road was widened through San Jon and two concrete and steel beam bridges replaced earlier timber bridges. This section of state-maintained Route 66 is significant for its association with the rise of automobile tourism in New Mexico and thus is eligible under Criterion A.

9. Bibliographical references

"Descriptive Log, Federal Aid Primary Route No. 3, route Section No. 3." n.d. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

"Plans and Profiles of FAP 127" dated 8/28/28. On file at the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Records Control Unit of Records Management, Santa Fe.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 286 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1,3	6,5,7,2,2,0	3,8,8,6,8,4,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

2

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Zone	Easting	Northing

3

1,3	6,3,9,1,7,0	3,8,9,1,5,6,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

4

1,3	6,4,7,0,9,0	3,8,8,7,7,0,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David J. Kammer, Ph.D.
organization contract historian date August, 1996
street & number 521 Aliso Dr. NE telephone (505) 266-0586
city or town Albuquerque state NM zip code 87108

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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of Route 66 through NM

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Historic and Architectural Resources of Rt. 66 through NM
Quay County, New Mexico

UTM References

- 5. 13 635260 3893000
- 6. 13 621310 3892720

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is 23.9 miles long. The east end lies at the junction of Route 66 and County Road 469, and the west end lies at the culvert over the Hudson irrigation canal immediately east of the I-40 interchange at the eastern edge of Tucumcari. The sides are defined by a corridor extending fifty feet on each side of the road's centerline, marking a right of way of 100 feet, a minimum width used by the State Highway Department during the 1930s. The corridor through the village of San Jon, a distance of approximately .75 miles, is approximately 60 feet, reflecting the width of the four-lane highway and its shoulders

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel historically associated with this section of Route 66.

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Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Verbal Boundary Description (continued)

of the Rio Puerco Bridge. The sides are a corridor extending fifty feet on either side of the centerline, marking a right of way of 100 feet, a minimum width used by the State Highway Department during the 1930s.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel historically associated with this section of Route 66.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 970001399

Date Listed: 11/19/97

Rte. 66, State Maintained, San Jon-Tucumcari, Quay Co.
Property Name **County**

NM
State

Route 66 Through New Mexico MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Bill Boland
Signature of the Keeper

8/12/98
Date of Action

=====

Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria Consideration G should be checked.

This information was confirmed with Mary Ann Anders of the NM SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Rte. 66, state maintained from San Jon to Tucumari
NAME:

MULTIPLE Route 66 through New Mexico MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW MEXICO, Quay

DATE RECEIVED: 10/10/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/22/97
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/07/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/24/97
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97001399

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

(see 1314)

 ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept - A

REVIEWER Blard

DISCIPLINE Historia

TELEPHONE

DATE 11/19/97

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR (Y)N



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2. Quay, NM

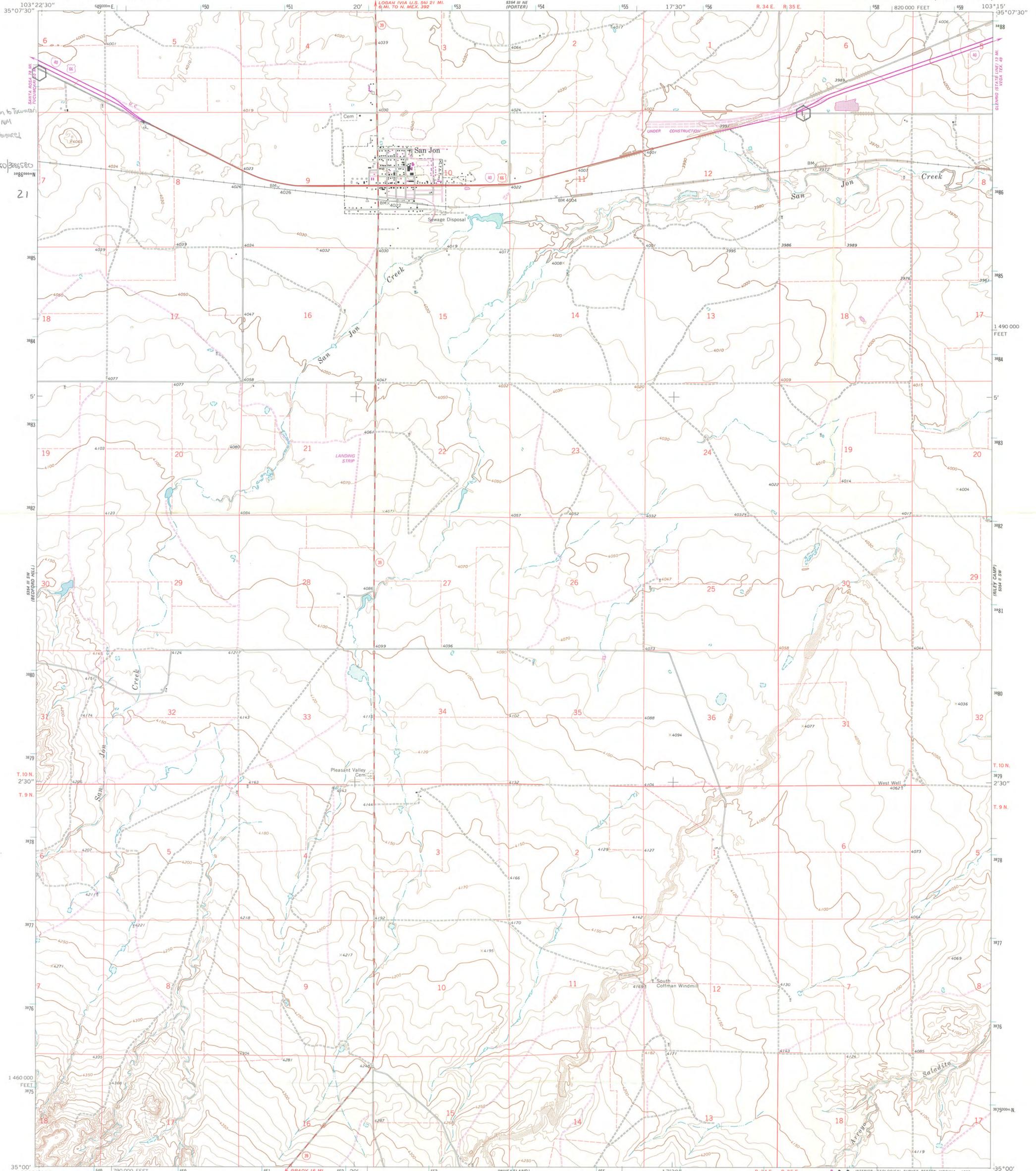
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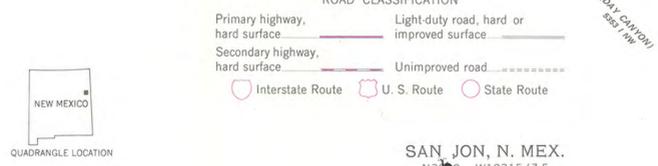
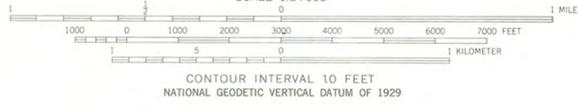
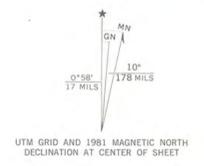
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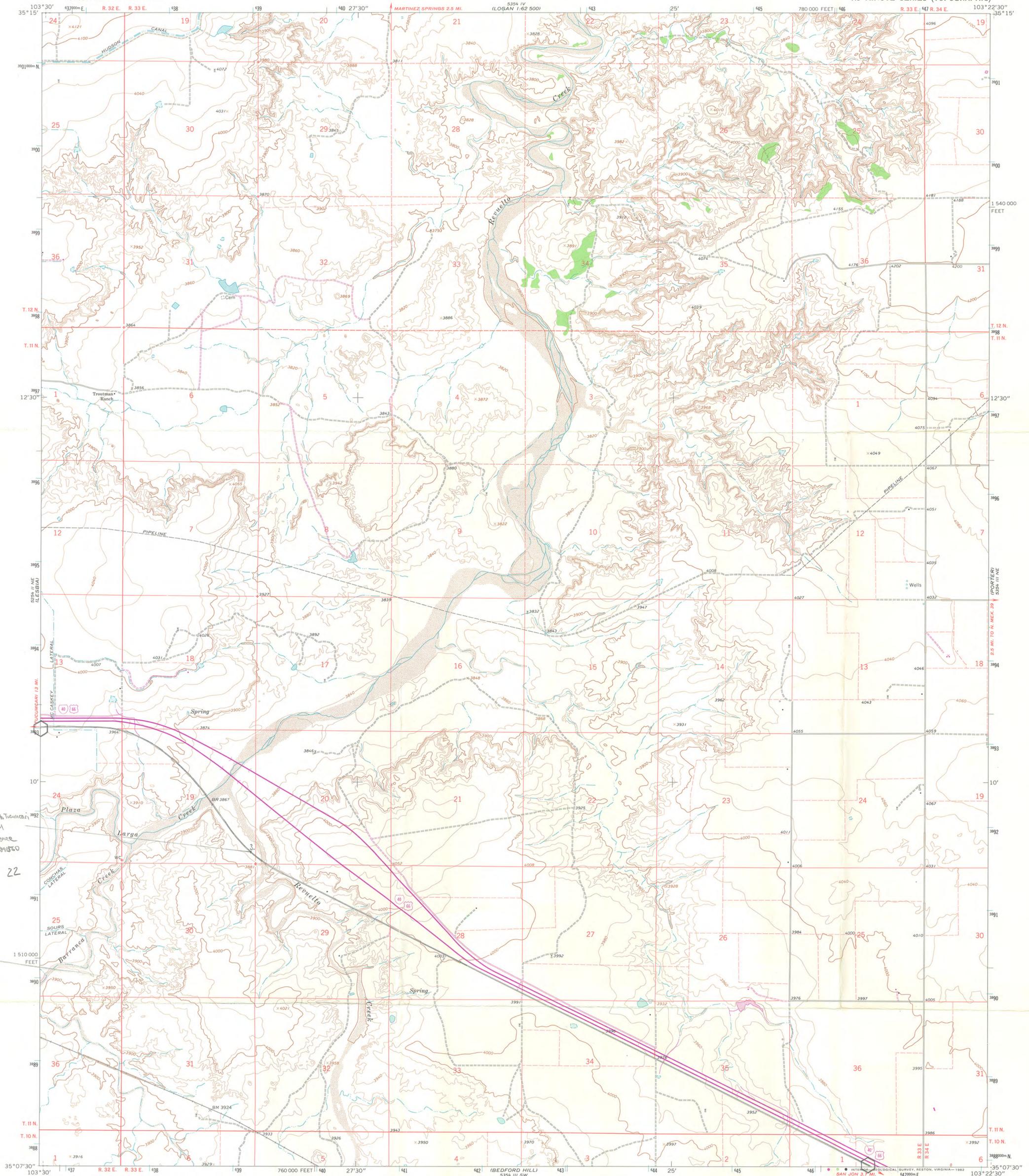
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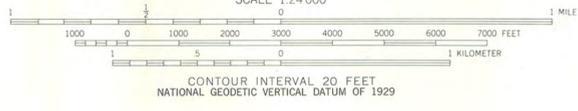
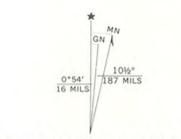
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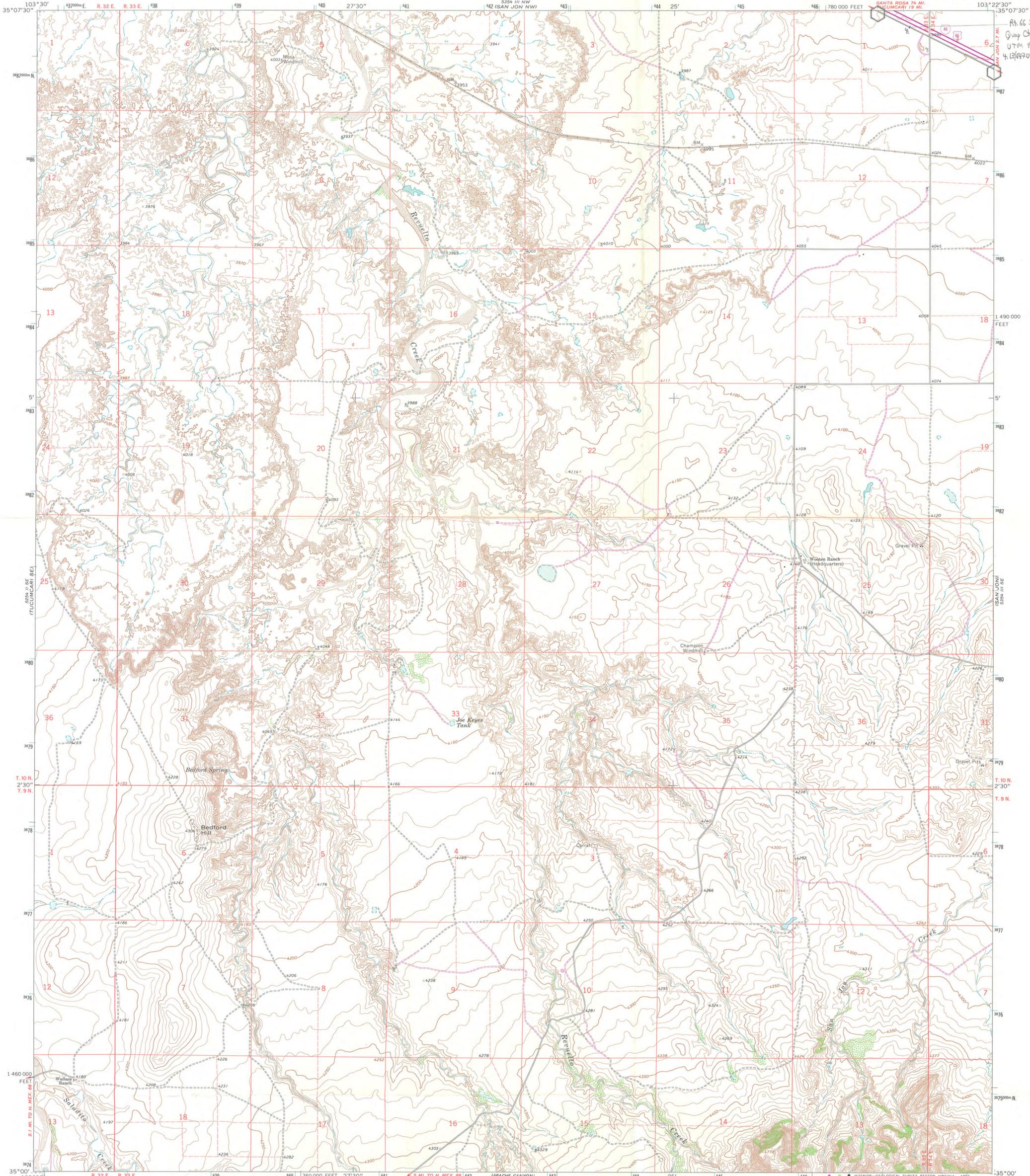
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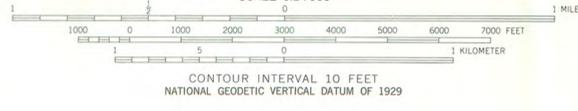
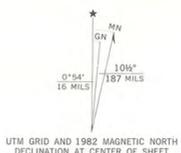
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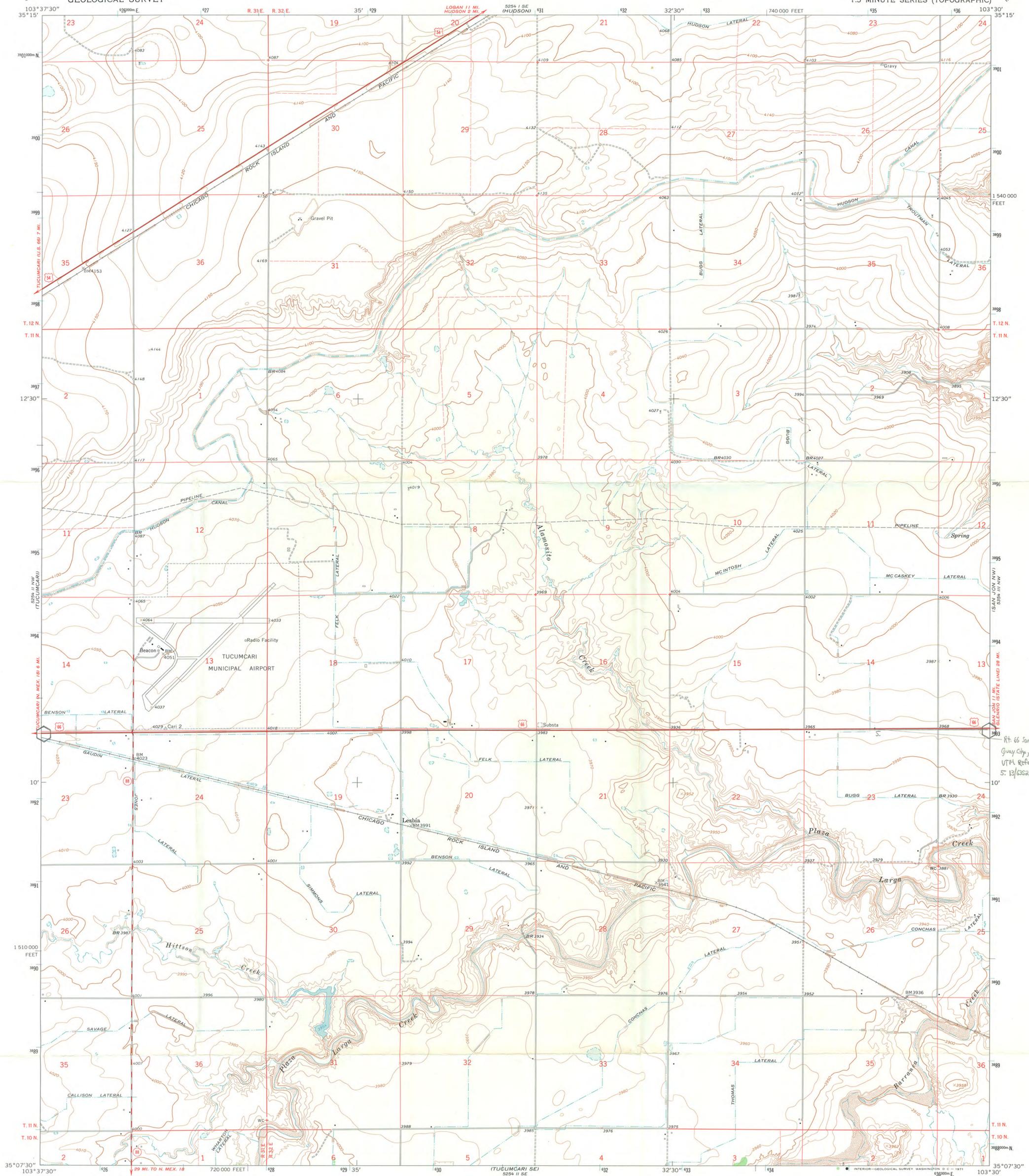


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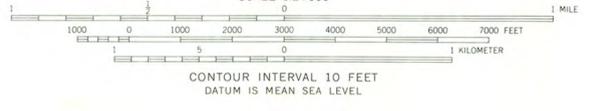
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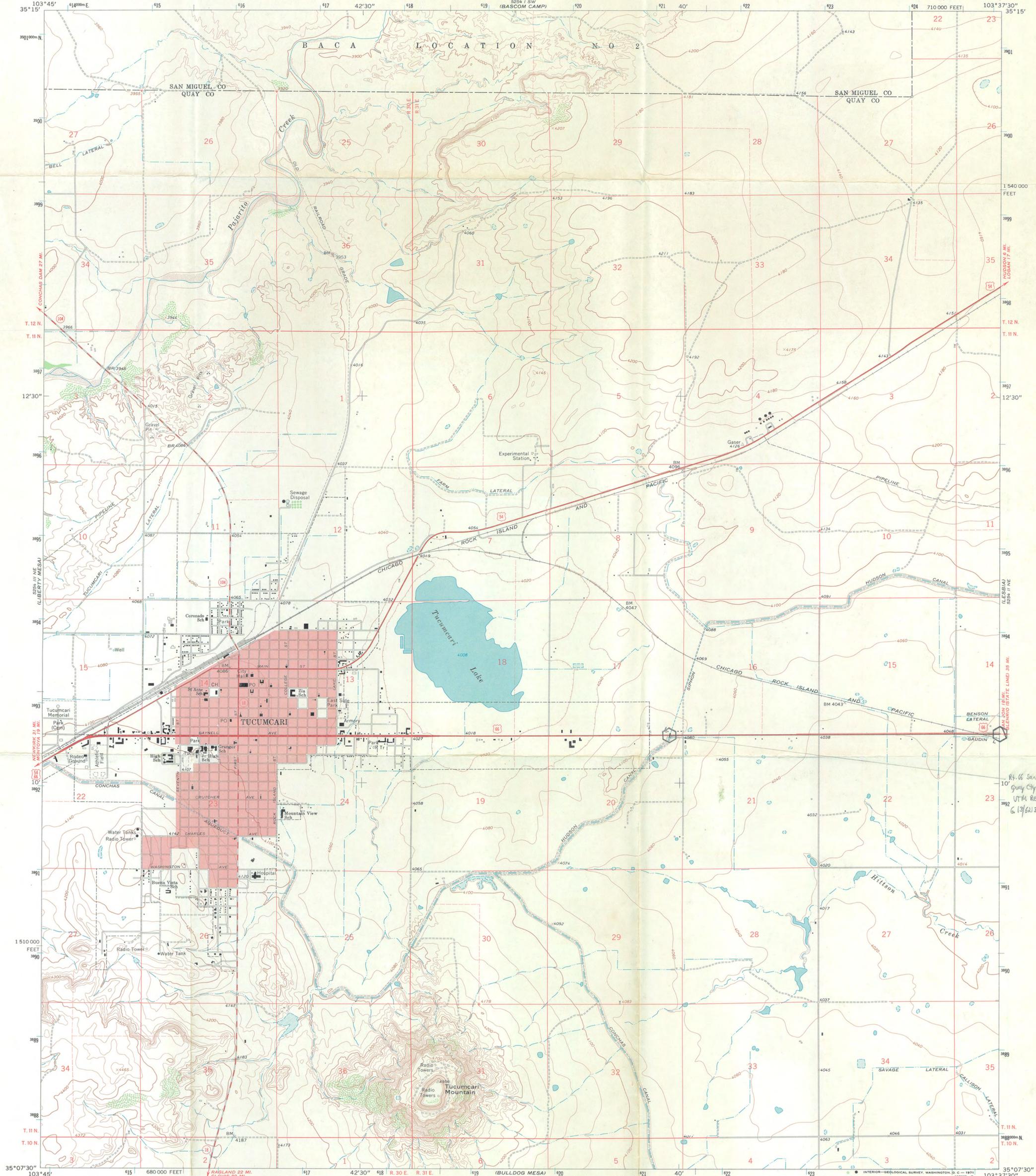
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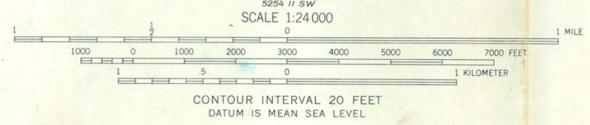
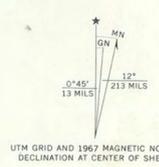
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