



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. PAUL DISTRICT
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ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1323

March 21, 2024

Regulatory File 2024-00163-MMG



We are responding to your request for authorization to rehabilitate approximately 6.69 miles of Trunk Highway (TH) 53 between Virginia and Mountain Iron (SP 6918-102). The proposed work is located in Sections 6, 7, 17 and 18, Township 58 North, Range 17 West, Sections 30 and 31, Township 59 North, Range 17 West and Section 12, Township 58 North, Range 18 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

The regulated activity associated with the project described above includes the temporary discharge of fill material into 0.07 acre of wetlands associated with the road reconstruction and culvert repairs. The work appears to be authorized by a Nationwide Permit (NWP) and/or a Regional General Permit (RGP), specifically, the Transportation RGP, category 2. No application or notification to the St. Paul District Corps of Engineers is required for your project, provided you comply with the terms and conditions of the permit.

This letter does not verify permit eligibility, but indicates that your project may meet the requirements of this permit. It is your responsibility to ensure that the work is performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit before starting work. **It is also incumbent upon you to verify that your activity has received any necessary Water Quality Certification or waiver prior starting work in waters of the U.S.** If a Water Quality Certification has not been issued for your activity, you are responsible for contacting the certifying agency. A full list of applicable terms, conditions, issued Water Quality Certifications, and certifying agencies may be found by visiting our website at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/>.

A change in location or project plans may require re-evaluation of your project. Proposed changes should be coordinated with this office prior to construction. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit invalidates this authorization and could result in a violation of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. You must also obtain all local, State, and other Federal permits that apply to this project.

Jurisdictional determination:

An approved jurisdictional determination has been prepared and concludes that Wet Ditch 1-4, 9-10, 12-13, 18, 21, 23-24, 28, 30-33, 39 and Wet Ditch Median 1-4, as shown on Figure 1-9 of the enclosed figures, are not waters of the U.S. Therefore, work in those aquatic resources does not require authorization. This approved jurisdictional determination may be relied upon for five years from the date of this letter. However, we reserve the right to re-evaluate the determination in response to information that was not considered during our initial review. If you object to this approved jurisdictional determination, you may request an administrative appeal

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pursuant to regulations at 33 CFR 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination, a complete RFA form must be received by the Mississippi Valley Division Office at the address shown on the form by May 20, 2024.

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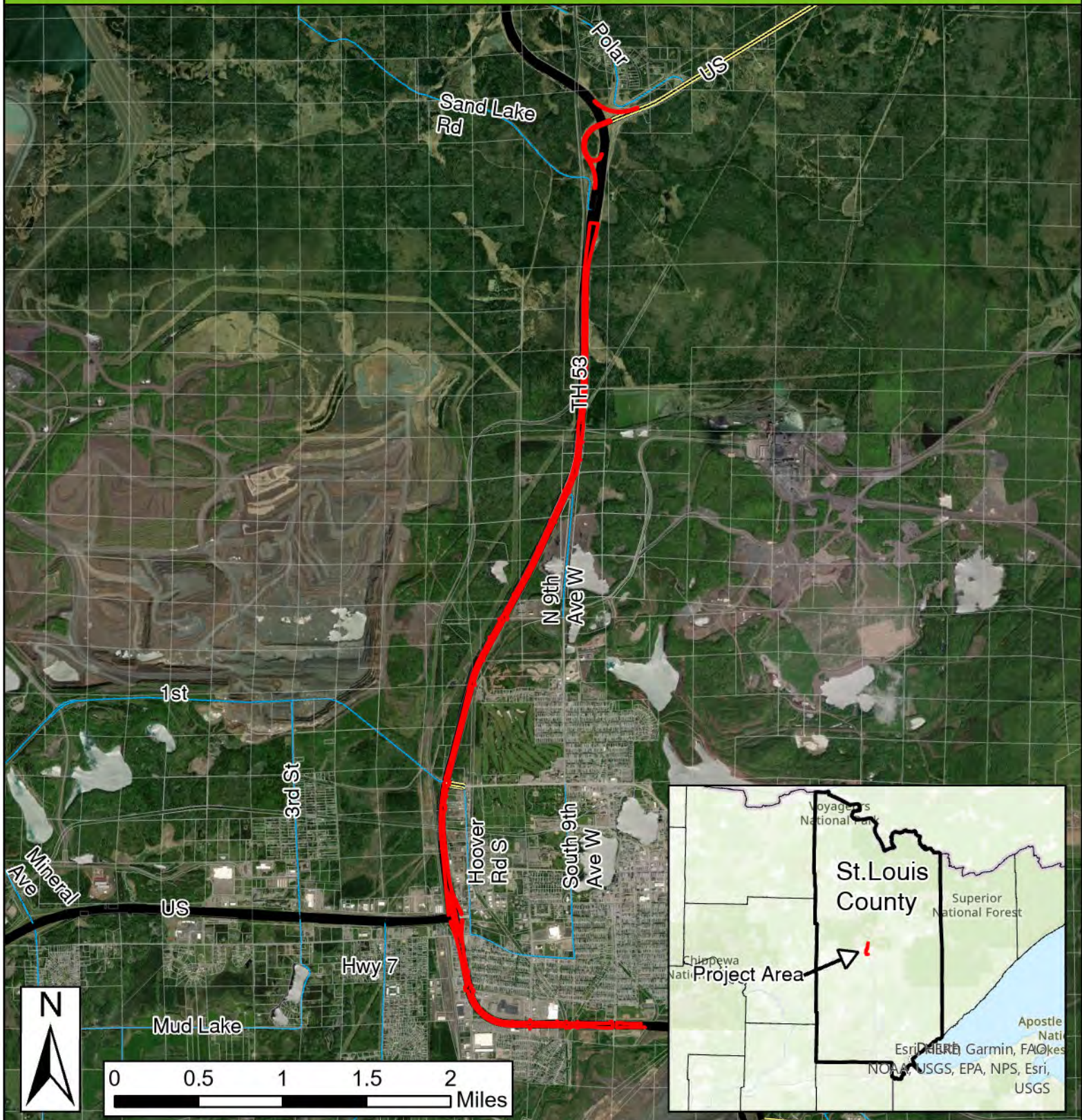
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Trunk Highway 53 Mill and Overlay Design, MnDOT District 1



Project Location Map

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TH 53 Mill and Overlay
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St. Louis County

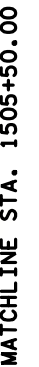
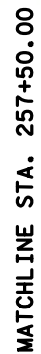
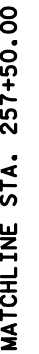
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Feature ID	Type of Impact	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Size of Impact	Basin Size [Acres]	Wetland Type / Existing Plant Community Types(s)	County, BSA *, Major Watershed *, Minor Watershed
Wetland 1	Remove Vegetation	T	0.02 [Acres]	0.59	3 / Shallow Marsh	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)
Wet Ditch 3	Remove Vegetation	T	0.05 [Acres]	0.34	3 / Shallow Marsh	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)
Wet Ditch 4	Fill	P / T	85 / 45 [S.F.]	0.05	3 / Shallow Marsh	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)

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CONSTRUCTION LIMITS
LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE
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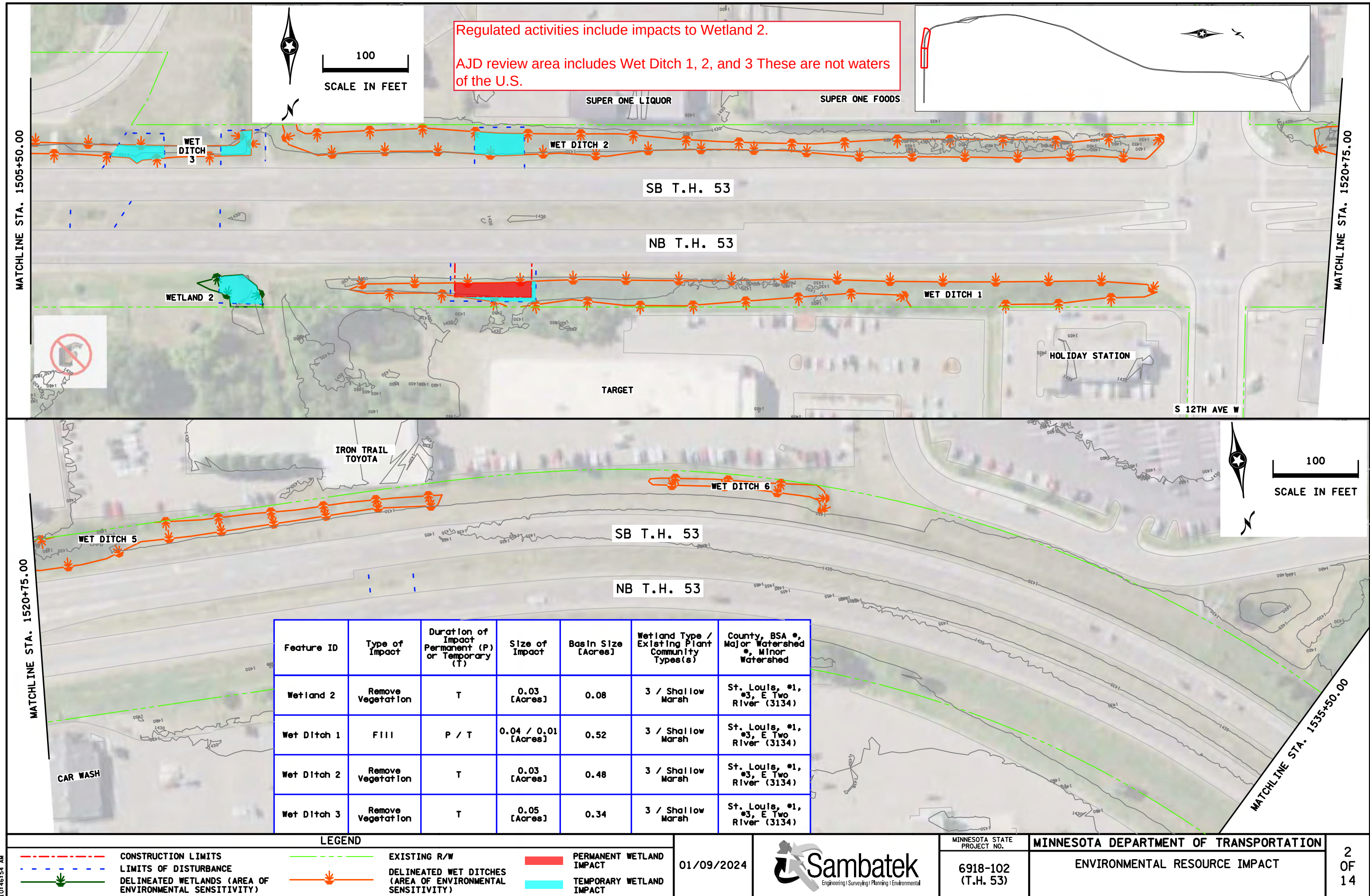
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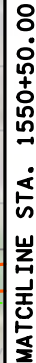


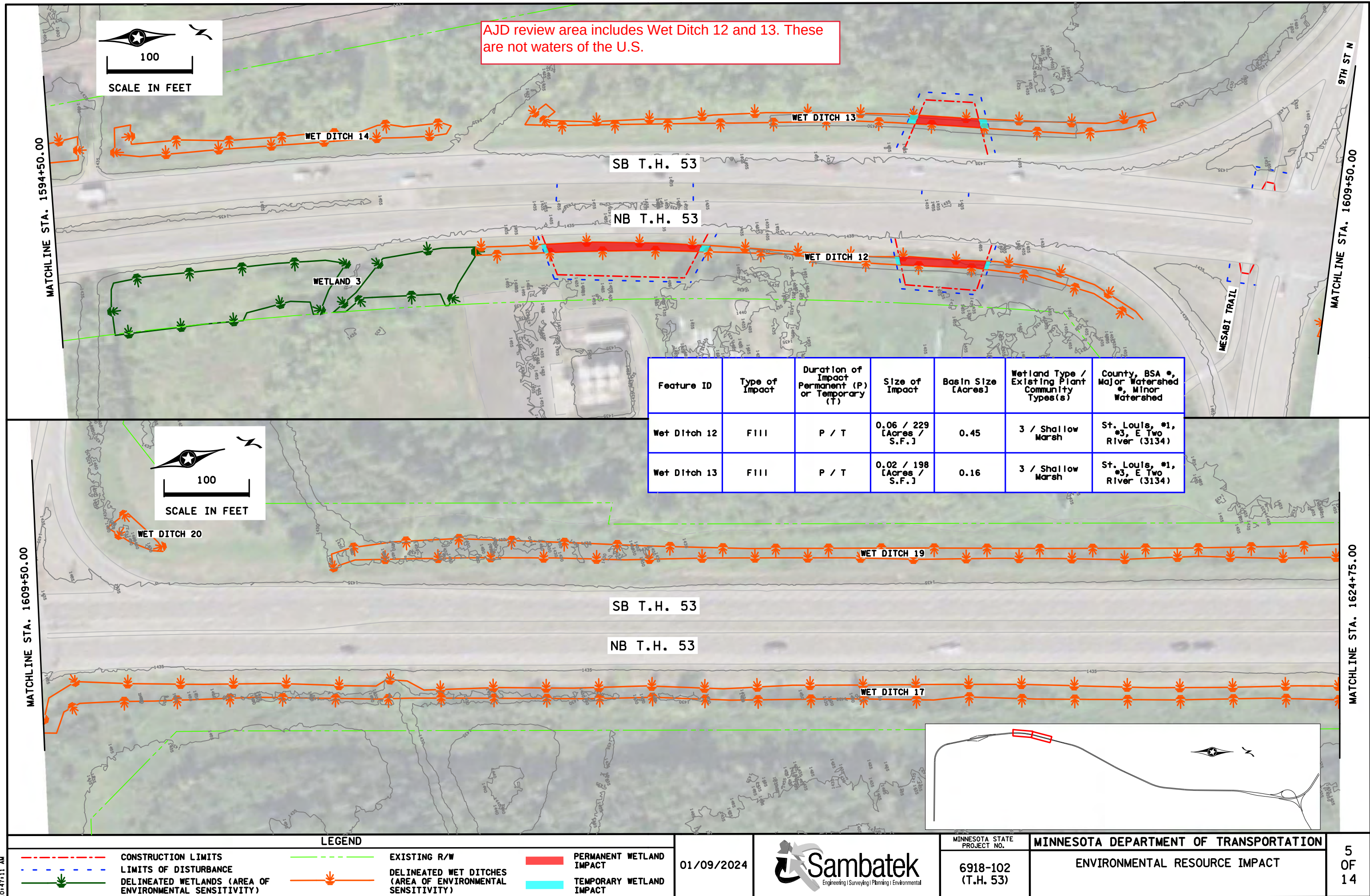
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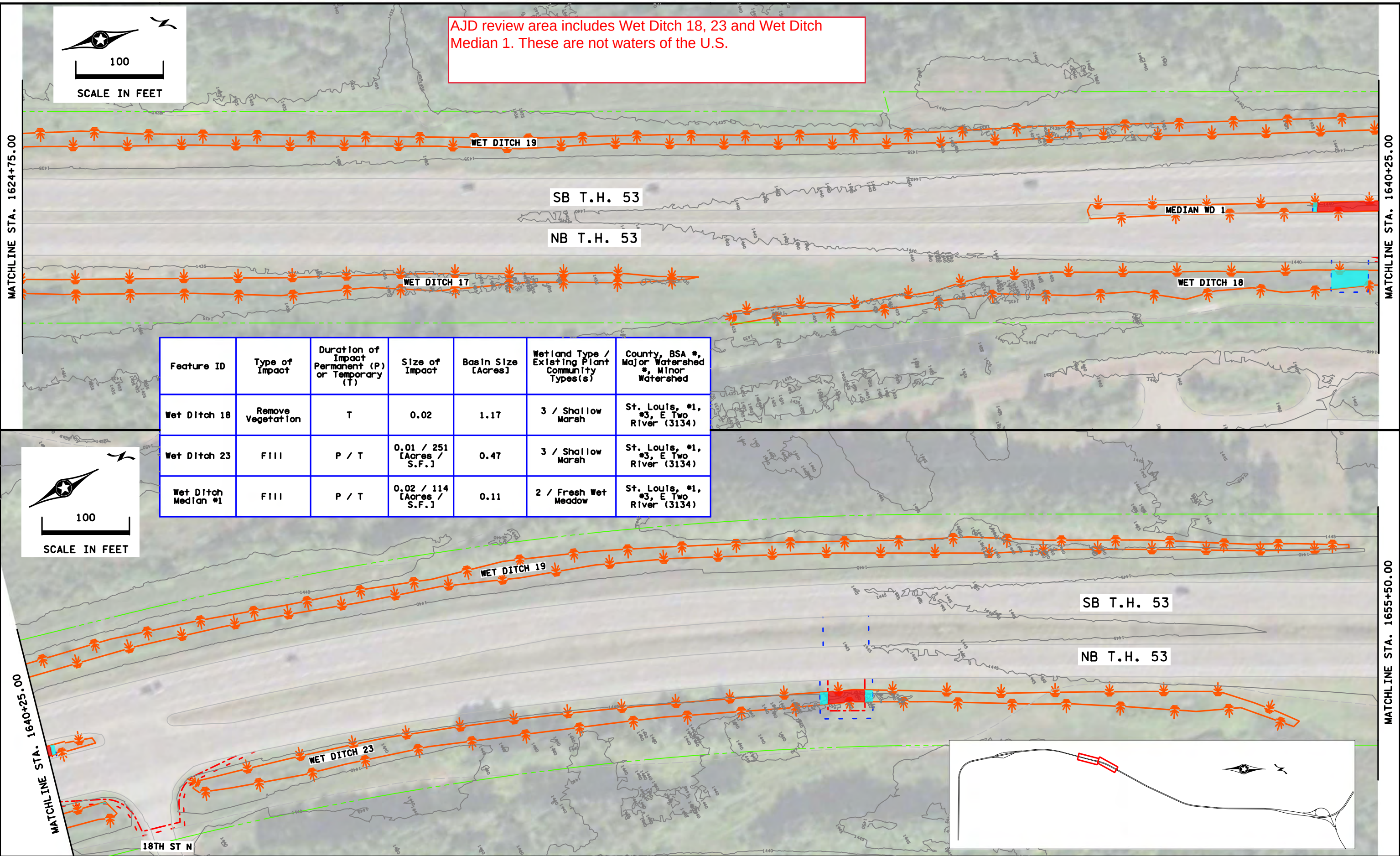
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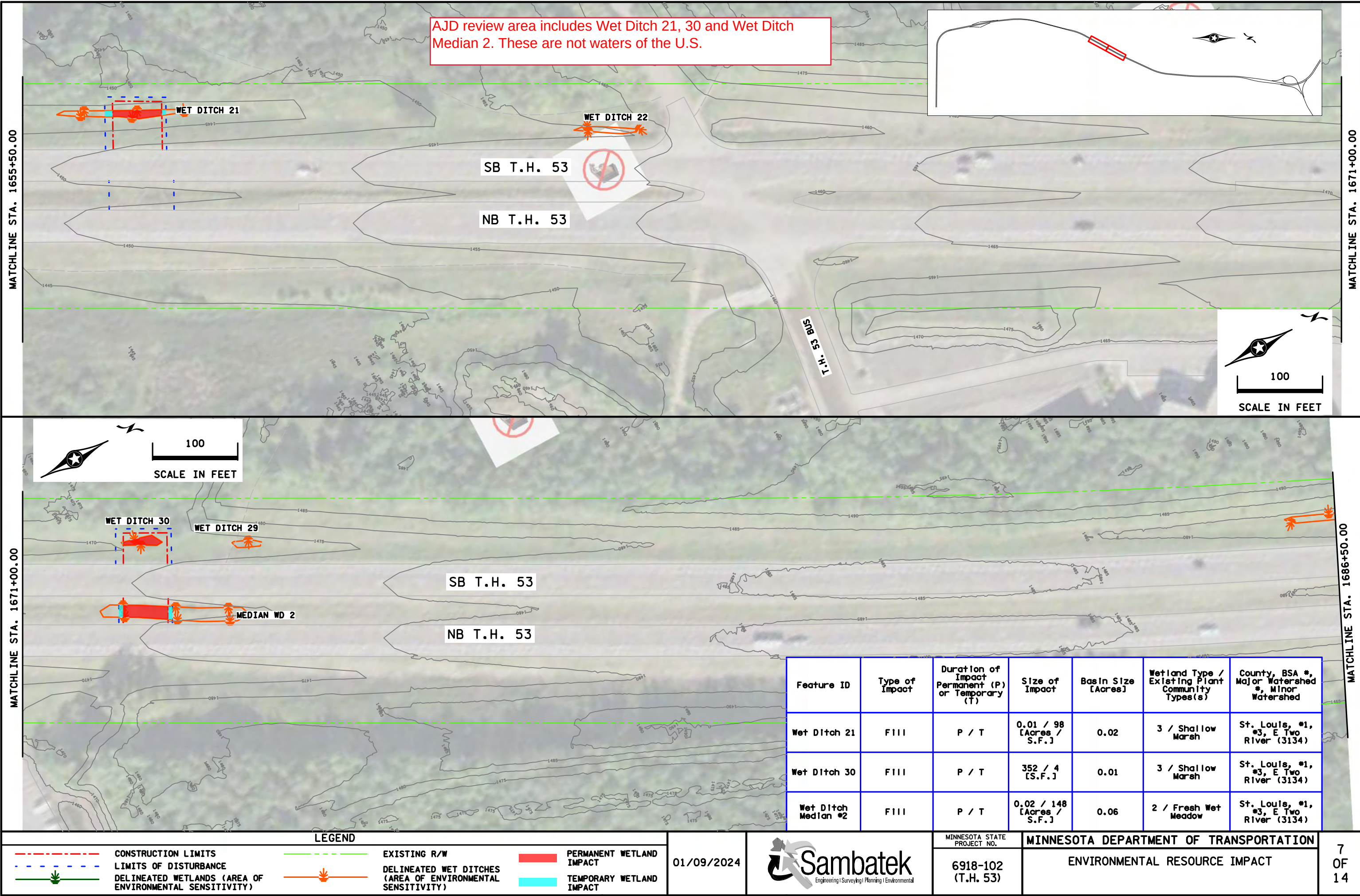
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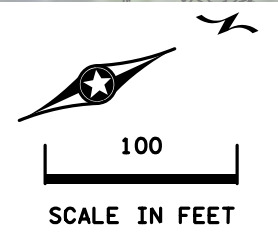
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Regulated activities include impacts to Wetland 9.

AJD review area includes Wet Ditch 23 and Wet Ditch Medians 3 and 4. These are not waters of the U.S.



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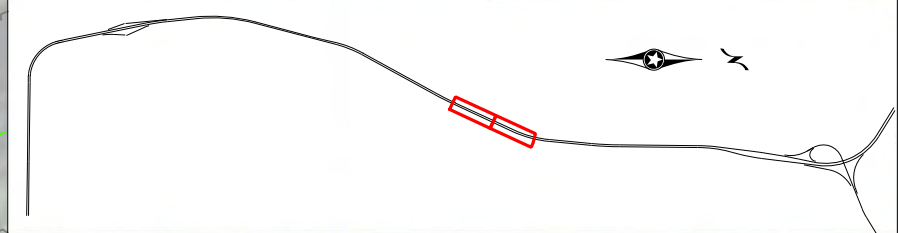
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Wetland 9	Remove Vegetation	T	0.02 [Acres]	0.09	3 / Shallow Marsh	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)
Wet Ditch 28	Fill	P / T	0.02 / 0.01 [Acres]	0.48	3 / Shallow Marsh	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)
Wet Ditch Median #3	Remove Vegetation	T	0.01 [Acres]	0.33	2 / Fresh Wet Meadow	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)
Wet Ditch Median #4	Fill / Remove Vegetation	P / T	0.02 / 0.02 [Acres]	0.30	3 / Shallow Marsh	St. Louis, #1, #3, E Two River (3134)



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