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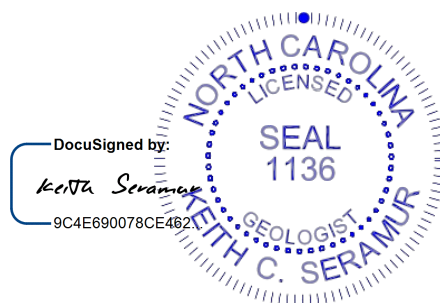
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Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property
1858 US Hwy 421, Wilkesboro, NC, 28697
PIN #: 3848-90-5893
Facility ID No.: 00-0-0000005067
Groundwater Incident #: 30149

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 General Site Background Information

Seramur & Associates, PC was contracted to complete a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at:

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Parcel #021 is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Dancy Street and US Highway 421 (Figure 1). The property is in a developed area north of the Yadkin River valley. This developed area was graded and leveled for big box stores, restaurants, and parking lots. Bedrock in the area is mapped as the Ashe Formation, a fine-grained, thinly layered, sulfidic, biotite-muscovite gneiss interbedded with mica schist or phyllite and minor amphibolite (Espenshade, G.H., Rankin, D.W., Shaw, K.W., and Neumann, R.B.. Geologic map of the east half of the Winston-Salem quadrangle, North Carolina-Virginia, U.S. Geologic Survey Misc. Inv. Series Map I-709-B, 1975).

A Notice to Proceed was obtained on February 16, 2022. Our area of investigation was primarily focused on the existing Right-of-Way (R/W) along the eastern side of Dancy Road and the northern side of US Hwy 421 and the Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) on the southern side of the parking lot along US Highway 421 (Figure 2). The Phase II Site Assessment scope of work included completing a geophysical survey to evaluate the potential for underground storage tanks and remnant UST system infrastructure. Background research for this project included reviewing historic aerial photographs and NCDEQ databases.

2.0 Scope of Work

2.1 Background Research

According to the Wilkes County Tax Administration records, the property owner is listed as Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Some NCDOT documents list the property as being owned by J.C. Faw. Available historic aerial photographs from the USGS EarthExplorer website and Google Earth Pro were reviewed.

The following NCDEQ databases were queried for incidents at Parcel #021:

- Dry Cleaners
- UST Incident Map
- Hazardous Waste Sites
- Active USTs
- UST Database

2.2 Geophysical Surveys

Seramur & Associates used the Pythagorean Theorem to establish three rectangular grids. Grids 1 and 2 covered the existing R/W along US Highway 421. Grid 3 was in the existing R/W on the

west side of the property along Dancy Road (Figure 3). Geophysical grid data was collected along transects at a two-foot spacing. The magnetometer transects were stopped short of the northern end of Grid 3 because of the potential interference in the data that would have been caused by a Sheepsfoot Roller and steel sewer lines waiting to be installed.

Fifteen additional transects of GPR data were collected in the areas that were unable to be covered with grid data (Figure 3). A Schonstedt GA-72Cd Magnetic Locator was also used to survey these transects for magnetic anomalies that could be related to a former UST System.

The magnetometer data was collected with a GEM Systems GSM-19W Walking Overhauser magnetometer. The data was compiled in Excel spreadsheets and a grayscale hillshade map of the magnetic data was drafted using Golden Software's Surfer® modeling program. The lighter shades are lower magnetic readings, and the darker colors are higher magnetic readings (Figure 4). Ferrous objects in the subsurface have a magnetic field distinct from the surrounding soil and produce magnetic anomalies on the contour maps.

A Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey was completed across the three grids and along the fifteen transects using a Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc. UtilityScan GPR System with a 350 MHz hyperstacking antenna. This GPR system is equipped with a calibrated survey wheel. The GPR data was downloaded and saved onto a computer. The GPR grid data has been processed and modeled using GPR Slice® software. The GPR data processing included adjusting time zero, completing a background removal and adjusting the time variable gain to enhance deep reflections. Three-dimensional models of the GPR grid data were produced with GPR Slice® software. Three time slices (or depth slices) were imaged in each 3D model at depths of 0.2 to 0.5 feet, 1.7 to 2.0 feet and 3.7 to 4.0 feet (Figures 5, 6, & 7). Each depth slice is a horizontal slice or plan view of the reflections across a 0.3-foot thickness of the subsurface. For example, the deep GPR depth slices show reflections in the radar data between depths of 3.7 and 4.0 feet. The profiles of the GPR transects show the subsurface directly under the path of the antenna to a depth of 8.0 feet (Figures 8a – 8c).

2.3 Plate 1 – Photographs of Parcel #021 (March 30, 2022)



Photo 1. Collecting GPR data in Grid 1.



Photo 2. Collecting magnetometer data in Grid 1.

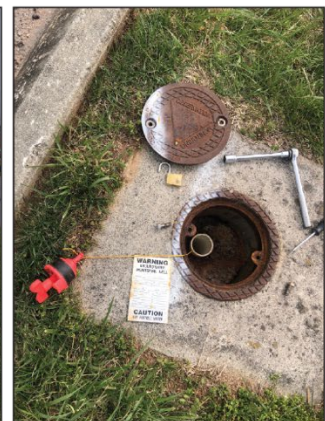


Photo 3. Monitoring Well located within the existing Right-of-Way.

2.4 Plate 2 – Photographs of Parcel #021 (March 30, 2022)



3.0 Results of Investigation

Parcel #021 currently operates as a cellular phone retailer. A 1985 aerial photograph shows that the property previously operated as a gas station. Historic aerials from Google Earth Pro show that the property functioned as a gas station until sometime between 1998 and 2005. A review of the Wilkes County Tax records found that Parcels #021 and #022 as well as the two parcels behind them, were once a single parcel. In 2012 they were divided into four separate properties. The Google Earth Pro historical aerial photographs appear to show that Carolina West Wireless operates out of the same building as the former gas station/convenience store.

The NCDEQ UST Registered Tanks database lists records of two former USTs at this property. These were two 10,000-gallon gasoline USTs. These tanks are listed as being used from April 1973 until March 2003. The NCDEQ UST Incidents database indicates that a release occurred at the property on February 25, 2003. Online copies of documents are not available on the NCDEQ website, but a summary of the incident is included in the UST Incident Database. The summary of the incident reads as follows:

*Free product and GCL violations detected in MW1, CAP requested.
EDB exceeds Ind./commercial MSCC's in soil.*

This site is a now a cellular phone company. Not sure any of the MW's are still there. No drinking water wells within 1500 feet.

Talked with consultant about doing a MRP and the next step on 4/5/2019. KJH

SAPC personnel made a pedestrian reconnaissance of the property during the initial site visit on March 30, 2022. No evidence of an UST system was observed on the property within the existing R/W and proposed TCE. Five monitoring wells were observed on the property, one of which is within the existing R/W (Figure 9).

3.1 Geophysical Surveys

The magnetic data for the three grids show dispersed patterns of variable magnetic readings, but large magnetic anomalies that might indicate remnants of a former UST system were not observed (Figure 4). The magnetic data collected along the fifteen transects did not indicate the presence of a UST.

The shallow GPR depth slices (0.2-0.5 feet) show a high amplitude reflection at the intersection of Grids 1 and 2 (Figure 5). This is just north of a storm drain. Other scattered medium to high amplitude reflections are present in other areas of the three grids, but these reflections do not show patterns indicative of a former UST system.

The intermediate GPR depth slice (1.7-2.0 feet) in Grid 2 shows an area of higher amplitude reflections at the location of a former driveway (Figure 6). A slightly deeper slice (2.3-2.6 feet) shows the extent of this driveway (inset in Figure 6). The other dispersed medium to high amplitude reflections across the three grids do not appear to be related to a UST system.

The only notable anomalies on the deep GPR depth slices (3.7-4.0 feet) are related to the water line in Grid 1 and the gas line in Grid 3 (Figure 7). The GPR profiles for Transects 12 through 15 show a buried surface 1-2 feet deep in the southwest corner of the property (Figure 8c and 8d). Transects 1, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 cross utility lines which appear at depths between 2.5 and 4 feet. Other than these features, the GPR profiles show continuous horizontal reflections.

The infrastructure detected by the magnetometer and GPR are not related to a UST system or other UST system infrastructure.

3.2 Conclusions

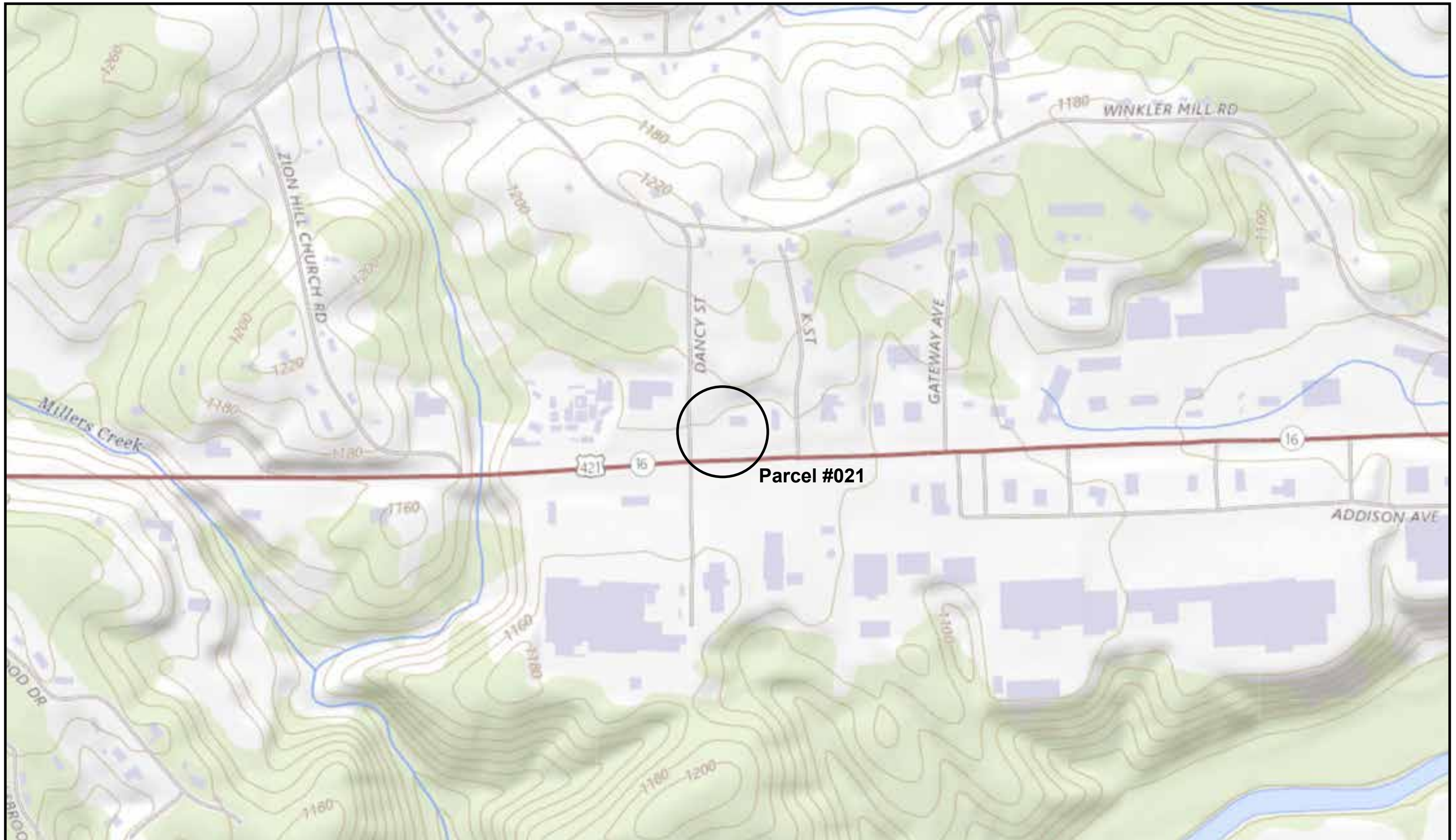
Parcel #021 currently operates as a Carolina West Wireless cellphone store. The geophysical surveys did not image an existing UST system or evidence of a previous UST system within the existing R/W or proposed TCE. Utility lines were being installed at the time of our work. USTs and/or soil contamination were not reported to be encountered during this work.

4.0 Recommendations

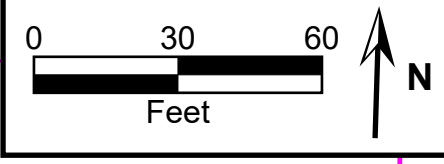
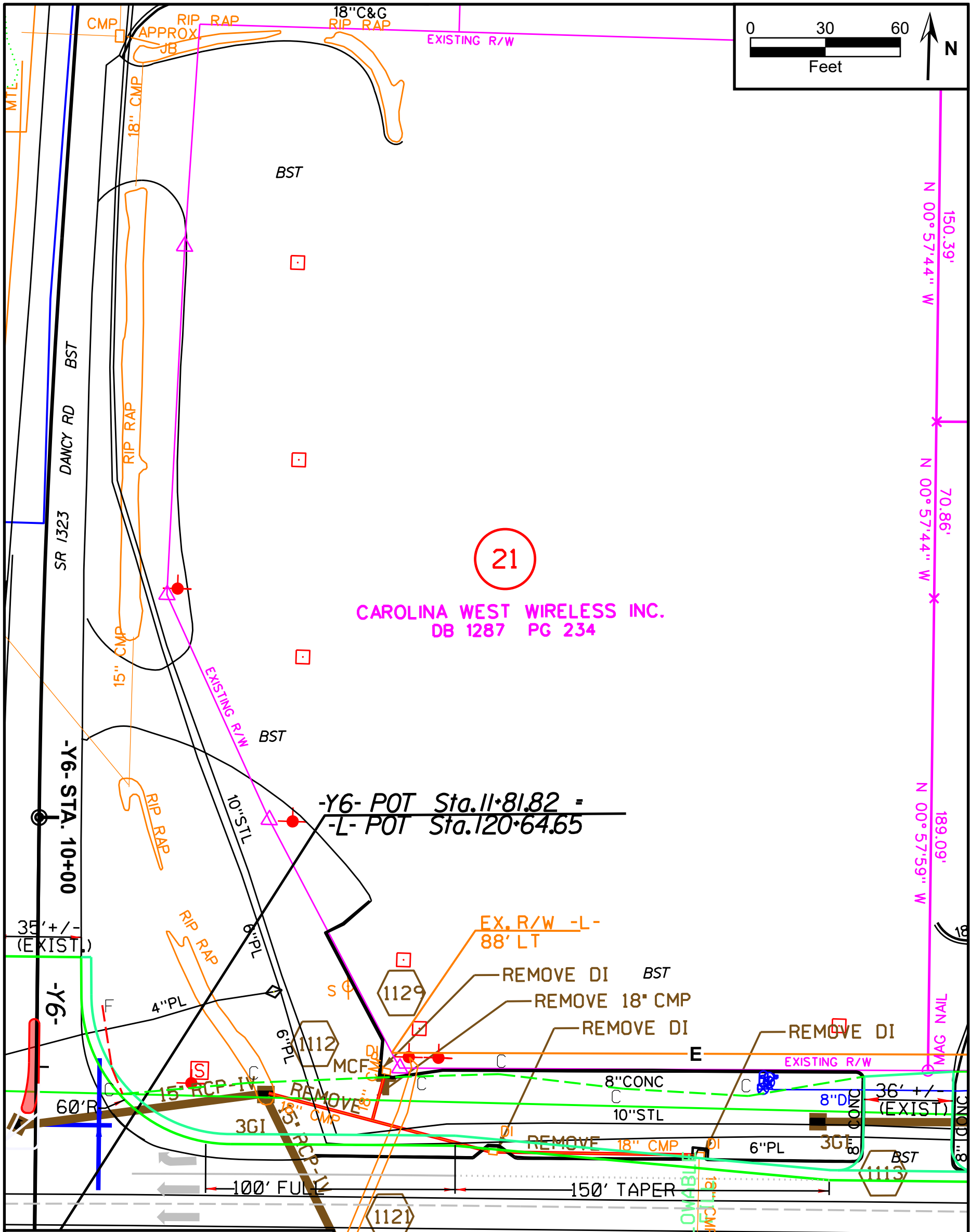
Seramur & Associates does not recommend any further assessment work for Parcel #021. The monitoring well located within the existing R/W should be properly abandoned by a licensed well driller if this area is to be disturbed by the proposed road improvements.

Appendix A

Figures



<p>Figure 1 Site Location Map Source: U.S.G.S. The National Map</p>	<p>State Project: U-5312 Wilkes County, NC</p>	<p>Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property 1858 US Hwy 421 Wilkesboro, NC</p>	<p>Parcel #021 Facility I.D. #: 00-05067</p>	<p>Seramur & Associates, PC Boone, NC</p>	<p>0 350 700 Feet</p>
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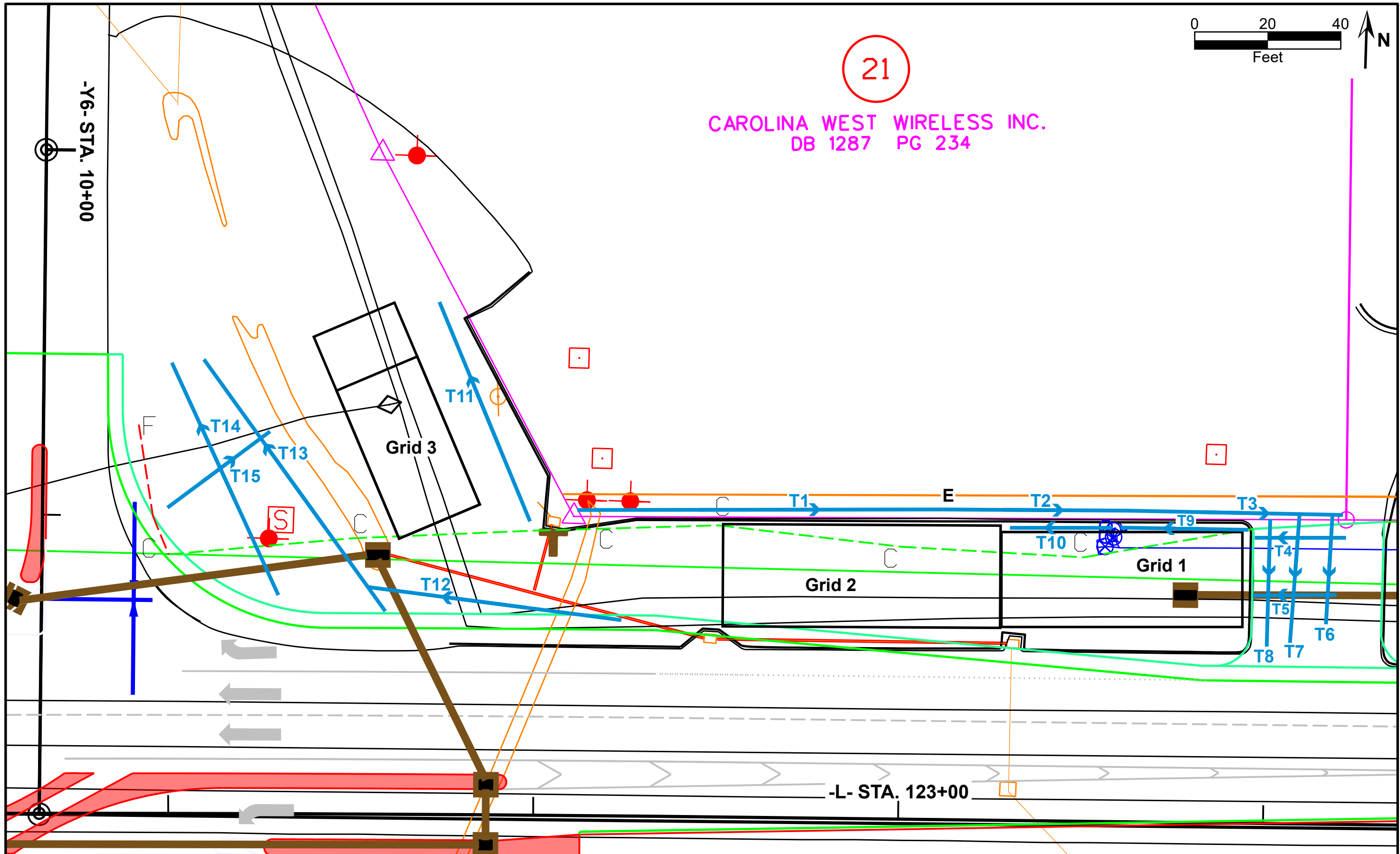
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Site Plan

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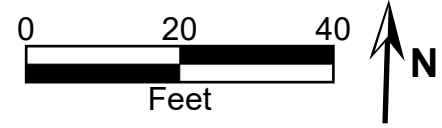
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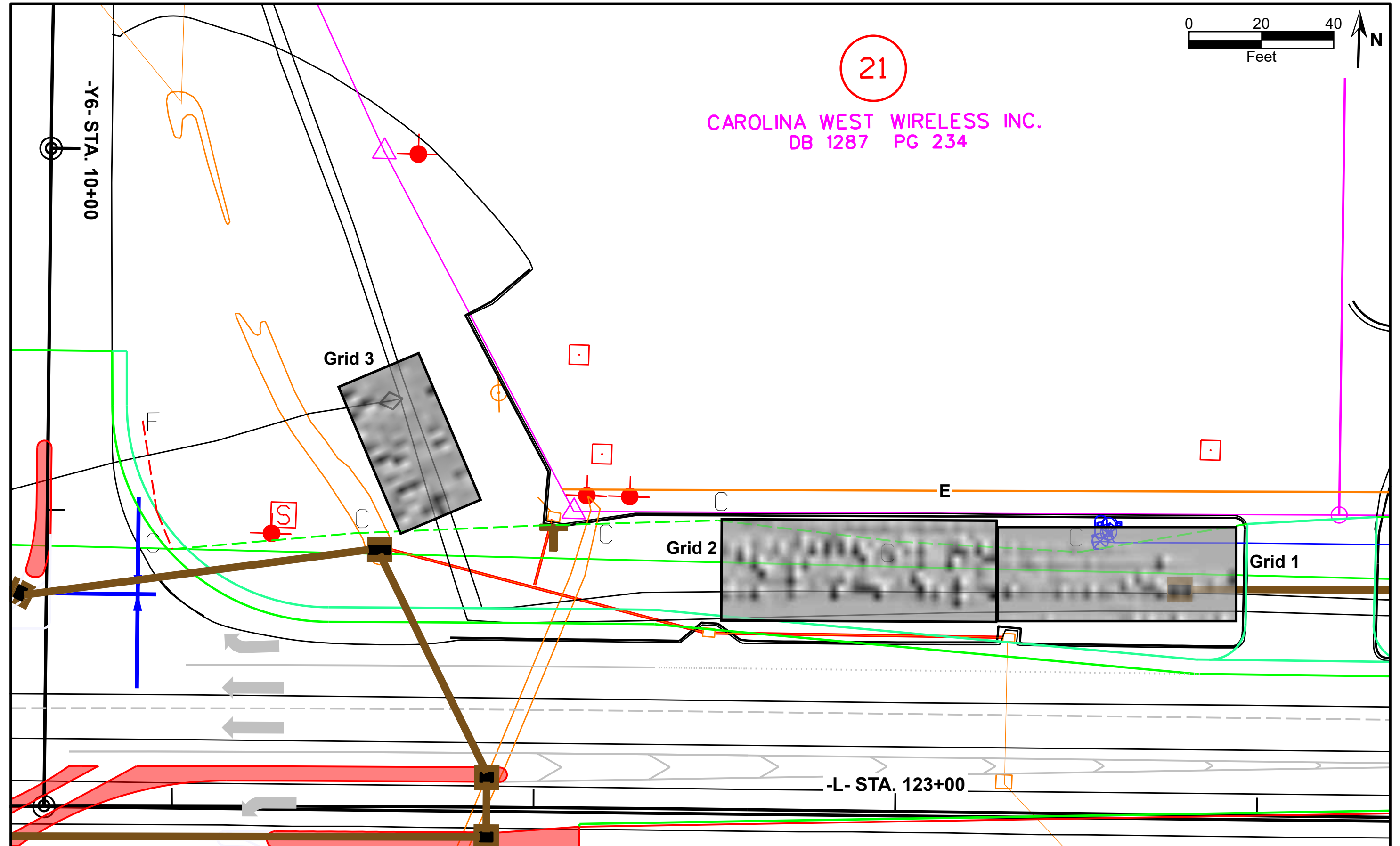


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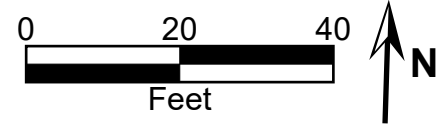


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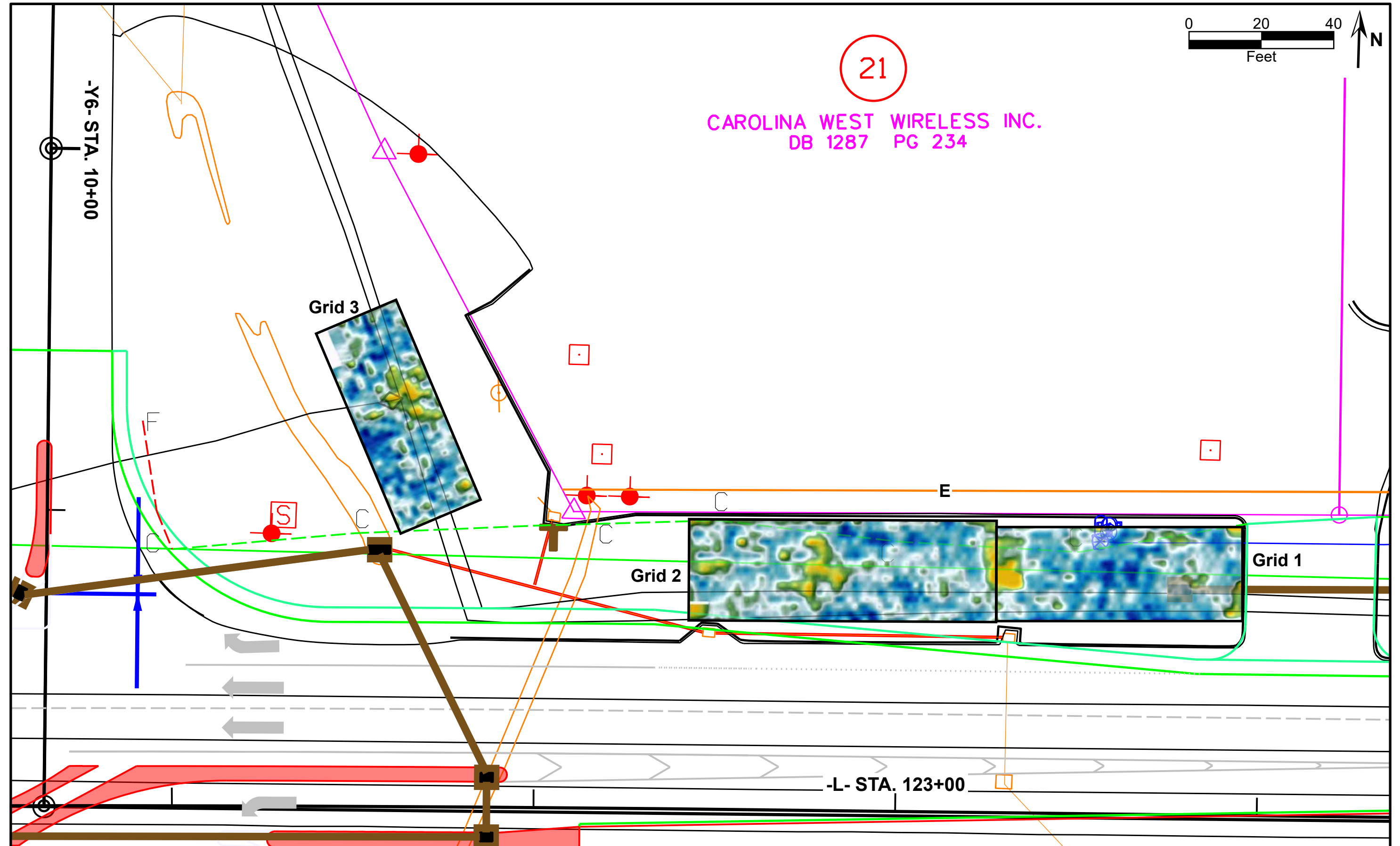


<p>Figure 4 Magnetometer Survey Hillshade Map</p>	<p>State Project: U-5312 Wilkes County, NC</p>	<p>Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property 1858 US Hwy 421 Wilkesboro, NC</p>	<p>Parcel #021 Facility I.D. #: 00-05067</p>	<p>Seramur & Associates, PC Boone, NC</p>
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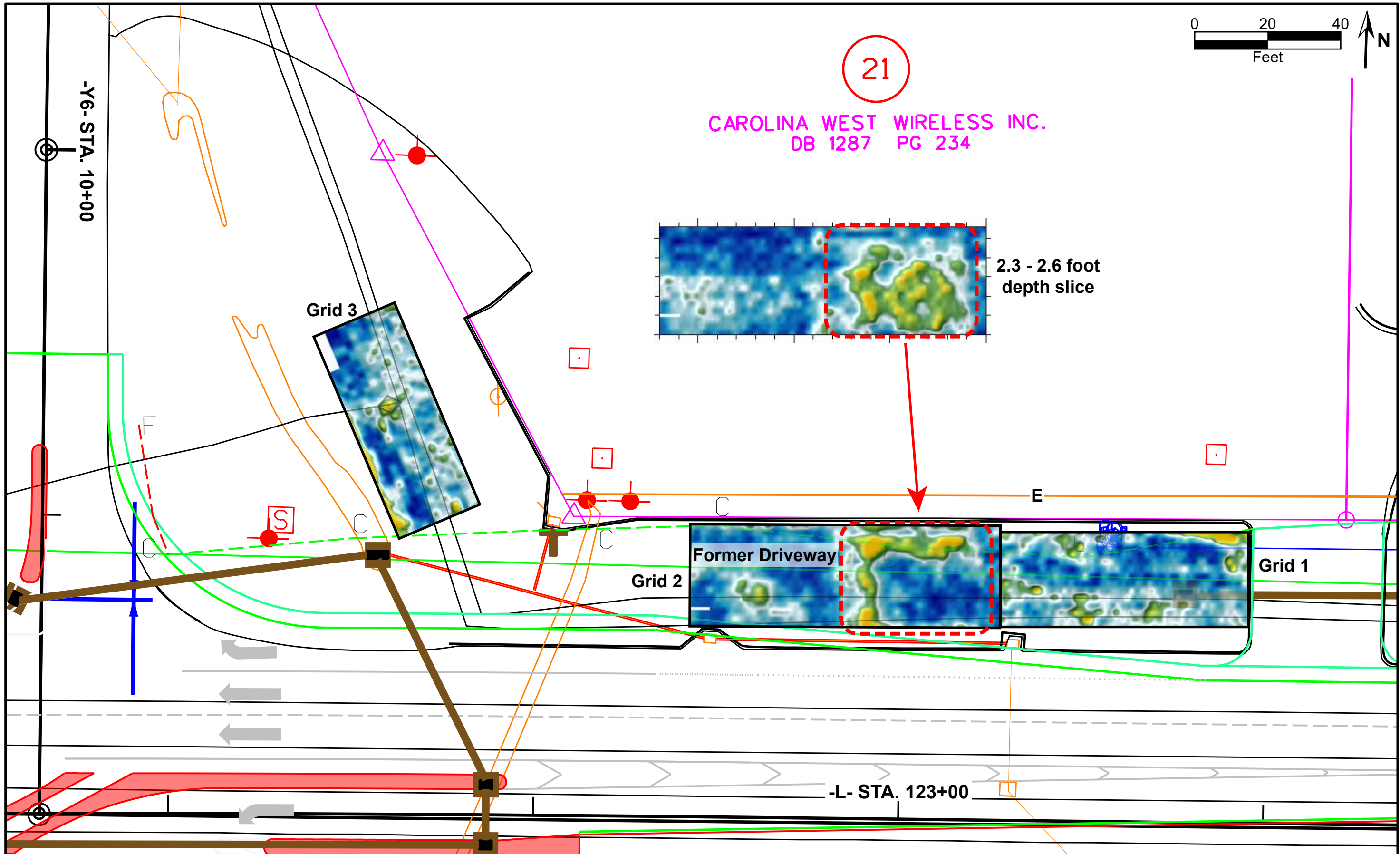


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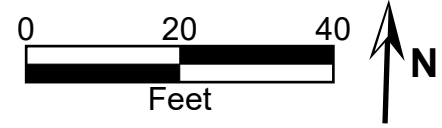
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<p>Figure 5 Shallow GPR Depth Slices (0.2 to 0.5 ft.)</p>	<p>State Project: U-5312 Wilkes County, NC</p>	<p>Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property 1858 US Hwy 421 Wilkesboro, NC</p>	<p>Parcel #021 Facility I.D. #: 00-05067</p>	<p>Seramur & Associates, PC Boone, NC</p>
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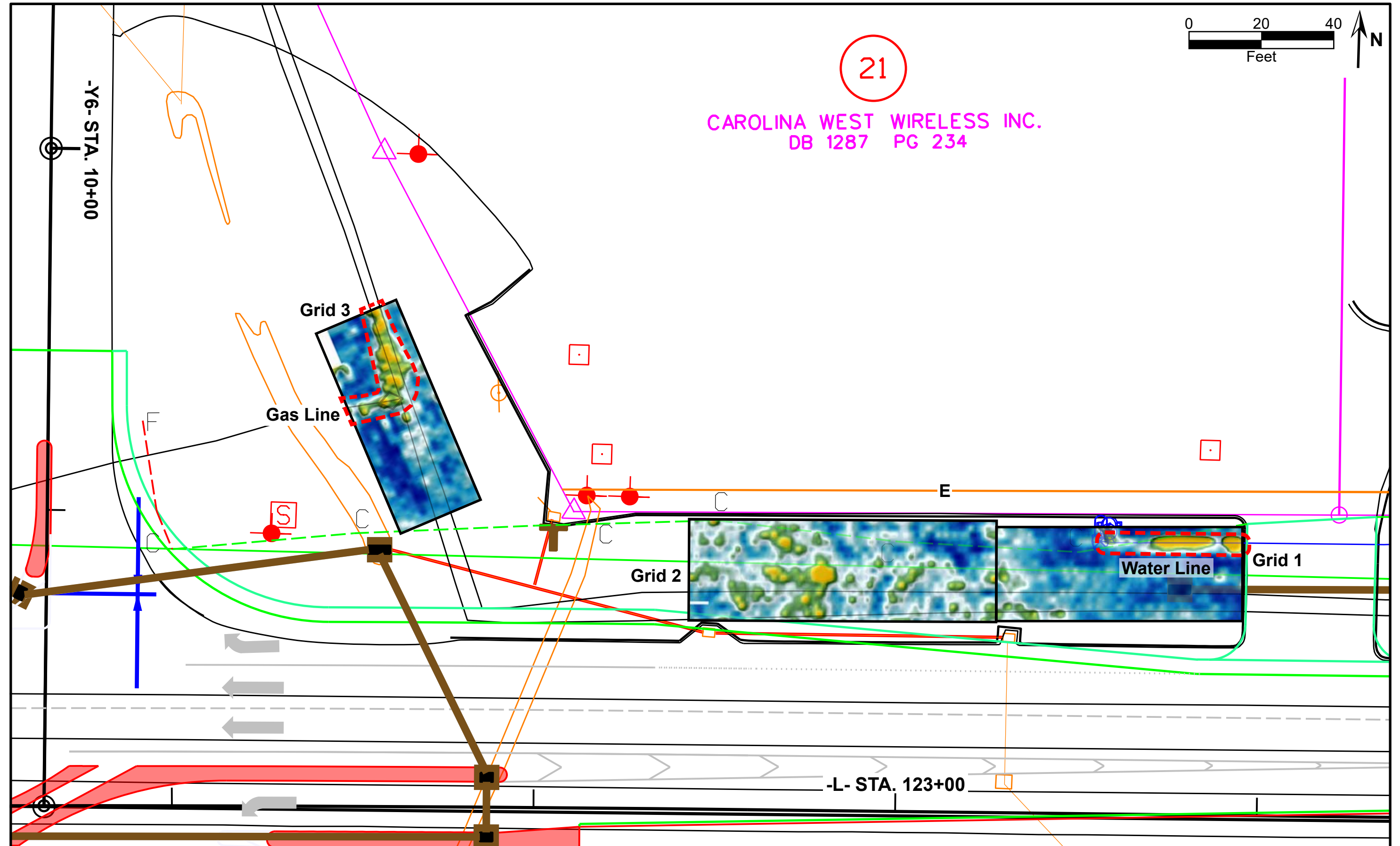


<p>Figure 6 Intermediate GPR Depth Slices (1.7 to 2.0 ft.)</p>	<p>State Project: U-5312 Wilkes County, NC</p>	<p>Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property 1858 US Hwy 421 Wilkesboro, NC</p>	<p>Parcel #021 Facility I.D. #: 00-05067</p>	<p>Seramur & Associates, PC Boone, NC</p>
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<p>Figure 7 Deep GPR Depth Slices (3.7 to 4.0 ft.)</p>	<p>State Project: U-5312 Wilkes County, NC</p>	<p>Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property 1858 US Hwy 421 Wilkesboro, NC</p>	<p>Parcel #021 Facility I.D. #: 00-05067</p>	<p>Seramur & Associates, PC Boone, NC</p>
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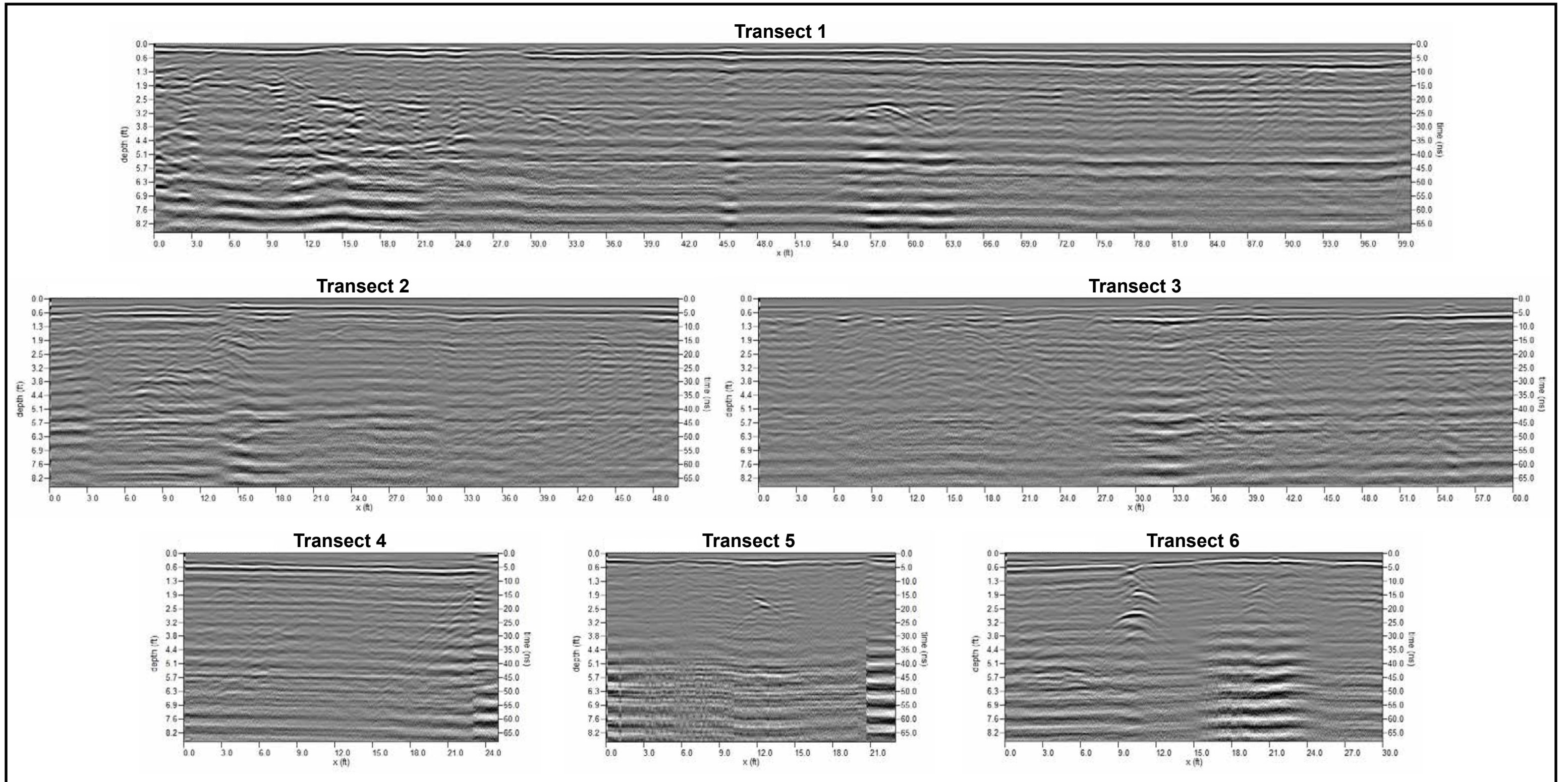


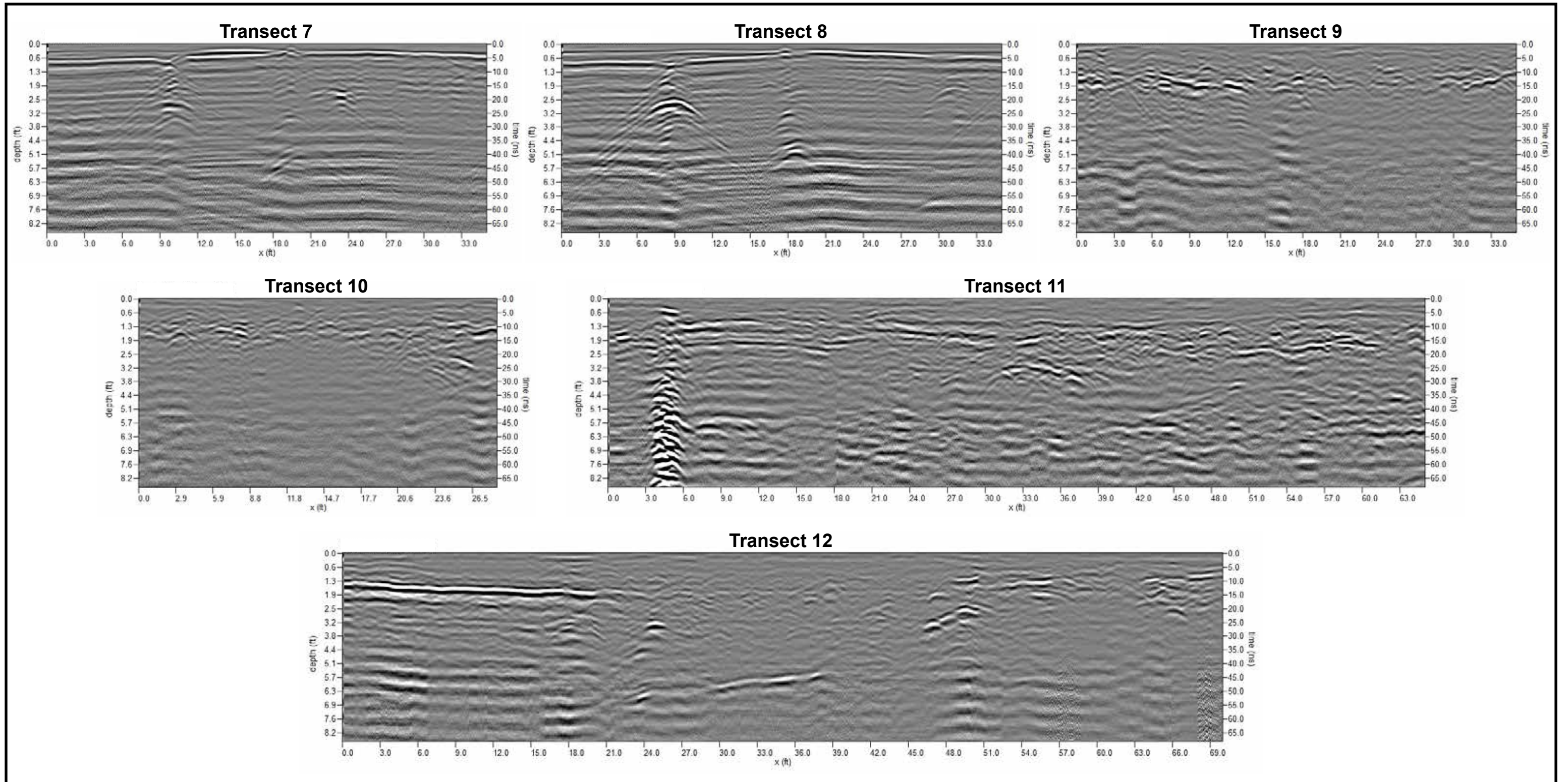
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GPR Transect Profiles 1 through 6

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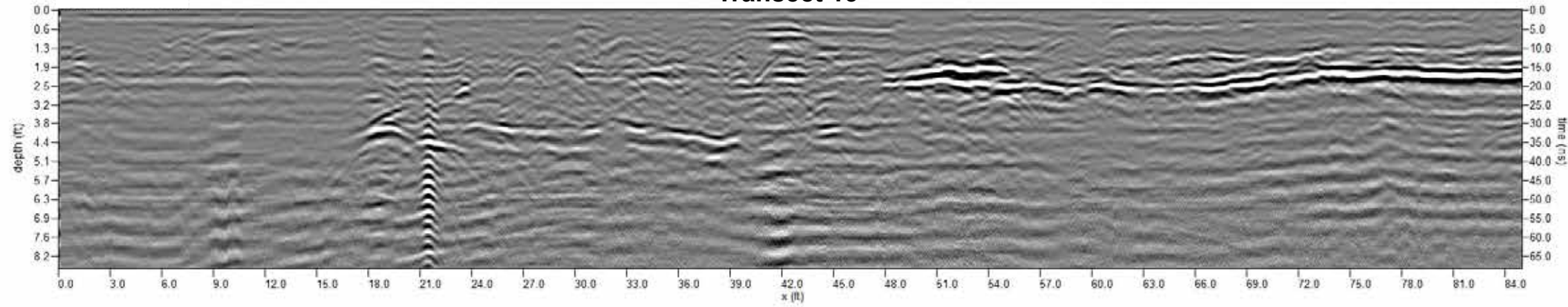
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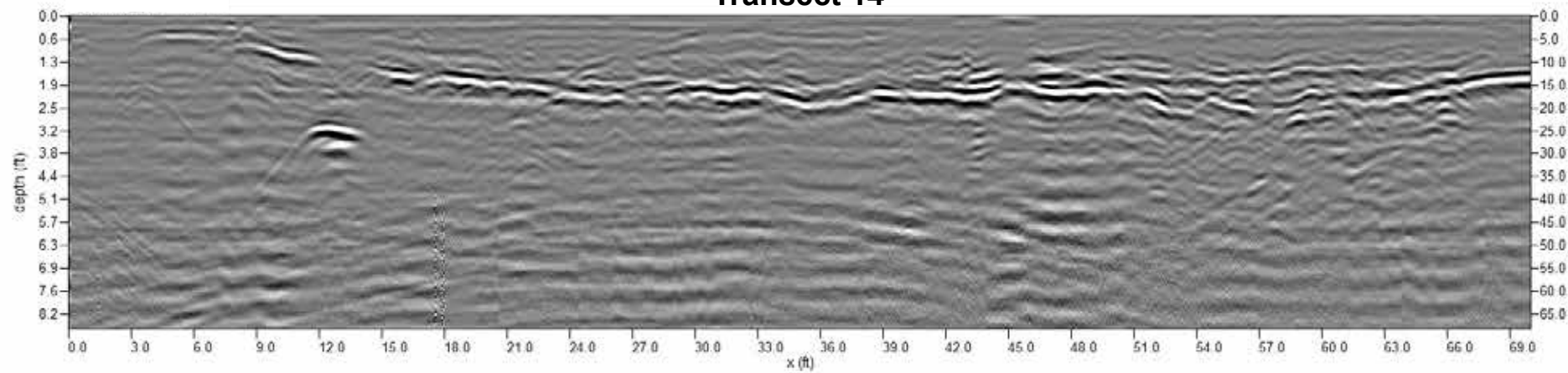


<p>Figure 8b GPR Transect Profiles 7 through 12</p>	<p>State Project: U-5312 Wilkes County, NC</p>	<p>Carolina West Wireless, Inc. Property 1858 US Hwy 421 Wilkesboro, NC</p>	<p>Parcel #021 Facility I.D. #: 00-05067</p>	<p>Seramur & Associates, PC Boone, NC</p>
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Transect 13



Transect 14



Transect 15

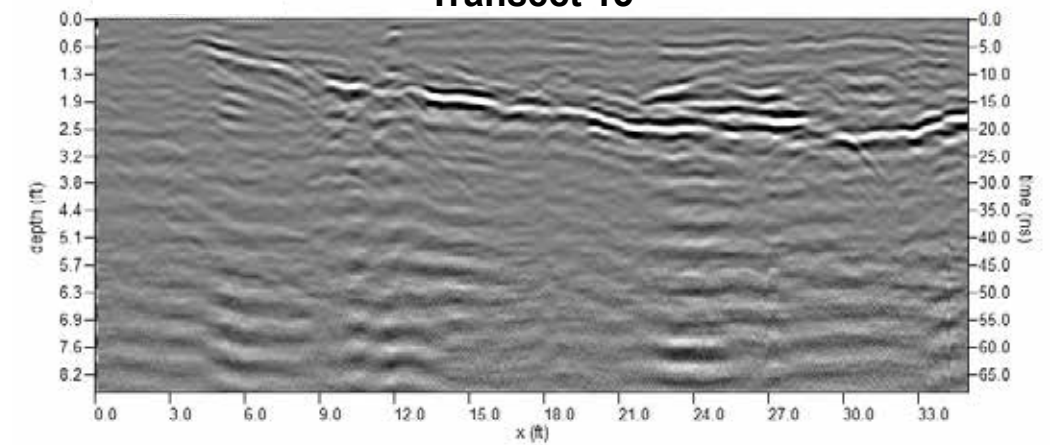


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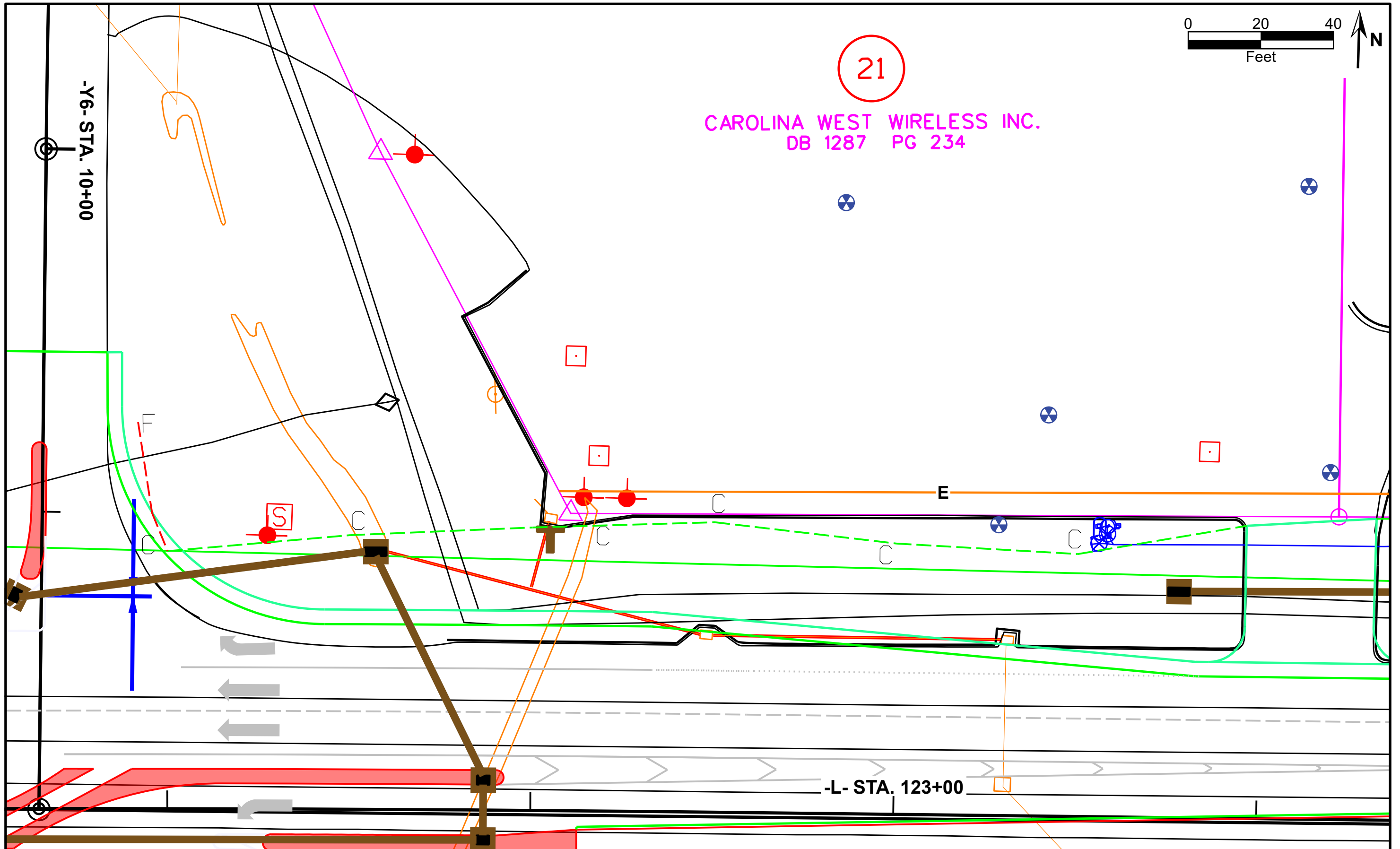
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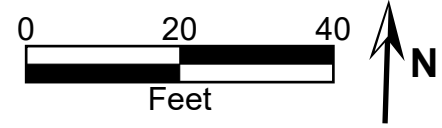
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