

Location Checklist



Operator / #	BAYSWATER EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC / 10261		
Location ID & Name	302243 LARSON-67N66W/20NWNW		
County	Weld, CO		
Well Information	Well Name:	LARSON #20-11	
	Well API #:	05-123-28006	
	Lat/Long as Drilled:	40.565750 / -104.809390	
	Plug Date & Form 6s Doc #:	03/10/2020 & 402367184	
Facility Entities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tank Battery (Off-Site)	Pits
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Location Flowlines (Form 42) Doc #: 402314430
		Domestic Taps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off-Location Flowlines (Form 44) Doc #: 402477828
Equipment On-Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	Debris
		Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled	
Access Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regraded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contoured
		Culverts removed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gravel removed
		Pre-Existing (Must provide supporting documentation)	
Reclamation Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Location and associated disturbances reclaimed	
		Subsidence	
Spills or Releases (Form 19)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Remediation (Form 27/27A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
On-Location Flowlines		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Off-Location Flowlines		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Inspection Corrective Actions		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – Resolved 2019
Sundry Notice	Form 4 Doc # & Date:	No Form 4s were detected during the QA & QC Audit.	
	Purpose:		
	Comments:		
	Attachments:		
Drone Information	Make & Model	DJI M300/DJI Mavic 3 Multispectral	
	Image Processing Software	Pix4dfields – RGB/Multispectral Imagery & Pix4dmatic – RGB Imagery	
	Pilot Name & FAA Certificate #	Sam Streeter, #4100157	
	Date of FAA Certificate Issuance	23 Dec 2023	

**SITE-SPECIFIC QUALITY ASSURANCE
& QUALITY CONTROL AUDIT**



Final Reclamation Complete Notice – Cropland Drone Imagery

PERMIT CLOSURE REPORT – CROPLAND

Location ID 302243

Location Name LARSON-67N66W/20NWNW

Report Date

20 Dec 2024

Soil Sage has conducted a thorough data audit as part of our Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) protocols. This report was developed in accordance with the ECMC Operator Guidance – Operator supplied cropland drone imagery and information for submitting a final reclamation complete notice.

Crop Year and Type

Crop 2024 – Corn

Quality Assurance & Quality Control Audit

Auditor	Soil Sage
Audit Date	22 Oct 2024

Audit Methodology

The following source materials were consulted during the QA and QC audit process:

- ✓ Site Permit Closures provided by Bayswater Exploration & Production
- ✓ Colorado Oil & Gas Information System – COGIS Database
- ✓ On-site Evaluation and Proprietary Soil Sage Drone Imagery data collection
- ✓ Review of legacy imagery for site location and facility parameters

All pertinent data, imagery, and materials are included at the end of this report.

Site Description

Name	LARSON-67N66W/20NWNW		
Location ID	302243		
Operator / #	BAYSWATER EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC / 10261		
Field	COALBANK CREEK / 11449		
County, State	Weld, CO		
Lat/Long	40.565750 / -104.809390		
	Planned Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	As Drilled
Facility Status	CL	Location	NWNW 20 7N66W
Facility Status Date	03/10/2020		
Facility Entities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tank Battery (Off-Site)	Pits
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off-Location Flowlines (Form 44)
		Domestic Taps	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Location Flowlines (Form 42)
		Electric Utilities	
Equipment on Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	Yes
		If yes, list:	
		Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled	
Access Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regraded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contoured
		Culverts Removed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gravel Removed
		Pre-Existing: must provide supporting documentation	
Environment Incidents & Remediation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	Spill or Release (Form 19)
		Remediation (Form 27/27A)	
Variance Requests	No Variance Requests were detected during this QA & QC Audit.		
Inspection Corrective Actions (CA)s	<p>Corrective Actions (CA)s were detected during the QA & QC Audit.</p> <p>CA Overall Status: 2 of 2 CA Completed</p> <p>CA-Approving Inspection Doc # & Date: 679601876 & 11/07/2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspector: Brittani Santistevan <p>Form FIRR Doc # & Submittal Date: 402193208 & 02/07/2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall Status: CAC ○ Originating Field Inspection Report (FIR) Doc #: 679601252 ○ CA#: 128634 Date Completed: 09/30/2019 <p>Securely fasten all valves, pipes, and fittings to ensure good mechanical condition, inspect at regular intervals and maintain in good mechanical condition per Rule 605.d.</p>		

	<p>ECMC Decision: Approved via an AMI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CA#: 128635 Date Completed: 09/30/2019 <p>Install or repair required BMPs per Rule 1002.f.</p> <p>ECMC Decision: Approved via an AMI</p>
	<p>Complete ECMC Inspection Search Results: Link</p>
<p>Sundry Notice (Form 4)</p>	<p>No Form 4s were detected during the QA & QC Audit.</p>
<p>On Location Flowlines (Form 42)</p>	<p>Form 42s were detected during the QA & QC Audit. See individual scout card data for details.</p>
<p>Off-Location Flowlines (Form 44)</p>	<p>Form 44 Doc # & Date: 402477828 & 10/16/2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purpose: Abandonment Verification ○ Abandonment Date: 01/13/2020 ○ ECMC Approval Date & Signee: 10/16/2020 & Jeff Robbins ○ Operator Comments: None ○ Note: This Form 44 includes data for three Off-Location Flowlines: 465760, 465761 and 465762. This Location is connected to 465760 below. <p>Flowline Facility Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECMC Flowline ID: 465760 ○ Operator Flowline ID: Larson 20-11 ○ Status & Date: CL & 01/13/2020 ○ Flowline Type: Wellhead Line ○ Type of Fluids Transported: None Stated ○ Start Point Location ID: 302243 ○ Start Point Riser Lat/Long: 40.565750/-104.809390 (LARSON #20-11 Well) ○ Equipment at Start Point: Well ○ End Point Location ID: 418911 ○ End Point Riser Lat/Long: 40.567230/-104.807410 (LARSON TANK BATTERY/ Production Facilities) ○ Equipment at End Point Riser: Separator

**Field Inspection Form
(Form INSP)**

Form INSP Doc # & Date: [679601876](#) & 11/07/2019

- **Status Summary:** THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION. NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED.
- **Inspected Facilities:** LARSON-67N66W 20NWNW (Location)
- **Inspection Status:** AC
- **Inspection Date & Inspector:** 11/07/2019 by Brittani Santistevan
- **Comments:** Adequate. SI. THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION TO PREVIOUS INSPECTION DOC#: [679601252](#). All corrective actions assigned in previous inspection DOC#: [679601252](#) have been resolved. NO NEW CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WERE OBSERVED AT THE TIME OF REINSPECTION. Please review my inspection, photos, and previous inspection DOC#: [679601252](#) for additional information on this location. Form 10 DOC#: [402197499](#) (IN PROCESS) is in well file. Continuing Education Inspection.
- **Attachments:** Inspection Photos Doc # [679601877](#)

Form INSP Doc # & Date: [679601252](#) & 08/05/2019

- **Status Summary:** THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION. FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED.
- **Inspected Facilities:** LARSON-67N66W 20NWNW (Location)
- **Inspection Status:** AC
- **Inspection Date & Inspector:** 07/29/2019 by Brittani Santistevan
- **Comments:** Adequate. Stained soil at east separator. See attached photos. Shares containment with crude oil tanks. Erosion to location. This is a follow up inspection to DOC#: [679600867](#). 2 out of 3 corrective actions in inspection DOC#: [679600867](#) have been completed. Please see attached photos. Refer to previous inspection DOC#: [679600867](#) for further details. On Monday, July 29, 2019, at approximately 13:30, I, Inspector Brittani Santistevan, conducted an on-site inspection at LARSON/HILL PAD (Great Western), at location #: [302243](#) in WELD COUNTY Colorado. While there, I observed a shut in location. During this inspection the following possible compliance issues were observed:
 1. Multiple areas to location have erosion. INSTALL OR REPAIR REQUIRED BMPs PER RULE 1002.F. (Corrective Action Date: July 1, 2019) See attached photos #4-6.
 2. Stained soil at east separator house. SECURELY FASTEN ALL VALVES, PIPES, AND FITTINGS TO ENSURE GOOD MECHANICAL CONDITION, INSPECT IN REGULAR INTERVALS AND MAINTAIN IN GOOD MECHANICAL CONDITIONS PER RULE 605.D. (Corrective

	<p>Action Date: August 29, 2019) See attached photos #7,8. A follow up on this site inspection needs to be conducted to ensure the compliance issues have been corrected to comply with COGCC rules. This is a summary of the inspection report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attachments: Inspection Photos Doc # 679601253
COGIS Tank Facilities Information (Scout Card)	<p>No Tank Battery documents were detected during this QA/QC Audit. However, the Tank Battery is referenced in Field Inspection Doc # 679601252 with a Lat/Long of 40.567100/-104.807100 and is located at Location ID 418911.</p>
COGIS Well Information (Scout Card)	<p>Well Name: LARSON #20-11 API#: 05-123-28006 FACILITY ID: 297599</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Status & Date: PA & 03/10/2020 ○ Lat/Long as Drilled: 40.565750 / -104.809390 ○ Form 6 Doc # & Date: 402367184 & 10/19/2020 ○ Form 42 Doc # & Date: 402314430 & 02/16/2020 <p>Purpose: START OF PLUGGING OPERATIONS - 48-hour notice required. Date: 02/18/2020.</p>

ECMC Abbreviations: [Location & Facility Status Codes](#), [Inspection Types & Statuses](#) and [ECMC Help](#).

Audit Key Findings – Designation Land Use Observations

PREVIOUS LAND USE	CURRENT LAND USE
<p>Reference Imagery for Infrastructure: Microsoft 21 Apr 2011</p>	<p>Remotely Sensed Imagery: 08 Sep 2024; 20 Nov 2024</p>
<p>Designation: Oil & Gas Facility</p>	<p>Designation: Cropland</p>

The following imagery sources were reviewed during this Audit: EarthExplorer, DRCOG, USDA NAIP, ESRI, Google Earth and Soil Sage Remotely Sensed Imagery.

Site Observation Notes

No additional information.

In accordance with ECMC guidance, this cropland evaluation has demonstrated that this location has been returned to its original condition and crops are reflective of the cropland reference areas.

Closure Information

Location ID [302243](#) LARSON-67N66W/20NWNW is in Weld County, Colorado near the intersection of County Road 80 and County Road 27. There is one plugged and abandoned well (LARSON #20-11 API # [05-123-28006](#)). There is an Off-Location Flowline between this well and the production facility at Location ID [418911](#).

There were Corrective Actions at this location on July 29th, 2019, due to multiple areas of the location eroding and stained soil at east separator house. This was resolved in September 2019 and an ECMC inspection approved the CA on November 7th, 2019.

LARSON #20-11 well (API # [05-123-28006](#)) was plugged and abandoned on March 10th, 2020. The access road was reclaimed at this time. The related production facility, Location ID [418911](#), was closed and reclaimed at the same time.

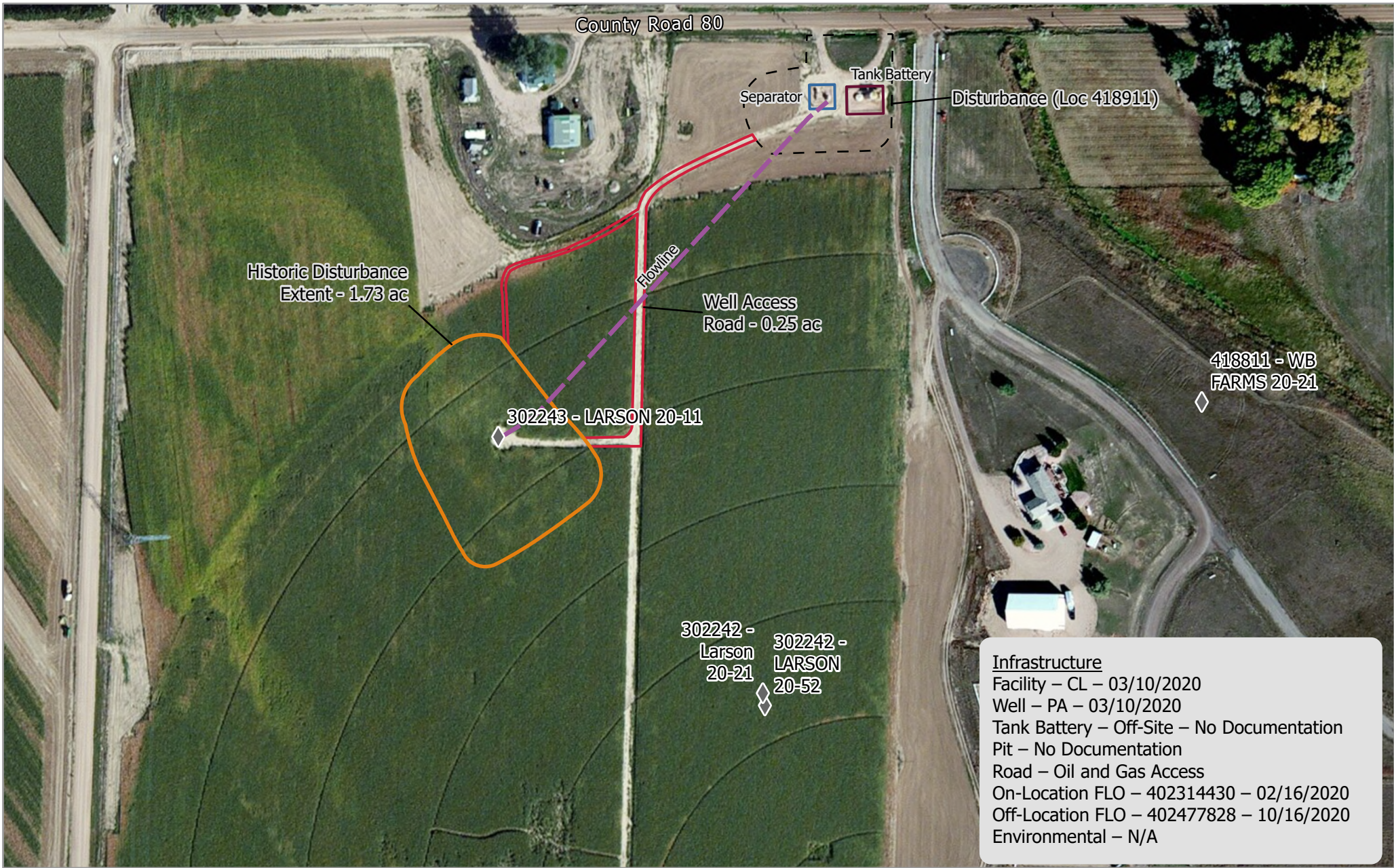
Soil Sage drone imagery confirms that no equipment was left on site at this location after reclamation activities occurred.

Summary Acreage Table

Description	Acres
Historic Disturbance Extent	1.98
Access Road	0.25
Flowline	Not Included
Tank Battery	Off-Site (Loc ID 418911)
Well Pad	1.73

Drone Information

Make	DJI
Model	M300/Mavic 3 Multispectral
Image Processing Software	Pix4dfields – RGB/Multispectral Imagery & Pix4dmatic – RGB Imagery
Pilot Name	Sam Streeter
Pilot FAA Certificate Number	4100157
Date of FAA Certificate Issuance	23 Dec 2023



Bayswater - 302243- LARSON 20-11
Map Extent - Pre-Plugging Overview

Imagery: Microsoft
 Imagery Date: 21 Apr 2011
 Map Date: 25 Nov 2024
 Datum: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 13N
 POC: Soil Sage

- ◆ Wells
- Flowline
- ▭ Historic Disturbance Extent
- ▭ Well Access Road
- ▭ Tank Battery
- ▭ Separator
- ▭ Disturbance (Loc 418911)

0 37.5 75 150 Meters

Total Disturbance: 1.98 Acres
 Scale: 1:2,500

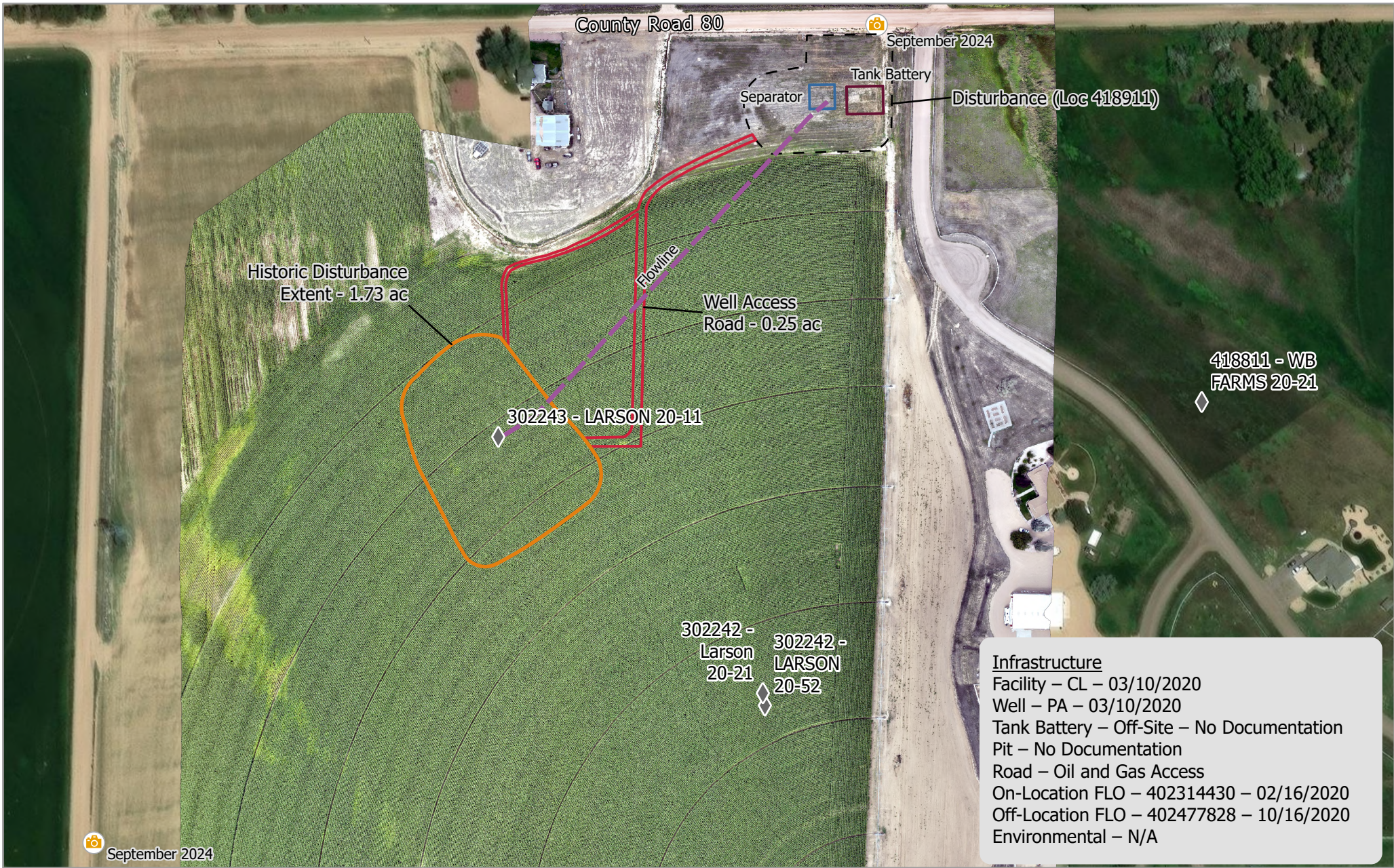
Pad Location: 40.565750
 -104.809390

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Infrastructure
 Facility – CL – 03/10/2020
 Well – PA – 03/10/2020
 Tank Battery – Off-Site – No Documentation
 Pit – No Documentation
 Road – Oil and Gas Access
 On-Location FLO – 402314430 – 02/16/2020
 Off-Location FLO – 402477828 – 10/16/2020
 Environmental – N/A

Service Credits - Maxar, Microsoft, Esri, DigitalGlobe, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA FSA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, IGP, and the GIS User Community





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 On-Location FLO – 402314430 – 02/16/2020
 Off-Location FLO – 402477828 – 10/16/2020
 Environmental – N/A

Bayswater - 302243- LARSON 20-11
Map Extent - Post-Plugging Overview

Imagery: RS Orthomosaic
 Imagery Date: 8 Sep 2024
 Map Date: 25 Nov 2024
 Datum: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 13N
 POC: Soil Sage

◆ Wells	□ Well Access Road
📷 Observation Points	□ Tank Battery
— Flowline	□ Separator
□ Historic Disturbance Extent	□ Disturbance (Loc 418911)

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Cardinal Directional Drone Photos & Reference Area Photos

Site Investigation and Photos Date

08 Sep 2024

Drone Photo Height

175 feet

Cardinal directional photos of the site. Reference overview map.



In View – Well, Access Road, Flowline

NORTH – 40.564134 / -104.809491



In View – Well, Access Road, Flowline

EAST – 40.565807 / -104.810388



In View – Well, Access Road, Flowline

SOUTH – 40.566298 / -104.809441



In View – Well, Access Road, Flowline

WEST – 40.565699 / -104.808567



In View – Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline

NORTH – 40.566478/-104.807716



In View – Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline **EAST – 40.567101/-104.808538**



In View – Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline **SOUTH – 40.567653/-104.807533**



In View – Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline **WEST** – 40.567285/-104.806659



In View – Well, Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline **NORTH** – 40.561225 / -104.809673



In View – Well, Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline **NORTHEAST** – 40.565609 / -104.810356



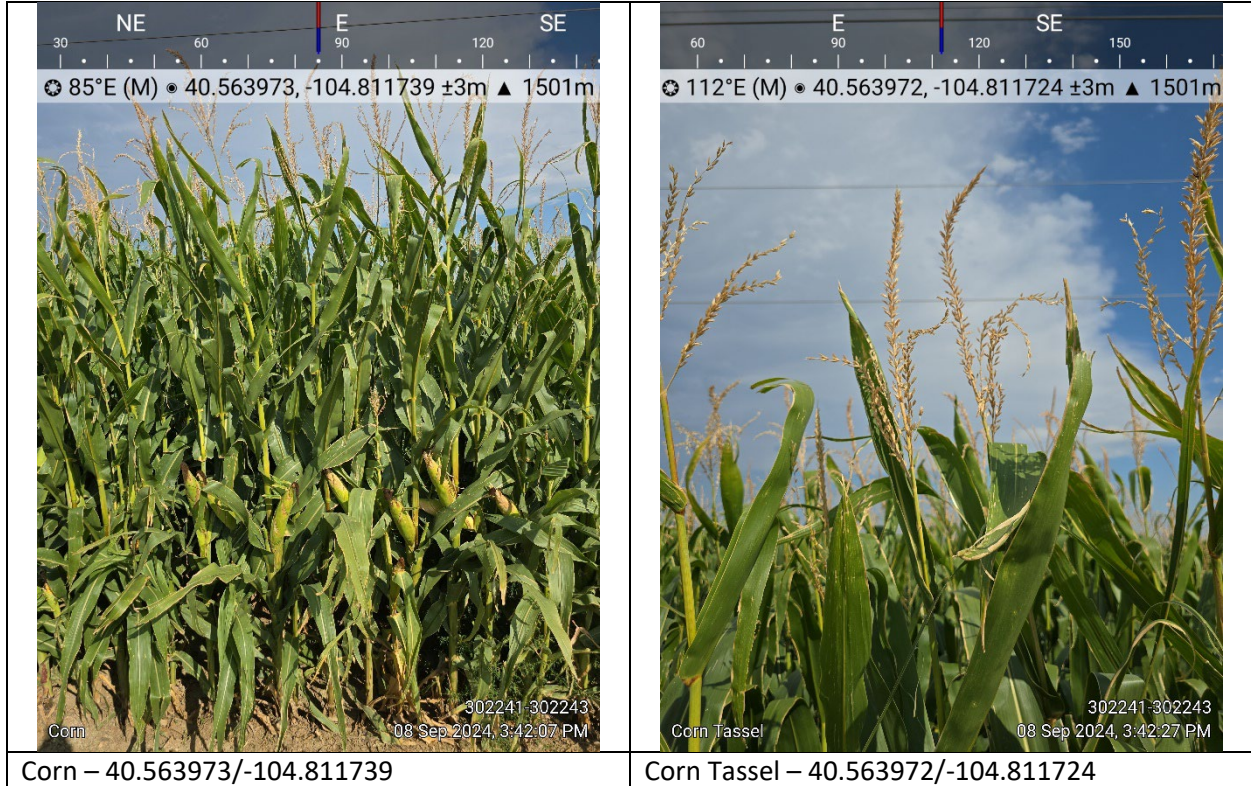
In View – Well, Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline **SOUTH** – 40.567653 / -104.807532

Well – Handheld Photographic Evidence

Site Investigation and Photos Date

08 Sep 2024

Handheld photos taken from the access road to the southwest looking towards Location ID [302243](#) wellhead. No handheld photos taken from Location ID [302243](#) wellhead location due to crop height.

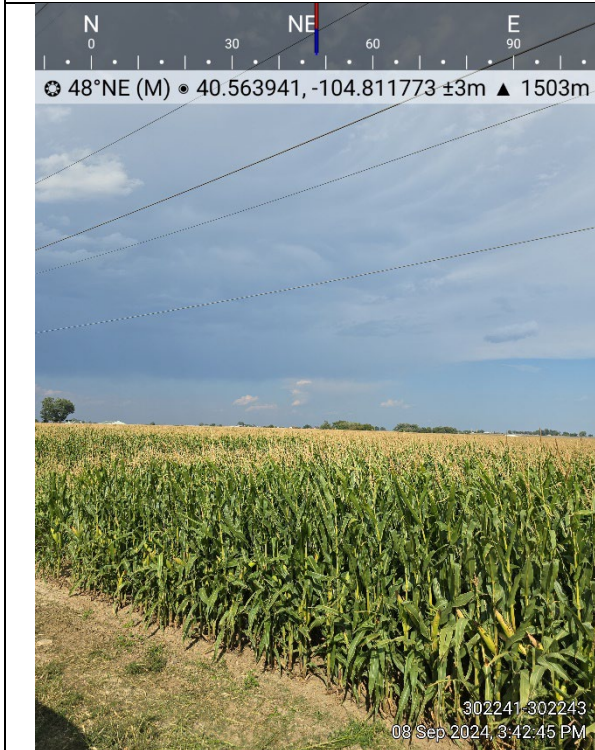




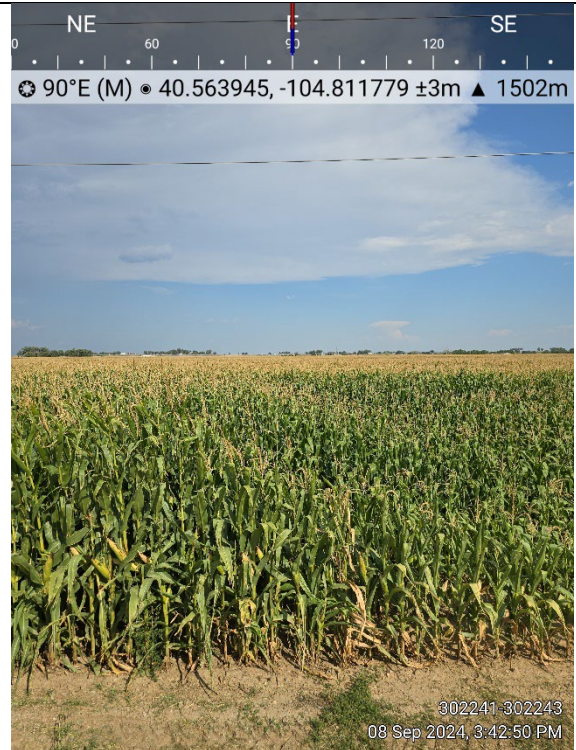
Corn Tassel – 40.563661/-104.811746



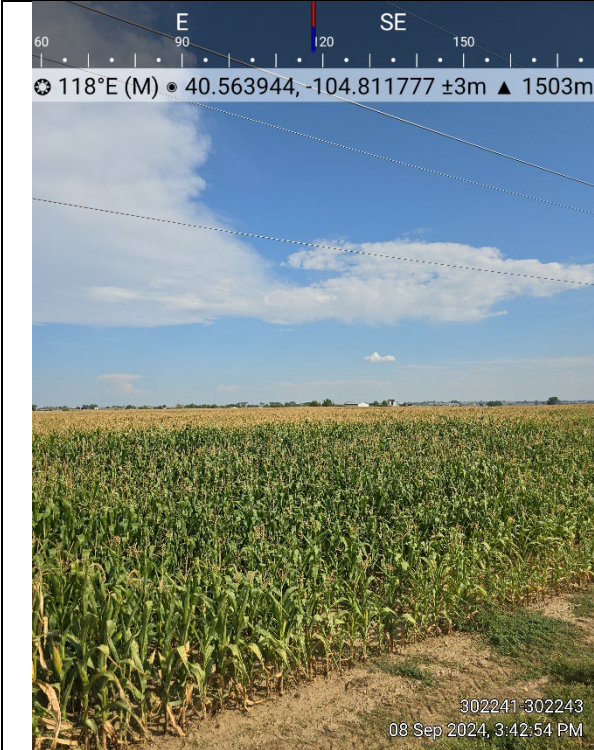
Corn Ear – 40.563971/-104.811732



Looking Northeast – 40.563941/-104.811773



Looking East – 40.563945/-104.811779



Looking Southeast – 40.563944/-104.811777

Cardinal Directional Drone Photos Showing No Equipment Remaining

Site Investigation and Photos Date

20 Nov 2024

Drone Photo Height

250 feet

Cardinal directional photos of the site. Reference overview map.



In View – Well, Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline

NORTH – 40.564925/-104.809428



In View – Well, Tank Battery, Access Road, Flowline

EAST – 40.565667 / -104.810575



In View – Well, Access Road, Flowline

SOUTH – 40.566324 / -104.809364



In View – Well, Access Road, Flowline

WEST – 40.565721 / -104.807836



In View – Tank Battery (Loc ID [418911](#)), Access Road, Flowline

NORTH – 40.565715 / -104.807834

ATTACHMENTS

Maps and Figures

Area Maps

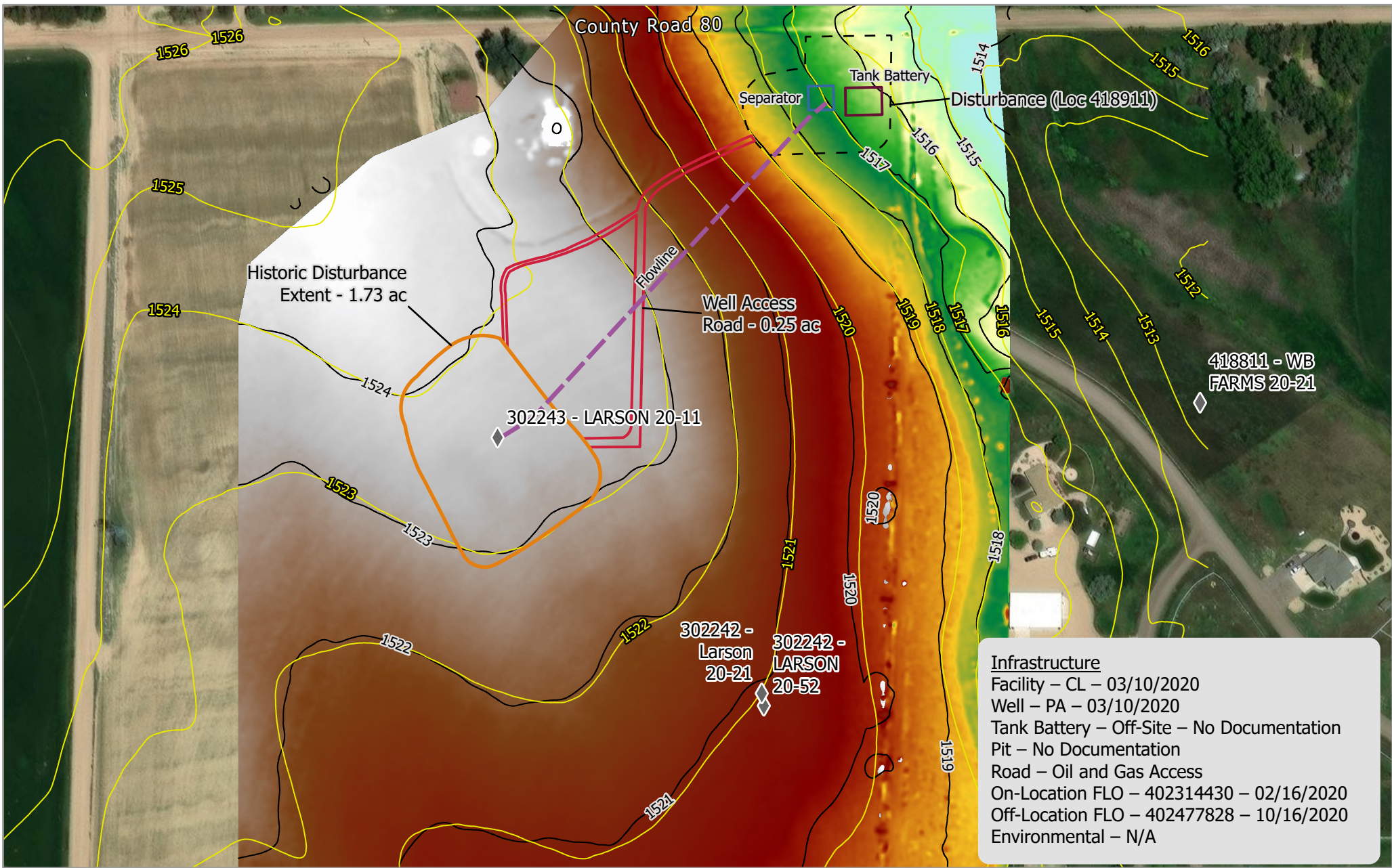
Elevation & Contours

Hydrology

Background Information

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Map Unit Description

Reference Soil Document



418811 - WB FARMS 20-21

Infrastructure
 Facility – CL – 03/10/2020
 Well – PA – 03/10/2020
 Tank Battery – Off-Site – No Documentation
 Pit – No Documentation
 Road – Oil and Gas Access
 On-Location FLO – 402314430 – 02/16/2020
 Off-Location FLO – 402477828 – 10/16/2020
 Environmental – N/A

Bayswater - 302243- LARSON 20-11
Map Extent - Elevation & Contours

Imagery: CWCB, RS DSM
 Imagery Date: 2018, 2024
 Map Date: 25 Nov 2024
 Datum: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 13N
 POC: Soil Sage

◆ Wells	▭ Separator
— Flowline	▭ Disturbance (Loc 418911)
~ 1 Meter Contours (2024)	Elevation
~ 1 Meter Contours (2018)	Meters
▭ Historic Disturbance Extent	1530
▭ Well Access Road	1513
▭ Tank Battery	

0 37.5 75 150 Meters

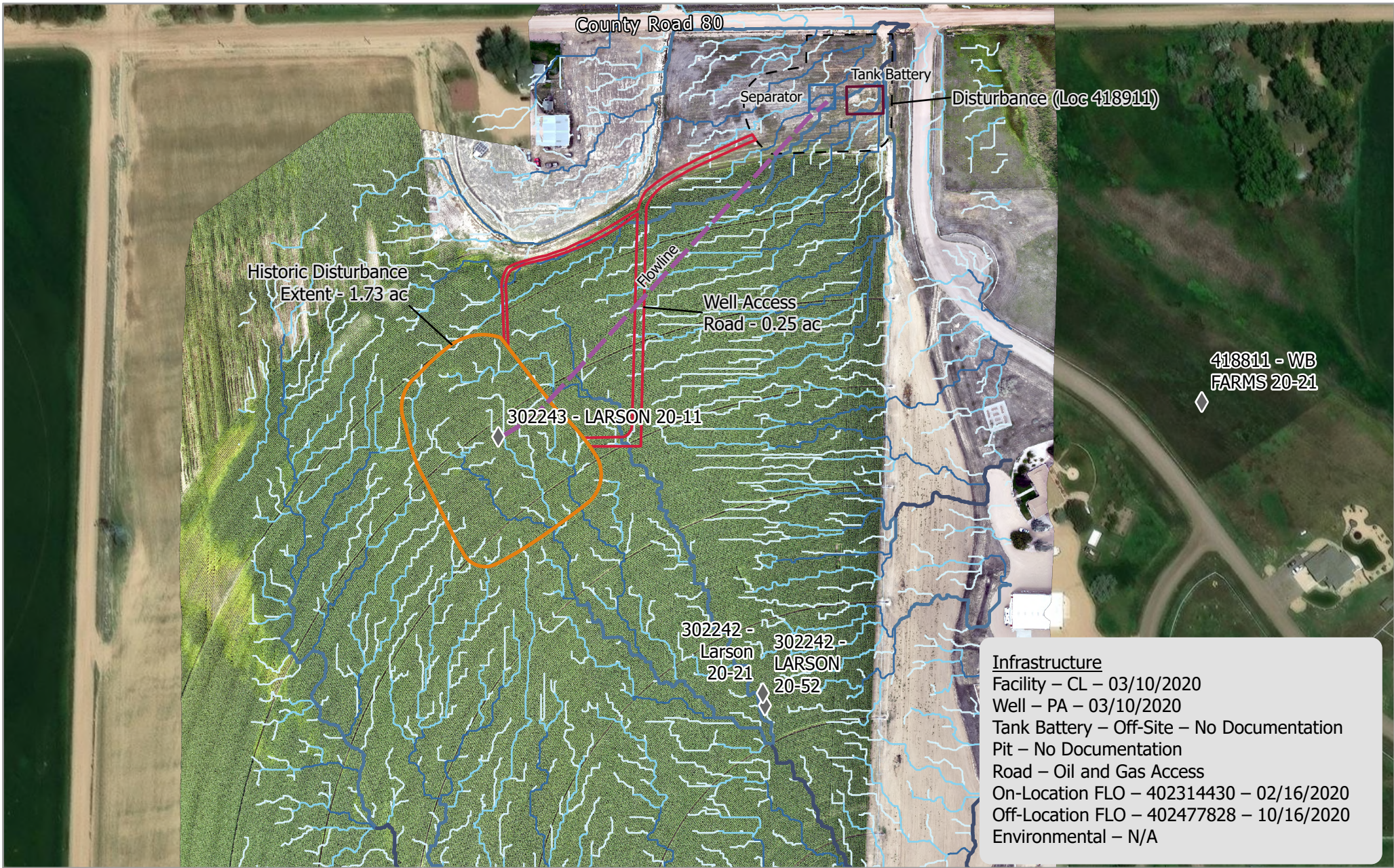
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Service Credits - Maxar, Microsoft



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 Off-Location FLO - 402477828 - 10/16/2020
 Environmental - N/A

Bayswater - 302243- LARSON 20-11
Map Extent - Hydrology

Imagery: RS DSM, RS Orthomosaic
 Imagery Date: 20 Nov 2024, 8 Sep 2024
 Map Date: 25 Nov 2024
 Datum: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 13N
 POC: Soil Sage

◆ Wells	▭ Disturbance (Loc 418911)
— Flowline	Stream Order
▭ Historic Disturbance Extent	1
▭ Well Access Road	2
▭ Tank Battery	3
▭ Separator	4
	5

0 37.5 75 150 Meters

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Soil Properties

USDA Soil Description

Reference Soil Information

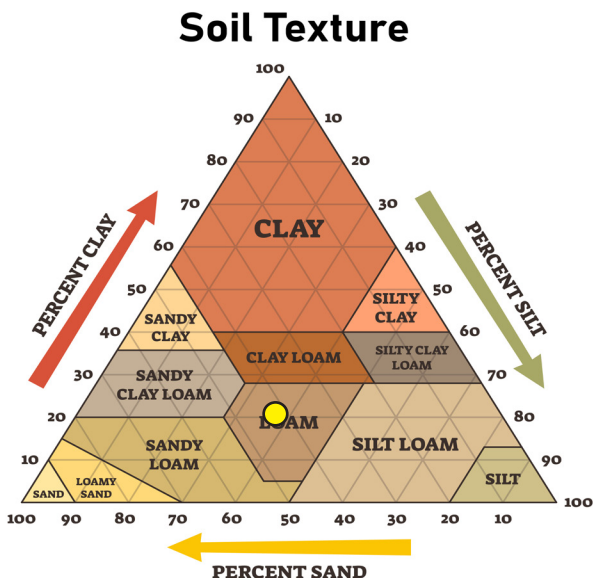
The location of the site is contained within two soil types, Kim Loam at two slopes.

Map Unit 32 Reference Soil information - Kim Loam

This soil is formed from mixed eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock. Landform is alluvial fans and plains. Ecological Site Description is Loamy Plains. Soils are well-drained with a moderate water holding capacity, and slope 1 to 3 percent.

Depth (in)	Physical			Chemical			
	Texture	Bulk Density	Particle Size Percent sand, silt, clay	pH	EC	SAR	OM%
0-12	Loam	1.33	42-37-21	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.75
12-40	Loam	1.33	42-37-21	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.75
40-60	Fine Sandy Loam	1.43	65-20-15	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.25

Soil Texture Triangle reflect the 0-10 in depth



Erosion Potential (10 inches)

- K Factor, Whole soil - .28. Values of K range from 0.02 to 0.69. Other factors being equal, the higher the value, the more susceptible the soil is to sheet and rill erosion by water.
- Wind Erodibility Group – 4L. The soils assigned to group 1 are the most susceptible to wind erosion, and those assigned to group 8 are the least susceptible.

Soil Properties

USDA Soil Description

Reference Soil Information

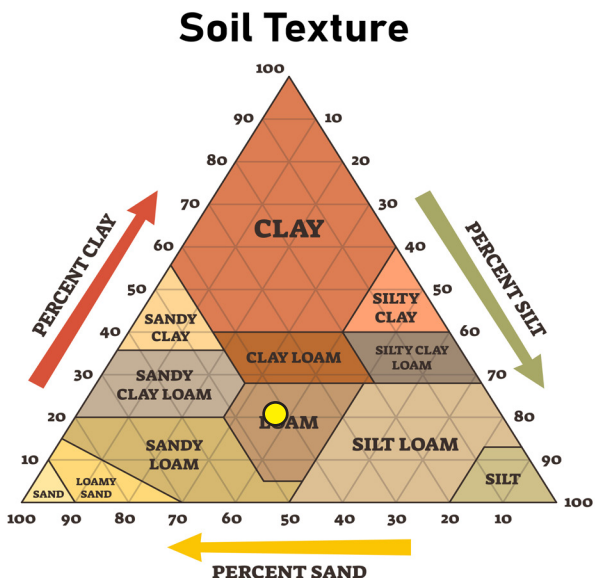
The location of the site is contained within two soil types, Kim Loam at two slopes.

Map Unit 33 Reference Soil information - Kim Loam

This soil is formed from mixed eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock. Landform is alluvial fans and plains. Ecological Site Description is Loamy Plains. Soils are well-drained with a moderate water holding capacity, and slope 3 to 5 percent.

Depth (in)	Physical			Chemical			
	Texture	Bulk Density	Particle Size Percent sand, silt, clay	pH	EC	SAR	OM%
0-12	Loam	1.33	42-37-21	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.75
12-40	Loam	1.33	42-37-21	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.75
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- Wind Erodibility Group – 4L. The soils assigned to group 1 are the most susceptible to wind erosion, and those assigned to group 8 are the least susceptible.

Soil Reference Information

There is a general relationship of soil bulk density to root growth based on soil texture. Bulk densities ideal for root growth are less than 1.60 g/cc for sandy textures, less than 1.40 g/cc for loamy textures, and less than 1.10 g/cc for clayey textures. Bulk densities that restrict root growth are greater than 1.80 g/cc for sandy textures, 1.65 g/cc for loamy textures, and 1.47 g/cc for clayey textures.

Vegetation

Reference vegetation – Loamy Plains Ecology

Climate

Average Annual Precipitation 14 to 17 inches annually

Average Annual Air Temperature 50 degrees F

Drought conditions in effect

Long-term effects of these latest drought events have yet to be determined. Growth of native cool-season plants begin about April 1 and continue to mid-June. Native warm-season plants begin growth about May 1 and continue to about August 15. Regrowth of cool-season plants occur in September in most years, depending on moisture.

Reference dynamics

The Reference State is characterized by co-dominant warm-season shortgrass (blue grama), and cool-season midgrass (western wheatgrass, green needlegrass). The Warm-Season Shortgrass State is characterized by a warm-season short bunchgrass (blue grama) and stoloniferous grass (buffalograss). The Increased Bare Ground State is characterized by early successional warm-season bunchgrass (Fendler threeawn), cool-season short bunchgrass (squirreltail), annual grasses, and annual forbs.

Drought has increased mortality of blue grama and buffalo grasses in some locations

The major grasses in the Reference Plant Community include western wheatgrass, green needlegrass, and blue grama. Western wheatgrass is a major cool-season grass in this plant community and is a valuable forage plant in late spring and/or early summer. Sub-dominant grasses include needle and thread, buffalograss, and sand dropseed. Major forbs include American vetch, upright prairie coneflower, scarlet globemallow, and dotted blazingstar (dotted gayfeather). A minor amount of shrubs such as fourwing saltbush and winterfat may also occur.

Well suited for carbon sequestration

Vegetation

Reference Vegetation – Loamy Plains Ecology

At Risk Plant Community

Key species from the Reference Plant Community, such as green needlegrass, western wheatgrass, American vetch, fourwing saltbush, and winterfat have been reduced in production. Blue grama and buffalograss have increased in abundance, are beginning to dominate the community, and will begin to exhibit a sod-bound appearance. Sand dropseed, red threeawn, sixweeks fescue, plains pricklypear, hairy false goldenaster, and bottlebrush squirreltail also have increased. This plant community is at risk of losing the cool-season grasses, key forbs such as American vetch and purple prairie clover, and key shrubs.

Total aboveground biomass has been reduced. Reduction of rhizomatous wheatgrass, nitrogen-fixing forbs, and the shrub component, and increased warm-season shortgrasses have begun to alter the biotic integrity of this community. Water and nutrient cycles may be impaired.

Loamy Plains Ecosystem Vegetative Community Composition

Common Name	Scientific Name
Western Wheatgrass	<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>
Green Needlegrass	<i>Nassella viridula</i>
Indian Ricegrass	<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>
Needle and Thread	<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>
Blue Grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>
Buffalograss	<i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i>
Sand Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>
Sideoats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Little Barley	<i>Hordeum pusillum</i>
Sixweeks Fescue	<i>Vulpia octoflora</i>
American Vetch	<i>Vicia americana</i>
Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i> var. <i>purpurea</i>
White Locoweed	<i>Oxytropis sericea</i>
Slimflower Scurfpea	<i>Psoralidium tenuiflorum</i>
Scarlet Globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>
Broadbeard Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon angustifolius</i>
Lacy Tansyaster	<i>Machaeranthera pinnatifida</i> ssp. <i>pinnatifida</i> var. <i>pinnatifida</i>
Dotted Blazing Star	<i>Liatris punctata</i>
Upright Prairie Coneflower	<i>Rativida columnifera</i>
Rush Skeletonplant	<i>Lygodesmia juncea</i>