



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

May 23, 2025

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Attachment 1: Initial Agency and Tribal Distribution List

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The below lists all federal, state, and local elected officials; federal, state and local agencies; and tribal nations contacted by the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in connection with the above referenced Docket No. FD 36847.

Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials

- United States Senator John Cornyn
- United States Senator Ted Cruz
- United States Congressman Henry Cuellar
- State Governor Greg Abbott
- State Senator Judith Zaffirini
- State Representative Don McLaughlin
- State Representative Richard Peña
- Tano Tijerina, County Judge, Webb County, Texas
- Ricardo Jaime, Webb County Commissioner Precinct 4
- John Galo, Webb County Commissioner Precinct 3

Federal Agencies

- Robert Houston, Deputy Director, EPA, Environmental Communities Engagement and Review Division – Region 6 (South Central)
- Amy Lueders, Regional Director, USFWS - Southwest Region
- Catherine Yeargan, Project Leader, USFWS – Texas Coastal and Central Plains Ecological Services Field Office
- Brandon Mobley, Chief, Compliance Branch, Regulatory Division, USACE - Fort Worth Military District
- Robert Morgan, Deputy Regional Director, Trust Services, BIA - Southern Plains Region
- Terry Bruner, Deputy Regional Director, Indian Services, BIA - Southern Plains Region
- Zuleika Morales-Romero, Field Office Director, HUD - San Antonio Field Office
- Earl Redrick, Field Office Director, HUD - Fort Worth Regional Office
- Tony Robinson, Administrator, FEMA - Region 6
- Kristy Oates, State Conservationist, NRCS - Texas State Office

State Agencies

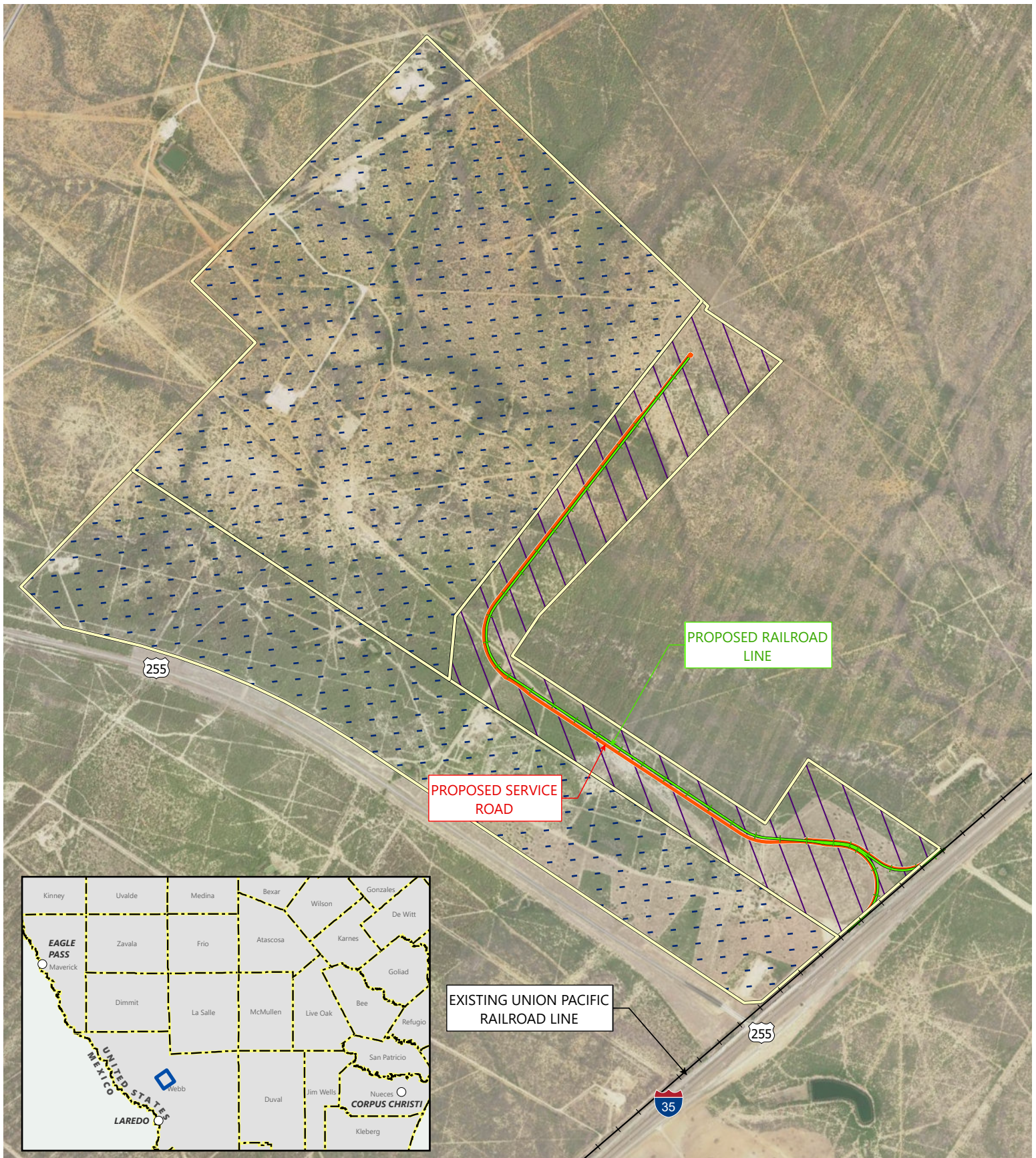
- Doug Booher, Division Director, Texas Department of Transportation - Environmental Affairs
- Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation – Laredo District
- Christi Craddick, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas
- Joseph Bell, Executive Director and SHPO, Texas Historical Commission
- Mary Jo Galindo, Archeology Division, Texas Historical Commission
- Mark Lambert, Deputy Director, Texas General Land Office (GLO) - Archives & Records
- Alan Cain, Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Wildlife Division
- Jeff Burroughs, Manager, Texas GLO, Right-of-Way Department, Leasing Operations
- Jaime Garza, Regional Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Regional and Watermaster Offices, Laredo
- Ryan Vise, Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - External Relations

Local Agencies - Webb County

- James Flores, Economic Development
- Jose Luis Neira, Road & Bridge
- Jorge Calderon, CFM, CPM, Planning Director/Floodplain Administrator
- Martin Cuellar, Sheriff
- Marco Montemayor, County Attorney
- Gerardo Rodriguez Jr., ROW & Utility Coordinator
- Guillermo B. Cuellar, P.E., Assistant County Engineer
- Ricardo A. Rangel, Fire Chief

Tribal Nations

- Durell Cooper, Chairman, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Darrin Cisco, TCNS, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
- Martina Minthorn, THPO, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
- Russell Martin, President, Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Lauren Norman-Brown, THPO, Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie) of Oklahoma
- Robin Williams, THPO, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie) of Oklahoma
- Thora Welsh Padilla, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe of Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico
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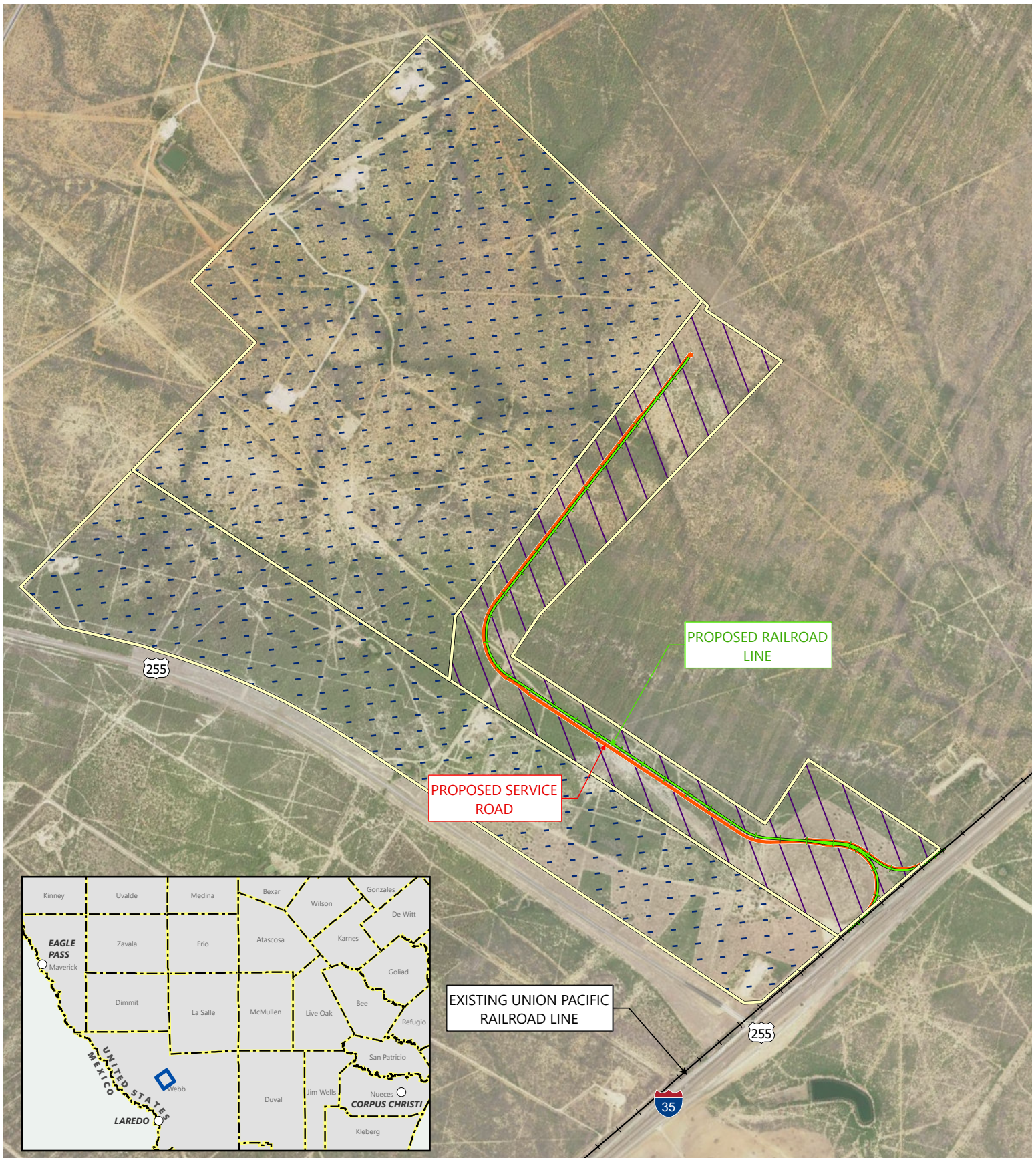
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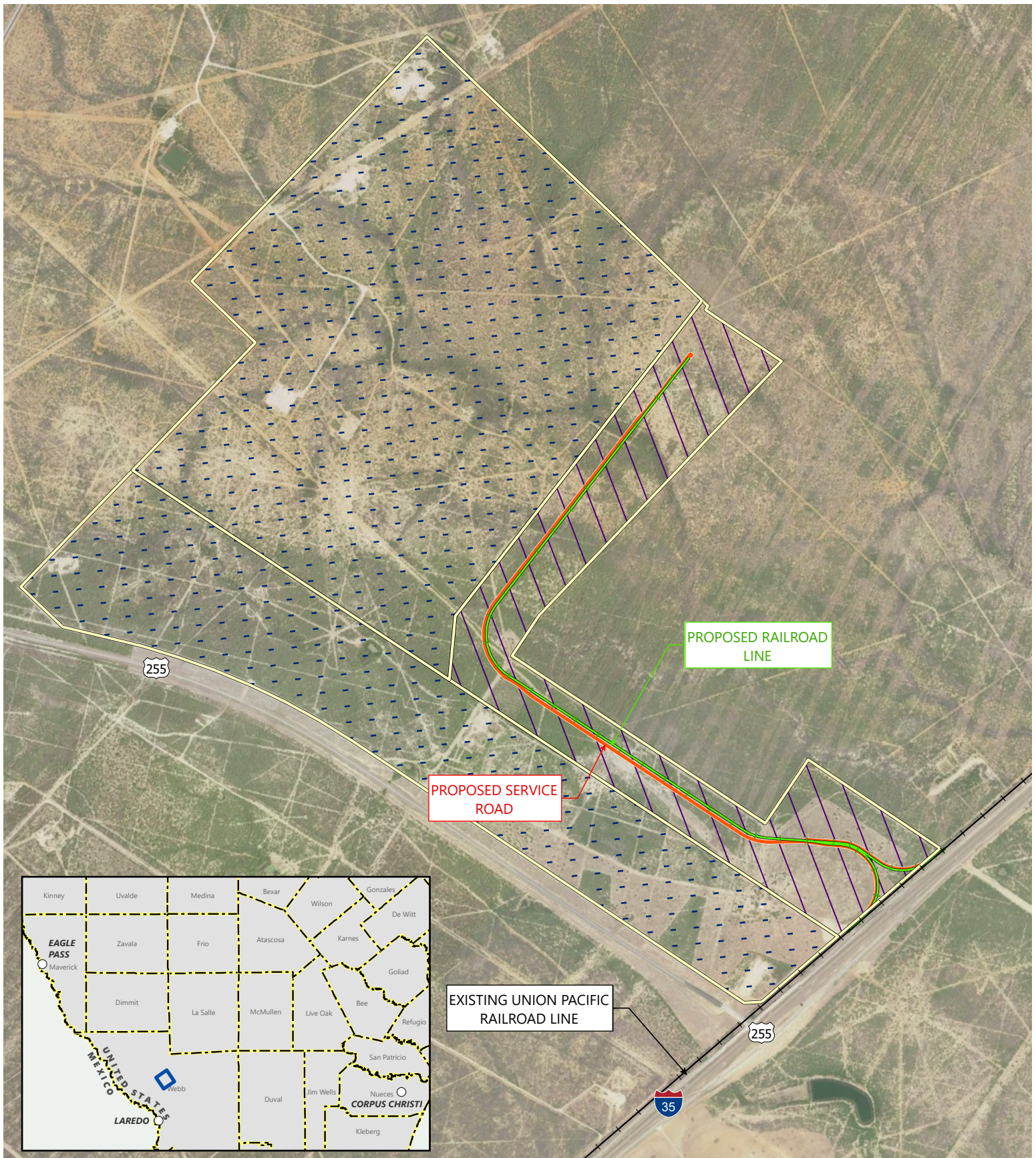
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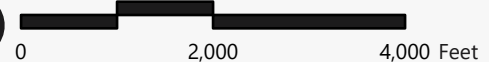


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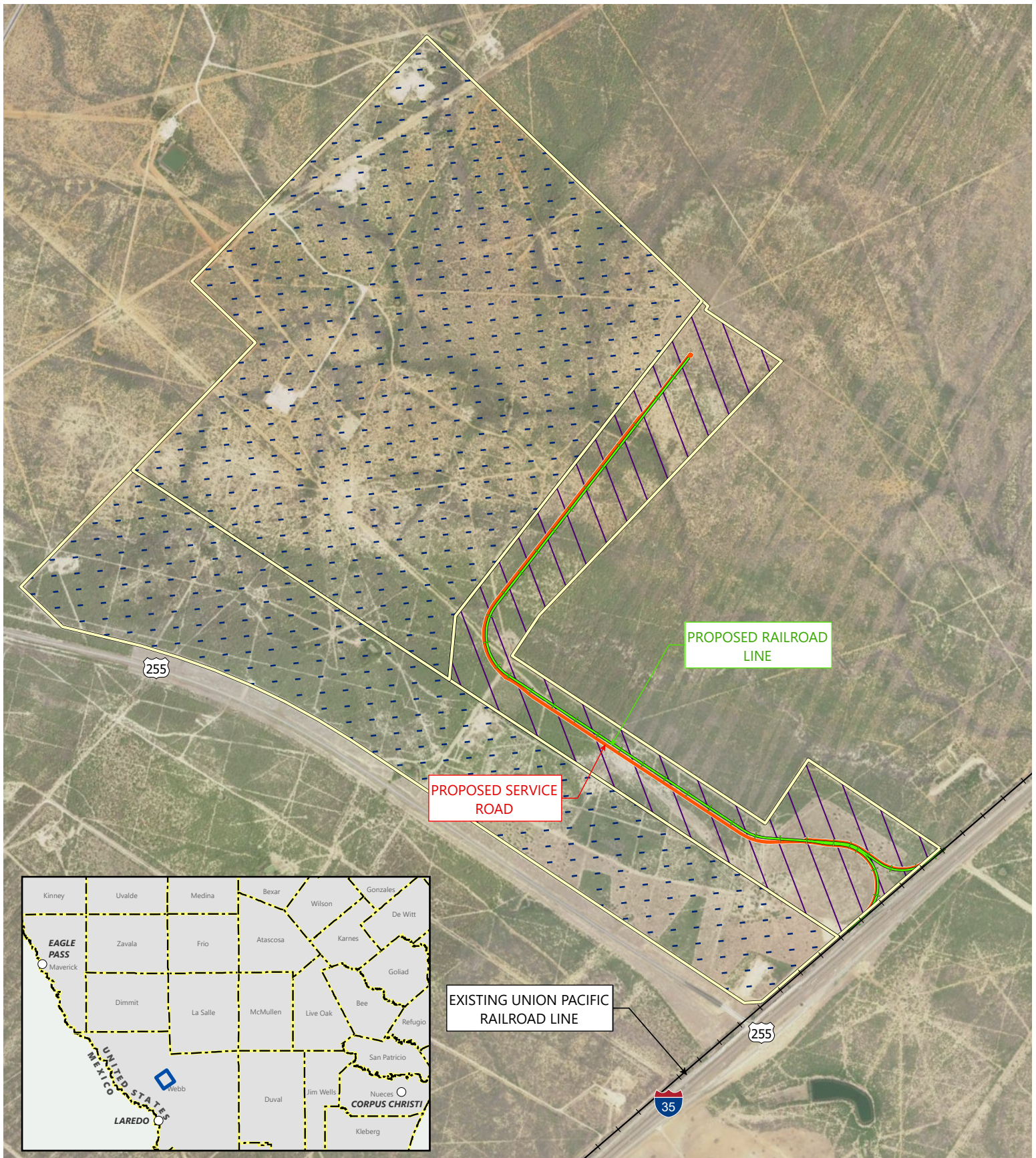
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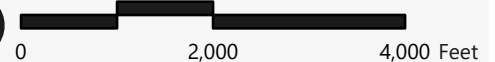


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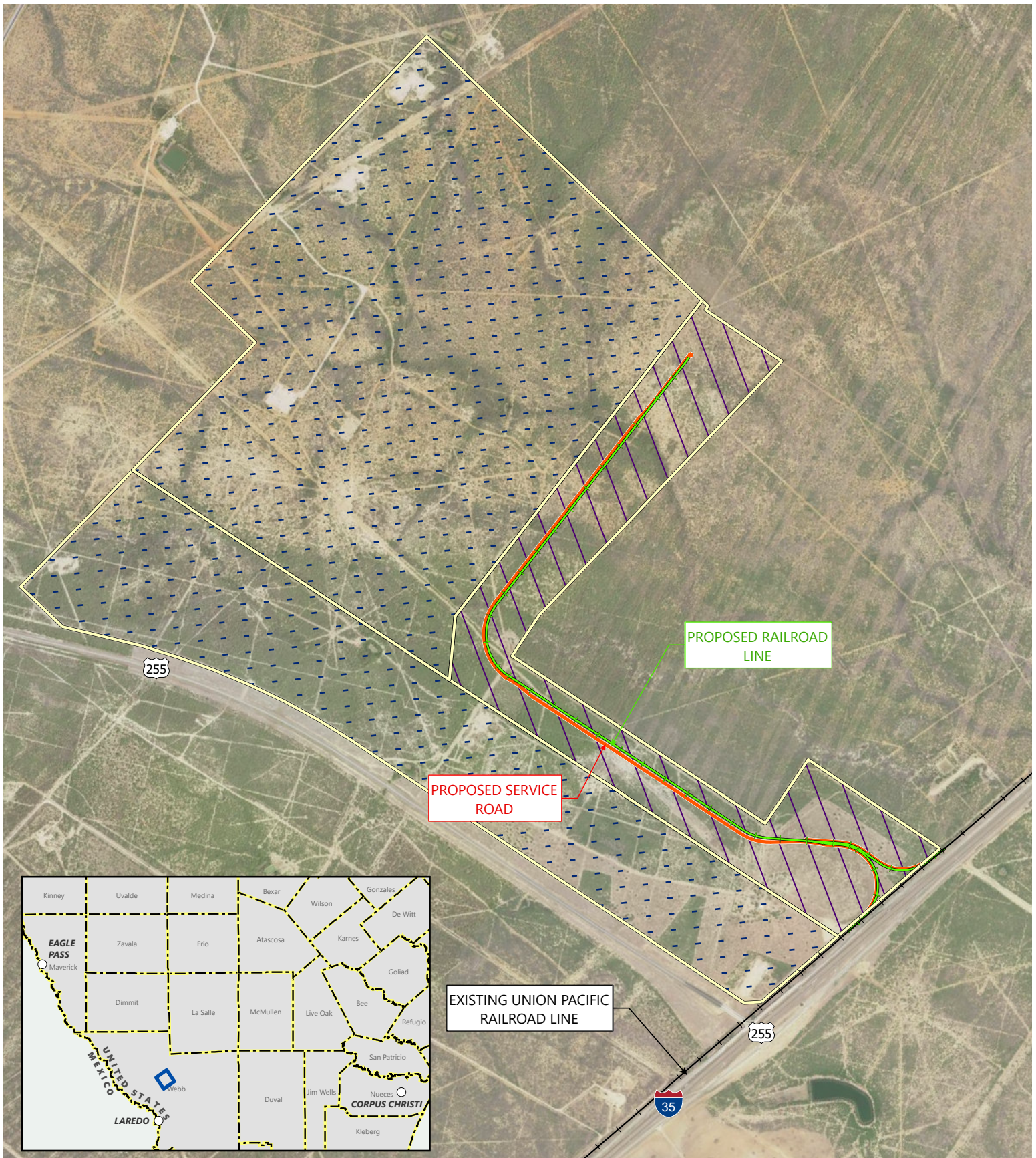
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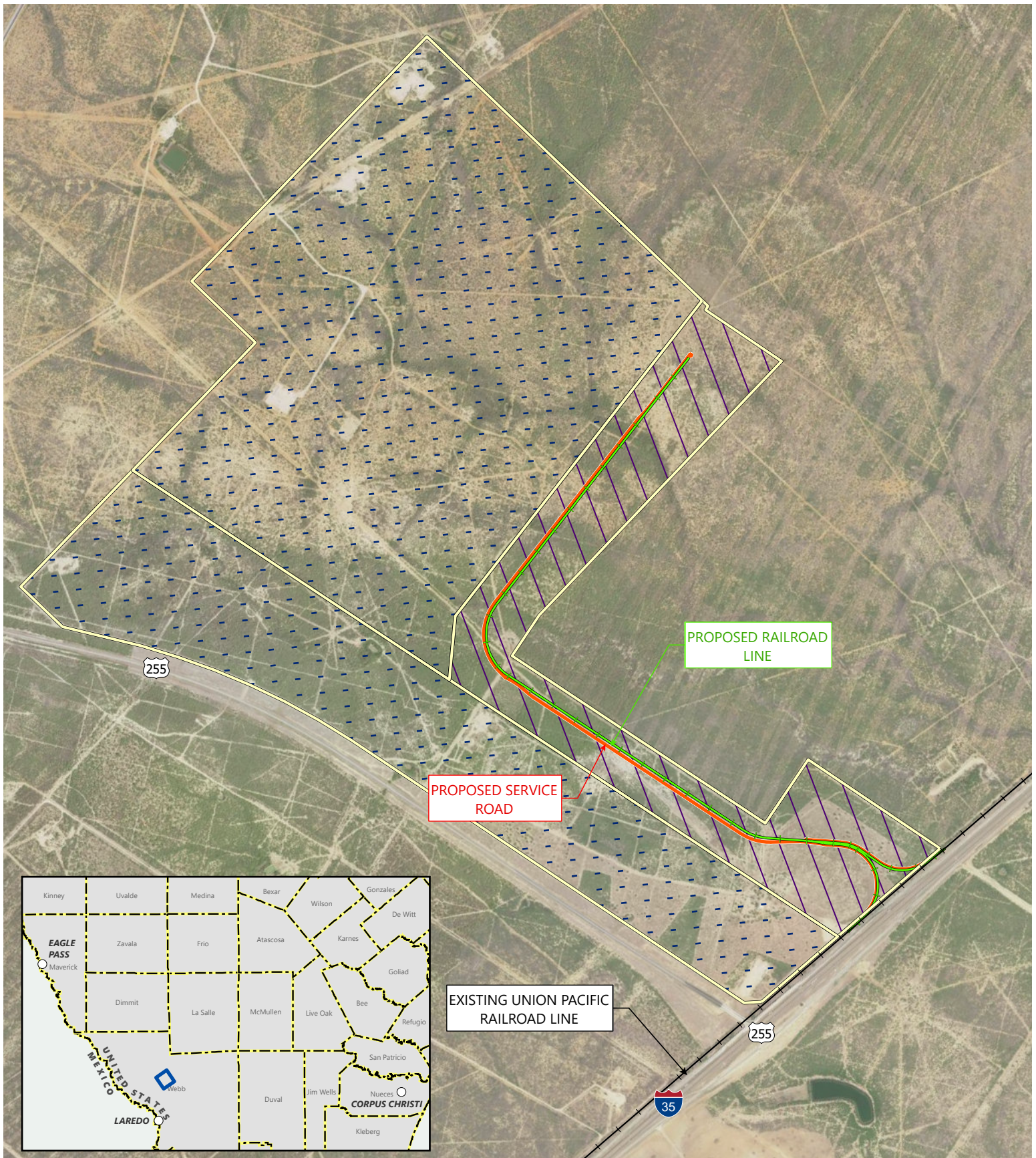
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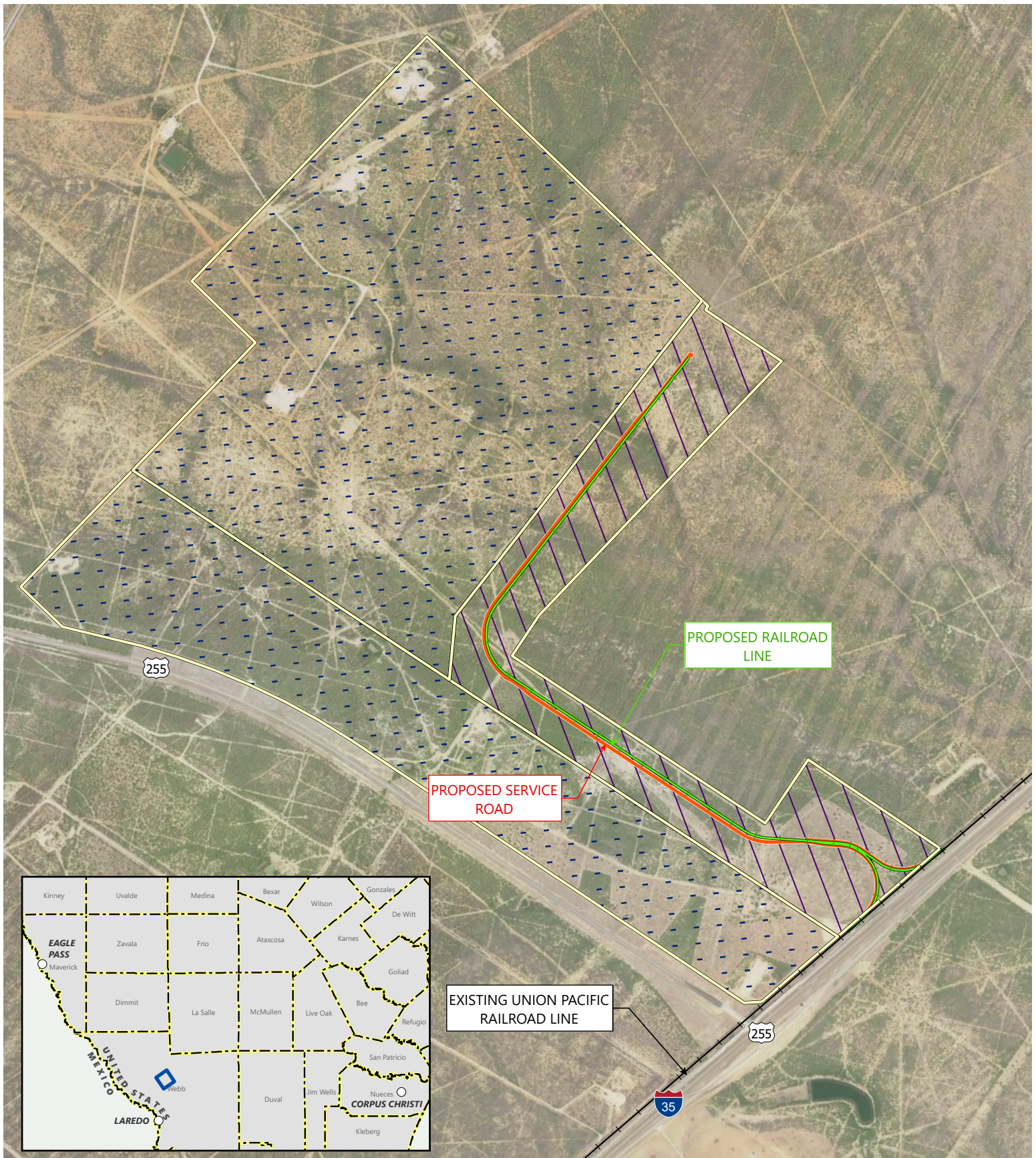
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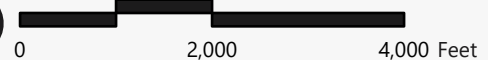


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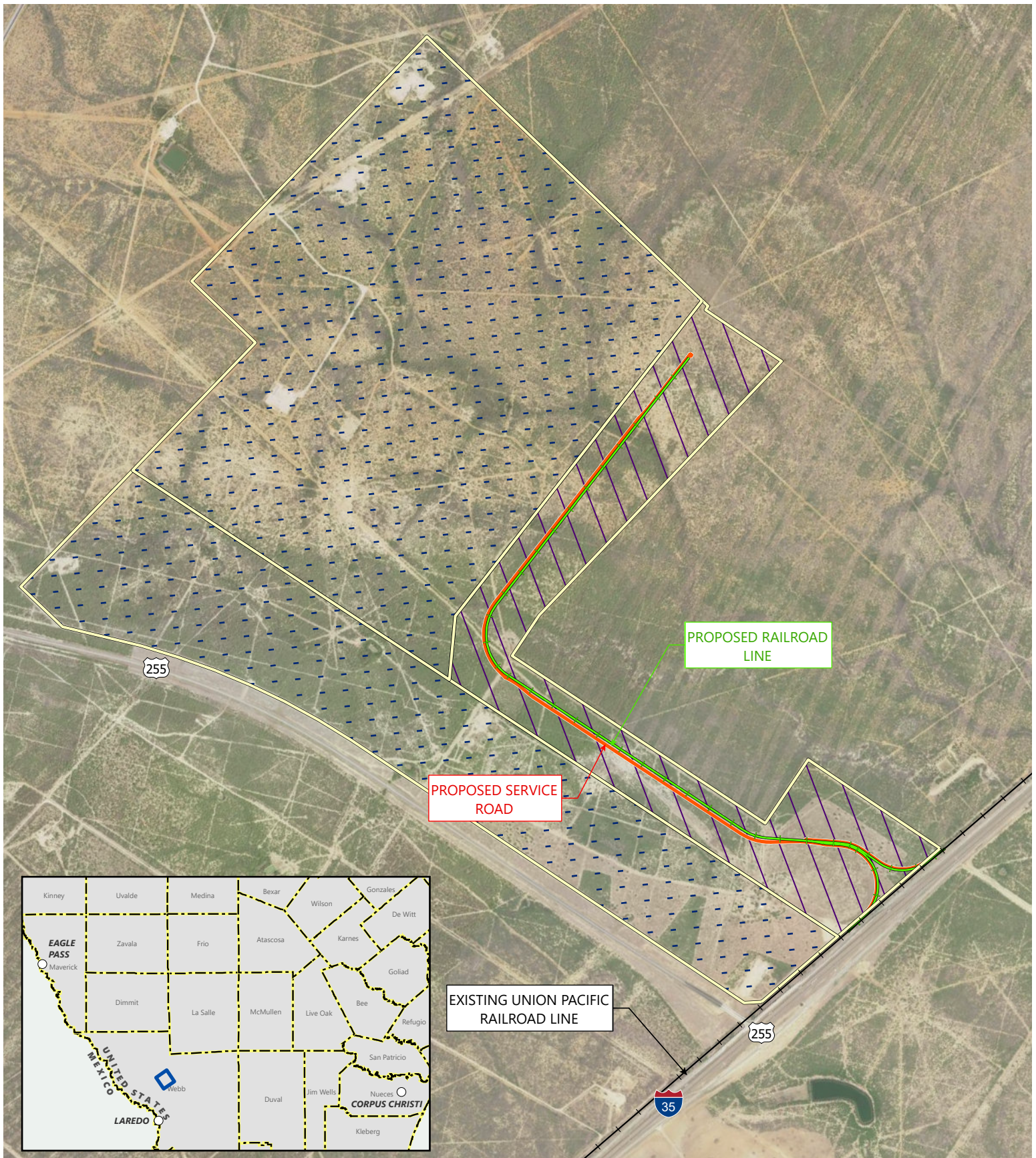
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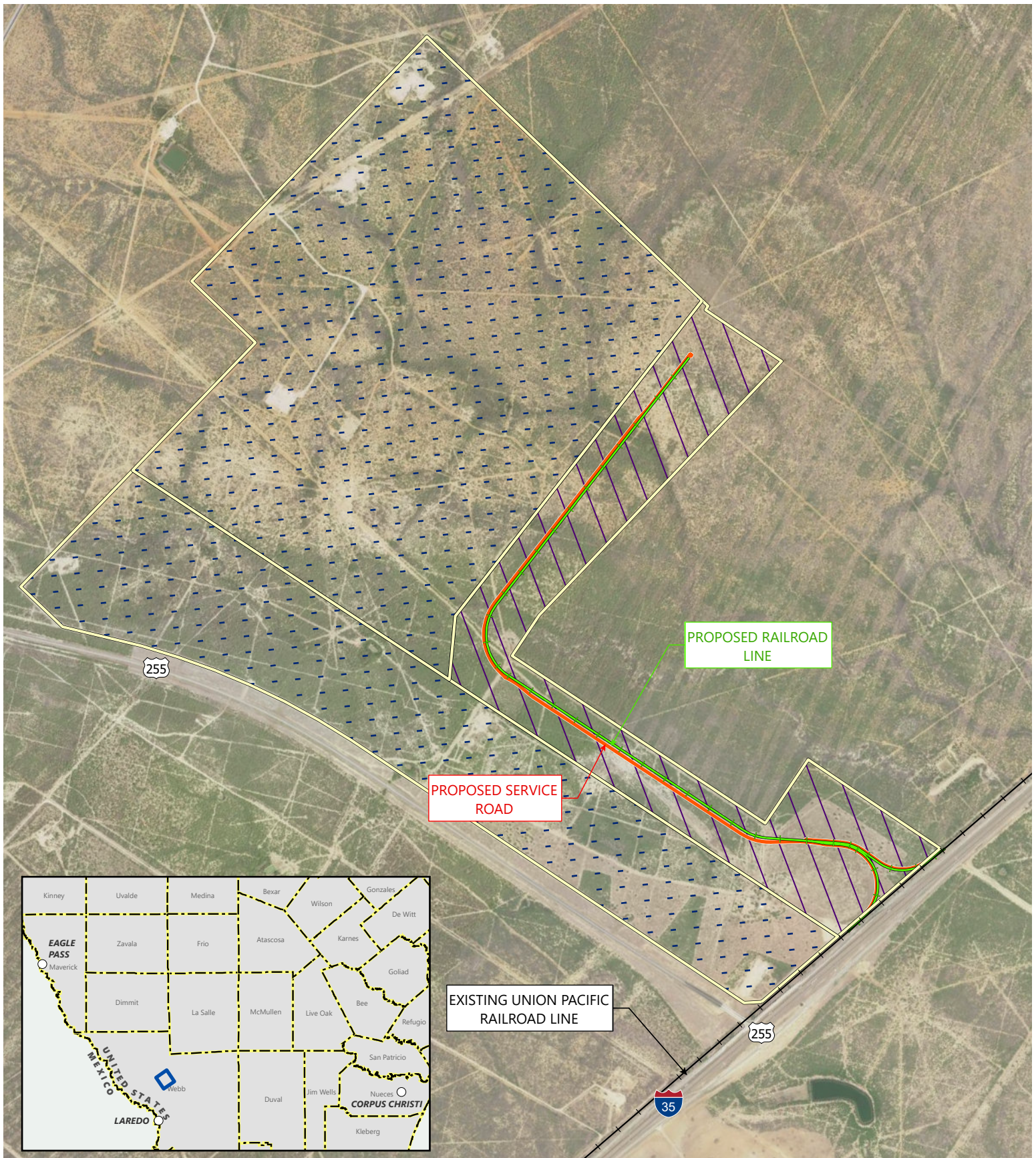
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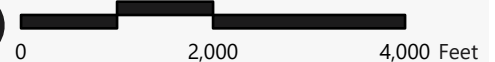


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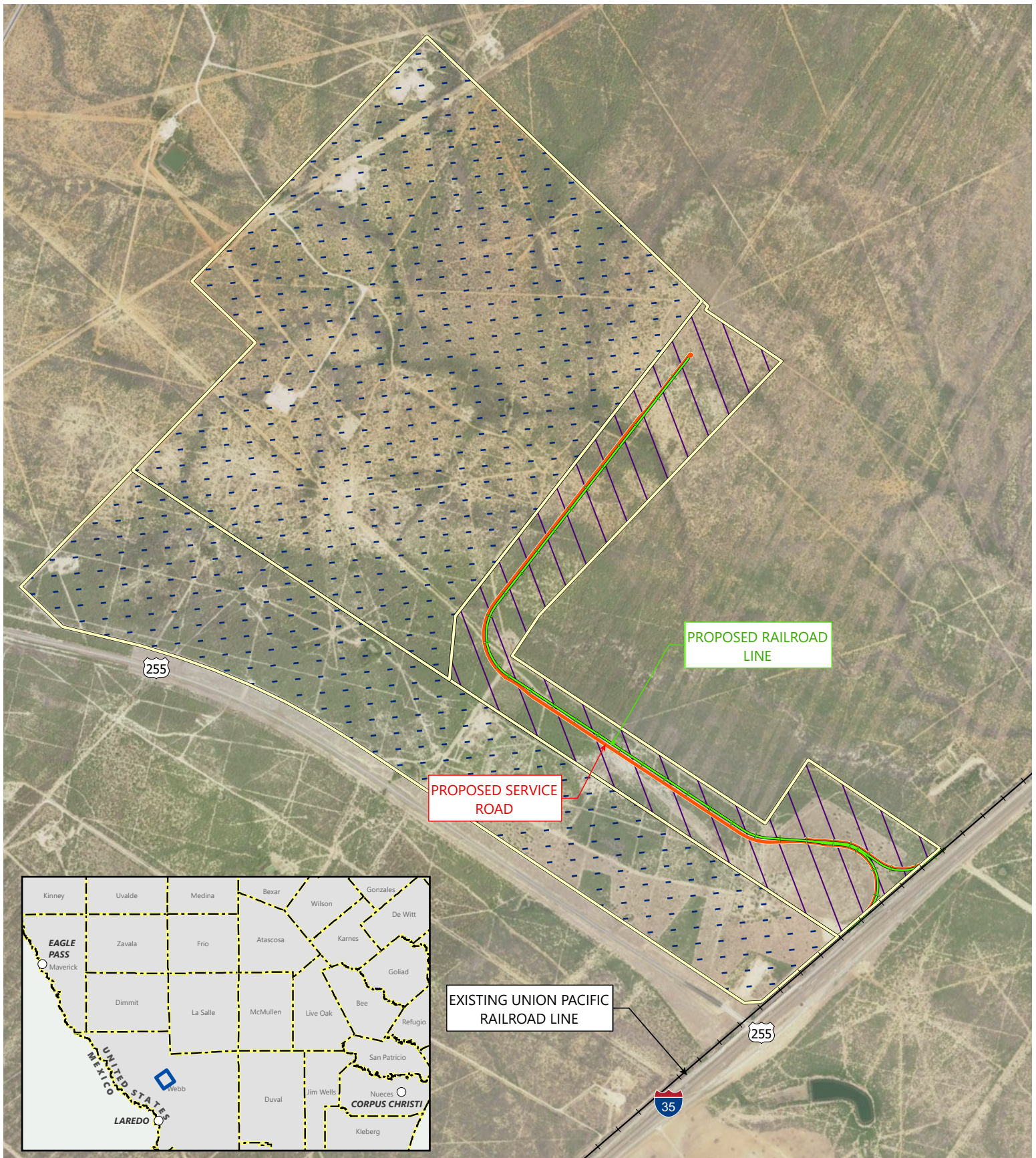
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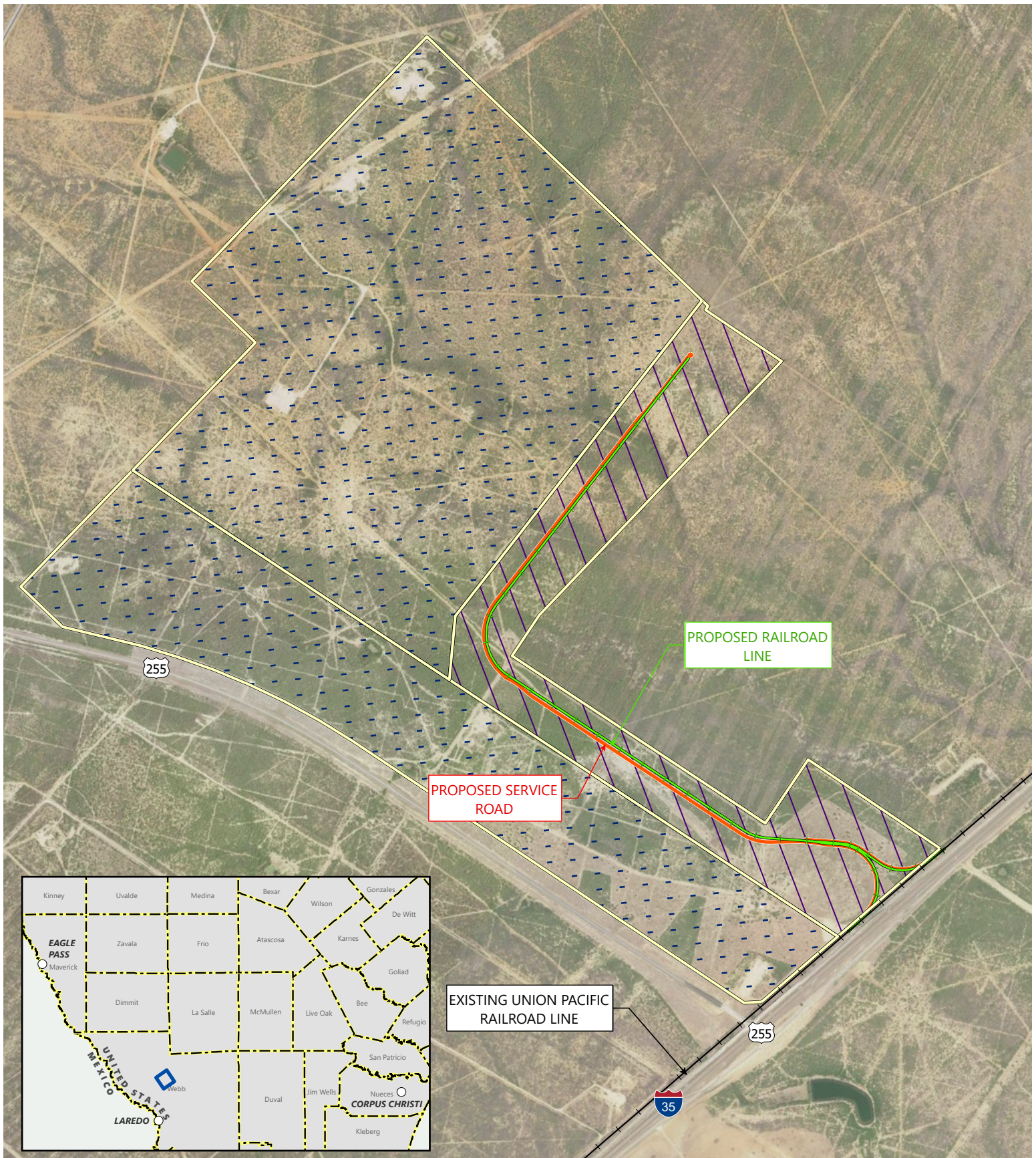
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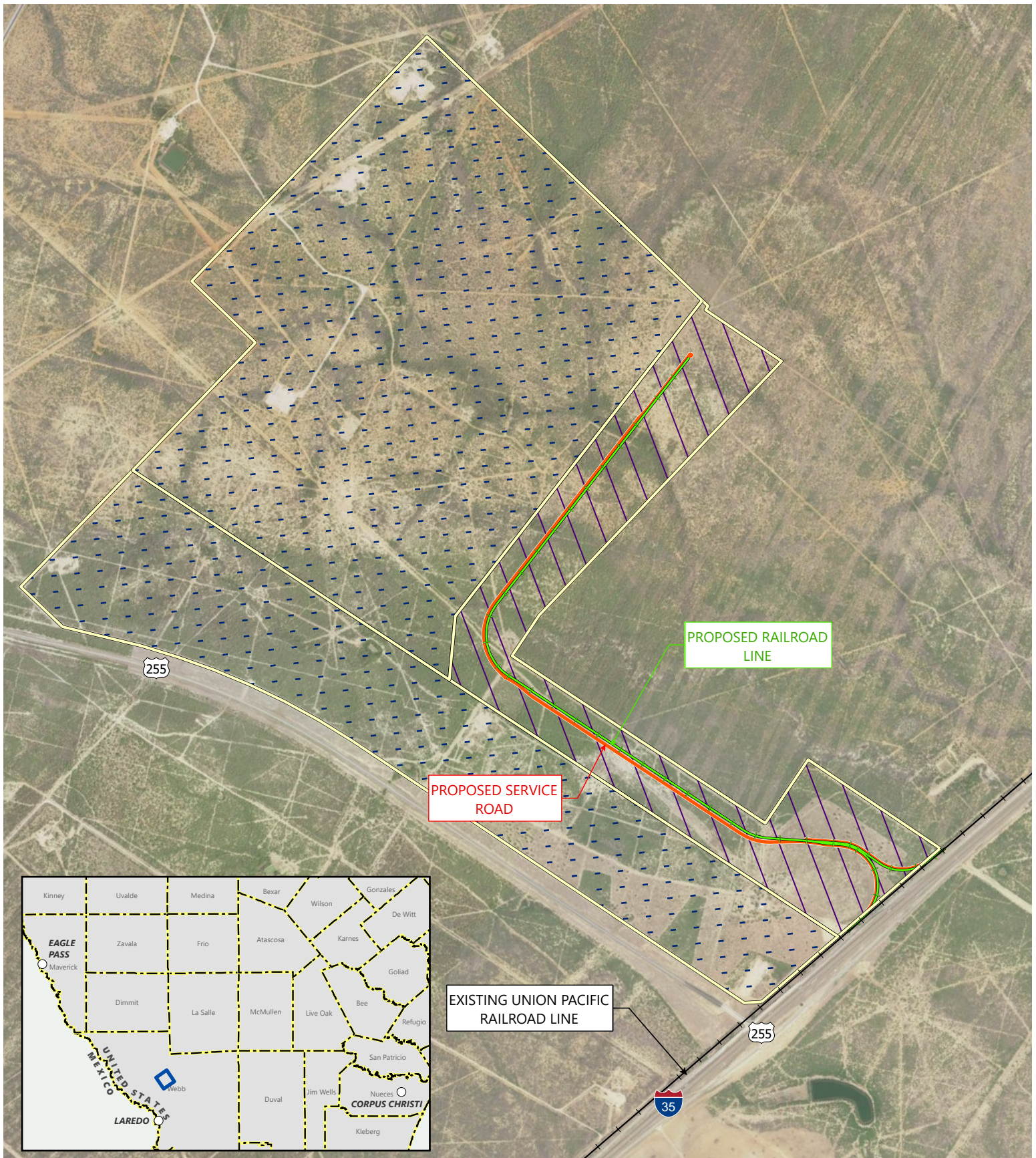
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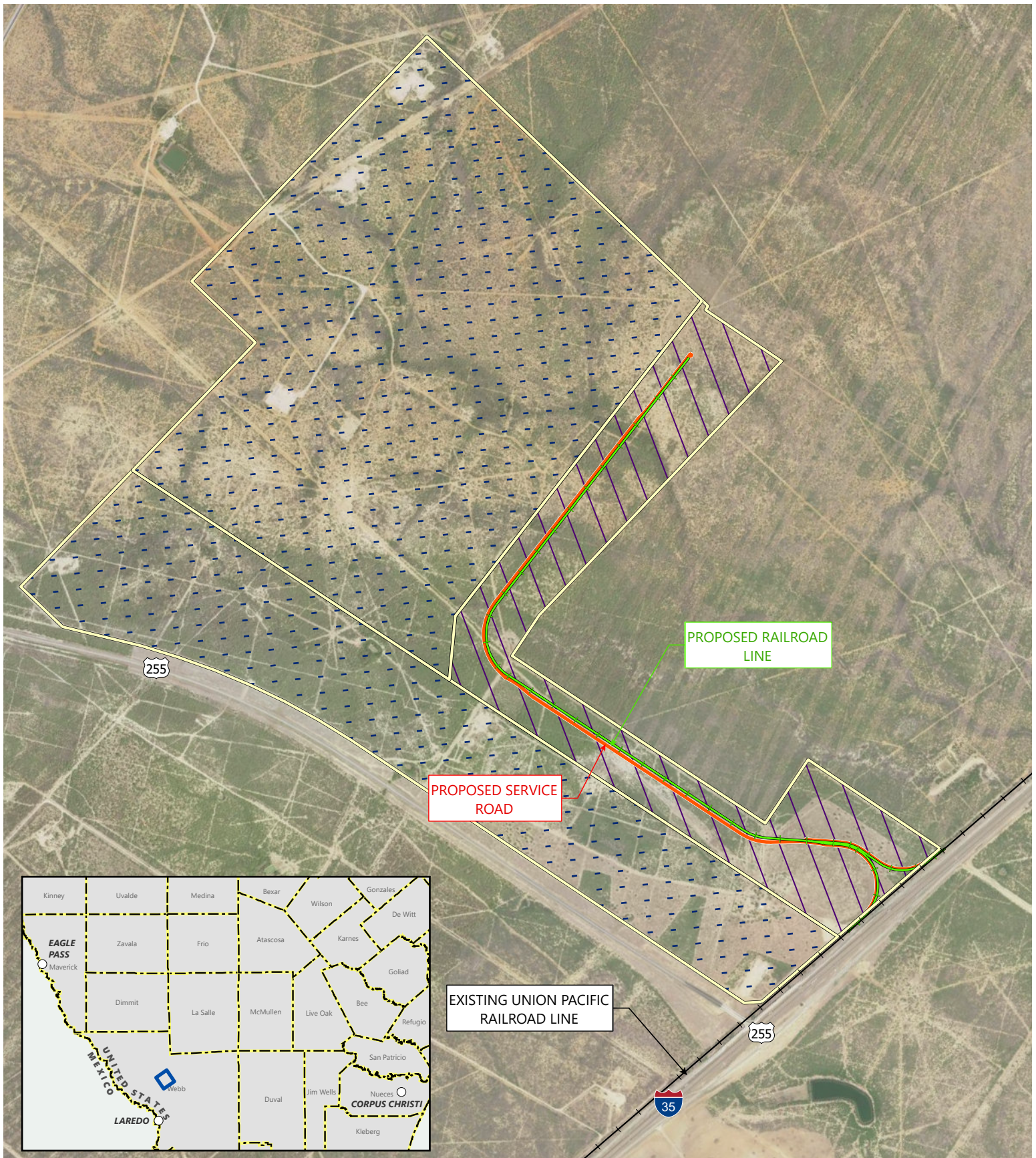
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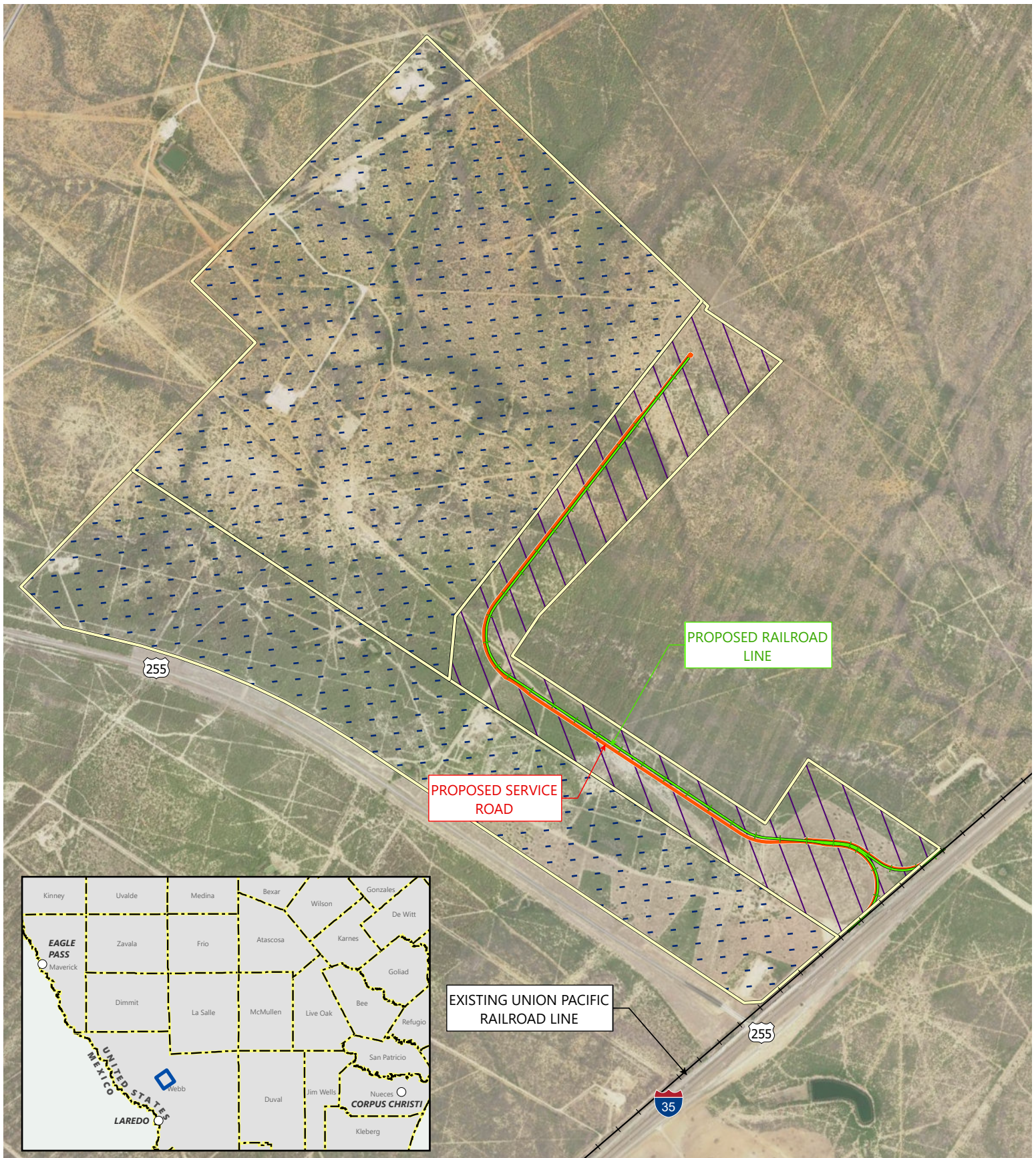
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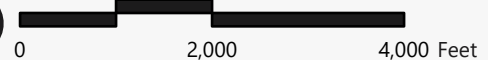


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Commissioner John Galo
Webb County Commissioner Precinct 3
1000 Houston St., 1st Floor
Laredo, Texas 78040

By email at jgalo@webbcountytexas.gov

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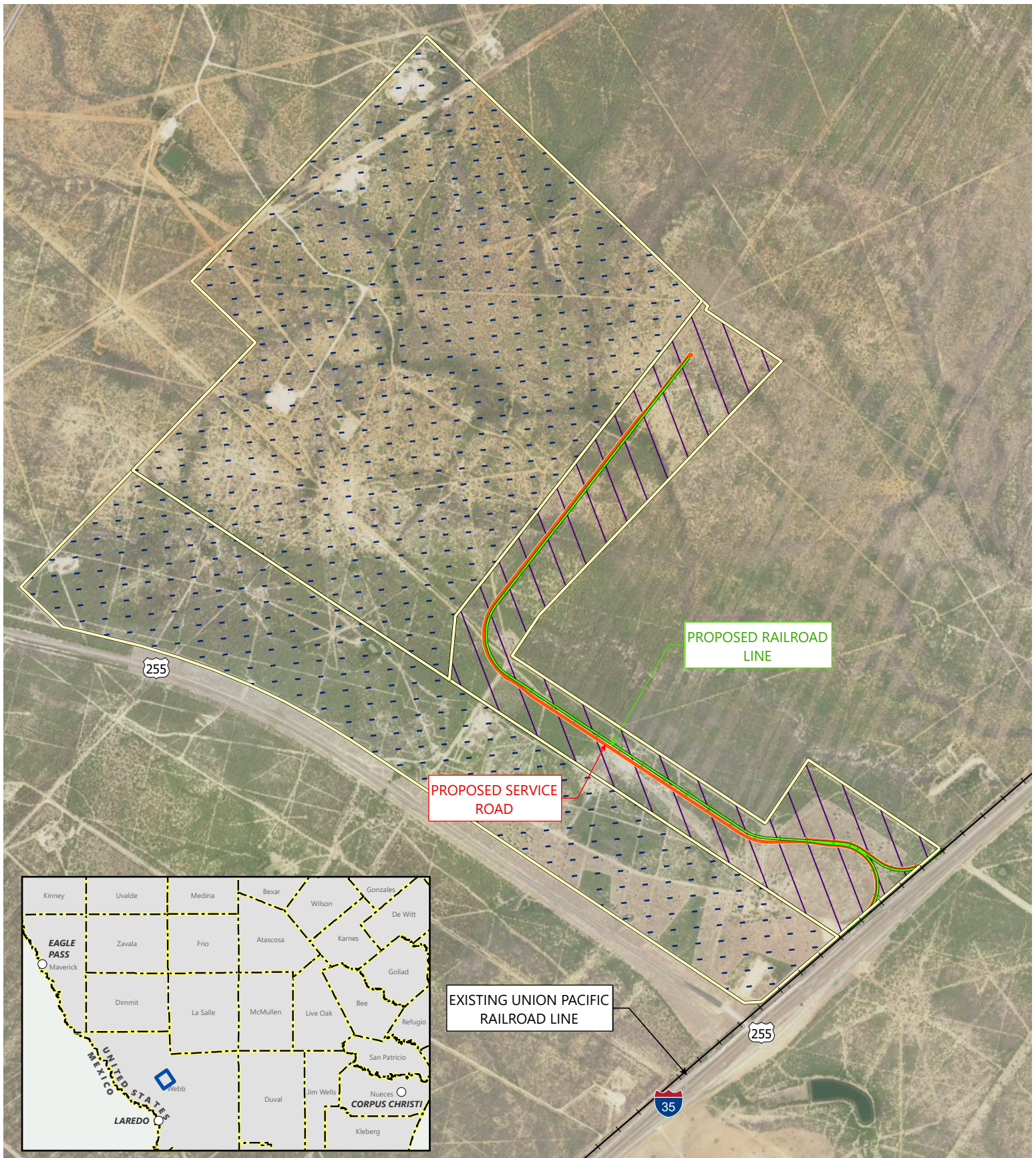
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By email at webbcountyjudge@webbcountytexas.gov

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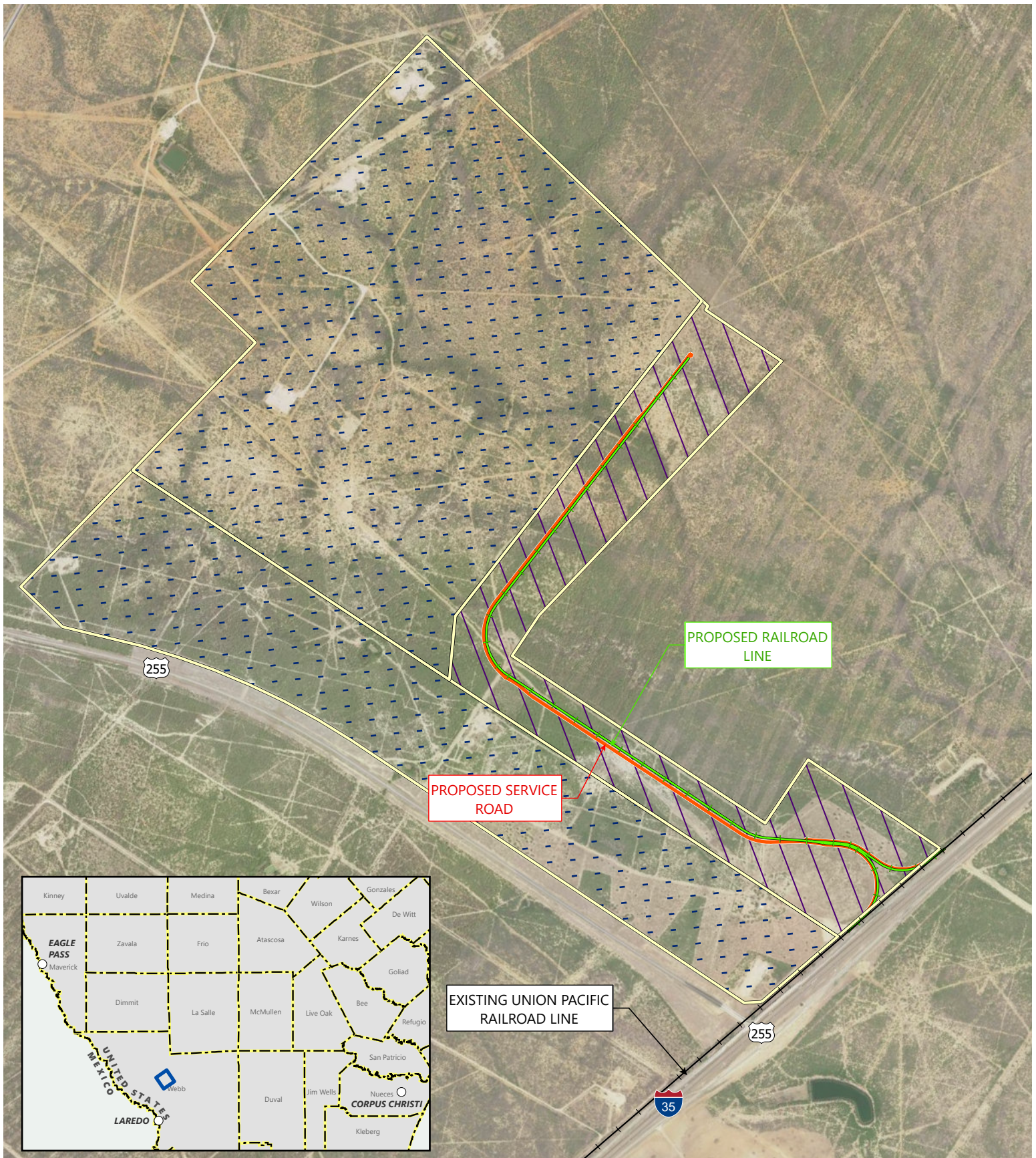
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Commissioner Ricardo Jaime
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By email at rjaime@webbcountytx.gov

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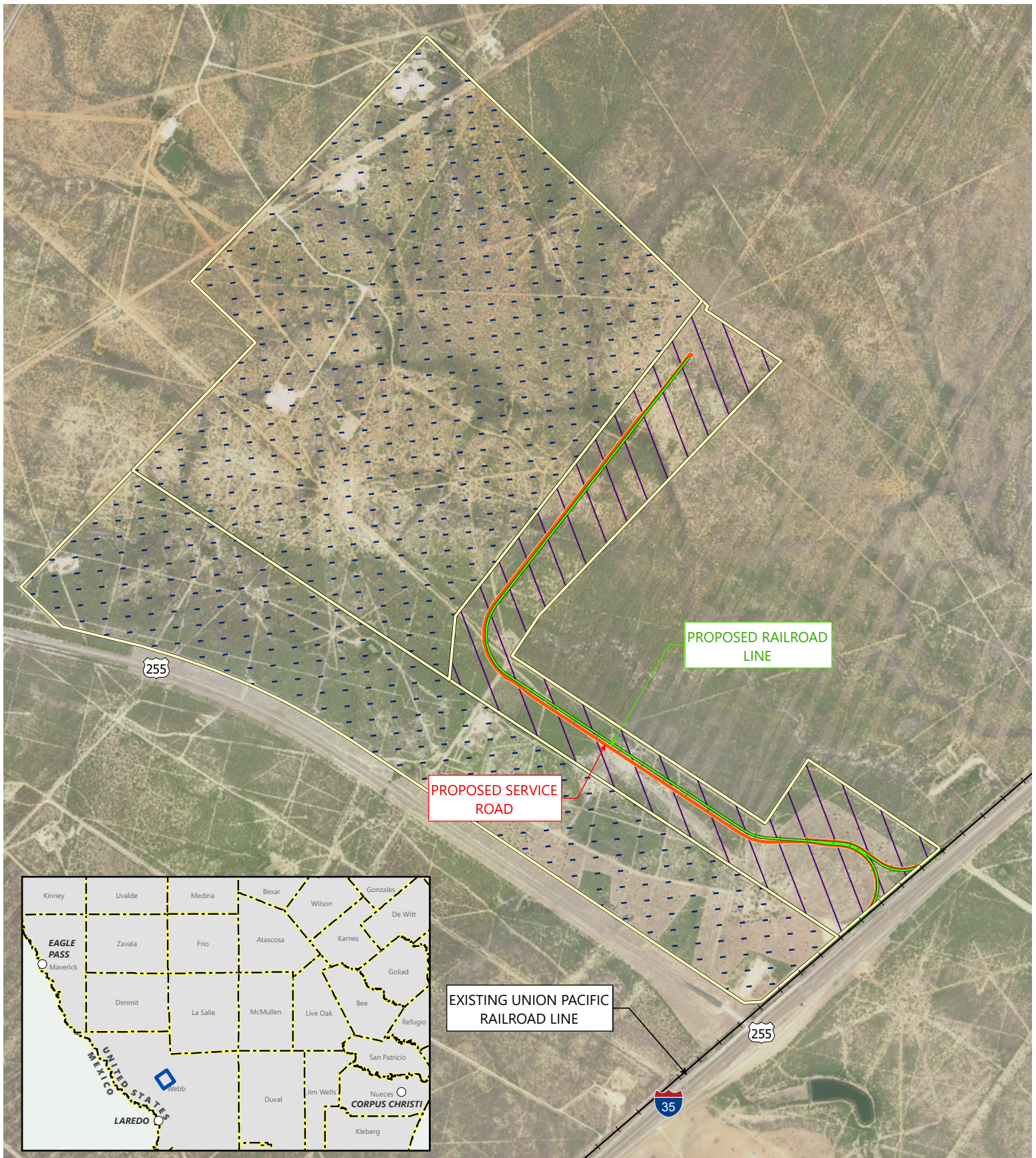
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Chairman Forest Tahdooahnippah
Comanche Nation, Oklahoma
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

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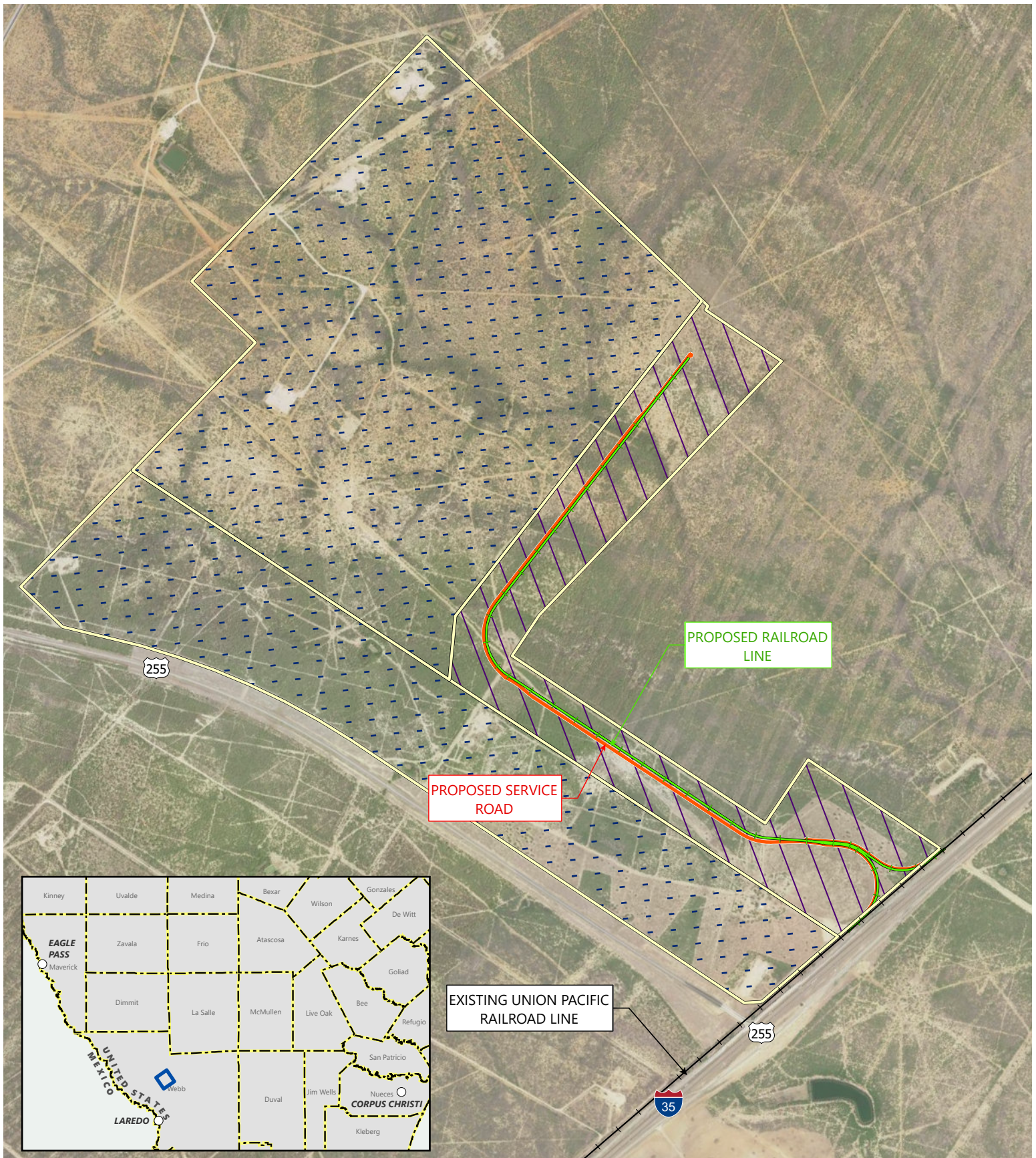
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C: Martina Minthorn, THPO (by email)



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Comanche Nation, Oklahoma

RE: Docket No. FD 36847, Laredo Gateway Industrial Railway, LLC – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Webb County, Texas; Preliminary Consultation

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Name of the Comanche Nation, Oklahoma designated contact for the proposed project:

Please print

Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Andrea Poole
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President Thora Welsh Padilla
Mescalero Apache Tribe of Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico
P.O. Box 227
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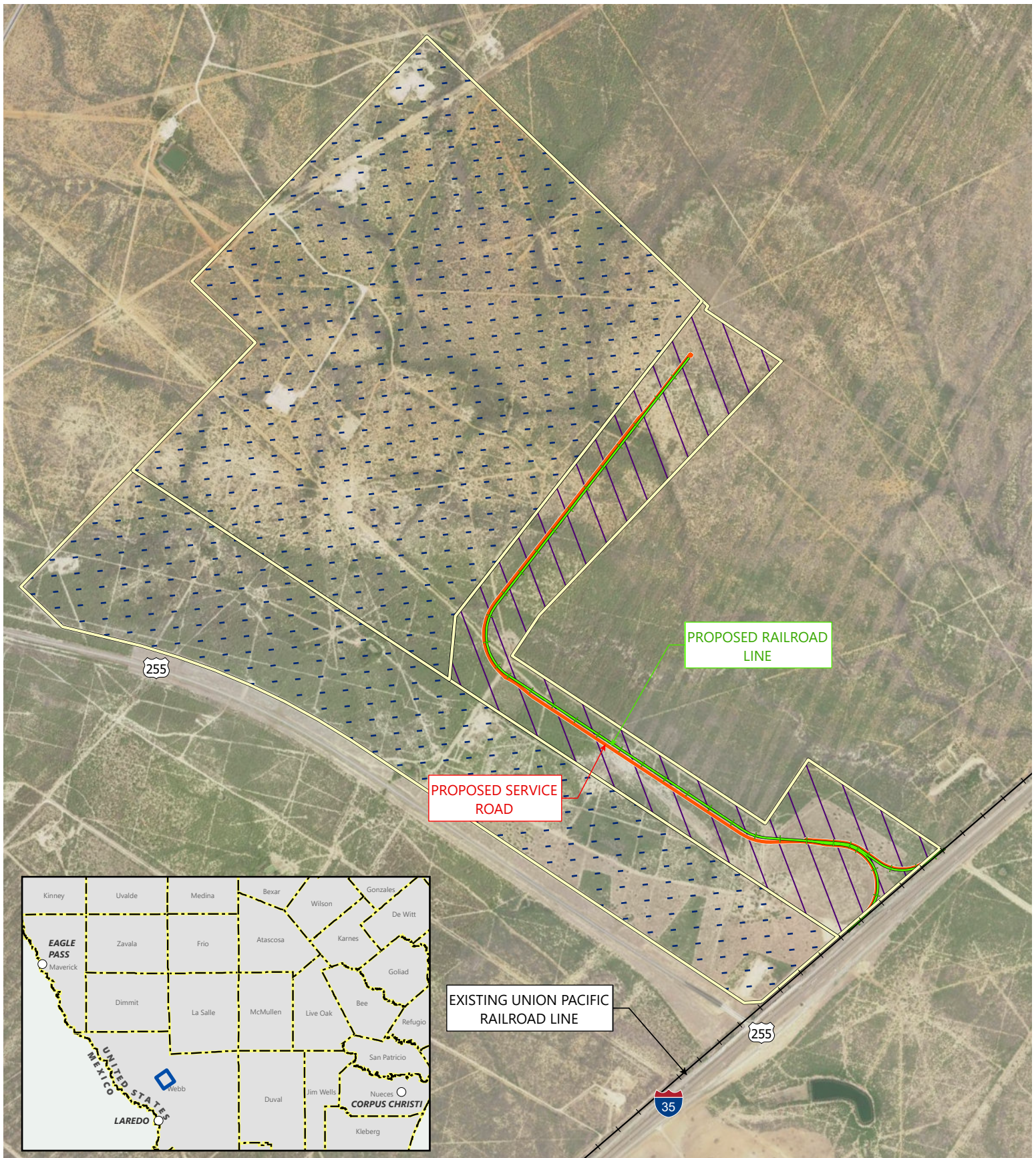
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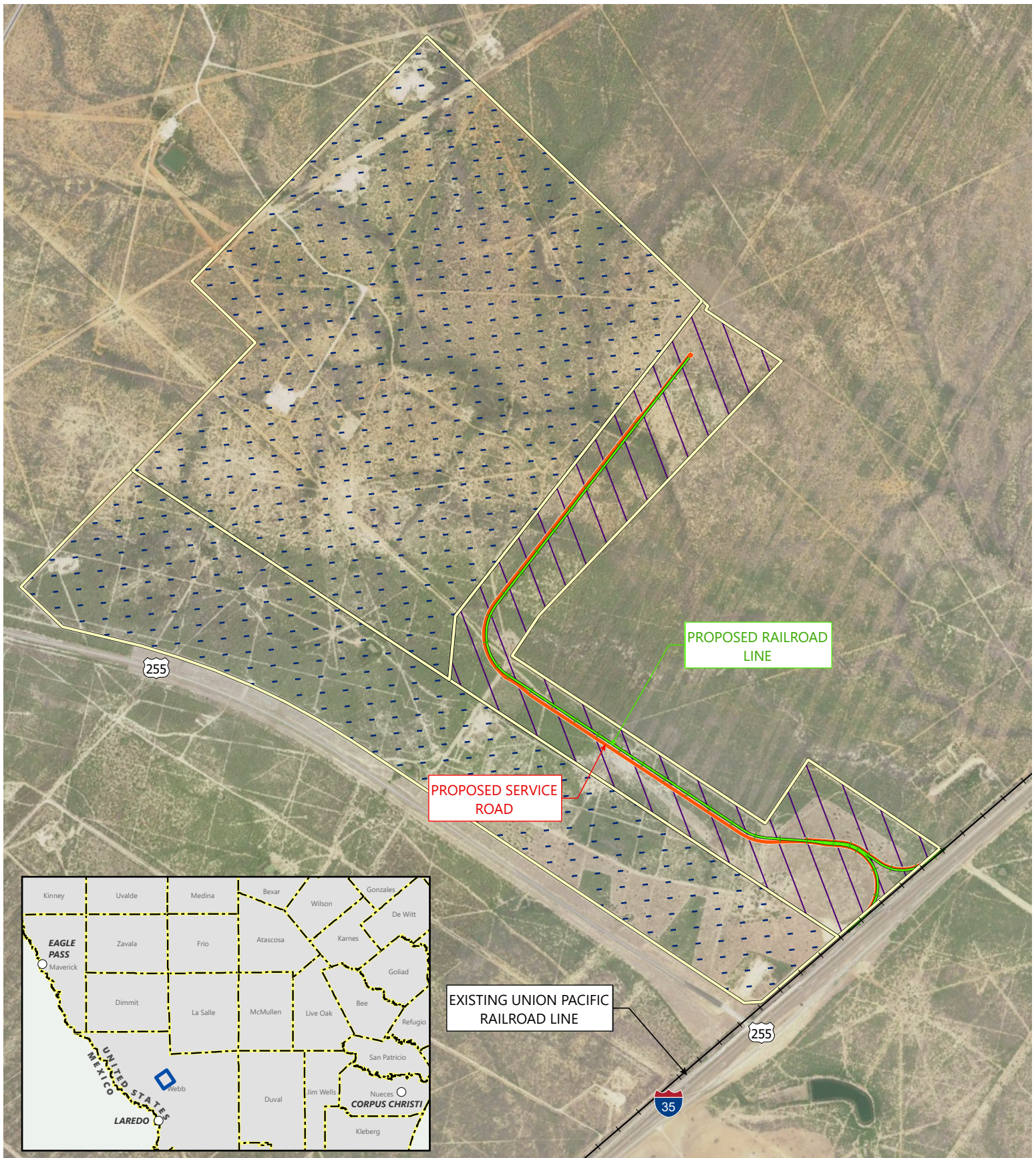
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Danielle Gosselin
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C: Lauren Norman-Brown, THPO



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Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

RE: Docket No. FD 36847, Laredo Gateway Industrial Railway, LLC – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Webb County, Texas; Preliminary Consultation

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Name of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma designated contact for the proposed project:

Please print

Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Andrea Poole
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Docket No. FD 36847
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Washington, DC 20423

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May 23, 2025

Chairman Durell Cooper, III
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
511 E Colorado
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By email at durellcooper05@gmail.com

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Dear Chairman Cooper:

This letter is to inform you that Laredo Gateway Industrial Railway, LLC (LGIR) is planning to seek authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for construction and operation of a new 13,850-foot-long rail line in Webb County, Texas (the Line). The Line would provide rail-truck transloading at Gateway Industrial Rail Park, a planned warehouse development near the intersection of Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) and State Highway 255 (SH-255), north of Laredo, Texas (see **Attachment 1 for Location Map**). The Line would extend from a to-be-constructed Union Pacific Corporation (UP) switch at its eastern end and would be stub-ended at its northwestern end. It would consist of up to four tracks, with an access road along its south side.

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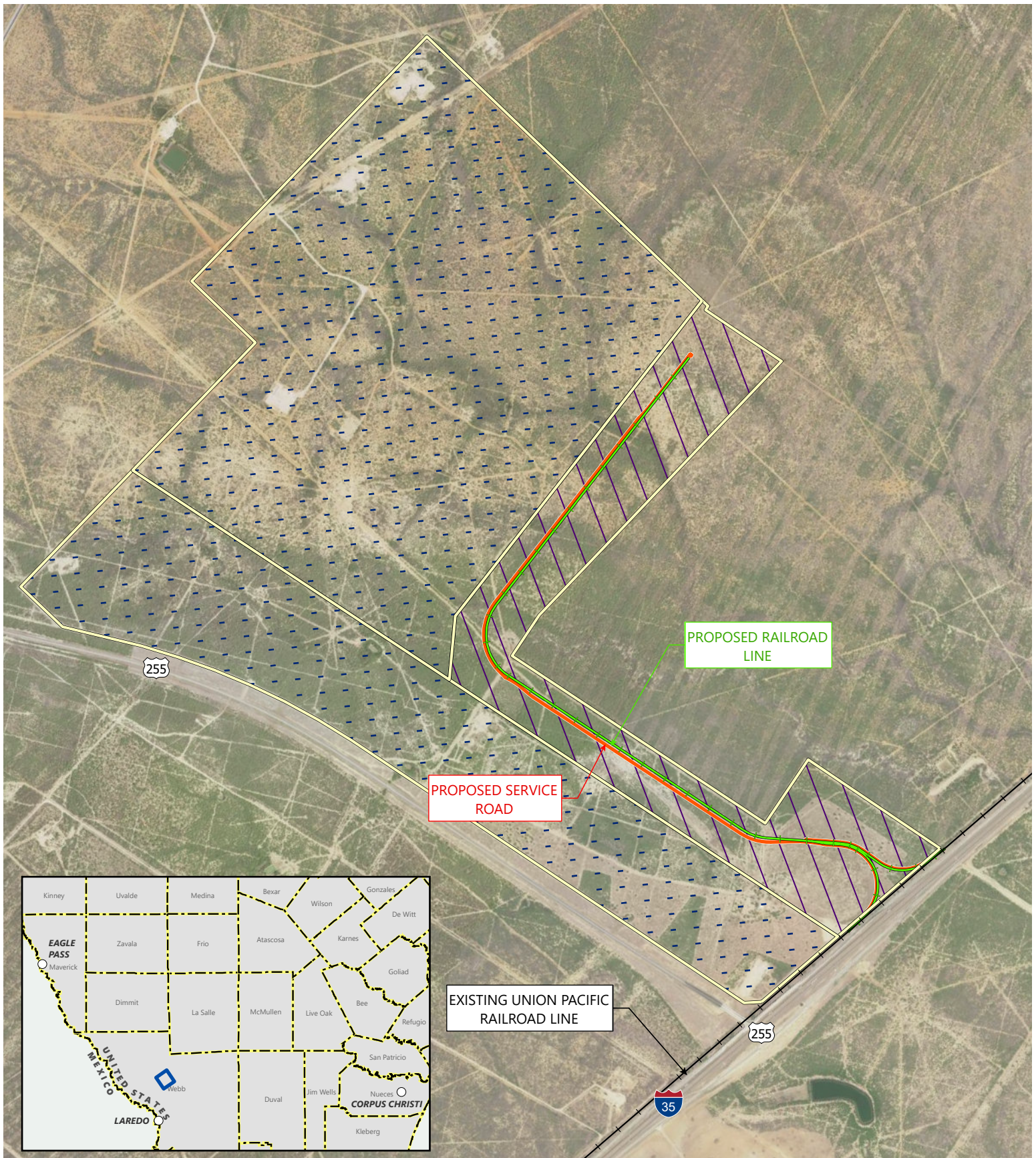
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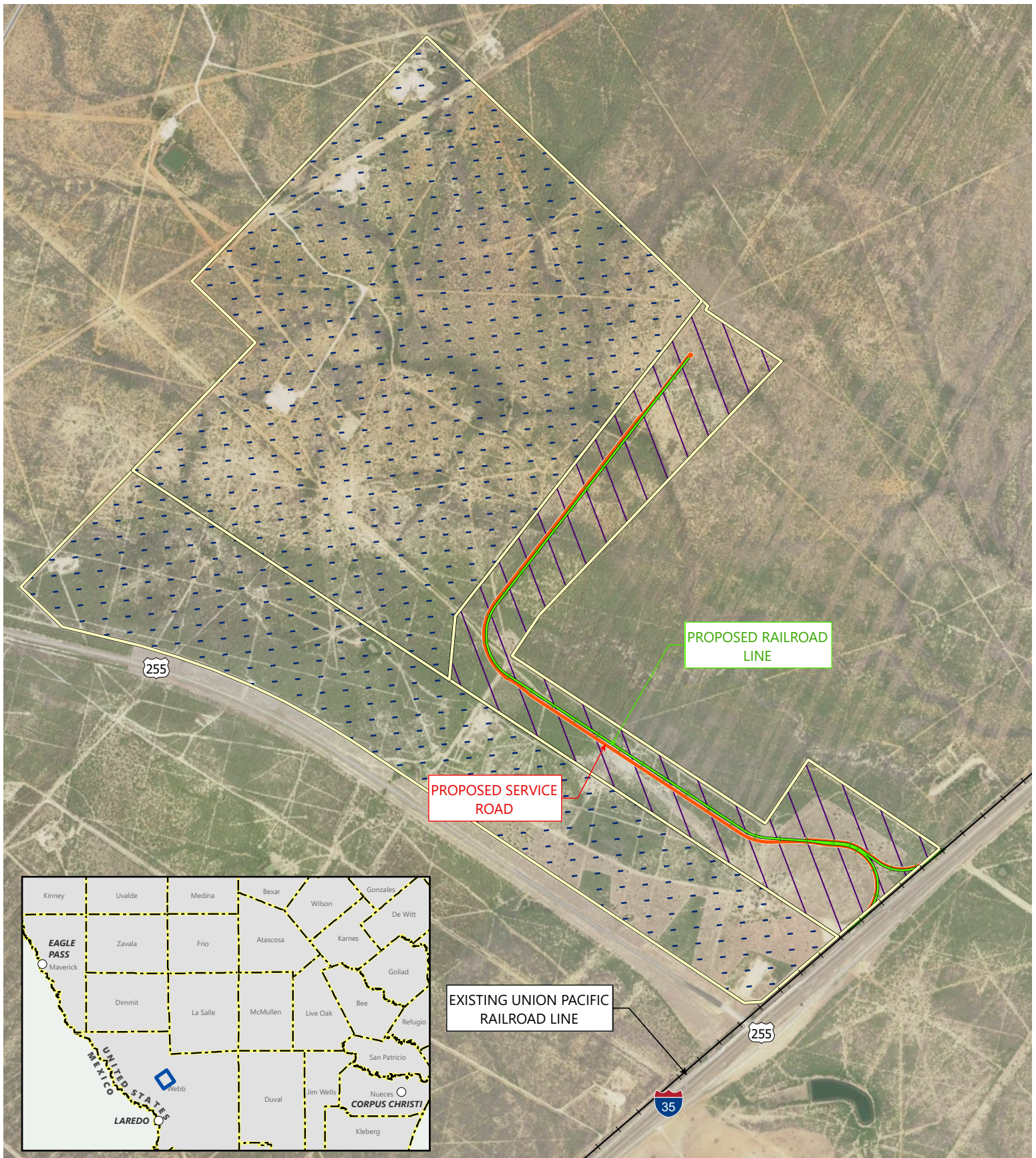
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