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Chris,
I've had PRI place all the identified inventoried sites in the vicinity of their proposed activities on a site map (attached). The map also shows the location of the satellite building (dark blue), access road (dark red) and proposed mine units (light red).

The action currently in front of me is the construction of the satellite building. The building itself is 19,000 sq feet with about an equal size area around its perimeter (see map). Mine units have a much greater areal extent and consist of injection/production/monitoring wells (i.e., drill rigs driving all over the place).

Neither the satellite building nor the Access Road intersect any of the inventories sites. John McCarthy, PRI's Manager-Health, Safety and Environmental Affairs indicated that the route of Access Road is intended to miss any of the inventoried sites. As you can see, the proposed Mine Unit locations do intersect four of the inventoried sites.

Is it possible to say that construction of the satellite building and support road does not "impact any cultural or transient findings"? If so, I can put in a license condition in PRI's NRC Source Material License that requires further investigation/delineation of inventoried sites prior to mine unit (wellfield) development. PRI is willing to hire an archaeological consultant ASAP; however, they're worried that if they can't get a archaeological consultant in the field until the fall, they'll miss the construction season. PRI would really like to lay the building foundation late summer/fall 2007.

I'll give you a call later today/tomorrow to get your thoughts.

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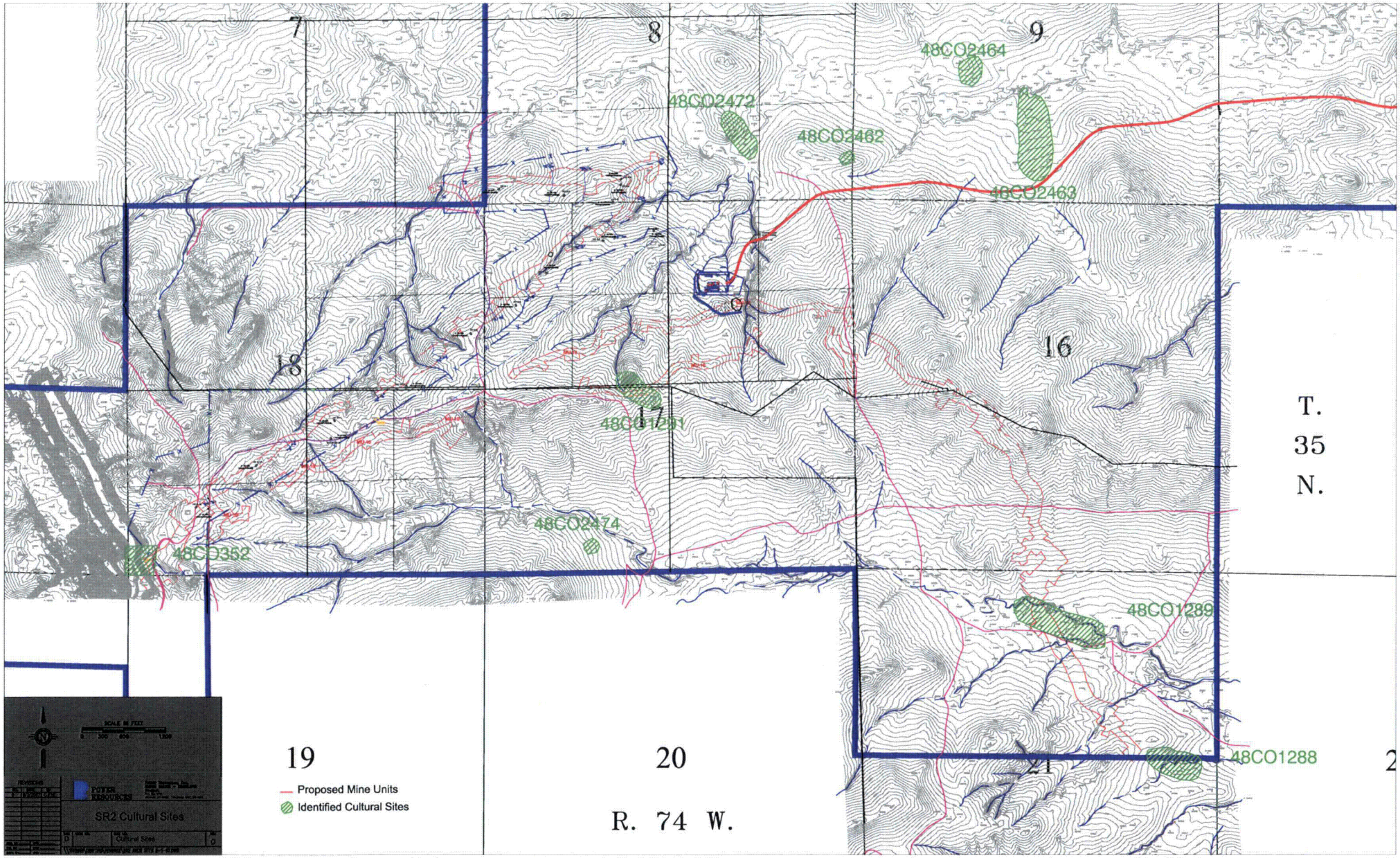
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