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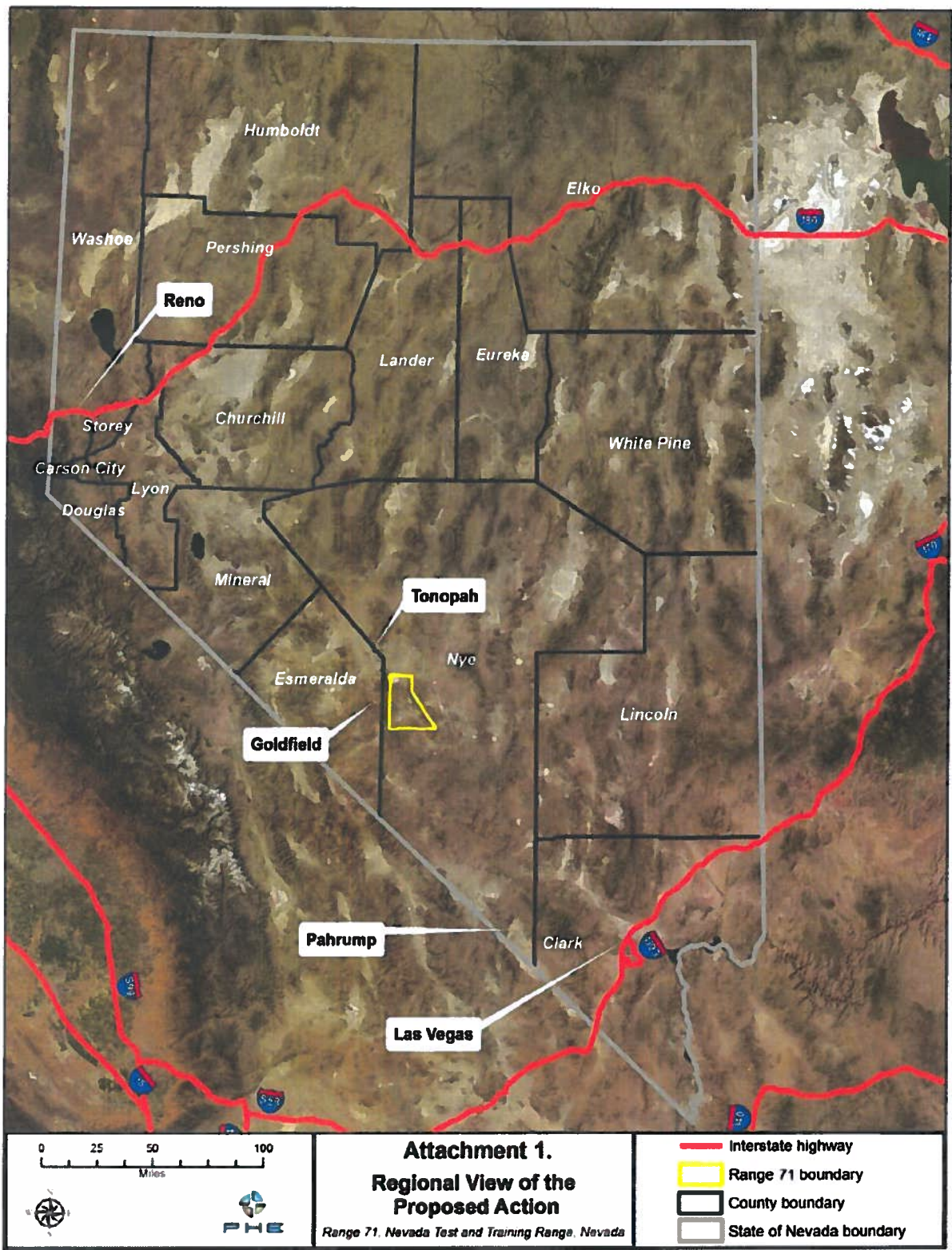
Nellis Air Force Base (AFB) has initiated the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed range improvements at Range 71 of the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR). The EA will evaluate proposed upgrades of the Range 71 Desert Training Operations Area to allow for the development of tactics, techniques, and procedures based on lessons-learned in overseas combat theaters. The goal is to create a system of scalable targets that can be rapidly assembled and are geographically separated to address rapidly changing military scenarios.

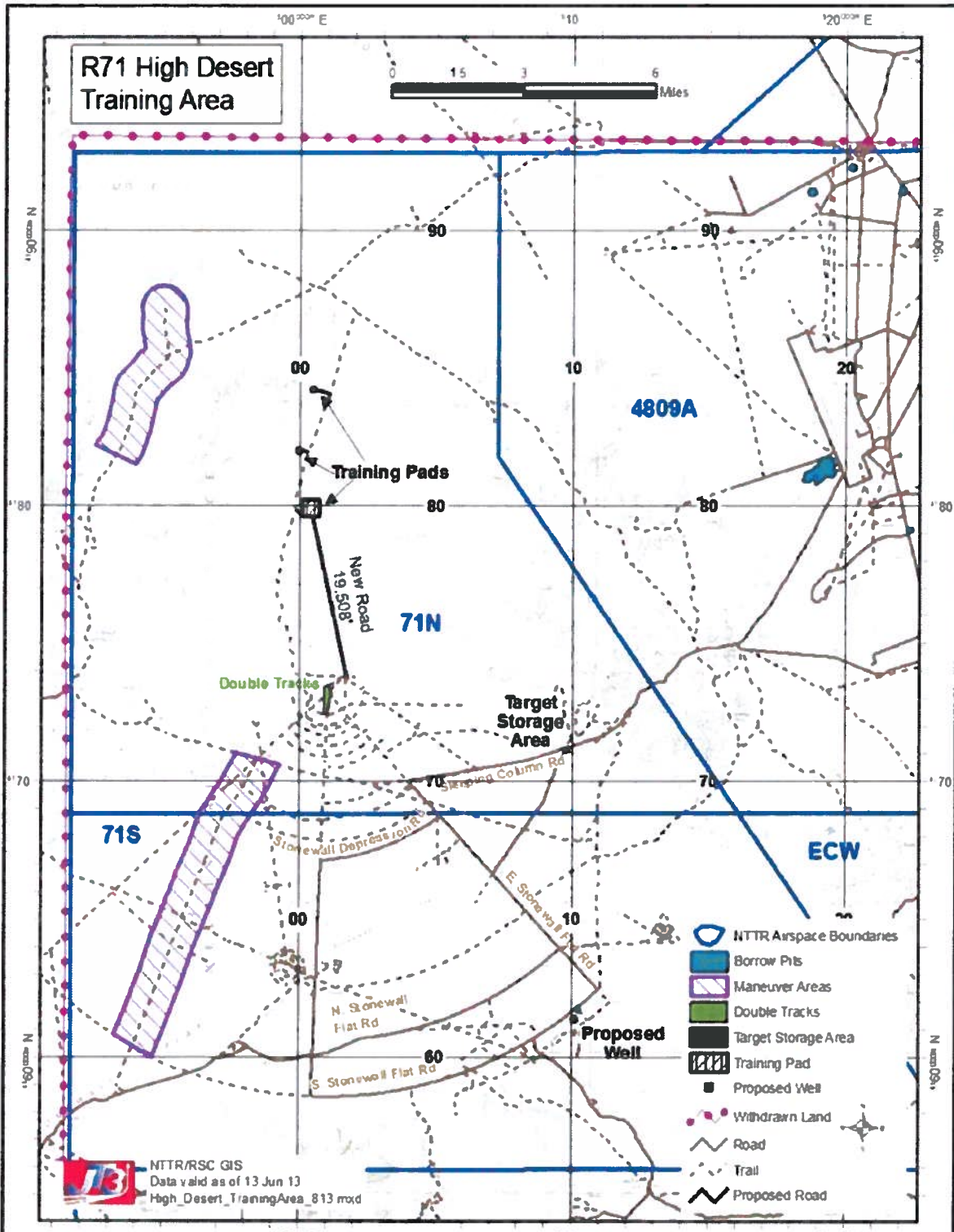
Specifically, Nellis AFB proposes to integrate existing target arrays and road infrastructure with three new proposed target areas that would be located within Range 71. Attachment 2 shows the location of the components of the proposal, including three new target pads, a new access road, a new ground water well, and three new target storage buildings. Attachment 2 also identifies two potential areas for future off-road ground maneuvers at Range 71, but these maneuver areas are not part of this specific proposal, and would be evaluated in a separate EA should Nellis AFB elect to implement them. The proposed ground water well would use existing water rights that would be transferred from an existing but currently inactive well within the same basin. The existing well would be closed.

Attachment 1 illustrates the location of Range 71 on a broader regional basis. Range 71 provides ample space for safely conducting live-fire ground maneuvers, air-to-ground ordnance deliveries, and surface-to-air operations. Any and all live-fire training event safety footprints would be confined within the NTTR withdrawn land boundary.

In accordance with 32 CFR 989, the Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP), and 40 CFR 1500-1508, the Council on Environmental Quality guidelines, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, Nellis AFB requests that your agency identify issues or concerns you may have regarding the proposed action. Please forward any identified issues or concerns by October 2, 2013 to Mr. Tod Oppenborn at the above address or e-mail him at tod.oppenborn@us.af.mil.

Thank you for your assistance.
Tod Oppenborn





**Attachment 2.
Proposed Action
at Range 71 of the
Nevada Test and Training Range**

