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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Mt. Lewis Field Office (MLFO), is proposing to approve and install three riparian exclosures in the Argenta Allotment (see maps), located in Fire Creek, Ferris Creek, and North Fork of Mill Creek Use Areas. The fences will be constructed primarily out of steel pipe jack rail fencing where geographically feasible and barbed wire when jack rail is not feasible. Greater sage-grouse collision deterrent markers will be used when and where barbed wire fencing is installed.

The purpose of this project is to protect selected areas of riparian habitat from impacts of livestock grazing. The project is needed to fulfil the BLM's legal obligation set forth in the Settlement Agreement for Argenta Allotment approved on June 24, 2015 by the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). The agreement states that BLM commits to issuing a decision in accordance with 43 C.F.R subpart 4160 within 8 Months of receipt of permittees completed application if identified by the National Riparian Service Team (NRST). These projects were recommended by the NRST on August 11, 2015.

Written comments on this project will be accepted at the above address or at <http://1.usa.gov/1VZyHs> until January 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Submitted comments will help the BLM identify potential resource concerns and alternatives for the proposed projects.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

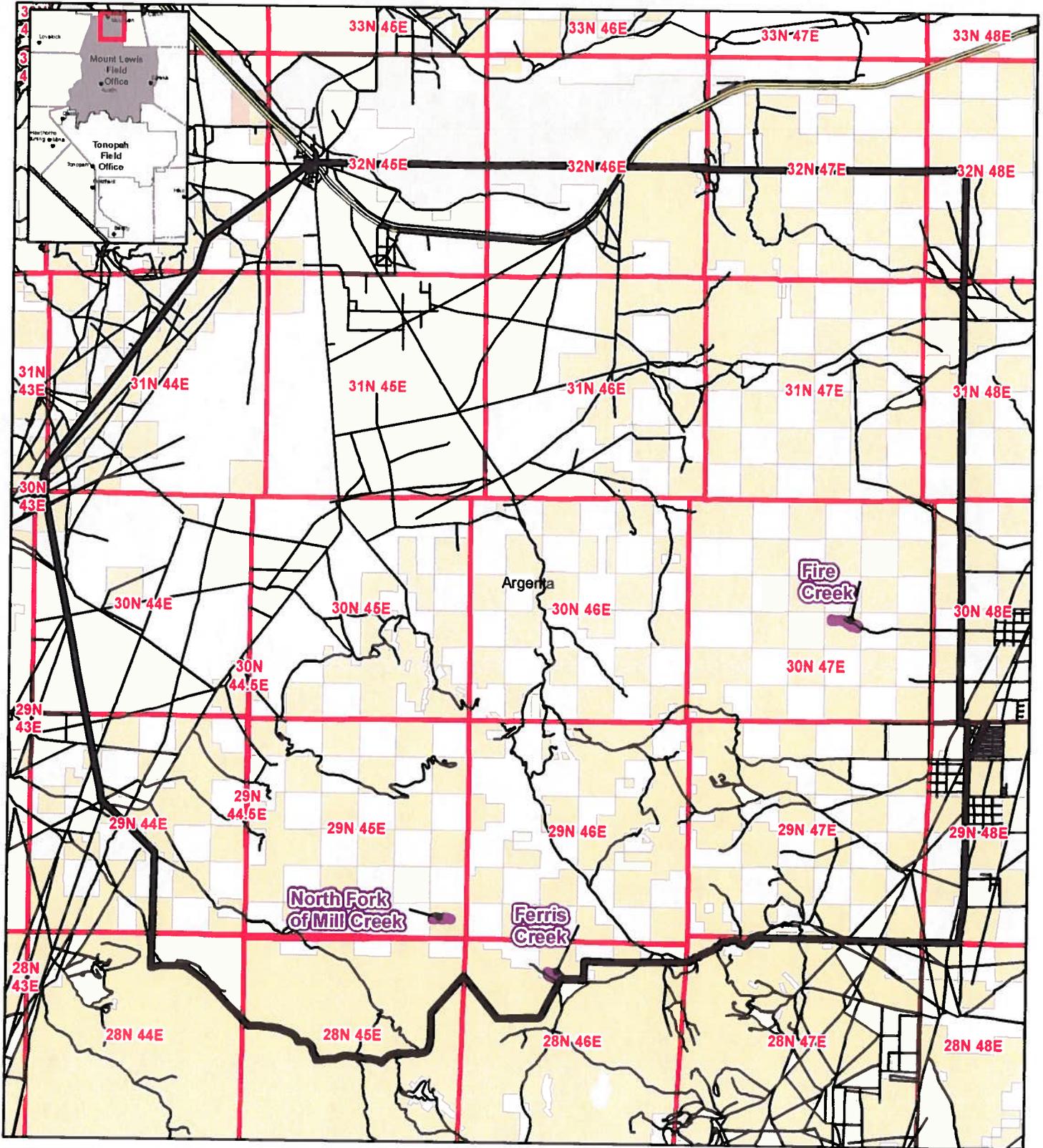
If you have any questions please contact Andrea Dolbear, Planning and Environmental Coordinator or Adam Cochran, Lead Rangeland Management Specialist at the above address or at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Maps

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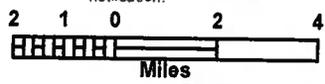


Legend

- Argenta Allotment
- Interstate
- Other Road
- Modified Fencelines
- Township
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Private

Argenta Allotment - Overview Map

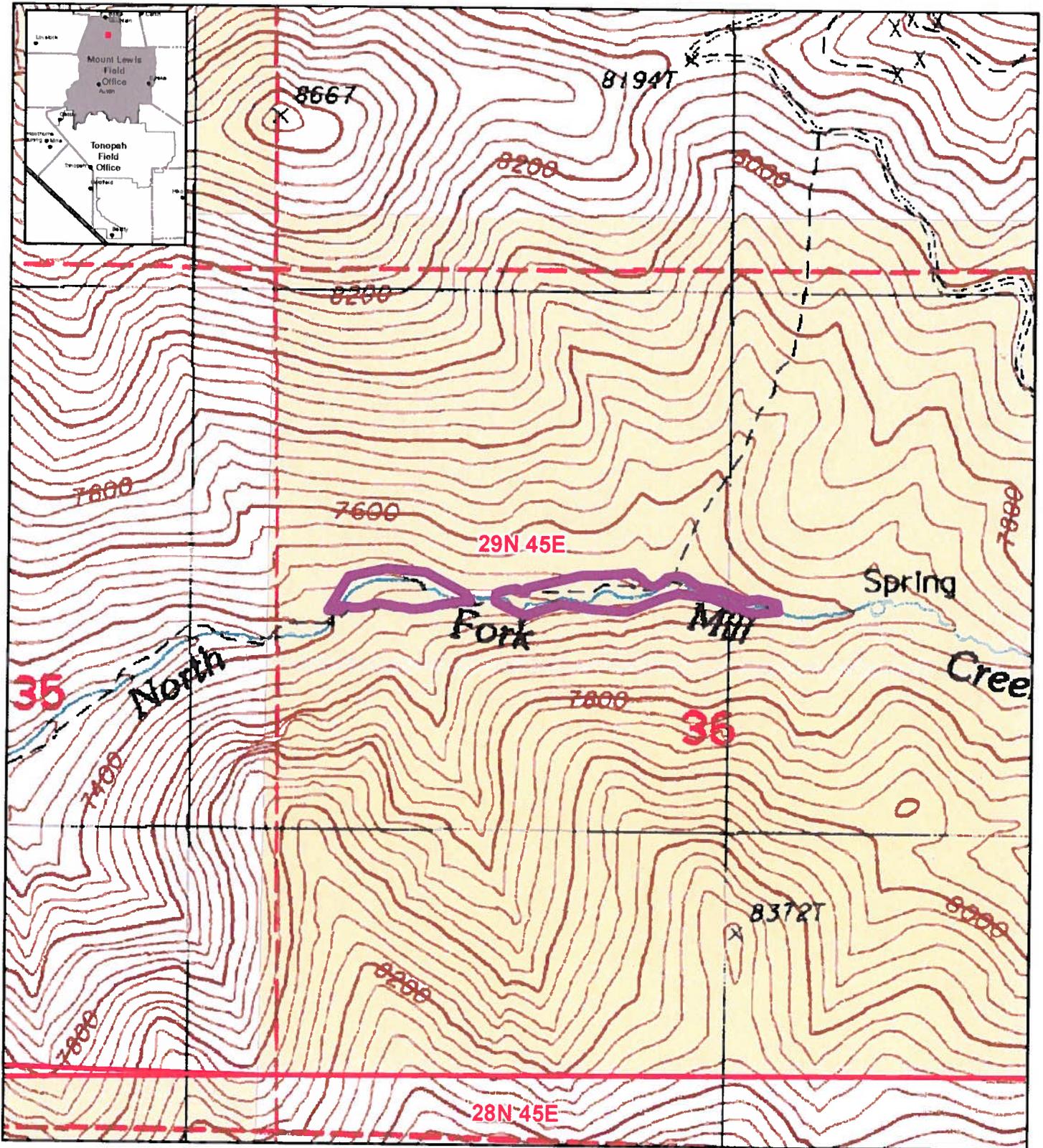
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North Fork of Mill Creek Area - 8.39 Acres

Legend

-  Modified Fencelines
-  Township
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private



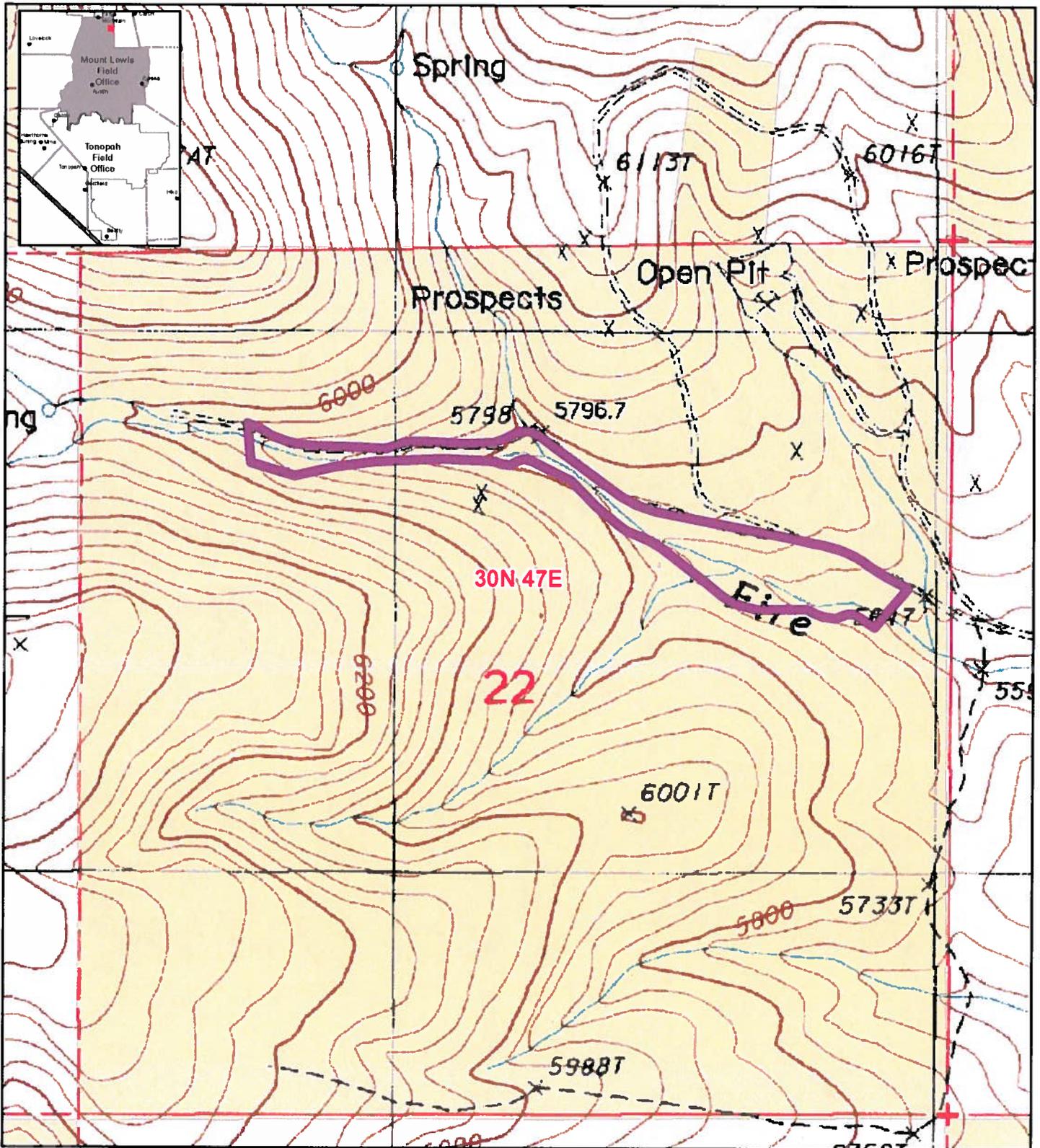
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Fire Creek Area - 20.87 Acrea

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-  Modified Fencelines
-  Township
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private



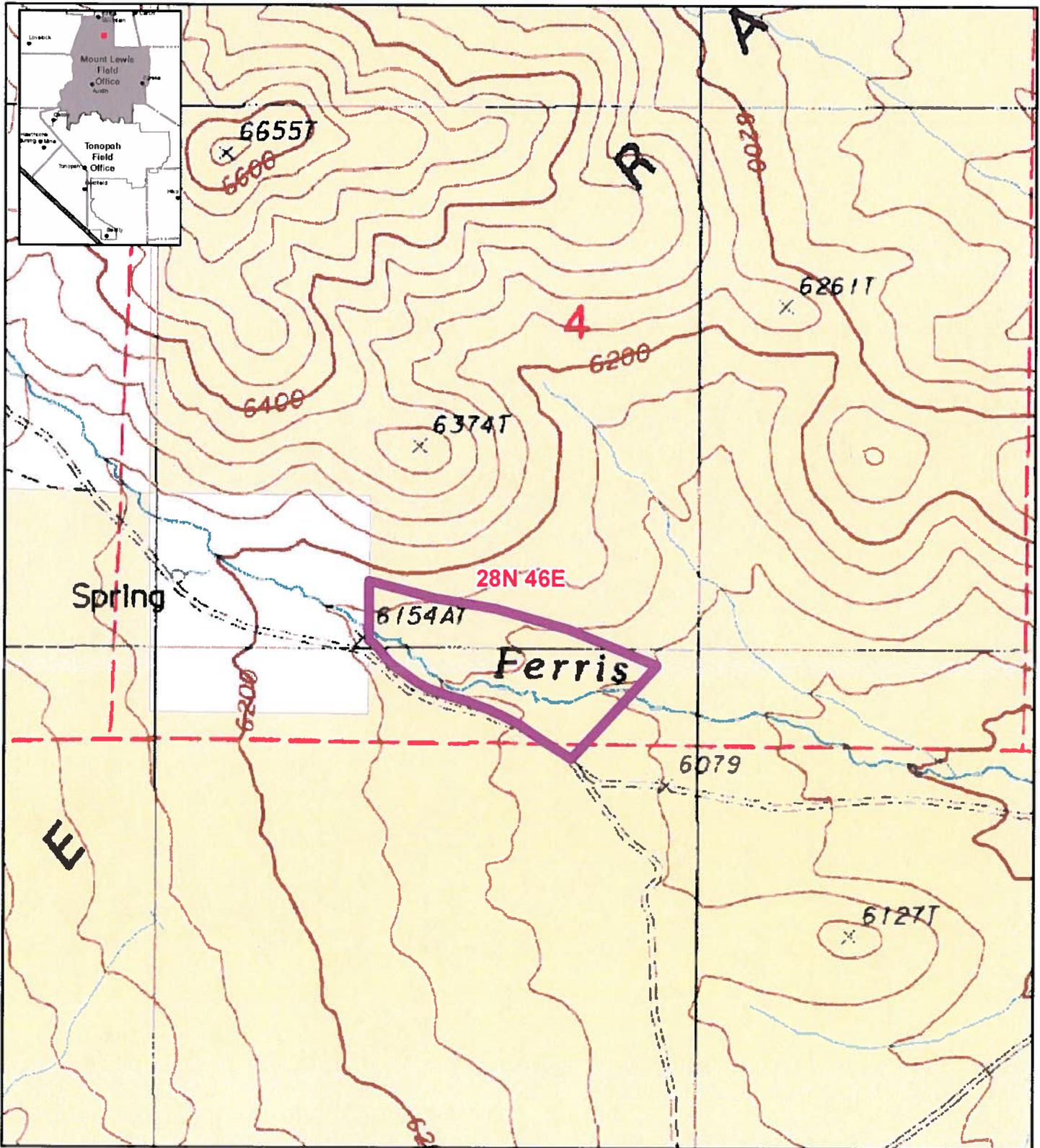
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Ferris Creek Area - 21.29 Acrea

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-  Modified Fencelines
-  Township
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private

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