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Reply in Reference to: USAF_2020_0720_001

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Section 106 Consultation for Yuba Goldfields Easement, Beale AFB

Dear LtCol Aftanas:

The United States Air Force (USAF) is initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding its effort to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 306108), as amended, and its implementing regulation found at 36 CFR Part 800.

The USAF are proposing to grant a 0.2 acre easement to the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority for the Yuba Goldfields 200 Year Flood Protection Program. No historic properties were identified during an archeological pedestrian survey of the easement parcel or through consultation with tribes identified through the Native American Heritage Commission. The USAF notes that the tribal organizations are operational and will continue to consult them as required.

The USAF are requesting concurrence with its delineation of the project's area of potential effects (APE) and a finding of no historic properties affected. Upon review of the information provided, the SHPO offers the following comments:

- 1) Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(a)(1), the SHPO does not object to the USAF's definition of the APE.
- 2) The SHPO concurs that a finding of no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1) is appropriate. Be advised that that under certain circumstances, such as an unanticipated discovery or a change in project description, the USAF may have future responsibilities for this undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.

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Notify Historian Ed Carroll at (916) 445-7006 or Ed.Carroll@parks.ca.gov if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Glenda Nelson
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Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria
2133 Monte Vista Ave
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Dear Ms. Nelson

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JUL 18 2020

Ms. Tina Goodwin
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Dear Ms. Goodwin

The U.S Air Force (USAF), Beale Air Force Base (AFB), in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, *Protection of Historic Properties*, is writing to ask for your assistance in identifying historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe, for the "Granting of a 0.2 Acre Easement for the Yuba Goldfields 200-Year Flood Protection Project (Project)," located in Yuba County, California (Undertaking).

Beale AFB is situated on the eastern margin of the Sacramento Valley, approximately 35 miles north-northeast of Sacramento. The Base is more than 23,000 acres in size and is located in the Southern Maidu (Nisenan) culture area. Beale AFB is home to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, which maintains and monitors feedback from fleets of manned and unmanned surveillance aircraft.

The Undertaking consists of the U.S. Air Force (USAF) seeking to provide Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) an easement to a 0.2-acre property (Attachment 1) for the construction of a 2.6-mile extension of the Yuba River south levee in order to protect the residents of southern Yuba County from the effects of a 200-year flood. This extension, connects to the east end of the Yuba River south levee, and extends southeast to Hammonton-Smartville Road, and then continues along the north side of Hammonton-Smartville Road, terminating approximately 0.5 mile at the Brophy Canal. TRLIA recently discovered that a small part the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) was owned by USAF, Beale AFB. This 0.2-acre parcel of land is located in the far northwestern corner of Section 18, T15N, R5E. This parcel is separated from the main property of Beale AFB by Hammonton-Smartville Road and was being used for agricultural purposes.

We understand that you may have previously consulted with TRILIA on this project, but the APE for this Undertaking in this consultation consists of only the 0.2-acre parcel owned by the USAF, Beale AFB (Attachment 1). The property was subjected to a pedestrian survey by a qualified archaeological professional as part of this Undertaking on 16 July 2020 (Attachment 2). The cultural resources survey for the APE, as described, resulted in no cultural resources identified.

Beale AFB is currently unaware of any Native American Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) within the APE. Nevertheless, we ask for your assistance in identifying any TCPs, particularly those which may be affected by the Undertaking described above.

At this time, we respectfully request your comments and input under the NHPA for the Undertaking. It will not affect the handling or disposition of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. In the event such items are discovered, we will contact you regarding their handling and disposition.

If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact Ms. Tamara Gallentine, Cultural Resources Manager, 9 CES/CEIE, 6425 B St., Bldg. 25390, Beale AFB, CA 95903-1708, tamara.gallentine.2@us.af.mil, (530) 913-2975 or Cultural Resources Specialist, Mr. William Norton at (707) 424-8629, william.norton.9.ctr@us.af.mil. Please refer to the Beale AFB Granting of a 0.2 Acre Easement for the Yuba Goldfields 200-Year Flood Protection Project, in any correspondence.

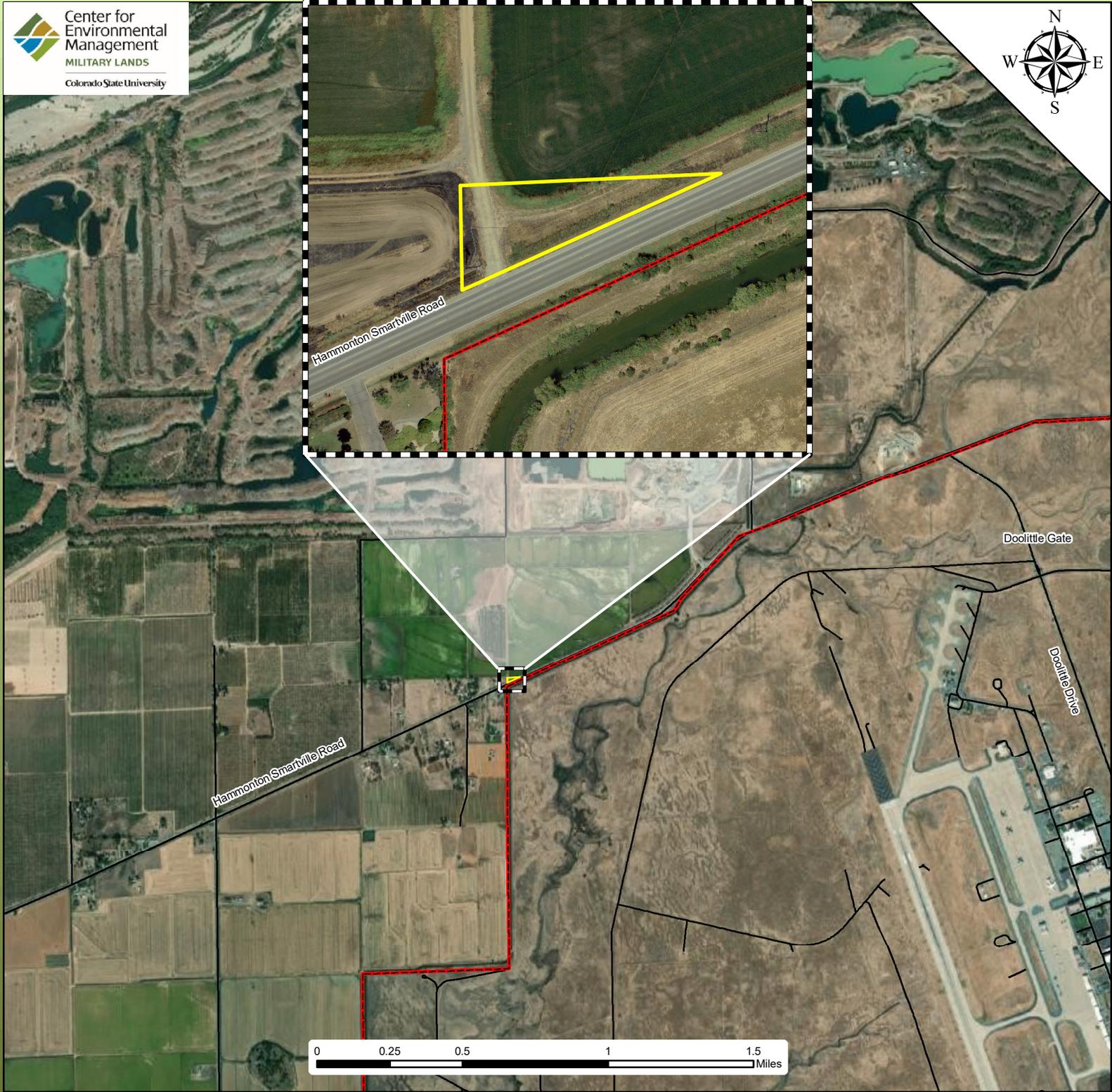
Sincerely,



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Commander, 9th Civil Engineer Squadron

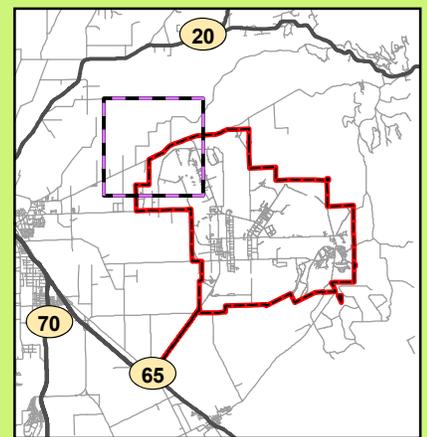
Attachments:

1. Project Location and APE
2. Norton 2020, *Memorandum for Record: Cultural Resources Survey of a Portion of Beale Air Force Base Property Tract 37, for the Yuba Gold Fields 200-Year Flood Protection Project, Yuba County, California*. Prepared for US Air Force, Air Combat Command, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, California.



Property Location and APE

-  APE
-  Base Perimeter
-  Road



**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

17 July 2020

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SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Survey of a Portion of Beale Air Force Base Property Tract 37, for the Yuba Gold Fields 200-Year Flood Protection Project, Yuba County, California

1. The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) proposes to reduce flood risk via construction of an improved levee as part of the Yuba Gold Fields 200-Year Flood Protection Project, Yuba County, California (Project). The approximately 2.6-mile long construction crosses a portion of Beale Air Force Base (AFB) property known as Tract 37; the Government acquired Tract 37 in 1943. Approximately 0.2-acre of Tract 37 is within the Project footprint (Figure 1, Figure 2).
2. The investigation for cultural resources discussed here was performed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR Part 800. The investigation was conducted by W. L. Norton of Center for Environmental Management Military Lands (CEMML), a cooperater with Travis Installation Support Section (ISS), AFCEC-CZOW, on behalf of Beale AFB Environmental Flight. Mr. Norton meets the Secretary of the Interior's standards for archaeology with 30 years of experience in California.
3. Previously, TRLIA engaged GEI Consultants (GEI) to perform cultural resources investigation for the Project (GEI 2019). The GEI investigation included a cultural resources records search, pedestrian survey, geoarchaeological testing, and consultation with Native American groups on tribal cultural resources. The 0.2-acre Tract 37 parcel within the Project boundaries was not part of the pedestrian survey or geoarchaeological testing investigation (at that time it was believed that permission to access could not be obtained), but it was part of the records search, and tribal consultation. The investigation identified no archaeological resources within the Project. Three built environment resources (that are greater than 50-years in age) are reported in their findings: the Yuba River South Levee, a barn and shed, and a residence. These resources are not in or adjacent to the 0.2-acre Tract 37 parcel. Also, in consultation with United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria (UAIC), GEI was told that the Project overlapped a prehistoric village. Tribal members participated in the archaeological survey and the geoarchaeological testing, but as stated, no archaeological materials were located.

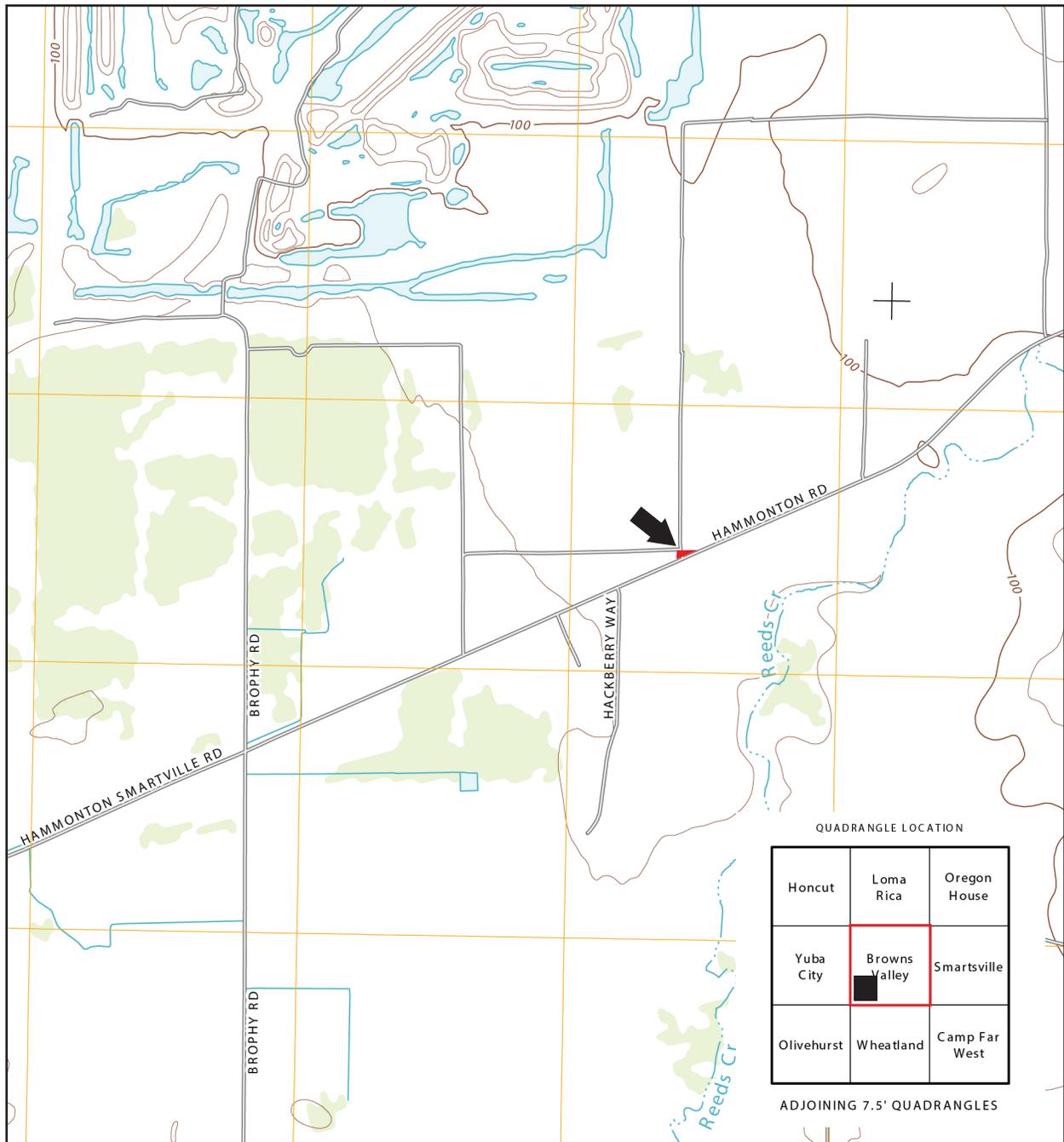
MFR: Tract 37 cultural survey

4. Mr. Norton inspected the 0.2-acre Tract 37 parcel on 16 July 2020. At that time, the surface had been mechanically stripped of vegetation. He employed survey transects of less than 10-meters. Disturbances to the area (besides the vegetation stripping) included creation of a dirt road (perpendicular to Hammonton-Smartsville Road on figures), a drainage ditch bordering Hammonton-Smartsville Road, and modern trash (broken glass, plastic, etc.). It was also evident that the remaining area had been impacted by agricultural alterations of the surface, apparently as a rice paddy.

5. Mr. Norton discovered no cultural resources within or adjacent to the 0.2-acre Tract 37 parcel.

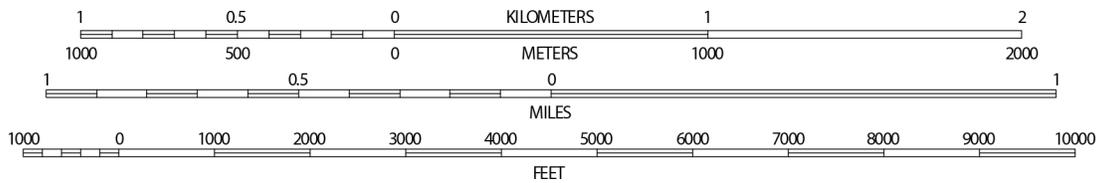
Attachments:

1. Figure 1 Tract 37 Location on Quadrangle Map
2. Figure 2 Tract 37 Cultural Survey Location
3. GEI Consultants, 2019 *Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation Report for the Yuba Goldfields 200-Year Flood Protection Project*, prepared for Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority.



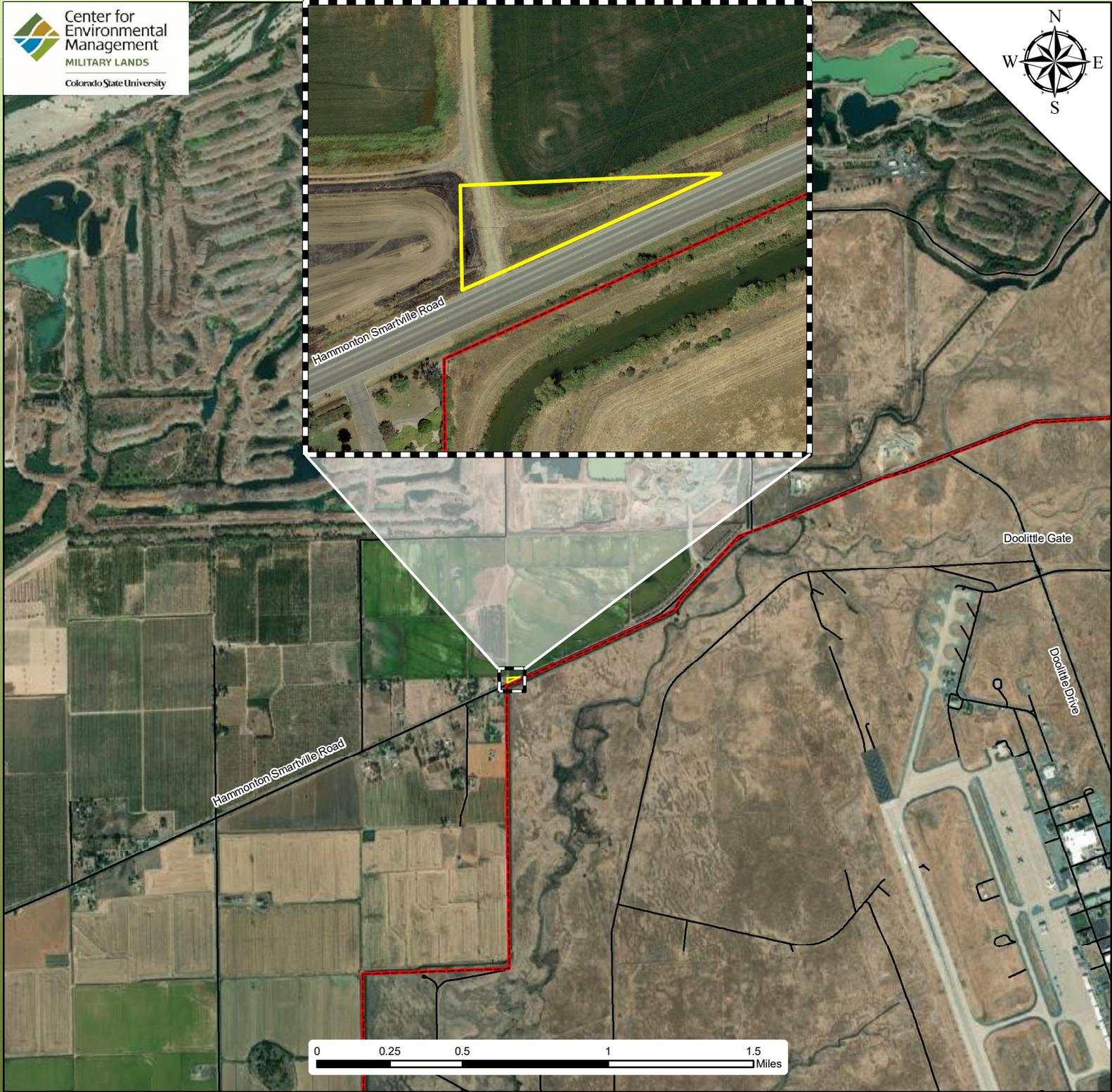
A Portion of Browns Valley Quadrangle

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988

Figure 2. Cultural Resources Survey, Portion of Tract 37 Parcel, Beale Air Force Base, for the Yuba Gold Fields 200-Year Flood Protection Project, Yuba County, California.



Tract 37 Cultural Survey Location Map

-  Subject Property
-  Base Perimeter
-  Road

