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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Attn: Regulatory Division, RGW
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70118-3651

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Application #: MVN-2021-01076 WQQ

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [**X**] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

REEVES SIDING TRACK EXTENSION PROJECT IN ALLEN PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Union Pacific Railroad, c/o: Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.,
Attn: Jennifer Speights, 5985 Rogerdale Road, Houston Texas, 77072.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located in in Reeves, Louisiana, in Allen Parish, approximately 0.30-mile east of the intersection of U.S. Highway (US) 190 and Rodeo Pen Road (latitude 30.518707; longitude -93.026133), to approximately 0.13-mile east of the intersection US 190 and Snooky's Road (latitude 30.518227; longitude -92.999519), as shown within the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08080203, within the Calcasieu River Basin)

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill to construct 7,369 feet of siding track extension adjacent to the mainline track, along the existing DeQuincy Subdivision. The DeQuincy Subdivision, a major thoroughfare for industrial and commercial transportation, has been subject to significant shipping delays because of capacity limits. The proposed project includes construction of approximately 7,369 feet of siding extension, a new 3-span prestressed concrete span (PCS) bridge for both the mainline and siding at MP 533.90, a new 5 span PCS bridge for the siding track and extension of a 20-foot PCS bridge to the existing mainline bridge at MP 534.15; removal of the timber trestle ballast deck bridge and installation of three 48-inch diameter culverts at MP 534.86. This will require the placement of approximately 9,444 cubic yards of fill material into Waters of the US. The work will permanently impact

approximately 1.17 acres of wetlands and temporarily impact 1.67 acres of wetlands. Approximately 270 linear feet of jurisdictional open waters of the US will be temporarily impacted and approximately 15 linear feet of open waters will be permanently impacted. If a Department of the Army permit is warranted, the applicant has proposed to mitigate unavoidable wetlands impacts at an approved and acceptable mitigation bank within the N.O. District.

The comment period on the requested Department of the Army Permit will close **20 days** from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGW, Amy Oestringr**. Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous and inclusive of the initial comment period and will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project would have no effect to the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), nor the American Chaffseed (*Schwalbea americana*).

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of **0 acres** of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

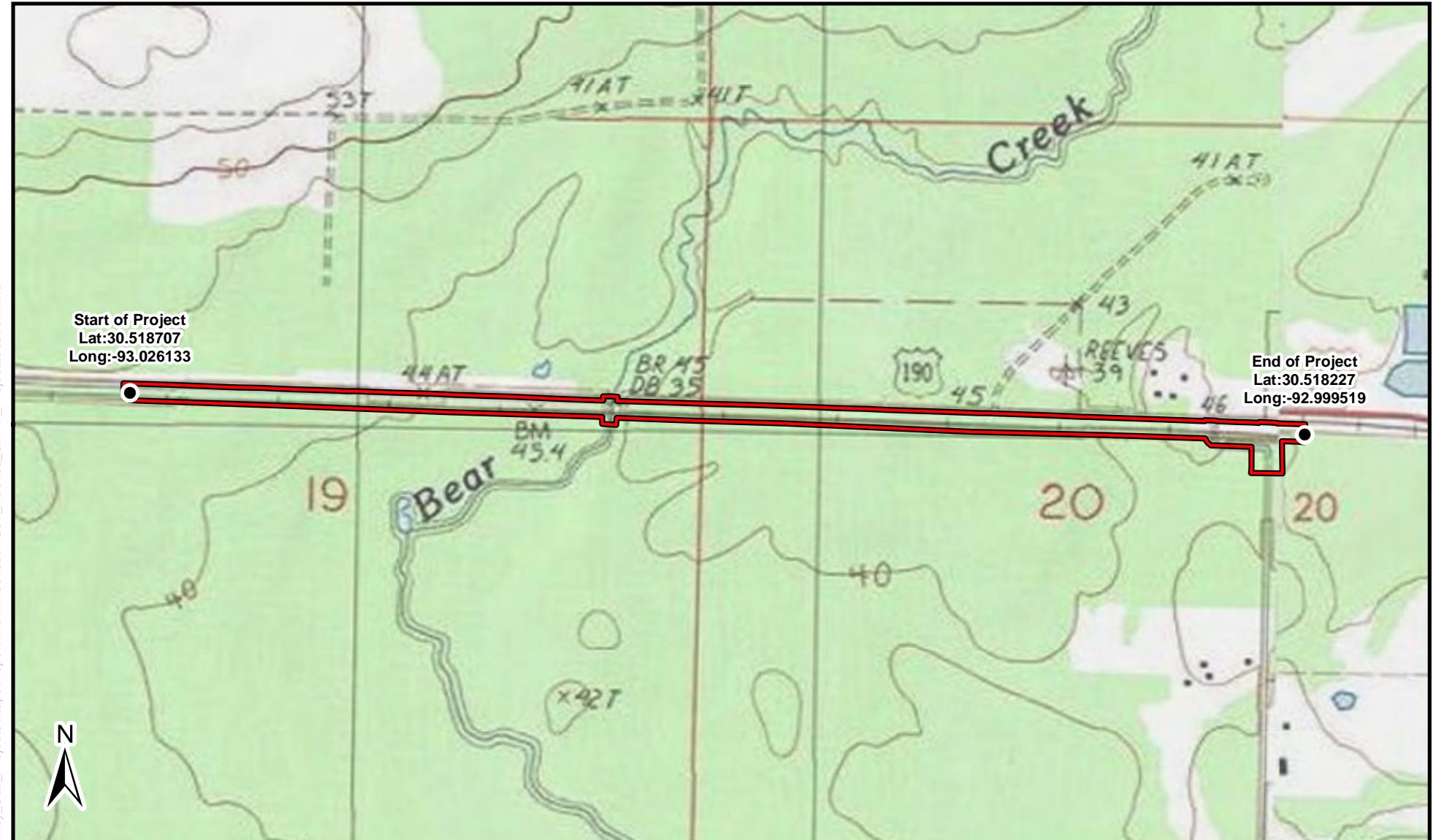
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the LA Department of Environmental Quality before a Department of the Army permit can be issued.**

Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

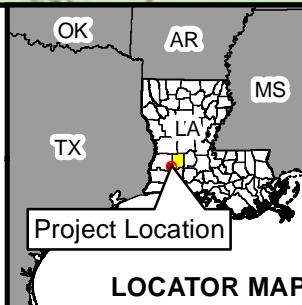
You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell S. Barbara
Chief, Western Evaluation Branch
Regulatory Division

Enclosure



LEGEND
Survey Boundary



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Feet

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ESRI USA Topo Base Map;
USGS 7.5-minute
Topographic Quadrangles:
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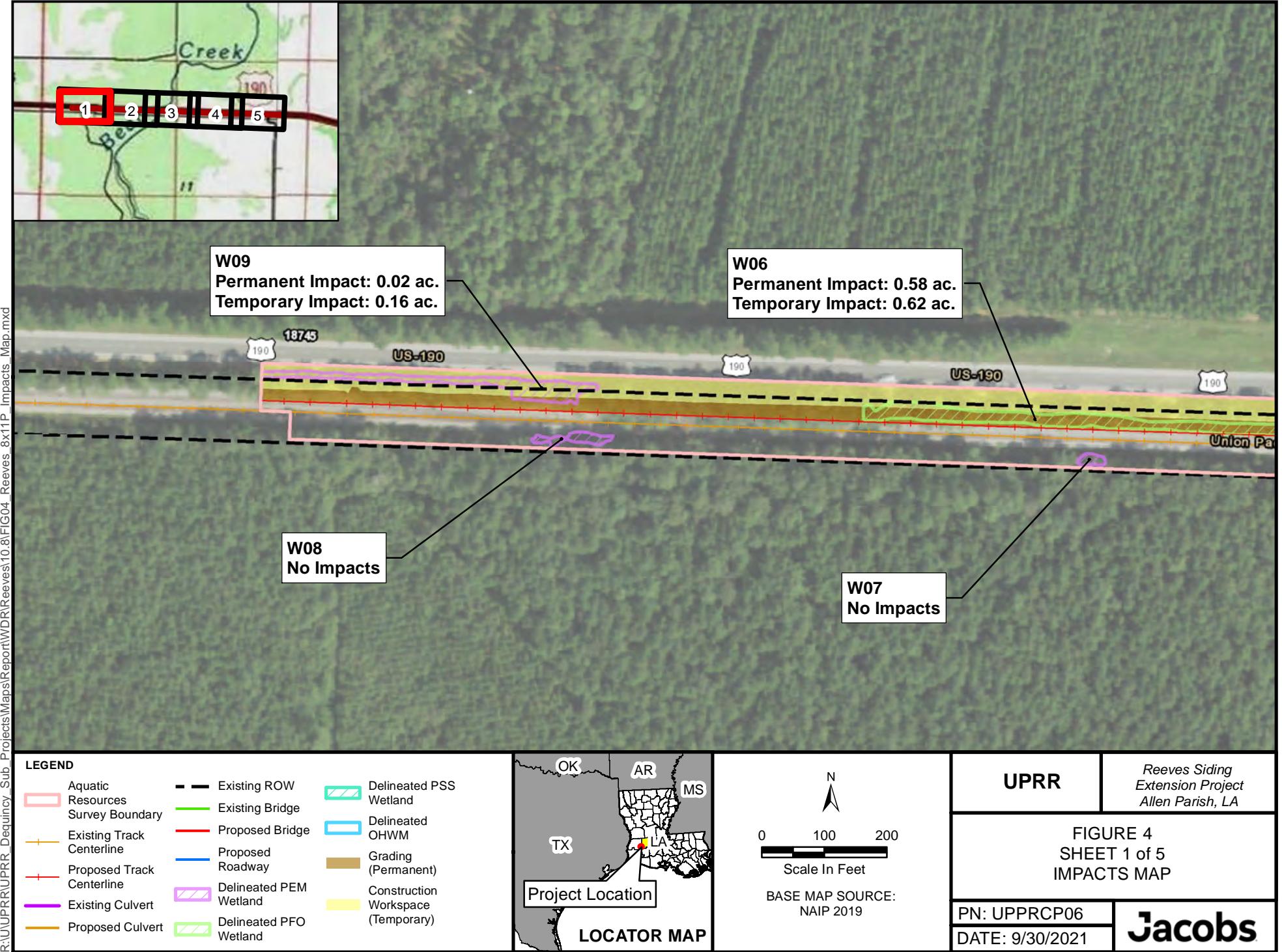
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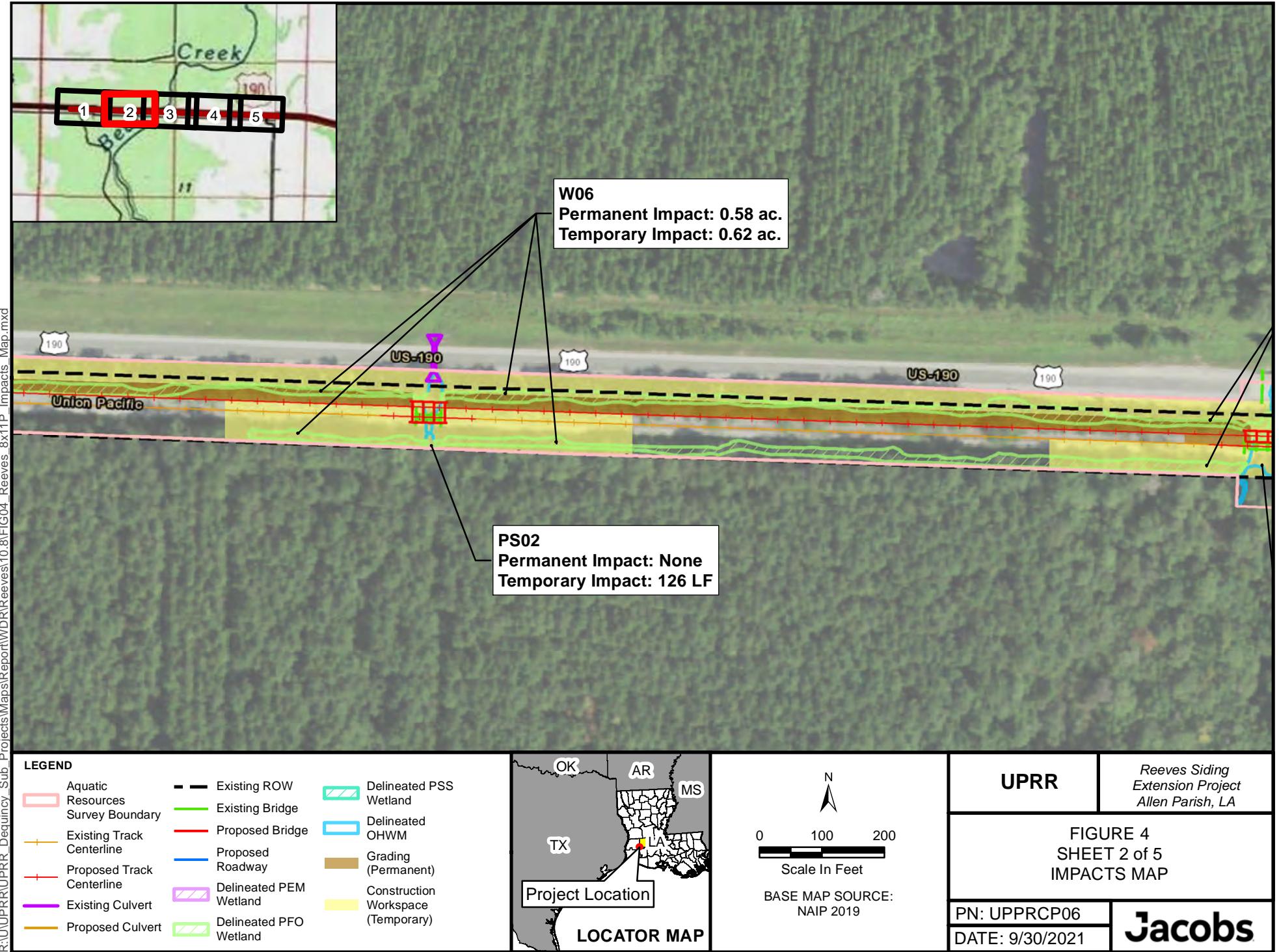
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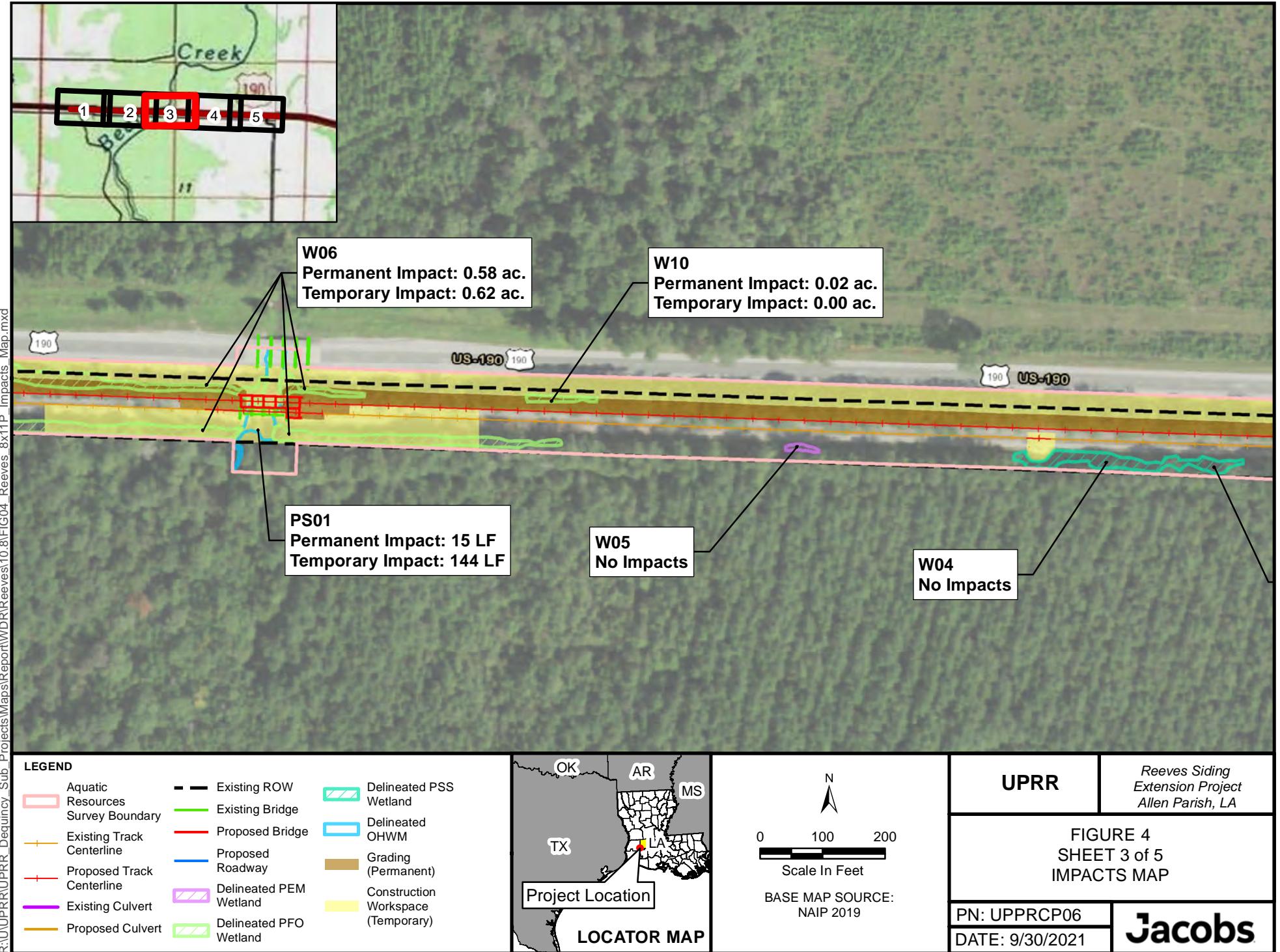
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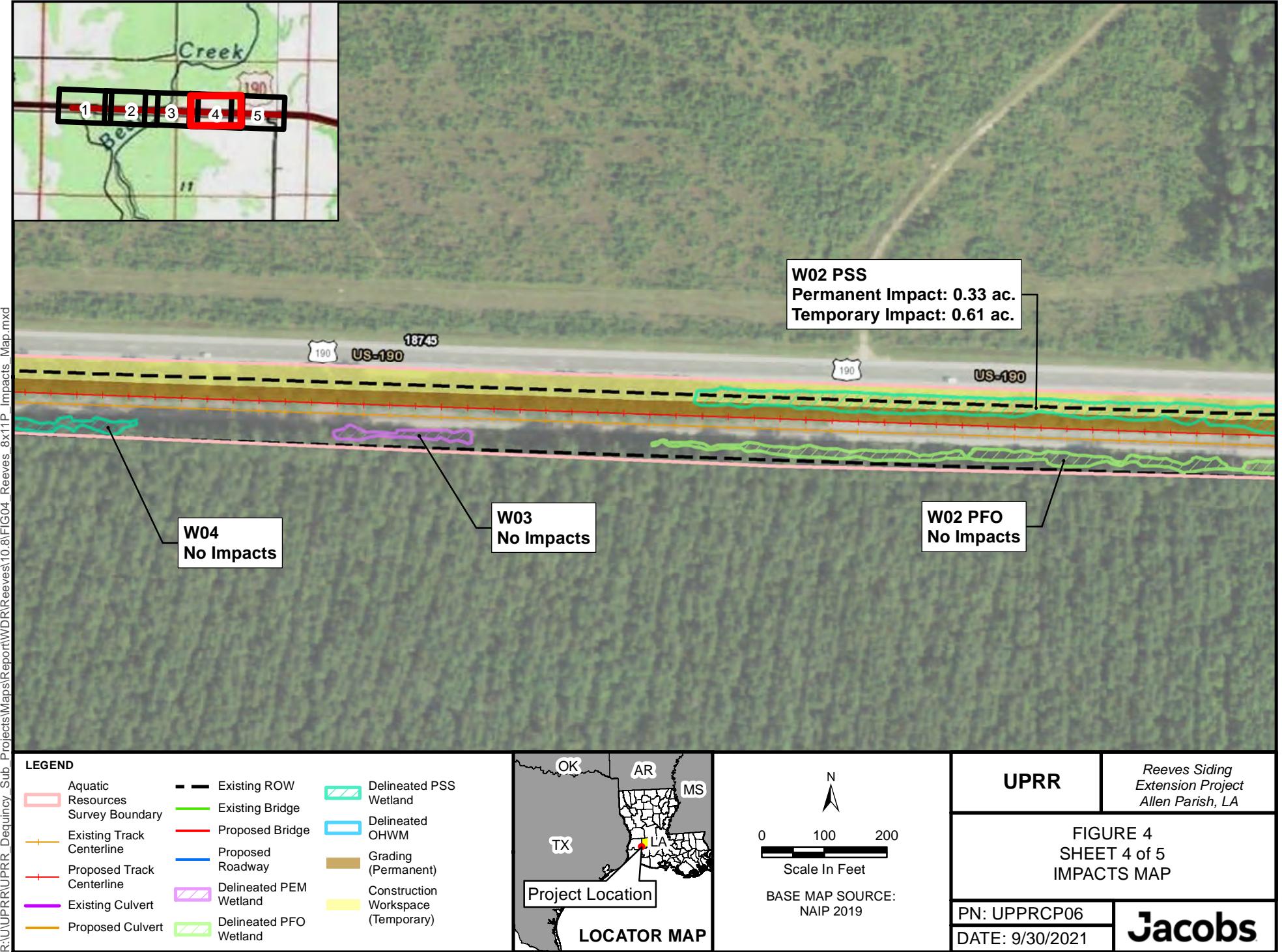
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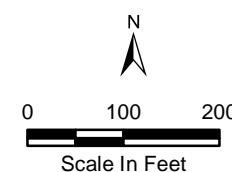
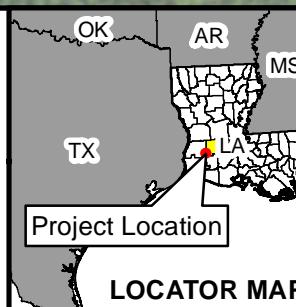
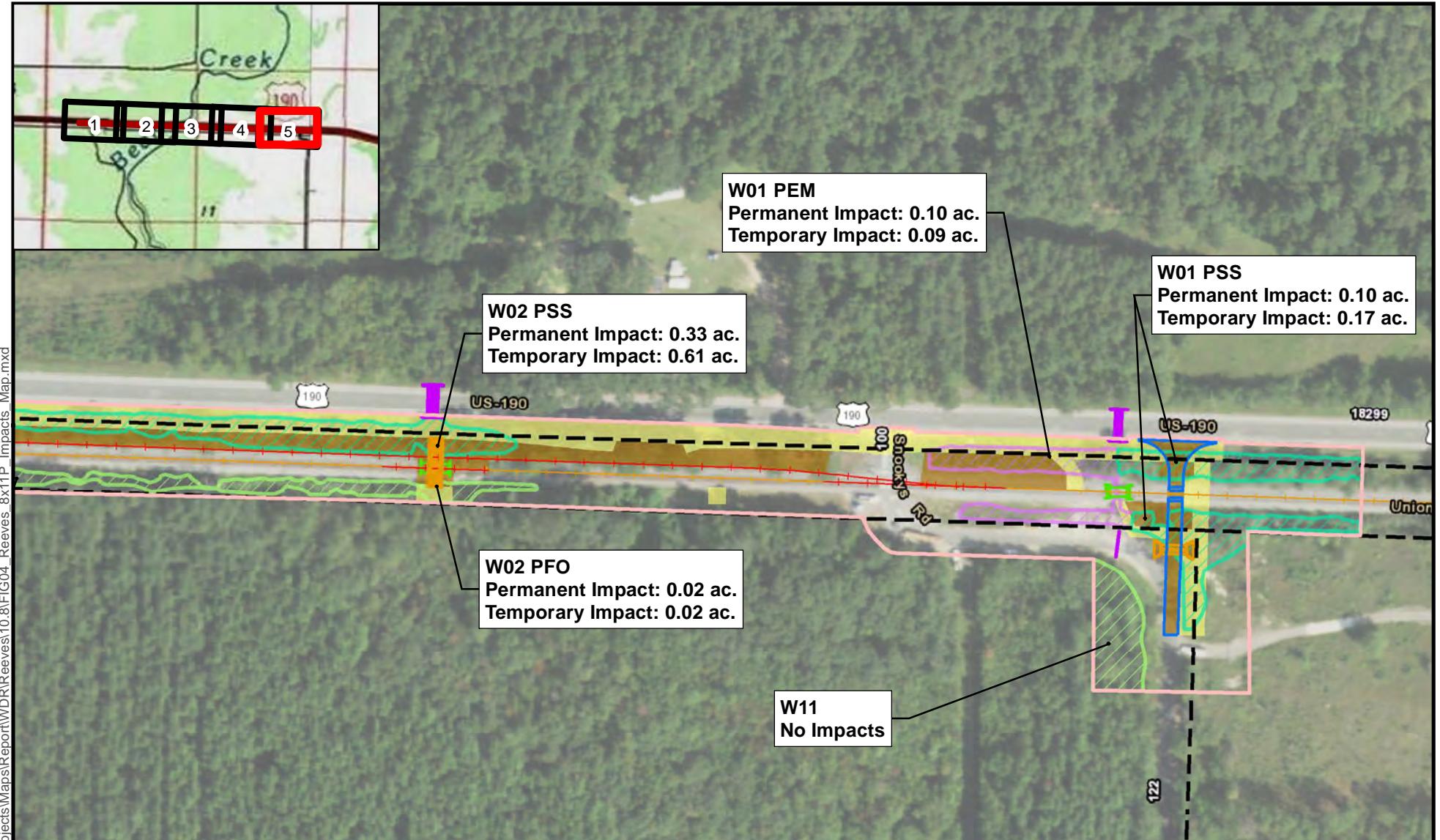
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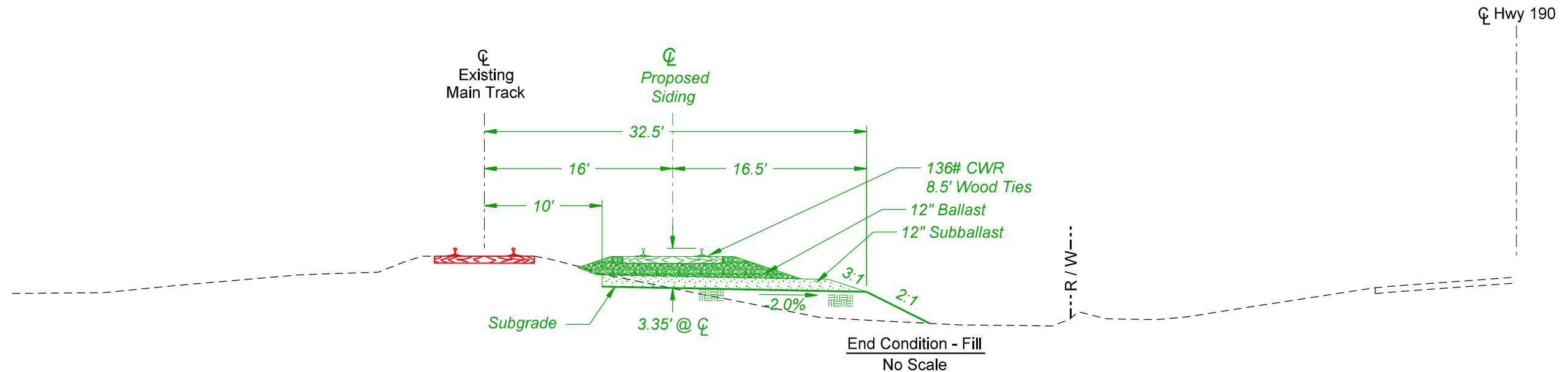
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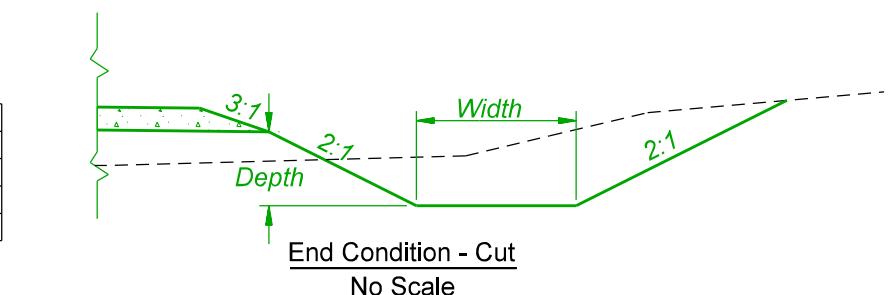
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Typical Ditch Sizes

Existing Mainline

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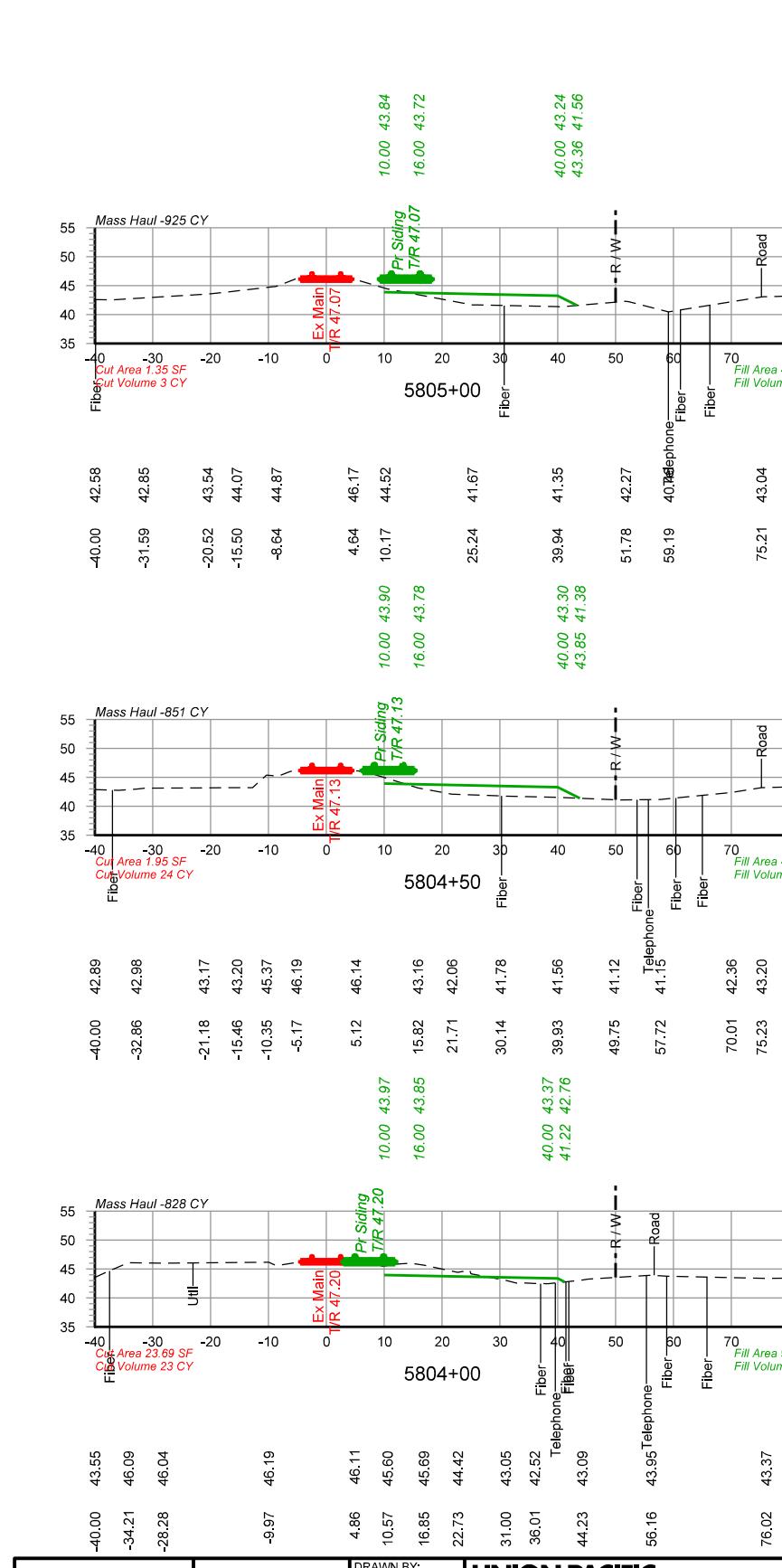
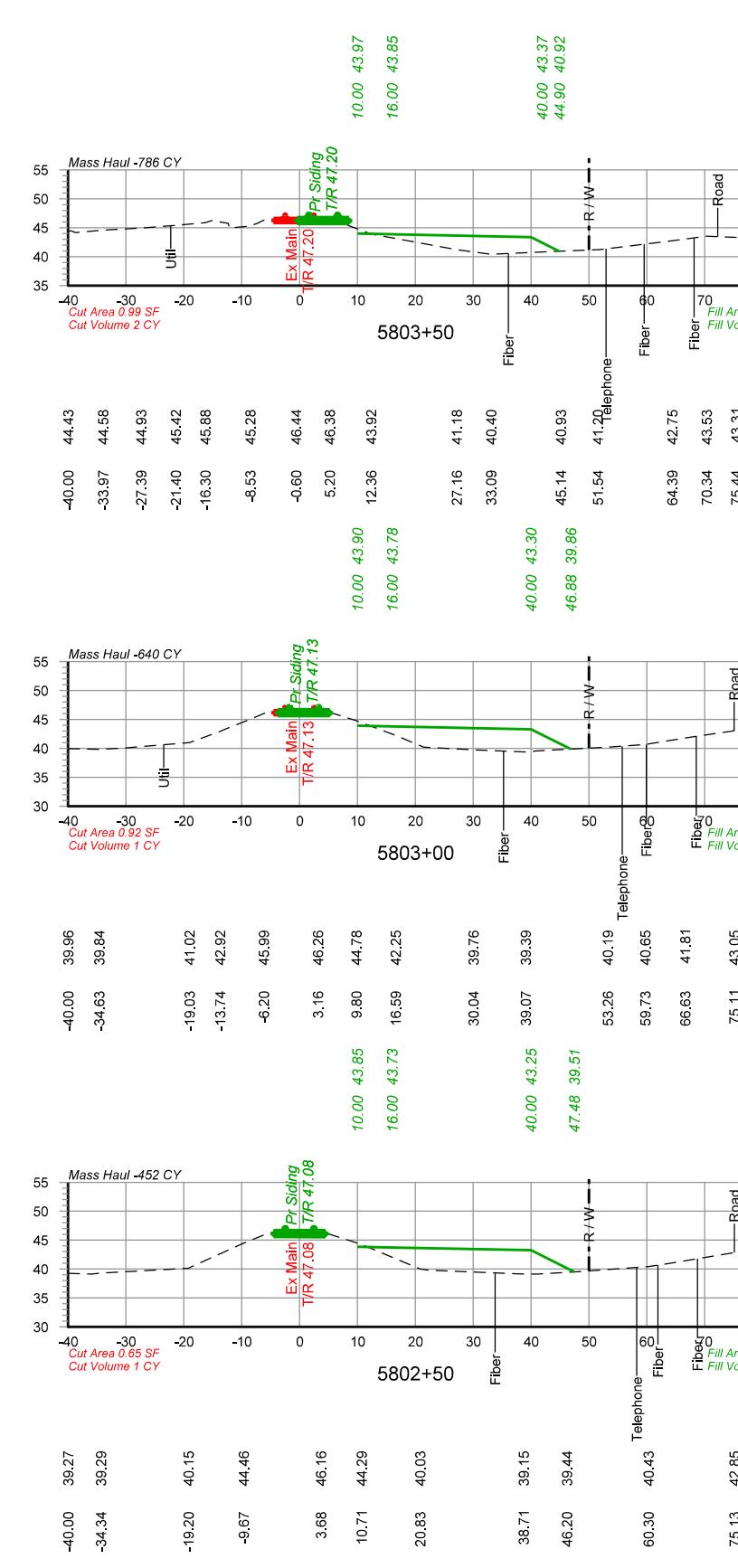
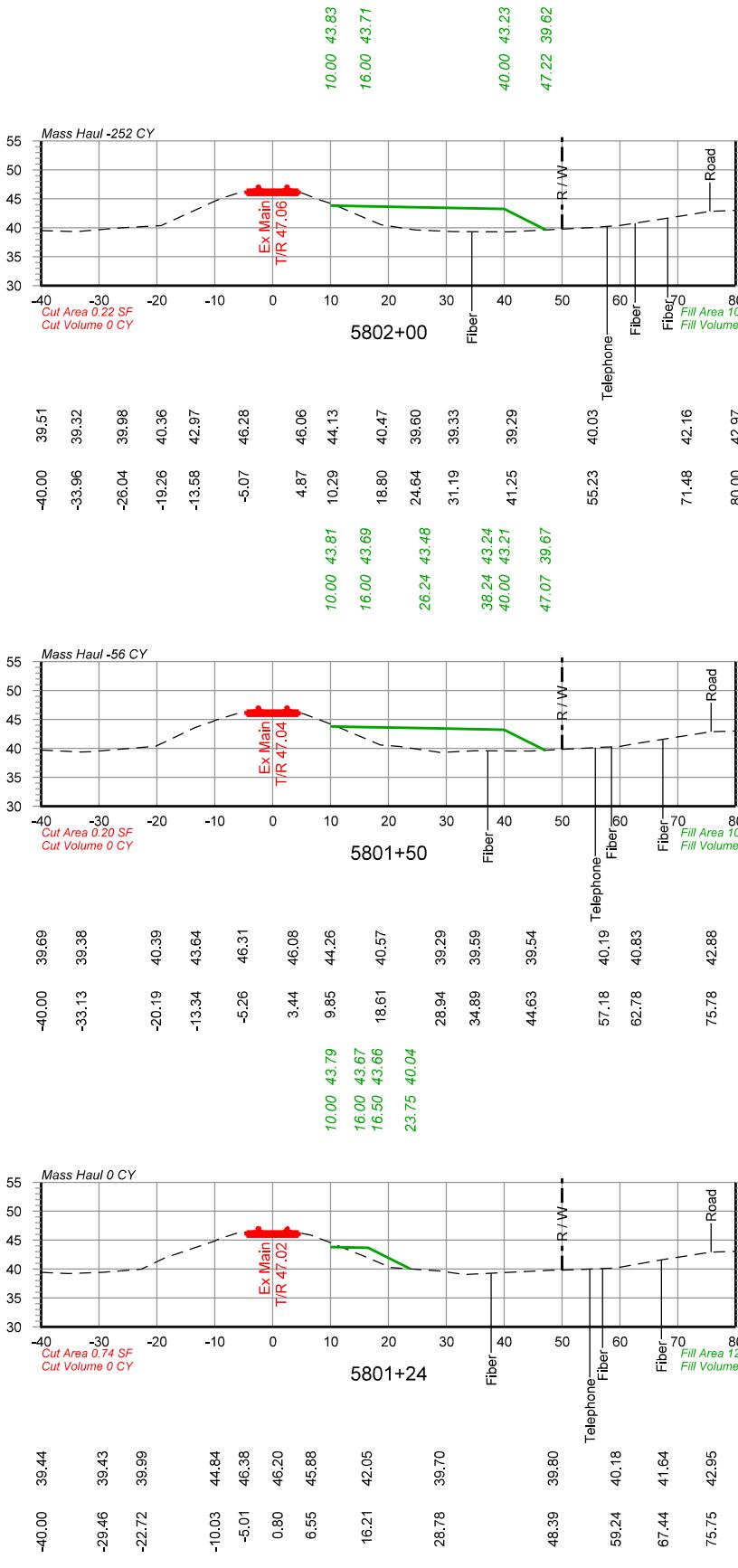
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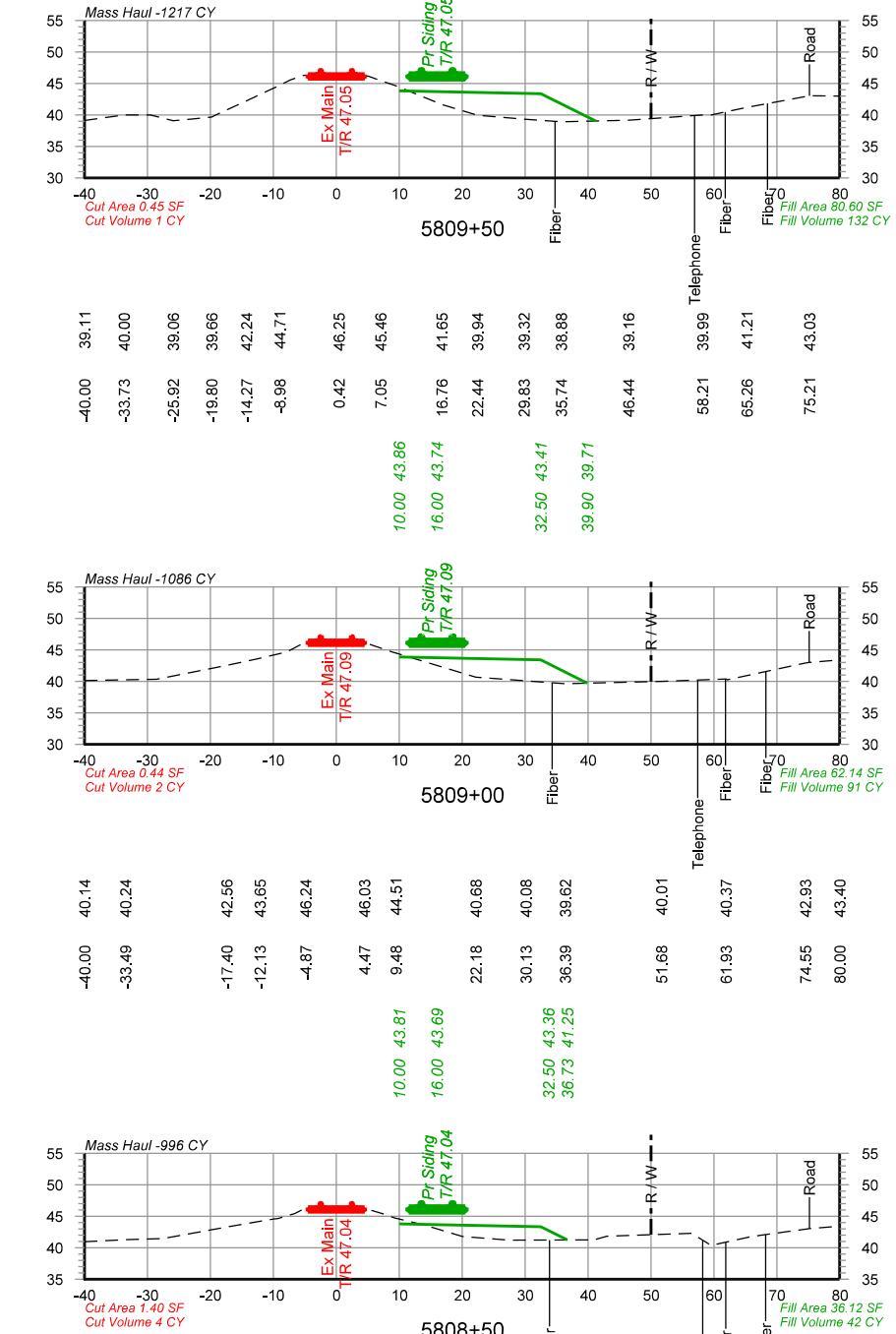
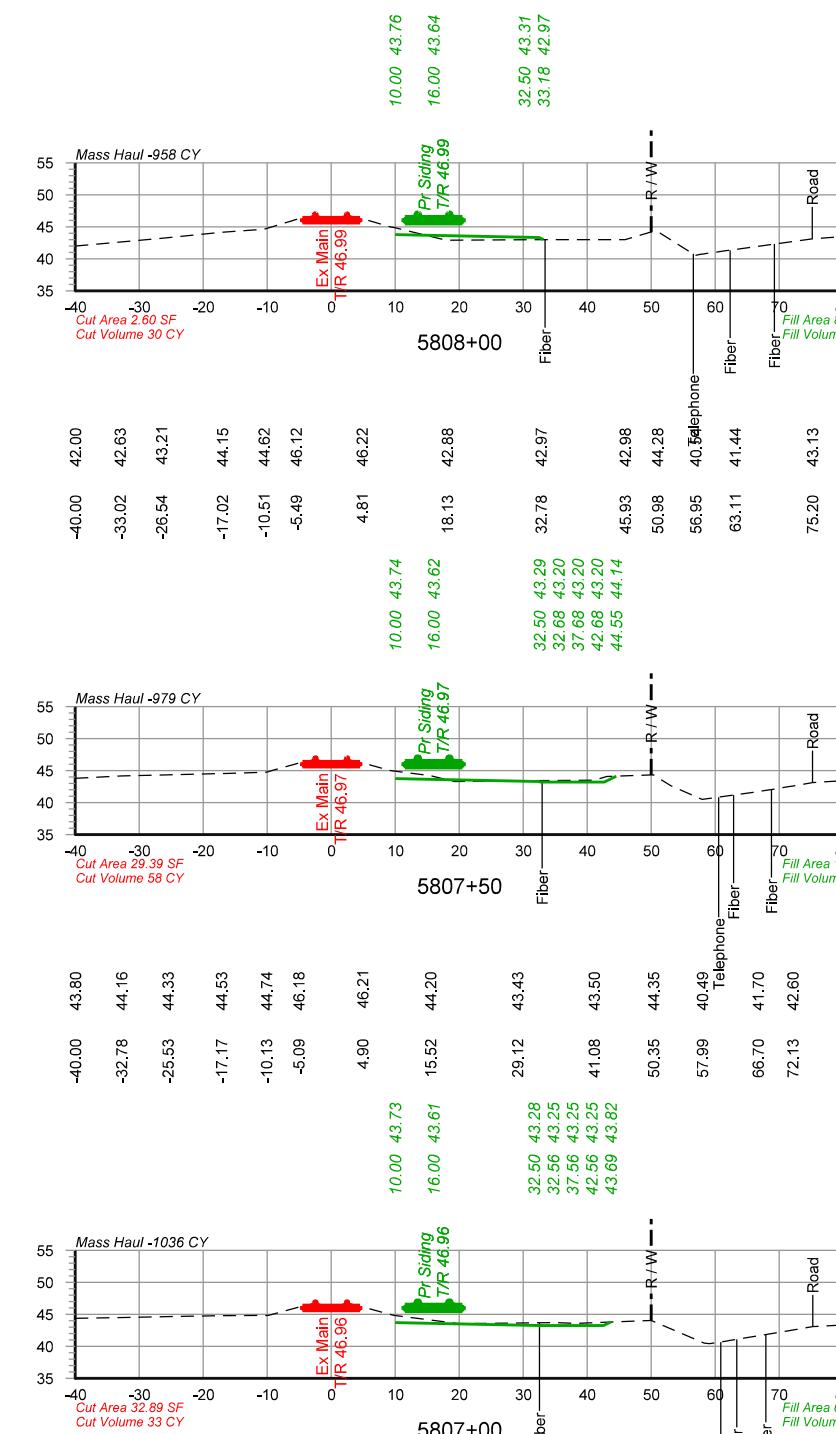
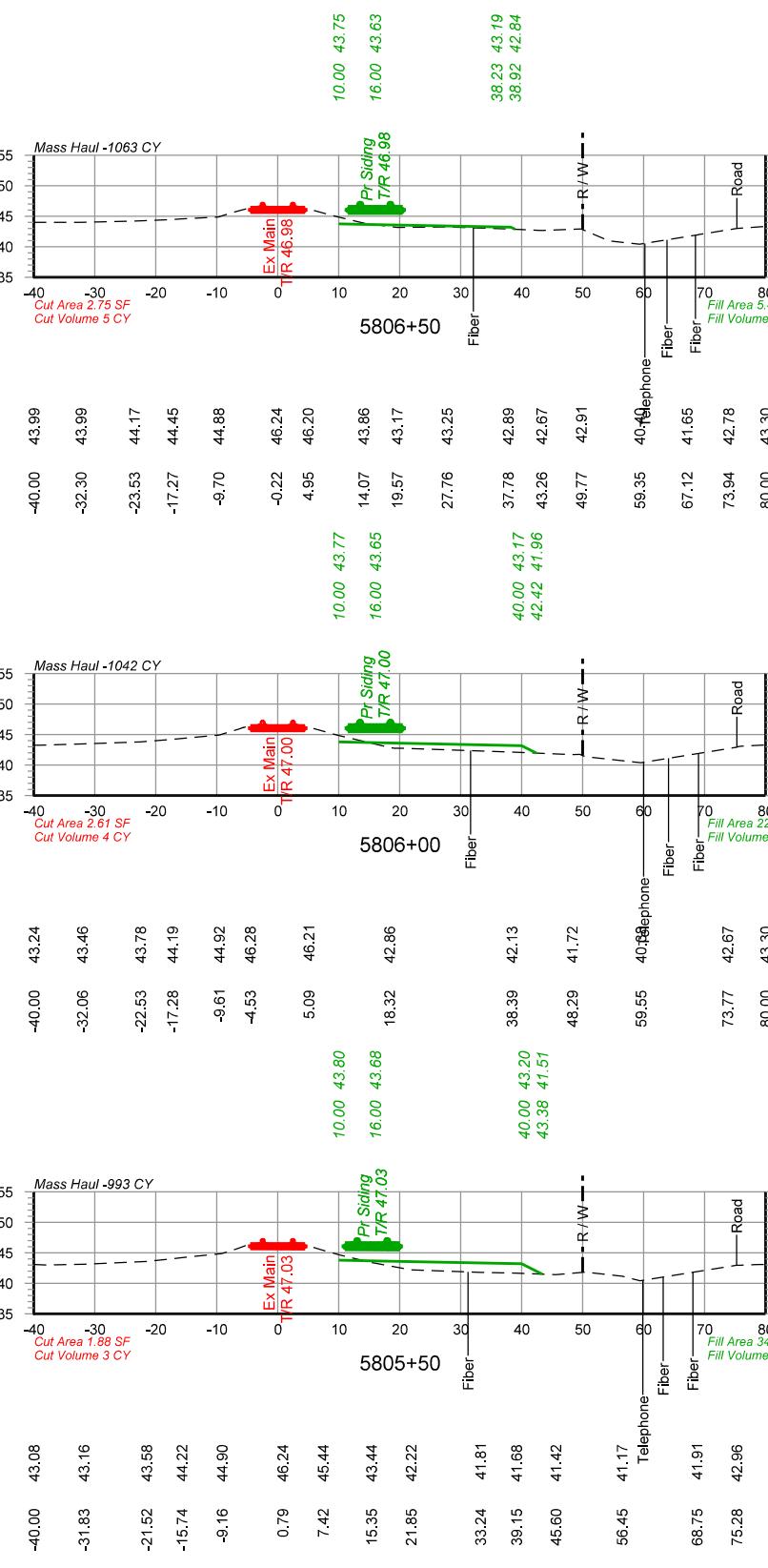
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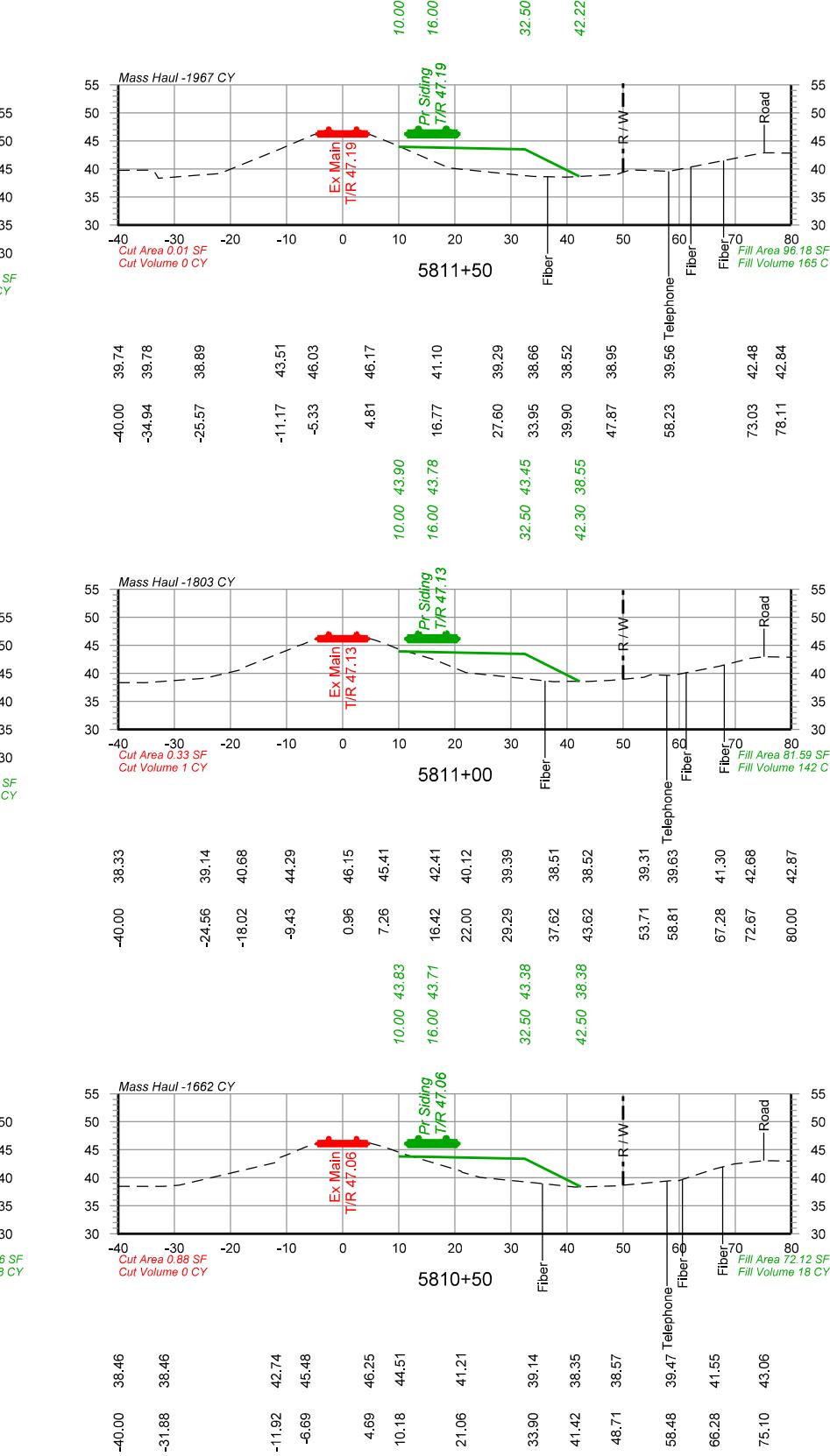
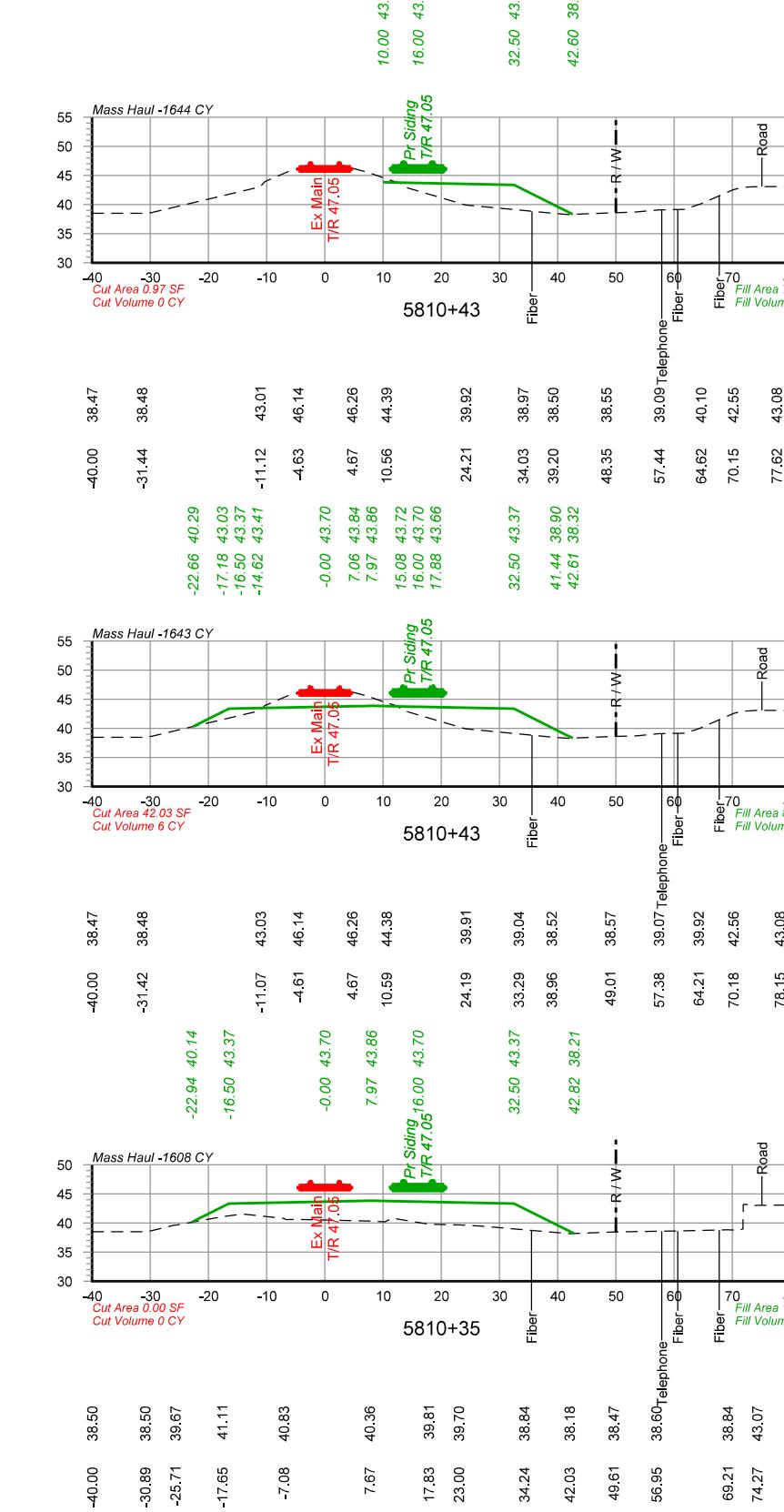
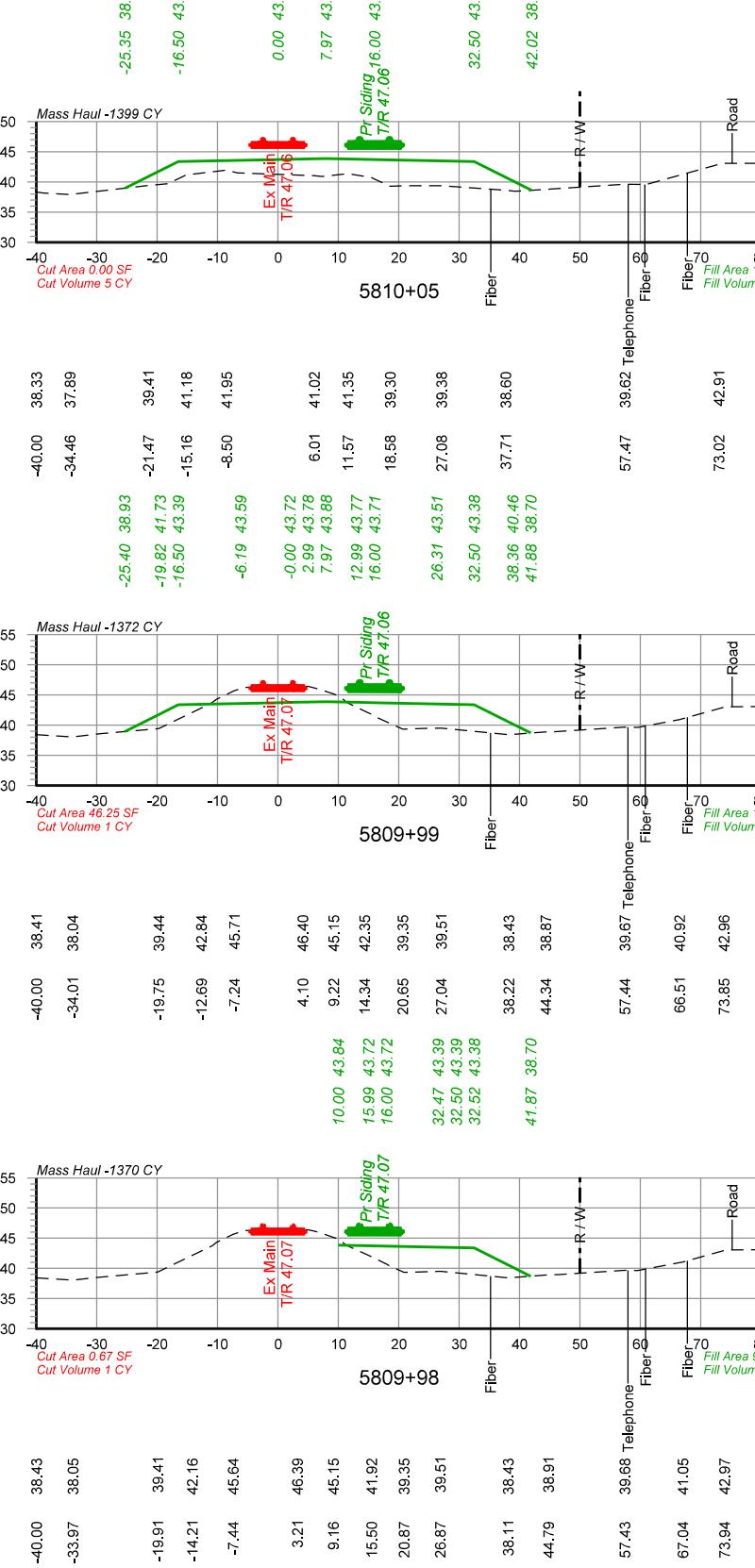
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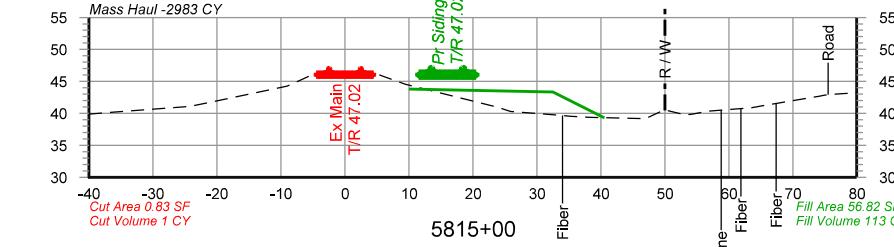
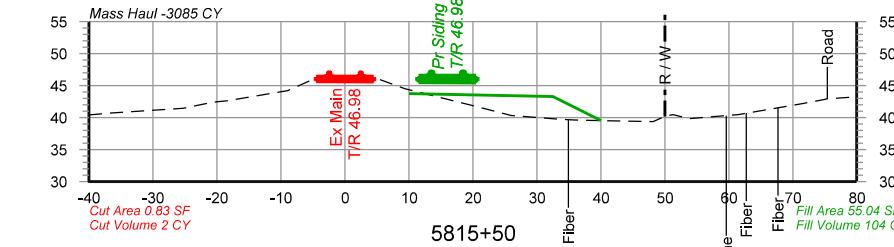
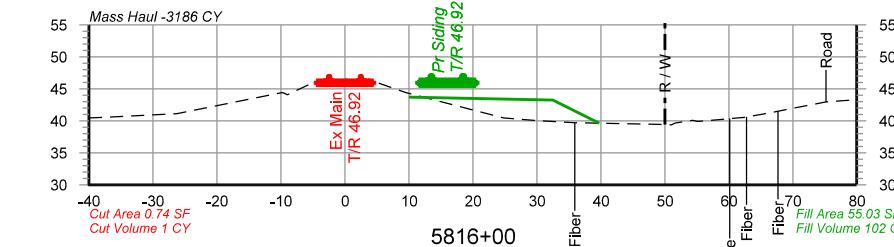
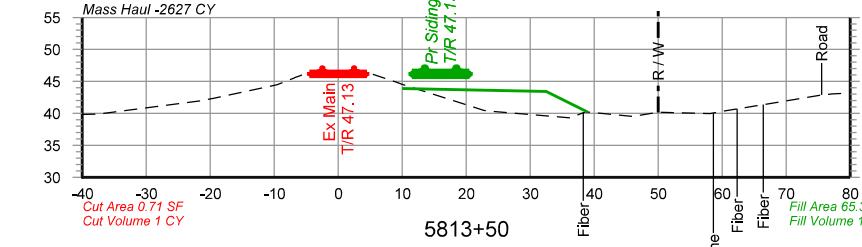
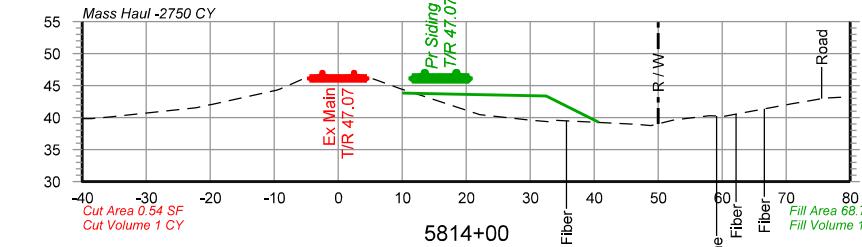
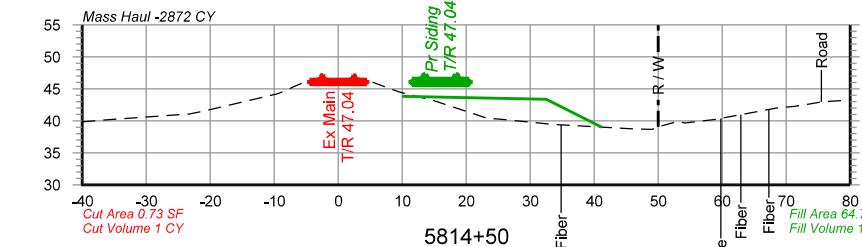
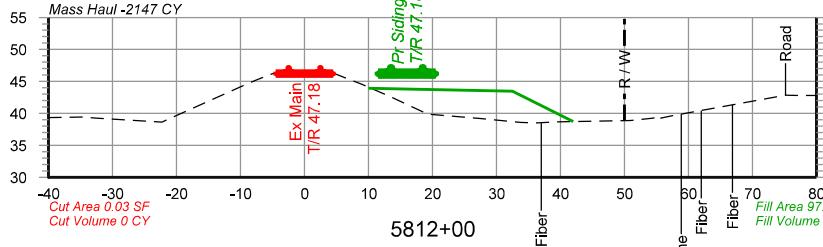
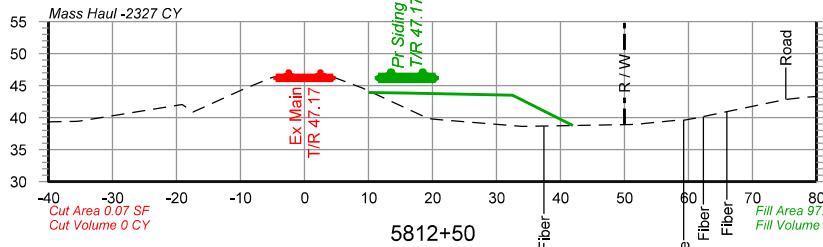
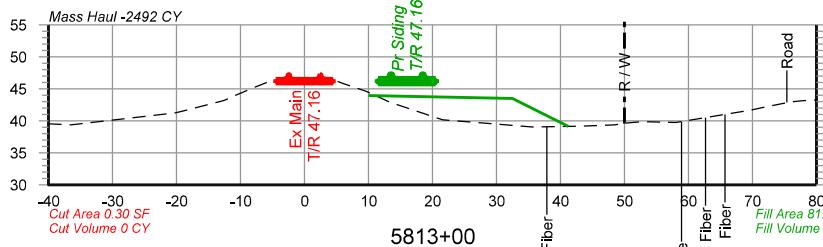
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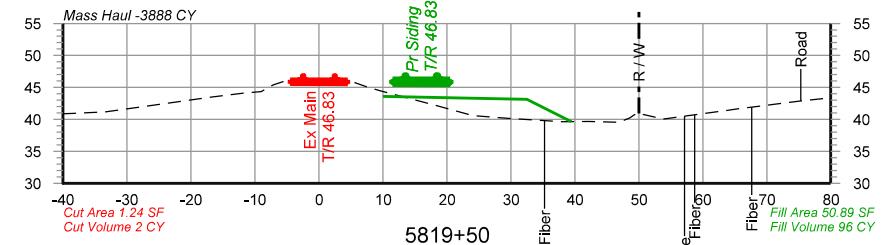
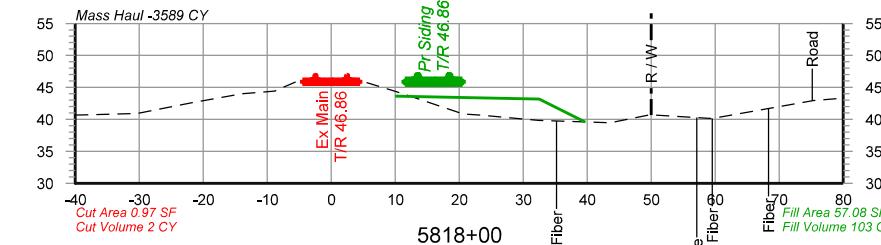
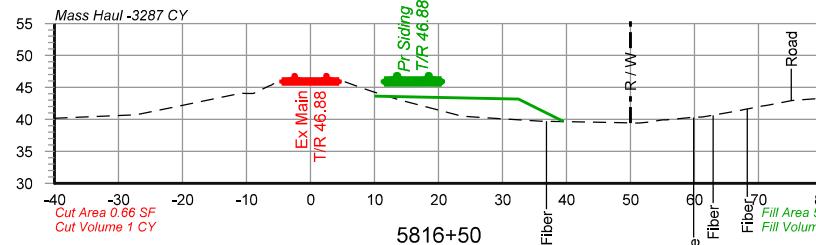
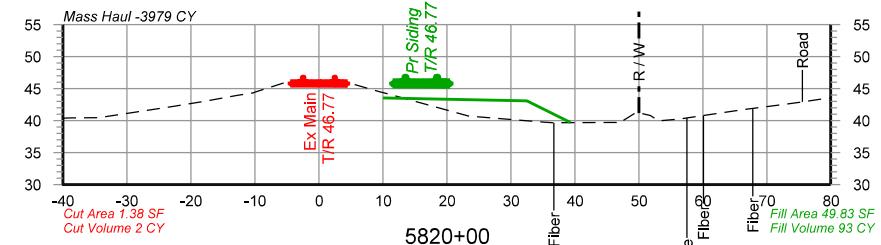
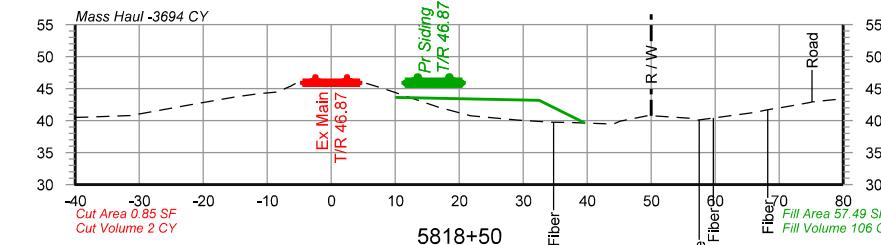
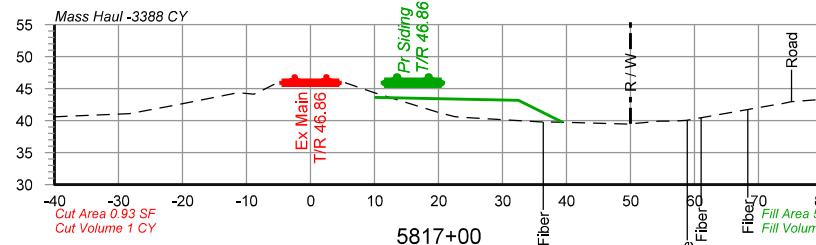
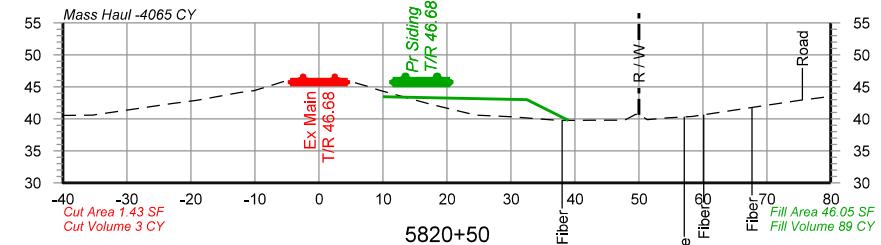
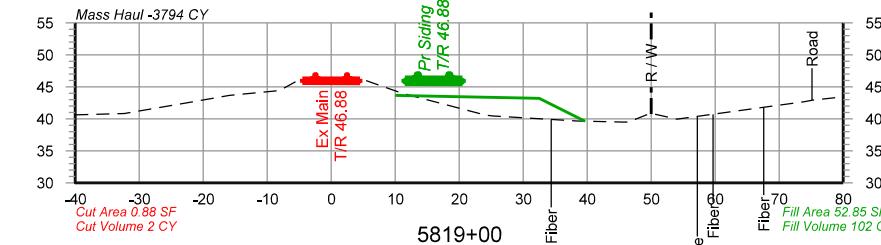
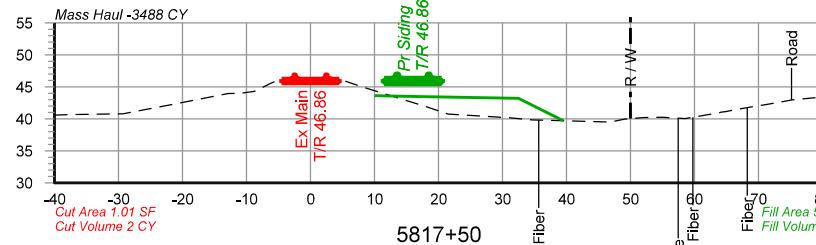
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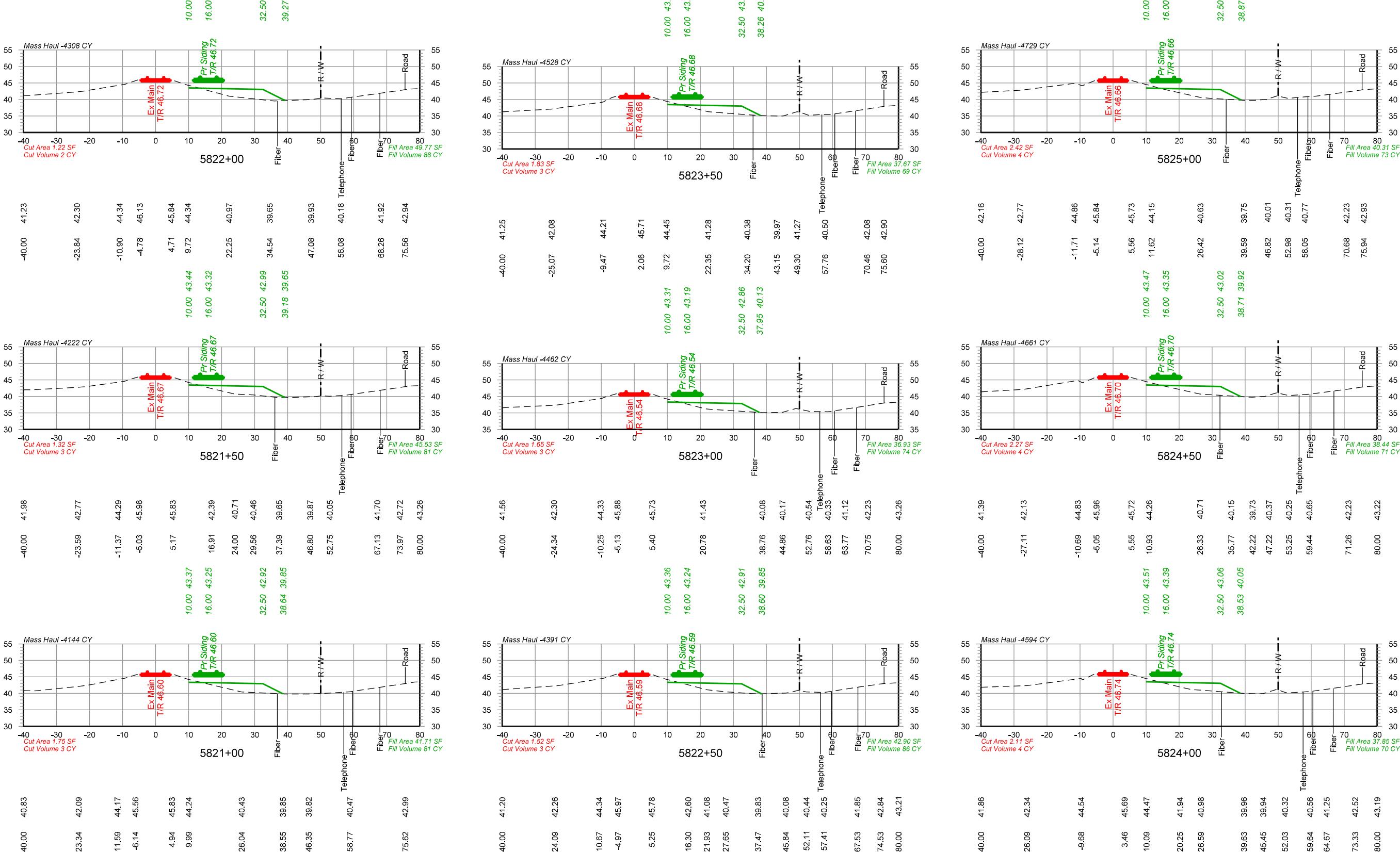
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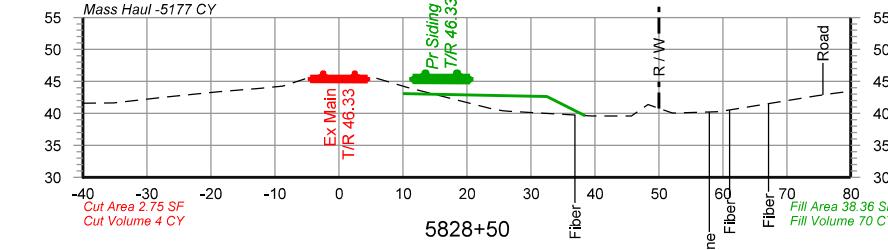
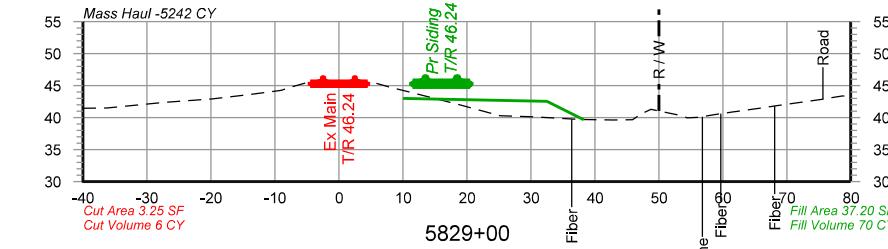
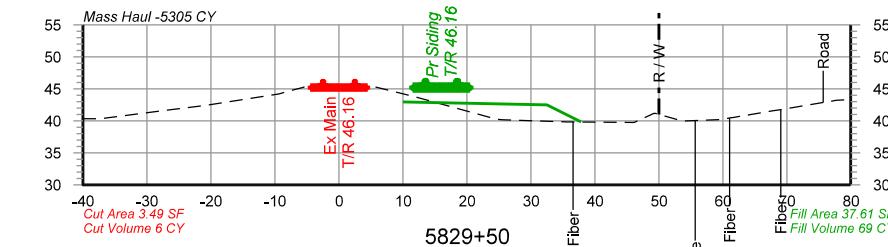
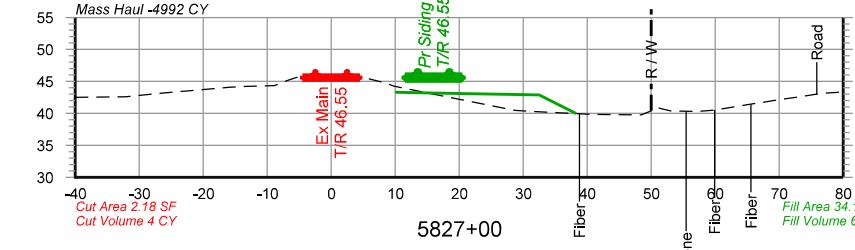
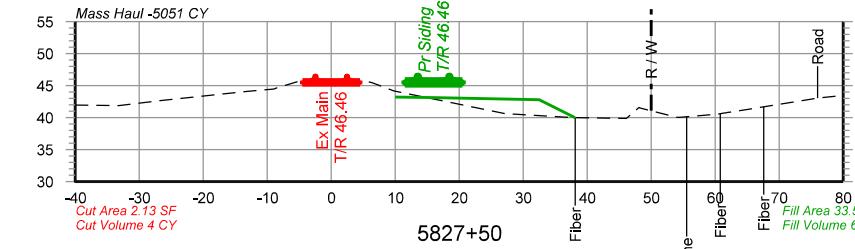
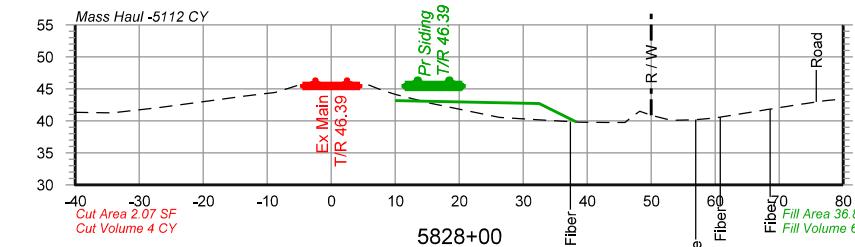
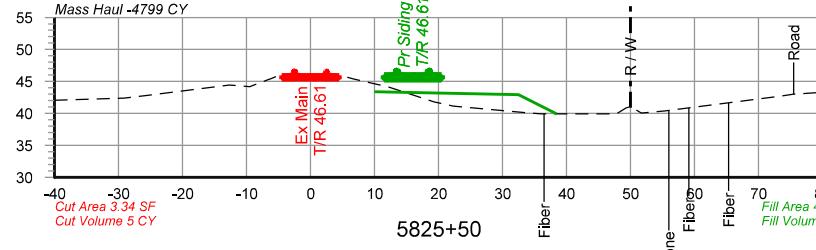
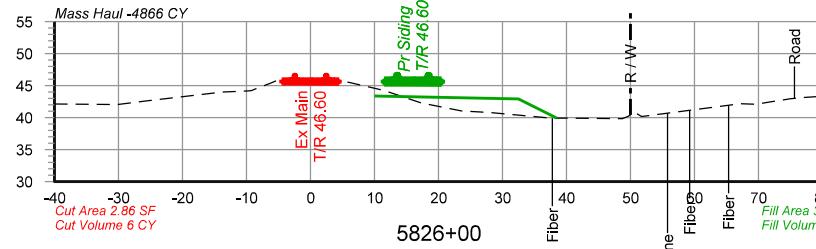
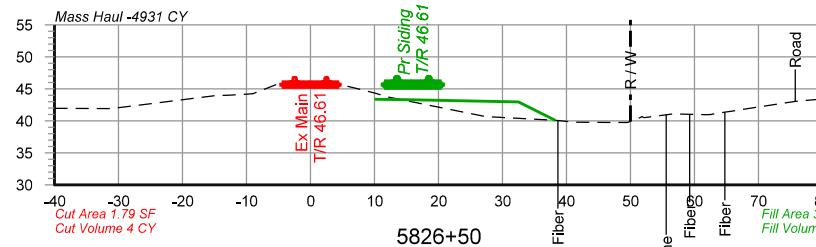
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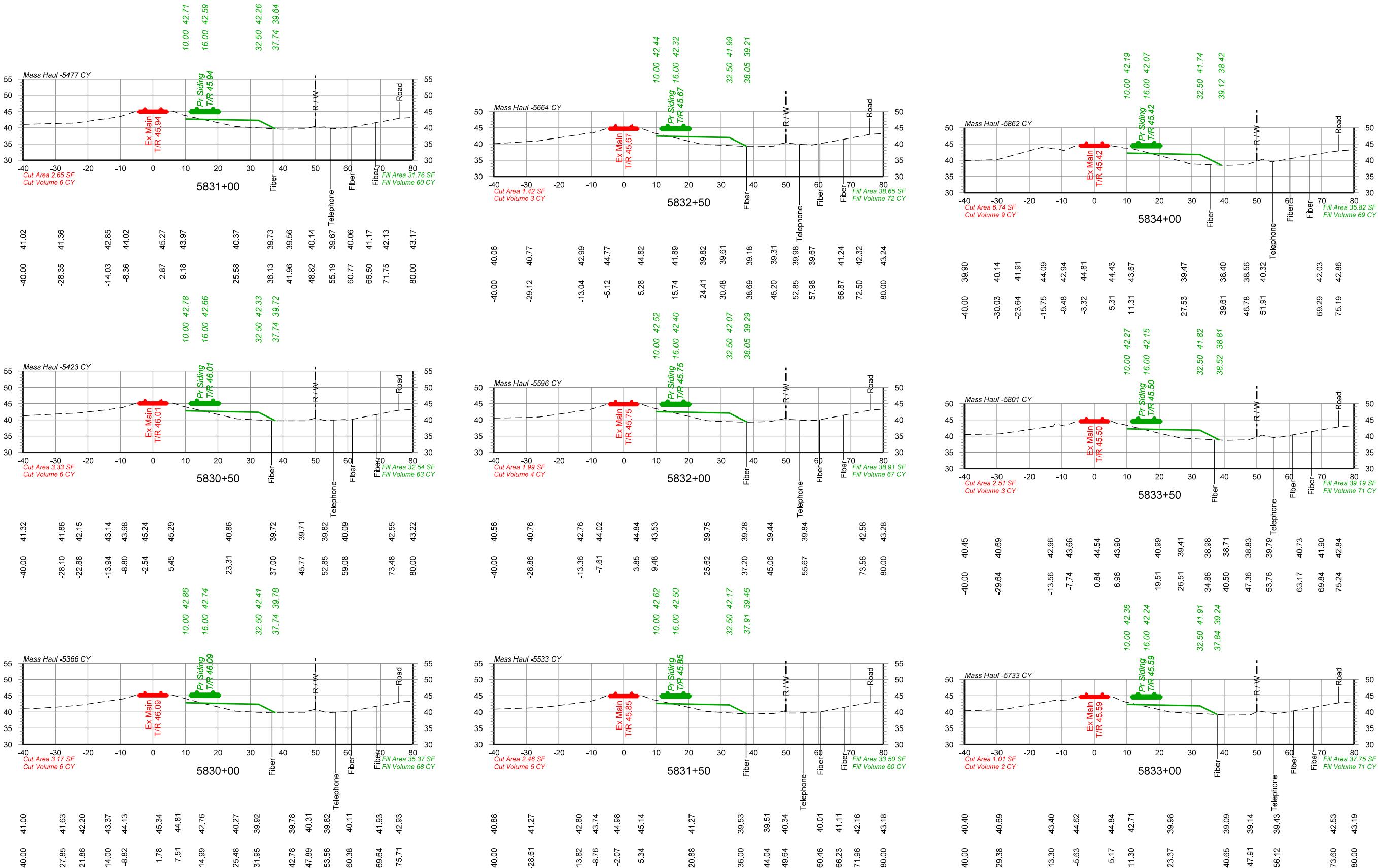
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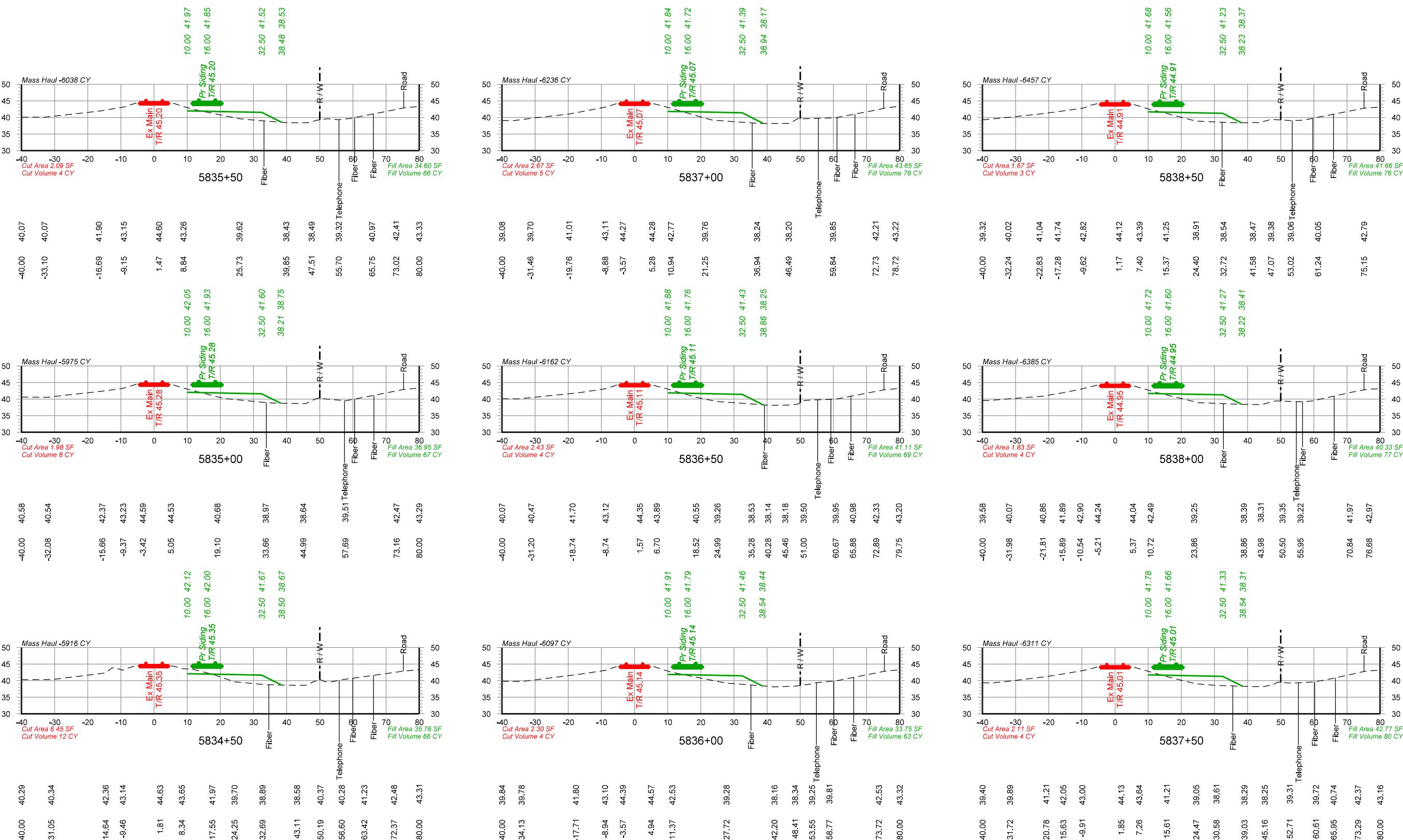
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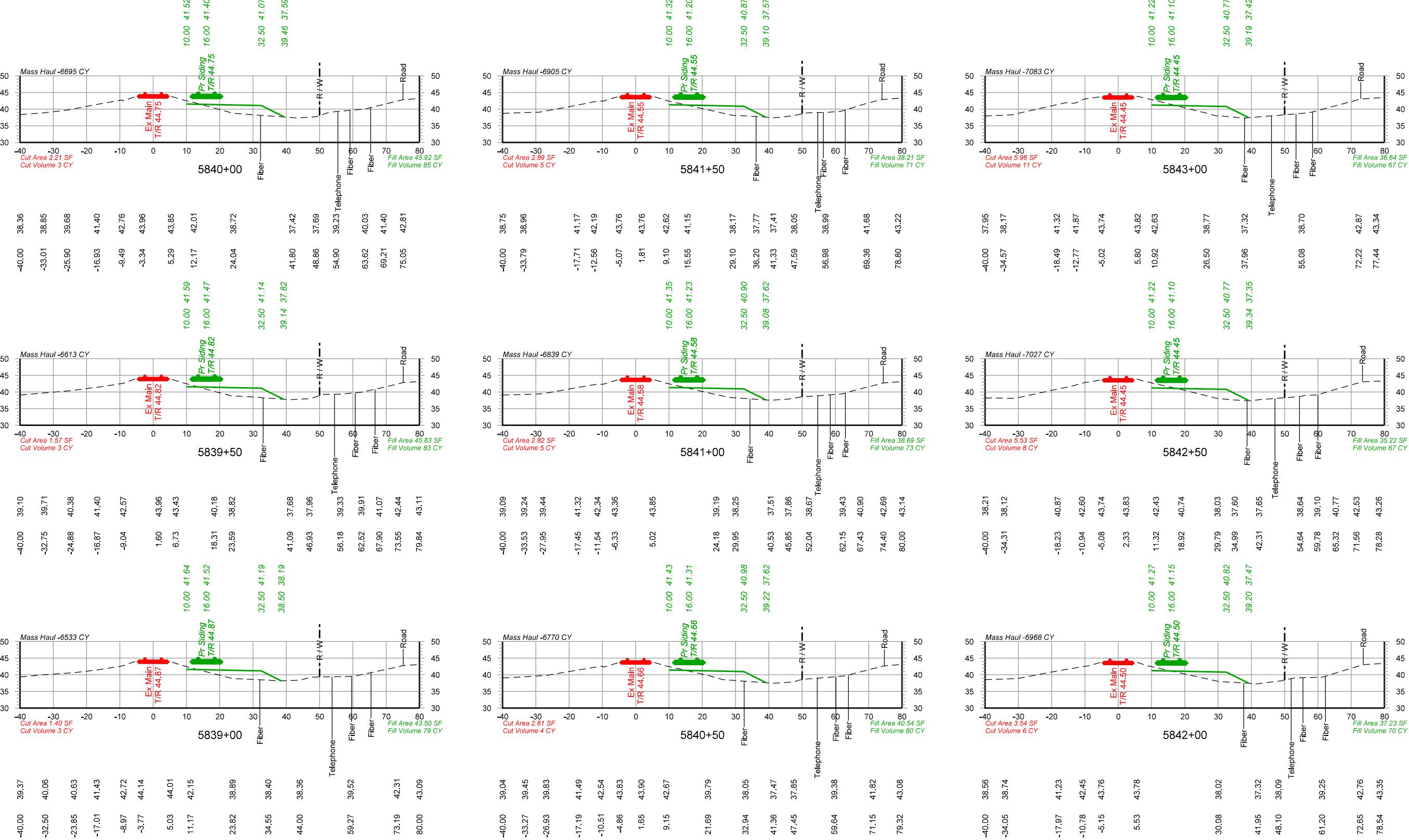
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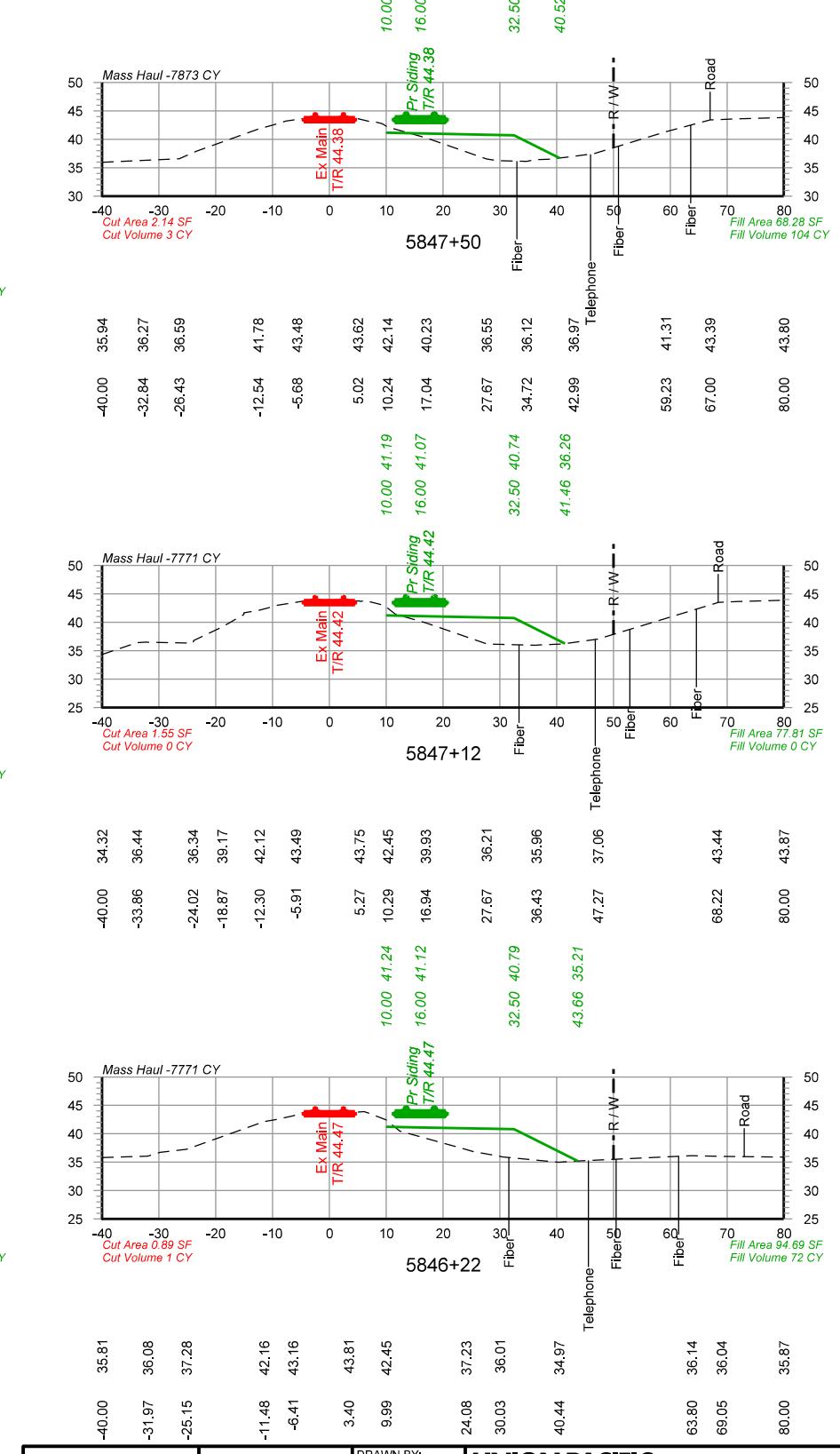
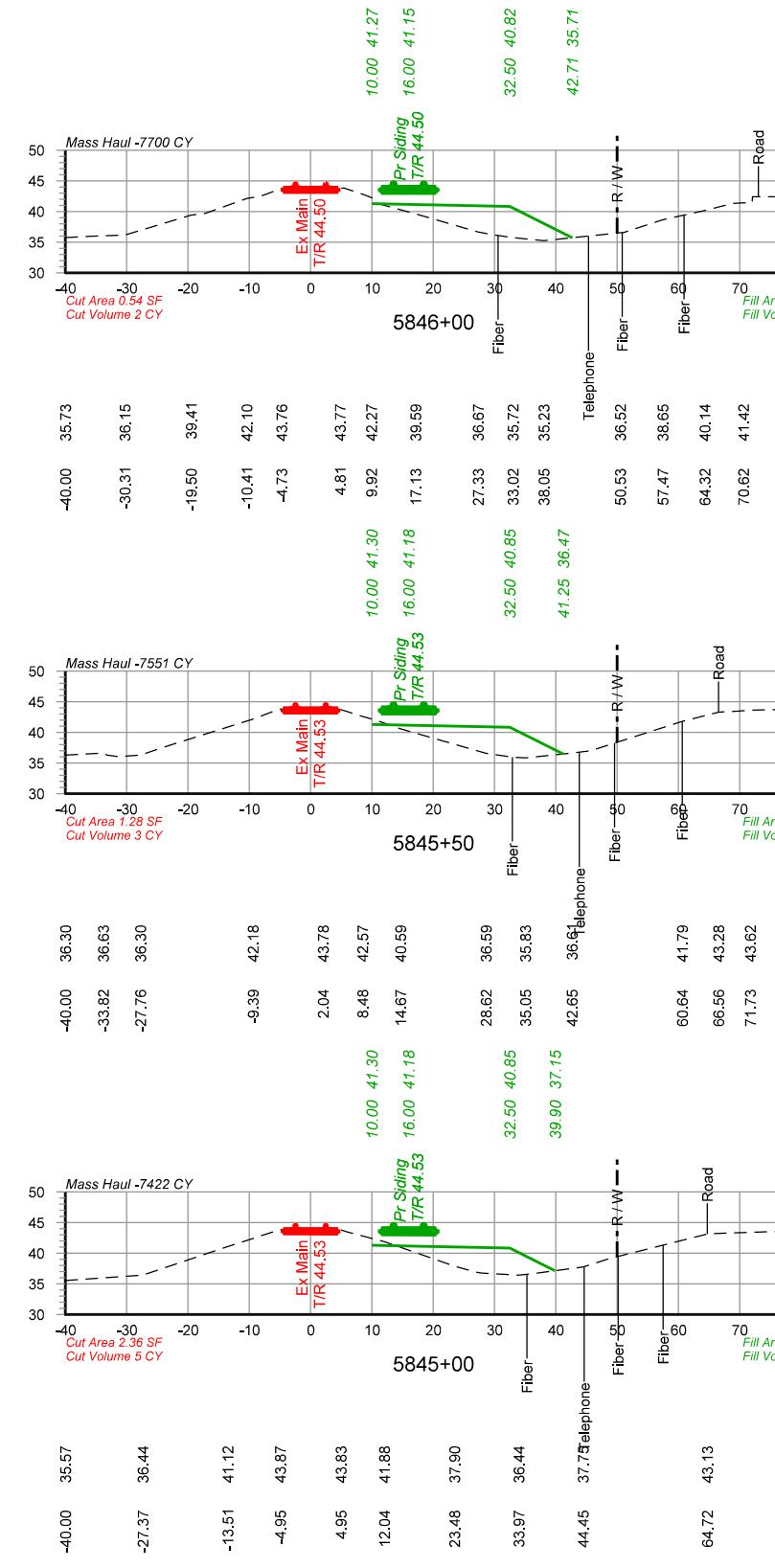
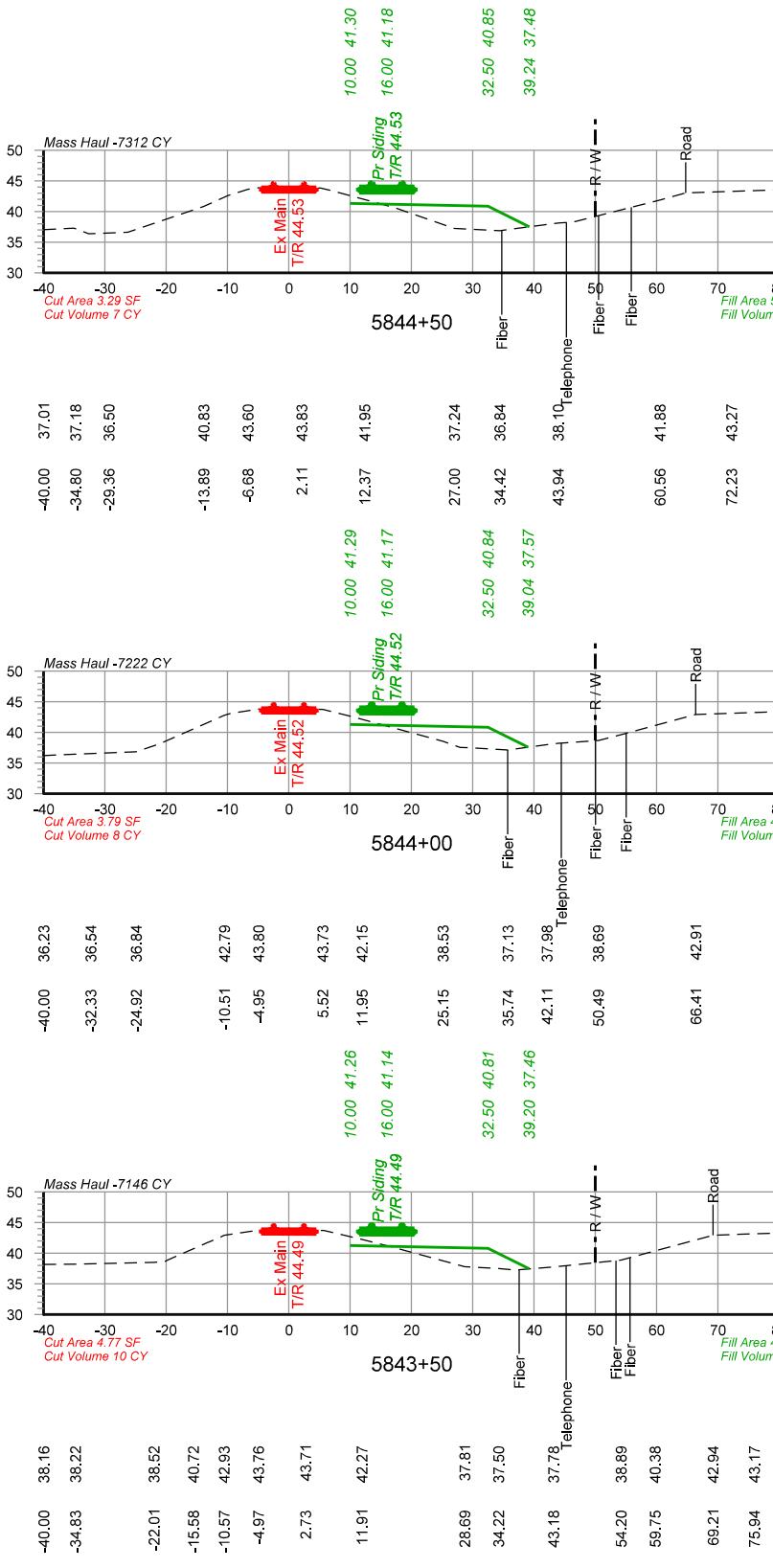
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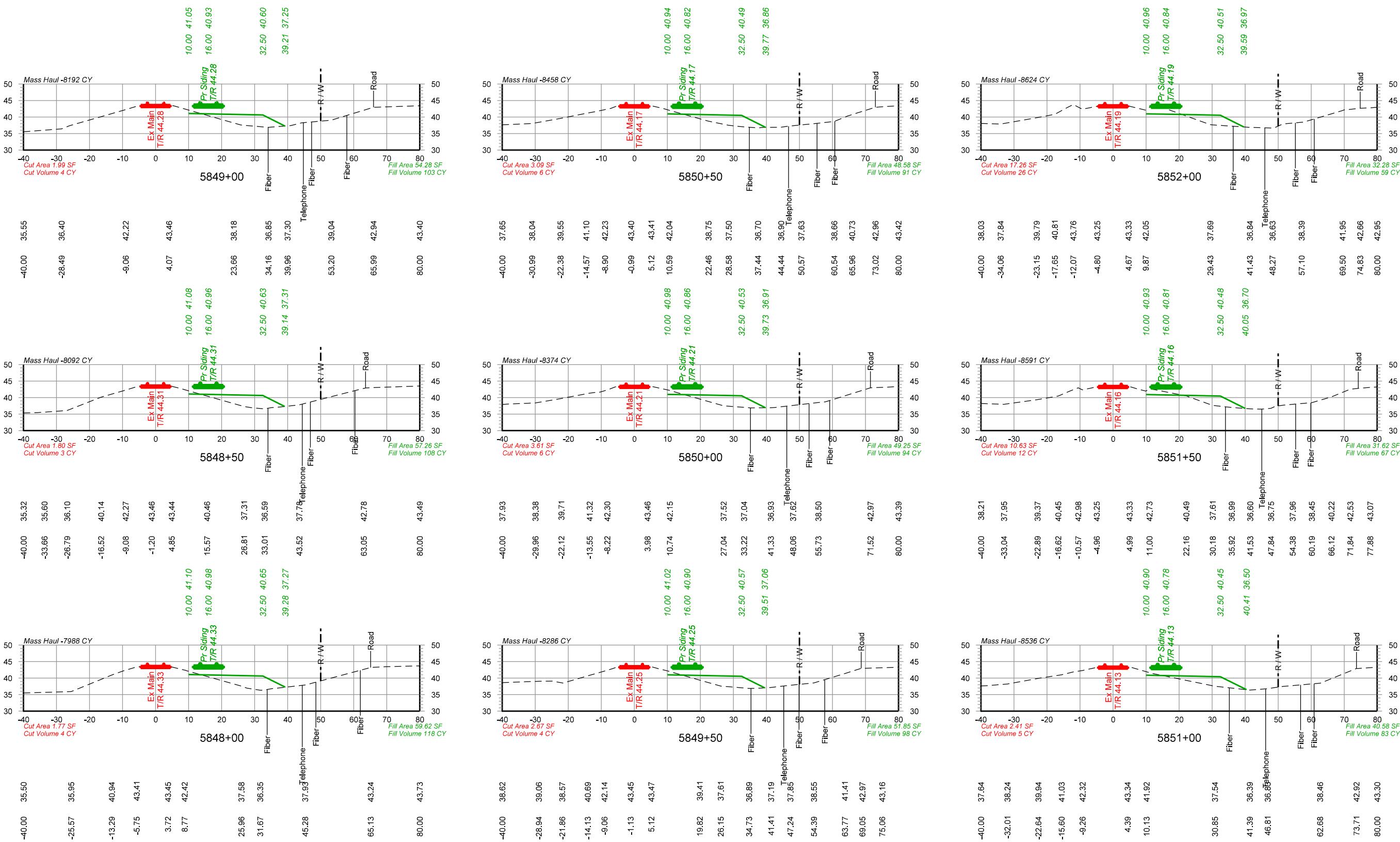
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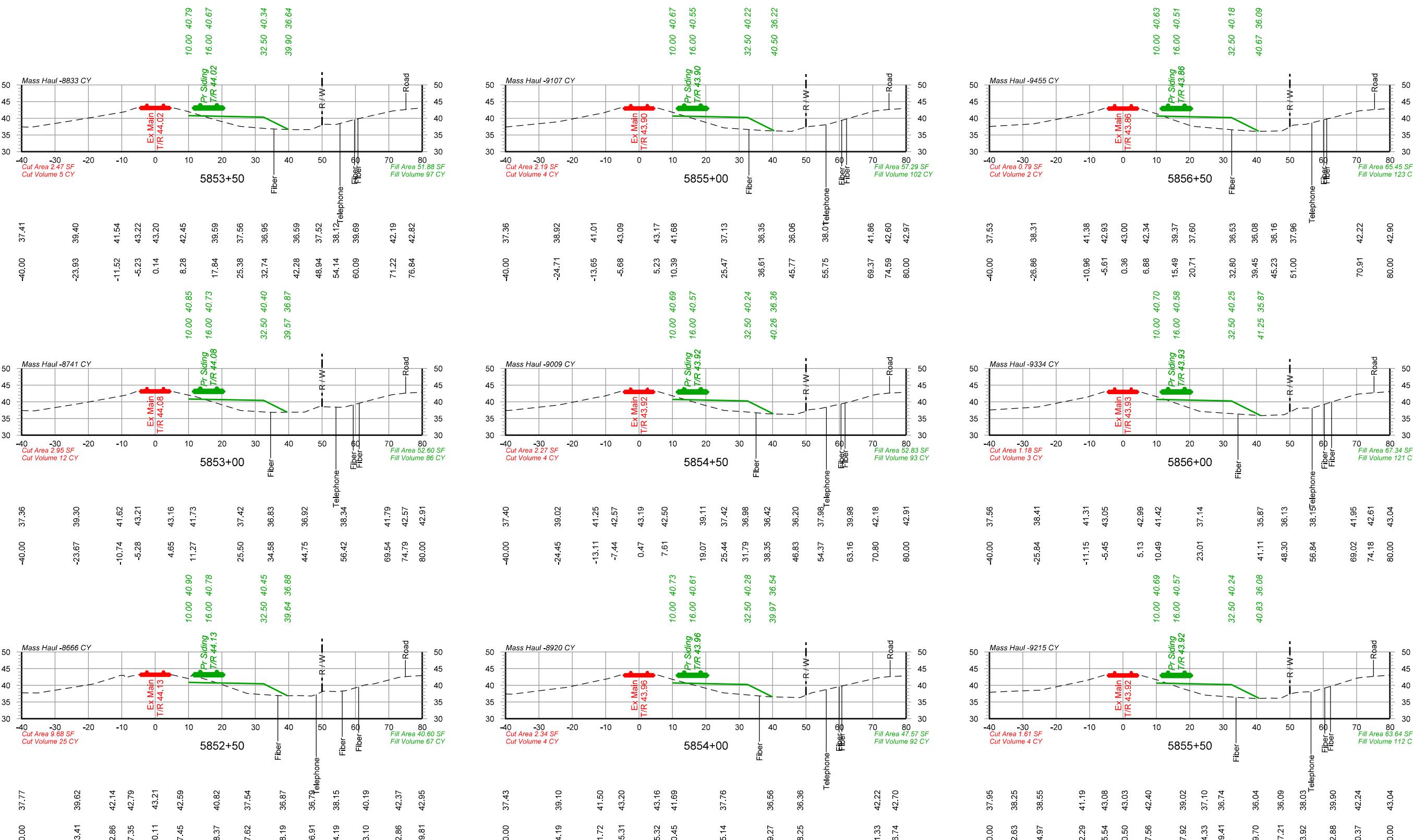
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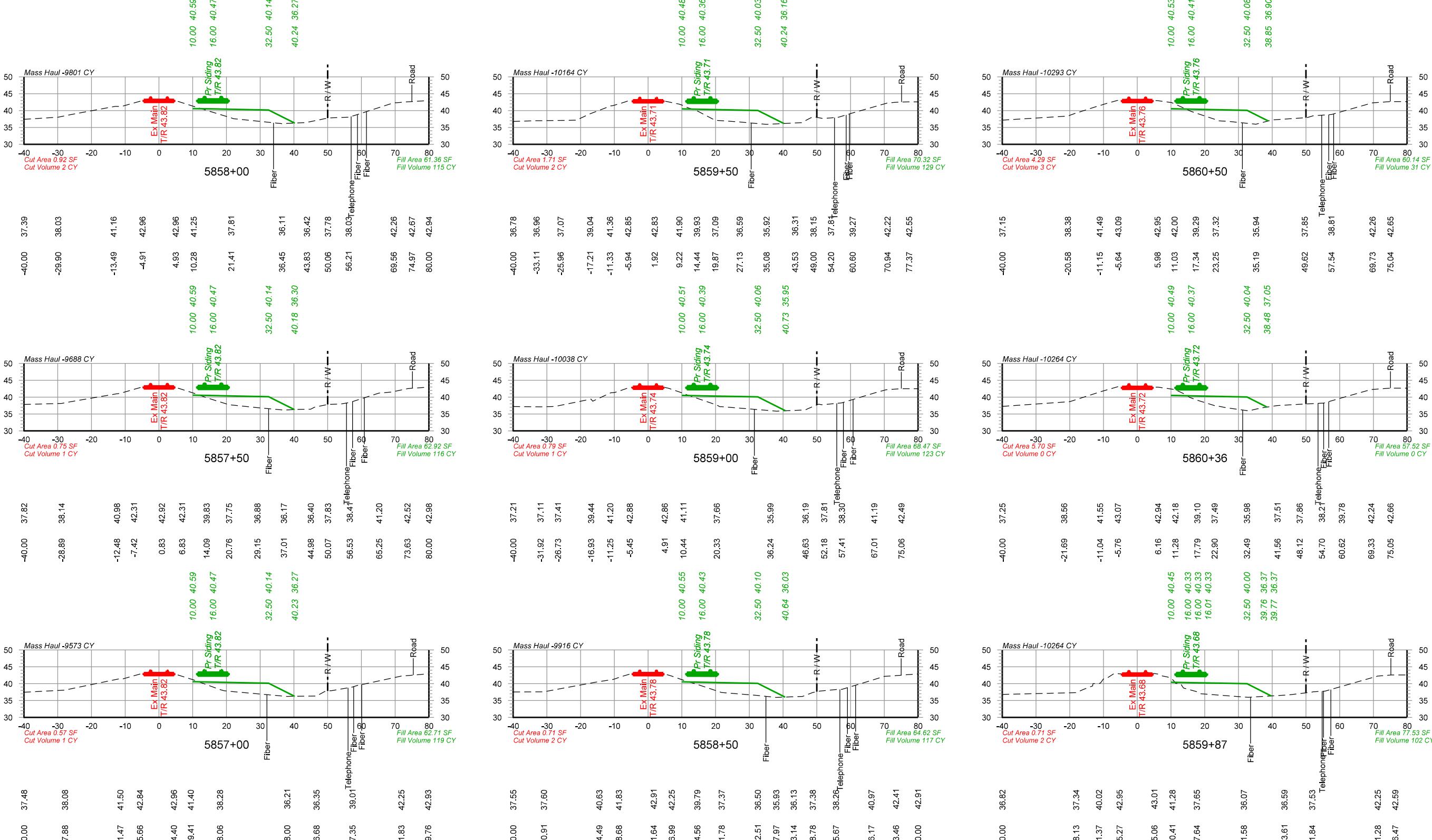
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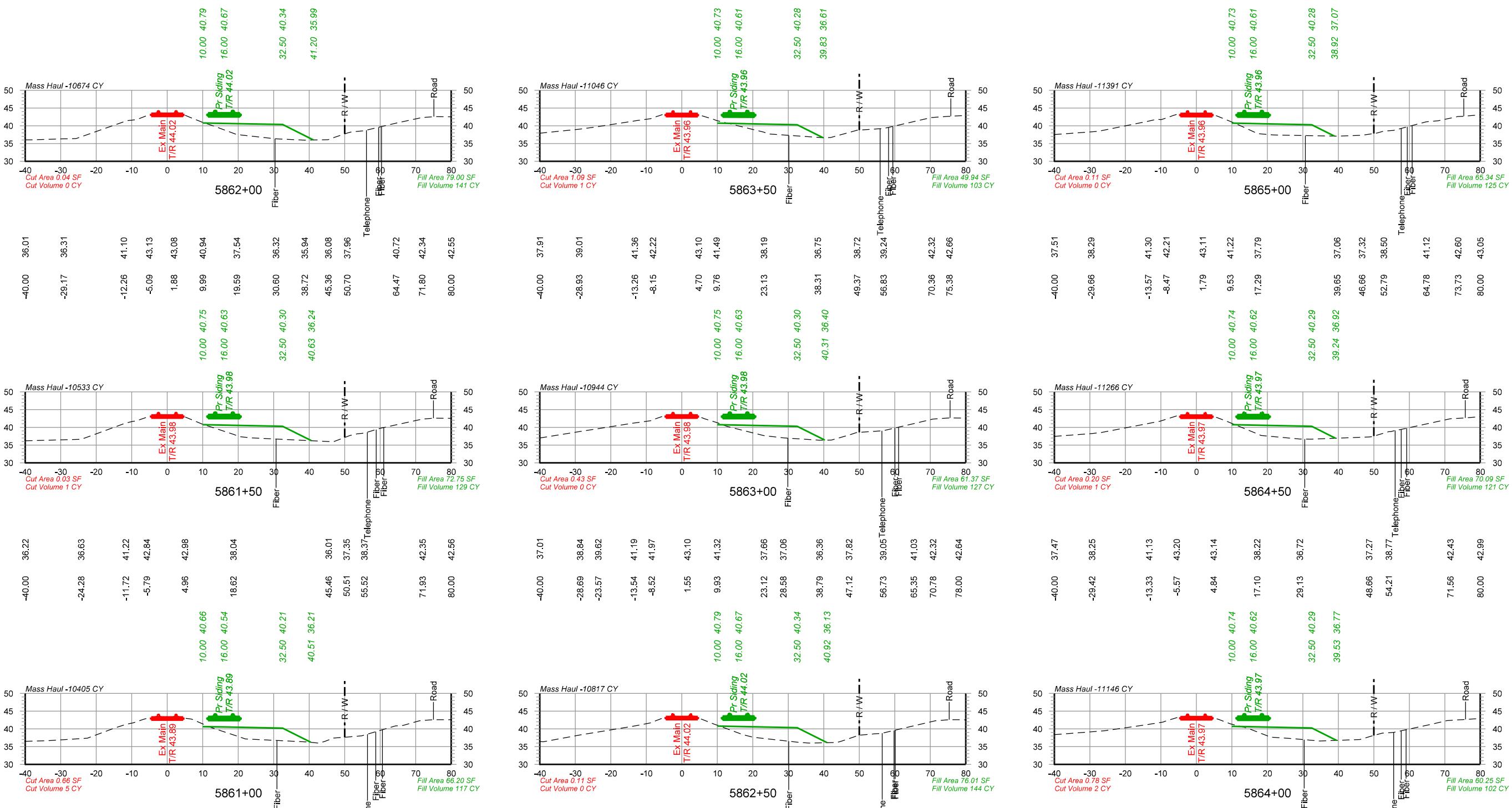
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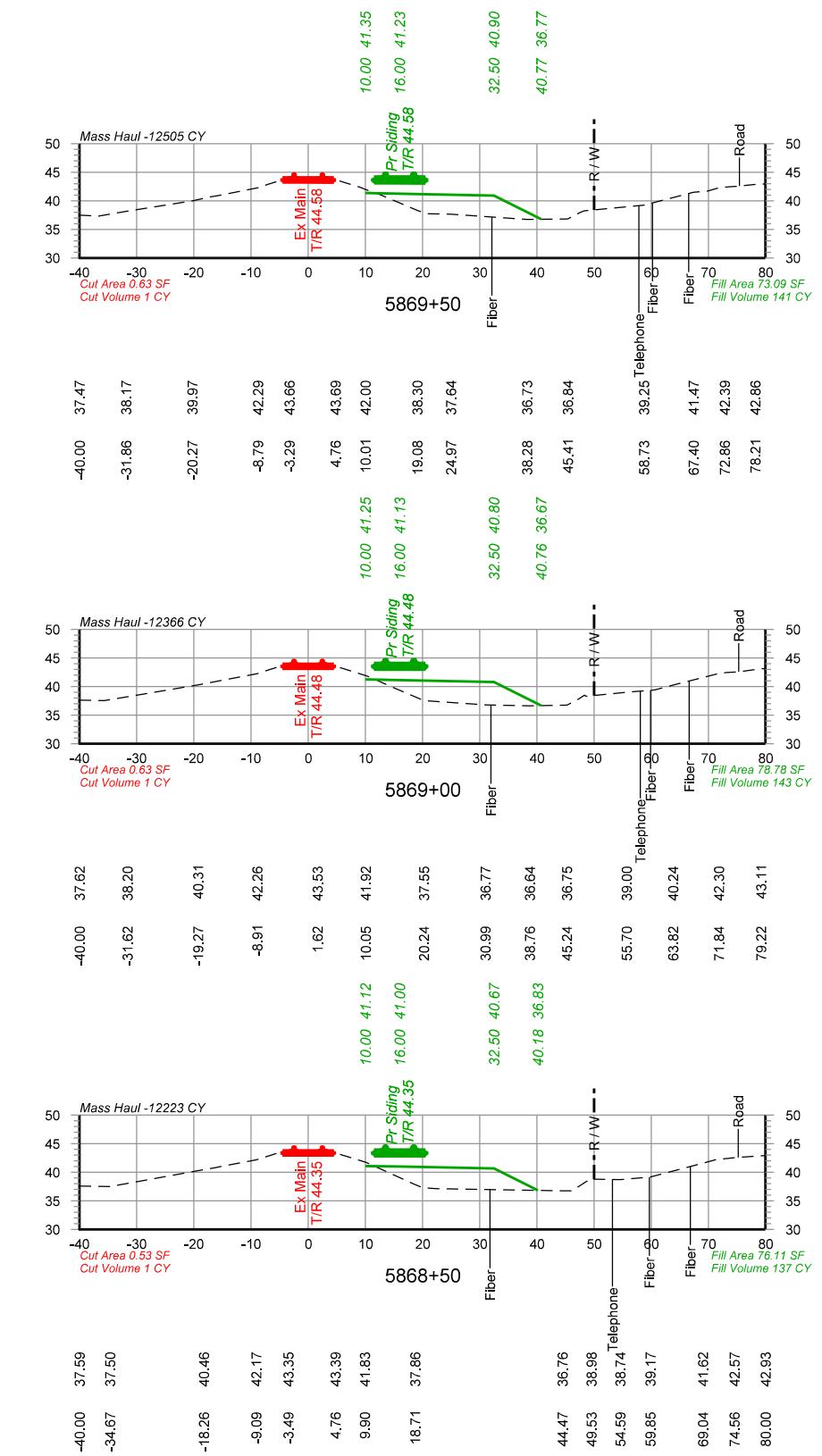
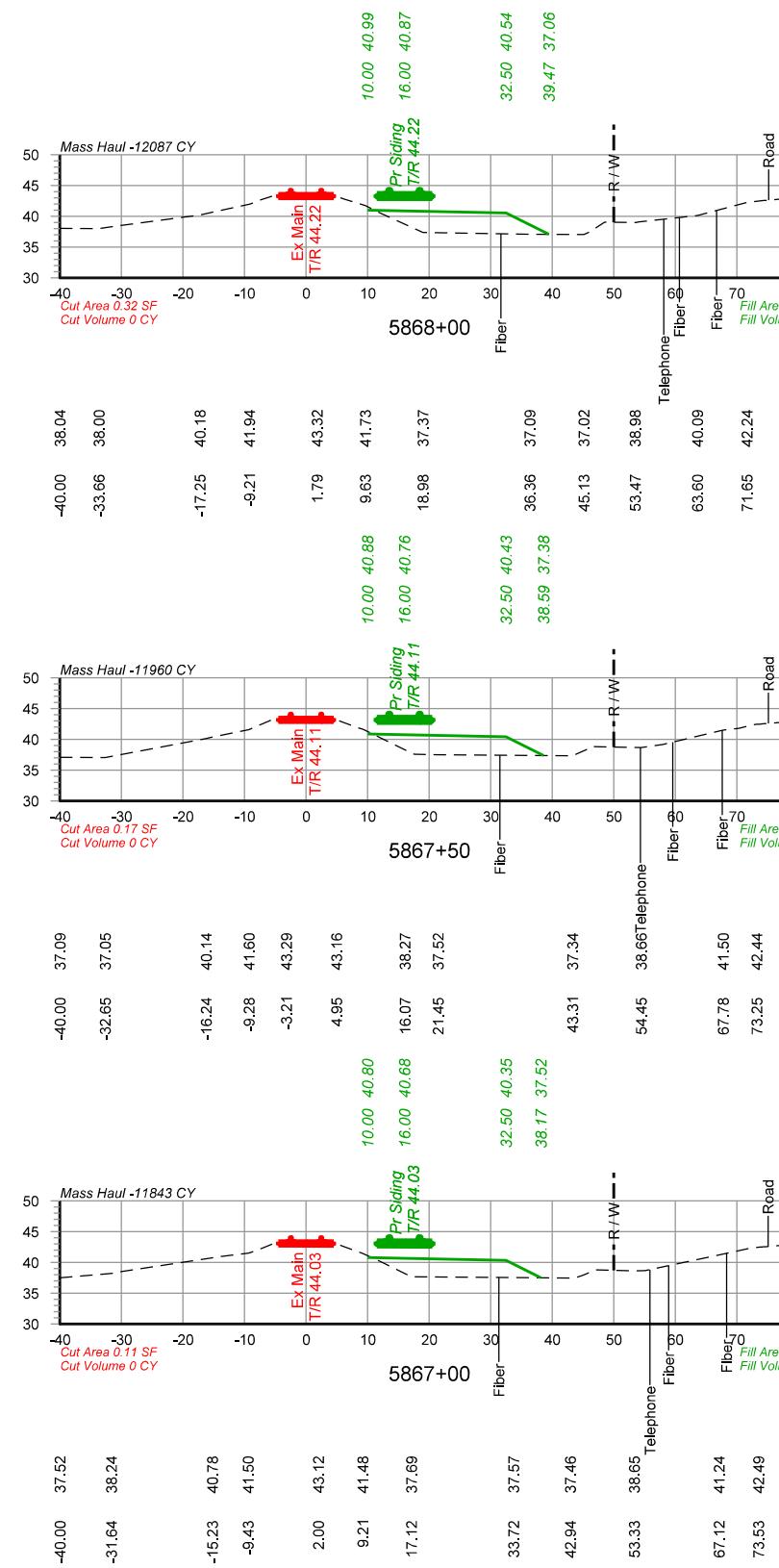
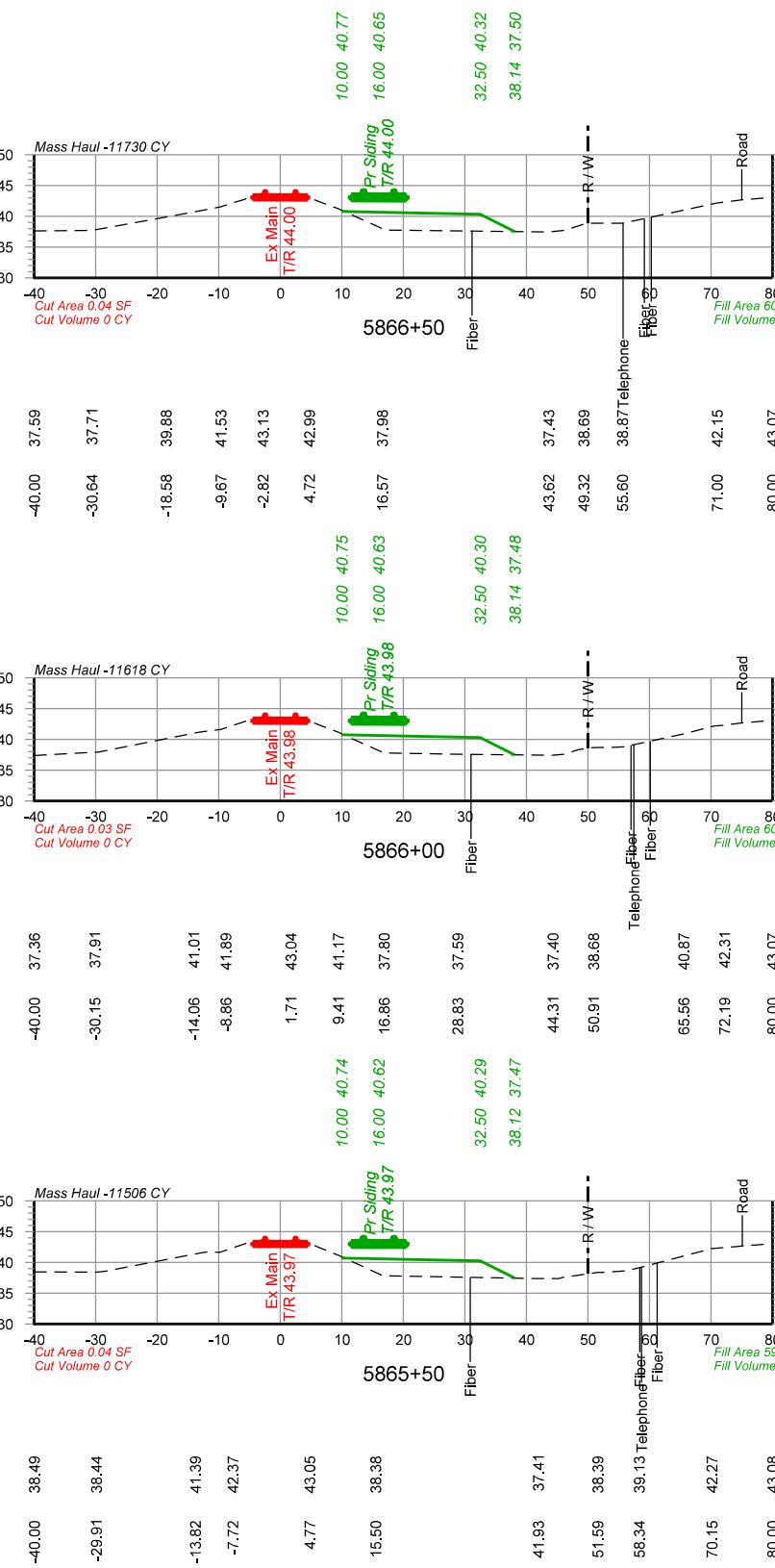
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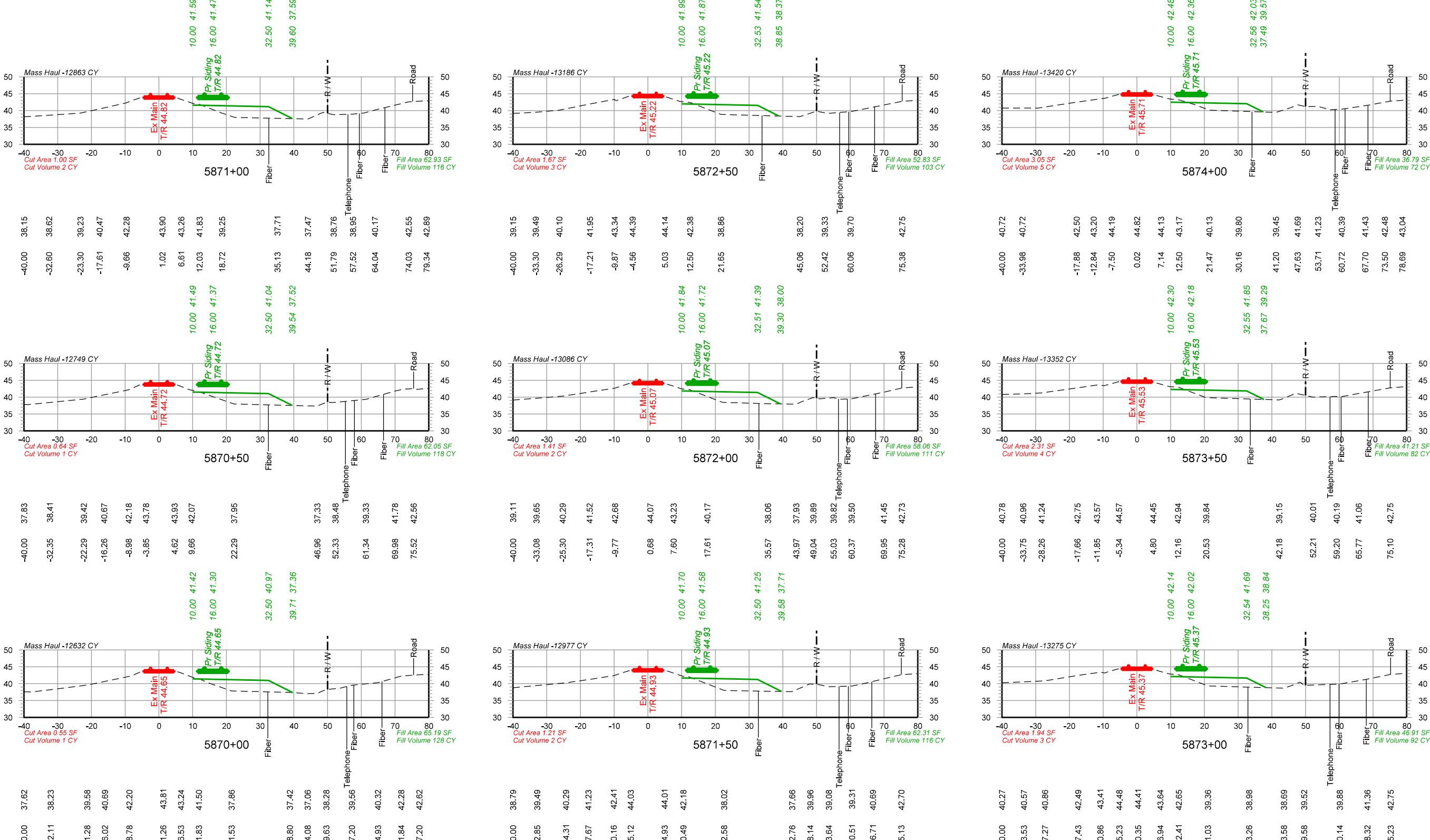
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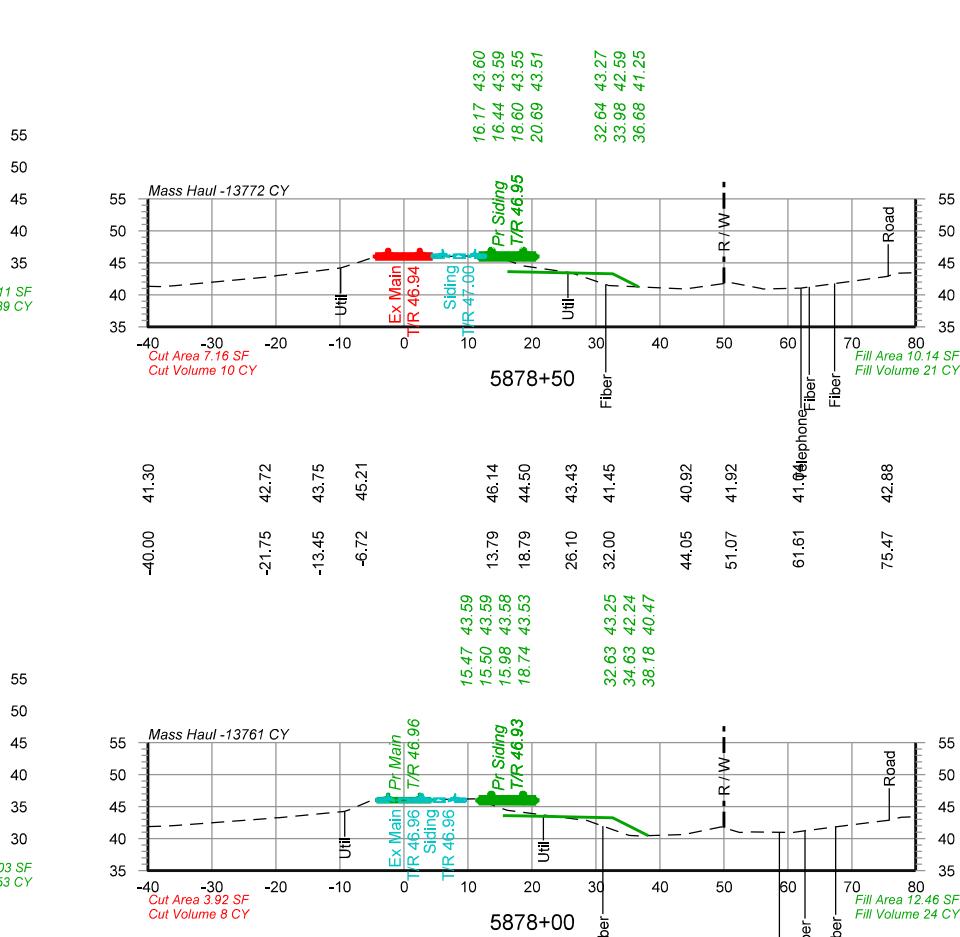
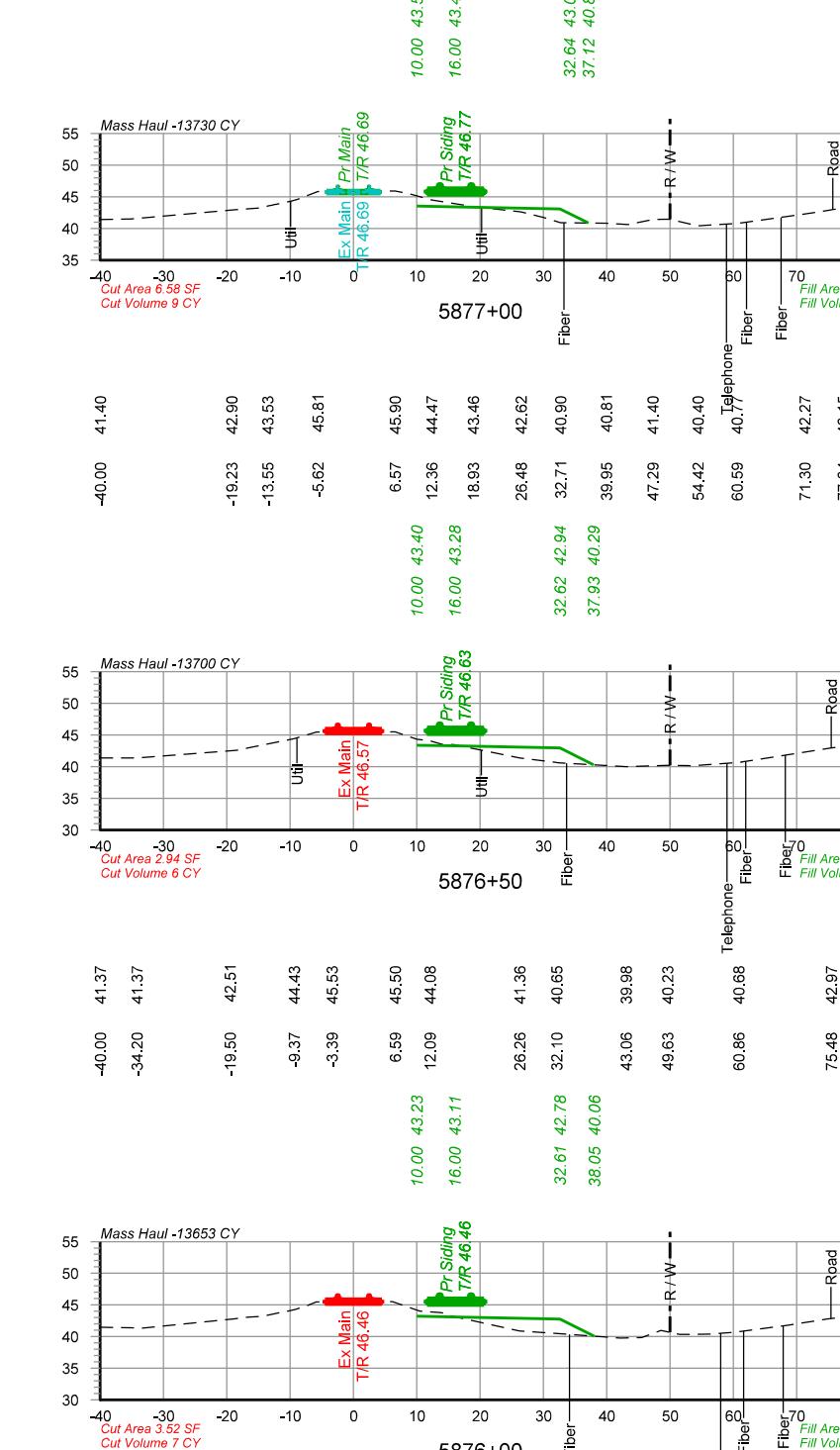
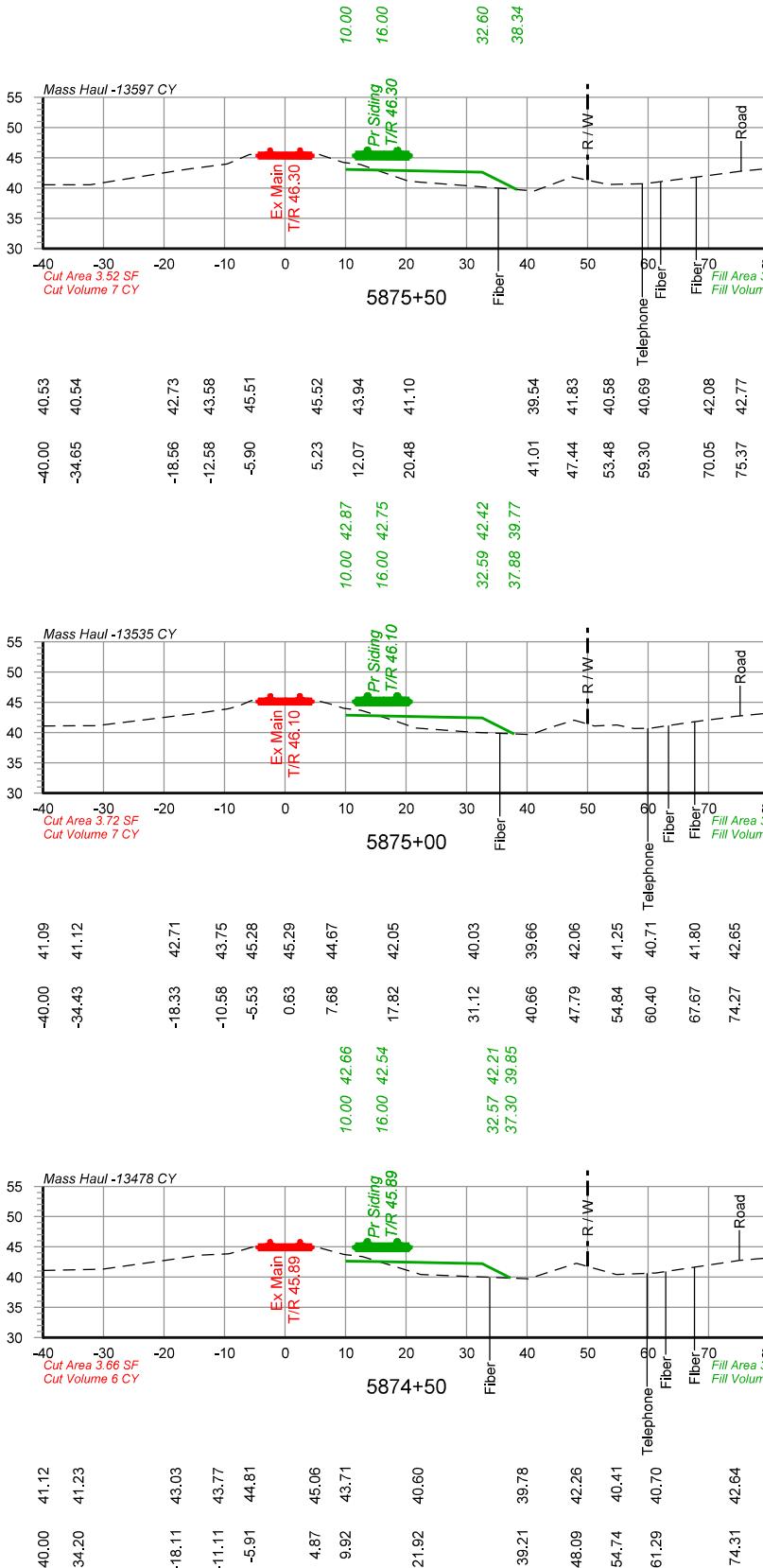
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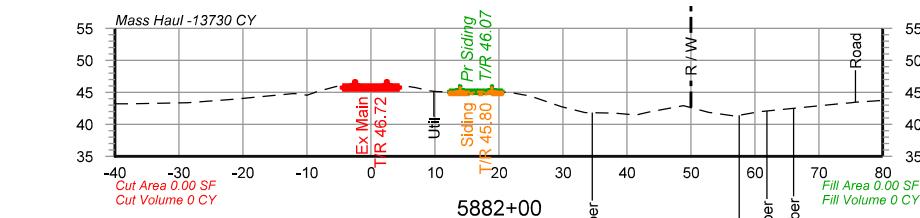
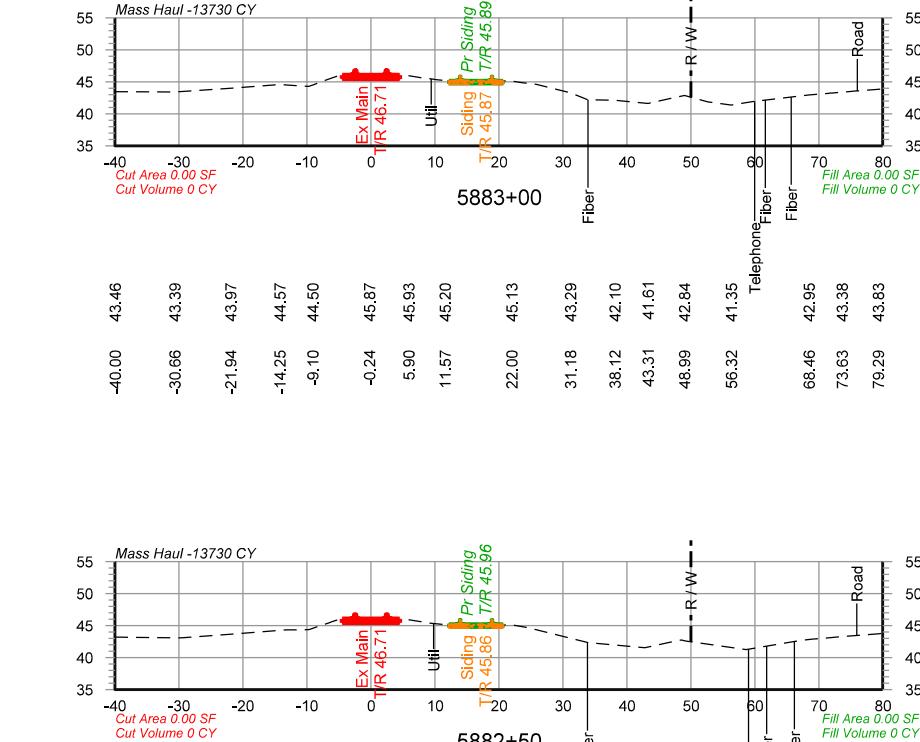
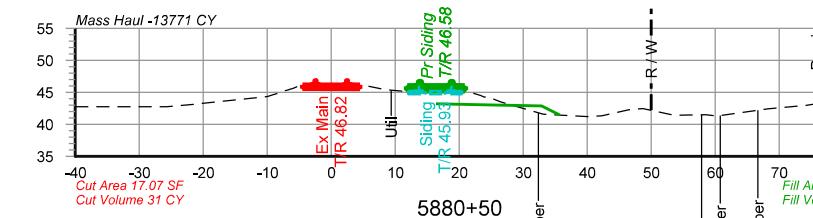
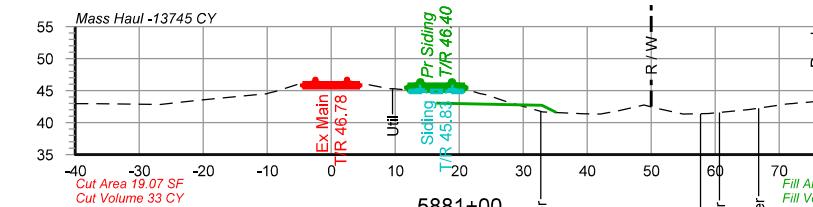
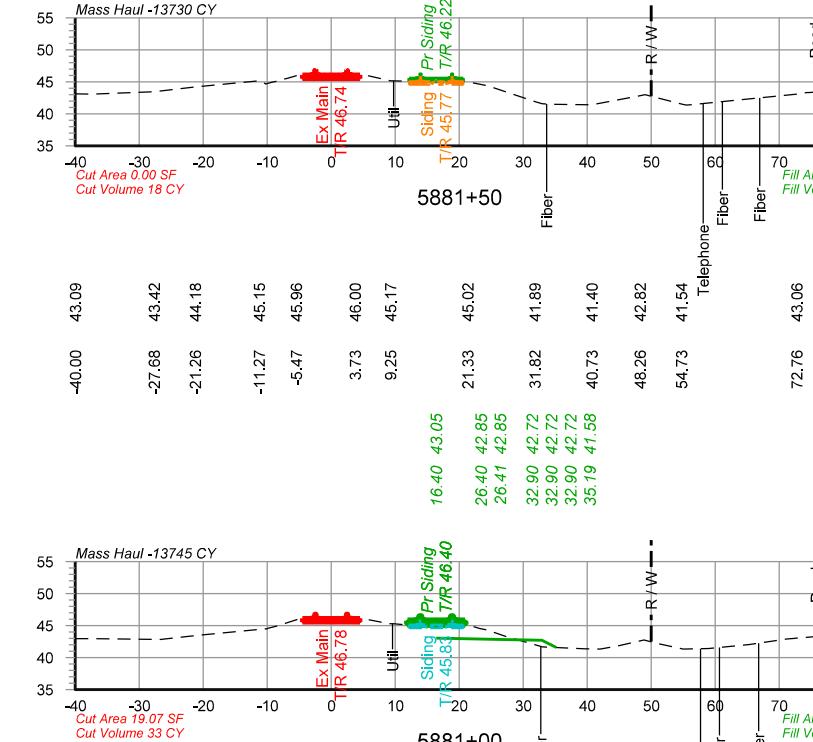
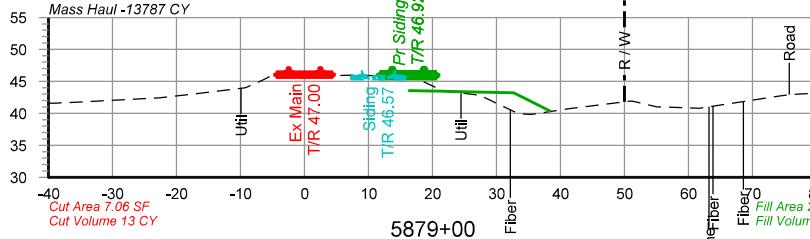
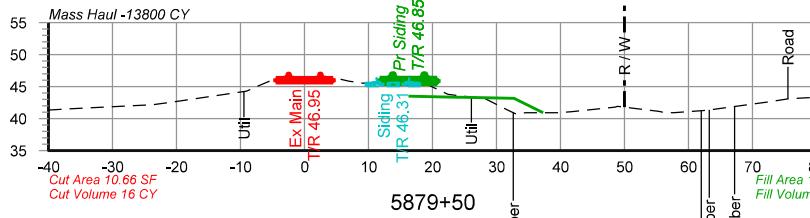
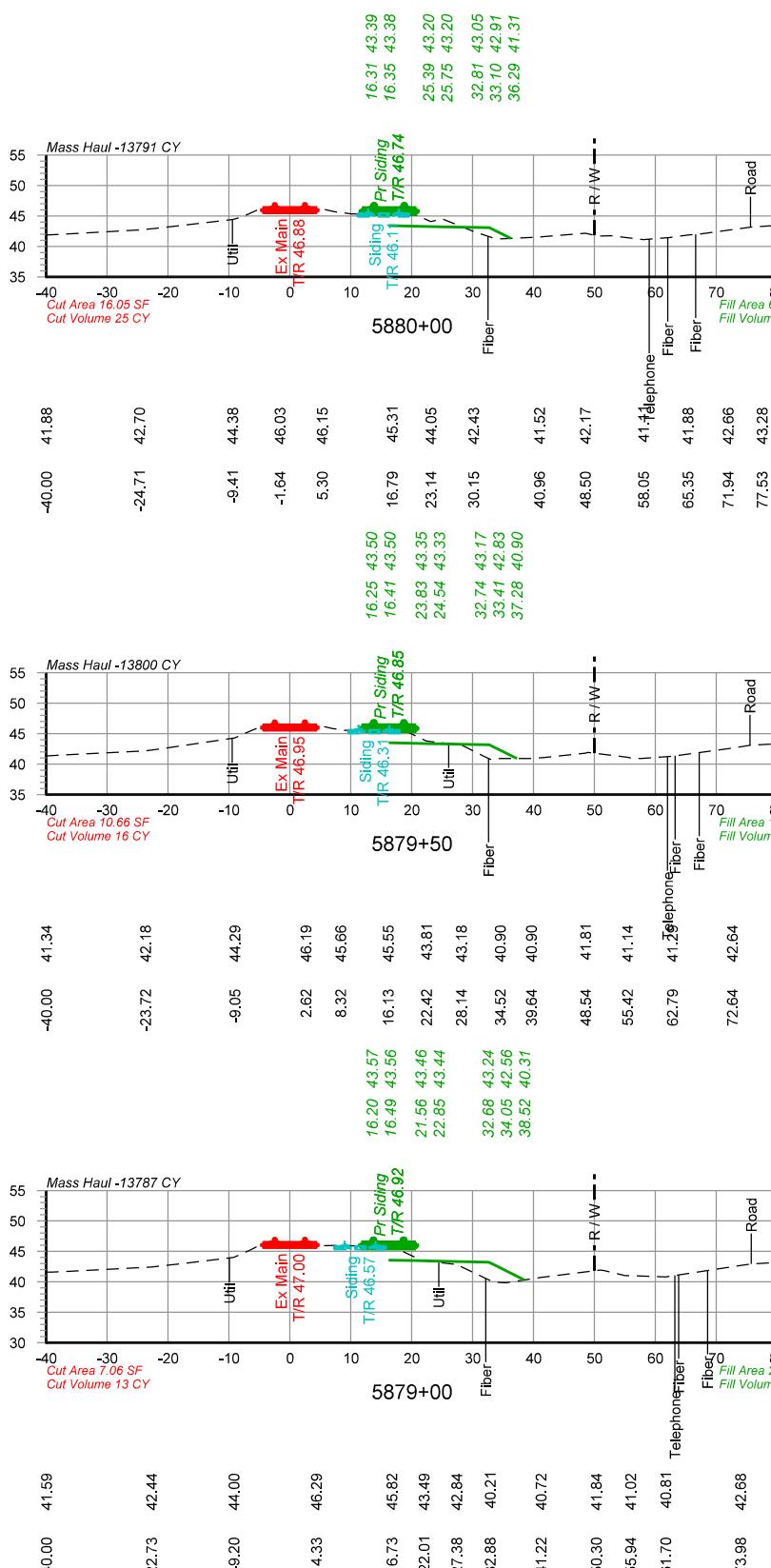
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