

Denali Borough, Alaska  
Planning Commission

Resolution No. PC 11-02

A Resolution in support of the  
Parks Highway MP 163-305 Passing Lanes

WHEREAS, all formal acts by the Planning Commission must be by resolution;  
and

WHEREAS, the Parks Highway is vital to the transportation needs of the Denali  
Borough; and

WHEREAS, to improve the safety and function of the Parks Highway when  
driving through the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, there is only one Passing Lane along the Parks Highway within the  
Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, in  
cooperation with the Alaska Division of the Federal Highway Administration, is  
proposing to add passing lanes along the Parks Highway to improve safety  
along the Parks Highway within the Denali Borough.

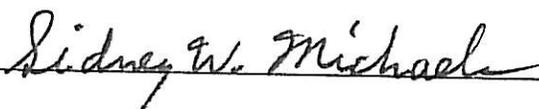
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Planning  
Commission supports the funding and installation of the proposed Passing  
Lanes with the following reservations and suggestions for modification.

1. The Passing Lane at MP 274 Nenana River Bridge be modified to a three  
lane passing lane instead of four, with passing provided in the southern  
direction. This passing lane starts and ends at a bridge and a tight curve  
with limited visibility. It is unsafe to come off a 4 lane passing lane and go  
right onto a tight curve and bridge. It would be much safer to end this  
passing lane a ½ mile to the South. There are secondary roads and  
driveways on the West side of the Parks Highway and the Planning  
Commission feels that this modification would not only improve the  
functionality of the Parks Highway but also its safety.

2. The Passing Lane at MP 235-233 be modified so that it does not end at a Railroad Crossing until after the proposed overpass at this location is built. The number of busses and fuel trucks that stop at this location is huge during the summer months. Immediately after crossing the tracks headed north there is a limited visibility curve, the site of several accidents.
3. The Passing Lane at MP 227-229 be modified, moved or deleted. There are secondary roads, driveways, material sites and businesses in this area. The Planning Commission believes a passing lane in this area would increase the risk of accidents and make the area less safe. A turning lane or lanes would be appropriate, not a passing lane. The area from MP 227 south would be a better location and useable for passing without increasing the potential for such conflicts with turning and passing. It would also be prudent to lower the speed limit to 55 MPH during the summer months, due to the amount of turning traffic, including many buses, including school buses.
4. The passing Lane at MP 221.5 to MP 219 be modified. At the northern end of this passing lane is a dangerous curve, people need to be cautioned to slow down here not speed up. There is a bad curve with a poorly designed super and this area is extremely slippery during the winter months. There have been several accidents in this area. Shortening this passing lane by a ½ mile at the North would help.
5. The Passing Lane at MP 213.5 be modified to a three lane passing lane instead of four, with passing for the south bound traffic and further shortened close to the bridge. This passing lane starts and stops at a bridge at the North. This bridge has a flattish super and people should slow for this slippery curve and bridge. There are secondary roads and driveways along this area in particular along the southern end, and the Planning Commission feels these changes would lessen the conflict of passing and turning and increase safety.

Please see attached maps.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Planning Commission this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

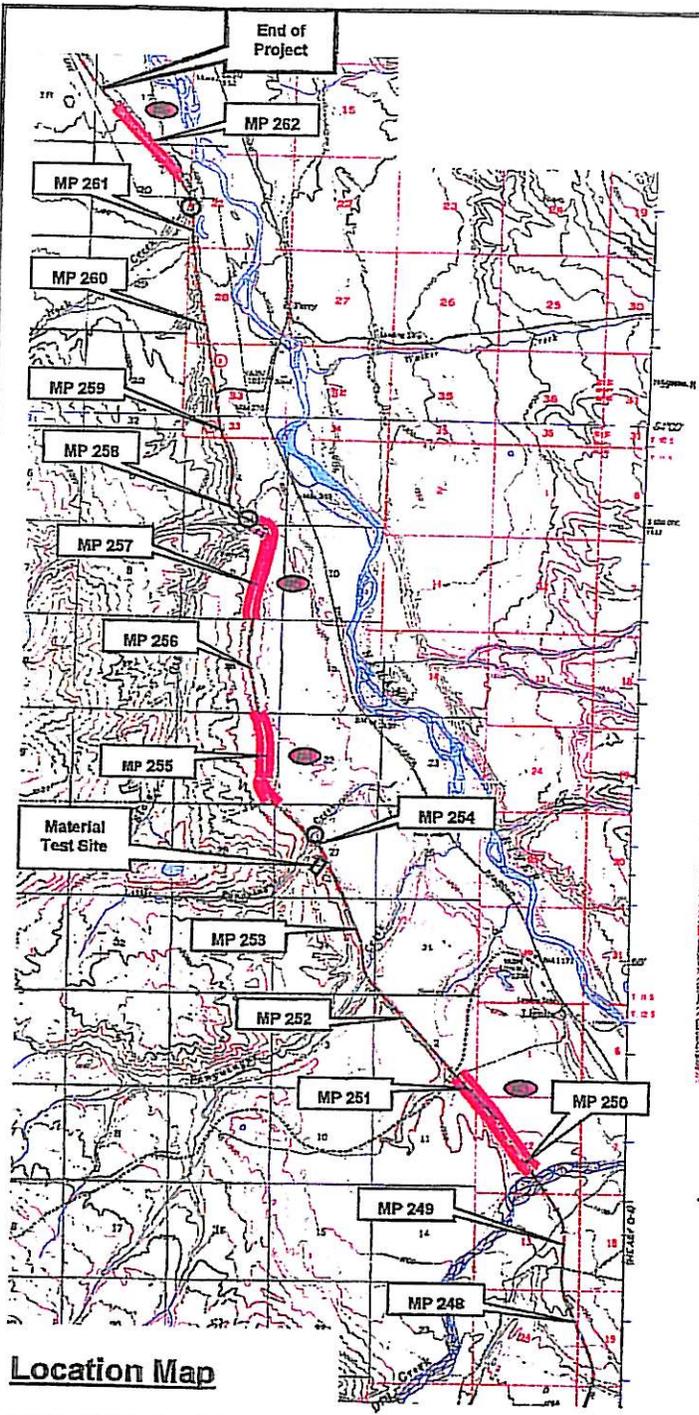
  
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Presiding Officer

ATTEST: *Erin L. Casper*  
Deputy Clerk

VOTE: YEA: JONES, GRIGGS, MICHAELS, POTTER, and WEIBEL  
NAY: 0  
ABSENT: CAPISTRANT and MITCHELL

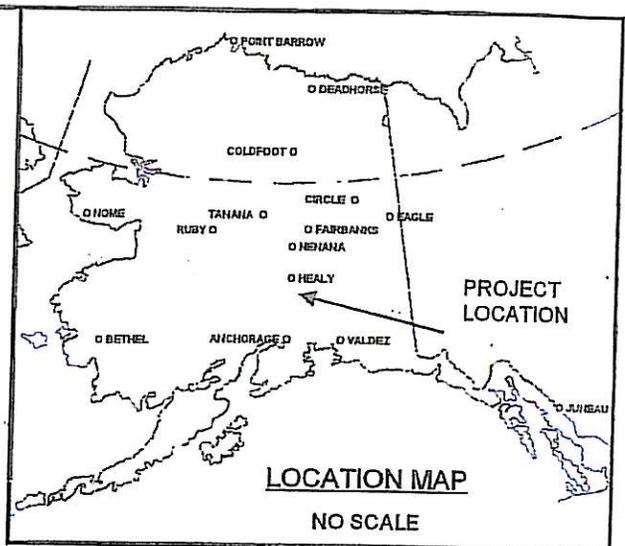




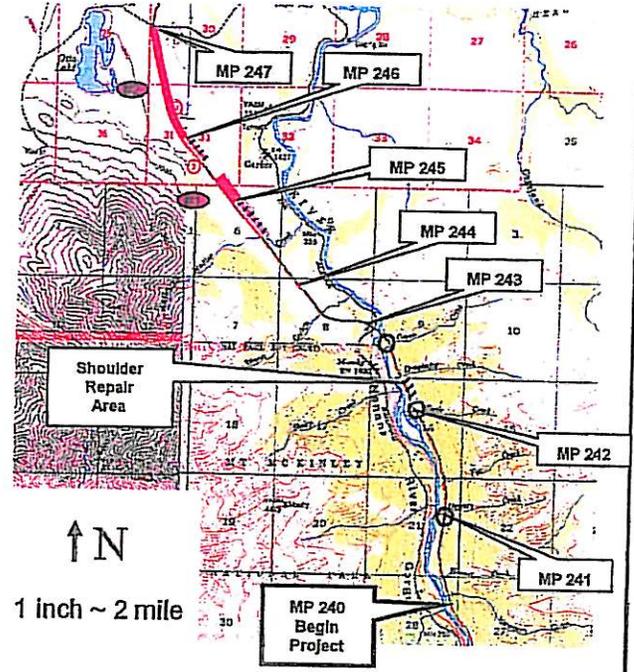
**Location Map**

T10S, R8W; Sec 17,20,21,28,33; Fairbanks (A-5)  
 T11S, R8W; Sec 4,9,16,21,22,27,28,34,35; Healy (D5)  
 T12S, R8W; Sec 1,2,11,12,13,24; Healy (D5)  
 T12S, R7W; Sec 19,30,31; Healy(D5)  
 T13S,R7W; Sec 5,6,8,9,16,21,28; Healy (D4)  
 Fairbanks Meridian

- Material Test Site
- Cut into back slope (cross-section, Figure 3)
- Culvert Replacements
- Passing Lane Locations

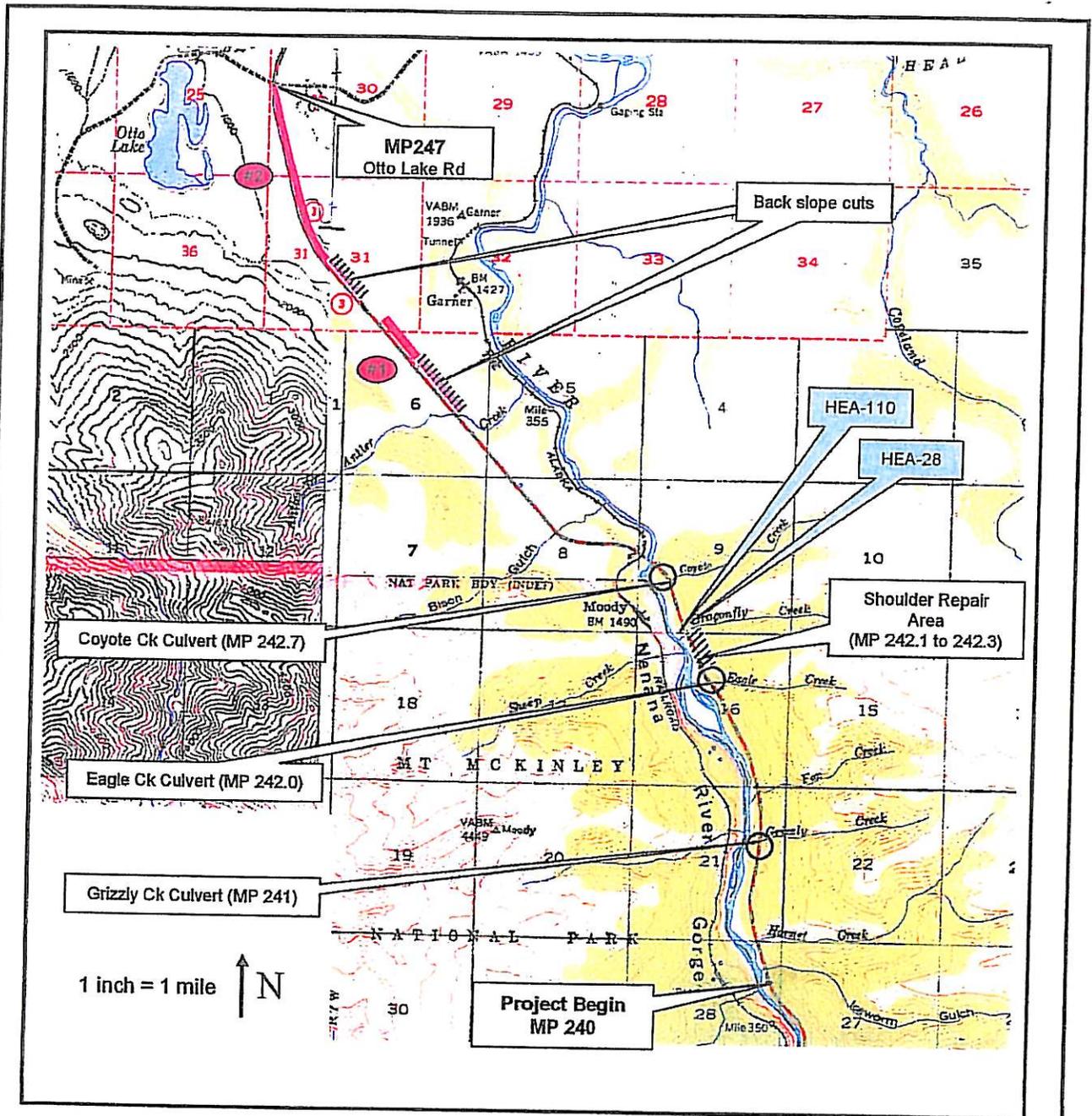


**LOCATION MAP**  
NO SCALE



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1 inch ~ 2 mile

<b>STATE OF ALASKA</b> Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Parks Highway 240 - 262 Rehabilitation IM-OA4-4(15)/61275 Healy, Alaska	
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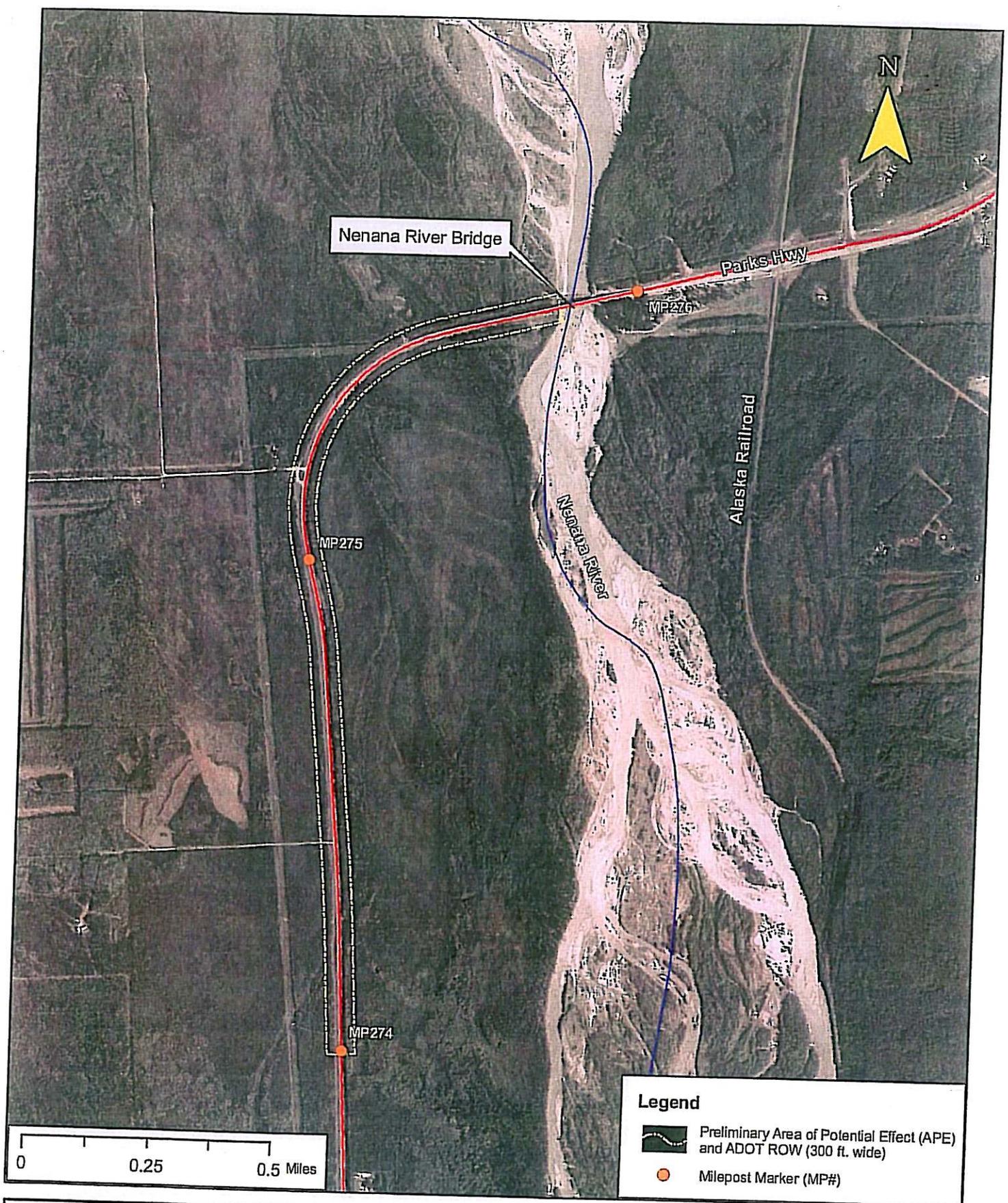
**VICINITY MAP**

**Mileposts 240 to 247**

T12S,R7W; Sec 30,31; Healy(D5)  
 T13S,R7W; Sec 5,6,8,9,16,21,28; Healy(D4)  
 Fairbanks Meridian

-  AHRs Archeological Sites
-  Cut into back slope (cross-section, Figure 3)
-  Culvert Replacements
-  Passing Lane Locations, Northbound

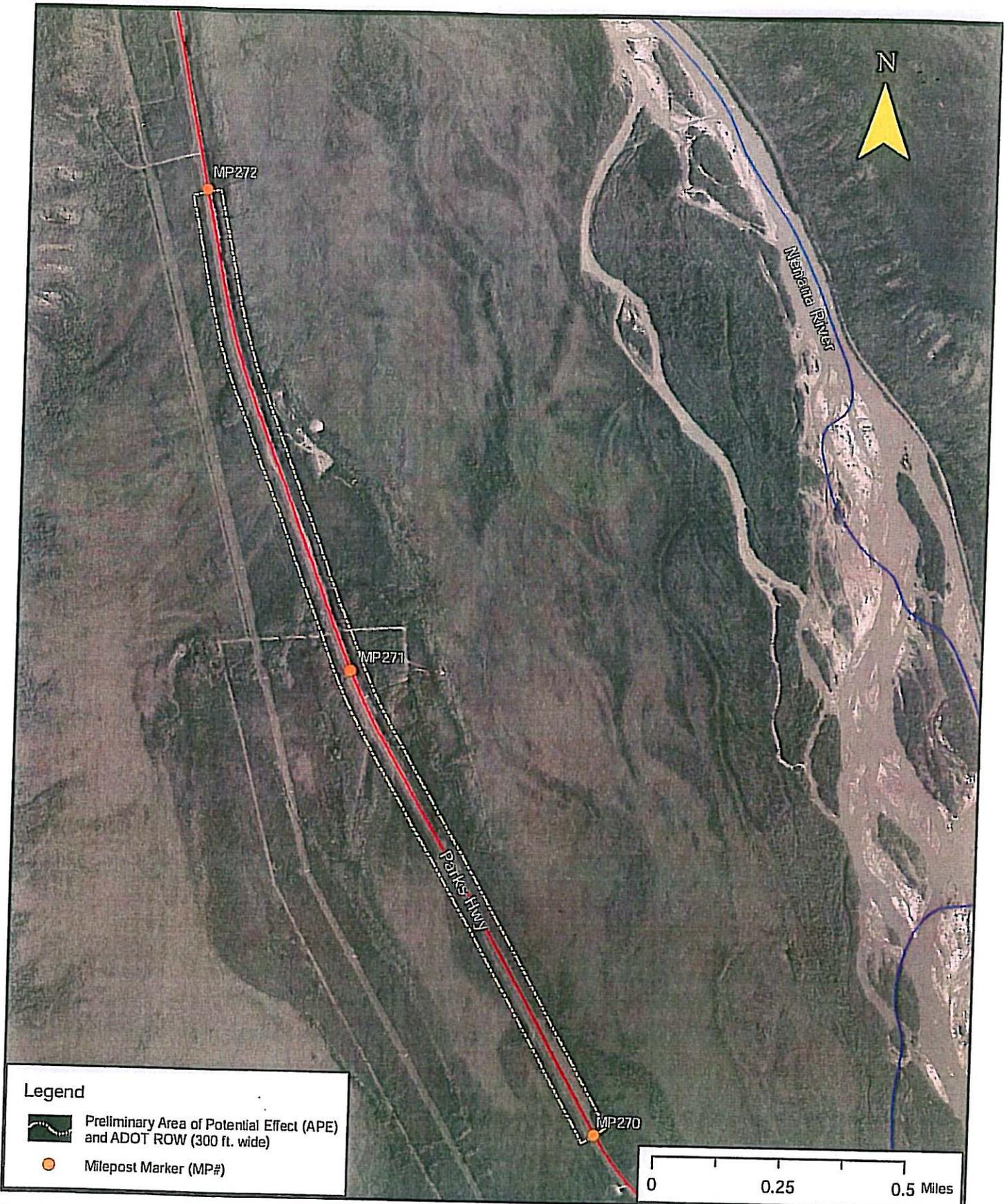
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PARKS HIGHWAY MILEPOST 163-305 PASSING LANES  
**AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT  
 NENANA RIVER BRIDGE AT REX TO MP 274**

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 FIGURE  
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**Legend**

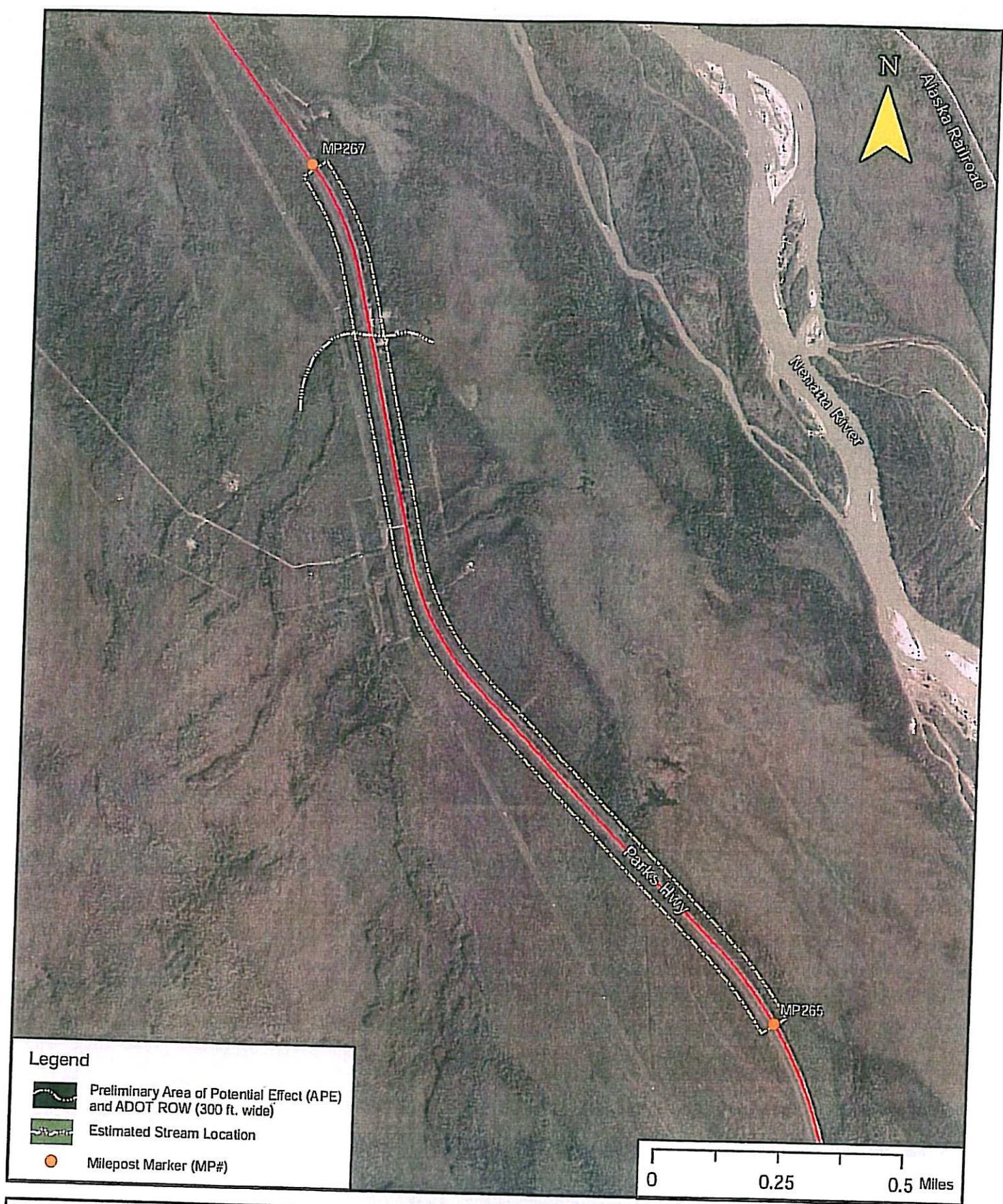
-  Preliminary Area of Potential Effect (APE) and ADOT ROW (300 ft. wide)
-  Milepost Marker (MP#)

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PARKS HIGHWAY MILEPOST 163-305 PASSING LANES  
 AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT  
 MP 272 - 270

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FIGURE  
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**Legend**

-  Preliminary Area of Potential Effect (APE) and ADOT ROW (300 ft. wide)
-  Estimated Stream Location
-  Milepost Marker (MP#)

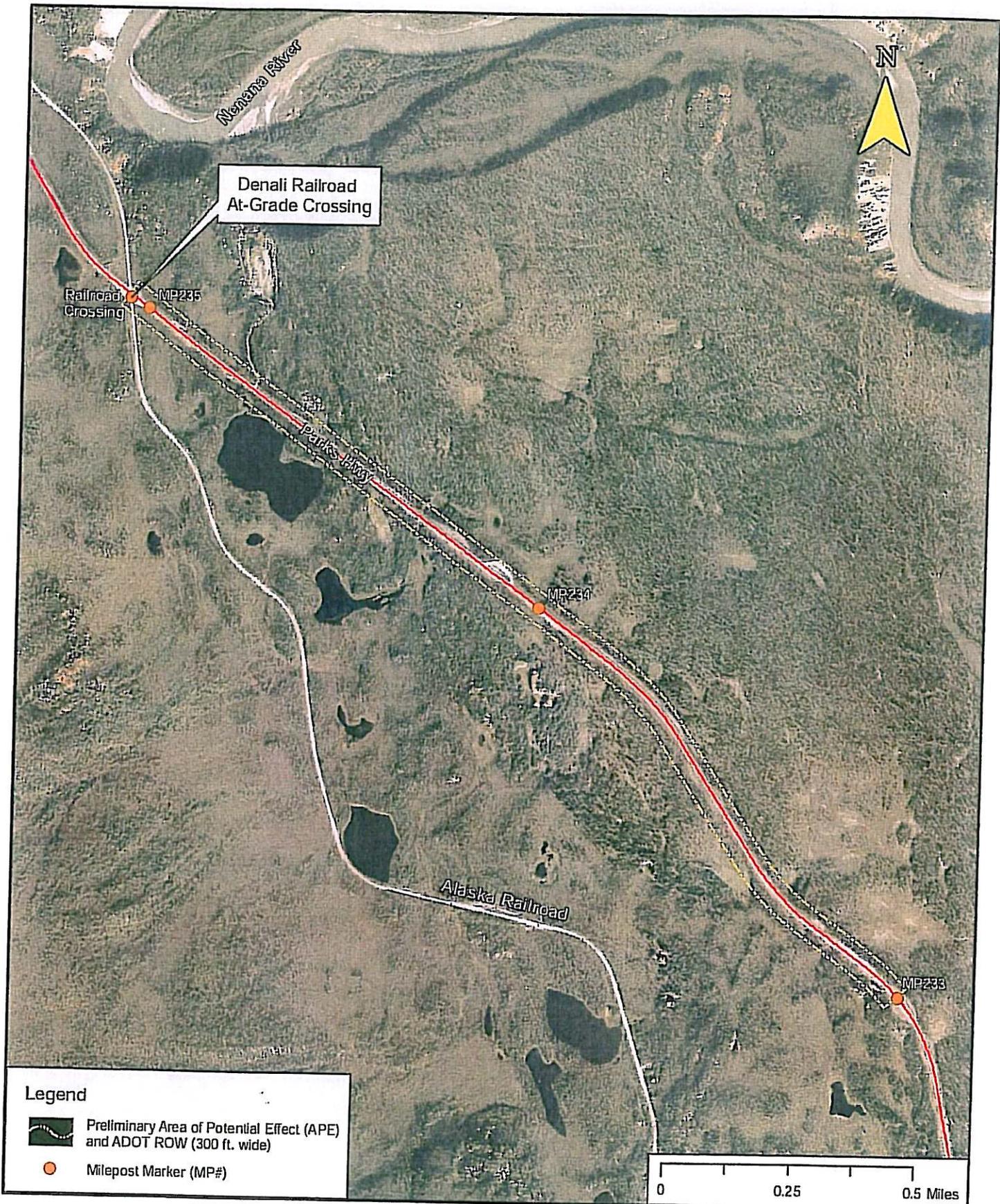
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**AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT**  
 MP 267 - 265

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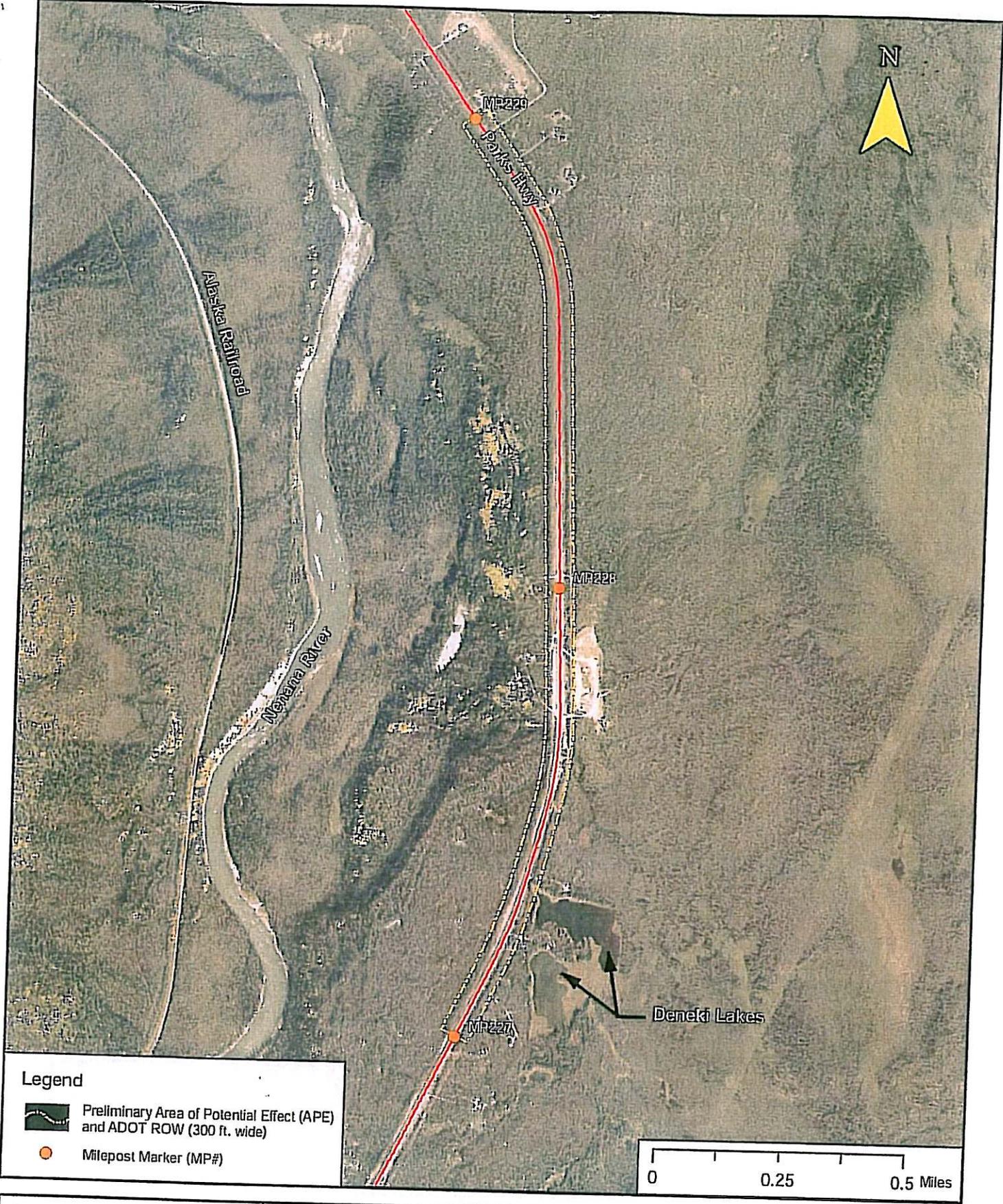


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PARKS HIGHWAY MILEPOST 163-305 PASSING LANES  
 AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT  
 DENALI RAILROAD AT-GRADE CROSSING MP 233

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FIGURE  
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**Legend**

-  Preliminary Area of Potential Effect (APE) and ADOT ROW (300 ft. wide)
-  Milepost Marker (MP#)

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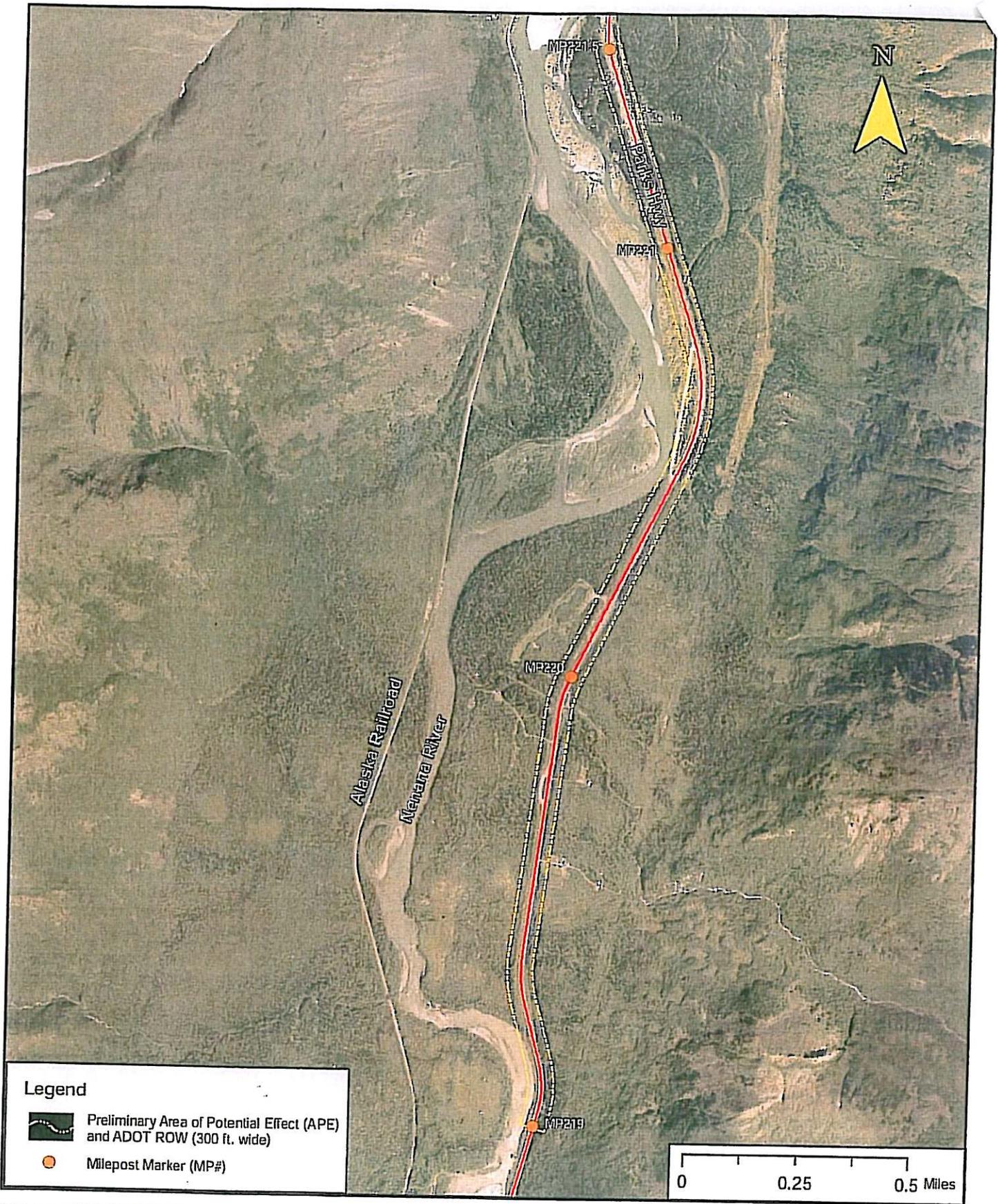
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Area of Potential Effect  
 MP 229 - 227

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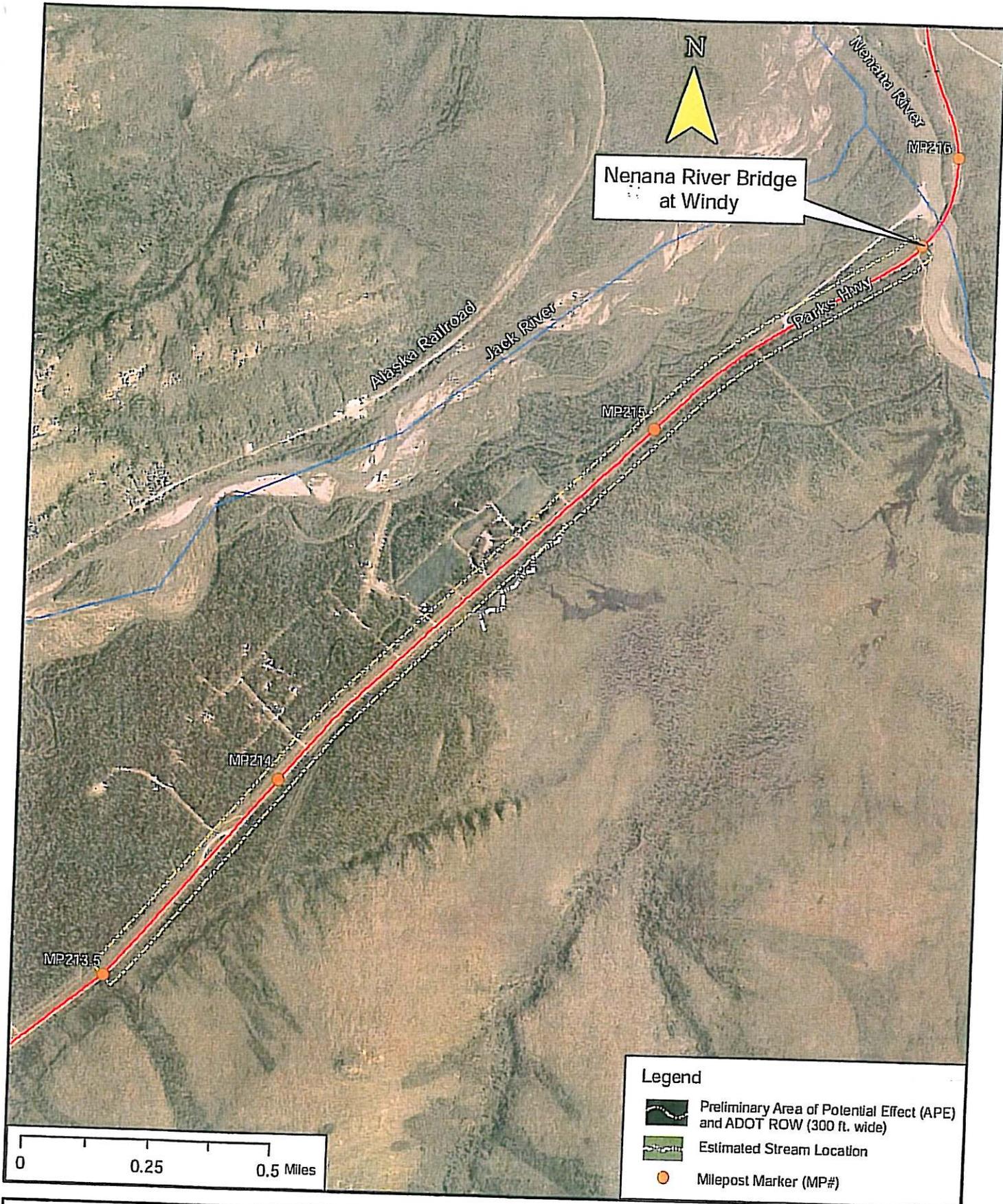
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AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT  
MP 221.5 - 219

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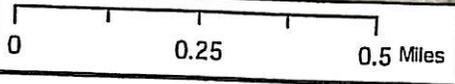
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Nenana River Bridge  
at Windy

**Legend**

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-  Estimated Stream Location
-  Milepost Marker (MP#)



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**AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT**  
NENANA RIVER BRIDGE AT WINDY TO MP 213.5

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