

- 1. **Smithsonian Trinomial:** 42GR5239
- 2. **Temporary Site No.:** R4
- 3. **Site Name:**

- 4. **Date Recorded:** 9/01/2020
- 5. **Type of Recording:**  First Recording  Full Re-record  Update
- 6. **Project Name:** A Cultural Resources Inventory of the Cisco Spring 2D Seismic Project in Grand County, Utah
- 7. **State Project Number:** U20HP00620
- 8. **Land Status:** BLM (Moab Field Office); State (SITLA)
- 9. **USGS 7.5' Quad Map Name and Date:** Danish Flat (1970), Cisco (1970), Cisco Springs (1970)
- 10. **Township:** 20S, **Range:** 23E, **Section(s):** 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, and 34 **(1/4):** Linear **County:** Grand  
**Township:** 21S, **Range:** 23E, **Section(s):** 2, 3, and 11

- 11. **Meridian:**  Salt Lake  Uintah
- 12. **UTMS:** Zone 12 639964 mE 4327638 mN **NAD:** 83  
**UTMS:** Zone 12 644231 mE 4317771 mN
- 13. **Site Dimensions:** **Length:** 11,960 m **Width:** 4.6 m **Area:** 55,076 m2  GIS  Estimate

- 14. **Site Class<sup>a</sup>:**  Prehistoric  Protohistoric  Historic
- 15. **Site Type:** Prehistoric/Ethnohistoric Historic  
 Long-Term Residential  Task Specific  Domestic  Transportation/Communication  
 Temporary Camp  Specialty Site  Agriculture/Subsistence  Defense  
 Unknown (sites in which the primary pattern of Use is prehistoric or ethnohistoric, but the nature of Use cannot be confidently determined)  Industry/Processing/Extraction  Unknown  
 Other  Other<sup>b</sup>

- 16. **Site Characteristics<sup>a</sup>:**  Artifact Scatter  Rock Art/Inscription  Lithic Source/Quarry  Rock Shelter/Cave  
 Architectural Feature(s)  Non-Architectural Feature(s)  Linear

- 17. **Impacting Agents:**  None  Erosion  Livestock Concentration  Recreation  Road/Trail  Vandalism/Looting  
 Other: regular maintenance of road

- 18. **Site Condition:**  Stable  Deteriorating  Imminently Threatened  Destroyed

19. **Description** (as needed): This site is a segment of dirt road running between the area of Cisco Springs and the town of Cisco. The road is currently used as an access road for the oil and gas field in the area and is regularly maintained and graded.

- 20. **Recorded by:** Sandy Chynoweth Pagano **21. Organization:** Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. (CHG)

- 22. **Material Collected:**  No  Yes (describe in Site Description) **Repository:** N/A

**NRHP Evaluation**

- 23. **Is the Site Significant:**  No  Yes, under criterion<sup>a</sup>:  
 A (event)  B (person)  C (design/construction)  D (important information)
- 24. **Does it Retain Integrity:**  No  Yes, aspects present<sup>a</sup>:  
 Location  Design  Setting  Materials  Workmanship  Feeling  Association
- 25. **NRHP Status:**  Not eligible  Eligible  Listed

**Justification** (include discussion of historic context, significance, and integrity): This historic road was previously recommended Not Eligible to the NRHP since it is a secondary road that provided ranching and later oil and gas related access from US 6/50 to the Book Cliffs. Further, the site has been widened and graded since historic times. The site retains most of its integrity of location, setting, materials, feeling, and association. However, the site cannot be associated with an important event or person in the past, nor does it embody the type, period, or method of construction. Further, it is highly unlikely to contain intact cultural deposits that could yield information important to the history of the region. Therefore, Commonwealth agrees with the previous recommendation of Not Eligible to the NRHP under any Criteria.

26. **Site Description** (interpretation, context, size, artifact and feature assemblage, dating, previous works and curation, etc.): This site is an historic road corridor. A small segment of the corridor (~300 m) was originally documented in 2015 and was described as a gravel/dirt road that trends southeast to northwest across the western margin of Cisco Mesa (Whiting). The road was described at that time as “a slightly raised dirt and gravel surface measuring 15 feet wide”. The site was revisited by Commonwealth in 2020 and the previously recorded segment was found as described in 2015. Commonwealth further recorded an additional segment of the road for a total of 7.4 miles (11,960 meters). This segment of the road corridor is a maintained dirt road. It is graded along the entire documented length and some

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areas appear to have been graveled. No associated features were observed within the recorded portion of this road. Although the road has been maintained, the historic corridor appears to be in line with that on the 1926 GLO map with the exception of the alignment running through Section 22 and the north half of Section 27 in T 20S, R 23E. The road has shifted to the west through this area, as shown on the 1970 USGS Quadrangle Danish Flat.

This historic road corridor is shown on a General Land Office plat (GLO) map as “Albert Turner’s Ranch to Cisco Springs” and a branch of the “Cisco Springs to Pike’s Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway”(GLO 1925); however, there are at least three other roads shown on this historic GLO map with the same name. The *Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway* was one of many promoted travel corridors of the early automobile era. During this time, Highway Associations began forming as the automobile became popular, and the *Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway* (PPOO) was organized in 1914 to promote a route from New York City to San Francisco (Weingroff 2017). The main travel corridor associated with the PPOO passes through Cisco (the town), about 8 miles south of Cisco Springs. The roads shown on this historic GLO map are likely local variations that lead off the main travel route, possibly utilized by travelers for access to water springs or campsite locations. The main PPOO travel corridor later became US6/50 after Federal Highway Act of 1921 prompted the Bureau of Public Roads to create the federal highway numbering system. The PPOO Association continued advertising efforts, but the age of the named trails fizzled out by the 1930s.

The 1925 GLO map depicts a small network of roads connecting several residences in an historic farming community on Danish Flat and at least two routes to Albert Turner’s Ranch. The community was settled starting in the mid-1910s and lasted until around 1930 (Salmon 2004:21-24). The main use of this road likely coincided with the active years of the community. The Turner Ranch, located north of Cisco Springs at the confluence of Diamond and Cottonwood Creek, was a large and prosperous cattle ranching operation that employed workers from as far away as Grand Junction (Pagano 2020).

- 27. Environmental Context** (topography, vegetation, ground visibility, depositional context): The site runs generally north-south along the edge of the mesa on the east side of Cisco Wash. The recorded segment sits at 4,840 ft ASL at the north and near Cisco Springs and drops to 4,480 ft ASL at the southern end. The historic alignment south of the recorded segment runs straight to the town of Cisco, but much has been obliterated south of here by I-70. The Cisco Wash/Danish Flat area is in a dry desert environment with shadscale and sagebrush communities on the open flats. Sediments are mostly loose silty aeolian sands with varying levels of gravel content at different locations along the length of the road.

- 28. Notes Regarding Access** (as needed):

- 29. Additional Part A Comments:**

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Pagano, Sandy

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Salmon, Rusty

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United States Geological Survey (USGS)

1970 *Danish Flat, Utah*. USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle. U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

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# UTAH ARCHAEOLOGY SITE FORM

## PART A – Administrative Data

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1970 *Cisco Springs, Utah*. USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle. U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

Weingroff, Richard F.

2017 *The Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway: The Appian Way of America*. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Electronic document, accessed 9/21/2020  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/pikes.cfm>

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1. **Primary date of site use:** 1923 to current

2. **Secondary dates of site use:**

3. **Architectural Features:**

Type	Description

4. **Non-Architectural Features:**

Type	Description
Trail/Road	Graded dirt road measuring 11,960 meters (7.4 mi) x 4.57 meters wide

5. **Feature Comments:** The road corridor is a maintained dirt road. It is graded along the entire documented length and some area appear to have been graveled. No associated historic features were observed within the recorded portion of this road; however, a modern cattle grade was noted at the north end of the segment.

6. **Cans – Total Quantity:** N/A

Quantity	Type	Description

7. **Can Comments:**

8. **Glass Bottles – Total ENV:** N/A

ENV	Manufacturing Method	Description

9. **Glass Bottle Comments:** N/A

10. **Ceramics – Total ENV:**

ENV	Ware	Description

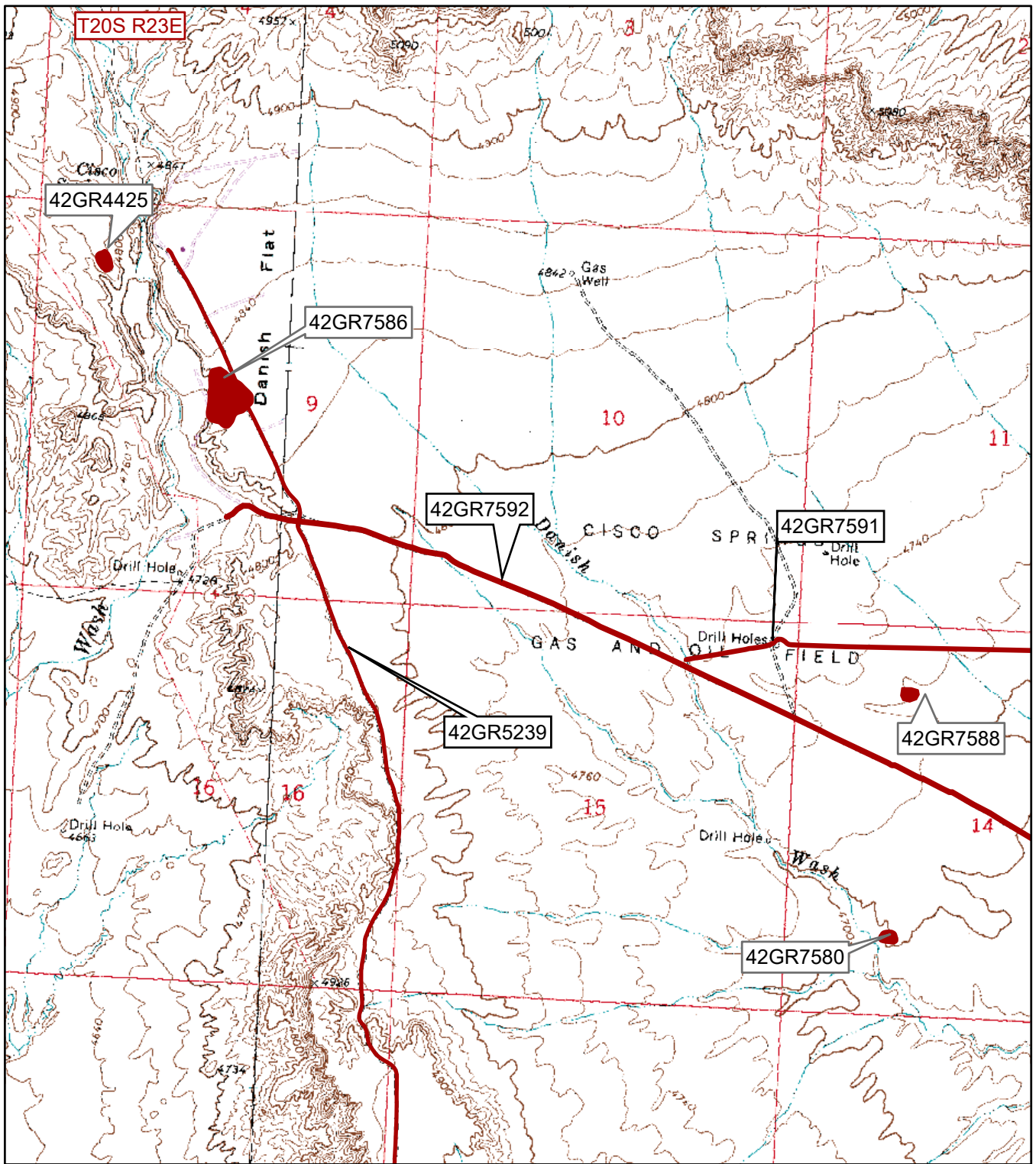
11. **Ceramic Comments:** N/A

12. **Additional Artifacts/Debris:**

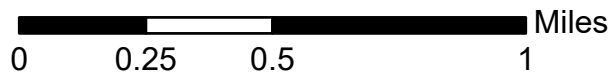
- Ammunition/Firearms     Car/Car parts     Glass (non-bottle)     Nails (wire)     Toys
- Bone     Ceramics (non-tableware)     Hardware     Plastic     Other
- Building Materials     Clothing     Nails (cut)     Stove Parts

13. **Additional Artifact/Debris Description:**

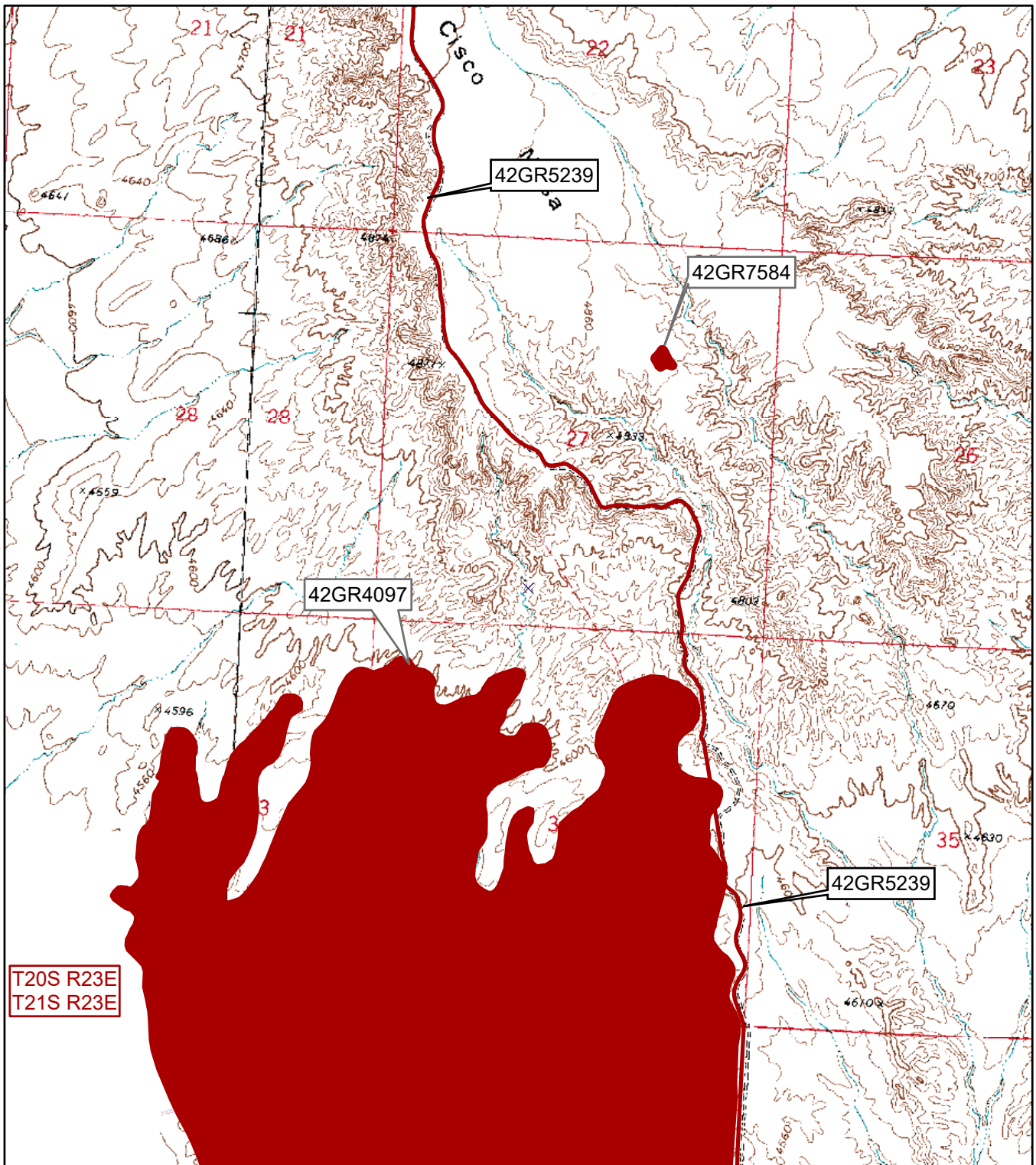
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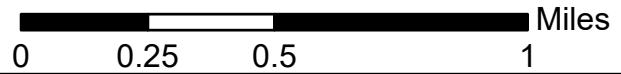
Location of sites located during the Cisco Spring 2D Seismic Project. Taken from the USG 7.5' Quadrangles Danish Flat, Utah (1970) and Cisco, Utah (1970).



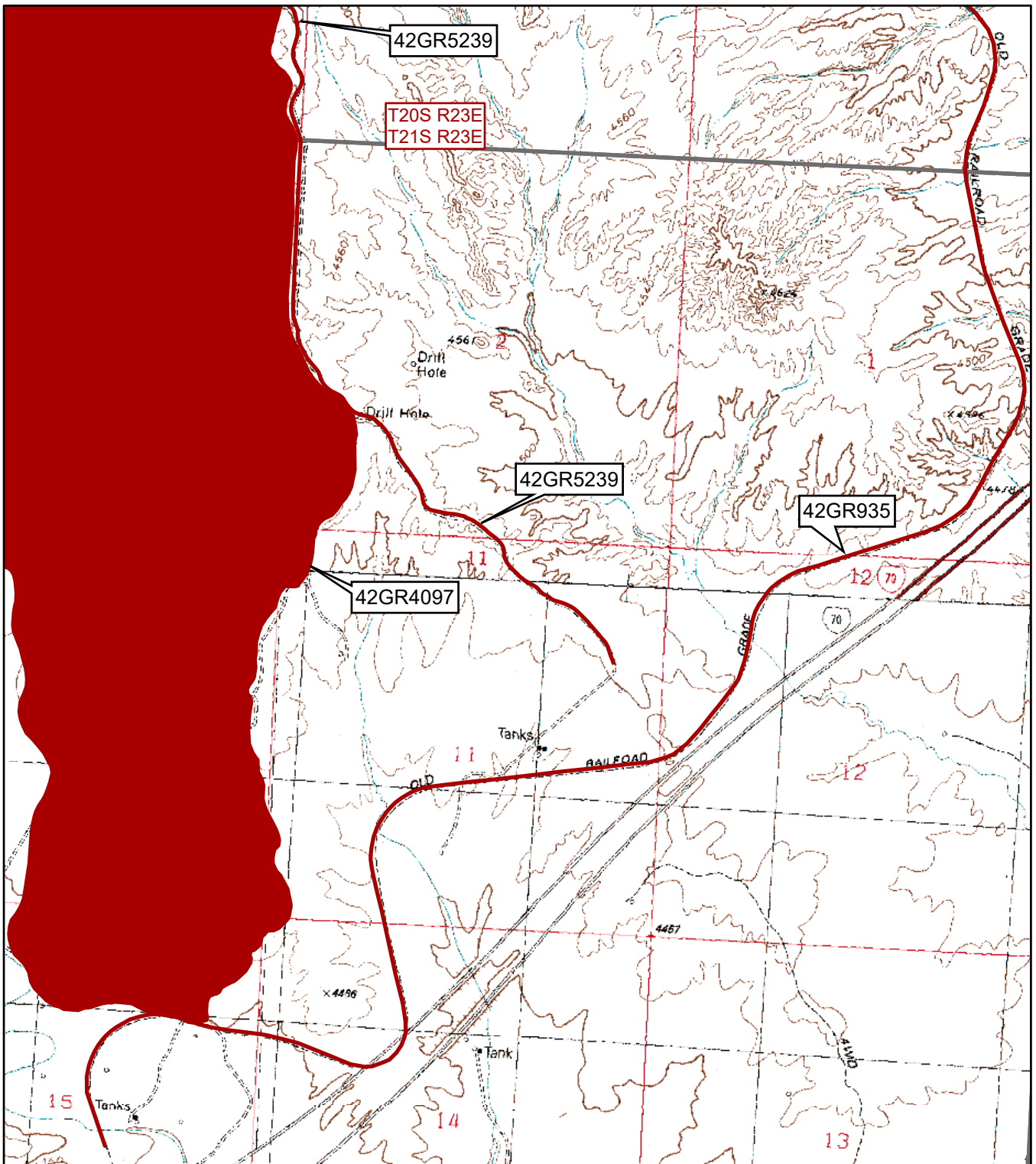
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T21S R23E



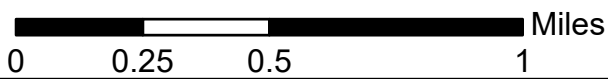
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Location of sites located during the Cisco Spring 2D Seismic Project. Taken from the USGS 7.5' Quadrangled Danish Flat, Utah (1970); Cisco, Utah (1970); White House, Utah (1970); and Cisco Springs, Utah (1970).





**Site 42GR5239.** Site overview from north end of segment; view to the northwest looking toward Book Cliffs.



**Site 42GR5239.** Representative site overview showing graded road bed; view to the south from UTM 641152mE/4323905mN.



**Site 42GR5239.** Site overview from edge of Cisco Mesa looking at road wind down mesa; view to the south from UTM 642311mE/4321959mN.



**Site 42GR5239.** South end of road segment where historic corridor exists as a two-track before being destroyed by I-70; view to the south.