



PUBLIC NOTICE

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New England District
Maine Project Office
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Manchester, Maine 04351

Date: AUGUST 2, 2010
Comment Period Ends: SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
File Number: NAE-2010-00958
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The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

APPLICANT: MAINE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, 16 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

ACTIVITY: Place permanent and temporary fill below the ordinary high water line of numerous waterways and in their adjacent freshwater wetlands at ten locations throughout the State of Maine in order to repair, rehabilitate, or replace existing deteriorated bridges or culverts. This work is being conducted in response to Federal and State stimulus efforts and is designed to address critical bridges and other structures that need immediate attention to insure public safety and protect the economic vitality of Maine's transportation network. Refer to attached table(s) for a list of locations, scope of work, and anticipated impacts.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): This work may impact Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic salmon. This habitat consists of stream and river bottom composed of silt, sand, and gravel mixed with stones. Impact to this species is expected to be minimal with appropriate erosion control measures, in stream work windows, and other best management practices. Therefore, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will be minimal. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision. Similarly, consultation will be initiated regarding the presence of salmon as they are a Federally listed endangered species.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: This work is proposed in numerous wetlands and waterways throughout Maine. Refer to attached table(s) for projects' location.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may reasonably 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, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The 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 Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, 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 the 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.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

SECTION 106 COORDINATION

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSULTATION

On November 13, 2000, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“Services”) listed a distinct population segment (“DPS”) of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) in the Gulf of Maine as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (“ESA”). More recently, the Services have listed Atlantic salmon critical habitat and expanded the current Gulf of Maine DPS. Many of the projects listed on the attached table(s) fall within the listing area. The Corps has made the preliminary determination that these projects are unlikely to jeopardize the continued existence of the DPS or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. Consultation with the Services is on-going. By this public notice, the District Engineer is also requesting that the appropriate federal agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to other listed species or its critical habitat not already identified.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Jay Clement at 207-623-8367 at our Manchester, Maine Project Office.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

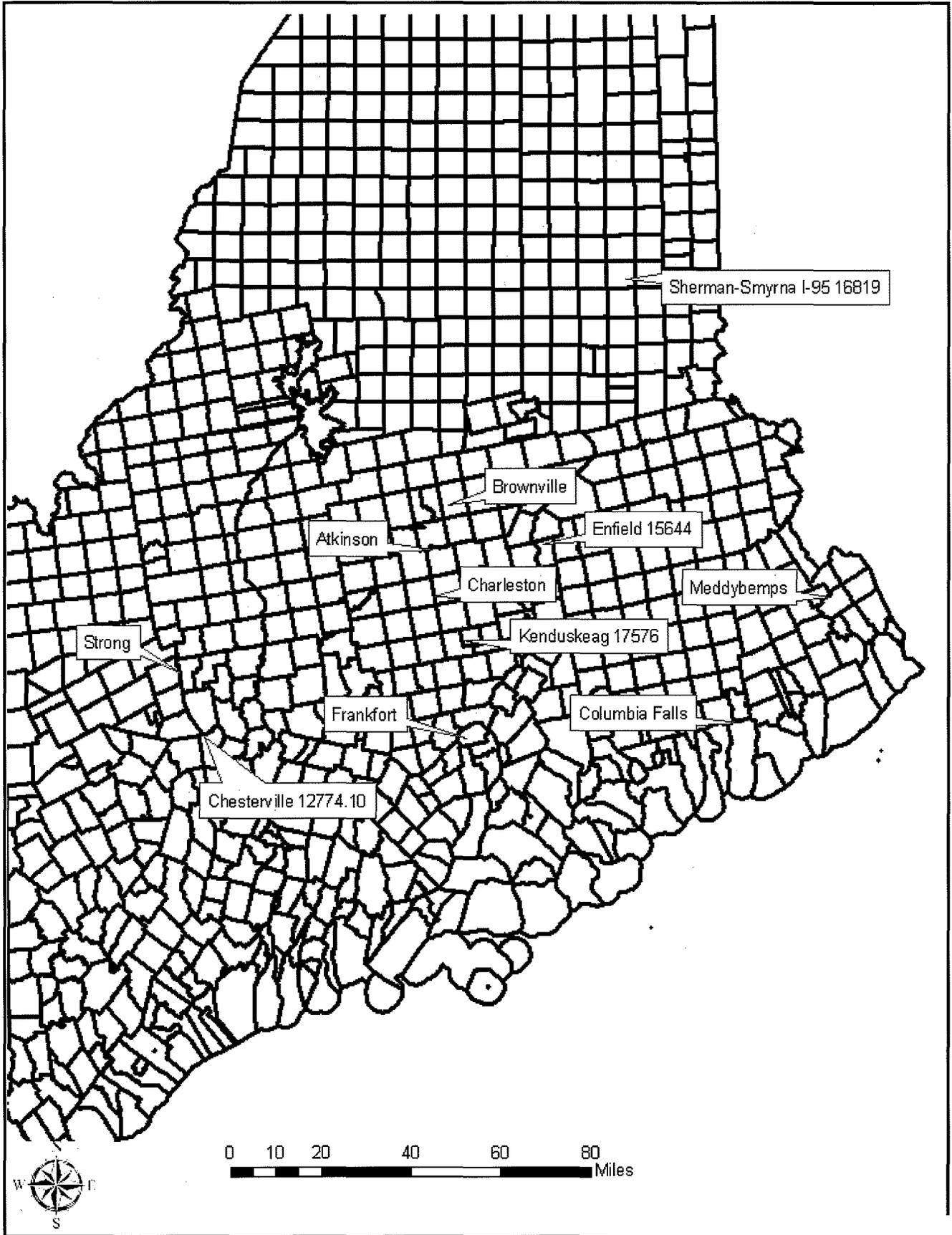
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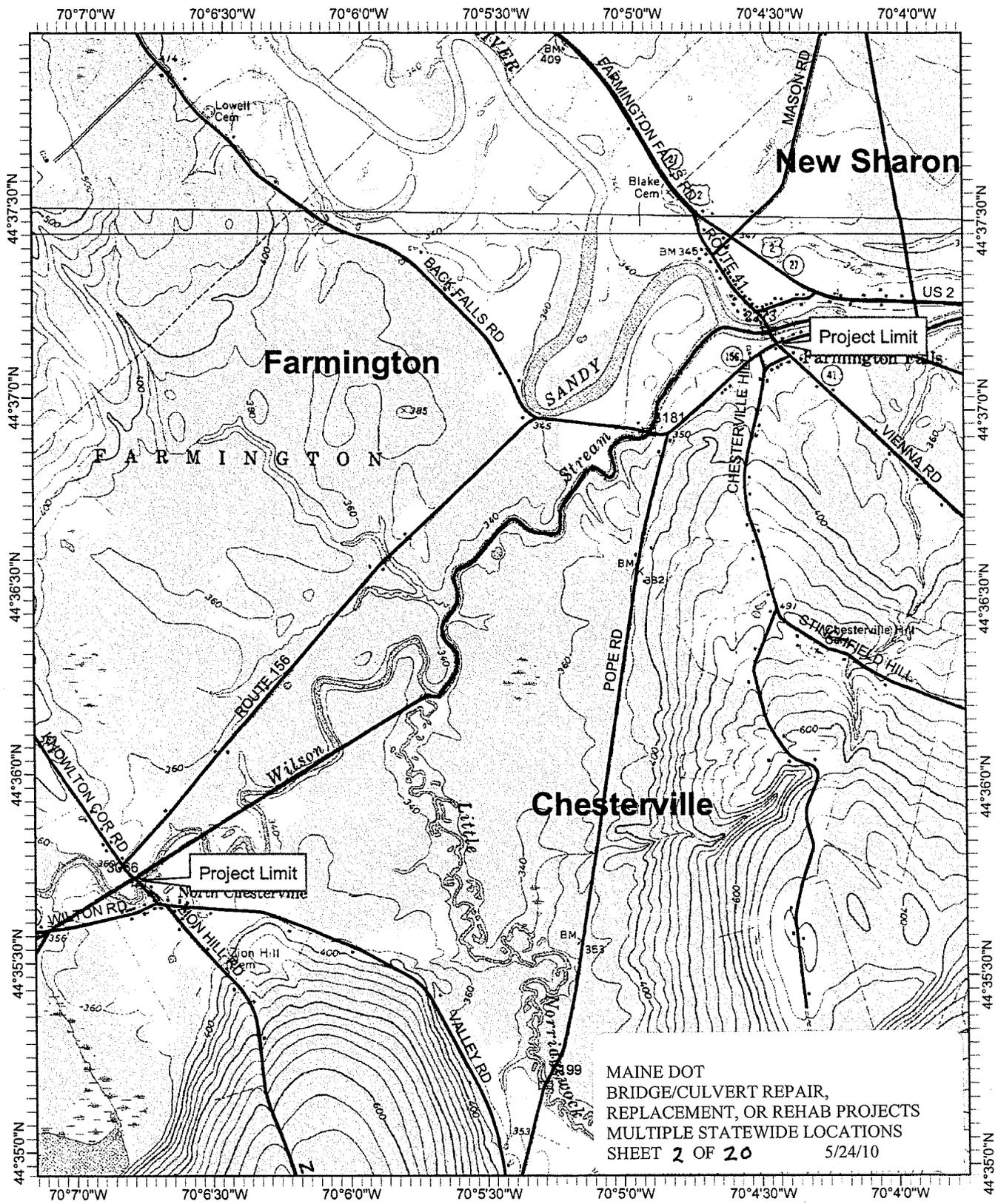
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Frank J. Del Giudice
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

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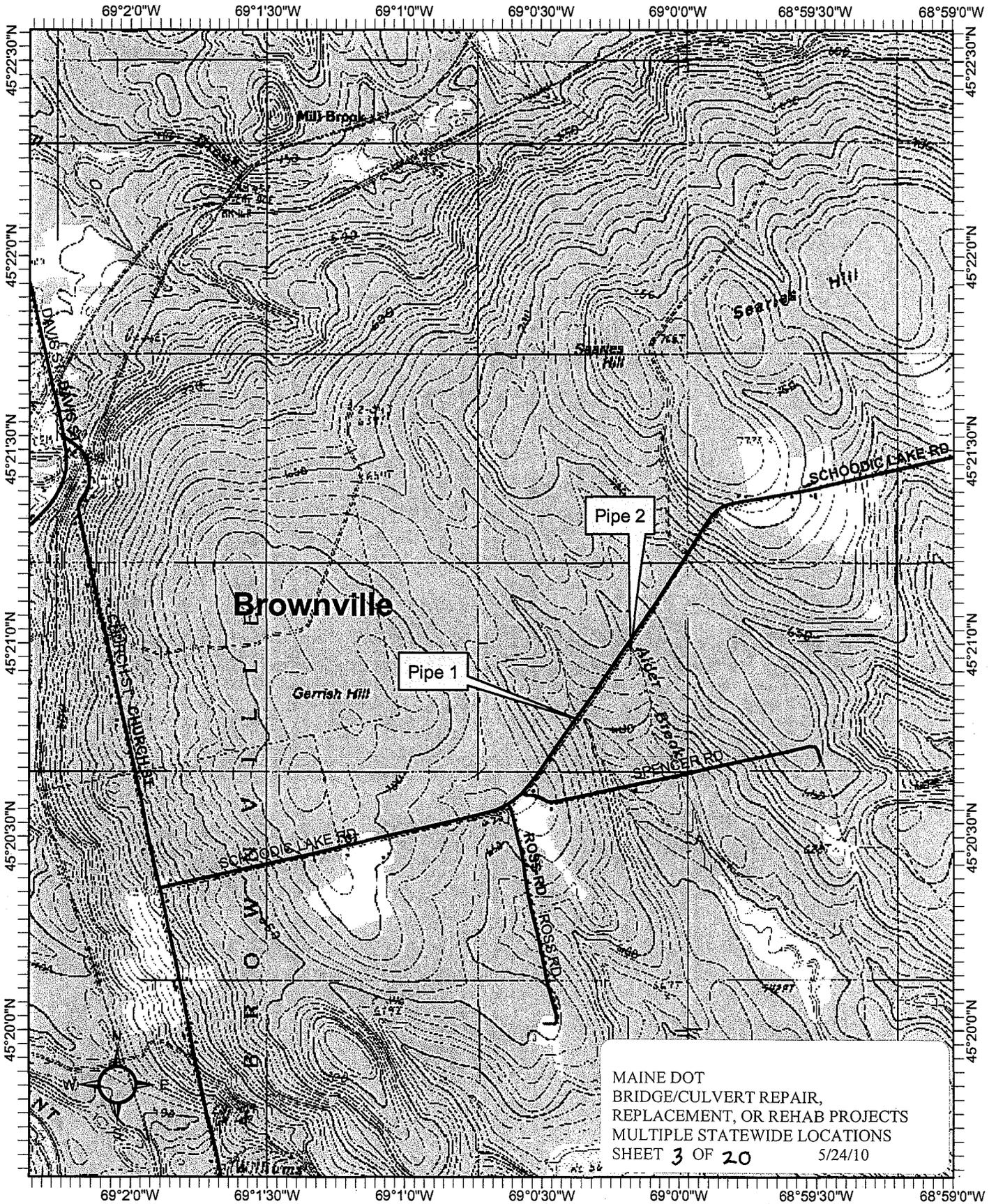
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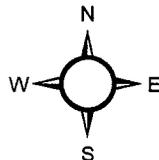


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 MULTIPLE STATEWIDE LOCATIONS
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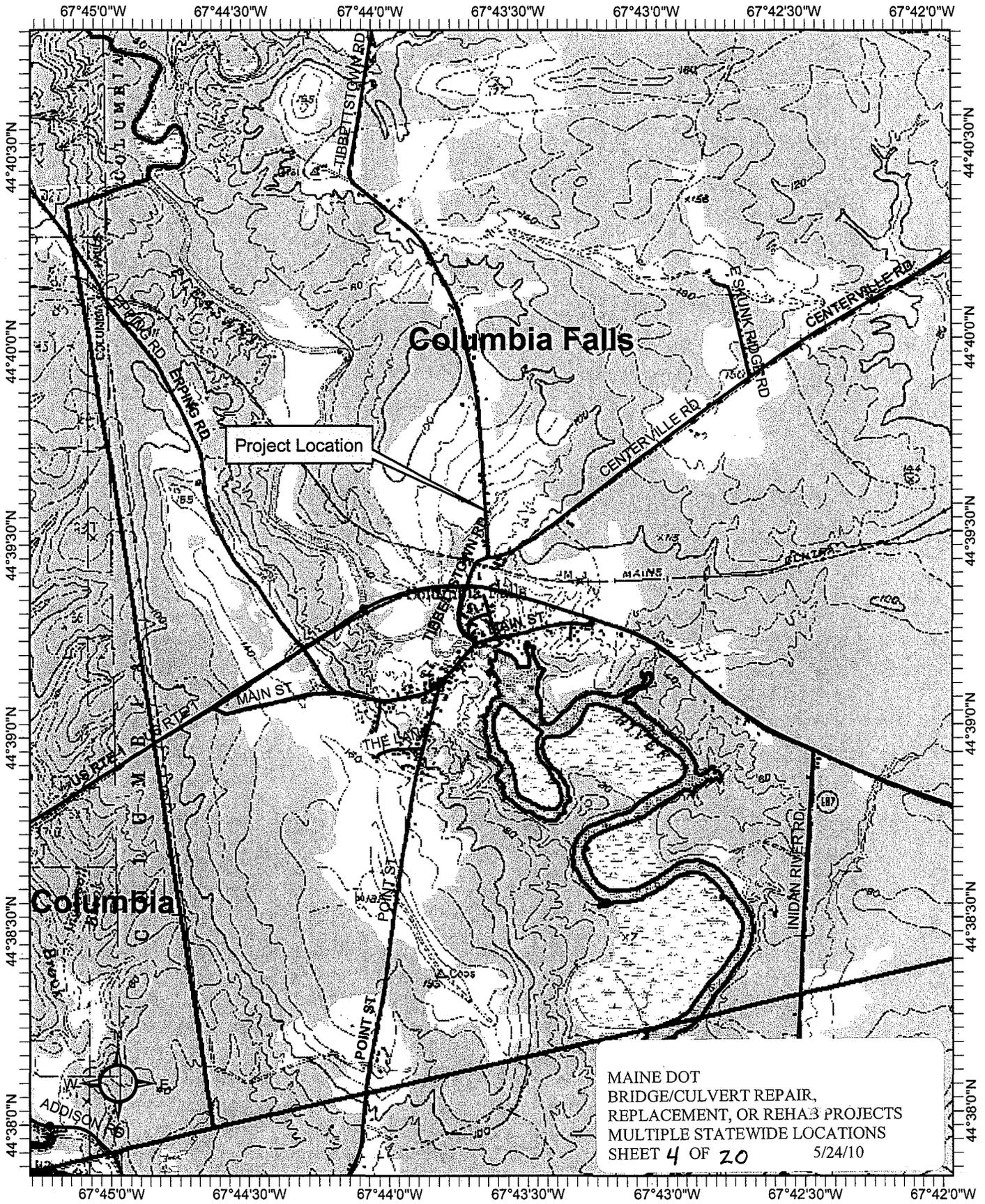
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 Town(s): Brownville
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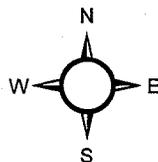


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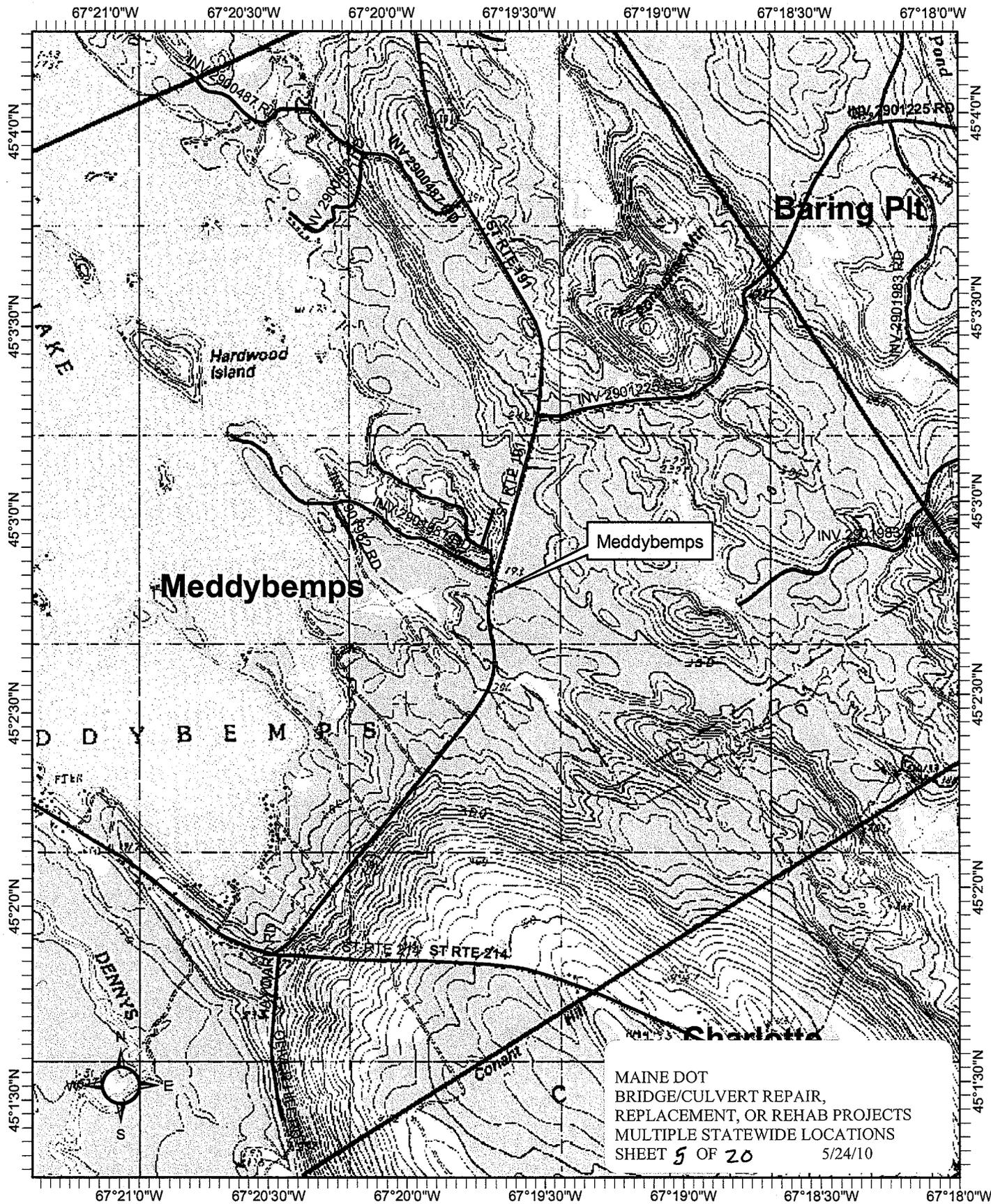
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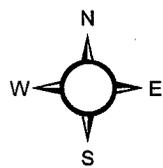
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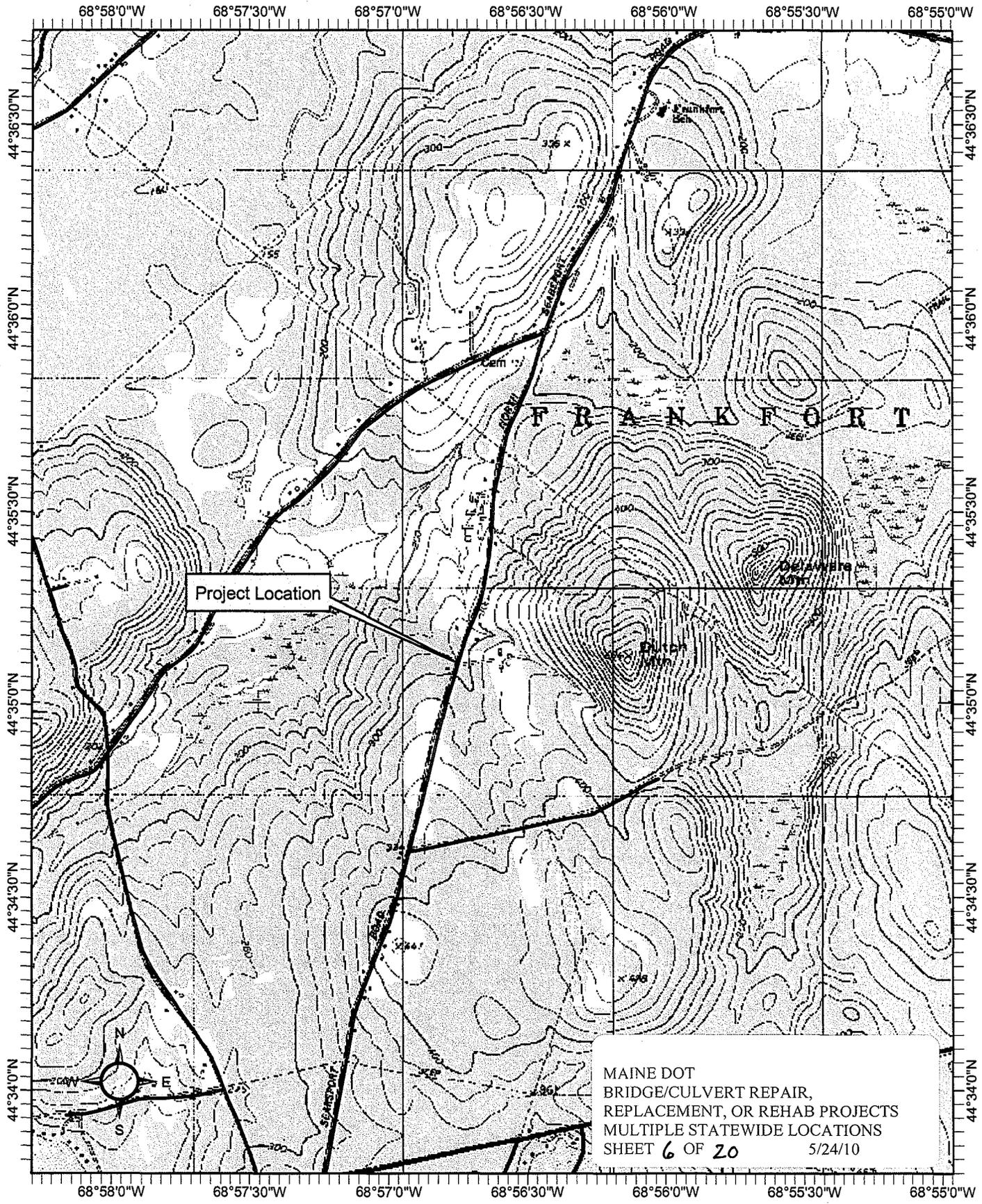
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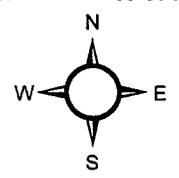
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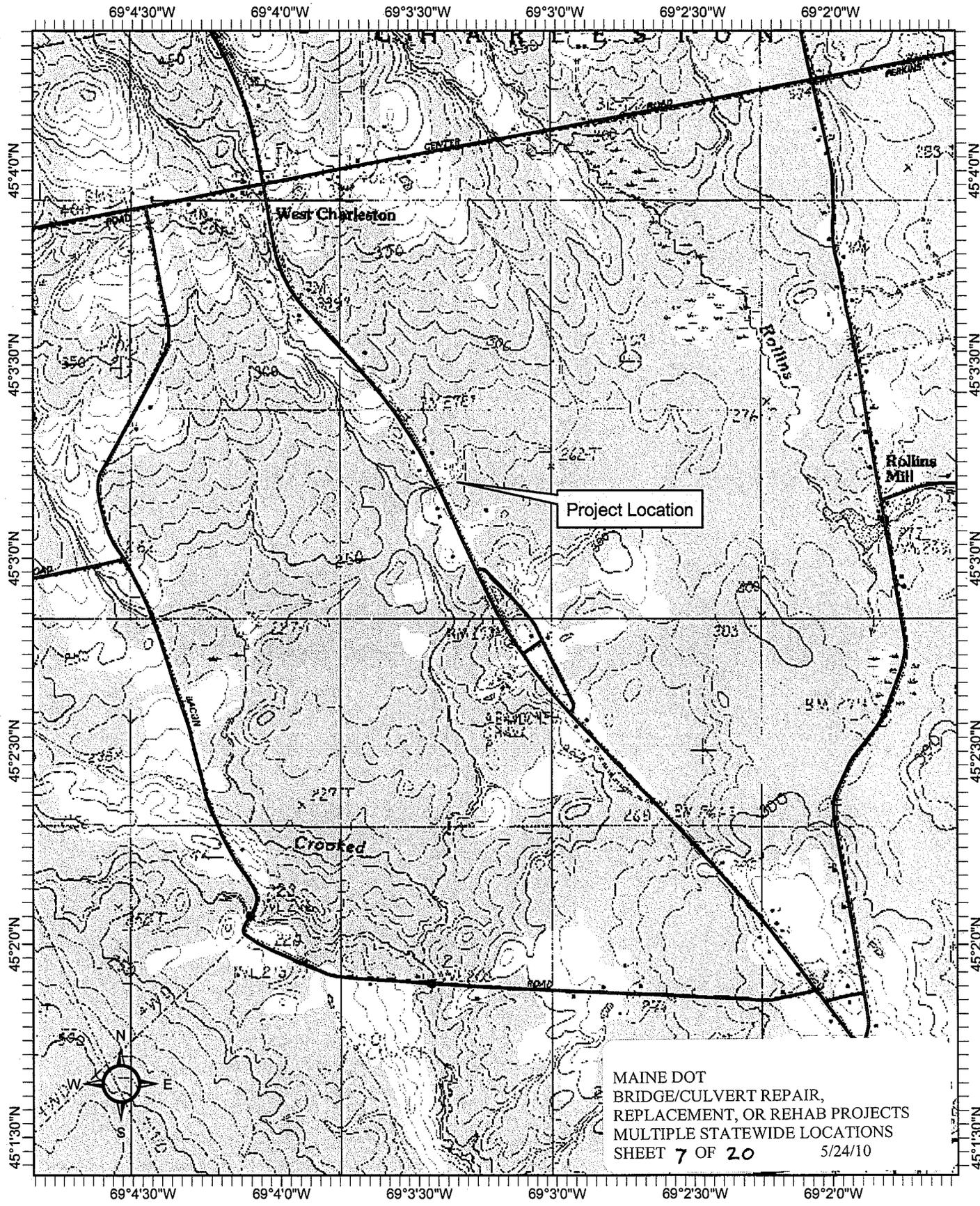
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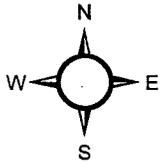


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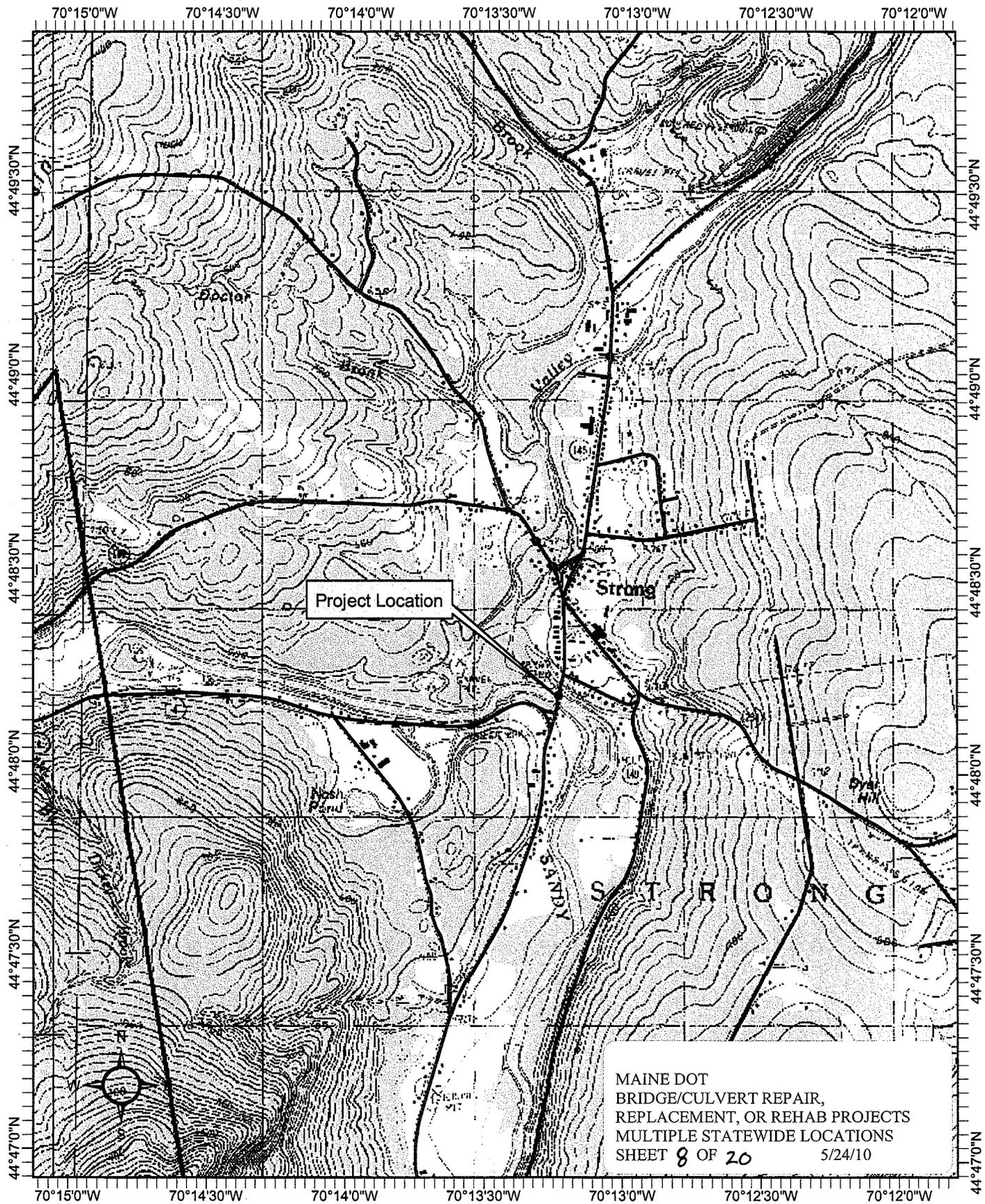


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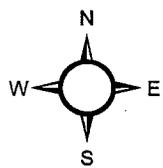


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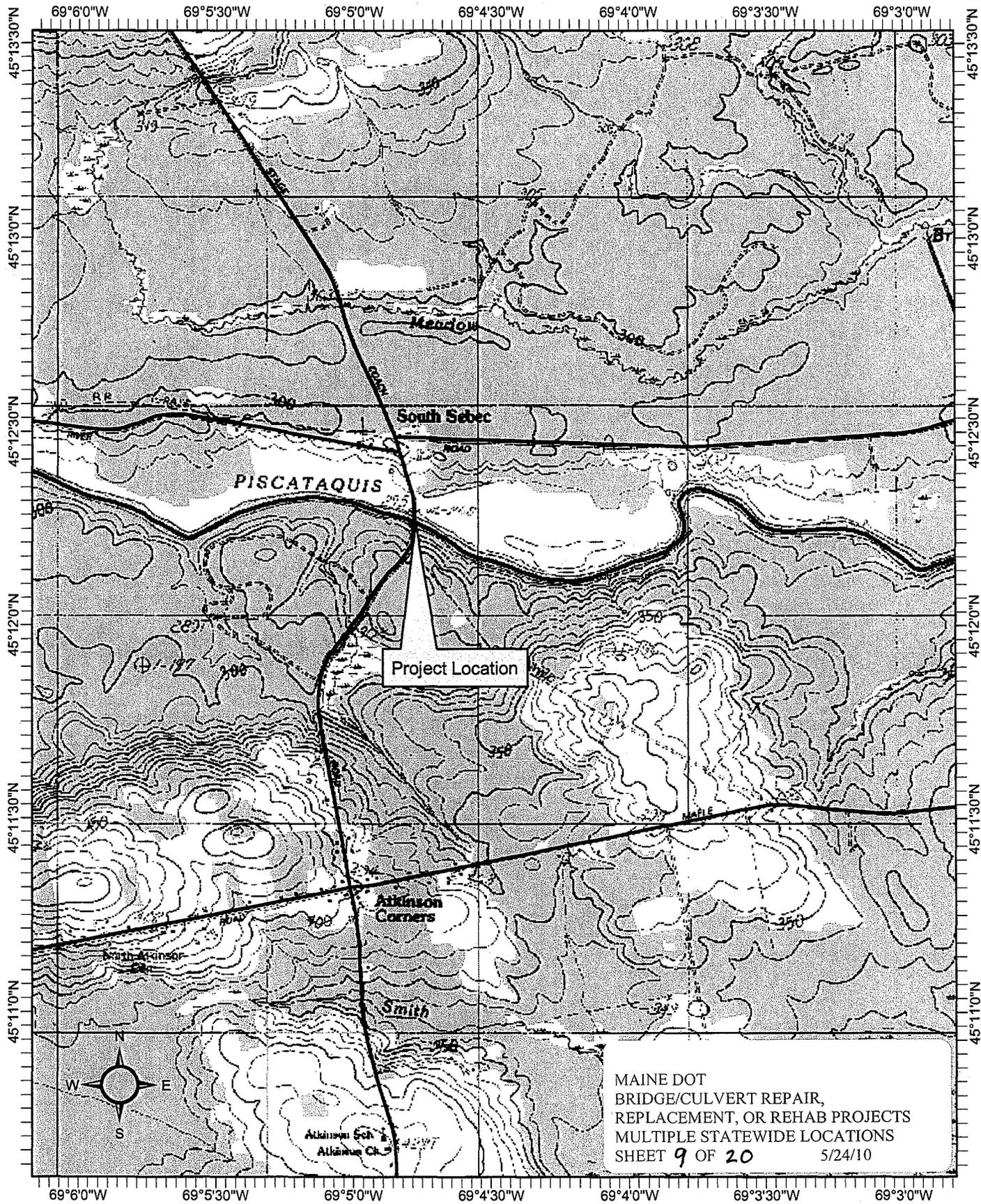


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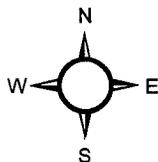
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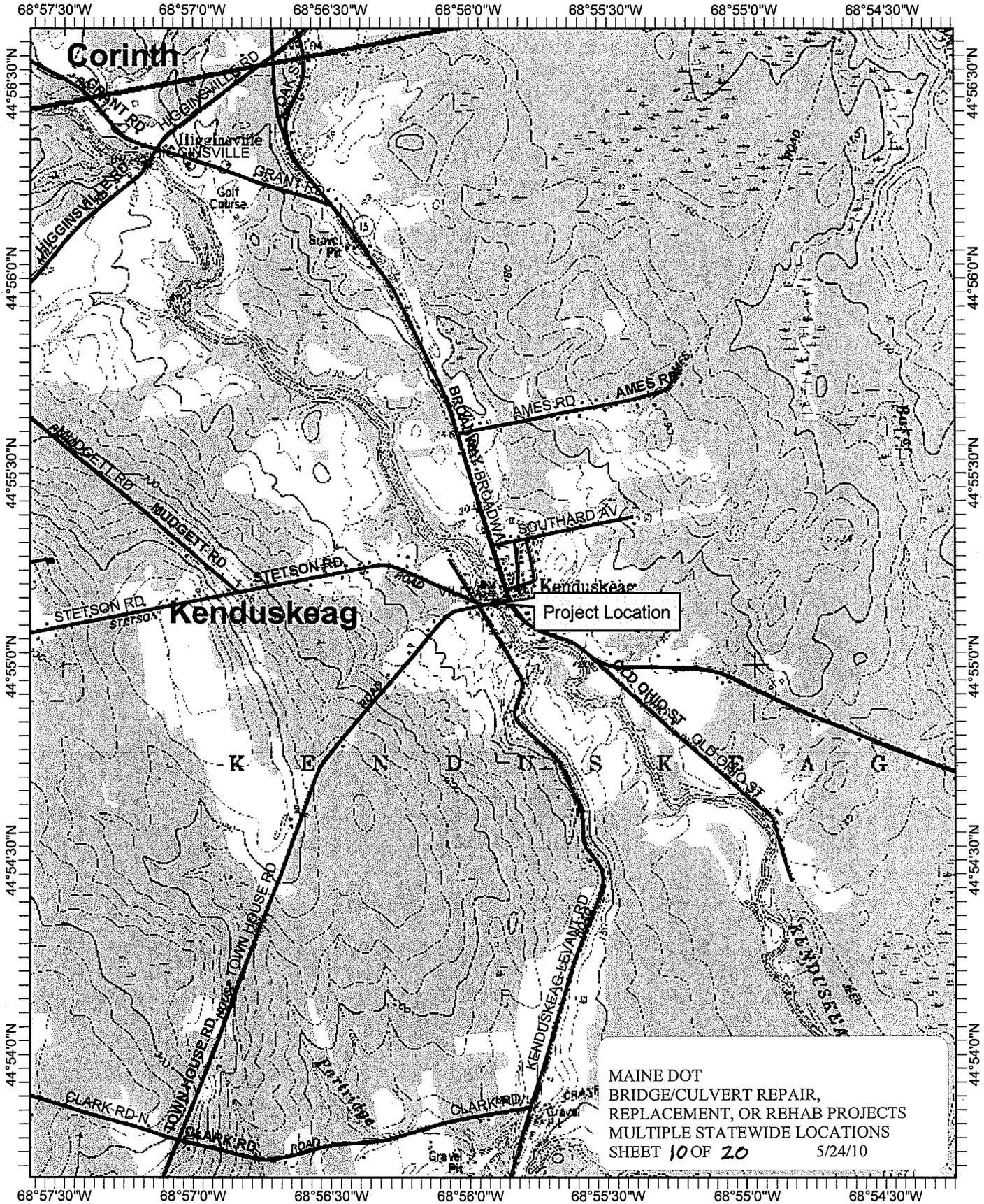
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 Town(s): Atkinson
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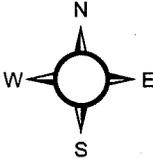


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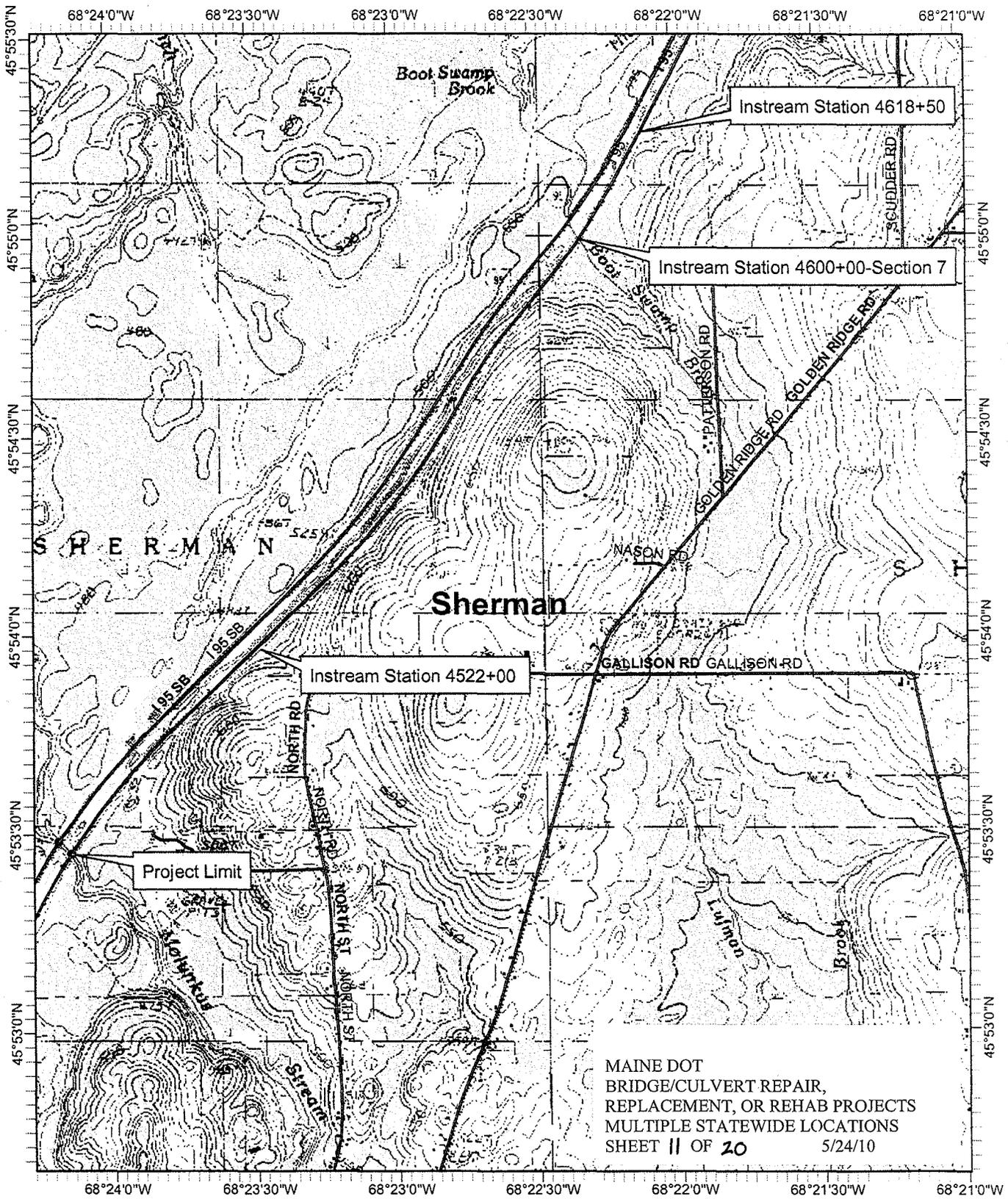


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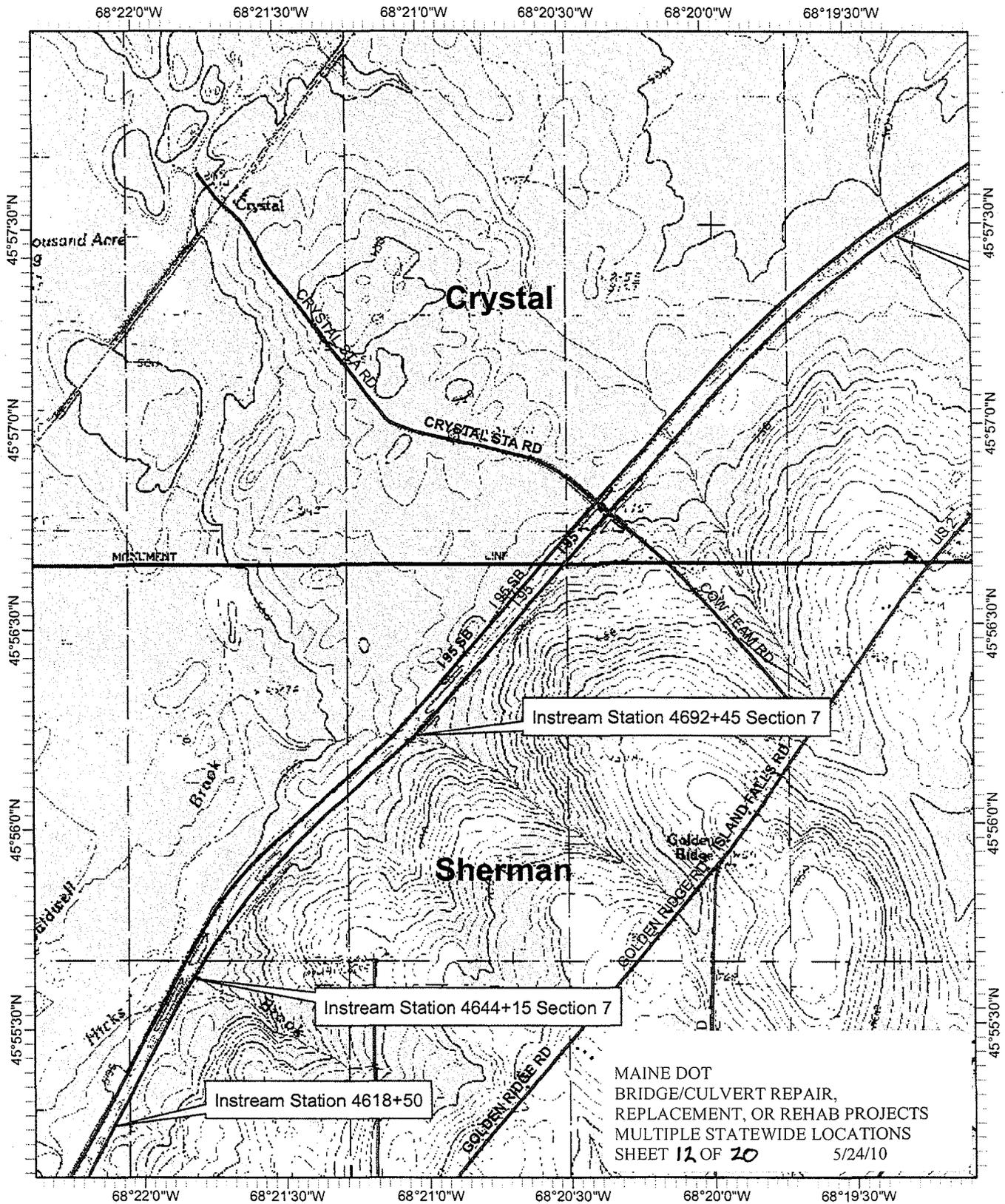
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Date: 4/14/10
 Road Names: Interstate 95
 Town(s): Sherman to Smyrna
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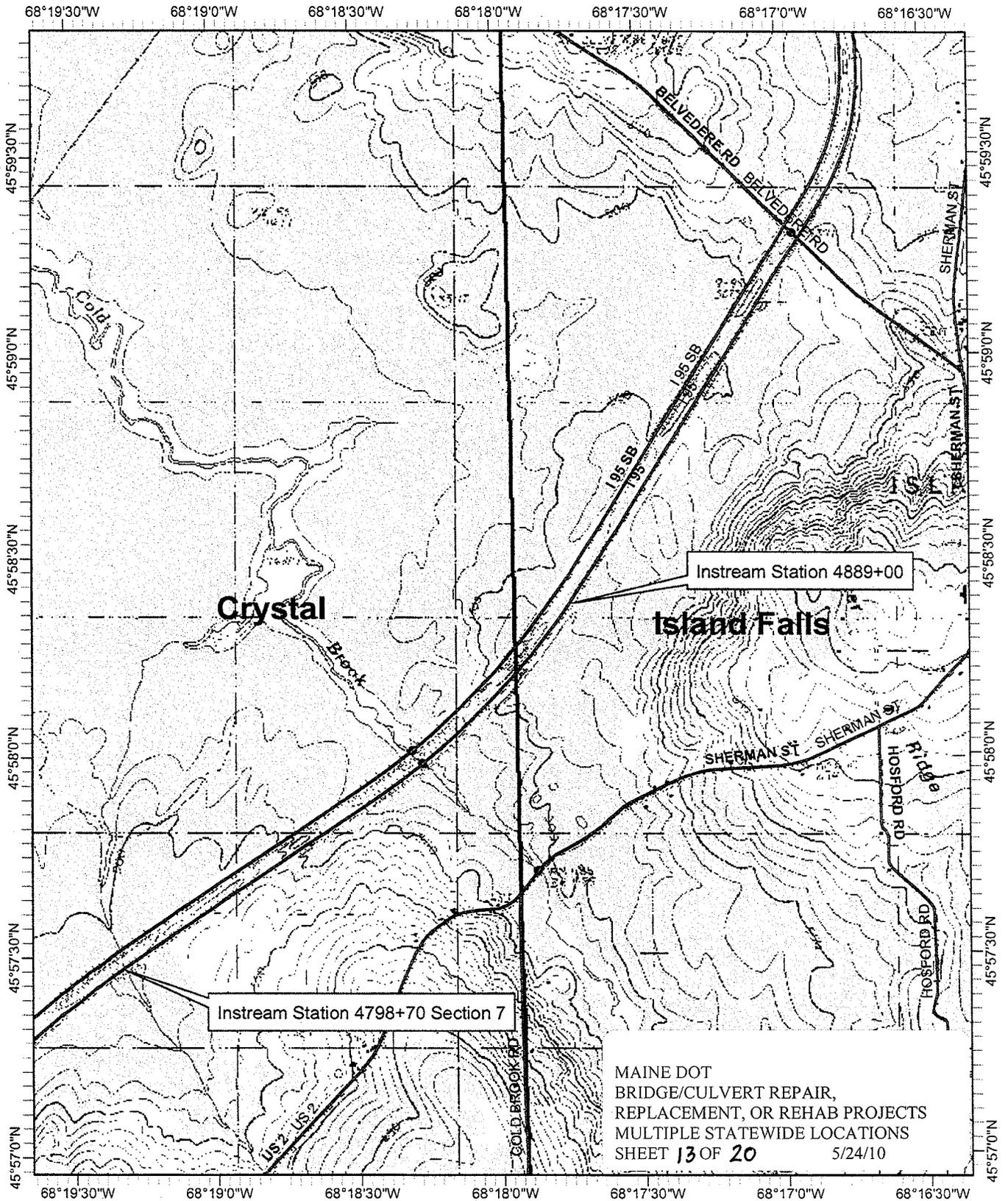


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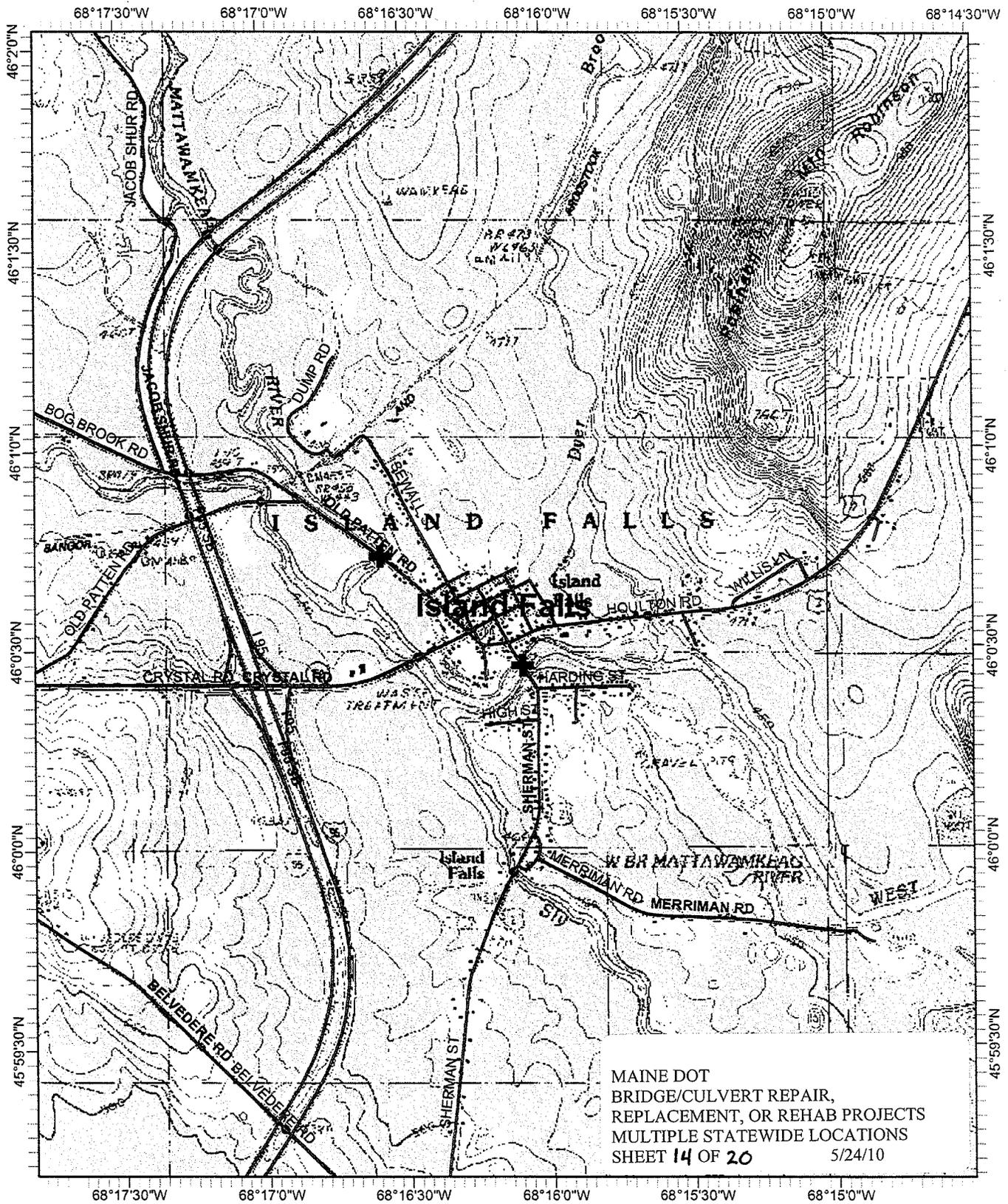


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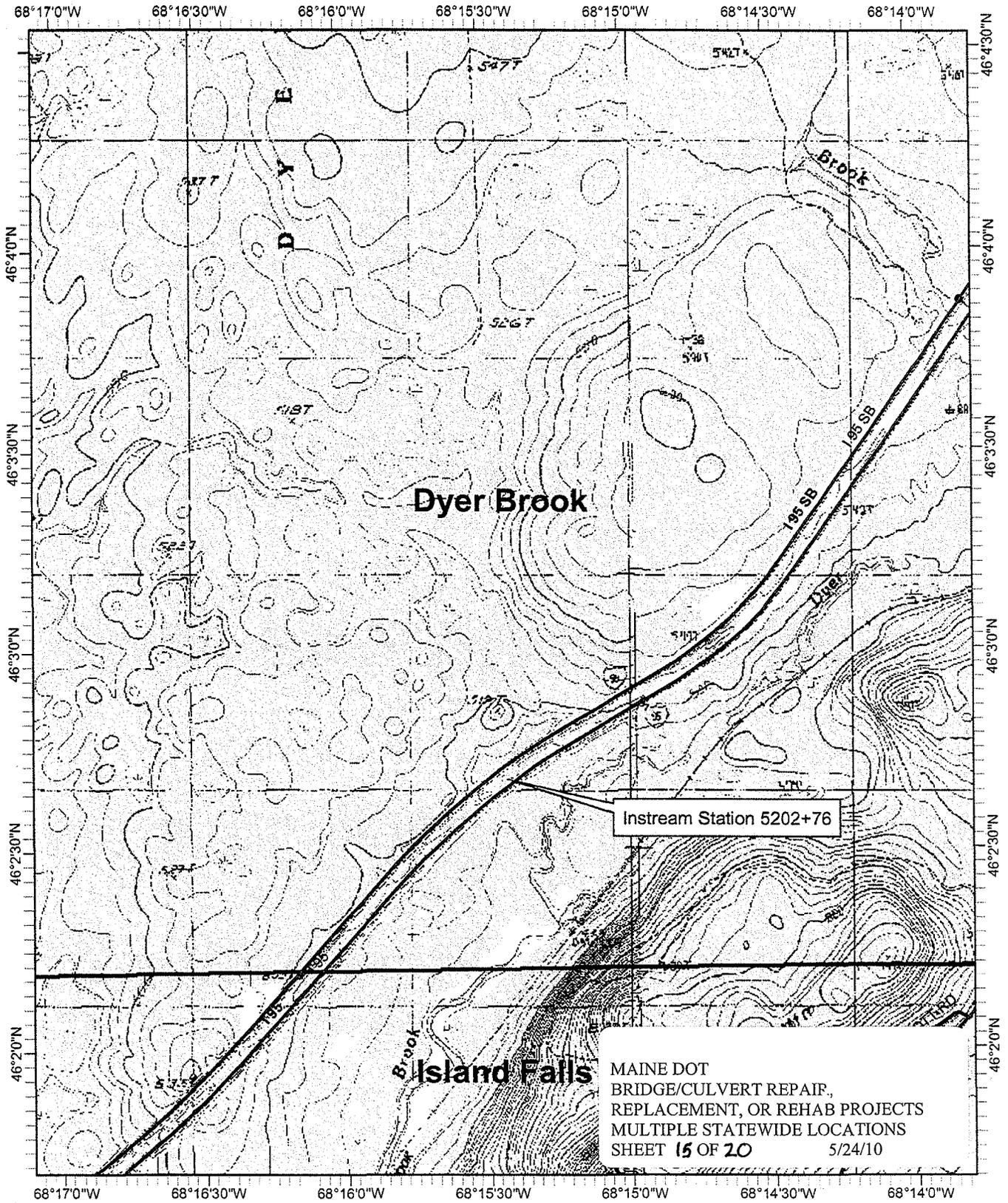
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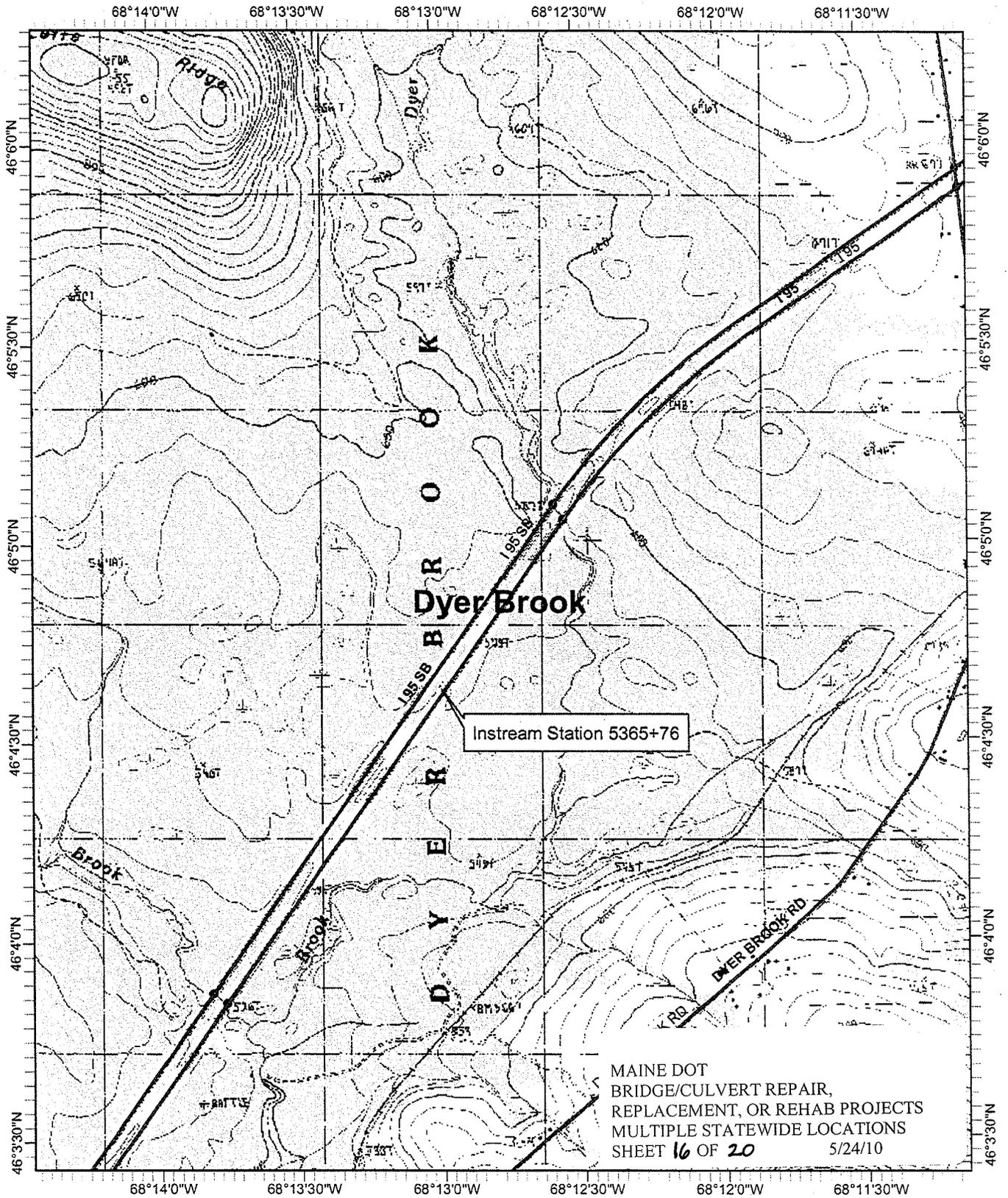
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 Road Names: Interstate 95
 Town(s): Sherman to Smyrna
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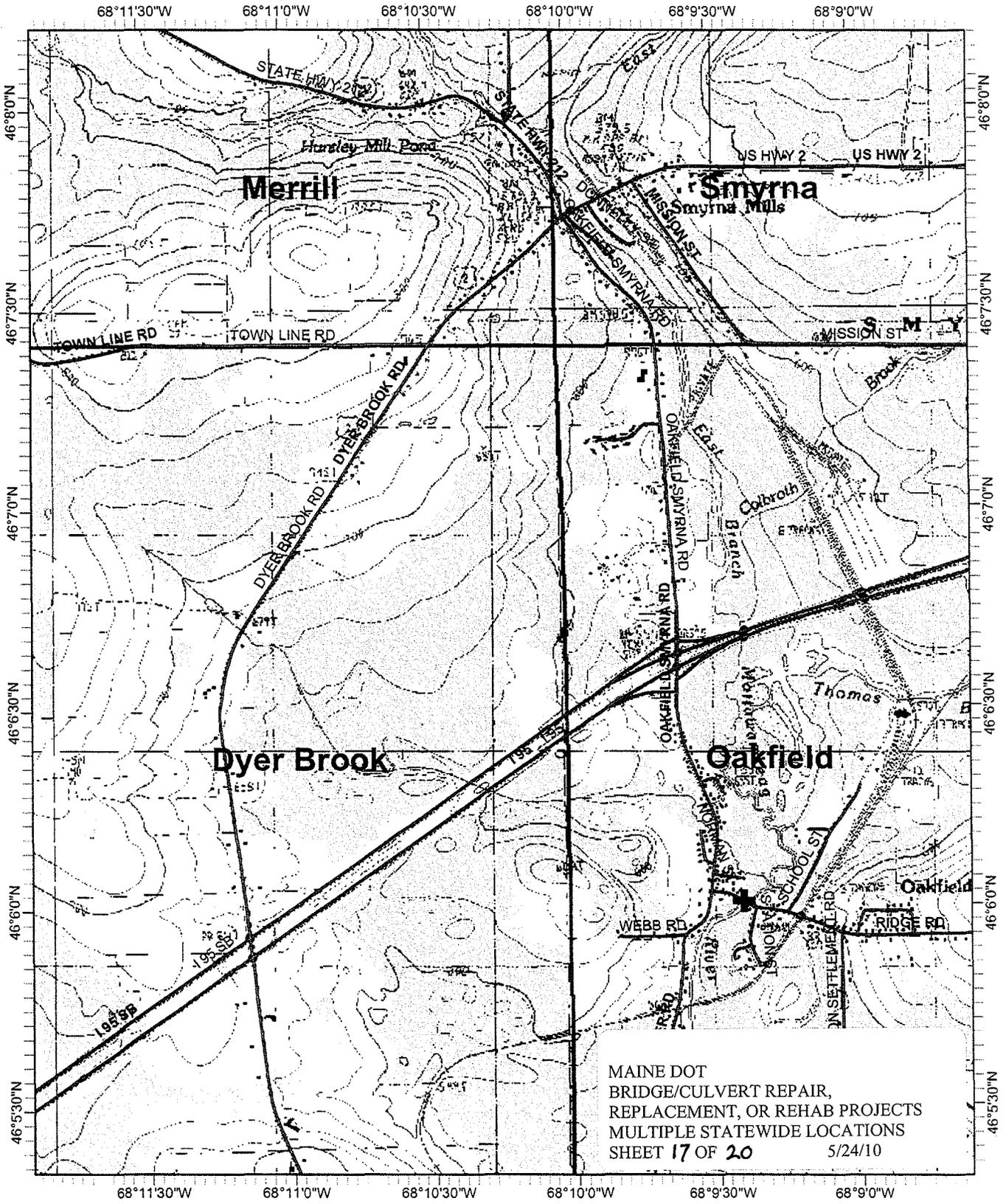


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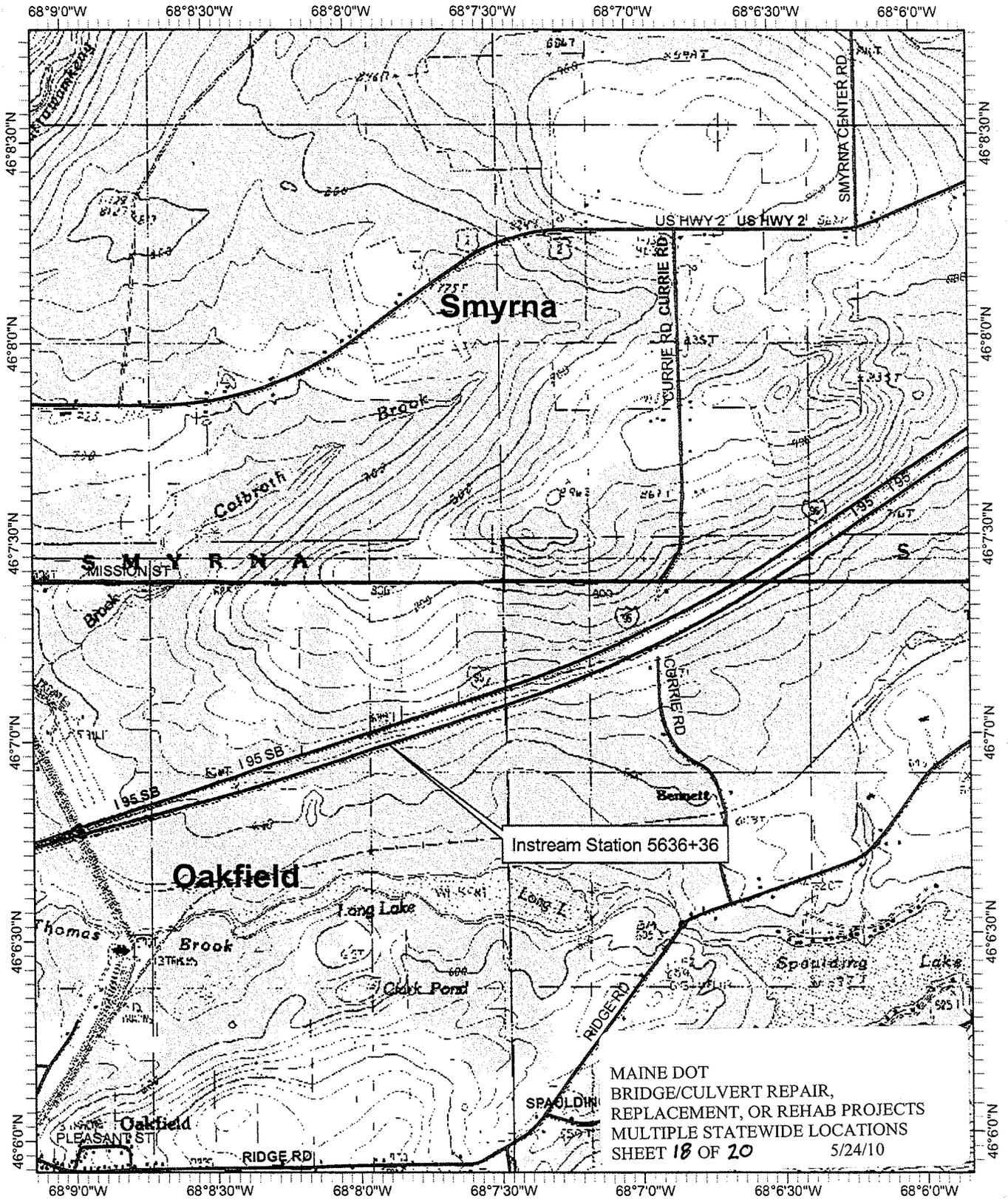
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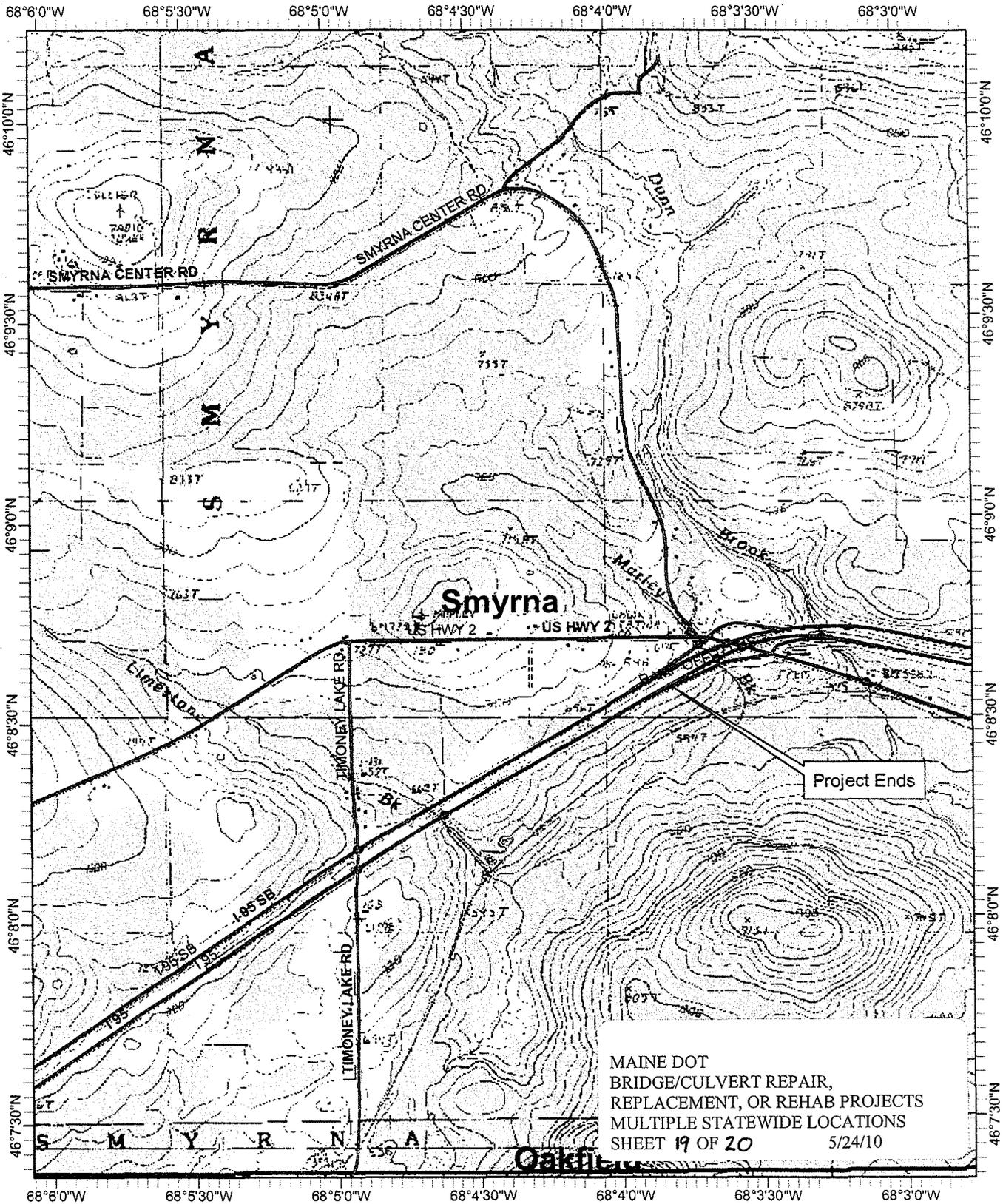


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 Town(s): Sherman to Smyrna
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 Town(s): Sherman to Smyrna
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Project Name	Scope	Location	Scope	Name of Resource	Impacts
Chesterville-Farmington 12774.10	Highway improvements	Route 156	This Project will encompass 1.88 miles of horizontal and vertical realignment for safety improvements. Additional work will include improvements in roadway template, subbase and pavement structure, guardrail, and drainage.	4 Unnamed Tributaries to Wilson Stream; Unnamed wetlands	~11724sq ft wetland/Stream
Brownville	2 Culvert Replacements	Schoodic Lake Rd	Location #1: Replace existing 36" x 40' CMP with 36" x 50' CMP; Location #2: Replace existing 36" x 40' CMP with 36" x 50' CMP	Unnamed Tributary to Alder Brook; Alder Brook	~1160sq ft stream
Columbia Falls	Culvert Replacement	Tiibetstown Road	Replace existing 36" x40' CMP with a 36" x 50' CMP, culvert will be embedded 6" and installed a 1% grade. Rip rap slopes	Unnamed Tributary to Pleasant River	~506sq ft stream
Meddybemps	Culvert Replacement	Route 191	Replace existing 36" x 67' CMP with a 36" x 67' CMP	Unnamed Tributary to Meddybemps Lake	~786sq ft stream
Frankfort	Culvert Replacement	Searsport Rd	Replace existing 36" x 34' CMP with a 36" x 46' CMP	Unnamed Tributary to Marsh Stream	~584sq ft stream
Charleston	Culvert Replacement	M&O Lot	Replace existing 48" x 18' CMP with a 48" x 40' CMP	Unnamed Tributary to Crooked Brook	~700sq ft stream
Strong	Bridge Maintenance	Route 145	Place grout material into fabric grout bags underwater to fill undermined void under bridge pier seal foundation.	Sandy River	~250 sq ft stream
Atkinson	Bridge Maintenance	Stagecoach Rd	Repair the bridge piers by removing deteriorated concrete and replacing the concrete as well as adding approximately 8" of new concrete around the entire pier.	Piscataquis River	~3440sq ft stream
Kenduskeag-17576.00	Bridge Replacement	Townhouse Rd	Bridge replacement with a 114' simple span with a reinforced concrete deck supported on shallow I-girders, with long return wingwalls.	Kenduskeag Stream	3755sq ft wetland/stream
Sherman-Smyrna 16819.00	Highway Improvements	I-95	Highway resurfacing for 39.2 miles, guardrail updates, pipe end replacements, ditching and inslope repair.	Unnamed Tributaries to the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag and Molunkus Stream	~1100 sq ft temporary Stream Impacts