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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **Home Communications, Inc.**

Which of the following best describes you?
(Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area**

I am providing comments related to the following application (choose one): **IdeaTek-NorthMcPherson**

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Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

[Home_Communications_CLEC_-_IdeaTek.zip](#)

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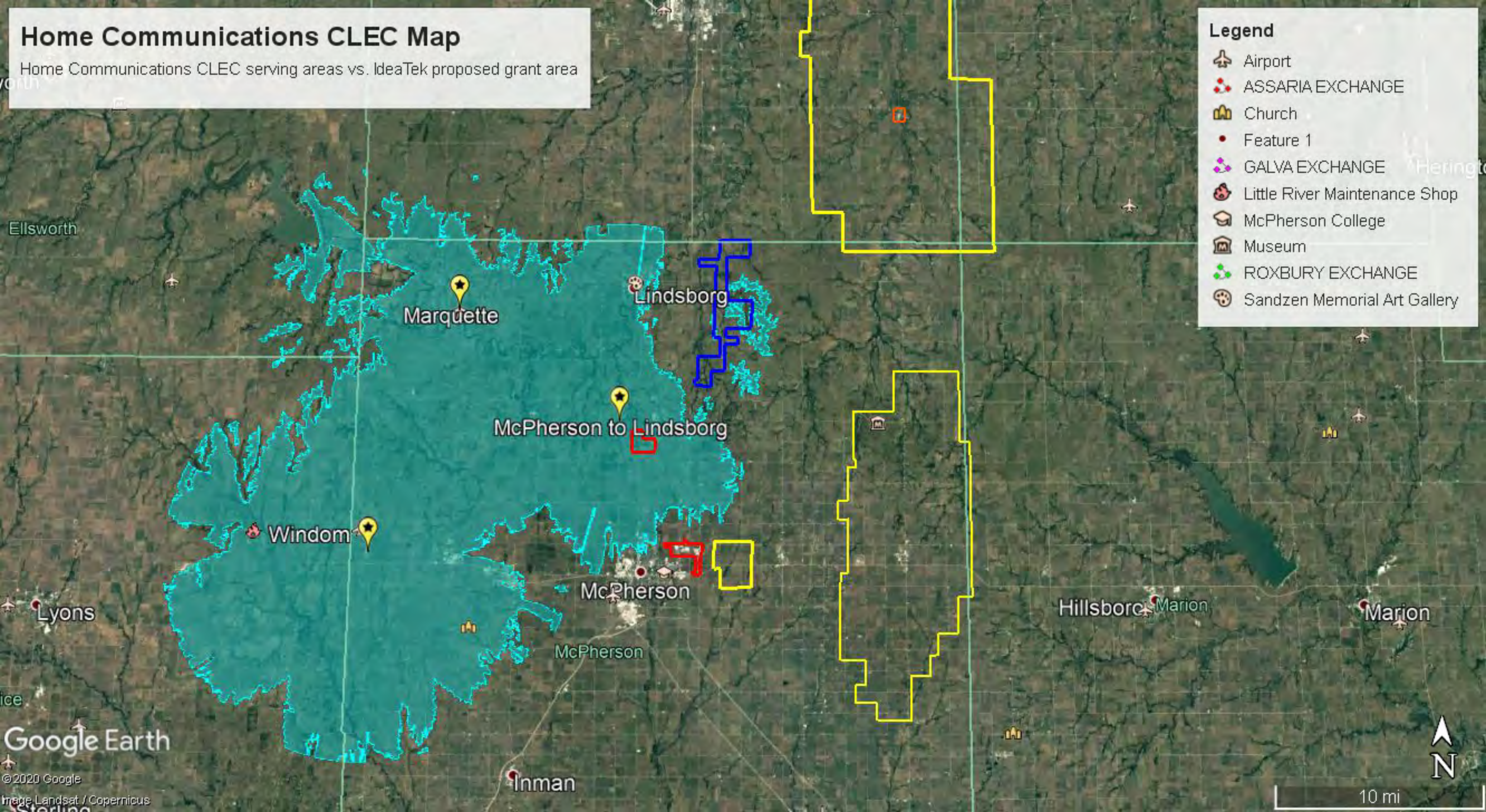
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Home Communications CLEC Map

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Includes:

- Digital Key Pad
- 1 Wireless Key Fab
- 1 Pet Sensitive Motion Detector
- 3 Window/Door Sensors
- 1 Yard Sign & Decals

\$299.00
multiple add-ons available



**36 Month Contract Required.

Standard Monitoring

\$26.95 per mo.

With our Standard Monitoring Fee you are able to arm and disarm your security system from the digital key pad and/or wireless key fab. You can also monitor which device you want engaged.

Total Connect

\$34.95 per mo.

Choose our Total Connect Monitoring to access your security system features from your smart phone. Simply download the Total Connect App and access your system from anywhere in the world.

Total Connect + Camera

\$41.95 per mo.

If you choose to have cameras incorporated with your security system, you can access that video feed from the Total Connect App from your smart phone or device. Not only will you be able to view your cameras but you can also arm and disarm your system from anywhere in the world.

Premium

\$61.95 per mo.

If you have made your home fully automated with door locks, light switches, and other smart features, the Premium Monitoring is what you need. You will be able to fully control all of your homes functions at your finger tips.

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VARIETY TIER - \$10.99 PER MONTH

61 ESPN Classic	203 CNBC World
65 SEC-ESPN Network	209 Military History
67 Fox Sports 2	210 American Heroes
68 ACC	216 Nat. Geographic WILD
125 Game Show Network	219 Destination America
128 C & I	221 Outdoor
136 Lifetime Real Women	223 RFD
156 Cooking	260 Flix
158 Discovery Life	262 Movie Plex
189 GAC	266 FX Movie

STARZ & ENCORE - \$13.50 PER MONTH

340 Starz	352 Encore
342 Starz Cinema	356 Encore Suspense
344 Starz Kids	358 Encore Family
346 Starz Comedy	360 Encore Action
348 Starz Edge	362 Encore Classic

SHOWTIME & TMC - \$17.50 PER MONTH

375 Showtime	385 Showtime Extreme
377 Show2	387 Showtime Beyond
379 Showtime Showcase	389 Showtime Next
381 Showtime Familyzone	391 TMC
383 Showtime Women	393 TMC Extra

WEB & WATCH CHANNELS

2 Local	115 USA
3 KSNW	116 TBS
5 Ion	117 Freeform
6 Justice	118 SyFy
8 KPTS	120 TNT
10 KAKE	121 FX
11 Me TV	124 TV Land
12 KWCH	126 A&E
13 KWCH -WX	127 Tru TV
14 PBS Explore	131 FXX
15 PBS Create	134 Lifetime
16 Heroes & Icons	135 Lifetime Movies
17 Circle	139 Oxygen
23 QVC	141 OWN
24 KSAS	142 Hallmark
25 ANT TV	143 Hallmark Movies & Mysteries
26 Comet	144 Hallmark Drama
27 Start TV	147 E!
28 TBD	152 HGTV
33 KSCW	153 DIY
34 Decades TV	155 Food Network
36 My TV	161 Comedy Central
37 Stadium TV	165 Paramount Network
38 Charge!	167 Bravo
45 Tennis Channel	170 MTV
48 Olypmic Channel	174 VH1
50 CSPAN	188 CMT
51 CSPAN2	191 The Weather Channel
52 CSPAN3	192 CNN
53 HSN	193 Fox News
55 TBN	194 FBN
60 ESPN	195 CNBC
62 ESPNews	197 HLN
63 ESPNU	199 MSNBC
64 ESPN2	205 FYI
66 Fox Sports 1	206 History
72 NBC Sports	207 VICE
74 Golf	211 Science
76 Fox Sports Midwest	212 Investigation Discovery
91 CBSSN	213 TLC
98 Disney	215 Animal Planet
99 Disney XD	217 National Geographic
100 Disney Junior	218 Discovery
103 Universal Kids	231 BET
107 Cartoon	240 Travel
110 Discovery Family	264 TCM
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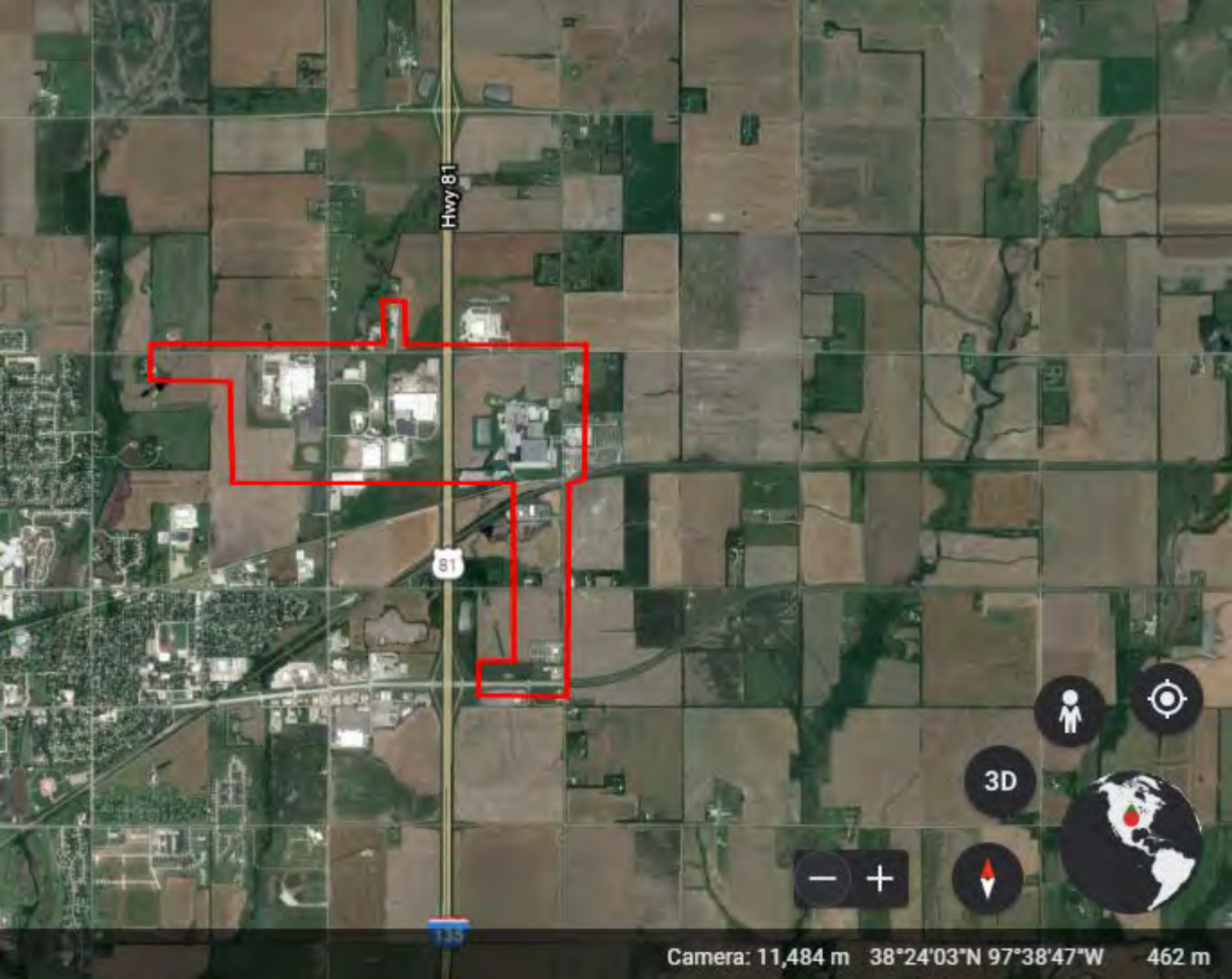
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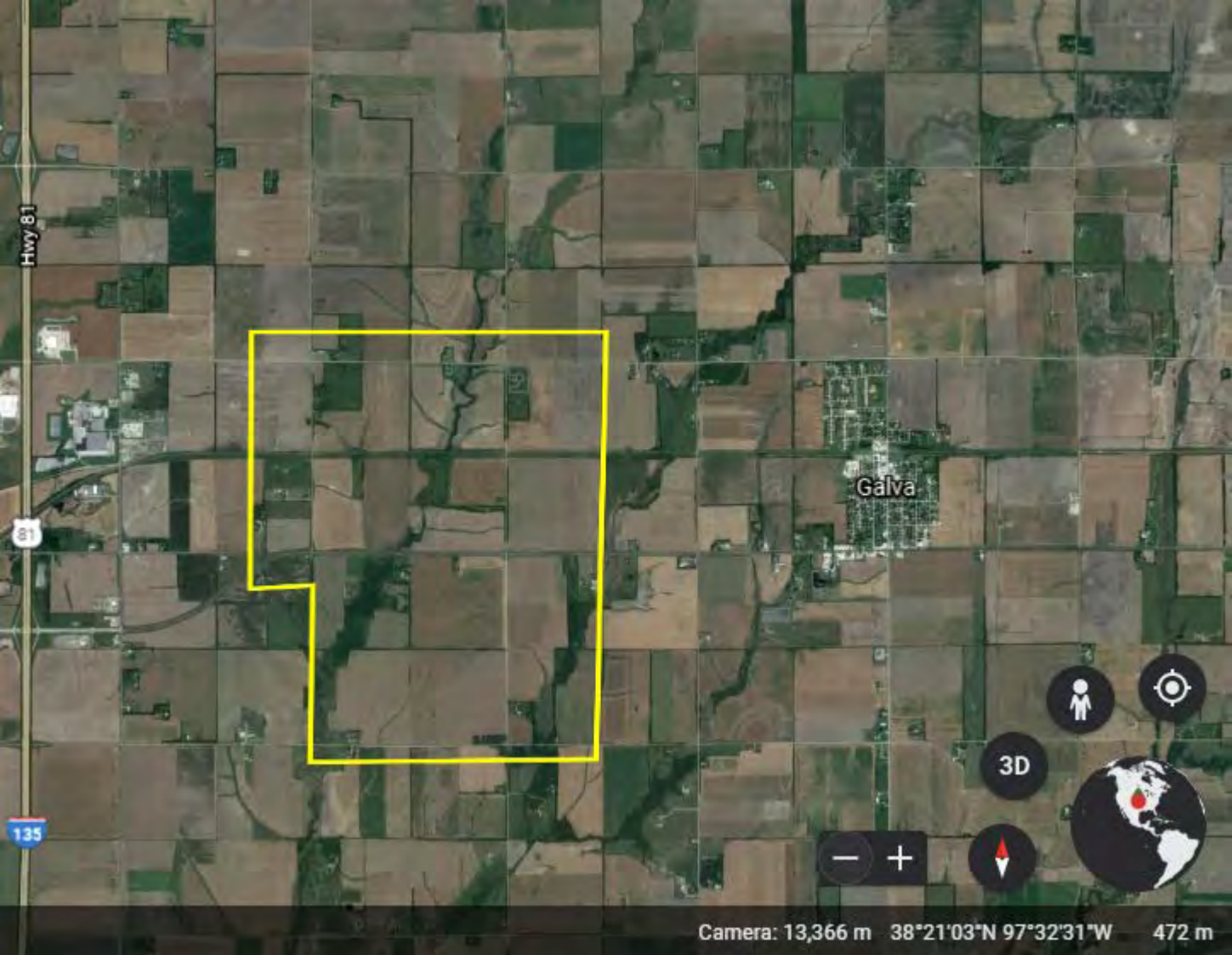
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462 m

3D



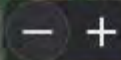
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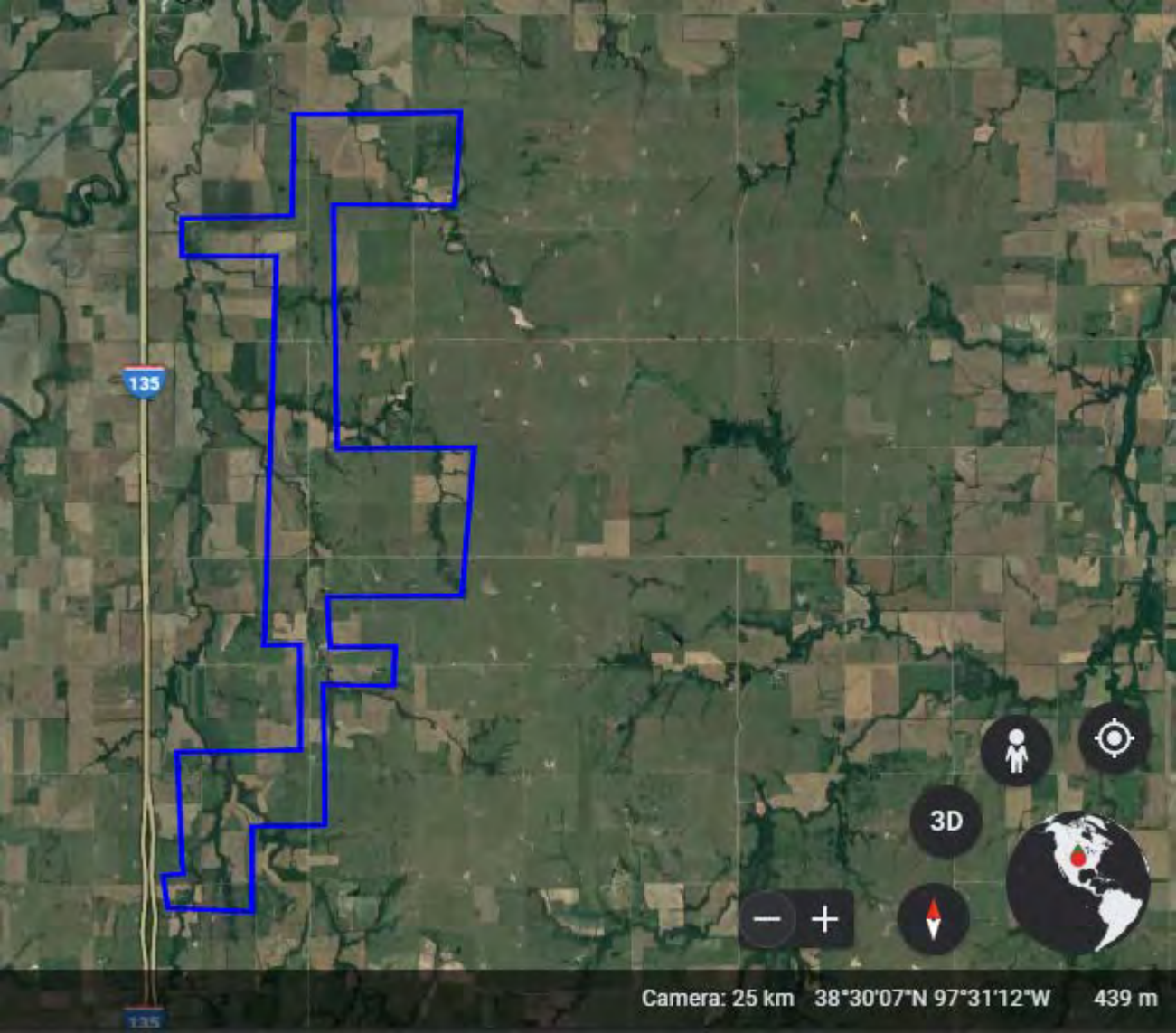
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Camera: 13,366 m 38°21'03"N 97°32'31"W 472 m



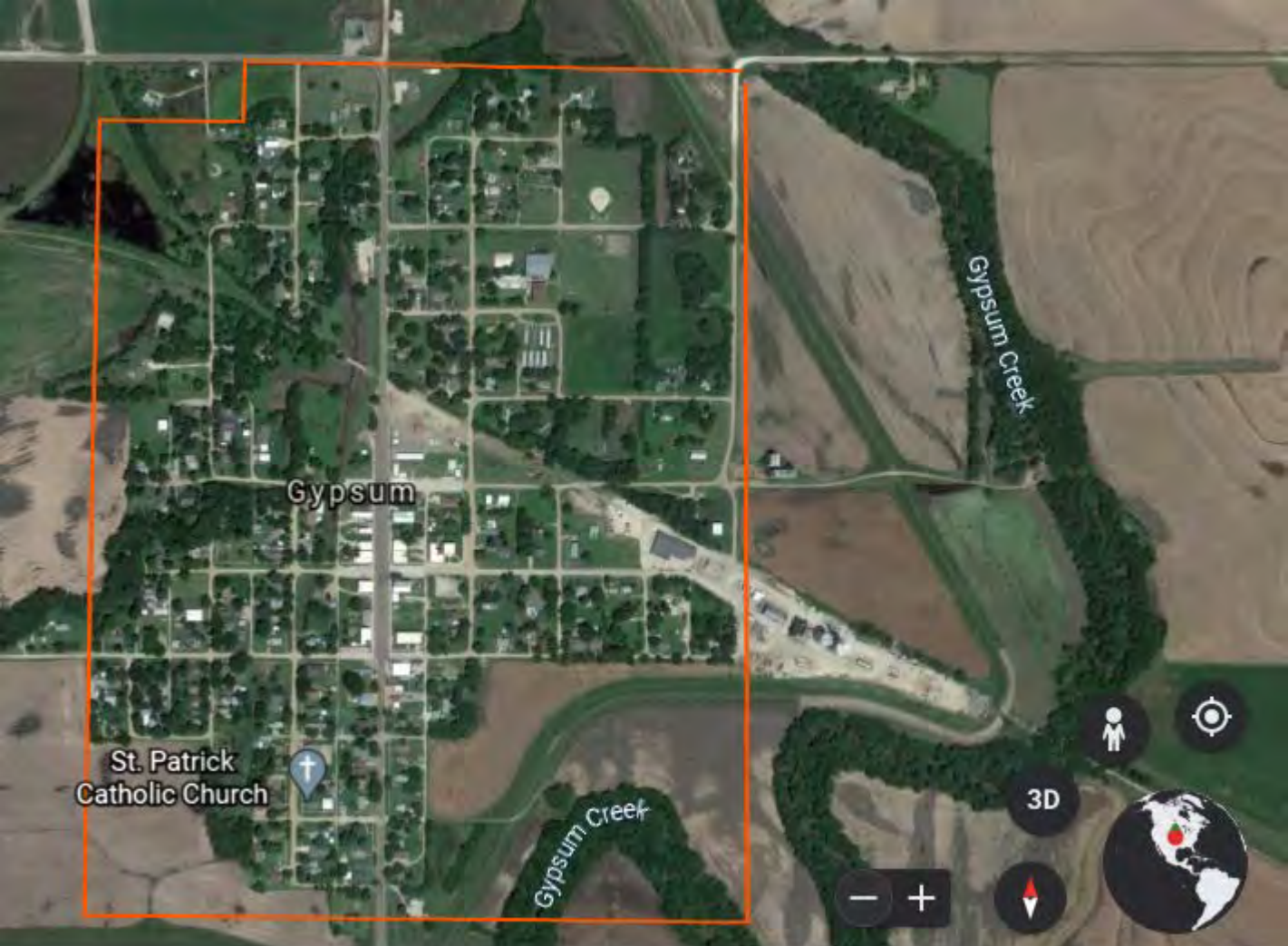
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Camera: 25 km 38°30'07"N 97°31'12"W 439 m



Gypsum

St. Patrick
Catholic Church

Gypsum Creek

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Hill River

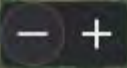
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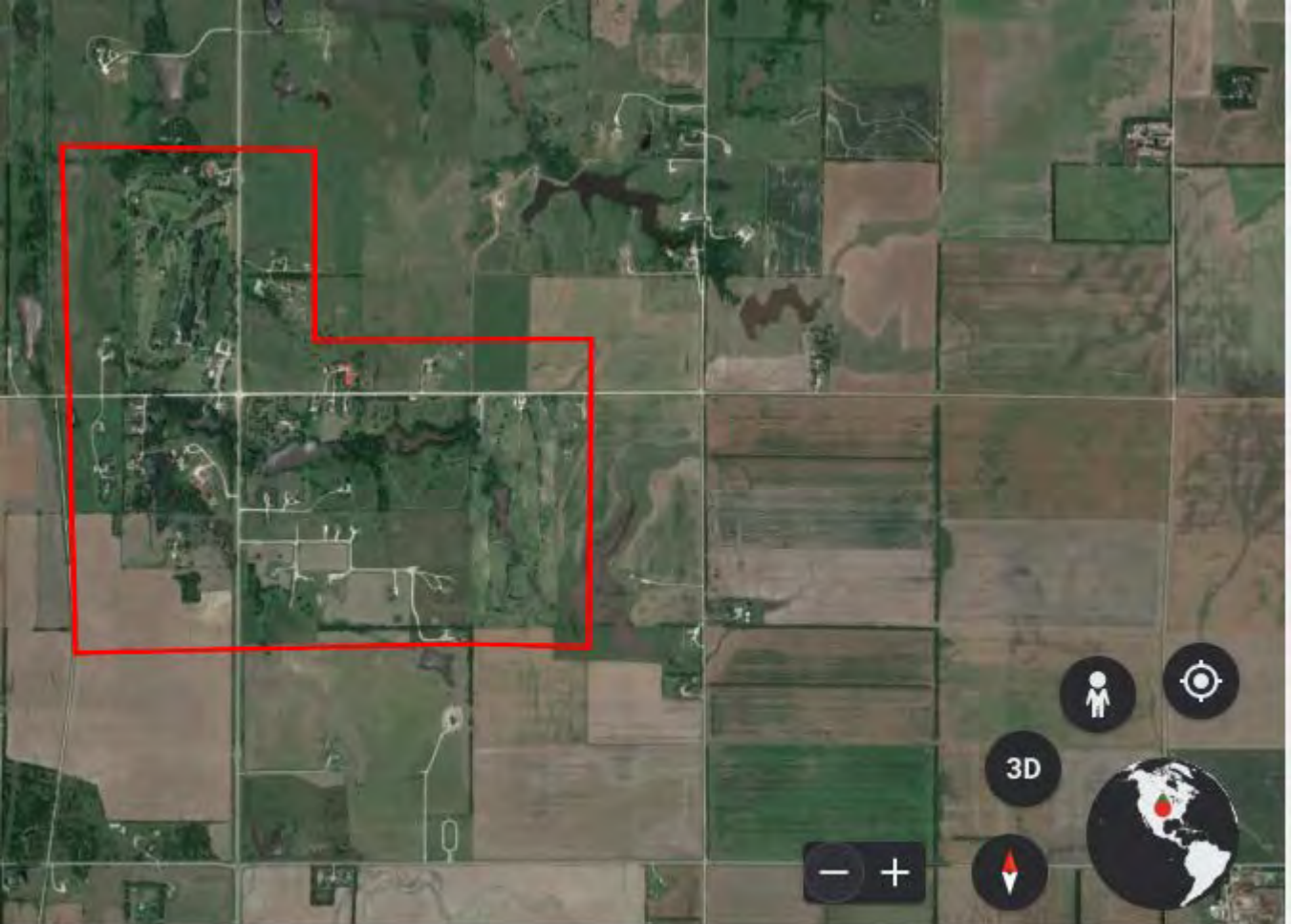


Roxbury

Camera: 52 km 38°34'04"N 97°17'57"W

468 m

Tampa



Camera: 6,399 m 38°28'33"N 97°40'47"W 450 m



Tampa

Durham

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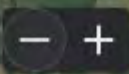
Canton

Lehigh

Hillsboro



3D



Goessel

Camera: 66 km 38°15'10"N 97°18'09"W

467 m

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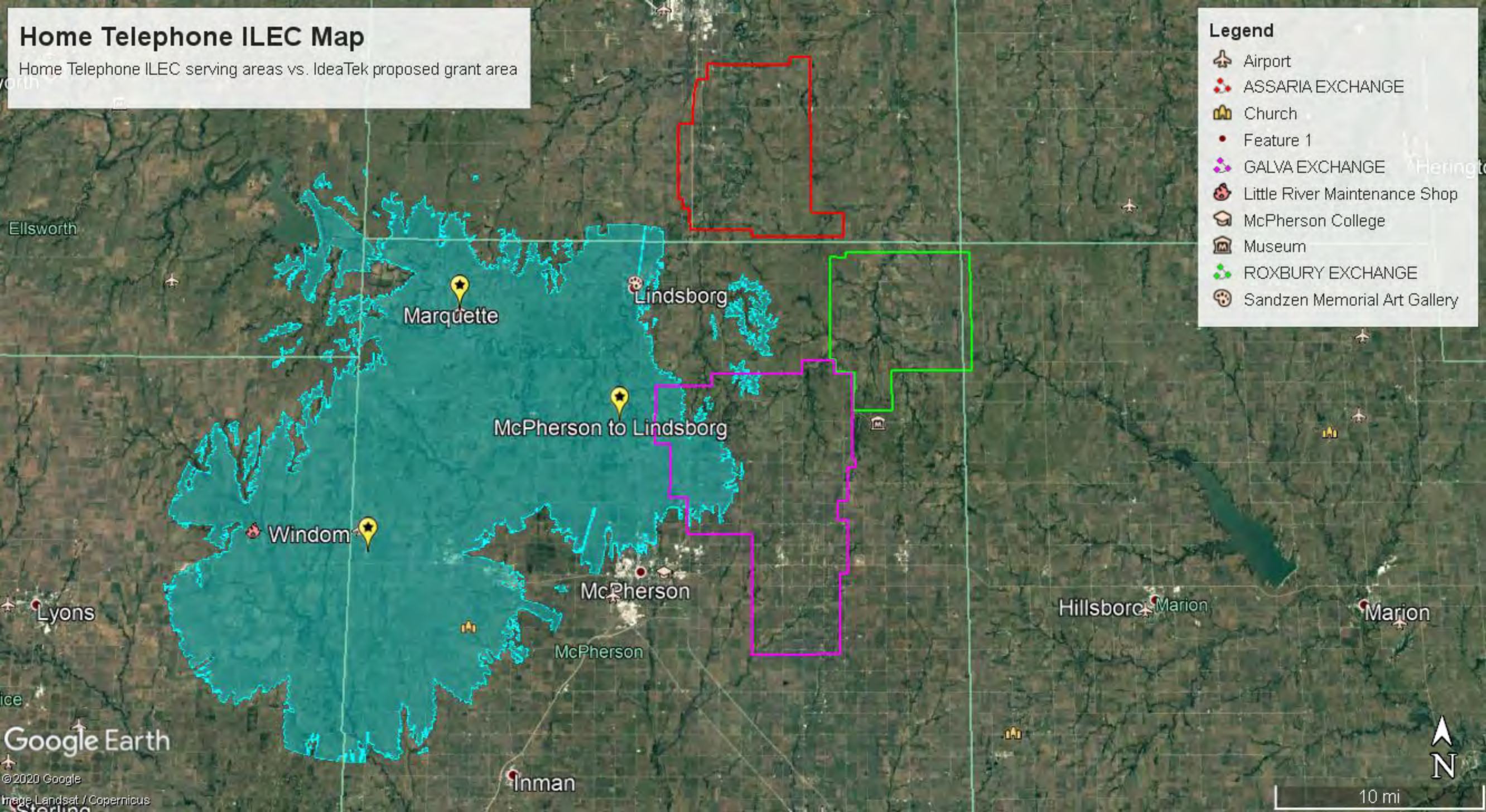
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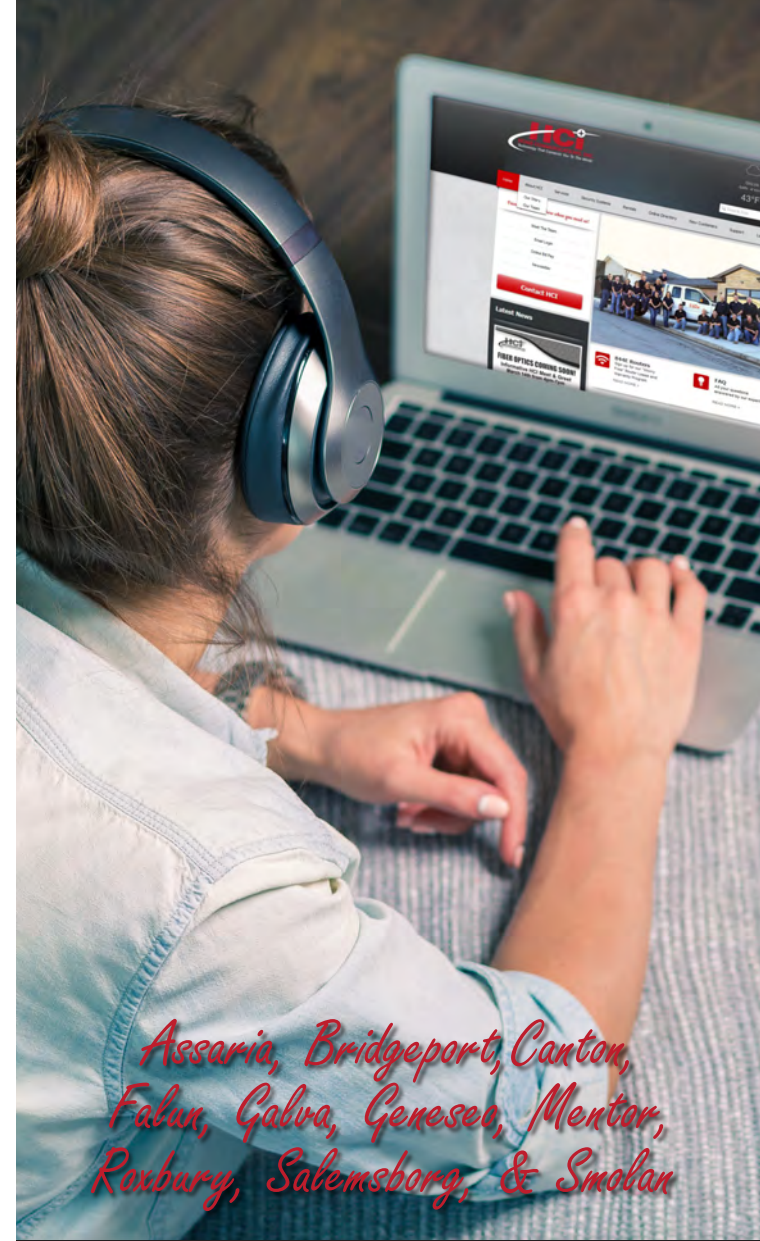
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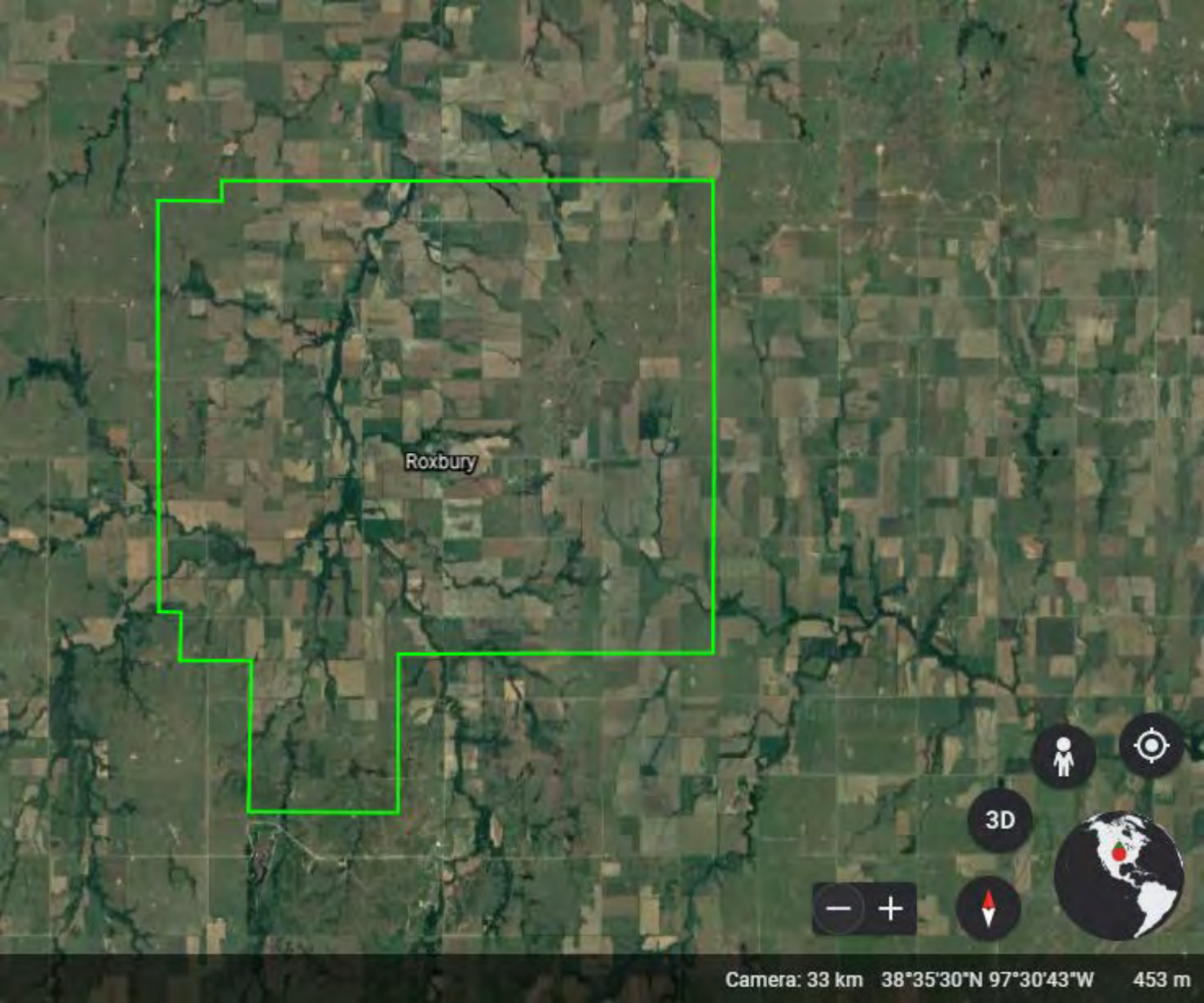
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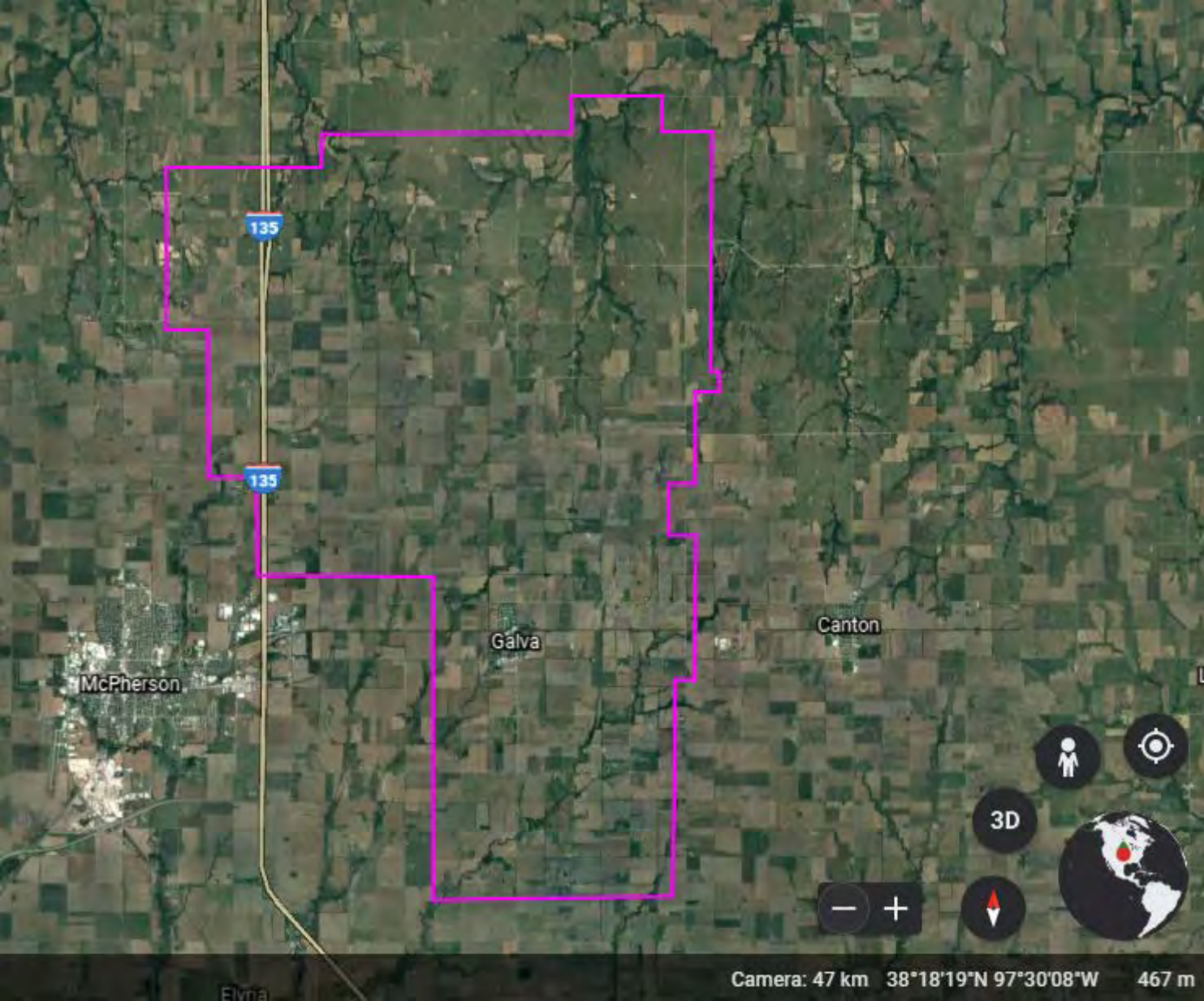
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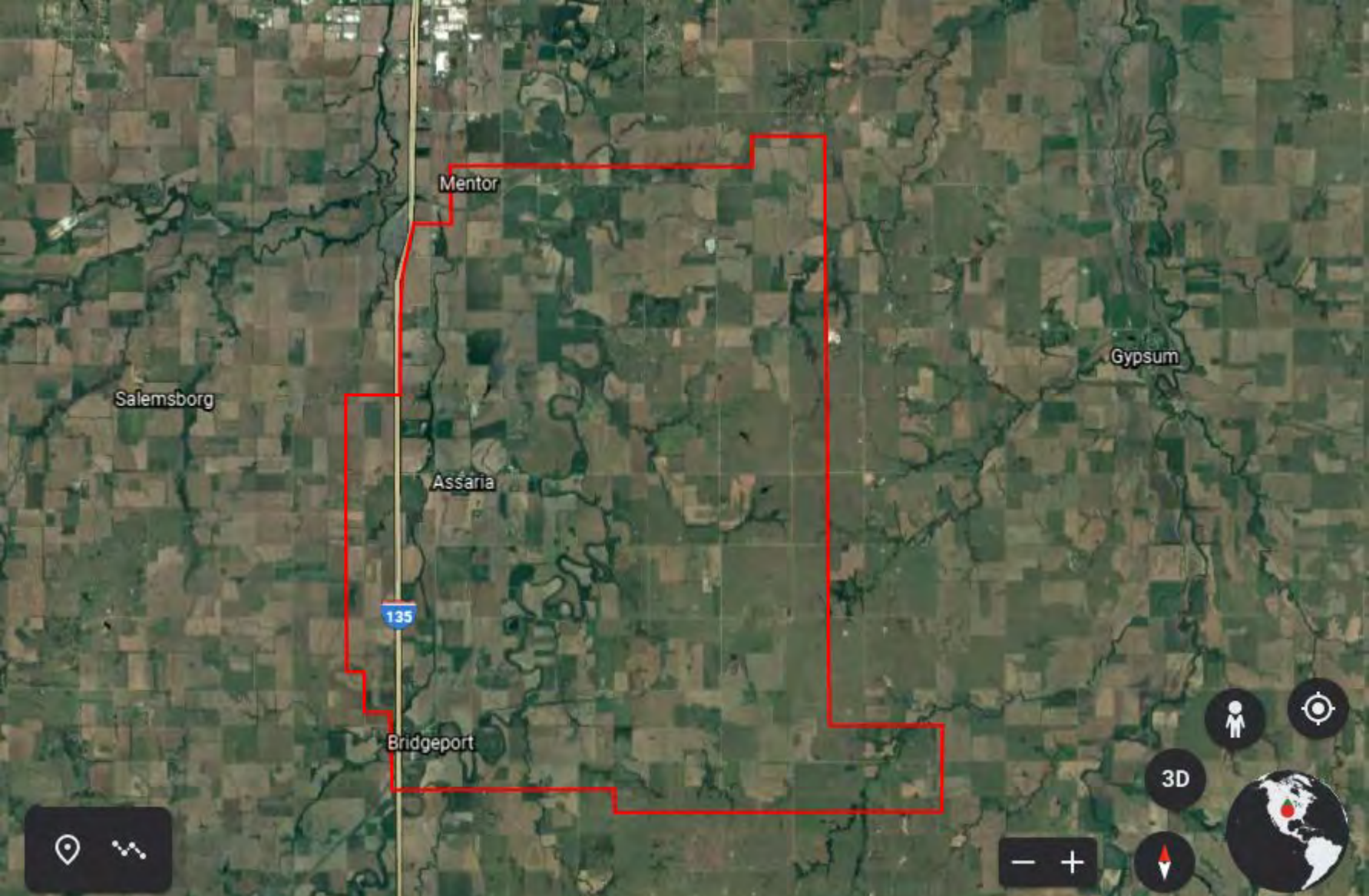
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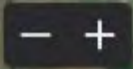
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Bridgeport



Title **0006** 01/15/2021

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **LR Communications, Inc.**

Which of the following best describes you?
(Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area
Business leader in proposed service area**

I am providing comments related to the following application (choose one): **IdeaTek-NorthMcPherson**

I am submitting
comments to express

Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing
concerns the project:

**Proposes to serve an area that already has service
Proposes service to an area in which construction is already
underway**

Please provide your
comments in the text
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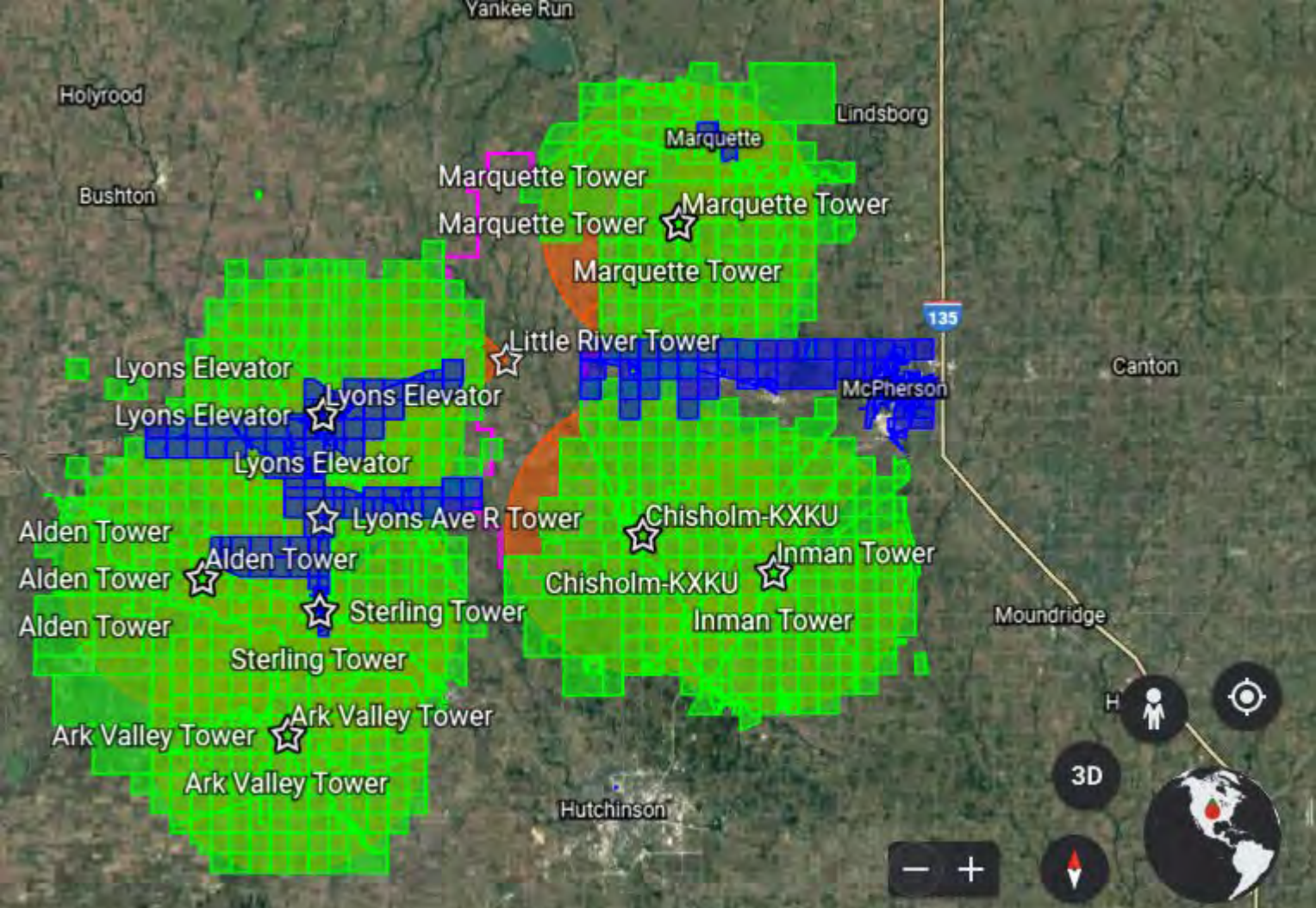
**LR Communications, Inc. already offers Fiber optic up to 1 gigabit
download by 500mbps upload speeds as well as fixed wireless
services up to 100mbps download by 10mbps upload in the
Applicants proposed areas. Unfortunately, the current 477 map is
using 12/31/2019 data, however our submitted 477 information for the
June 30th 2020 filing will show that we already served this area by
offering 25mbps x 5mbps earlier in 2020 and over the course of the
last 6 months we have been upgrading all existing locations and
adding additional tower locations to be able to offer 100mbps x
10mbps speeds. Planned construction and upgrades are 80%
complete and will be totally completed by April 1st 2021.**

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a
ZIP file.

[LR_Communications.PublicComments.Ideatek.McPhersonNorth.zip](#)

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LR Communications, Inc. Public Comments for Application (Ideatek-NorthMcPherson)

Kansas Office of Broadband Development

1.15.2021

To Whom It may concern:

LR Communications, Inc. has been offering internet services since the 1990's and has continued to grow and increase its speed offerings over the past several decades. As you will find with our fiber optic and wireless maps attached, we have already been servicing this area and construction has already been underway over the course of the last 6 months and is planned to be finished by April 1st 2021 to cover all of the proposed area and many more areas in addition to Ideatek's proposal for McPherson County.

Files contained in the Zip file will show our existing coverage areas as well as construction that has been underway over the course of the last 6 months and will be complete by April 1st 2021.

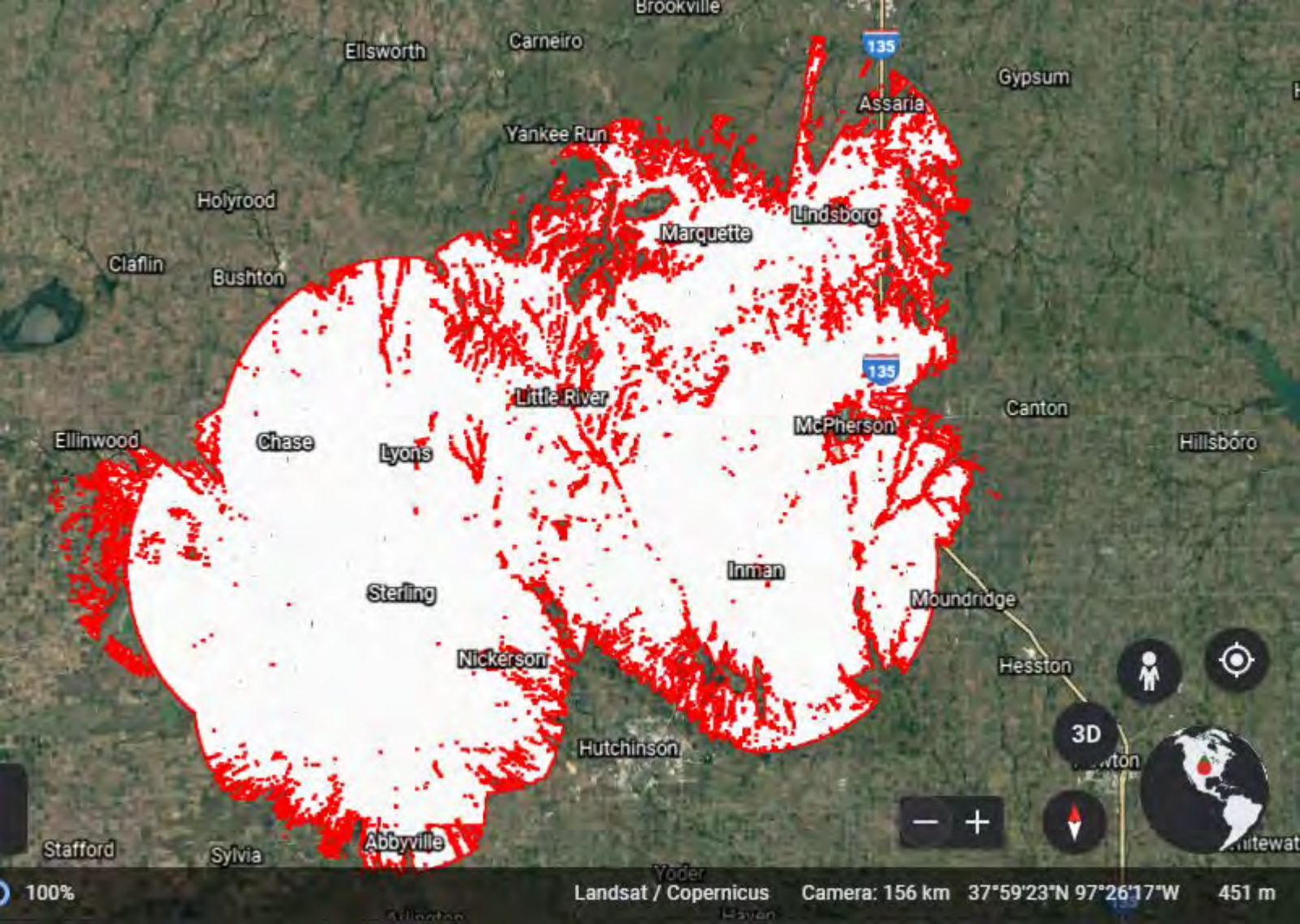
Any money directed towards (Ideatek-NorthMcPherson) would be a waste of tax payers money. It would fund an overbuild of existing infrastructure competing directly in an area that has already been deployed as well as areas currently under construction to completed in the following months. We would be happy to work with Kansas Office of Broadband Development and provide equipment invoices, tower installation invoices, work orders etc... that proves existing coverages and our progress and timelines to completing our planned construction, which will be completed April 1st 2021.

Our 477 submission for the June 6th 2020 is attached (LR Communications.477.6.30.2020), unfortunately the FCC's 477 mapping is older data based off of 12/31/2019 data and does not reflect the most current offerings.

Also attached (LR Communications.Wireless.ConstructionUnderway) is the coverage map containing the current construction that is 80% complete and will be fully completed April 1st 2021.

Thank you

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Which of the following best describes you?
(Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area**

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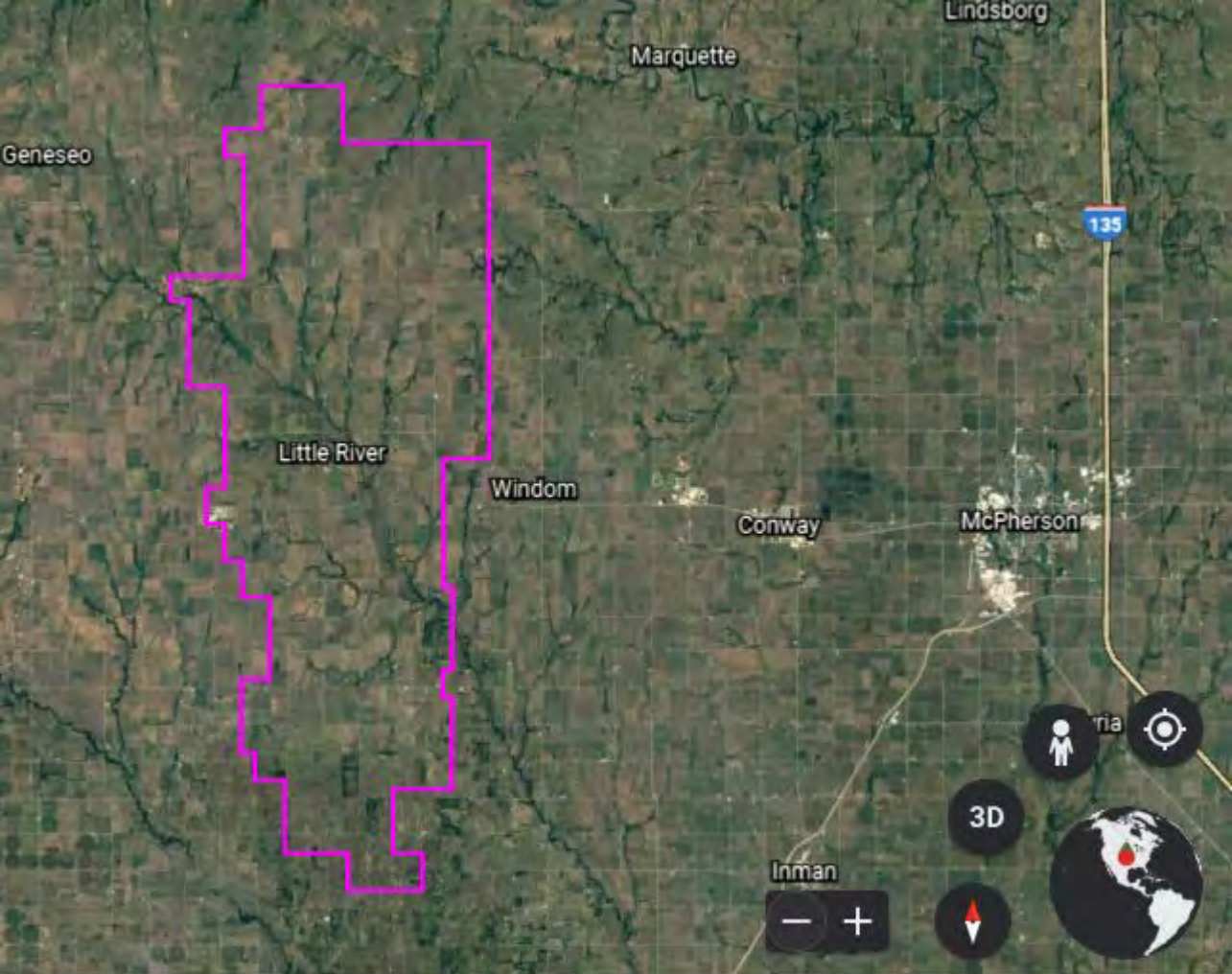
Mutual Telephone Company (MTC) was established in 1905 and has been serving its members voice service since the establishment and internet services since the 1990's. MTC built fiber to the premise for every home and business in 2009 and has been offering 1 gigabit per second download speeds by 500mbps upload speeds for the last several years. As you will see from the proposed applications and maps, Ideatek-McPhersonNorth application shows significant overlap in areas that already offer fiber optic gigabit services.

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[MutualTelephoneCompany.PublicComment.Ideatek-McPhersonNorth.zip](#)

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Mutual Telephone Company's Public Comments for Application (Ideatek-NorthMcPherson)

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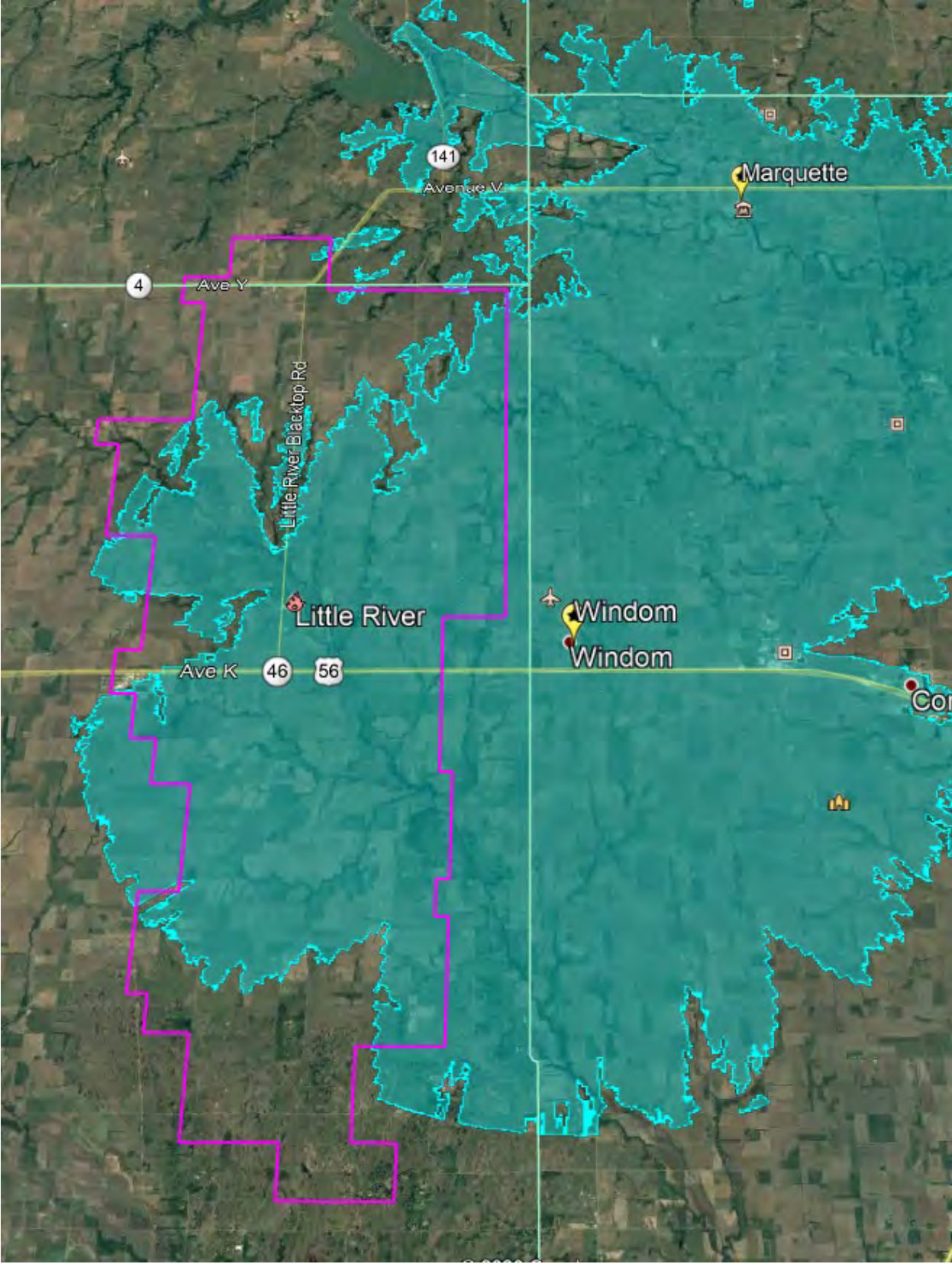
To Whom It may concern:

Mutual Telephone Company was established in 1905 and has been serving its membership well over the last 116 years. It has been offering internet services since the 1990's and has continued to grow and increase its speed offerings over the past several decades. As you will find with our attached maps, our local exchange outlined in purple has been offering fiber optic to homes and business in all areas within the purple outlined exchange area. Mutual built fiber to each premise in 2009 and services high speed broadband and voice to 100% of its customers within the exchange and offers speeds up to 1 gigabit per second download by 500mbps upload and has been doing so for the last several years. Files contained in the Zip file will show our existing coverage areas. As you will see, Ideatek-McPhersonNorth's application shows significant overlap onto our exchange that is already well served with gigabit speeds. Any funding allocated to this project would be funding areas that already are considered served.

Any money directed towards (Ideatek-NorthMcPherson) would be a waste of tax payers money. It would fund an overbuild of existing infrastructure competing directly in an area that has already been deployed. We would be happy to work with Kansas Office of Broadband Development and provide any additional mapping or proof that this areas is well served.

Any level of research would have shown that significant areas of their proposal is already served by fiber optic coverage.

Mapping below shows Mutual Telephone Company's fiber optic gigabitx500mbps internet service area (outlined in Purple) with Ideatek's proposal for wireless 100mbps service (highlighted in blue)



Thank you

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