

TO: CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

FROM: BRIAN E. HAGENBUCH, PH.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEEP ROCK ASSOCIATION, INC.

RE: DOCKET NO. 543 - APPLICATION OF THE TOWERS, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 17 WARREN ROAD, WASHINGTON (NEW PRESTON), CONNECTICUT

DATE: 31 JANUARY 2026

MEMORANDUM

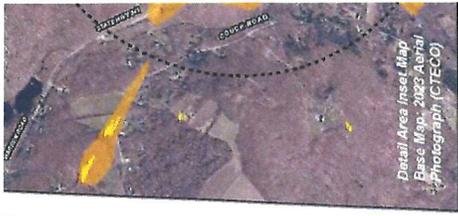
This memorandum, prepared by Steep Rock Association, Inc. for submission to the Connecticut Siting Council in reference to the above-captioned application, provides additional photographic evidence regarding the visibility of the cell tower proposed at 17 Warren Road, New Preston, Connecticut from the portion of the Association's Macricostas Preserve located in Washington.

Attached are a map, an iPhone screenshot and five numbered photographs. The photographs were taken by Merlin Ennis, Trails and Preserve Manager, between 9:56 a.m. and 11:17 a.m. on January 22, 2026. The weather was sunny with light clouds that were high in the atmosphere. The sun was southeast or to the right of each picture. The photographs were taken with an iPhone SE 3rd generation, which features a rear 12MP wide camera with a focal length of 28mm (35mm equivalent) and an f/1.8 aperture.¹

The map is a version of the applicant's "Viewshed Analysis Map" at p. 10/53 in Attachment 9 to the application. The map has been georeferenced to show the location of the proposed tower and where each of the five numbered photographs was taken. Mr. Ennis dropped a pin at the location of the proposed tower and used that as a navigation point in the Avenza Maps application² to determine exactly where the tower would be in relation to the location of each photograph. The iPhone screenshot illustrates how the application was used. The location of the proposed tower should be approximately in the center of each of the photographs.

¹ <https://support.apple.com/en-us/111866>

² <https://store.avenza.com>



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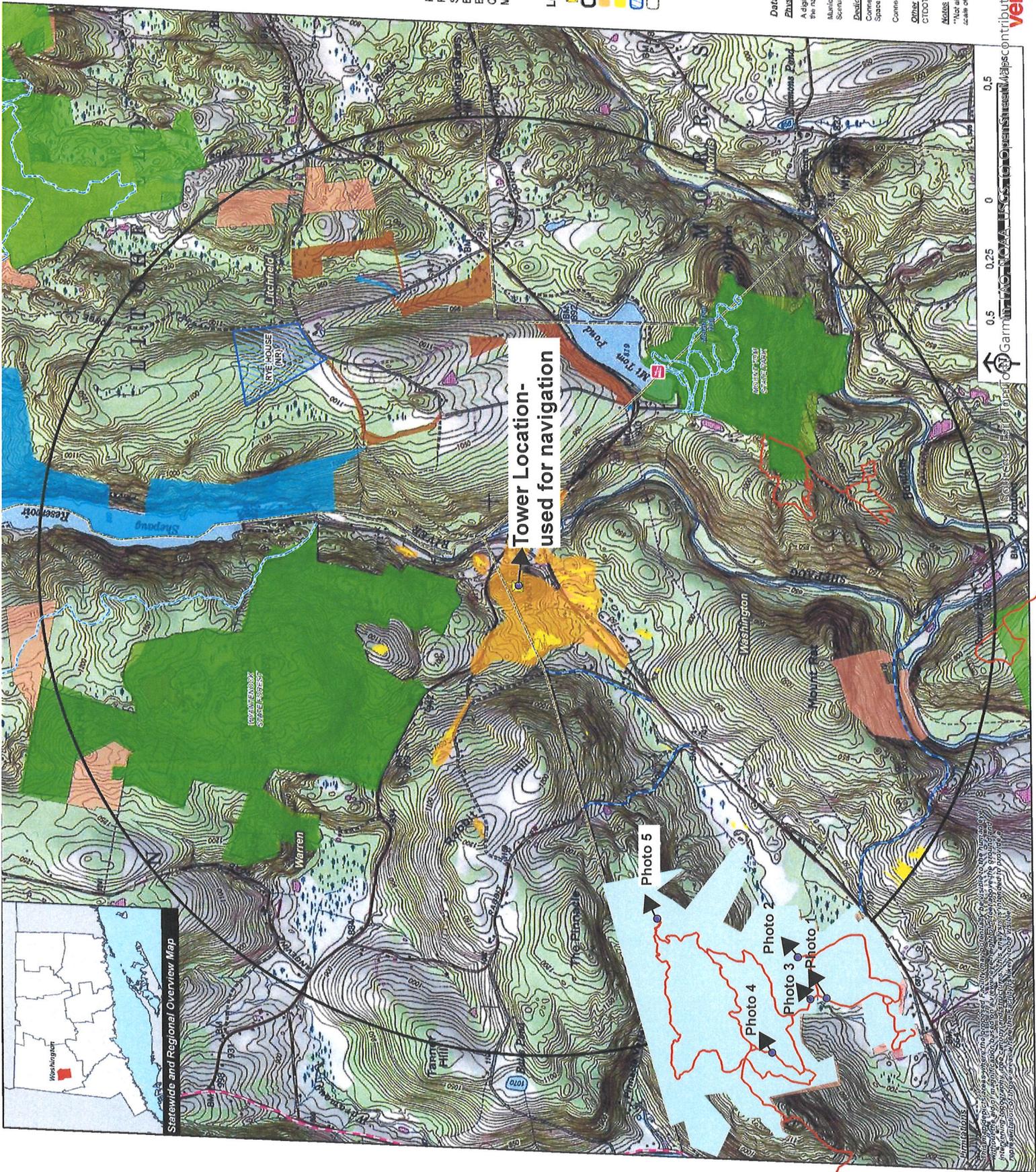
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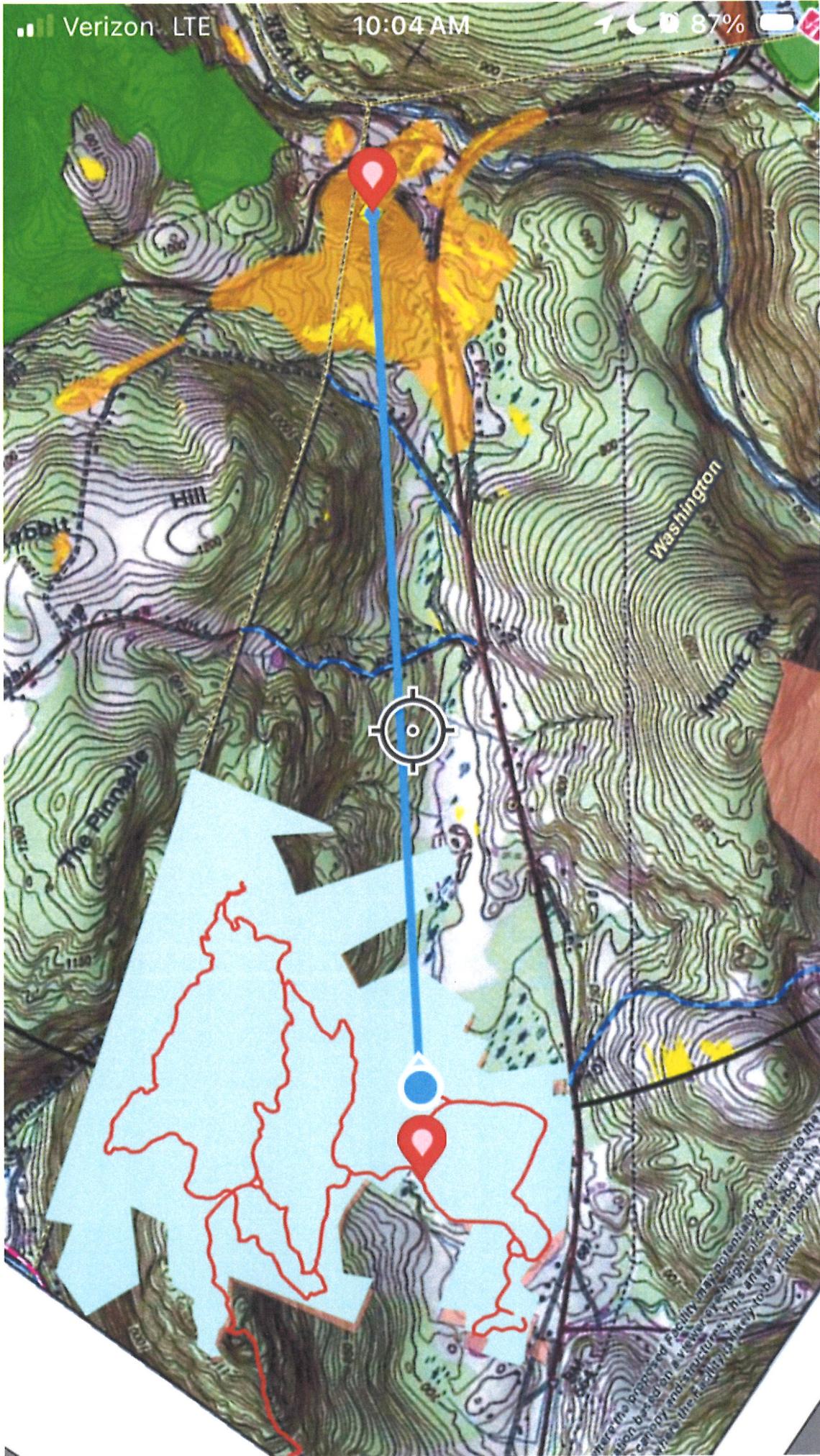
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Proposed facility height is 140' 1"
Forest canopy height is derived
Study area encompasses a two
Existing conditions field verified
Base Map Source: USGS 7.5 M
Quadrangle Map, New Preston,
Map Date: May 2025

- Legend**
- Proposed Site
 - Study Area (2-Mile Radius)
 - Areas of Potential Seasonal Visibility
 - Predicted Year-Round Visibility (20)
 - National Register District
 - Municipal Boundary

Data Sources:
Physical Geography / Background Data
 A digital surface model (DSM) was created from the natural and built features on the Earth's surface.
 Municipal Open Space, State Recreation Areas, T
 Scenic Routes, CTDOT State Scenic Highways (et
Dedicated Open Space & Recreation Areas
 Connecticut Department of Energy and Environment
 Space (1997), Municipal and Private Open Space
 Connecticut Forest & Parks Association, Connecticut
Other
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Notes
 *Not all the sources listed above appear on the 1/8
 scale of the graphic are shown.

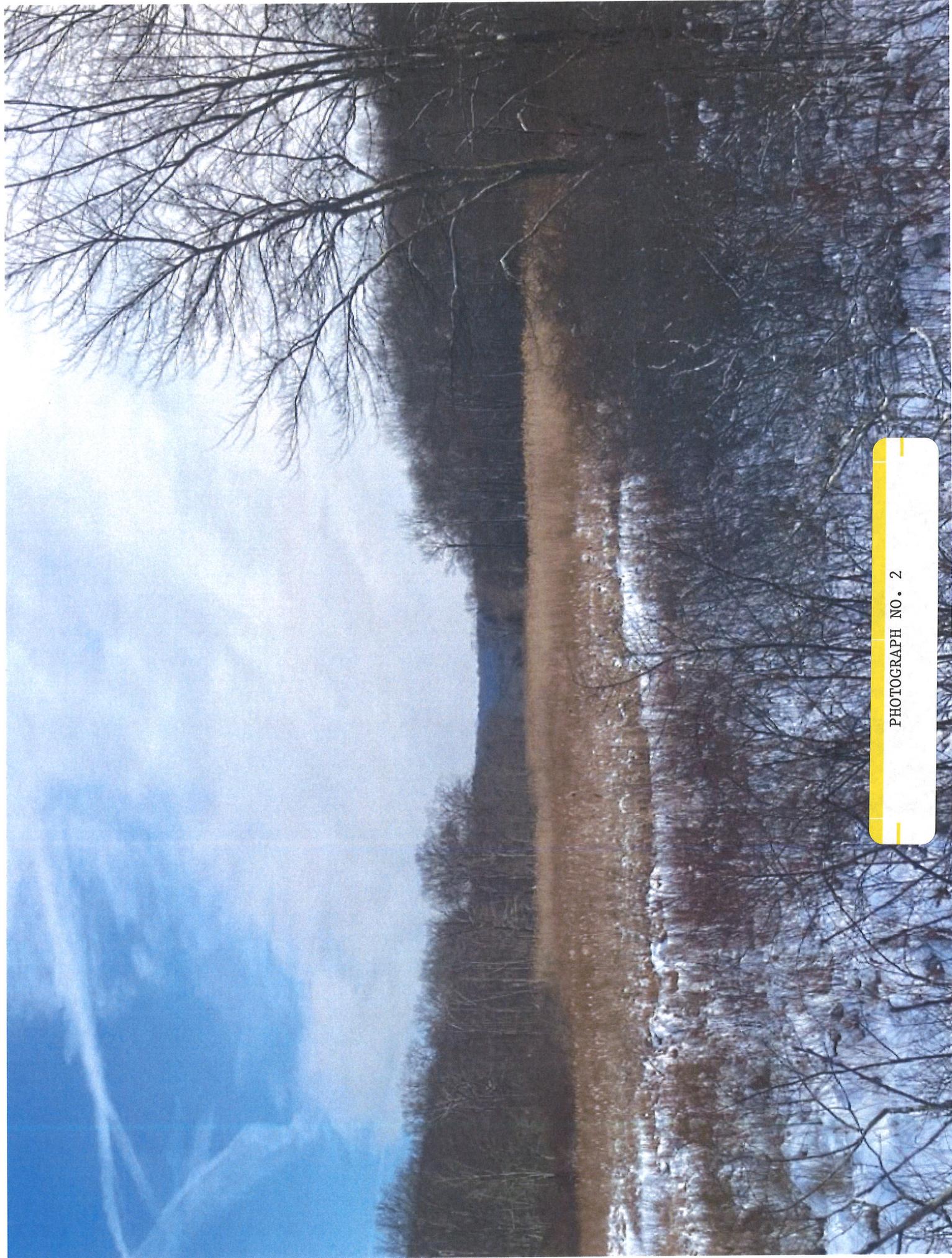




SCREENSHOT



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1



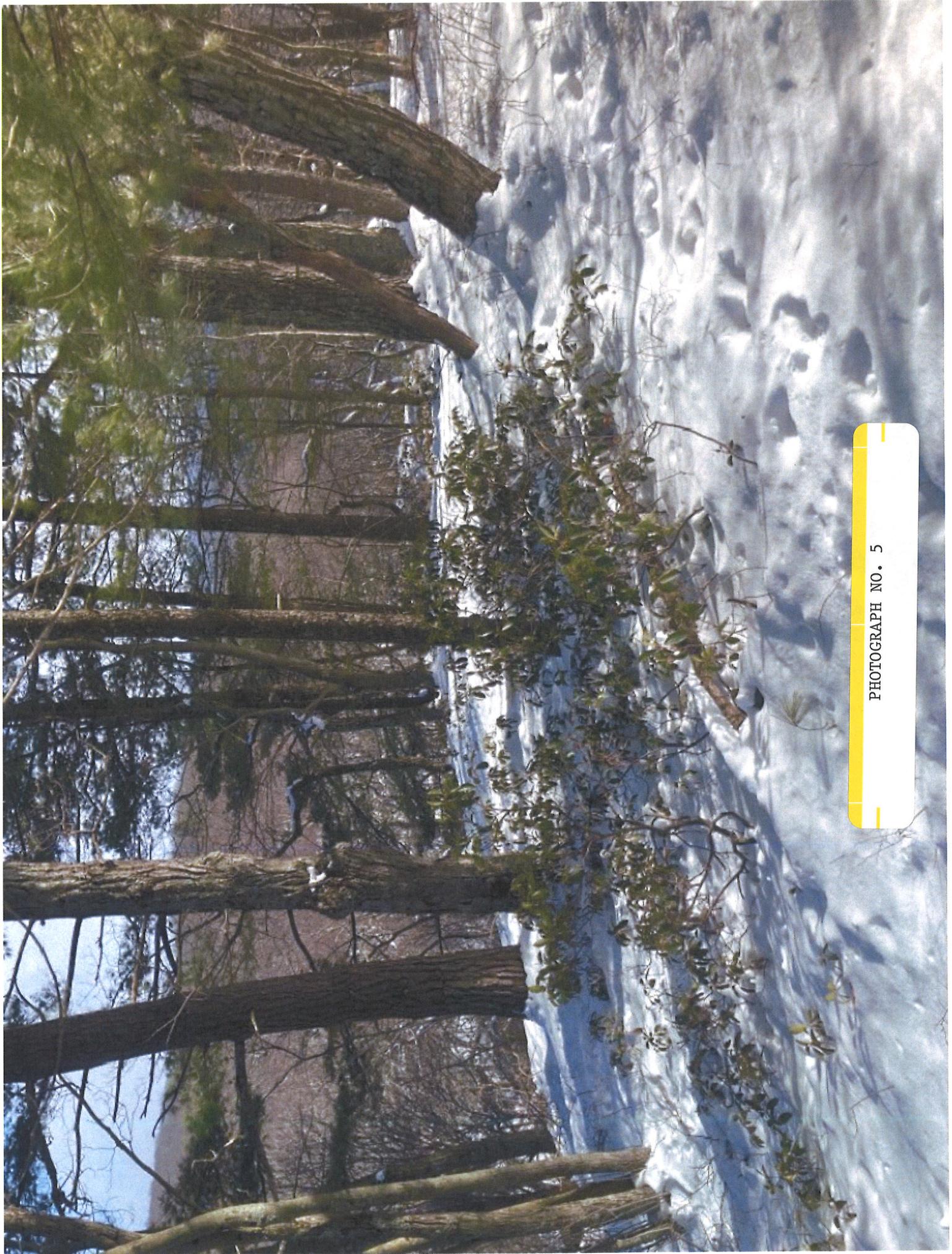
PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 3



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 4



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 5