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FERC Project No. 2433
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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20425

Dear Ms. Bose:

Grand Rapids Hydroelectric Project
2016 Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Watermilfoil Monitoring Plan

In accordance with the Order Amending Approved Noxious Plants Monitoring Plans (NPMP) for Grand Rapids, dated May 15, 2012, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) is required to submit the monitoring survey results for Purple Loosestrife (PL) and Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) each year surveys are performed. The survey results are required to be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS).

A survey for PL was completed on July 14, 2016. No PL was observed during the survey. Appendix A includes a copy of the PL report form and associated figure.

In accordance with the NPMP, EWM surveys are completed once every three years. The next survey is scheduled for 2017.

Copies of the 2016 Invasive Species Report were submitted to the WDNR, MDNR, and FWS on October 31, 2016. No comments regarding the reports were received from the resource agencies. Documentation of consultation with the resource agencies is located in Appendix B.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jes Roloff at (920) 433-5558.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Todd P. Jastremski'.

Todd P. Jastremski
Asset Manager Hydro Operations
We Energies
800 Industrial Park Drive
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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Enc. Appendix A, Appendix B

cc: Mr. John Zygaj, FERC - CRO

APPENDIX A
2016 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE FIGURES AND DATA
(WPS LETTER TO FERC DECEMBER 20, 2016)

APPENDIX B
DOCUMENTATION OF CONSULTATION
(WPS LETTER TO FERC DECEMBER 20, 2016)



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Ms. Cheryl Laatsch
WDNR – FERC Coordinator
101 S. Webster Street
GEF 2-7th Floor
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Ms. Laatsch:

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As per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Amending Approved Noxious Plants Monitoring Plans (NPMP) for Grand Rapids dated May 10, 1999, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS) is required to submit the results of the purple loosestrife (PL) and Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) monitoring surveys to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS).

As per the NPMP, PL surveys are conducted annually. A survey for PL was completed on July 14, 2016. No PL was observed during the surveys. Please reference Appendix A for the purple loosestrife results.

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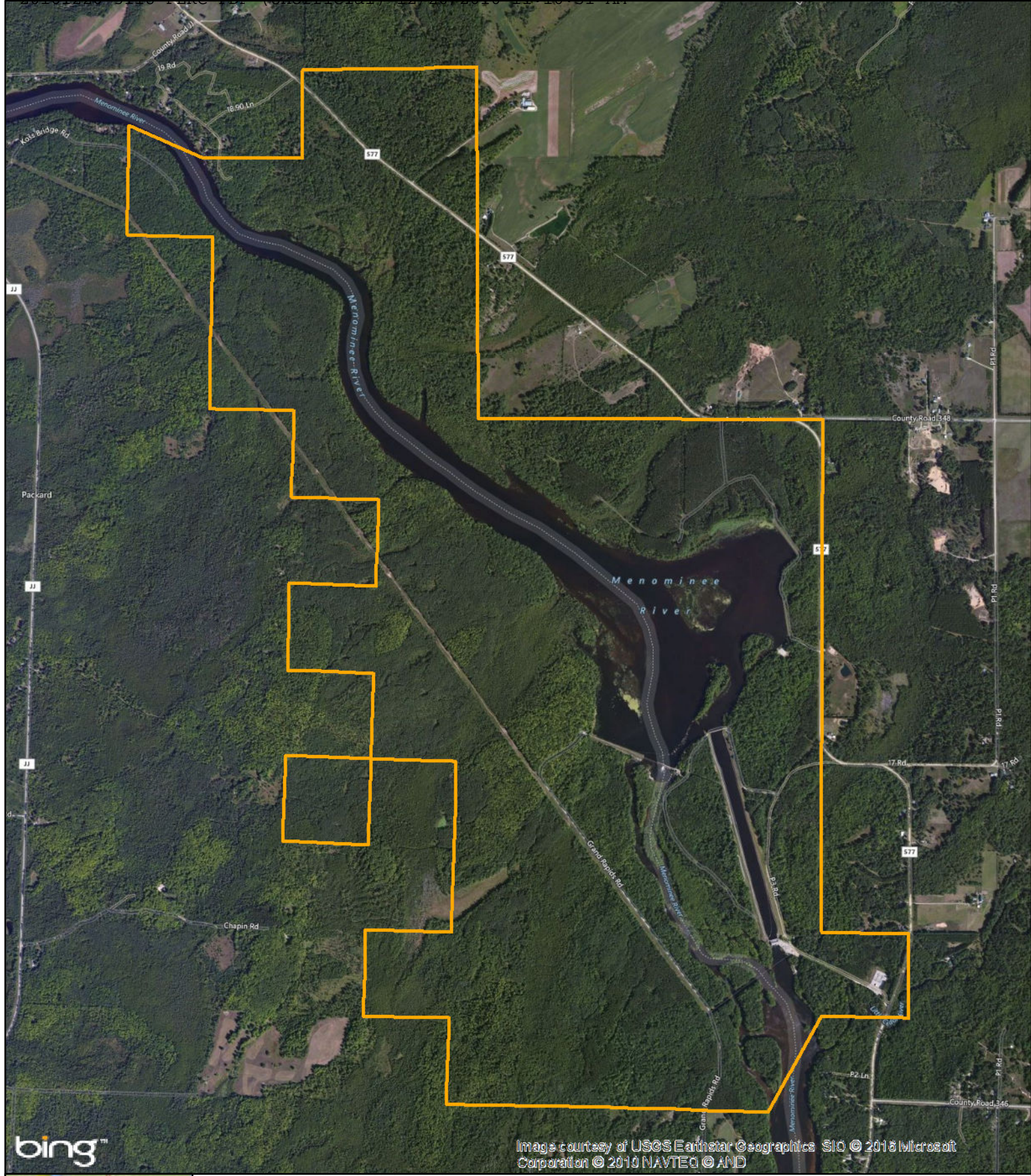
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Sincerely,

Jessica Roloff
Environmental Consultant

Enc: Appendix A

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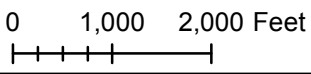
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Grand Rapids Hydroelectric Project Purple Loosestrife Survey - 2016

- Project Boundary
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Mr. Kyle Kruger
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Mio Field Office
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Mio, MI 48647

Dear Mr. Kruger:

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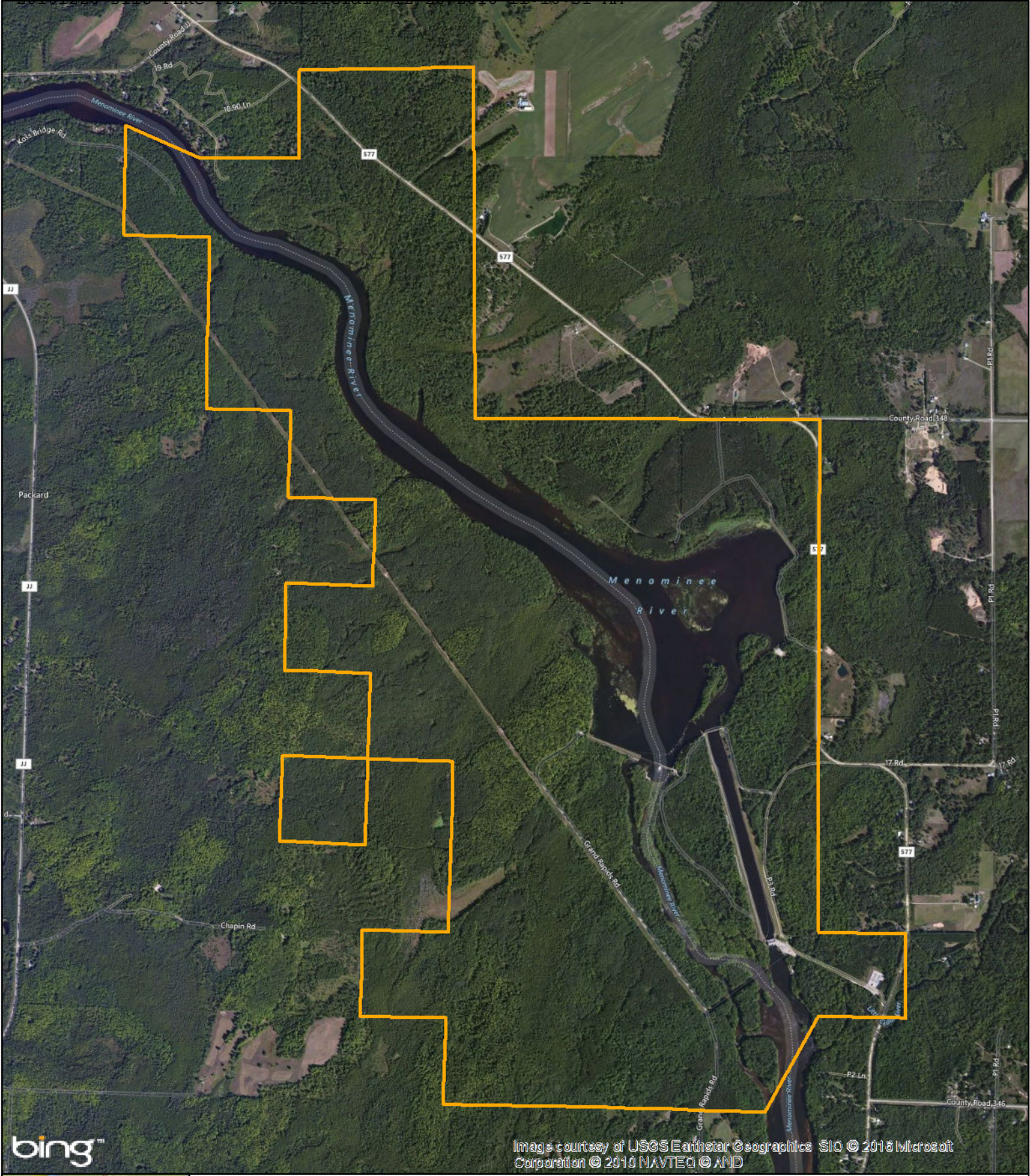
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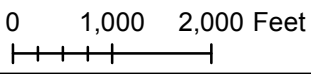
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Mr. Nick Utrup
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4101 American Boulevard, East
Bloomington, MN 55425

Dear Mr. Utrup:

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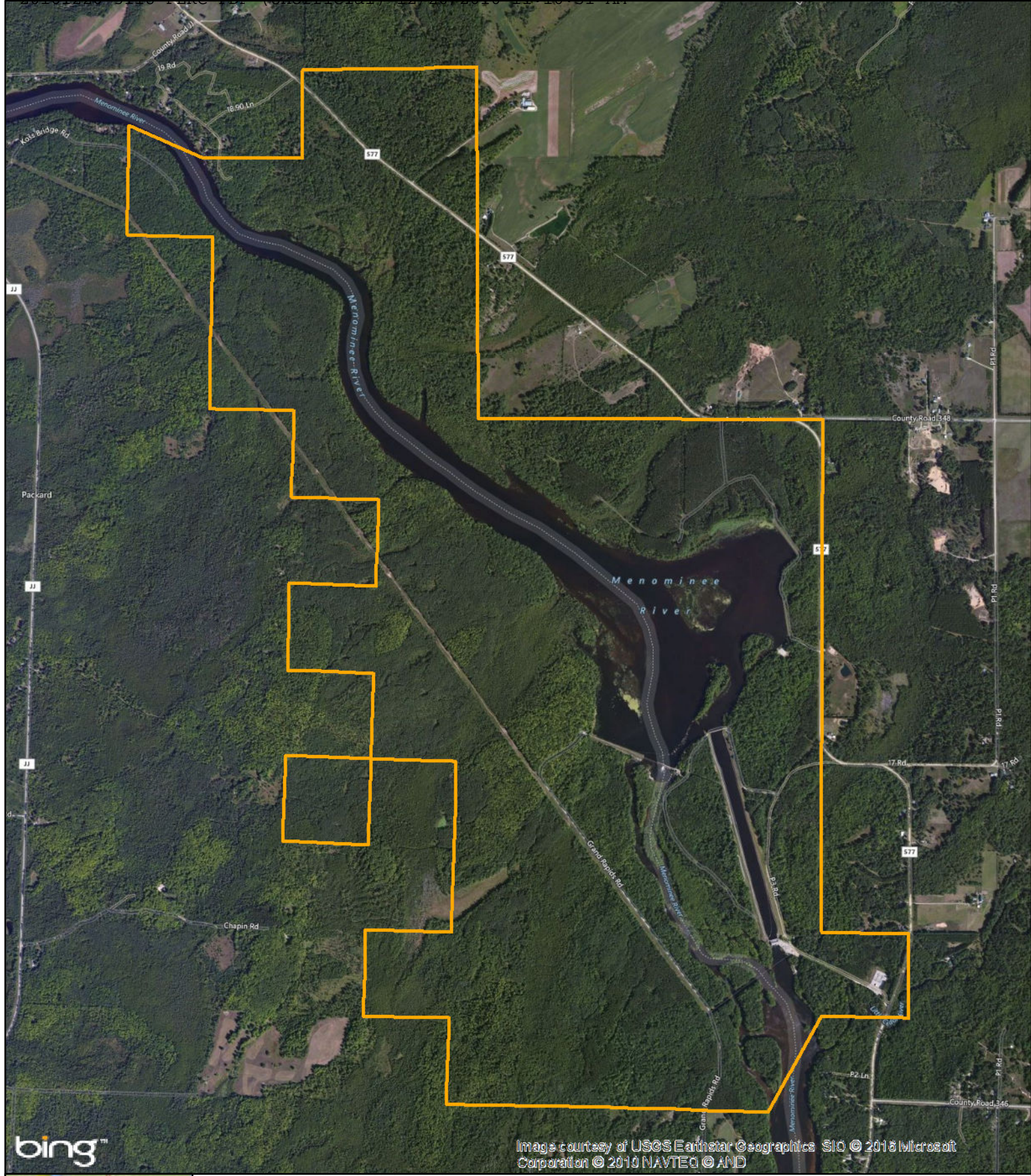
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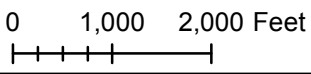
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