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RE: White County: Searcy
Technical Assistance
Proposed Undertaking: Proposed AEDC Certified Site – Forward Searcy Site No. 1
AHPP Tracking Number: 115374

Dear Ms. White:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has reviewed the submission for the above-mentioned project located in Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 7 West in White County, Arkansas. Davidson Engineering has reached out to the AHPP as part of the site certification and due-diligence process for an industrial development site near the City of Searcy. The proposed property location consists of approximately 44 acres.

Flat Earth Archeology was contracted to complete a desktop cultural resources survey of the site. No previously recorded archeological sites or historic properties were identified within the site boundaries in the desktop survey report. The AHPP concurs with Flat Earth Archeology's findings and determines that there will be no historic properties affected during this project.

Tribes that have expressed an interest in the area include the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Osage Nation, the Quapaw Nation, and the Shawnee Tribe.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this undertaking. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, call Kathryn Bryles at 501-324-9784 or email Kathryn.Bryles@Arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

for
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Cultural Resources Background Research and Desktop Review for the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 in White County, Arkansas

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DESKTOP REVIEW

Flat Earth Archeology conducted background research and studies of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 (Figure 1). Devin Sorrows, RPA searched the records in the archeological site database, AMASDA Online, maintained by the Arkansas Archeological Survey (ARAS) in Fayetteville to check for previously recorded archeological sites within one mile of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 (AMASDA 2025). There were 12 previously recorded archeological sites within this search area (Table 1). The site nearest the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 is 3WH0330, located approximately 0.29 km (0.18 mi) from the southern perimeter of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1.

Table 1. Previously Recorded Archeological Sites within One Mile of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1

Site Number	Surface Scatter > 100 sq m	Structure Exists on Site	Site National Register Eligibility	Site Artifact Material	Site Cultural Affiliation	Distance from Project Area in Miles
3WH0330	Yes	No	------	20--Lithics, Aboriginal	7--Archaic, Late 85--Woodland Period	0.18
3WH0504	No	Questionable	------		102--(AT) Pioneer Settlmt, Agriculture	0.70
3WH0520	No	Questionable	------		102--(AT) Pioneer Settlmt, Agriculture	0.64
3WH0521	No	Questionable	------		102--(AT) Pioneer Settlmt, Agriculture	0.19
3WH0522	No	Questionable	------		102--(AT) Pioneer Settlmt, Agriculture	0.29
3WH0725	No	No	------	21--Lithics, Historic	96--Historic Period	0.39
3WH0955	No	No	1--114269--Not Eligible--2025-10-13	27--Metal, Historic 49--Glass	96--Historic Period	0.72
3WH0956	Yes	No	1--114269--Not Eligible--2025-10-13	24--Ceramics, Historic 27--Metal, Historic 45--Building Material, Historic 48--Other Material, Historic 49--Glass	96--Historic Period	0.75
3WH0957	Yes	No	1--114269--Not Eligible--2025-10-13	24--Ceramics, Historic 27--Metal, Historic 45--Building Material, Historic 48--Other Material, Historic 49--Glass	96--Historic Period	0.68
3WH0958	Yes	No	1--114269--Not Eligible--2025-10-13	24--Ceramics, Historic 27--Metal, Historic 49--Glass	96--Historic Period	0.62
3WH0959	Yes	No	1--114269--Not Eligible--2025-10-13	24--Ceramics, Historic 27--Metal, Historic 45--Building Material, Historic 49--Glass	96--Historic Period	0.47
3WH0960	Yes	No	1--114269--Not Eligible--2025-10-13	45--Building Material, Historic 49--Glass	96--Historic Period	0.53

Previously Conducted Archeological Projects

Five previously conducted archeological projects were identified within one mile of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 (Table 2) (AMASDA 2025). While none of the previously conducted archeological projects coincide with the Forward Searcy Site No. 1, AMASDA Numbers 8232 and 4236 occur adjacent to the eastern and western perimeters of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1.

Table 2. Previously Conducted Archeological Projects within One Mile of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1

AMASDA Number	Project Name	Year	Investigating Entity	Sponsor	Project Work Type
635	Searcy Wastewater Facilities Improvements	1982-00-00	Arkansas Archeological Survey	Mehlburger, Tanner, Renshaw & Associates, Inc.	41--Field Reconnaissance, Intensive
1418	Highway 36 Reroute, Searcy and White Counties	1989-00-00	Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department	AHTD	41--Field Reconnaissance, Intensive
4236	Highway 267 Widening (PIF)	1999-00-00	Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department	AHTD	41--Field Reconnaissance, Intensive
6797	Phase I Survey of a Six-Acre Parcel in Section 23, T7N-R7W, White County, Ark	2003-00-00	Toby Morrow	Rich Smith Development, LLC	41--Field Reconnaissance, Intensive
8232	Proposed Searcy Sports Park	2024-00-00	Flat Earth Archeology, LLC	Crafton Tull & City of Searcy	92--Testing/Limited Excavation

Resources Evaluated and Unevaluated for the National Register of Historic Places

Personnel conducted a records check on the AHPP GIS Historic Structures database and AMASDA database. According to the AHPP and AMASDA databases, there are no historic property structures as defined by 36 CFR 800.16(l)(1) within or within ¼-mile of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 (AHPP 2025; AMASDA 2025).

Historical Improvements

The First Land Patents records and the General Land Office plats were also consulted for information regarding the history of land ownership of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. The Bureau of Land Management's First Land Patent records contain many of the names of the initial legal landowner for each section of land. These records generally contain other information regarding the first legal landowners such as how the land was obtained (i.e. homestead, cash entry, scrip warrant, etc.), the acreage obtained in the patent, the legal description of the land, and the date of the patent issuance. Moreover, General Land Office plats usually show areas with historical development, often depicting improvements such as agricultural fields, roads, or structures, along with names of landowners. While the General Land Office (GLO) original survey plat for Township 7 North, Range 7 West, approved in 1819, details no historical improvements within or proximal to the Forward Searcy Site No. 1, the dependent resurvey plat, approved in 1851, details an agricultural field roughly 40 meters northwest of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 (Figures 2 and 3) (GLO 2025a; GLO 2025b).

Survey maps produced during the twentieth century by the USGS were reviewed for historical improvements within or proximal to the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. The 1932 and 1935 Kensett, AR Topographic Quadrangles detail the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway intersecting and paralleling the eastern perimeter of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. A roadway is intersecting

and paralleling the western perimeter of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. Two historical structures are also present in the westernmost portion of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 (Figures 4 and 5) (USGS 2025a; USGS 2025b). All of these structural improvements remain extant into the late twentieth century with an additional ancillary structure in the westernmost portion of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 noted on the USGS 1964 (1965 edition) Kensett, AR Topographic Quadrangle and USGS 1964 (1978 edition) Kensett, AR Topographic Quadrangle (Figures 6 and 7) (USGS 2025c; USGS 2025d).

Cemeteries

Personnel established a 0.4 km (¼-mi) buffer from the perimeter of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 and reviewed USGS 7.5 min. topographic quadrangle maps to identify cemeteries within and near the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 that are not recorded as historic properties. There were no cemeteries within this search area.

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

National Park Service shapefile data indicate that the nearest corridor of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail to Forward Searcy Site No. 1 lies 34.4 km (21.4 mi) to the southwest (National Park Service [NPS] 2024). Parties of Choctaw and Muscogee were removed along this route (Figure 10) (Horne 2006).

Note that Tribal nations may have proprietary information not reflected in the NPS data, in Horne's 2006 publication, or other published sources. The information presented herein is not exhaustive. It is incumbent on the federal agency or authorized representative to make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify consulting parties and invite their participation in the Section 106 process. Federal law, regulations, and policy require consultation.

Conclusion

The site nearest the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 is 3WH0330, located approximately 0.29 km (0.18 mi) from the southern perimeter of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. There are no previously recorded historic properties as defined by 36 CFR 800.16(l)(1) within ¼-mile of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. The immediate environment of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 is characterized by very late twentieth century and early twenty-first century commercial and recreational improvements. An unnamed creek that feeds into Brodie Creek parallels and intersects the southeastern perimeter of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. The surrounding environment predominantly consists of open fields and commercial development. Flat Earth Archeology determined that the archival data and geography of the Forward Searcy Site No. 1 support a low to moderate probability of intact archeological deposits in the Forward Searcy Site No. 1. This determination is only a probability based on ARAS archival data, GLO plat data, USGS topographic quadrangle data, and Arkansas GIS Office data and is not a statement that there "are" or "are not" intact cultural resources at this location. This determination only serves as a preliminary estimate of the general probability for the presence or absence of undiscovered archeological resources and is based on the location information provided, state archeological site records, and assessment of the physical environment as detailed in the aforementioned datasets.

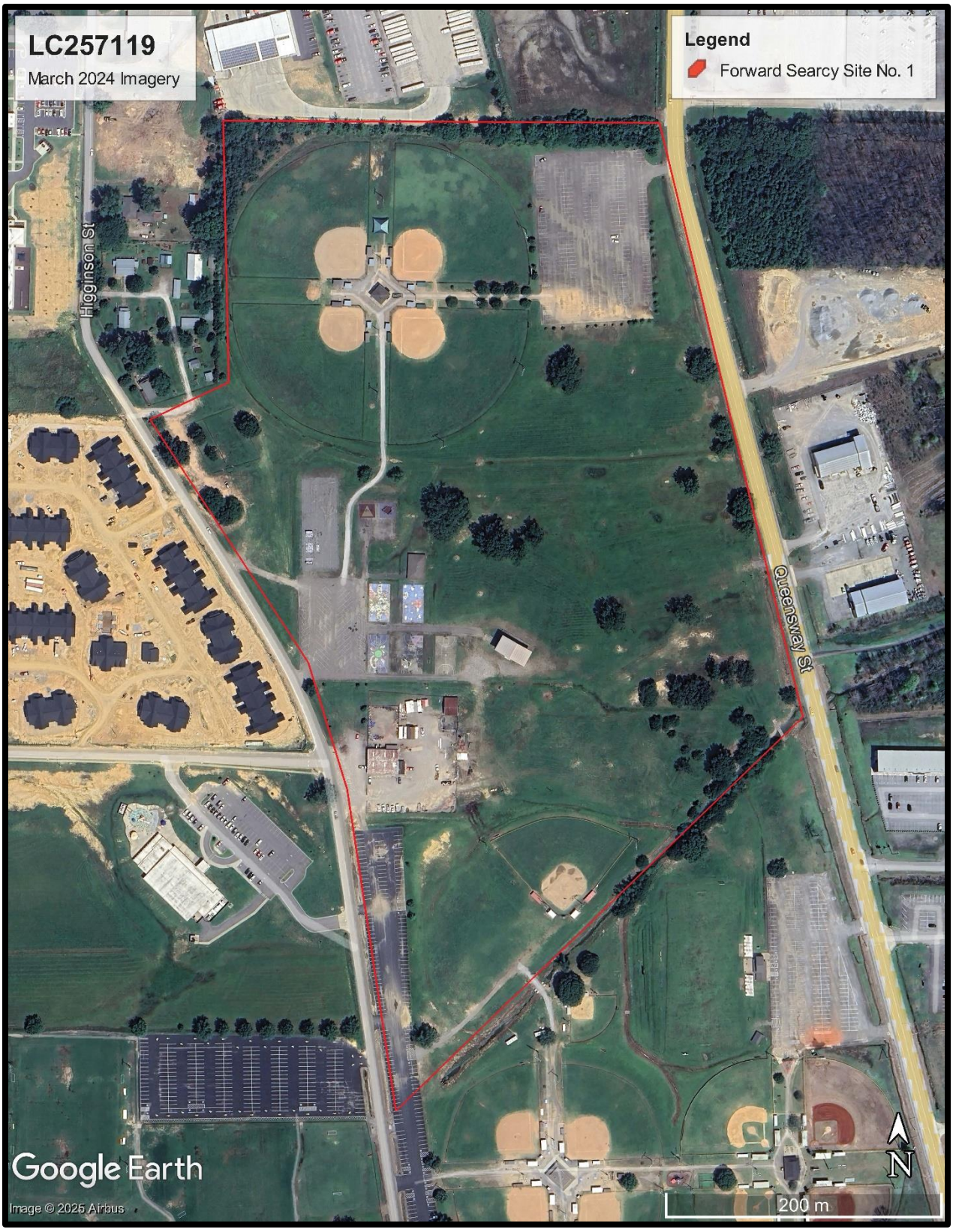


Figure 1. Forward Searcy Site No. 1 detailed on March 2024 Imagery (200 m scale)

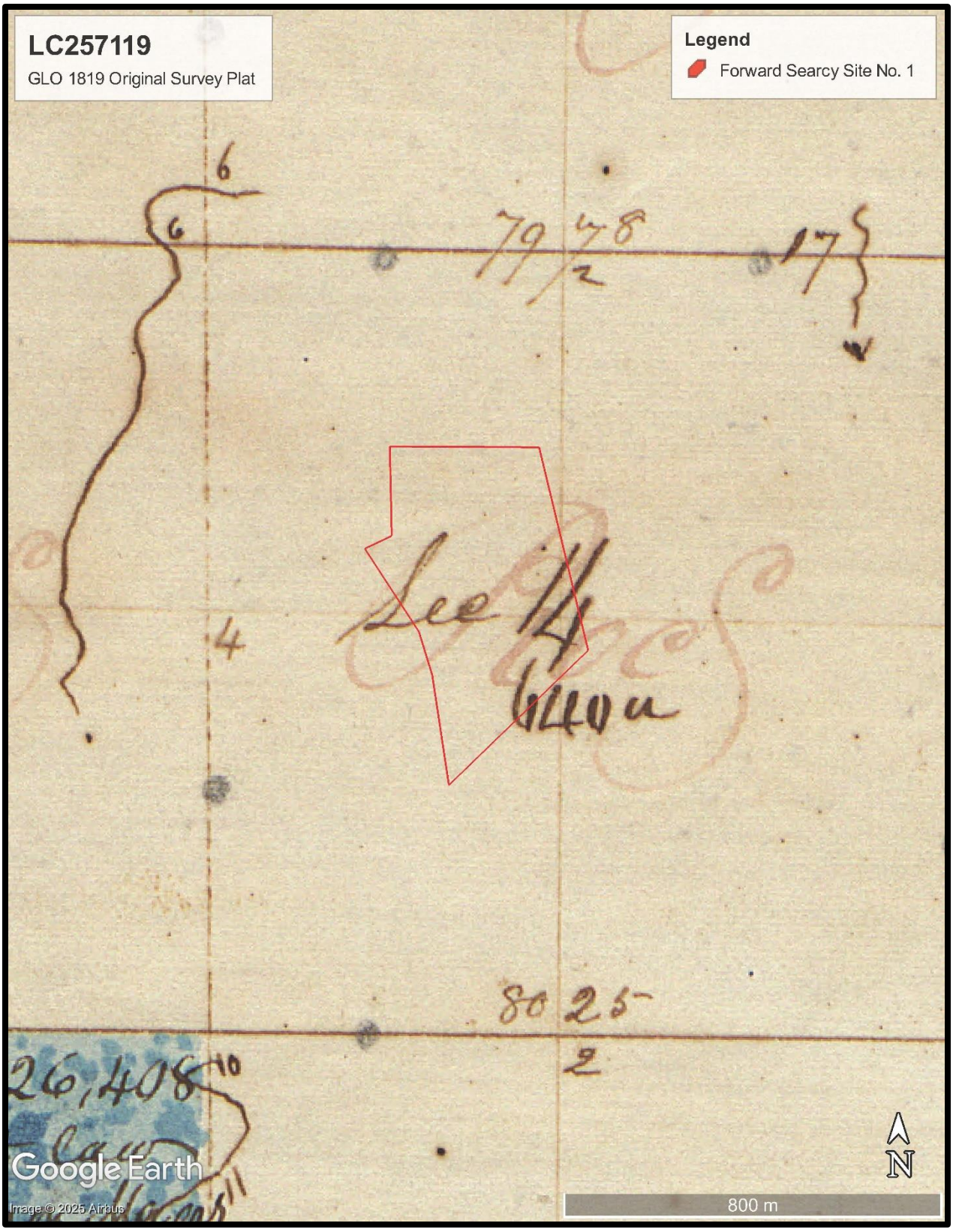


Figure 2. Forward Searcy Site No. 1 detailed on GLO 1819 Original Survey Plat (800 m scale)



Figure 3. Forward Searcy Site No. 1 detailed on GLO 1851 Dependent Resurvey Plat (800 m scale)

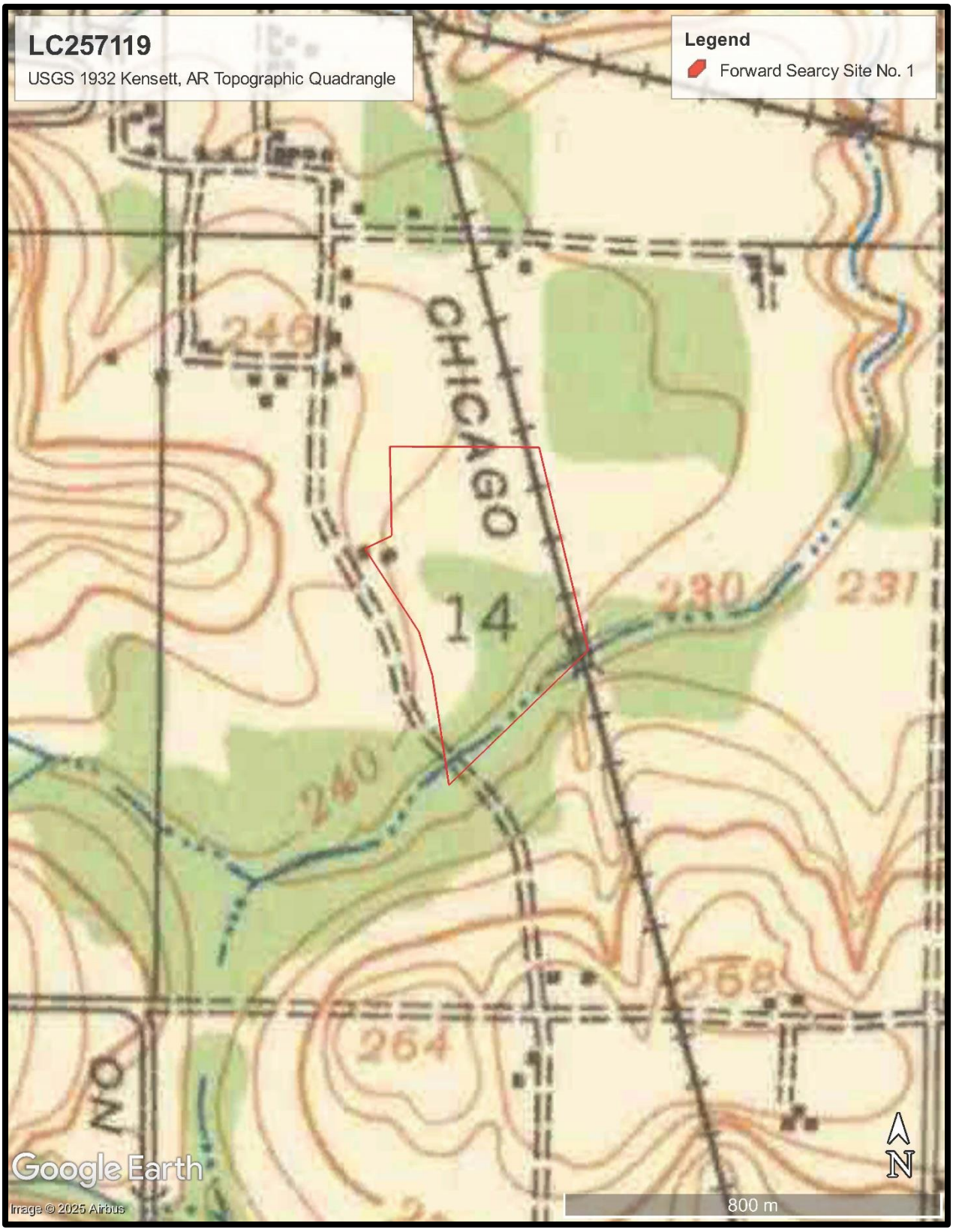


Figure 4. Forward Searcy Site No. 1 detailed on USGS 1932 Kensett, AR Topographic Quadrangle (800 m scale)

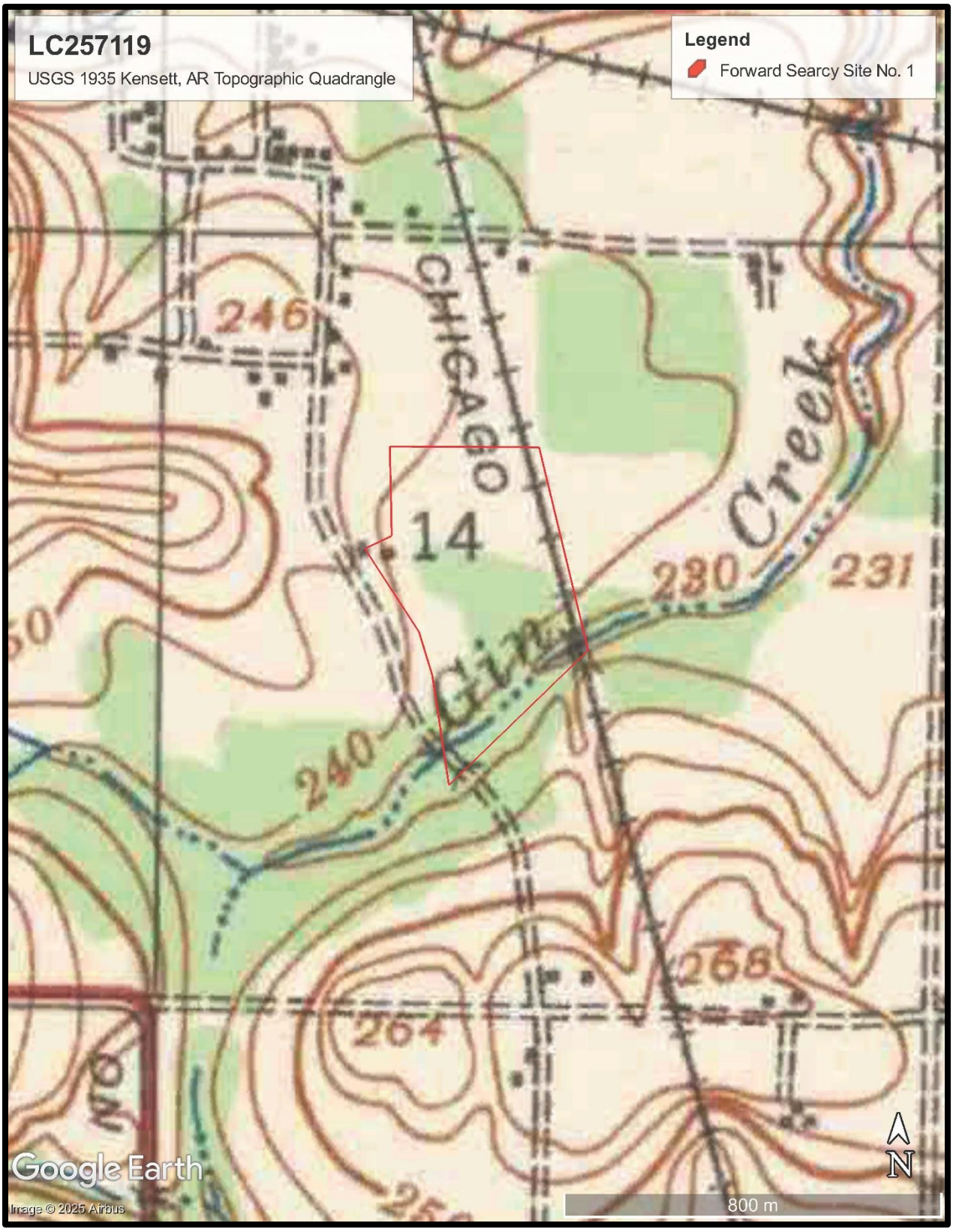


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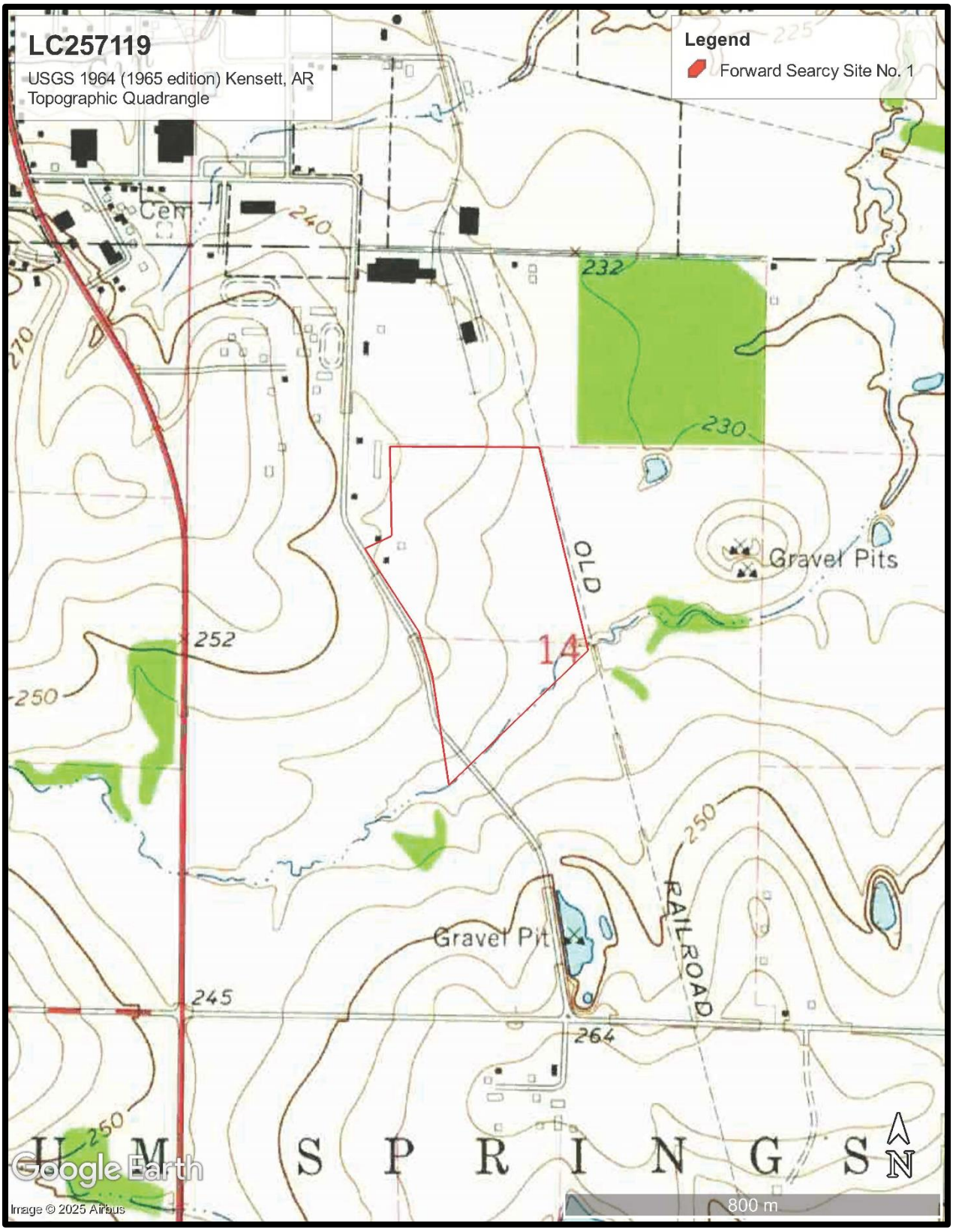


Figure 6. Forward Searcy Site No. 1 detailed on USGS 1964 (1965 edition) Kensett, AR Topographic Quadrangle (800 m scale)

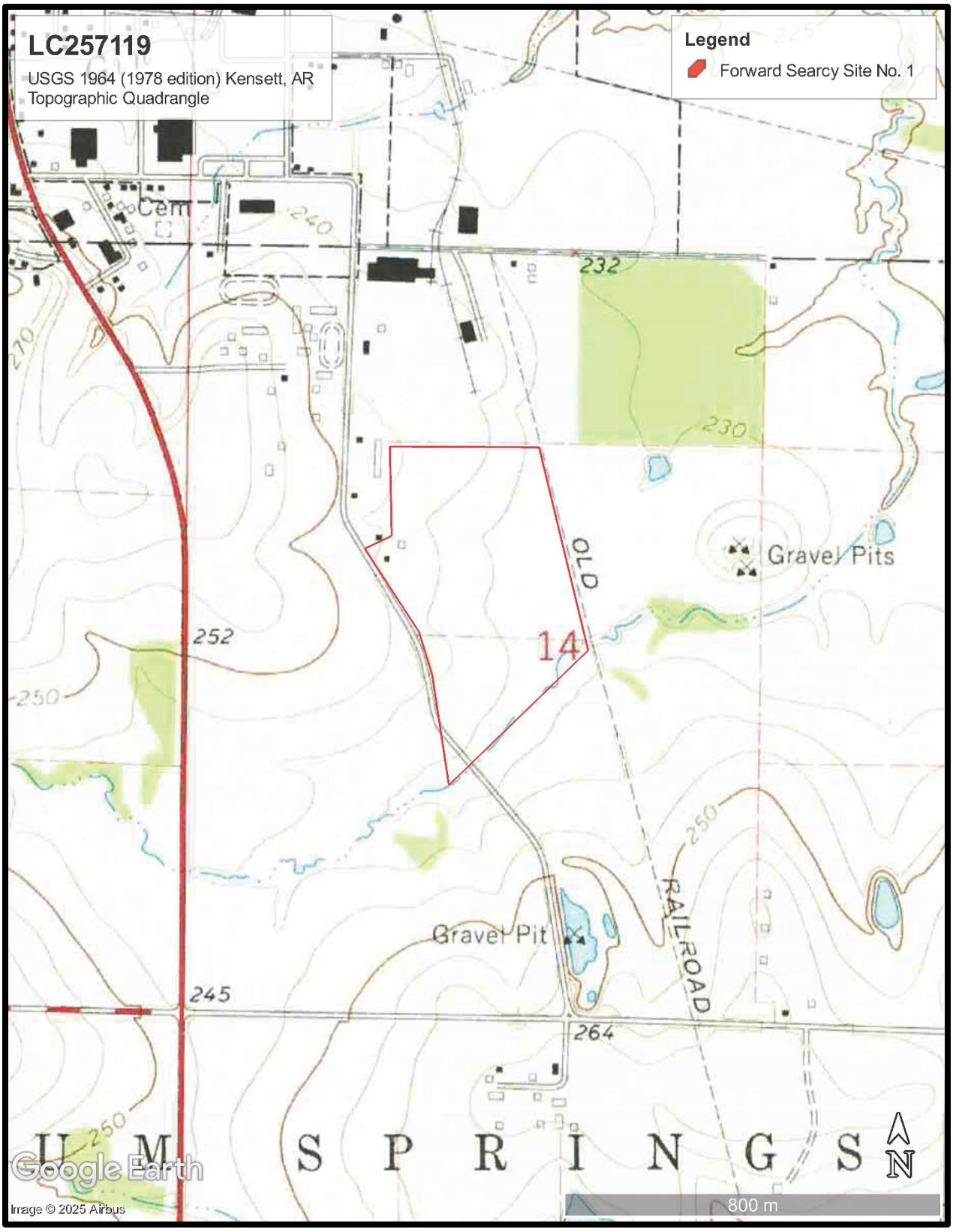


Figure 7. Forward Searcy Site No. 1 detailed on USGS 1964 (1978 edition) Kensett, AR Topographic Quadrangle (800 m scale)

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