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Memorandum

To: Interested Parties
From: Acting Deputy Conservation Manager, Geothermal
Subject: Unit Plan of Operation, Amax Exploration, Inc., Fishlake Unit,
Esmeralda County, Nevada
Ref: 2404-02 Fishlake Unit (POO for EA #194-82)

Amax Exploration, Inc. has submitted a Unit Plan of Operation in accordance with 30 CFR 270.34 to drill up to three (3) 8000-foot (2462 meters) geothermal exploratory wells out of a possible eighteen (18) sites on on Federal Leases N-8421, N-8428, N-9647, N-10311, N-11777, N-31991, and N-31992 in the Fishlake Unit, Esmeralda County, Nevada. A copy of the Unit Plan of Operation is available from the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal, or the Office of the Reno District Geothermal Supervisor.

An environmental report (EA #194-82) will be prepared by the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal for the proposed action. A field inspection will be held, but cannot be scheduled at this time. You are encouraged to contact our District Office for details or to visit the site at your own convenience. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. Bernie Moroz, Reno District Geothermal Supervisor, Kietzke Plaza, Building D, Suite 137, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Reno, Nevada (Tel: (702) 784-5676, FTS: 470-5676).

We urge you to send in written commentary and will appreciate hearing from you even if you are of the opinion that the existing regulations, lease terms, and Operational Orders provide adequate environmental protection.

All comments concerning the proposed actions should be received no later than January 4, 1982 by:

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U.S. Geological Survey, Conservation Division
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Tel: (415) 323-8111, ext. 2841
FTS: 467-2841

All comments will be given serious consideration in the preparation of the environmental report or any subsequent conditions of approval.

The Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal will not send a draft environmental report to Interested Parties for review of the proposed action. Certain parties, however, such as the surface managing agency, the lessee, GEAP, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will receive a copy of the completed EA. Copies of the EA are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Deputy Conservation Manager for Geothermal and the Las Vegas BLM District Manager's Office.


William F. Isherwood

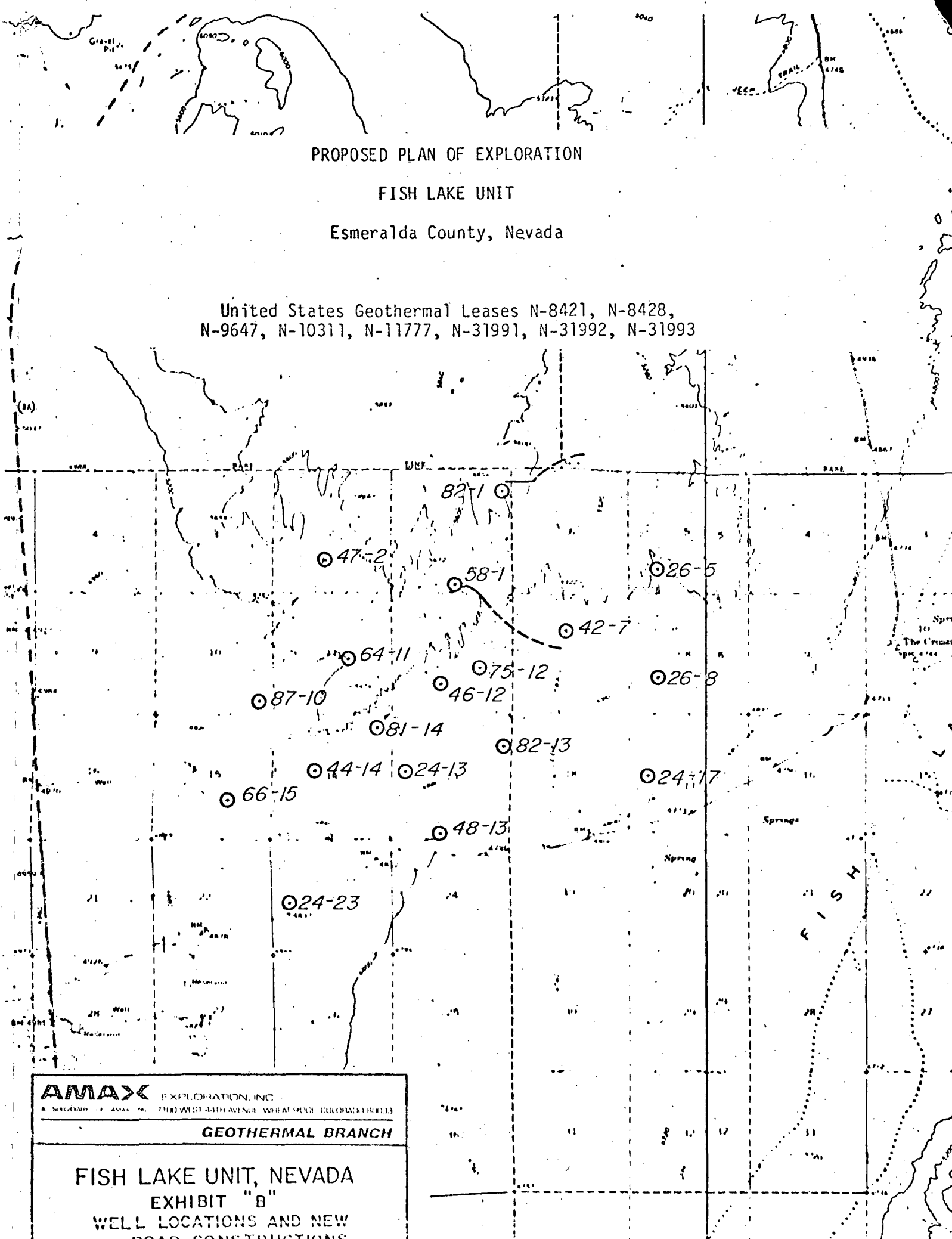
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PROPOSED PLAN OF EXPLORATION

FISH LAKE UNIT

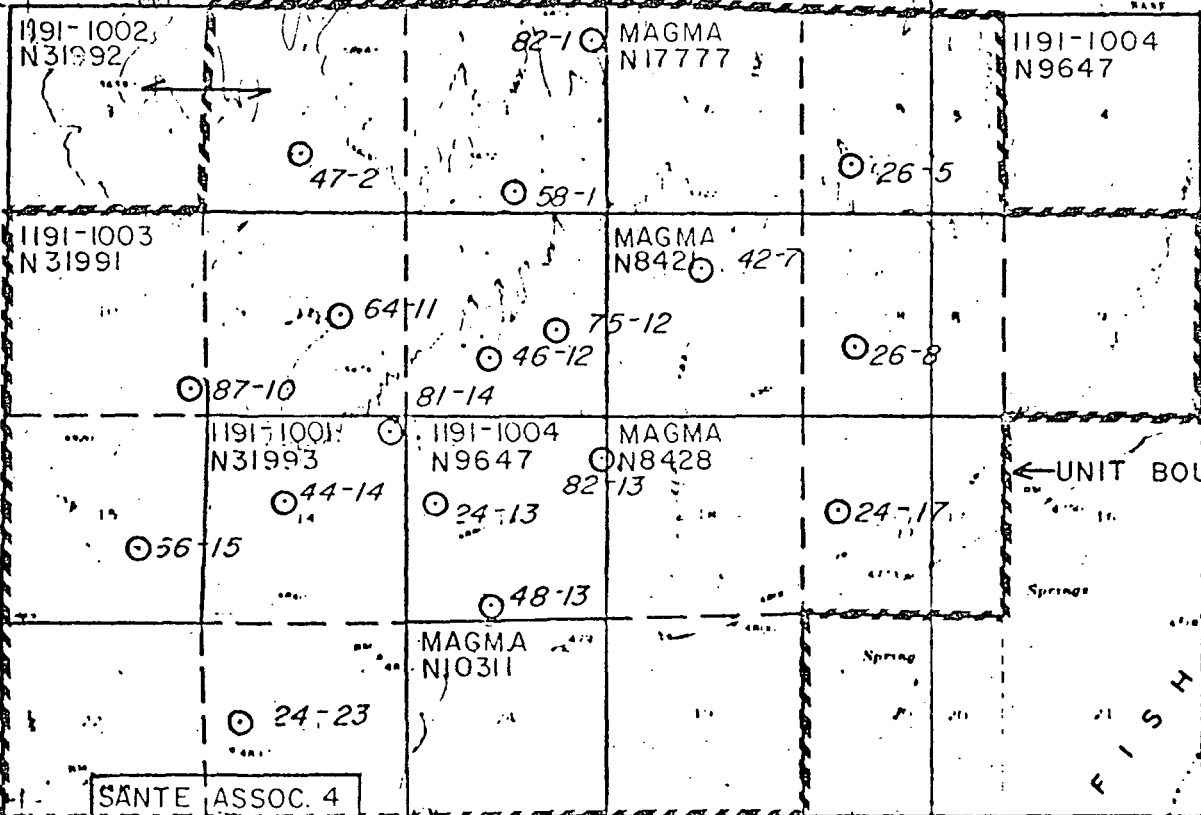
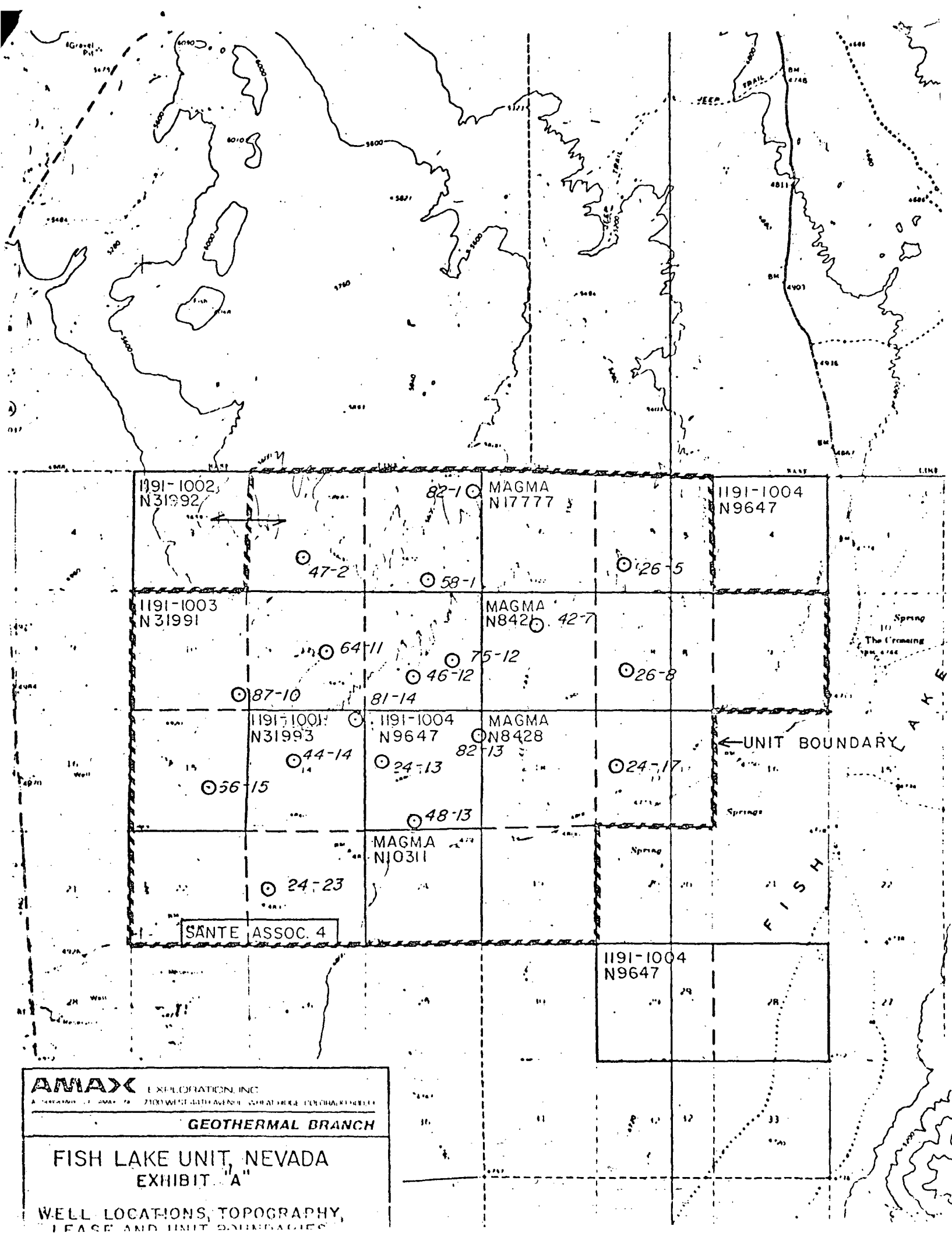
Esmeralda County, Nevada

United States Geothermal Leases N-8421, N-8428,
N-9647, N-10311, N-11777, N-31991, N-31992, N-31993



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