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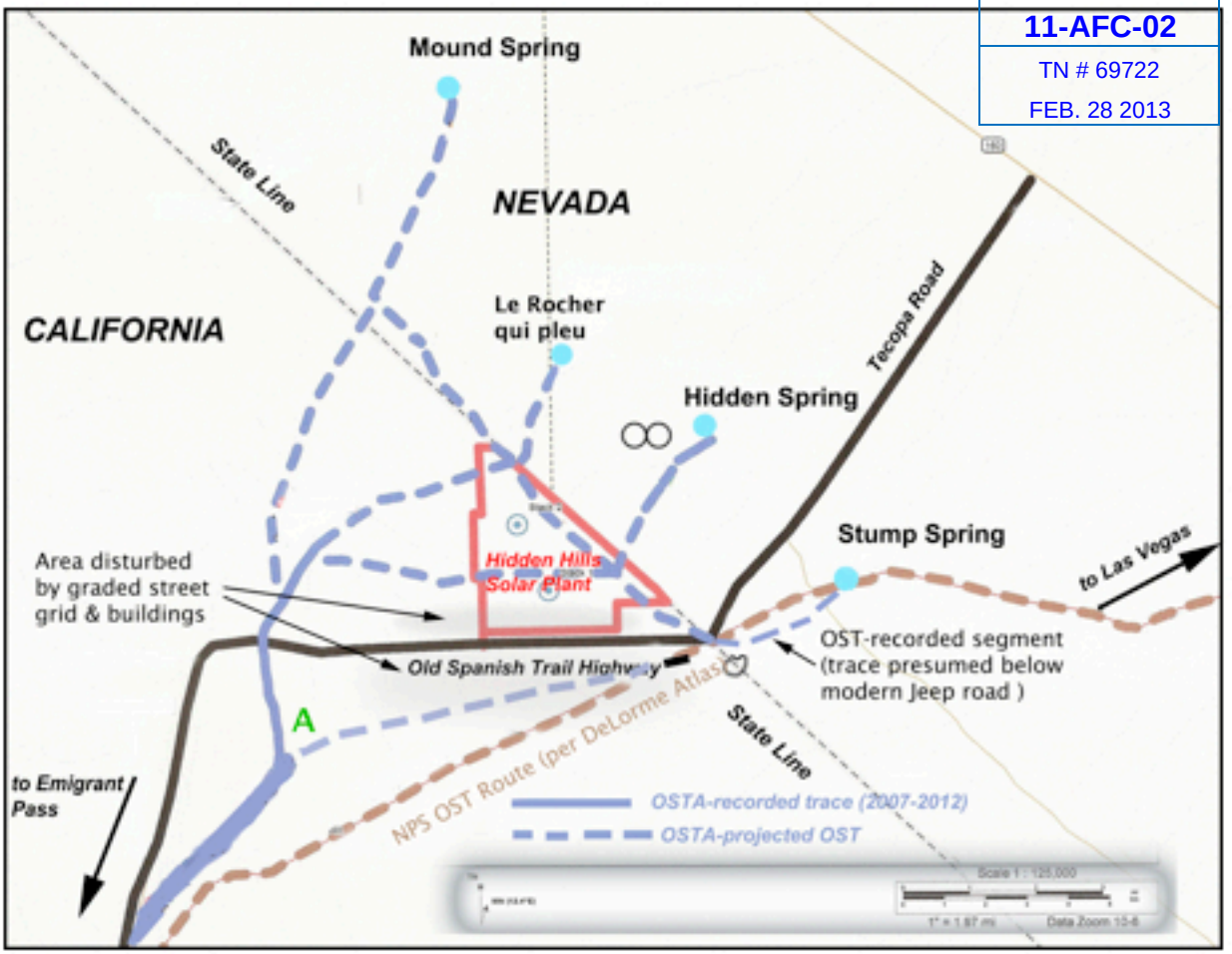

Figure 13. The HHSEGS plant lies amidst a network of Old Spanish Trail routes linking a series of springs to the north and west of Stump Spring. Stump Spring appears on many maps and in many accounts, such as Fremont's 1845 report, of the Old Spanish Trail. When Stump Spring was dry, parties using the Old Spanish Trail would go to the neighboring springs to the northwest. These include Hidden Spring (which was the water source for Hidden Springs Ranch and orchards in the 1950s and 60s; Le Rocher qui pleu, which is an active seep, with ferns and year-round moisture; and Mound Spring.