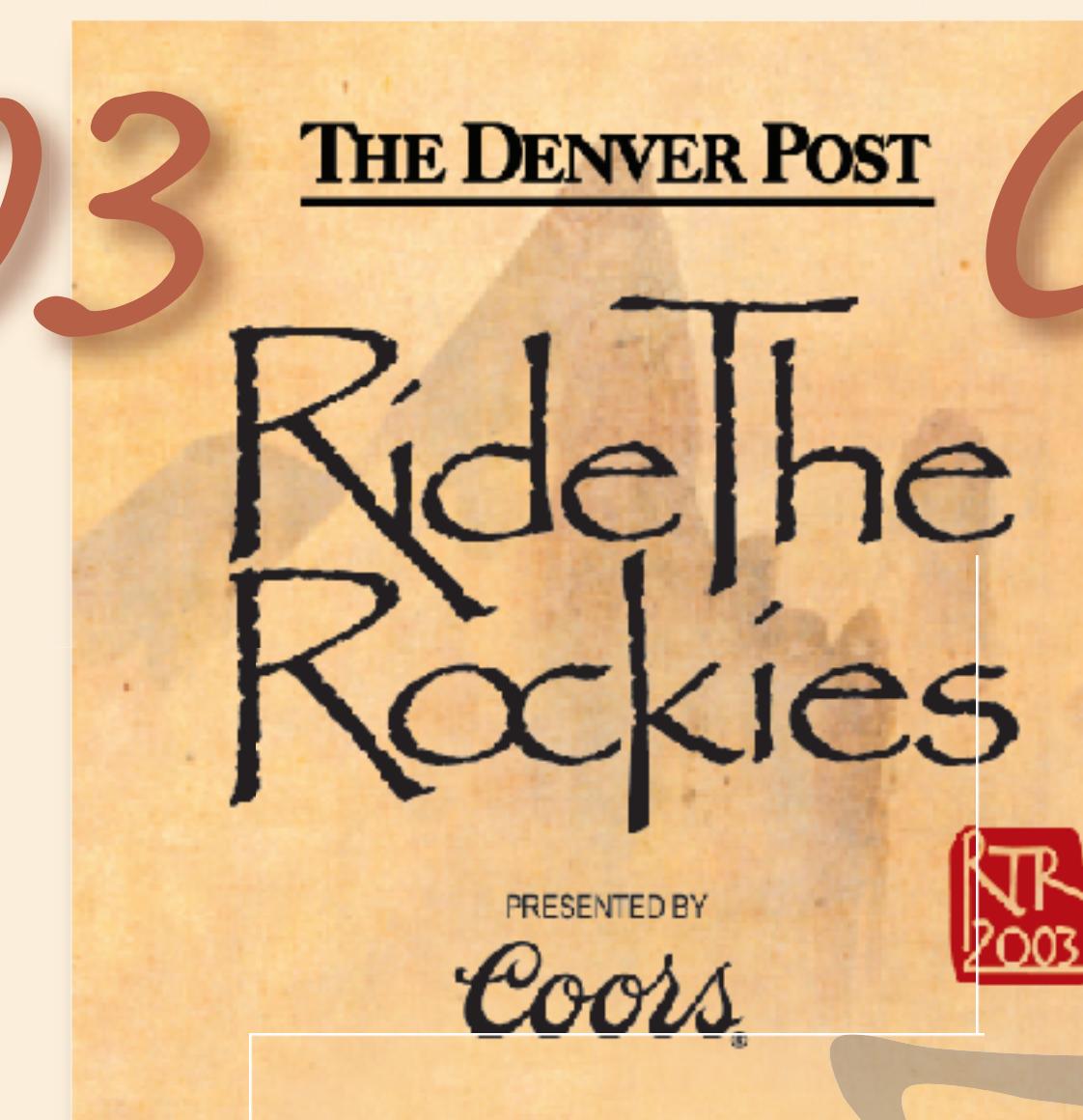


2003 THE DENVER POST Cortez to Copper Mountain June 15–21, 2003 404 Miles



Ride The Rockies Route—
404 Miles

Sunday, June 15
Cortez to Telluride - 77 Miles
Lizard Head Pass - 10,222 Feet

Monday, June 16
Telluride to Montrose - 65 Miles
Dallas Divide - 8,970 Feet

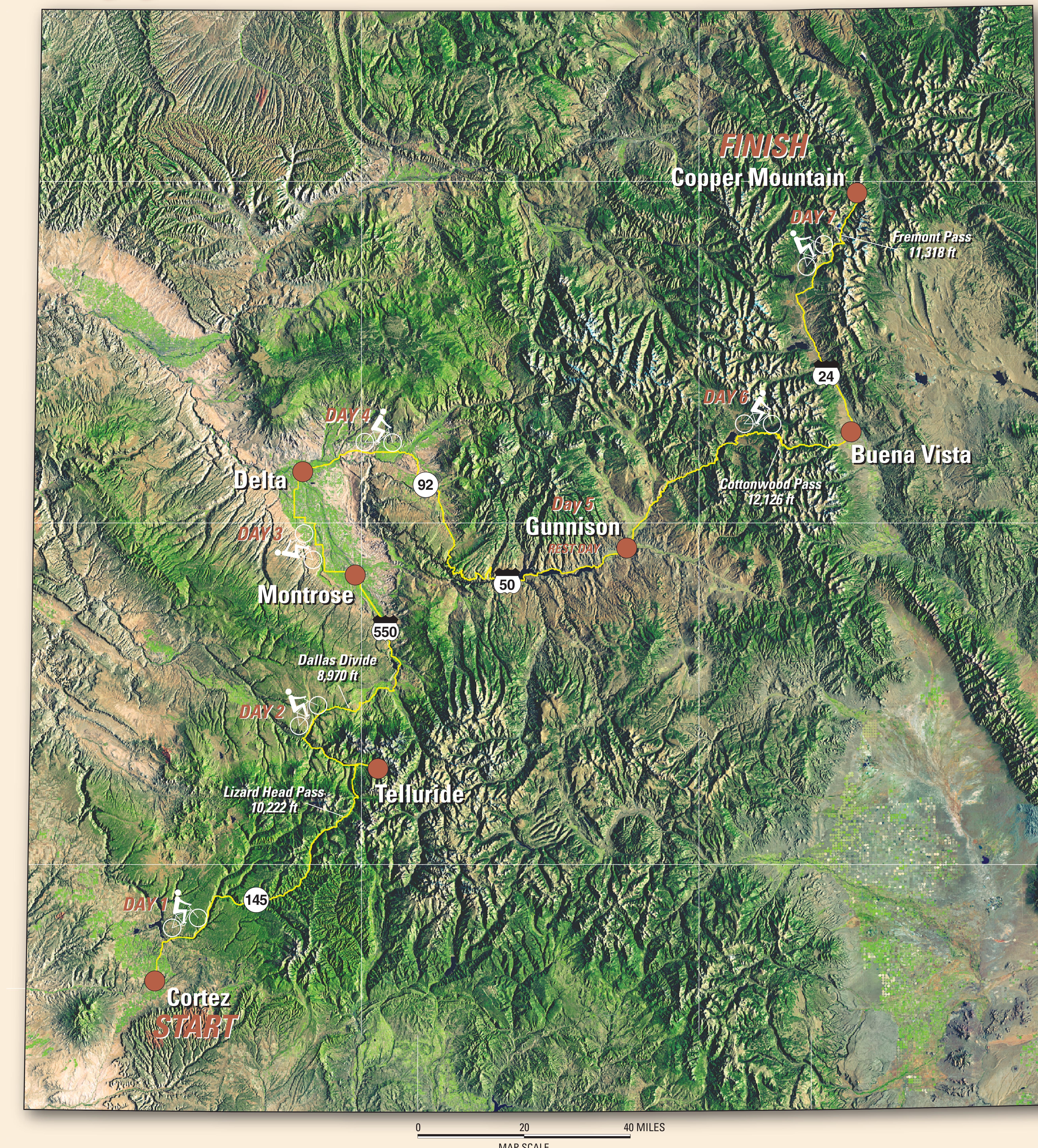
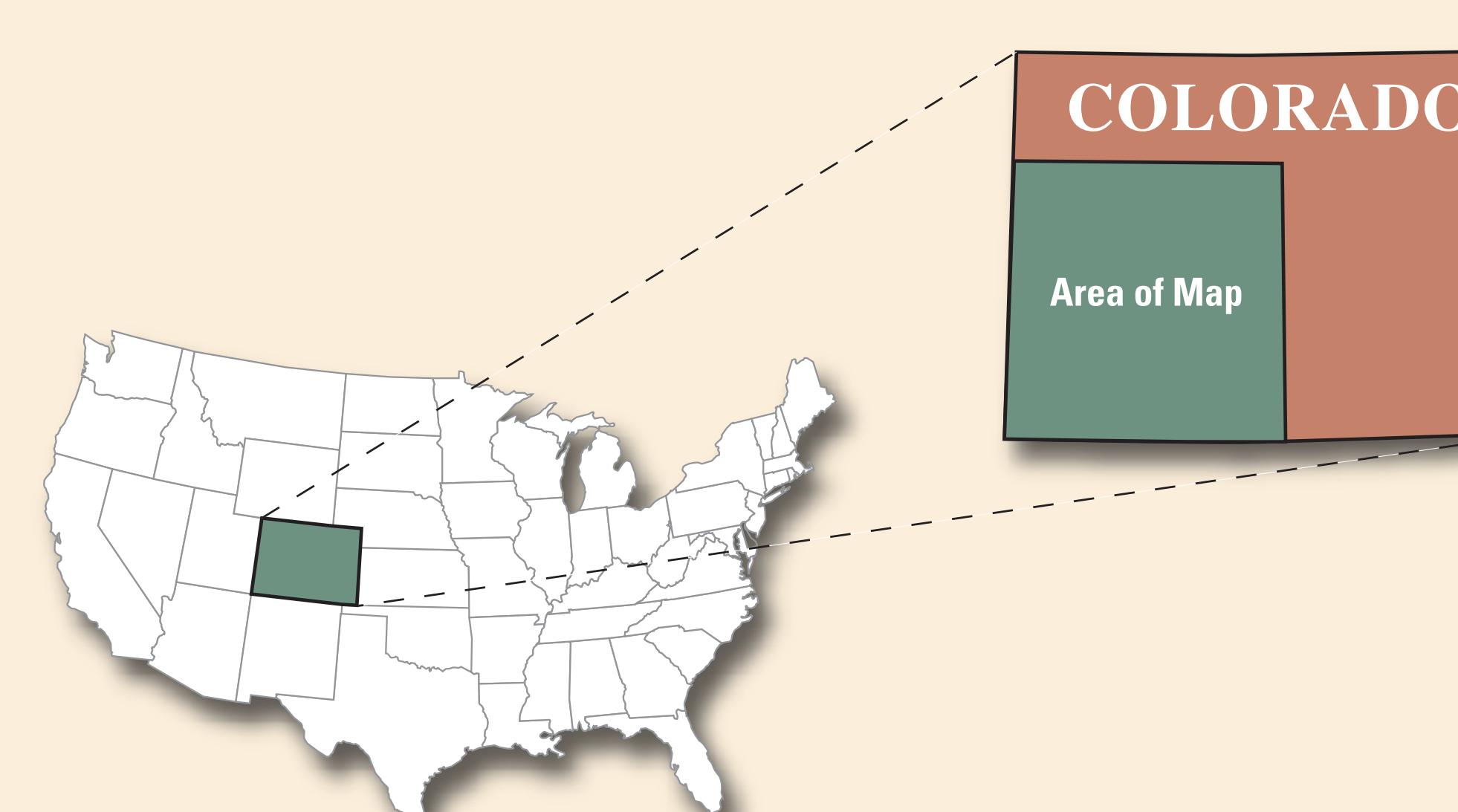
Tuesday, June 17
Montrose to Delta - 32 Miles

Wednesday, June 18
Delta to Gunnison - 102 Miles
North Rim, Black Canyon of the Gunnison - 9,130 Feet

Thursday, June 19
Gunnison - Rest Day

Friday, June 20
Gunnison to Buena Vista - 69 Miles
Cottonwood Pass - 12,126 Feet

Saturday, June 21
Buena Vista to Copper Mountain - 59 Miles
Fremont Pass - 11,318 Feet



About This Image—

This satellite image is a portion of a mosaic of sixteen Landsat 7 scenes that cover the State of Colorado. The scenes were acquired between October 1999 and October 2000.

Landsat 7 is a medium-resolution, polar-orbiting satellite managed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The orbit covers the complete Earth every 16 days at an altitude of approximately 438 miles (705 kilometers). The instrument on board Landsat 7 is the Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus (ETM+), a type of remote-sensing instrument using a passive sensor that measures solar radiation reflected or emitted by the Earth.

This image is a false-color composite, which combines bands 5 (short-wavelength infrared), 4 (near-infrared), and 3 (red) and displays them as red, green, and blue, respectively.

The appearance of shaded relief was created using the National Elevation Dataset, which is based on digital elevation models that have a resolution of 30 meters. The 2003 Ride The Rockies route was superimposed using the ESRI Data and Maps roads database in ArcInfo.

Landsat 7 data are received, processed, and distributed by the USGS EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The EROS Data Center is the national archive for land remote sensing data, which includes aerial photography of the U.S., elevation data, declassified satellite photography, and nearly 30 years of Landsat images. Information on the archive holdings may be obtained by contacting the EROS Data Center, Customer Services Department at 1-800-252-4547, email custserv@usgs.gov or browse <http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov>

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View of Route Looking to the Northeast—

