

# Middle Park, Colorado, Rare Lichen Survey Results

Rare Lichen Habitat in Middle Park, Colorado



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# Recent Surveys

- 2013 Western Area Power Administration Rights-of-Way.
- 2014 Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest funded surveys near Granby.
- 2014 BLM State Office-funded survey in Kremmling area.

# Three Species of Interest

1. *Xanthoparmelia idahoensis* Hale
2. *Circinaria rogeri* Sohrabi  
(*Aspicilia fruticulosa* (Eversm.) Flagey  
misapplied.)
3. *Dermatocarpon reticulatum* H. Magn.  
vagrant “form”.

## Evolution of Our Knowledge Regarding These Rare Lichens in Colorado

- Known Occurrences in Colorado Based on Vouchers.
- Numbers in ***bold italic font*** indicate sites with vouchers verified by Roger Rosentretter.
- All sites were vouchered, and 2014 results are awaiting verification.
- Each site may not be a new element occurrence!

Taxon	Pre-2013	2013	2014
<i>Xanthoparmelia idahoensis</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	18
<i>Circinaria rogeri</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	19
<i>Dermatocarpon reticulatum</i> vagrant form	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	5

# *Xanthoparmelia idahoensis*



# *Xanthoparmelia idahoensis* Habitat



# Original Site Discovered Roger Rosentretter in 1995 Two Additional Sites in 2011



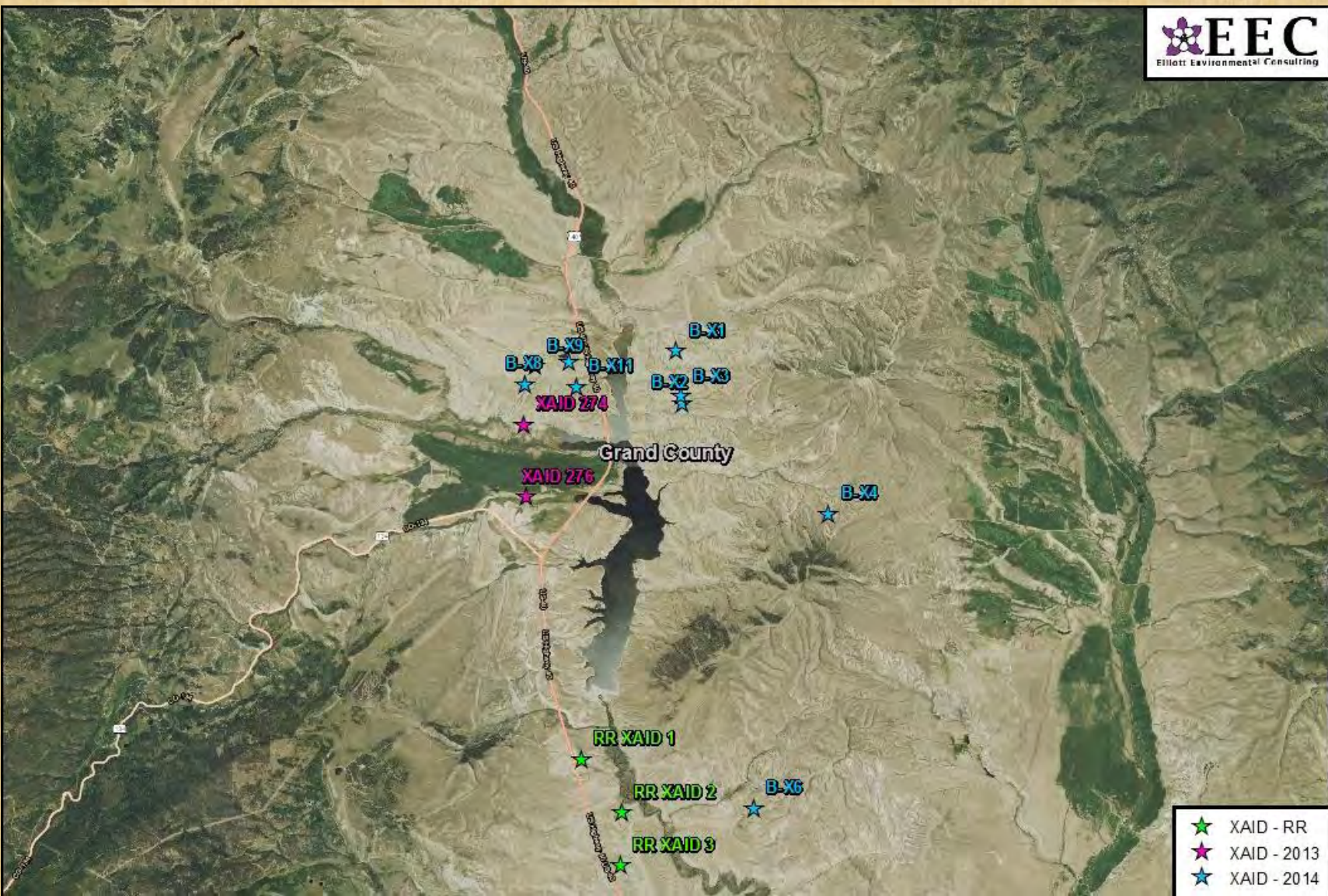
# Additional Sites Discovered During 2013 WAPA Survey



- ★ XAID - RR
- ★ XAID - 2013

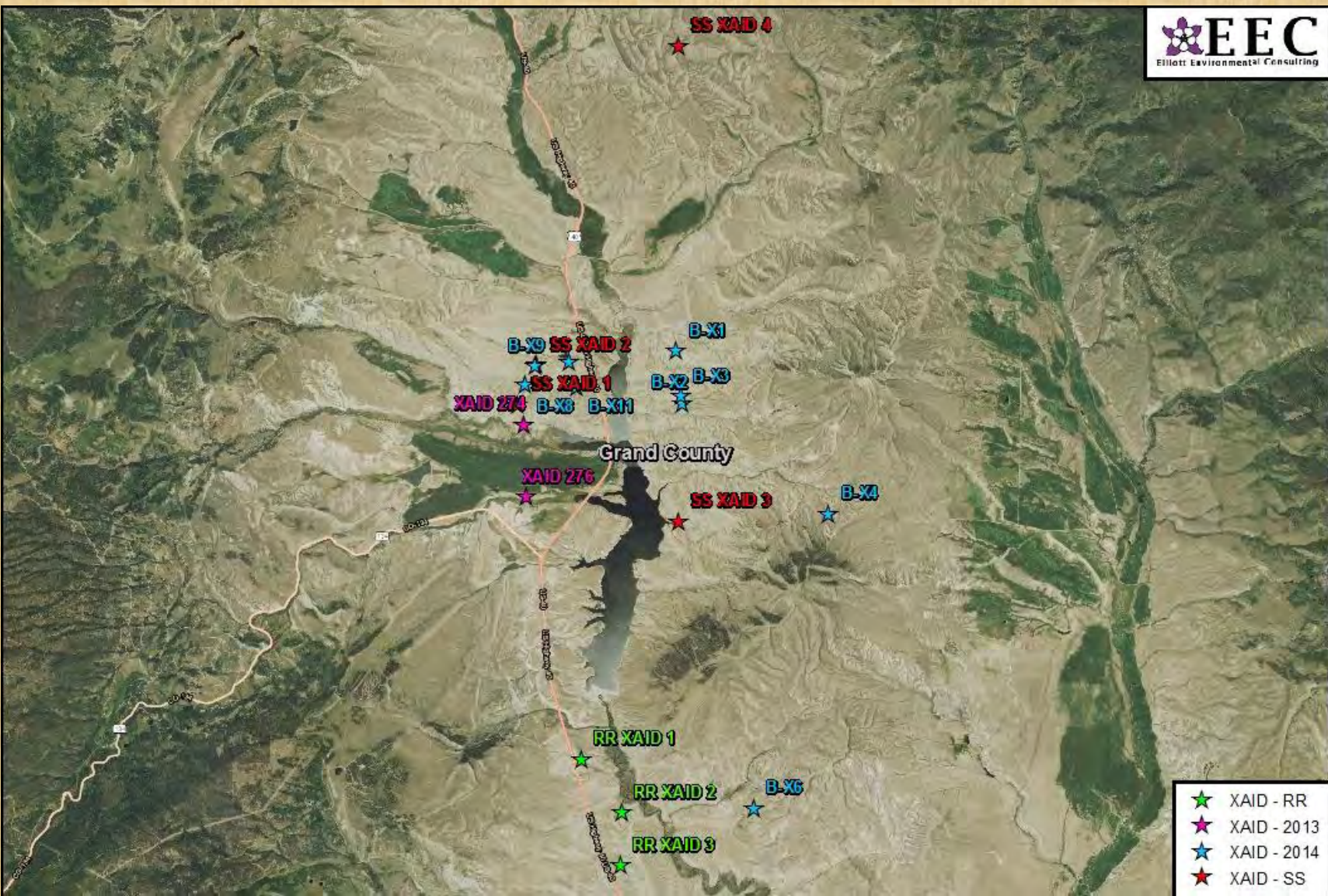


# Additional Sites Discovered During 2014 BLM Funded Directed Survey



- ★ XAID - RR
- ★ XAID - 2013
- ★ XAID - 2014

# Additional Sites Discovered By Scott Smith 2014



*Circinaria rogeri*



# *Circinaria rogeri* Habitat



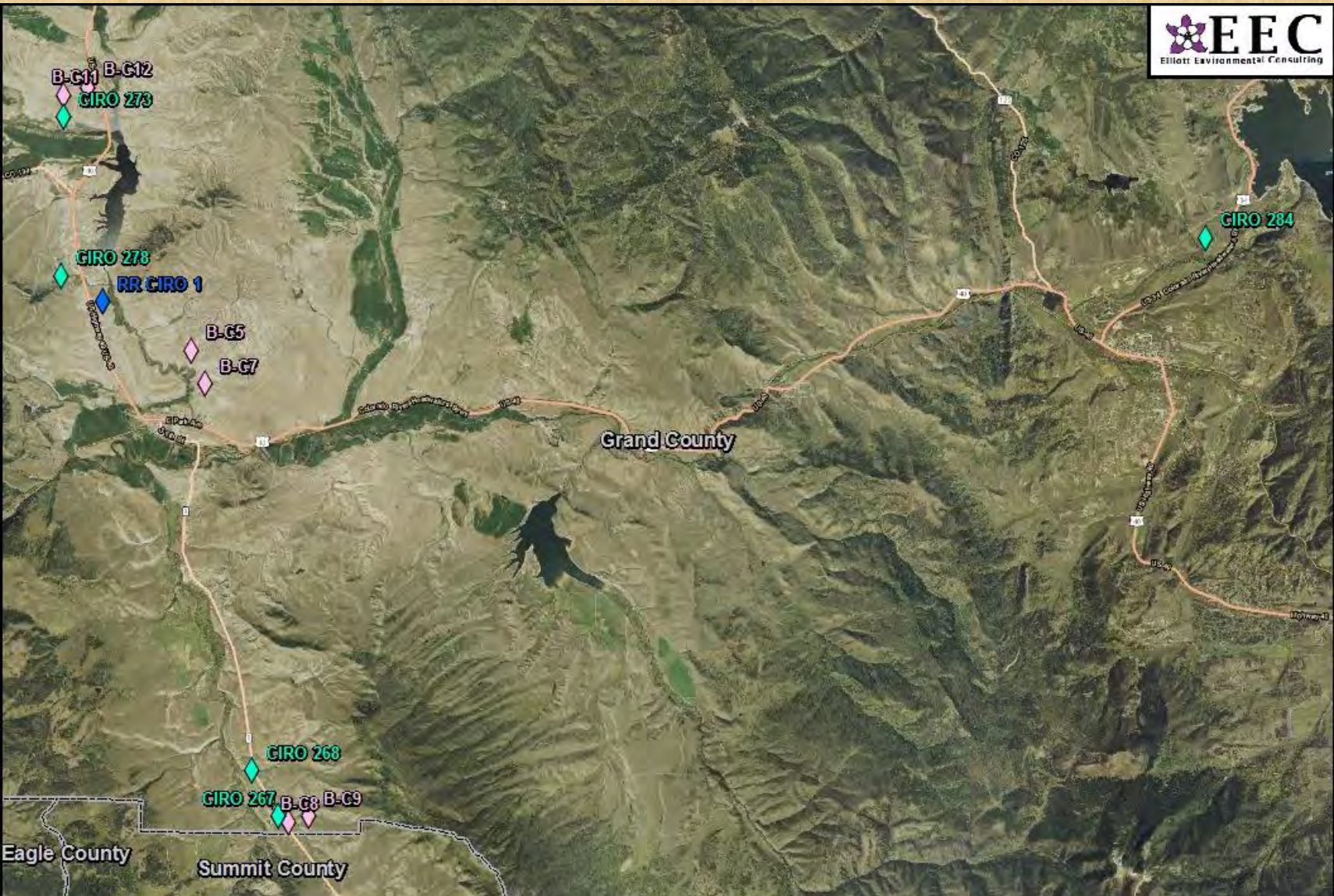
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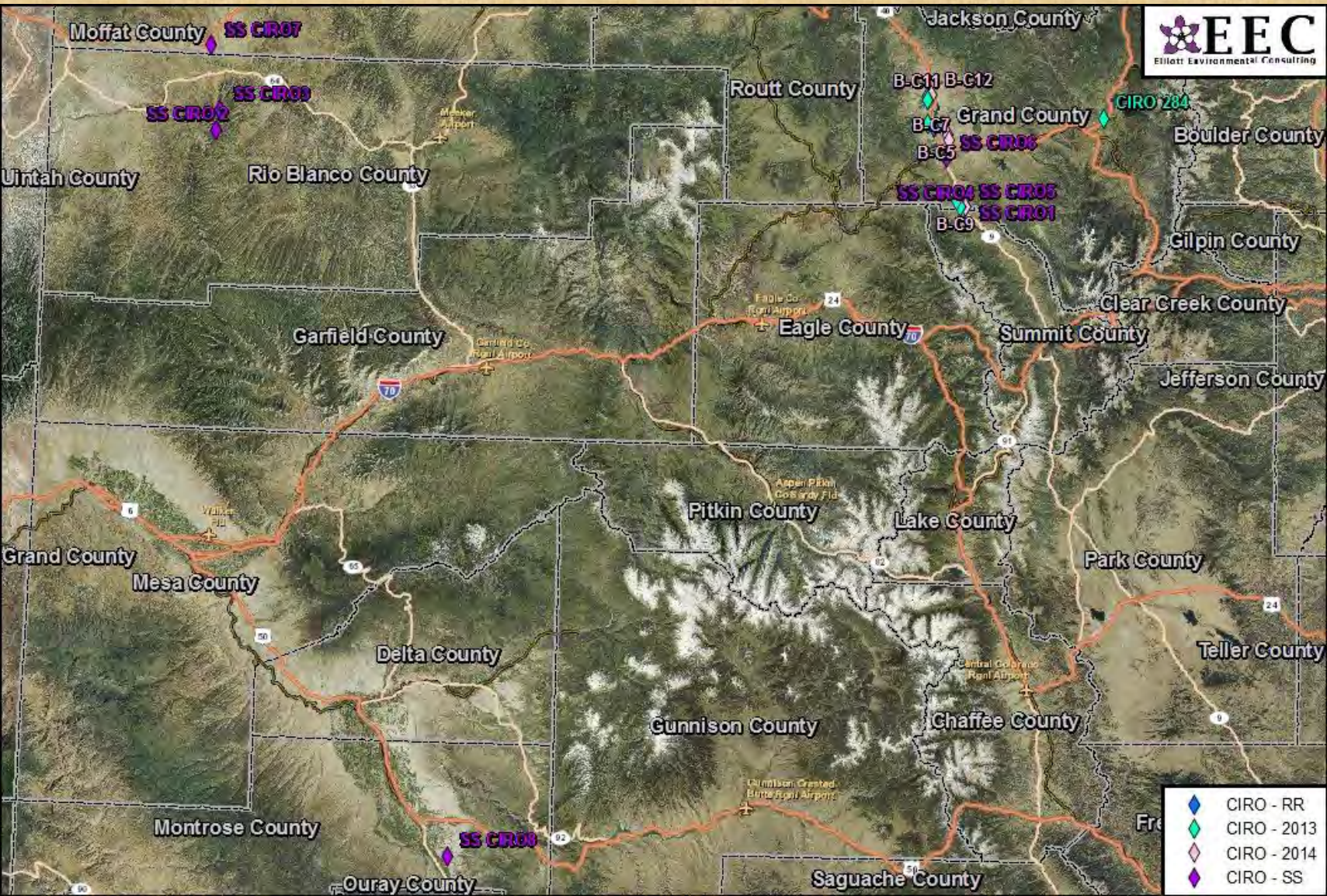
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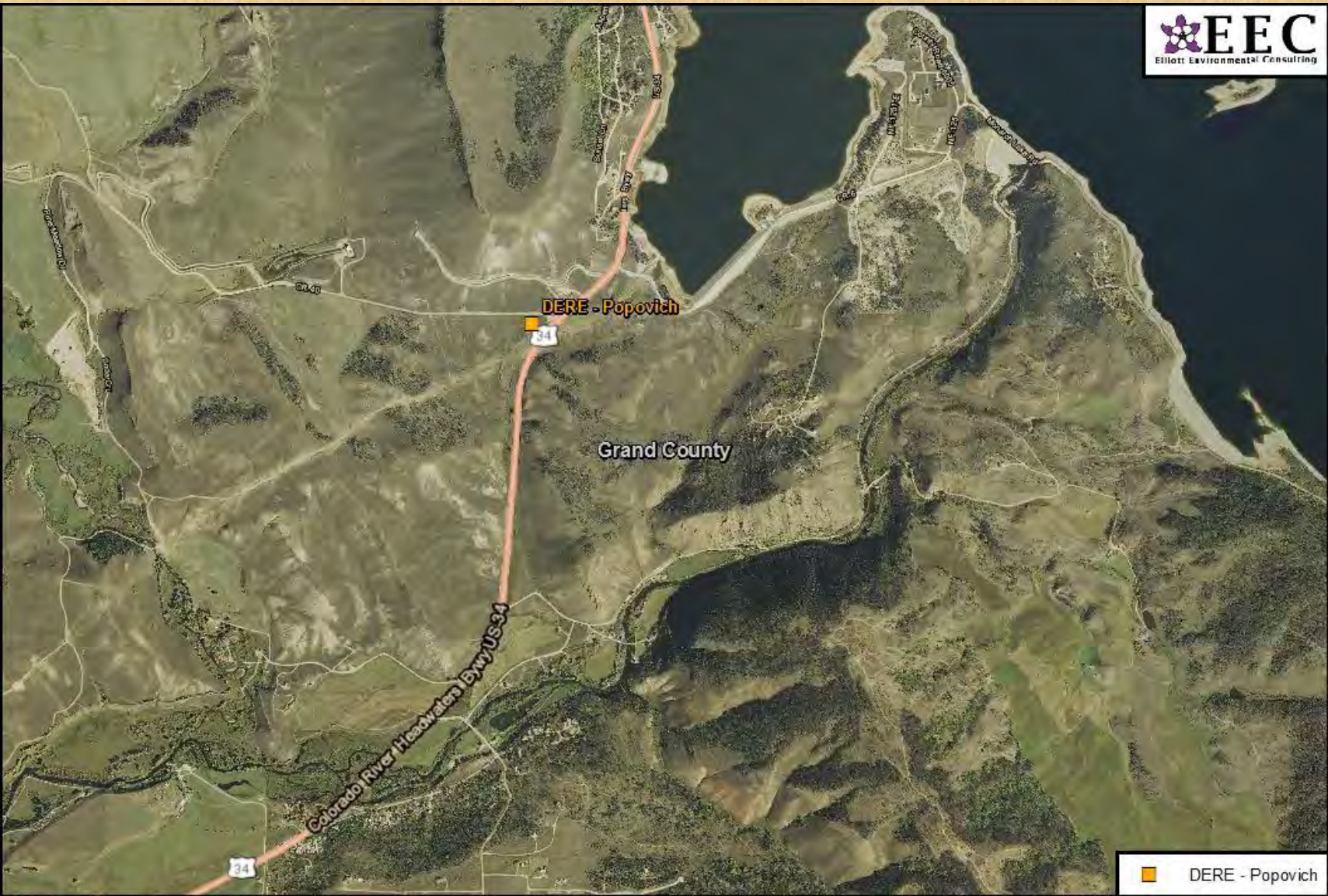
*Dermatocarpon reticulatum* vagrant form



*Dermatocarpon reticulatum* vagrant form  
Habitat





# Original Site Discovered by Steve Popovich



DERE - Popovich

# Additional Site Discovered During 2013 WAPA Survey



2013 Occurrences	
	DERE - 2013
	DERE - Popovich

# Sites Discovered During 2014 ARP Funded Directed Survey



- DERE - 2013
- DERE - Popovich
- DERE - 2014

# Summary

- These lichens are more common than previously thought but still rare.
- Potential status change (S1 to S2).
- Little survey effort relative to other S1 species in Colorado.
- Threats include any activity that creates ground disturbance.