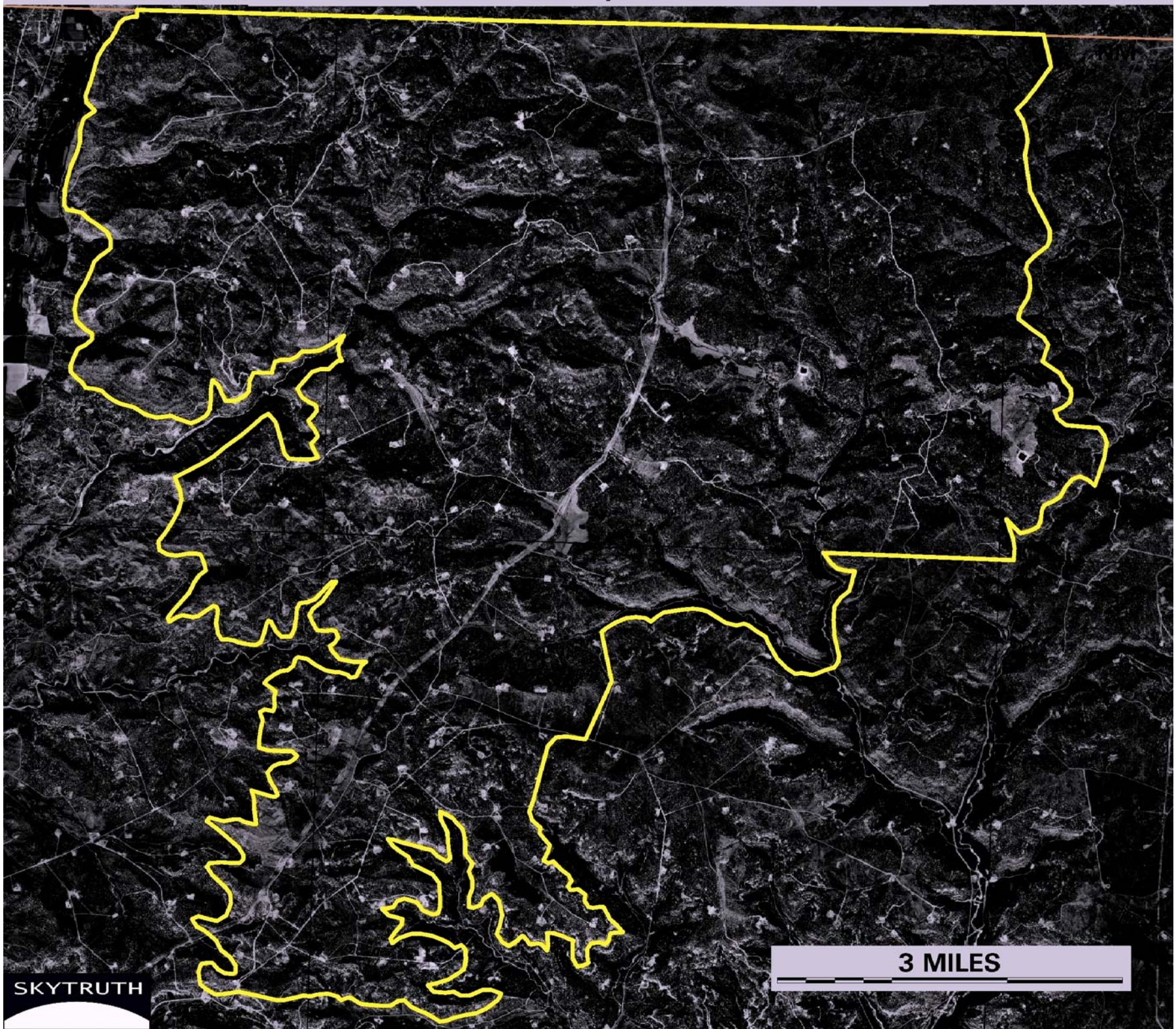BLANCETT RANCH, OCTOBER 1997