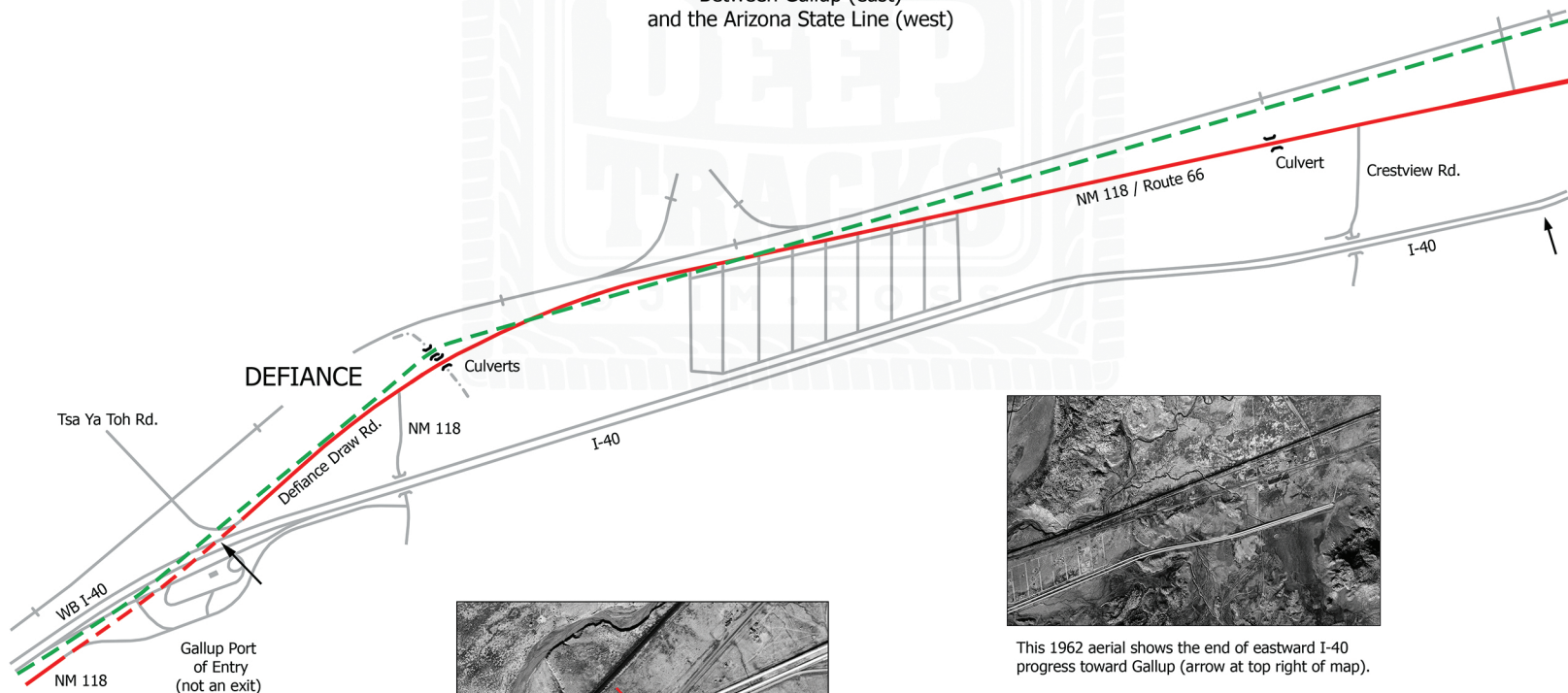


Between Gallup (east)
and the Arizona State Line (west)



This 1962 aerial photo shows the point where 2-lane US 66 joined westbound I-40 following completion of the interstate in this area (see black arrow above left on map).



This 1962 aerial shows the end of eastward I-40 progress toward Gallup (arrow at top right of map).

Note on Alignments:

The green route was replaced by the first paved alignment (red) in 1935 here.

A 1962 aerial reveals that eastward from Defiance, I-40 toward Gallup was in place to a point of abrupt ending at the arrow (right side of map). It would not open to traffic until extending to present Exit 16 (previous map) where it would join the red route into the city (likely occurring within a year or two). From that point, the bypass of Gallup by I-40 was piecemeal, being finally completed in 1980.

Westward from Defiance, evolving I-40 by 1962 had severed the red route (dashed red line). Traffic there was diverted onto the completed westbound half of the interstate (arrow, left side of map and photo) to a point near Exit 8 (next map).