



Diamond Mountain Retreat Center Cochise County Special Use Application

Line and Space, LLC
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Boyce Thompson Arboretum

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Mission

To nurture happiness through the art of meditative retreat.

Diamond Mountain

- Diamond Mountain offers opportunities for deep spiritual practice and provides a refuge from the stress and agitation of modern life. Guided by Buddhist values that hold kindness, service, and contemplative wisdom in the highest regard, their vision is to provide all with the conditions necessary to nurture one's inner growth for a happier life, regardless of your belief system or religion.

Beliefs

- Diamond Mountain believes in the potential of every person to transform his or her life through the practices of compassion, wisdom, and meditation.
- Diamond Mountain believes in bringing more love, understanding, and clarity into our world.
- Diamond Mountain believes in realizing the highest form of ourselves, so that we can be of the most benefit to others and for our own happiness.



Diamond Mountain

Values

- Open heartedness – a place for everyone no matter your beliefs, selfless service to others
- Quietude – meditative, spiritual activities and teaching
- Ecology – believe in taking responsibility for their environment, as a down-to-earth application of spiritual practice (sustainability, natural materials, off-grid approach, solar power, solar water heating, composting toilets, greywater irrigation, etc.)



Diamond Mountain

- 2 previous Special Use Authorizations
- Respectfully using their property since 2002
- Religious 501(c)3 Non-profit organization



Respect for Indigenous People

- Positive relationship with the Apache tribe
- Apache retreats and planned subsequent events
- Apache Sacred Ground – listened to their concerns and accommodated their wishes
- Interpretation/education on the Apache and a past location of their sacred ground while providing property for a new location for their sacred ground
- The Medicine Wheel Garden



Before



After

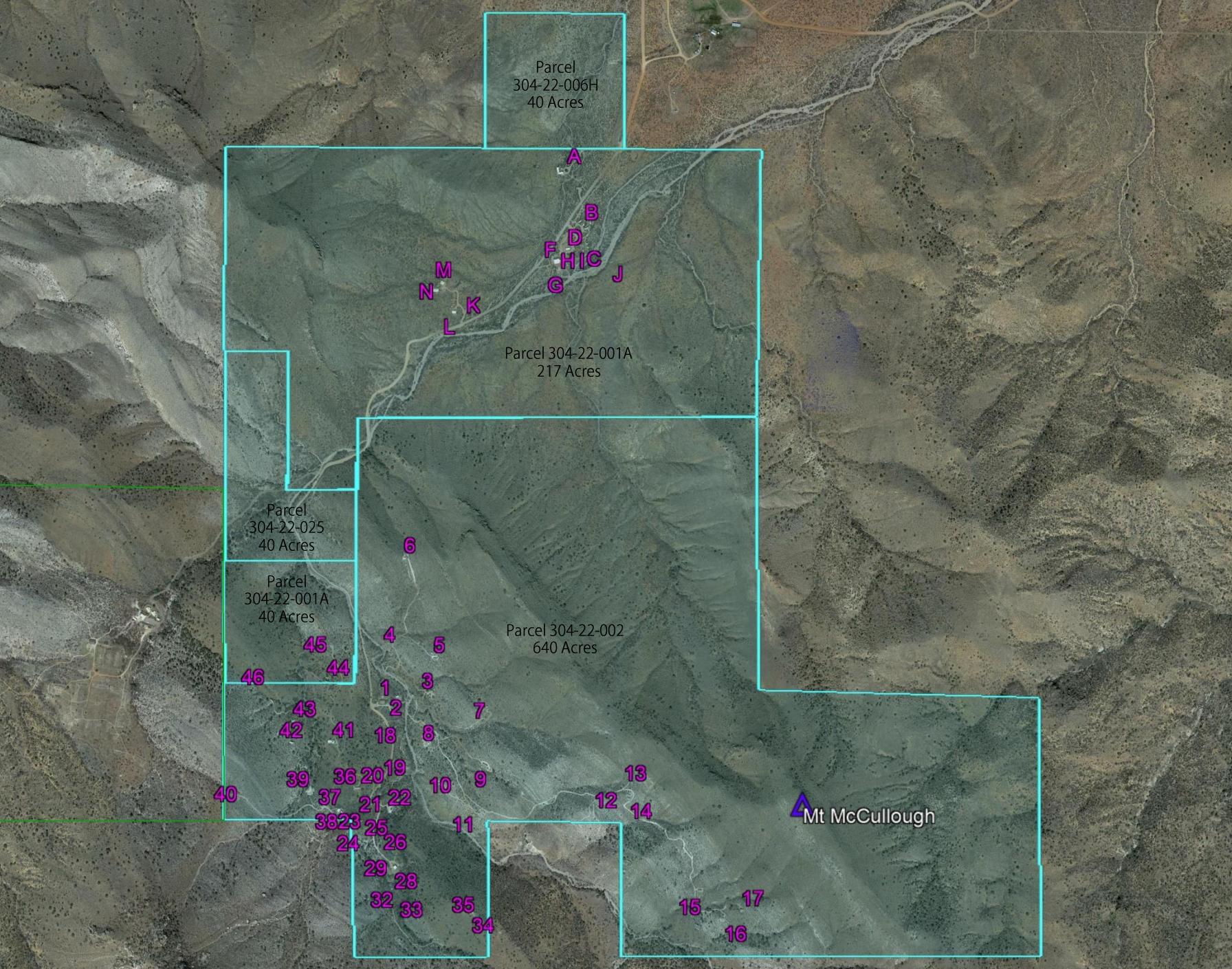
Respect for History

Diamond Mountain is the proud caretaker of the Bear Springs House listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983

Recent improvements to the Bear Springs House

- New roof
- Restored windows
- Restored floors
- New paint in the historical color
- Upgraded the septic system

Starting the process to have voluntary Class I Literature Review and Class III Pedestrian Survey completed for the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

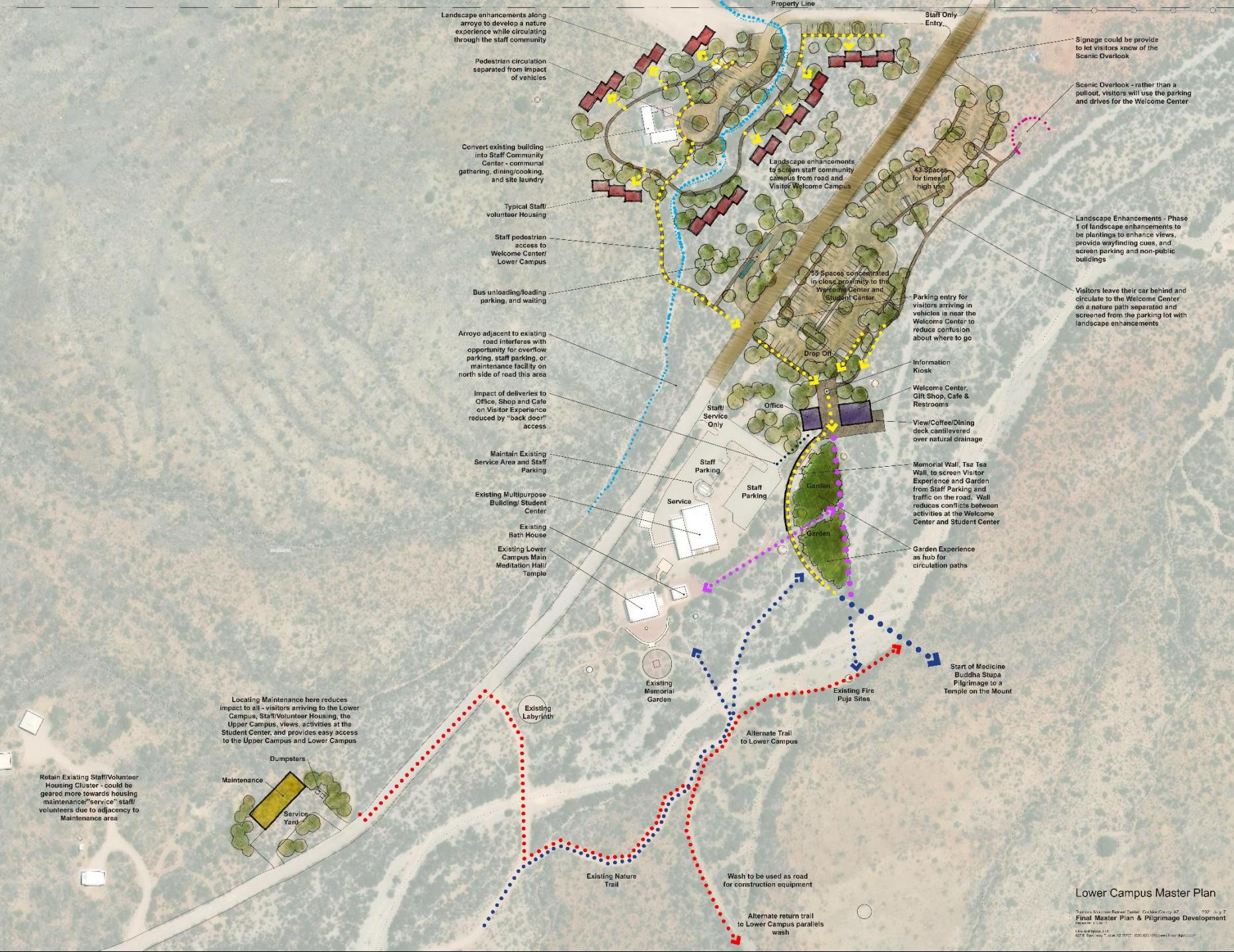


Property and Existing Improvements

- 4 Parcels
- 1077 Acres
- Zoned RU-4 / Rural designation
- 2 previous Special Use Authorizations

Utilities

- Existing wells – utilize cisterns and solar powered pumps
- Electricity and solar power
- Solar water heating
- Septic systems for Lower Campus structures and composting toilets for retreat houses in the Retreat Valley

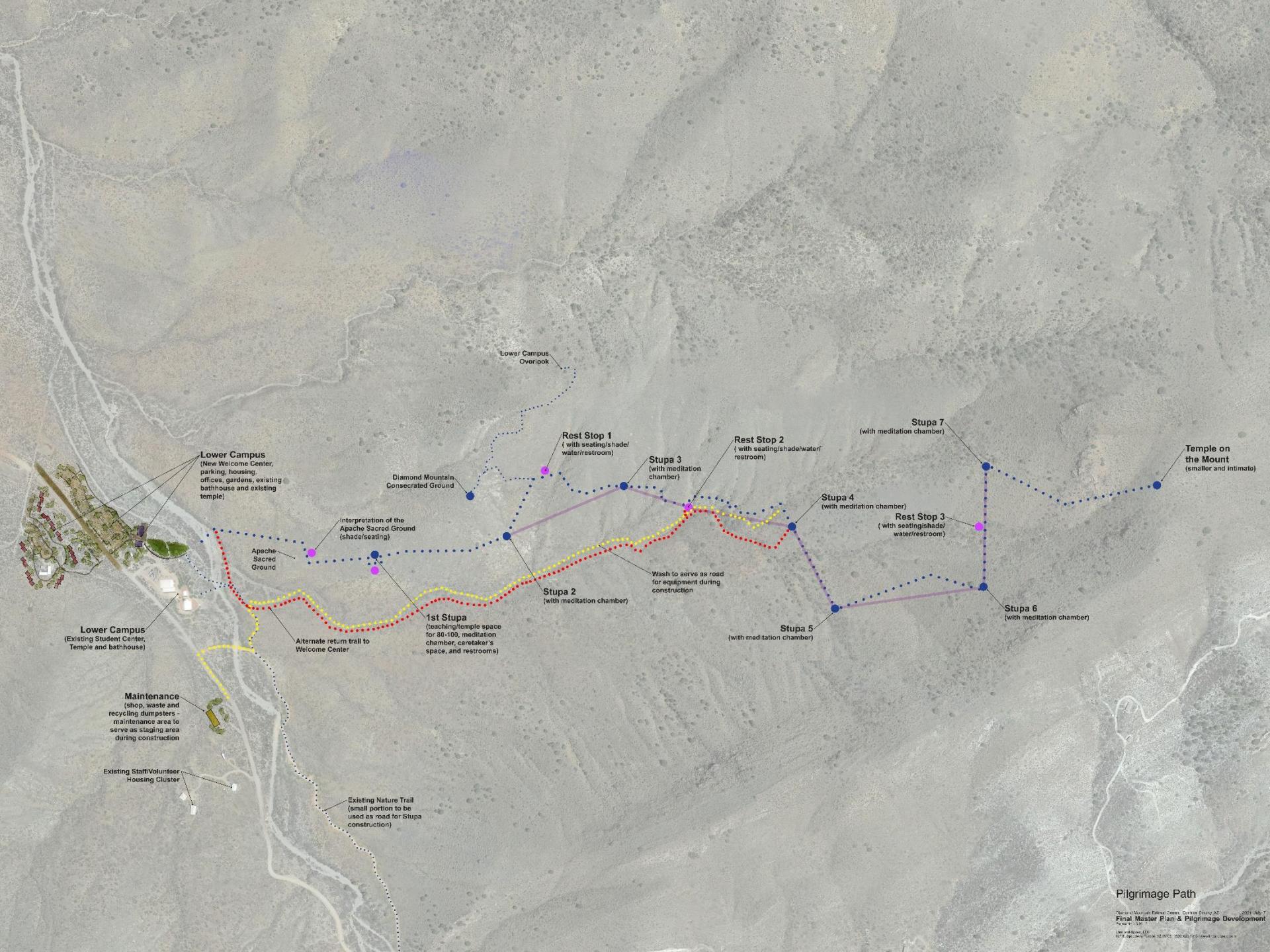


Lower Campus Master Plan

- Welcome Center
- Visitor Parking with Bus Staging
- Memorial Garden and Wall
- Staff/Volunteer Housing
- Maintenance Facility
- Landscape enhancements and screening

Pilgrimage Valley

- Pilgrimage Path
- 7 Stupas
- Mountain Temple
- Interpretation of Apache Sacred Ground
- Alternative natural path returning to the Welcome Center
- Landscape enhancements and screening





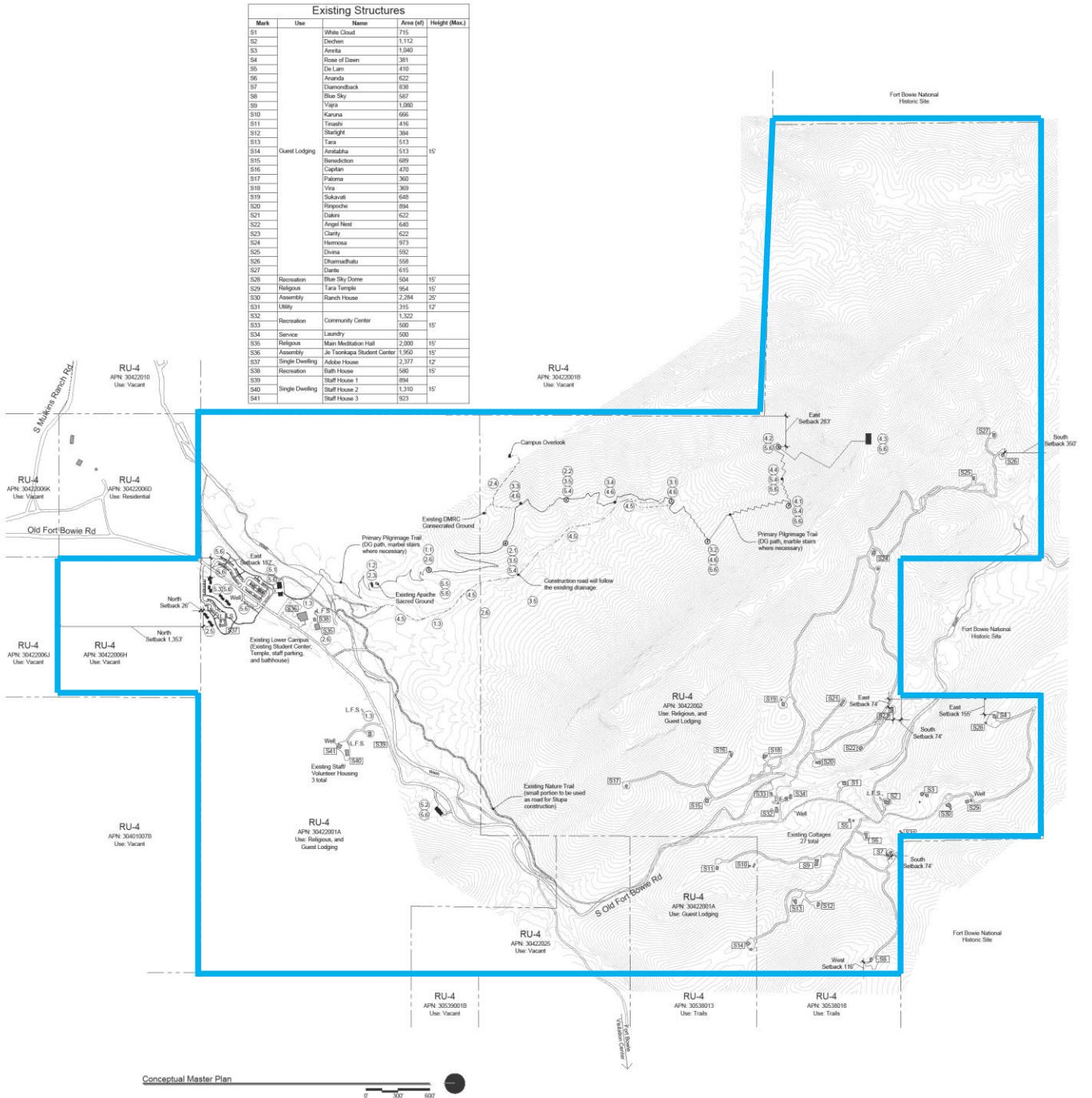
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Medicine Buddha Stupa
Pilgrimage to a Temple on
the Mount - Overall View

Apache Mountain Region - Coconino County, AZ
Final Master Plan & Pilgrimage Development
Version 1.0, 2011
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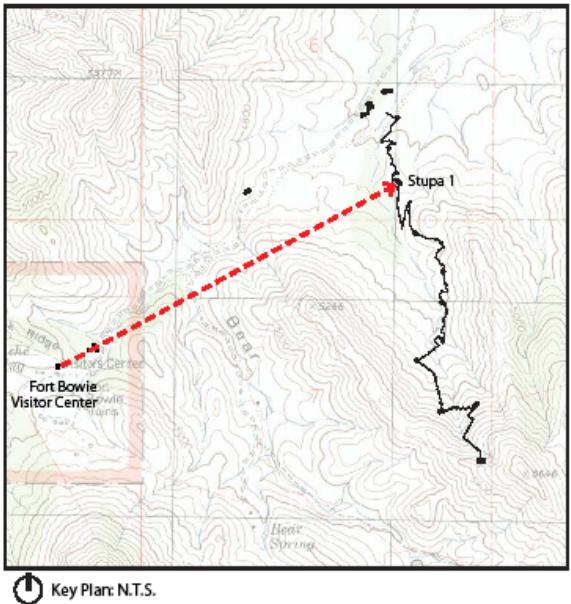


Approach

- Phase 1 – Stupa 1 with Pilgrimage
- Phase 2 – Stupas 2 & 3 with Pilgrimage Path, 4 staff / volunteer housing units
- Phase 3 – Stupas 4 & 5 with Pilgrimage Path, 2 rest stops
- Phase 4 – Stupas 6 & 7, 3rd rest stop, Mountain Temple, completion of the Pilgrimage Path
- Phase 5 – Welcome Center, visitor parking, Maintenance Facility, additional staff / volunteer accommodations

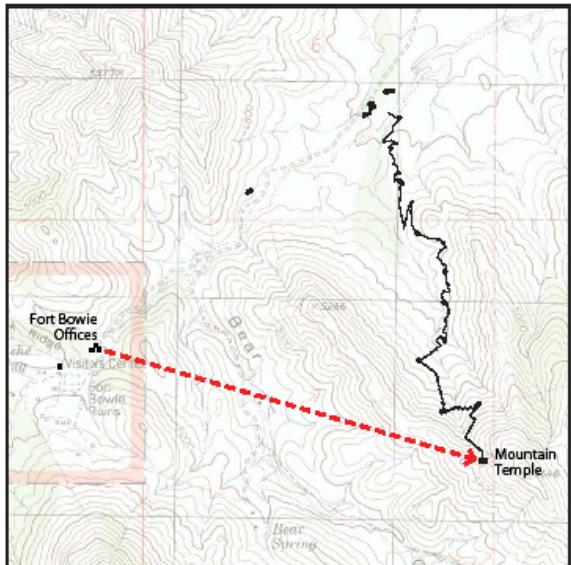
Landscape enhacements throughout all phase with funding specifically designated for this aspect

Complete funding will be placed for each phase prior to any construction work starting for that phase



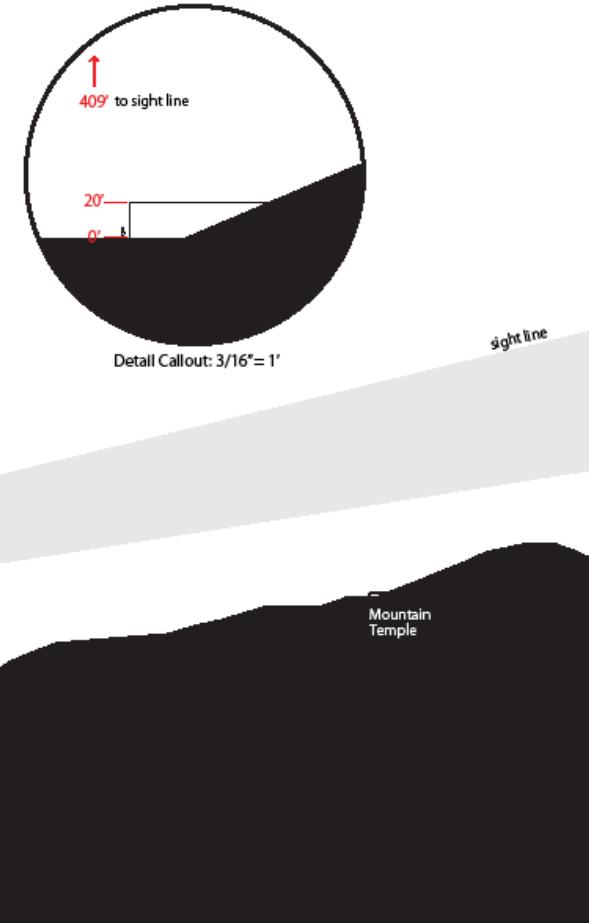
Accommodating Neighbors

- Strategically located development to screen from views of neighbors
- Studied view impact to neighbors



Fort Bowie Offices

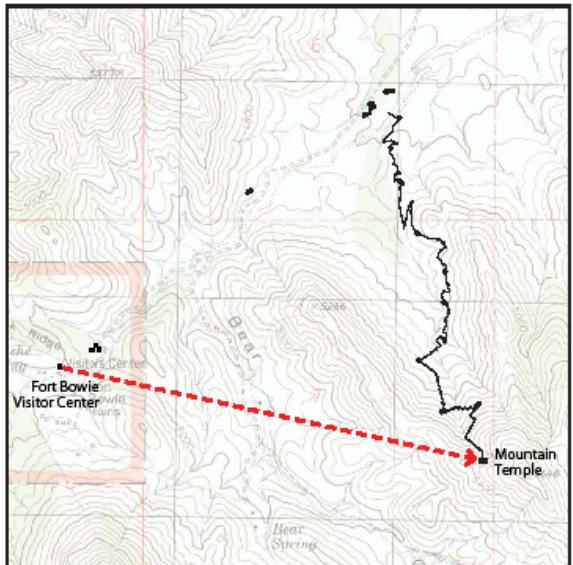
Mountain Temple

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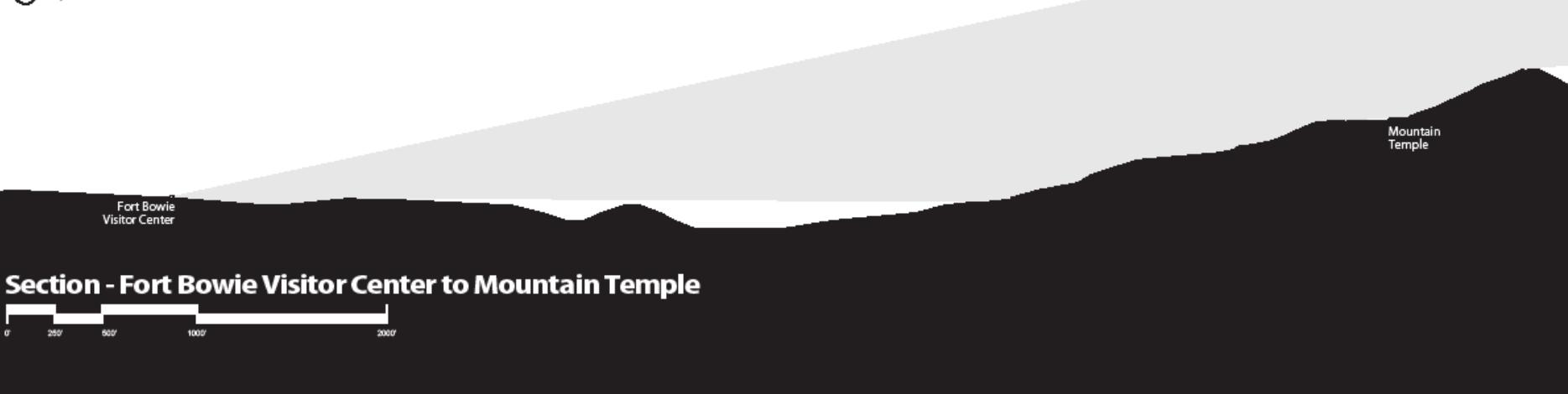
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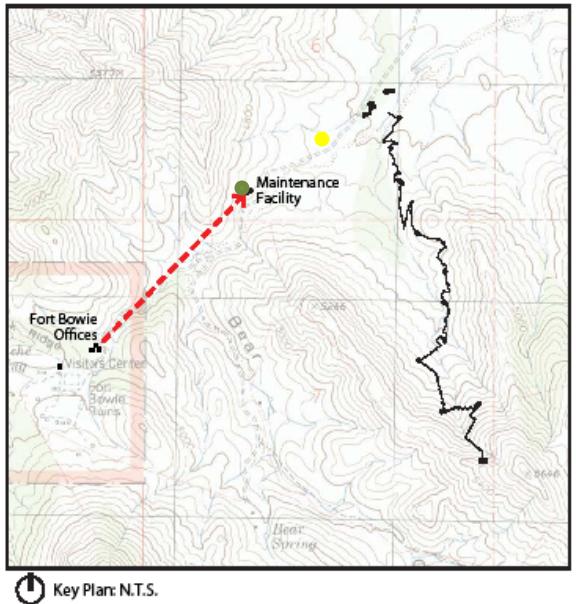
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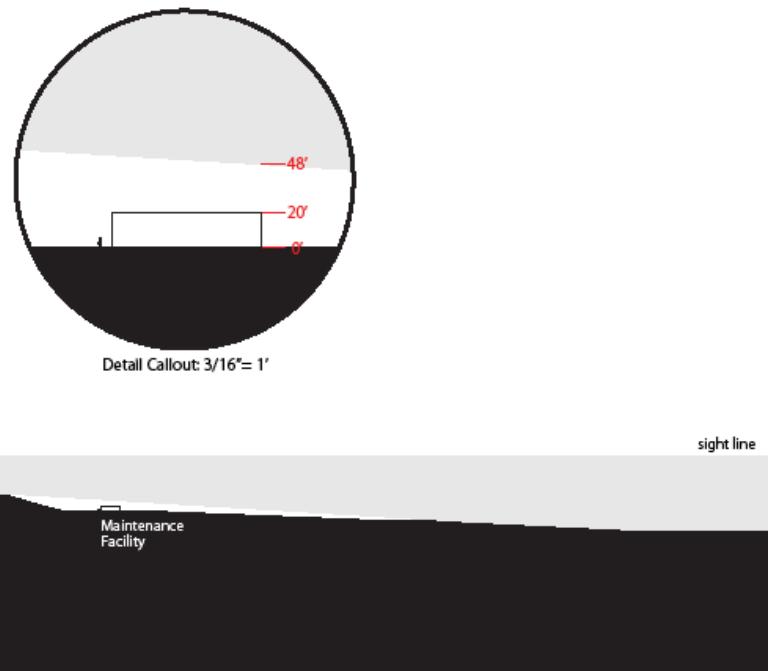
Section - Fort Bowie Visitor Center to Mountain Temple

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Section - Fort Bowie Offices to Maintenance Facility



Accommodating Neighbors

Listened to neighbors and accommodated their concerns

- Relocating the Maintenance Facility out of viewshed

Strategically located development to screen from views of neighbors

Studied view impact to neighbors

**Replenish the desert.
Restore the Earth.**



October 2, 2021
Travis Mueller
University of Arizona



Care for the Environment

Working with Travis Mueller, professor with the University of Arizona College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture and Skyharvest to develop landscape enhancements

- Restoration of the landscape using only native vegetation
- Efforts will be focused on screened buildings and development
- Strategies for successful landscape enhancement rainwater harvesting focused on directed runoff and the use of swales and retention basins

Working with National Parks Service Trail Builder

- Planning paths to respect the landscape, reduce erosion, and provide safe trails

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Seamless Accessibility

A significant part of the pilgrimage path will be seamlessly accessible to all people, young or old, fit or physically challenged

- Universally accessible parking, welcome center, and other lower campus improvements
- Lower portion of the pilgrimage path will utilize inclines, not ramps, for seamless accessibility

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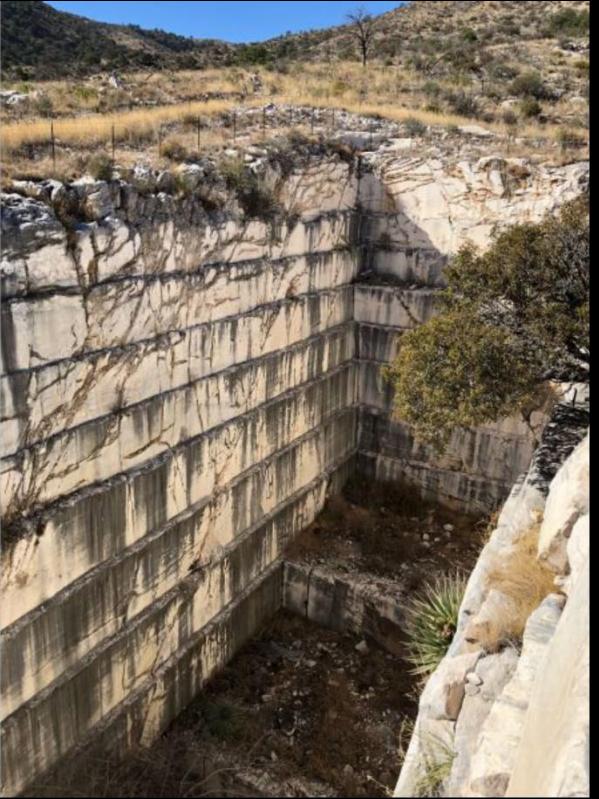
- Planning trail paths
- NPS Trail Builder will be instrumental in the effort to construct paths

Opportunities for All Visitors

Recreation and Outdoor Activities

- Public access to private property and preserved nature
- Nature hikes
- Native history and nature education and interpretation
- Night sky viewing
- Gardening classes
- Meditation and yofa
- Weddings and similar events
- Religious ceremonies
- Seamless accessibility





Opportunities for the County, Communities, and their People

For Development / Construction

- Local marble from nearby quarry (less than 2 miles away from Diamond Mountain property). One of 5 certified marble quarries in the United States and the only one that is American owned
- Local contractors for construction with staff from neighboring communities
- Local material providers – concrete, block, and other construction materials



Opportunities for the County, the Region, and Communities

Inform and encourage guests to visit other regional attractions and amenities

Positive economic impact

Infuse money into the area

- Hotels, restaurants, service providers will benefit from visitors coming to Diamond Mountain
- Communities – Willcox, Tombstone, Bisbee, etc.
- Wineries and Pistachios



Opportunities for Neighboring Attractions and Amenities

Inform and encourage guests to visit historical sites, natural areas, and surrounding amenities

- Fort Bowie National Historic Site
- Chiricahua National Monument
- Whitewater Draw
- Mount Graham and its observatory
- Kartchner Caverns State Park
- Cochise Stronghold

