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**HISTORICAL RESOURCES RECORD SEARCH: Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District**

In response to your request for information dated 25 October 2012, a records search has been conducted for the above project on USGS Phelan 7.5' quad.

**Historical Resources:**

**Prehistoric Archaeological Resources:**

- prehistoric archaeological sites
- pending prehistoric archaeological sites
- prehistoric districts
- prehistoric isolates

**Historic Archaeological Resources (sites older than 50 years of age):**

- historic archaeological sites
- pending historic archaeological sites
- historic structures
- historic districts
- historic isolates
- possible historic structure/archaeological site locations determined from historic maps (maps checked): No maps checked

**Cultural Landscapes:**

- cultural Landscapes

**Ethnic Resources:**

- ethnic resources

**Heritage Properties (designated by State and Federal commissions):**

- National Register Listed Properties
- National Register Eligible Properties
- California Historic Landmarks
- California Points of Historic Interest

## PREVIOUS HISTORICAL RESOURCE INVESTIGATIONS:

Historical resource reports for the project area include:

- 1 Area-specific survey reports
- 7 General area overviews

In addition to the Center's historical resources files, the following publications, manuscripts or correspondence also were consulted:

1986 Survey of Surveys: A Summary of California's Historical and Architectural Resource Surveys.

1988 Five Views: An Ethnic Sites Survey for California.

California Historical Landmarks.

California Points of Historical Interest.

2012 Determinations of Eligibility--Records entered into the OHP computer file--received quarterly.

2012 Directory of Historic Properties--Records entered into the OHP computer file of historic resources--received quarterly.

## SENSITIVITY OF PROJECT AREA FOR HISTORICAL RESOURCES:

Based upon the above information, available historical records and maps, and comparisons with similar environmental localities, the sensitivity assessment for this project area is:

Prehistoric Archaeological Resources	Low
Historic Archaeological Resources	Low
Historic Resources (built environment)	Low
Cultural Landscapes	Unknown
Ethnic Resources	Unknown

Comments: Project area has been previously surveyed with negative results. No further archaeological work is recommended.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

No further archaeological work is recommended, however, if prehistoric or historic artifacts over 50 years in age area encountered during land modification, then activities in the immediate area of the finds should be halted and an on-site inspection should be performed immediately by a qualified archaeologist. This professional will be able to assess the find, determine its significance, and make recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures within the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act and/or the Federal National Environmental Policy Act. A list of qualified professionals can be found at [www.chrisinfo.org](http://www.chrisinfo.org).

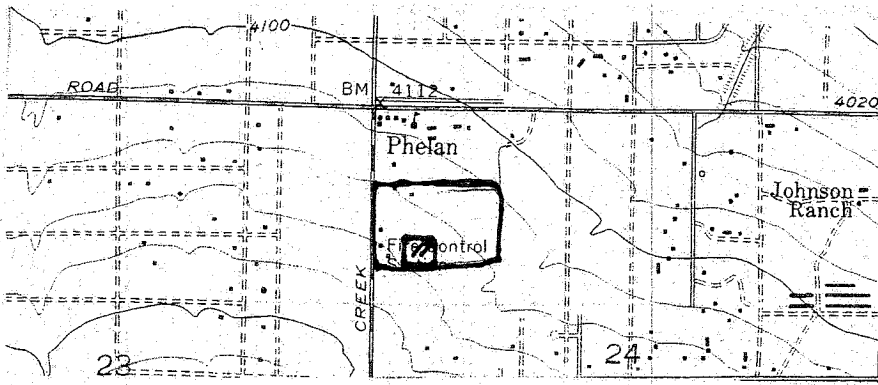
If human remains are encountered on the property, then the San Bernardino County Coroner's Office **MUST** be contacted within 24 hours of the find, and all work should be halted until a clearance is given by that office and any other involved agencies. Contact the County Coroner at 175 South Lena Road, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0037 or (909) 387-2543.

The County of San Bernardino requests that historical resource data and artifacts collected within this project area be permanently curated at a repository within the County. Per a State Historical Resources Commission motion dated 7 Feb 1992, the repository selected should consider 36 CFR 79, Curation of Federally-owned and Administered Archaeological Collection; Final Rule, as published Federal Register, 12 Sept 1990, or a later amended for, for archival collection standards.

If you have any further questions, please, contact me at (909) 307-2669 x 255, Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4 PM.



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**A CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT OF THE 2.5-ACRE PHELAN PARK SITE  
LOCATED ADJACENT TO WARBLER ROAD IN PHELAN,  
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Study Area USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle:

*Phelan*

Study Area Acreage: 2.5-acres

**KEYWORDS:** Survey, Phelan, Sheep Creek Road, San Bernardino County

The undersigned certifies that the attached report is a true and accurate description of the results of a CULTURAL RESOURCES survey described herein.

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## MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

At the request of Lillburn Corporation, Archaeological Associates has undertaken a cultural resources assessment the 2.5-acre Phelan park site identified as APN 3066-261-01. The study area is located immediately north of Warbler Road and east of the Phelan Community Center in Phelan, San Bernardino County. The purpose of this study was to identify all potentially significant cultural resources situated within the project area. Current plans are to develop the site into a community park.

The results of the records search conducted by the Archaeological Information Center, San Bernardino County Museum indicated that no prehistoric or historic archaeological sites have been recorded within the boundaries of the subject property. The results of the field study were also completely negative. Therefore, no additional work in conjunction with cultural resources is recommended.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The following report was written for Liburn Corporation by Archaeological Associates. It describes the results of a cultural resources assessment of the 2.5-acre Phelan Park project site (APN 3066-261-01). The study area is located adjacent to the north side of Warbler Road immediately east of the Phelan Community Center in Phelan, San Bernardino County. Presently, it is desired to develop the property into a small park.

The purpose of this assessment was to identify all potentially significant cultural resources situated within the boundaries of the subject property. This information is needed since adoption of the development plan could result in adverse effects upon locations of archaeological or historical importance. Our assessment consisted of: (1) a records search conducted to determine whether any previously recorded prehistoric or historic material is present within the subject property and (2) a field reconnaissance intended to identify any previously unrecorded cultural resources. The study was conducted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it pertains to the management of cultural resources.

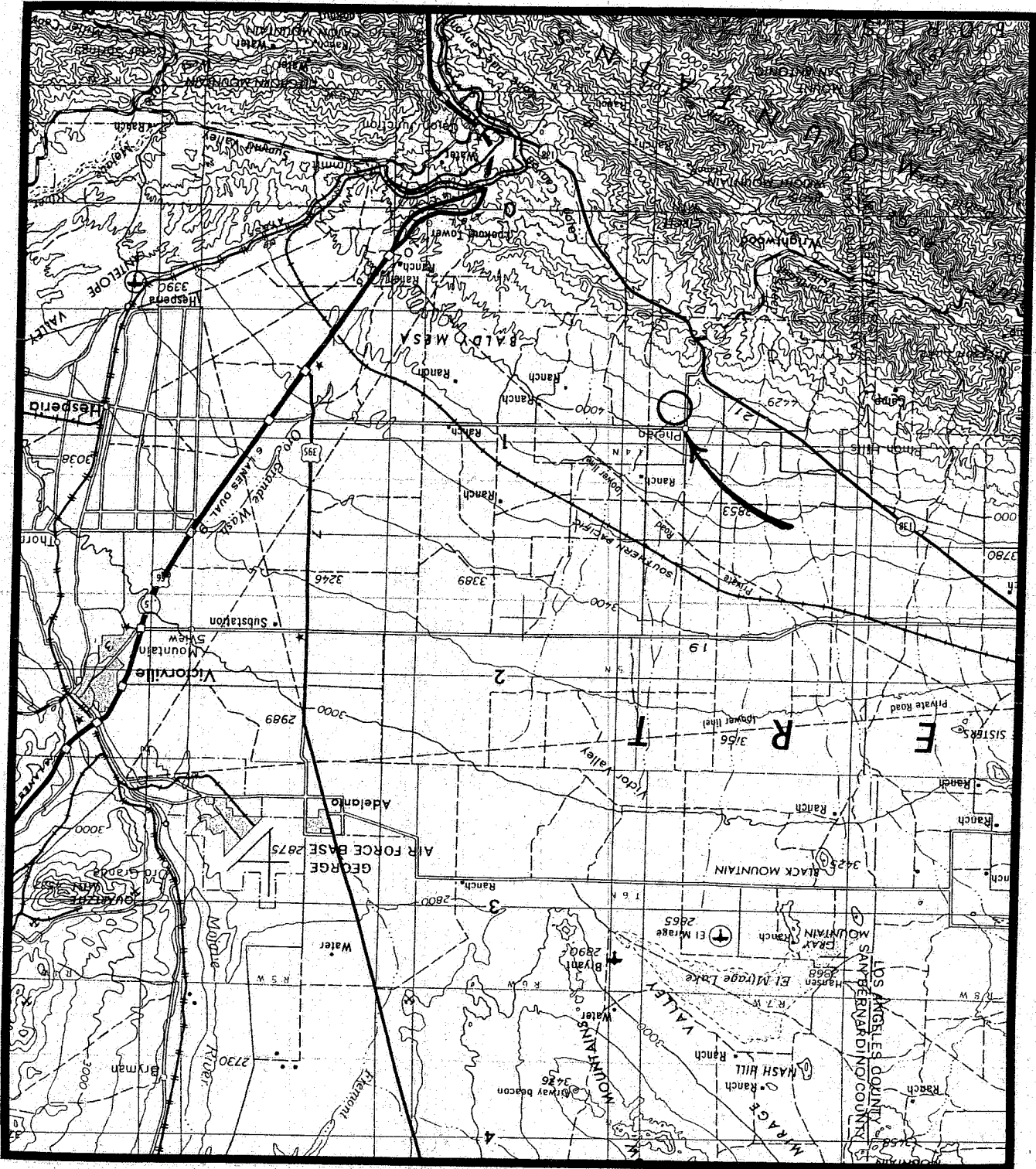
## II. STUDY AREA LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Regionally, the study area lies near the northerly toe of the San Bernardino Mountains, northeast of the mouth of Horse Canyon in the core area of Phelan, San Bernardino County (fig. 1). Sheep Creek Road lies just to the west as does Phelan Road a short distance to the north. Legally, the subject property is situated in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 7 West, San Bernardino Base Meridian as shown on a portion of the USGS *Phelan 7.5'* Topographic Quadrangle (fig. 2).

The study area is square in shape with the southern boundary delineated by Warbler Road and the northern boundary by rural residential development. The western boundary adjoins the Phelan Community Center while the eastern boundary abuts Sahara Road (dirt, fig. 3). Access to the project site is best achieved from Warbler Road or the Community Center parking lot. Presently, the perimeter of the study area is enclosed with a chainlink fence.

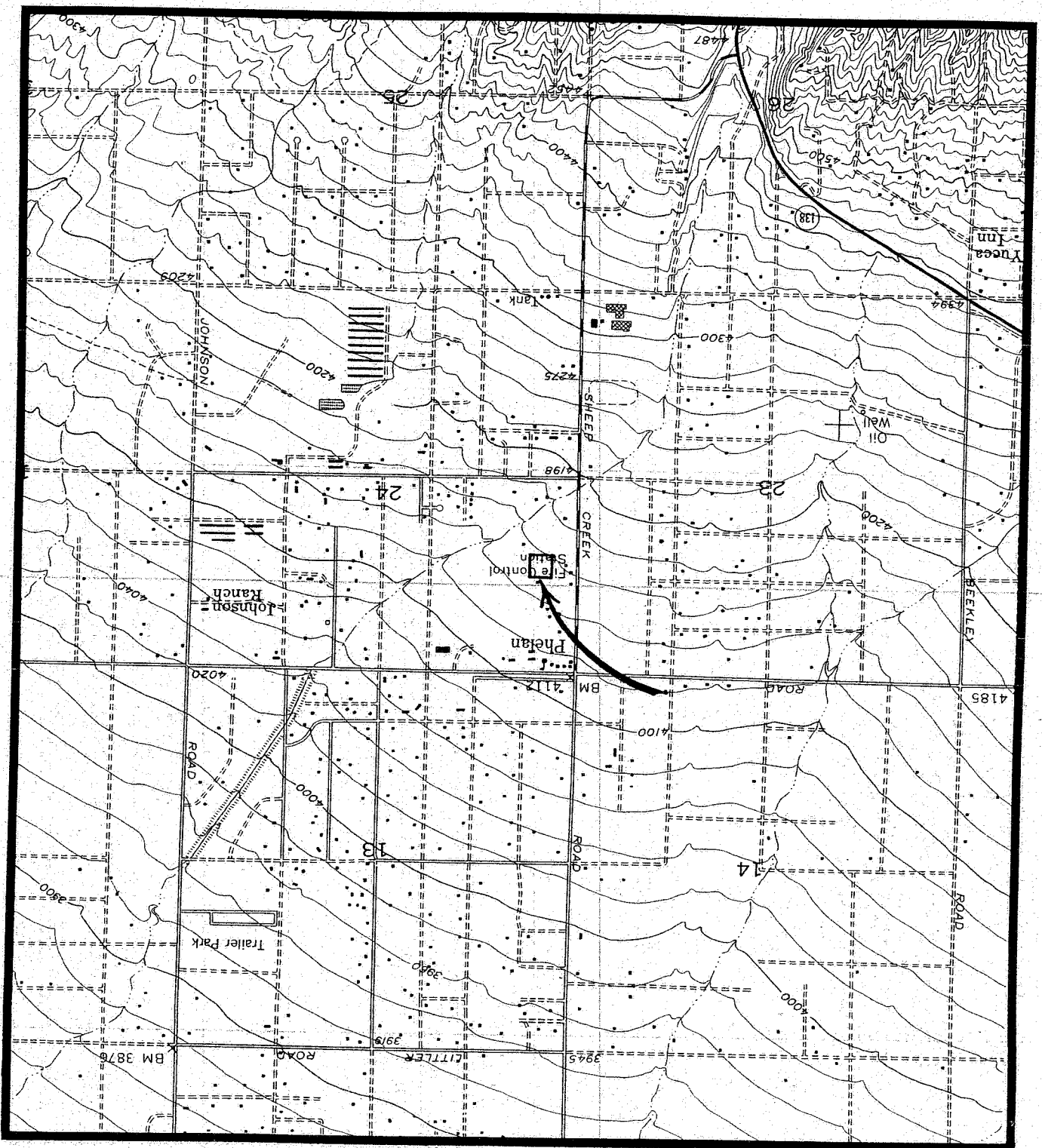
Regional location of the project area as indicated on a portion of the USGS San Bernardino 1:250,000 scale Topographic Map Sheet (1958, revised 1969)

Figure 1



Study area plotted on a portion of the *Phelan 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle* (1956, photorevised 1988).

Figure 2



Topographically, the subject property is flat and devoid of any relief. Elevations average 4150 feet above mean sea level throughout the project area. On-site vegetation had originally comprised members of the Creosote Bush Scrub community. However, with the exception of a lone Sycamore tree and few weeds and grasses, the parcel is completely devoid of vegetation. Fauna encountered were limited to a pair of raven and a solitary lizard.

Soils comprise desert alluvium that contains small stream-rolled pebbles and small angular stones. No sources of natural surface water or bedrock exposures were encountered anywhere within the boundaries of the subject property. Disturbance within the study area is widespread but in no way hindered the efforts of the field survey. Aside from the aforementioned removal of vegetation, a portable building, a canopy framework, and a half dozen light standards have been placed on the property.

### III. RECORDS SEARCH

A records search of the study area was conducted by Ms. Robin Laska, Assistant Center Coordinator of the Archaeological Information Center at the San Bernardino County Museum. The search entailed a review of all previously recorded prehistoric and historic archaeological sites situated on or within a one-mile radius of the project area. Additionally, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), California Historical Landmarks (CHL), California Points of Historical Interest (CPHI), and the California State Office of Historic Preservation's Directory of Properties were reviewed for the purpose of identifying any historic properties.

#### A. Previously Recorded Archaeological Sites

The results of the search indicated that no prehistoric or historic archaeological sites have been previously recorded within the boundaries of the subject property. However, four archaeological sites (all historic in nature) have been identified within a one-mile radius of the subject property. Each site is listed and characterized in the following table.

SBR-4415H (Tejon Road) is the closest site to the study area and lies 1/4-mile to the south. It was recorded by Robert Reynolds of the San Bernardino County Museum in 1981 and described as extending from the Mormon Road to Fort Tejon. Approximately 12-miles of the Tejon Road lies

within San Bernardino County.

Table 1. Archaeological Sites Within a One-Mile Radius of the Study Area.

Site Number	Site Description
SBR-4415H	Tejon Road (first used by Fr. Zalvidea in 1806).
SBR-4418H	Tejon Road-Lanes Cutoff (pre-1902).
SBR-6813H	Concrete cistern (pre-1942).
SBR-8082H	Phelan Road (constructed circa 1916).

B. Heritage Properties

No listed National Register, California Historical Landmarks, or California Points of Historical Interest properties have been recorded within the study area nor within a one-mile radius. Furthermore, the Office of Historic Preservation's Directory of Properties failed to list any historic buildings in the project vicinity that have been previous evaluated for historical significance.

C. Previous Surveys

The results of the search indicated that no prior archaeological assessments have been conducted within the study area. However, five cultural resources studies have been undertaken in the immediate area. These investigations include both large and small acreage surveys and linear alignments (roads and water transportation).

**IV. HISTORIC MAP RESEARCH**

In addition to the records search, several historic maps were inspected. Historic maps reviewed for the project comprised both U.S. General Land Office (GLO) plat maps and early USGS topographic maps. Individual maps included the 1856 GLO Plat map for Township 4 North Range 7 West, the 1903 *San Antonio* 15' USGS Quadrangle, the 1942 *San Antonio* 15' Quadrangle (Grid Zone "G"-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [War Dept.]), and the 1942 *San Antonio* 15' USGS

Topographic Quadrangle. A brief description of the data gleaned from these maps is presented in the following paragraphs.

An inspection of the 1856 GLO Plat map for Township 4 North, Range 7 West shows the alignment of Tejon Road diagonally traversing Section 24 just south of the study area. No other man-made features are delineated in the region.

The 1903 *San Antonio* 15' USGS Quadrangle indicates both the Tejon Road and the Tejon Road-Lanes Cutoff as improved roads. However, the surrounding area (including the study area) is shown as open, undisturbed desert.

The 1942 maps are the first to indicate the community of Phelan centered at the southeast corner of Phelan Road and Sheep Creek Road. This core area is shown to include some 7-8 buildings. Although two structures are indicated to the west of the project area, none are shown within the study area. Outside the core area, numerous ranches are depicted. These include the Wilson, Butemer, Anderson, Riggins, Goss, Eierman, and Duncan ranches.

## V. FIELD RECONNAISSANCE

A field reconnaissance of the study area was conducted by Robert S. White (Principal Investigator) and Susan Underbrink, M.A. (surveyor) on January 21, 2003. The pedestrian survey began in the northwest corner of the property and proceeded in an easterly direction. Surface visibility was excellent, approaching 100% throughout the study area due to discing for weed abatement. The survey was conducted by walking parallel transects spaced at 5-10 meters across the property. The results of the field investigation were entirely negative, no prehistoric or historic resources were observed anywhere within the boundaries of the project area.

## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

The records search failed to indicate the presence of any recorded prehistoric or historic resources within the boundaries of the study area. The results of our field assessment were equally negative. Therefore, since a thorough investigation has failed to reveal the presence of any cultural resources within the study area, no further work in conjunction with cultural resources is recommended.

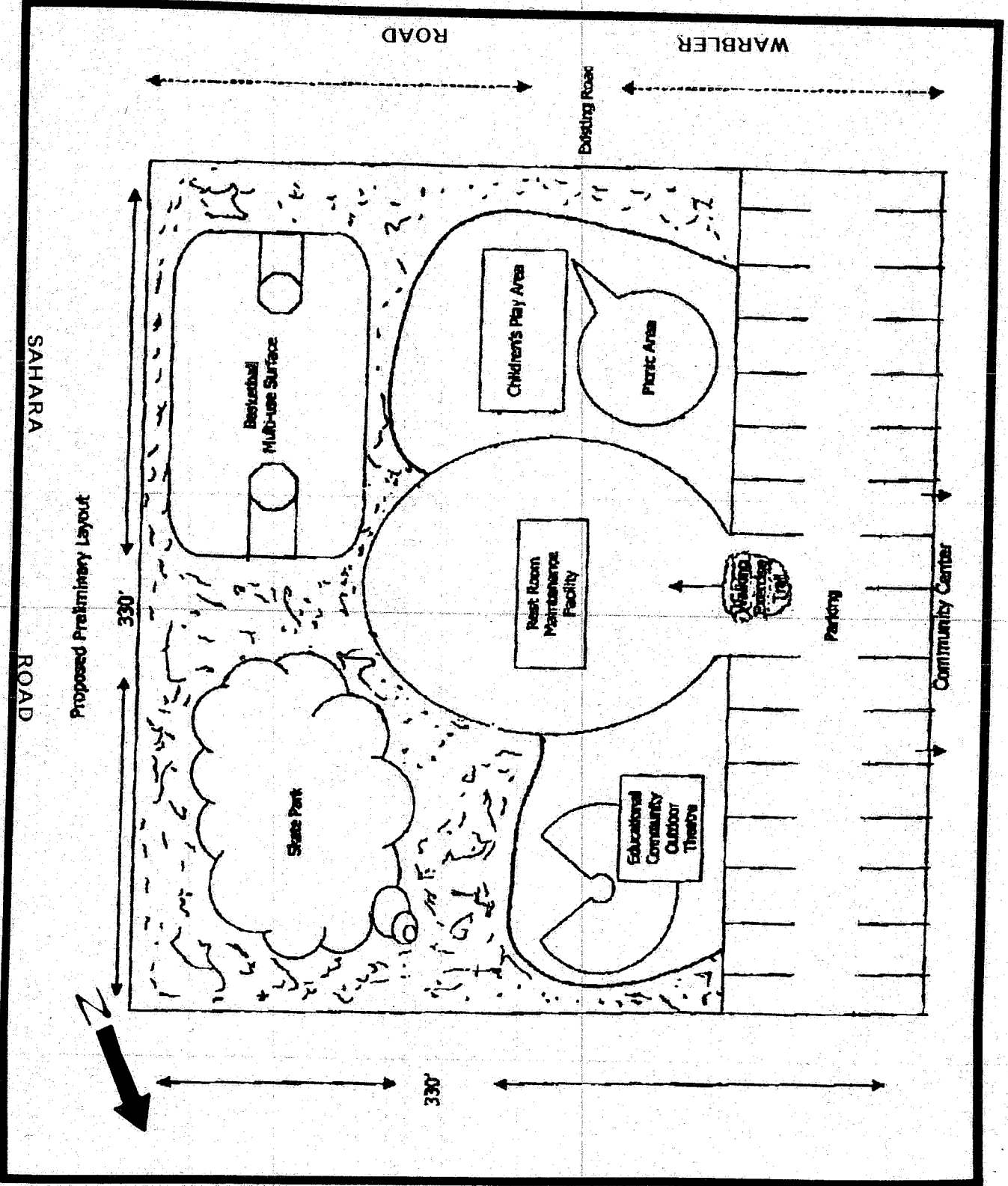
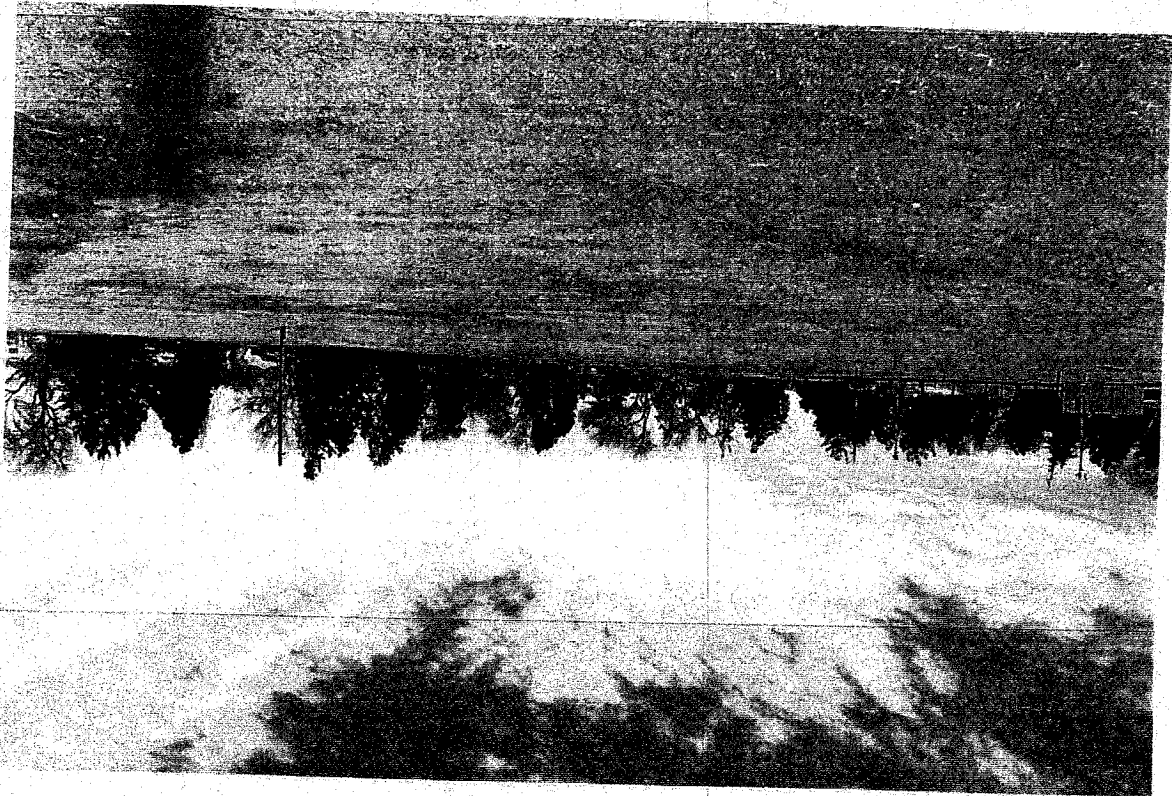
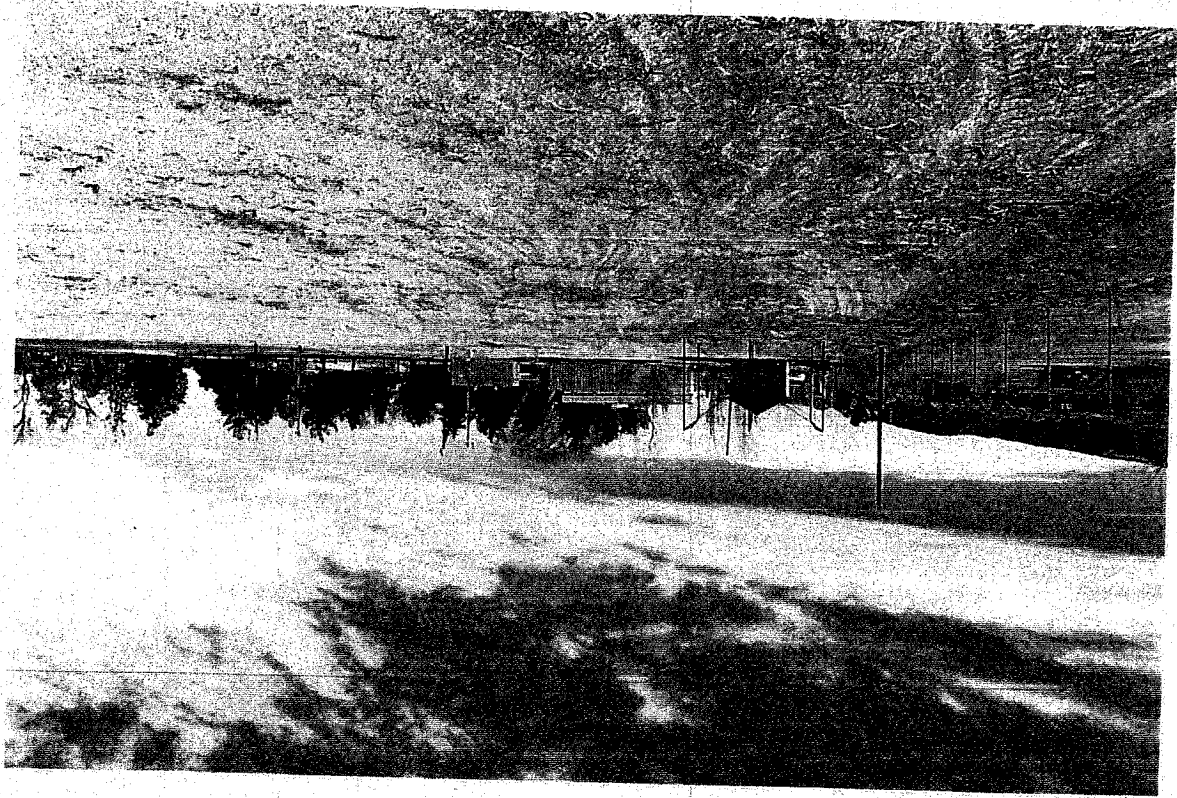


Figure 3. Conceptual Site Plan



Top: Looking northwest across study area from southeast corner.  
Bottom: Looking west along southern margin of property from southeast corner.

Plate I



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