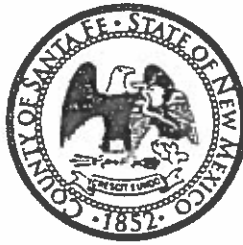


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County Manager

Date: September 13, 2016

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Colleen Baker, Project Manager
Maria Lohmann, Senior Planner 

Via: Katherine Miller, County Manager

Item: Presentation and Update on Thornton Ranch Open Space Planning Process

SUMMARY:

This presentation is an update to the Board of County Commissioners on the Thornton Ranch Open Space Planning Process, as well as a description of the process moving forward.

BACKGROUND:

Thornton Ranch Open Space is the largest open space properties owned by Santa Fe County. The property was purchased in order to protect the significant cultural resources and provide interpretation and education around those resources.

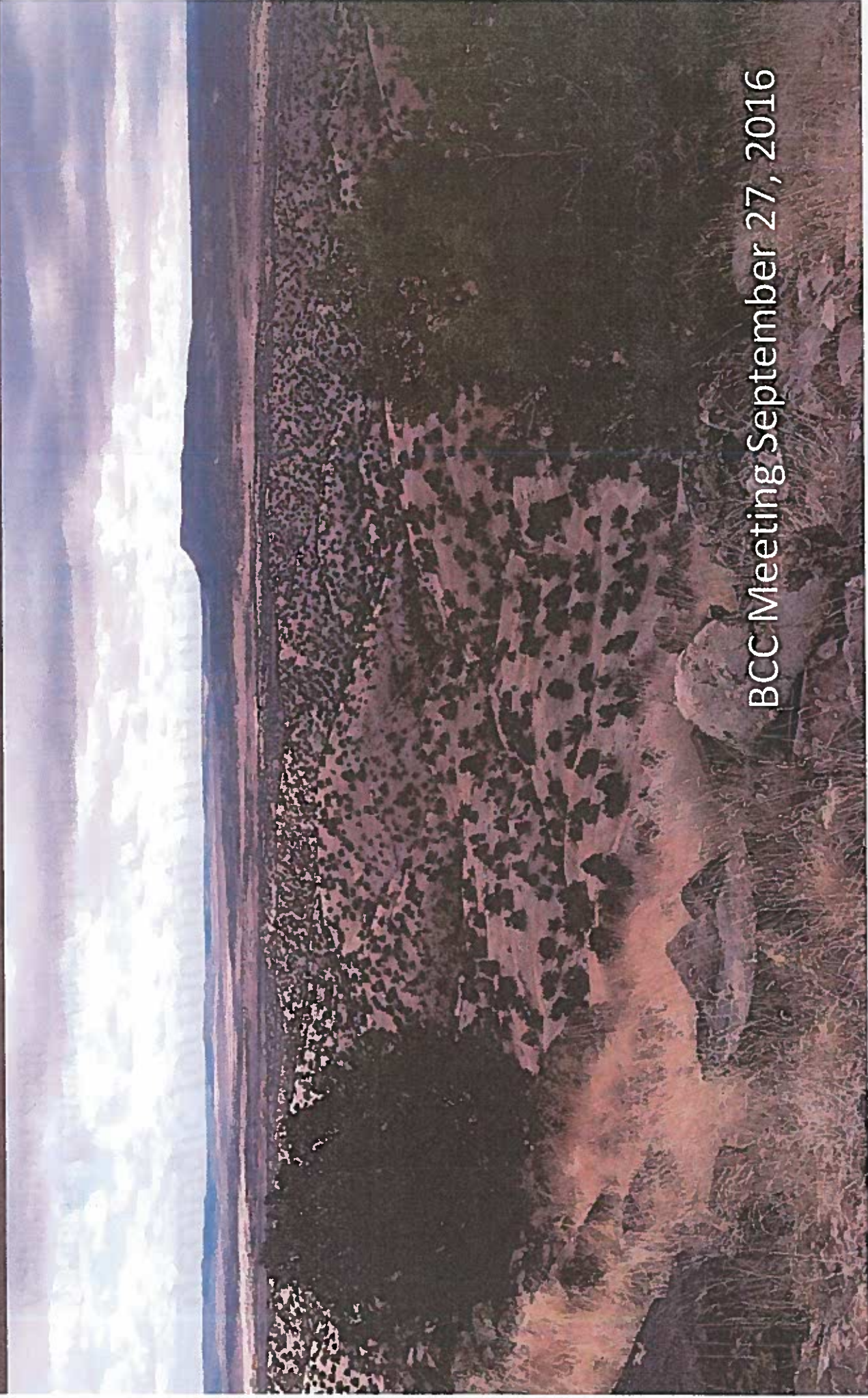
The Thornton Ranch Open Space Master Planning Process was initiated in mid-2014. The process includes a cultural resource survey and a master plan for the entire property. This initiative has involved gathering stakeholders, public entities and significant tribal consultation. Stakeholder meetings were held with runners and hikers, cyclists, equestrians, artists, archaeologists, community members, and educators. Staff has initiated a formal Tribal consultation process that included 3 multi-day meetings that were well attended.

ACTION REQUESTED

No action required. Presentation and update only.



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“The overriding goal of this project should be the preservation of the significant archaeological sites on the property.”

“There may also be an opportunity for an interpretive trail discussing the archaeological resources of the Basin as well as the unique geologic formations in the area.”

Santa Fe County Wildlife, Mountains, Trails and Historic Places Program
Application 2000



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“The purpose of this Act is to provide for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of the nationally significant archaeological resources in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico.”

Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act (GBASPA) 2004



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6.2.3.5 THORNTON RANCH OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT AND VISITOR PROGRAMMING

The Thornton Ranch Open Space "... will include development of interpretive programming and construction of low impact visitor facilities for managed public access.

The Thornton Ranch Open Space is at the center of the Galisteo Basin which is nationally recognized for its unique cultural landscape. County residents will have access to an important new space for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding in a scenic and historic part of the County. The educational component of the docent led tours for the archaeological, cultural and historic resources on the property will add to residents' and visitors' understanding of the prehistory, history, ecology, and geology of the Galisteo Basin. Opening Thornton Ranch will elevate the profile of Santa Fe Country for its excellence and progressive approach to managing a resource of national importance within the context of the Galisteo Basin."



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PLANNING PROCESS OTHER PLANS

Galisteo Basin Interpretive Plan
(Conservation by Design)

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Cultural Resource Inventory
(Parametrix)

Thornton Ranch Open Space
Master Plan (design office)

Thornton Ranch Open Space
Management Plan (SF County)

Petroglyph Hill Management Plan
(Parametrix / TAMARCH)



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PLANNING PROCESS

SITE ANALYSIS

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

PROGRAM

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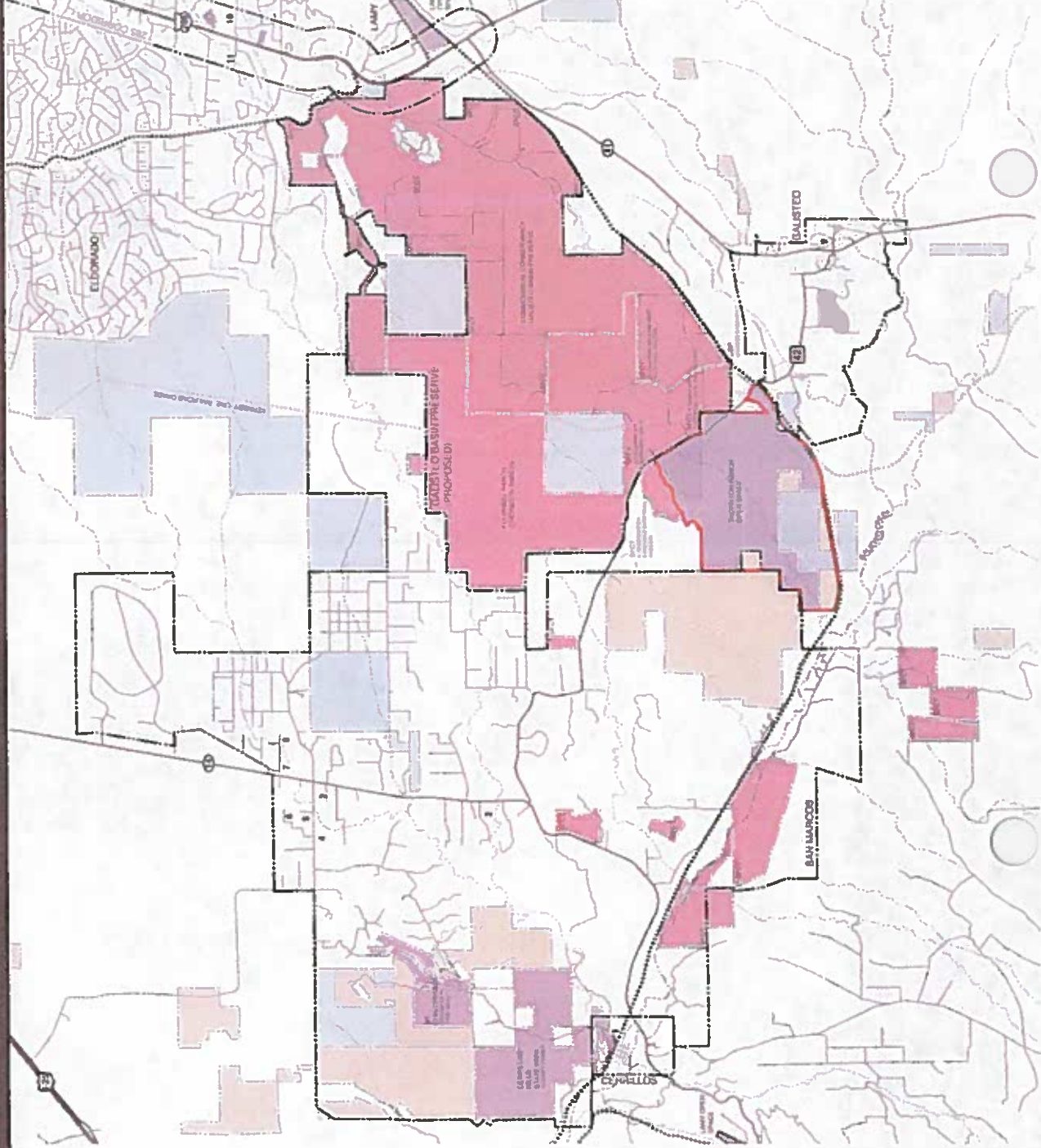
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SITE ANALYSIS PLANNING AREA

- County Open Space
- BLM
- State Trust Land
- Private Conservation Lands





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SITE ANALYSIS

- Geology
- Soils
- Vegetation
- Biological Assessment
- Mineral Assessment
- Cultural Resources
- Viewshed Analysis



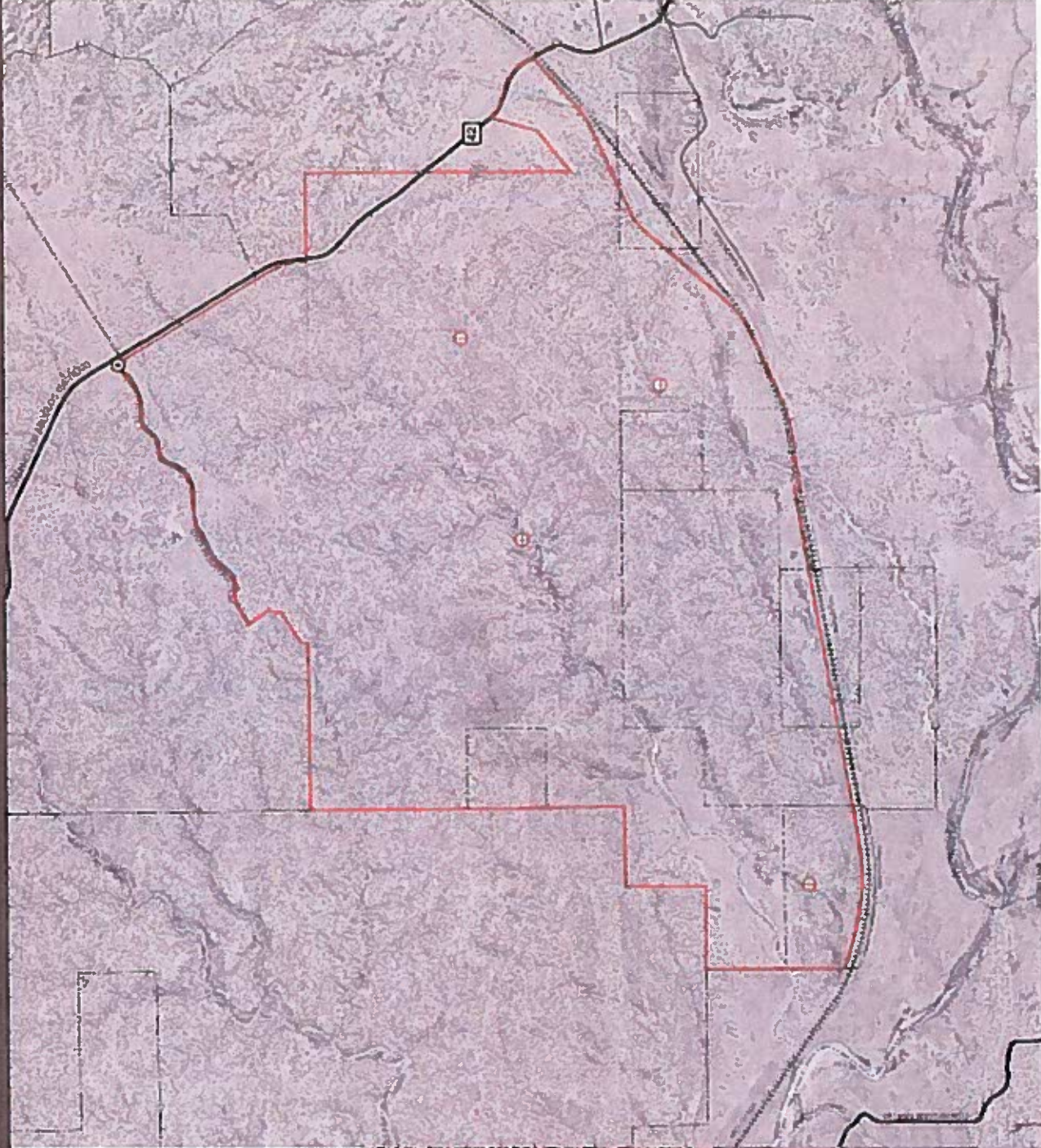


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FEATURES

- Geology



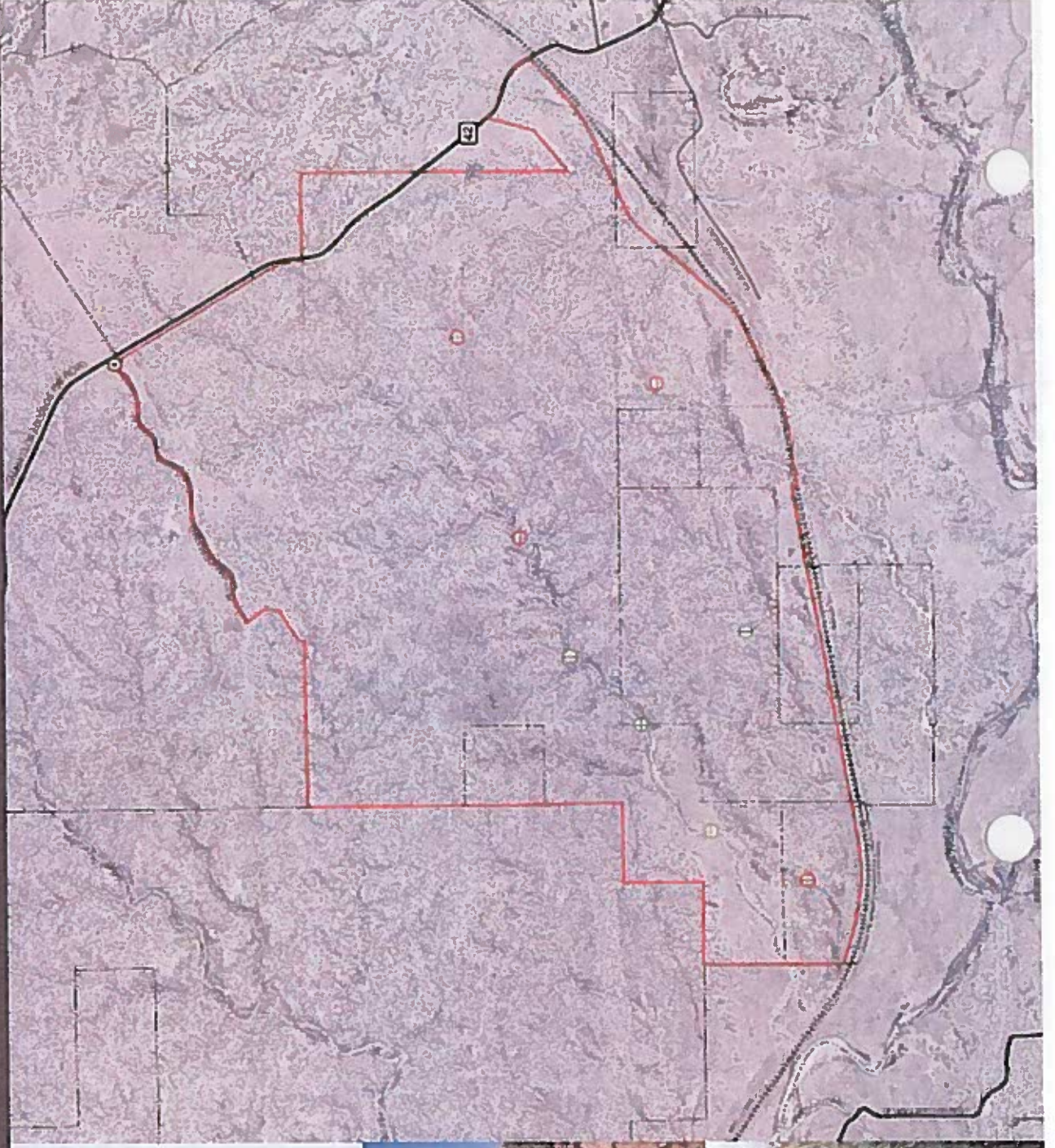


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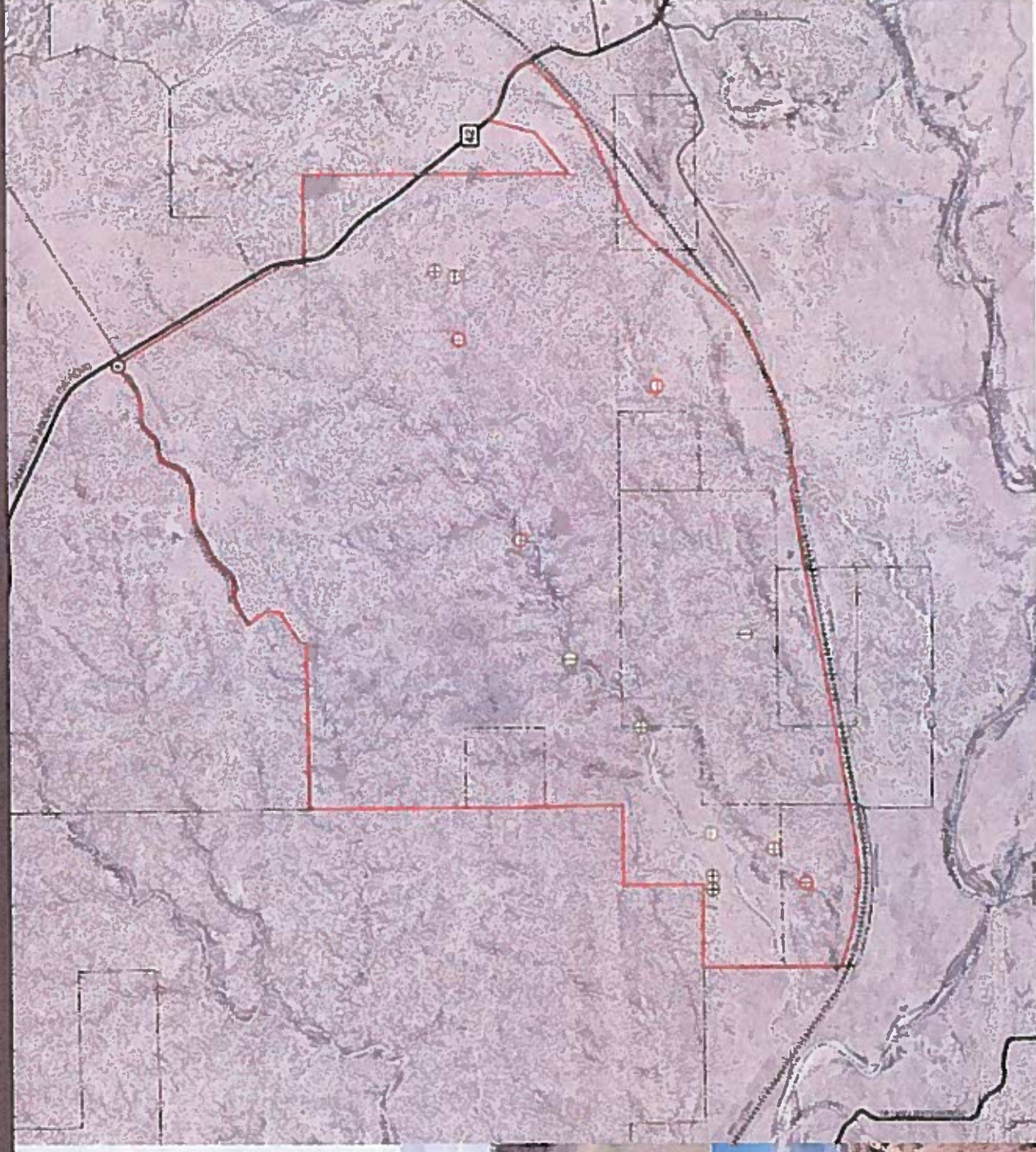




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MASTER PLAN FEATURES

- Geology
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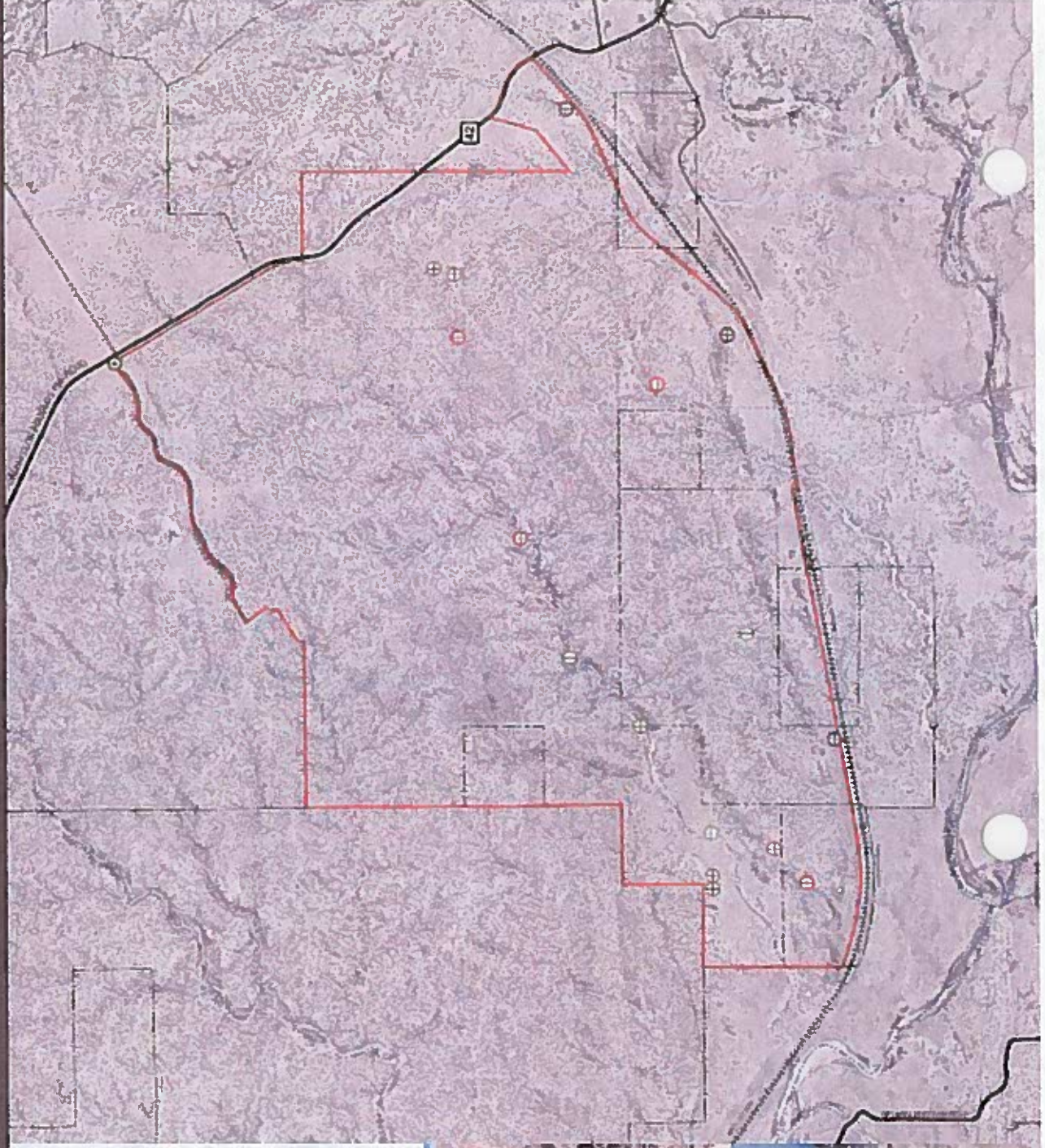




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- Geology
- Ecology
- Ranching
- Railroad





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STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Focus Group Meetings
 - Hiker / Trail Runner
 - Mountain Biker
 - Equestrian
 - Ecologist / Educator
 - Artists
- Tribal Consultation
 - July 8-9, 2015
 - November 4-5, 2015
 - March 3, 2016
- Agencies
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - New Mexico State Land Office
 - NMDOT Rail Bureau
 - Santa Fe County
- GBASPA Working Group
- Adjacent Landowners
- Galisteo Community Association



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PROGRAM

User Groups

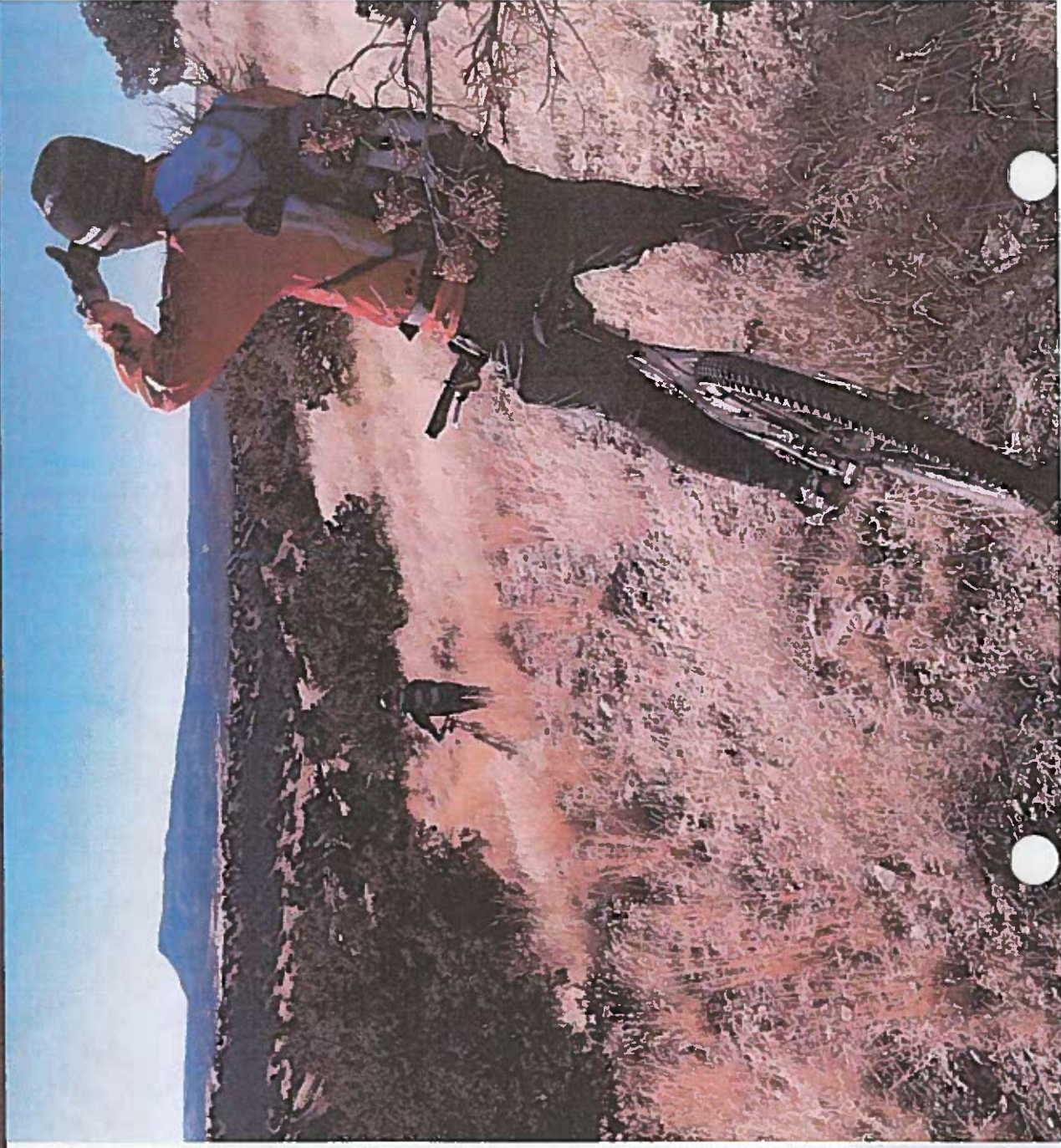
- Long Distance Trails
- Tread Lightly
- Sustainability
- Interpretive Programs

Tribal Input

- Active Sacred Site
- Respect
- Tribal Access

Agencies

- GBASPA
- Landscape Conservation

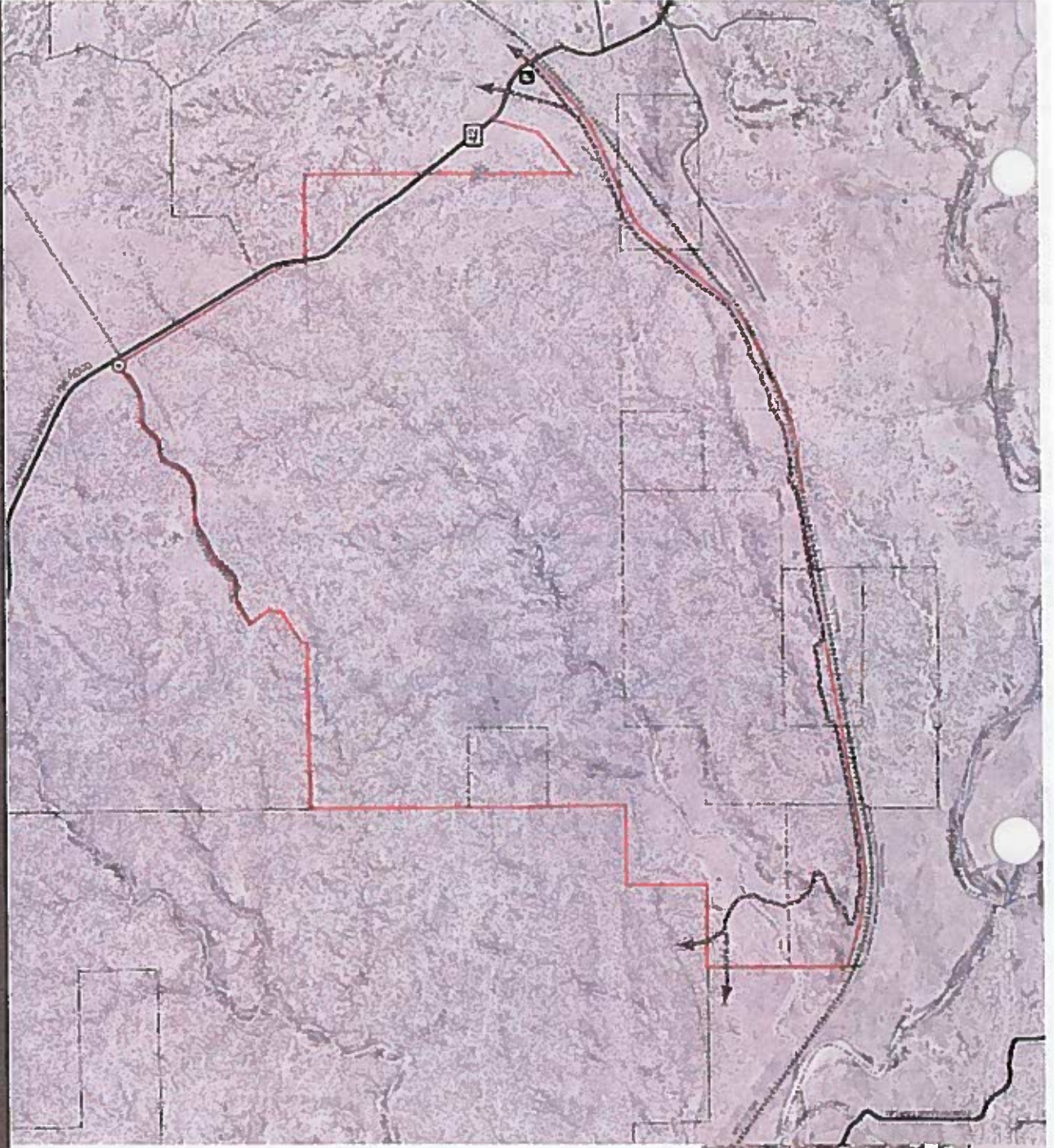
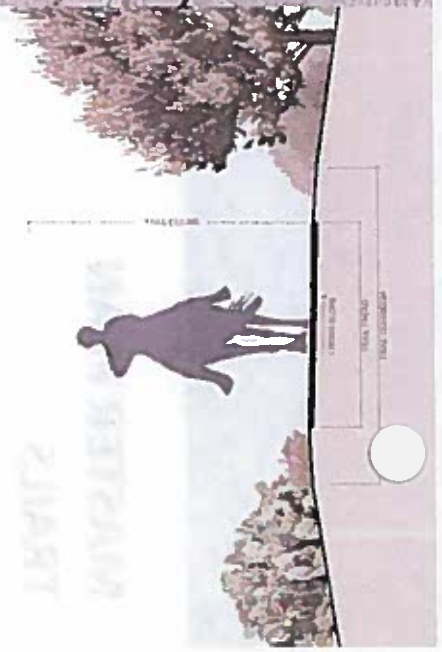




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- Regional





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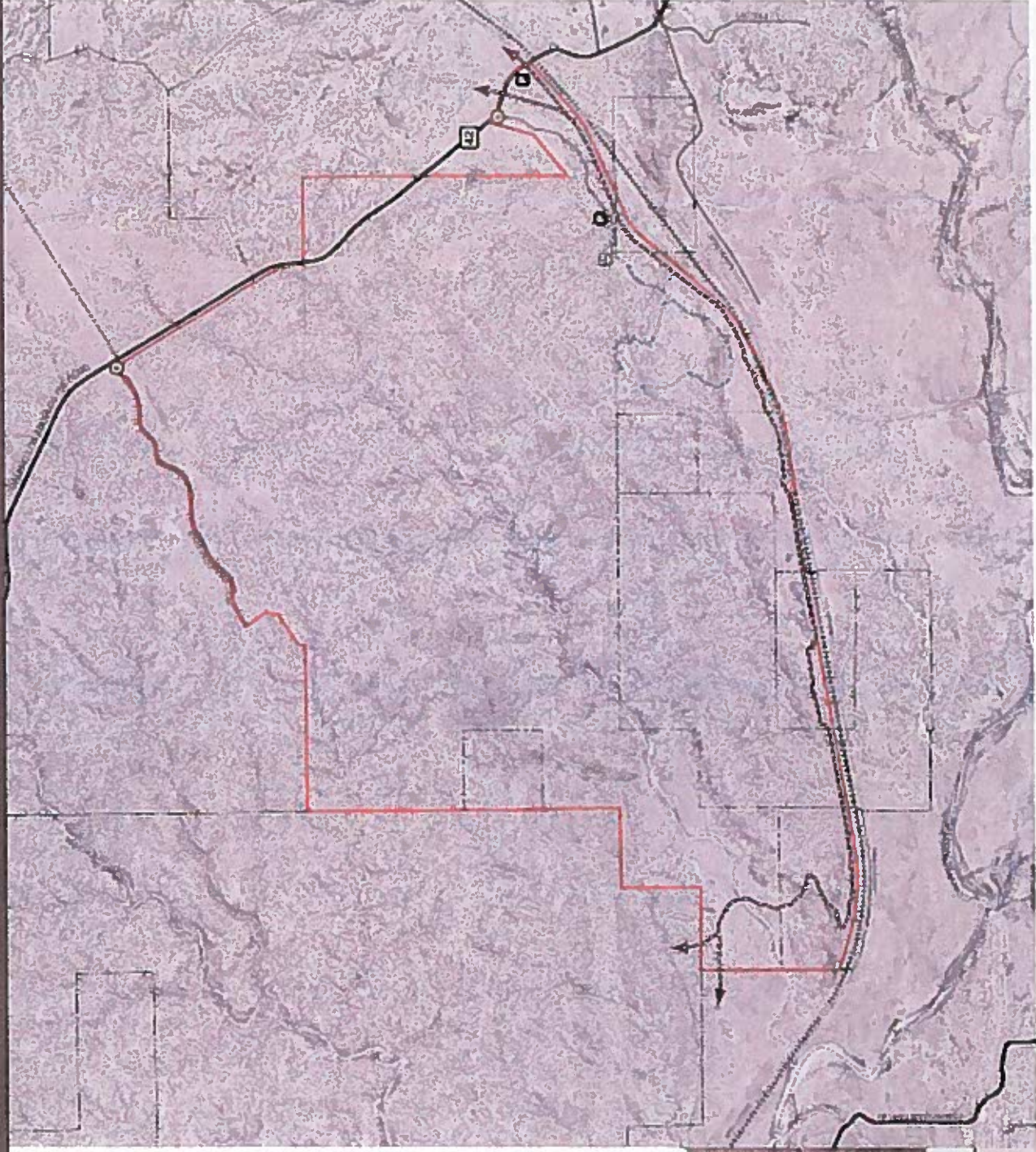
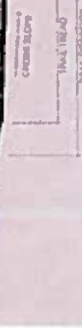
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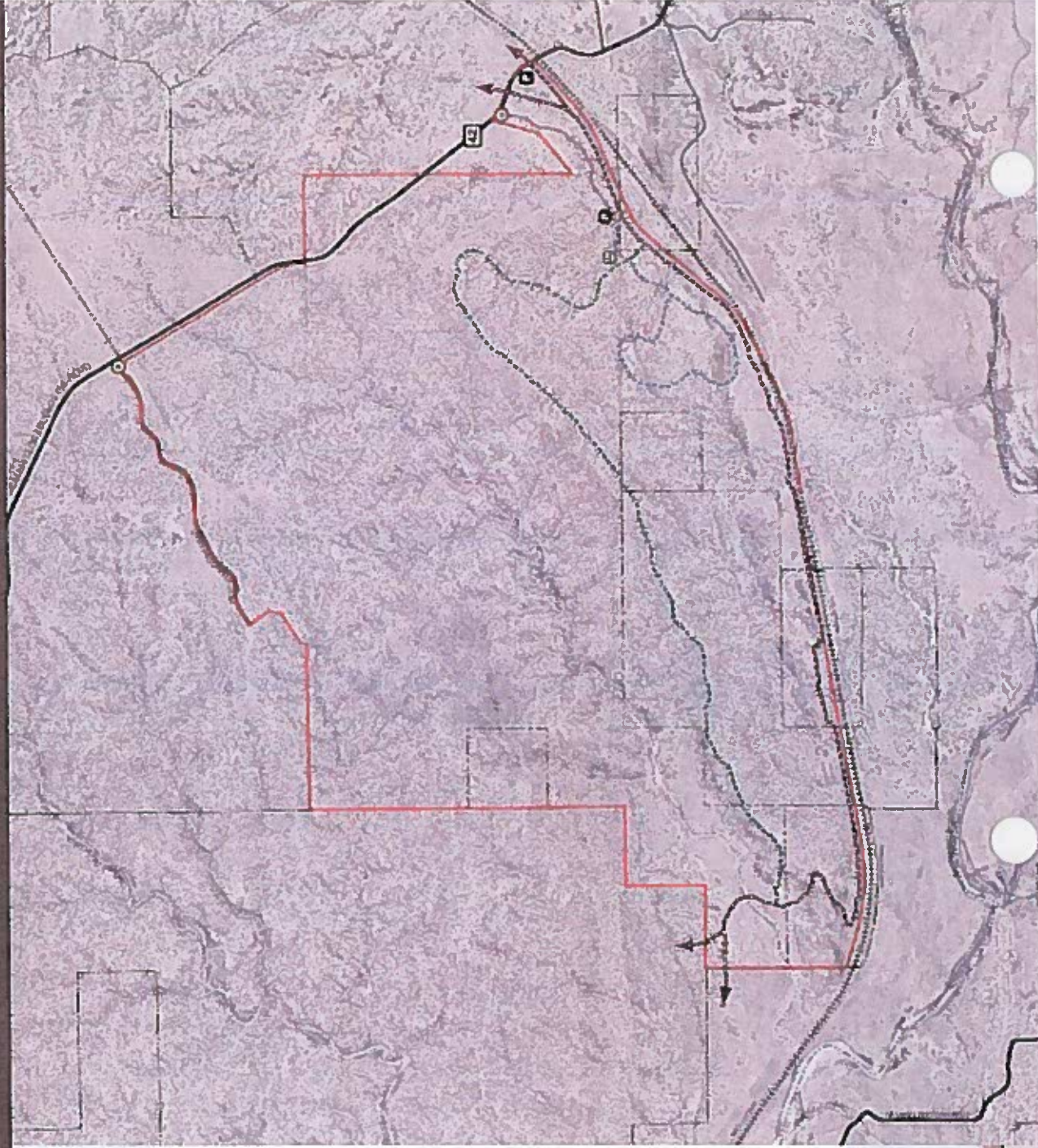




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- Multi-Use

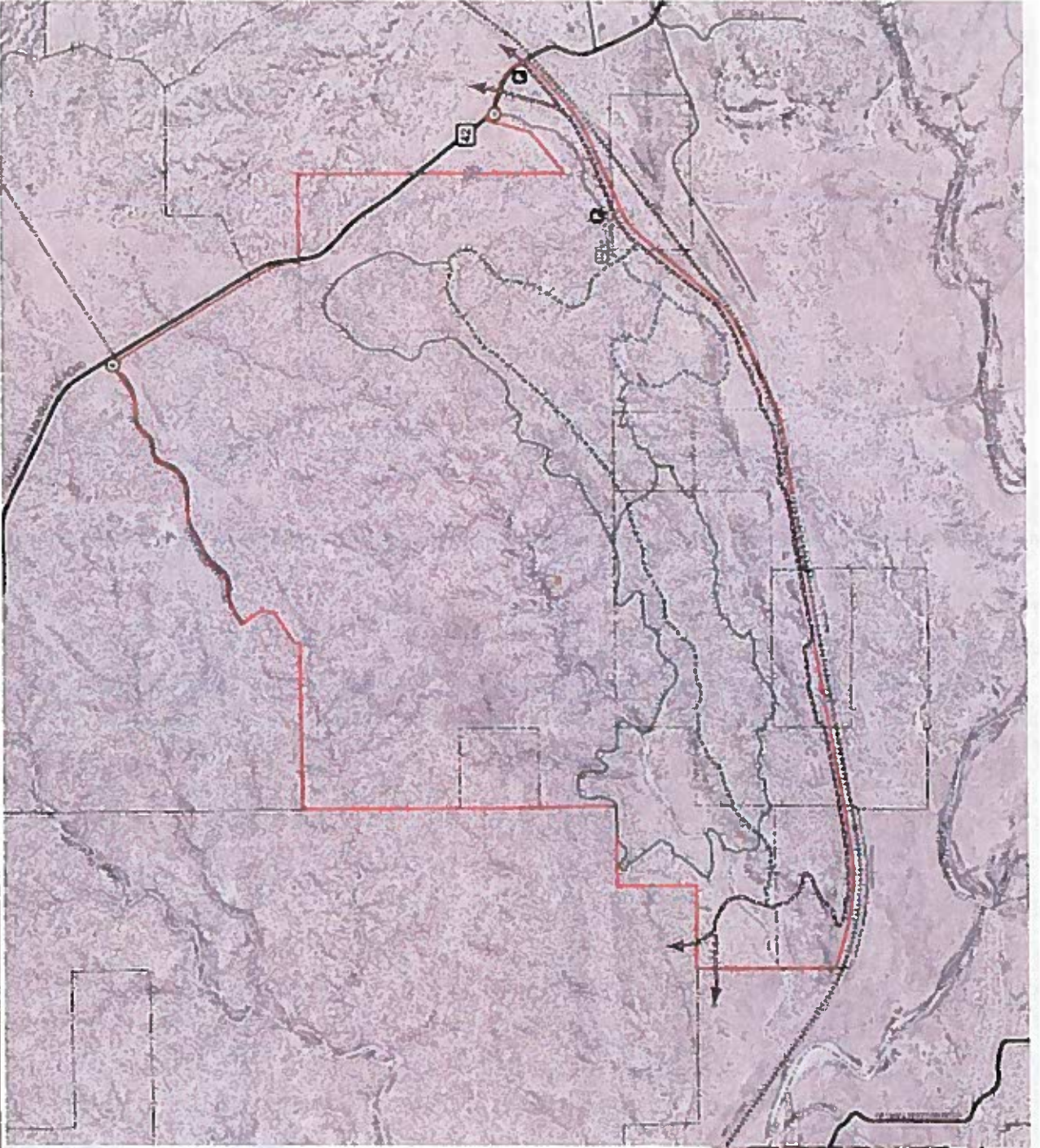
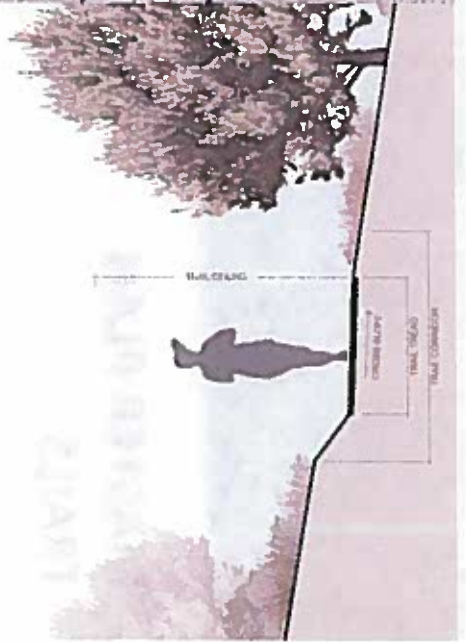




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- Hiker / Biker

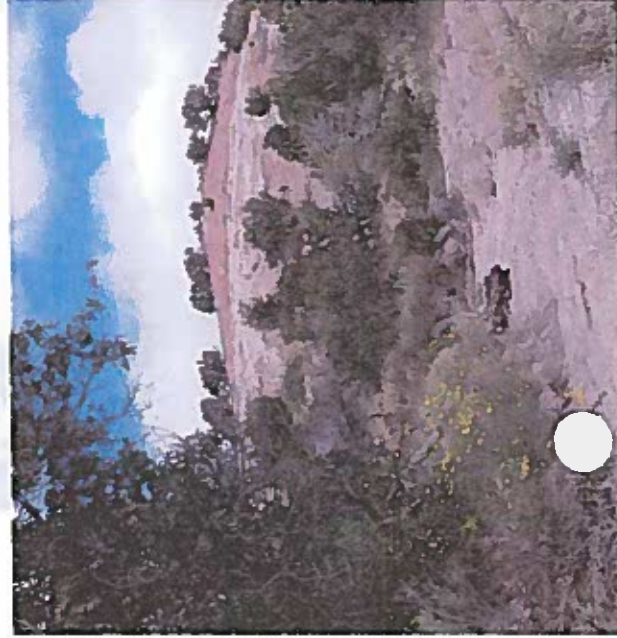
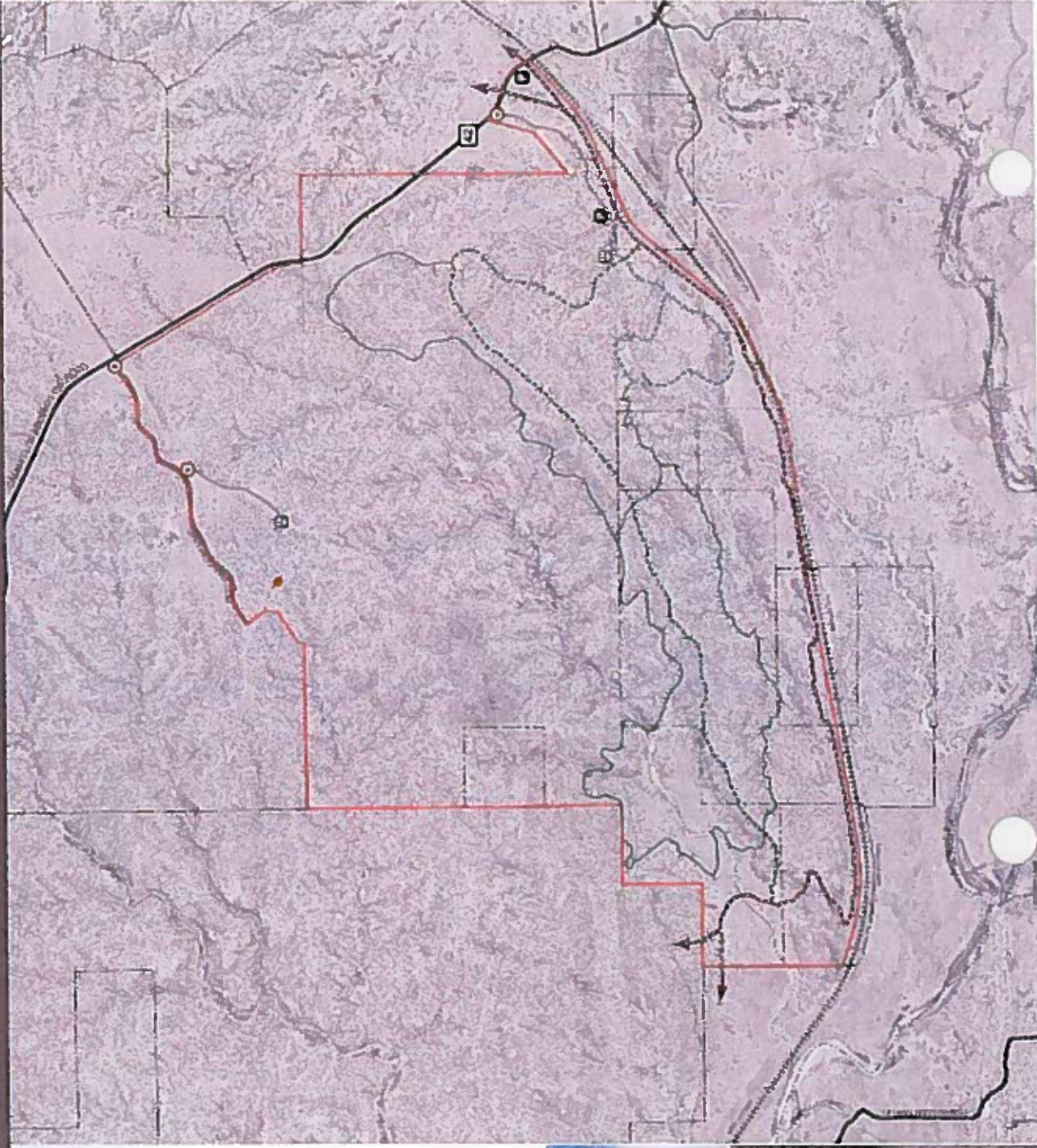




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MASTER PLAN TRAILS

- Guided Access





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