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DATE: March 12, 2013

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Miguel "Mike" Romero, Development Review Specialist Senior

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FILE REF.: BCC CASE # 13-5010 Joseph V. Guerrero Archeological Easement Vacation

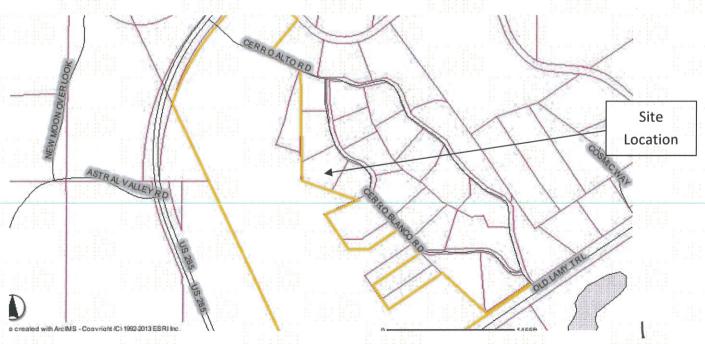
ISSUE:

VIA:

Joseph V. Guerrero, Applicant, (Del Rio Surveys Inc.) Philip Wiegel, Agent, request approval to vacate a platted archaeological easement on 4.02 acres.

The property is located at 46 Cerro Blanco Road, within Section 32, Township 15 North, Range 10 East, (Commission District 5).

Vicinity Map:



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SUMMARY:

The subject property consists of one legal lot of 4.02 acres, which was created through the Spirit Wind Ranch Residential Subdivision in 2007. There is currently a single family residence on the property.

The Applicant has verified through the State Historic Preservation Office that the original surveyor mistakenly plotted the archeological easement on the subject property. Based on subsequent archaeological studies that were conducted, the State Historic Preservation Office has determined that the archaeological site actually exists on the adjacent subdivision known as Spirit Wind West (refer to exhibit 6). The Applicant feels that since there is no archeological site on their property, the archaeological easement should be removed from the plat.

Article V, § 5.7.1 (Cause) of the Land Development Code states any Final Plat filed in the office of the County Clerk may be vacated or a portion of the Final Plat if:

- a) The owners of the land proposed to be vacated sign an acknowledgment statement, declaring the Final Plat or a portion of the Final Plat to be vacated, and the statement is approved by the Board; or
- b) The Board finds that a plat was obtained by misrepresentation or fraud and orders a statement of vacation to be prepared by the County.

Article V, § 5.7.2 (Action) of the Code states action shall be taken at a public meeting. In approving the vacation of all or a part of a Final Plat, the Board shall decide whether the vacation will adversely affect the interests of persons on contiguous land or of persons within the subdivision being vacated. In approving the vacation of all or a portion of a Final Plat, the Board may require that roads dedicated to the County in the Final Plat continue to be dedicated to the County.

Article V, § 5.7.3 (Filing) of the Code states the approved statement declaring the vacation of a portion or all of a Final Plat shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk.

This Application was submitted on January 18, 2013.

Growth Management staff have reviewed this Application for compliance with pertinent Code requirements and finds the project is in compliance with County criteria for this type of request.

APPROVAL SOUGHT:

Approval to vacate a platted archeological easement on one lot consisting of 4.02 acres.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT AREA: Galisteo, SDA-2

HYDROLOGIC ZONE: Hot

Homestead, minimum lot size per Code is 160 acres per

dwelling unit. Lot size may be further reduced to 40 acres

with water restrictions of 0.25 acre foot per lot.

FIRE PROTECTION:

Eldorado Fire District.

WATER SUPPLY:

Eldorado Community Water & Sanitation District

LIQUID WASTE:

Conventional Septic System

VARIANCES:

None

AGENCY REVIEW:

Agency

Recommendation

State Historic

Approval

Preservation Office

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to vacate a platted archeological easement on one lot totaling 4.02 acres, subject to the following staff

conditions:

1. The Applicant shall file the portion of the Final Plat (Lot 8) affected by the vacated archeological easement with the County Clerk's Office (As per

Article V § 5.7.3).

EXHIBITS:

- 1. Letter of request
- 2. Article V, § 5.7 (Vacations of Plats)
- 3. Site Photographs
- 4. Site Plan/Survey Plat
- 5. Aerial of Site and Surrounding Area
- 6. Letter from Department of Cultural Affairs Historic Preservation Department





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January 18, 2013

County of Santa Fe Growth Management/Land Use Attn: Mr. Vicente Archuleta 102 Grant Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED VACATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EASEMENT FOR JOSEPH GUERRERO WHEREBY REMOVING THE ARACHAEOLOGICAL EASEMENT AS SHOWON ON LOT 8, SPIRIT WIND RANCH SUBDIVISION, SITUATE WITHIN THE SECTION 32, T 15 N, R 10 E, N.M.P.M., AS PROJECTED INTO THE BISHOP JOHN LAMY GRANT, SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Archuleta:

This letter is a formal request for easement vacation on the above-referenced property.

The proposed request is for review and approval to vacate the archaeological easement found on Lot 8, Spirit Wind Ranch Subdivision, situate within Section 32, T 15 N, R 10 E, N.M.P.M., as projected into the Bishop John Lamy Grant, Santa Fe County, NM.

Attached please find:

- Permit Application
- Filing Fee
- 3 (24" x 36") copies of the proposed plat.
- Legal lot of record documentation
- Recorded warranty deed
- Septic permit
- Well permit (water provided by Eldorado Utilities)
- Letter from Department of Cultural Affairs

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Wiegel

NMPS No. 9758

Cc: Project File 113010030



5.7 Vacation of Plats

- 5.7.1 <u>Cause</u>. Any final plat filed in the office of the County Clerk may be vacated or a portion of the final plat may be vacated if:
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 - b. the Board finds that a plat was obtained by misrepresentation or fraud and orders a statement of vacation to be prepared by the County.
- Action. Action shall be taken at a public meeting. In approving the vacation of all or a part of a final plat, the Board shall decide whether the vacation will adversely affect the interests of persons on contiguous land or of persons within the subdivision being vacated. In approving the vacation of all or a portion of a final plat, the Board may require that roads dedicated to the County in the final plat continue to be dedicated to the County.
- 5.7.3 <u>Filing.</u> The approved statement declaring the vacation of a portion or all of a final plat shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk
- 5.7.4. <u>Utilities.</u> The rights of any utility existing before the total or partial vacation of any final plat are not affected by the vacation of a final plat.

5.8 Requirements Prior to Sale, Lease or Other Conveyance

It is unlawful to sell, lease, or otherwise convey land within a subdivision before the following conditions have been met:

- a. <u>Final plat approval</u>. The final plat shall be approved by the Board and shall be filed with the County Clerk. If a subdivision lies within more than one county, the final plat shall be approved by the Board of each county in which the subdivision is located and shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the subdivision is located.
- b. <u>Relevant documents</u>. The subdivider shall furnish the Board a sample copy of sales contracts, leases and any other documents that will be used to convey an interest in the subdivided land.
- c. <u>Permanent markers.</u> All corners of all parcels and blocks within a subdivision shall be permanently marked with metal stakes in the ground and a reference stake placed beside one corner of each parcel.

5.9 Succeeding Subdivisions

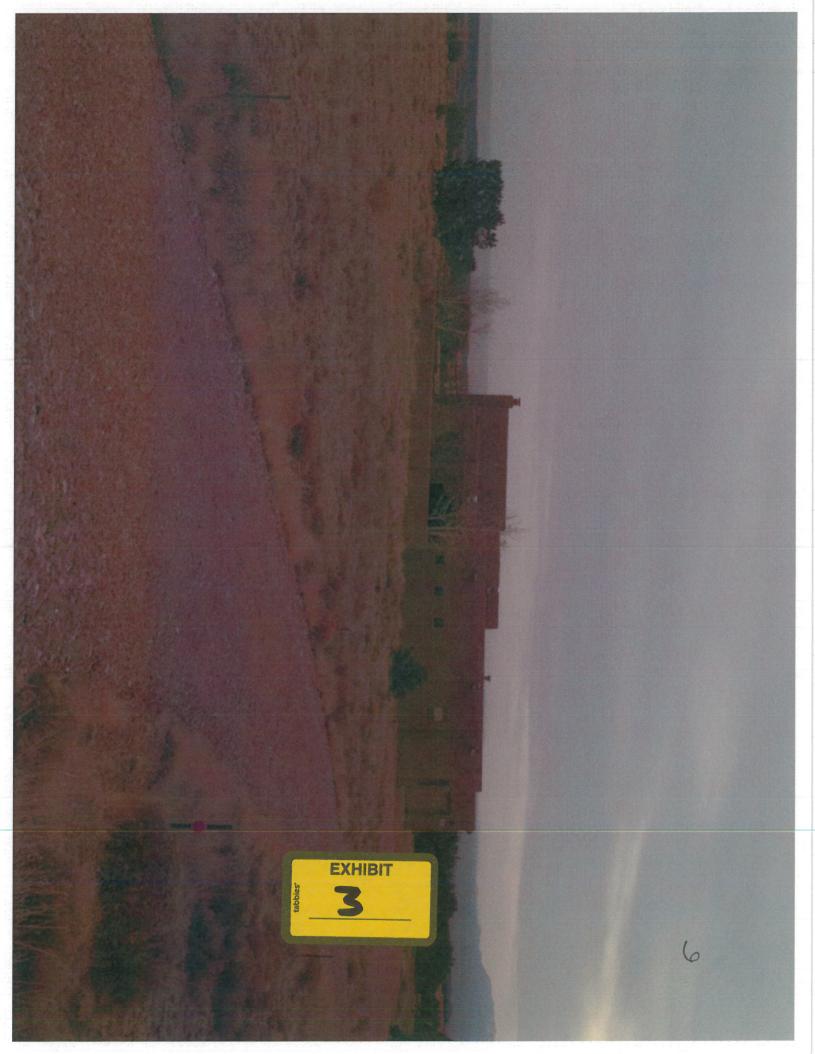
Any proposed subdivision may be combined and upgraded for classification purposes by the Board with a previous subdivision if the proposed subdivision includes:

- a. Part of a previous subdivision that has been created in the preceding seven (7) year period; or
- b. Any land retained by a subdivider after creating a previous subdivision when the previous subdivision was created in the preceding seven (7) year period.

History. Section 5 was updated and revised by Ordinance 1996-8 for the purpose of clarification and to bring this Section into compliance with the NMSA.

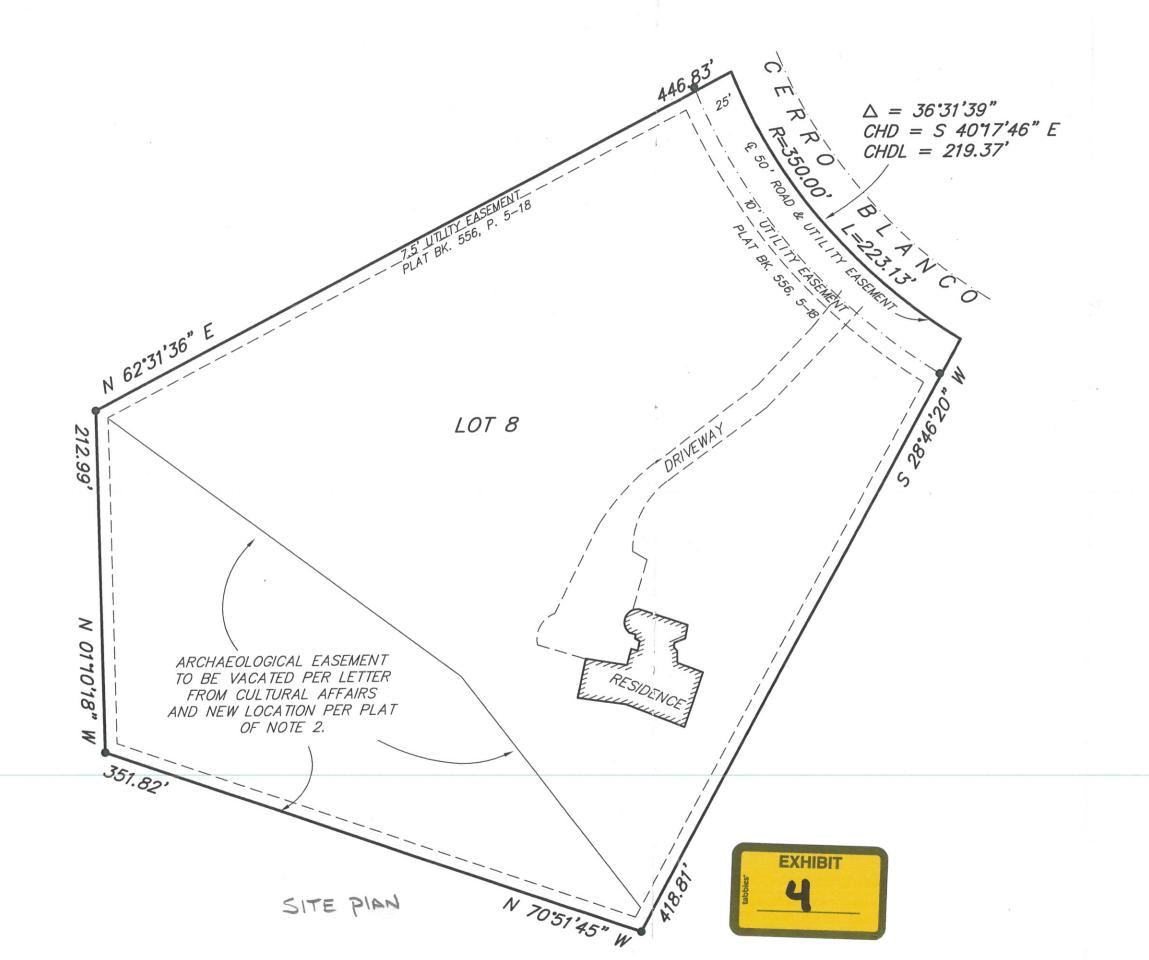


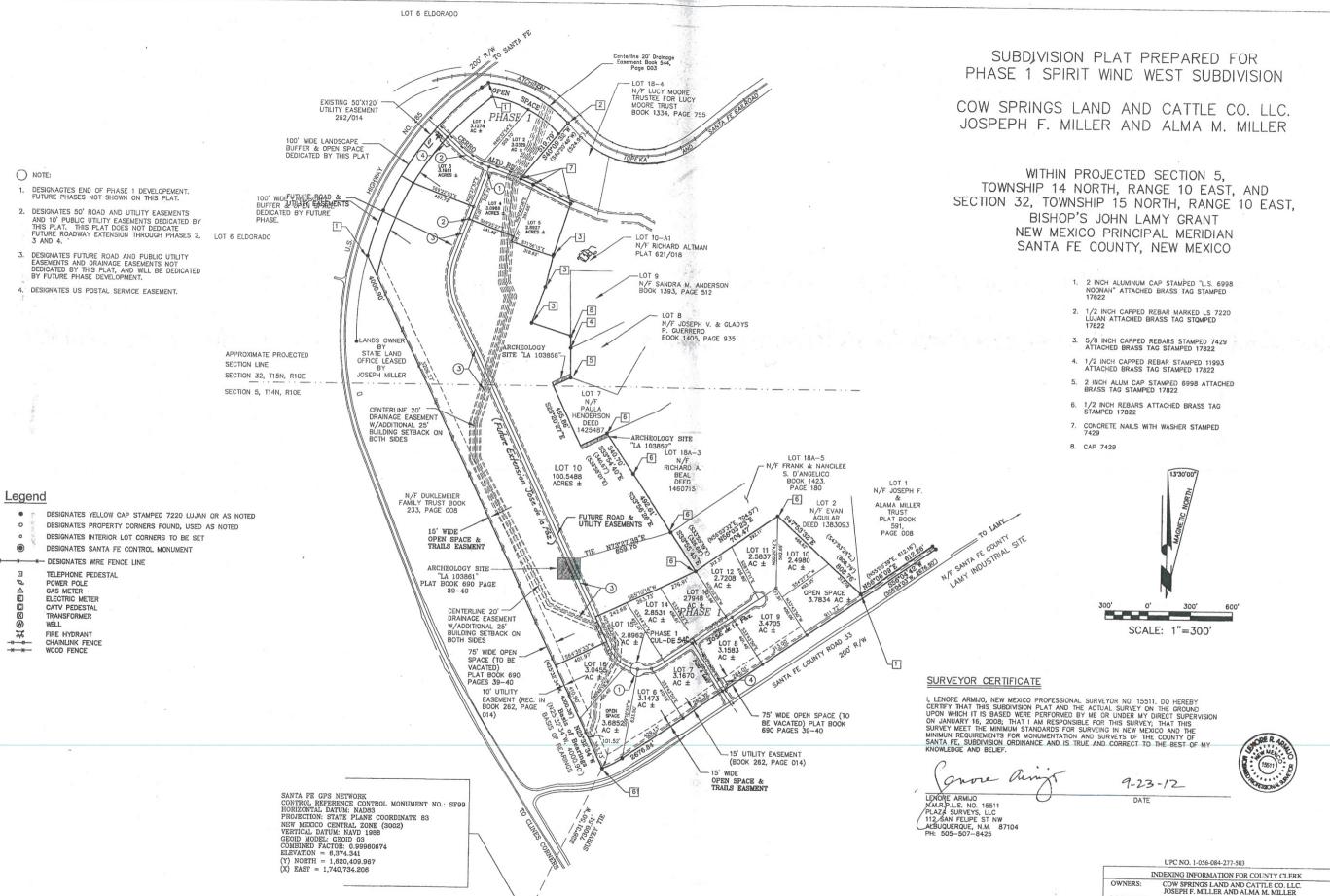
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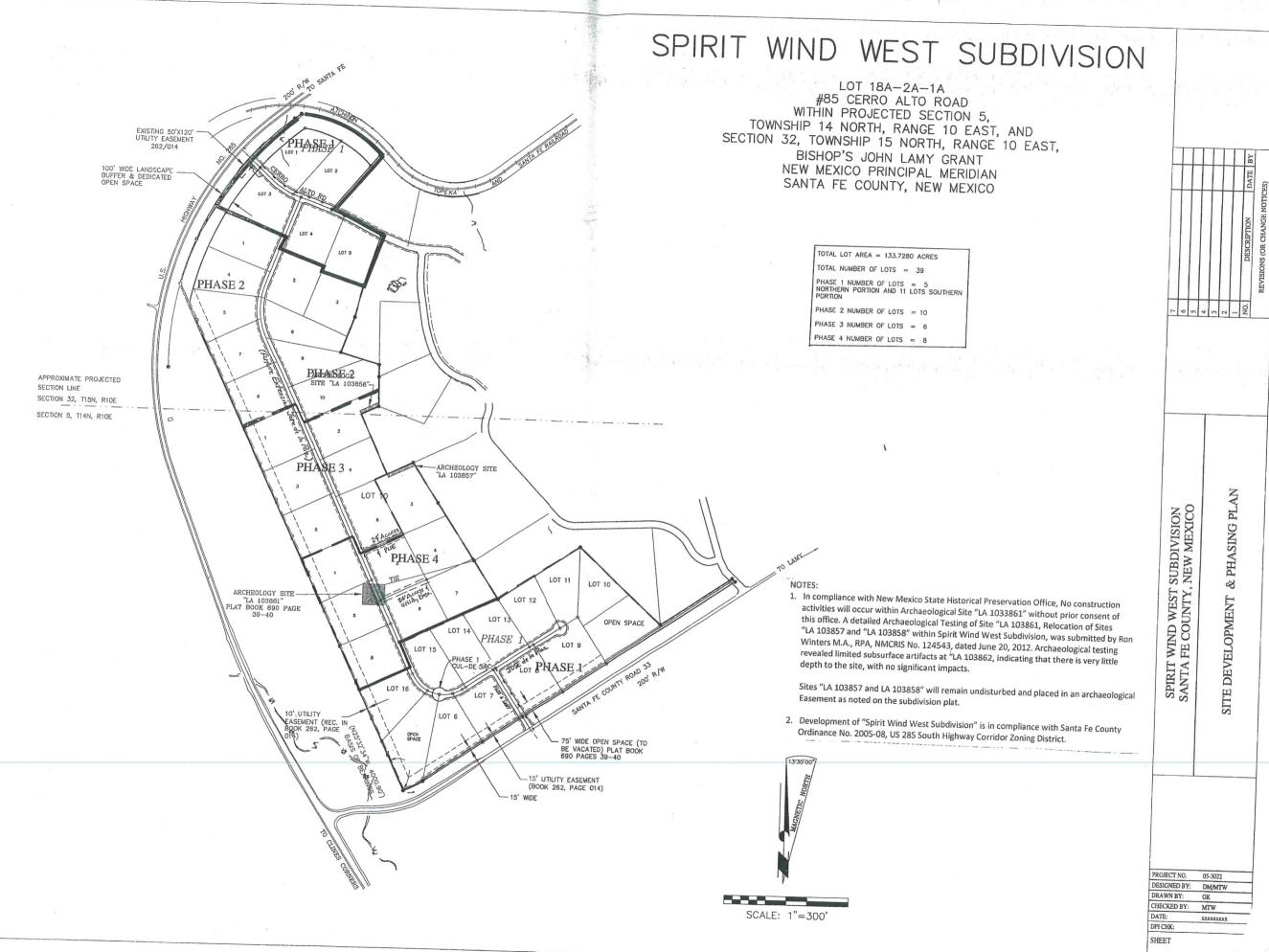




LOCATION: PROJECTED SECTION 5 TI4N, RIOE, NMPM & PROJECTED SECTION 32 T15N, R10E, NMPM BISHOP JOHN LAMY GRANT

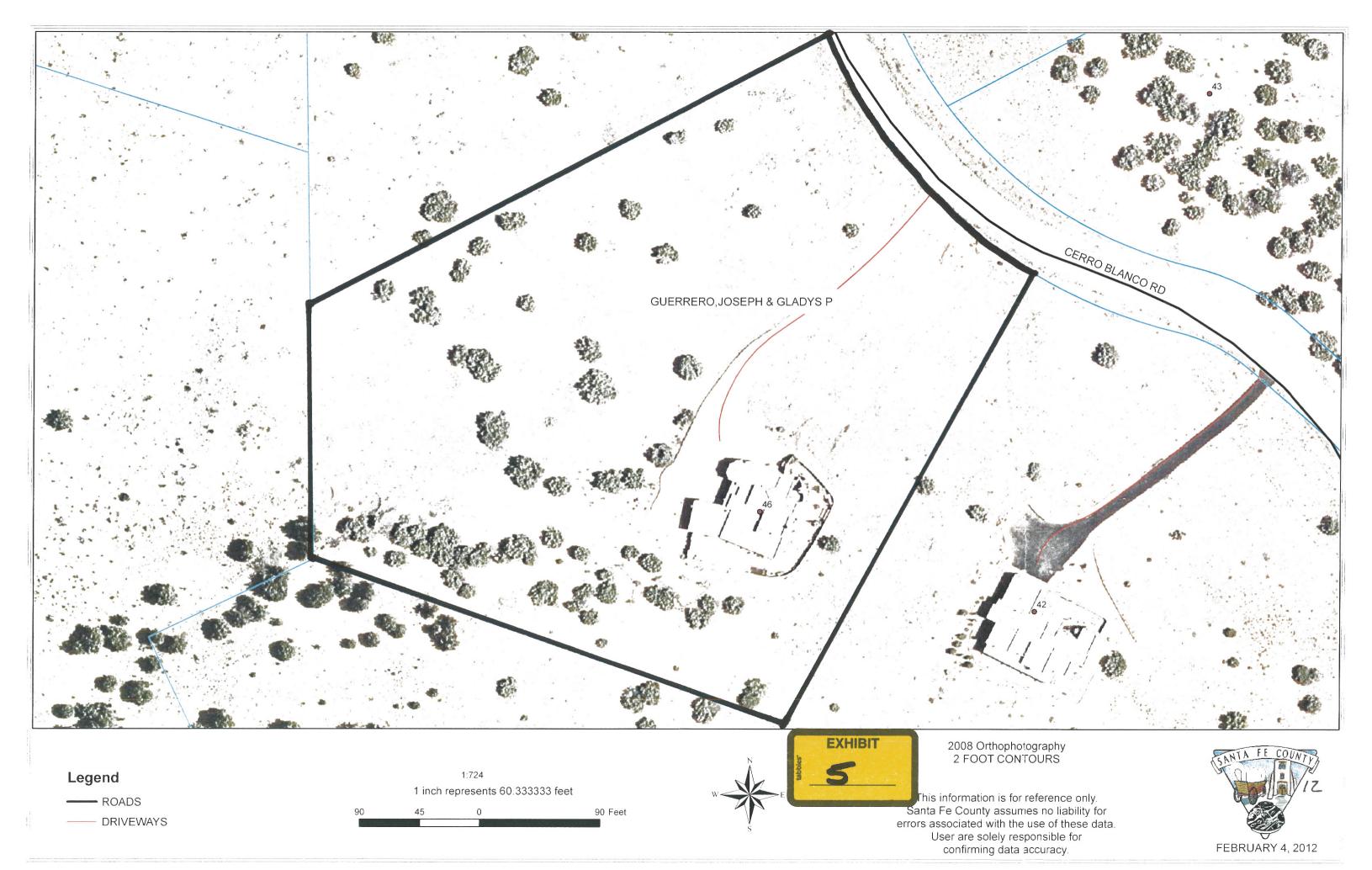
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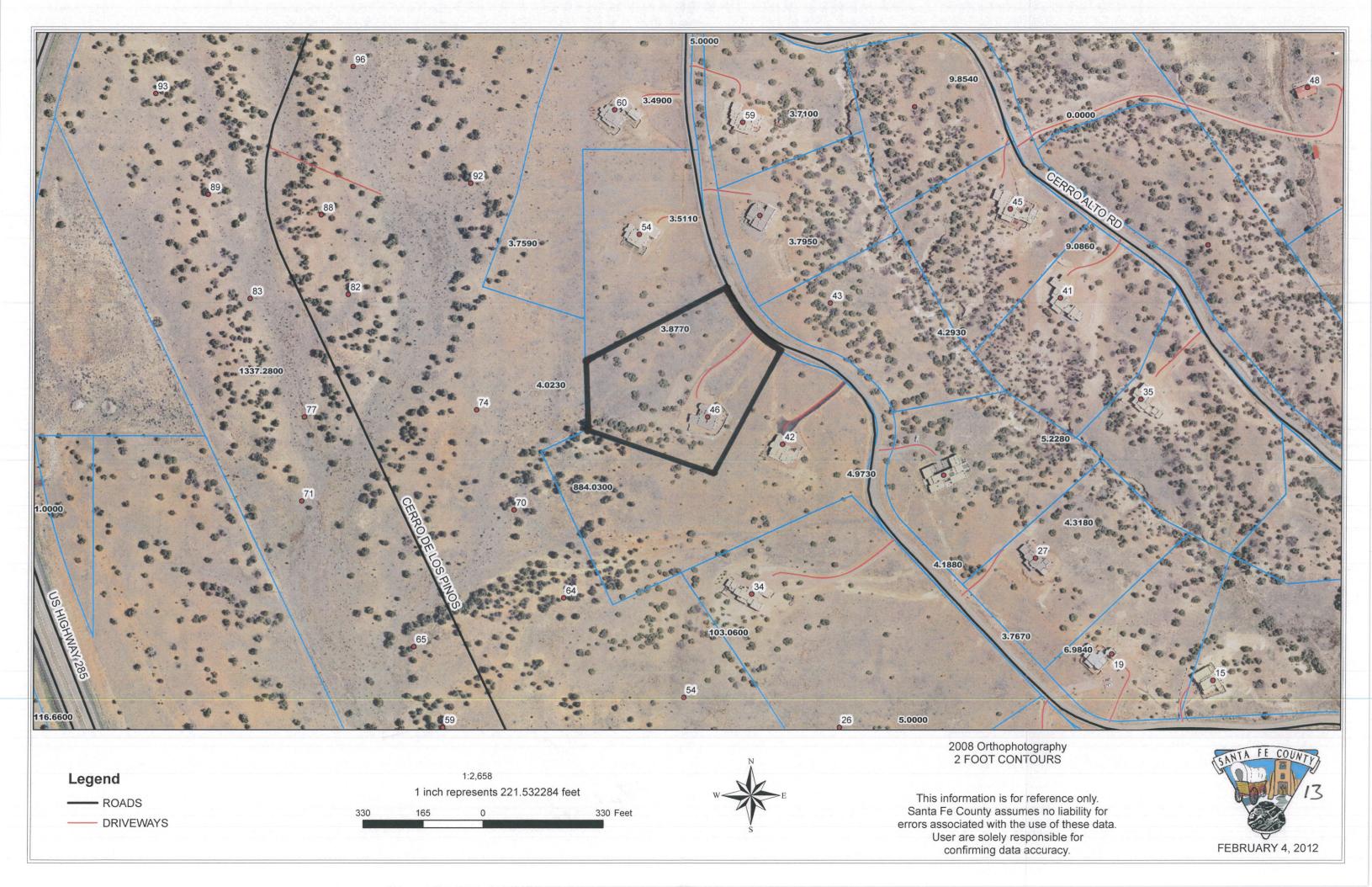
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

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February 19, 2013

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Growth Management Division
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Re: Location of LA 103861

Dear Mr. Romero:

As we discussed by telephone on February 14, 2013, this letter transmits information on the correct location of archaeological site LA 103861, but first some background information is provided below.

After LA 103861 was documented during an archaeological survey in 1994, a non-disturbance easement was placed on the site. In 2008, Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Beal retained Townsend Archaeological Consultants to relocate LA 103861 and determine if the non-disturbance easement shown on various plats was correct. According to Townsend Archaeological Consultants in their report (NMCRIS #109893), there was a 10-3222 acre archaeological easement for LA 103861 located on plat map 1340084, plat book 5108 dated August 2, 2004 (Mr. Beal's property). A previous draft of the plat map placed the easement for LA 103861 on the west end of lot 8; Mr. Guerrero's property.

Because of the existence of two plats showing different locations for LA 103861 and the absence of an archaeological site map for the site, there was some confusion about the real location of LA 103861. Subsequently, on March 29, 2008, Townsend Archaeological Consultant relocated LA 103861 southwest of and outside of the archaeological easements depicted on either of the plat maps provided by Mr. Beal and Mr. Guerrero. LA 103861 was significantly mislocated by the original recorder in 1994 and consequently within the records maintained by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD).

Based on their research and the real location of LA 103861, Townsend Archaeological Consultants recommended removal of the easement shown on the plats for Mr. Guerreo and Mr. Beal's property and a new easement ½ acre in size be placed at the correct location of the site. I concurred with this recommendation in my letter to Mr. Emilio Gonzales on July 29, 2008. The



real location of LA 103861 is within Lot 18A-2A-1A, #85 Cerro Alto Road as shown on Sheet 3 of the development plans for Spirit Wind West Subdivision. LA 103861 is also shown on Sheet 5 as being within the proposed road for the subdivision (Plat Book 690, Page 39-40). In addition, Note 21 on Sheet 8 of the plat states, "An archaeological non-disturbance easement has been created within the limits of relocated site LA-103861 as defined by Stephen Townsend, Consulting Archaeologist, and described in report NMCRIS No. 109893. All ground disturbing activities are prohibited within the limits of the archaeological non-disturbing easement as defined in the report cited above except in compliance with Section 3.4.3D of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code."

Based on the information I have summarized above, I am secure in the knowledge that LA 103861 is not located on lands owned by Mr. Guerrero or Mr. Beal. LA 103861 is located on land owned by Mr. Joe Miller within the proposed Spirit Wind West Subdivision, which is currently under review by the County for development. As noted on the plats for Spirit Wind West, LA 103861 is currently within a non-disturbance easement until such time as a treatment plan is submitted to the County and HPD in order to remove the easement.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by telephone at (505) 827-4064 or by email at michelle.ensey@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Ensey Archaeologist

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