APPENDIX L:

Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team Original Notes and Drawings

Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team Notes:

Silver Saddle Ranch Uses Brainstorm (Friday)

How function as a hub…

- Passive recreation
- Education
- Interpretation
- Interpretation, context of historic ranch

Silver Saddle Ranch Management Focus/Theme:

- Interpretive site/themes: needs to be ranch lifestyle, working ranch—protect at all costs—provide for/include other uses but "to side"—historic site the same—no cars on site—can be near but not at middle/on ranch, interpretive ranch. Context bubble (see diagram)
- Determine theme
- Also environmental and cultural theme-sub themes
- Overriding theme is river—drew other uses at separate locations
- Ranch in a context
- Kids—ranch need access—none at ranch—Ambrose better/or other side
- Education—before jump into environmental education, what are the niche needs, what could ranch site fill
- Recreation—e.g. equestrian needs to not have impact to ranch
- Part of draw is experience—do trail ride through ranch?
- 4-H horses stay?
- Each site doesn't need to provide all uses—too many access points—possibly one Carson River Park access—look at globally
- Tractor ride/wagon ride to ranch
- Environmental education: work with school system—what grades, what topics, curriculum
- Develop an interpretive plan—themes, appropriate stories, support materials, signs, etc.

Nature Center

- Need to stay with theme of river-provide setting for equestrian and other activities without impacting ranch (cultural landscape). Support intrastructure for events needs to be located outside historic "bubble" area. Event, itself can be in while protecting ongoing use of site.
- Other ways to meet that need due to cost of operation
- Work on interpretive program instead fo place/building?
- Nature education could be accommodated somewhere on ranch-relate to river
- Probably with storage of materials

Prison Hill Uses

1. Inventory trail system—where: equestrian staging (trail group)
2. Keep OHV where is now—better boundary based on topo. Local use, no emphasis on exterior use access
3. South: OHV; Central: Multipurpose (nonmotorized); then separate trails for bike/peds/equestrian

4. Equestrian overpass-on freeway at Valley View low impact uses
5. West entry: limit to passive uses and allow water tank with fit into landscape
6. Redefine OHV area and can still locate loop to north south end/how to get kids from A to B aceess to OHV area
7. Need well-defined, useable trail from ranch to Prison Hill
8. Also look at trail from Mexican Dam to top—possible conflict with OHV

- Mark trails
- Rehab/realign/decommission
- Decommission some trails
- Educate people about decommissions
- Social trails from each property/housee
- To work-city ordinance-OHVs-to enforce
- Main function west side-establish trailheads
- Design new alignments to meet these needs
- OHV-what can Sheriff enforce? What resources do they have?
- North end-provide stagting area at R. Road non motorized
- Consider use of onsite caretaker (at SSR)
- Barriers? How to get from SSR to Westside of Prison Hill
- Loop trail good—but keep out of OHV
- How to do fuels reduction with ? use as trail
- Connect to Douglas Co. may not be ranch, may be Prison Hill
- Douglas—looking for connectivity to Carson City—get proposal moving forward?
- View enjoyment
- Define City Character

Silver Saddle Ranch Brainstorm (Sat)

- Sheriff's office resource
- City Park rangers-enforcement capable ride trail
- Or volunteers-deputize?
- Consistent signage—meet standards (but not big)
- Miantain facilities within ranch—storage secured, controlling board to manage ranch
- Use charrette as springboard to development plans for all resources/management areas to use day to day
- Interdisciplinary team to look at
- Keep people with knowledge to use
- How will land ownership transfer affect? Will Fed. people be able to work on?
- Don't impact ranch at working historic ranch
- Protect natural resources—tr. outside key res. like wetland, other wildlife area
- All natural resources—inventoried for species population, reprod. & sustainability & management accordingly
- Still need access to ranch for environmental education, non intrusive

- Use point access instead of linear trail
- Create "Friends of___" for the larger area
- How to get an organization going—active volunteer
- Look at a new name to encompass entire area
- Bureaucratic structure in place in City for Carson River corridor. Maybe broaden their mission.
- Engage nonprofits and others with expertise
- Concern-look at what resources losing in exchange of land
- Involved law enforcement agencies in planning and fires, safety, EMTs

How to connect to other areas

- SSR-should be "park headquarters" for whole area including ranch and Prison Hill
- With V&T depot—need to consider connection, information etc, partnership
- Use headquarters—at roundabout at school instead of at ranch (5th & Carson River)
- Manager as on "enterprise account" and generate business for revenue to manage place...while maintain character. Concern that to "sell it" would become so that it shouldn't
- What kind/size of activities at ranch—maybe other area use for events
- Use a fee-based system to generate income
- Fee based idea that fees make an event/operation sustainable is not accurate
- Billing—show true costs vs. charges
- User fee vs. entrance fee, special fees
- Signage expr. "true costs"
- On fed. Lands—need to acknowledge open space issue for future
- For fees to generate income—almost impossible for fees to cover costs
- Special events—could set fees to cover cost of event. Not operate entire site
- Direct cost (set-up, etc.) but not of management entire site
- Need to connect down river to Lyon County. Does aquatic trail do this?
- Want land trail
- Connect Carson River to Sierra Front
- All river components need to be connected by a first rate nonmotorized trail system
- Connect events at SSR with events at Jarrard/Andersen?
- Scheduling—all partnies access to calendar—knowledge of wht is going on. Master calendar—all areas website access.
- If need bigger or better location could consider Jarrard/Andersen?
- How connec to adjacent public land—some say don't connect, don't want a trail—neeed to respect—and how plan connections there lines
- Possible fence between private and public land to minimize impacts
- Friends, key volunteer groups—roles and rights
- How to move forward with pending legislation

Management Policies

- Fed. Involvement on ground is likely to disappear (staff, fed. Resources, scope—arch.)
- Legislation needs to address special events and fees
- Useage nonprofit vs. commercial
- Relationship nonprofit with feds

- Wildlife management not typically done by city—archeological/cultural resource
- Key: How can city enforce, protect, develop, maintain, develop, manage effectively if they own

Other discussion/brainstorm

- *Silver Saddle Ranch & Connections*
  - Arena
  - Trail trials—fields
  - Sandpit for stargazing
  - 4-H
  - Car club
  - Trail construction
  - Birding
  - Cattle (minimal)
  - Scout troops
  - Archaeology
  - Cultural uses
  - Restoration
  - Nature center
- What should be there?
  - Interpretive center, e.g. Western Folklife Center (Elko), saddles, branding, previous ranch history, 4-H
  - Small event center (indoor/outdoor)—up to 60 people (small scale, e.g. Bartley Ranch)
- Themes
  - Historic ranching
  - River as path of history
- Equestrian/special events
  - Share event area
  - Staging areas in pasture? When needed?

Silver Saddle Ranch (Saturday Summary)

- Theme: "Family working ranch"; ranch lifestyle
- Policy: Protect ranch theme
  1. Non-ranch related uses only outside the "ranch bubble"
  2. Keep ranch-related uses and events inside the "bubble"
- To-do: Develop an interpretive plan (themes, appropriate stories, support materials, etc.)

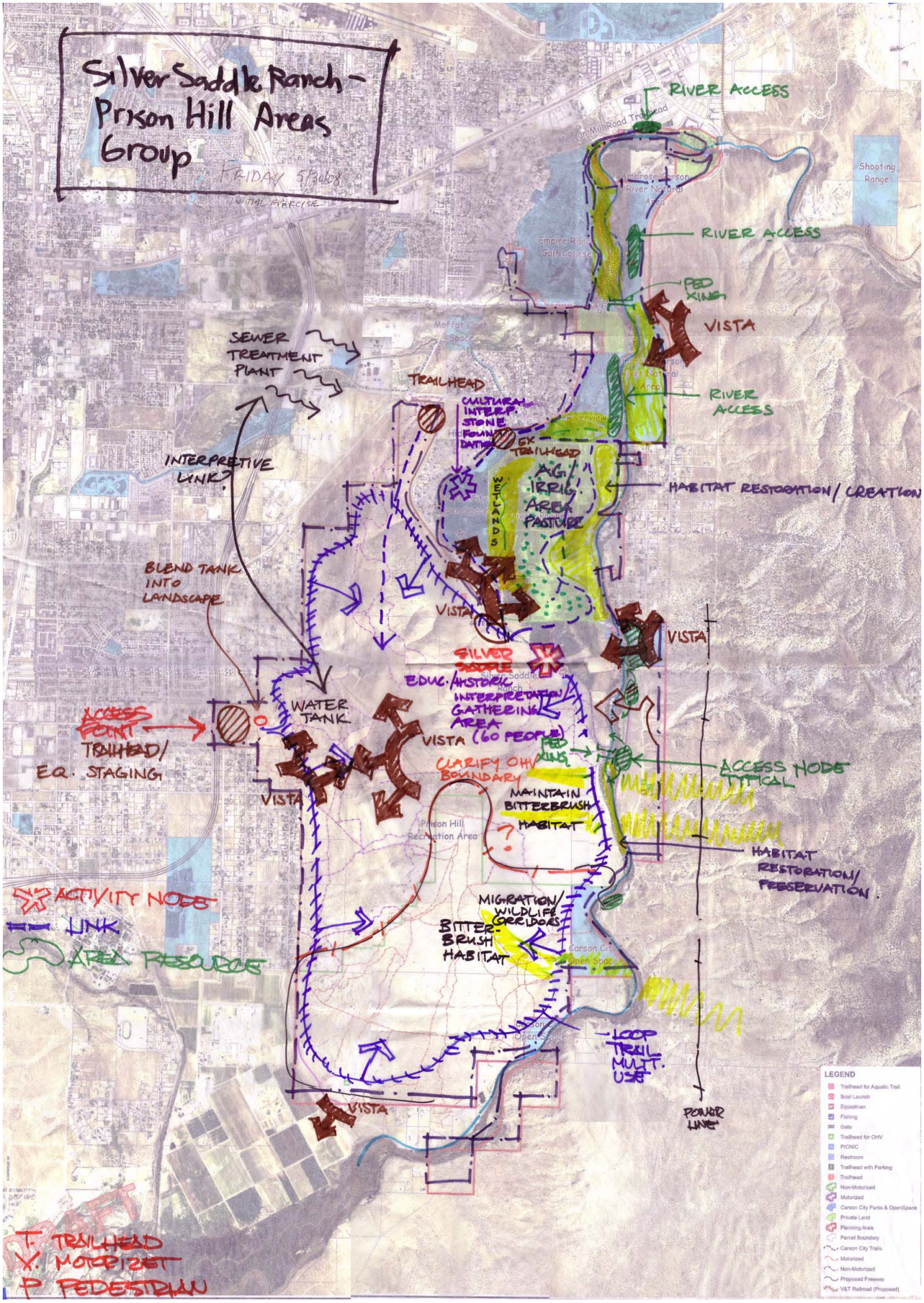
Prison Hill (Saturday Summary)

- Main use: access and trailheads:
  - North: pedestrian/equestrian
  - South: motorized
  - East: pedestrian/equestrian
  - West:
    - Koontz: pedestrian/equestrian
    - Valley View: equestrian
    - Clear View: pedestrian/equestrian

Management (Saturday Summary)

- Move forward with interagency task force (coordination, existing groups, transition issues)
- Items for discussion:
  1. Plans: site management
  2. Finance/fees/costs
  3. Ongoing management:
  - Organizational development
  - Volunteer coordination
  - Monitoring-natural resources
  - Event management

4. Transition during lands bill


Silver Saddle Ranch - Prison Hill Areas Group
FRIDAY 5/30/08
INITIAL EXERCISE
RIVER ACCESS
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PED XING
VISTA
SEWER TREATMENT PLANT
TRAILHEAD
CULTURAL INTERP. STONE FOUNDATION
EK TRAILHEAD
RIVER ACCESS
INTERPRETIVE LINK?
WETLANDS
AG IRRIG. AREA PASTURE
HABITAT RESTORATION/ CREATION
BLEND TANK INTO LANDSCAPE
VISTA
VISTA
SILVER SADDLE
EDUC./HISTORIC INTERPRETATION GATHERING AREA (60 PEOPLE)
WATER TANK
ACCESS POINT
TRAILHEAD/ EQ. STAGING
VISTA
PED XING
ACCESS NODE
CLARIFY OHV BOUNDARY
MAINTAIN BITTERBRUSH HABITAT
VISTA
HABITAT RESTORATION/ PRESERVATION
ACTIVITY NODE
LINK
AREA RESOURCE
MIGRATION/ WILDLIFE CORRIDORS
BITTER-BRUSH HABITAT
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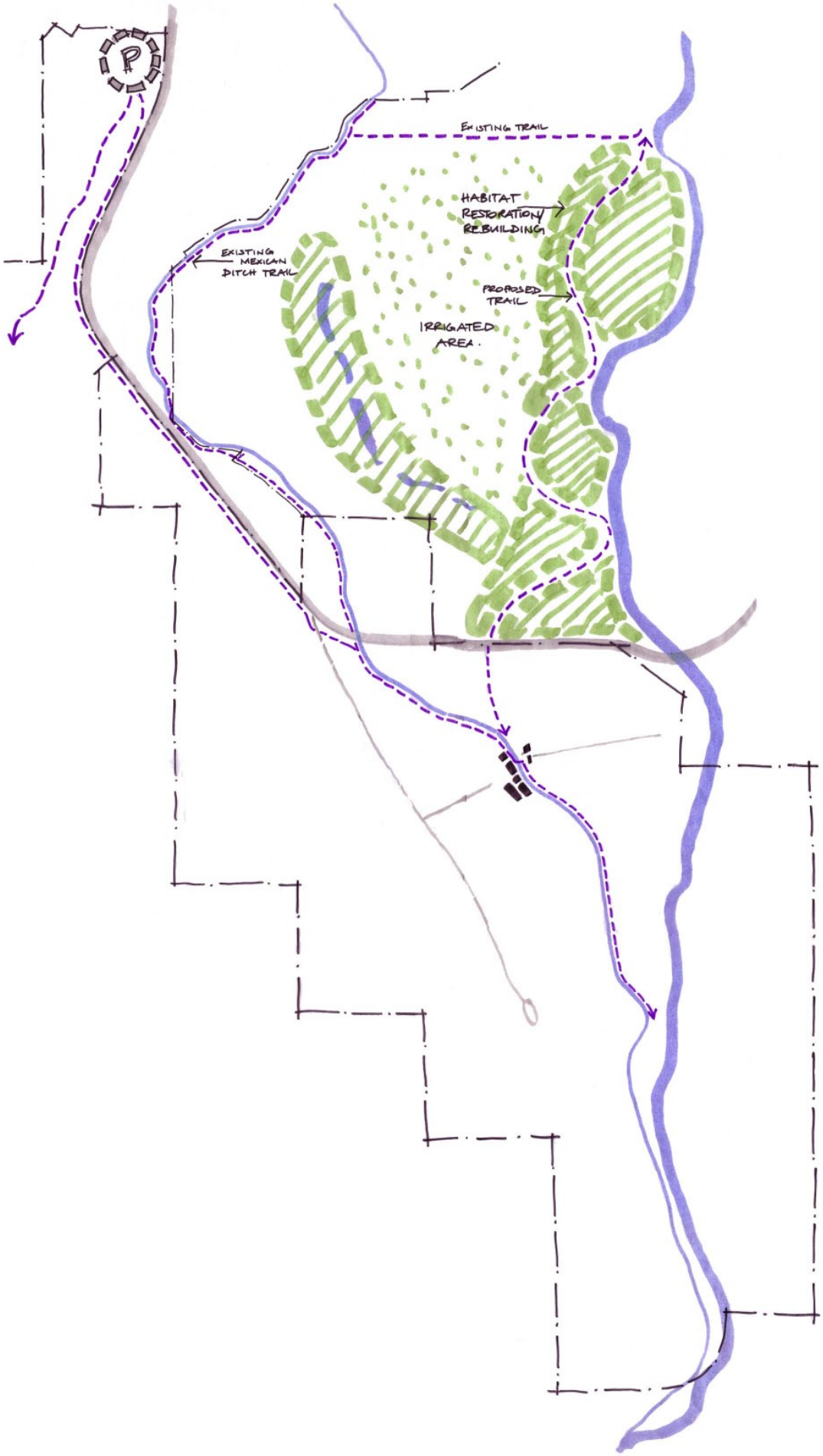
VISTA
POWER LINE
LEGEND
T. TRAILHEAD
V. MOTORIZED
P PEDESTRIAN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PROPOSED TRAIL
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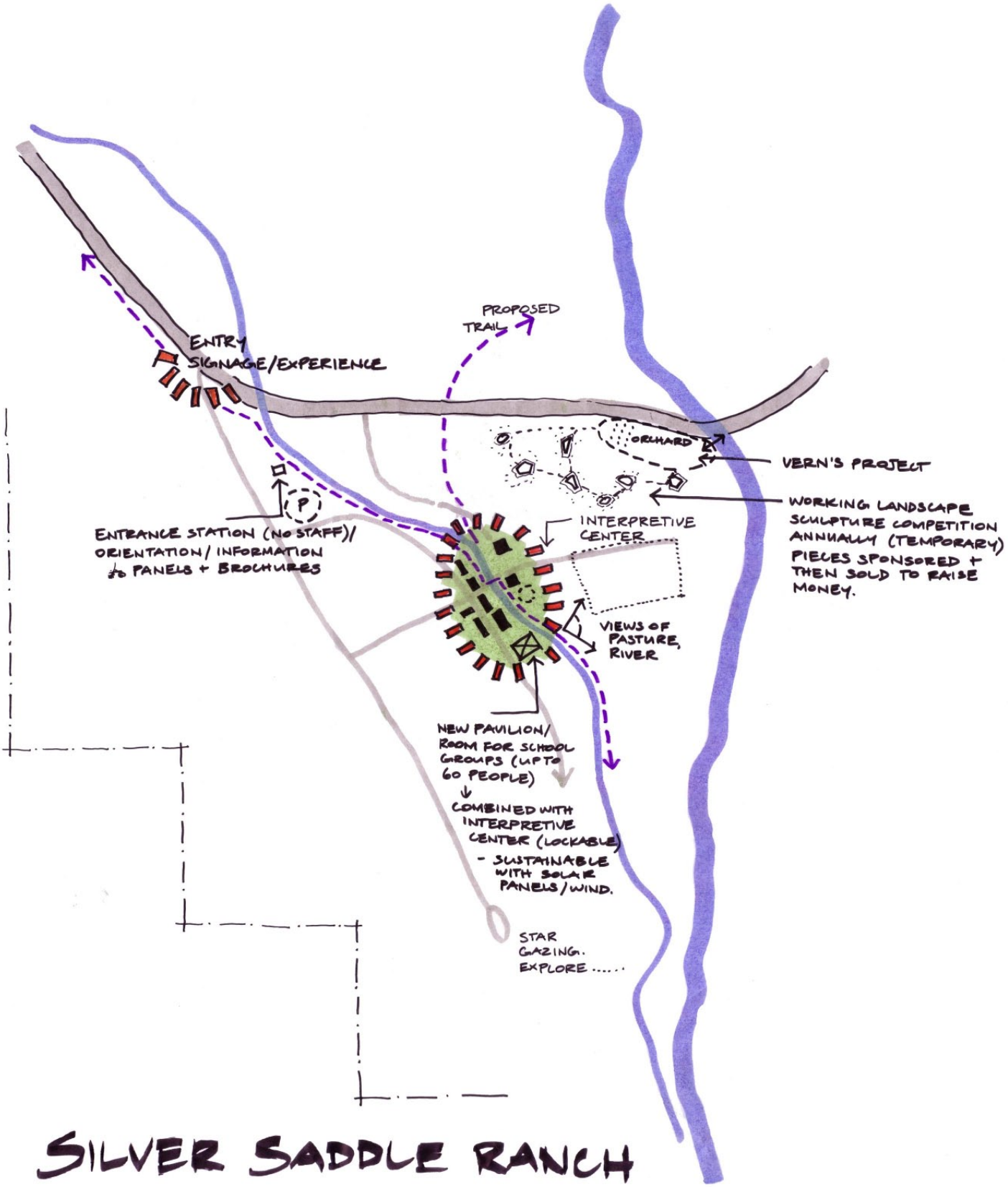
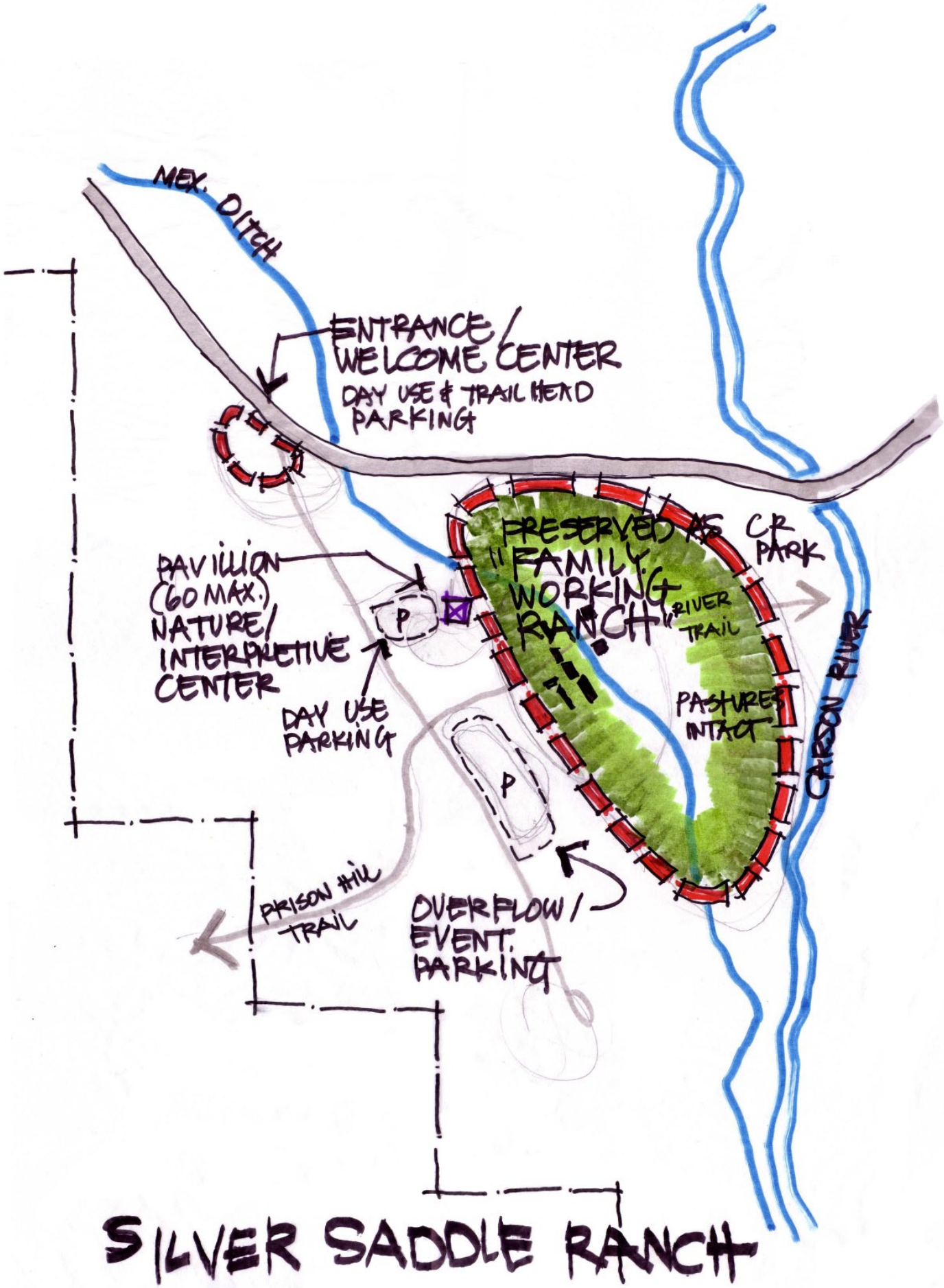

PROPOSED TRAIL
ENTRY SIGNAGE/EXPERIENCE
ORCHARD
VERN'S PROJECT
WORKING LANDSCAPE SCULPTURE COMPETITION ANNUALLY (TEMPORARY) PIECES SPONSORED + THEN SOLD TO RAISE MONEY.
P
ENTRANCE STATION (NO STAFF)/ ORIENTATION/ INFORMATION & PANELS + BROCHURES
INTERPRETIVE CENTER
VIEWS OF PASTURE, RIVER
NEW PAVILION/ ROOM FOR SCHOOL GROUPS (UP TO 60 PEOPLE)
COMBINED WITH INTERPRETIVE CENTER (LOCKABLE)
- SUSTAINABLE WITH SOLAR PANELS/WIND.
STAR GAZING. EXPLORE .....
SILVER SADDLE RANCH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ENTRANCE / WELCOME CENTER
DAY USE & TRAIL HEAD PARKING
PRESERVED AS "FAMILY WORKING RANCH"
CR PARK
RIVER TRAIL
PAVILLION (60 MAX.) NATURE/ INTERPRETIVE CENTER
P
DAY USE PARKING
PASTURES INTACT
CARSON RIVER
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PRISON HILL TRAIL
OVERFLOW / EVENT PARKING
SILVER SADDLE RANCH