

Item # 15C

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

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Time Requested: 30 minutes

To: Mayor and Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works - Planning Division

Subject Title: Action to accept the recommendations of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Charrette Summary, Creating a Community Vision, regarding the planning vision for public recreation and open space opportunities on the Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill area and along the Carson River. (MISC-09-014)

Summary: The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch organization, in cooperation with the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department, BLM and the National Park Service, conducted several public workshops in the spring of 2008 to develop a recreation and open space plan for the public lands in the subject area. The vision document is intended to guide future decisions by Carson City regarding the use of these lands.

Type of Action Requested:

Resolution

Ordinance-First Reading

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Planning Commission Action: Recommended approval on March 25, 2009 by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Recommended Board Action: I move to accept the recommendations of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Charrette Summary, Creating a Community Vision, regarding the planning vision for public recreation and open space opportunities on the Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill area and along the Carson River.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The recommendations of the vision document are intended to guide future decisions for land uses within the identified planning area. The vision document is consistent with the Carson City Master Plan and Federal Lands Bill.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: 1) Do not accept the recommendations of the vision document

Supporting Material: 1) Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Charrette Summary

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(City Manager)
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(District Attorney's Office)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

CHARRETTE SUMMARY

CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER

A Community Design Charrette

Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch
in partnership with
Carson City, Bureau of Land Management & National Park Service

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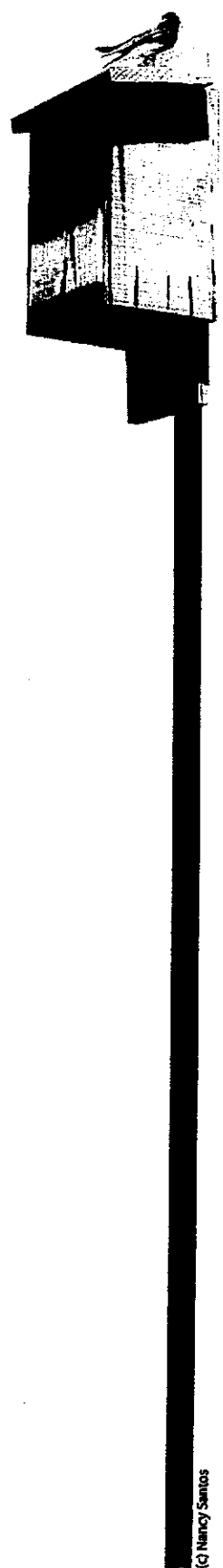


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River project began as an effort by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch to encourage community interest and participation in the development of a management plan for Silver Saddle Ranch. The 703-acre Silver Saddle Ranch is public (federal) land currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The City of Carson City became interested in obtaining ownership of Silver Saddle Ranch, as a potential new park for Carson City in 2006, following the development of the Carson City Federal Lands Bill. In 2007, Silver Saddle Ranch and the adjacent Bureau of Land Management Prison Hill Recreation Area were included in the Carson City Lands Bill as Addendum A.

The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch received an assistance grant from the National Park Service, Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program in 2006. The grant was to be used to develop a management plan for Silver Saddle Ranch through a community involvement process. The planning team included a representative from each primary stakeholder including the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, Bureau of Land Management, and Carson City, with assistance from the National Park Service.

Once the planning team was developed and the kick-off meeting held it was agreed upon immediately that the planning area should include all public lands along the Carson River within Carson City. A charrette (planning and design) process was then developed for an area approximately 3,000 acres.

The planning process included three public workshops for which community members were encouraged to attend and provide input on what they would like to see in the planning area. The final 2-day workshop focused on incorporating the community ideas into a comprehensive plan that considers all the sites and the Carson River as one large planning area. Participants in attendance included individuals from numerous stakeholder groups including federal, state and local agencies; neighboring residents, environmental and recreational groups, and natural resource specialists.

Topics of importance determined for review and discussion as part of the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River planning process included Natural Resources, Trails & Passive Recreation, and Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill. Financial and Marketing Concepts were also considered.

The details and results of this community planning process are summarized in this report. This planning and design process and the Summary Report are intended as a guide to the future development of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area, based on the desires of Carson City community members. Steps for Moving Towards the Future are identified in the final section of the report.

BACKGROUND: PURPOSE OF THE CHARRETTE

At the eastern edge of Eagle Valley in Carson City, Nevada, lies a unique series of sites linked by the Carson River. Over time, several areas along the river have been purchased and set aside for open space, conservation and recreation for the community and visitors alike. From the southern area of Carson City near Golden Eagle Road north toward Morgan Mill Road is a network of open spaces including Silver Saddle Ranch (SSR), Prison Hill Recreation Area and several sites recently acquired by Carson City and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The result is a unique opportunity to envision the future for this contiguous series of open spaces together as a contiguous area.

A Public-Private Partnership

The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR), in partnership with Carson City, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and with support from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (NPS) conducted a public process to define a community-wide vision for the planning area. Through a series of public workshops and an intensive 3-day "charrette" during spring of 2008, a community-based vision for the area was developed along with ideas for implementing it. The charrette was named: "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River".

BLM, Carson City and FOSSR had been working together to develop a draft Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) to jointly manage Silver Saddle Ranch, a BLM facility located in Carson City. The purposes of the CMA were to improve management of the area, protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources, and provide greater recreational and environmental education opportunities for the community to enjoy their public lands. As the CMA was being drafted, FOSSR submitted an application for technical assistance from the NPS to facilitate a community-based process to develop design and planning recommendations for Silver Saddle Ranch based on the existing BLM "Interdisciplinary Management Plan for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area" (2000). In September 2006, assistance for this planning effort was awarded to FOSSR.

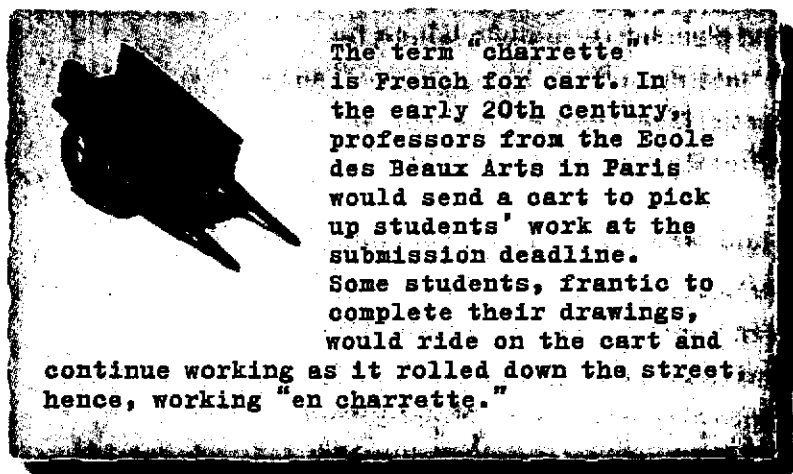
In fall 2006, Carson City initiated consultations with US Senator Harry Reid's office to draft a federal lands bill that would result in transfer of some BLM and US Forest Service lands to Carson City and vice versa. Given this new effort, the scope of the community-based process for Silver Saddle Ranch was expanded to include public lands to the north and south of Silver Saddle Ranch along the Carson River Corridor in anticipation that these contiguous areas could eventually be managed primarily by the City. The result was a larger, redefined planning area that was described as

"Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area" (Planning Area) for the purposes of the design workshop.

Recognizing this unique, historic opportunity to consider a larger network of open spaces at one time, FOSSR, BLM and Carson City agreed to partner and move forward with this expanded effort, the purpose of which is to work with the community to identify a vision and future desires for this area. To demonstrate commitment to this effort, the City's citizen advisory boards adopted a series of resolutions in support of the community 'charrette' process (*Appendix A: City Resolutions Supporting the Charrette Process*), the City provided substantial staff and production support, BLM committed a significant level of staff resources and FOSSR contributed countless volunteer hours to engage the community in this planning effort. Representatives from FOSSR, BLM, Carson City and NPS formed a planning team to develop and implement the outreach program, public workshops and charrette for the Planning Area.

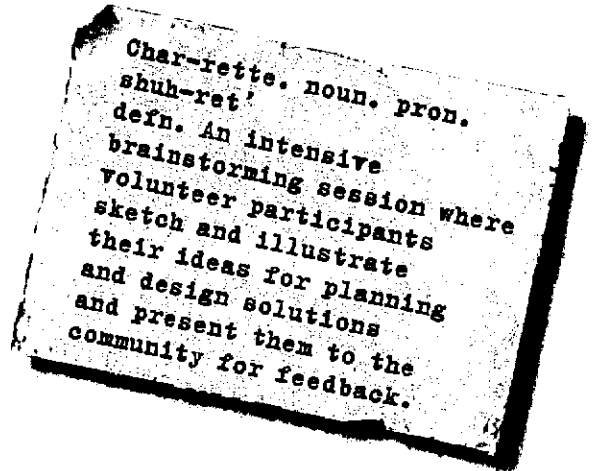
Why a charrette? What is a charrette?

While a number of approaches to engaging the community in the planning and design of the area were possible, the planning team decided to proceed using a 'charrette' format. A charrette is an intensive brainstorming session where volunteer participants sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions and present the results to the community for feedback. Charrettes bring together experts from multiple disciplines and community members to develop ideas on how to preserve and enhance natural and cultural resources and provide educational and recreational opportunities. Often the process facilitates the development of a common unified vision for a geographical area and management program. The outputs include maps and designs that offer solutions to issues such as preservation, access and use, interpretation, and development. For the purposes of this charrette, several public forums were held to gather ideas and input to develop a common vision for the Planning Area. This vision was then used to guide the charrette participants' work as they explored planning and design ideas for making implementation a reality.



A series of desired outcomes for the charrette was developed early in the planning process to ensure that the outcomes would be met. These desired outcomes were to:

- Define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area
- Develop an integrated management plan
- Foster partnerships
- Build support and capacity for community-based stewardship
- Develop a vision for how to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long-term
- Identify sustainable management practices, including financial and implementation strategies



Orientation to Planning Area

The Planning Area spans the eastern side of Eagle Valley from approximately US-50 to the north, south along the Carson River to Golden Eagle Road south of Prison Hill. The Planning Area is approximately bound by South Edmonds/Fairview Drive to the west and Deer Run Road/Pinion Hills Road/Mexican Dam Road to the east (Figure 1: Vicinity Map; Figure 2: Planning Area & Ownership).

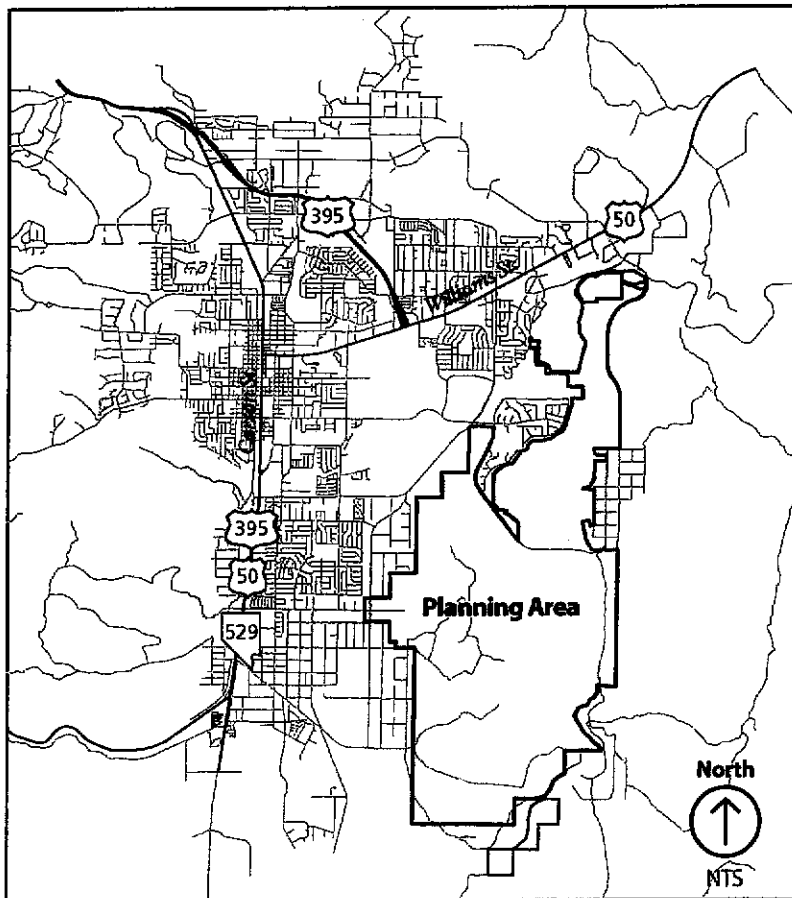


Figure 1. Planning Area Vicinity

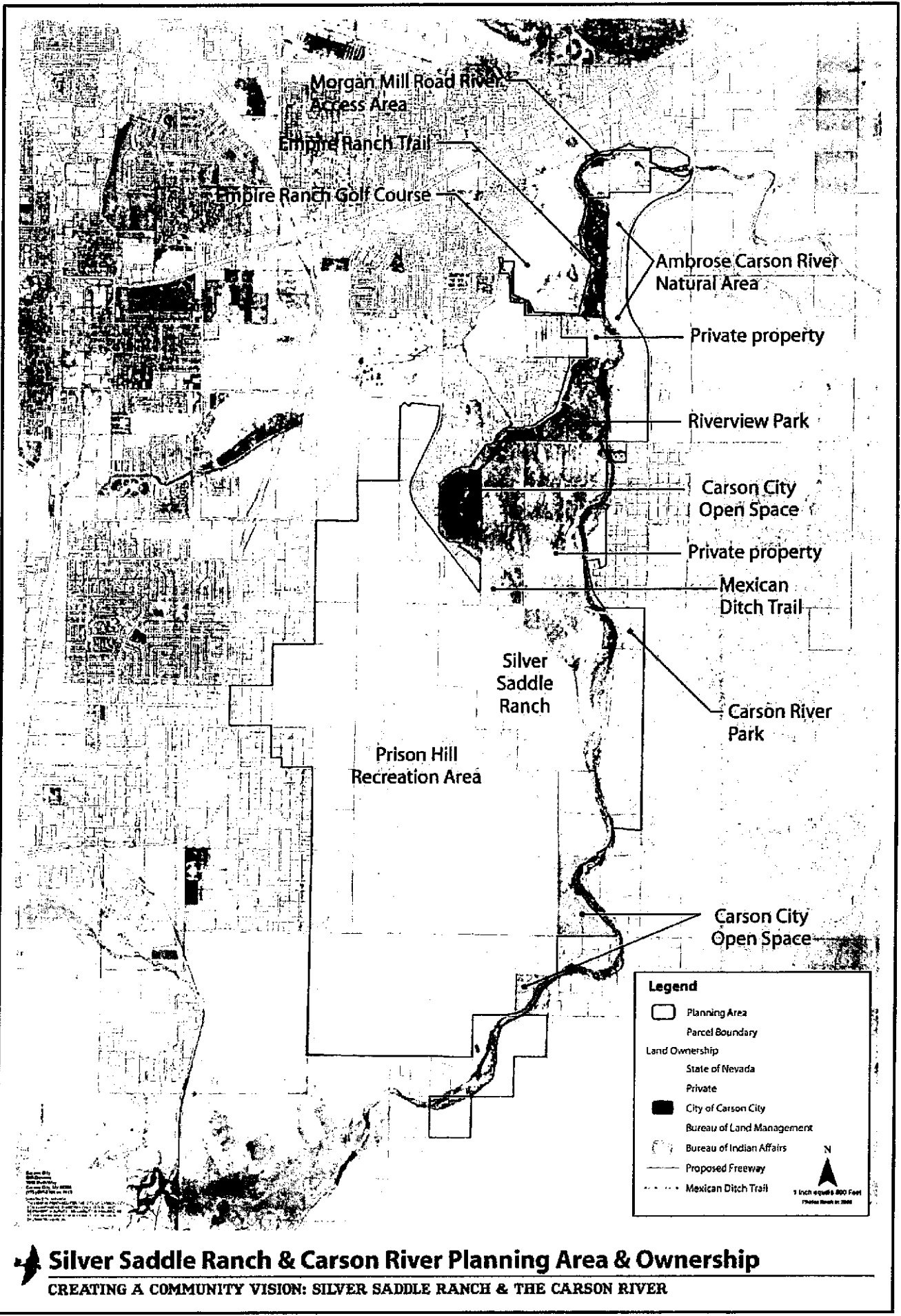
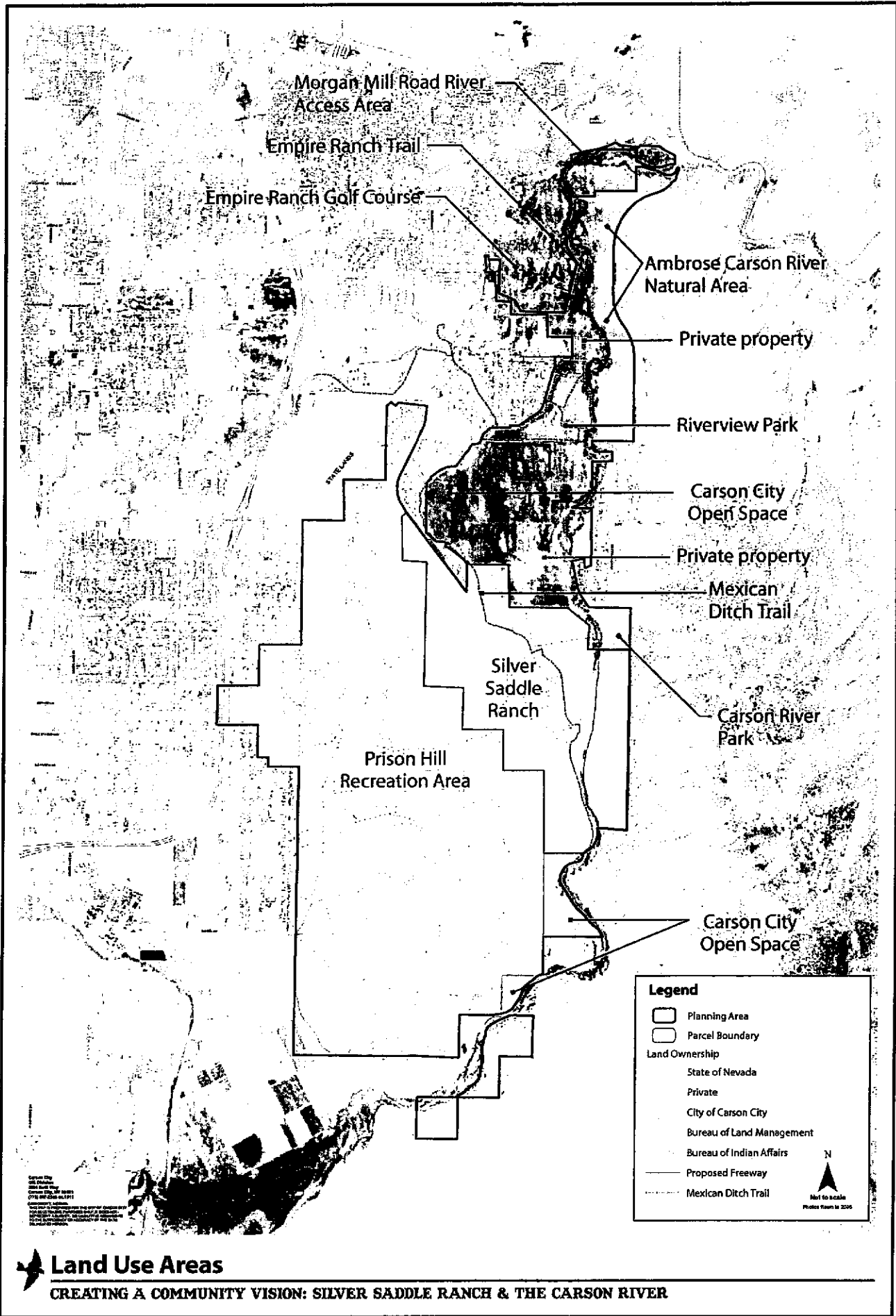


Figure 2. Silver Saddle Ranch & Carson River Planning Area & Ownership

Existing Open Spaces and Parks

Within the planning area is a series of publically-owned sites that range from city-owned parks and open space to BLM open spaces and natural areas. Several privately owned sites adjoin the Planning Area. Throughout the planning process, Carson City and BLM continued to aquire sites in the Planning Area, closing 'gaps' in public ownership. With the exception of these newly-acquired open properties, each publically-owned site in the planning area has separate guiding documents that describe the permitted uses allowed in each site (*Figure 3: Land Use Areas; Table 1: Current and Allowable Uses*). At this point, while several relevant overlapping plans and jurisdictions exist, no one plan guides the future of the entire planning area. The following are descriptions of the specific sites within the Planning Area from north to south.



Land Use Areas

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Figure 3. Land Use Areas

Table 1. Current and Allowable Land Uses

Land Use Area	Current Uses	Allowable Uses
Morgan Mill Road River Access Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized use • Trailhead • River access put-in/take-out • Picnic facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space • Nonmotorized use • Environmental education • Riparian zone • Floodplain protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Riverview Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized use • Wetlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Carson City Open Space (aka "Andersen Property")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Nonmotorized use • Wetland and habitat protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Mexican Ditch Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Carson River Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized use • River access put-in/take-out • Picnic facilities handicapped access • Trailhead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic facility • Snow play area
Silver Saddle Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space • Nonmotorized use • Events • Environmental education • Agriculture • Wetlands and floodplain protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor center • Events pavilion
Carson City Open Space (aka "Carson River/ Mexican Dam properties)-northern piece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized use • Riparian zone and floodplain protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Carson City Open Space (aka "Carson River/ Mexican Dam properties)-southern piece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized use • Riparian zone and floodplain protection • Vehicular access on road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
BLM Open Space (aka "Howard/Dombrosky Properties)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space • Riparian zone and floodplain protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Prison Hill Recreation Area-North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation and public purpose • Nonmotorized use • Trailhead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed recreation and public purpose use
Prison Hill Recreation Area-Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space • Nonmotorized use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current
Prison Hill Recreation Area-West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation and public purpose • Water tank • Trailhead • Nonmotorized use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed recreation and public purpose use
Prison Hill Recreation Area-South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorized use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonmotorized

FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA

Proposed improvements in the Morgan Mill Road River Access Area include paved parking areas for vehicles with trailers, as well as a river access ramp with drop-off and pick-up areas, an enclosed portable toilet facility, and a river floodplain and bank stabilization area. There will be a handicapped fishing access pier and observation points. The facility will include and serve as a trailhead for the Empire Ranch Trail linking this site with Riverview Park and Silver Saddle Ranch to the south. As of this writing, the permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers is underway. It is anticipated the project will be bid and constructed late in 2009 when river flows are at the low stage. The ultimate build out cost is expected at about \$900,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT AMBROSE CARSON RIVER NATURAL AREA

The Carson City High School Biology class has adopted the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area. They have created interpretation for approximately one mile of trail and have produced a brochure that can be used with descriptions of sites and points marked as you walk the trail.

Morgan Mill Road River Access Area

Located just south of US-50, the approximately 0.25-acre Morgan Mill Road River Access Area provides access to the Carson River from Morgan Mill Road. Access points are located along the east and south sides of Empire Ranch Golf Course to Empire Ranch Road. The natural setting is dominated by the river, its riparian corridor including cottonwood trees, and a thick understory. The river access area includes limited parking, northern access to the Empire Ranch Trail, a picnic area, and launch area for nonmotorized watercraft.

Ambrose Carson River Natural Area (ACRNA)

The 182-acre ACRNA is owned by BLM and jointly managed with Carson City. ACRNA provides access to the east side of the Carson River along Deer Run Road. Here the Carson River flows through stands of cottonwood trees and thick willow habitat. The majority of the river banks in the area are high and steep with river access limited to a stretch along the east side of the river during periods of low water. Recreational activities are nonmotorized and include walking, horseback riding, in addition to sightseeing, bird watching and water-based uses such as fishing and river rafting/canoeing. This site is also recognized as having exceptional environmental education opportunities.



Carson River in Ambrose Area



*Carson City Open Space-
"Andersen Ranch"*

Riverview Park

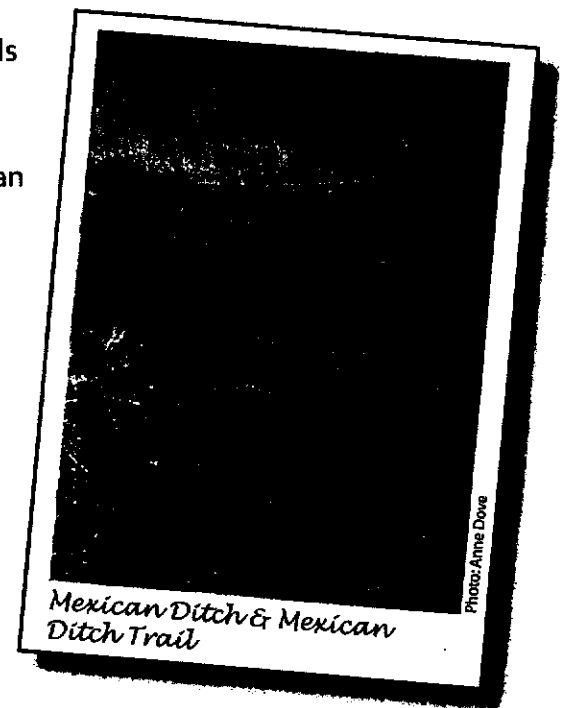
Consisting of 109 acres of natural area, Riverview Park is contiguous with the Korean War Veterans Memorial Park. The main entrance to Riverview Park is located at the east terminus of E. Fifth Street, with a trail from the nearby residential area connecting from northwest corner. The park is bordered on the east by the Carson River. A variety of habitats is located here, including upland sagebrush, wetlands, cottonwood trees and an understory along the river banks. Riverview Park includes trailheads, a 1.6-mile exercise course and a 0.4-mile nature trail. Additional amenities include abundant paved parking, vault restrooms, barbeques, and uncovered picnic areas. Within the Planning Area, this is one of the most heavily used sites.

Carson City Open Space (informally known as "Andersen Ranch" area)

In July 2008, Carson City announced that it would purchase the 86-acre Andersen Ranch property located just east of Carson River Road and Buzzy's Ranch Road. This site primarily consists of wetlands and wet meadows. The property will help connect Riverview Park with Silver Saddle Ranch to the south. The Mexican Ditch Trail runs along the west side of the property. The 397-acre private property known as Jarrard Ranch is located to the east of the Andersen Ranch and is also a target for acquisition by the City for open space.

Mexican Ditch Trail Corridor

The approximately 3.5-mile, unpaved Mexican Ditch Trail parallels the Mexican Ditch from the Moffat Open Space site to the north, through Silver Saddle Ranch, and ending at Mexican Dam to the south. The Mexican Ditch was historically used to run the Mexican Mill in the 1860's and later used to provide agricultural irrigation. The ditch is still in operation today and contains enough water throughout the year to maintain willows along both sides. Trail uses include pedestrian, equestrian and cycling activities.



Carson River Park

The 40-acre Carson River Park is located adjacent to the northeast corner of Silver Saddle Ranch, near the intersection of Carson River Road, Pinion Hills Drive and Sierra Vista Lane, more commonly known as Mexican Dam Road. The park includes a large paved parking area, an enclosed portable toilet, a river access ramp for nonmotorized watercraft and decomposed granite walking paths leading to picnic areas and a handicap-accessible fishing pier. With the exception of the paved parking area, the park is natural with cottonwood trees providing shade, while the river's edges are dense with willow thickets.



Photo: Anne Dove

Fishing Pier at Carson River Park

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR CARSON RIVER PARK

Throughout 2009, Carson River Park will be improved and enlarged. The proposal calls for adding deciduous shade trees and a fruit tree orchard, open space area, group barbeque, a play area, additional paved parking improvements, and a trailhead entrance into the Mexican Ditch Trail. The budget for this project is approximately \$225,000.

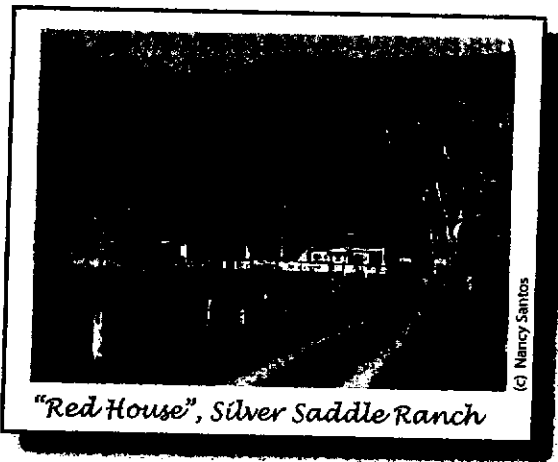


Photo: Anne Dove

Accessible Picnic Area at Carson River Park

Silver Saddle Ranch

The 703-acre SSR contains some of the last undeveloped open space along the Carson River in Eagle Valley. The ranch was acquired by BLM in 1997 for its combination of recreation potential, unique natural resources and its strategic location between the Pine Nut Mountains and the Prison Hill Recreation Area (PHRA), both of which are BLM properties. Natural resources on the ranch vary from the cottonwood trees, willows and dense understory along the river corridor to the agricultural field, and the uplands adjacent to the PHRA. Approximately 80 acres of the ranch are irrigated, cultivated fields. Original ranch facilities include barns, corrals, horse stables, and the original ranch house. Visitor amenities include abundant parking, trailheads leading to a variety of locations, picnic areas and vault restrooms. The ranch is also used for group activities and events.



WELCOME TO SILVER SADDLE RANCH

HOURS: Open 8-4 OR Sunrise to Sunset if no hours posted.

TO PROTECT AGAINST SOIL EROSION AND DAMAGE TO VEGETATION

- Make bicycles and horses on designated trails only.
- Heavy machinery subject to permit. Subject allowed ONLY on easement and call road and its parking area.
- Avoid eroding embankments or making "ranch" trails.

TO PROTECT WILDLIFE:

- Do not enter areas between the Carson River Park and within the riparian zone in riparian to avoid nesting.
- Heavy machinery on all areas and in all places.
- Only use allowed vehicles on the east side of the Carson River and in Prison Hill (designated areas).

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS:

- Only travel gravel paths and park only in designated areas.
- No alcohol, drugs, and smoking (tobacco, marijuana, and other substances).
- Smoking must be done in designated areas (designated areas only).
- No firearms, weapons, or explosives.
- No hunting, trapping, or poaching.
- No off-trail travel.
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CARSON CITY AND BLM OPEN SPACE (informally known as "Carson River/Mexican Dam/Howard/Debrowski properties")

One of the most important features of the Mexican Dam properties consists of a mixed-age cottonwood forest in an area where during high flows the river meanders and creates islands. These parcels will accommodate the continuation of a proposed trail around the entire perimeter of Prison Hill. Mexican Dam is geographically located within the northern end of these parcels; however, the dam itself is owned by the Mexican Ditch Association, not exclusively by Carson City or BLM.

The BLM has during the past five years purchased properties on both sides of the Carson River such as Howard and Dombrowski, Foerschler, and Stein. These properties were purchased with funding through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) environmentally sensitive lands program. All of the properties possess riparian values along the shores of the Carson River as well as prominent rock outcroppings and dramatic elevation and topographic features making them particularly scenic.

Carson City and BLM Open Space (informally known as "Carson River/Mexican Dam/Howard/Debrowski properties")

Carson City and BLM have recently acquired several properties along the Carson River upstream of SSR for river corridor protection and public access. These acquisitions include the Desormier, Foerschler, Crosby, Rikalo, Howard and Dombrowski properties, totaling more than 300 acres.

Prison Hill Recreation Area

This BLM PHRA occupies a prominent north-south trending range known as Prison Hill which covers 2,430 acres of rugged terrain located west of SSR. Prison Hill represents important wildlife habitat and consists of upland plant species such as sagebrush, bitterbrush and scattered pinyon pine. The landscape includes rolling and sandy hills, and steep and rocky slopes containing recreational and offers a 360-degree range of scenic resources. Uses include hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trail use. The southern area of Prison Hill is designated for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use.

The Carson River

The thread that connects the individual public use sites is the Carson River. As a major 15.6-mile long hydrologic feature in western Nevada, the Carson River originates in California within the Sierra Nevadas of California. From there the river passes through California before reaching Nevada, where it extends 125 miles through Douglas County and Carson City, then turns east through Lyon County into the Lahontan Reservoir in Churchill County. The river is heavily used for irrigation purposes. Within the Planning Area between Prison Hill and the Pine Nut Mountains, the river corridor consists of irrigated floodplain with grasses, wetlands, and uplands dominated by sagebrush. Along the river's edges in the riparian zone, willows and cottonwoods provide woodland vegetation and quality bird habitat. The river is also used for recreation purposes including bird watching, fishing and nonmotorized boating including rafting, canoeing and kayaking.

Water Resources

The Carson River, is the primary natural source of water in the planning area. By 1861, the Mexican Dam and Ditch were

constructed to divert water from the river to the Mexican Mill located approximately ¼-mile from the Carson River Ambrose Natural Area. The Mexican Ditch today provides water to Silver Saddle Ranch and other downstream users north of Silver Saddle Ranch.

Natural Resources

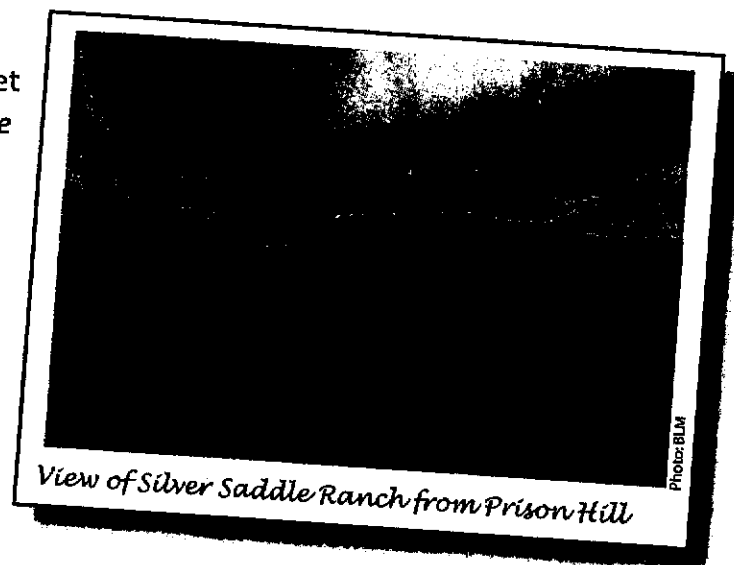
The Planning Area contains a broad range of natural resources. The river corridor includes largely contiguous riparian vegetation with adjacent emergent wetlands within the Carson River floodplain (*Figure 4: Floodplains; Figure 5: Natural Resources*). Upland areas of the Planning Area are characterized by sagebrush and rocky outcrops. Irrigated pastures also function as habitat. The Planning Area provides habitat for a wide range of animal species including at least 57 bird species and 12 mammalian species that are known to either be present or expected to occur within the Planning Area.

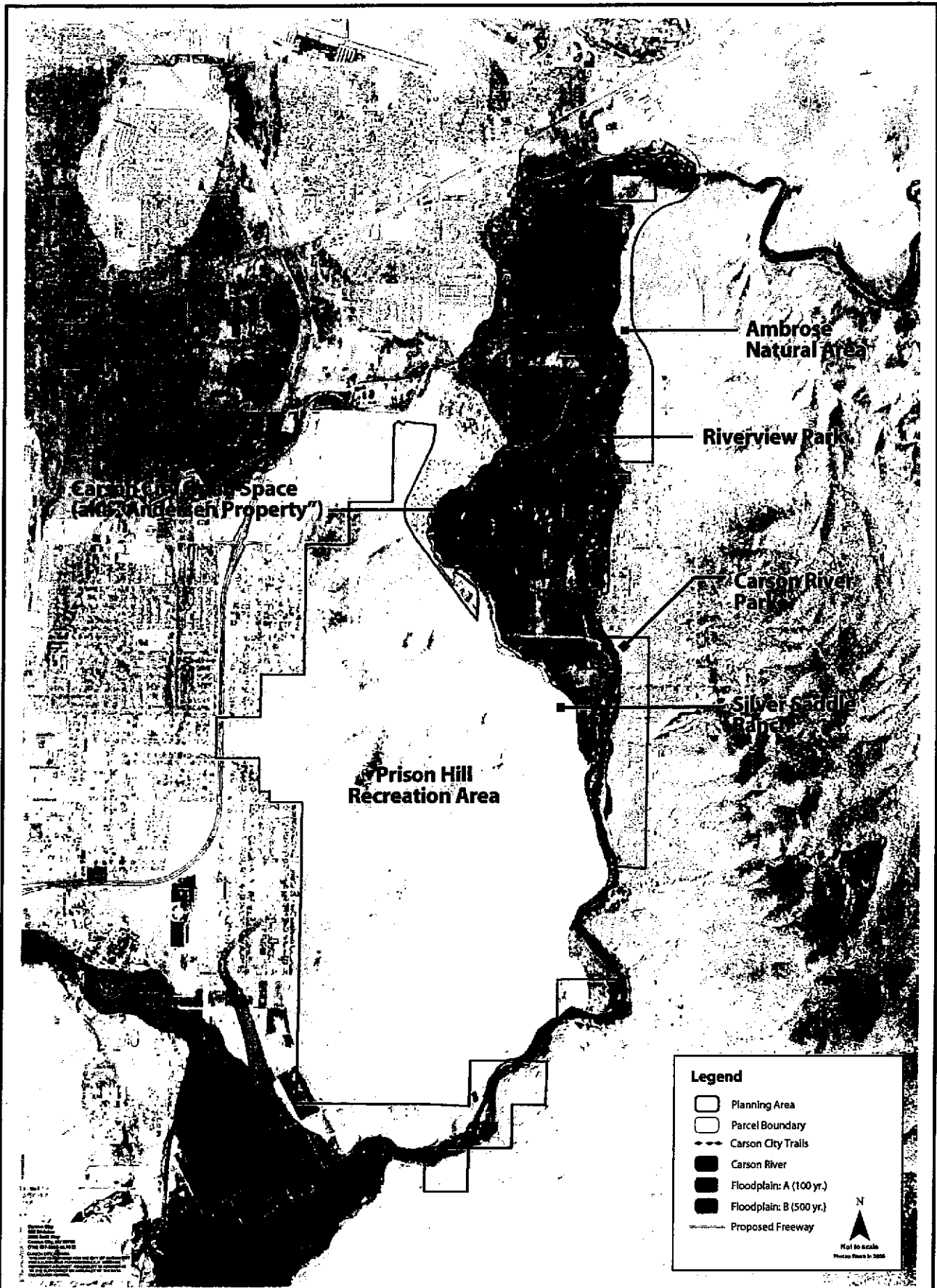
Cultural/Historic Resources

The Planning Area was traditionally home to the Washoe people, with a long oral history and occupation of the area prior to the arrival of European-Americans in the mid-1800s. The Washoe primarily used the area for gathering plants and hunting. The first known agricultural development of the Silver Saddle Ranch area dates to 1862. After 1864, Silver Saddle Ranch was divided into five blocks of land. In 1956 the Chartz-Herlax Ranch and the Bird-Urich Ranch were joined and became Silver Saddle Ranch. The descendants of the owners Mr. and Mrs. Merchant sold the property to BLM in 1997. SSR today retains 13 ranch-related buildings dated from the 1920-1980s.

Visual Resources

Prison Hill provides a visual backdrop to much of Carson City with hills that extend as high as 700 feet above the surrounding areas (*Figure 6: Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Topography*). From the top of Prison Hill and its west-facing slopes, outstanding views of the Sierra Nevada range reward trail users. The valley in which Silver Saddle Ranch is located is bordered by Prison Hill to the west and the Pine Nut Mountains to the east, providing a largely rural/natural landscape. Views to the north and south of this valley are expansive and include the river corridor and its mature riparian vegetation. Prison Hill is one of the elements which provides Carson City with a sense of place.





Floodplains (FEMA)

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Figure 4. Floodplains

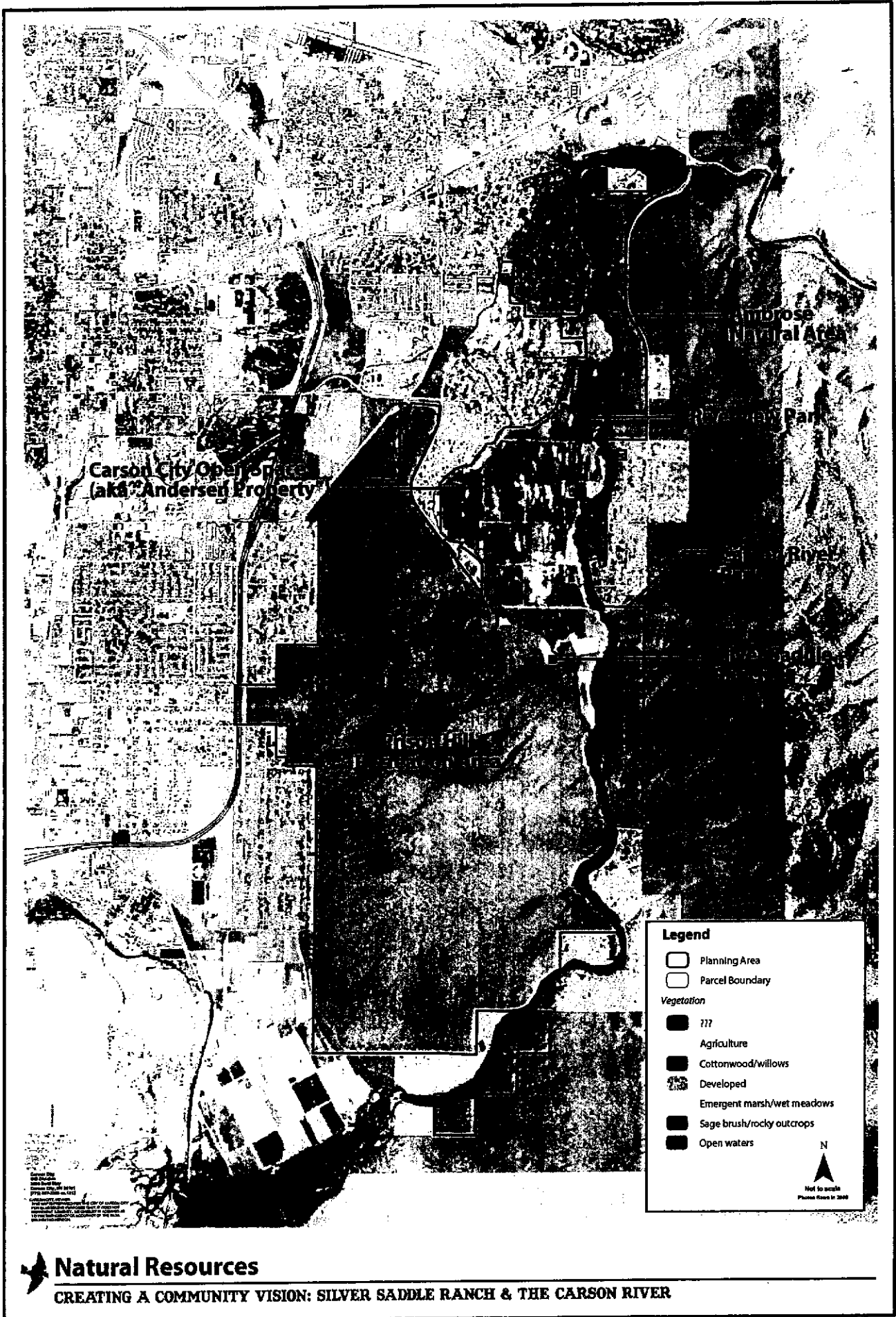


Figure 5. Natural Resources



Figure 6. Prison Hill & Silver Saddle Ranch Topography

Planning Framework

Carson City and BLM have undertaken a number of past planning efforts that affect the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River planning area. However, no one plan encompasses the entire Planning Area. There is a need to have a central plan, particularly given the anticipated changes in land ownership and management responsibilities. The planning team identified the relevant planning documents, goals and objectives from the wide array of existing plans that affect this area (*Appendix B: Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area Planning Framework*). Relevant plans include but are not limited to:

Carson City:

- ***Carson City Comprehensive Master Plan (2006)***: The Master Plan is an officially adopted policy document that outlines Carson City's vision and goals for the future and provides guidance for elected and appointed officials in making decisions regarding the long-range needs of the community. The written goals and guiding principles, policies, and recommended actions, in combination with the Land Use Map, provide a basis for decisions affecting growth, the use and development of land, preservation of open space and the expansion of public facilities and services.
- ***Carson City Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2006)***. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to identify the recreation needs of today's residents, to anticipate those of tomorrow, and to assure they will be met through proper planning.
- ***Unified Pathways Master Plan (2006)***. This document is a comprehensive plan for non-automobile travel routes in and around Carson City. The title "Pathways" refers to the many different types of routes that are included: trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, off-street multi-use trails and even an "aquatic trail" along the Carson River which was added to a revised version of the plan in 2007.
- ***Carson City Open Space Plan (2000)***. In 1996, the citizens of Carson City approved a ballot question entitled "#18: Quality of Life Initiative" that authorized a ¼ -cent sales tax to fund open space, parks and trails. This open space plan was developed to guide the use of these funds and to identify other means to preserve open space.

- ***Carson River Master Plan (1996)***. The master plan represents a starting point that guides the implementation of policy and development of improvement projects for the Carson River area.

Bureau of Land Management:

- ***Interdisciplinary Management Plan for Silver Saddle Ranch and the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area (2000)***. This purpose of this plan is to identify issues and outline goals, objectives and management actions that are ecologically sound, economically feasible and socially acceptable. The intent is for this plan to resolve issues and problems through specific on-the-ground actions that do not require additional analysis or planning.
- ***Carson City Urban Interface Plan Amendment (1996)***. This document was prepared jointly with the City of Carson City and provides an amendment to the existing Walker Resource Management Plan to provide for improved management of public lands adjacent to the community of Carson City. This plan provided for the withdrawal of mining uses from the interface lands on the Pinyon Hills and Virginia Range surrounding the Eagle Valley.

OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

The primary goal of this design and planning effort was to ensure the process was driven by the community's vision, goals and desires for the area. As such, the planning steps were designed as a series of feedback loops between the community, the planning team and the charrette participants in order that each successive step in the process would build from the previous one. The primary mechanism for obtaining input was a series of four public workshops to gather ideas and input on a vision for the Planning Area. After each workshop, the planning team consolidated this information and then presented it back to the community for further discussion and additional input (*Figure 7: Public Input Process*). The vision, goals and recommendations from these workshops were then used to guide the charrette participants' work as they explored planning and design ideas for making that vision a reality.



Public Input Process

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A Community Design Charrette

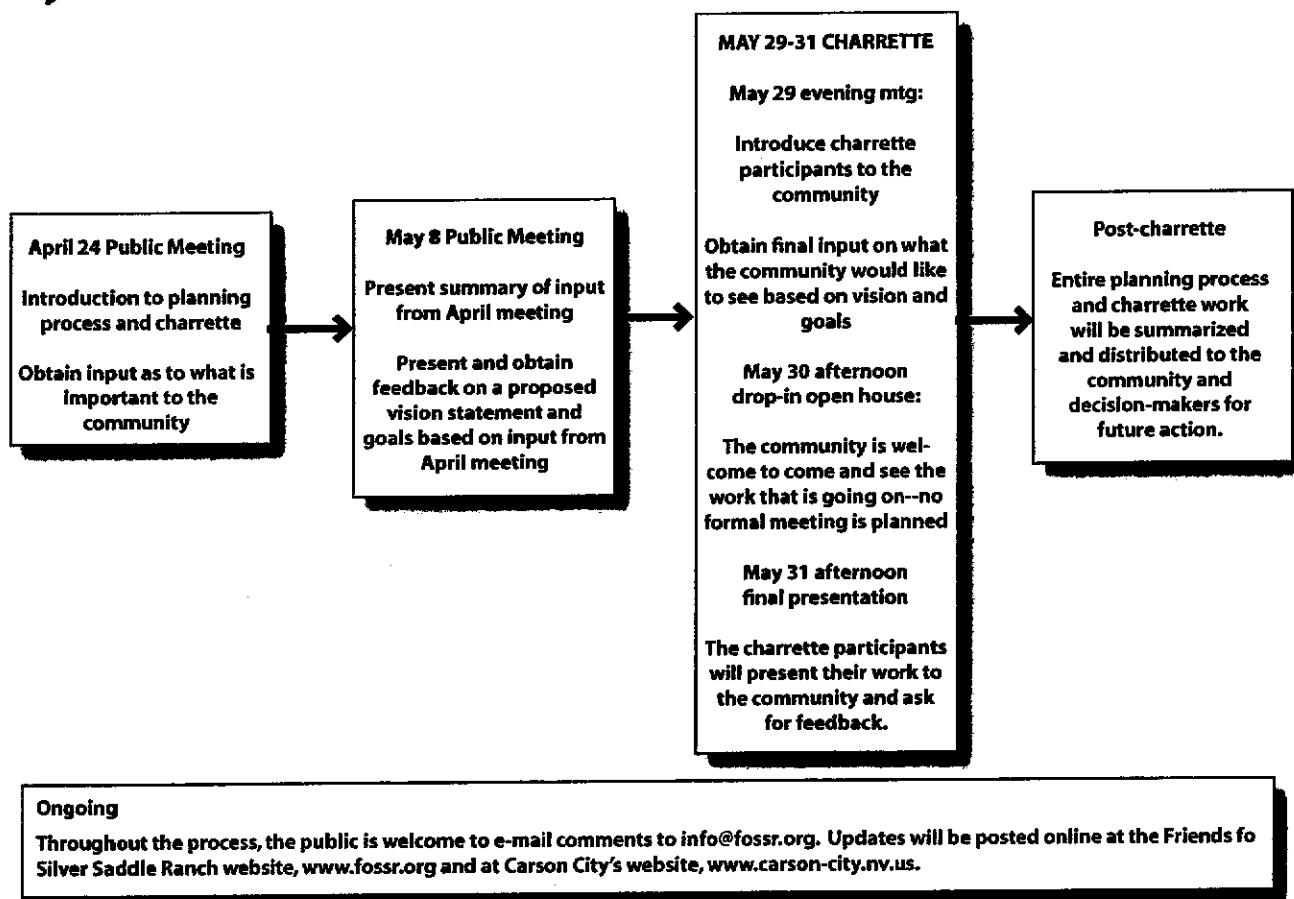


Figure 7. Public Input Process

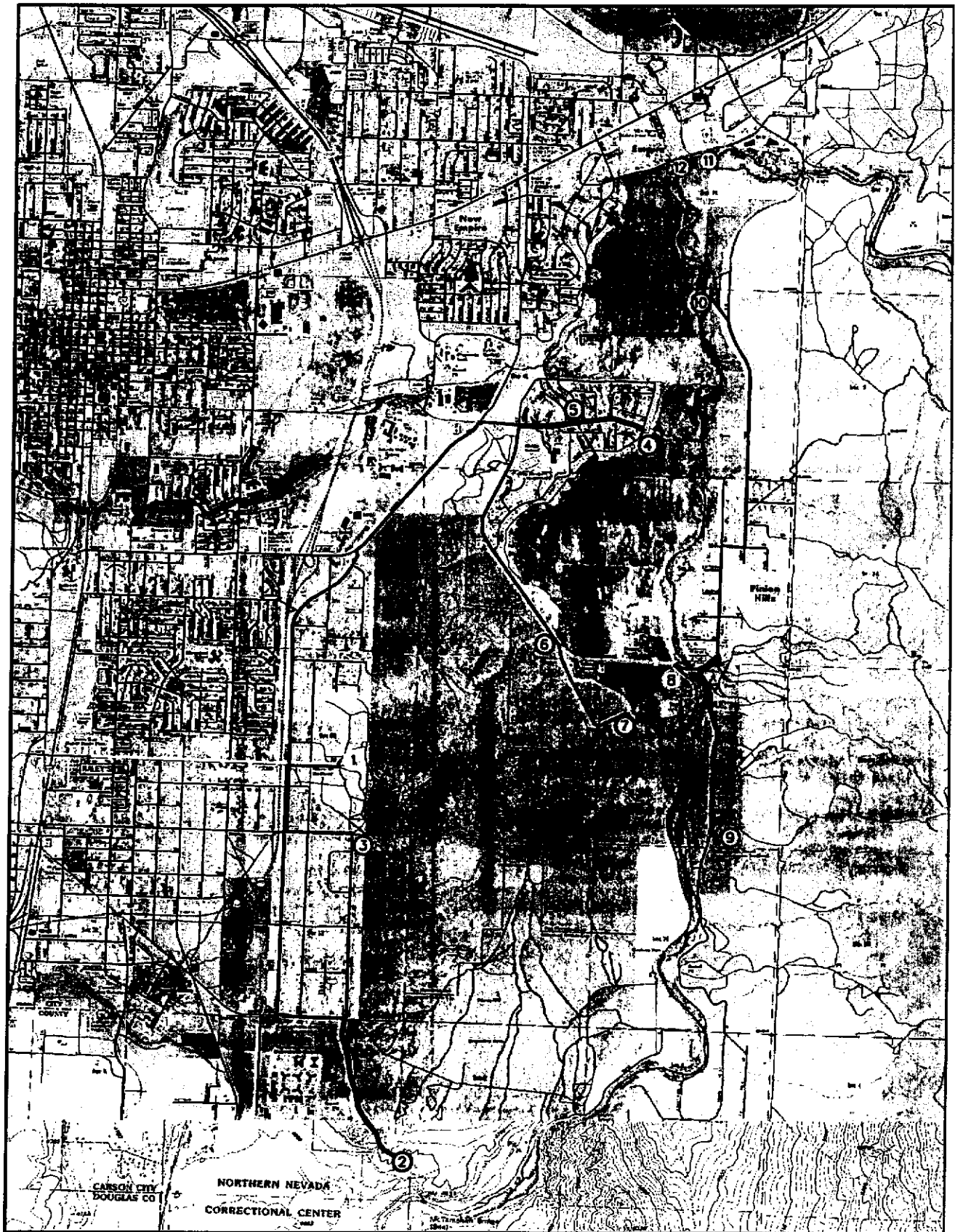


Figure 8: Self Guided Tour Route

In preparation for the series of public workshops, a self-guided tour of the Planning Area was created, distributed around the community, and posted on the Internet (*Figure 8: Self Guided Tour Route; Appendix C: Self Guided Tour Brochure*). The tour guide provided a chance for people to experience the area in new ways and reflect on their ideas about what they would like to see in the future. Information about the workshops and how to submit comments was included in the self-guided tour brochure. The charrette planning team and a cadre of participants were able to share knowledge and become familiar with issues firsthand through the charrette tour of the Planning Area.

Additional outreach about the planning effort was communicated through press releases, direct mailing, informational brochures distributed at a variety of public places around the city, presentations to numerous City advisory boards, televised on the local access channel, and posted on Carson City's, BLM's and Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch's websites (*Appendix D: Charrette Informational Brochures*). Media coverage was provided by NewsCarsonCity.com, Reno Gazette-Journal, and Nevada Appeal. In addition, a panel discussion that included Carson City, BLM and Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch was aired on KUNR public radio's, "High Desert Forum". The primary goals of the outreach effort were to raise awareness about the planning area and to encourage people to engage in the process.

Public Workshops: Setting the Stage

Workshop 1, conducted on April 24, 2008, provided an opportunity to introduce and orient the community to the charrette process and the Planning Area. Participants were invited to share their long-term visions for Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River area. The last portion of the workshop was spent brainstorming ideas about important issues and other considerations for the planning of this area.

Based on input from Workshop 1, a vision statement and supporting goals reflecting the common themes identified by the community were presented for feedback at Workshop 2, which occurred on May 8, 2008. Participants were given an opportunity to suggest any revisions. In the end, the following vision and goals were developed based on this input.

Vision. noun. pron. vīzh'ən
defn. In planning and design, a description of a desired long term, future condition or outcome.

Goal. noun. pron. gōl.
defn. Result or achievement toward which an effort is directed. Shorter term outcome that supports achievement of a long-term vision.

Vision

The Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area provides close-to-home, natural, open space that contributes to quality of life for residents and visitors. This historic landscape helps to preserve Carson City's rural heritage while providing a variety of passive recreation and trail uses that are balanced with existing agricultural uses and protection of the Carson River ecosystem and its associated values.

Goals

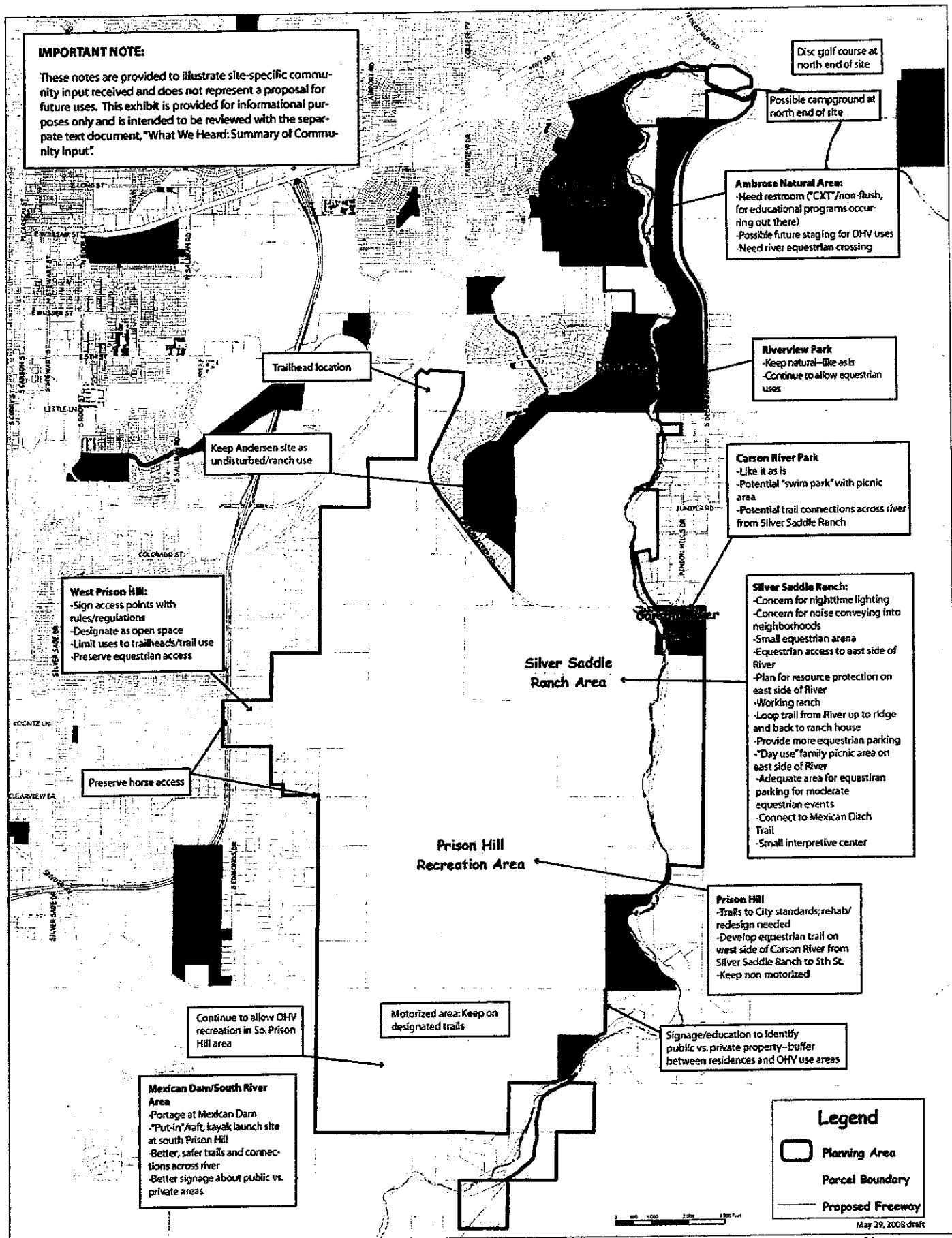
1. Preserve and enhance the area's scenic, natural, undeveloped character.
2. Protect and enhance the Carson River ecosystem including associated upland areas.
3. Provide for a variety of trail uses, passive recreation opportunities and events that are compatible with preserving the character of the area and protecting natural resources.
4. Enhance access to the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area, including Prison Hill.
5. Preserve the area's cultural heritage and resources.
6. Improve on-site educational and interpretive opportunities.
7. Manage the area for improved safety, resource and private property protection.

Once there was agreement on a vision and goals, another round of brainstorming produced more specific ideas for how to achieve the vision and goals.

Following is a summary of the key concepts and ideas received from the community during the two public workshops and through direct correspondence with the planning team (*Figure 9: Site-Specific Community Comments*). A complete list of the workshop notes and other comments received is included as *Appendix E: 4/24/08 Public Workshop Summary* and *Appendix F: 5/8/08 Public Workshop Summary*.

Character of Planning Area:

- Undisturbed, quiet, open space character is what makes many people like Carson City
- Planning Area is "hidden, protected" open space but close to town at the same time
- Concerns about impacts of overly-developed park and recreation facilities
- Open spaces are contiguous and provide opportunities for connections.



**Creating a Community Vision:
Site-Specific Community Input**

Figure 9. Site Specific Community Comments

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Carson River Area
May 29, 2008 draft



- Scenic value is high and should be preserved
- Dark sky appreciated
- Maintain working ranch—would like to see successful, sustainable agricultural operation

Quality of Life, Social, Psychological Benefits

- Quality of life—access to river, wildlife habitat
- Release/escape area for community—psychological “safety valve”
- Opportunities to engage those alienated from nature
- Source of community image and pride

Economic Impacts

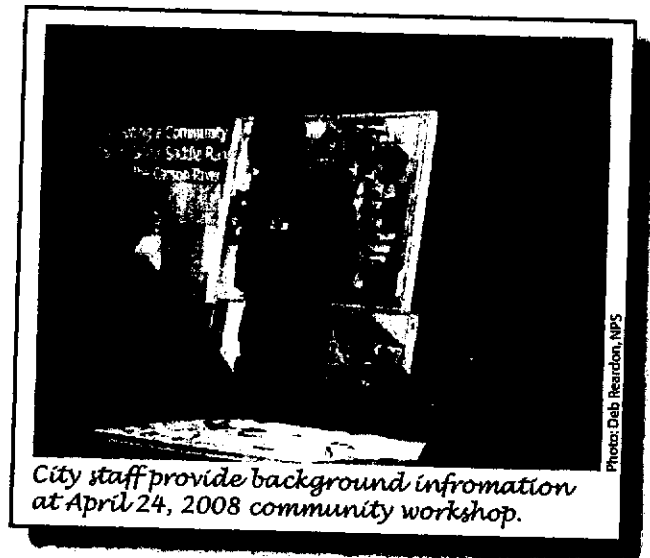
- Potential for positive economic impacts from tourism and over all quality of life improvements
- Some business activities in area, specifically equestrian-related services, dependent on trail system

Natural Resources

- Healthy, functional ecosystem including habitat connectivity/corridors
- Protect and enhance diverse natural resources
- Minimize new land/resource disturbance—make any development (trails, recreation) as environmentally-sensitive as possible
- Designate wildlife protection areas and riparian protection area
- Noise/air quality concerns from motorized uses
- Manage invasive species

River, Floodplain & Water Resources

- Carson River is the only river in the city which makes it unique
- The river is suitable for seasonal water-based recreation (including rafting, kayaking, etc.)
- People want access to the river but how without impacting it
- Watershed as a whole, including undeveloped floodplain, is important for habitat, water resources, etc.
- Water quality is a concern (erosion, livestock, effluent spreading)



City staff provide background information at April 24, 2008 community workshop.

Photo: Deb Reardon, NPS

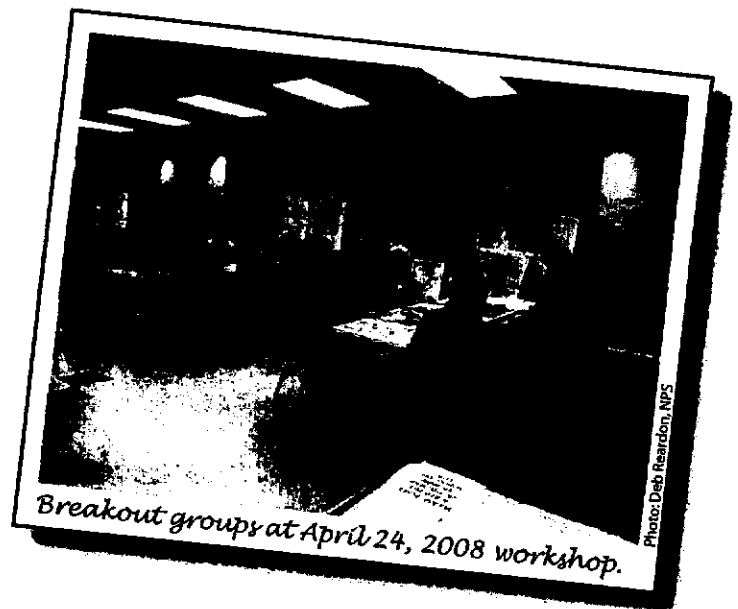
- Keep river natural and enhance habitat/vegetation—limit recreation development
- Continue irrigation of agricultural areas as part of a working ranch (explore obtaining water rights or access to reclaimed water)

Historic/Cultural Resources

- Ranch and surrounding areas a historic landscape and part of area's heritage
- Preserve Silver Saddle Ranch as a cultural resource

Trails

- Concerns about user conflicts. Some want to see trails multiple uses, others would prefer separated uses
- Trail planning and uses should be linked to resource protection goals
- Existing facilities at Silver Saddle Ranch support equestrian uses and should remain. Opportunity to demonstrate ranching practices
- Concern about restricting/eliminating equestrian uses. Users feel that impacts are over-exaggerated (i.e. manure, river access to water horses) and that horses are part of the area's heritage
- Need to clarify through signage and education appropriate access points, trail routes, private vs. public property, motorized/OHV vs. nonmotorized areas, river access, etc.
- Want to see better integration and connectivity of trail systems, including connections to bike trails in developed areas and loop trails including proposed access across future highway
- Keep OHV uses at south end of Prison Hill but with better signage, enforcement
- Preference is for natural surfaced trails to preserve natural character
- Bridge crossings at river and Mexican Ditch for multiple trail users are needed
- Create buffers between trails and residential areas
- Variety of trail experiences (i.e. singletrack, multiuse, elevations, etc.)
- Access to adjacent residences/neighborhoods
- Ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and universal accessibility
- Need staging areas (including for horse trailers)
- Potential wagon-carriage driving trail use





Community members generate ideas at April 24, 2008 workshop.

Recreation Uses

- Passive recreation uses preferred to maintain character of area; development intensity should relate to recreational experience
- Any recreation should be consistent with resource protection goals
- Low impact river recreation
- Bird and wildlife watching—high quality birdwatching area—potential for wildlife observation platforms
- Potential camping
- Improve fishing
- Some would like to explore hunting, while others do not want it in the planning area
- Potential for disc golf course
- Consider how recreation (including trail) uses are distributed throughout the planning area—it is large and diverse enough for many uses and different forms of recreation
- Some like the idea of extending the V&T rail with a wagon road from the V&T terminal to Silver Saddle Ranch while others think it would be too obtrusive

Education/Interpretation

- Opportunities for outdoor environmental education, including school programs—potential interpretive river rafting trips
- Potential interpretive themes/topics: watershed, history, environment
- Small/modest interpretive/nature center at Silver Saddle Ranch
- Unobtrusive signs and interpretive features needed including trail etiquette, regulations/rules, directional information

Community Engagement

- Outreach important—need a plan
- Reengage neighbors
- Foster public ownership
- Important to engage the public in planning process

Management

- Important to communicate rules and regulations (trail etiquette, dog policies, motorized vs. nonmotorized areas, etc.) and safety information
- Limit/prohibit commercial activities

- Organized events: keep relatively small and consistent with character of site and resource protection
- Funding concerns: where will the funding come from for improvements, operations and maintenance
- Partnership opportunities
- Engage the community in maintenance--opportunities for volunteer work
- Fire/fuel management important
- Monitoring, patrols and enforcement needed (i.e. rangers, on-site supervisor, neighborhood watch, etc.)

Health & Safety

- Safety is a concern (issues with drug use, homeless camps, etc.)
- Sanitation/health issues with lack of restrooms

Workshop 3, held on May 29, 2008, provided an opportunity for the community to view and comment on a summary of their ideas, which were provided in written and map formats. This workshop also marked the kick-off of the charrette with all participants invited to the event. This provided an opportunity for the charrette participants to meet community members and share any final thoughts before the core of the charrette began on Friday morning.

The Charrette

Commencing with the May 29 public workshop and kick-off celebration, the charrette began in earnest on Friday, May 30 at the Carson City Senior Citizens Center. Charrette invitees representing a cross-section of stakeholders, community members and technical experts were identified and recruited to participate. Approximately 45 people participated in the charrette.

Charrette Team Focus Areas

Given the range of sites, issues and opportunities throughout the Planning Area, charrette participants were formed into three teams, each with a separate focus area (*Appendix G: Charrette Teams*). The first team focused on natural resources including the Carson River ecosystem and natural resource issues. The second team explored trails and passive recreation considering trail networks for the whole Planning Area as well as other types of compatible recreation. Anticipating that Silver Saddle Ranch and Prison Hill would be focal areas, the third team was tasked with developing site plans and ideas for managing these sites.

While each team focused on a different area of emphasis, participants were encouraged to check-in with each other and seek counsel/advice from other teams

to feed into their work. To facilitate coordination and integration of ideas, formal check-in times provided a chance for all of the teams to reconvene and hear updates from each other.

All teams were reminded that the vision and goals developed by the community would be the foundation from which they would work. Participants were also provided with the other input obtained through the public workshops.

Charrette Process

Friday morning, the charrette participants received a brief orientation to the agenda and process for the two-day event and then quickly boarded a bus to tour the Planning Area. The purpose of the fieldtrip was to orient participants and provide an opportunity to gather information and photos of the sites that would later be used to develop planning and design recommendations. The tour route was the same as that in the Self-Guided Tour Brochure made available to the public in the months leading up to the charrette (*Appendix C: Self Guided Tour Brochure*). Participants were asked to think about how the vision and goals developed through the community input process could be implemented through planning and design.

Specific questions to spur participants' thinking included:

- Look at surrounding areas—what does the interface between uses look like? How do adjacent uses affect the site and vice versa?
- What do you see that contributes to the "rural and open space character" of the area that people want to see preserved?
- What is the topography like? How steep are the slopes and how does that affect uses?
- Vegetation patterns—what are the patterns you see and how do those relate to topography and uses of the site?
- How does water move through the site? Are there wetland areas or other areas that would limit recreation uses?
- What issues you see? Are there any opportunities? Challenges?
- What is this area as a whole? A "natural area"? A natural "regional park"? An "open space" area?



Tour guide, Juan Guzman with Carson City, describes area to participants



Participants at Carson River Park, a stop on the fieldtrip.

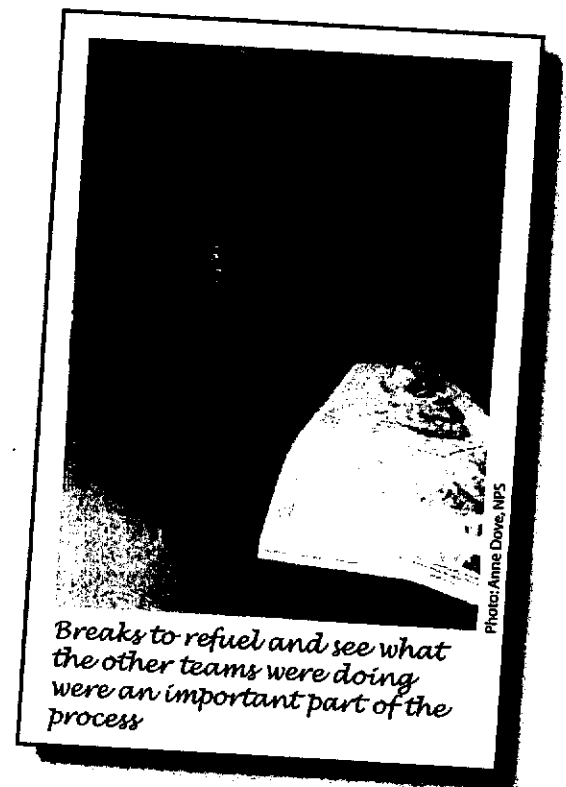


Fieldtrip provided an opportunity to become oriented to area

Upon returning to the Senior Center, the group discussed their impressions of the planning area and any issues, opportunities or constraints observed (*Appendix H: Field Trip Observations*). Teams then convened to develop a simple conceptual plan for different uses. Once each team had developed an overall land use plan, the groups reconvened to share what they had developed.

Using these overall land use plans, each team then set out to develop a common understanding of the existing conditions, opportunities and constraints relative to their area(s) of focus. Based on this analysis and their observations from the field trip, each team then began generating ideas for meeting the community's long-term vision and goals for the planning area. Throughout Friday afternoon, the public was invited to "drop-in" and observe the charrette process and offer any input. At the end of the day, each team presented their progress to the others before adjourning after a long day's work.

Saturday morning, the teams reconvened to identify the tasks they wanted to complete before the public presentation that afternoon. The teams worked furiously through lunch to complete their drawings and recommendations. At 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon, the public was invited to hear a summary of the work that was completed over the two days and offer feedback.



Breaks to refuel and see what the other teams were doing were an important part of the process

CHARRETTE RESULTS

Each of the three teams received some guidance regarding potential topics upon which to focus and potential products for them to generate over the two days. Since some of the participants were not as familiar with the planning area as others and the charrette took place within a compressed time period, the recommendations developed will require further evaluation prior to implementation. For each team, the following is a summary of the guidance and ideas they generated.

Natural Resources Team

The Natural Resources Team was asked to focus on the Carson River ecosystem and natural resource issues. Their recommendations provided the baseline data for managing the Planning Area and included parameters for integrating uses of the area (i.e. recreation, use areas, etc.). Additional issues they were asked to consider included:

- Strategies to sustain the Carson River
- Water resource management
- Vegetation management
- Agricultural uses
- Invasive species
- Disturbance (i.e. flooding, fire, etc.)

Based on this guidance, the Natural Resources Team focused on generating recommendations around the themes of sustaining the river, water, vegetation and wildlife (*Appendix I: Natural Resources Team Original Notes and Drawings*). The group started by considering the overall concept of "sustainability" which would guide recommendations for these four themes described in the following sections.

Sustainability

- The existing conditions do not necessarily represent what should be achieved to be sustainable
- Important #1 focus/place to start is defining floodplains and 100-year flood zone
- Define a special flood hazard area
- Within this area, there should be no permanent structures or major capital improvements with the following exceptions:
 - Agriculture
 - Recreational activities/amenities (that are appropriate/compatible)
 - Grazing: a management plan is needed to determine what is and is not appropriate
 - Define best management practices (BMPs) for uses within these areas
- Riparian corridor protection



Carson River

Recognizing that the Carson River is one of the key components of the ecosystem, the group developed the overarching concept of "Sustaining the Carson River" as an organizing principle (*Figure 10: Natural Resources Team-Sustaining the River*).

Specific strategies for defining the river's existing condition and monitoring future conditions include but are not limited to those identified below:

- Conduct a resource/soils assessment
- Adopt the Living River concept for future management
- Ensure that floodplains remain undeveloped
- Encourage agricultural land uses in the floodplains
- Restore and connect wetlands and oxbows to the river
- Acquire water to improve baseline flows in late summer and fall
- Maintain grade controls at the Andersen diversion and Mexican Dam
- Decommission/reclaim trails with grade in excess of a X% (recommended slope to be determined in the future based on more detailed analysis) to manage erosion and water quality



Mexican Dam

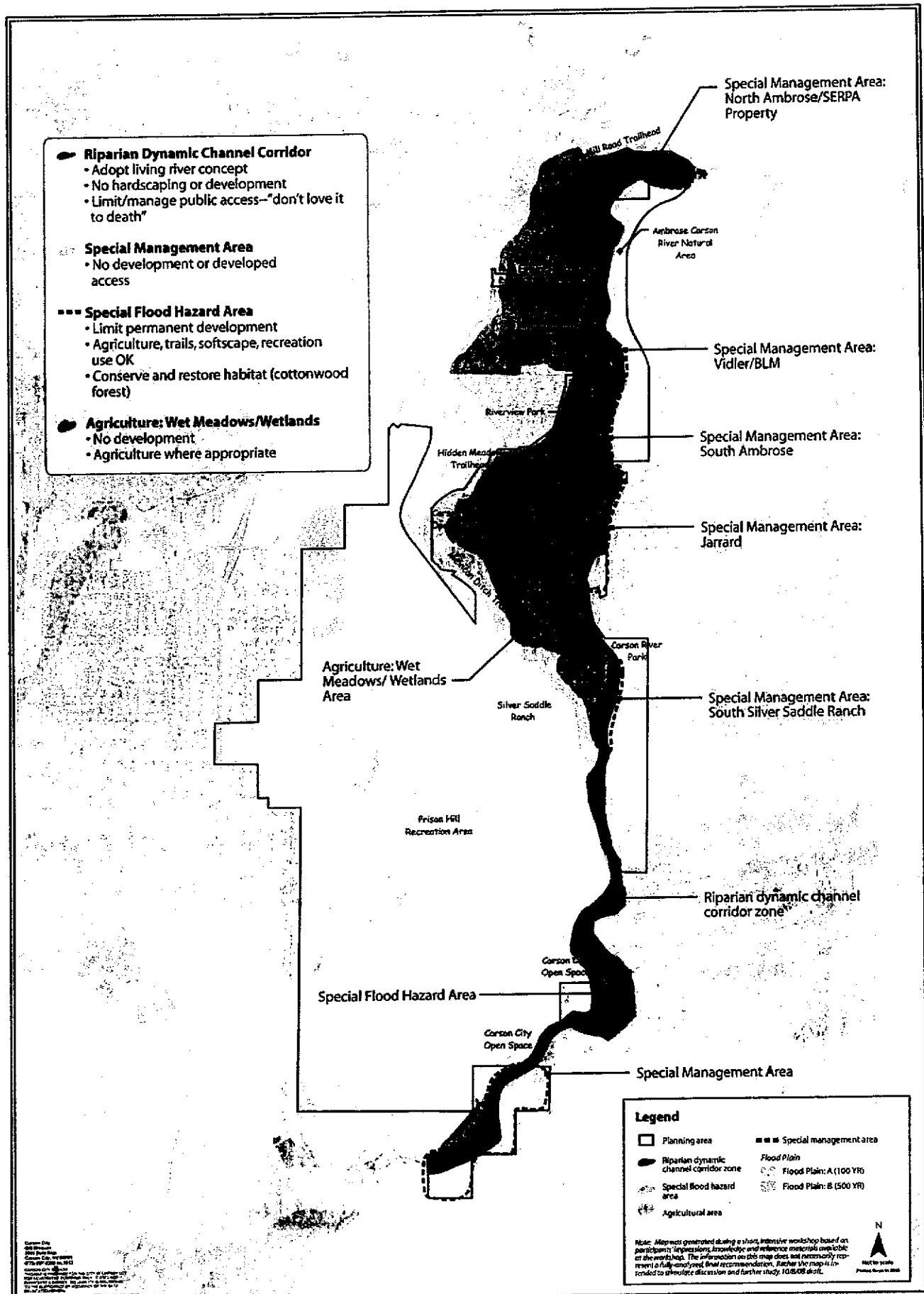
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Carson River in Ambrose area in winter

Photo: Dan Jacquet, BLM

- Follow the City's *Carson River Master Plan*, including trail setbacks from river
- Comply with federal Clean Water Act
- Determine and plan/design within the river's carrying capacity
- Develop guidelines for flood resistant design that does not impair river floodplain function



Natural Resources Team: Sustaining the River
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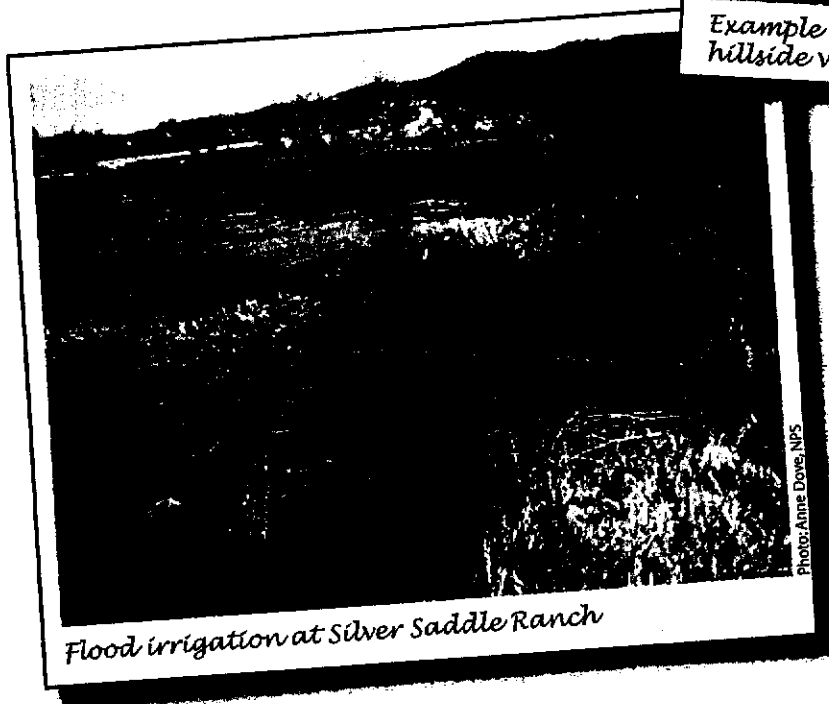
Figure 10. Natural Resources Team: Sustaining the River

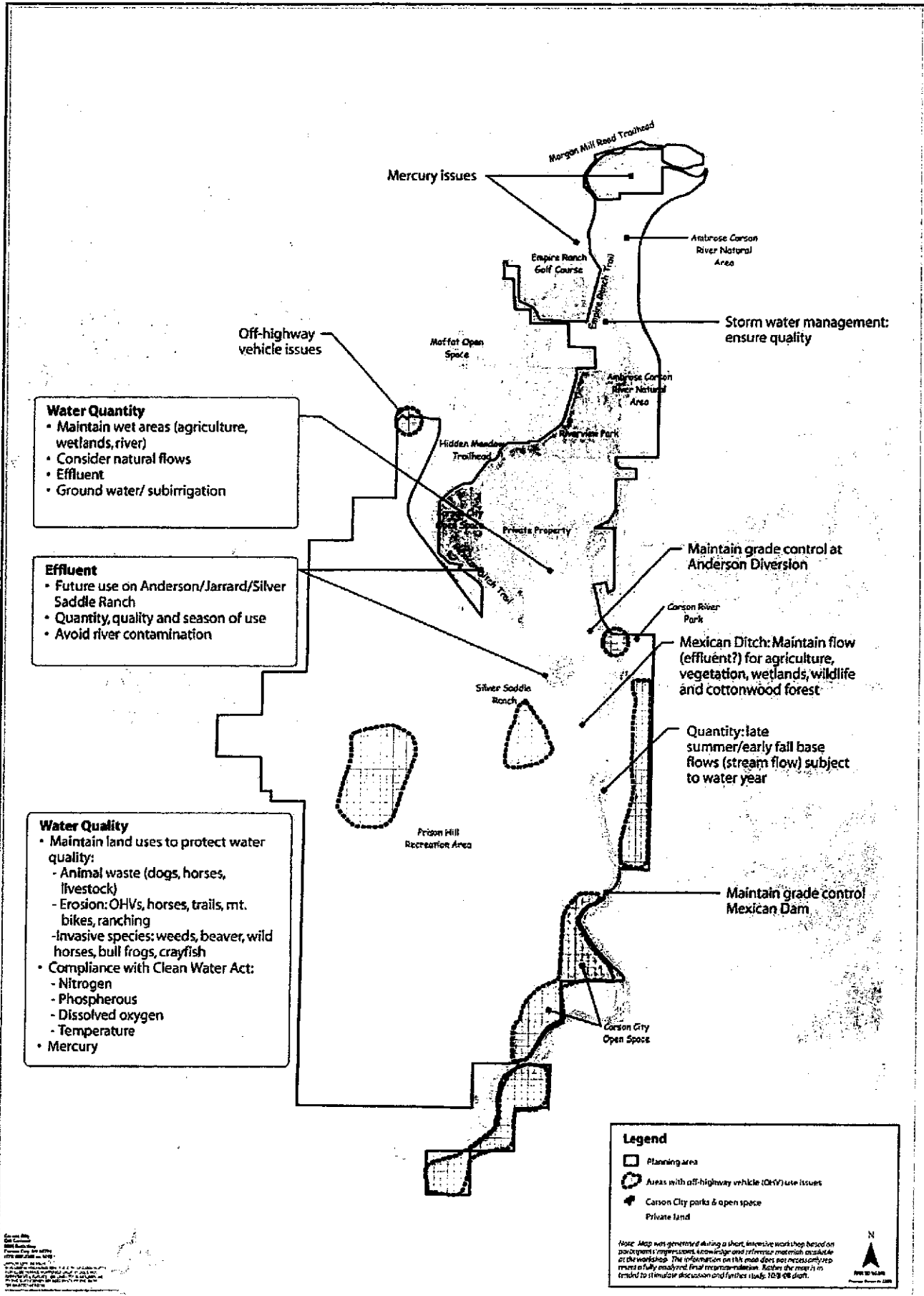
Water Resources Management

Recognizing that water management is a key issue that relates to sustaining the river as well as supporting the agricultural uses that contribute to the rural character of the area, the team also generated recommendations for how to manage water resources in the Planning Area (*Figure 11: Natural Resources Team-Water Management*).

Specific recommendations addressed issues related to:

- Water quality issues related to storm water management, erosion, and specific sources of contamination
- Water supply and availability, including use of water for wetlands and the river as well as potential uses of effluent



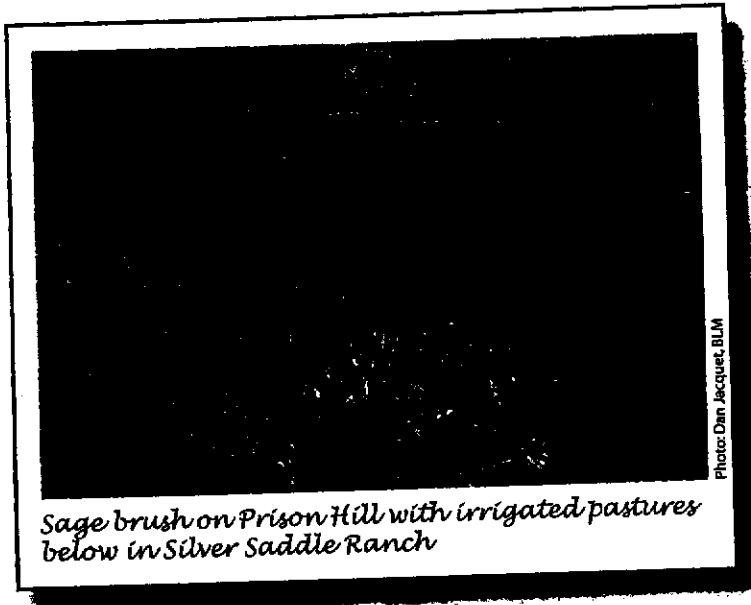


Natural Resources Team: Water Management
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Figure 11. Natural Resources Team: Water Management

Vegetation

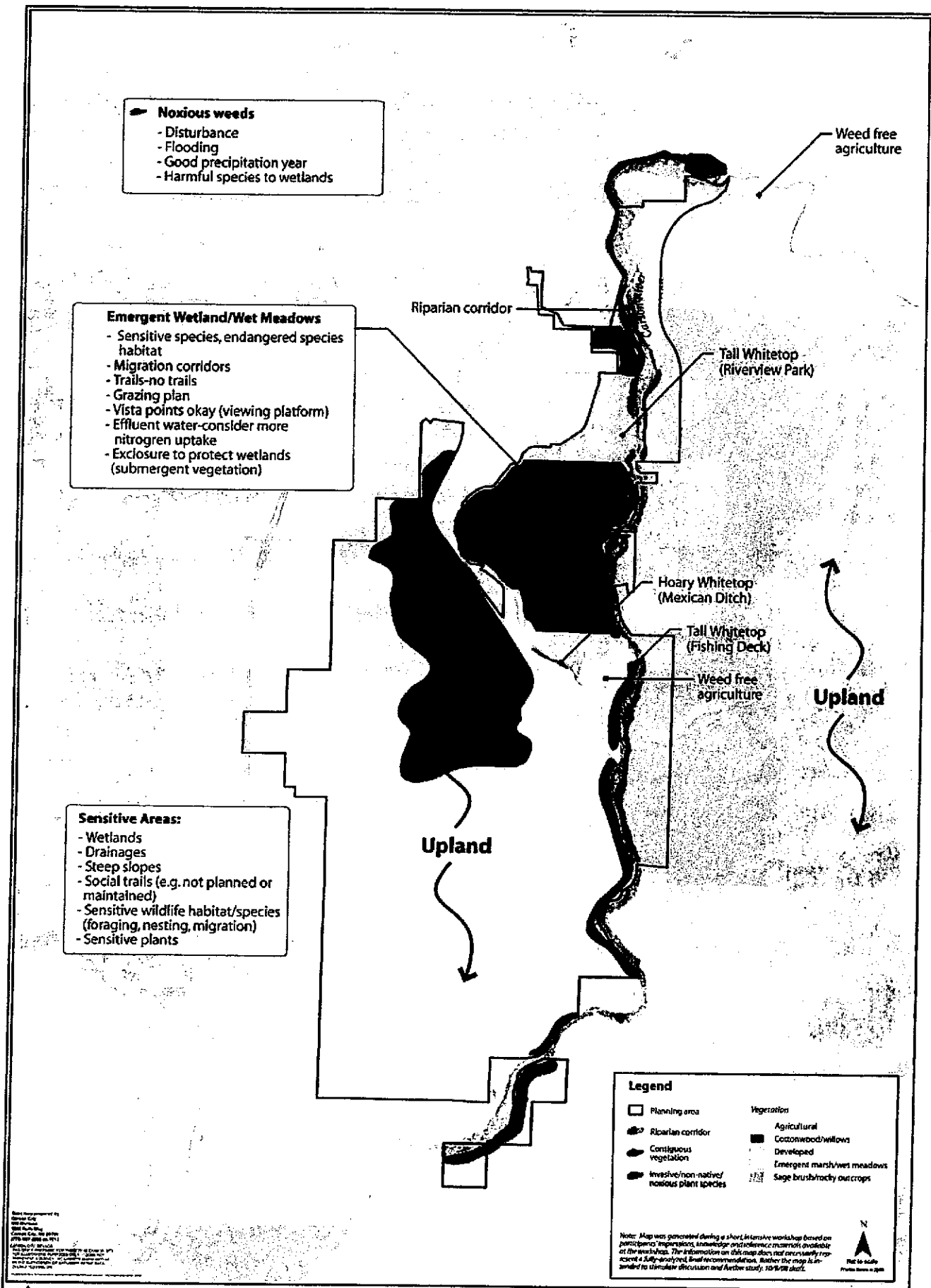
Based on the concept of sustaining the Carson River ecosystem the following list of recommendations for vegetation protection, management and revegetation were identified (*Figure 12: Natural Resources Team-Vegetation*). The list is not necessarily complete but identifies those ideas considered during the planning process.



1. Protection of desirable (non-invasive, native) species
 - Various successional stages (ex. understory vegetation)
 - Contiguous (unfragmented) vegetation
 - Soils: survey to determine carrying capacity (appropriate activities)

2. Management of invasive/non-native/noxious plant species
 - Identify, monitor and remove weed populations, especially in disturbed (designated trails, social trails, construction) and developed areas
 - Outreach, community education, stewardship
 - Regulatory authority, comply with

3. Revegetation of desirable species (restoration)
 - Cottonwood regeneration— riparian corridor
 - Establish/succession vegetation stages (ex. understory)
 - Reclamation/revegetation of disturbed sites



Natural Resources Team: Vegetation

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Figure 12. Natural Resources Team: Vegetation

Wildlife

Based on the concept of sustaining the Carson River ecosystem the following list of recommendations for wildlife protection, management, and habitat conservation were identified (*Figure 13: Natural Resources Team-Wildlife*). The list is not necessarily complete but identifies those ideas considered during the planning process.



1. Protection of special-status/sensitive species and their habitat including nesting, foraging, denning and migration
 - Regulatory authority: federal/state/local
 - Riparian corridor: no disturbance within 150-foot buffer from edge of corridor. No development except at designated sites
 - Wildlife movement/migration corridor
2. Management of special status/sensitive species and their habitat
 - Avoid/minimize habitat fragmentation (ex. existing trails, proposed trails)
 - Utilize existing BLM Interdisciplinary Management Plan for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area and Carson River Master Plan pending development of new planning area management plan.
 - Invasive/nonnative species, impacts of
3. Develop habitat conservation plan
 - Develop Planning Area conservation plan
 - Consider impacts (noise and disturbance) to wildlife
 - Consider activity levels (ex. number of participants, time of day/year, frequency)

Wildlife sensitivity:

- Avoid/minimize riparian corridor impacts from lack of contiguous habitat on one side of the river or the other
- Protect river corridor with 150-ft. buffer (from edge)-no development except at designated sites

Activities-consider impacts to:

- Wildlife/vegetation/wildlife habitat. Noise & disturbance. What is appropriate, when, how often and number of participants?
- Soils
- Wetlands/wet meadows
- Uplands (steep slopes)

Impacts from:

- Invasive/non-native/noxious weeds
- Water quality/quantity
- Recreational uses
- Inappropriate development
- Invasive/non-native wildlife species

Invasive species:

- Education
- Trails vectors for intrusion
- Manage number of trails
- Regular surveys

Vegetation:

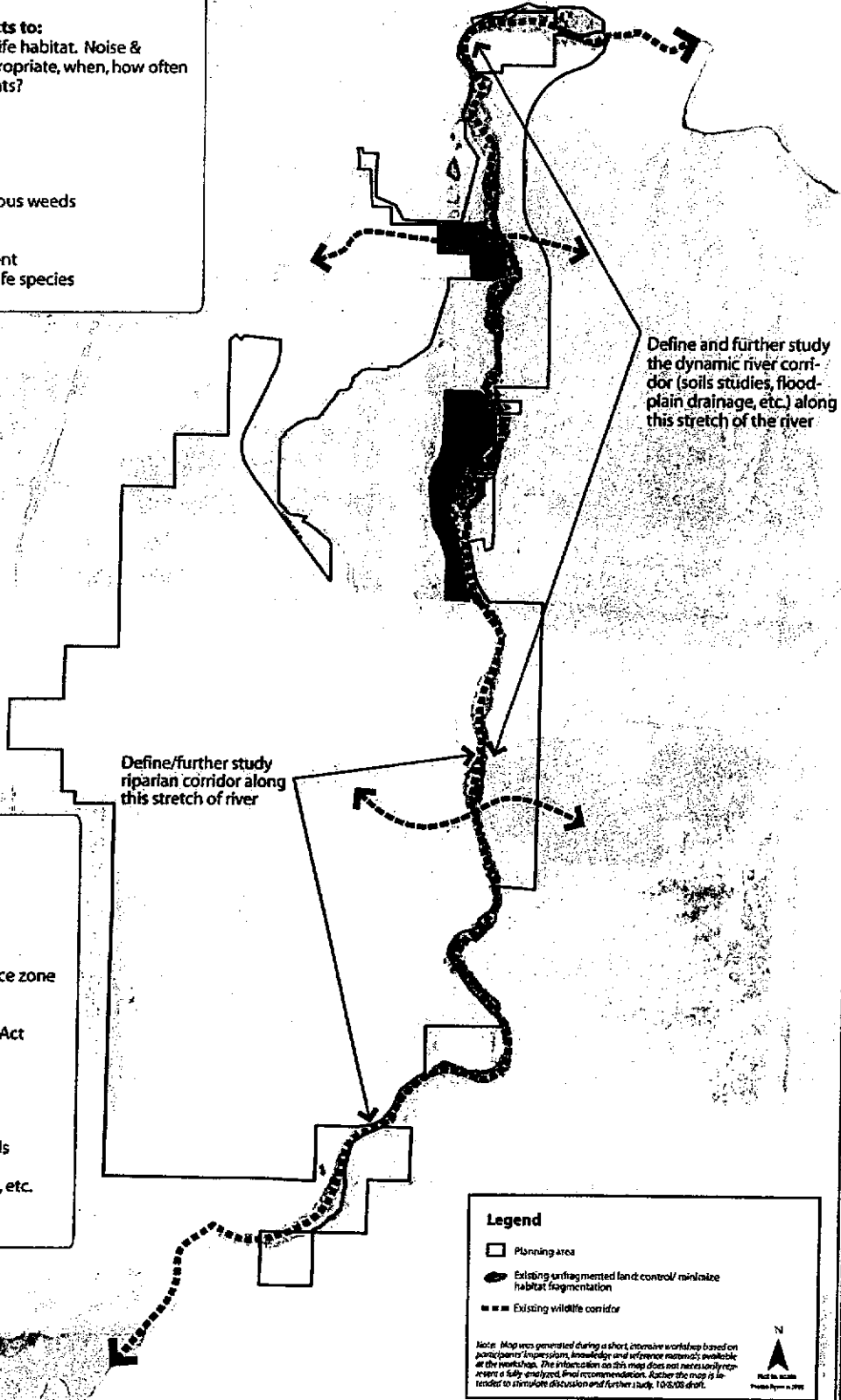
- Riparian corridor-avoidance zone

Water resources:

- Comply with Clean Water Act
- Minimal flows
- Storage/release
- Maintain flows (summer)

Sustainability:

- Complete river reach needs
- River channel stability
- Soils type—highly erodible, etc.
- Access floodplain



Define and further study the dynamic river corridor (soils studies, floodplain drainage, etc.) along this stretch of the river

Define/further study riparian corridor along this stretch of river

Legend

- Planning area
- Existing unfragmented land/ control/ minimize habitat fragmentation
- Existing wildlife corridor

Note: Map was generated during a short, intensive workshop based on participants' impressions, knowledge and information materials available at the workshop. The information on this map does not necessarily represent a fully analyzed, final recommendation. Further the map is intended to stimulate discussion and further study. 10/2/08 draft.



Natural Resources Team: Wildlife

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Figure 13. Natural Resources Team: Wildlife

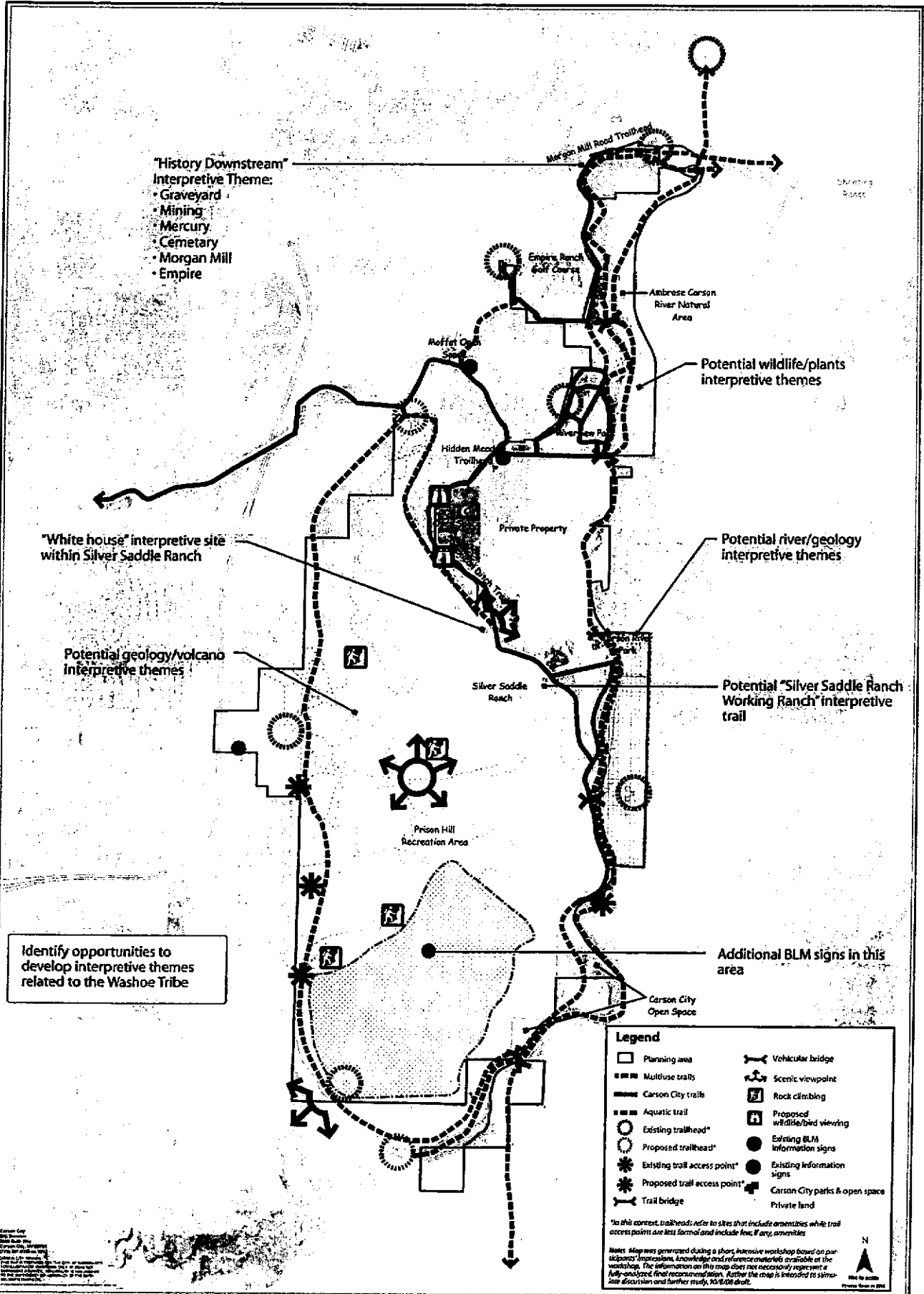
Trails & Passive Recreation Team

This group was tasked with focusing on a trail network (including water/aquatic trails) and additional passive recreation uses that would tie the whole Planning Area together. Specific issues that the group was asked to consider included:

- Trail connectivity
- Public access points and staging areas
- Public/ private land interface
- OHV use
- Recommendations for specific use areas
- Trail and passive recreation management and policy
- Education/ interpretation/ signage

The group consolidated recommendations for these topics into two maps, *Figure 14: Trails & Passive Recreation Team-Proposed Recreation*; and *Figure 15: Trails & Passive Recreation Team-Potential Signage*. The team also generated general recommendations (*Appendix J: Trails & Passive Recreation Team Original Notes and Drawings*).





Trails & Passive Recreation Team: Potential Interpretation
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Figure 15. Trails & Passive Recreation Team: Potential Interpretation

Trail Connectivity, Access and Trailheads

Given the new challenges associated with conceptualizing the whole Planning Area as one contiguous series of parks and open spaces, the team spent some time exploring opportunities for greater trail connectivity. They reviewed the City's existing "Unified Pathways Master Plan" (2007) and brainstormed potential connections to the newly acquired areas. Connecting people in Carson City to the Planning Area with trails and beyond the planning area into adjacent counties were also goals of this group.

The group developed a number of specific recommendations that would facilitate greater trail connectivity, including:

- Use natural resource data to avoid impacting sensitive areas
- Connect trails across new open space areas as they are acquired
- Acquisition of the open space east of the newly-purchased "Buzzy's Ranch" site would help provide greater connectivity because of its location
- After Highway 395 is constructed, need to ensure there are trail connections to Prison Hill.
- A trail connection from the western Prison Hill trailhead (by the water tank) to the Carson River could function as a major east-west connector
- Reduce the number of trails—there are many that were informally created that are redundant; conduct a new inventory as needed
- Consider a loop trail that would encircle the Prison Hill area and connect to Silver Saddle Ranch
- Explore potential for a trail surrounding all of Carson City
- Potential river crossings needed at the south end of the Planning Area

Recommendations related to trail access points and trailheads included:

- Add an access point to the river at the south end of the Planning Area
- Develop guidelines for trailheads including size, amenities, surface materials, etc.



Photo: Anne Dove, NPS

Mexican Ditch Trail adjacent to neighborhood



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Group hike to Mexican Dam



Photo: Anne Dove, NPS

Aquatic Trail access point in Carson River Park



Photo: Anne Dove, NPS

Walkers using trails at Silver Saddle Ranch



Hike up Prison Hill

- Identify 1-2 appropriate parking sites for trailers. Identify 1-2 sites for parking.
- Use natural resource data (including any river setback recommendations) to avoid impacting sensitive areas
- Access by adjacent homes

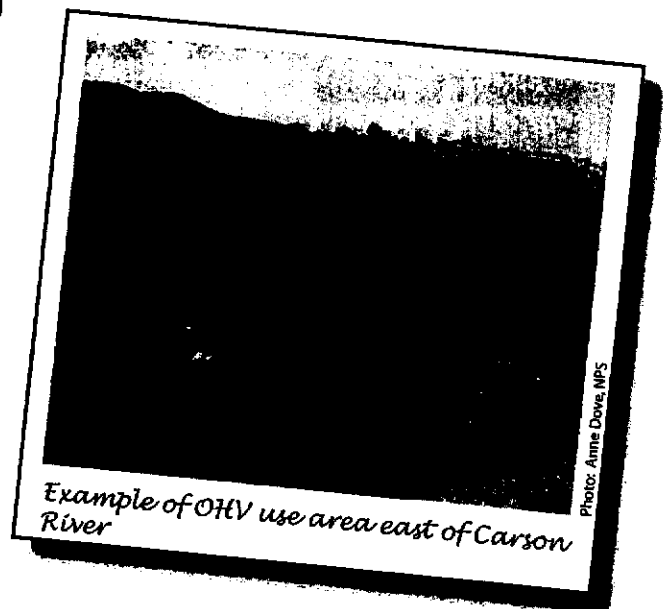
Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use

Another issue that was raised in the public workshops was management of OHV use in the Planning Area. While there were concerns about trail user conflicts and confining OHV use to

designated areas, there was no proposal to entirely exclude this use in the Planning Area. Within this context, the team developed several recommendations.

The team agreed that there is a need to encourage OHV users to stay within the designated OHV area in the Prison Hill Recreation Area. Some ideas to facilitate this included increasing education through programs and signage, and developing an “adopt an OHV area” for better user group self-management. The trail system design was also cited as a potential obstacle for retaining use within the designated area. It was noted that the trail system should be enhanced to be “smarter” so that features such as “dead ends” at the OHV boundary are eliminated. Part of reconsidering the trail network within the OHV area might also necessitate decommissioning and revegetating some trails that have poor alignment or that lack durability. Funding for such efforts could be generated through a permitting or fee system.

Overall, the group felt that there is much to be learned from other communities—the east side of the Tahoe Rim Trail has addressed similar issues—and that local ordinances and/or regulations could be developed to help implement these ideas.



Example of OHV use area east of Carson River



Photo: Anne Dove, NPS

Accessible fishing platform at Carson River Park

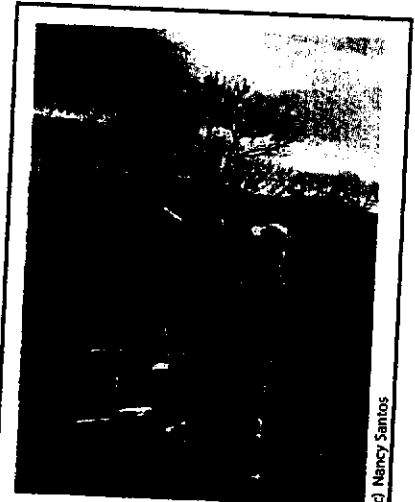
Passive Recreation – Other Uses

In addition to trail uses, the team was asked to identify and explore other types of passive recreation that would be appropriate within the Planning Area. The team recommended that areas transferred to or acquired by the City be designated as open space rather than as parks to be consistent with the vision and goals generated through the public workshops. Passive recreation would be compatible with this land use designation.

The group started by identifying existing passive recreation including hiking, dog walking, horseback riding, biking, geocaching, fishing, rock climbing, birding, rafting, canoeing, kayaking, stargazing, picnicking, hanging out, meditating, par course/fitness trail, environmental education programs, and cultural heritage programs. Additional potential passive recreation uses were identified as including:

- Community garden
- 10k marathons
- Disc golf – brings tournaments, money and people to the area
- Senior Center outings (“going back in time” for seniors)
- Boy and girl scouts – bird box building events/outings
- 4H, public groups, elder hostel, weddings
- Mexican Dam – keep it open for water based recreation
- RV park
- Training facility for Sheriff’s office

Overall, the group felt that it will be important to define what “passive recreation” means for this area and to further determine the number of people that will use each activity/amenity to form a basis for future development.



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Eagle Scout western blue-bird nest box construction, placement, and monitoring



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Birdwatching at Silver Saddle Ranch

Public-Private Land Interface

One concern that emerged from the public workshops leading up to the charrette related to the issue of trespassing over private land by recreation users, particularly where residences interface with the Prison Hill area. The team developed some recommendations related to this issue:

- Fencing of private land should be up to the landowner. Agencies should not be responsible for installing fences
- Standard demarcation (fences) should be maintained by landowners
- Issue is likely related to not knowing where boundaries exist. Most people want to respect private property but cannot without adequate signs/fencing
- Educate public with signs on both public and private lands

Management and Policy

The team agreed that while management and policy considerations are very important in the long term, they are also among the more difficult issues to address. A key issue they struggled with is who is going to manage this area and how will those resources be generated. Many of the ideas involved partnership between agencies and with non-governmental organizations and groups, including:

- Pursue mutual agreement between the BLM and Carson City Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Develop a volunteer program
- Start a trails association
- Create an "adopt a trail/resource/area/etc." program
- Partner with the neighboring prison to contract labor.
- Develop a sponsorship program
- Generate a donation program and encourage neighboring communities to contribute
- Ask people to include donations to the Ranch in their wills



Marketing & Outreach

One major issue that arose during the public workshops was that many were used to thinking about the Planning Area as a series of discrete, individual areas rather than as a network of interconnected spaces. This team spent some time thinking about how to alter peoples' thinking about this area. To begin, they considered what the "big idea" was that would capture the essence of the area. The river emerged as a key feature and a concept of, "A Living River: Lifeblood of the Community" was developed, in recognition that the river is a common thread that is part of a living, dynamic system that represents the interface between people and the environment.

Using this overarching concept, the group then explored what they felt would be a major outreach focus, education and environmental interaction. The group developed topics that relate to this focus area:

- Yesterday: prehistory, Native American occupation, settlement including mining, V&T Railroad, ranching, etc.
- Today: Urbanism, education, mechanized and motorized recreation, non-motorized recreation, return to environmental concern for environmental participation/interaction
- Tomorrow: sustainable design, green building prototypes, solar/electric transportation system onsite, living laboratory, prototype demonstrations of solar/wind/water harvesting/other scientific/reclaimed water. Enhanced educational opportunities for outreach and tourism

In order to sustain the "Living River: Lifeblood of the Community" concept, the group generated some recommendations:

- Develop an advisory committee that would work with the administrator/manager(s) of the area
- Draft a marketing plan that addresses outreach, grant writing, and funding, including partnerships. Include local education leaders in the process
- Develop a storyline: who, what, where, why-yesterday, today, tomorrow that would tie into interpretation and education

FINANCIAL, MARKETING & MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS*

1. **Administration:** day-to-day operations required to develop public programs, manage the program, maintain the Master Plan and fulfill the mission.

2. **Marketing:** capitalize on financial opportunities by identifying opportunities to create and sell the products and services produced by the program.

3. **User Services:** a full range of programs intended to foster public support and give back value to all segments of the community served.

4. **Capital Improvement Program:** combination of facility-driven and conservation/preservation-driven facilities

5. **Operation and maintenance:** necessary for the care of facilities and protection of the resources, user safety and security, upkeep and repair, and incentives to attract public participation.

6. **Planning and design standards and guidelines:** resolve inconsistencies among regional systems/adjacent jurisdictions, develop seamless transitions.

*A complete list of financial, marketing and management ideas appears in Appendix K

- Identify programs that will engage the community and define program scope
- Natural resource management will need to be a component of sustaining this concept

An additional summary of financial, marketing and management concepts and potential programs was generated by a member of the team that provides a wide range of ideas for consideration (*Appendix K: Financial and Marketing Concepts*).

Specific Use Areas

While another team focused on the Silver Saddle Ranch and Prison Hill areas, this team was asked to consider any other specific use areas they deemed appropriate. The team chose to explore opportunities for the newly-acquired "Buzzy's Ranch" area in addition to the open space to the east of there that the City is actively trying to purchase. Ideas for this area included:

- Wetlands integrated with passive uses such as trails, horses and pastures.
- Use site for education about water resource issues including use of reclaimed/effluent water
- Identify a small facility for meetings
- Use "Green" design standards, may enhance grant/funding opportunities
- Include history, cultural information, and trail maps at the interpretive center

The group also identified a few uses that they would like to see sited somewhere within the Planning Area, including:

- A small amphitheater
- Potential disc golf in the Morgan Hill /Deer Run area
- Designate safe swimming areas

Education, Interpretation & Signage

Using the "big idea" concept for the area, "A Living River: Lifeblood of the Community", the group identified potential interpretive and education themes for the site including: history (mining, ranching, Native American—natural and human histories); geology; biology and ecology; and the river corridor and its influence on the Planning Area. These themes could be used in identifying interpretive trails, signs, programs and educational materials.

Some specific recommendations related to interpretation included:

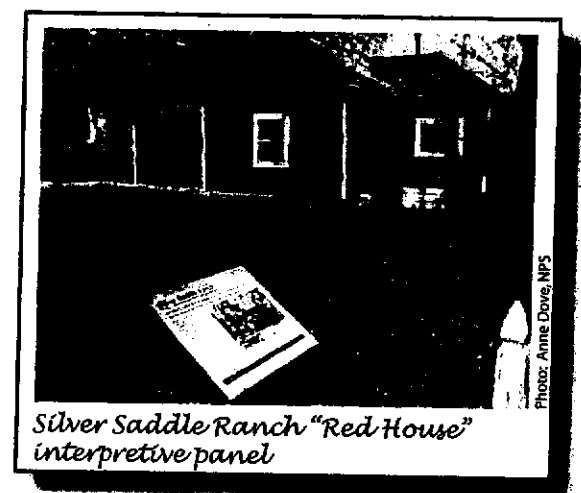
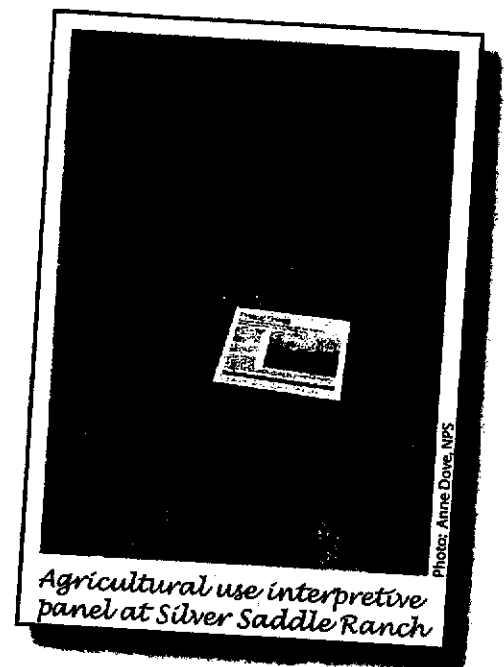
- Divide the area into subsections, determine history, wildlife and interpretation for each

- Develop a system of interpretive information including signs and a parallel website. Provide other features on the site such as platforms with views that can be used to tell stories at each viewing area
- Further define interpretive themes, which could potentially change over time. Specific ideas for themes include:
 - River is a key element, it is the reason that everything in our area is there.
 - Role of ranches in the history and development of the area—Silver Saddle Ranch
 - Geological features
 - History of Prison Hill
 - Ambrose Natural Area – wildlife

The group also spent time brainstorming about signage systems. They identified several functions for signs beyond interpretation, including signs that would communicate regulatory and directional information and contain elements such as maps and mileage markers.

Potential design guidelines for signs include:

- Unify the signs through design and conceptual themes
- Make the signs long-lasting
- Transparency within overall look that is repeated across multiple signs
- Use silhouette photos or some subtle images in the background.
- Keep signs out of the 150' river setback
- Signs should be low maintenance; difficult to destroy, easy to change elements (i.e. panels, mileage markers) later
- Get others involved in sign design (i.e. kids, NV history classes, school groups). In Virginia City, signs were created by high school students
- Signs need to be tied to something physical
- "Overall" signs at beginning of the trails--include these at all official access/entry points. Concept – hit people right away when they enter the area; provide a picture of the



entire trails system; locate where you area on the system (e.g. 'welcome, you are here'); allowed uses

- Include directional signs where trails intersect
- Develop trail names and loops that help identify locations. Tie to interpretive themes
- Signs should describe what people can expect on the trails. An example of a US Forest Service sign that meets this criterion was provided
- People know what to look for; use the same signs used in other parts of Carson City
- Use all recycled materials (TREX) which are more expensive but reduce operations and maintenance costs later
- Public education would unify users. What do people expect for each segment of the trail? Disperse uses and direct people to appropriate locations to recreate



Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team

Because Silver Saddle Ranch and the adjacent Prison Hill emerged through the public workshops as focal areas, one team at the charrette was tasked with focusing just on these areas. Specifically, the team was asked to explore:

- How Silver Saddle Ranch could function as a hub for passive recreation, education and interpretation in the context of the site as an historic ranch
- Options for developing a nature center at Silver Saddle Ranch
- Prison Hill uses, particularly the west and south side where recreation/trail uses interface with residences
- Management/policy considerations
- How to connect these sites into the broader Planning Area

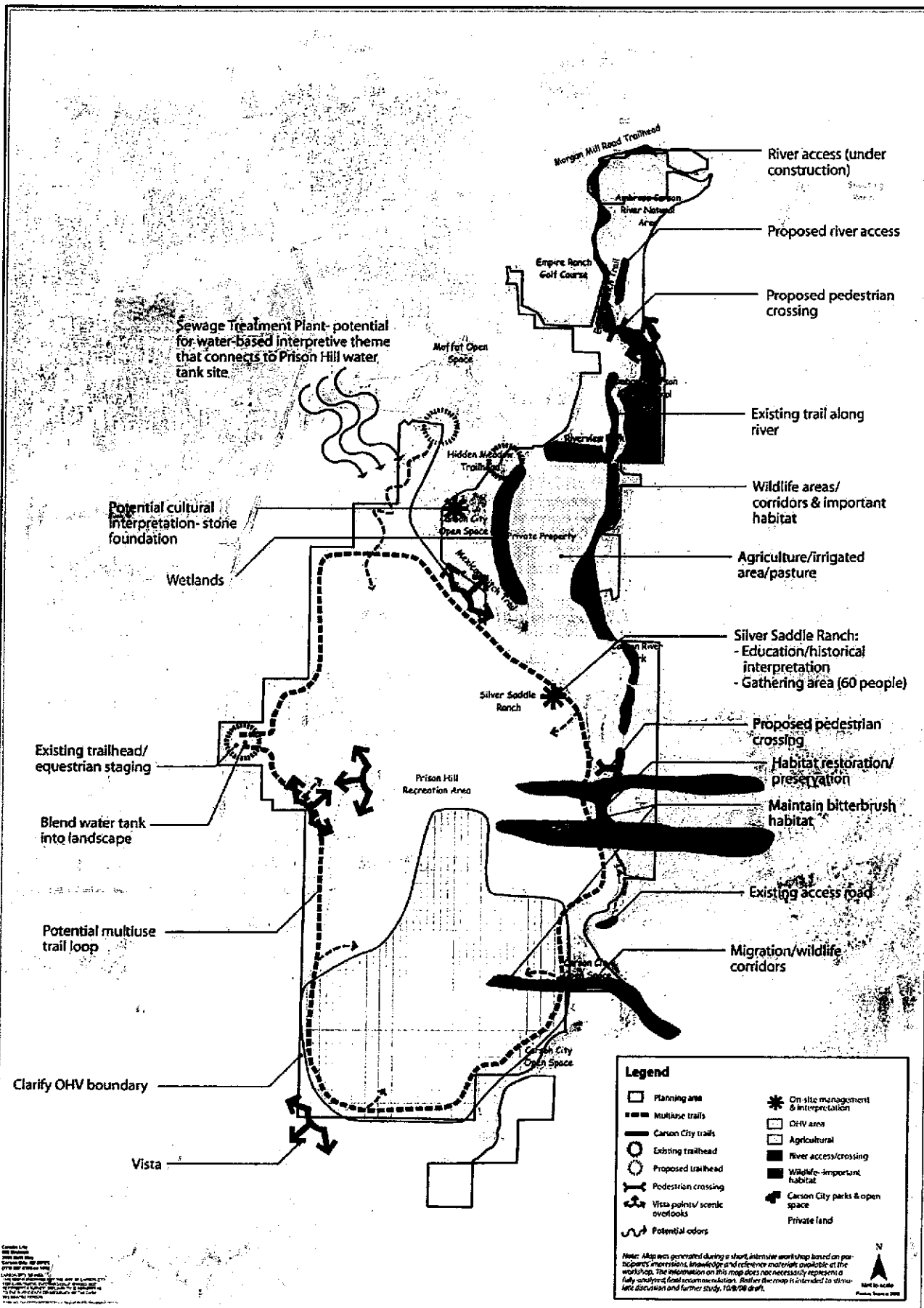


To get started, the team brainstorms approaches to their assigned tasks



Team members roll up their sleeves and start mapping

The group spent Friday generating an analysis of the existing conditions, opportunities and constraints for these areas (*Figure 16: Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team-Site Analysis*). Based on this analysis, the group explored each of the five topics assigned to them (*Appendix L: Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team Original Notes and Drawings*).



Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Site Analysis
 CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH & THE CARSON RIVER

Figure 16. Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Site Analysis

Silver Saddle Ranch

Once the group had a common understanding of the Planning Area, they explored what it would mean for Silver Saddle Ranch to be a "hub" and concluded that the ranch could be a focal point for passive recreation, education, and interpretation. As an overall concept for the ranch, the group felt that preserving it as a "family working ranch" would help to demonstrate and interpret Carson City's heritage while providing opportunities for recreation.

To achieve this, the team recommended designating a "ranch bubble" within which ranch-related uses and events would take place. Any non-ranch related uses, including parking, would be excluded from this "bubble" and take place around the perimeter of the ranch (*Figure 17: Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Silver Saddle Ranch Area Uses*). In addition, under the topics listed and described below, the group identified numerous recommendations:

Planning Considerations:

- Silver Saddle Ranch should be used as a "headquarters" for the whole Planning Area. Possibly site any "headquarter" facilities near intersection of 5th Street and Carson River Road rather than on the ranch
- The context of the ranch is as important as what happens inside the ranch "bubble" for preserving its character
- Each site in the Planning Area does not have to provide all types of recreation uses—too many access points—possibly one Carson River Park access—look at globally
- Use charrette as springboard to development plans for all resources/management areas to use day to day
- Agricultural uses that are consistent with the ranch's history should be considered
- Look at a new name to encompass the entire Planning Area that is the subject of the charrette
- Develop standards for consistent signage throughout the Planning Area

"Family Ranch" Character



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Pole barn at Silver Saddle Ranch sheltering hay



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Burros at Silver Saddle Ranch



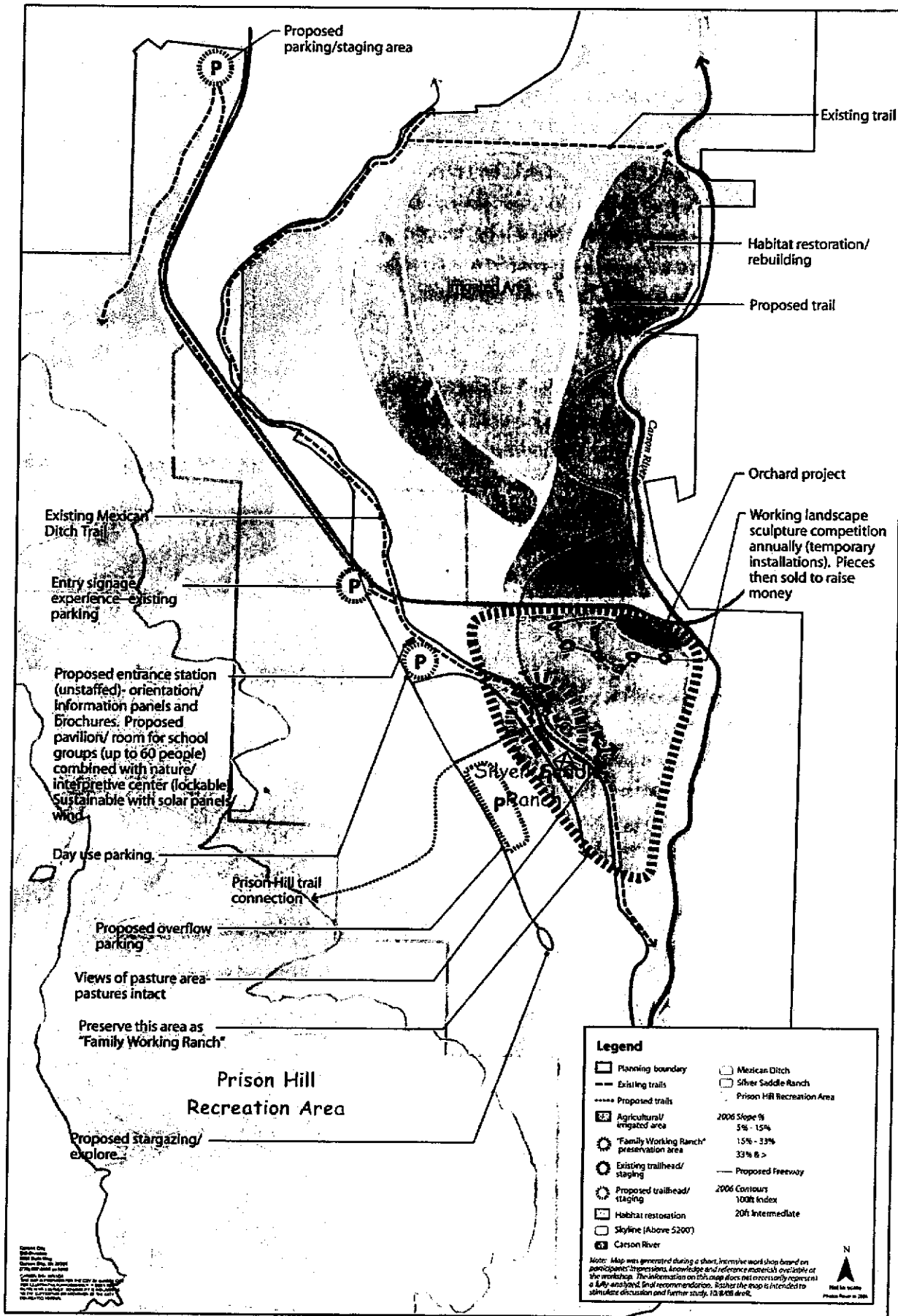
Photo: Anne Davis, NPS

Charrette participants view pasture area of Silver Saddle Ranch from Carson River Park



Photo: Anne Davis, NPS

Horse at Silver Saddle Ranch



Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Silver Saddle Ranch Area Uses
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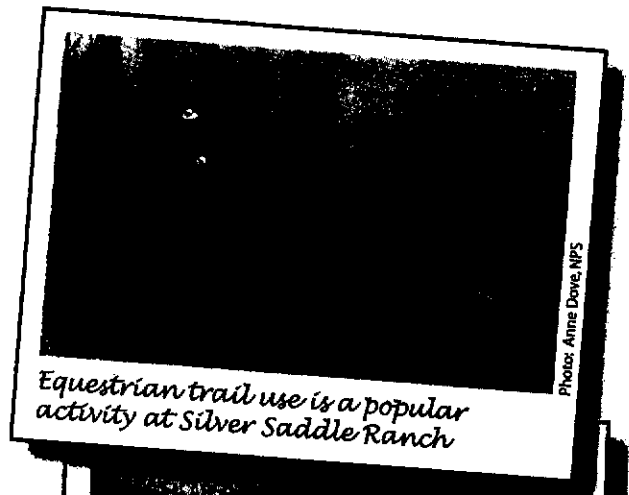
Figure 17. Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Silver Saddle Ranch Area Uses

Recreation & Access:

- Explore providing recreational experiences that are consistent with the site as a ranch but that do not impact the character of the ranch (e.g. equestrian use, trail rides, tractor/wagon rides, etc.)
- Access to the ranch, especially for youth, is lacking and could be enhanced
- Equestrian activities could include use of an arena, using the ranch for trail trials and trail riding/staging
- The "sandpit" area could be used for stargazing
- Nature-based recreation such as birdwatching would be consistent with the ranch concept
- Youth group activities such as 4-H and scout groups could be planned for the site
- Archaeology and cultural uses fit with the overarching concept for the ranch

Interpretation & Education:

- Develop an interpretive plan that addresses themes, appropriate stories, support materials, programs, etc.
- Consider Carson River as a key overarching theme that ties together other themes including cultural, historic and environmental
- Working with the schools, develop an environmental education plan based on an understanding of needs and how the ranch could be used as a site to meet those needs





The annual "Escape from Prison Hill" half-marathon is staged at Silver Saddle Ranch

Events

- Small event center (indoor/outdoor)—up to 60 people
- For larger events, consider using the recently-acquired "Buzzy's Ranch" site to the north of the ranch either in concert with Silver Saddle Ranch or as an alternative location to the ranch
- An event area that could accommodate equestrian events would fit with the overarching working ranch concept. Possibly use pasture area for event staging as needed.
- Events should be consistent with the theme of the site and be managed to not compromise or impact the core ranch "bubble" area

Natural Resources:

- Protect natural resources
- Conduct surveys/inventories of wildlife and vegetation and develop management strategies to sustain them
- Consider restoring degraded areas

Nature/Interpretive Center

The team was tasked with exploring how a nature or interpretive center could be integrated into the Silver Saddle Ranch area. The team developed the following recommendations:



Organized bird walks are a regular feature at Silver Saddle Ranch

- Need to stay with theme of river--provide setting for activities without impacting ranch as a cultural landscape. Support infrastructure for events needs to be located outside historic "bubble" area.
- Nature education could be accommodated somewhere on ranch—consider relationship of center to the river
- Examples of other facilities in the region that could be referenced include the Western Folklife Center in Elko and Bartley Ranch in Reno



Building bird boxes at Silver Saddle Ranch

Prison Hill

The third area the team was tasked with considering is Prison Hill. Because of its direct connection to Silver Saddle Ranch and direct interface with residential neighborhoods, Prison Hill will likely continue to be a popular recreation site. The group proposed that the primary uses for Prison Hill remain open space access and trail use (*Figure 16: Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Site Analysis*). More specific recommendations included:

Access

- Trail access could be separated by uses: north-pedestrian/equestrian; south-OHV; east: pedestrian/equestrian; west-Koontz Lane access pedestrian/equestrian, Valley View Drive access equestrian, and Clearview Drive access pedestrian/equestrian
- West entry: limit to passive uses and better integrate the water tank into landscape to reduce visual impact
- Equestrian overpass-on freeway at Valley View low impact uses

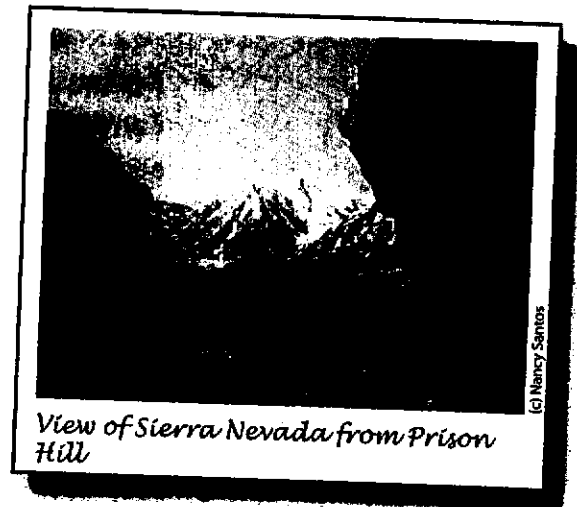
Trail uses

- Conduct an accurate inventory of the existing trail system and where different user groups are accessing which sites. Decommission redundant or inappropriately sited/constructed trails (most of which are informal)
- Keep OHV where is now—define a better boundary based on topography. Encourage local use. Make sure there is adequate access to this area that discourages trespassing and crossing into nonmotorized trail areas. Consider fencing between public and private properties where conflicts arise
- Consider keeping the southern area of Prison Hill for OHV use; the central area of Prison Hill for nonmotorized and multiple use and then separate trails for biking/ hiking/ equestrian uses
- Ensure there is a well-defined, useable trail that connects Prison Hill to Silver Saddle Ranch
- Decide on policies about informal trails that extend into Prison Hill from individual properties/houses
- Consider a nonmotorized loop trail around Prison Hill
- Better marked trails and provide systematic signage
- Use scenic viewpoints as destinations in the trail system



View of Silver Saddle Ranch from Prison Hill

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View of Sierra Nevada from Prison Hill

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Management & Policy

One of the key issues the team identified is how the City, should the federal lands in the Planning Area be transferred to them, plan, develop, maintain, manage, protect and enforce this large area. The team developed the following possible recommendations:

Management organizations/partnerships

- Establish an interagency task force that would include existing managers and nongovernmental groups. Scope of the task force's work could include:
 - Transition issues
 - Developing plans for the site, including management
 - Finance issues
 - Ongoing management including organizational development, volunteer coordination, natural resources monitoring and event management
- Explore possibility of expanding the mission of the Carson River Advisory Committee to include the Planning Area rather than creating a new advisory body
- Consider creating a "Friends" group, coalition or partnership for the entire Planning Area
- Engage nonprofits and others with expertise in planning and management
- Define roles, rights and responsibilities of any partners

Management Policies

- Regulations needed to address special events and fees
- Policies for use of the area by nonprofits and commercial groups need to be defined
- Wildlife and archeological/cultural resource management is not typically undertaken by the City. Strategies and policies to undertake this will be needed
- Develop scheduling and use policies—develop a web-based, master scheduling system that is accessible to interested parties

Enforcement/patrols

- Involve law enforcement and emergency management agencies in planning
- Consider using city park rangers to patrol area, preferably with trail patrols included
- Explore potential for developing volunteer patrol program—possibly a "deputy" program
- Develop city OHV ordinance and coordinate with law enforcement agencies

- to develop enforcement strategies
- Consider an onsite caretaker located at Silver Saddle Ranch to assist with monitoring/patrolling area

Financing/funding/fees

- Manage ranch as an "enterprise account" and generate business for revenue to manage the site. Ensure that any revenue-generating activities are consistent with and do not impact the site.
- Assess the pros/cons of a fee-based system to generate income including user fees, entrance fees, special fees, event fees, etc.
- Explore fee system for events and assess the extent to which it would contribute to sustaining the site



Connecting Silver Saddle Ranch and Prison Hill to the Rest of Planning Area and Beyond

The team was asked to explore how to integrate and connect the ranch into the broader Planning Area, landscape and city. Suggestions included:

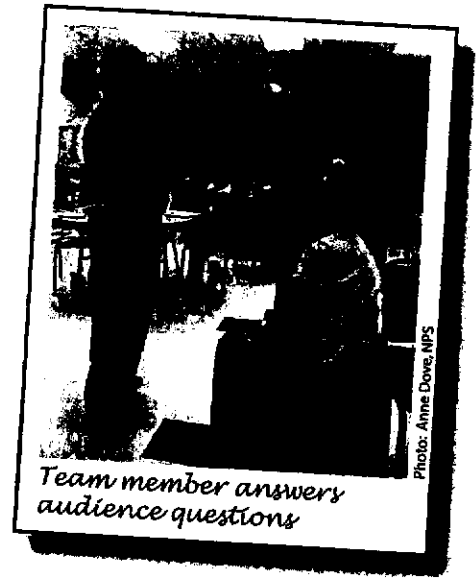
- Consider physical, informational and partnership connections with V&T Railroad depot
- Explore possibilities of connecting down river to Lyon County, possibly via the Carson River aquatic trail
- Identify possible connections from the Carson River to the Sierra Front
- All river components need to be connected by a first rate nonmotorized trail system
- Connections to Douglas County would likely be most feasible via Prison Hill. Coordinate with Douglas County to explore possibilities

Final Presentation Feedback

The final event within the three-day charrette was a public presentation of the teams' work. Saturday afternoon, each team displayed their work and provided a summary of their recommendations. The public was asked to respond to the work. Comments included:

Natural Resources

- The state has grant money to spray for weeds. There could be a partnership opportunity to address weed issues in the Planning Area
- There is an existing east-west wildlife corridor that is used by wildlife and wild horses
- The existing foot bridge by Eagle Creek should be moved up- or downstream
- The wildlife corridor from Prison Hill to Silver Saddle Ranch across Carson River Road is cut off for deer movement
- The recently acquired Carson City Open Space (Andersen Ranch) area and the property to its east support wildlife as part of a broader system. This should be considered in planning for these areas



Trails & Passive Recreation

- Trail staging with horse trailer access at south end of Mexican Dam neighborhood would be good
- Trail surfacing—currently, trails are all decomposed granite. If they need additional armoring (i.e. asphalt), that trail surface probably does not belong there
- Upstream river management—will anything happen in the future to impact the Carson River section that passes through Carson City?

Future

- It seems like the Planning Area is now well managed and has great resources. In the future, maybe only "minor tweaking" is needed
- An identity is needed for whole area. Potentially a community contest that involves kids/youth could be undertaken to name the area.
- Fees? Looked at examples of funding like Washoe Lake, Q1 funds, and open space funds previously used for acquisition
- How will city pay for this? Need to explore grants, partnerships and sponsorships
- There is some need to wait until the federal lands bill comes out so there will be some sense of what will happen in the future. There is a need to think short, mid- and long-term.

Public Feedback

Following the drafting of the charrette report, a summary of the results of the charrette were presented at a public meeting on December 11, 2008. Participants were asked to respond to the ideas generated during the charrette (*Appendix M: Public Feedback on Charrette Results*).

MOVING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

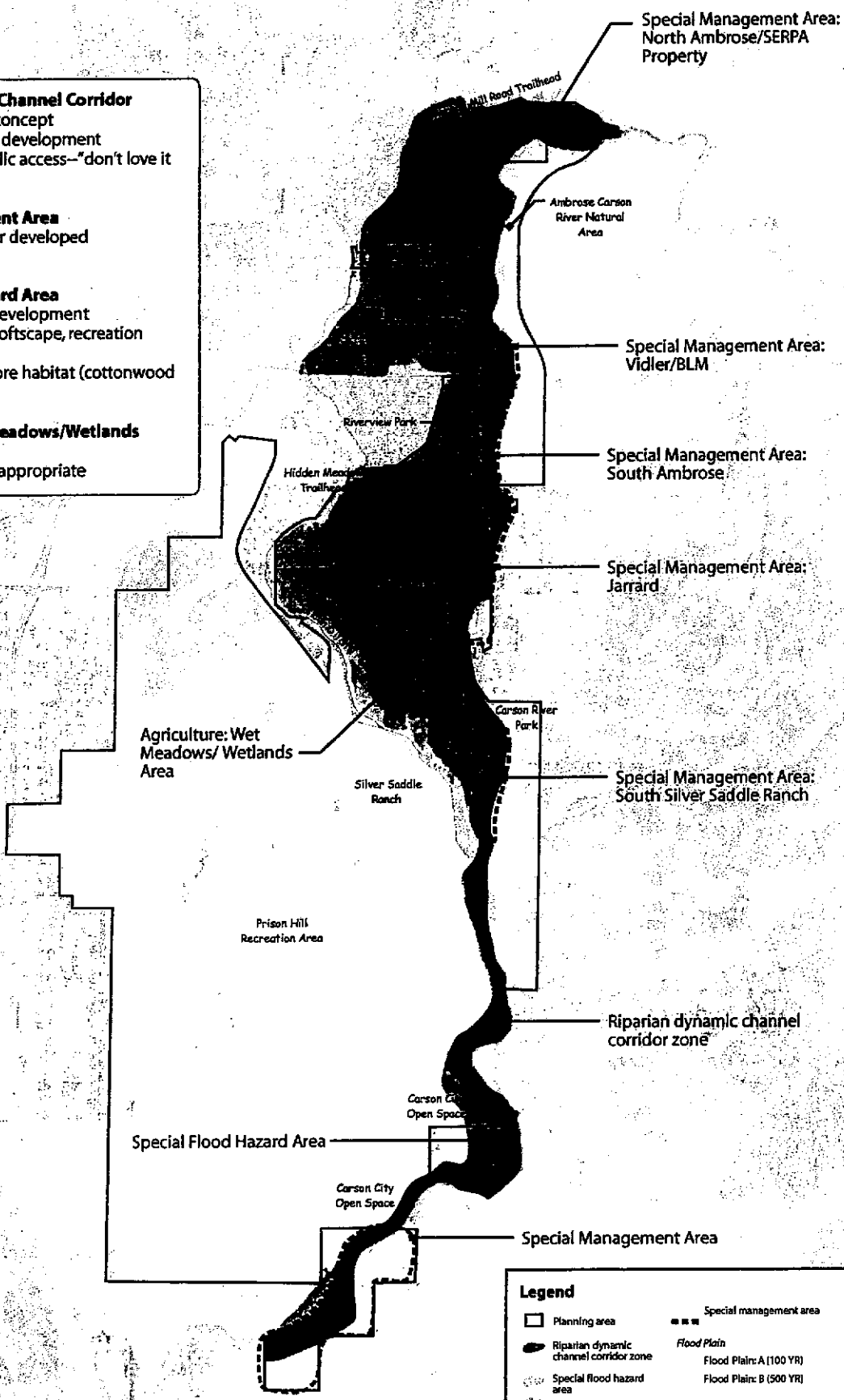
The ideas generated during the charrette represent a range of possibilities and not a set prescription for the future. Rather than describe what *should* happen in the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area, the ideas generated through the charrette process represent possibilities of what *could* happen. This process represents a starting point for defining the future, while setting a trajectory that is rooted in a foundation developed through community engagement.

Potential next steps could include:

- Circulation and presentation of the charrette report to Carson City decision-making and advisory bodies
- Partnership-building among the public and private organizations with an interest and a stake in the future of the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area

Given the confluence of events affecting the future of this area, great opportunities exist to guide the long-term future of Carson City and the surrounding region by taking advantage of this unique moment in time.

- Riparian Dynamic Channel Corridor**
 - Adopt living river concept
 - No hardscaping or development
 - Limit/manage public access—"don't love it to death"
- Special Management Area**
 - No development or developed access
- Special Flood Hazard Area**
 - Limit permanent development
 - Agriculture, trails, softscape, recreation use OK
 - Conserve and restore habitat (cottonwood forest)
- Agriculture: Wet Meadows/Wetlands**
 - No development
 - Agriculture where appropriate



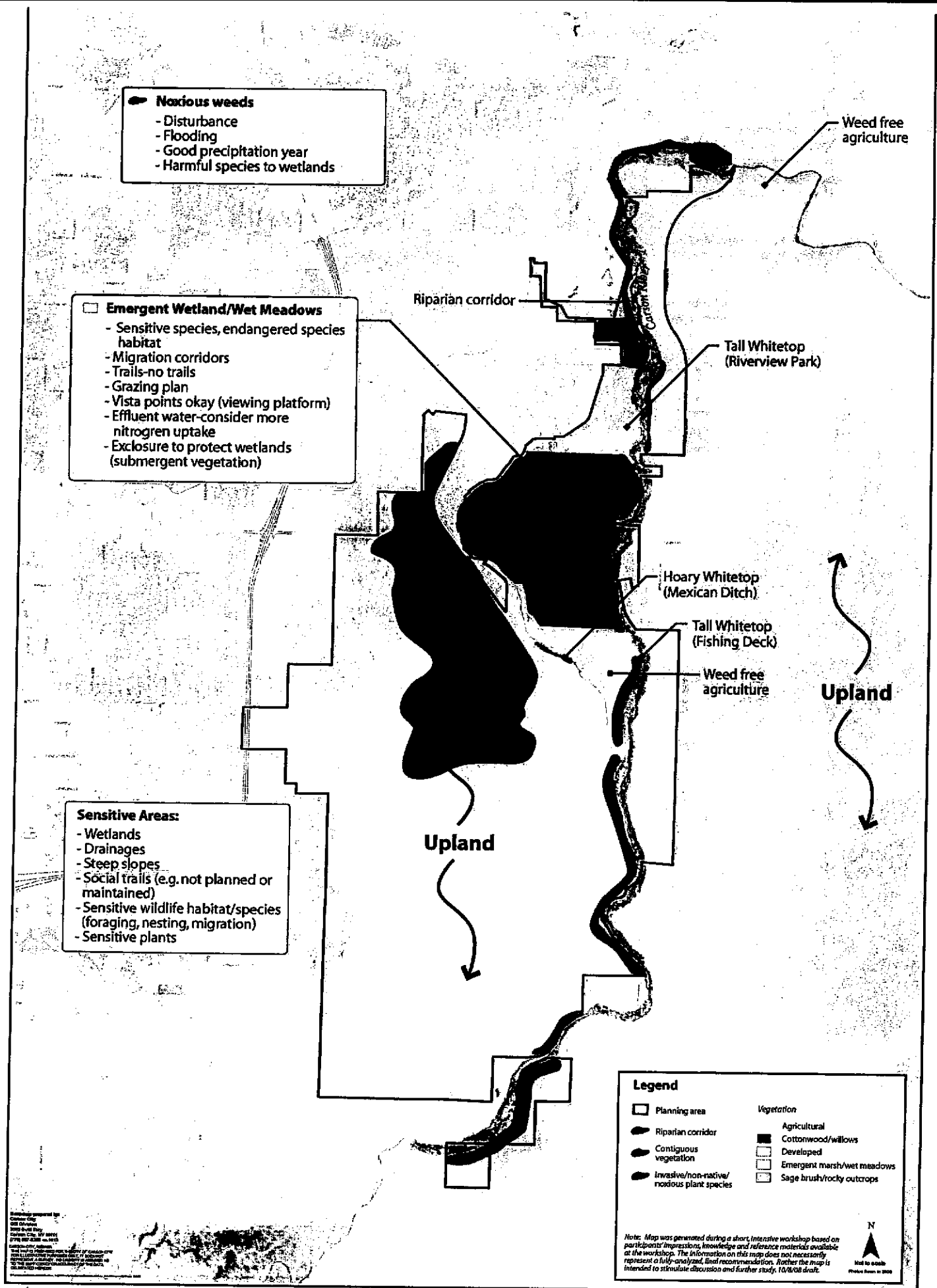
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Legend

Planning area	Special management area
Riparian dynamic channel corridor zone	Flood Plain
Special flood hazard area	Flood Plain: A (100 YR)
Agricultural area	Flood Plain: B (500 YR)

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Noxious weeds

- Disturbance
- Flooding
- Good precipitation year
- Harmful species to wetlands

Emergent Wetland/Wet Meadows

- Sensitive species, endangered species habitat
- Migration corridors
- Trails-no trails
- Grazing plan
- Vista points okay (viewing platform)
- Effluent water-consider more nitrogen uptake
- Exclosure to protect wetlands (submergent vegetation)

Sensitive Areas:

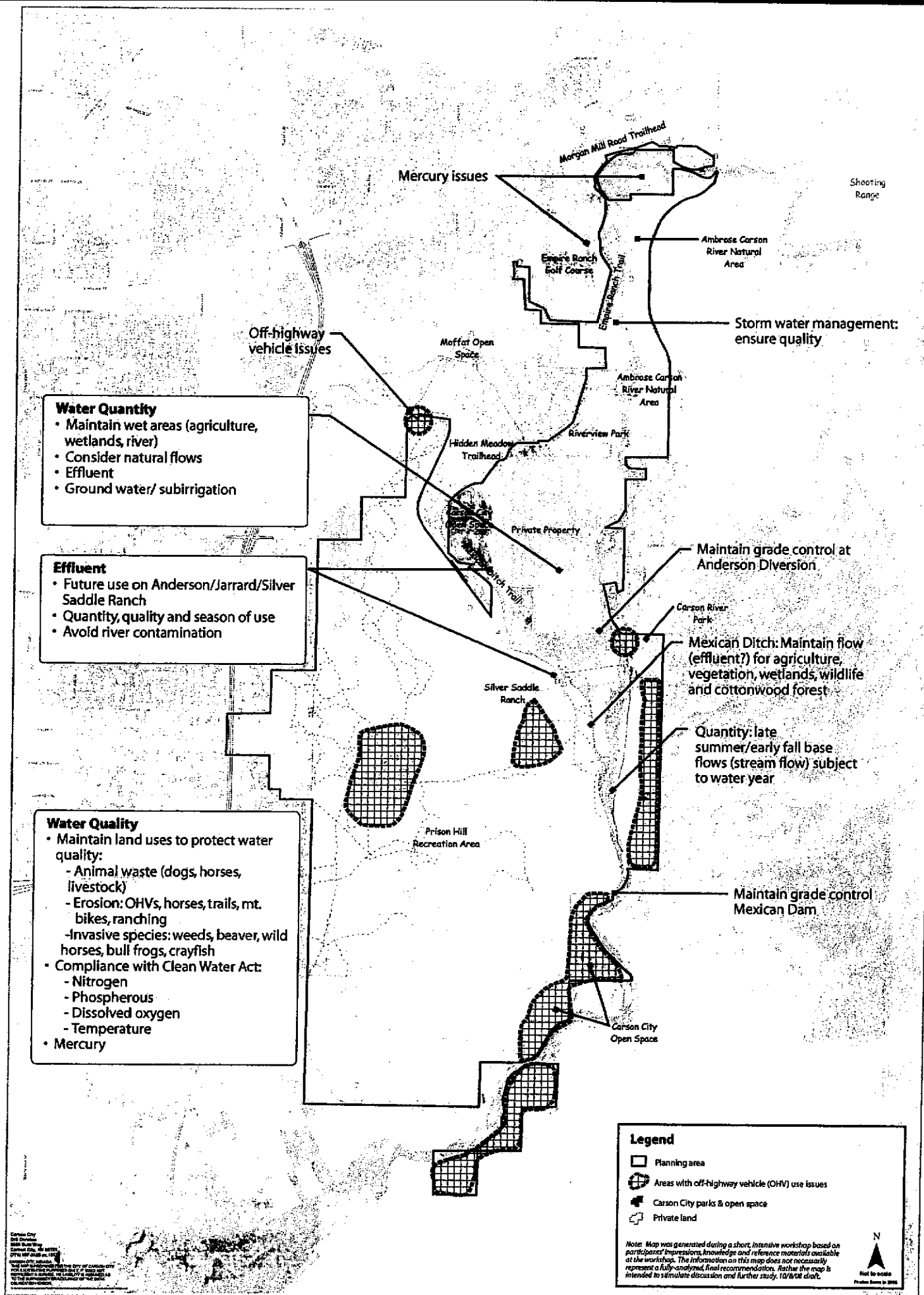
- Wetlands
- Drainages
- Steep slopes
- Social trails (e.g. not planned or maintained)
- Sensitive wildlife habitat/species (foraging, nesting, migration)
- Sensitive plants

Legend

□ Planning area	Vegetation
▬ Riparian corridor	■ Agricultural
▬ Contiguous vegetation	▨ Cottonwood/willows
▬ Invasive/non-native/noxious plant species	▨ Developed
	▨ Emergent marsh/wet meadows
	▨ Sage brush/rocky outcrops

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Water Quantity

- Maintain wet areas (agriculture, wetlands, river)
- Consider natural flows
- Effluent
- Ground water/ subirrigation

Effluent

- Future use on Anderson/Jarrard/Silver Saddle Ranch
- Quantity, quality and season of use
- Avoid river contamination

Water Quality

- Maintain land uses to protect water quality:
 - Animal waste (dogs, horses, livestock)
 - Erosion: OHVs, horses, trails, mt. bikes, ranching
 - Invasive species: weeds, beaver, wild horses, bull frogs, crayfish
- Compliance with Clean Water Act:
 - Nitrogen
 - Phosphorous
 - Dissolved oxygen
 - Temperature
- Mercury

Legend

- Planning area
- ⊗ Areas with off-highway vehicle (OHV) use issues
- ▨ Carson City parks & open space
- ▤ Private land

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Wildlife sensitivity:

- Avoid/minimize riparian corridor impacts from lack of contiguous habitat on one side of the river or the other
- Protect river corridor with 150-ft. buffer (from edge)-no development except at designated sites

Activities-consider impacts to:

- Wildlife/vegetation/wildlife habitat. Noise & disturbance. What is appropriate, when, how often and number of participants?
- Soils
- Wetlands/wet meadows
- Uplands (steep slopes)

Impacts from:

- Invasive/non-native/noxious weeds
- Water quality/quantity
- Recreational uses
- Inappropriate development
- Invasive/non-native wildlife species

Invasive species:

- Education
- Trails vectors for intrusion
- Manage number of trails
- Regular surveys

Vegetation:

- Riparian corridor-avoidance zone

Water resources:

- Comply with Clean Water Act
- Minimal flows
- Storage/release
- Maintain flows (summer)

Sustainability:

- Complete river reach needs
- River channel stability
- Soils type—highly erodible, etc.
- Access floodplain

Define and further study the dynamic river corridor (soils studies, flood-plain drainage, etc.) along this stretch of the river

Define/further study riparian corridor along this stretch of river

Legend

- Planning area
- Existing unfragmented land: control/ minimize habitat fragmentation
- Existing wildlife corridor

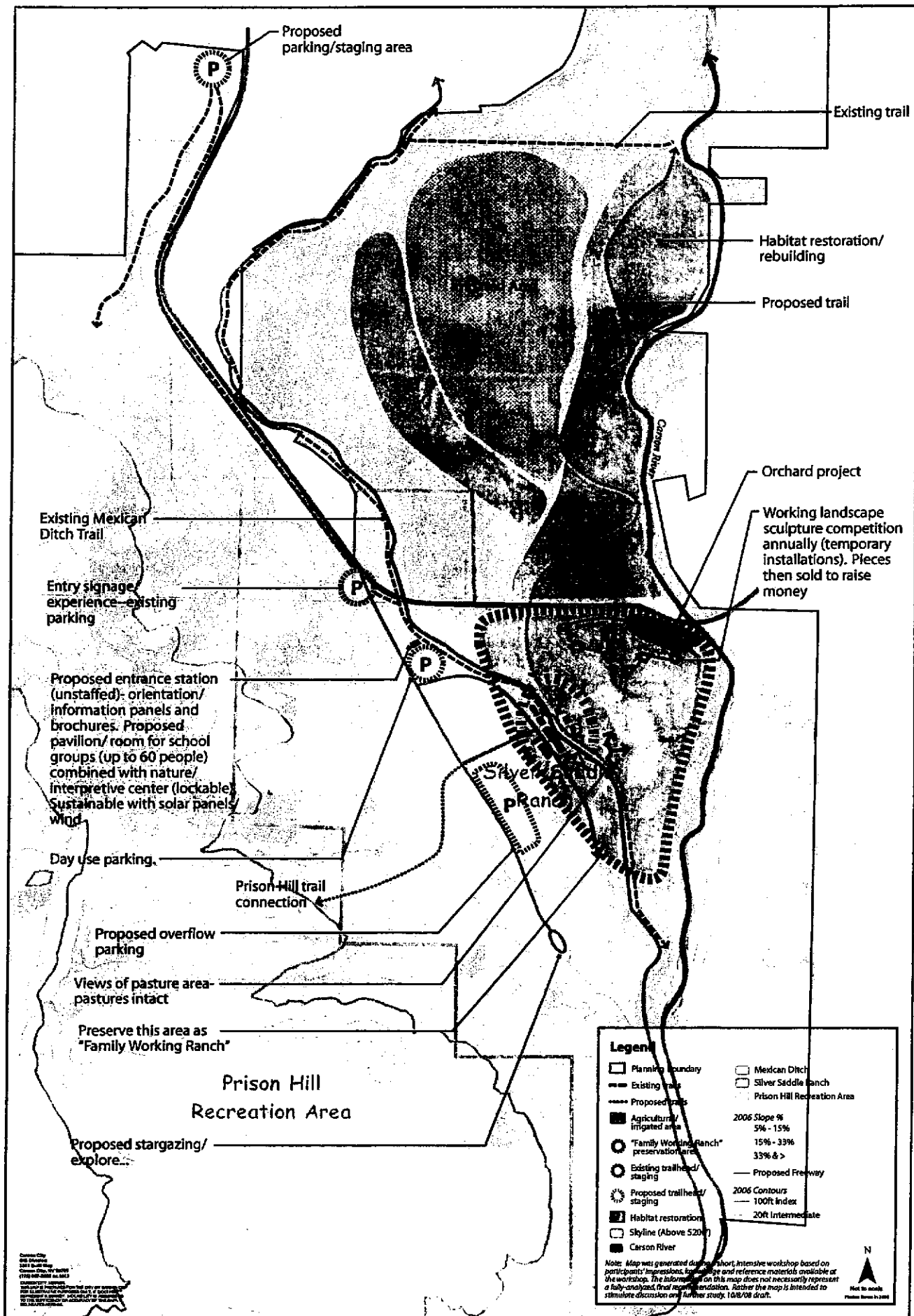
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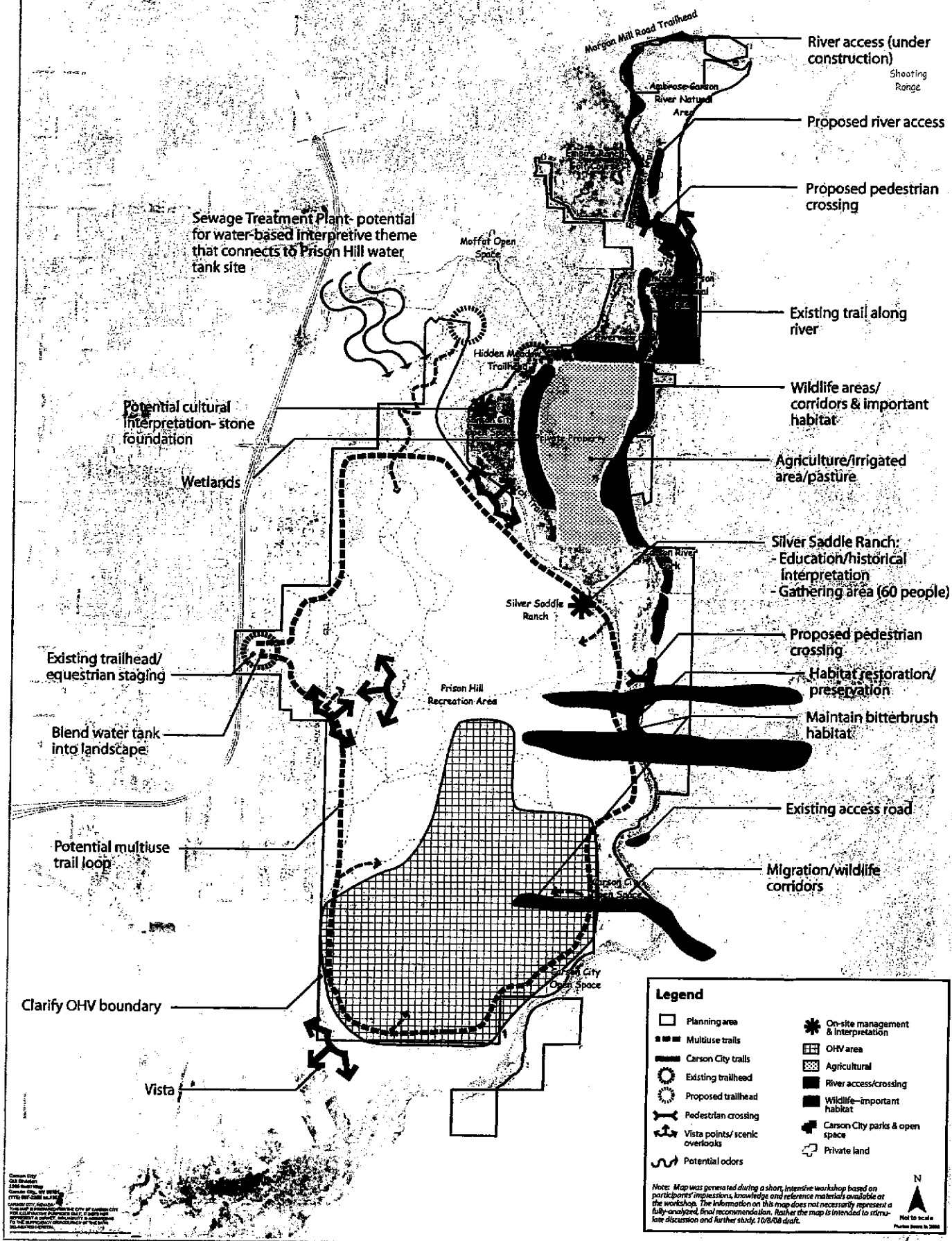
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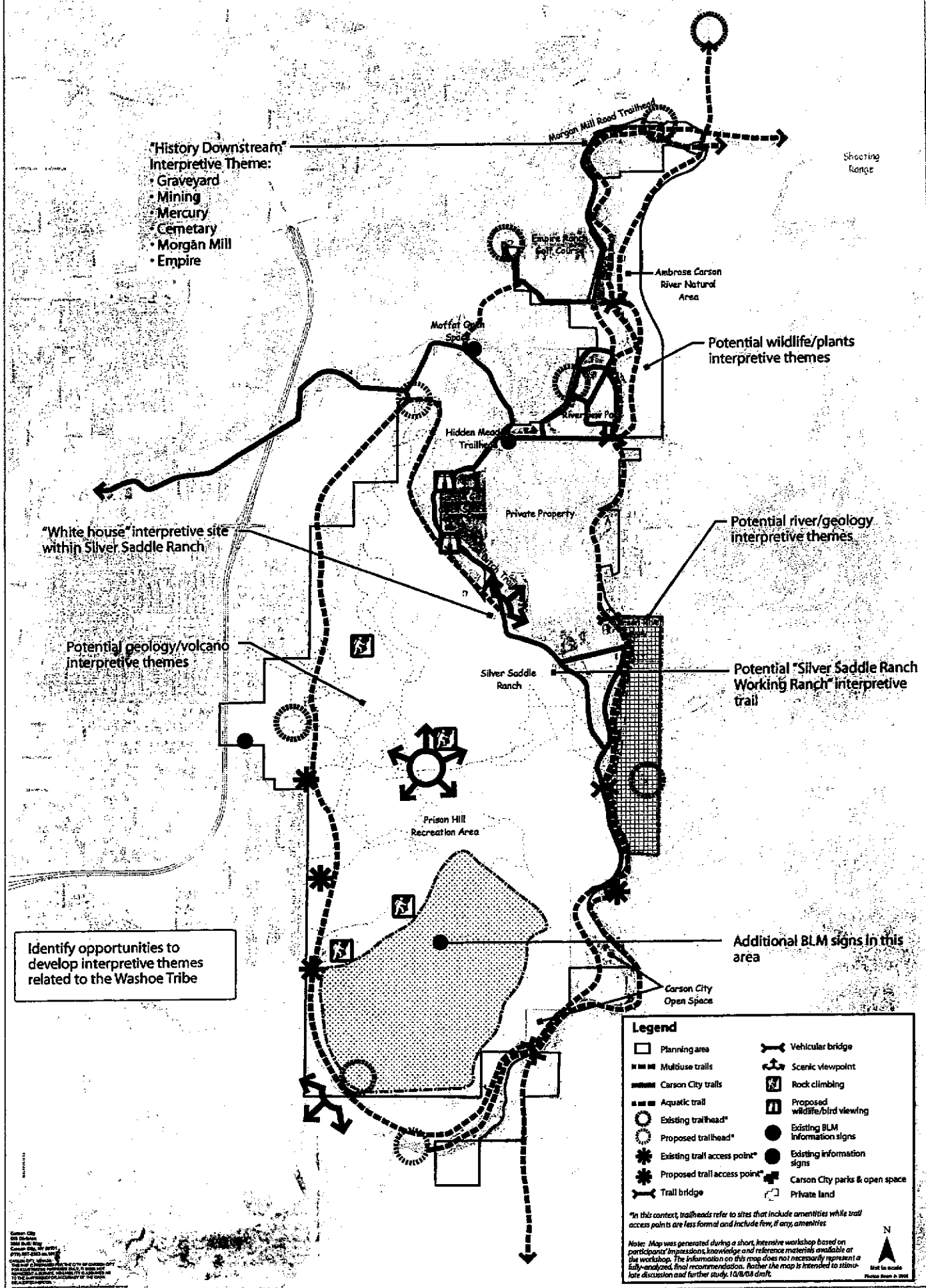


Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Silver Saddle Ranch Area Uses
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Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team: Site Analysis

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"History Downstream" Interpretive Theme:

- Graveyard
- Mining
- Mercury
- Cemetery
- Morgan Mill
- Empire

"White house" interpretive site within Silver Saddle Ranch

Potential geology/volcano interpretive themes

Identify opportunities to develop interpretive themes related to the Washoe Tribe

Morgan Mill Road Trailhead

Shooting Range

Empire Ranch Golf Course

Ambrose Carson River Natural Area

Potential wildlife/plants interpretive themes

Moffat Open Space

Hidden Meadows Trailhead

River View Point

Private Property

Potential river/geology interpretive themes

Silver Saddle Ranch

Potential "Silver Saddle Ranch Working Ranch" interpretive trail



Prison Hill Recreation Area

Additional BLM signs in this area

Carson City Open Space

Legend

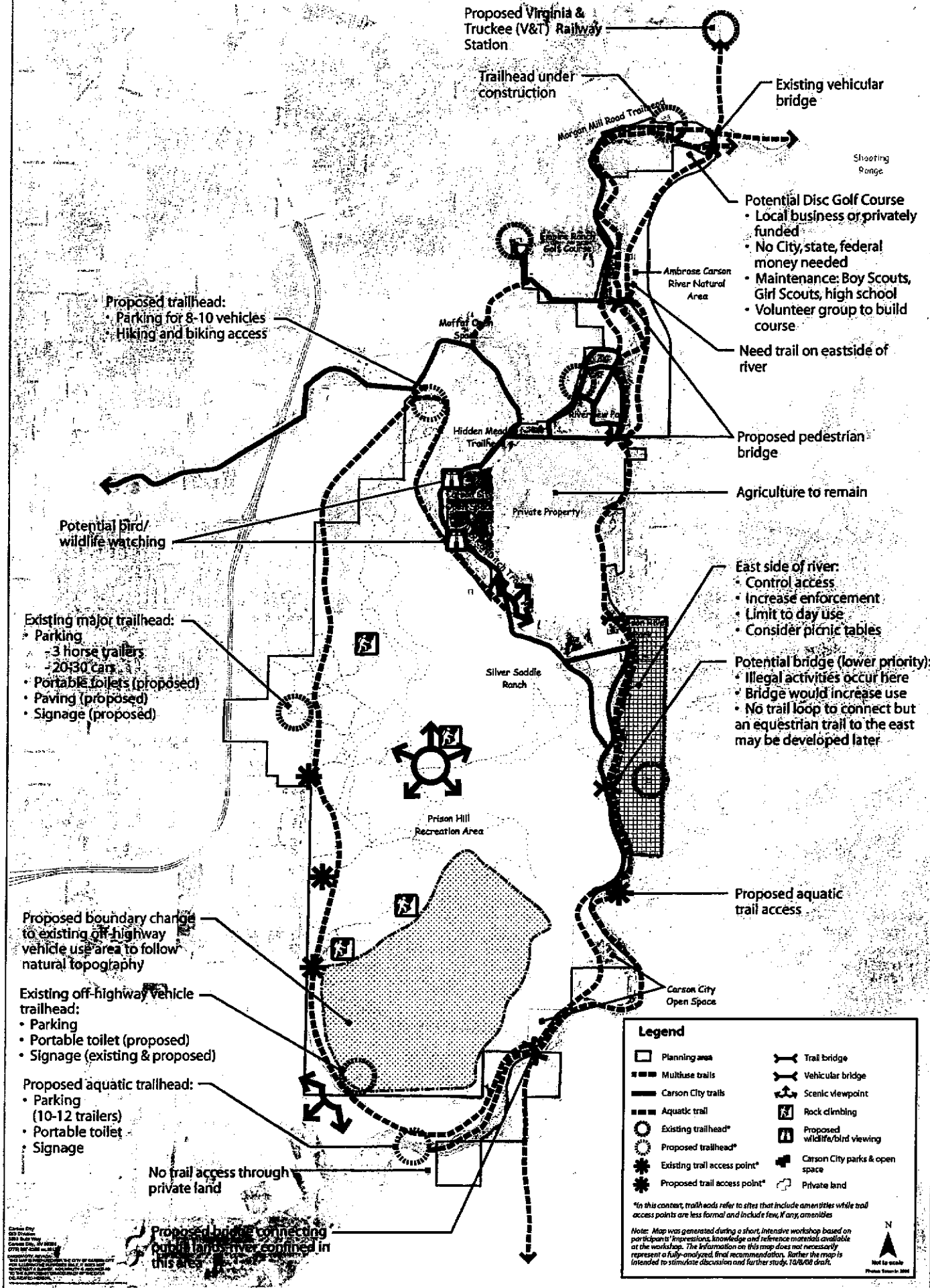
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[Solid line]	Carson City trails	[Square with 'R']	Rock climbing
[Dashed line]	Aquatic trail	[Square with 'B']	Proposed wildlife/bird viewing
[Circle with dot]	Existing trailhead*	[Circle with dot]	Existing BLM information signs
[Circle with dashed border]	Proposed trailhead*	[Circle with dot]	Existing information signs
[Star symbol]	Existing trail access point*	[Square with 'P']	Carson City parks & open space
[Star symbol]	Proposed trail access point*	[Square with 'P']	Private land
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*In this context, trailheads refer to sites that include amenities while trail access points are less formal and include few, if any, amenities

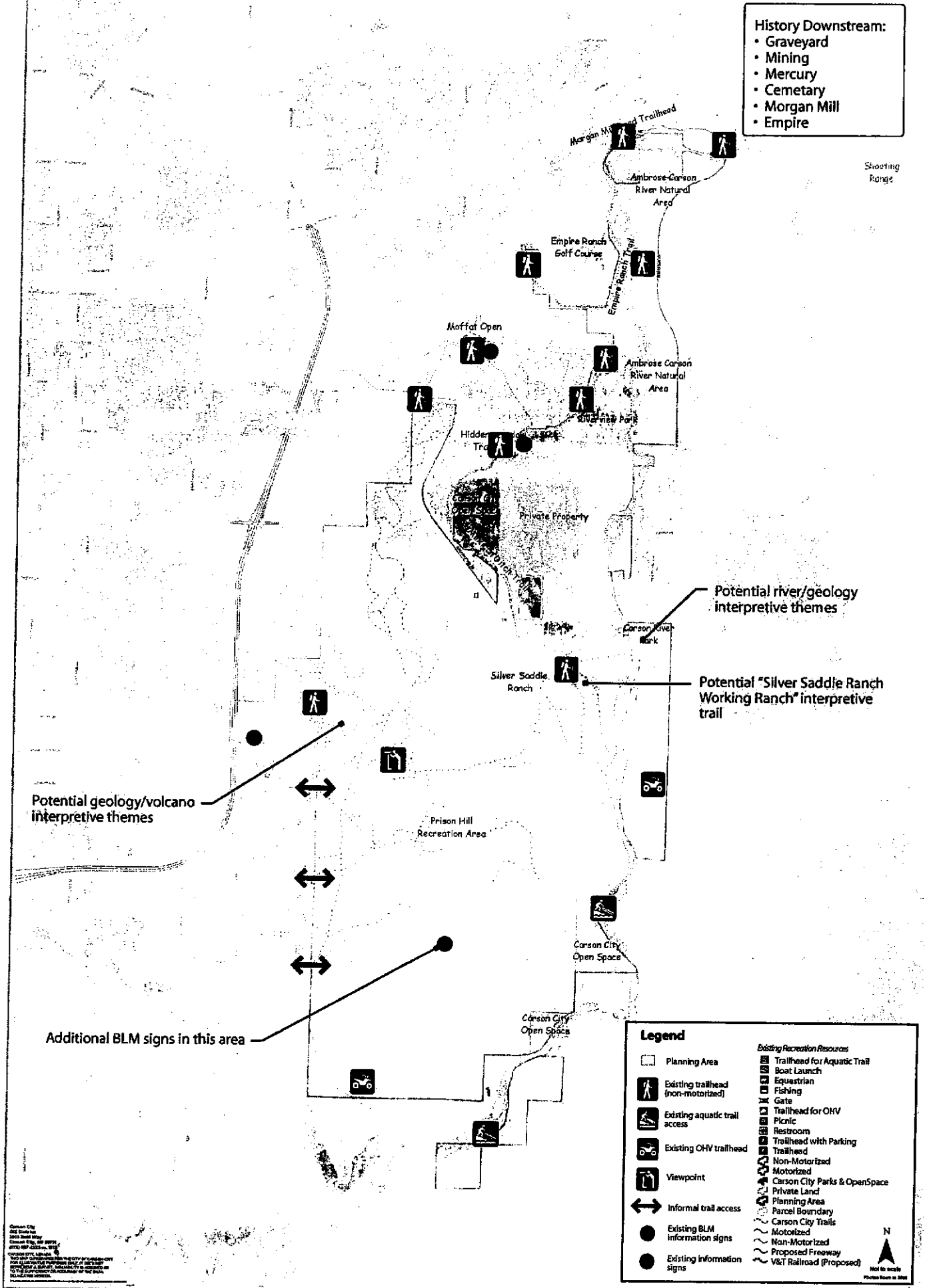
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The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR) was incorporated in July, 2001 and is a Carson City based, not-for-profit, community organization located in Carson City. FOSSR is dedicated to the preservation of the ranch and its cultural, historical and natural resources as both open space and a working ranch.



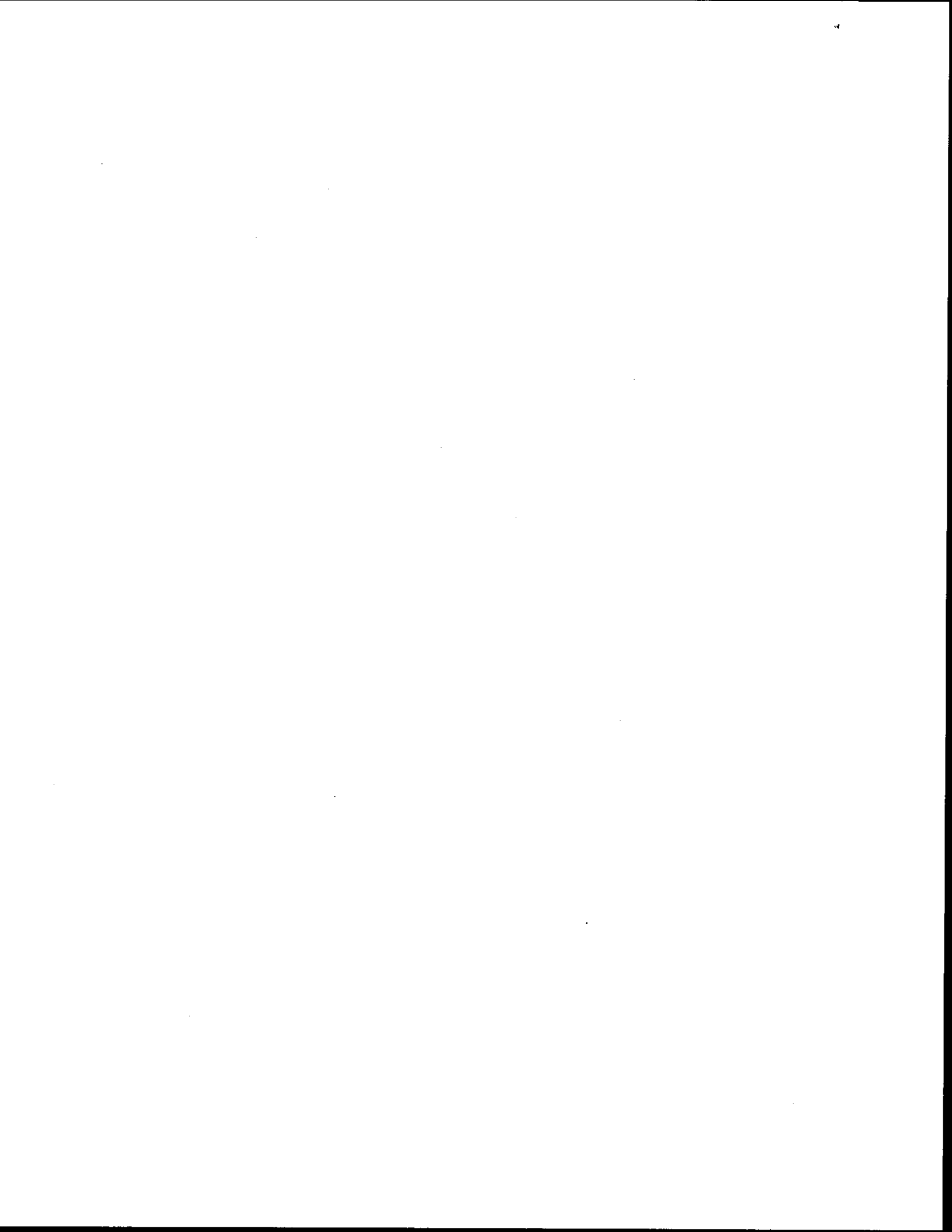
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The "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" community design charrette is being undertaken by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch through partnership with the following organizations:



APPENDIX A:

City Resolutions Supporting the Charrette Process



1 management of recreation resources; and

2 WHEREAS, as part of the public hearings for the Federal Lands Bill, City staff
3 committed to engage the public in a planning process to determine the character of a regional
4 park within the Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill, and surrounding areas based on the premise
5 that ownership will transfer from the federal government to Carson City; and

6 WHEREAS, the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch has obtained a grant with the National
7 Park Service to facilitate the planning process through the use of the charette process; and

8 WHEREAS, all the parties mentioned above wish to define a community-wide vision for
9 the Silver Saddle Ranch and the surrounding areas of the Carson River, generate input and
10 direction for the development of an integrated management plan, foster partnerships, build
11 support and capacity for community-based stewardship, develop a vision to sustain the Carson
12 River ecosystem over the long-term, and define and identify sustainable management practices
13 including financial implementation strategies; and

14 WHEREAS, the charette process will result in maps summarizing planning and design
15 recommendations, conceptual land use plans identifying potential uses and recreation
16 opportunities focusing on areas for which no plan and/or specific design recommendations have
17 been developed, including Silver Saddle Ranch, the Andersen, Desormier, and Mexican Dam
18 properties, and Prison Hill; and

19 WHEREAS, the integration of a conceptual trail network map is vital to this action; and

20 WHEREAS, design ideas for a nature and education center for Silver Saddle Ranch, as
21 identified in the Bureau of Land Management plan; funding strategies; public land uses; water
22 management strategies; and policies for use and interpretation recommendations are desired
23 outcomes of this process; and

24 WHEREAS, this function of planning for the management and conservation of the
25 Carson River is vital to the Open Space Program;

26 NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Open Space Advisory Committee
27 fully supports and recommends the coordination and implementation of the charette process as
28 the planning tool to be used for the Silver Saddle Ranch and surrounding areas.

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2 Adopted this 17th day of March, 2008.

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4 AYES:

Hartman

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9 NAYES:

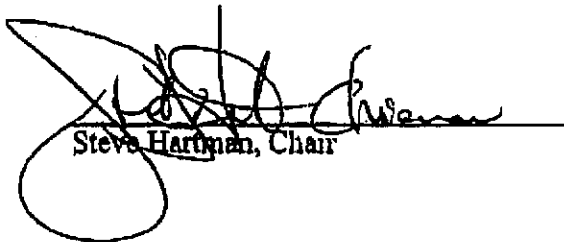
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11 ABSTAIN:

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12 ABSENT:

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Steve Hartman, Chair

17 ATTEST:

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19 Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk

20 Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-PC-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHARRETTE PROCESS AS THE PLANNING TOOL TO BE USED FOR CREATING A LONG-TERM PUBLIC USE AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, a non-profit organization; the National Parks Service; the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office; and Carson City have the common goal of fostering good planning practices, management, and land uses along the middle reach of the Carson River in Carson City, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Saddle Ranch is located within rapidly developing Carson City and contains some of the last open space and restricted access on developed portions of the Carson River frontage in the Eagle Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Saddle Ranch is situated between the Pine Nut Mountains and Prison Hill Recreation Area and the ranch is a critical link in the Unified Pathways Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Carson City, through its Open Space Program, has engaged in the acquisition of riverine properties including the Andersen property and Desormier property; and

WHEREAS, through the Federal Lands Bill and management agreements, Carson City and the Bureau of Land Management have combined forces towards the management of lands located in the vicinity of the Deer Run Road Bridge, Morgan Mill Road, Ambrose Natural Area, Riverview Park, Carson River Park, Silver Saddle Ranch, and Prison Hill; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a community-wide vision for Silver Saddle Ranch and adjoining open spaces; and

WHEREAS, as part of the public hearings for the Federal Lands Bill, City staff committed to engage the public in a planning process to determine the character of a regional park within the Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill, and surrounding areas based on the premise that

ownership will transfer from the federal government to Carson City; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch has obtained a grant with the National Park Service to facilitate the planning process through the use of the charrette process; and

WHEREAS, all the parties mentioned above wish to define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the surrounding areas of the Carson River, generate input and direction for the development of an integrated management plan, foster partnerships, build support and capacity for community-based stewardship, develop a vision to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long-term, and define and identify sustainable management practices including financial implementation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the charrette process will result in maps summarizing planning and design recommendations, conceptual land use plans identifying potential uses focusing on areas for which no plan and/or specific design recommendations have been developed, including Silver Saddle Ranch, the Andersen property, and Prison Hill; and

WHEREAS, the integration of a conceptual trail network map is vital to this action; and

WHEREAS, design ideas for a nature and education center for Silver Saddle Ranch, as identified in the Bureau of Land Management plan; funding strategies; public land uses; water management strategies; and policies for use and interpretation recommendations are desired outcomes of this process; and

WHEREAS, this function of planning for the management and conservation of the Carson River is vital to the Open Space Program;

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Planning Commission fully supports and recommends the coordination and implementation of the charrette process as the planning tool to be used for creating a long-term public use and management plan for the Silver Saddle Ranch and surrounding areas.

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Adopted this 26th day of March, 2008.

AYES: Commissioner Connie Bisbee
Commissioner William Vance
Vice Chairperson Mark Kimbrough
Commissioner Craig Mullet
Commissioner Steve Reynolds
Commissioner George Wendell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Chairperson John Peery

John Peery, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathleen King, Deputy
~~Lee Pennock, AIC, Planning Director~~
for ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-PRC-R-2

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
3 FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY VISION FOR SILVER
4 SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER, THROUGH A
5 COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARETTE PROCESS HOSTED BY THE
6 FRIENDS OF SILVER SADDLE RANCH, A NON-PROFIT
7 ORGANIZATION; THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE; THE BUREAU OF
8 LAND MANAGEMENT, CARSON CITY FIELD OFFICE; AND CARSON
9 CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE
10 PROCESS, DESIRED OUTCOMES, AND PARTNERSHIPS ENGAGED
11 IN THE PLANNING PROCESS.

12 WHEREAS, the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, a non-profit organization; the National
13 Parks Service; the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office; and Carson City
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28 WHEREAS, there is a need to create a community-wide vision for Silver Saddle Ranch
and adjoining open spaces balancing the protection of natural resources and the provision and

1 management of recreation resources; and

2 WHEREAS, as part of the public hearings for the Federal Lands Bill, City staff
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23 outcomes of this process; and

24 WHEREAS, this function of planning for the management and conservation of the
25 Carson River is vital to the Open Space Program, the Carson River Advisory Committee, and
26 the Parks and Recreation Commission;

27 NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Parks and Recreation
28 Commission fully supports and recommends the coordination and implementation of the

1 charette process as the planning tool to be used for the Silver Saddle Ranch and surrounding
2 areas.

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5 Adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

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7 AYES: Commissioner Steve Lasco
8 Commissioner Charles Adams
9 Chairperson Donna Curtis
10 Vice-Chairperson Pete Livermore
11 Commissioner Tom Keeton

12 NAYES: Commissioner Kathryn Shabi
13 Commissioner Todd Westergard
14 None

15 ABSTAIN: _____

16 ABSENT: Commissioner John McKenna
17 Commissioner James Smolenski

18 Donna J. Curtis
19 Donna Curtis, Chair

20 ATTEST:

21 Kathleen King, Deputy
22 Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder

Placeholder for Board of Supervisors's resolution

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APPENDIX B:

Silver Saddle Ranch & Carson River Area Planning Framework

Appendix B: Silver Saddle Ranch & Carson River Area Planning Framework

Plans reviewed:

UPMP: Unified Pathways Master Plan (2006, revised 2007 incorporation of Carson River Aquatic Trail)

CCMP: Carson City Master Plan (2006)

*IMP: Interdisciplinary Management Plan for Silver Saddle Ranch and The Ambrose Carson River Natural Area (2000)

CCOSP: Carson City Open Space Plan (2000)-note: Since this was an element of the Carson City Master Plan. But preceded the comprehensive 2006 Master Plan update. Few of the recommendations are site specific.

CRMP: Carson River Master Plan (1996). In the document, this plan is described as, "a sub-element of the Carson City Master Plan."

CCPRMP: Carson City Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2006).

CCUIPA: Carson City Urban Interface Plan Amendment (1996). Prepared by BLM jointly with City of Carson City. It was developed jointly with the 1996 Carson City Master Plan update. Note that most of the actions focus on issues related to public ownership status, federal vs. state/local ownership and potential withdraw of lands from mining. Given this scope and the purpose of the matrix, this information was not included in this matrix.

Agency	Site/Area	Year	Planning Document	Document Section	Plan Element (vision, goal, objective, policy, etc.)
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.4)	Vision Statement	Keep the "Silver Saddle Ranch" green, the river clean, the paths open and the past alive for present and future generations
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.8)	Goal 1-1	Provide safe, diversified and meaningful recreation opportunities at the SSR consistent with the vision statement
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.8)	Objective 1-1A	Provide hiking, biking, equestrian water base recreation and environmental education opportunities at set locations within a three-year period.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.10)	Objective 1-1B	Provide a staging area for OHV and other recreation access to Pinion Hills on the east side of SSR.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.10)	Objective 1-1C	Identify and educate the public about the recreation opportunities visitors can expect at the SSR.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.11)	Objective 1-1D	Implement a fee structure to offset facility costs
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.13)	Goal 1-2	Provide environmental education and interpretive opportunities at SSR
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.13)	Objective 1-2A	Identify interpretive and environmental education sites and sign for the general public by June 2001pen SSR to the general public in the year 2000.
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.14)	Goal 2-1	Manage the SSR and ACRNA to assure that public health and safety are fully protected from possible conflicting recreational uses
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p15)	Goal 2-2	Design structural facilities that will enhance the recreation experience for visitors, while providing a safe environment for visitors and meeting cultural resource requirements
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p17)	Goal 3	Reduce the threat of wildfire burning on the SSR property. This includes fires that start outside or inside the Ranch property boundary
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.19)	Goal 4-1	Manage significant cultural resources for data, conservation and public values
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.19)	Objective 4-1A	Identify all significant cultural resources on SSR by December 31, 2000
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.19)	Objective 4-1B	Maintain or improve the condition of existing buildings and structures identified as significant or as contributing resources.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.20)	Objective 4-1C	Provide educational and preservation opportunities addressing cultural resources at the SSR.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.20)	Goal 4-2	Protect buildings and structures on SSR from wildland fire

Agency	Site Area	Year	Planning Document	Document Section	Plan Element (Vision, goal, objective, policy, etc.)
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.20)	Objective 4-2A	No buildings or other structures will be damaged or lost to fire
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.21)	Goal 5-1	Maintain a healthy riparian corridor on the SSR
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.21)	Objective 5-1A	Manage toward properly functioning condition (PFC) in the riparian corridor along the Carson River and other riparian areas on the ranch.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.21)	Objective 5-1B	Manage vegetation along the Carson River to achieve and maintain a "Mature" Fremont cottonwood woodland.
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.22)	Goal 5-2	Cooperate with all interested parties to restore the Carson River Watershed
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.22)	Objective 5-2A	Participate in the Carson River Coalition
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.23)	Goal 5-3	Keep all or part of the SSR fields under irrigated agriculture
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.23)	Objective 5-3A	By 2002, acquire sufficient quantities of water to irrigate 125 acres
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.23)	Objective 5-3B	Manage agricultural lands in accordance with sound haying cultural practices for producing a healthy crop.
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.25)	Goal 5-4	Manage upland plant communities
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.25)	Objective 5-4A	Manage existing upland vegetation to achieve late seral to Potential Natural Community (NPC).
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.26)	Goal 6-1	Protect, enhance, and maintain wildlife habitats on the SSR
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.26)	Objective 6-1A	Maintain and protect the existing raptor nesting and wintering habitat in the cottonwood and willow stands throughout SSR.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.27)	Objective 6-1B	Enhance and protect the habitats for shrub, cavity and ground nesting species to the extent consistent with Issues #5 and #7.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.28)	Objective 6-1C	To extent possible with water available, enhance, restore and protect wetland habitats.
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.29)	Goal 6-2	Maintain and improve the aquatic habitats present in the Carson River to enhance aquatic species and other wildlife dependent on the river environment
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.29)	Objective 6-2A	Work to improve the SSR's aquatic environment
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.29)	Goal 7-1	Maintain stream flow and/or improve water quality of the Carson River to meet state water quality standards for the river at the SSR
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.29)	Objective 7-1A	Maintain sufficient water in the Carson River to support riparian resource values, wildlife and support recreational uses
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.30)	Goal 7-2	Supply safe, high quality drinking water to the visiting public at the SSR
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.30)	Objective 7-2A	Develop and provide potable water sources at SSR to meet State and Federal drinking water standards by 2001
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.30)	Goal 8	Manage the SSR to assure compliance with Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan developed by the State of Nevada under the Clean Water Act
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.31)	Objective 8-1A	Minimize non-point source pollution (sediment yields) into the Carson River from the SSR.
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.31)	Goal 9-1	Manage in partnership with adjacent landowners to enhance the recreational opportunities at the SSR
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.31)	Objective 9-1A	Coordinate with Carson City Parks and Recreation Department on the development of their Carson River Park and trails system

Agency	Site/Area	Year	Planning Document	Document Section	Plan Element (vision, goal, objective, policy, etc.)
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.32)	Objective 9-1B	Acquire access easements where possible to assist with river portage and trail alignments
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.32)	Goal 9-2	Manage land use authorizations for rights-of-way to
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.32)	Objective 9-2A	Seek to amend existing authorizations and allow
BLM	SSR	2000	IMP (p.33)	Objective 9-2B	Coordinate with adjacent private, state and
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.33)	Goal 9-3	Seek opportunities to protect and enhance the existing rural character of low lying areas in Eagle Valley for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations
BLM	SSR, ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.33)	Objective 9-3A	Acquire additional lands or interest in lands: protect open space, promote recreational opportunities, protect wildlife habitat, prevent development of the floodplain.
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.34)	Goal 10-1	Provide safe, controlled access to the river corridor while concurrently protecting the river environment
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.35)	Objective 10-1A	Provide adequate information signing at ACRNA
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.35)	Objective 10-1B	Limit motorized vehicle access within ACRNA to the main access road and parking lots (2).
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.35)	Objective 10-C	Maintain and/or upgrade the ACRNA access road and parking lots
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.35)	Goal 10-2	Provide low impact recreation and environmental education opportunities at the ACRNA
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.36)	Objective 10-2A	Coordinate with the local school district, Nevada
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.36)	Objective 10-2B	Provide trail loop opportunities with ACRNA along
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.36)	Goal 10-3	Manage the ACRNA to ensure the protection of
BLM	ACRNA	2000	IMP (p.37)	Objective 10-3A	Reduce visitor use conflicts, resource damage,
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-1)	Vision	Carson City is a community which recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing its unique western heritage and distinct character; the scenic and environmental quality of its dramatic natural surroundings; and the quality of life of its residents. It is a city which takes great pride in its role as Nevada's state capital and strives to offer its residents a balanced community with a diverse range of housing, employment, educational, shopping and recreational opportunities; and a vital community which provides financial and social support for quality of life programs (Vision)
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-3)	[Theme 1] Guiding Principle 1: A Compact and Efficient Pattern of Growth	Carson City will have a compact pattern that makes efficient use of the limited land area and water resources it has available for urban growth, that fosters the provision of infrastructure and services in a cost-effective manner, and that balances development with conservation of the natural environment—particularly where public lands abut the urban interface.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-4)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 1] Goal 1.3b, State and Federal Land Disposal: Promote the Preservation of State and Federal Lands as a Community Amenity	Monitor lands slated for potential disposal and identify opportunities for the transfer of such lands to City ownership (where lands are needed for public facilities, parks, trail access, or similar functions) through the Federal Lands Bill and other programs, particularly within the urbanized area of the City.

Agency	Site Area	Year	Planning Document	Document Section	Plan Element (vision, goal, objective, policy, etc.)
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-5)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 1] Goal 1.4c, Protection of Existing Site Features: Manage the Impacts of Future Growth within the Urban Interface	Ensure that development at the Urban Interface is designed to minimize disturbances to existing stands of mature trees, distinctive topographic features (hillsides/ridgelines), and other character-defining features, particularly those that are visible from other locations in the community. Require a detailed site analysis for any development at the Urban Interface to identify unique features to be protected.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-5)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 1] Goal 1.5b, Coordination with State and Federal Agencies: Foster Cooperation on Master Plan Issues	The City shall coordinate with State and Federal Agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service, whose land holdings are adjacent to the City, to minimize land use conflicts within the urban interface, identify opportunities for shared recreational access or amenities, and to ensure that future plans for federal landholdings are mutually compatible with the goals and policies of this Master Plan.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-3)	[Theme 1] Guiding Principle 3: Stewardship of the Natural Environment	The City will identify and strive to conserve its natural, scenic, and environmentally sensitive areas including important wildlife habitat, the floodplains of the Carson River and other significant watercourses, and visually sensitive areas, such as prominent hillsides surrounding the community. In addition, the City will plan for future development to minimize the impacts of potential natural disaster events, such as wildfire and flooding, on the community.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-8)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3] Goal 3.1a, Carson River Master Plan: Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas	Ensure that the goals and policies contained in the Master Plan and the uses designated on the Land Use Map are consistent with those contained in the Carson River Master Plan.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-8)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3] Goal 3-1b, Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas	Environmentally Sensitive Areas within the community should be protected using available tools, such as development setbacks, dedication, or other mechanisms.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-9)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3] Goal 3-2b, Dark Skies: Protect Visual Resources	Protect visibility of the City's dark skies, encourage energy conservation, and limit the impacts of light pollution on the community and surrounding public lands by reducing light trespass and glare created by urban development and the lighting of recreational areas, particularly at the Urban Interface and near the Western Nevada Community College Observatory.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-9)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3] Goal 3-3a, Coordination: Minimize Impacts of Potential Natural Disaster Events on the Community	Continue to work with FEMA and other Local and State agencies to promote disaster prevention through strategic planning and coordination.

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-9)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3] Goal 3-3c, Public Awareness	Increase public awareness of the potential hazards presented by living and building within the Urban Interface by continuing to educate existing residents on appropriate measures to be taken to minimize the potential loss of life and property in the event of a wildfire or other natural disaster.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-21)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3; Land Use Policies; Parks, Recreation & Open Lands] Parks & Recreation (PR)	<p>Range of density/size: Varies, ranging from as small as 1-3 acres to 40+ acres for regional facilities.</p> <p>Uses: <i>Primary</i>: Parks, pathways, and recreational facilities. <i>Secondary</i>: Utilities (e.g. municipal wells).</p> <p>Characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intended to provide for the active and passive recreational needs of the community. • Generally provided by the City, however, privately operated facilities which also serve recreational needs, such as golf courses, are also included. • <i>Relationship to previous Master Plan</i>: Parks and Recreation replaces the Open Space/Recreational/Public Regional and Public Neighborhood land use categories.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-22)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3; Land Use Policies; Parks, Recreation & Open Lands] Open Space (OS)	<p>Range of density/size: N/A</p> <p>Uses: <i>Primary</i>: Publicly-owned and accessible lands preserved by the City, other government agencies, or as part of a private development (e.g. planned unit development) for conservation, resource protection, or recreational use. May also be preserved without public access to protect sensitive natural areas. <i>Secondary</i>: Utilities (e.g. municipal wells or other utility structures).</p> <p>Characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides wildlife habitat, view protection and/or recreational linkages between different areas of the City. • Public access may be provided with designated trails or bicycle facilities; however, in other areas lands may be left intact as visual buffers along an important scenic corridor or gateway, or to protect significant ridgelines visible from various areas of the community. • May be purchased outright by the City for public use, donated to private land trusts, or protected using another method, such as conservation easements, signage restrictions, and design controls. • <i>Relationship to previous Master Plan</i>: Open Space

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.3-22)	[Theme 1; Guiding Principle 3; Land Use Policies; Parks, Recreation & Open Lands] Public Conservation (PC)	Range of density/size: <i>N/A</i> Uses: <i>Primary</i> : Publicly-owned and accessible lands preserved for conservation, resource protection, or recreational use by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Forest Service (USFS), or State of Nevada Forest Service (SNFS). <i>Secondary</i> : Utilities (e.g. municipal wells or other utility structures). Characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large tracts of property that have been preserved through public ownership. • Provides natural resource protection, view protection, protection of steep slopes or other sensitive areas. • Active uses include unimproved trails for hiking, biking, equestrian use, and off-road vehicle use. • Public access is generally provided through formal or informal trails and roadways; however, in other areas lands may be left intact as visual buffers along an important scenic corridor or gateway, or to protect significant ridgelines visible from various areas of the community. • <i>Relationship to previous Master Plan</i>: Public Conservation replaces the Open Space/Public Regional land use category.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-4)	Theme 2: Equitable Distribution Of Recreational Opportunities	Carson City residents are fortunate to have access to an extensive network of open lands both within and surrounding the community, as well as a range of more formal community and neighborhood parks and sports facilities; however, some portions of the community remain underserved. As it continues to grow, the City seeks to create more equitable (not necessarily equal) recreational
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-2)	[Theme 2] Guiding Principle 4: An Integrated, Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space System	The City will continue to provide a diverse range of park and recreational opportunities to include facilities and programming for all ages and varying interests, both passive and active—to serve both existing and future neighborhoods.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-2)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.1	Promote Recreational Equity At A Neighborhood Level
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-2)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.1a: Maintain/ Enhance Existing Facilities	Improve the quality of existing park and recreational facilities and create additional facilities where possible in underserved locations. Continue to pursue opportunities to improve the City's existing community center/aquatic facility in Mills Park and construct a new recreation center in another location.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-2)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.1b: Match Improvements to Demand and Current Standards	New development will provide park facilities commensurate with demand created and consistent with the City's adopted standards. Continue to work with developers to identify opportunities for new park facilities in new neighborhoods based on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-2)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.1c: Balance Parkland Disparity	Identify opportunities to balance the amount and types of parkland available within existing and future neighborhoods by focusing new neighborhood parks in areas currently underserved (or that will be underserved as the result of future infill/redevelopment) and in new neighborhoods using the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guide. Establish an additional community park in the northern quadrant of the community.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-3)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.2	Expand the City's capacity and excellence in community-wide recreation facilities and programs
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-3)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.2a: Expand Recreation Opportunities	As the City grows, provide additional community parks, pathways, sports complexes, and indoor recreational facilities to meet the needs of future residents. To the degree land can be assembled, distribute future facilities to provide facilities convenient to all major quadrants of the city.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-3)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.2b: Maintain and Expand Recreation Partnerships	More than many communities, Carson City has a large number of partners that significantly increase the quantity and quality of recreation services available to City residents. Continue to expand cost-effective sharing of facilities and resources with the City's existing and potential recreation partners.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-3)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.3	Expand the City's open space network
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-3)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.3a: Open Space Master Plan	Continue to review future development proposals for consistency with the City's Open Space Master Plan and continue to coordinate with the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Carson River Advisory Committee on Master Plan issues.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.4-3)	[Theme 2; Guiding Principle 4] Goal 4.3b: Open Space Network	Continue to pursue opportunities to expand or enhance the community's open space network using a range of available tools (as specified in the Open Space Master Plan) to help implement the objectives of this Master Plan.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-4)	Theme 3: Economic Vitality	...Promoting the City's historic and cultural resources to enhance its tourism base; Promoting the City's parks, sport complexes, pathway system,
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-1)	[Theme 3] Guiding Principle 5: A strong, diversified economic base	The City will seek to maintain and enhance its enviable base of primary jobs and to provide a broader range of retail services that serve both residents of Carson City and those in surrounding counties. The City will promote Downtown revitalization efforts and seek to provide a broader range of retail services. The City will also seek opportunities to promote its historic and recreational resources and overall quality of life as a means of generating tourism revenue and attracting new employers to the community. The City will strive to approach economic development activities using a collaborative and innovative approach that encourages cooperation between the public and private sector, and with other jurisdictions as appropriate to achieve the objectives of this Master Plan.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-5)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.4	Promote tourism activities and amenities that highlight the city's historic and cultural resources.

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-5)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.4a: Heritage tourism	Support tourism activities associated with the major historic resources within the community, such as the V&T Railroad, the various cultural institutions, and the State Capitol Complex, by ensuring that future development supports the functions and visual character of these resources. Adopt design standards for developments that are adjacent to or highly visible from the V&T railroad alignment or the State Capitol Complex. Develop specific guidelines and policies for a tourism- focused activity center along Highway 50 East that will serve V&T Railroad visitors.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-5)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.4b: Historical/Interpretive Opportunities	Encourage the development of historical opportunities, interpretive signage, and other amenities that complement and enhance the City's historic resources. Continue to explore opportunities to establish trail access to the Carson River Canyon that honors and interprets the historic V&T railroad, expand Downtown walking tours and interpretive signage exhibits, and identify new opportunities to showcase the City's historic resources.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-5)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.4c: Arts and Culture	Support artists, arts organizations and related cultural institutions because of their significant contributions to the City's healthy business climate; their role in creating a cultural environment that attracts other living wage employers, as well as tourists, to the region; and the substantial benefits they provide to the City's residents and communities.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5	Promote recreational facilities and quality of life amenities as economic development tools
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5a: Community Recreational Facilities	Expand opportunities to generate visitor revenue by continuing to promote the use of the community's sports complexes, aquatic facility, community center, and theater for regional, state-wide, or national sports tournaments. Seek necessary funding to improve the quality of existing recreational facilities, and to develop additional facilities.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5b: Recreational Amenities	Increase awareness of the City's parks, sport complexes, pathway system, open space system, and other recreational amenities as a tool for attracting businesses seeking a high quality of life for their employees. Develop promotional materials that highlight these facilities and distribute materials to target markets or specific companies considering relocating to Carson City.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5c: Lake Tahoe Gateway	Develop promotional materials that highlight the City as a primary gateway to Lake Tahoe and its associated recreational and tourism amenities as a means of attracting additional tourism revenues and promoting the City as an attractive place to live and work.

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5d: Airport-Related Uses	Continue to support the goals and policies of the Airport Master Plan. Encourage the development of airport-related commercial uses (e.g., sightseeing flights, skydiving, and extreme skiing tours) that will increase the City's visibility and marketability as a destination for tourists and recreational aviators.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5e: Public Facilities	Provide the public services and public facilities necessary to sustain a high quality of life and attract business investment. Consider obtaining additional information directly from business operators to better define these services.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-6)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5f: Natural Resource Conservation	Encourage economic development that conserves natural resources and open spaces, protects environmental quality and enhances the overall quality of life.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.5-7)	[Theme 3; Guiding Principle 5] Goal 5.5g: Educational Resources	Emphasize educational resources of the community as an economic development tool. Enhance those resources where possible and efficient to do so.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.6-16)	[Guiding Principle 9] Goal 9.4	Protect the character of existing rural neighborhoods.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-7)	Guiding Principle 10: Protection of Historic Resources	Carson City will seek to preserve and enhance its historic resources by enforcing its existing preservation regulations and ordinances and updating them as needed, and by encouraging historic preservation efforts through the use of financial, building, and other incentives for the restoration and rehabilitation of historic structures and facilities.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p.2-8)	Guiding Principle 12: A Unified Pathways System	The City will seek to ensure that most major destinations, parks, schools, and open space areas within the community are accessible from residential neighborhoods via safe routes that are free of vehicular conflicts, and that allow the user to enjoy the natural setting of Carson City without their automobiles—adopting the slogan "Every home is a trailhead." Carson City is committed to the shared use of most trail corridors by walkers, joggers, horseback riders, rollerbladers, strollers, and off-highway vehicles. The City will also seek to provide access to all feasible portions of the pathway system and open space areas for persons with disabilities
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p. 8-25)	Eastern Portal—Virginia & Truckee Railroad Gateway Specific Plan Area (V&T-Spa)	The V&T Railroad is anticipated to be a tourist attraction and a benefit to the local economy. The visual experience of the train ride will be a key element in the success of the V&T. The Carson River corridor within Carson City is arguably the most dramatic visual experience along the entire V&T route. The vistas overlooking Carson City from the Eastern Portal gateway into Carson City also offers magnificent views of Carson City and the Sierra Nevada mountains beyond.

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p. 8-27)	[(V&T-Spa) Parks And Open Space Policies] V&T Spa—2.1 Trail Facilities	The Parks and Recreation will continue to work with the V&T Commission and V&T consultants in locating appropriate trail facilities along the Carson River corridor consistent with the V&T operation plans and the Unified Pathways Master Plan.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCMP (p. 8-27)	[(V&T-Spa) Cultural And Environmental Resources Policies] V&T Spa—3.1 Carson River Corridor	Encourage continued cleanup and patrol of the Carson River corridor to protect the scenic resource through partnerships with public and private agencies.
CC	Carson City	2000	CCOSP (p. 30)	"Desired Open Space Areas"	...key areas for initial Open Space preservation: Carson River Corridor; scenic vistas and visible hillsides; working agricultural areas in or near the City; linkages for trails, trail heads and connection of Open Space parcels [note: the CCOSP introduction defines 'open space' as land that, "...is in a natural, or primarily natural state; contains significant natural, visual or cultural features that warrant protection; is permanently protected. By this definition, Open Space in Carson City is intended mainly to preserve the natural landscape and to accommodate certain types of passive recreation, such as hiking, running, bicycling and horseback riding."]
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Establish recreational goals
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop a plan for the safety and security for the public, wildlife, and natural resources on public and private lands]
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop a natural resource plan
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop private land policies
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop program for enhancement/protection/preservation of wildlife habitat
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop a plan to protect/enhance/preserve/restore cultural resources
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	review and recommend city, state, or federal ordinances, laws or regulations
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Establish system for plan review for development
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop a program/plan for interpretation/environmental education of natural history/cultural history
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Promote ourselves as the Carson River Advisory Committee
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop working relationships with all other agencies/groups in relation to the river (public or private)
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p.3)	Committee Goals	Develop funding sources for implementing the Committee's recommendations
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 47)	Committee Guidelines and Recommendations for any Development along the Carson River	The protection of private property rights, wildlife, wildlife habitat and natural and cultural resources must be addressed and weighted as a high priority in all alternatives.

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CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 47)	Committee Guidelines and Recommendations for any Development along the Carson River	Activities along the river that cause negative impacts to natural resources and law enforcement concerns (i.e., illegal camping, fires, and shooting) should be stopped.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 47)	Committee Guidelines and Recommendations for any Development along the Carson River	Consistency in management, land acquisition and natural resource protection policies are recommended for the entire river.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 47)	Committee Guidelines and Recommendations for any Development along the Carson River	Potential impacts to sensitive natural resources should be minimized by concentrating proposed facilities in areas near, or adjacent to, existing parks or recreation areas where feasible.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 47)	Committee Guidelines and Recommendations for any Development along the Carson River	The city should prepare design guidelines and standards that will maintain the rural like atmosphere of the Carson River area. The Committee makes the following recommendations that should be part of those guidelines: development should be designed to harmonize or blend with the current agricultural and rural setting; design guidelines should include minimized and low intensity street lighting, color schemes and architectural designs which harmonize with the local landscape, background and pastoral land use and effect...
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 51)	[General recommendations] 1. Coordinated resource management plan	The City should initiate or reactivate a Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) process for the Carson River area... a CRMP process is, in simplest terms, one in which all stakeholders work together to create an agreement about how each will manage land within their control to accomplish a common natural resource goal.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 52)	[General recommendations; 3. Recreational] A. Trailhead Recommendations	Trailheads providing public access to the river and public lands should be established in specific areas that would minimize the impact to the wildlife habitat and natural resources. Each river trailhead should have at a minimum: law enforcement/periodic patrol; restrooms (summer months at least); phone; informational sign, including emergency phone numbers and rules/regulations. Each OHV trailhead should have at a minimum: law enforcement/periodic patrol; informational sign, including emergency phone numbers and rules/regulations
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 54)	[General recommendations; 3. Recreational] B. Trail recommendations.	The multipurpose trail design is recommended for the Central part of the river and the low impact single track trail design for the other sections of the river. An exception would be the trails along the river within the boundaries of BLM properties, which would be single track where they are not part of a loop trail system. If future use increases in the Southern or Northern section of the river, then the multipurpose design may be revised for those areas.

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CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 60)	[General recommendations] 6. Signs	Signs along the river should be standardized to meet CCMC title 15 requirements. This includes a standard recreational symbol sign at each site, and the use of materials that will not detract from the environmental setting of the river.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 60)	[General recommendations] 7. Interpretation	Environmental education nature study areas should be identified and established in cooperation with Carson City School District. The areas should be properly developed and equipped...an interpretive plan should be developed for the Carson River. Any historic structures obtained through any land acquisition or parcel development should be considered for supporting interpretive elements of the area.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 60)	[General recommendations] 8. Fishing	Fisherman access points need to be established in the areas designated for fishing by NDOW. This can include handicap access as well. Habitat restoration and water quality improvement to further enhance and expand the Carson River fisheries should be supported.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 60)	[General recommendations] 9. Boating	Power boating is not recommended. Boating regulations, safety requirements and interpretive information on low impact recreation near wildlife habitats should be at waterway trailheads. Put-in, take-out and legal portage areas need to be established as follows: boat put-in areas need to be established on the northwestern river bank near the western or eastern boundary of the state land controlled by the State Prison System—two possibilities exist, 1. a gated power line access road extends to the river along the western boundary of Carson City and state land, 2. along the eastern boundary of state land, the Snyder Avenue extension is adjacent to the river bank—near the McTarnahan Bridge site is an area recommended for a river crossing trail....Put-in and take-out areas should be established at the Deer Run and Brunswick Canyon Bridges.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 60)	[General recommendations] 10. Mining/gravel extraction	Gravel extraction should be restricted from the area along the river...the Committee recommends that BLM designate the area along the river for withdrawal from mineral entry.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 67)	[Recommended uses by management area] Riverview Park	Parks and Recreation should review its trail construction specifications and follow guidelines established in the Eagle Valley Trail System Report; wetlands should be interpreted and the trail should incorporate the wetlands interpretation.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 67)	[Recommended uses by management area] Carson Creek & Mexican Ditch Linear Park	Easements and properties should be obtained to allow the connection of trails as proposed in this plan. An inventory and evaluation of Mexican Ditch for National Register eligibility and interpretive potential should be conducted. Interpretive areas should be provided.

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CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 67)	[Recommended uses by management area] Linear Corridor Park	An effort should be made to finish the Corridor Park from the Sierra to the river. Of primary concern is the section from Hwy 395 to the river.
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 67)	[Recommended uses by management area] Prison Properties	A river crossing for hiking/biking or equestrians at McTarnahan Bridge should be established; boating access area along the western or eastern boundary of this property should be established; in the review of this document by concerned agencies, the Committee was informed by Warden Burns that public use along the river would not be supported...nevertheless, this committee recommends that the city negotiate with the State of Nevada to obtain a right-of-way on and across state property near the McTarnahan Bridge site
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 68)	[Recommended uses by management area] Federal Properties: BLM	Carson/BLM Joint Use Park: A river crossing for hiking/biking or equestrian use should be established; overnight use should be discontinued; OHV use should be discontinued; a trailhead should be established as set forth in the trailhead
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 68)	[Recommended uses by management area] Federal Properties: BLM	See Appendix II for letter sent to BLM outlining the Committee's recommendations for management of OHVs and recreation in this area [which includes:] 1. the power line road dissecting the western side of the mountain range become a line for designation of closed and limited...from the powerline road east the designation should be limited...west of the power line road should be closed up to teh Douglas County line; 2. the ridge fo the Pine Nut Mountains on the western slope would be the western edge for the open designated this would allow all the starched Virginia Range: a connector trail to the Pine Nut Mountains should be designed and built
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 69)	[Recommended uses by management area] Federal Properties: BLM	Prison Hills Recreation Area: trails for hiking/biking/equestrian that can be used to get through OHV area from hot Spring Mountain to Prison Hill and over to 5th Street should be constructed; there should be non-motorized access from Camp Carson to Prison Hill; the Committee
CC	Carson River	1996	CRMP (p. 69)	[Recommended uses by management area] Federal Properties: BLM	BIA-Washoe Tribe Allotments: signs and barriers to stop OHV use along the river and adjacent hillside should be placed; partnership with the Washoe Tribe to restore the area to natural conditions, to the extent possible, should be developed; an inventory and evaluation for National Register eligibility and interpretive potential should be conducted; interpretive area should be established.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Vision Statement	"Every home a trail head": This idealized image conveys the intent that most major destinations in the City (schools, shopping, work, parks, and open space areas) will be accessible from all neighborhoods via safe, enjoyable routes, minimizing vehicular conflicts, that allow the user to enjoy the natural setting of Carson City.

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CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	1. Create a continuous transportation system that provides nonautomobile mobility and access to important destinations such as employment centers, schools, government and public institutional centers, commercial and parks and open space recreational areas.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	2. Provide a continuous system of recreational pathways that allow the users, in a variety of non-automobile modes, to enjoy the city's physical and natural setting.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	3. Make sure the pathways are safe and attractive so as to encourage utilization.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	4. Implement the pathway system in as cost-effective manner as possible, including the use of multi-use and/or shared paths wherever possible, and take advantage of opportunities such as utility and open space corridors.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	5. Working with the Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors' Bureau, expand Carson City's image as a city conducive to travel by non-automobile means, with a pathway system that adds to the City's quality of life for residents as well as for guests.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	6. Assure responsible, courteous and safe usage by all users of the pathway system.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	7. Develop pathways in a manner that preserves the natural environment and visual backdrop of the city while providing for pathway amenities (i.e., benches, shade structures, informational kiosks) for the comfort and enjoyment of pathway users.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.3)	Goals	8. Provide a continuous transportation system which emphasizes east/west and north/south connectivity.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	1. Complete the "missing links" to ensure a continuous network of pathways that are free of gaps and barriers. Target: depending on funding, annually increase the pathway system by at least one mile, with an overall goal of substantially completing the system within 15 years.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	2. Assure a seamless integration and connectivity between the City's transportation and recreation pathway systems.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	3. Assure that appropriate pathways are incorporated in new residential, commercial, industrialized and employment development. Fully integrate the consideration of pathway needs into the community and neighborhood planning, and the development review processes as well as the design, and operation of transportation projects and programs.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	4. Accommodate bicyclists safely on roadways by providing on-street bicycle lanes on collector and minor arterial roadways, where physically possible.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	5. Eliminate barriers and hazards to pathway travel by sensitive location and design of roads, bridges and under/overpasses, street intersections, railroad crossings, and traffic control devices that are part of the trail system.

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CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	6. Assure that road and highway projects do not preclude pathway access between neighborhoods and open space, recreation areas, parks and trails.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	7. Incorporate pathways in the planning and development of parks and other recreational/open space areas, utility corridors, and other linear corridors.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	8. Where designated in the UPMP, incorporate trails, sidewalks and bicycle lanes as a standard part of future roadway projects.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	9. Maintain hard surface pathways for both safety and enjoyment, including a smooth, continuous pavement surface as well as being clear of snow and debris. Develop snow removal management plan for basic network of pathway system.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	10. Encourage bicycle use by providing secure, attractive and convenient bicycle parking facilities in commercial/business districts and other public areas to encourage (e.g., at offices, shopping areas, multifamily residences, public institutions, parks, etc.).
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	11. Increase public usage of the pathways system.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	12. Educate pathway users with respect to safety, etiquette, and courtesy. Where pathways are on, adjacent to, or intersect with roadways, educate both motorists and path users with respect to compliance with traffic laws and courtesy.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.4)	Objectives	13. Be consistent in the enforcement of pathway regulations as well as traffic laws—to enhance the safety of pathway users as well as motor vehicle operators.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-8)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components; 10.8.1 Public Safety Improvements] A. Signage	River information signs: These signs include "you are here" maps with information regarding the river, access, safety, private and public land locations along the river. They may also have information regarding natural, historical and/or cultural re-sources. These signs would be placed at all river access points; Guideposts: Small signs to mark points of interest; Direction signs: On-street signs to direct people to river access areas; River access signs: Identify river access points and parking areas; Staff Gauge: A staff gauge could be affixed to the bridge abutment at Deer Run Road that indicates the river flow level; Dam and river safety signage: - Hazards ahead. Advanced skills required- Low Head Dam ahead- Submerged hazards above and below dams- L Strong unpredictable currents above or below the dam- S Dangerous reverse currents below dams

Agency	State Agency	Year	Planning Document	Document Section	Plan Element (vision, goal, objective, priority, etc.)
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-8)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components; 10.8.1 Public Safety Improvements] B. Instream hazard reduction	Strainer removal: Strainers periodically obstruct the main flow of the channel in both river sections and should be cut and removed; Rock diversion alteration: The private diversion dam downstream of Carson River Road should either be altered to allow safer passage by canoes or signed to warn boat-ers of the hazard; Coordinated river cleanup: There are car bodies and other large appliances dumped along the edge of the river through Carson River Canyon.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-8)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components; 10.8.1 Public Safety Improvements] C. Public outreach for river safety education	River Safety Education: River safety education should be ex-panded through classes for kids and adults in a river setting; River Map Publication and Distribution: The river map with the river safety information will assist recreationists in under-standing river hazards; River Guidebook Publication: A river guidebook would be a companion to the river map with detailed physical, historical and cultural information; Public Service announcements and news articles: Public service announcements and news articles can help with public awareness especially during high flows in the spring. Information should include the following key messages:
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-9)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components] 10.8.2 River Access Improvements	All formal river access areas need the following: – Trashcans: Trash cans reduce the amount of litter along the river. – Restrooms: Restrooms are essential in maintaining sanitary conditions at high use areas such as put-in and take-out locations. – Defined parking areas: Defined parking and river access will minimize vegetation trampling.– Sign-in Register: A sign-in register at the put-in location will help with river safety and serve as a measure tool to asses the number of river users.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-9)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components] 10.8.2 River Access Improvements	Improvements to the Morgan Mill road river access point: The Morgan Mill Road river access point is difficult to see from the river and difficult to use because the river current is very swift near shore. This river ac-cess area can be improved through vegetation management and rock placement to create a larger eddy along the shore.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-9)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components] 10.8.3. Natural resource management improvements	Weed invasions present a major concern for the Carson River function and values for native species, species diversity, recreation, and water availability. Russian olive is an invasive species that takes over where willow would naturally occur along the river. The City should coordinate with the Nevada Division of Forestry and private landowners in developing a weed management program for the Aquatic Trail corridor.

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CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p. 10-9)	[Aquatic Trail; 10.8 Proposed Aquatic Trail Components] 10.8.4. Regional coordination and partnership improvements.	Private, public, and local coordination is needed to improve public safety and river hazard awareness; Coordination with Lyon County is necessary to ensure a safe, reliable take-out area for the Carson River Canyon Class III run at the Santa Maria Ranch; Regional coordination is needed to provide a minimum of one area to stop and rest within the scenic Carson River Canyon. This area could be within Carson City or Lyon County.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-1)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	1. Completion of the V&T trail north to the Carson-Tahoe Hospital with continuation to Lakeview Drive. This trail segment will provide an almost continuous north/south trail on the west side of the Eagle Valley.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-1)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	2. Connecting a trail from the Moffat Property Open Space north to the Carson River. This segment will provide a significant north/south trail on the east side of the Eagle Valley from Silver Saddle Ranch to the Empire Ranch Golf Course.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-1)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	3. Develop an east/west connection from the Carson River, to the Downtown, and Kings Canyon. A recommended east-west connection follows the route of E. 5 th Street from Carson Street to its eastern terminus at Marsh Road. The Carson River Road and the Mexican Ditch Trail provide access to the Carson River and Deer Run Road on the east side of the Carson River. Bike lanes already exist on E. 5th Street from Nevada Street to Saliman Road. Bike lanes are proposed from Saliman Road to its eastern terminus at Marsh Road. Generally, sidewalks exist from Carson Street to Saliman Road and from Carson River Road to Marsh Road, but do not exist between Saliman Road and Carson River Road. E. 5th Street/King Street/Kings Canyon Road: Kings Canyon Road from Ormsby Boulevard to the west end is designated as a bike route, but not signed currently. King Street from Ormsby Boulevard to Nevada Street has existing bicycle lanes. Nevada Street from King Street to 5th Street is a designated bicycle route, but not signed currently. E. 5th Street from Nevada Street to Saliman Road has existing bicycle lanes and sidewalk.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-1)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	4. Access to the north and east side of the Carson River can also be developed along the Deer Run Road alignment to Williams Street (US 50). A multi-use path generally exists along Williams Street (US 50) from Deer Run Road to Roop Street, except for the section from Saliman Road to Lompa Lane. A proposed trail along Washington Street will provide access to the Downtown area. Generally, sidewalks exist along Roop Street.

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CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-2)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	5. Extend the Linear Park Path from Governors Field west to US 395 (Carson Street) and north to the new capital complex.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-2)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	6. In the future, develop a multi-use path adjacent to along the south portion of the Carson City Freeway. With the existing multi-use path along the northern portion of the Freeway, this segment will provide a critical north/south connection through the center of the Eagle Valley.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-2)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] First tier connectivity projects	7. In the future, develop a crossing of Carson City Freeway, near Valley View Drive and Center Street, for non-automobile use. The Freeway will block a number of traditional routes to recreation and open space areas from the neighborhoods of south Carson City. These projects will maintain historic access corresponding to the routes of the California and Overland Trail and the Pony Express Trail.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-2)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] Second tier connectivity projects	Linkages to WNCC can be provided by the development of pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities on access routes to the campus. These pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities are in place on some of the access routes. Bicycle lanes exist on College Parkway from Lompa Lane to the campus. Generally, there are sidewalks on College Parkway from Lompa Lane to the campus. On the western side of the campus there is a shared-use path from the intersection of Ash Canyon Road and Longview Way south of the campus to the intersection of Murphy Drive and Van Patten Avenue north of the campus. A link between this shared-use path and the campus needs to be developed. Other access routes to WNCC are as follows [see document for details]
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-2)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 1: Increasing Pathway Connectivity— Completing the Missing Links] Second tier connectivity projects	Linkages to Carson City High School and Mills Park will be discussed together. The linkages can be provided by the development of pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities on access routes to the campus. These pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities are in place on some of the access routes. Generally, the area around both locations have sidewalks, except for Williams Street (US 50) from Saliman Road to Lompa Lane due to Carson City Freeway construction and E. 5th Street from Saliman Road to Carson River Road. Access to Carson City High School and Mills Park are detailed as follows [see document for details]

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CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-3)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 2: Access to Carson River for Greater Range of Users] First tier Carson River projects	1. Development of a trail system along the northern reach of the river, in conjunction with the V&T Railroad Reconstruction Project (V&TRR). This area is currently designated as a 'study area', but the alignment should be determined reasonably soon in order to take advantage of funding opportunities associated with the V&TRR project.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-3)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 2: Access to Carson River for Greater Range of Users] First tier Carson River projects	2. Where appropriate and practical, provide a concrete or other allweather surface pathway along portions of the Carson River Trail that is accessible from Riverview park (via a loop trail) to provide access for user groups of all ability levels. (It should be noted that per the Carson River Master Plan it is intended that the Carson River have a trail on only one side in order to protect riparian habitat areas from public access.)
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-3)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 2: Access to Carson River for Greater Range of Users] Second tier Carson River projects	1. Non-motorized bridge crossing from the Empire Ranch Trail (near the southern end of the Empire Ranch Golf Course) to the Ambrose/Carson River Natural Area.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-4)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 3: Commuter Bikeways] First tier commuter link projects	Carson Street bikeways/sidewalks generally from north of Arrowhead Drive southerly to Old Clear Creek Road. Currently, bikeways or multi-use paths exist along Carson Street in this segment.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-4)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 3: Commuter Bikeways] First tier commuter link projects	Curry Street/Mountain Streets bikeways/sidewalks from E. 5 th generally to US 50. Sidewalks only exist in the Downtown area about 7th Street to 10th Street (There is construction in progress between E. 5th Street to 7th Street). A bike route exists (not signed) from 10 th Street to Lake Glen Drive.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-4)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 3: Commuter Bikeways] First tier commuter link projects	Koontz Lane bikeways/sidewalks from Curry Street to Edmonds Drive. Koontz Lane has bikeways from Curry Street to Silver Sage Drive and has proposed bikeways from Silver Sage Drive to Edmonds Drive. Sidewalks exist from Curry Street to Center Drive only.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-4)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 3: Commuter Bikeways] Second tier commuter link projects	Tier 2 projects that provide additional commuter links are shown in Appendix 13.4. Information provided in the table includes, a north to south or east to west orientation, functional classification (arterial or collector), end points, and existing and proposed bicycle facilities from the UPMP.
CC	Carson City	2007	UPMP (p.11-4)	[Implementation priorities; Priority 4: Carson City Loop Trail] First tier loop trail projects	The Tier 1 project for this priority would be the inner loop trail around Carson City. The inner loop trail will consist of on-road and off-road facilities and would be considered a transportation element. Further analysis of the inner loop will be conducted once the specific route has been determined.

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CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 7-5)	Policy 8.1.2	The City will not make land use decisions that are in conflict with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. When potential conflicts arise, prior to the proposed action, the City will either modify the proposed action or amend the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, or both.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-4)	Implementation strategy 6.2.4-3	Include the basic amenities listed in Section 6.2.2 above in Neighborhood parks, including natural parks. Include these amenities even in small parks and trail heads that can serve as Neighborhood parks.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-15)	Implementation strategy 6.6.4-1	Acquire additional land along Carson River or in other areas of the City that are of natural significance in order to create future natural parks.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-15)	Implementation strategy 6.6.4-2	Seek joint use easements for natural parks and trail systems within existing and proposed drainage, utility, and freeway corridors.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-15)	Implementation strategy 6.6.4-3	As the number of natural parks within Carson City increases, the City will need to create management plans for these areas. The Parks and Recreation Department may wish to coordinate with the Open Space program for analysis and management of natural park areas.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-15)	Implementation strategy 6.6.4-4	Coordinate with the Open Space program for the use of lands as natural parks.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-15)	Implementation strategy 6.6.4-5	Develop drainage basins for additional natural parks.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-22)	Implementation strategy 6.9.5-7	Pursue sharing of an outdoor amphitheater, and its cost, with other potential partners (WNCC, BLM, corporate sponsors, private donors). [NOTE: Silver Saddle Ranch is mentioned as a potential site]
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-26)	Implementation strategy 6.12.3-2	Work with BLM to allow increased recreational use at the Silver Saddle Ranch that is compatible with preserving its natural and ranch character. With BLM's assistance, jointly develop a management plan and Capital Improvement Project program.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 6-28)	Implementation strategy 6.13.1-2	Develop a system to monitor and predict maintenance needs for existing and new parks, grounds, and buildings. Ensure that budgeting for all new facilities includes adequate provisions for maintenance.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p.7-3)	Tier I priority (among other items)	Trails—the highest ranked improvement, by far, identified in the Public Opinion Survey. Trails will provide the greatest cost/benefit ratio of any recreation improvement.
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p.7-4)	Tier II priority (among other items)	Identify and pursue park sites that may be acquired through the Federal Lands bill
CC	Carson City	2006	CCPRMP (p. 8-2)	Policy 8.6.1	The City is committed to provide access to some portions of all City parks to people with disabilities and will work diligently to provide at least one facility with significant amenities that are handicap-accessible.

APPENDIX C:

Self-Guided Tour Brochure

8 Along the road you have the privately-held Jarard property on your left and Silver Saddle Ranch on the right. Turn into Carson River Park just before Loyds Bridge. Stop #8.

9 Leave Carson River Park, turn right (East) and cross over the Carson River. Take the first right (Southerly) at the top of the rise. Along Sierra Vista Lane you get a view of the Carson River. From the road you can access the river from the eastern portion of Silver Saddle Ranch. On the left is the Pinetuck Range; there is a gravel parking area for access to OHV and Equestrian recreation activities on the left side of the road (approximately 1 mile from the intersection). Stop #9.

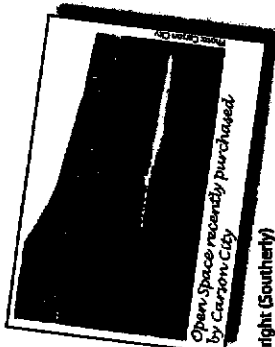
10 Return to the intersection of Sierra Vista and Carson River Road and turn right (North) on Pinion Hills Drive. The first left (North) is Deer Run Road. Take the fifth right (East) at Laurel Road followed by the first left (North) at Deer Run Road. Following Deer Run Road you can get a view of Prison Hill to the southwest, and recently acquired open space, the privately-owned Jarard property, and Riverview Park on the opposite side of the Carson River. A pull out is available on the left side of the road just beyond the end of the housing area.

11 Take a left onto a dirt access road into the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area. From the parking area you can see the Empire Ranch Trail across the Carson River along the edge of the golf course. Stop #10.

12 Follow the dirt access road out. Turn left (North) onto Deer Run Road. Follow across the Carson River; take a left (Westerly) on Morgan Mill Road. Follow Morgan Mill Road westerly. The Morgan Mill Access Area will be on the left (approximately 2/10 mile from the intersection), turn into the dirt access loop. Stop #11.

A little more to the west (approximately another 2/10 mile) is the Empire Ranch trailhead on the left side of the road; at the edge of the Empire Ranch Golf Course. A dirt pullout is located on the right side of the road. Stop #12.

All stops conclude here. You can follow the trip in reverse order to get a different view of the area, or return to Deer Run Road and turn left (North-Westerly) to head back into Carson City and Reno.



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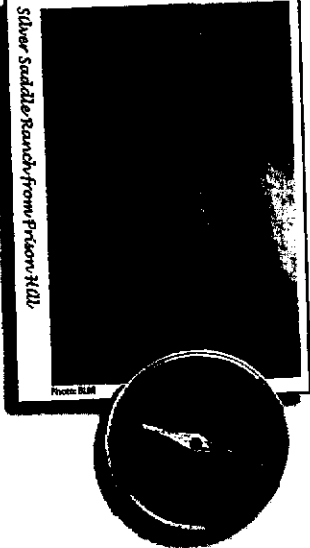
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CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION:
SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER
A Community Design Charter

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

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TOUR DIRECTIONS

Everyone is encouraged to spend some time outdoors and get to know the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area. While on your tour, identify issues you think will be important in planning for the future of this area. We will want to hear those observations and ideas, so please bring them to the public meetings or e-mail them to the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch at info@fossr.org. Grab a camera, binoculars, some water and good walking shoes to visit the sites up close or just enjoy the views from your vehicle. Most of all, have fun!

The following is a suggested self-guided tour route which will take you to a variety of locations that will provide a good overview of the area. For ease of identifying the starting location, the tour begins from the Raley's Supermarket parking lot at the intersection of S. Carson Street and Koontz Lane. Please note that each number corresponds to the included map.

- 1 Exit the parking lot (turn right; East) on Koontz Lane heading toward Prison Hill. Cross South Edmonds Lane, pavement ends, continue East on dirt access road, turn left to head up to the Prison Hill trailhead. Stop #1.
- 2 Return to South Edmonds Lane; turn left (South). Turn left (East) onto Snyder Avenue. Follow Snyder until it ends. Turn right (South) on Golden Eagle Lane; follow to the Prison Hill OHV access on left; side of road. (approximately 1 mile from intersection, there are no signs designating the area). Stop #2. From the intersection of Golden Eagle; all the area on your left is part of the Prison Hill OHV area.
- 3 Return on Golden Eagle Lane. Continue North on Gentry Lane at the intersection of Golden Eagle / Snyder / Gentry. On your right; you can view Prison Hill along its urban interface. At the intersection of Gentry Lane and Clearview Drive is another Prison Hill trailhead access. Stop #3.
- 4 Continue West on Clearview Drive. Turn right (North) on South Edmonds Lane. Follow South Edmonds through a couple of large curves. More views of Prison Hill and its urban interface. At the end, turn right (Northeasterly) onto Fairview Drive. Take Fairview to the roundabout; turn right (East) on to East 5th Street. Follow East 5th Street to the parking lot at Riverview Park. Stop #4.
- 5 Head west on East 5th Street. Just beyond Riparian Way on either side of the street are trailheads for the Mexican Ditch trail. Stop #5.
- 6 Continue heading west. Turn left (South) onto Carson River Road. Along this stretch to the left you can catch glimpses of recently acquired open space and the privately-owned Jarard property. At the entrance of Silver Saddle Ranch you will have the best view of these properties. Stop #6.
- 7 Enter Silver Saddle Ranch and follow the dirt access road to the parking area. Stop #7. The buildings in this area combined are considered to be of historical significance. It is one of the last remaining intact small ranches in the Eagle Valley. Follow the one-way access road back to the entrance. Turn right (East) onto Carson River Road.

We want to hear what you think!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE...

Now that you've had a chance to see the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area, we want to hear your ideas. The following is an outline of workshops where the public will be invited to participate.

Public Workshop 1: April 24, 2008. 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Carson City Senior Citizens Center

This time will be spent orienting the community to the charrette process while getting input to a long-term vision for the area.

Public Workshop 2: May 4, 2008. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Carson City Senior Citizens Center

A description of a long-term vision for Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River area based on input from the first public workshop will be presented for feedback.

3-Day Charrette: May 29-31, 2008
Empire Ranch Golf Course (May 29)

Carson City Senior Citizens Center (May 30-31)

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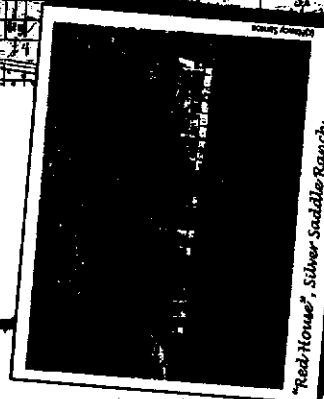
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SELF-GUIDED TOUR ROUTE



Map prepared by Michael Way, FOSSR



"Red House", Silver Saddle Ranch

APPENDIX D:

Informational Brochures

A COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR DEFINING A FUTURE

The Opportunity

At the eastern edge of Carson City lies a unique series of open spaces, linked by the Carson River. The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch will be leading a public process to define a community-wide vision for the area.

Through a series of public workshops and an intensive 3-day "charrette," this vision will be defined and ideas for implementing it will be explored.

What is a charrette?

A charrette is an intensive brainstorming session where volunteer participants sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions and present to the community for feedback. Charrettes bring together subject experts and community members to develop ideas on how to improve natural and/or cultural resources and recreation opportunities.

For the purposes of this charrette, several public forums leading up to it will be held to gather ideas and input on a vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area.

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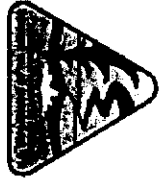
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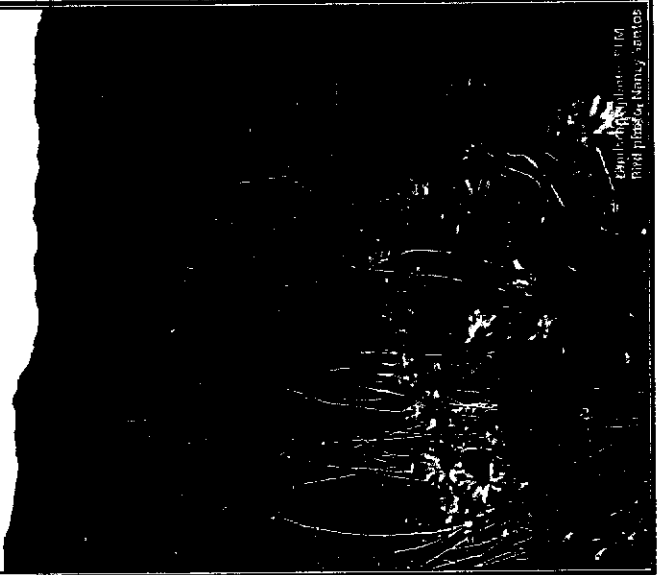
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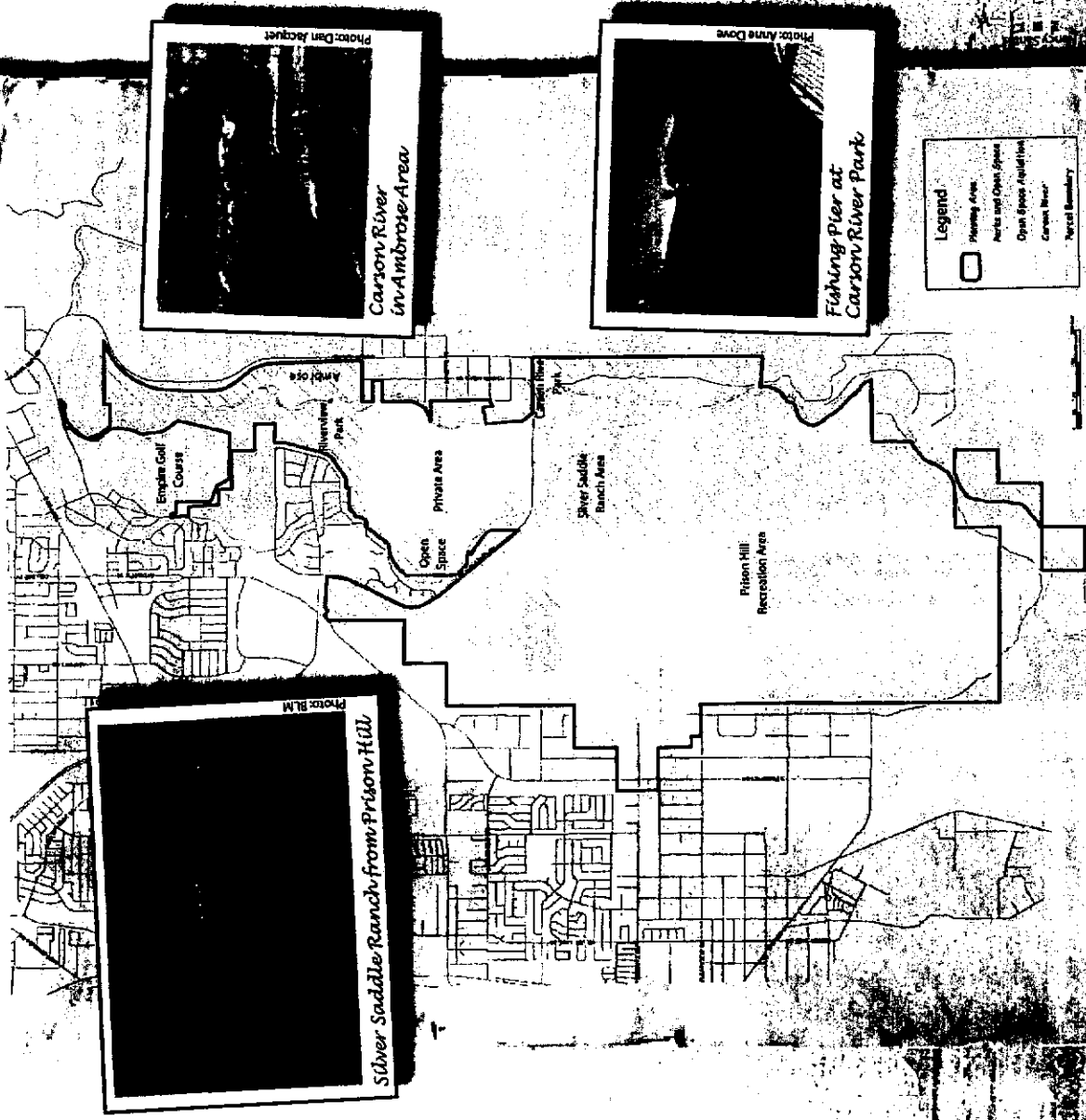
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PLANNING AREA
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Public Workshop 2: May 8, 2008. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Carson City Senior Citizens Center

A description of a long-term vision for the area based on input from the first public workshop will be presented for feedback. Additional input on specific ideas for the site will also be gathered.

3-Day Charrette: May 29-31, 2008 Empire Ranch Golf Course (May 29) & Carson City Senior Citizens Center (May 30-31)

While the number of participants able to participate throughout the full 3-day period will be limited, there will be several opportunities for the general public to interact with the charrette process.

The charrette will begin May 29, 6 p.m. at Empire Ranch Golf Course with a kick-off that will include an overview of the charrette process, and an introduction to subject experts who will be participating. This will be the last chance to provide input before the hard work begins.

Friday, the charrette participants will visit the site and explore ways in which the community's vision can be implemented. The public will be invited to visit on a drop-in basis Friday afternoon to see all of the activity and offer suggestions. The final day will spent wrapping up the work, culminating in a public presentation at 2 p.m. to share the outcomes of the charrette. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and identify their favorite ideas.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive updates, please send your name and e-mail or mailing address to (Info@fossr.org). Alternatively, this information can be mailed to:

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A Community Design Charrette

CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER

The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR) was incorporated in July, 2001 and is a Carson City based, non-profit, community organization located in Carson City. FOSSR is dedicated to the preservation of the ranch and its cultural, historical and natural resources as both open space and a working ranch.



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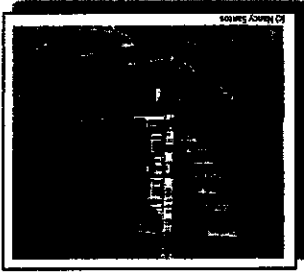
The "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" community design charrette is being undertaken by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch through partnership with the following organizations:



A COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR DEFINING A FUTURE

The Opportunity

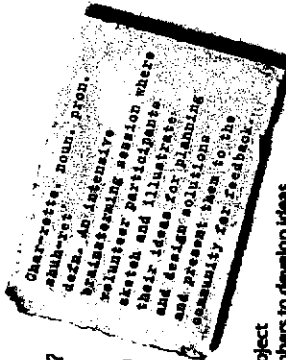
At the eastern edge of Carson City lies a unique series of open spaces, linked by the Carson River. Over time, many areas along the river have been purchased and set aside for open space, conservation and recreation for the community and visitors alike. From the southern edge of Carson City north toward Morgan Mill Road is a network of open spaces including Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill Recreation Area and other sites recently acquired by Carson City. The result is a unique opportunity to envision the future for this contiguous series of open spaces within one context.



The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, in partnership with Carson City, the Bureau of Land Management and with support from the National Park Service will be conducting a public process to define a community-wide vision for the area. Through a series of public workshops and an intensive 3-day "charrette," this vision will be defined and ideas for implementing it will be explored. The charrette is being called: "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River".

What is a charrette?

A charrette is an intensive brainstorming session where volunteer participants sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions and present to the community for feedback.



Charrettes bring together subject

experts and community members to develop ideas on how to improve natural and/or cultural resources and recreation opportunities. The output are maps and designs that offer solutions to issues such as preservation, access and use, interpretation, and development. For the purposes of this charrette, several public forums leading up to it will be held to gather ideas and input on a vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area. This vision will then be used to guide the charrette participants' work as they explore planning and design ideas for making that vision a reality.

CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER A Community Design Charrette

The term "charrette" in French, for example, is from the early 20th century, the name for the portable drafting table that architects would use to work at the "charrette" table. It would be used to complete the design of a building or other project in a short period of time, often in a public space, such as a street, market, or other public area.

- Charrette Desired Outcomes**
- Define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area
 - Develop an integrated management plan
 - Foster partnerships
 - Build support and capacity for community-based stewardship
 - Develop a vision for how to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long term
 - Identify sustainable management practices, including financial and implementation strategies
- Potential Products**
- Map summarizing planning and design recommendations
 - Conceptual land use plan identifying potential uses
 - Conceptual trail network map
 - Design ideas for a visitor center for Silver Saddle Ranch
 - Funding strategies
 - Guidelines for a unified signage system
 - Water management strategies
 - Policies for use (i.e. trail uses, special events, etc.)
 - Recreation and education recommendations



PLANNING AREA
SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER

APPENDIX E:

4/24/08 Public Workshop Summary

CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION
SILVER SADDLE RANCH & THE CARSON RIVER AREA
A Community Design Charrette

Summary: Public Workshop #1

April 24, 2008

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Carson City Senior Citizens Center

Workshop participants were asked to divide into six small groups and discuss the following questions:

- What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?
- How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?
- What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?
- What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

Input was recorded by each group (*Attachment A: Small Group Discussion Notes*). At the end, each group was asked to share a summary of their group's ideas. Once each group reported back to the room, participants were asked to reflect on the input from that portion of the workshop. First, participants were asked to identify common themes where there was general agreement. The group identified the following:

- Keep it natural, undeveloped
- Less is more—limit development/improvements
- Educational opportunities
- Trail access

Participants were then asked to identify where there were key differences of opinion or potential areas of conflict, and the group noted the following:

- Levels of development
- Mix of uses
- Motorized vs. non-motorized
- Impacts of use to property owners (i.e. recreation and landowner interface areas)
- Noise and habitat impacts
- Water activity access points

The following is an unedited, direct transcription of the group notes that were taken during this session.

Group A

What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?

- Awesome-undisturbed, easy to reach, undeveloped/limited development
- Level 4 birdwatching—increasing to Level 5
- Only river in Carson City (unique)
- Historic landscape
- Historic cultural resources
- Contiguous
- Viewshed high
- Maintain undeveloped floodplain
- Education/outdoor classroom
- Rafting friendly (safety, portage around Mexican Dam)
- Horse activities
- Trails-trailhead/paths designated

How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?

- Quiet, small activities (individual/small group)
- Protect natural resources/wildlife corridor/river
- Environmental education-watershed
- Release area for community
- Undisturbed
- Quality of life—access to river, wildlife habitat
- Unique-appreciate passive recreation
- Contains city water resources
- Watershed function: basis of (Carson River, drainages, floodplains)
- Economic positive
- Escape from developed area (quick access)

What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?

- Designated wildlife protection areas and riparian protection area
- Signage—river dangers, environmental education, environmental safety (snakes)
- No large events
- No commercial activities
- Noise/air quality concerns (ATV/VT)
- No new land disturbance (ex. Parking)

What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

- SSR—keep closed in evening
- Nothing new-status quo
- Master plan—environmental protection

- School programs-PA
- Interpretative river rafting trips (historic, bioengineering on river, etc.)
- No commercial activities
- Wildlife, natural vegetation
- Working ranch
- Environmental center to support one classroom
- No OHV extension use
- Horses on east side of river

Group B

What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?

- Concerns about OHV (enforcement for existing)
- Asking areas near residential not have OHV
- Better/safer trails in south near Mexican Dam
- Prohibition of any motorized vehicle in river during low period
- Hunting/trapping/trail conflicts

How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?

- Area too much to deal with:
 - Ranch: Strongly don't want organized events (no rendezvous, rodeo, cars, etc.)
 - Want it to stay as is

What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?

- Where do you allow OHV
- Environmentally sensitive development (trails, etc.)
- Dumping of junk in area
- Designate trails for individual users—i.e. bikes, horses, foot trail along river
- If trail across Empire Ranch, old barbed wire
- Concerns about look of new pump station
- Allowing dogs in all areas

What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

- Continue people oriented-walking, health, smaller events
- Healthy function system
- Mixed use/management habitat important
- Access for horses (especially after freeway)
- Tahoe—separate and marked trails as example
- Successful, sustainable agricultural operation

Group C

What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?

- Too much of Nevada "eaten up"
- Like the views—don't want destroyed
- What's the "Say No" perspective?
- Ownership stay public, how do we pay for development of parks/facilities?
- Keep Silver Saddle Ranch as open diverse open area

How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?

- Well integrated while keeping as wild as possible with good river access
- Develop so that seniors accessible/free
- Share the river with groups alienated from nature (youth education, rehabilitation)
- Appreciate accessibility for all, handicap too
- Balance development to respect wildlife with recreation
 - Keep it wild and undeveloped with wild horses and coyotes
- Improve hiking signage with mileage information
- Natural re with variety: hiking, flat areas, canoe, strenuous hills...
- Diversity of habitat
- Nature centers contiguous to urban areas and field trips
- Great Carson City field trip potential
- Attractive for visitors/quality of life
- One of four rivers, we must protect it
- Keep area natural and healthy
- Weed free
- Area for passive recreation
- Monitor for uses—OHV, parties, etc. via neighborhood watch.
- It takes all users to maintain. Focus on education for users.

What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?

- Maintenance
- On-site supervision/ranger
- Gate after dark
- Maintain dirt roads
- Restricted access
- Increase partners=improved funding opportunities
- Endowment to help protect in perpetuity
- Protection as a nature area in perpetuity

What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

- Low impact river use with inner tubes, canoes, hang-out
- Some trails with wheelchair access
- Modest nature center near SSR buildings
- River rehabilitation (willows, cottonwoods, etc.)
- FEYA on American River—on County Land nice example
- White Pine County cross country area

- Fund a marketing plan for community education
- Cultivate community by sharing the special values of Silver Saddle Ranch
- Re-engage neighbors—beautiful flyer
- Broaden advertisement scope/radio
- Involve kids at school/Rotary, Kiwanis
- Example: Rogue River, Grants Pass, OR

Group D

What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?

- Fabulous—why we live there
- Open spaces—why we use it
- Scenic
- Open country but near town
- Hidden, protected
- Ability to conduct equestrian business
- Concerned about lack of access—knowing what is private and what is public...what is public? High water mark vs. private? where can you access the river? Need clarification.
- Wildlife and variety of uses/creation
- Large and diverse enough areas for many uses/different forms of recreation

How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?

- Close to City for people to go to
- It's own world. We want to keep it the way it is.
- Concern-developed regional park concept—amphitheater, etc.
- Good example is Bartley Ranch (hybrid)
- Spreading uses out will be beneficial (Riverview Park is having a lot of use, especially in mornings and after work hours)
- Agree with Carson River Park Plan—not overbuild it
- Important to keep irrigation at Silver Saddle Ranch

What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?

- Connecting trail/loop trails. Some single tracks
- Keep OHV access at south Prison Hill area. But need better clarification/signage
- Can utility bridge be covered with rubber matting [for equestrian use]
- Silver Saddle Ranch---want long term irrigation arrangements

What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

Group E

What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?

- Area of open space/recreation "in town"—options of flat/hilly, all ages
- Asset to community with access
- Important environmental area—e.g. floodplain

- Wildlife generator, "green" areas
- Dark sky (star watching)
- Could be development pressure
- Concern with safety—e.g. drug use, homeless
- Fire protect—concern on maintenance funding

How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?

- Psychological "safety valve"
- Positive asset—image, pride
- Potential economic asset (quality of life)
- Educational asset
- History: ranches, Washoe history, river

What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?

- Segregate some uses: e.g. motorized/nonmotorized
- Define limits between use better
- More defined trails and variety
- Preservation and interpretation of historic resources
- Interpretive center
- Natural environment
- Keep trails natural (but accessible)
- Maintain agricultural and riparian lands

What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

- Outreach to educational institutes of resource
- River trails—Colorado and Idaho examples e.g. Crested Butte
- Wildlife observation platforms
- Camping events, limited—e.g. Boy Scouts
- Bring V&T down river corridor—Wagon Road from V&T terminal to Silver Saddle Ranch
- Mange motorized Prison Hill area better; opportunity for education use, beginners—define trails, area better
- Improve mountain bike trails (both sides of Prison Hill)
- River Trails plan implementation
- Improve fishing
- Edmonds Drive side: keep non motorized access:
 - Control access better; e.g. signs
 - More parking (lower for better access)
- Trails to meet demand
- Protect nesting areas

Group F

What are your impressions of the "Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" area?

- Happy with current management, lack of development
- Need more bicycle facilities including commuter
- Good open space connections
- Concerns: use of effluent, light pollution
- Good equestrian facilities
- Potential to expand project to Douglas County line
- Potential for economic and tourist
- Not enough horse trailer at Silver Saddle Ranch
- Safety is a concern

How do you see this area relating to the rest of Carson City (physically, how it functions for the community, how it relates to the broader environment, etc.)?

- Natural resource, especially river
 - Include sustainable river system
 - Recreational opportunities
- Trails

What are some important things that should be considered for planning and design of this area (i.e. issues, concerns, opportunities) and why?

- Limited improvements
- Not every use on every area
- Future thoughts to replace Brunswick Canyon bridge
- First impressions and reasons for protection
- Potential user conflicts

What would you like to see there in the future? Are there any ideas or projects you have seen successfully implemented in other locations that you feel would work here? Please give details and tell why they would work here.

- Moab, UT-recreational examples
- Reno—Bartley Ranch (to some extent)
- Wildlife, including habitat
- American River Park (Sacramento), paved river trail in Boise
- Carson Valley Trails Association—proposal for west side of valley
- Opportunities for hunting?

Comment cards

The following comments were provided on comment cards during the meeting:

	Comment received
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I see a great need to set up a permanent funding source for maintenance 2. This should be a fine source for developing community involvement and pride. 3. Need a very stringent legal set-aside so the area can't ever be developed.
2	<p>One agency (i.e. Carson City) should not own all this land. Carson City should only acquire the private land. However, the Federal land should stay Federal. Have all the land with Carson City would cause too much of burden on the tax payer of Carson City.</p>
3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possible hunting should be considered (maybe even during limited days/weeks/months) goose/duck/archery hunting, blinds, dove hunting 2. Mountain bike trail should connect from Silver Saddle Ranch to Mexican Dam and safely through the OHV area on the south side of Prison Hill (so trail would be on river's Westside) 3. OHV parking s/b considered at the east end of Sedge Street and minimal use of BLM hillside north of Sedge St. to the Deer Run Rd. bridge S/B/ a management priority (to maintain "wild" view from river)
4	<p>Consider using the area between Edmonds, E. Fifth and Carson River Road at the north end of Prison Hill as a "test" area for OHVs (since that is what it is being used for now).</p>
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need non-motorized access for as many neighborhoods as possible—non motorized crossing for south Carson. 2. Safety for residents needs priority. 3. Need resource specific trail planning 4. Have concerns about application of effluent to fields—toxins in forage 5. Want dark skies—no night time lighting 6. How bout better looking well houses 7. People enjoy seeing peacocks next to Carson River Rd.
6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wild horses help with fire fuel control 2. Trailer parking needs to be accommodated at Silver Saddle Ranch and Ambrose 3. Don't like idea for V&T—too noisy, wagon trail okay
7	<p>We need a larger buffer between where ATVs and motorized vehicles can go and where residents live esp. on south side of Prison Hill. ATVs go onto private land and are very fast down Eagle Lane all the time.</p>
8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horses allowed only on east side of river—with appropriate pull outs. Access to BLM lands (not in [<i>not legible</i>] recreation area) 2. Keep ranch undisturbed 3. Organized activities/commercial activities forbidden 4. No commercial activities 5. Keep horses in area which do not conflict with hikers or "undisturbed" areas and riparian protection 6. Only small groups/individual use—no large groups 7. Need intensive management and enforcement

9 Carson Disc Golf Course: Carson River Park

- Low impact on environment
- Trash container every 6 holes (6,12,18-concessions)
- Low maintenance
- Fee/rebate
- Parking needed for fire access
- Wood frame tee boxes/rubber mats
- Worldwide association with more than 10,000 courses
- Website in place
- Zeypher Cove closest
- Concessions—disc, soda, minimum wage \$ no increase
- Volunteer committee
- 7000' length/10 acres—work to build all year round/or close Jan-March if muddy
- All ages
- Wildlife enthusiasts-viewing
- Tourism/winter enthusiasts
- State-up/hole sponsorship in beginning form local businesses
- Installation of course, low impact
- Low start up fee under \$15,000—course only. Low damage if river floods
- Mexican Dam south—64 acres parcel parking could tie in with other access points

All Groups' Comments Combined for Each Question

For each question, all groups' input was consolidated and then sorted into themes to facilitate development of a vision statement and draft goals.

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Character

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- Level 4 birdwatching—increasing to Level 5
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- Only river in Carson City (unique)
- Maintain undeveloped floodplain
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- Rafting friendly (safety, portage around Mexican Dam)

Historic/cultural resources

- Historic landscape
- Historic cultural resources

Visual/scenic quality

- Viewshed high
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- Dark sky (star watching)

Education/interpretation

- Education/outdoor classroom

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Economic impacts

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- Protect natural resources/wildlife corridor/river
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Quality of Life/social, psychological benefits

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Funding/partnerships

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Education/interpretation

- Preservation and interpretation of historic resources
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Working ranch/agricultural uses

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V&T

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Specific Examples of Parks/Natural Areas/Trails

- American River Park (Sacramento), paved river trail in Boise
- Moab, UT-recreational examples
- Reno—Bartley Ranch (to some extent)
- River trails—Colorado and Idaho examples e.g. Crested Butte

- Example: Rogue River, Grants Pass, OR
- Tahoe—separate and marked trails as example
- FEYA on American River—on County Land nice example
- White Pine County cross country area
- Good example is Bartley Ranch (hybrid)

Comment cards

- Consider using the area between Edmonds, E. Fifth and Carson River Road at the north end of Prison Hill as a “test” area for OHVs (since that is what it is being used for now).
- Need non-motorized access for as many neighborhoods as possible—non motorized crossing for south Carson.
- Safety for residents needs priority.
- Need resource specific trail planning
- Have concerns about application of effluent to fields—toxins in forage
- Want dark skies—no night time lighting
- How bout better looking well houses
- People enjoy seeing peacocks next to Carson River Rd.
- Wild horses help with fire fuel control
- Trailer parking needs to be accommodated at Silver Saddle Ranch and Ambrose
- Don't like idea for V&T—too noisy, wagon trail okay
- One agency (i.e. Carson City) should not own all this land. Carson City should only acquire the private land. However, the Federal land should stay Federal. Have all the land with Carson City would cause too much of burden on the tax payer of Carson City.
- I see a great need to set up a permanent funding source for maintenance
- This should be a fine source for developing community involvement and pride.
- Need a very stringent legal set-aside so the area can't ever be developed. Horses allowed only on east side of river—with appropriate pull outs. Access to BLM lands (not in [not legible] recreation area)
- Keep ranch undisturbed
- Organized activities/commercial activities forbidden
- No commercial activities
- Keep horses in area which do not conflict with hikers or “undisturbed” areas and riparian protection
- Only small groups/individual use—no large groups
- Need intensive management and enforcement
- We need a larger buffer between where ATVs and motorized vehicles can go and where residents live esp. on south side of Prison Hill. ATVs go onto private land and are very fast down Eagle Lane all the time.
- Possible hunting should be considered (maybe even during limited days/weeks/months) goose/duck/archery hunting, blinds, dove hunting
- Mountain bike trail should connect from Silver Saddle Ranch to Mexican Dam and safely through the OHV area on the south side of Prison Hill (so trail would be on river's Westside)
- OHV parking s/b considered at the east end of Sedge Street and minimal use of BLM hillside north of Sedge St. to the Deer Run Rd. bridge S/B/ a management priority (to maintain “wild” view from river)

Common themes discussion

Following presentations of the breakout groups' work, participants were asked to reflect on the input from that portion of the workshop:

What were some common themes where there seems to be some general agreement?

- Keep it natural, undeveloped
- Less is more
- Educational opportunities
- Trail access

Are there any areas of potential conflict between what folks want to see?

- Levels of development
- Mix of uses
- Motorized vs. non-motorized
- Impacts of use to property owners (i.e. recreation and landowner interface areas)
- Noise impacts—atrium (also habitat impacts)
- Water activity access points
- Evaluate river

APPENDIX F:

5/08/08 Public Workshop Summary

**CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION:
SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER AREA**
A Community Design Charrette

Summary: Public Workshop #2

May 8, 2008

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Carson City Senior Citizens Center

The meeting began with an overview of the first public workshop which took place April 24, 2008. The input received was reviewed and a draft vision statement and goals based on that input was presented for comment. The vision and goals were revised during the meeting based on comments to read:

Vision

The Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area provides close-to-home, natural, open space that contributes to quality of life for residents and visitors. This historic landscape helps to preserve Carson City's rural heritage while providing a variety of passive recreation and trail uses that are balanced with existing agricultural uses and protection of the Carson River ecosystem and its associated values.

Goals

1. Preserve and enhance the area's scenic natural, undeveloped character.
2. Protect and enhance the Carson River ecosystem, including associated upland areas.
3. Provide for a variety of trail uses, passive recreation opportunities and events that are compatible with preserving the character of the area and protecting natural resources.
4. Enhance access to the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area, including Prison Hill.
5. Preserve the area's cultural heritage and resources.
6. Improve on-site educational and interpretive opportunities.
7. Manage the area for improved safety, resource and private property protection.

Following review of vision and goals, workshop participants were asked to divide into six small groups and discuss the following questions:

- Where would you implement the goals and how?
- Are there areas where more intensive uses/limited development could happen? What criteria would be used to determine those areas?
- Identify potential:
 - Land uses
 - Trails/trailheads/access points
 - Specific projects/programs within those areas
 - What types of characteristics you need for your facilities (i.e. what makes a good trailhead/staging location? We will figure out potential suitable locations and provide an opportunity for you to review)

Input was recorded by each group (*Attachment A: Small Group Discussion Notes; Attachment B: Mapped Small Group Discussion Notes*). At the end, each group was asked to share a summary of their group's ideas.

Possible project area names:

During the course of the workshop, several people noted that the name for the project area does not adequately convey that other areas besides Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River are included in the planning area. As such, people were asked to develop alternatives if they had any. Proposals included:

- Greater Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill and Carson River Corridor Area
- Carson River Open Space
- Carson River Park of Carson City
- Pinon Pine Recreation Area
- Eastside Open Space
- Carson River Corridor Public Lands

Attachment A: Small Group Discussion Notes

The following is a summary of the small group discussions that took place during the May 8, 2008 public workshop for the "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River" planning process. Additional notes were provided on maps and are summarized as a separate document.

Group A

Goals:

1. Try to get water rights
-Preserve area's scenery "as is"
2. Plant more trees along river corridor (native, survives well in our environment, creates shade, habitat for wildlife)
3. Allow for primitive campground at north end of project area or on BLM land just outside project area
-Shared use trails as opposed to each activity with separate trails (equestrian, mt bike, hiking)
4. Connected trails with signage to inform of useage/private land
-Trails map published for further information for public
5. Small interpretive center at SSR. "White House" location. Built to reflect historical look of existing buildings

General comments on map (that do not related to a specific site)

- Small unobtrusive interpretive signage for education purposes
- Shared trails for hikers, equestrians, etc. (entire planning area)

Group B

1. Name the entire area "Pinon Pine Rec Area"
2. "Eastside Open Space" (a broad-type name)
3. Enforcement an important goal
4. Rules/regs must be enforceable. Resources to do it. Rangers, law enforcement, volunteers, reserves?
5. Noise pollution an issue with motorized activities
6. Educate public—etiquette, rules, etc.—signage?
7. Citations, penalties for violators--\$\$\$--make it hurt
8. Specific signage important
9. Fire danger an issue (wild horses to manage veg!)
10. License or certify to use ATVs???
11. Foster public ownership!!
12. Good planned trails—connectivity! Well defined!!
13. North end of Prison Hill non motorized
14. Portage at Mexican Dam for canoeing, rafting
15. "Put-in" at south end of Prison Hill
16. No user fees
17. Identify running/track areas
18. Make sure developed trail system is "equestrian friendly"
19. Connectivity from bike paths to trail heads
20. Develop as "working ranch" type environment at SSR
21. Better parking on edges—leave rest natural
22. Sanitation/health issues with lack of restrooms
23. ADA compliance—accessibility important and still keep natural

- 24. Safe freeway crossing for equestrian access important
- 25. Development intensity related to recreational experience

Group C

Idea	Goal it applies to...						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acquire Jarrard property	x	x					
Keep cows away from River and other waters	x	x					
Maintain resource values in irrigated ag areas	x	x					
Maintain access for wild horses to cross river			x		x		
Naturalize area along river when irrigation ceases	x	x					
Maintain west side of Prison Hill as open space (no R&PP)-equestrian bridge over freeway			x	x			
Protect natural character of Prison Hill	x						
Create buffers between OHV area on Prison Hill and private residences							x
Move OHV use east into Pine Nut Mts or Hot Sp. Mts. Create pass through access	x	x	x				
Limit size of Prison Hill OHV area to avoid residents. Focus use on a smaller play area	x	x					x
Consider events that raise funds for management (candy dance)							x
Improve access across Mexican Ditch within SSR. Not safe							x
Develop a trail system that protects the natural setting—"don't love it to death"	x	x		x			
Signs and interpretive features needed				x			
Separate uses (OHV, equestrian, hikers)				x			x
Manage to control noxious weeds (can be toxic to horses)	x	x					x
Area should be kept safe for all family members							

Group D

- Mark boundaries on Prison Hill south side vs. north side (OHV)
- Anderson property—undisturbed/as is or working ranch
- Prison Hill west side-Dog leash restriction. Signage at trail head
- Current use/status quo Prison Hill Westside
- Equestrian use to stay at SSR and other existing riding trails
- Preserve Horse T.H. access pt. PH area. See map for example
- Wildlife corridor habitat enhancement
- Pedestrian/bicycle/horse bridge (2 locations see attached map, comments in blue)
- Horses continue to be permitted in Riverview Park
- OK for appropriate events (size/type) for ranch
- Facility that fits the SSR for the use of ed/historical/cultural resources
- Volunteer coordinator for projects
- Maintain trails (garbage/fences) use of neighbors parking
- Law enforcement (ordinances) increased to protect resources including signage
- Status quo-PH keep/preserve
- No hunting in PH
- No trapping (commercial or recreational)

Group E

- Concern expressed regarding getting over extended—projects that have been pending but have not yet happened
- Focus of planning needs to be wider than “Silver Saddle” and a new project name is needed
- Active recreation vs. passive recreation—river access points focus of active recreation. All other forms such as organized sports (football, etc.) wouldn’t be okay
- Pedestrian, bike and equestrian uses are all compatible—OHV use is not.
- Planning should be a public process at the community level and a long range plan is important
- Complete loop around river
- Define OHV use area

Comment Cards

Card 1:

- Equestrian access to and across river (increase)
- Need better signage for allowed uses (better signage where motorized area boundaries are)
- Preserve equestrian uses in all areas
- Continue to allow OHV recreation on south end of Prison Hill and east side of river
- Adequate parking for equestrian events and Silver Saddle
- Shared use trails—hikers, bikes and equestrian

Card 2

- Ensure irrigation of SS hayfield—use waste water
- Limit river side development; keep it natural; small events;
- Connect the trails N & S ends of Mexican ditch, possible campground at N end.
- Signage indicating trail use—connections, private property
- Agricultural use should be maintained
- Small visitors center at SS—what about sewer/water?
- Fire management plan, weed control
- Ranger or police?
- City can’t afford to protect SSR and Prison Hill

Card 3

- I’m offended by idea of restricting horses to east. Horses should be allowed on both sides E & W
- Try to acquire more H2O rights or reclaimed H2O for irrigation
- Do work days—plant willows, cottonwoods/with schools but not close areas
- Consider campground and disc golf
- Maintain shared trail use for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikes
- Equestrian trails are appropriate and in keeping with historical use and should be encouraged
- Only small and unobtrusive education signs
- Dogs should be allowed

Card 4

- Prison Hill west—should be designated as open space
- South Prison Hill should be kept for offroad vehicle
- Connect the Carson River Corridor throughout include bike path throughout
- Rebuild McTarnahan Bridge to allow mt. bike and pedestrian access to Douglas Co.

Card 5

- Would like to be sure that no structures can be built in the Prison Hill Koontz Lane H2O tank area. Leave that area as is—open space—not paved, no parking lots paved—very rural. No 52,000 sq. ft. nonprofit buildings!!!! Trails OK, South Prison Hill off road OK

Card 6

- Any already partially developed area should have further dev. Controlled
- Increase law enforcement along riparian corridor—currently unsafe shore
- Shared trail use, hike, bike, horse
- Carson River Park site where development has already been started

Card 7

- Want to keep all property open to horse
- Ride to places that have tables and tie rails

Card 8

- Please keep equestrian use wherever it is present at this time
- Organized events are fine if they are compatible with the area: equestrian, etc. No motorized use
- Continue with horse and people (foot) traffic—it is good for horses to meet people along trails
- Realize that horses are "passive" users of the trails and area

Card 9

- This goal (1?) is imperative. No impinging development That includes "parks"
- Do not "enhance" the river as in developing it for activities
- Separate hiking trails from OHV areas enough that hikers don't get OHV noise
- Not more than 4 additional accesses to the area. 2 for ranch, 2 for river
- Interpretive history, ethnicity, signs as part of education and interpretive opportunities
- A well developed center with adequate parking to be provided on the North and near hwy 50
- This needs to be managed within City/County code and regulations

Card 10

- The city should purchase Anderson Ranch ASAP and leave as is. Leave the mustangs alone!

Card 11

- Prison Hill and all access points; sign city ordinance on dog control-leash; voice control.
- Preserve current use on Koontz Ln access point from Edmunds east

Card 12

- Please keep all areas open to horses, hiking and biking. Keep access open on the Westside of Prison Hill

Card 13

- We would very much like to see the equestrian use currently going on preserved, including access points.

Card 14

- "Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area" not inclusive of planning area—need better name
- Whole planning area is not just Silver Saddle Ranch—should be called "Carson River Corridor Public Lands"
- Regarding #4 under goals—"enhance access" can be interpreted as making more roads into the ranch. I would be strongly opposed to that. If the "horse people" are concerned about access to Prison Hill from the west, then that is a city issue (i.e. freeway, roads leading to the Silver Saddle Ranch. I suggest that changing wording to allude to freeway/horse access problems does not belong in the goals
- Some of uses for Silver Saddle Ranch will/should be moved to other areas within the planning area—eg put some uses on Ambrose, Riverview, Jarrard and Anderson ranch lands
- Passive activities should be weighted by sensitivity of habitat eg possibly no mtn bikes or horses or dogs in certain areas near the river
- No bleachers, no pavilion, no events, no increased parking or roads, no horse arena (already taken out two arenas/corrals on the ranch). No events
- Passive activities also (as in #4) should be weighted by speed and distance needs ie humans range is limited (one step is maybe 2.5 feet, a dog will run 3 feet at a step, and OHVs 15 feet in the same time. Slow vs. fast &

long distance uses should be considered

- The broad spectrum of public/gov. input should make this a 30 year plan—not one that can be changed without public process
- Trailheads further developed and maintained for OHV and horses in east side on Carson River

Card 15

- Enforcement is an issue. Need money! Need enforcement personnel—city budget? Rules—e.g., who yields to the other? E.g. horses/pedestrians, hikers with dogs/and with out dogs, bicyclists/hikers/horses/etc.
- A corridor loop coursing entire planning area

Card 16

- Equestrian use through this entire planning area is vital. Education of all users (equestrians included) would be a benefit—how to share the trail. Organized events at the Silver Saddle Ranch would be okay, such as trail trials, but they need to be sensitive to resources. They may also be a means of providing additional money for ranch maintenance. A working ranch with irrigated fields moving the Mexican Ditch trail away from the backyards would be great! And weed control is vital!
- Should be an important element in all future planning. If funding is needed possibly coming up with additional activities that are low impact but could generate funding would be okay—a necessary evil perhaps.
- Riverview Park also needs to remain open to horses.

Card 17

- I am interested in keeping the Prison Hill side (near water tank) wild and natural for hikers and horseback riders/dogs on leash or within voice control

Card 18

- To address goals 1,2 & 4, I'd suggest improving the parking at the Carson River Rd. entrance to SS Ranch then close the ranch (dirt) roads to motor vehicles and make non-vehicle access 24-7
- I agree that it is very difficult to identify private property in bounding areas such as South Prison Hill and east SS Ranch by the river. On specific objective I'd support is better signage to ID private property boundaries.
- Motorized vehicles (OHV by your design team) are not compatible with the goals 1 & 2. I think since some areas are already designated OHV (eg South Prison Hill) we are likely stuck with that. But let's enforce the "no OHV" areas and then efforts to restore the damage they've done to those "no OHV" will be effective. BTW, if we can rid the fragile areas of Prison Hill and SS Ranch of OHV, I'd love to work on the restoration.

Card 19

- Keep root cellar and red house available for group uses
- Enforced non motorized area throughout project area
- A Team—penning practice facility at SSR-0-could be a nice attraction for visitors wanting to see real ranch activity
- Wagon-carriage driving trail opportunities would be nice

Card 20

- There needs to be an active program to deal with invasive plants and animals within the area and particularly along the Carson River. The current riparian corridor is under siege by beavers.

Card 21

- I am most familiar with Riverview Park and Silver Saddle Ranch. I would like these areas to remain pretty much the same. I would be in favor of any recreational uses that:
 - o Do not make horse end
 - o Do not involve use of motorized vehicles

Card 22

- Concerning the Carson City River frontage—this entire area needs to be kept commercial free, park like environment. Some playground equipment type things to be encouraged. The area near the houses in Silver

Saddle Ranch would make a good park. There is no access between Silver Saddle Ranch and the Riverview Park. There needs to be another bridge built across the Mexican Ditch of the land along the river purchased.

- Concerning the Silver Saddle Ranch area and Prison Hill:
 - o Access is very limited—fires could be a disaster. Trails that are designed to be useable for everyone will help hand crews etc. to fight fires and maintenance.
 - o Access needs to be designed to prevent erosion and those type of problems. The present roads are eroding the area and area an eye sore. A designed progression of trail building so that volunteers can be encouraged/organized to complete the task. The process would not cost a great deal of money. There is probably already the needed expertise already working for Carson City.

Card 23

- Don't micromanage it
- Don't discriminate against equestrian usage
- Loop trails should be developed—different lengths
- Loop trail at Silver Saddle from river, Mexican Ditch, add bridge across irrigation ditches and up ridge back to ranch house
- No further development in Riverview, Ambrose and north past Empire golf trail. Already too densely used.
- "Swim park" picnic area on east side of river across from Silver Saddle

Card 24

- Put in a disc golf course where trees (shade) is available at least in some of the area. Make sure the area is located in such a place where it is not encroaching on other multiple use areas, i.e. equestrian, mountain biking, bird watching, etc. Some suggestions are near the Ambrose area closer to the Empire Ranch Golf Course, North Deer Run Road, somewhere near the BLM building.

APPENDIX G:

Charrette Teams

**CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION:
SILVER SADDLE RANCH & THE CARSON RIVER**
A Community Design Charrette

Charrette Teams
May 29-31, 2008

Overview

To provide context for the charrette teams' work, the following is an outline of the desired outcomes and potential products for the charrette.

Charrette Desired Outcomes

- Define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area
- Develop an integrated management plan
- Foster partnerships
- Build support and capacity for community-based stewardship
- Develop a vision for how to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long term
- Identify sustainable management practices, including financial and implementation strategies

Potential Products

- Map summarizing planning and design recommendations
- Conceptual land use plan identifying potential uses
- Conceptual trail network map
- Design ideas for a visitor center for Silver Saddle Ranch
- Funding strategies
- Guidelines for a unified signage system
- Water management strategies
- Policies for use (i.e. trail uses, special events, etc.)
- Recreation and education recommendations

Framework

Based on the input received from the community through two public workshops and additional comments provided through correspondence to the planning team, the following vision and goals for the planning area were developed to guide the development of ideas and recommendations through the charrette.

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Team Structure

Given the range of sites, issues and opportunities throughout the planning area, charrette participants will be formed into three teams, each with a separate focus area. While each team will focus on a different area of emphasis, participants will be encouraged to check-in with each other and seek counsel/advice from other teams to feed into their work. There will be formal check-in times when all the teams will reconvene to facilitate coordination and integration of ideas. This also encourages synergy between groups.

Natural Resources Team

This group will focus on the Carson River ecosystem and natural resource issues. The recommendations will form the baseline for managing the whole area and will help provide parameters for how to integrate the other uses of the area (i.e. recreation, use areas, etc.). Additional issues to consider could include:

- Strategies to sustain the Carson River
- Water resource management (including water rights, effluent spreading, irrigation, etc.)
- Vegetation management
- Agricultural uses
- Invasive species
- Disturbance (i.e. flooding, fire, etc.)

Trails & Passive Recreation Team

This group would focus on a trail network (including water/aquatic trails) and additional passive recreation that would tie the whole planning area together. Specific issues to consider could include:

- Trail connectivity
- Public access points and staging areas
- Public/ private land interface
- Trail and passive recreation management and policy
- OHV use
- Education/ interpretation/ signage
- Recommendations for specific use areas

Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team

Anticipating that these sites will likely be focal points for the planning area, this team will focus on exploring:

- How Silver Saddle Ranch would function as a hub for passive recreation, education and interpretation in the context of the site as an historic ranch
- Options for developing a nature center.
- Prison Hill uses, particularly the west and south side where recreation/trail uses interface with residences
- Management/policy considerations
- How to connect these areas into the broader planning area

Charrette Team Assignments

<i>Natural Resources Team</i>	<i>Trails & Passive Recreation Team</i>	<i>Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team</i>
<p>Genie Azad Carson River Coalition</p> <p>Margie Evans UNR Cooperative Extension</p> <p>Chris Freeman State Conservation Commission</p> <p>Jim Gaither The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Dan Greytak Carson River Advisory Committee</p> <p>Ed James Carson Water Subconservancy Dist.</p> <p>Dale Kovach CFA Inc.</p> <p>Duane Petite The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Robin Powell Nevada Important Bird Areas Program</p> <p>Kevin Roukey US Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p>Jim Smolenski Carson City Parks & Recreation Commission</p> <p>Jodi Stephens Office of Governor Gibbons</p> <p><u>Resource/support people</u></p> <p>Dan Jacquet BLM/Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee</p> <p>Nancy Santos Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch</p>	<p>Larry Gorell Lumos Engineering</p> <p>Micah Langdon Design Workshop</p> <p>John McLain Resource Concepts Inc.</p> <p>Bonnie Parnell State Assembly</p> <p>Ted Petersen Jeff Codega Planning & Design</p> <p>Deb Reardon National Park Service</p> <p>Howard Riedl Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee</p> <p>Coleen Shade Design Workshop</p> <p>Jeremy Vican Carson Valley Trails/Beneficial Designs</p> <p>Sandra Wallin UNR Cooperative Extension</p> <p>John Warpeha Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California</p> <p>Todd Westergard Carson City Parks & Recreation Commission</p> <p>Rich Wontorski Western Equestrian Alliance</p> <p><u>Resource/support people</u></p> <p>Michael Bish Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch</p> <p>Ann Bollinger Carson City-Open Space</p> <p>Arthur Callan BLM</p> <p>Larry French Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch</p> <p>Bryant Smith BLM</p>	<p>Shelly Aldean</p> <p>Valerie Anderson Sierra Club</p> <p>Ron Blakemore Blakemore Landscape Architects</p> <p>Donna Curtis Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission</p> <p>Ken Furlong Carson City Sheriff</p> <p>Peg Henderson National Park Service</p> <p>Lyndy Holton-Larson Design Workshop</p> <p>Mark Kimbrough Carson City Planning Commission</p> <p>Kevin Kirkeby Office of Senator Ensign</p> <p>Tina Nappe Sierra Club</p> <p>Erich Obermayr MACTEC</p> <p>Kathryn Shabi Carson City Parks & Recreation Commission</p> <p>Rich Shock Jeff Codega Planning & Design</p> <p><u>Resource/support people</u></p> <p>Elaine Briggs BLM</p> <p>Juan Guzman Carson City-Open Space</p> <p>Vern Krahn Carson City Parks & Recreation</p> <p>Kathryn Keever Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch</p> <p>Lee Plemel Carson City Planning Division</p>

APPENDIX H:

Field Trip Observations

Friday, May 30, 2008 Fieldtrip Observations Transcription of Notes

Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River Area Community Design Charrette

Following the fieldtrip, charrette participants discussed their observations and impressions as a large group. These observations included:

- More/bigger signs needed
- River sections not known before
- Interpretive signage
- How bad level of mercury [in river]?—bad, don't eat the dirt—advisory on fish consumption. Construction projects—mitigation
- Areas for larger parking, trailers, turnarounds...only at trailheads
- Kiosks would be nice—stand in center and see where trails area. North Silver Saddle ends—involved high school and elementary students and educate to protect
- Will take a lot of money to do—1/2 dozen opportunities to generate revenue
- Emphasis on development—impacts on wildland areas—access impacts; develop reserves for wildland; identify species' needs
- Develop a habitat conservation plan, identify areas first; then develop other areas
- Connect to railroad and museum—trail to take you there
- Magnificent views at key locations to unify sense of whole place
- Set sense of what was here before—vistas good fo; also birding at these sites
- Ties in with tourism planning

Sense of place

- Diversity of use over history
- Tie together history, mining, add information signs, ranching
- Authenticity=working landscape. "Working open space" now two publically owned important for public to be able to see
- How many out buildings will be kept? Jarrard, some have been demolished. Stone building--maybe should be looked at
- City will keep service road; keep cultivated area—how to do? Working landscapes?
- Carrying capacity—look at when planning activities and numbers of people
- Community concerned with possible over use—so carrying capacity important
- Some disrespect for the land. So management will have to look at; education and outreach to users with message of respect for the land, e.g. OHV users...partnerships for stewardship
- Adopt-a-___ program/partnerships
- Kids aren't the ones shooting at signs, etc. Need to establish a sense of ownership
- Issues: special events/sites. Fees, etc. how to do management
- Silver Saddle Ranch: Has program for events and policies in place. Possible revenue. Horsemens' camp/park

- 4-H and youth programs. Can help in this type of thing there and watching out. If given place to meet (can't meet in homes). Has various programs (ATV, resources, riding, etc.)
- Kids in 4-H will be sitting here in 20 years. Teaching them now.

Issues

- Communication
- Beavers
- Safety—need to feel safe alone—relative to other people
- Signage re: white water stages at portage areas
- Connectivity up and down river
- Connectivity of uplands and river=corridors for wildlife
- Neighbors not within view but area concerned (at water tank)
- Junk cars need to be picked up. How to get out? Have had to use helicopters
- Have done clean-up days. National Lands Day, etc.
- Stewardship—all users should wear button, t-shirt to show someone is watching out—a presence—help unit us as a conservator of the ranch
- Probably not getting trash in the first place—had to value property
- Regarding button idea—hasn't worked for one
- Need to partner with law enforcement for fines; need to educate kids
- Re: "ownership"—property owners are very active in watching out; a very few people can have a big negative effect
- Look for unifying theme: stewardship is one. Need to appeal to people membership in community
- Most trails don't meet any specifications; can become maintenance concern
- Possible name of area "Prison Hill" undermines stewardship
- Education on origin of name; just add on to name "Prison Hill-OHV Area"
- Education: corridor important for flooding, opportunity for multi-objective/multi-benefit project

APPENDIX I:

Natural Resources Team Original Notes and Drawings

Natural Resources Team Notes:

Sustainability

- Not necessarily existing condition
- #1 focus/place to start: floodplains/100 year area
- Special flood hazard area
- Not build permanent structures, major capital improvements, exceptions:
 - o Agriculture
 - o Recreational activities/amenities (appropriate)
 - o Grazing (management plan) to determine what is/isn't appropriate
 - o Include BMPs
- Riparian corridor

Wildlife

1. Protection of sensitive species and their habitat including nesting, foraging, denning and migration
 - Regulatory authority: fed/state/local
 - Riparian corridor: no disturbance within ISO buffer from edge of corridor. No development except at designated sites
 - Wildlife movement/migration corridor
2. Management of sensitive species and habitat
 - Avoid/minimize habitat fragmentation (ex. existing trails, proposed trails)
 - Utilize existing interdisciplinary management plan for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area and Carson River Master Plan pending development of new planning area management plan.
 - Invasive/nonnative species, impacts of
3. Develop habitat conservation plan
 - Develop planning area management plan
 - Consider impacts (noise and disturbance) to wildlife
 - Consider activity level (ex. number of participants, time of day/year, frequency)

Vegetation/Wildlife Habitat

1. Protection of desirable (noninvasive, native) species
 - Various successional stages (ex. understory vegetation)
 - Contiguous (unfragmented) vegetation
 - Soils: survey to determine carrying capacity (appropriate activities)
2. Management of invasive/nonnative/noxious plant species
 - ID/monitor/remove weed population, especially disturbed (designated trails, socials, construction) and developed areas
 - Outreach/community education/stewardship
 - Regulatory authority, comply with

3. Revegetation of desirable species (restoration)
 - Cottonwood regeneration—riparian corridor
 - Establish/succession veg stages (ex. understory)
 - Reclamation/revegetation of disturbed sites

Strategies to Sustain the Carson River

- Resource/soils assessment
- Decommission/reclaim trails with grade in excess of X% to manage erosion and water quality
- Follow Carson River Master Plan, including trail setbacks from river
- Comply with Clean Water Act
- Carrying capacity
- Flood resistant design that does not impair river floodplain function

SUSTAIN THE RIVER



VEGETATION



APPENDIX J:

Trails & Passive Recreation Team Original Notes and Drawings

Trails & Passive Recreation Team Notes:

Themes

- History (mining, ranching, Native American)
- Geology
- Biology and ecology
- River corridor and its influence on the project area

Management and Policy

- Adopt existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Pursue mutual agreement with the BLM and Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Use volunteers
- Start a trails association
- Signs should be low maintenance; difficult to destroy, easy to change elements (i.e. panels, mileage markers) later
- Most difficult topic to address!
- BLM has low staff resources
- Adopt a trail/resource/area/etc.
- Cheap labor available at the prison
- Sponsors, running clubs
- Review from a business perspective
- Custom-designed signs, built by prisoners. Sell nationally, produce locally.
- Designate the area officially as open space, not as a park.
- Neighbors have "deep pockets", may be able to make contributions
- Ask people to include donations to the Ranch in their wills
- What is the "big idea"? Carson River and Carson City, "A Living River: Lifeblood of the Community".
- Concept based on river as the common thread:
- Living dynamic system
- Interface man/environment
- Focus: education and environmental interaction
- Yesterday: prehistory, Native American occupation, settlement including mining, V&T, ranching, etc.
- Today: Urbanism, education, mechanized recreation, non-motorized recreation, return to environmental concern for environmental participation/interaction
- Tomorrow: sustainable design, green building prototypes, solar/electric transportation system onsite, living laboratory, prototype demonstrations of solar/wind/water harvesting/other scientific/reclaimed water. Enhanced educational opportunities for outreach and tourism
- Needs: Sustaining the "Big Idea":
- Administrator or manager: workshop elements as advisory committee
- Marketing plan draft: packaging, grant writing, funding including local education leaders
- Storyline: who, what where, why-yesterday, today, tomorrow
- Program scope
- Natural resource management
- Partnership/grants
- Purpose description in lands bill

Trail Connectivity

- Identify connections to new areas
- Reexamine master plan
- Connect across new pieces as acquired (i.e. along river)
- Buy the Girard property on the west side of the river!
- Public education would unify users. What do people expect for each segment of the trail? Disperse uses and direct people to appropriate locations to recreate.
- Connect trails to nearby counties
- Signage – use various types. Unify the area, tell people what is not allowed, and include interpretive signs.
- Connect to Prison Hill from the west after the freeway is constructed.
- Non-motorized connections from town to the planning area is important; don't depend on people driving.
- Reduce the number of trails
- Conduct a new inventory (if needed, determine data needs)
- Use natural resource data, avoid these areas
- Hells Bells – identify a trail to get closer to the river
- Loop trail
- Access by adjacent homes
- Platforms with views, tell stories at each viewing area
- Prison Hill – trail from water tank to the Carson River
- Trail surrounding all of Carson City
- Potential river crossings needed at the south

Access Points and Trailheads

- Add an access point to the river at the south
- Determine size and amenities for trailheads
- Consider financing options – how will they be built?
- Parking for trailers – identify a location (graded and appropriate sizes). Identify 1-2 sites for parking. Link signage, etc. at parking areas to overall theme.
- Determine surface materials – DG, asphalt, or what?
- The Carson River right-of-way and environmental right-of-way issues may result in a setback zone from the river corridor. Coordinate on these issues.
- What trails do we not need? Evaluate what we want to have decommissioned.

Public-Private Land Interface

- Fencing of private land should be up to the landowner. Agencies should not be responsible for installing fences. Post private land instead. But, there aren't a lot of trespassing problems.
- Standard demarcation (fences) should be maintained by landowners.
- People want to respect private property but don't know where the boundaries exist. Existing signs are too small.
- Educate with signs on both public and private lands.

OHV Use

- Users should stay in the OHV area
- Increase education
- Adopt an OHV area!
- Smart design for this area, no dead ends
- Advocate for permits – fees could be used
- Local ordinance could be written
- Identify good trail alignments, durable and long-lasting
- If trails removed, what do you do? Can these areas be re-vegetated? If so, need to identify funding source.
- Use examples from other communities (east side of Tahoe Rim Trail has addressed similar issues). Learn from other examples, don't reinvent.
- Stop use at discontinued trails
- Define the OHV area by a trail or other feature
- Add signage in the OHV area
- OHV use occurs outside of legal Prison Hill area

Specific Use Areas

- Anderson & Gerard properties – what will the use be? Possible uses: wetlands, integrated passive use, trails, horses and pastures.
- Educate re: reclaim water use and safety issues.
- Is using gray water (reclaimed water) worse than mercury?
- Include disc golf at Morgan Hill and Deer Run area
- Designate safe swimming areas
- Identify a small facility for meetings
- Use "Green" design standards, may lead to grant eligibility (GREEN = GRANTS)
- Include history, cultural information, and trail maps at the interpretive center
- Amphitheater

Passive Recreation – Other Uses

- Existing passive recreation: hiking, dog walking, horseback riding, biking, geo-caching, fishing, rock climbing, birding, rafting, canoeing, kayaking, stargazing, picnicking, hanging out, meditating, beer drinking, par course, environmental education programs, cultural heritage programs
- Existing motorized recreation: motorcycles, quads/ATV, jeeps
- Community garden
- 10k marathons
- Disc golf – brings tournaments, money and people to the area
- Rock climbing
- Determine the number of people that will use each activity/amenity; base amenities developed on levels of use
- Geocaching
- Dog park
- RV park
- Senior Center outings ("going back in time" for seniors)

- Boy and girl scouts – bird box building events/outings
- Training facility to Sheriff's office
- Birding
- 4H, public groups, elder hostel, weddings
- White water rafting
- Mexican Dam – keep it open for water
- Define passive recreation for the area, what does this mean?

Educational and Interpretive Signage

- What educational programs currently exist (i.e. Carson Middle School)?
- Divide the area into subsections, determine history, wildlife and interpretation for each
- Sign types:
 - 1) Regulatory
 - 2) Interpretive
 - 3) Maps
 - 4) Directional
 - 5) Mileage markers
- Get others involved in sign design (i.e. kids, NV history classes, school groups). In Virginia City, signs were created by high school students.
- Make the signs long-lasting
- Create a parallel website

Signage

Types

1. Informational Signs
2. Interpretive Signs
3. Combination informational and interpretive signs

What do we need to communicate?

- Directional signs - entire system
- Allowed used

Signs need a unified theme – design theme and conceptual theme

Conceptual theme can change

Thematic example: "A Canyon in Time"

Ideas for themes:

- River is a key element, it is the reason that everything in our area is there.

Recommendation: Develop an overarching theme for signs.

Spanish Spring canyon used "A Canyon in Time".

Theme

- Ranches – Silver Saddle
 - Geological features
 - History of Prison Hill
 - Ambrose – wildlife
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- River, Silver Saddle and Prison Hill.
 - Describe human and natural history.
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- Signs need to be tied to something physical.

Signs have a unified look.

Background photos may be different; like the agenda.

Transparency within overall look repeated over and over.

Use silhouette photos.

Use something subtle in the background.

Informational

"Overall" signs at beginning of the trails.

Include these at all of the entry points.

Official access points – at trailheads, river access points, and all entry points

Concept – hit people right away when they enter the area

- Provide a picture of the entire trails system
- Locate where you area on the system
- Welcome, you are here
- Allowed uses

Separate system for specific trail information

Creates an expectation of what to look for

People know what to look for; use the same signs used in other parts of Carson City

Installed in 45 minutes, costs \$25, easy to replace

Use all recycled materials (TREX), more expensive but reduce O&M costs later

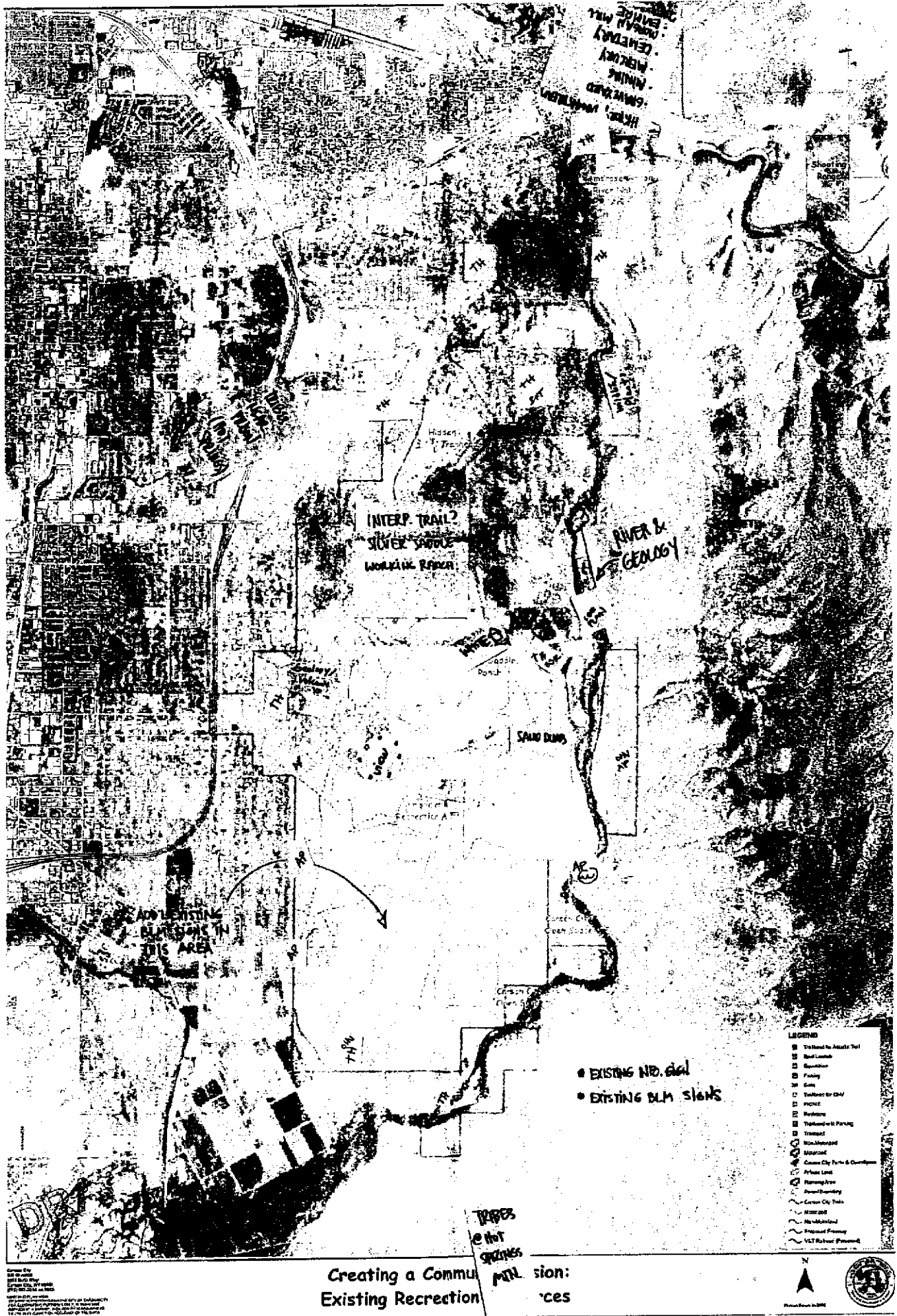
Trail Access Signs at intersections of the trails

** Develop trail names and loops, be able to develop where you are and where (visitor safety)

Need to close down many of these trails.

Dynamic river corridor, keep paved infrastructure away from this area. Allow the river to migrate somewhat.

Keep signs out of the 150' setback (this number from Carson River master plan, which is 20 years old!).



APPENDIX K:

Financial & Marketing Concepts

Financial and Marketing Concepts (developed by Ron Blakemore)

Goal:

Make the program sustainable on its own by the fifth year of operation

Areas of Financial Concern

1. Administration
2. Marketing
3. User services
4. Capital improvement program
5. Operation and maintenance
6. Planning and design standards and guidelines

Potential Source of Funding

1. Administration: day-to-day operations required to develop public programs, manage the program, maintain the Master Plan and fulfill the mission.
 - a. BLM/CC
 - b. SSRP Enterprise Fund (Silver Saddle Recreation Enterprise)
 - c. Shared resources and costs among govern agencies
 - d. Lease revenue
 - e. Bicycle registration revenue
 - f. SSRP Foundation (501c3 not-for-profit)
2. Marketing: capitalize on financial opportunities by identifying opportunities to create and sell the products and services produces by the program.
 - a. Private sector sources
 - b. Grants-in-aid
 - c. Private not-for-profit foundation
 - d. Product marketing and licensing program
 - e. Standards and design criteria
3. User Services: a full range of programs intended to foster public support and give back value to all segments of the community served.
 - a. SSRP Foundation
 - b. Pilot program grants
 - c. Volunteer efforts through a Stewardship Program
 - d. Cooperative agency contributions
 - e. Cooperative interagency projects
 - f. Cooperative Transportation projects
4. Capital Improvement Program: combination of facility drive and conservation/preservation driven facilities
 - a. Grant funding sources (conservation, preservation, historic, transportation, sustainable resource, design/energy, etc.)
 - b. Stewardship program
 - c. Corporate donor program
 - d. Public/private ventures (PPVs)

5. Operation and maintenance: necessary for the care of facilities and protection of the resources, user safety and security, upkeep and repair, and incentives to attract public participation.
 - a. Grants-in-aid
 - b. Endowment program
 - c. Stewardship program
 - d. Agencies cooperative of Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

6. Planning and design standards and guidelines: resolve inconsistencies among regional systems/adjacent jurisdictions, develop seamless transitions
 - a. Grants-in-aid
 - b. Corporate sponsorship
 - c. Agencies cooperative or Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Sample Funding/Support Sources

1. Federal and State Programs such as ISTEA, Federal land exchange programs, National Recreation Trails Fund, RPPA, transit related grants (DOT), watershed and flood prevention programs, economic development programs, historic preservation funds, endowment for the arts programs, SCS, agricultural extension programs, CDBG, environmental quality programs, state bikeway programs, regional transportation programs, habitat conservation programs, vanity license plate program, Correction Services programs (youth and adults), permits, fees and tax funds, National Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy program, Rails to Trails Conservancy.

2. Other sources:
 - a. Local business like bike shops, equestrian centers, food and beverage concessions, equipment sales, equipment sales and repair services, shuttle services, bike lockers.
 - b. Exchange sources such as staging space for area safety patrol, archeological display/office space for onsite work, green demonstration improvements for working display, etc.
 - c. Enhanced fee based services might include audio/visual program as an educational tool, photo album resources, first-class animal overnight services for horses (cows, sheep or ?)
 - d. Intellectual services and product licensing
 - e. Property leasing revenue (or service exchange)

APPENDIX L:

Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team Original Notes and Drawings

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 access 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/house
- 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 staging 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)
- Maintain 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 parties access to calendar—knowledge of what is going on. Master calendar—all areas website access.
- If need bigger or better location could consider Jarrard/Andersen?
- How connect to adjacent public land—some say don't connect, don't want a trail—need 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***
 - o Arena
 - o Trail trails—fields
 - o Sandpit for stargazing
 - o 4-H
 - o Car club
 - o Trail construction
 - o Birding
 - o Cattle (minimal)
 - o Scout troops
 - o Archaeology
 - o Cultural uses
 - o Restoration
 - o Nature center
- What should be there?
 - o Interpretive center, e.g. Western Folklife Center (Elko), saddles, branding, previous ranch history, 4-H
 - o Small event center (indoor/outdoor)—up to 60 people (small scale, e.g. Bartley Ranch)
- Themes
 - o Historic ranching
 - o River as path of history
- Equestrian/special events
 - o Share event area
 - o 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:
 - o North: pedestrian/equestrian
 - o South: motorized
 - o East: pedestrian/equestrian
 - o 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

