

Shady Rest Motorized Staging Area Planning

Meeting 2 - February 17, 2011



Planning project funded through a grant provided by the California State Parks OHV Division.



- Competitive Grant Process
- Green Sticker Revenues & Gas Tax Revenues
- Inyo has been recipient of several grants in recent years
- Funding for OSV grooming is a “contract” with State
- “Planning” Grant – Funding for development has not yet been applied for. Application will likely be submitted in Spring, 2012.

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Purpose and Need

- Ongoing issues with motorized staging in the Shady Rest Area, summer and winter
- Clear need for purpose-built facility that provides a high quality jumping off point to the greater motorized experiences available on Inyo National Forest
- Portal to the existing high quality groomed trail system and developing high quality road and trail system
- Improve the quality of service to the public and increase availability of education and safety information

Planning Objectives

1. Solicit input that will help inform the development of a proposed action that will include siting and design of a motorized staging area.
2. Identify current motorized and non-motorized interests.
3. Review recreation-related decisions and proposals associated with the ORMAT/Mammoth Pacific geothermal energy development.

Recap:

- 1st Meeting held last Thursday, February 10th
- Meeting 1 was focused on “interests and considerations” that will help inform the siting and design process of a motorized staging area.
- Since meeting 1, Forest Service has received three e-mails and two phone calls regarding the planning project. None of the correspondence generated interests or considerations different than those already identified in meeting #1.

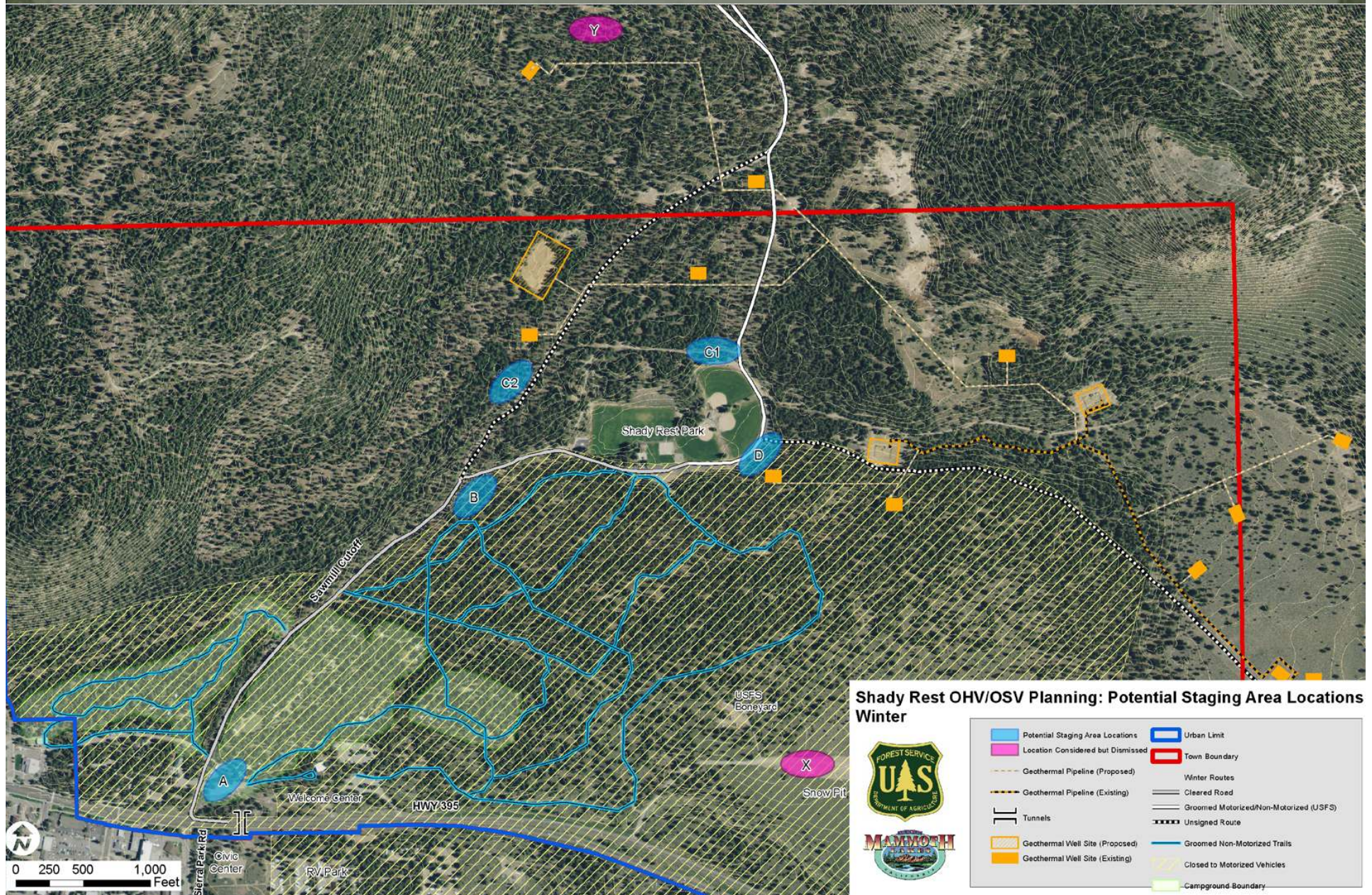
Process:

- USFS and TOML staff reviewed *interests and considerations* and discussed additional *design elements* that were identified internally (e.g., aspect).
- Refer to handout for list of interests, considerations, and design elements
- Design “element” = must include
- Design/siting “consideration” = included if necessary, may be dependent on other variables
- 6 potential staging area sites were identified

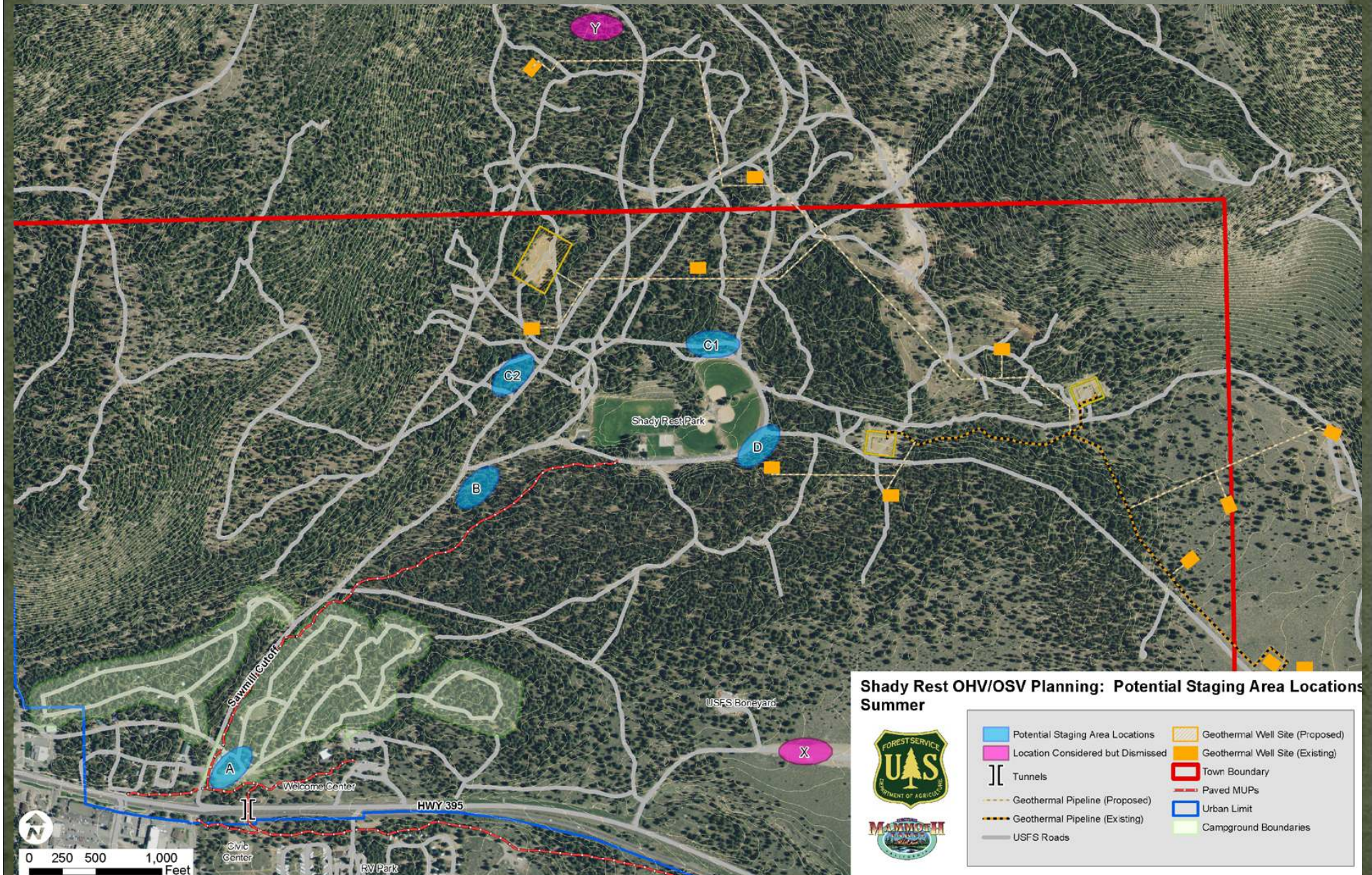
Meeting #2 Goals:

- Validate interests and considerations generated from meeting #1, e-mails, and phone calls.
- Presentation of Potential Sites
- Identification of opportunities and constraints associated with each potential site.

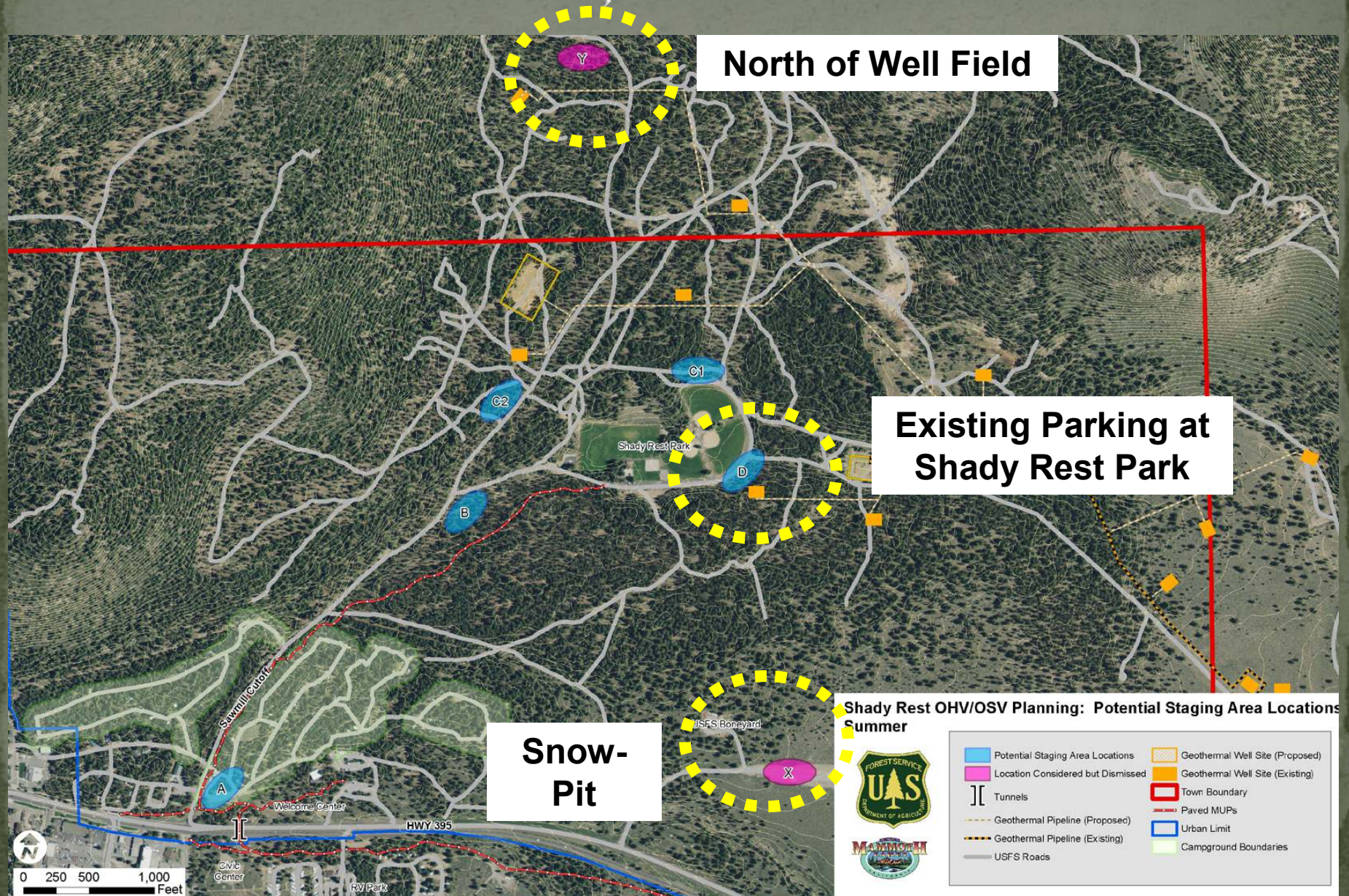
All Sites Considered – Winter Background



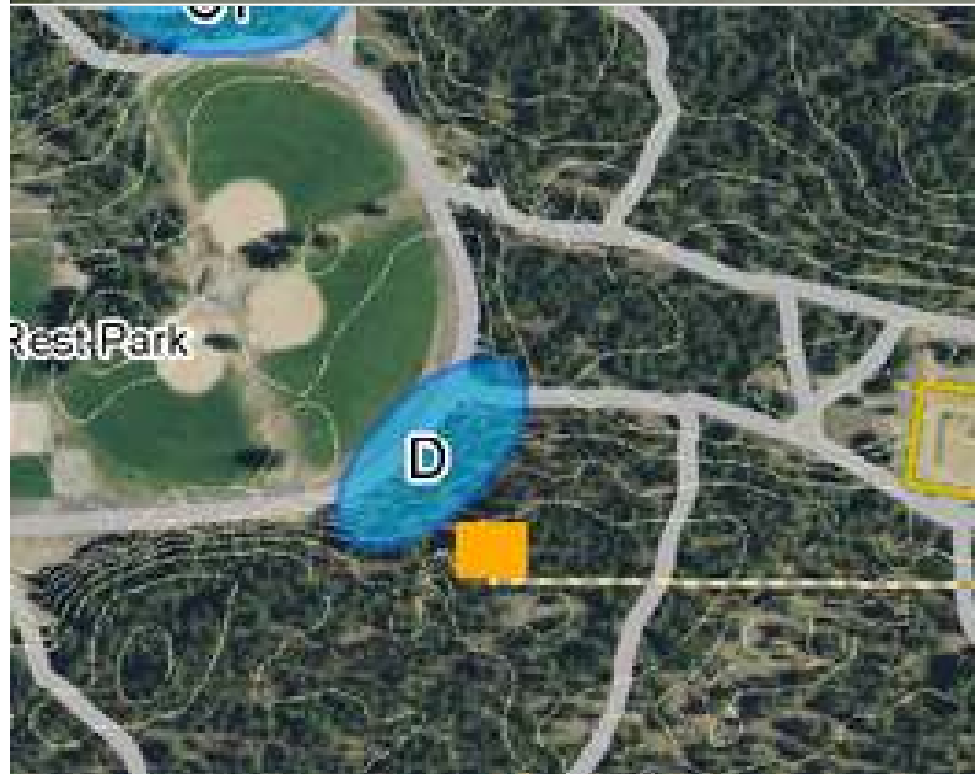
All Sites Considered – Summer Background



Sites considered, but not in detail



Opportunities & Constraints, example



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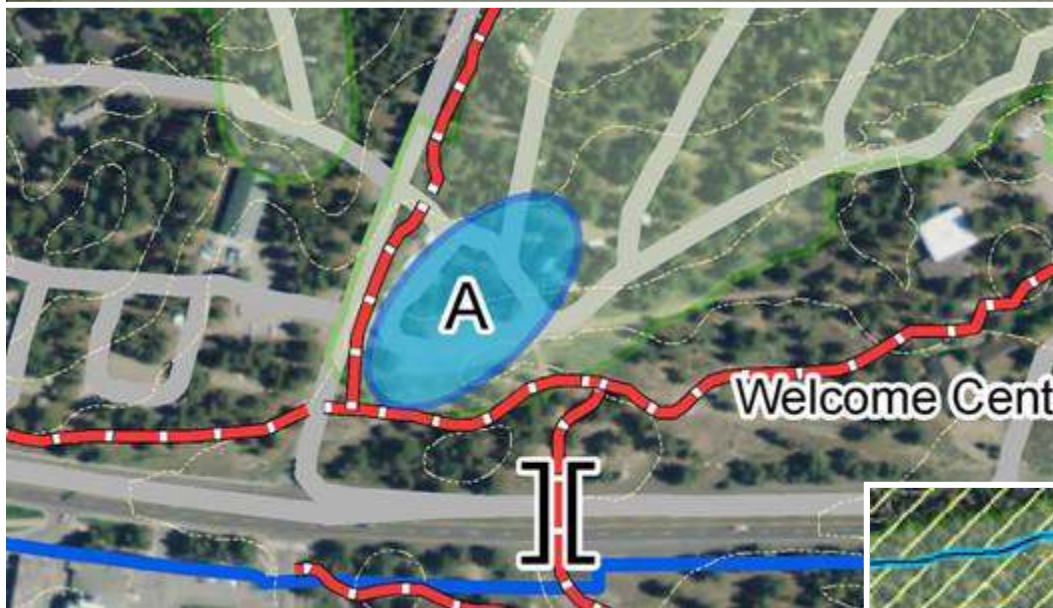
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| Geothermal Pipeline (Proposed) | Paved MUPs |
| Geothermal Pipeline (Existing) | Urban Limit |
| USFS Roads | Campground Boundaries |

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Winter

Site A – New Shady (pre-2010 staging)



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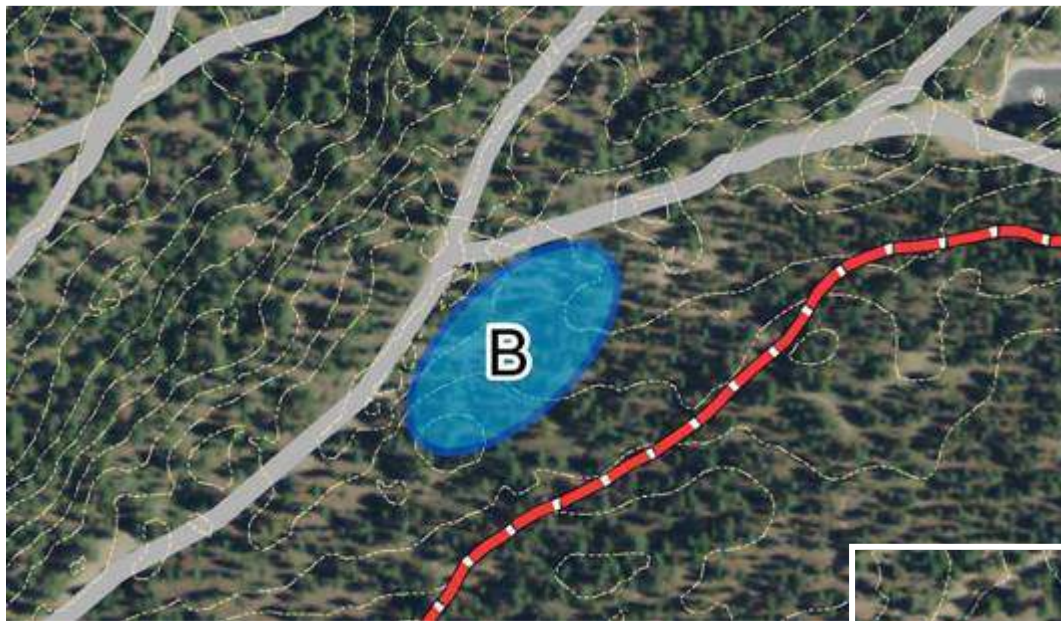
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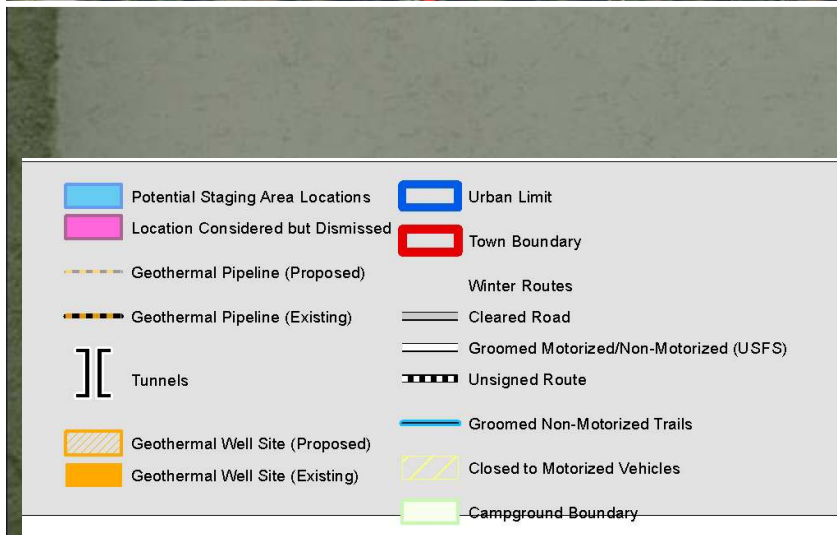
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Site B –Shady Rest Park Junction



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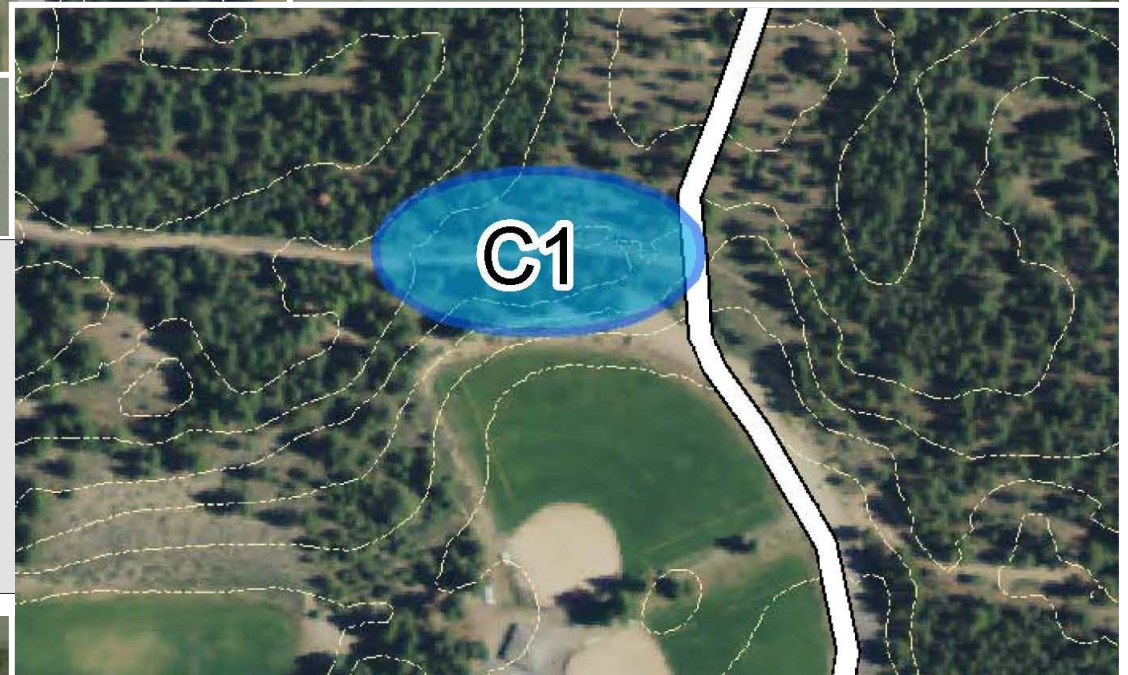
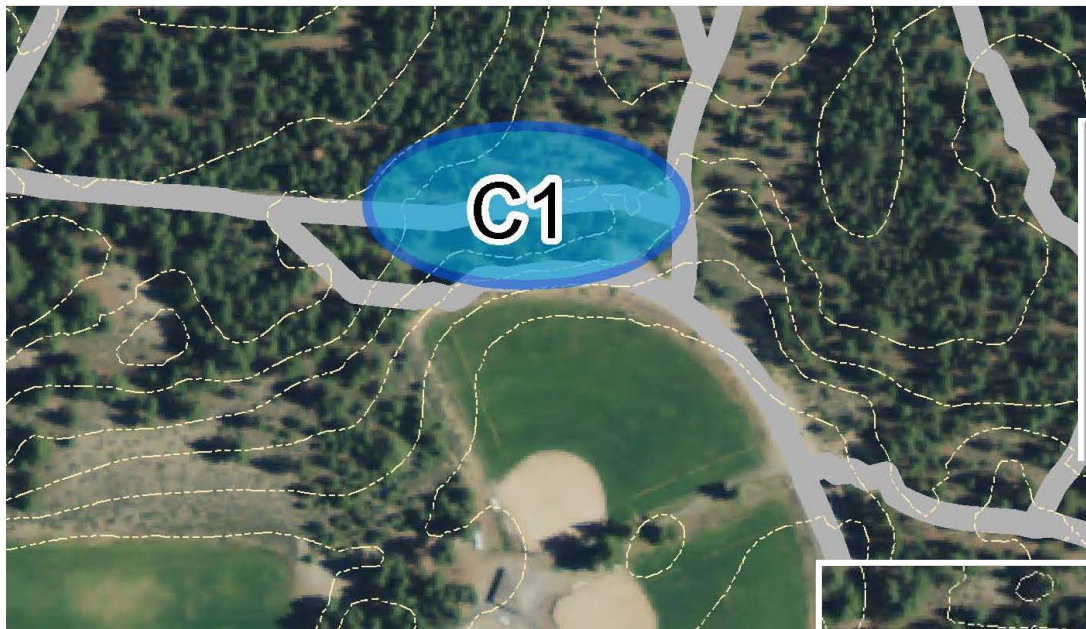
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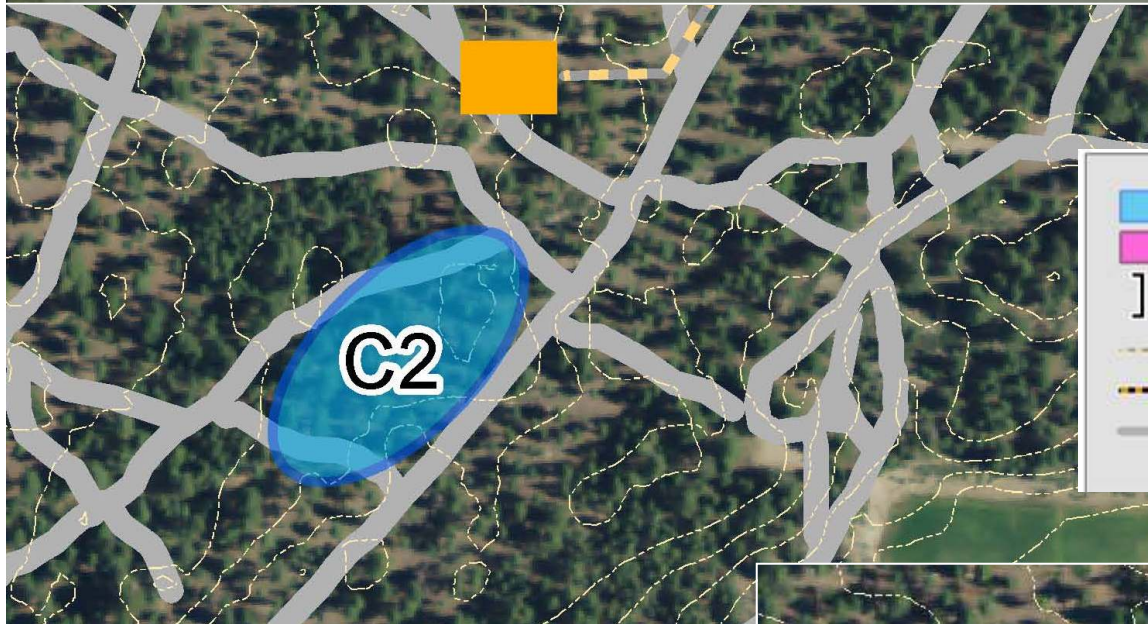
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Site C2 – Northwest Shady Rest

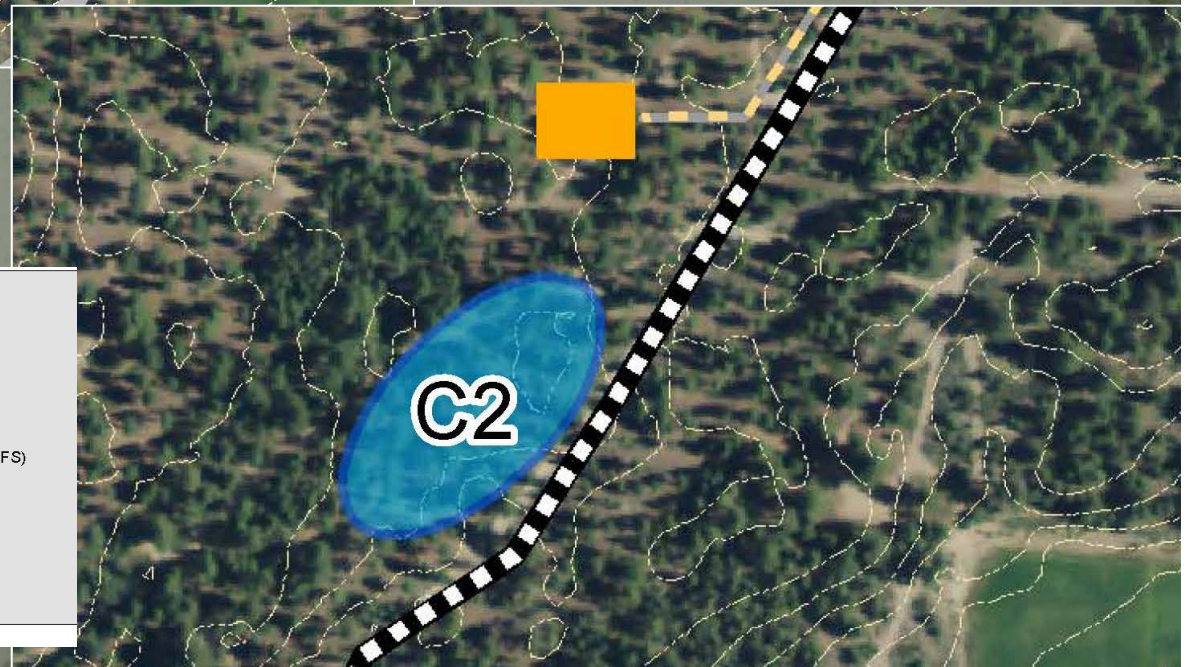
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Next Steps...

- Development of proposed action
- Release of proposed action for public comment
- Meeting #3, date TBD – Review of proposed action
- Proposed action and meeting #3 are part of the formal NEPA planning process

Formal Planning Process

- Development of motorized staging area subject to NEPA and CEQA, including opportunities for public involvement.
- Proposed action to be developed and released to the public in late summer/early fall 2011.
- Decision expected by early winter, 2012.
- “Development Grant” submitted to State OHV Commission one year from now – March, 2012.

Thank you...

- ... taking time to participate,
- ... for your interest in your community,
- ... for your interest in your public lands, YOUR Inyo National Forest.



The impression you leave lasts a lifetime.

Stay on designated trails.

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MAINTAIN THE MAGNIFICENCE

Travel only on adequate snow cover.

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