



VULTURE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AREA UPDATE

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PROJECT HISTORY:

2006

- Discussions begin between Parks and BLM regarding cooperative recreation management in the Vulture Mountains.

2009

- Parks awarded grant from BLM to create recreation activity plan.
- Parks, BLM & Town work with community on a Recreation Area Management Plan.

2010

- Parks selects the planning consultant for the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP).

2012

- Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approves Cooperative Recreation Area Management Master Plan.

2017

- Parks & TNC enter into an agreement for Park to manage a 65-acre parcel of the Hassayampa River Preserve.

2018

- Plan of Development created for BLM to work through environmental assessment process and Finding of No Significant Impact issued.

2019

- Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and BLM sign lease agreement to manage 1,045 acres of public lands in the Vulture Mountains Recreation Area.

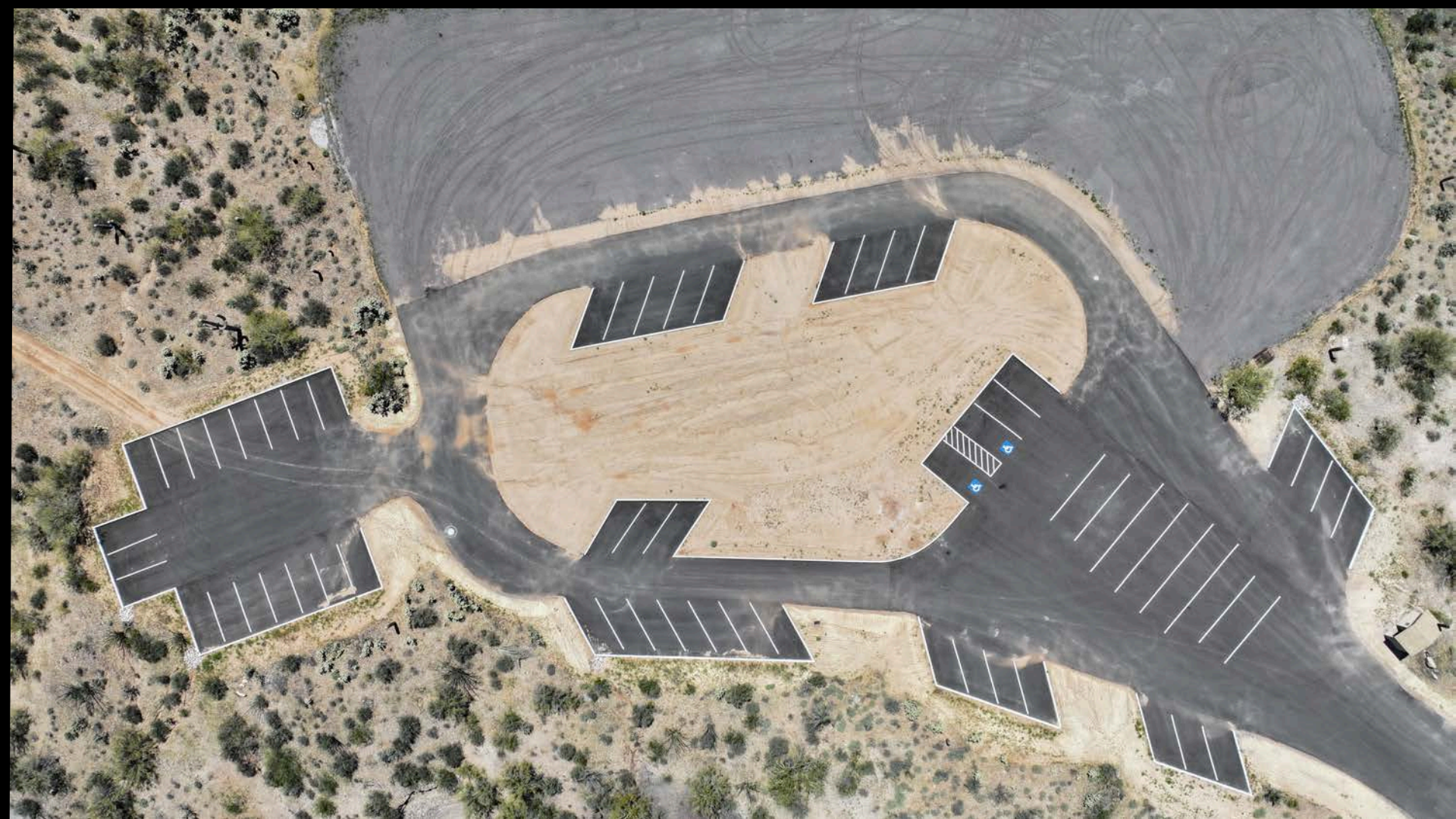
2022

- Contractor breaks ground on Phase 1 of the multi-phase project and completes the scope of work in January 2025.



PHASE I

ROADWAYS, UTILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE





INSPECTING THE SEPTIC TANK



PHASES II & III

DAY-USE FACILITIES AND CAMPGROUND

VULTURE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AREA

PHASE II & III

PROJECT TIMELINE - 2025-2026

01

ENGINEERING & PROCUREMENT
01/2025-02/2025

☒ Prepare & Submit Orders: 1/2025-3/2025
☒ Review & Approve Products: 1/2025-6/2025
☐ Procure Products: 2/2025-4/2026
☒ Mobilization: 1/2025-2/2025

02

WELL ROAD
01/2025-02/2025

☒ Clear & Grub / Rough Grading / Water Line / APS Conduit / Cutoff Walls / ABC & Asphalt / Hydro Seeding

03

ET BED TIMELINE
2025-2026

☐ Maintenance Site: 6/2025-6/2026
☒ Nature Center Site: 6/2025-2/2026
☒ Playground: 1/2025-10/2025
☒ Picnic Areas: 2/2025-2/2025

04

LANDSCAPING & WALLS
01/2025-02/2026

☒ Decorative Retaining Wall/Gabion Retaining Wall Type 2: 7/2025-8/2025
☒ Gabion Cantelever Seat Wall Type B: 7/2025-10/25
☐ Stone Seat Wall/Gabion Cantelever Seat Wall: 9/2025-10/2025
☒ Gabion Retaining Wall Type 1: 9/2025
☐ Gabion Seat Wall: 2/2026-2/2026

05

GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS
02/2025-05/2026

☐ Dump Station: 2/25-4/2026
☒ Tent Site: 6/2025-7/2025
☐ Landscaping: 7/2025/12/2025

06

STRUCTURES & BUILDINGS
06/2025-12/2025

☐ Playground Shade/Playground Structure: 6/2025-8/2025
☒ Well Site Construction: 5/2025-11/2025
☐ Nature Center: 9/2025-7/2026
☐ Maintenance Buildings: 6/2025-6/2026
☐ Restrooms: 6/2025-10/2025
☐ Contact Station: 6/2025-10/2025

07

PROJECT CLOSEOUT
FALL 2026

☐ Once the project has been completed and the park has been staffed, a Grand Opening date will be determined to celebrate this milestone event!

WELL SITE CONSTRUCTION



NATURE CENTER VIEWING AREAS

WELL SITE CONSTRUCTION



NATURE CENTER PLUMBING ROUGH IN



BUILDING STEM WALL FOOTINGS FOR NATURE CENTER



INSTALLING DECORATIVE FENCE AT DAY-USE AREA



NATURE CENTER RENDERING



QUESTIONS?

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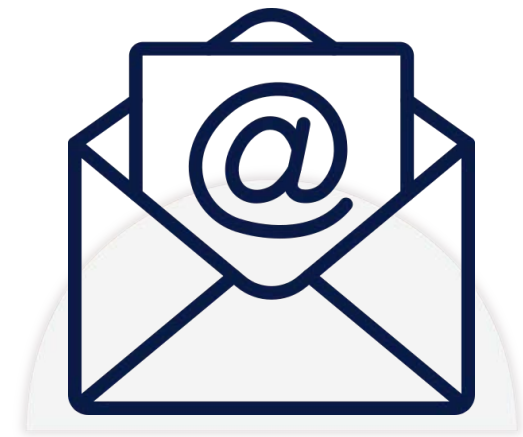
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