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Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact

Date: February 6, 2012

Subject: Proposed Dog Park within the Bishop City Park

Project Title: Environmental Review / City of Bishop Dog Park

Project Proponent: City of Bishop
P.O. Box 1236
Bishop, CA 93515

Project Location: City of Bishop Park

Project Description: This Initial Study concerns a request to develop a fenced, off leash Dog Park within the Bishop City Park. The proposed project site is approximately 49,500 square feet. Currently the open space area is dry landscaped with several species of vegetation with salt grass being the most prevalent. The proposed dog park includes the construction of several shade structures, water fountains, benches and an irrigation system.

Proposed Findings: The Initial Study finds that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- The information provided in this Initial Study indicates that there would be no significant cumulative impacts, or substantial adverse impacts on human beings, or substantial adverse impacts on fish or wildlife or sensitive species or cultural resources. No significant adverse impacts are foreseen, and no mitigation measures are required.

The City of Bishop has determined that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration will be prepared. This Initial Study has been prepared to generally describe the proposed project and solicit input from agencies and the public regarding the scope of the proposed project.

The review period for this Draft Negative Declaration expires: March 12, 2012.


Keith Caldwell, Director of Planning

February 6, 2012

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

Aesthetics	Agriculture Resources	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Geology /Soils
Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology / Water Quality	Land Use / Planning
Mineral Resources	Noise	Population / Housing
Public Services	Recreation	Transportation/Traffic
Utilities / Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance	

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ◆ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Keith Caldwell
 Signature Keith Caldwell – Director of Planning Date February 6, 2012

 Signature Date

Issues:

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I. AESTHETICS -- Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? <i>The project site is currently a dry open space area that is used minimally as overflow event parking. The project will not affect scenic vista.</i>				◆
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? <i>There are no scenic resources on the proposed project site, therefore will not substantially damage any scenic resources.</i>				◆
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? <i>The proposed project improvements will not have an adverse impact on the existing visual character or the quality of the site and its surroundings.</i>				◆
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime				◆

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resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?



The project is not located on prime or unique farmland or farmland of statewide importance, therefore, no impact.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?



The project is located on non-agricultural land located within the City of Bishop.

c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?



This project site is a non-agricultural use.

III. AIR QUALITY -- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?



The project proponent must comply with all applicable Great Basin Air Pollution Control District regulations. By implementing these measures, the project will have no impact.

b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality



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violation? <i>No Impact</i>				
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? <i>This project will not increase any criteria pollutant; therefore, will have no impact on air quality.</i>				◆
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? <i>This project will have no impact on any sensitive receptors.</i>				◆
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? <i>This project will not create any objectionable odors, therefore, has no impact.</i>				◆
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? <i>The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat.</i>				◆
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? <i>The project will not adversely affect any riparian habitat or other natural sensitive community.</i>				◆

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<p>c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?</p> <p><i>The project location is a dry pasture area, containing no wetlands. No Impact</i></p>				◆
<p>d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?</p> <p><i>The project location will not interfere with native residents, migratory fish or wildlife movement, migration, or nursery habitat.</i></p>				◆
<p>e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?</p> <p><i>The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.</i></p>				◆
<p>f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?</p> <p><i>The project will not conflict with any local, regional or state habitat conservation plan.</i></p>				◆
<p>V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:</p>				
<p>a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in '15064.5?</p> <p><i>No historical resources have been found on the project site.</i></p>				◆
<p>b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to '15064.5?</p> <p><i>No archaeological resources have been found on</i></p>				◆

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<i>the project site.</i>				
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? <i>The project will not destroy any unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.</i>				◆
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? <i>No human remains have been discovered, nor are any expected to exist on this project site.</i>				◆
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving				◆
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. <i>There is no evidence of an earthquake fault on this site according to Alquist- Priolo Special Studies Zones, SW ¼ Bishop Quadrangle Official Map.</i>				◆
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? <i>Strong seismic ground shaking is a possible at this site. The project is not proposing the construction of any structures that would be affected by the possibility of strong seismic ground shaking, therefore, having no impact.</i>				◆
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? <i>No Impact</i>				◆
iv) Landslides? <i>The project site is relatively flat with the adjacent area within 2 to 3 miles being relatively flat; therefore, the potential to landslides has no</i>				◆

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impact.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

The project site is a flat area. The development of the proposed project will have no adverse impact.



c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

No impact



d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

The development of this site will not create a substantial risk to life or property due to soil stability.



e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

No impact.



VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS B Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

The proposed project will not be transporting or using hazardous materials, therefore have no impact to the public or the environment.



b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

The project will not be releasing hazardous materials into the environment therefore will have no impact to the public or environment.



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<p>c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?</p> <p><i>There is a school within a 1/4 mile of the project site. The proposed project will not emit hazardous materials, substances or waste; therefore have no adverse impact to existing or proposed schools.</i></p>				◆
<p>d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?</p> <p><i>This project site is not located on a list of hazardous material sites.</i></p>				◆
<p>e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?</p> <p><i>This project is within one mile of the Bishop airport and is close to the normal traffic pattern for Runway 30. The project development and will not significantly increase hazard.</i></p>				◆
<p>f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?</p> <p><i>There is no private airstrip in the project area.</i></p>				◆
<p>g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?</p> <p><i>The project will not have an adverse impact with any emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.</i></p>				◆
<p>h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild land fires, including where wild lands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wild lands?</p>				◆

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The potential for a wild land fire will have no significant impact.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY --

Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?



The project site will be a pervious surface with no retention of any drainage, therefore have no impact to water quality standards.

- b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?



The proposed project will not require water service or deplete the groundwater table level. Having no impact on the aquifer.

- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?



This project will not alter any drainage pattern, course of a stream or river or cause any substantial erosion.

- d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?



The project will not alter the course of a stream or river, or increase surface runoff which would result in flooding on or off site, therefore, having no impact to existing drainage patterns.

- e) Create or contribute runoff water which would

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<p>exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?</p> <p><i>The project will not create runoff water or any additional sources of polluted runoff.</i></p>				◆
<p>f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?</p> <p><i>No Impact.</i></p>				◆
<p>g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?</p> <p><i>The project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard area (Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel #060074 0001 June 19, 1985), therefore, will have no adverse impact.</i></p>				◆
<p>h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?</p> <p><i>The project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard area, therefore, will have no adverse impact.</i></p>				◆
<p>i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?</p> <p><i>Flooding due to a dam failure at this project site is a possibility according to the inundation maps prepared by Southern California Edison Co. This possibility is so remote it is considered a less than significant impact.</i></p>			◆	
<p>j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?</p> <p><i>This project site is not subject to seiche, tsunami, or mudflow, therefore will have no adverse impact.</i></p>				◆
<p>IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:</p>				
<p>a) Physically divide an established community?</p> <p><i>As the project is designed it will not physically</i></p>				◆

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divide an established community.

b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

The proposed project will be required to comply with Bishop planning and zoning ordinances therefore will not conflict any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation.



c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

This project will not conflict with any conservation plan or community conservation plan.



X. MINERAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

No mineral resources exist on this site.



b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

No mineral resources exist on this site.



XI. NOISE B Would the project result in:

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

The proposed project will not expose people or generate noise in excess of standards established, therefore, will have no impact.



b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?



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This project will not create ground borne noise or vibration for any period of time to be considered an adverse impact.

c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?



The proposed project will not increase ambient noise levels, therefore, will no impact on vicinity noise.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?



No Impact

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?



This project is within one mile of the Bishop airport and is close to the normal traffic pattern for Runway 30. The project will not increase exposure to airport-related noise.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?



The project is not near a private airstrip.

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING -- Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?



The proposed project will not have an adverse impact by creating substantial growth in the area either directly or indirectly.

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b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project will not displace any existing housing therefore have no impact to housing.



c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project will not displace substantial numbers of people therefore will have no impact on housing or population.



XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?

The proposed project will not impact fire protection services.



Police protection?

The proposed project will not significantly impact the City of Bishop Police Department.



Schools?

The proposed project will not have an adverse impact to the school aged population of the area.



Parks?

This project will not have an adverse impact on the city's parks.



Other public facilities?

The proposed project will have no impact



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to public facilities.

XIV. RECREATION --

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

The proposed project will not accelerate deterioration of the existing neighborhood or park facility therefore have no impact.



b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

The project will not require the addition of any additional recreational facilities.



XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Would the project:

a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

The proposed project will not cause a substantial increase in traffic to the existing traffic load; therefore, will have no impact on traffic conditions.



b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

The proposed project will not cause a substantial increase in traffic to the existing traffic load; therefore, will have no impact on traffic conditions.



c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a



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change in location that result in substantial safety risks? <i>The proposed project will not create a change in air traffic patterns or an increase in air traffic levels.</i>				
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? <i>The proposed project will not increase traffic hazards due to proposed design features. No impact.</i>				◆
e) Result in inadequate emergency access? <i>The project will not interfere with any emergency response or emergency access.</i>				◆
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity? <i>The proposed project will provide an adequate parking area resulting in no adverse effect on parking capacity.</i>				◆
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? <i>This project will have no conflict with alternative transportation programs.</i>				◆
XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS B				
Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? <i>The project will not require the use of a waste water treatment, therefore have no impact.</i>				◆
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? <i>The project will not require the use of a waste</i>				◆

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water treatment, therefore have no impact...

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The project will not require expansion or construction of a storm water drainage facility.



d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

The project will have sufficient water supplies available; therefore have no impact on existing water resources.



e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the projects projected demand in addition to the providers existing commitments?

The project will not require wastewater treatment services. Therefore, will have no impact on the wastewater treatment facility.



f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project=s solid waste disposal needs?

Inyo County Sunland Landfill has adequate solid waste capacity for the proposed property.



g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

The project will comply with all federal, state and local statutes and regulation related to solid waste.



XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE --

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining



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levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

The proposed project does not have the potential to degrade or reduce habitat of fish, plant or animal communities or eliminate periods of history.

b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

The potential impacts are not cumulatively considerable to effect past, current, or future projects.



c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

This project does not have any environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.



Environmental Information Form
Bishop City Dog Park Application

Proposed Dog Park Site Description

The proposed Bishop off-leash dog park (hereafter Dog Park) is located east of the U.S. Forest Service, White Mountain Ranger District office, west of Spruce St., south of Yaney St. and north of Park Ave. The space is approximately 49,500 square feet, and is currently used as open space or parking for events at the Bishop City Park. A portion of Bishop Creek runs adjacent to the area, but this would not be included in the designated Dog Park area at this time.

The space is level (no changes in topography or elevation), with some stable soils where grass vegetation is present. Some compaction has occurred in the area due to vehicle use and foot traffic. Erosion into the creek is low due to heavy vegetation surrounding the creek banks (cattails and willows).

The area has several species of vegetation, with inland-salt grass being the most prevalent. Some weedy species occur which would be removed before the park is open, as these species do not provide good ground cover and it is important to maintain native species as much as possible in the Dog Park area. Inland-salt grass would be used for ground cover, as this area would be irrigated to perpetuate the salt grass throughout the park. Non-native grass species may also be planted if extended use of the area shows that inland-salt grass is not providing the ground cover needed. It is unknown at this time if that would be needed, after personnel communications with employees who work at the Tri-County Fairgrounds, inland-salt grass appears to hold up very well to use by horses and cattle. In some areas decomposed granite (DG) may be used as well to aid in ground cover. The use of grass species is the first choice in ground cover, but if water availability or extended use does not work, then DG may be used. Six cottonwood trees exist within the Dog Park and these would be kept for shade. More trees would be planted to increase shade in the park. These trees would be ornamental species, but some natives may also be planted (cottonwoods or conifer species).

No California endangered or threatened wildlife or plant species occur in the Dog Park and there is no suitable habitat for these species. No cultural or historic sites occur within the Dog Park area.

The Park does offer views of both the Sierra Nevada and White Mountain ranges. There are no existing structures on the site but development of the Dog Park would lead to the construction of shade structures, water fountains, and benches. The number of benches and shade structures is not known at this time, but there would probably be a minimum of five benches and one shade structure. Water foundation areas may need to be placed on concrete slabs to aid in reducing soil disturbance around those sites. A concrete pad is also needed at the entrance to the park (in between the entrance gate from the parking lot and the gate into the park), this also aids in reducing soil disturbance at this site. The concrete pads would be approximately 10 feet by 10 feet or 20 feet by 20 feet, depending on their location (gate entrance or water fountain area). Several waste stations would also be required throughout the Dog Park. Rule signs would be placed at the Dog Park entrance and reminder rule signs placed throughout the park.

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Anticipated project stages

The Dog Park would be constructed in phases as funding becomes available. Phase one would include the following:

- Placement of approximately 620 feet of exterior fencing
- Three external gates
- Water fountains (at least one)
- Rule signs
- Waste pick-up dispensers and trash cans
- Planting of trees
- Irrigation

Phase One would allow for the external fence to be built so people and dogs can begin using the site.

Phase Two is dependent upon additional funding and this development would occur as needs arise.

- Placement of benches (at least five)
- Shade structures (at least one)
- Planting of trees
- Additional water fountains
- Concrete entrance
- Internal fencing to create a small dog area and training area.
- Increased ground cover (with vegetation or decomposed granite)
- Landscaping surrounding the fence next to the parking lot (this will create a visual barrier to the dogs and cars coming into the parking lot).
- Placement of permanent agility equipment
- May change topography by making a hill out of dirt and decomposed granite.

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Surrounding Property Description

Several youth soccer fields and baseball fields occur just east of the Dog Park location. To the north is Yaney Street, south Park Ave. and west the U.S. Forest Service, White Mountain Ranger Station work yard. The type of land use is commercial and recreational. The development of a Dog Park would increase the use of this portion of the Bishop City Park, which would mean an increase in traffic and vehicle use. The use of the Dog Park would probably have peak hours of use, morning and evening are anticipated as well as all-day use on the weekends. There would also be more use of this area during the summer and fall months when visitors to the area are at their peak. Winter use may be lower with only residents using the Dog Park. These disturbances would not be any different from the use that occurs now within the City Park, only that dogs would be concentrated in one, enclosed, safe area.

East Yaney Street

Bruce Street

Spruce Street

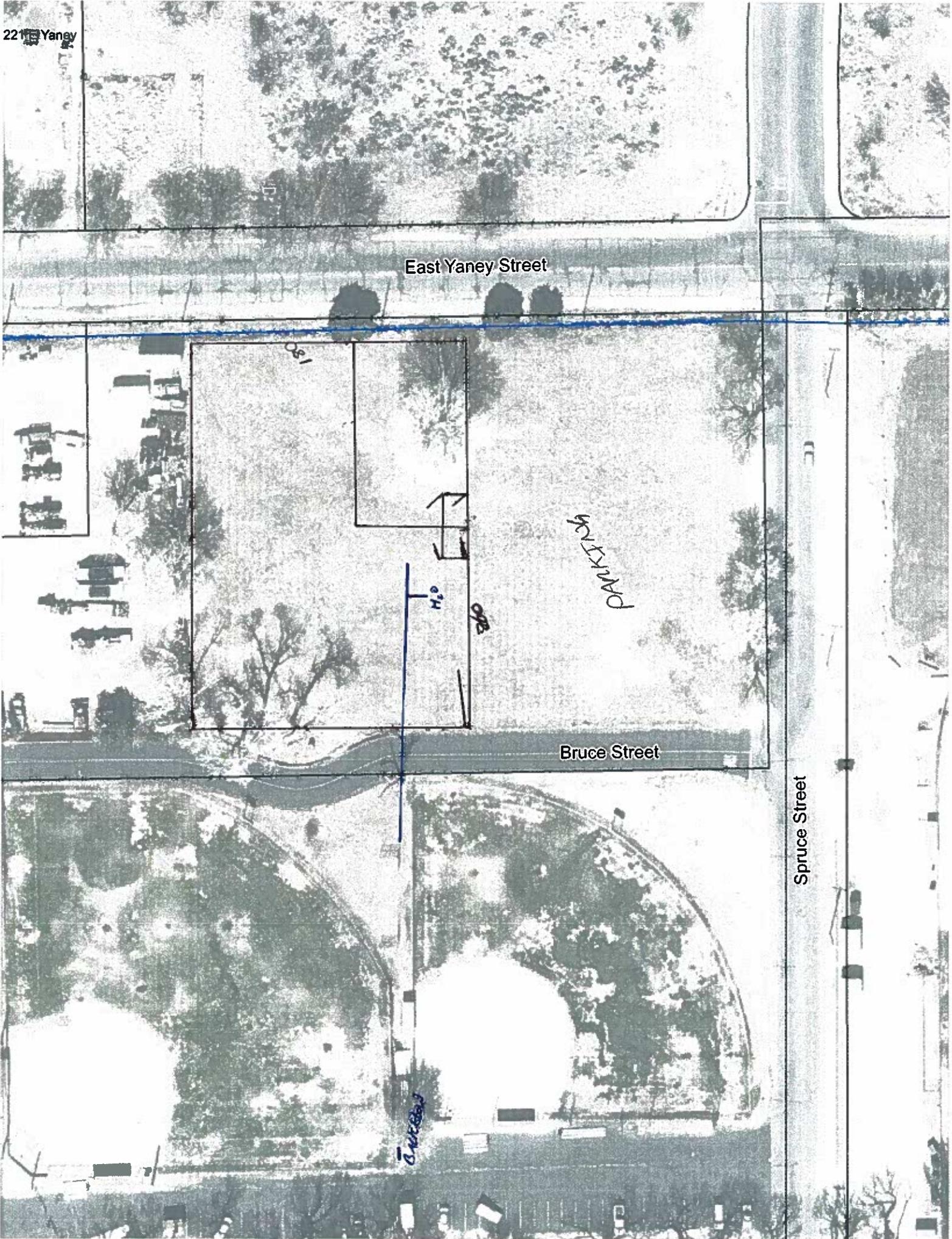
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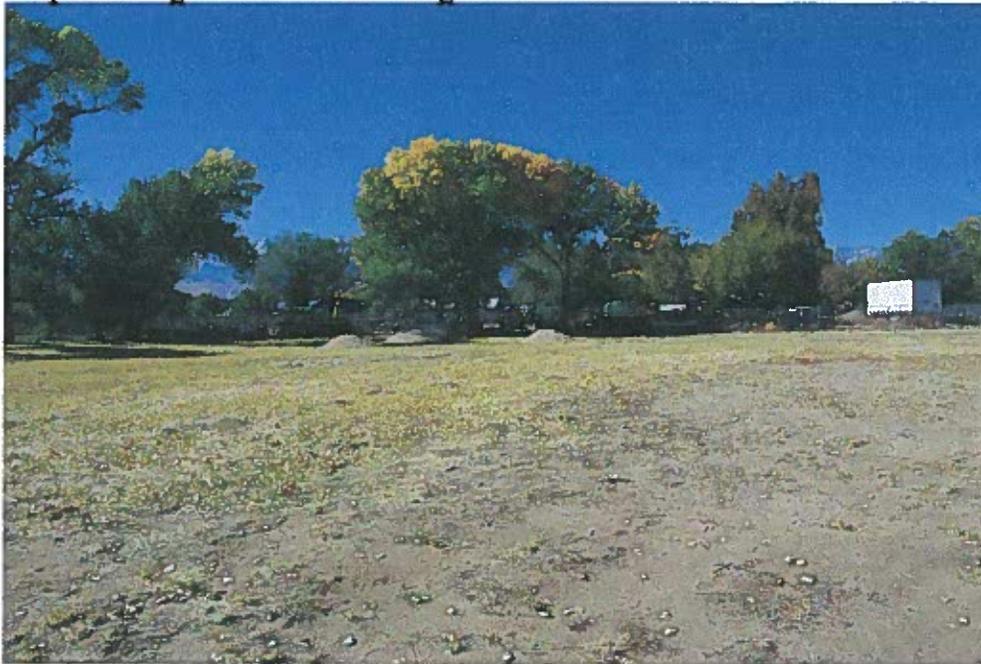
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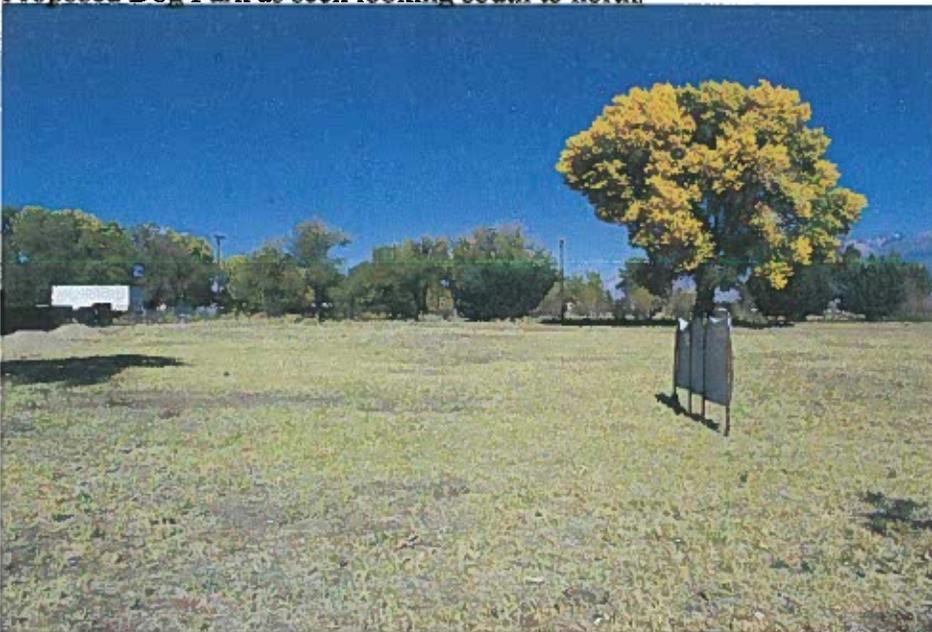
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Proposed Dog Park as seen looking east to west.



Picture shows some bare ground and inland-salt grass.

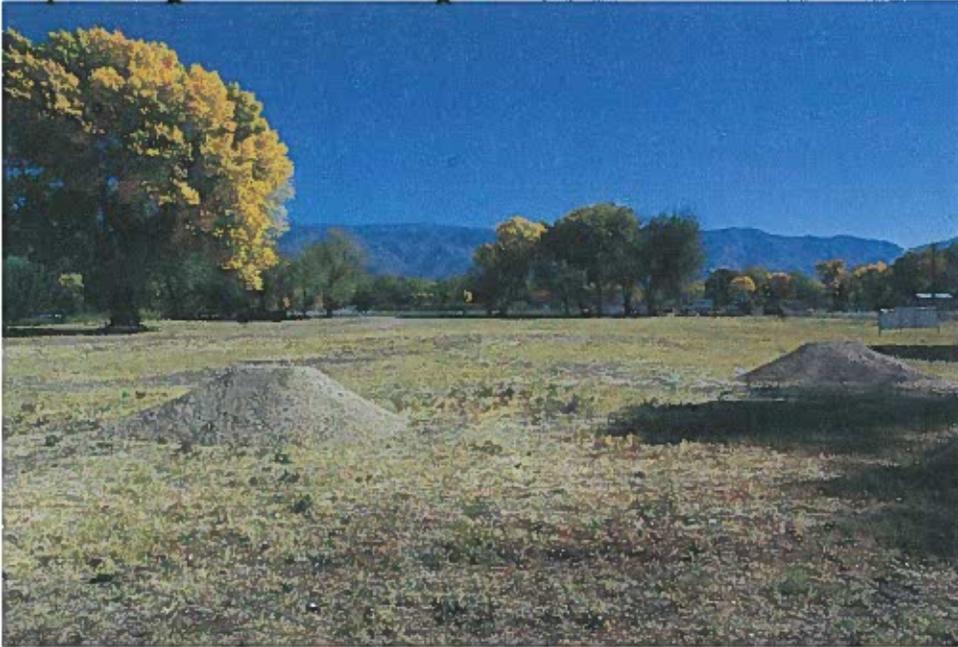
Proposed Dog Park as seen looking south to north.



Picture shows the largest cottonwood tree that would be inside the Dog Park area.

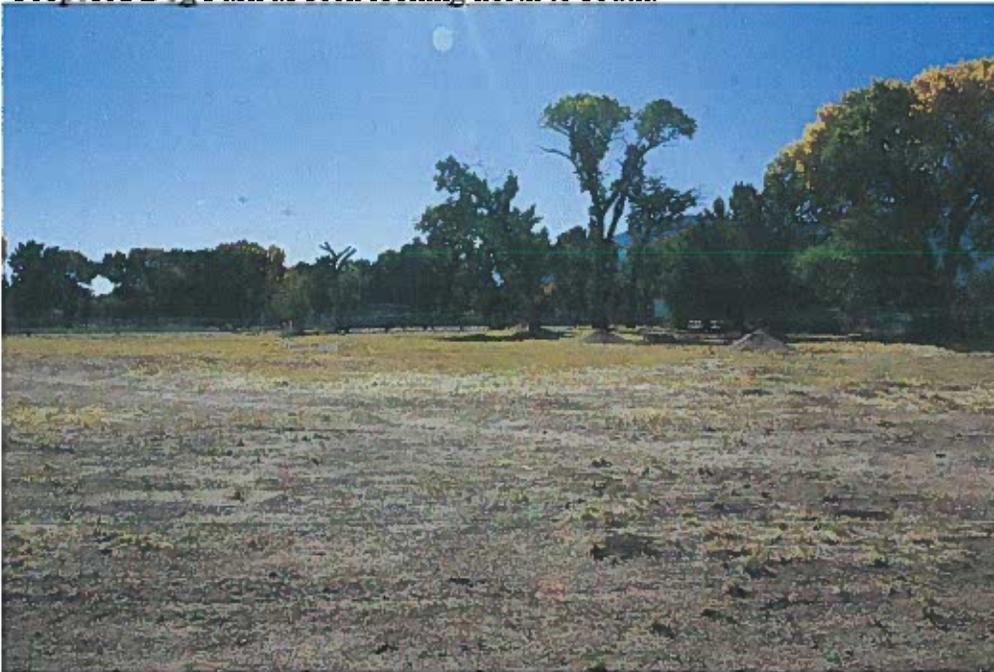
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Proposed Dog Park as seen looking west to east.



Picture shows some areas where leveling would occur (piles would be removed).

Proposed Dog Park as seen looking north to south.



Picture shows the five other cottonwood trees located within the Dog Park area and some more bare ground and inland-salt grass.



Bishop Park Dog Relief Area (temporary area)

Violating posted rules can result in trespassing.

Hours: Dawn to Dusk

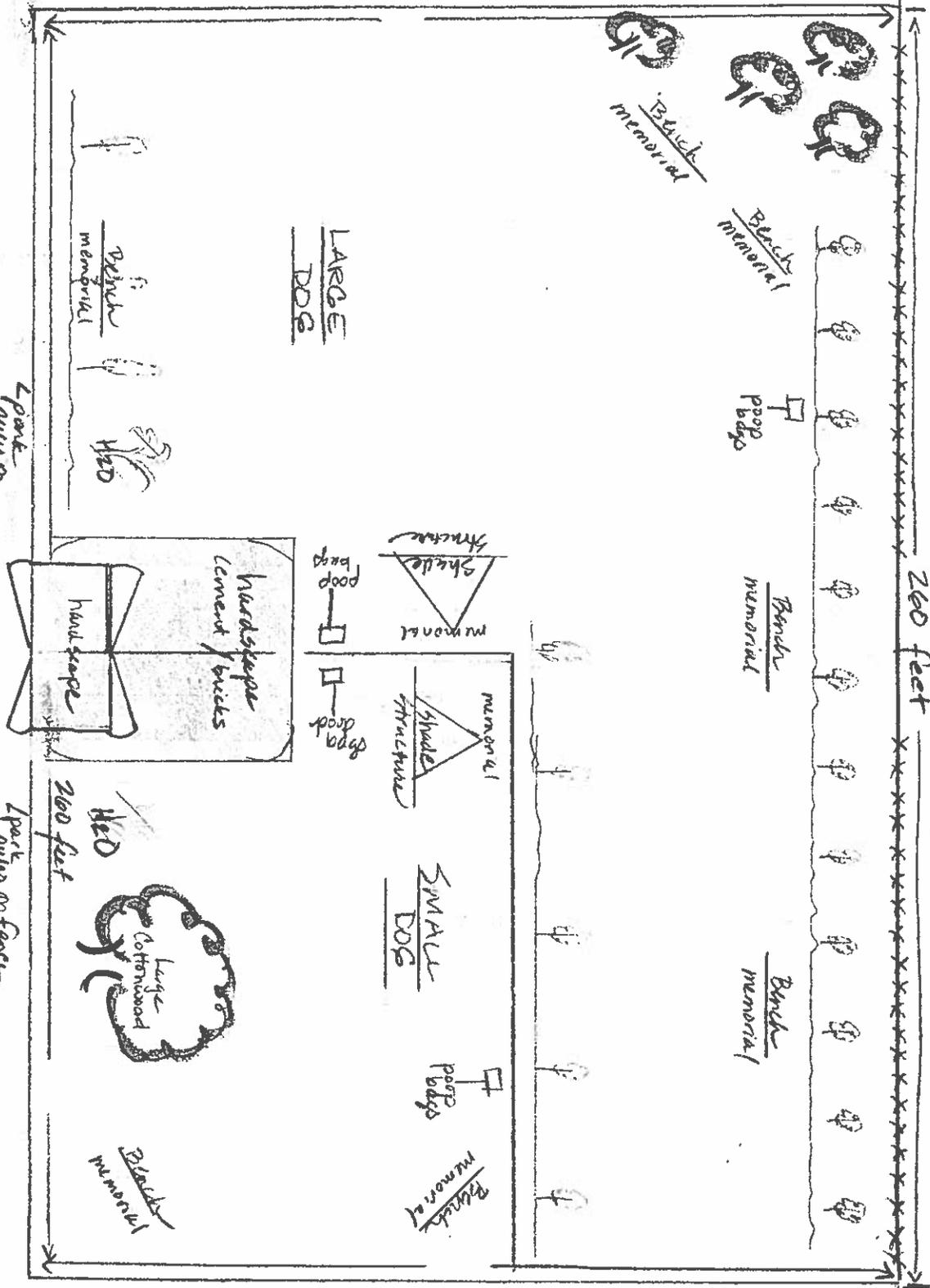
- Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated with tags displayed on collar. (owners be prepared to show information).
- Dogs must be on 6-foot leash maximum prior to entering and upon leaving park.
- Dogs showing aggression must be removed immediately.
- Owners must collect and dispose of all dog waste.
- Dogs must be within sight and under voice control of owner at all times.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old.
- Dogs in season or displaying symptoms of illness are not allowed.
- Digging is not allowed.
- Animals other than dogs are prohibited.
- children under age 12 are not allowed.
- Smoking, eating and glass containers are prohibited.
- No more than three dogs per person allowed per visit.

**Maintenance of this park completed during weekday daylight hours.
For Emergency dial 911 Recreation and Parks Dept.: (760) 873-5863
Maintenance issues: (760) 872-4240**

U.S. Forest Service

ROAD

200 feet



BISHOP CITY DOG PARK

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