



# 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.

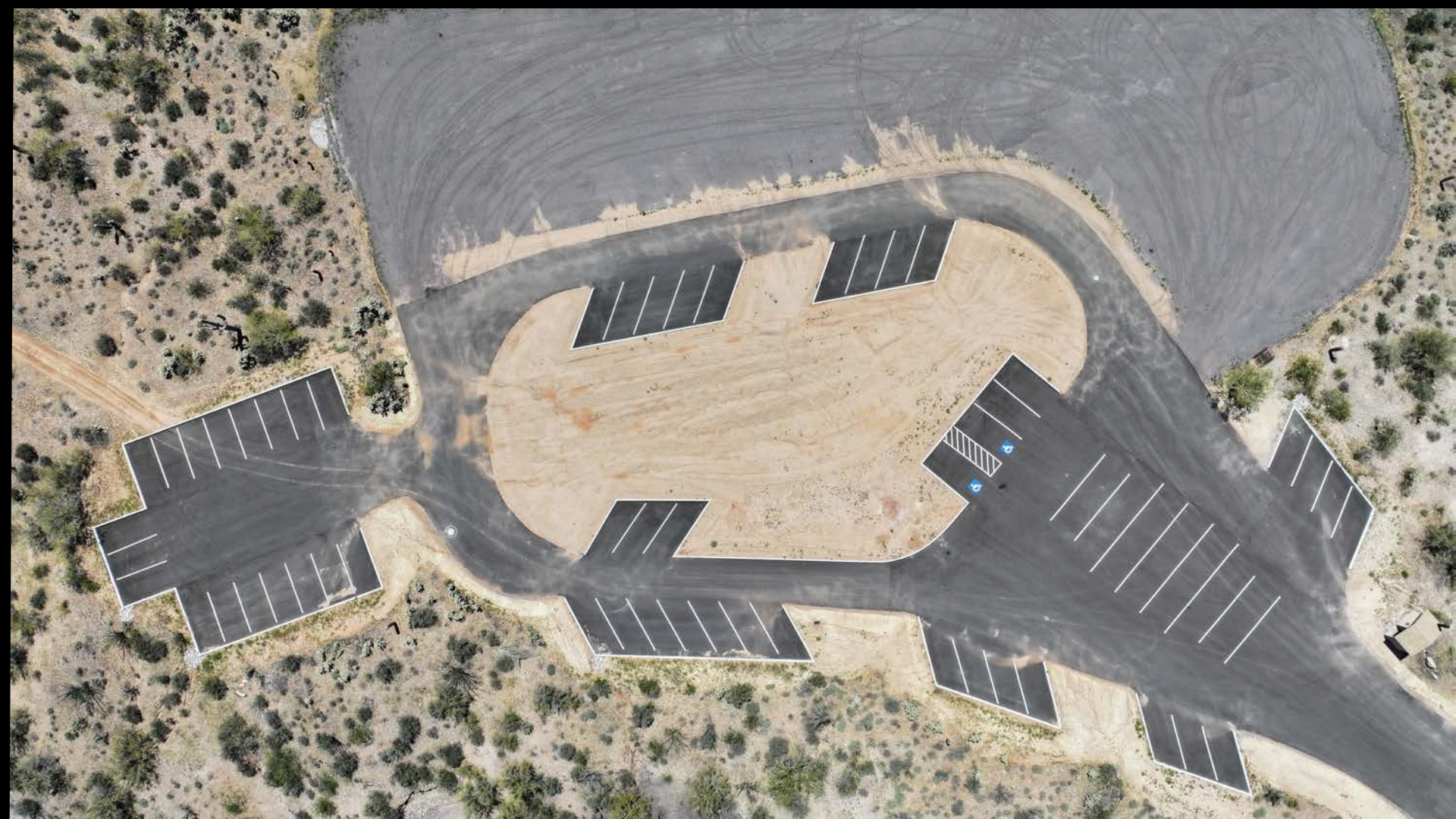
**2022**

- 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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