




NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Methodology

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NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Current Initiatives



Sharing our work with the public and the preservation community:

NPS CL Documents Online:

<https://irma.nps.gov/App/Portal>

Park Cultural Landscapes Program Website:

www.nps.gov/cultural_landscapes

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NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program Current Initiatives

- Capturing GIS data for cultural landscape boundaries and features
- Capturing facility management data for stabilization needs (CLI)
- Integrating treatment data (CLR) with facility management data
- Monitoring cultural landscape condition and vulnerability to change
- Emphasizing sustainable practices in preservation maintenance and treatment





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FUTURE VISION



Cultural Landscape Inventories (CLI):

National Park Service
Cultural Landscapes Inventory
2010



White Grass Ranch
Grand Teton National Park

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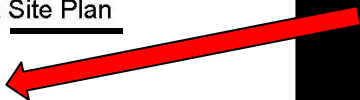
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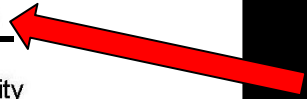
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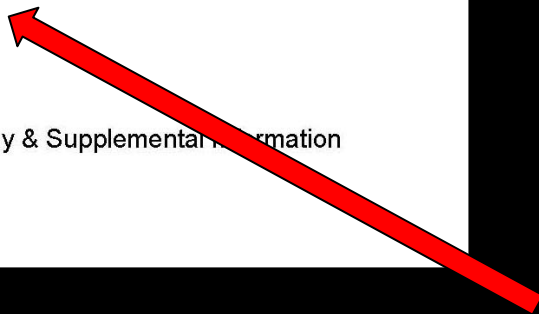
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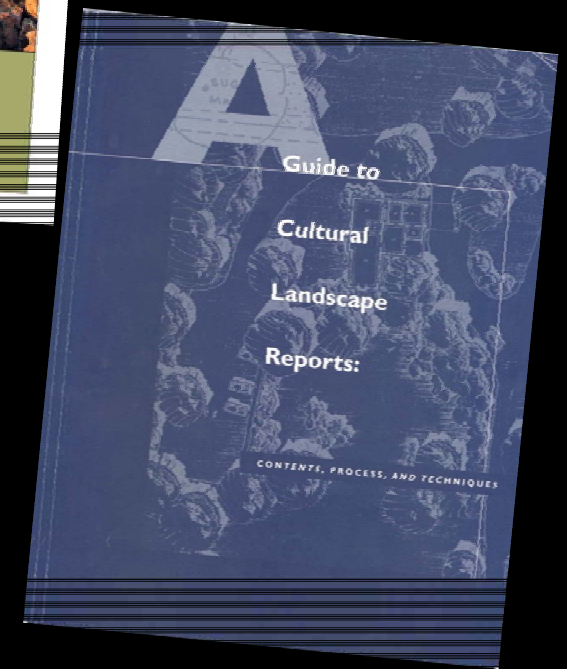
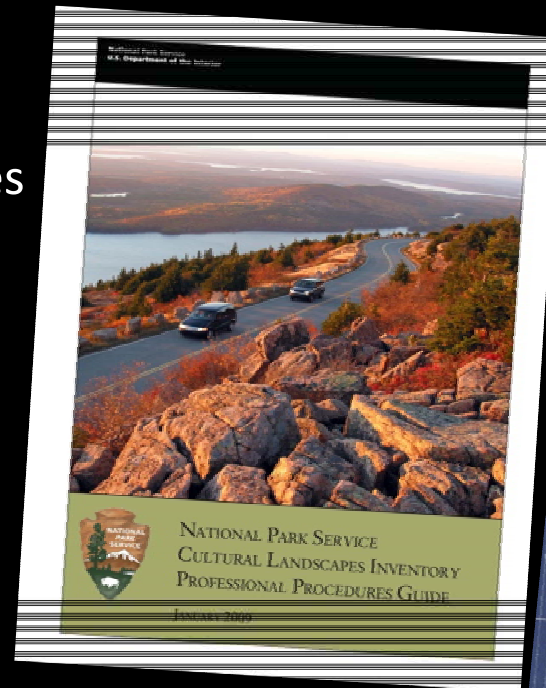
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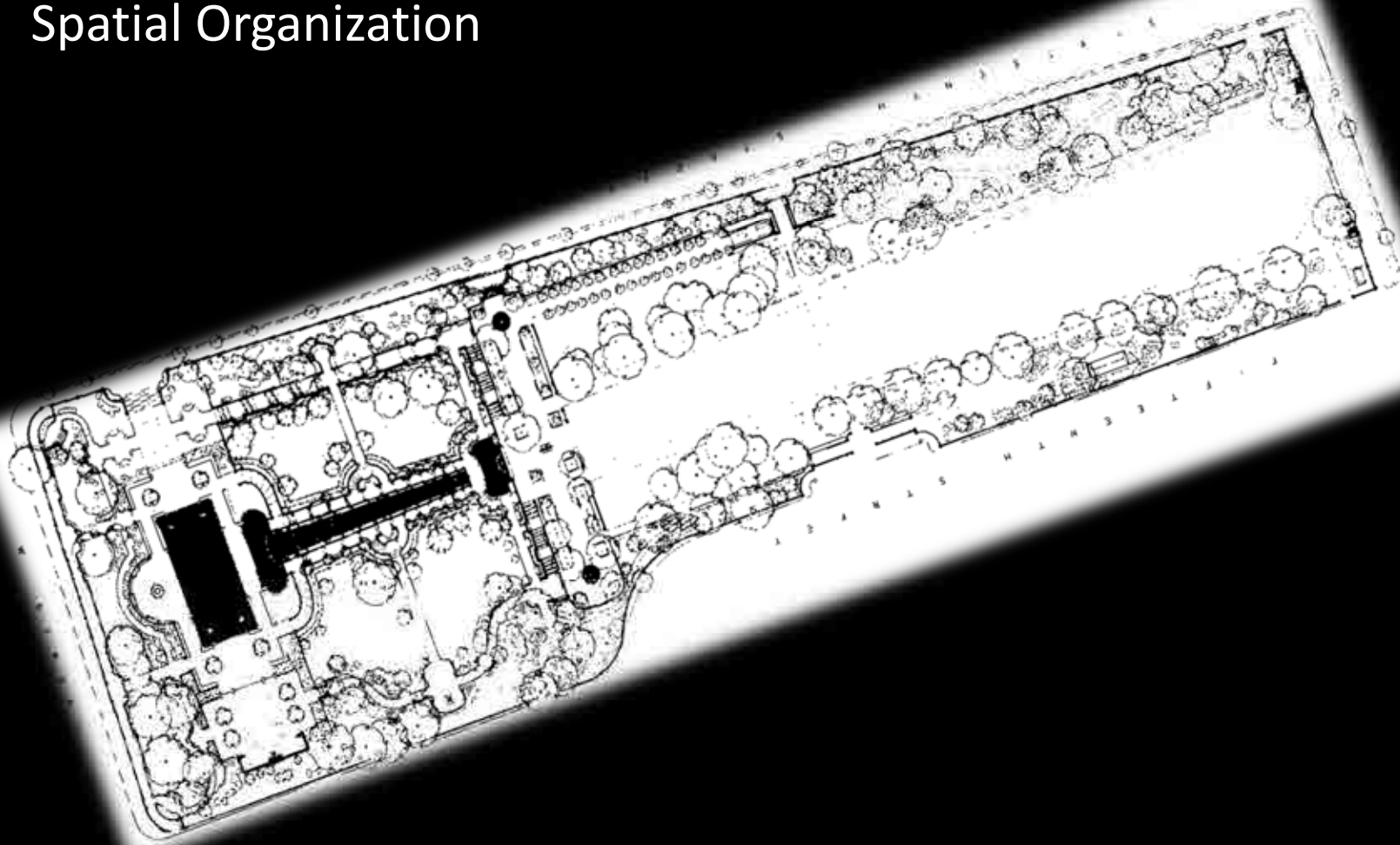
Natural Systems and Features



Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Arizona



Spatial Organization



Meridian Hill Park, Washington, DC

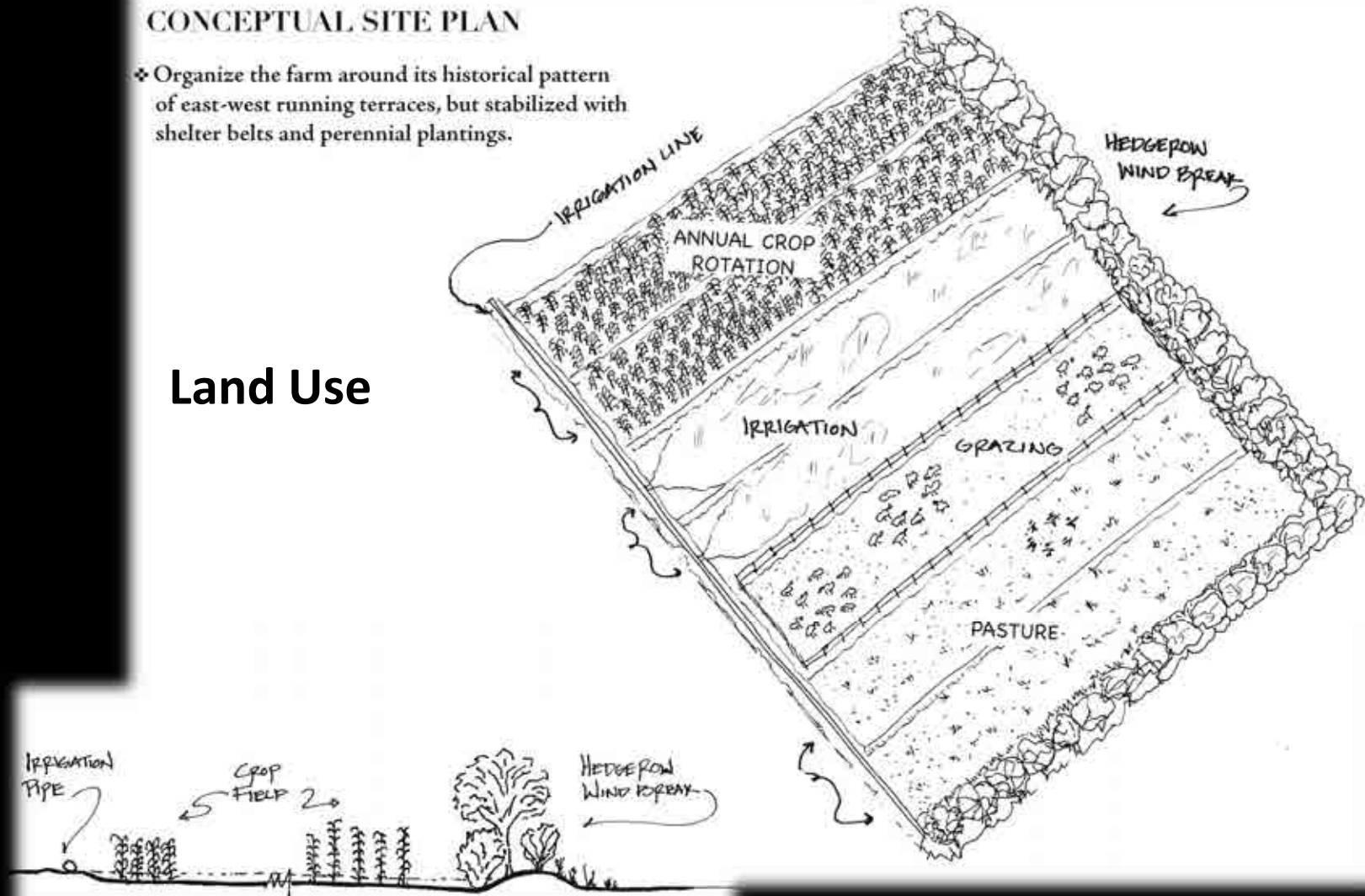
Analysis and Evaluation of Integrity Using Landscape Characteristics



CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

- ❖ Organize the farm around its historical pattern of east-west running terraces, but stabilized with shelter belts and perennial plantings.

Land Use



Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, Arizona



Circulation





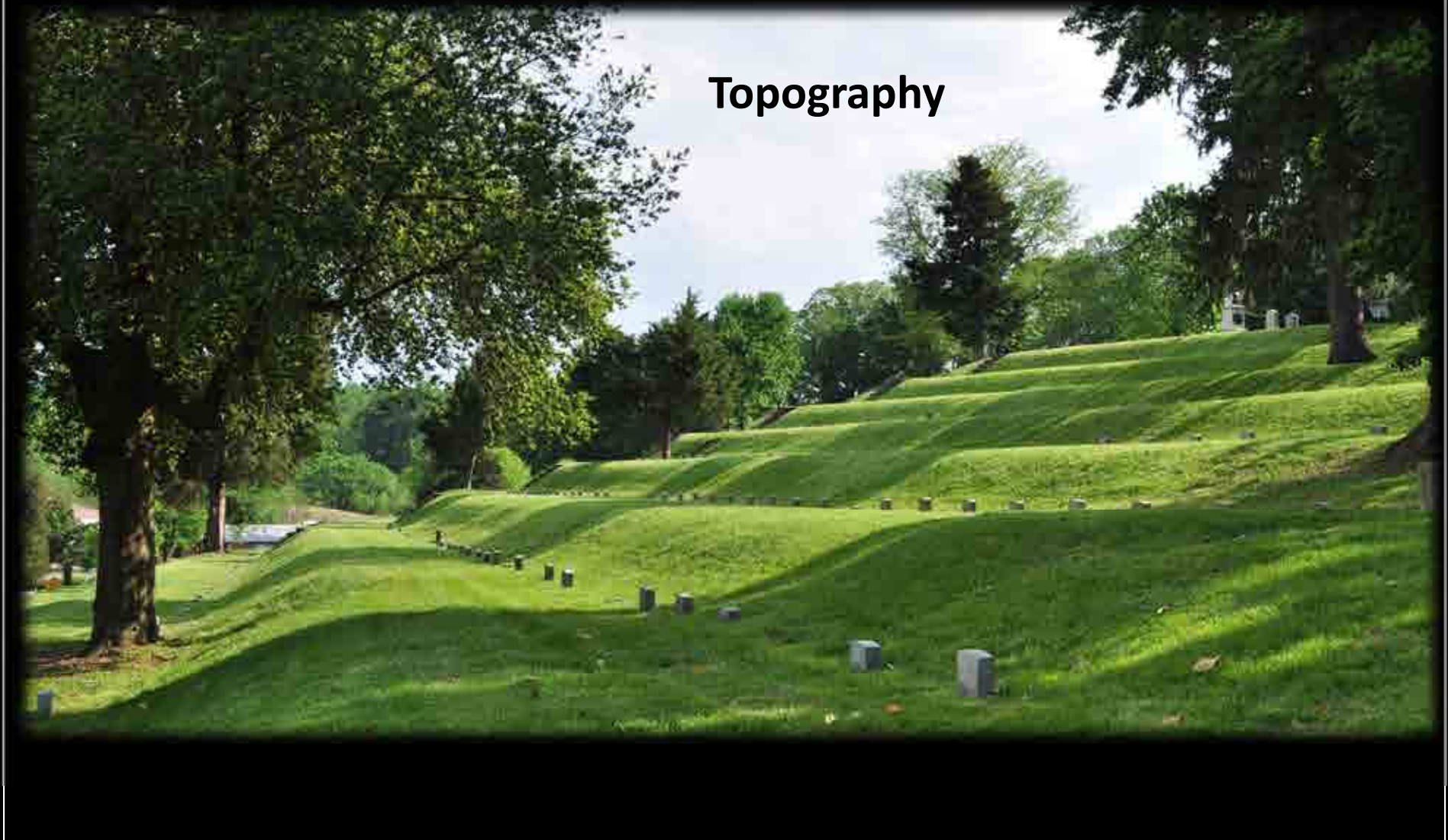
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Manzanar National Historic Site, Owens Valley, California



Topography



Fredericksburg National Cemetery, Virginia

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Mulford Apricot Orchard, Capitol Reef National Park, Utah

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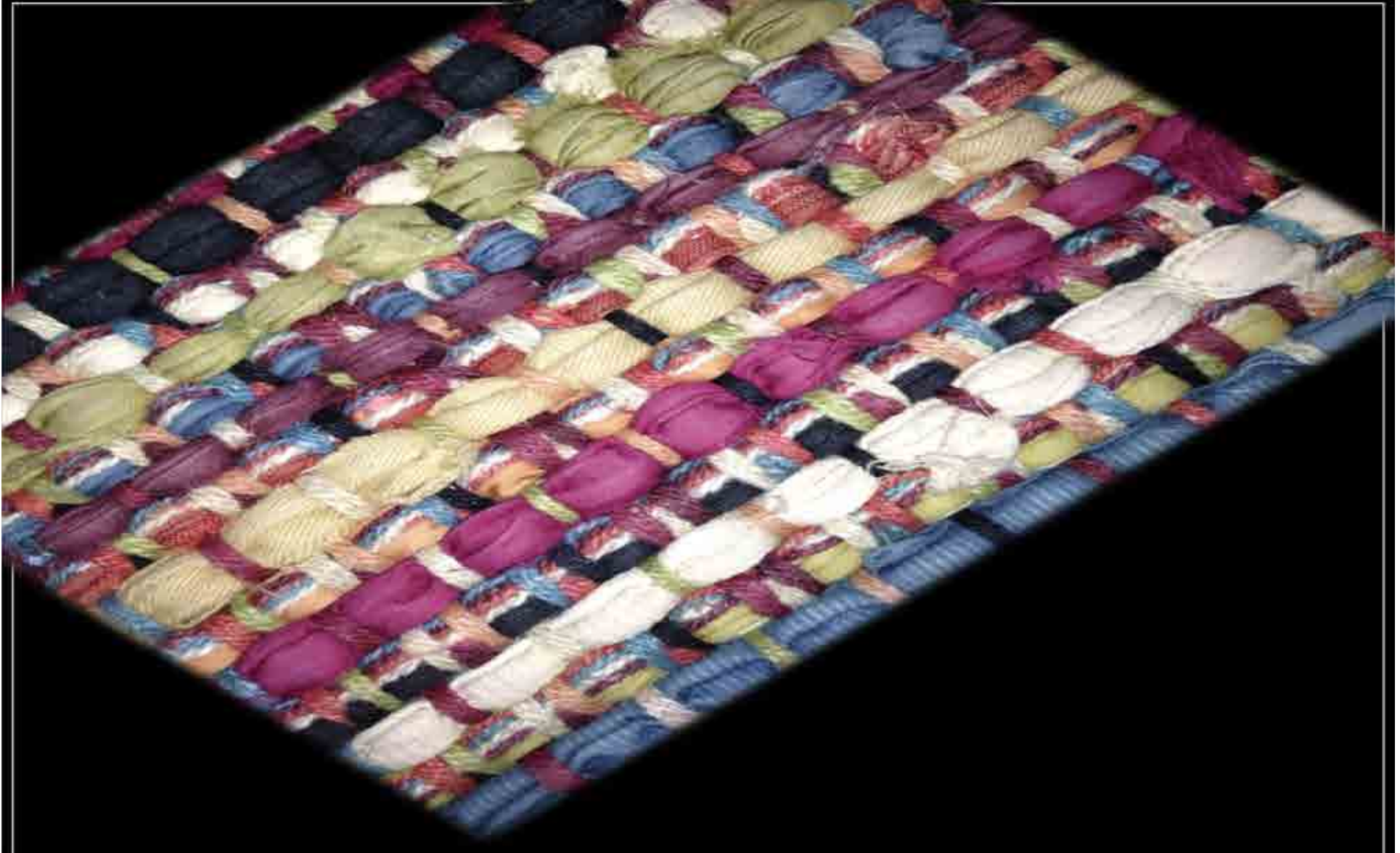
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The “Blueberry Muffin” – muffin dough is the “setting” for the berries



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The “Rug” is a matrix of interwoven warp and weft



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The “Blueberry Muffin” and the “Rug”

A cultural Landscape is a system of landscape characteristics



BUCKNER HOMESTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT

NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMPLEX

SITE PLAN OF EXISTING CONDITIONS



KEY

- 1 North Outhouse
- 2 Fire Pit
- 3 Packing Shed Ruin
- 4 Sprayer Shed
- 5 Swimming Pool Ruin
- 6 Vegetable Garden
- 7 Ford Flatbed Truck
- 8 West Picker's Cabin
- 9 Pump House
- 10 Wagon Shed Ruin
- 11 Hitching Post
- 12 Ramp
- 13 Tractor Shed
- 14 Rock Rill and Wash Basin
- 15 Barn Ruin
- 16 Corral
- 17 Milk House
- 18 East Picker's Cabin
- 19 Main Residence
- 20 Main Outhouse
- 21 Wood Shed
- 22 Play House
- 23 Delco House
- 24 Wash Basin
- 25 Root Celler
- 26 Buzzard Cabin
- 27 Sun Dial
- 28 Forest Service Truck
- 29 Work Shop
- 30 Chicken House
- 31 Brooder House

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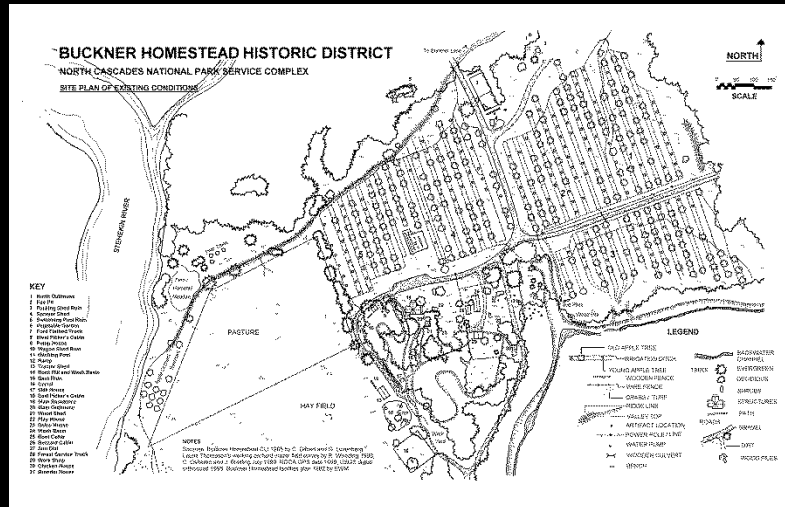
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LEGEND

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|-----|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| —○— | OLD APPLE TREE | — | BACKWATER CHANNEL |
| —○— | IRRIGATION DITCH | — | EVERGREEN |
| —○— | YOUNG APPLE TREE | — | DECIDUOUS |
| — | WOODEN FENCE | — | SHRUBS |
| — | WIRE FENCE | — | STRUCTURES |
| — | GRASS / TURF | — | PATH |
| — | RIDGE LINE | — | GRAVEL |
| — | VALLEY TOP | — | DIRT |
| — | ARTIFACT LOCATION | — | WOOD PILES |
| — | POWER POLE / LINE | | |
| — | WATER PUMP | | |
| — | WOODEN CULVERT | | |
| — | BENCH | | |

Buckner Homestead Historic District, Washington

A cultural Landscape is a system of landscape characteristics



The landscape is a cultural resource in its own right, it is *not* just the setting for the Buckner Homestead historic buildings and structures

Buckner Homestead Historic District, Washington



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