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Cultural Resources Survey Report for Negative Findings "Top of the Pines" TPM20951

(PDS2005-3200-20951)



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National Archaeological Data Base Information

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Report Date: 6 June 2014

Report Title: Cultural Resources Survey Report, Negative Findings, Top of the Pines TPM20951 (PDS2005-3200-20951), Pine Valley, CA

Type of Study: Intensive Pedestrian Survey

New Sites: None

Updated Sites: None

USGS Quad: *Descanso, 7.5', 1997*

Acreage: 18.26 (gross), 16.24 (net)

Key Words: Archaeological survey, lot split, negative results, Pine Valley area

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RE: Cultural Resources Survey - Negative Findings, Top of the Pines TPM20951, Pine Valley

Dear Ms. Beddow:

I have conducted on the above referenced project. It has been determined that there are no cultural resources present on this property. The project has been plotted on the attached USGS 7.5 minute topographical map for your information.

County: San Diego

USGS 7.5' Quad: *Descanso* Date: 6 June 2014

Township: 15S Range: 4E Section: SE ¼ of SE ¼ of 35

Address: Top of the Pines Lane, Pine Valley community, San Diego County, CA 91931

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Other Locational Data: Just off and north of Interstate 8, adjacent to Pine Valley Road on the east

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 410-030-1700

Elevation: 3760-3860 feet AMSL

Owner and Address:

Survey Type: Intensive Pedestrian
Date of Survey: 5 June 2014
Field Crew: Martin D Rosen, MA, RPA

Description: The field survey could not be conducted using standard archaeological procedures and techniques. The project terrain is very hilly, with an existing dirt road snaking through it following the contour lines. A series of rises occur between each wind of the road, interspersed by dry, steep rills. All slopes are heavily covered in chaparral/sage vegetation, with the tops of the rises covered by less densely populated stands of chamise, mazanita and other native vegetation. There is an almost complete absence of understory on the rises. Soils present on the rises were formed in place from decomposing granitic bedrock. The geology is comprised of late to middle Jurassic rocks, consisting primarily of gneiss, granodiorite, and tonalite. The soil exposures on the rises are comprised of highly reddish clayey loams indicative of their vast age.

The survey was accomplished by walking the dirt road, all rises, and available foot paths and larger animal trails. The project, as planned, involves splitting the parcel into four lots, each being 4+ acres in size. The larger exposed rocks were checked for evidence of milling, but nowhere did the bedrock outcrop in large enough masses to provide for bedrock milling opportunities. In most cases the underlying bedrock surfaces as small fractured chunks, and is unsuitable as raw material for creating manos or metates.

No prehistoric remains of any kind were noted on the parcel. Only a minor amount of modern trash is scattered throughout, all being of 1950s vintage or later. Disturbances on the parcel consisted almost exclusively of the previously mentioned winding dirt road.

Prior Research: Staff conducted a records search of the surrounding area using the California Historic Resources Inventory System (CHRIS). Two previous surveys covered the subject property, including one conducted by Jackson Underwood of RECON in 2001, and one by Richard Carrico of Mooney & Associates in 2003. These results were negative for the subject parcel. Since both studies were over five years old, this necessitated the current study. Sites have been recorded nearby, including CA-SDI-4522 (lithic scatter), CA-SDI-9379 (bedrock milling and small pottery scatter). Both sites have been destroyed by development, the former by Interstate 8, and the latter by a school. CA-SDI-4522 was recorded roughly 600 feet southeast of the subject parcel, while CA-SDI-9379 was 1000 feet to the north-northwest.

To reiterate, the results of this survey were negative. Given the nature of the property geology and soils, monitoring during construction is not recommended.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (858) 694-3029 or at martin.rosen@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

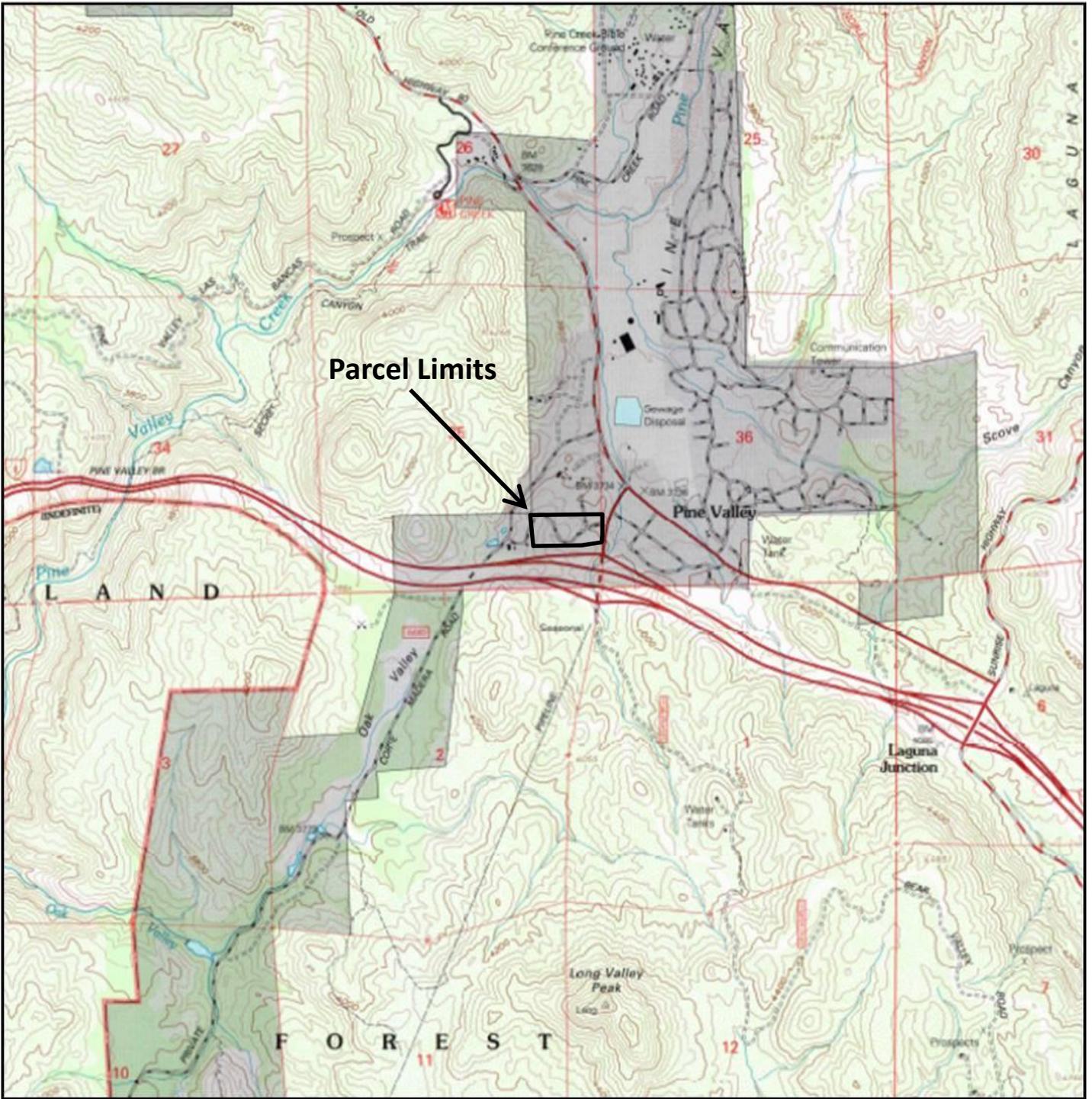


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Attachment

USGS Topographical Map – *Descanso* 7.5'

C: Ashley Gungle



Descanso 7.5' USGS, 1997



Figure 1
Top of the Pines
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Figure 2
Top of the Pines
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