

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MEETING AGENDA Thursday, July 22, 2021 4:30 p.m.

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Regular Agenda Items

1. **BOA 2021-08** Consideration and action on a request for a 25-foot variance to the 75' stream corridor setback for Lot 7 of Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek.

Staff Presenter: Felix Lleverino, Applicant: Scott Bracken

Adjournment

The Board of Adjustments meeting will be held in person in the Commission Chamber, in the Weber Center, 1st Floor, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah.

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Staff Report to the Weber County Board of Adjustment

Weber County Planning Division

Synopsis

Application Information

Application Request: Consideration and action on a request for a 25-foot variance to the 75' stream corridor

setback for Lot 7 of Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek.

Agenda Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Applicant: Scott Bracken File Number: BOA 2020-08

Property Information

Approximate Address: 4271 N Powder Mountain Road

Project Area: .60 acres

Zoning: Residential Estates (RE-15)

Existing Land Use: Residential
Proposed Land Use: Residential
Parcel ID: 22-209-0007

Township, Range, Section: T7N, R1E, Section 22

Adjacent Land Use

North: Residential South: Residential East: Residential/ Open Space West: Residential

Staff Information

Report Presenter: Felix Lleverino

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Report Reviewer: SB

Applicable Codes

- Title 102 (Administration) Chapter 3 (Board of Adjustment)
- Title 104 (Zones) Chapter 3 Residential Estates (RE-15 Zone)
- Title 104 (Zones) Chapter 28 (Ogden Valley Sensitive Lands) Section 2 (Stream Corridors, Wetlands, and Shorelines)

History

This variance request was presented to the Board on July 8, 2021. It was unanimous that the decision would be tabled until the applicant can:

- 1. Re-evaluate the self-imposed hardship aspects and come back to the board with a site plan that would more closely conform with the Sensitive Lands Ordinance LUC 104-28-2 (Stream Corridors, Wetlands, and Shorelines).
- 2. The revised site plan should also show the driveway location and how it is connected to the home.

The applicant's revised site plan shows the proposed dwelling abutting the front setback line, as far away from the stream as possible. Even with the new proposed location, the applicant would still need to receive a variance of 25 feet.

Background

The applicant is requesting a 25-foot variance to the required 75-foot stream corridor setback for the placement of a 2,246 sq. ft. home on Lot 7 of Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek. The unique circumstance on this property is a year-round stream running through the parcel, shown as a drainage easement on the Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek plat included as Exhibit D to this staff report. The Land Use Code Section 104-28-2, states the following regarding stream corridor setbacks:

No structure, accessory structure, road, or parking area shall be built within the required setback from a river or stream as measured from the high water mark of the river or stream. The high water mark shall be determined by the Weber County engineer. The areas within the setback shall be maintained in a manner that protects the quality of water in the river or stream and the habitat of native vegetation and wildlife along the river or stream...

C. Structures, accessory structures, roads, or parking areas shall not be developed or located within 75 feet on both sides of year-round streams, as determined from the high water mark of the stream.

Summary of Board of Adjustment Considerations

LUC §102-3 states that one of the duties and powers of the Board of Adjustment is to hear and decide variances from the requirements of the Weber County Land Use Code. For a variance to be granted it must be shown that all of the following criteria have been met:

- a. Literal enforcement of the ordinance would cause an unreasonable hardship for the applicant that is not necessary to carry out the general purpose of the Land Use Code.
 - In determining whether or not literal enforcement of the land use code would cause unreasonable hardship, the
 appeal authority may not find an unreasonable hardship unless the alleged hardship is located on or associated
 with the property for which the variance is sought, and comes from circumstances peculiar to the property, not
 from conditions that are general to the neighborhood.
 - 2. In determining whether or not literal enforcement of the land use code would cause unreasonable hardship, the appeal authority may not find an unreasonable hardship if the hardship is self-imposed or economic.
- b. There are special circumstances attached to the property that do not generally apply to other properties in the same zone.
 - 1. In determining whether or not there are special circumstances attached to the property, the appeal authority may find that special circumstances exist only if the special circumstances relate to the hardship complained of, and deprive the property of privileges granted to other properties in the same zone.
- c. Granting the variance is essential to the enjoyment of a substantial property right possessed by other property in the same zone.
- d. The variance will not substantially affect the general plan and will not be contrary to the public interest.
- e. The spirit of the land use ordinance is observed and substantial justice done.

Listed below is the applicant's argument for the approval of a variance:

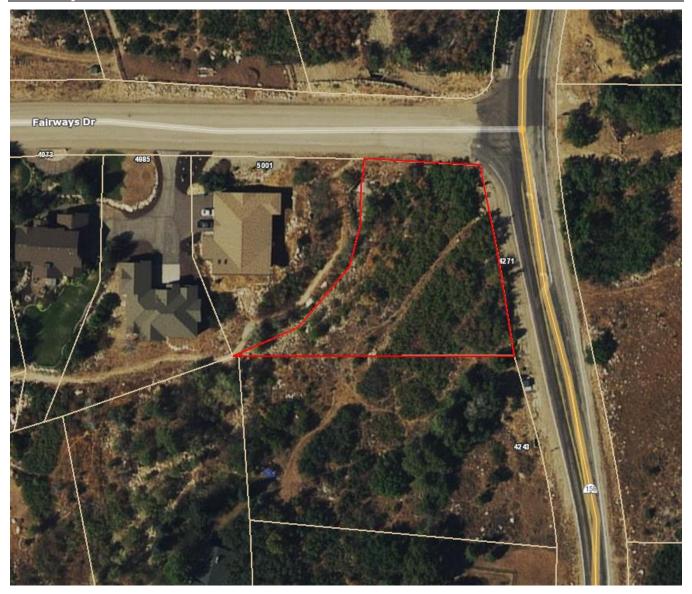
- a. Literal enforcement would cause an unreasonable hardship due to the resulting minimal buildable area, since the last meeting the applicant has shifted the building to be as close to the front lot line as possible.
- b. The special circumstances that exist on the property are the unusual lot configuration, the 75' Stream Corridor setback that is 25' greater than what is depicted on the dedication plat, and the shared driveway to the south, which requires the southeast side of the building to be pushed more toward the stream.
- c. Granting the variance would allow the owner to increase the distance of the home and driveway from Powder Mountain Road and increase the amount of natural foliage preserved.
- d. The 50' setback depicted on the plat for lot 7 of Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek met the standards at the time of its creation for the preservation of riparian and other natural areas (See page 7 on the 2016 Ogden Valley General Plan).
- e. This variance request is not an attempt to avoid or circumvent the requirements of the County Land Use Code. The applicant has gone through the proper channels in applying for a variance. The proposal still observes a 50' ft setback from the stream.

If the Board determines that all five criteria are met, the Board may choose to grant the requested variance. It is the staff recommendation that before any decision, the Board discusses and considers each of the criteria as they relate to the site and the specific proposal.

Exhibits

- A. Response to the Board of Adjustment
- B. Building Plans
- C. Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek dedication plat
- D. Sensitive Lands Map (Stream Corridor)
- E. Site Photos

Area Map





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Weber County Board of Adjustment NOTICE OF DECISION

July 9, 2021

Scott Bracken 4271 N Powder Mountain Road Eden, UT 84310

Case No.: BOA 2021-08

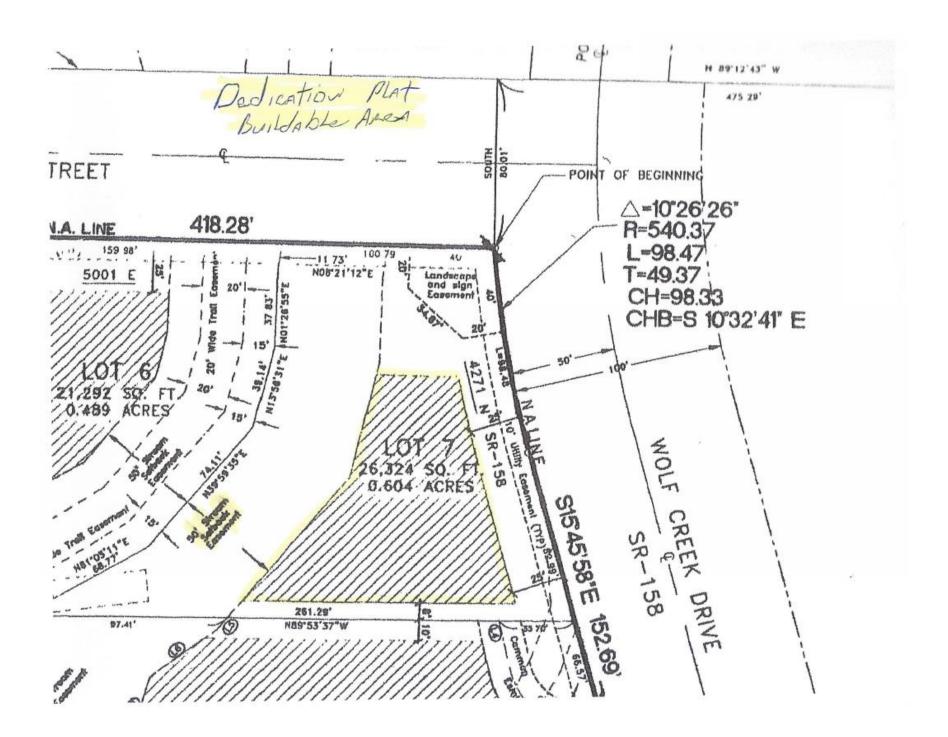
The Board of Adjustment held a public meeting on July 8, 2021, to consider a variance request. The applicant is hereby notified that the request for a 25' variance to the 75' stream corridor set-back on lot 7 of Hidden Oaks at Wolf Creek was tabled. The Board of Adjustment has asked that the applicant returns with a revised site plan that can accomplish the following:

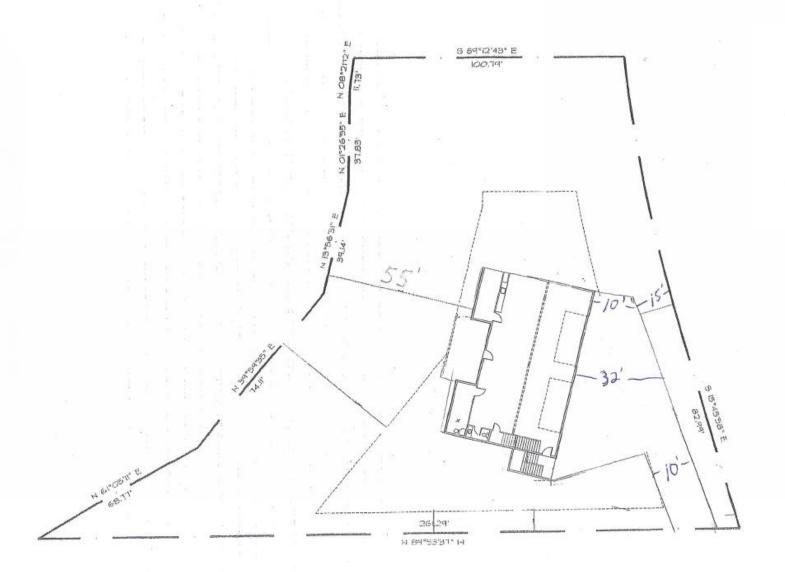
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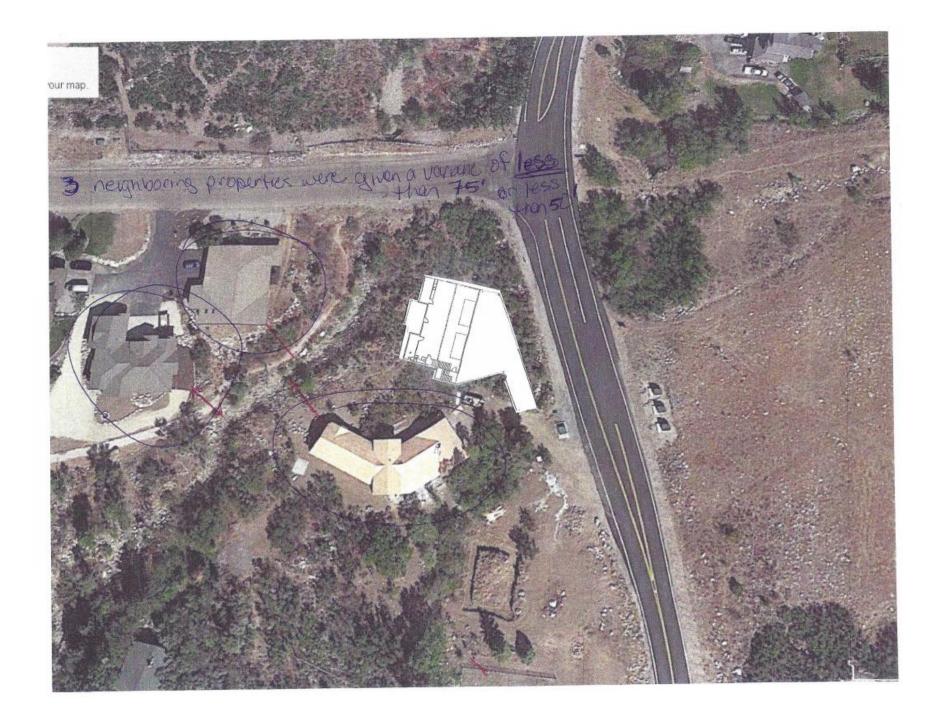
Sincerely,

Felix Lleverino, Weber County Planning Division 2380 Washington Blvd, Suite 240

The approval of a Board of Adjustment Case is valid for a period of time not longer than 18 months from the date of the Board decision or until an ordinance amendment changes the conditions upon which the decision was made. The issuance of a building permit for development stated in the Board of Adjustment case application constitutes full use of the variance or other benefit applied for.

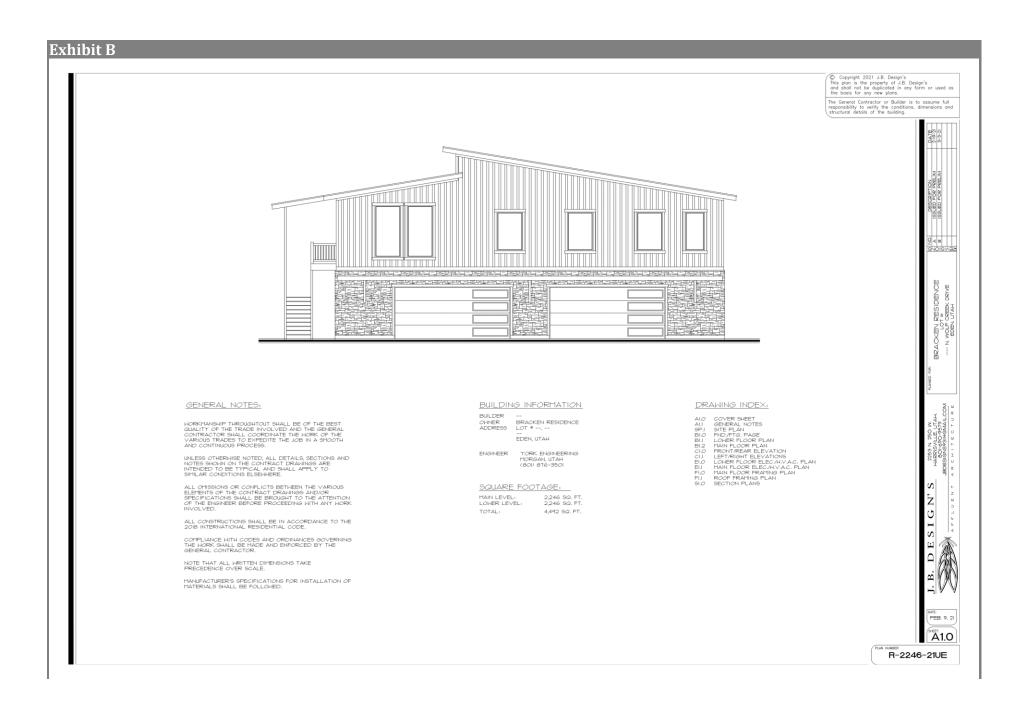








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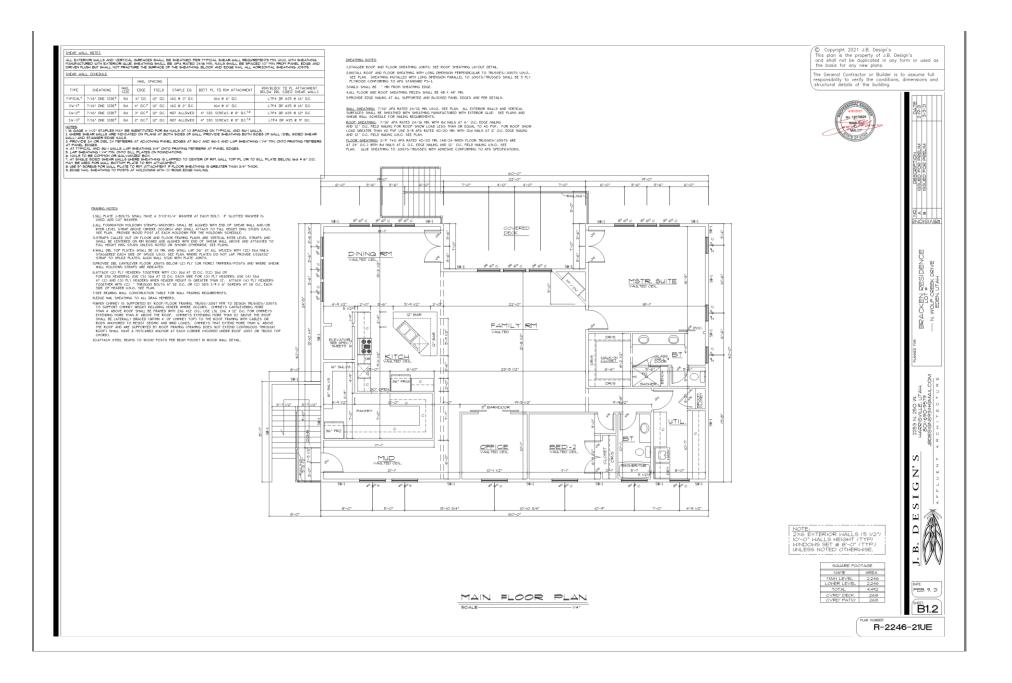






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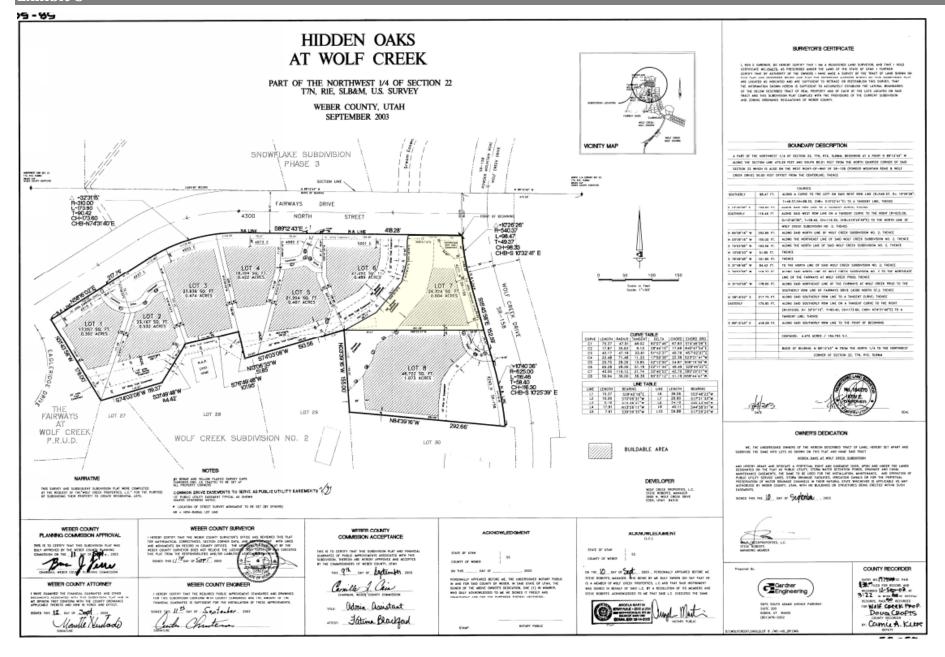
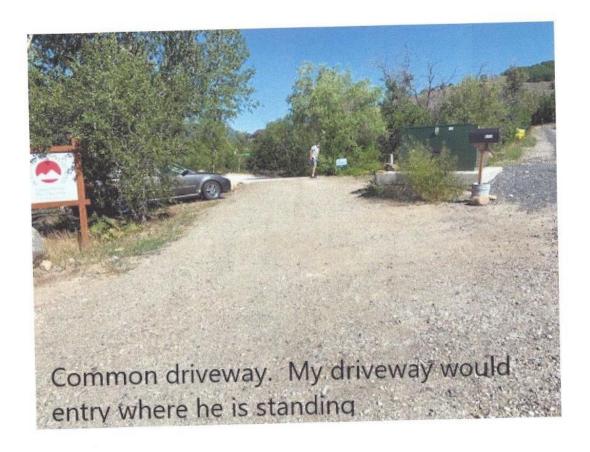
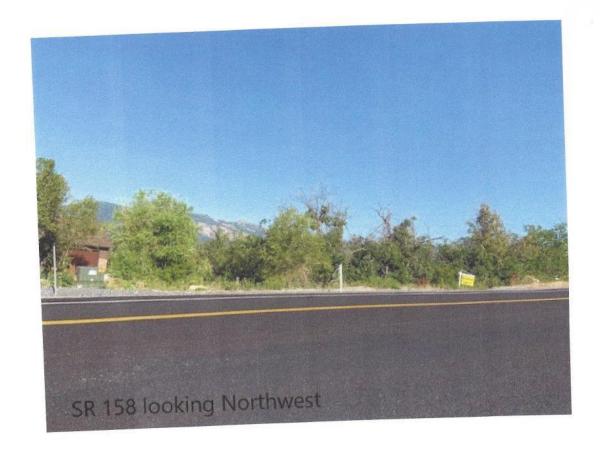


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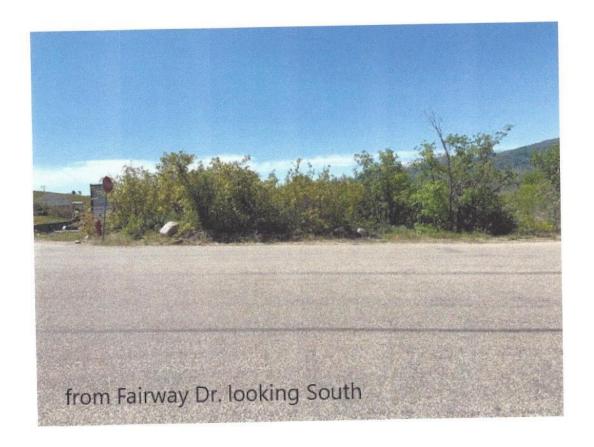






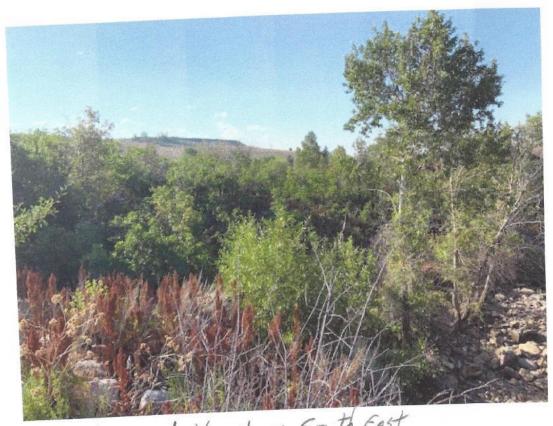


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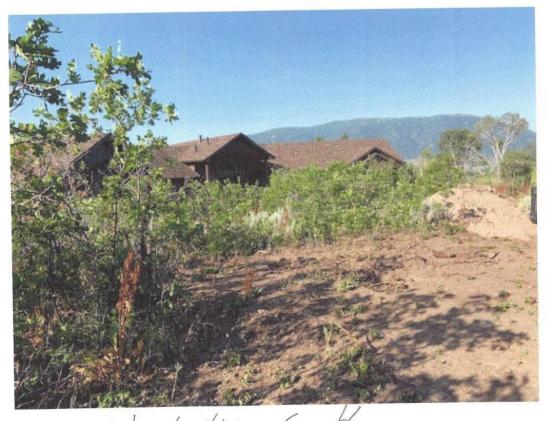




Looking down into Holf Creek from FAIRWAYS



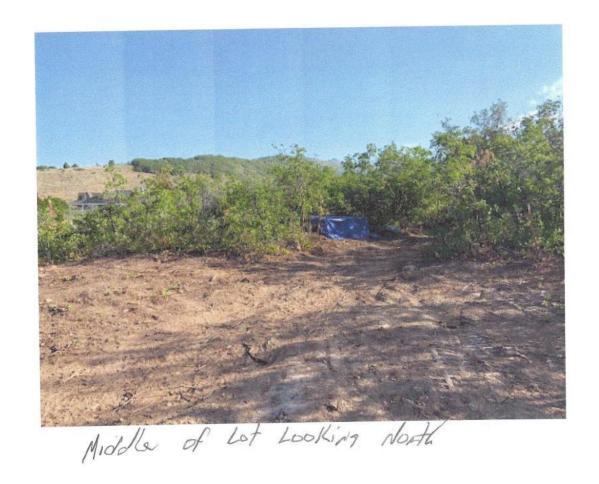
Looking Northwest - South East



Lot Looking South



Lot Looking West



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