



Neighborhood Welcome Package

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Welcome Message

On behalf of the Whiting Woods Property Owners Association, Inc., its Board Members and general membership, welcome to Glendale, welcome to the Crescenta Valley and, in particular, welcome to Whiting Woods.

This Neighborhood Welcome Package has been prepared for you by your Association. It is intended to provide you with some basic historical information about the area and about the Association itself. In addition, it will provide you with a few addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses of persons and locations that may be of interest to you during your stay in the Woods.

We sincerely believe that Whiting Woods is one of the best places in the Los Angeles area to live, to raise and educate children, and to simply enjoy the surroundings. We hope you will meet and greet your neighbors. We hope you will take part in the many available activities in the area, and join as an active member of your Association.

Again, we welcome you as our neighbor and hope this package provides you with some useful information. Any suggestions you may have to make this a more informative package are welcomed. Please call any member of the Association or contact your Block Director with your suggestions.



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History of Whiting Woods

A Welcome Package to Whiting Woods would certainly not be complete without some discussion of the history of the Woods itself. At least one member of your Association is in possession of a First Edition book entitled "PERRY Experiences of a Pioneer" written by Perry Whiting. The book has a copyright of 1930. All items shown in quote below are excerpts taken from this book. Anyone wishing to browse or read this book should contact an Association Officer or Board Member.

Perry Whiting was born in Michigan on April 21, 1868. As an adult, he co-owned the Whiting-Mead Company specialized in building material merchandising and lived at "3150 Honolulu Avenue, La Crescenta (Los Angeles), California." In 1915, Mr. Whiting learned his company "had a lien on the Pasadena Mountain Club" for \$2500. He also learned that the property was "about one and one-half miles west of Montrose, on Honolulu Avenue, situated in a canyon in the Verdugo Mountains" and it consisted of "44 acres of mountain land all except about 10 acres of which was too steep for any practical use." The Club consisted of a few stockholders who paid \$0.25 or \$0.50 for a membership card. This prevented the owner for being arrested for selling liquor to the members. The Club also consisted "of a small club house and ten small one-room cabins used for bedrooms, which the rented out for assignation purposes." When looking at the property, Mr. Whiting said, "It pleased me very much, from the fact that there were a great many Live Oak and Sycamore trees. Such places as this are not plentiful in Southern California." Whiting-Mead bough the property for \$7,000 and Mr. Whiting subsequently purchased the property from the Company for \$9,000. He remodeled the Pasadena Mountain Club clubhouse and used it for his private residence.

In the fall of 1916, Mr. Whiting read in the Los Angeles Times, "For Sale, 415 acres in the Verdugo Hills, in La Crescenta Valley." He contacted the owner who lived in Wisconsin and found that the property in question was in fact "part of the canyon adjoining my property" and that "this land was very beautiful, having a regular forest on many parts." After negotiating for several months, Mr. Whiting bought the property for \$14,000.

In early 1921, Mr. Whiting's ranch home "burned to the ground, furniture and all." However, late in that same year, he purchased "260 acres up in the canyon for \$20,000 from a Chinaman who pretended to raise vegetables for a living, but I believed he made his money selling opium, as I found afterwards to be a fact." He now owned 670 acres in the Verdugo Mountains. Finally, in late 1926, Mr. Whiting remarried and planned to build a new home on the "La Crescenta Ranch across the valley from the fire-scarred foundation of the my old abode."

Today, Whiting Woods is a peaceful enclave that consists of 170 homes occupied by approximately 374 residents. Its major and only entrance and exit is on Whiting Woods Road. Its other major streets are El Lado Drive and Mesa Lila Road. The Woods still contain an abundance of Live Oak and Sycamore trees (both of which are protected by the City of Glendale), and wildlife, such as deer, rabbits, coyotes, snakes, bobcats, etc., can frequently be seen. There are hiking trails at the top of Whiting Woods and Mesa Lila roads and there is a seasonal stream that runs through the area. Truly, Whiting Woods is one of the best places to live in the Los Angeles Basin.



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History & Organization of the Association

The Whiting Woods Property Owners Association (WWPOA) was begun in May 1960 when a group of residents held the first Board Meeting. The organizational By-Laws were drafted and approved on May 20, 1961 and on September 18, 1961, the WWPOA became “official” by adopting its Articles of Incorporation. The WWPOA leadership is comprised of a Board of Directors (called Officers), a team of Block Directors, one of more Directors at Large, and a representative to the Glendale Homeowner’s Coordinating Council (GHCC). All of these positions are for two-year terms and vacant positions are filled by election every year.

The Board of Directors consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer, and their duties are not unlike similar positions in industry. The Block Directors are chosen to represent geographical sections of Whiting Woods such as El Lado Drive East, Mesa Lila Lane, Hillway Drive, etc., and there are currently nine of three positions. The Directors at Large are usually but not always ex-Officers or Block Directors, and are chosen to fill various positions are needed by the Board. There are currently two of three positions. The sole GHCC representative serves as a liaison between the WWPOA and the GHCC.

The purpose of the WWPOA is to interact with and represent the residents of the Woods with regard to all issues of importance to the area. In keeping with that purpose, the WWPOA has been involved in many issues in recent years. It was heavily involved, along with the Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) organization and concerned homeowners, in the 1980 purchase of Henderson Canyon (which begins at the foot of Whiting Woods Road and continues to the top of the visible ridgeline) for recreational use. More recently, the WWPOA, along with the Volunteers Organized in Conserving the Environment (VOICE) organization, was aggressively involved in the reduction in the number of homes to be built at the top of Deerpass Road. While the original number stood at over 25, the current plan is for only 2 homes to be built in that area. The WWPOA was also actively involved, again with the VOICE, in the review of the Environmental impact Report regarding the proposed 572 units Oakmont View V development just around the corner from the Woods.

The Association continues to co-sponsor City Council candidate forums, to conduct the Annual Meeting, to host the Annual Summer Party, and to sponsor several Subcommittees that deal with the issues relevant to the security, safety and education of Whiting Woods Residents.

All work performed by your Association is done within the financial confines of the annual dues. Those dues from 1960 to 1999 were \$5.00 per year, the lowest of any homeowners association in the area. Today dues are \$20.00 per year.



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Major Events

Annual Residents Meeting

This event occurs each June and all residents are invited to attend. The primary purpose of this meeting is for residents to meet and greet their neighbors in a social environment. It is also at this meeting where the election of new Block Directors is conducted and where residents vote on any By-Law changes that may be pending. In addition, each year, the Association invites a prominent person to speak at the meeting. In the past years, speakers have included City Council members, the Glendale City Manager, the president of VOICE, Mark Stirdivant, and the Director of Neighborhood Services. This meeting is also used to update the residents on any major issues affecting the Woods, such as street maintenance schedules, new city legislation (Hillside Ordinance), etc. Last but not last, the Annual Residents Meeting is used as a place to distribute information from the various subcommittees and to invite any interested residents to volunteer their services on these committees.

Annual Neighborhood Party

This is a fun event that is held each year and all residents of Whiting Woods, past and present, are invited to attend. The major purpose of this party is simply to meet and greet your neighbors in a relaxed environment. Food and drink are provided by your Association and the party usually includes games and activities for the children. The City of Glendale Fire and Police Departments are also represented at this event,, as well as other invited guests, such as the Red Cross, the Montrose Search and Rescue Team, etc.

Annual Dues Collection

This is an event that begins in January of each year and is conducted by each Block Director. Its purpose is to solicit the membership of each resident through the payment of a \$20.00 voluntary annual fee. These fees are used to pay for the Association's involvement in legal proceedings (such as the Oakmont and Deerpass developments), to pay for the food and drink at the Annual Neighborhood Party, to pay for the lights at the entrance to Whiting Woods, and to pay for the administration costs associated with maintain the Association, such as printing and mailing.



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Important Telephone Numbers

Federal & State Representatives

Congress	Adam Schiff, U.S. Representative United States House of Representatives 433 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Phone: (202) 225-4176 FAX: (202) 225-5828	35 S. Raymond Ave, Suite 205 Pasadena, CA 91105 Phone: (626) 394-2727 FAX: (626) 304-0572
State Senate	Carol Liu, State Senator State Capitol Sacramento, CA 94248-0001 Phone: (916)651-4021	710 S. Central Ave Glendale, CA 91204 Phone: (626) 683-0282
State Assembly	Mike Gatto, Assemblyman State Capitol, Room 4140 Sacramento, CA 94249-0043 Phone: (916) 319-2043	300 E. Magnolia, Suite 504 Burbank, CA 91502 Phone: (818) 558-3043
LA County Board of Supervisors	Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor 500 W. Temple St., Room 869 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Phone: (213) 974-5555 FAX: (213) 974-1010	215 N. Marengo, Suite 120 Pasadena, CA 91101 Phone: (626) 356-5407

City of Glendale

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City Offices

City Attorney	General	818-548-2080
City Hall Information	General	818-548-4000
City Manager	General	919-548-4844
Police Department	Emergencies	911
	Non-Emergencies	818-548-4840
	COPPS	818-548-4015
Fire Department	Emergencies	911
	Non-Emergencies	818-548-4814
Neighborhood Services	General	818-548-3700
Public Service Department	General	818-548-3300
	Emergency Water & Power	818-548-2011
Public Works	General	818-548-3900

Animal Control

Pasadena Humane Society 626-792-7151

Civic Organizations

Glendale Chamber of Commerce 818-248-4957

Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce 818-249-7171

Crescenta Valley Town Council 818-248-9387

Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council VOICE Phone: 818-249-0900

FAX: 818-249-3406

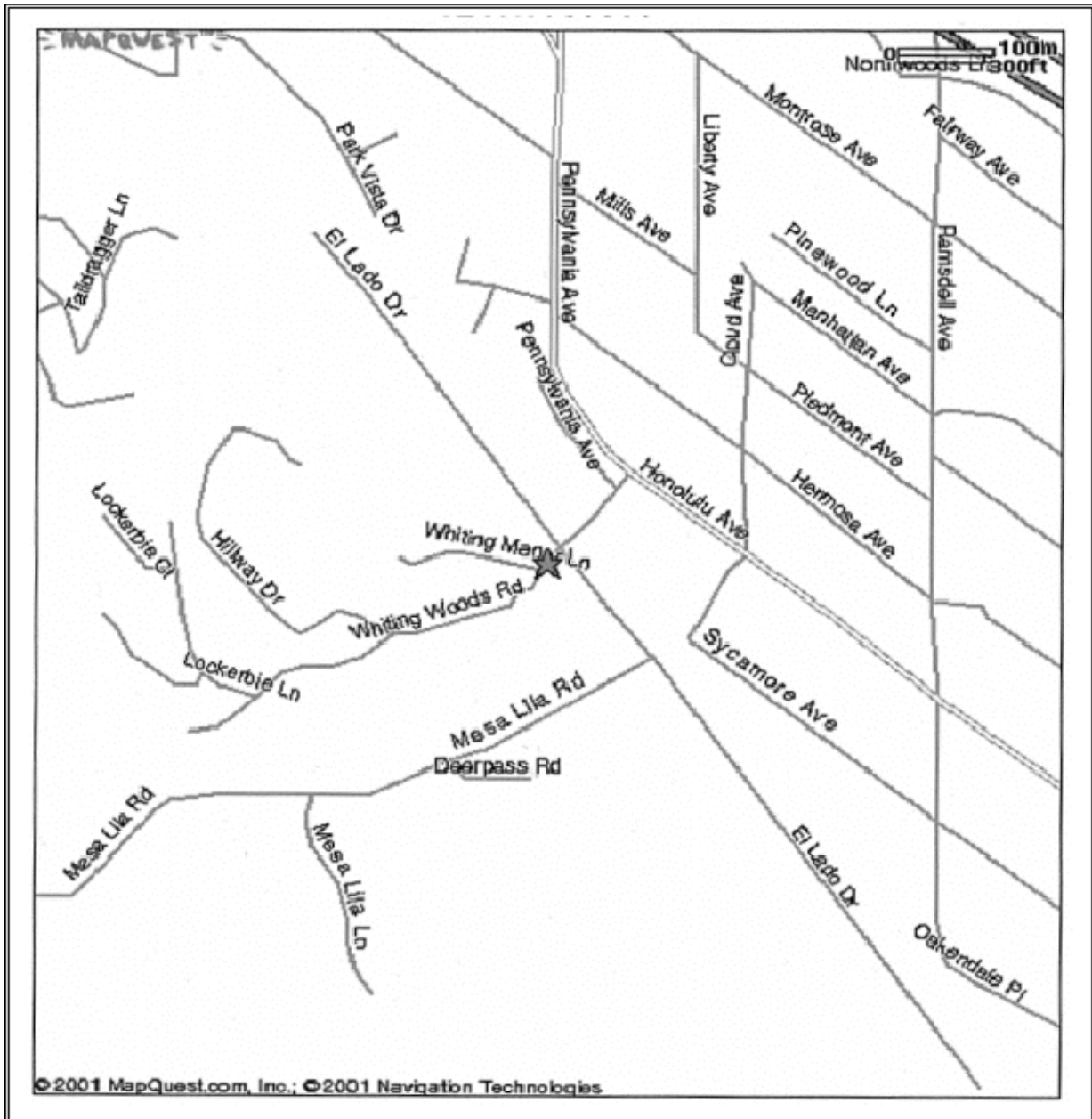
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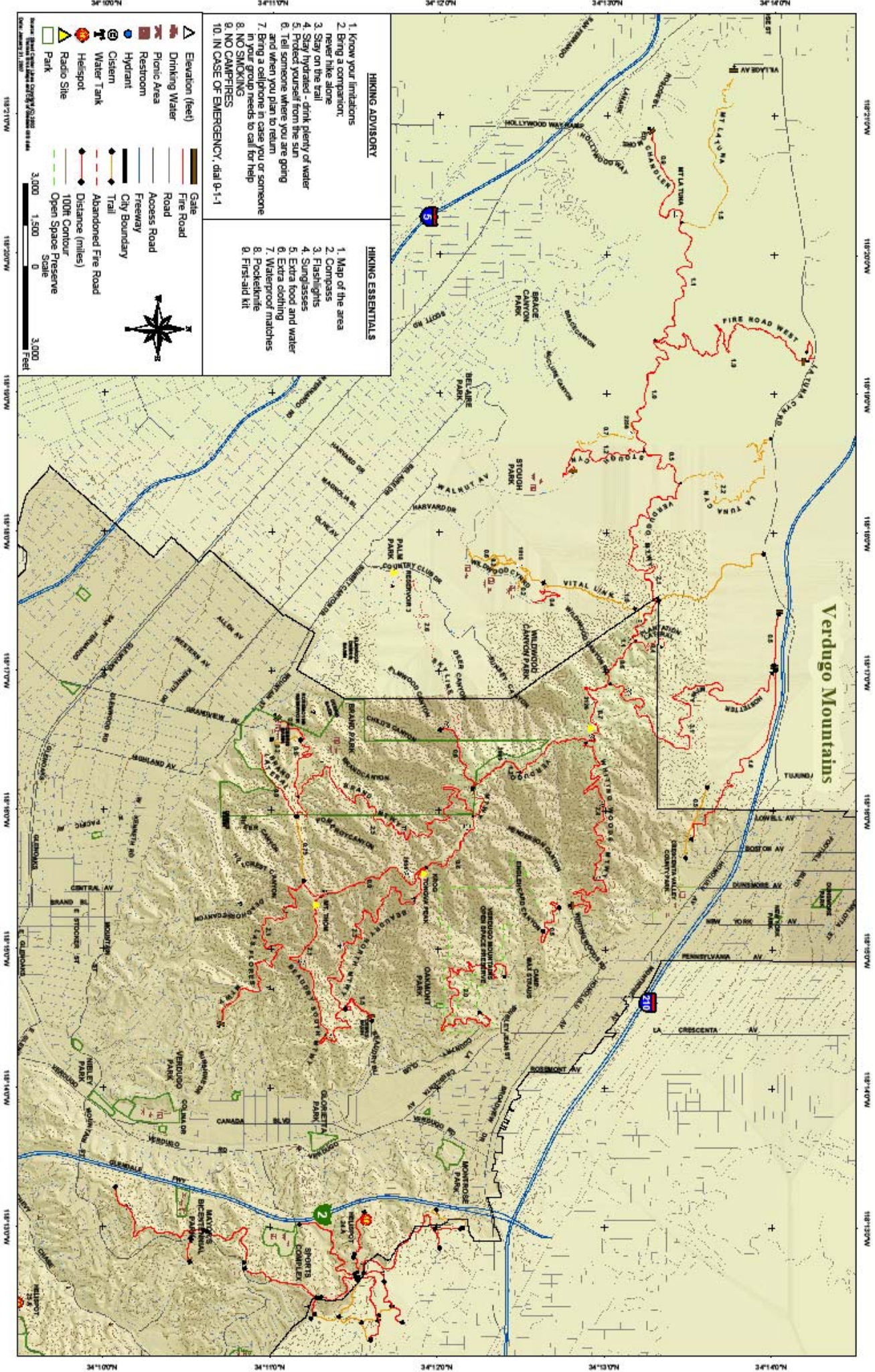
Website: www.gcvoice.org



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Whiting Woods and Surrounding Streets





HIKING ADVISORY

1. Know your limitations
2. Bring a companion; never hike alone
3. Stay on the trail
4. Stay hydrated - drink plenty of water
5. Protect yourself from the sun
6. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return
7. Bring a cellphone in case you or someone in your party needs to call for help
8. NO CAMPFIRE
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10. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, dial 9-1-1

HIKING ESSENTIALS

1. Map of the area
2. Compass
3. Flashlights
4. Sunglasses
5. Extra food and water
6. Extra clothing
7. Waterproof matches
8. Pocketknife
9. First-aid kit



- Elevation (feet)
- Drinking Water
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Hydrant
- Cistern
- Water Tank
- Helspot
- Radio Site
- Park
- Gate Road
- Fire Road
- Road
- Access Road
- Freeway
- City Boundary
- Trail
- Abandoned Fire Road
- 100ft Contour
- Open Space Preserve

Scale: 0 1,500 3,000 Feet