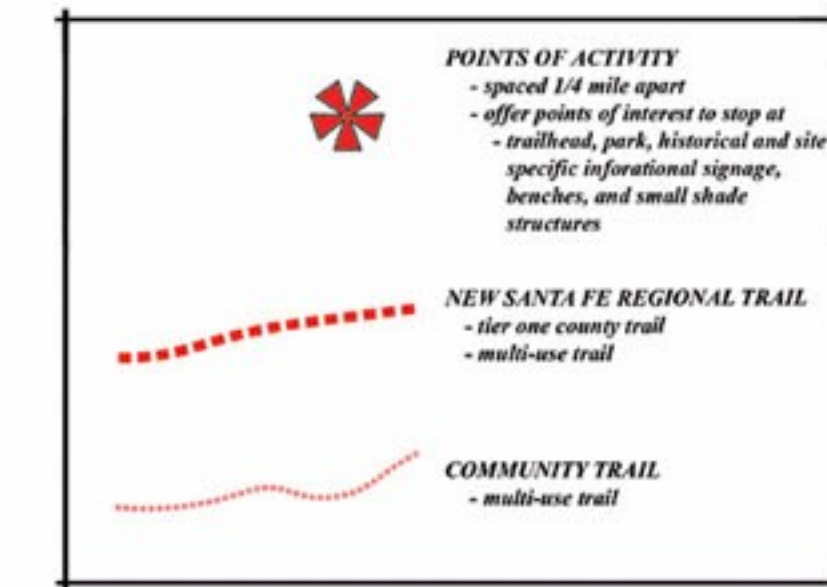
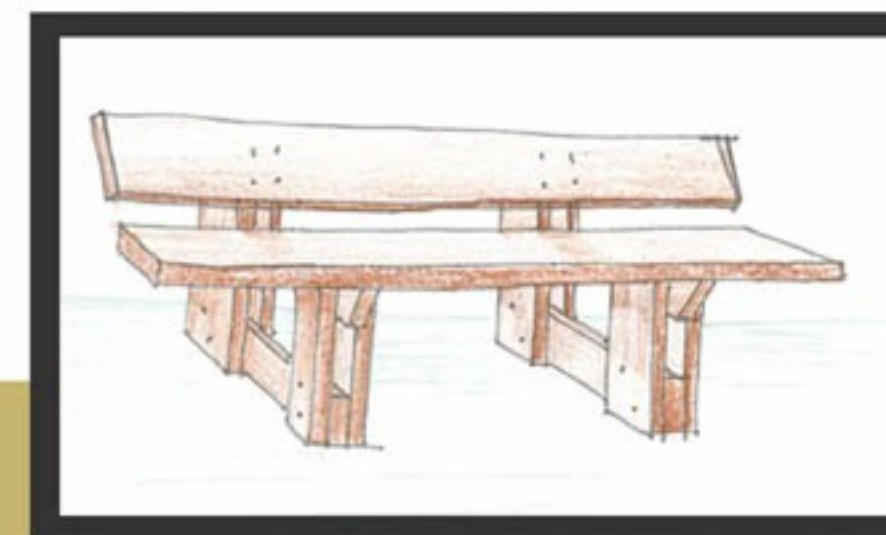
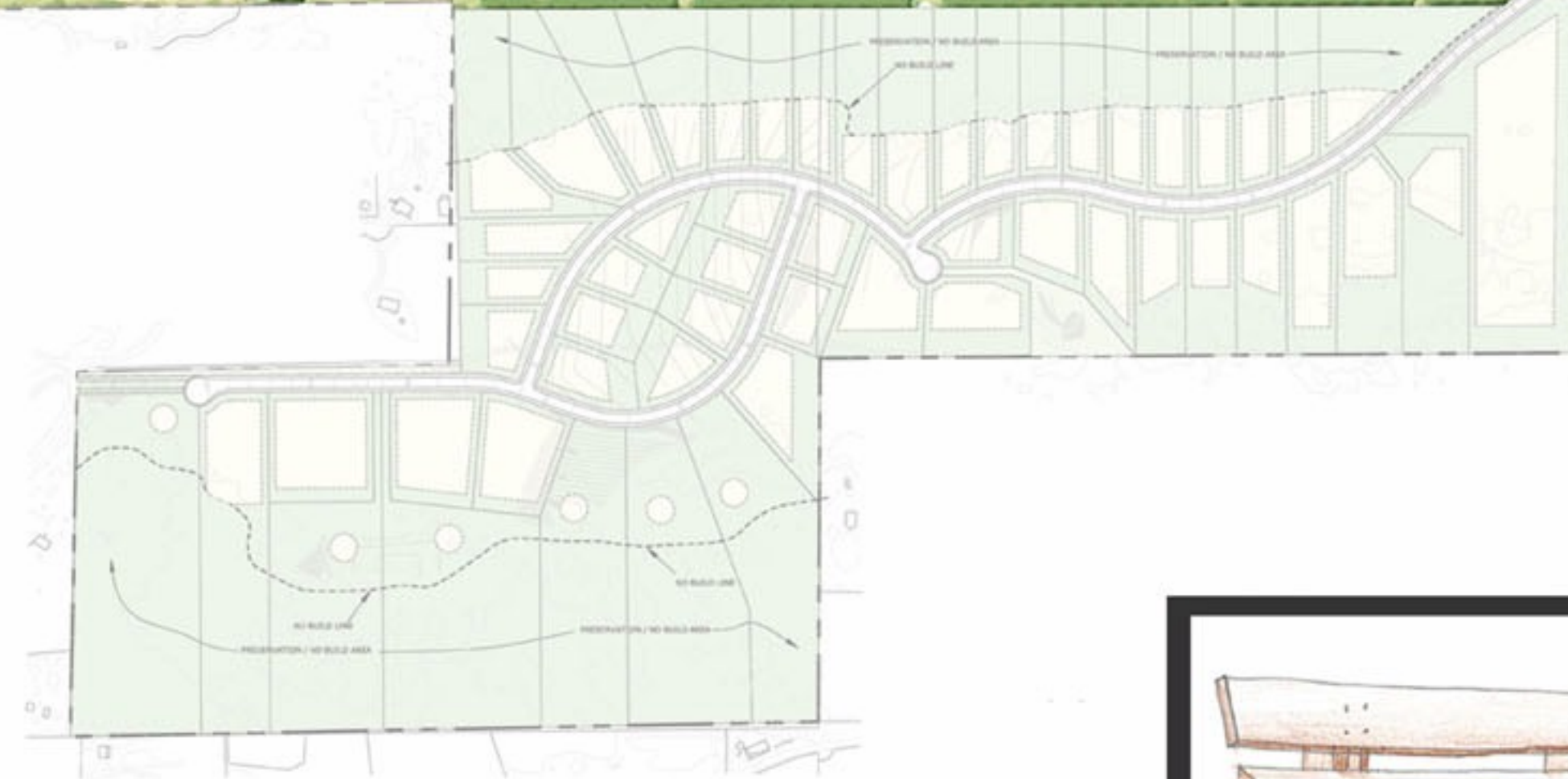
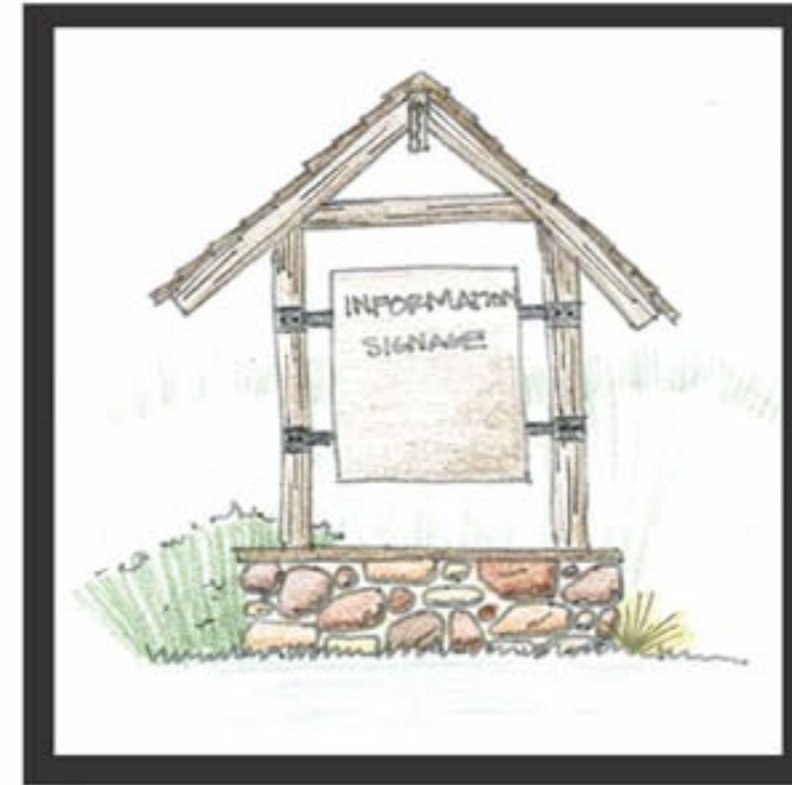


# FOREST LAKES



**POINT OF INTEREST - location D**  
 - facing east on Regional Trail  
 - potential bench and trash receptacle  
 - Pike National Forest information signage, trail connection



## COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Forest Lakes, the site of an 1800's ranching homestead, is set in a pristine valley where the Great Plains meet the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The Pike National Forest forms the western boundary of Forest Lakes and "The Knoll" is a predominant feature at the head of the valley. Heading east from "The Knoll", Beaver Creek drops down through the center of the valley to feed Bristlecone Lake and Pinon Lake.

The valley floor along Beaver Creek will remain untouched as a wildlife preserve, with development occurring primarily on the hilly slopes of the valley's north side, on the edge of the lakes, and on the flat ridge of the valley's south rim.

The vegetation is primarily grass, with low Gambel Oak and some juniper and pine on "The Knoll" and upper ridgelines. Distant views are spectacular and are to be preserved. In turn, much of this site can be seen from the plains below and is within the zone of the Monument rock formations, though none exist on the property.

Overall, Forest Lakes is to be a community in harmony with its natural setting promoting a sense of connectivity with the natural setting.



## COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Community Amenities will be localized through out our hundred acres of open space within Forest Lakes and are intended to provide a cohesive element to the development. These amenities will allow the home-owners access to the Regional Trail that runs through the property, non-motorized access to Bristlecone Lake, and beautiful views toward the mountains. The open space also provides endangered species habitat, wetland ecosystems, and other passive recreation opportunities.

Shelters and shade structures will be located in the two parks, Waterfront Park and Homestead Park, as well as playground equipment. All the elements in these parks will be consistent with the theme of Forest Lakes - incorporating native stone and timber to create a "natural" look.

Along the streetscapes, there will be a two-rail timber fence that will help unify the diverse property types available in Forest Lakes. Landscaping and berming will help provide privacy to the homeowner, without the need of a privacy fence, in order to keep the natural open feel of the development. The streetscapes will have native grasses with deciduous trees, shrubs, and perennials providing accents without blocking views toward Bristlecone Lake and the mountains.

Landscaping will reflect the character and attributes of the surrounding development and existing vegetation. The landscape will accent and support existing vegetation.



**POINT OF INTEREST - location C**  
 - facing west on Regional Trail  
 - site geography and natural features information signage



**POINT OF INTEREST - bridge location**  
 - prefabricated bridge allows for minimal disturbance in PMJM habitat  
 - potential bench and trash receptacle



**POINT OF INTEREST - location B**  
 - facing west on Regional Trail  
 - potential bench and trash receptacle



**POINT OF INTEREST - location A**  
 - looking over Beaver Creek  
 - PMJM habitat informational signage