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**1. REPORT TITLE**

**1a. Report Title:** A Class III Cultural Resources Survey of the Extra Space Storage Expansion, Oro Valley, Pima County, Arizona

**1b. Report Author(s):** Mitchell A. Keur

**1c. Date:** February 6, 2023 **1d. Report No.:** 2023-008

**2. PROJECT REGISTRATION/PERMITS**

**2a. ASM Accession Number:** Not applicable (N/A)

**2b. AAA Permit Number:** 2023-053bl

**2c. ASLD Lease Application Number(s):** N/A

**2d. Other Permit Number(s):** N/A

**3. ORGANIZATION/CONSULTING FIRM**

**3a. Name:** Tierra Right of Way Services, Ltd. (Tierra)

**3b. Internal Project Number:** 23TA00-028.01

**3c. Internal Project Name:** Atwell OV Extra Space Storage Class III

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**4. SPONSOR/LEAD AGENCY**

**4a. Sponsor:** Atwell Group

**4b. Lead Agency:** Town of Oro Valley

**4c. Agency Project Number(s):** N/A

**4d. Agency Project Name:** Extra Space Storage Expansion

**4e. Funding Source(s):** Private

**4f. Other Involved Agencies:** N/A

**4g. Applicable Regulations:** Oro Valley Zoning Code, Chapter 27

**5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR UNDERTAKING:** Atwell is providing development services for a proposed expansion of the existing Extra Space Storage facility located at 8710 North Oracle Road in Oro Valley, Arizona. The project area is undeveloped property immediately north of the existing facility. The purpose of the intensive pedestrian (Class III) cultural resources survey reported here was to identify cultural resources within the project area in compliance with cultural resources guidelines of the Town of Oro Valley.

**6. PROJECT AREA/AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS:** The project area is Pima County Parcel Nos. 225-14-166D and 225-14-166E. It is undeveloped private land near the southeast intersection of Oracle Road and Hardy Road in Oro Valley, Arizona. The project area is a roughly triangular-shaped 4.73 acres north of the existing Extra Space Storage facility and south of Sunny Slope Apartments and Circle K convenience store.

## 7. PROJECT LOCATION

**7a. Address:** 8750, 8760, and 8770 N. Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ

**7b. Route:** N/A                    **7c. Mileposts Limits:** N/A

**7d. Nearest City/Town:** Oro Valley (within limits)            **7e. County:** Pima

**7f. Project Locator UTM:** 502985 Easting 3580909 Northing    **7g. NAD 83**    **7h. Zone:** 12

**7i. Baseline & Meridian:** Gila and Salt River    **7j. USGS Quadrangle(s):** Tucson North

**7k. Legal Description(s):** Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 13 East (Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian)

## 8. SURVEY AREA

**8a. Total Acres:** 4.73

**8b. Survey Area.**

<b>1. Land Jurisdiction</b>	<b>2. Total Acres Surveyed</b>	<b>3. Total Acres Not Surveyed</b>	<b>4. Justification for Areas Not Surveyed</b>
Private	4.73	0	N/A

## 9. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXTS

**9a. Landform:** Alluvial fan terrace

**9b. Elevation:** 2,640 ft amsl

**9c. Surrounding Topographic Features:** The project area is in the northern Tucson Basin, approximately 0.3 miles west of the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, and 1.75 miles from the Pusch Peak summit.

**9d. Nearest Drainage:** Unnamed tributary of the Cañada del Oro, 0.4 km to the south

**9e. Local Geology:** Unconsolidated to strongly consolidated alluvial and eolian deposits (0-2 Ma) (Arizona Geological Survey 2023). McKittrick (1988) identifies this geomorphic setting as the Pleistocene-age M2 alluvial fan surface, which is the youngest alluvium abandoned by active deposition.

**9f. Vegetation:** Arizona Upland Subdivision of the Sonoran Desertsrub biotic community (Brown 1994). Predominantly creosote and acacia with barrel cactus, cholla, ocotillo, mesquite, and palo verde, and various bunch grasses.

**9g. Soils/Deposition:** Palos Verdes-Sahuarita complex (NRCS 2023). McKittrick(1988) describes pedogenesis on the M2 as ranging from slight soil development to strong argillic horizons.

**9h. Buried Deposits:** Unlikely

**9i. Justification:** The M2 surface has been abandoned and is not experiencing active depositional processes. There is little to no mechanism for burial on this landform. This is supported by a lack of surface artifacts in the project area.

**10. BUILT ENVIRONMENT:** The undeveloped project area is surrounded by commercial and residential development to the north, east, and south. West of the project area is the Oracle Road/State Route 77 corridor.

## 11. INVENTORY CLASS COMPLETED

**11a. Class I Inventory:**

**11b. Researcher(s):**

**11c. Class II Survey:**

**11d Sampling Strategy:**

**11e. Class III Inventory:**

## 12. BACKGROUND RESEARCH SOURCES

**12a. AZSITE:**

**12b. ASM Archaeological Records Office:**

**12c. SHPO Inventories and/or SHPO Library:**

**12d. NRHP Database:**

**12e. ADOT Portal:**

**12f. GLO Maps:** Original Survey Map; Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 13 East (Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian), filed January 13, 1912

**12g. Land-Managing Agency Files:** N/A

**12h. Tribal Cultural Resources Files:** N/A

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**12i. Local Government Websites:** N/A

**12j. Other:** N/A

**13. BACKGROUND RESEARCH RESULTS**

**13a. Previous Projects in or adjacent to the Project Area.**

<b>1. Project Reference Number</b>	<b>2. Project Name</b>	<b>3. Author(s)</b>	<b>4. Year</b>
1996-325.ASM	State Route 77-Linda Vista Boulevard and Cortaro Farms Road Survey	Stone	Unknown
2005-4.ASM	Oracle and Hardy Survey	Fahrni	2005

**13b. Previously Recorded Cultural Resources Within .5 Miles of the Project Area.**

<b>1. Site Number/Name</b>	<b>2. Affiliation</b>	<b>3. Site Type</b>	<b>4. Eligibility Status</b>	<b>5. Associated Reference(s)</b>
AZ BB:9:41(ASM), Cañada del Oro-Camp Grant Wagon Road	Native American Culture; Historic Euro-American	Road/trail	Determined Eligible, Criterion A (SHPO)	Multiple
AZ FF:9:17(ASM), State Route 80	Historic Euro-American	Road/trail	Eligible, Criterion A, C, and D (SHPO)	Multiple
AZ BB:2:78(ASM), Oracle-Holbrook Highway	Historic Euro-American	Road/trail	Eligible, Criterion A, B, and D (SHPO)	Multiple

**13c. Historic Buildings/Districts/Neighborhoods.**

<b>1. Property Name or Address</b>	<b>2. Year</b>	<b>3. Eligibility Status</b>
N/A		

**14. CULTURAL CONTEXTS**

**14a. Prehistoric Culture:** Hohokam

**14b. Protohistoric Culture:** O'odham

**14c. Indigenous Historic Culture:** O'odham

**14d. Euro-American Culture:** A.D. 1500-1950

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**15. FIELD SURVEY PERSONNEL**

**15a. Principal Investigator:** Michael Brack

**15b. Field Supervisor:** Mitchell A. Keur

**15c. Crew:** Mitchell A. Keur

**15d. Fieldwork Date(s):** February 1, 2023

**16. SURVEY METHODS**

**16a. Transect Intervals:** 15 m apart

**16b. Coverage (%):** 100

**16c. Site Recording Criteria:** ASM

**16d. Ground Surface Visibility:** 15-50% with vegetation obscuring portions of the project area

**16e. Observed Disturbances:** Modern trash and vehicle tracks

**17. FIELD SURVEY RESULTS**

**17a. No Cultural Resources Identified:**

**17b. Historical In-Use Structures Identified:** ; **Form(s) Attached:**

**17c. Number of IOs Recorded:** 0

**17d. Table of IOs.**

<b>1. IO Number</b>	<b>2. Description</b>	<b>3. Date Range</b>	<b>4. UTMs</b>
N/A			

**18. COMMENTS:** No sites, historic buildings, or isolated occurrences were detected in the project area during the Class III survey. Class I research shows previously recorded sites west and north of the project area. These sites are associated with the contemporary alignment Oracle Road/State Route 77, and do not intrude the project area. Tierra recommends that development in the project area should be allowed to proceed for the proposed project without further archaeological work.

**SECTION 19. ATTACHMENTS**

19a. Project Location Map:  Figures 1 and 2  
19b. Land Jurisdiction Map:  Figure 1  
19c. Background Research Map(s):  Figure 3  
19d. GLO Map(s):  Figure 4  
19e. References:

**SECTION 20. CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION**

I certify the information provided herein has been reviewed for content and accuracy and all work meets applicable agency standards.



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**Signature**

Principal Investigator

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**Title**

**SECTION 21. DISCOVERY CLAUSE**

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In the event that previously unreported cultural resources are encountered during ground disturbing activities, all work must immediately cease within 30 meters (100 feet) until a qualified archaeologist has documented the discovery and evaluated its eligibility for the Arizona or National Register of Historic Places in consultation with the lead agency, the SHPO, and Tribes, as appropriate. Work must not resume in this area without approval of the lead agency.

If human remains are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, all work must immediately cease within 30 meters (100 feet) of the discovery and the area must be secured. The Arizona State Museum, lead agency, SHPO, and appropriate Tribes must be notified of the discovery. All discoveries will be treated in accordance with NAGPRA (Public Law 101-601; 25 U.S.C. 3001-3013) or Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. § 41-844 and A.R.S. § 41-865), as appropriate, and work must not resume in this area without authorization from ASM and the lead agency.

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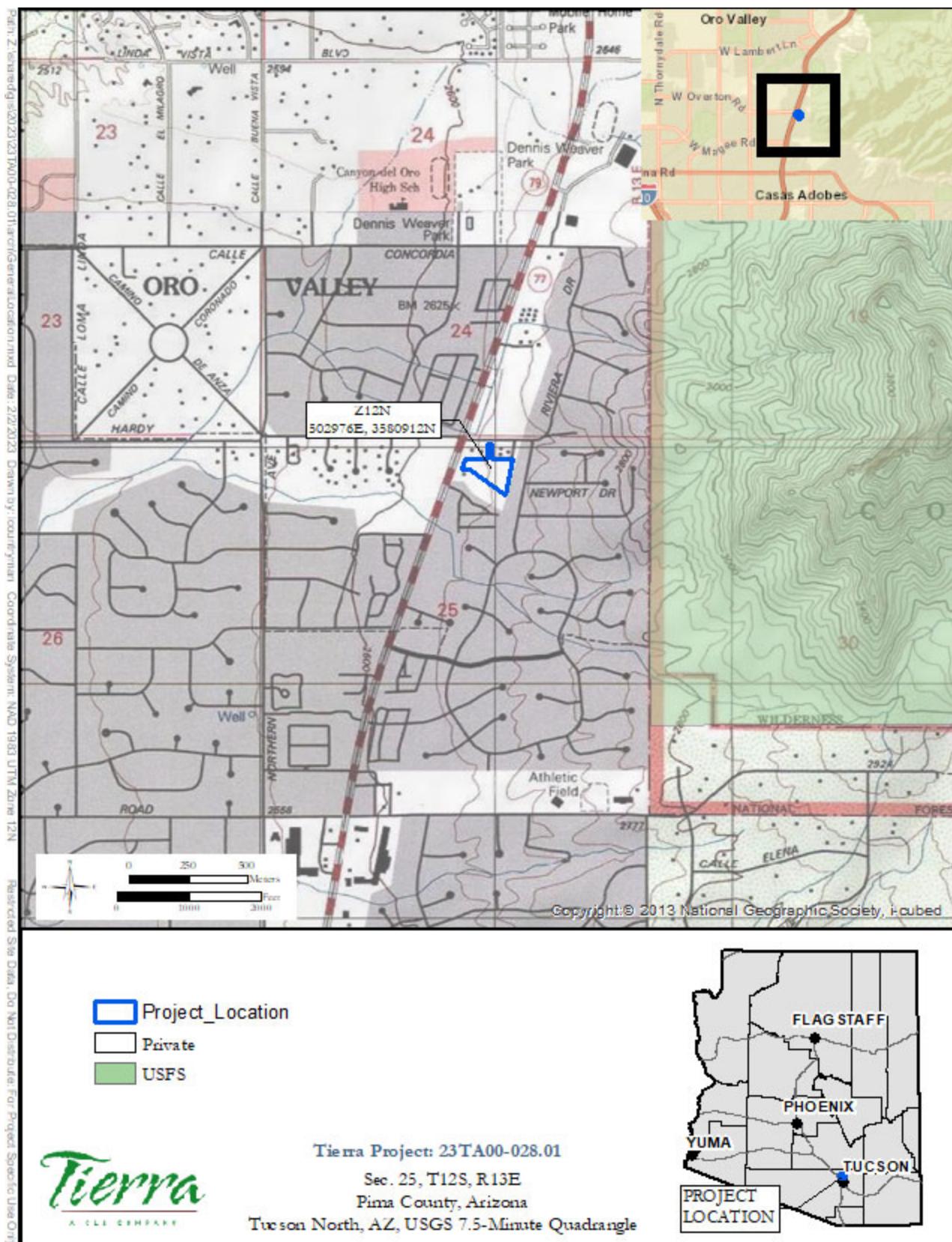


Figure 1. Project area overview showing location and land ownership.

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Figure 2. Detail of project location.

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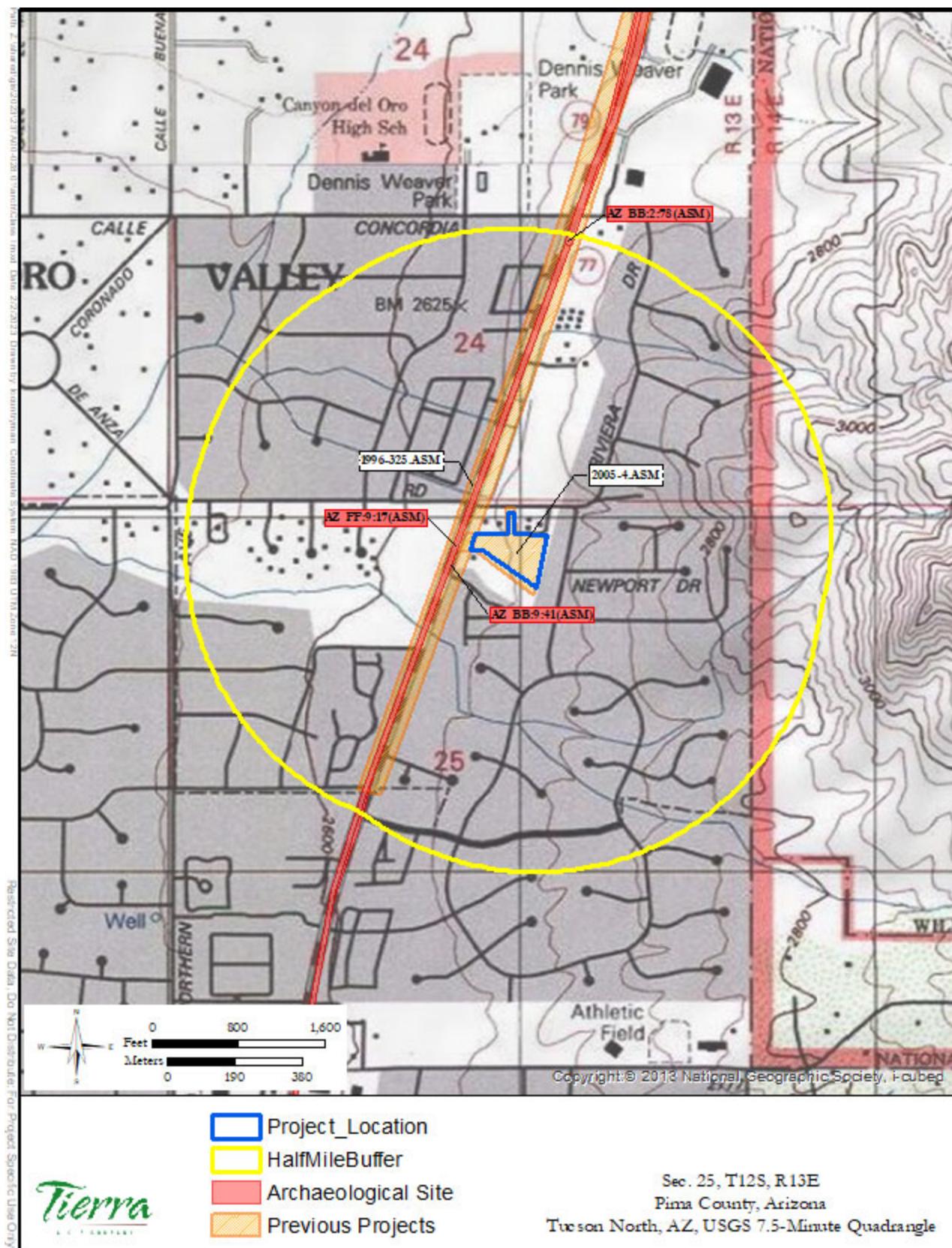


Figure 3. Previous projects intersecting the project area and sites within .5 mile buffer.

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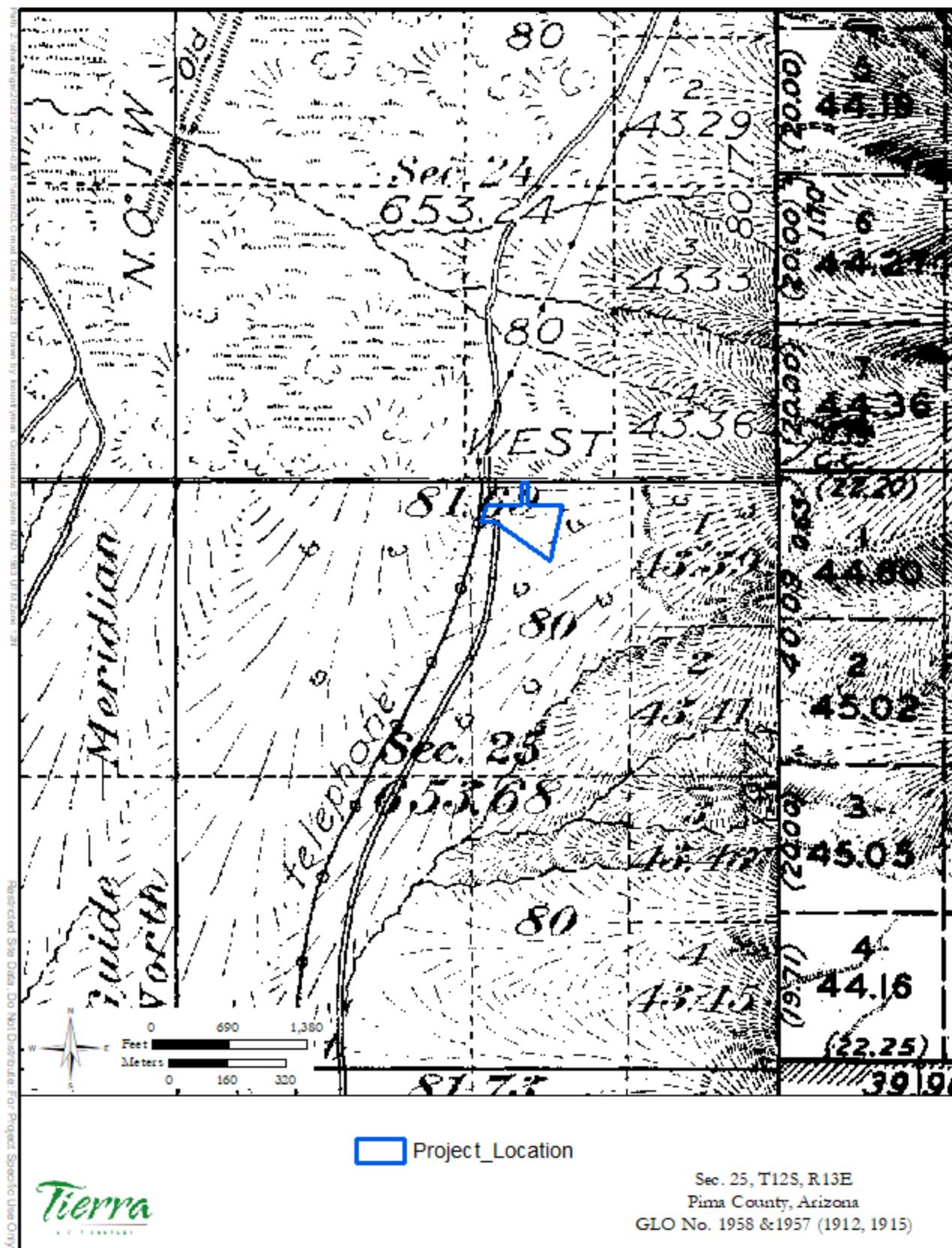


Figure 4. Portion of General Land Office Map #1958 of Township 12 South, Range 13 East.

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Photo 1. Overview of project area, facing south, showing typical terrain and vegetation.