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Final Report for Guzzler Rehabilitation Operations Grant Agreement Number #P1480018

The following reports depict the rehabilitation to ten (10) Wildlife Water Guzzlers located in the Department of Fish & Wildlife's Region 5 in the Angeles National Forest.

This is the Final report for Grant Agreement # P1480018 issued on March 27, 2015. The following describes the many challenges that it took to complete this 10 project grant. In May of 2015 we lost our senior USFS Wildlife biologist Peter Johnston to another forest service unit, his replacement Ann Berkley did not arrive till late 2015. Ann Berkley froze all projects that were not previously approved for further review under the new San Gabriel Mountain Natural Monument / Angeles National Forest Service plan.

Our next challenge was that many of the guzzler that were built in the 1940's & 1950's in the Rowher Flats & Drinkwater Flats area and many were built on ancient native American Tataviam tribals village sites.

Our last challenge was that one of the guzzlers DFW #27 was located in a newly established Angeles National Forest Wilderness area within the Angeles National Forests.

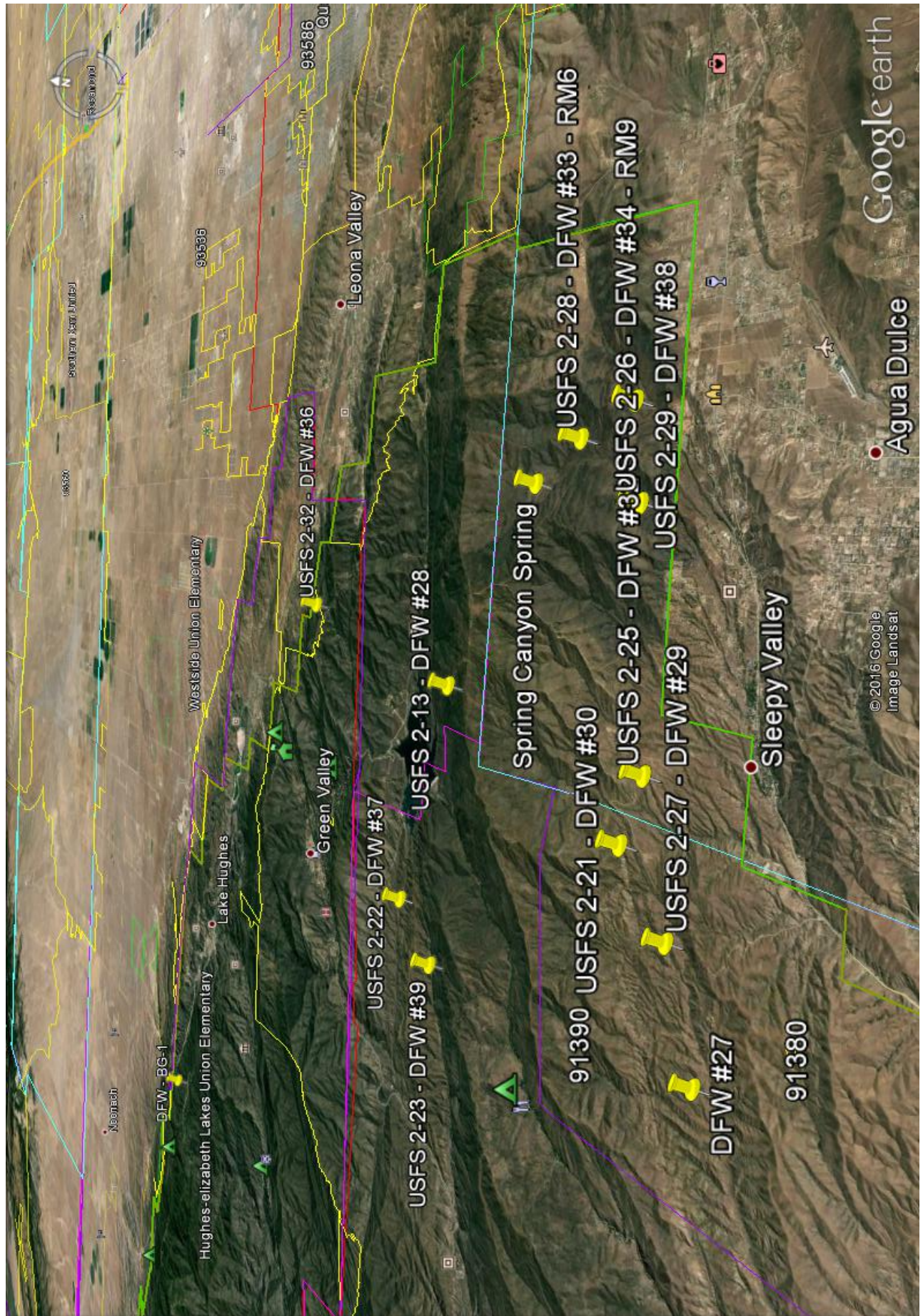
To resolve the issues at hand, we agreed with USFS and the Tataviam Indian Nation that we would not excavate any dirt surrounding the guzzlers, thus no replacement guzzler tanks, relocation of guzzler units, not to increase the existing footprint of original guzzler and not installing big game drinker boxes.

Projects #1 DFW #24, #6 DFW# 3 and #7 DFW #15, were located on Drinkwater Flats. USFS & Tataviam Tribe deemed these projects in an archeological sensitive area and no work done, therefore abandoned. Projects DFW#33 / USFS 2-28 Mint Canyon and two (2) new sites were located, Whitaker Peak #1 & #2 - Angeles National Forest were chosen as replacement projects with no issues with USFS & the Tataviam Tribe.

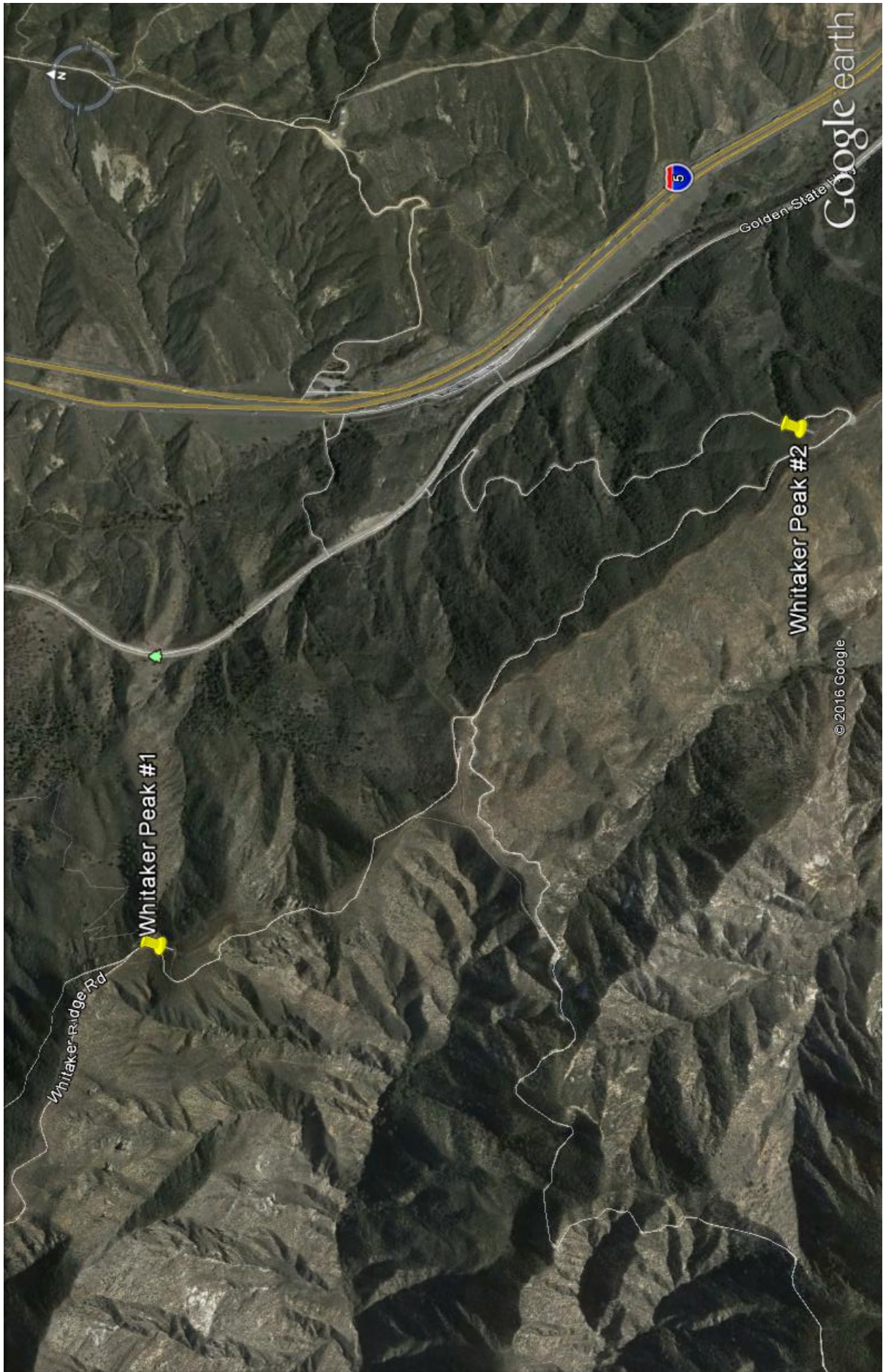
Project #2 DFW #27 was put off for a later date. USFS Biologist Ann Berkley will approved this project within the Angeles National Forest Wilderness Area at a later date. The project was replace with DFW #34 / USFS 2-26 Mint Canyon and approved by Forest Service.

Project #4 DFW #31 was destroyed by a fire bulldozer fighting the Buckwheat Fire in 2007. Only concrete remnants remain and old materials would have to be remove and replaced. This guzzler also was located within the Tataviam archeological sensitive area. This project has been officially abandoned and replaced project DFW #38 / USFS 2-29 Mint Canyon was approved by Forest Service.





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