



DEER FLAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

ACCESSIBLE MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

AND TRAIL AMENITIES

CURRENT ISSUE

Vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists must share Upper Embankment Road for access to recreational activities.



SOLUTION

A safe and accessible multi-use trail, connecting the Deer Flat Entrance (Indiana Ave. and W Roosevelt Ave, the Visitor Center, and the Boat Launch Parking Area).

PROJECT GOALS

- A.) Provide improved **accessibility** for refuge visitors
- B.) Prioritize **safety** by reducing pedestrian and cyclist road crossings
- C.) Minimize **disturbance** of refuge habitat
- D.) Incorporate **amenities** to enhance visitor experience

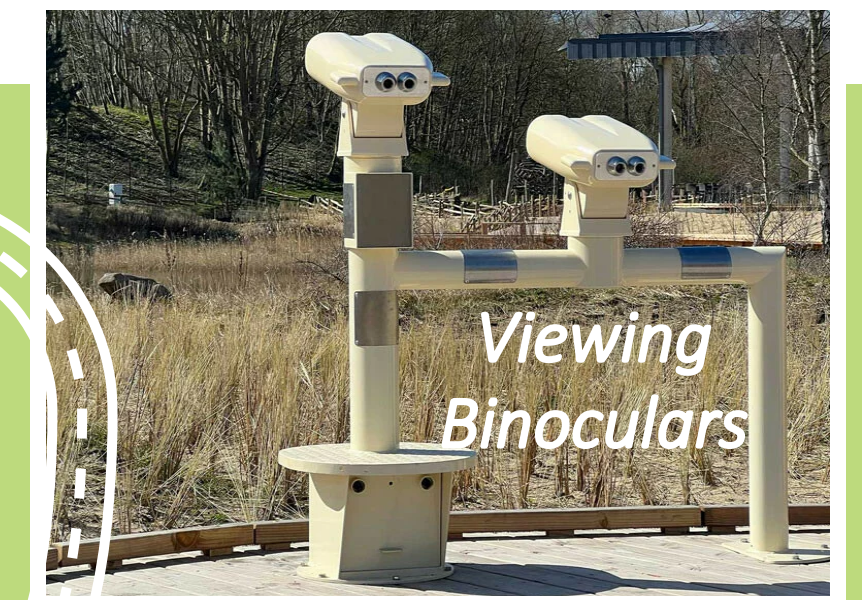
POTENTIAL TRAIL FEATURES

*Here are some ideas.
What amenities would you like to see along this new trail?*

Accessible Shade and Benches



Viewing Binoculars



Bike Racks



Interpretive and Informational Signs



Trail Connections



Frequent Rest Points



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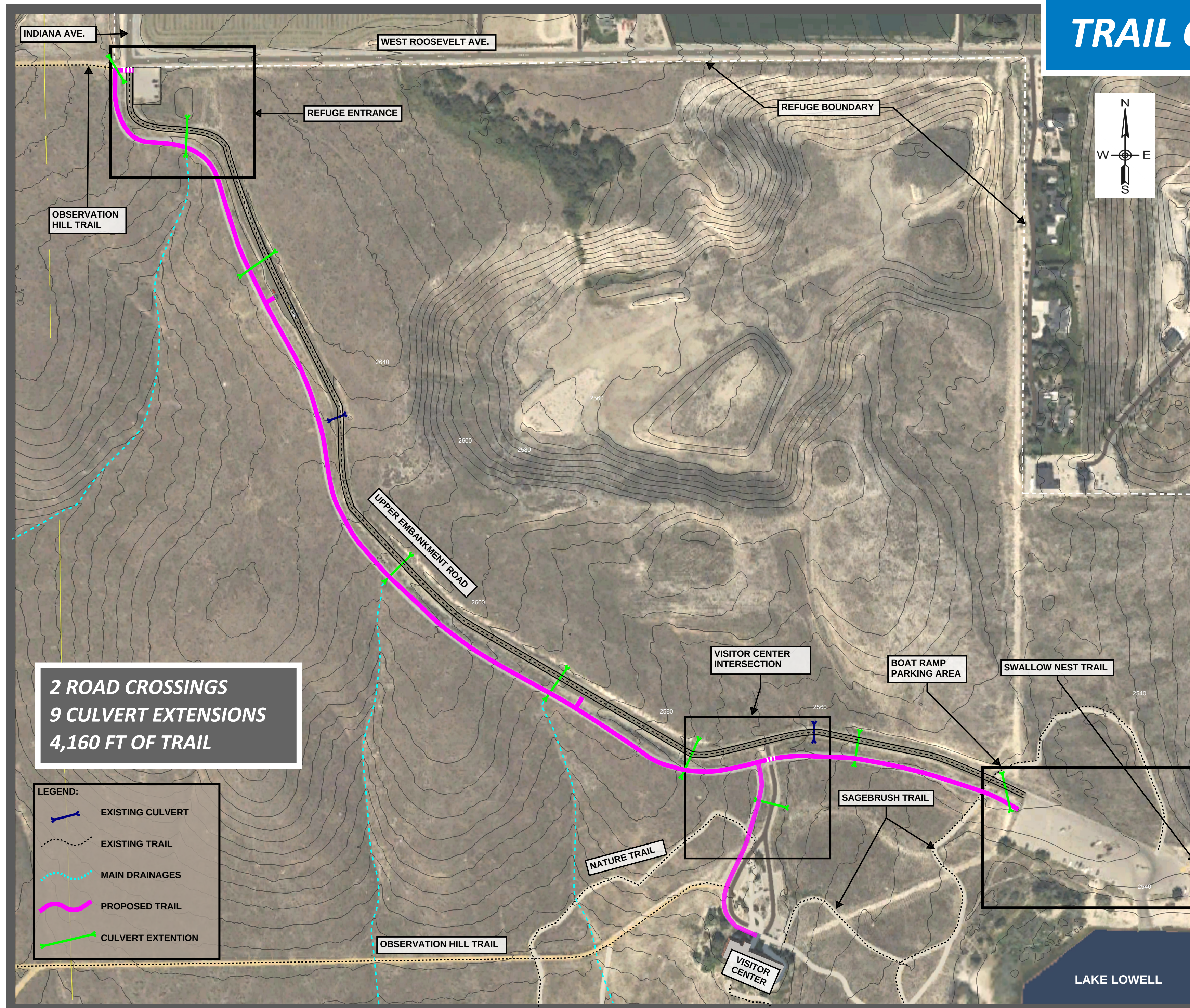


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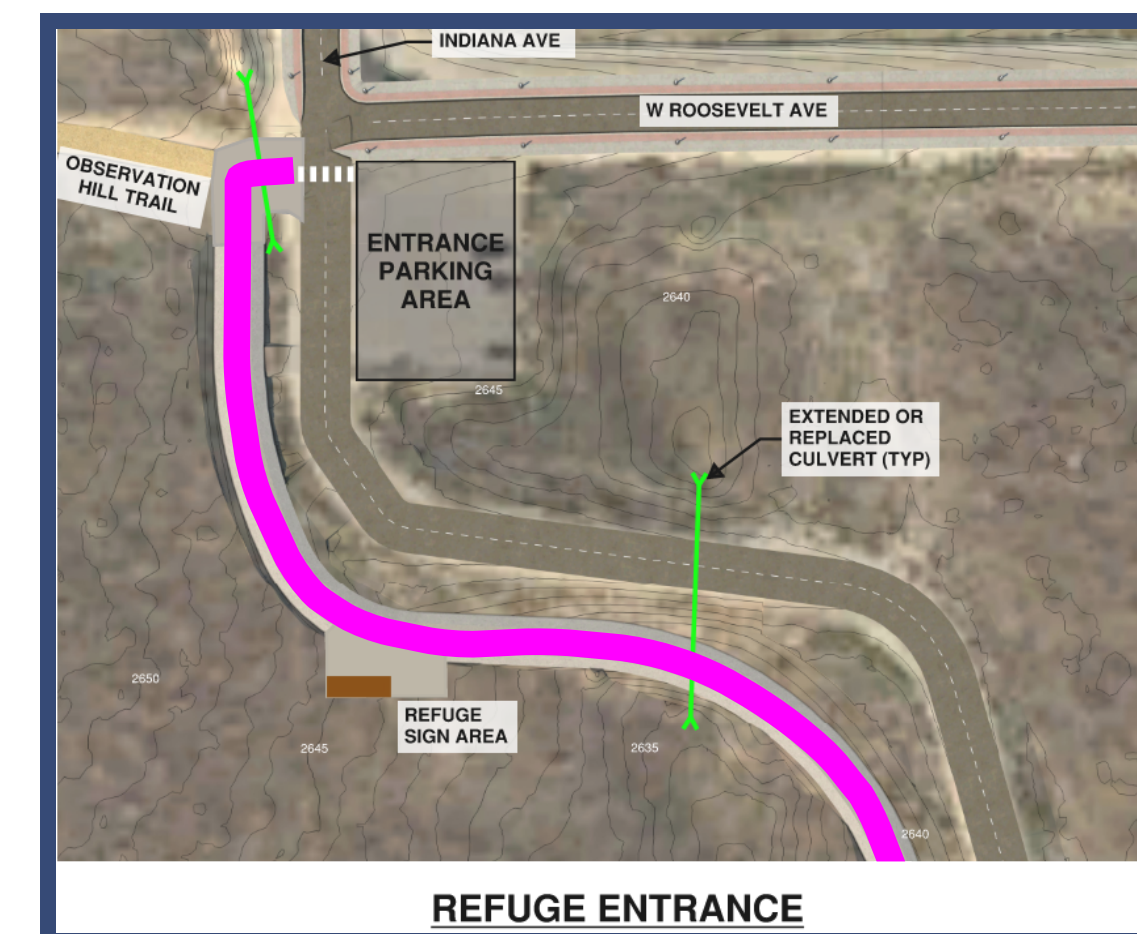
TRAIL ALIGNMENT 1

SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR



TRAIL OVERVIEW

Trail Alignment 1 begins at the Entrance parking area, crosses Upper Embankment Road at the existing crossing, continues south to the Visitor Center, and ends at the Boat Ramp parking area.



KEY BENEFITS

- 1.) Fewest Road Crossings
- 2.) Connection to North Entrance and Visitor Center
- 3.) Shortest trail alignment

CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.) No direct connection to Swallow Nest Trail.
- 2.) Requires **drainage improvements** and new/replacement culverts.



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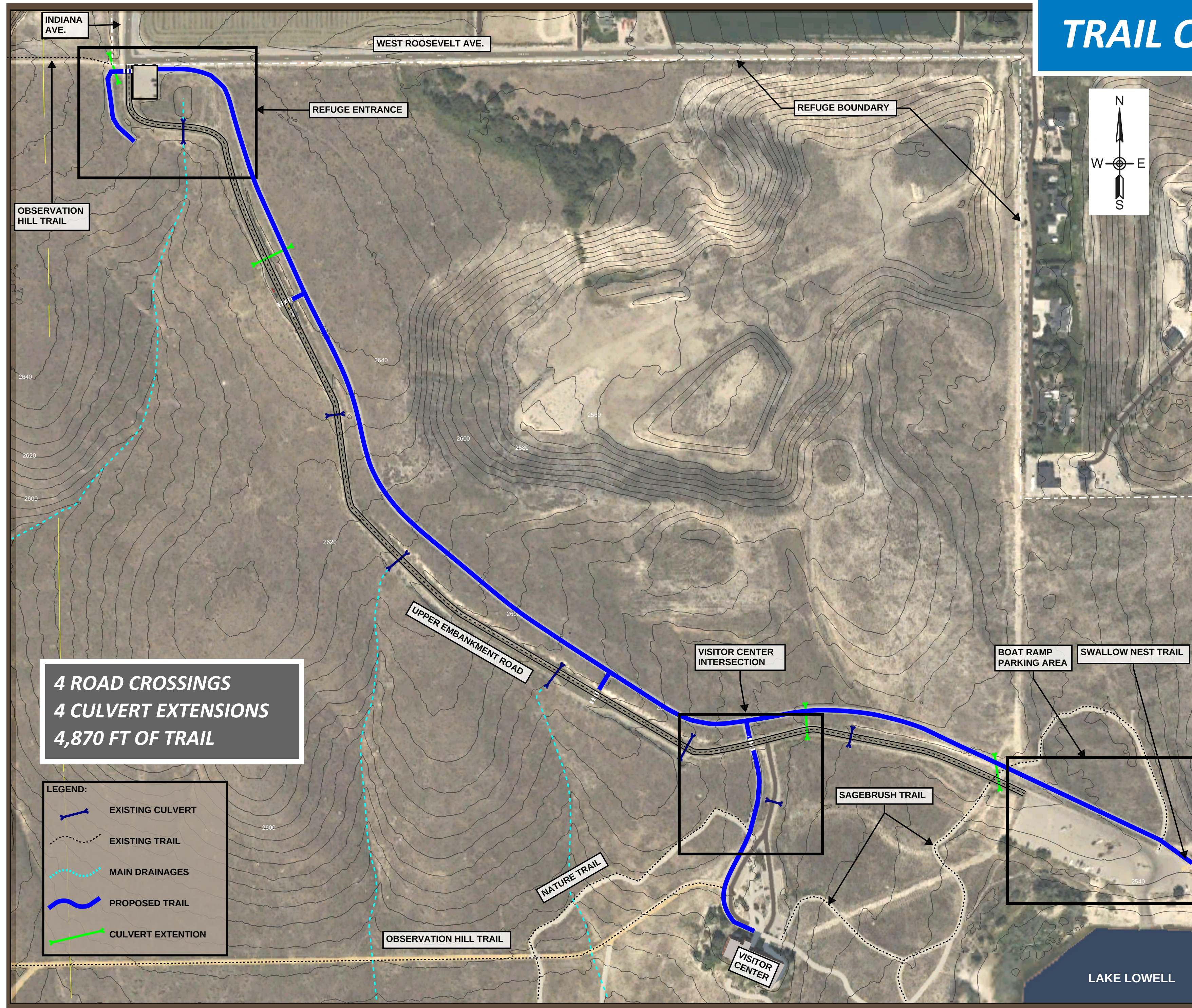


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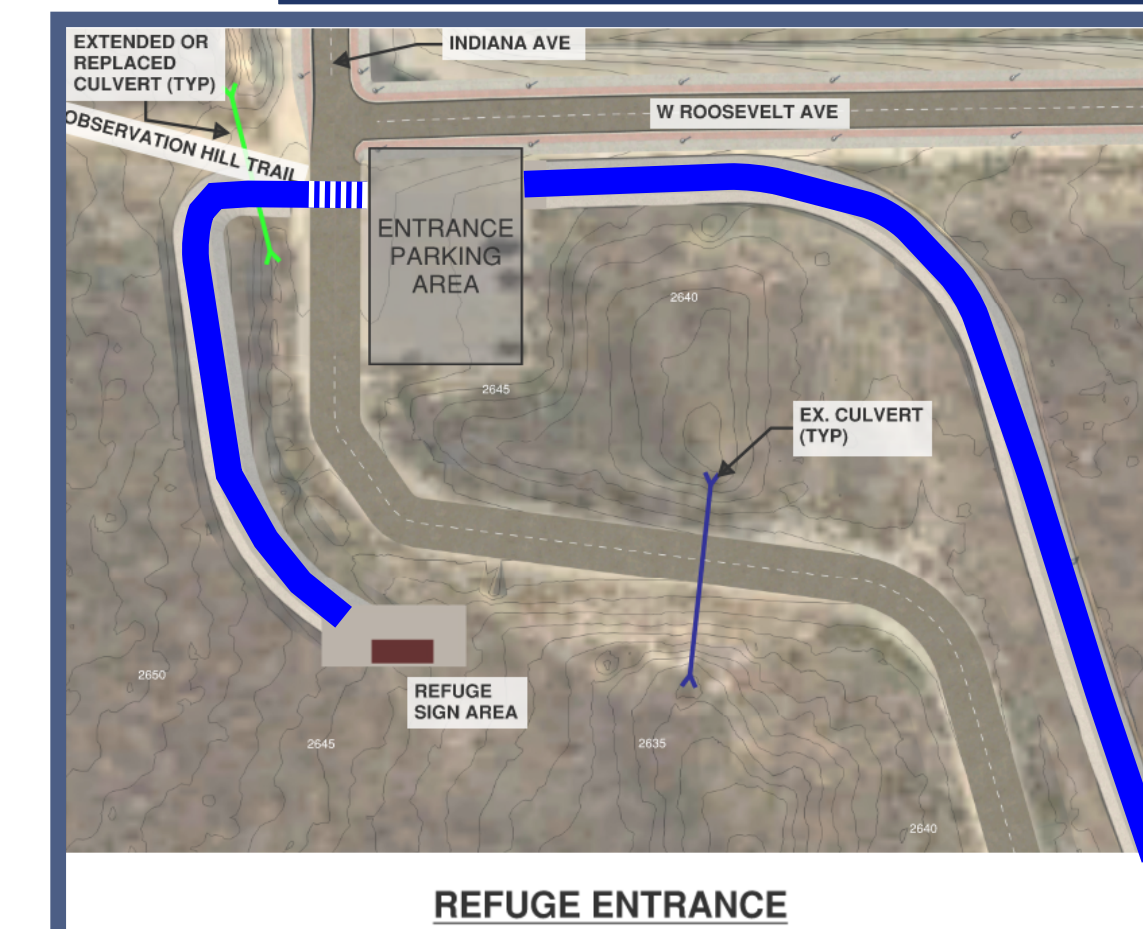
TRAIL ALIGNMENT 2

NORTHEAST CORRIDOR



TRAIL OVERVIEW

Trail Alignment 2 begins at the Entrance parking area, offers a side spur that crosses Upper Embankment Road to the refuge sign, and the main trail continues south again crossing for Visitor Center access, and ends at Swallow Nest Trail past the Boat Ramp parking area.



KEY BENEFITS

- 1.) Direct connection to proposed regional trail system.
- 2.) Fewest drainage conflicts.
- 3.) Terrain allows for better constructibility and accessibility.
- 4.) Avoids routing trail users through the boat ramp parking area.



CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.) Requires more road crossings
- 2.) Requires additional safety measures at crossings
- 3.) Longest trail with separate trail to the entrance sign

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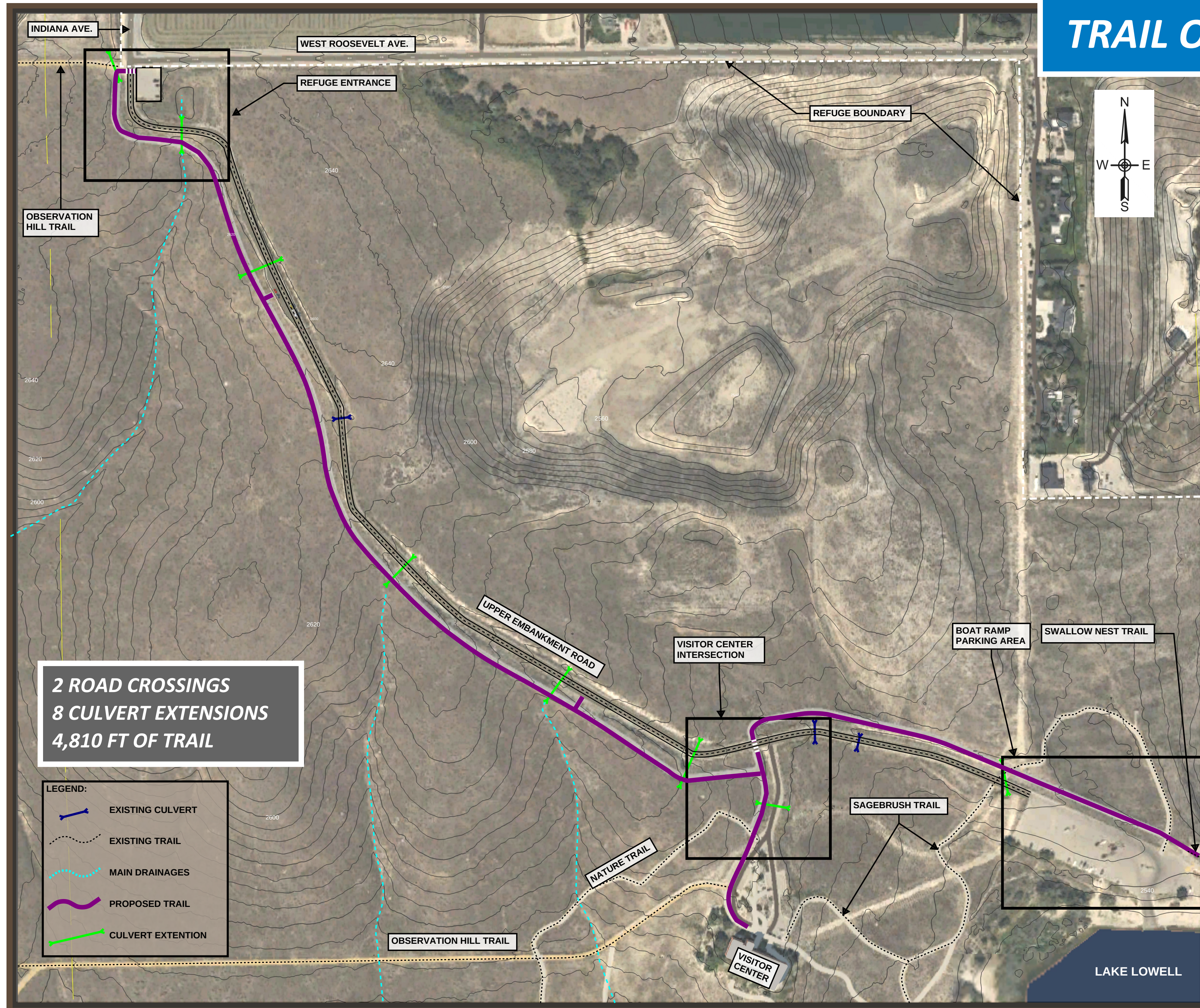




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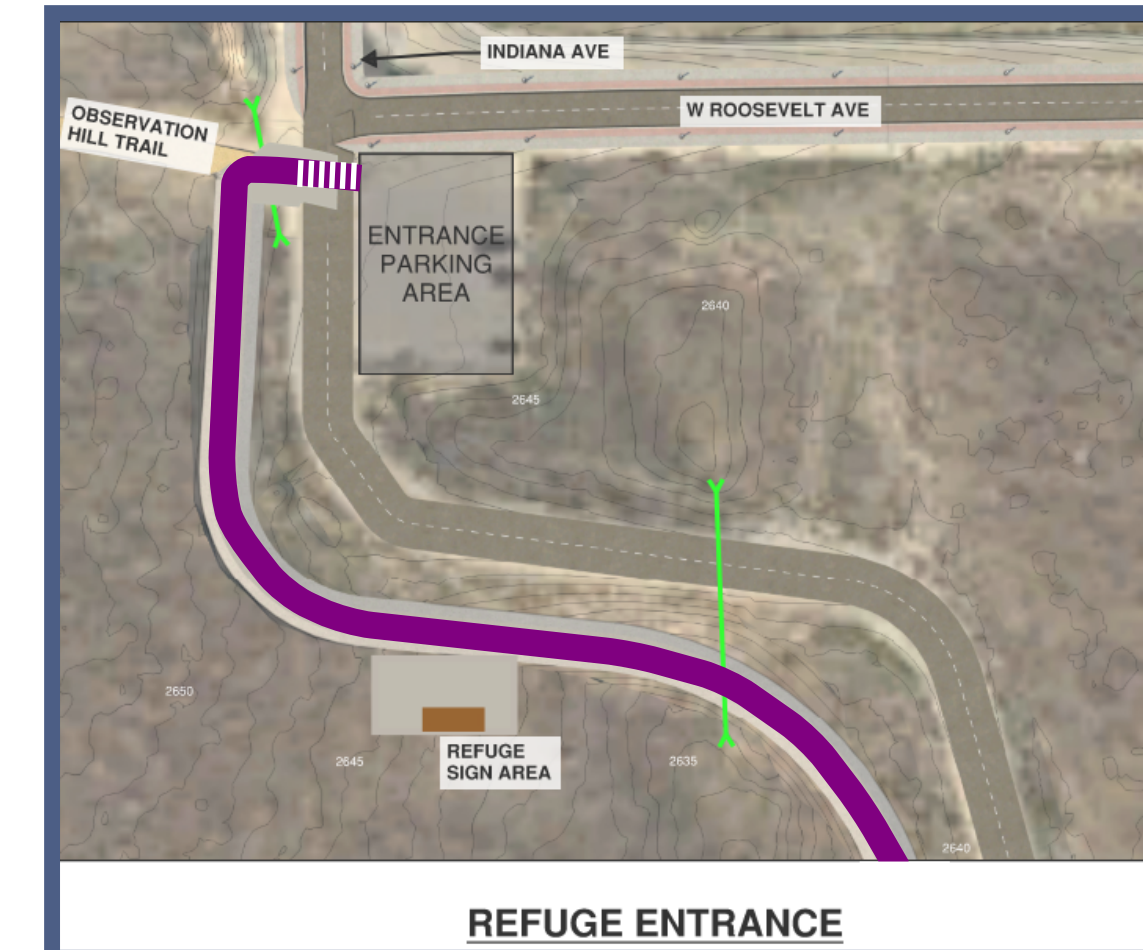
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TRAIL ALIGNMENT 3 COMBINED CORRIDOR



TRAIL OVERVIEW

Trail Alignment 3 begins at the North Entrance parking area, crosses Upper Embankment Road at existing crossing, continues south to Visitor Center then crosses to north of road, connects to Boat Ramp Parking and Swallow Nest Trail.



KEY BENEFITS

- 1.) Direct connection to Swallow Nest Trail and proposed regional trail system
- 2.) Connects destinations - entrance sign, parking areas, and Visitor Center
- 3.) Offers balance of safety, connectivity, and access
- 4.) Avoids routing trail users through the boat ramp parking area



CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.) Requires drainage improvements and new/replacement culverts.
- 2.) Habitat impacts similar to Trail Alignment 1

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