



Rehabilitate Water and Wastewater Systems at Furnace Creek and Cow Creek **May 2023**

Dear Friends,

The National Park Service (NPS) has funding from the Great American Outdoors Act to rehabilitate the water and wastewater systems at Furnace Creek and Cow Creek in 2024. The NPS is seeking public feedback on this project proposal.

These water and wastewater systems serve 1.7 million visitors per year and NPS employees. Furnace Creek water system also provides water to Timbisha Village and The Oasis at Death Valley.

Maintenance staff in Death Valley National Park are dealing with increasing numbers of water and wastewater system breaks. Water systems failed 45 times and there were five major sewer leaks in one year.

The proposed improvements will enhance employee and visitor experiences by providing more reliable service. The systems will be designed to support anticipated future visitation levels and potential future facilities. Modifications will protect natural resources by reducing sewage spills and reducing water loss via pipe seepage and breaks. The systems will be upgraded to meet regulatory codes. Safety modifications will benefit NPS utility operators. NPS operations will benefit by reduced frequency of emergency repairs.

This civic engagement period is open through June 16, 2023.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

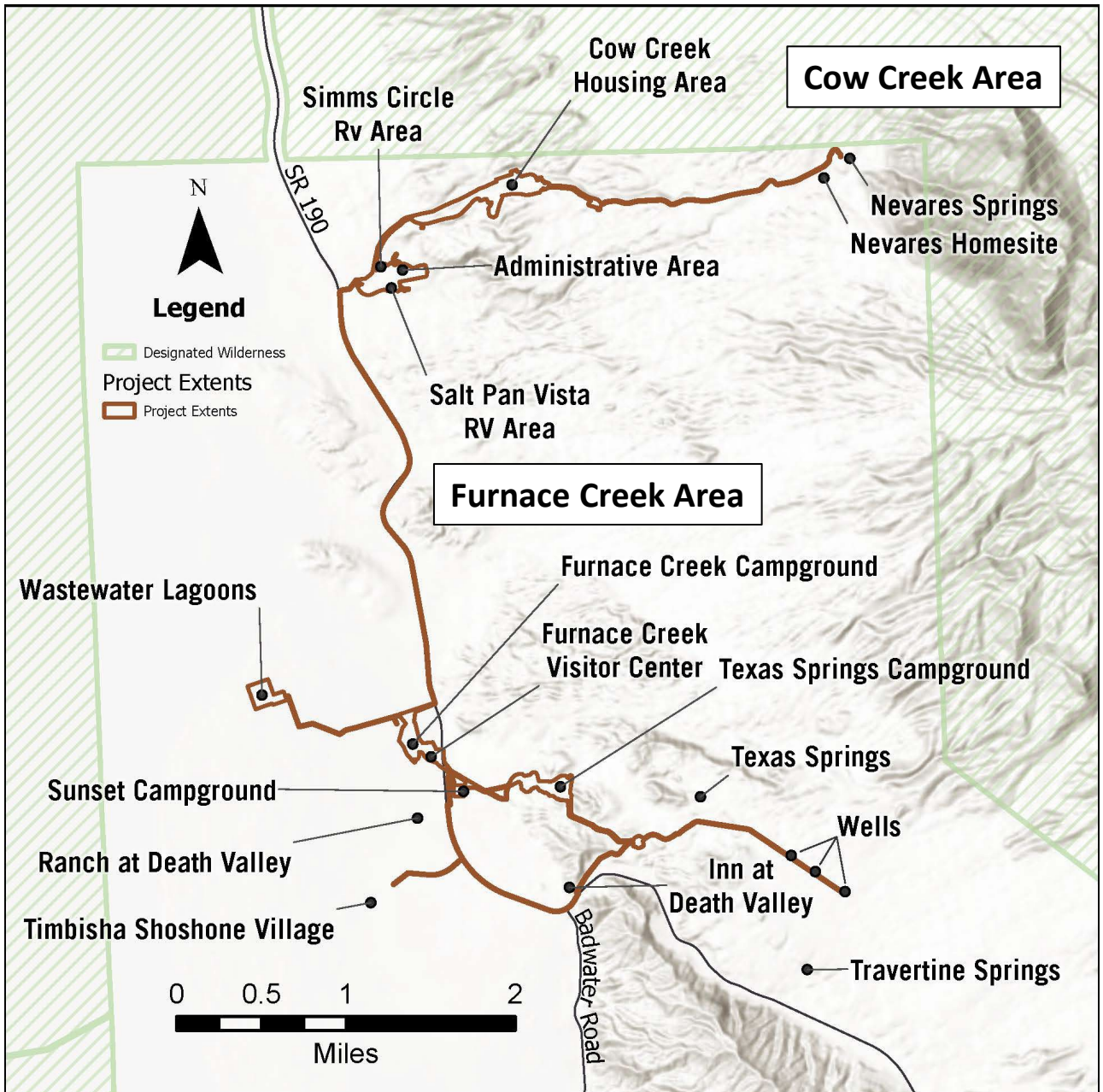
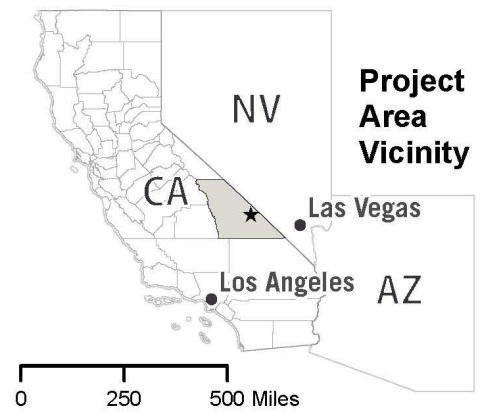
Sincerely,

Mike Reynolds

Superintendent, Death Valley National Park

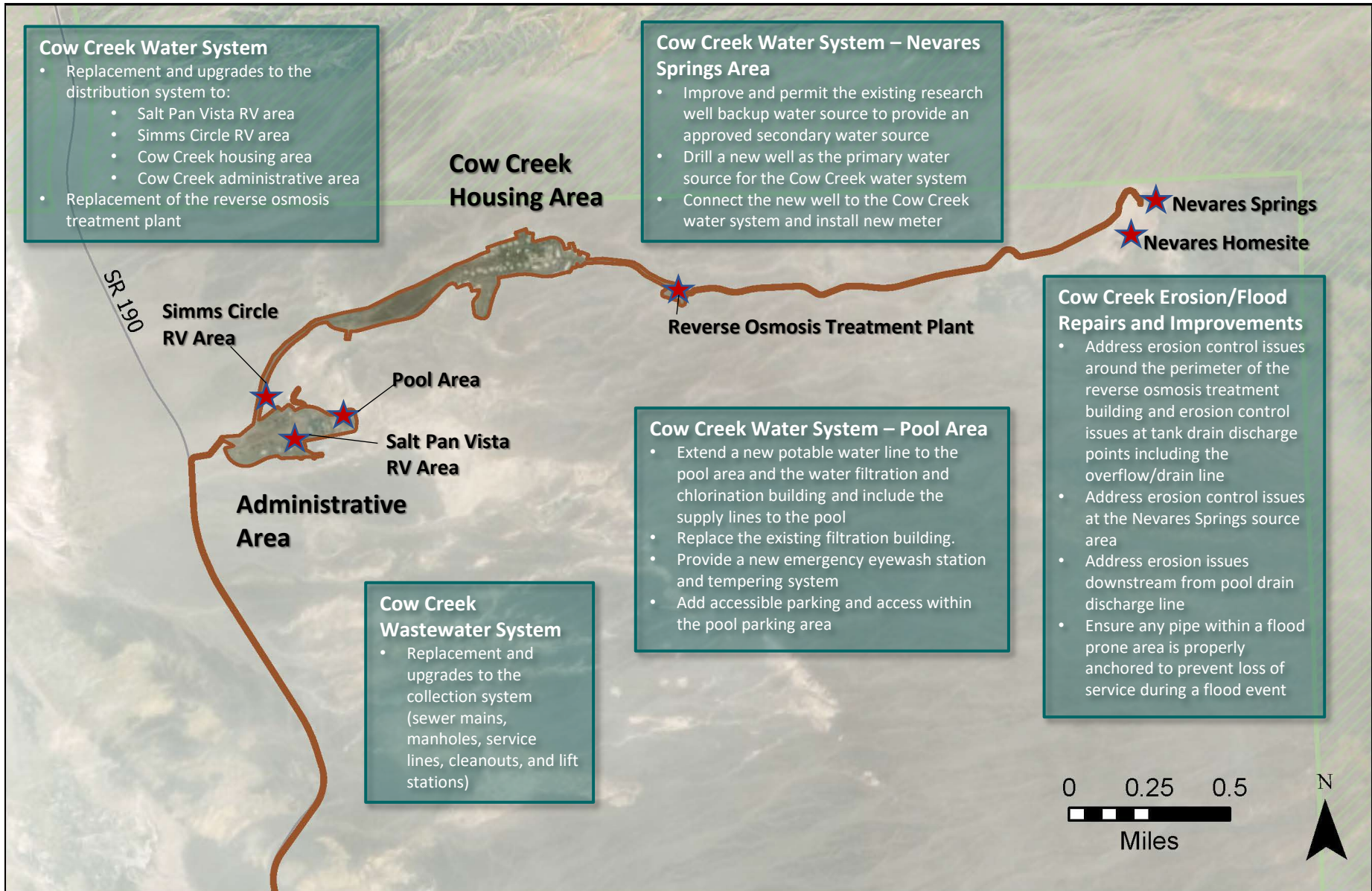
Project Area Location and Vicinity within Death Valley National Park

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Cow Creek Project Area



Furnace Creek Project Area



Questions for Public Consideration

1. What suggestions do you have for us to consider when modifying the Furnace Creek and Cow Creek water and wastewater systems?
2. What other comments do you have about the proposed rehabilitation and replacement of the deteriorating water and wastewater systems in the Furnace Creek and Cow Creek developed areas of Death Valley National Park?

Planning Process

The following table presents the planning timeline. Opportunities to comment are highlighted.

Planning Phase	Estimated Date
Civic Engagement	May – June 2023
Draft EA Release to Public	December 2023*
Public Meetings and Comment Period	January – February 2024*
Press Release for Decision	April 2024*
Anticipated Construction Start	Fall 2024*

*Dates are approximate and subject to change.

Questions and Information

We welcome your ideas, questions, concerns, suggestions, and potential topics for consideration.

Additional information can be found at the project website here:
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/WaterWastewater>

Questions and ideas can be mailed to this address:

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Description of Photos from Top to Bottom: Furnace Creek Wastewater Lagoon, Cow Creek RO Tank, Cow Creek RO Unit, Furnace Creek RO Unit, and Texas Springs Campground Comfort Station