

THE SOLARHELTER

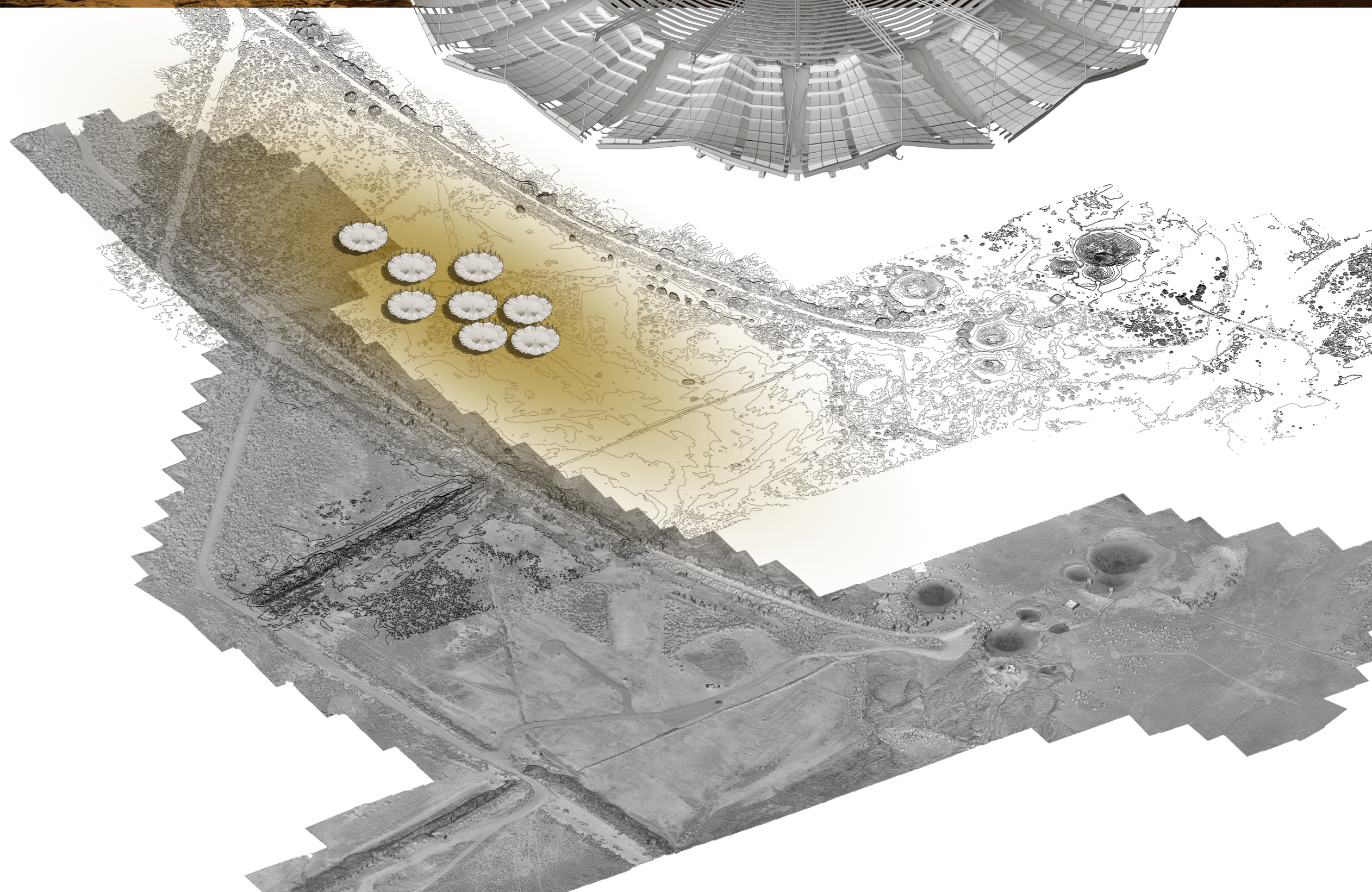
WICKIUP CONCEPT

THE PAIUTE TRIBE AND OTHERS NATIVE AMERICANS DEVELOPED A UNIQUE SHELTER TYPOLOGY, THE WICKIUP, A SORT OF OVAL-SHAPED HUT, BUILT WITH NATURAL ELEMENTS SUCH AS BRANCHES OF SHRUBS, EARTH AND OTHER PLANTS THAT ALLOWED THEM TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE NIGHT COLD AND THE INCLEMENT SUN, A STRUCTURE THAT WAS EASILY CONSTRUCTED, WHICH WAS GIVEN TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT USE. DEMONSTRATING THE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION OF THEIR COMMUNITIES, SOLIDARITY WITH THE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE WORLD THAT PAIUTES HAVE ALWAYS CULTIVATED, IN THE HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO WEAVE A STABLE AND LASTING BOND WITH THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OUR EXISTENCE.

THE PAIUTE PEOPLE WERE CHARACTERIZED BY LIVING IN INDEPENDENT GROUPS OF THREE OR FIVE HOUSEHOLDS, WHERE SOCIAL RELATIONS WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON MEETINGS TO FORGE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THEM AND WHERE GENDER ROLES WERE SHARED, WHETHER NARRATING STORIES OR MAKING DECISIONS FOR THE FUTURE, FOLLOWING THE WARNINGS AND ADVICE OF THEIR LEADER.

PERHAPS THIS IS THE MAJOR LEGACY OF THE PAIUTE TRIBES, FROM WHICH WE SHOULD LEARN. LISTENING TO THOSE STORIES AND MYTHS THAT SHAMANS SANG IN THE HEAT OF THE FAINT FLAME OF FIRE; THE LEGENDS TOLD DURING THE NIGHTS ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD, THE DEEP SENSE OF EXISTENCE, AND THE INTRINSIC CHARACTER OF ANY FEELING OF LOVE.

THE SOLARHELTER IS A SELF-SUPPORTING STRUCTURE THAT SEEKS TO REFLECT THE SPIRIT INHERITED FROM THE PAIUTE CULTURE. SHAPED LIKE A DOME, LIKE THE VERNACULAR NATIVE AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE, WE DESIGNED AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT FORMALLY RESEMBLES THE OLD PAIUTE WICKIUP.



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