We opted for the most economical method to construct structurally stable shelter pods by pre-constructing wall and floor panels off-site in a controlled environment and assembling those panels on site using non-skilled labor. With sustainability and material lifecycle as main design focus, the panels are fabricated with exterior cladding made from shredded waste plastic, insulation incubated from mycelium, and accents made of reclaimed wood. Broadening the scope, we envision adapting the concept to be viable temporary or transitional housing, or for other parties in need.

1. OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION

**Panel Types**
- Wall Panels
- Floor Panels

**Wall Panels**
- with Openings

**Front Wall Panels**

2. ON-SITE ASSEMBLY

**Panel to Panel Connections**
- Each panel will be constructed using cold formed steel perimeter framing members. The panels will be connected to each other by inserting steel wedges into the gap between the framing members and each panel will bolt into these wedges.

**Pod to Pod Connections**
- The pods will be connected to each other by aligning one pod face to another and inserting through bolts all along the perimeter. The pod finishes will have predrilled holes to accept the connection and there will be access holes on the interior of the pods to secure the nuts to the bolts.

**1” Thick Waste Plastic Exterior Cladding**

The outer face of the panels needs to withstand extreme climate with little maintenance. Unfortunately, most materials that boast the needed staying power are highly manufactured, processed, energy intensive, and detrimental to the environment.

What if we leverage our past mistakes as a viable resource while helping to reduce an existing existing environmental footprint?

**6” Thick Mycelium Insulation and Interior Finish**

Temperatures at Fly Ranch range from 21 to 92 degrees Fahrenheit. A viable shelter needs to protect inhabitants preferably with as little energy consumption as possible. To address this issue, each pod is insulated with mycelium mushroom panels.

This organic solution thermally outperforms most market-leading synthetic and organic insulation products and produces zero toxic waste.

**5/8” Reclaimed Wood Floor Decking**

Reclaimed wood boasts a positive environmental impact. The reclamation process is markedly more environmentally friendly and significantly less energy intensive than virgin wood. Utilizing reclaimed wood keeps wood from landfills and reduces use of environmental hazards used in manufacturing new products.

Supporting this industry lowers the demand for newly sourced lumber or petroleum-based products.

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