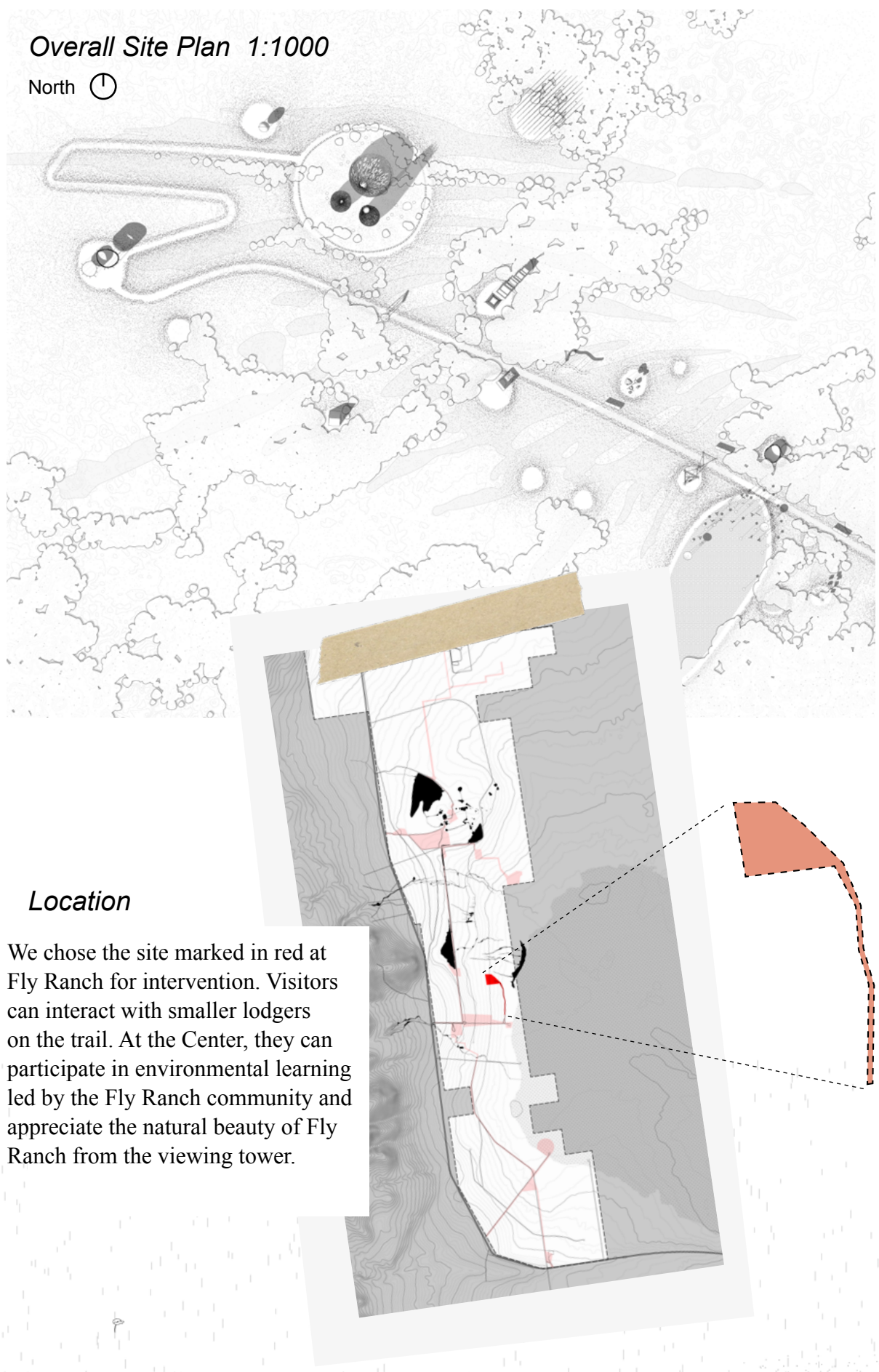




The Learning Center from Afar



Location

We chose the site marked in red at Fly Ranch for intervention. Visitors can interact with smaller lodgers on the trail. At the Center, they can participate in environmental learning led by the Fly Ranch community and appreciate the natural beauty of Fly Ranch from the viewing tower.



Trail of Wild Habitat and Environmental Education

Lodgers !

Serendipity in the Fly Ranch Wilderness

Rooted in innovations for shelter and regeneration, our proposal aims to minimize human's impact on the environment and build symbiotic relationships between humans, plants and animals.

Fly Ranch sits on a land of wonders with a diverse collection of natural conditions. Under the shared stewardship of the Burning Man Project and the indigenous people of the land, Fly Ranch inspires us to consider future scenarios and unexpected encounters on the landscape. What is the dream of Fly Ranch? Whose dream is it? What is the relationship between new and native "inhabitants," plant and animal" and between the "inhabitants" and the land? How will we live together at Fly Ranch?

Our vision for Fly Ranch is to build a collective dream that enables symbiotic relationships between the land, humans and other living things whose footprint precede us and who may stop by in the future. The *lodgers* encompasses all inhabitants on the land, including humans, plants and species and our proposed 'living' structures. Overtime, *lodgers* will inevitably come, go or decay and return to the land. As the land responds to the changing of the seasons and the climate, it welcomes and responds to new *lodgers*. The *lodgers* we propose to build on the land act only as temporary guests for a sustainable future.

Art and Architecture are often confined by a human-centric perspective. This project explores an alternative vision for environmental stewardship and art where human interventions are not placed above the biosphere and geosphere. In this case, art is a medium to foster kinship between humans and our other-than-human neighbors – a device that lives and decays with the environment over time rather than alter it irrevocably – and a catalyst for enriching biodiversity and environmental education.

Therefore, with the mission to continue land stewardship and foster a growing lodger community, we propose an educational center for environmental awareness and a series of devices, three large and potentially many small lodgers, across Fly Ranch. Our design proposal integrates the layered histories and realities of the natural resources, ecosystems, traditional construction methods local to the site. Layers of lessons from the native ecosystems, the Numu people, and their traditional construction method to inform our proposal.

