

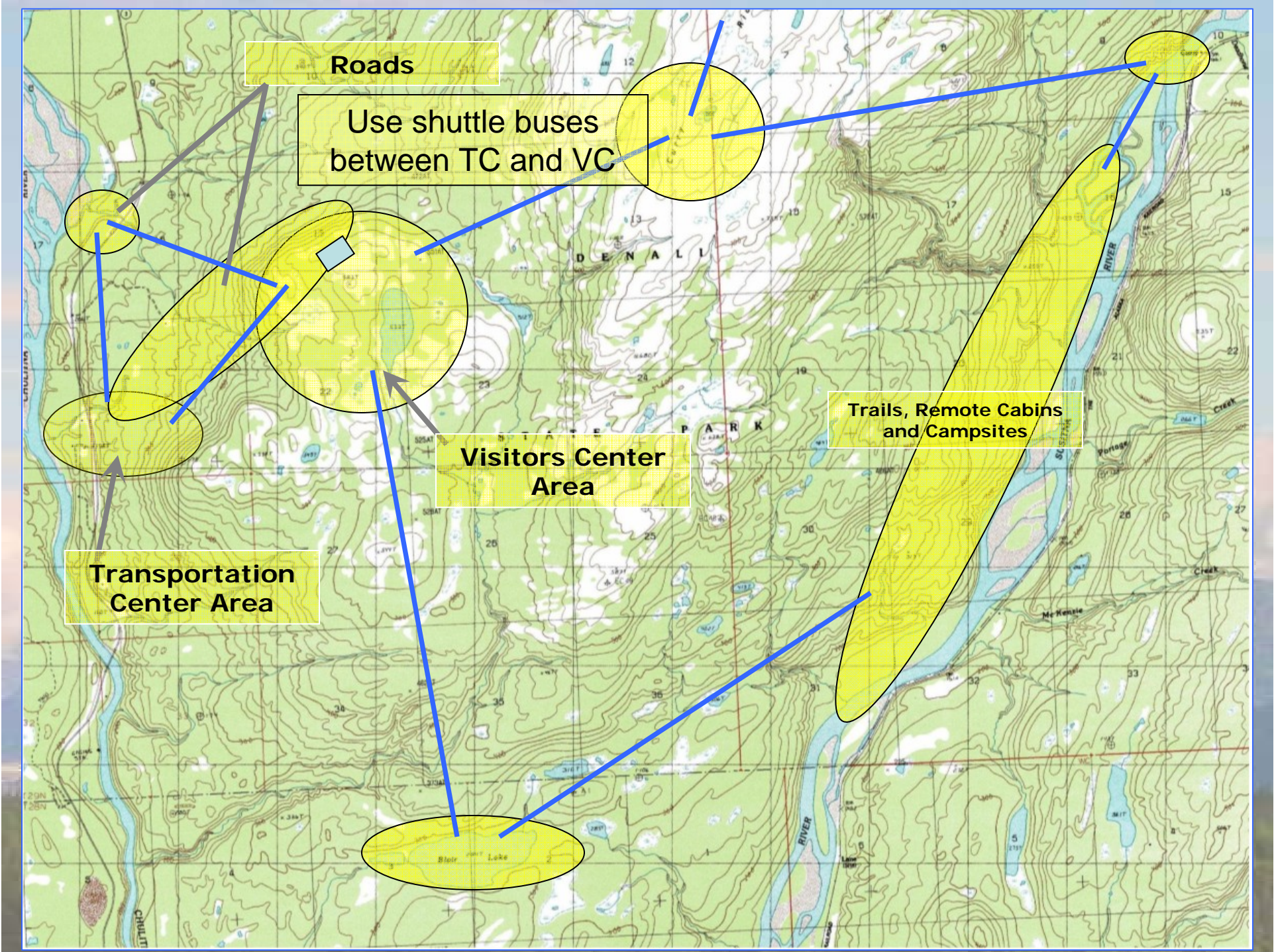
# Denali View South State Recreational Area

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**The Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
The National Park Service  
The Mat-Su Borough  
The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities**

# Objective: A recreational area that:

- Has multimodal access
  - Highway
  - Railroad
  - River
  - Air (optional – maybe a future addition)
- Has sufficient draw to relieve visitor pressure from the NPS site.
  - Sufficient activities and amenities for a visitor to spend at least 24 hrs at the facility
- Has year round activities
  - Interpretive Visitor's Center
  - Hiking
  - Camping
  - Cross Country Skiing
  - Snowmachining
- Is sustainable
  - Minimizes operating and maintenance
    - Waste management
    - Snow management
    - Energy management



Roads

Use shuttle buses  
between TC and VC

Visitors Center  
Area

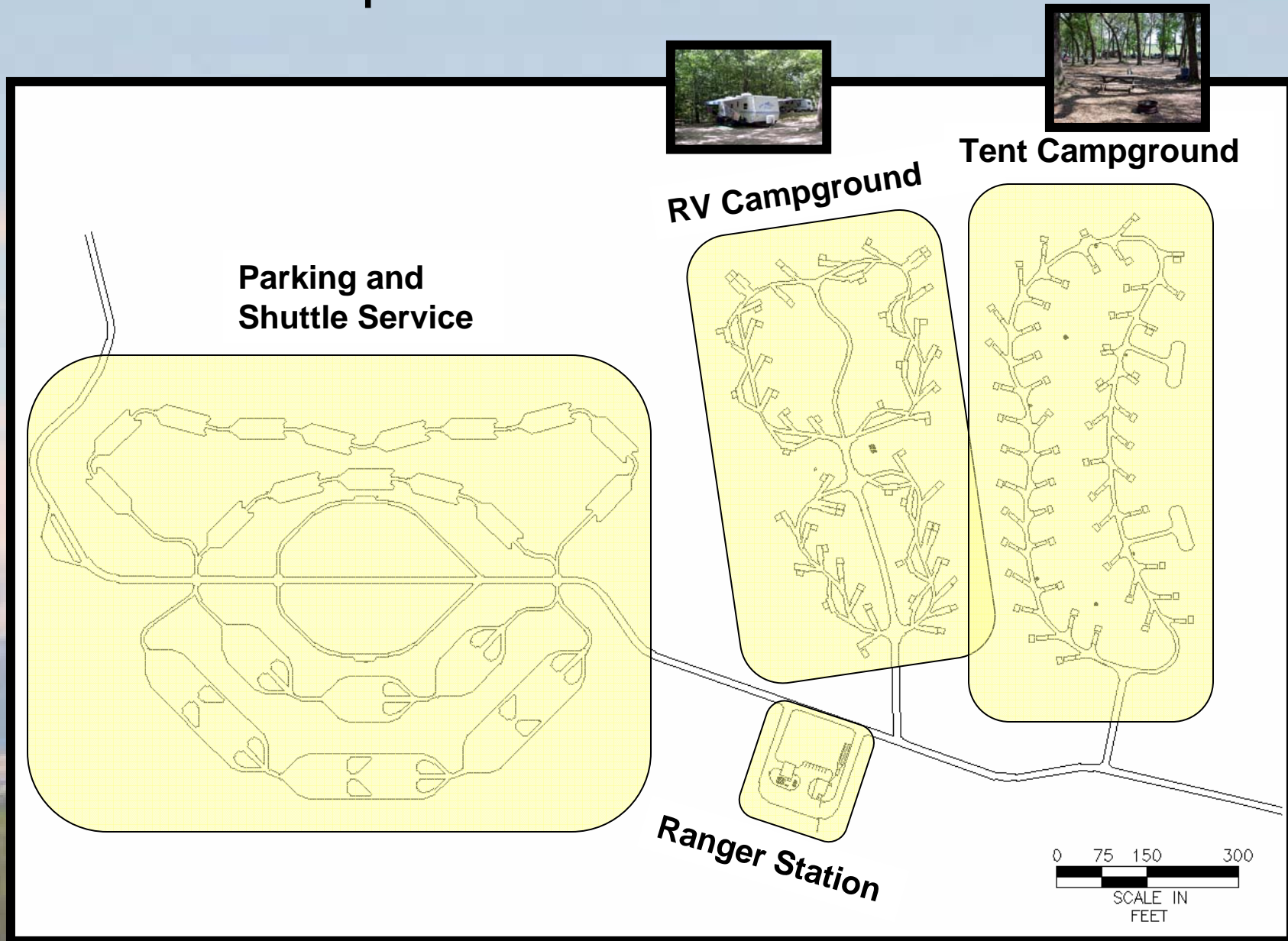
Transportation  
Center Area

Trails, Remote Cabins  
and Campsites

# Presentation Outline

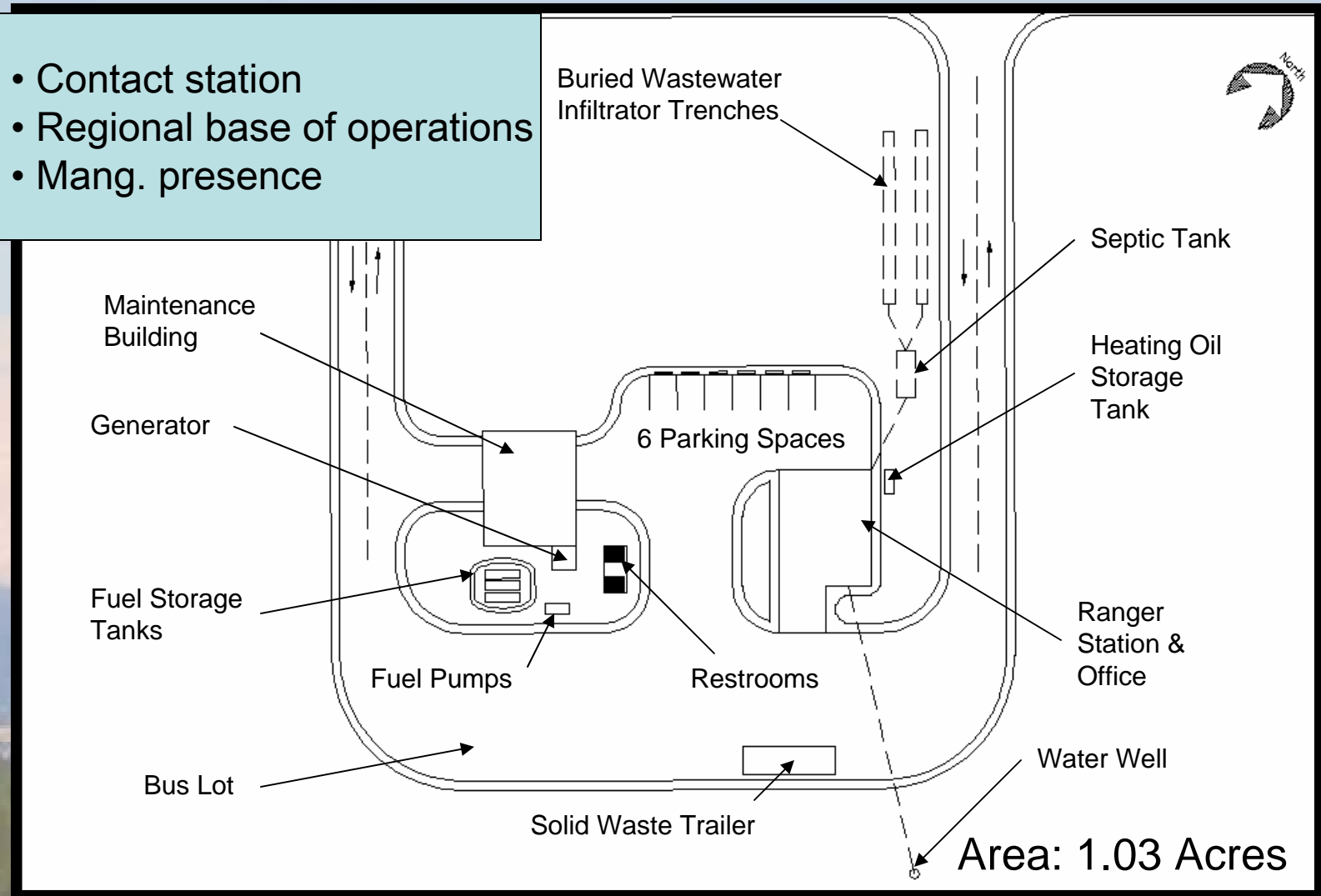
- Transportation Center
- Roads
- Visitor Center
- Trails

# Transportation Center Site Plan



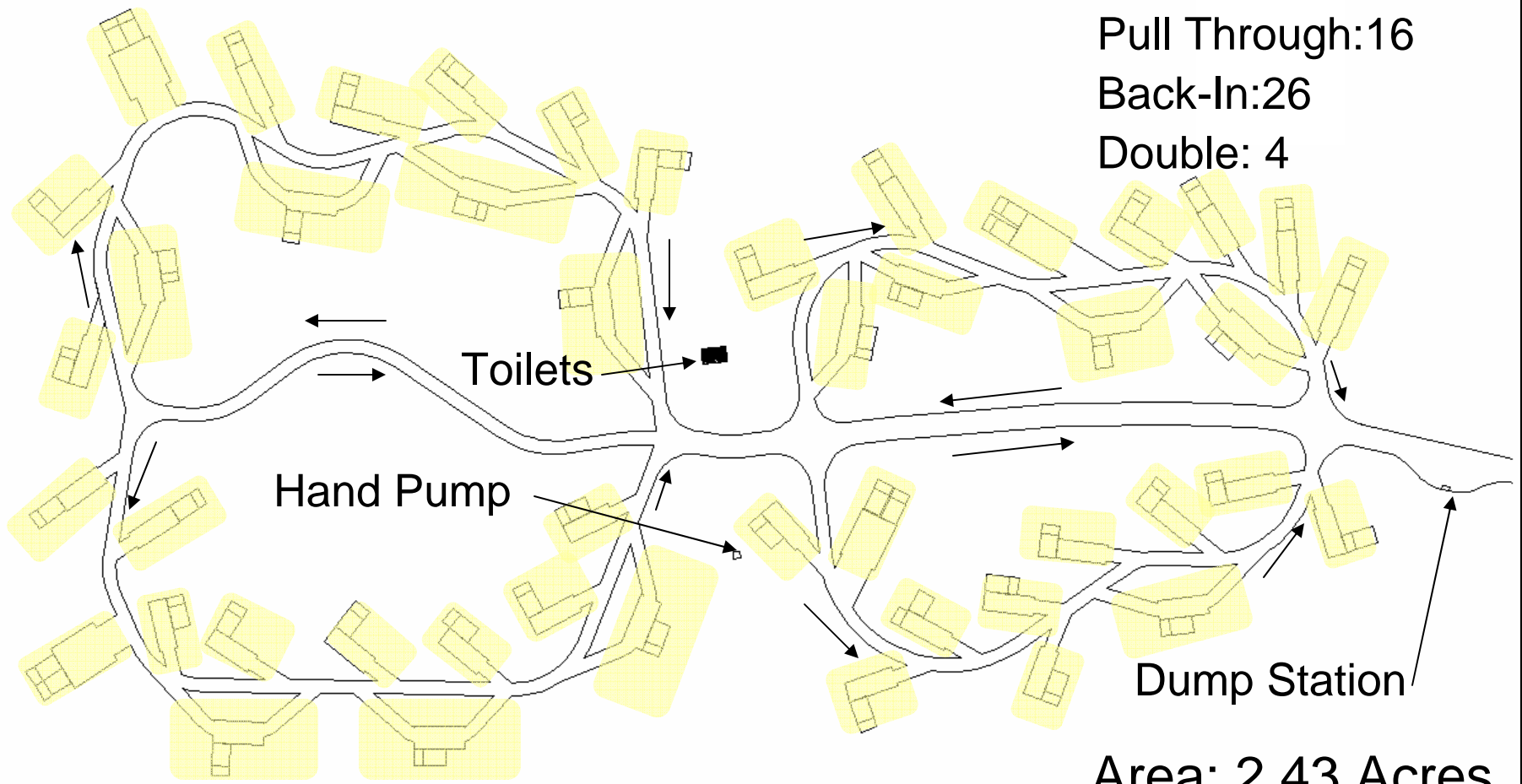
# Ranger Station

- Contact station
- Regional base of operations
- Mang. presence



# RV Campground

Campsites: 50 Total  
Pull Through: 16  
Back-In: 26  
Double: 4



Area: 2.43 Acres

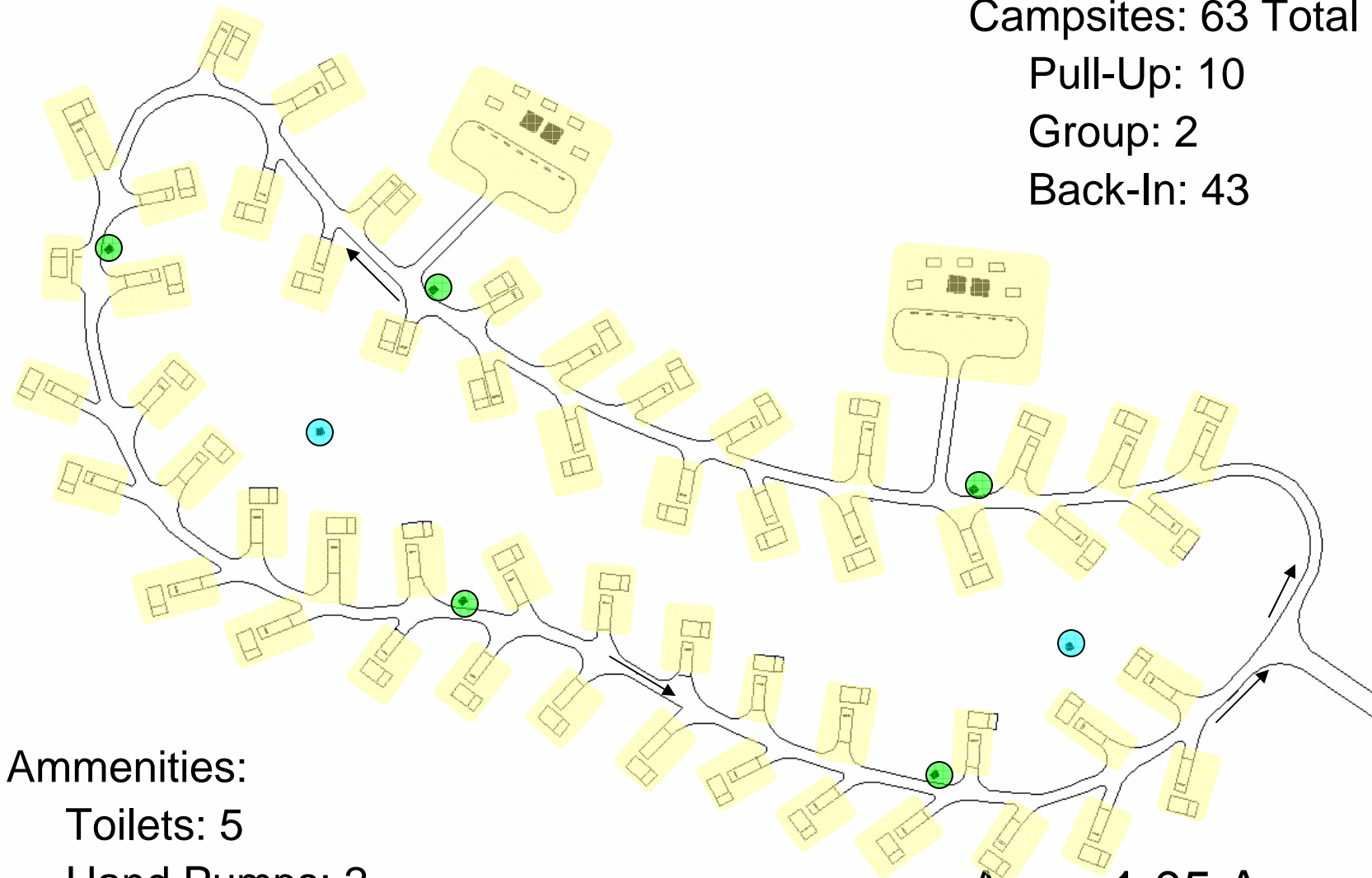
# Tent Campground

Campsites: 63 Total

Pull-Up: 10

Group: 2

Back-In: 43



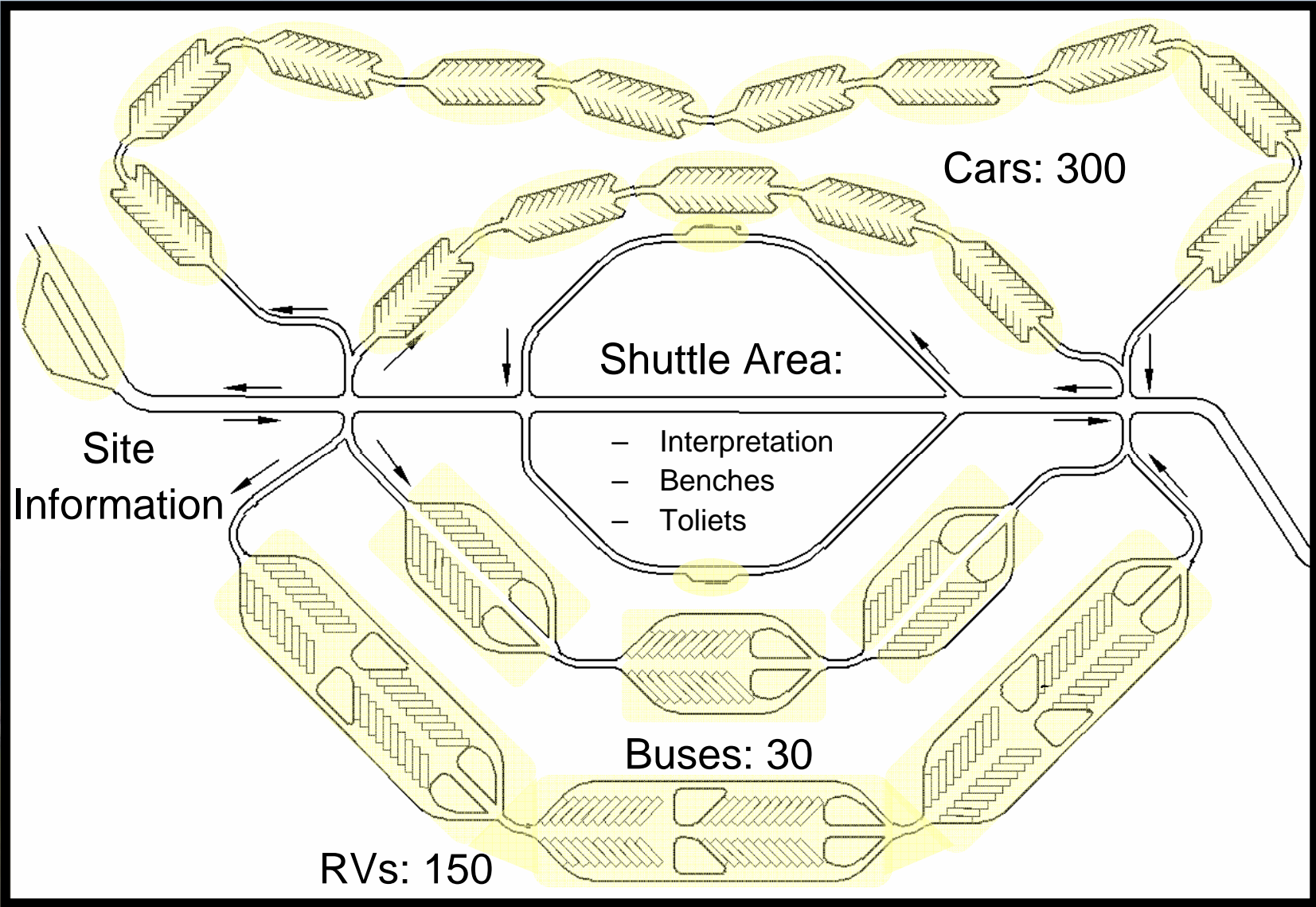
Ammenities:

Toilets: 5

Hand Pumps: 2

Area: 1.05 Acres

# Transportation Center Parking Lot

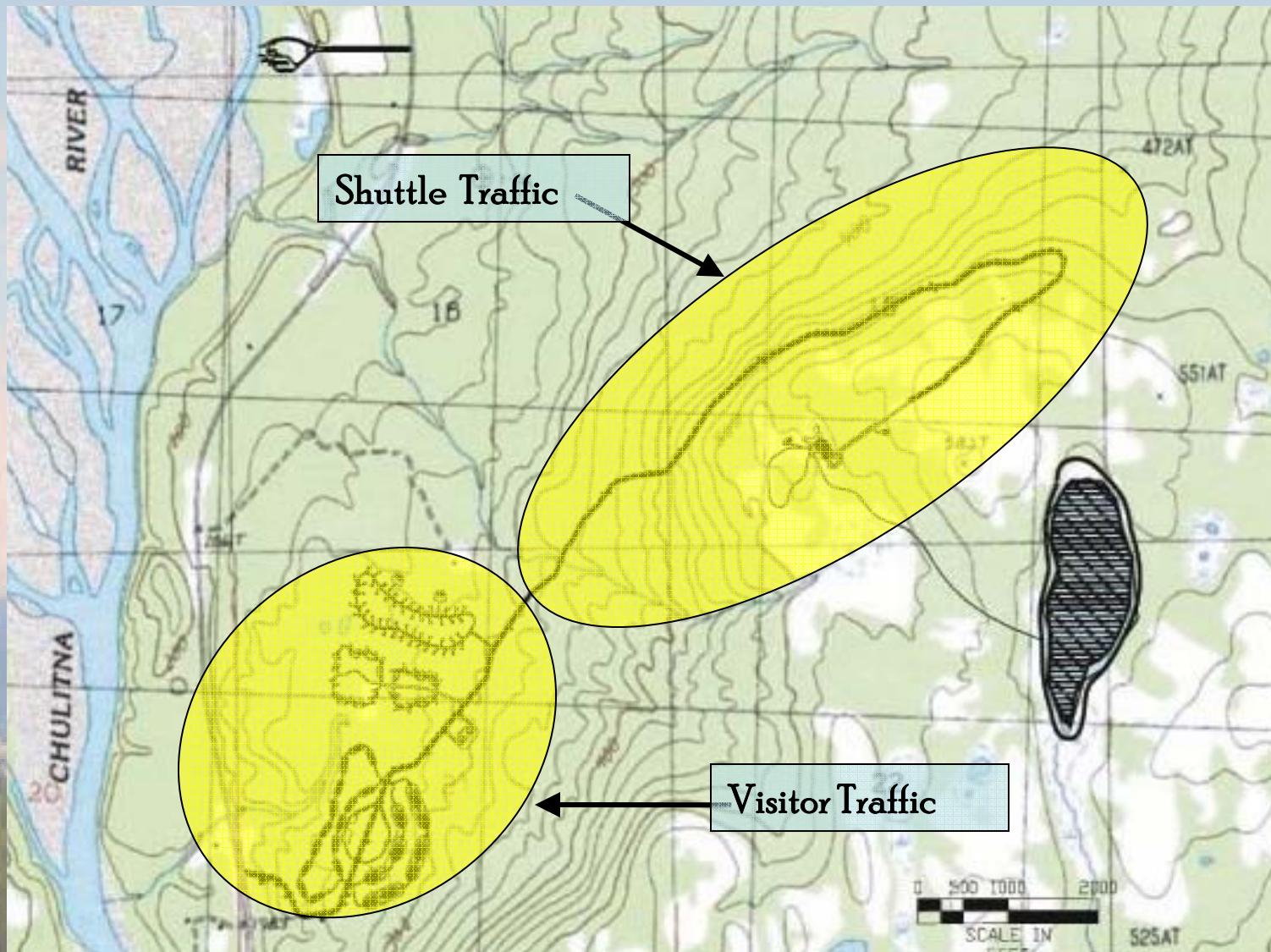




SOUTH PALMER  
STATION



# Road and Boat Launch Site Plan



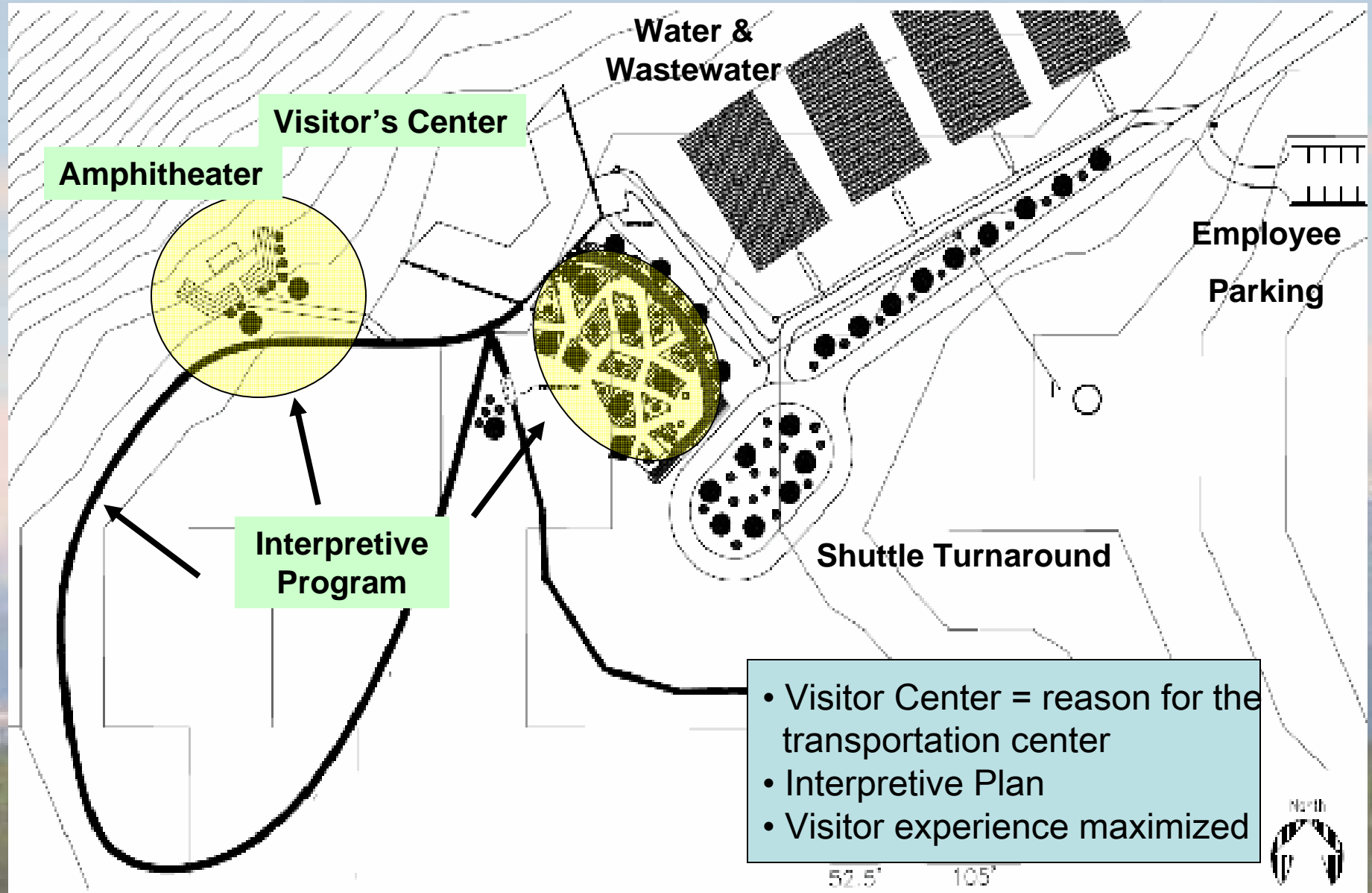
# Road Design: The Visitor Experience

- Experience Enhancement Considerations:
  - Road Curvature
  - Natural Views
  - Timely Shuttles
  - Interpretive Program on Board

# Road Design: Shuttles

- Design Vehicle:
  - Two 45 passenger diesel shuttles
  - Four 15 passenger diesel shuttles
- Shuttle Schedule
  - Transport visitors to and from visitors' center every half hour

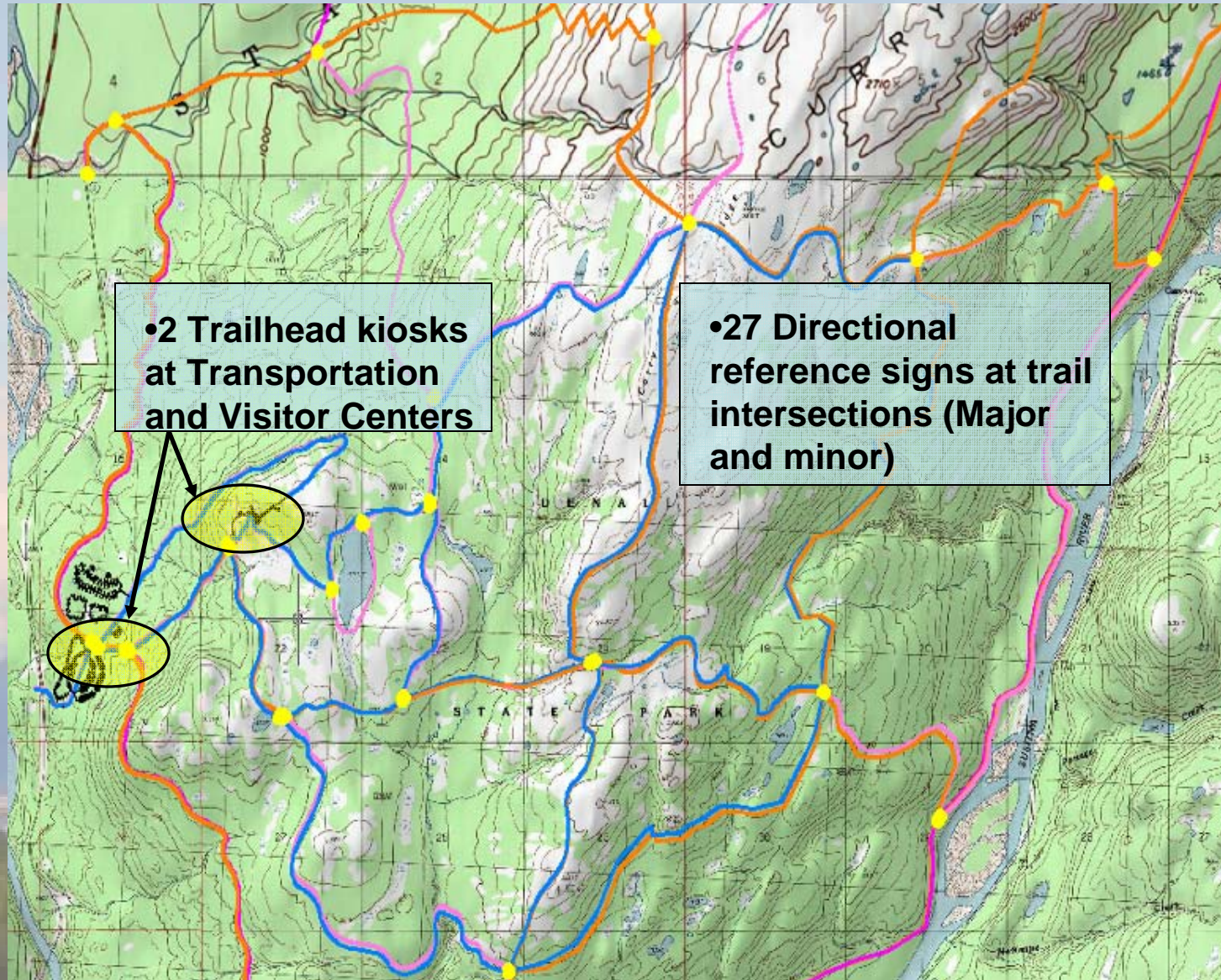
# Visitor Center Overview



# Trail Design Summary

- Large system of trails
- Short, medium, long length loops
- Multiple ranges of difficulty
- Will entice visitors to stay longer
- Incorporates views of:
  - Denali
  - Susitna River
  - Curry Ridge Area
- Trail types:
  - Hiking
  - Biking
  - Skiing
  - Snowmachining
- Backcountry areas available for winter and summer users
- Connects with cabins and remote campsites.
- Avoids conflict between different users groups.

# Trail Signage



•2 Trailhead kiosks  
at Transportation  
and Visitor Centers

•27 Directional  
reference signs at trail  
intersections (Major  
and minor)

# Questions

