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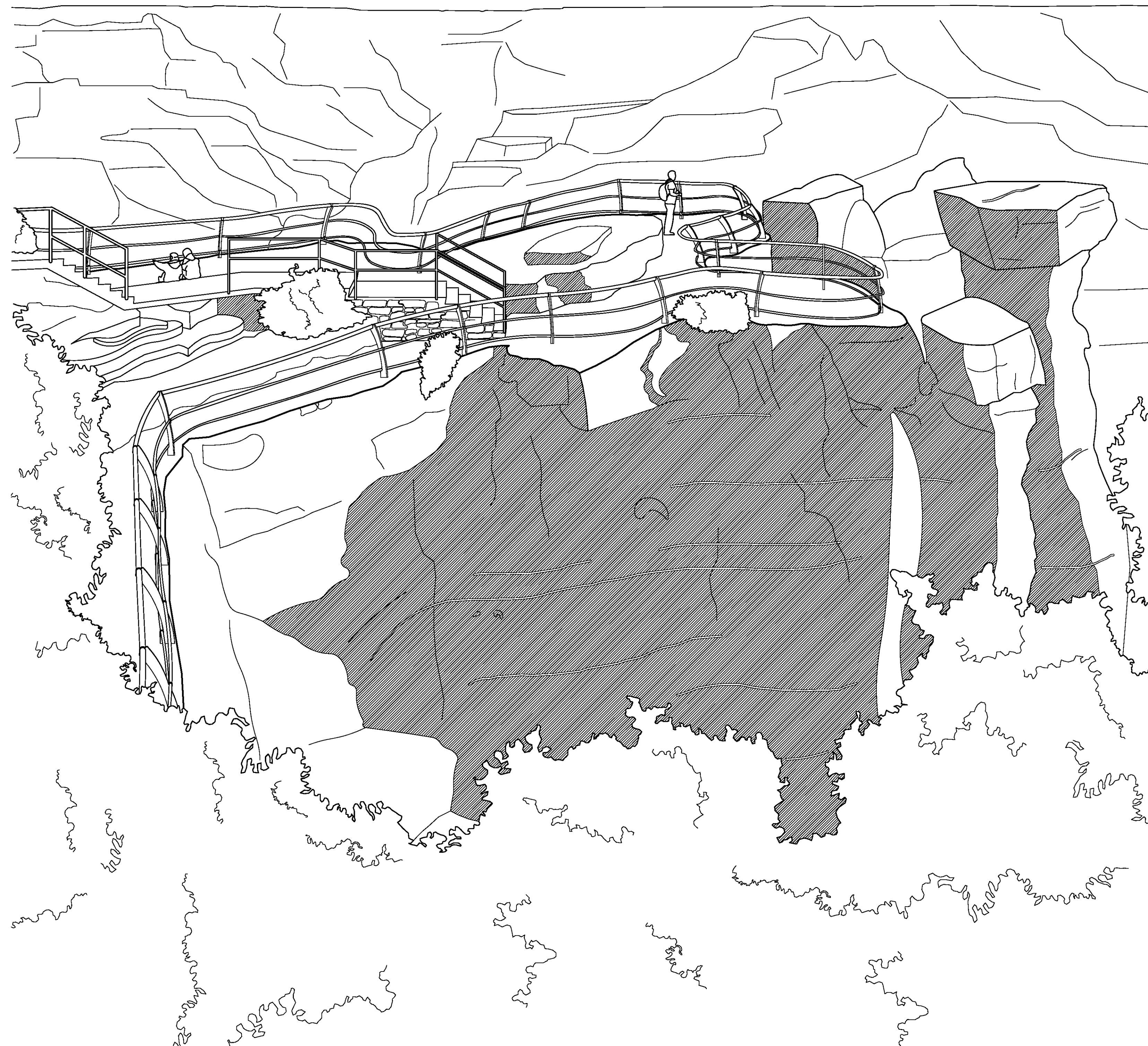
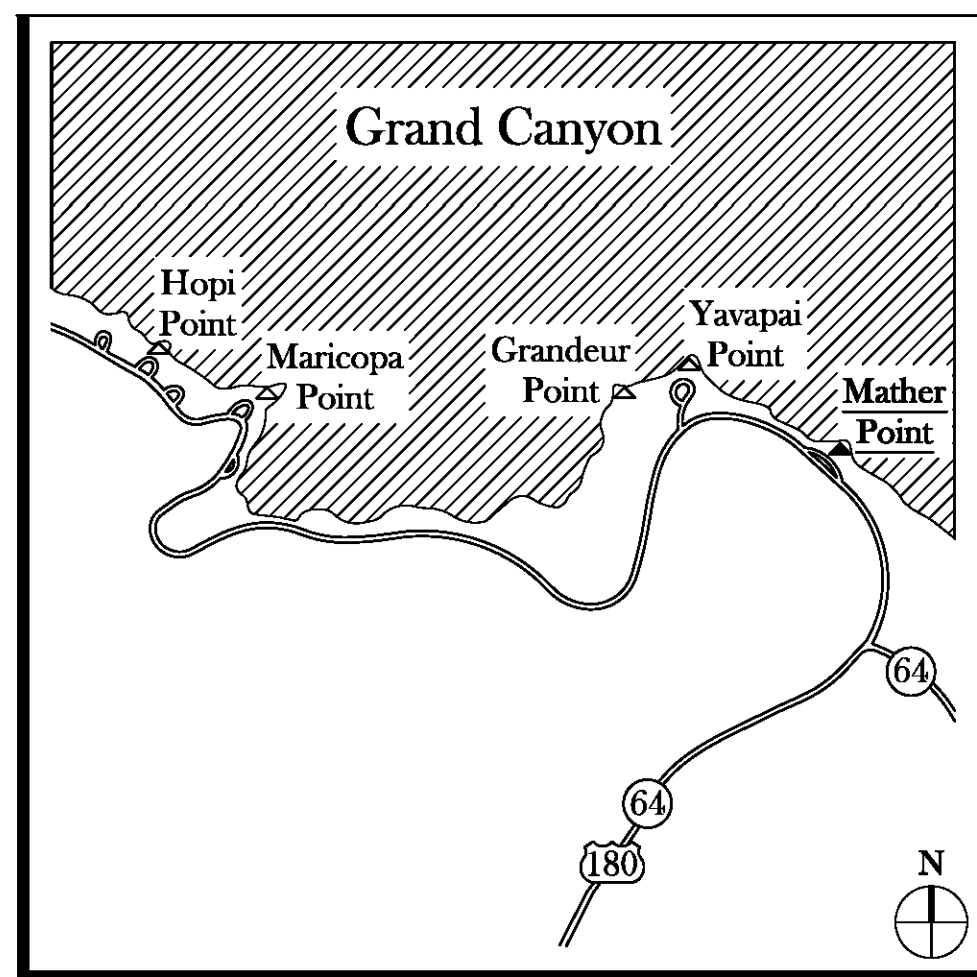
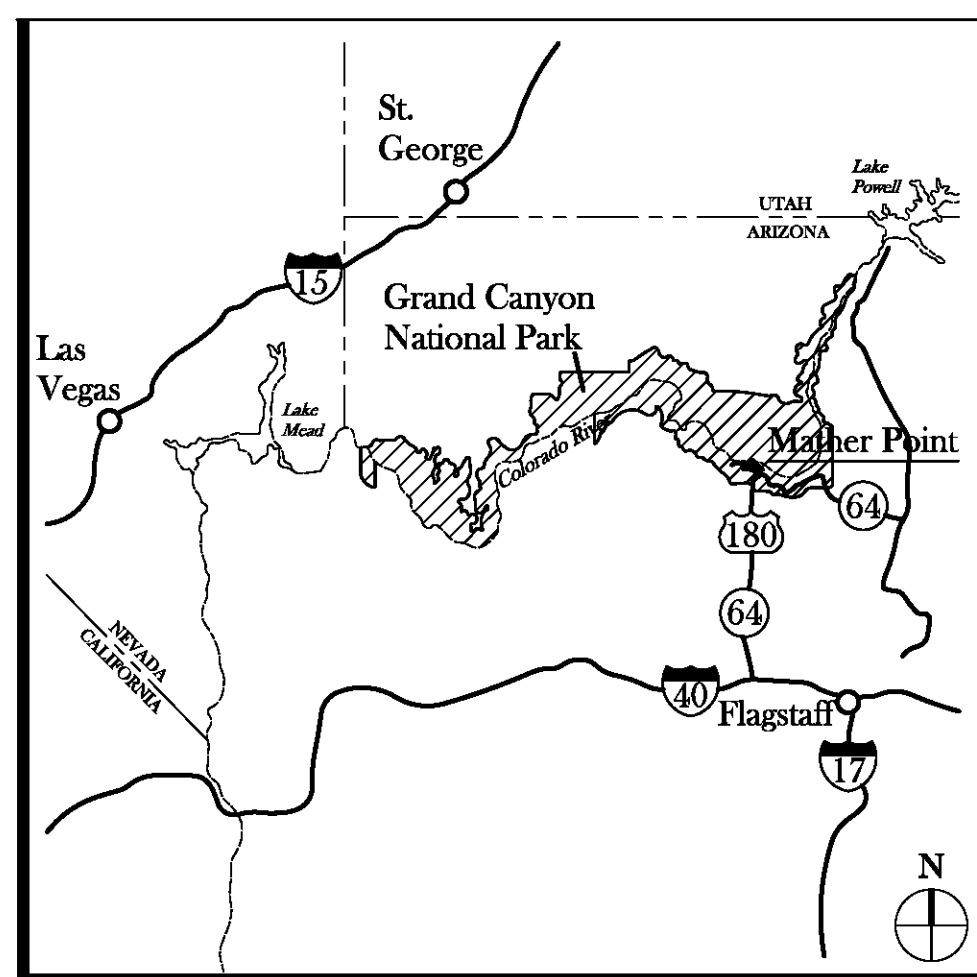
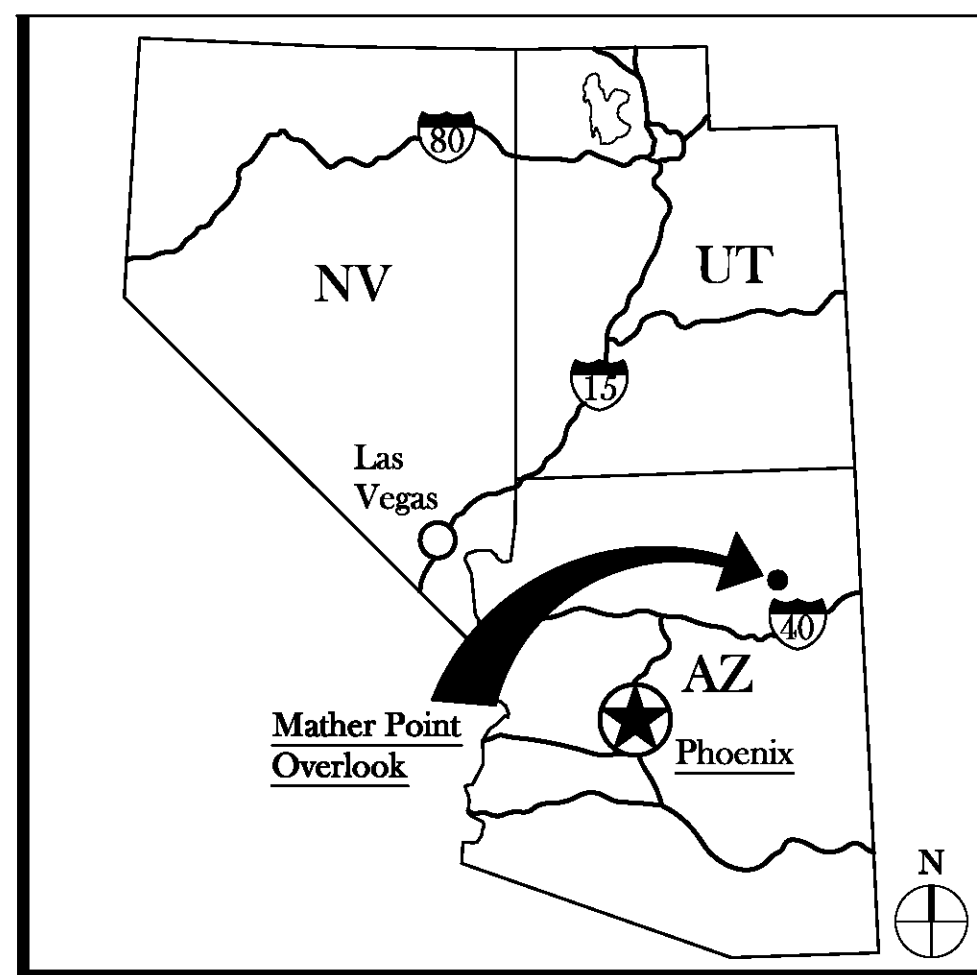
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MATHER POINT IS ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR STOPS ALONG THE SOUTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON. IT IS NAMED FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S FIRST DIRECTOR-STEPHEN T. MATHER, AND IT IS LOCATED AT 7120 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. THE VIEW NORTHEAST FROM MATHER POINT LOOKS OUT ACROSS O'NEILL BUTTE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER ACROSS TO ZOROASTER TEMPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE NORTH RIM IS ABOUT 10 MILES ACROSS THE CANYON FROM THIS POINT. MATHER POINT IS COMPOSED OF TWO RAILED OVERLOOK POINTS CONSTRUCTED ON AN OVER 4000' HIGH OUTCROPPING. IT WAS FIRST PROPOSED AS A VIEWING PLATFORM IN 1947 AND WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1952. ITS INFRASTRUCTURE RECEIVED MAJOR MODIFICATIONS AND UPGRADES IN 1963 WHEN THE CURRENT CONCRETE STAIRS WERE ADDED, AND THE PARKING LOT EXPANDED. MATHER POINT HAS FOR OVER 50 YEARS BEEN THE SOUTH RIM VISITOR'S FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE CANYON. MATHER POINT'S MOST WIDELY USED HISTORIC DESIGN ELEMENTS ARE ROCK AND CUT STONE LINING TRAILS AND AGGREGATE SURFACE MATERIAL IN PAVED AREAS. THE SITE IS FURTHER CHARACTERIZED BY CURVED STANCHION CANYON RIM RAILINGS ADJACENT TO THE RIM TRAIL AND ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY OVERLOOKS; SPLIT-LOG RIM BENCHES; VEGETATED ISLANDS BETWEEN THE EXISTING PARKING AREA AND THE RIM; THE 1962 INFORMATION KIOSK AND THE STEPHEN MATHER COMMEMORATIVE STONE (MOVED FROM YAVAPAI POINT IN 1953). CONSTRUCTION IS NOW TAKING PLACE ON VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS AT MATHER POINT AND THE GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER ON THE SOUTH RIM. THIS INCLUDES REHABILITATION OF THE OVERLOOK AREA, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF MOBILITY IMPAIRED ACCESS TO THE OVERLOOK, AND NEW RAILING ALONG THE ENTIRE RIM AREA OF MATHER POINT. PROPOSED MATHER POINT CHANGES INCLUDE KEEPING NATURAL FEATURES AS INTACT AS POSSIBLE WHILE PROVIDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY.

THIS PROJECT IS PART OF THE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK'S COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT. THE DOCUMENTATION OF MATHER POINT OVERLOOK WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE HISTORIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPES SURVEY OF THE HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. THE PRINCIPALS INVOLVED WERE RICHARD O'CONNOR, CHIEF, HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION PROGRAMS; PAUL D. DOLINSKY, CHIEF, HISTORIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPES SURVEY; AND STEVE MARTIN, SUPERINTENDENT, GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK. VICTORIA STINSON, PROJECT MANAGER, GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK SERVED AS PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR THE PARK. THE DOCUMENTATION WAS PRODUCED DURING THE SPRING OF 2010 BY THE WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE OF THE HISTORIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPES SURVEY. THE PROJECT SUPERVISOR WAS CHRISTOPHER STEVENS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, WITH ALEXANDER MATSOV, ARCHITECT. THE LARGE-FORMAT PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION WAS COMPLETED BY MARTIN STUPICH.

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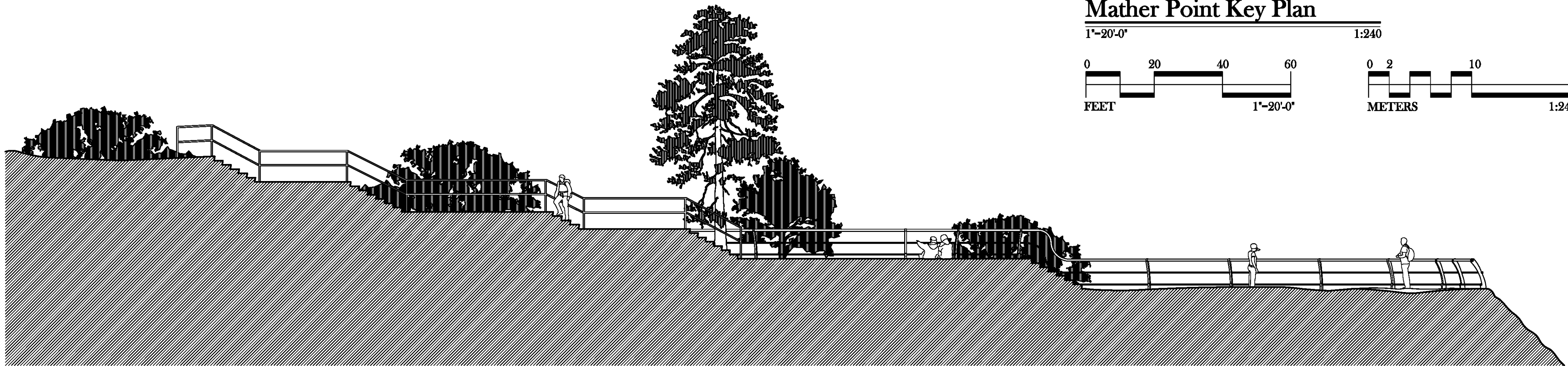
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Mather Point Site Plan
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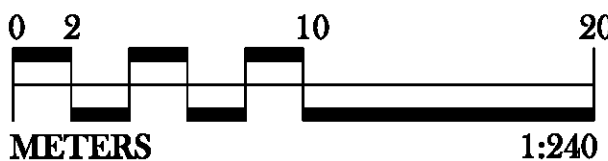
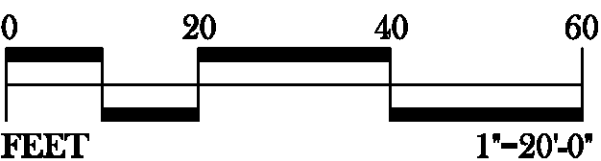
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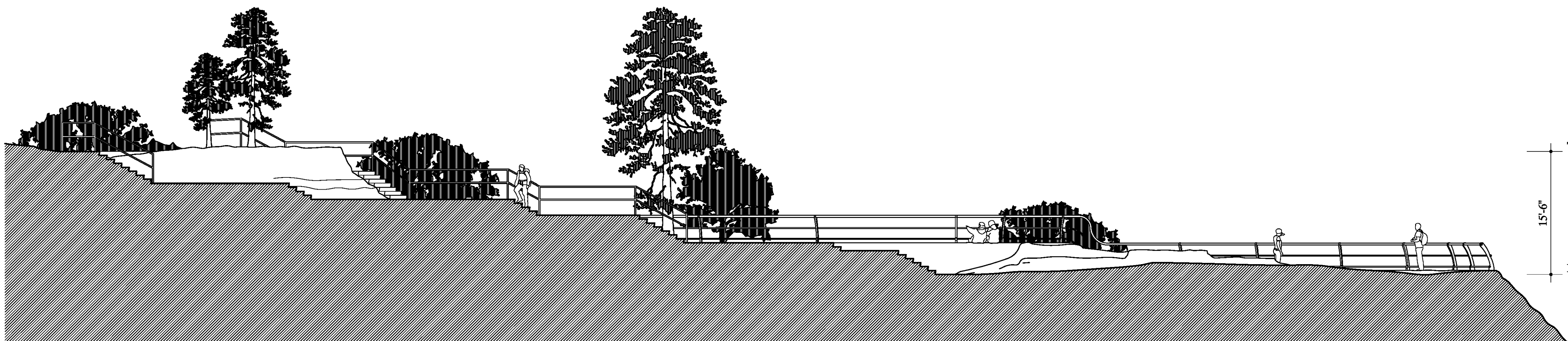
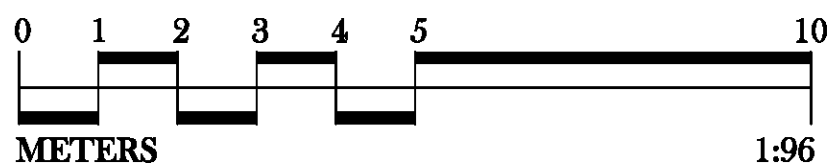
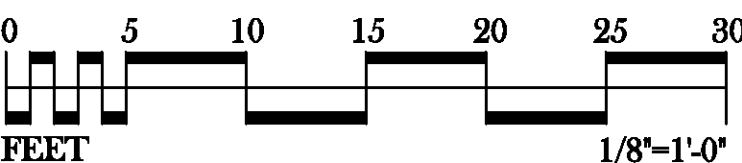
Mather Point Key Plan

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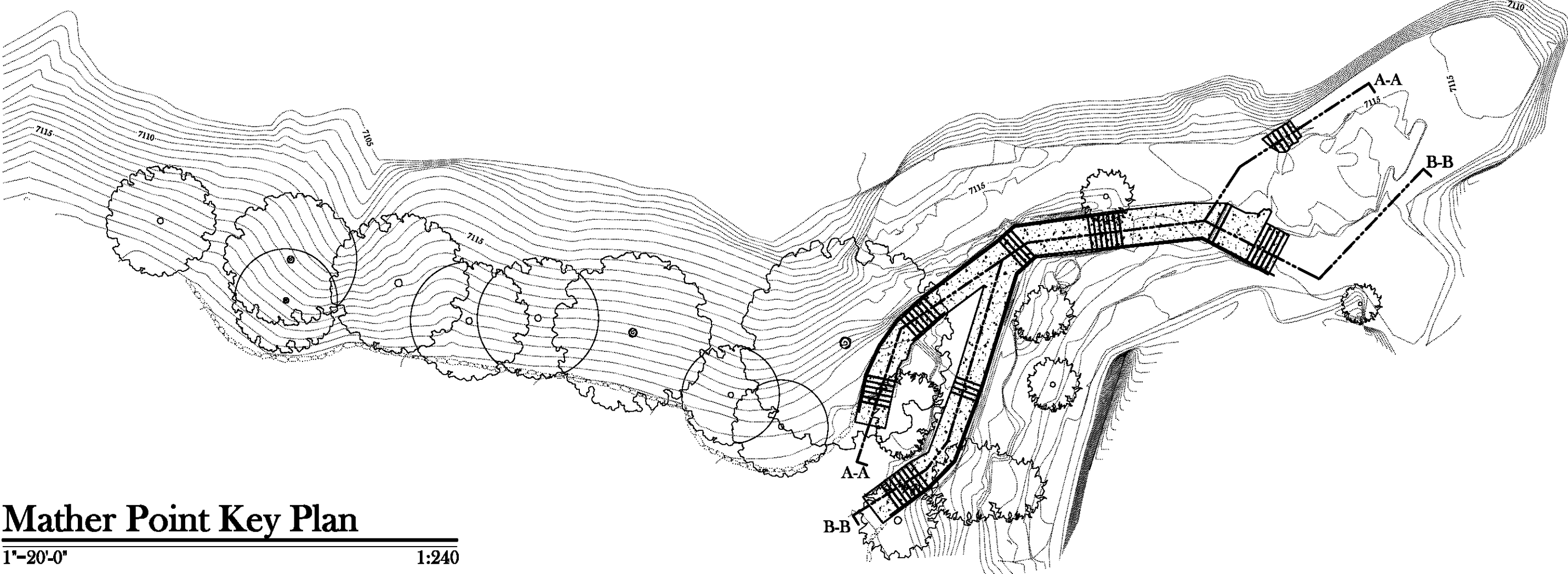
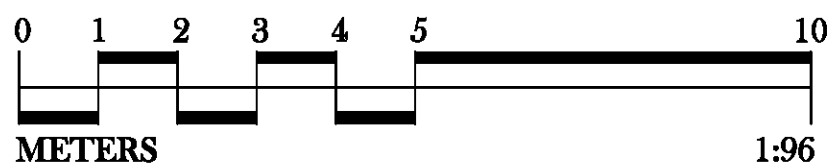
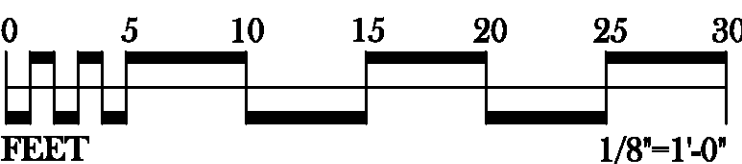
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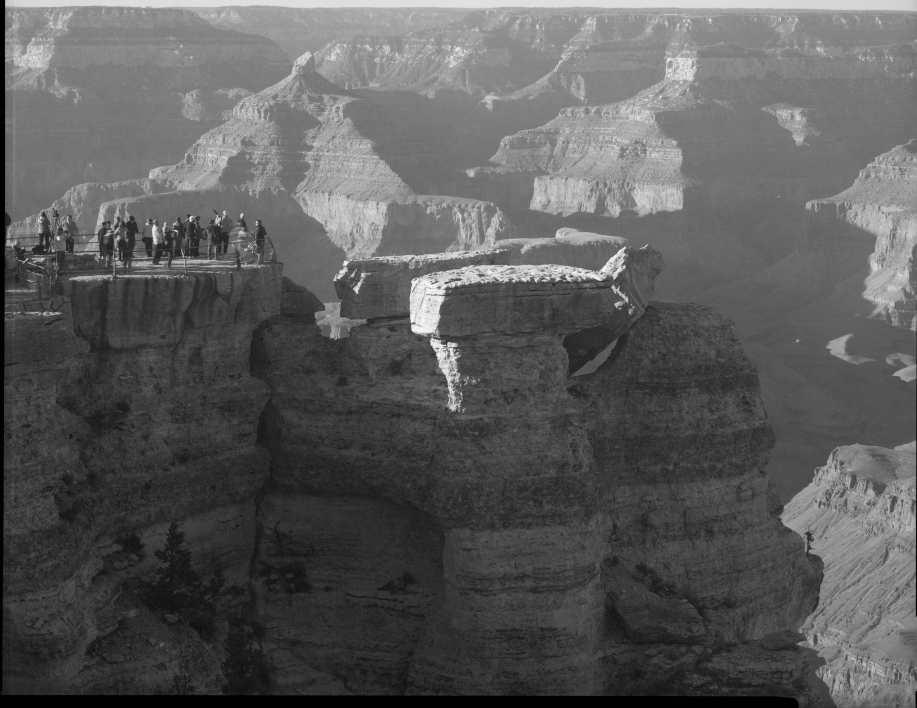
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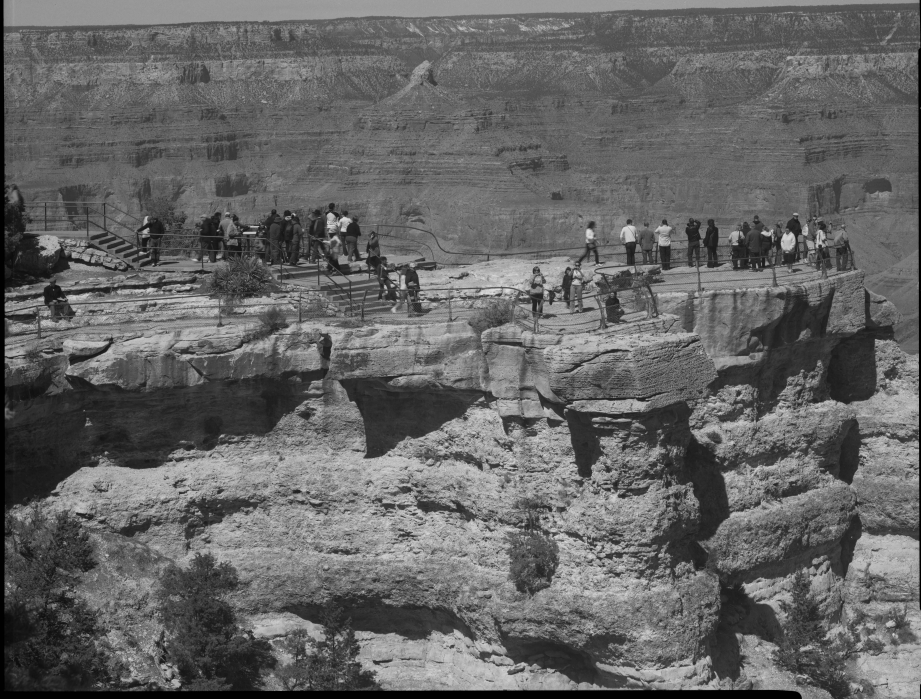


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