



Regional District of Central Kootenay  
NELSON, SALMO, E, F, AND G REGIONAL PARKS COMMISSION  
Open Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Dr., Nelson, BC

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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**1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO**

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**Meeting Time:**

9:00a.m. PST

**Join by Video:**

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**Meeting ID:** 946 8983 1356

**Meeting Password:** 672792

**In-Person Location:** 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC - Boardroom

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Page called the meeting to order at [Time] a.m.

**3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
The Agenda for the June 10, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

**5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES** 3 - 5  
The April 8, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission minutes, have been received.

**6. DELEGATE**

**6.1 Blewett Community Society** 6 - 26  
Jacob Cloutier, Lukas Armstrong and Coordinator Valerie May Evans with the Blewett Community Society will present a presentation and budget for a permanent rink at Morning Mountain Regional Park.

**6.2 Nelson Nordic Ski Club** 27 - 33  
John Bowden and Peter Holton with the Nelson Nordic Ski Club to present a proposal to extend the current grooming program for 2km South of the Euphrates Shelter to the Commission

**7. PUBLIC TIME**  
The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

**8. NEXT MEETING**  
The next Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2026 at 9:00a.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
The Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting be adjourned at [Time].



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

**NELSON, SALMO, AREAS, E, F AND G REGIONAL PARK  
COMMISSION  
OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

**9:00a.m.  
April 8, 2026**

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commissioner K. Page	City of Nelson
Commissioner D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo
Commissioner C. Graham	Area E
Commissioner T. Newell	Area F
Commissioner H. Cunningham	Area G

**STAFF**

Craig Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
Trisha Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client
Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
Sarah Fuhr	Communication and Community Engagement Lead
Jenna Chapman	Meeting Coordinator

**5 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

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**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the April 8, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission minutes, have been received.

**5. DELEGATE**

**5.1** There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**6.1 Workshop Planning – Process for Municipal Grant and Capital Funding**

The Commission Report dated April 8, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, regarding Workshop Planning – Process for Municipal Grant and Capital Funding Requests, has been received, with the following notable discussion items:

- The workshop will aim to establish a shared understanding of objectives and expectations.
- Governance structures will be identified based on the nature of the funding requests.
- Consideration will be given to the relationship between capital project contributions and ongoing funding provisions.
- Discussion included how costs or contributions would be allocated among participating areas.
- The importance of reviewing financial history and timelines was identified.
- It was agreed that the next report or meeting should include research, financial information, and historical context to help guide the structure and objectives of the proposed workshop.
- A Doodle poll will be conducted following the meeting to identify an agreed-upon date, with the intention of holding the workshop before June 10.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Director Newell left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

**6.2 Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan**

The Commission Report dated April 8, 2026 from Mark Crowe, Regional Parks and Trails Planner, re: Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan, has been received, with the following notable discussion items:

- This report provides an update on the current status of discussions and work related to Taghum.
- An initial concept plan was introduced in November.
- Work has continued since that time, including:
  - Circulation of the initial concept plan
  - Distribution of the initial design concept to Teck
  - Completion of an ecological overview assessment
  - Receipt of preliminary cost estimates from the landscape architect

- A need has been identified to address immediate parking and safety concerns in the short term, supported by planning work to date, and without allowing progress to be delayed by the scope of the larger planning exercise.

**7. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 9:54 a.m.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2026 at 9:00a.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:55a.m.

**Carried**

**Digitally Approved**

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K.Page, Chair

**RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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1. N/A

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.**

***Future Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Park Commission Meetings***

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1. N/A

The logo for Blewett Community Society features a stylized mountain range composed of overlapping diamond shapes. The top row consists of five diamonds in shades of green and yellow-green. The bottom row consists of five diamonds in shades of teal and light blue. The text "BLEWETT COMMUNITY SOCIETY" is written in white, uppercase letters across the center of the diamonds.

BLEWETT COMMUNITY SOCIETY

## **MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK:**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO INITIATE  
CONVERSATION WITH RDCK & PARKS TO  
IMPROVE RINK IN 2-3 PHASES -**

**1) PERMANENT PAD 2) CHILLER & 3) ROOF**

(without improvements it will eventually become too warm to make ice)

June 10<sup>th</sup>,

BCS Board members: Jacob Cloutier, Lukas Armstrong

and Coordinator Valerie May Evans

# PERMANENT MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK: REQUEST FOR PERMISSION

BLEWETT COMMUNITY SOCIETY

## Agenda

- MM History
- MM Operations
- Skating Opportunities in the region
  - Who would it benefit
- Prelim Proposal
  - Design
  - Rational for chilling option
  - Prelim budget
  - Increased ice time
  - Preliminary potential funders



# BCS & MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- HISTORY

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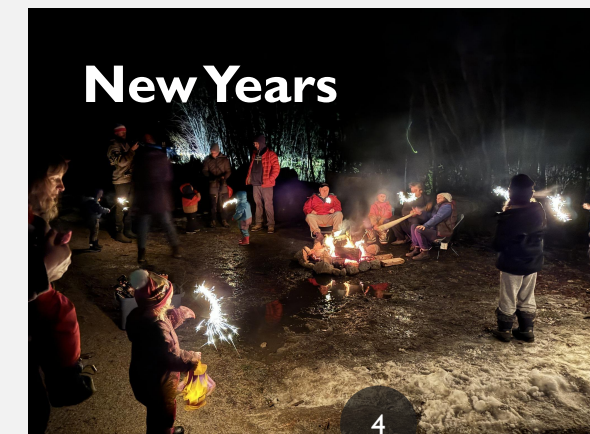
- BCS founded in 1988/9
  - 175 official members
  - 426 facebook followers
  - 7 active board members
- Morning Mountain Rink founded in 2017 by BCS & Selkirk College
  - Funded by CBT, RDCK E,F & many more
  - water line installed in 2014 for rink
  - 910 facebook followers
  - Up to 100 skaters/day



# BCS & MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK - OPERATIONS



- Rink Manager (funded annually by RDCK E, F)
  - Parks staff
  - Blewett Fire Department
  - Volunteer work parties
    - Nelson Leafs hockey team
- Community dinners & celebrations



# MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- SKATING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION

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## Less skating opportunity with increasing temps.

- Free skating opportunities in Nelson
  - 3 – 1 hr timeslot/week at NDCC
  - Low elevation: (now only a few days/year)
    - Cottonwood Lake, canal ponds, kok ponds, Riondel rink, Harrop ponds
  - Higher elevation with more sun:
    - lion's park
    - Bonnington rink – didn't install this year
  - Higher elevation with shade:
    - MM- handful skate-able days in 2026
      - best option in region -established wc & parking
      - people come from all over the region to skate
      - well established location and maint. team
      - would allow year-round use of the park!



**Who would benefit?**  
Ice skaters – they come from all over!  
Roller skaters, Dancers, all schools

# MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- 2<sup>ND</sup> PROPOSAL



## 1<sup>st</sup> Proposal:

- 2023 by Malcom Fitz-Earl – Board Member
- Prelim. cost estimate of concrete pad, roof and chiller options

## Current Proposal:

- Lucus Armstrong – BM & Architect
- Jacob Cloutier – BM & refrigeration tech
- Valerie Evans: Coordinator (grant writer)
- Refined request with multi-phased approach, prelim. cost estimate, building and maint. budget, estimate of skate-able days, roof will decrease daily chiller usage

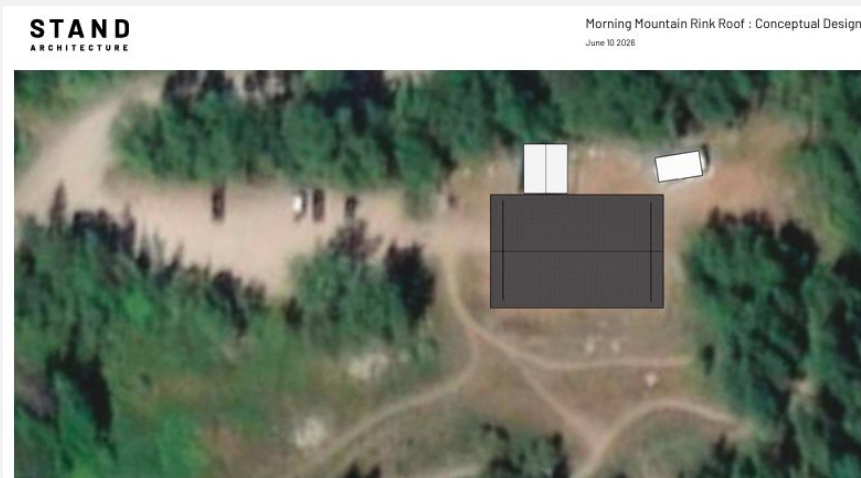


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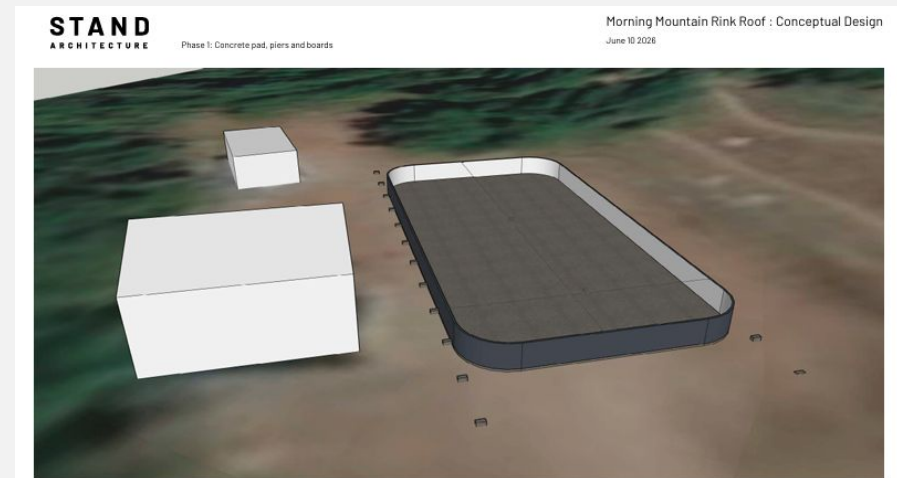
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## Rink Size and location:

- Current budget & proposal is for a rink of the same size (40x80ft) & location as current temporary rink
- Depending on conditions of permissions given we are keen to maximize the size of rink in the space as the increased budget would be nominal compared to the benefit.
- We are keen to collaborate as needed with cycling club on rink placement and any enhancements required to ensure bike/walking trail entrance is easily accessible



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# MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- PRELIMINARY CAPITAL BUDGET



**STAND**  
ARCHITECTURE

Costing and Phasing

## Morning Mountain Rink Roof : Conceptual Design

June 10 2028

Morning Mountain Rink Estimate		
Scope	Cost	Description
<b>Phase 1</b>		
Sub base	\$30,000.00	gravel sub base estimate
Concrete Pad	\$50,000.00	Quote from Rockform
Foundations for Timber	\$75,000.00	Estimate
Rink Boards	\$100,000.00	Estimate from Cascadia Sport systems. HDPE boards, aluminum structure.
Misc. site prep	\$20,000.00	modify seacan, trenching, modify bike routes etc
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>	
Consultant Costs	\$30,000.00	Design all phases to ensure future proofing
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$305,000.00</b>	
<b>Phase 2</b>		
Timber structure	\$275,000.00	Estimate from Spearhead
Roofing	\$75,000.00	Estimate from Heritage Roofing
Lighting	\$20,000.00	Estimate
Electrical service	\$0.00	Does not appear to be required
Chiller Equipment	\$200,000.00	Estimate from Custom Ice Inc.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$570,000.00</b>	
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The Phasing described here can be modified depending on what makes sense to all stakeholders.

While the pad and boards will be a huge improvement, the chiller will greatly extend the season of the rink. It may make sense to move it to Phase 1.

The foundations for the Timber structure should be poured with the pad to avoid undermining in the future.

The Timber structure envisions overhangs all the way around to create amenity space, but the cost of the structure could be reduced if these are not seen as necessary.

The rink could be made longer by extending it to the rear of the site. If the project moves ahead, the rink may get enough use that it is under-sized for the community.

The cost estimate is a Class D cost estimate, which is approximately +/- 30%.

The design is conceptual in nature and may or may not look like this if the project is funded and the design moves ahead with structural engineering involved.

## MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- WHY USE A ROLL OUT CHILLER?

### **Operator Exemption!**

- If using standard synthetic Freon (Group A1 refrigerant like R-449A or R-507), the total compressor nameplate rating sits safely under the 125 kW provincial threshold.
- You do not legally require a full-time certified Power Engineer on payroll for daily monitoring.

### **Roll Out Chiller Specs:**

- Rink Kit: eleven Roll-up Rink Mats (4 ft. wide x 80 ft. long)
- Chiller Plant: Qty 2 x 10-Ton Chillers (15 HP Compressors each)
- Total Capacity: 20 Tons / 30 HP Compression (Indirect Glycol System)
- Licensed Refrigeration Tech: Assembly, charging, and TSBC permits
- Commercial Electrical Contractor: 3-phase sub-panel installation, trenching/conduit runs to outdoor slab, disconnect switches, and FSR code sign-off)

# MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- INCREASED SKATING DAYS



**The chiller has the capacity to create ice Oct-Mar.**

The amount of electricity required depends on ambient temperatures and the roof will also decrease consumption.

## 4. Projected Power Costs Summary (@ \$0.16 / kWh)

Month	Avg. Temp (High/Low)	System Daily Runtime	Estimated Cost Per Day	Estimated Monthly Cost
October	11°C / 3°C	18 to 24 Hours ( <i>Slab Pull-Down</i> )	\$69.12 – \$115.20	\$2,142.72 – \$3,571.20
November	4°C / -2°C	12 to 16 Hours ( <i>Standard Load</i> )	\$46.08 – \$76.80	\$1,382.40 – \$2,304.00
December	-1°C / -6°C	10 to 12 Hours ( <i>Deep Winter</i> )	\$38.40 – \$57.60	\$1,190.40 – \$1,785.60
January	-1°C / -7°C	10 to 12 Hours ( <i>Deep Winter</i> )	\$38.40 – \$57.60	\$1,190.40 – \$1,785.60
February	2°C / -5°C	12 to 14 Hours ( <i>Standard Load</i> )	\$46.08 – \$67.20	\$1,290.24 – \$1,881.60
March	7°C / -2°C	15 to 18 Hours ( <i>Late Season Sun</i> )	\$57.60 – \$86.40	\$1,785.60 – \$2,678.40

# MORNING MOUNTAIN RINK- 2026 PROPOSAL

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## Potential Funders

We haven't approached too many possible funders until we get permission

- Columbia Basin Trust (15-25% of capitol cost up to 250K) they expressed interest
- RDCK – Multiple areas – capital and annual costs – possibly Community Development (up to 25K), recreation commission
- Provincial and Joint infrastructure Programs – Community, Culture, and Recreation Infrastructure Stream (CCRIS) 100K-millions
- Federal Funding: Canada Community Building Fund (Federal funds to be transferred to local gov for “sports infrastructure”)
- BC Community Gaming Grants ( Capitol Projects Stream): up to 250K
- Co-op Community Spaces (up to 150K)
- BCAA Play Here Grant (up to 100K)
- NHL/NHLPA Goals & Dreams Fund (up to 25K)
- Eagles Club – expressed interest to help raise funds
- Lion's Club – possibility to help raise funds
- Parks funding? 60M?
- Corporate sponsorship opportunities:
  - Stand Architecture – on board
  - Spearhead?
  - All of our previous sponsors

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## THANK YOU QUESTIONS?

Thank you for considering allowing the building of a permanent rink at Morning Mountain!

We would be happy to conduct any further research to satiate knowledge gaps.

We are not asking for any funding (although we would happily accept that!), we are asking for continued support via conversation to make this project a reality.

If we do not change something we will not be able to provide a rink for many more years due to temps.





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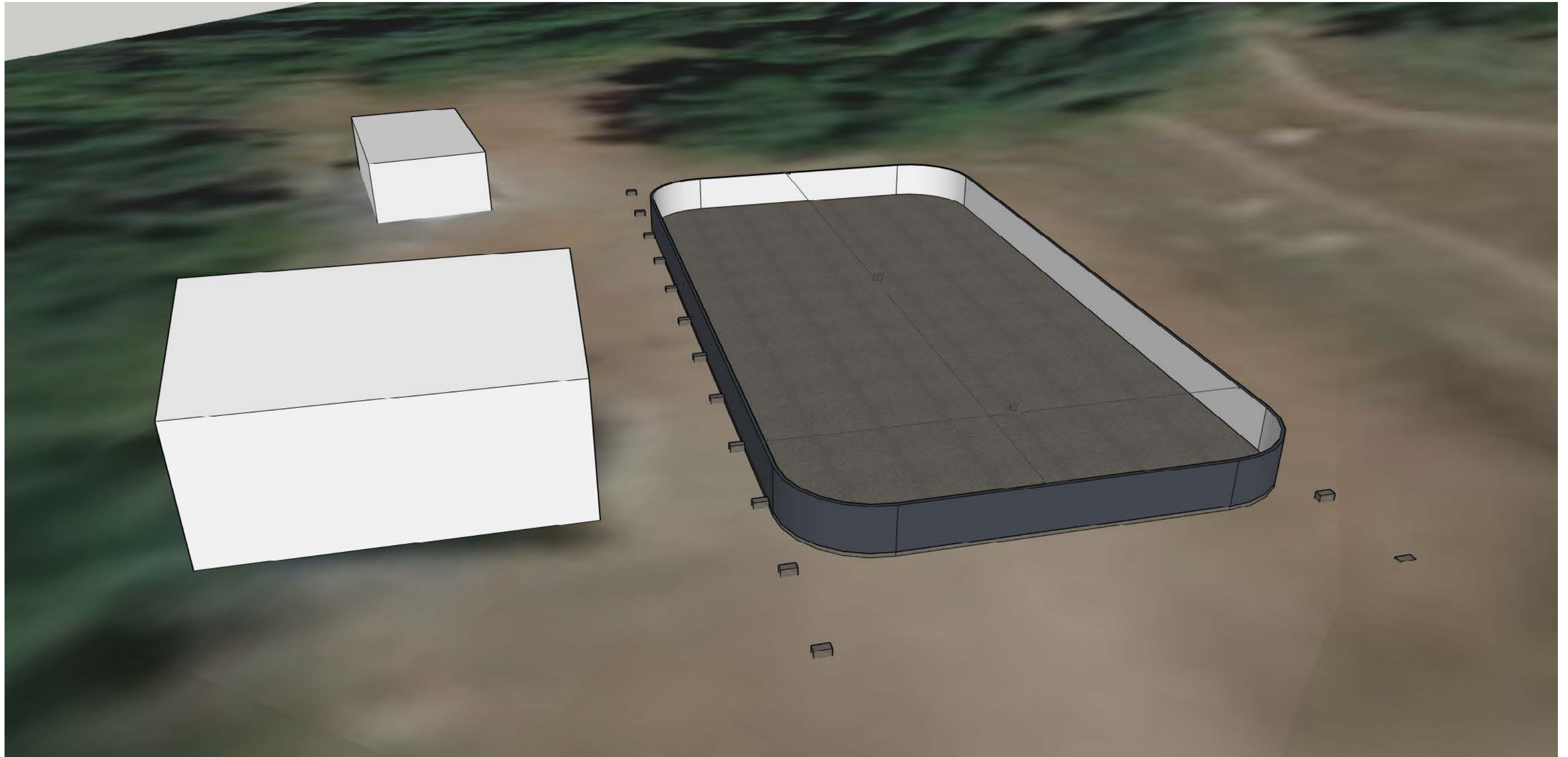
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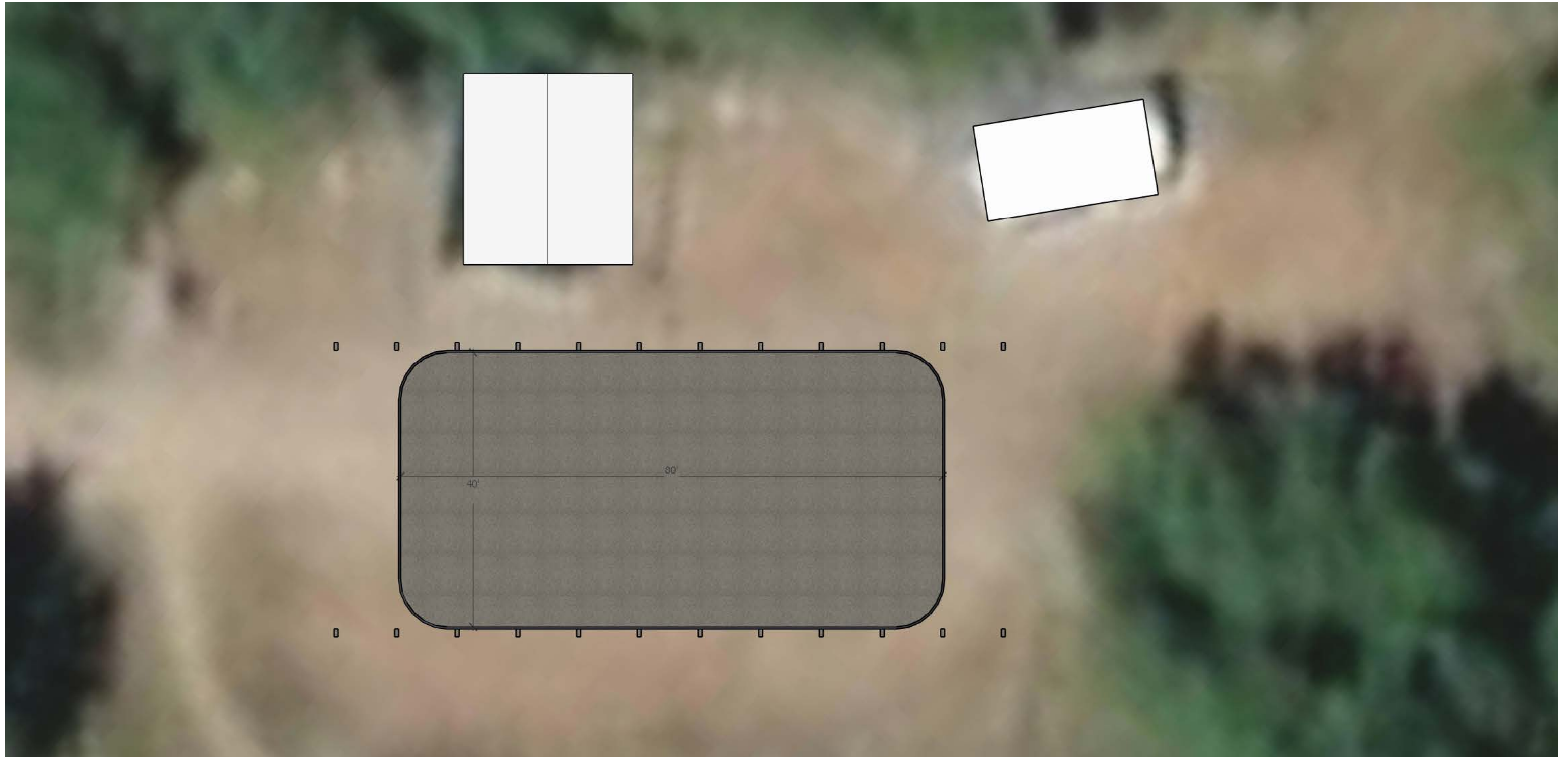
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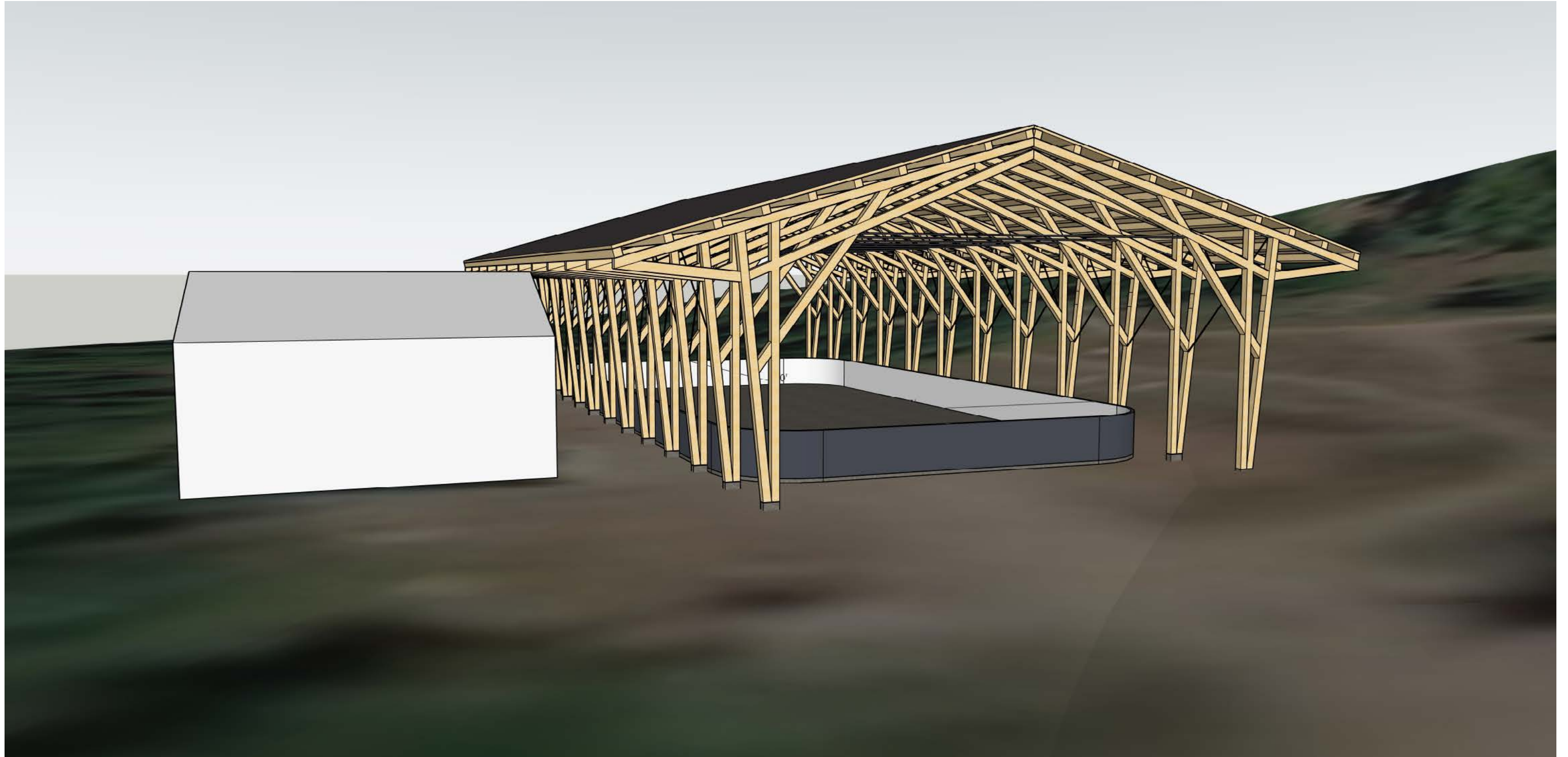
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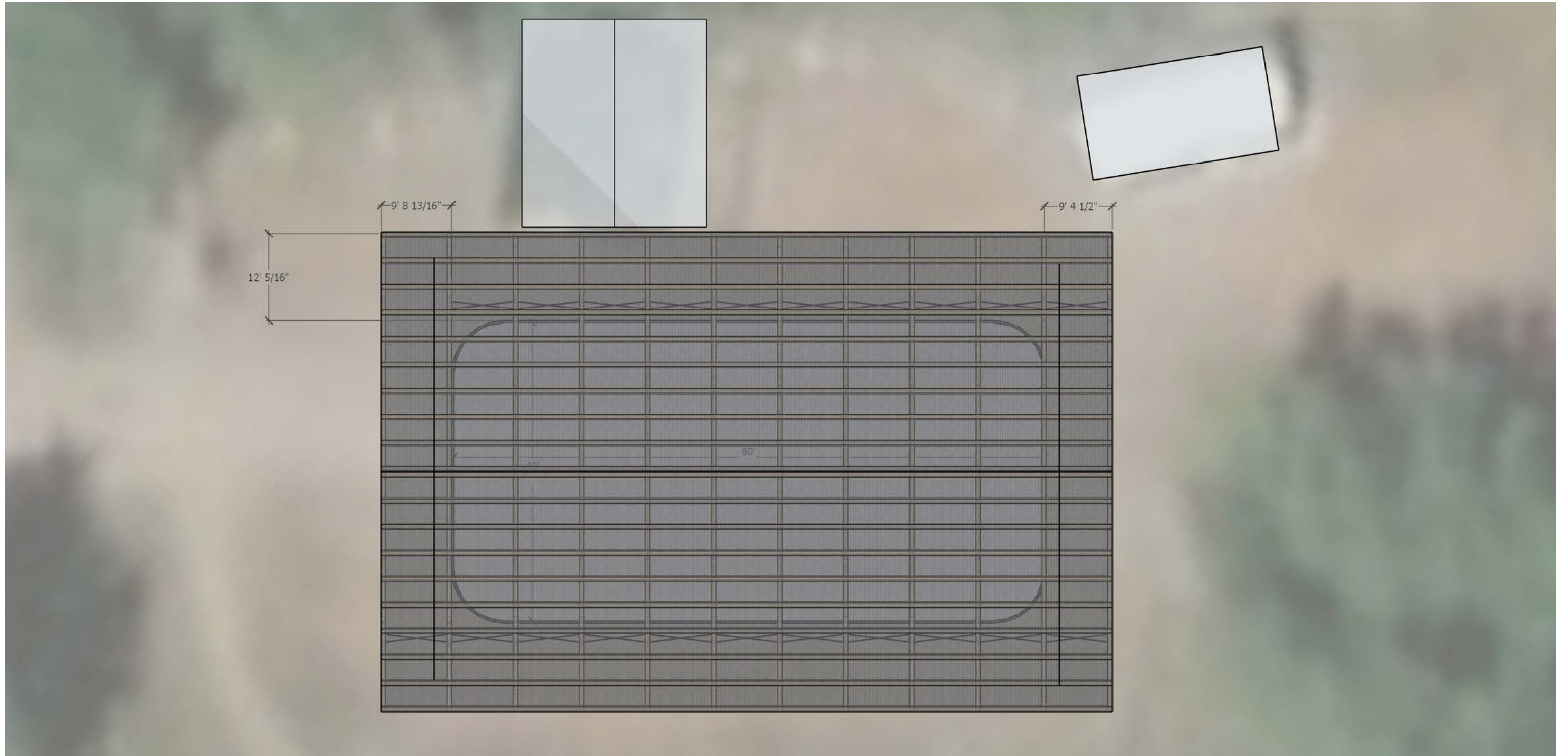
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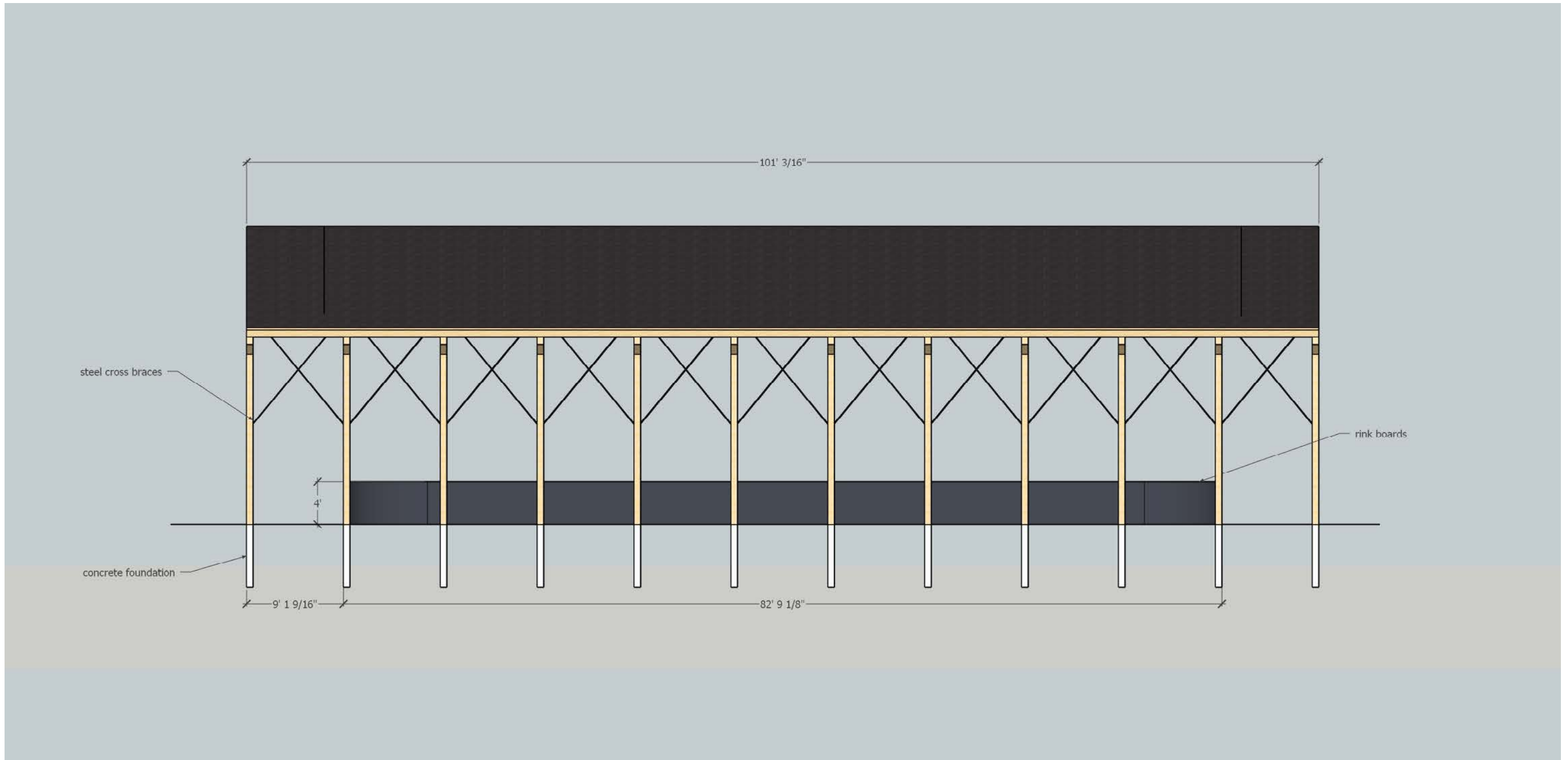


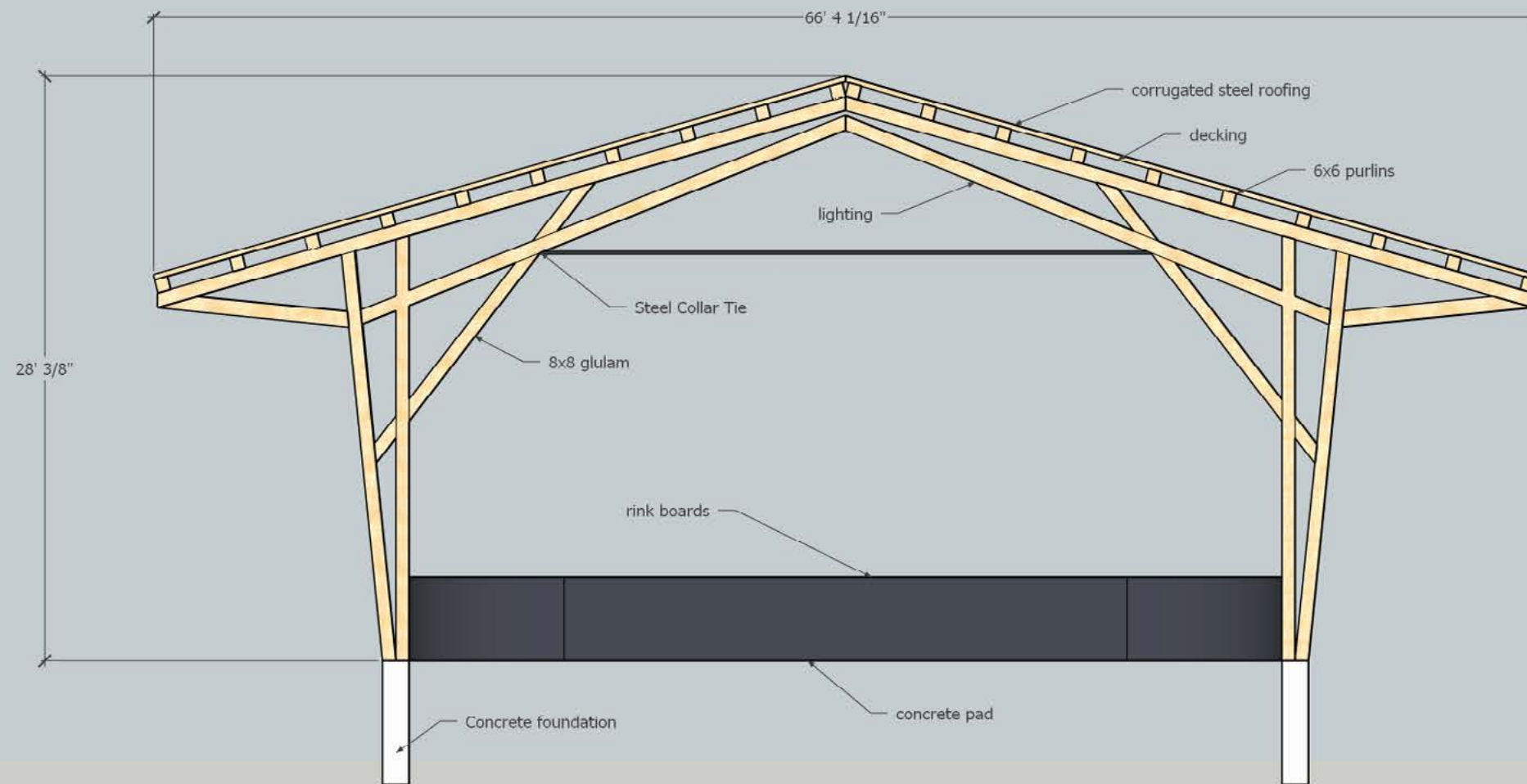






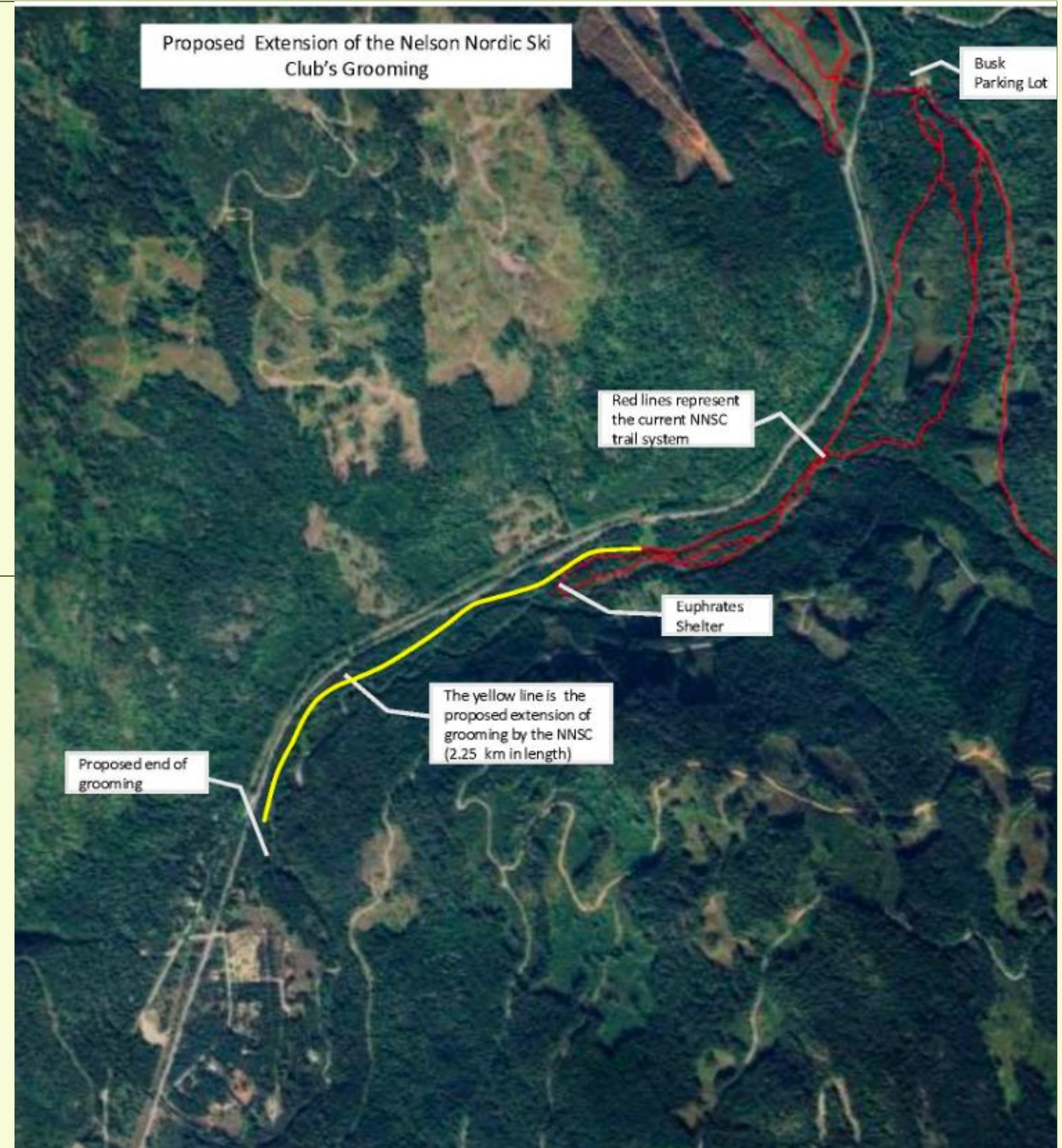






# Nelson Nordic Rail Trail Grooming Extension

Presented by John Bowden, General Manager, Nelson Nordic Ski Club and Peter Holton, Holton Planning Associates.



# Nelson Nordic Ski Club

**Founded in 1983 manages and maintains 30 km of trails**

- **1074 members**
- **5000 day pass users**
- **2200 school children visits (SOP)**
- **19 seasonal staff (full time GM)**
- **100 volunteers**
- **7 adult program instructors**
- **12 volunteer coaches**
- **8 special events**
- **60 youth in skills development program**
- **~30 km groomed trails**
- **3 snowshoe loops**





# Current Rail Trail Grooming Operations

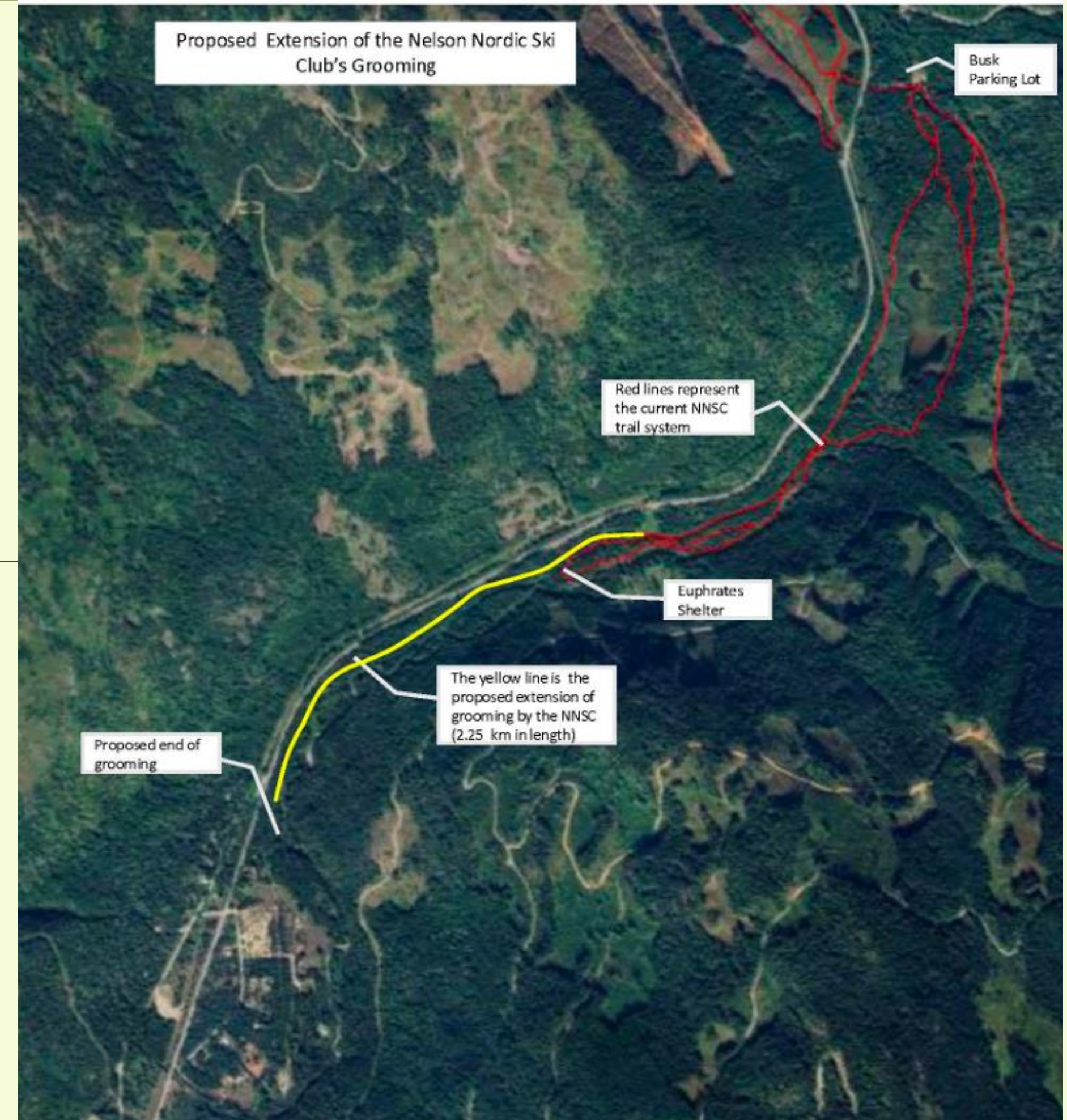
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**7 km Great Northern Rail Trail from  
Cottonwood Lake to the Euphrates  
Warming Hut.**

# Proposal:

## Extend Current Grooming Program for 2 km South of the Euphrates Shelter

- Compensate for the loss of 5 km of trail on private land
- Longer spring snow retention
- Low-cost and suitable terrain for a range of ski abilities including school groups and beginners





# Minor Improvements Required

- **Brushing and rock removal**
- **Construction of a 7 x 7 meter grooming machine turn-around area**



# Access Management

- **Similar to north entrance near Cottonwood Lake**
- **Partial gate with signage and QR code for online payment**
- **Restrictions on dogs**

# Thanks for Your Consideration

