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Bringing Pueblo Home

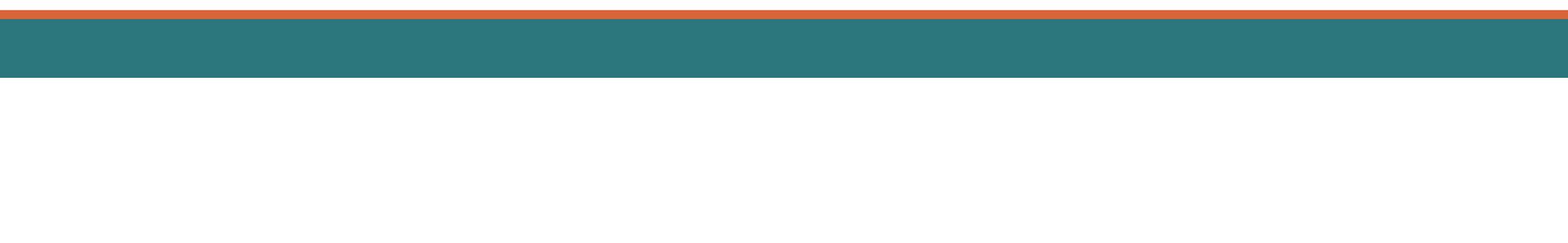


Mission

Posada's mission is to provide housing and supportive services that empower homeless individuals and families in Pueblo County to become self-supporting members of the community.



What We Do.

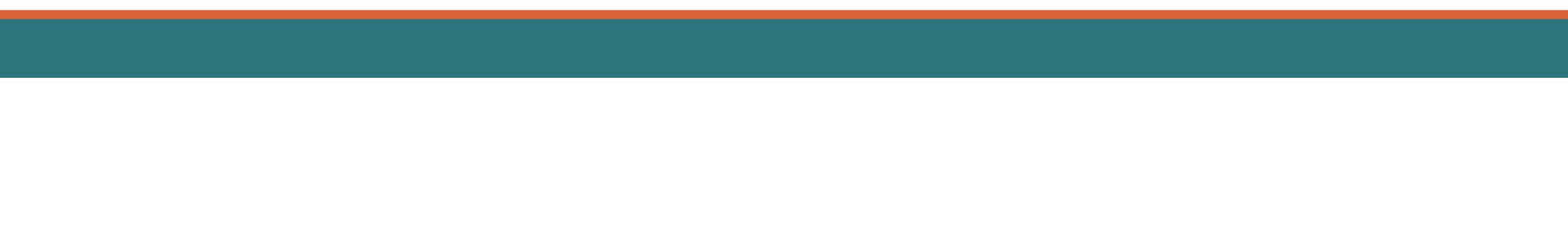
- Serve the homeless in Pueblo County
 - Provide services, shelter, housing and advocacy
 - Emergency shelter for families, transitional and permanent housing
 - Temporary medical shelter, information and referrals, benefits acquisition, advocacy, personal care items, phone and message services and onsite shower facilities
 - Promote self-sufficiency
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Homeless (unduplicated) #'s served

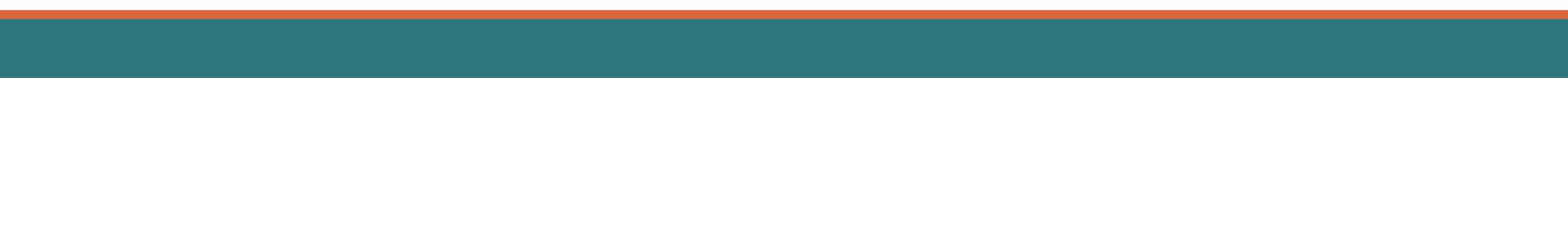
- 2013 – 2,444
- 2014 – 3,767
- 2015 – 4,946
- 49% Increase since 2013
- 57% were in Families in 2015

January 1 to July 31, 2016

5,486



Pueblo First,
Compassion
for
All



Posada Statistics

(Note that these numbers are self-disclosed and what we feel is an undercount)

In 2014, 236 households relocated to Pueblo for legalized pot.

In 2015, 273 households relocated to Pueblo for legalized pot.

In 2016, Posada has thus far seen 641 households relocate to Pueblo for legalized pot

On 4/20/2015 Posada served 71 new households in 4 hours, ten families with children were seeking emergency shelter, eight families were from out of State

This year there was also a bump on 4/20 although not as severe as in 2014 and 2015.

Current Homeless Population in Pueblo

- In Pueblo more than 1,415 children were identified as being homeless during the school year in 2016 (School District 60 Title X Count) They identify 67 as unaccompanied youth.
- Pueblo's poverty rate for children is 30% (CFPI).
- Estimates and counts of those outside now (200-250 sleeping in the elements.) Over 150 homeless camps
- Undocumented Population over 990 households unofficially registered

Challenges in Pueblo

- Over 24,000 people in Pueblo experience food insecurity.
- There are beds for less than one percent of Pueblo's homeless population—current rental vacancy rate 2.1 percent, lowest in the State.
- “Pueblo is the poorest BIG county in the State surrounded by all the poorest counties.” Bill Patterson CFO Parkview Hospital
- At least 40 percent of Pueblo's income comes from transfer payments, 67,000 residents receive disability income. Most people Posada sees from other states-have a disability. This number is growing.....

Challenges in Pueblo

- Cost of Utilities In the first quarter of 2016 Black Hills Energy shut off 2,016 households, one third of those stay permanently disconnected. High Cost of Utilities. “A main reason families don’t qualify for public housing in Pueblo is the inability of a household to put the electric utility in their name.” Pat Rivas, Pueblo Housing Authority
- Heroin infiltration in Pueblo. Many more addicts living along the river, younger population that tends to move through and conflicts with “local” Pueblo homeless individuals.

Most Significant Reasons for Homeless Increase

- Pueblo is on the map! **Legalization of Marijuana-Recreational Sales**-people also come to find employment in the field
- **Medicaid Expansion**
- Perceived **housing affordability and job creation** in Pueblo, and that 4-20 extends to Federal Housing Vouchers and Employment opportunities. “Affordable housing is not available and the new migrants are driving rents up and costing people more to apply for rental housing.” (Larry Williams, Executive Director of Center for Disabilities)

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David Shankbone

Cost of Living: 16.6% below U.S. average

City Population: 107,772

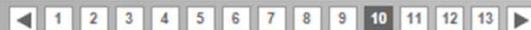
Median Household Income: \$35,176

Median Home Value: \$116,700

Pueblo, a small city in southern Colorado about 100 miles from Denver, is known more for its green chiles than the [amount](#) of green its residents earn. **The median household income is 34% lower**

than the nation's and 40% below Colorado's. But the low incomes come with low [living expenses](#), which makes Pueblo a perennial contender when we look for the cheapest places to live in the U.S. The median home value, for example, is less than half that of the state as a whole, and the typical [rent](#) falls 23% below the national average.

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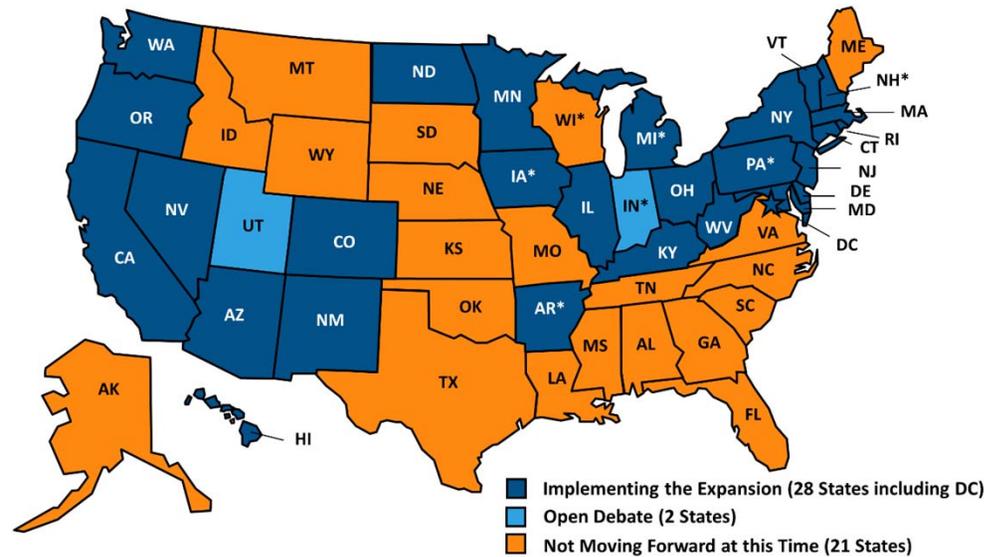
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Medicaid Expansion

Figure 2

Current Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions



NOTES: Data are as of August 28, 2014. *AR, IA, MI, and PA have approved Section 1115 waivers for Medicaid expansion. In PA, coverage will begin in January 2015. NH is implementing the Medicaid expansion, but the state plans to seek a waiver at a later date. IN has a pending waiver to implement the Medicaid expansion. WI amended its Medicaid state plan and existing Section 1115 waiver to cover adults up to 100% FPL in Medicaid, but did not adopt the expansion.

SOURCES: Current status for each state is based on data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, available [here](#), and KCMU analysis of current state activity on Medicaid expansion.

Recent Agency Notes 9-20-16

- Pueblo Community Health Center: Signing up 300 new clients for Medicaid monthly, most are from out of State and most are families with children. Avayne Renner PCHC Outreach
- Cooperative Care has annually since 2013 seen an increase of 18 percent. Every day they serve over 100 families in a three hour period. Most are from out of State—violent incidents are a daily occurrence.
- Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen typically served 50 to 75 a day—now the average daily meal feeds 160 people. Eva Matolo, Director—they tell me they come here because pot is legal. We call the police on a daily basis.
- The Salvation Army has seen a great increase for walk ins and clients calling that say they have just moved in and are in need of basic services such as food, shelter, and gas for their cars. "Last week I had a women travel from Florida that was one week from giving birth just move into our community. They came with only enough money to get a motel for a week, and had the hopes of finding work. She is now stranded with her boyfriend, a new baby, a toddler and no plan of survival for herself and her family. She is just one of so many that come in with the story "I just moved Here, and I need help, what can you give me. We are seeing a majority of the people from Texas, Illinois, Arkansas, and Missouri." Rose Mertz, Pueblo Salvation Army Envoy

Recent Agency Notes 9-20-16

- The Pueblo Housing Authority has 1,470 Section Eight Vouchers that it administers. There are 500 people on a waiting list and all subsidized housing lists in Pueblo are closed. In 2014 the Agency received 38 applications from out of state residents. In 2015 that number was 452.
- Rocky Mountain Human Services provides assistance for Veterans and their families in Colorado Springs and in Southeastern Colorado. The Las Animas Mayor had a recent conversation with a case worker and said that for the first time their town has a homeless population. Colorado Springs RMHS workers also report more people camping throughout the City.
- Staff from Southern Colorado Aids Project said that they continue to work on programs that prevent intravenous drug use. They are seeing more clientele come in from out of State and it tends to be a younger population. Currently they have 400 clients and they are seeing a surge of new cases.
- There are almost no inpatient beds for substance abuse treatment unless you can private pay and families with youth who have addiction issues with high THC products have to send them out of state for treatment.

Cost to Community

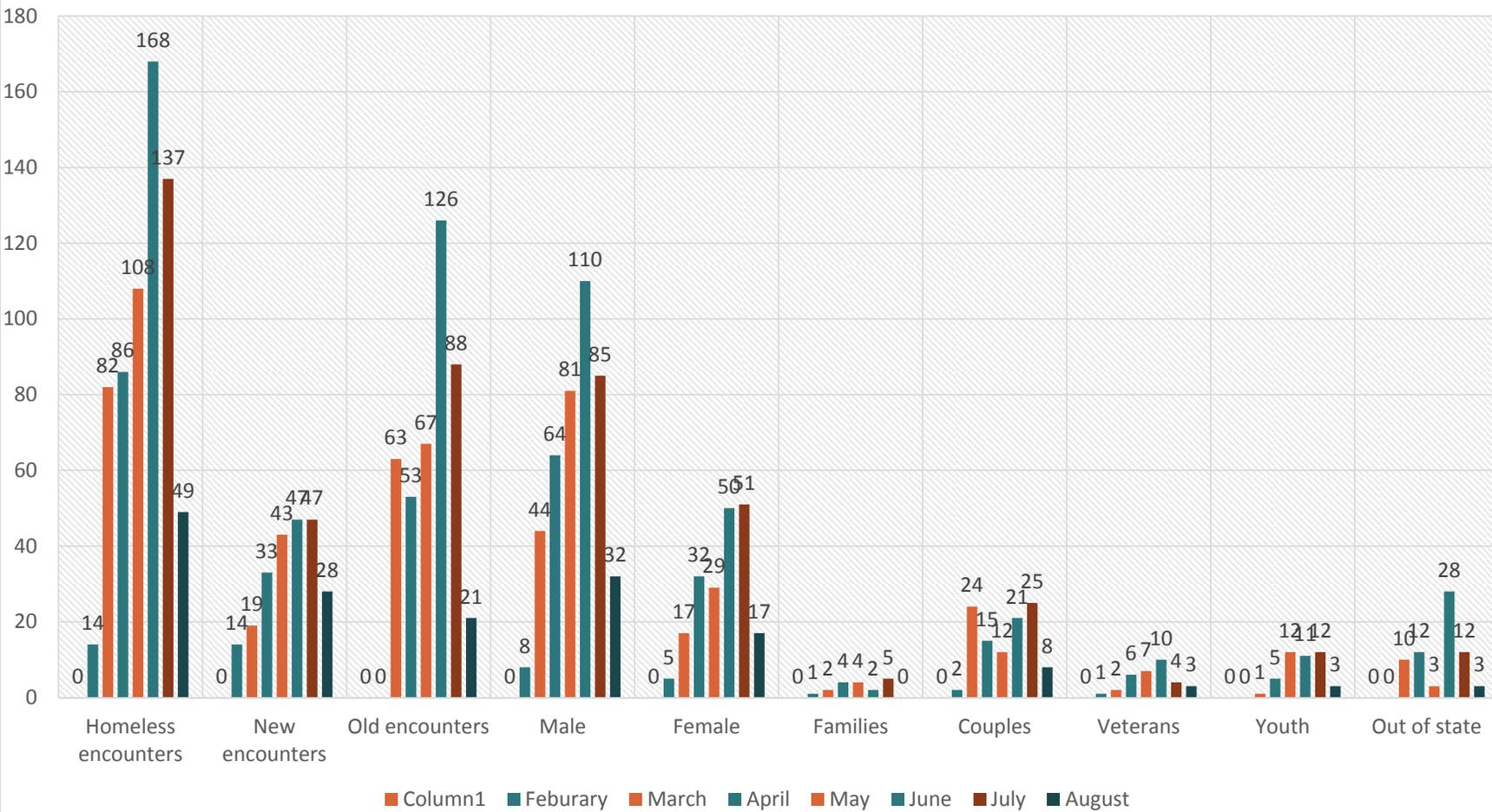
Agencies already struggling are now on tap to provide basic needs assistance, shelter and housing help, behavioral health and medical assistance to households who have no ties to Pueblo

It will be years before we see the true cost to our community in terms of the social aspects of this experiment.

**HOMELESS OUTREACH
INFORMATION BRIEF
August 2016**



Homeless encounters



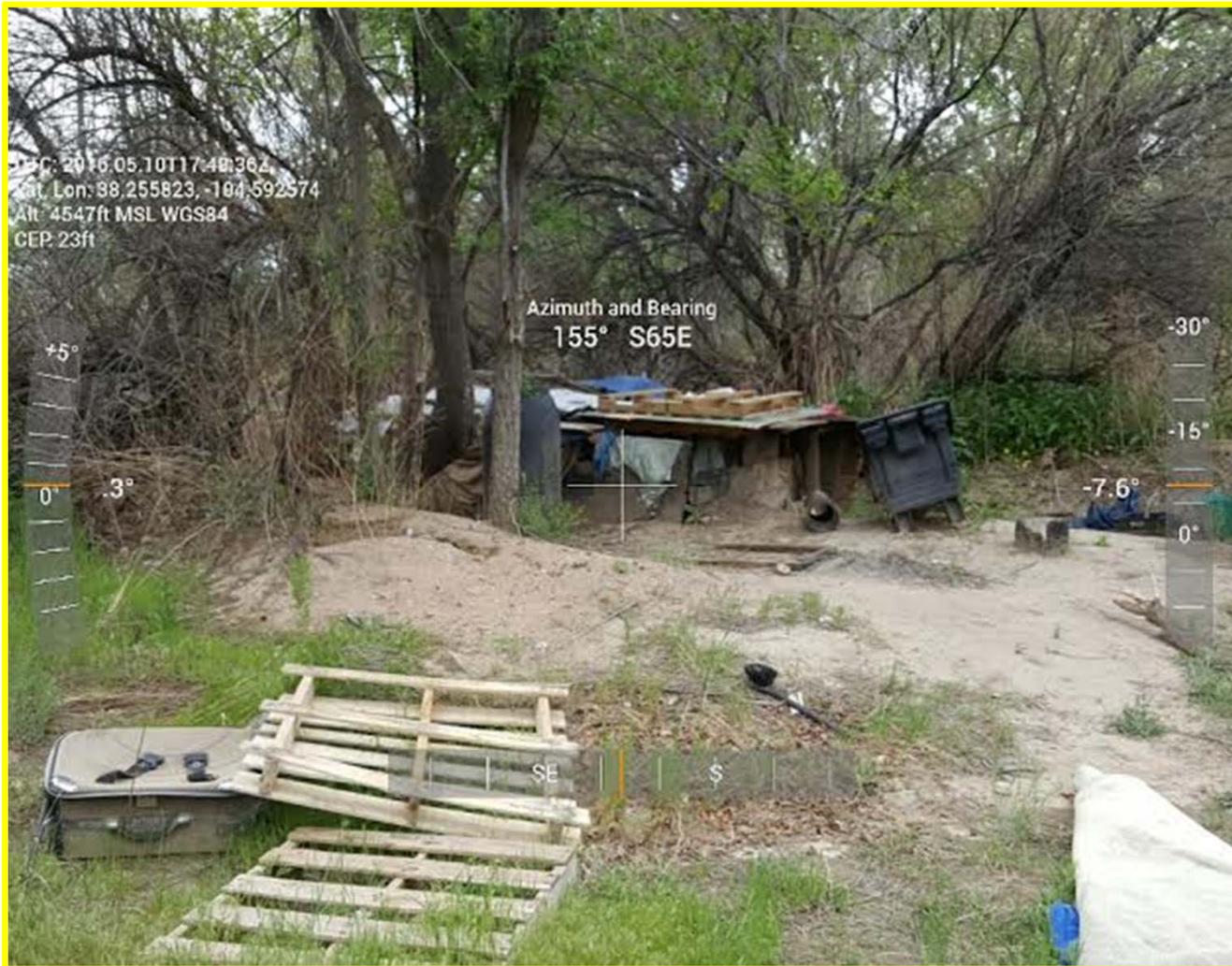
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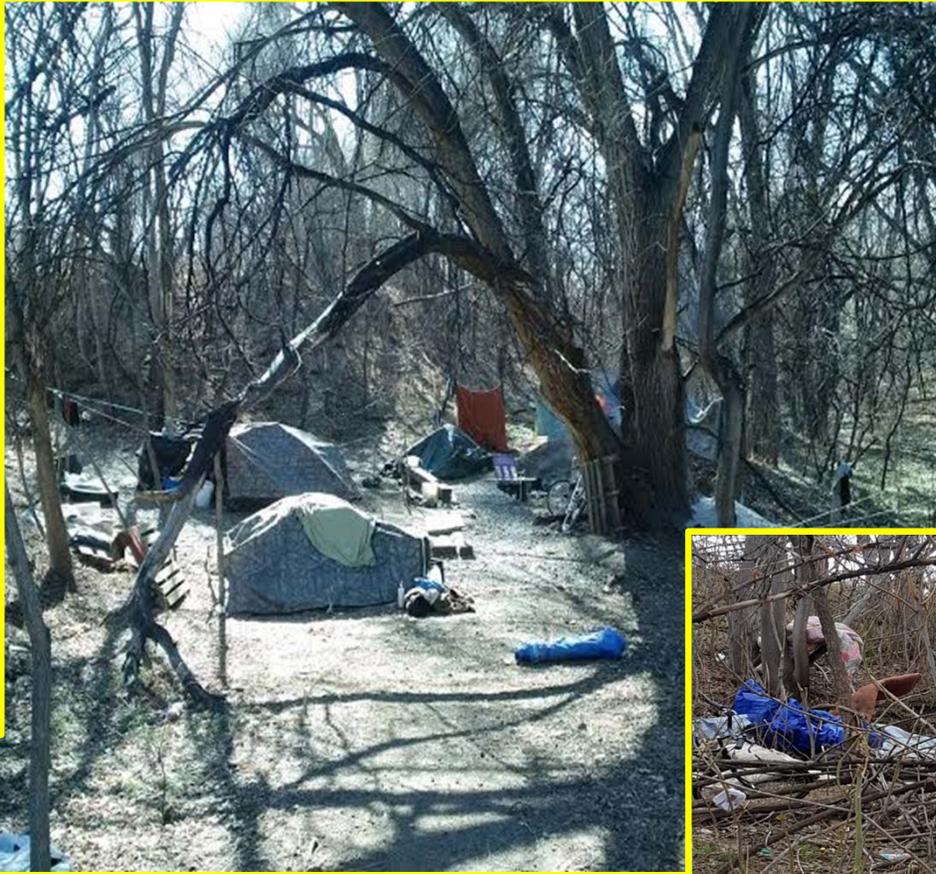
- Drug usage
- Out of State homeless encounters
- Lack of housing for Homeless (Families) x8 one week

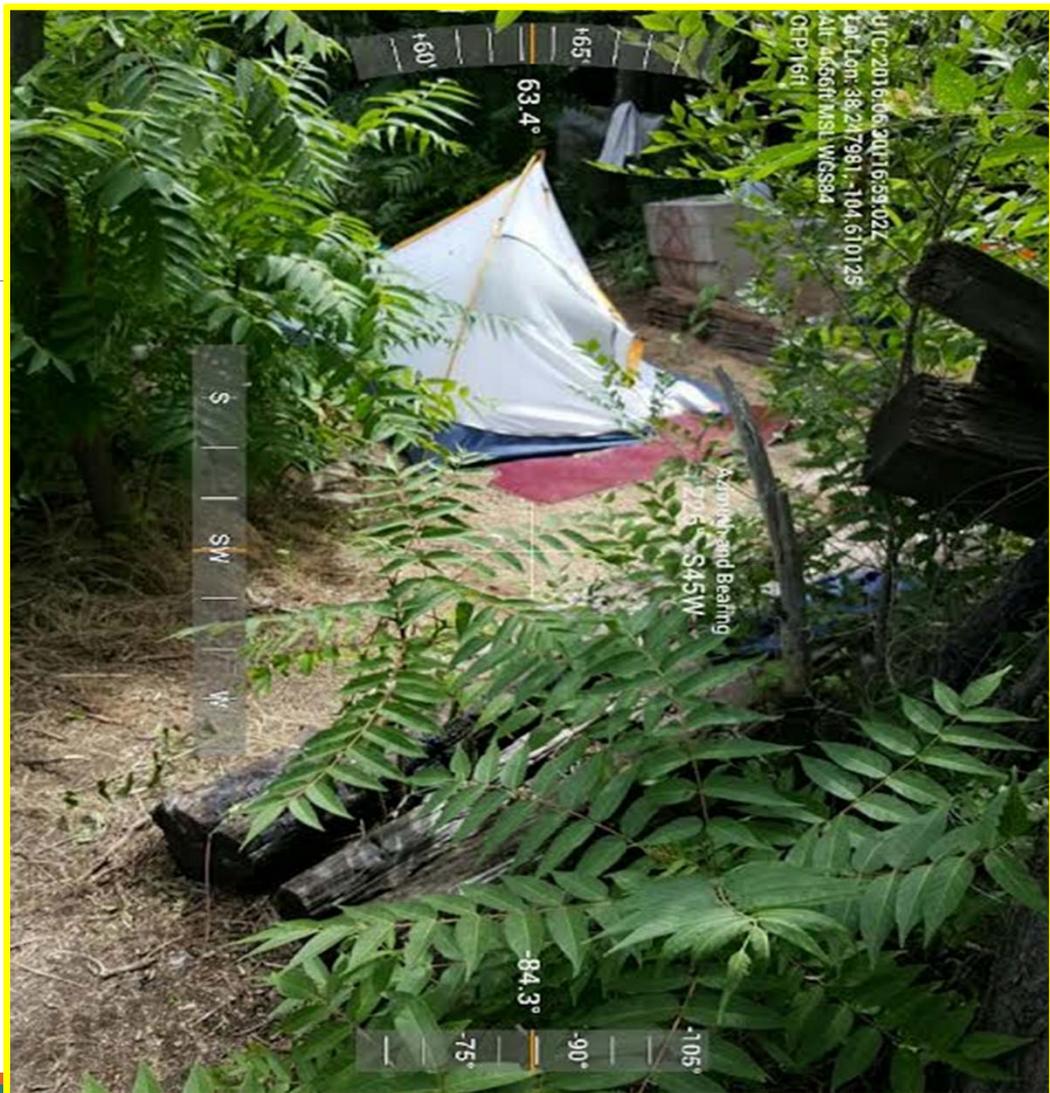
Note: Started gathering homeless outreach data February 20, 2016











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