Request for Variance

Dear Darde DeRoulhac,
Gila County Flood Plain Department

10-30-11

As property owners and tax payers of Parcels 305-25-002G, 305-25-002B, and 307-27-016M all contiguous properties amounting to 14.64 acres we would like to build a barn (agricultural storage) (non inhabitable structure) next to our corrals and holding pasture. This is a beautiful piece of property but most lies in what FEMA designates at floodway, floodplain or fringe way. There is but a small sliver of land that runs along Hwy 288 that is supposedly suitable for building, according to Fema Standards.

We have built our home and shop on land that was built up with a great amount of dirt work in this sliver but need to place our hay barn closer to the corrals. The property along the highway is so small it would not be conducive to building a barn, it would not be secure, there would be no ingress or egress and would not flow with daily activities of animal husbandry.

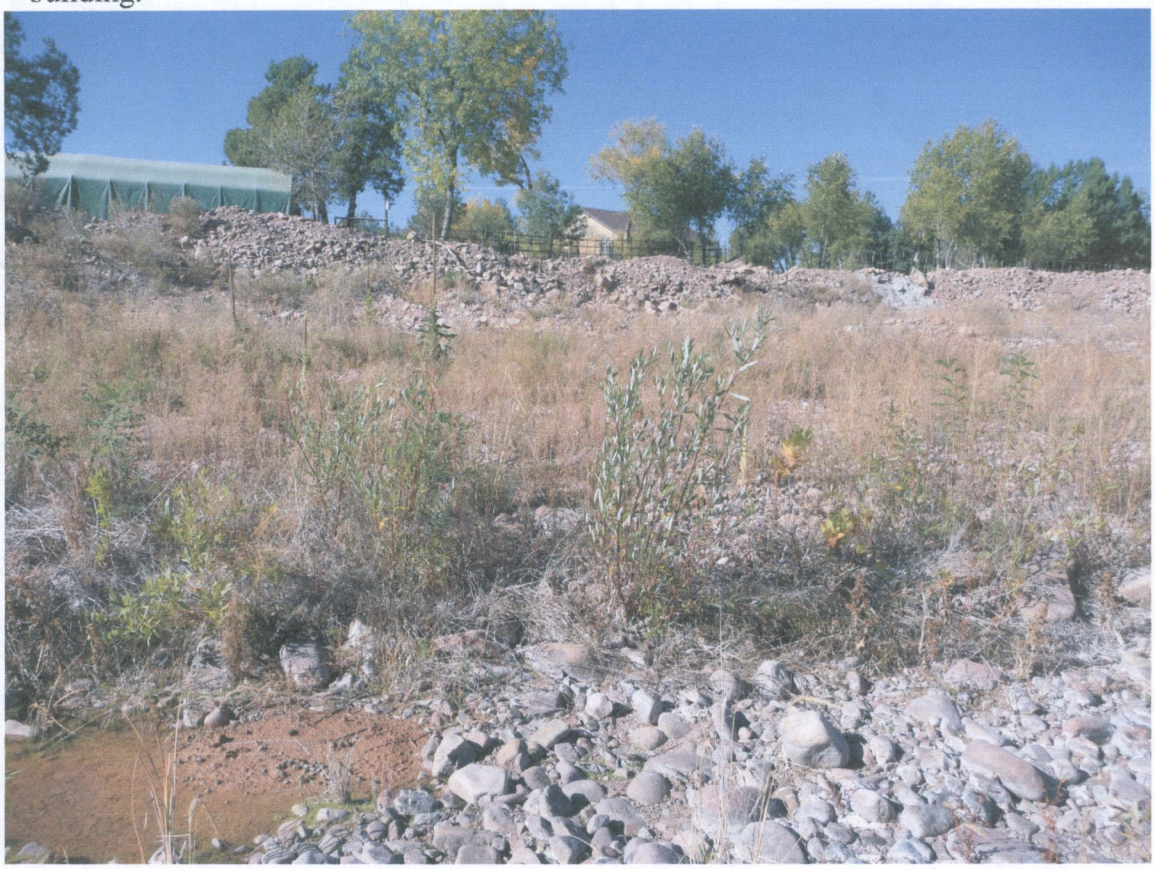
PROPERTY drops off at this point -

We built up the land under our house to meet the regulations and had a certified elevation benchmark as required by the flood plain department. The location of the barn is 6'6" lower than the floor level of the house. This is very close to the amount of fill brought in to build the house. Looking on the topo map it shows a large area that is mostly flat. Again shooting the elevation difference between the highway and build spot, it is 1'11" higher at the barn building site than the property close to the highway. These figures come from using a building level we use in our construction business.

6' Build up -

BARN building site

Our water way is Cherry Creek a seasonal waterway. There is a burm built up along the whole creek on both sides which in itself lowers any risk of flooding and washing a building.



To do all that can be done to prevent any damaged building that in a worse case scenario may wash downstream we will have columns, footers and grade beams all built in native soil. We can put flow through vents as required by Gila County Flood Plain and doors where necessary.

Jeff and I would appreciate your consideration for variance on this issue.

Thank You,
Kathy Hunt
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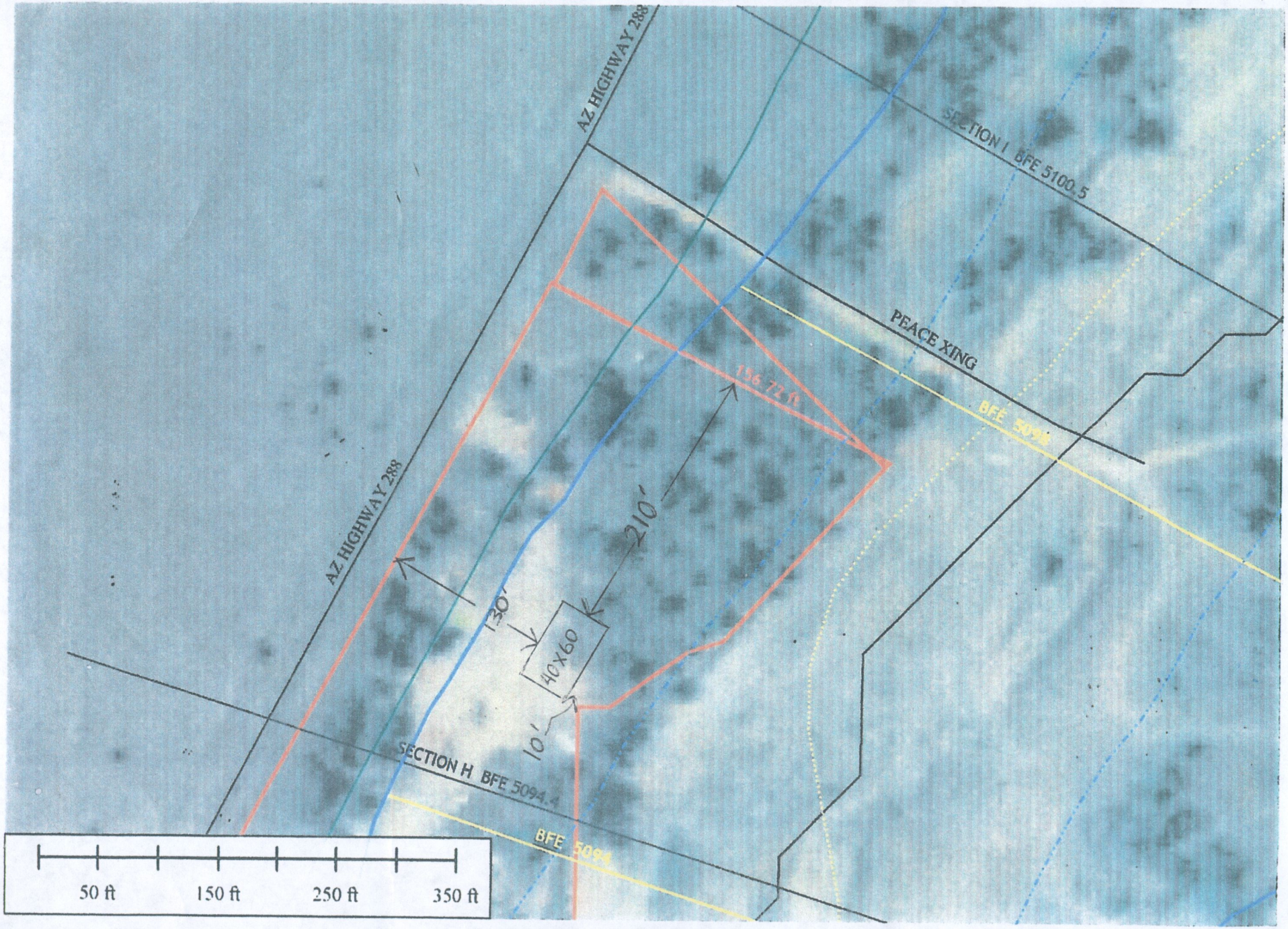

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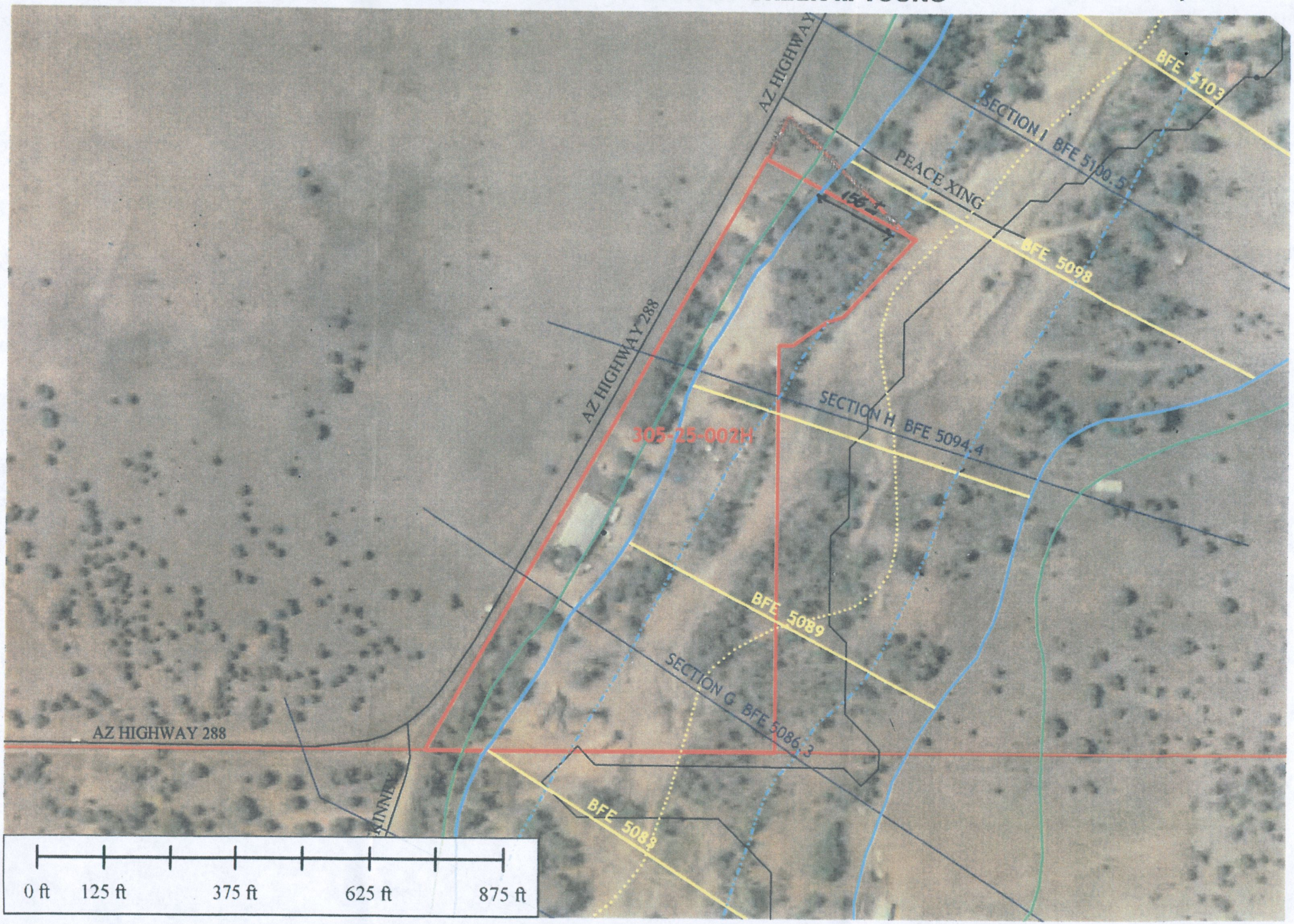

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