

Experience Remote Living in the Heart of Nature

Welcome to our 40-acre sanctuary nestled deep in the remote wilderness, located 10 miles down El Dorado road, amidst the rugged beauty of Northern Arizona, for a truly off-the-grid experience unlike any other.

Join Our Team as a Land Tender and Caretaker!

Are you seeking an immersive and rewarding opportunity to live harmoniously with nature while making a tangible difference in the world? Look no further! We're searching for dedicated individuals to join our team as land tenders and caretakers on our picturesque 40-acre property in Northern Arizona.



RESIDENCY/CARETAKER PROGRAM:

Whether you're seeking solitude, adventure, or simply a chance to reconnect with the natural world, our remote paradise awaits. Come experience the beauty and serenity of our budding Kin's Domain, where every day provides us opportunities to learn, grow and thrive together.

Summer Residency: June - November

Escape the ordinary and immerse yourself in a six-month summer residency.

We invite adventurous souls to bring their RVs or campers (tents are not recommended), to set up home amidst the rugged beauty of our land, and embrace a sustainable lifestyle in harmony with nature while you engage in educational activities and projects with the other residents.

Details:

This summer we will be focusing on fence line security, land clean up and maintenance. Tree planting and trimming, gardening, and land tending activities throughout the summer months. From cultivating organic gardens to seeding native plants into the landscape, there's plenty to do and discover in our lush mesa valley. We're planting a forest on the entire forty-acres, and every resident will be given a Mini Forest to tend for the duration of your stay. More on that later!

Year-Round Residency: Full Commitment

For those seeking a deeper immersion into off-the-grid living, we offer a year-round residency opportunity for truly adventurous and resilient souls.

Commit to toughing out the harsh conditions of Northern Arizona, from snow-covered landscapes to chilly desert nights, and monsoons that make the roads impassible, as you become a full-time resident on our remote property for 1 year. (with an opportunity to renew if you fit into the rhythm and flow of this kind of lifestyle.)

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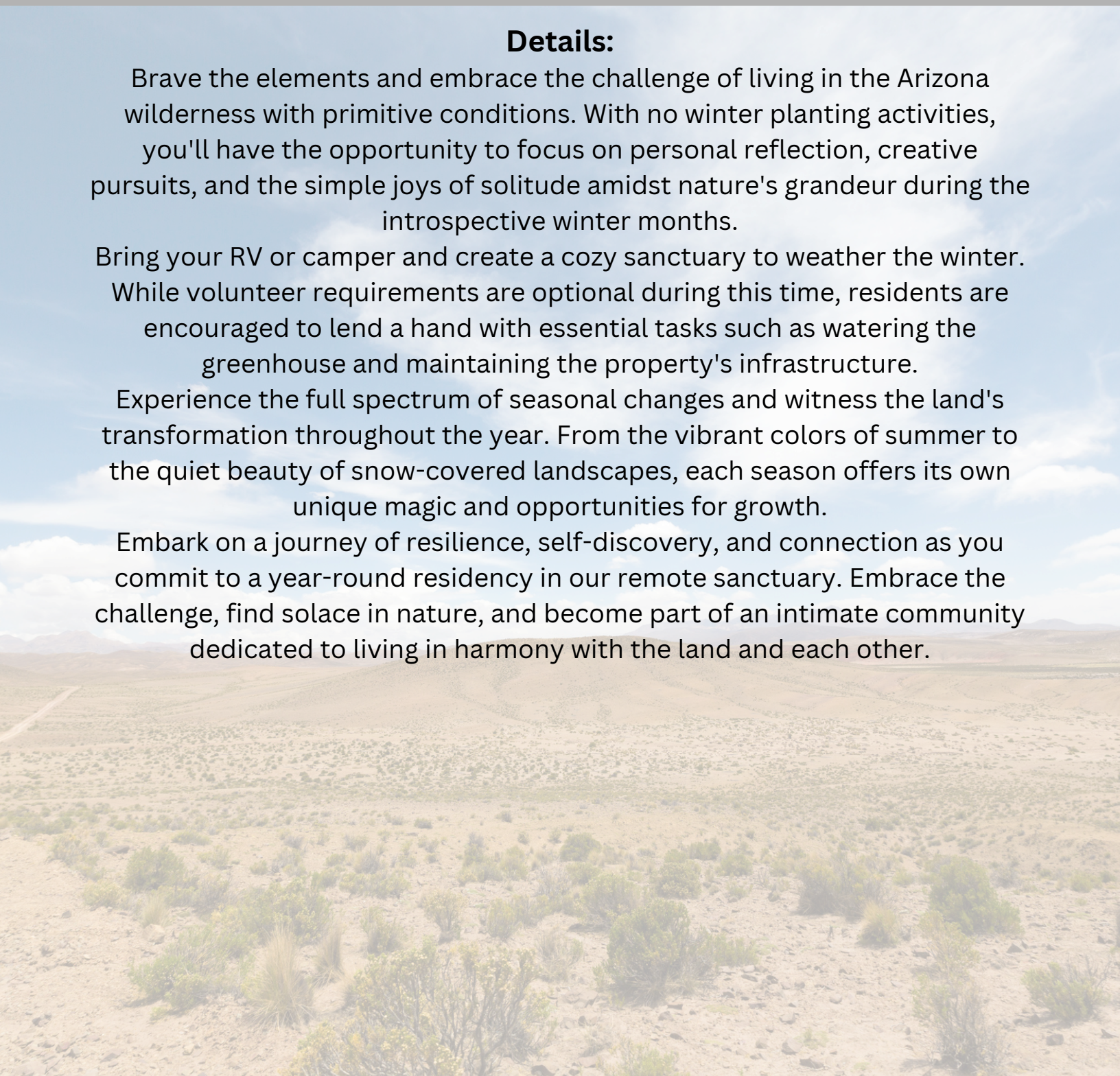
Brave the elements and embrace the challenge of living in the Arizona wilderness with primitive conditions. With no winter planting activities, you'll have the opportunity to focus on personal reflection, creative pursuits, and the simple joys of solitude amidst nature's grandeur during the introspective winter months.

Bring your RV or camper and create a cozy sanctuary to weather the winter.

While volunteer requirements are optional during this time, residents are encouraged to lend a hand with essential tasks such as watering the greenhouse and maintaining the property's infrastructure.

Experience the full spectrum of seasonal changes and witness the land's transformation throughout the year. From the vibrant colors of summer to the quiet beauty of snow-covered landscapes, each season offers its own unique magic and opportunities for growth.

Embark on a journey of resilience, self-discovery, and connection as you commit to a year-round residency in our remote sanctuary. Embrace the challenge, find solace in nature, and become part of an intimate community dedicated to living in harmony with the land and each other.



Role Overview For Both Part and Full Year Positions:

As a land tender and caretaker, your primary responsibility will be to oversee the maintenance and stewardship of our land, ensuring its vitality and sustainability for generations to come. Here's what your role will entail:

Gardening and Agricultural Duties:

- Cultivate and maintain organic gardens, orchards, and vegetable patches.
- Implement sustainable gardening practices, including composting and water conservation techniques, setting up guilds and mini forests.
- Harvest crops and herbs for personal consumption and potential surplus for community sharing or sale.

Property Security:

- Keep gates closed and secure at all times to prevent unauthorized access and ensure the safety of the property from the devastatingly destructive effects of cows.
- Patrol the fence line periodically to protect against potential threats to the ecosystem and keep cows from entering, as that is our largest battle.

Project Support and Community Engagement:

- Assist with various land improvement projects, including but not limited to chopping wood, hauling water, and planting trees and edible plants.
- Collaborate with fellow team members and volunteers to accomplish shared goals and objectives.
- Enjoy leisure times with the residents through shared interests, meals, crafting and other activities.

Self-Sustainability:

- Live full-time on the property, providing a constant presence and caretaking role.
- Maintain your own shelter, utilizing provided water and (potentially) solar power resources.
- Ensure all waste is responsibly managed and carted off the property, adhering to our commitment to environmental stewardship.

What We Provide:

In exchange for your dedication and commitment, we offer:

- Access to a breathtaking 40-acre property surrounded by the natural beauty of Northern Arizona.
- Opportunities to live in harmony with nature, fostering a deep connection to the land and its inhabitants.
- Essential resources including water hookup, a 250-gallon water storage tank for non-potable water, and (potentially) solar power to support your self-sustaining lifestyle.
- A supportive and collaborative environment where your contributions are valued and recognized while maintaining your autonomy and personal space.
- The chance to make a meaningful impact through your stewardship efforts, preserving the land for future generations to enjoy.
- Utilize shared building supplies and even benefit from the member account we all use to gain access to natural products that are biodegradable, earth friendly, and inexpensive through a monthly buying program (participation is voluntary, buy only what you need and when!)

What You Provide:

To thrive in this role, you must:

- Have your own shelter to reside on the property. An RV or Camper is ideal. Yurts are acceptable, as well as other temporary structures that will provide you adequate shelter from the elements, and other comforts you'll need for your residency.
- Reliable transportation to and from the land. 4 wheel drive vehicles do best for the primitive 10 miles of dirt road it takes to reach our land.
- Bring your own solar power equipment for personal use if you desire.
- Ensure all waste generated is carted off the property, maintaining cleanliness and environmental responsibility.
- While we do have some cell service available, please note that reception can be spotty due to our remote location. Additionally, internet access will need to be provided by the resident, as it is not currently available on the property at this time. (Our goal is to have Starlink that would be available to all residents at some point in the future.)

Key Features:

- **Remote Location:** Our land is situated in a remote and secluded area, providing a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Accessible via a rugged, primitive road, it offers a true retreat into nature's embrace.
- **RV and Camper Sites:** Explore the vast expanse of our property, which features 2 designated sites for RVs and campers. Set up under the vast desert sky and immerse yourself in the tranquility of your surroundings and be a part of an intimate community.
- **Rugged Terrain:** Be prepared for a primitive and challenging experience, as our roads can become impassable during certain times of the year. Only those with a resilient spirit and a sense of adventure need apply. This lifestyle is not for everyone!
- **Natural Beauty:** Our land is nestled into a picturesque mesa valley, with a tranquil wash meandering through its center. Surrounded by dense Juniper forest and offering stunning panoramic views, it's a haven for self-sustainable homesteaders, nature lovers and community-minded people.
- **Wilderness Survival Skills:** Training in wilderness survival skills such as foraging for wild edibles, identifying medicinal plants, planting forests, developing ponds, learning how to reverse desertification, and live minimally in an off-grid setting. Residents can gain confidence in their ability to thrive in remote environments through this program.
- **Spiritual Practices:** Engage in transformative experiences with crystal bowls, hot rocks massage therapy, earth connection meditations, and more, fostering inner harmony and connection with the natural world.

2 Available Sites

Site 1: Southwest Garden Haven

Discover your own slice of paradise at Site 1, nestled on the 5-acre southern corner of our sanctuary. This idyllic spot offers the perfect blend of convenience, serenity, and breathtaking views, making it an ideal home base for your off-the-grid adventure.

Details and Description:

- **Water and Sewer Access:** Enjoy the convenience of water and sewer connections, utilizing a Watson wick system for sustainable wastewater management. Utilize a 250-gallon water tank for non-potable water on days when we can't pump due to weather.
- **Personal Garden Plot:** Unleash your green thumb and cultivate your own personal garden plot right on site. With fertile soil and ample sunshine, this southwest-facing plot is perfect for growing your favorite fruits, vegetables, and herbs. (it needs more topsoil added)
- **Proximity to Owner's House:** Site 1 is situated adjacent to the owner's house, providing a sense of security and peace of mind. While the owner is currently not residing on the property, Dannielle Nelson's tiny home was built in 2011 as she was learning new techniques for construction and providing a home for her 2 children. It needs a lot of work, but it is solid and enduring and she will be moving back to the land once her son is out of high school. (projected 2027)
- **Scenic Views:** Indulge in panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, with full sunrise and sunset vistas stretching across the horizon. Watch in awe as the moon rises over the mesa to the east, casting a gentle glow over your tranquil haven.
- **Neighborly Distance:** While you'll enjoy the privacy and seclusion of your own space, Site 1 is conveniently located just 400 feet from the nearest full-time resident on the land. Forge connections with fellow residents and build lasting friendships within our vibrant community.

Experience the magic of off-grid living at Site 1, where you can establish a well managed camp in a location that already has a lot of amenities. There are multiple garden spots to utilize and your creativity will shine in this bright, open layout campsite. Claim your spot in this garden haven and let the beauty of nature inspire your soul.

Site 2: Tranquil Grove Retreat

Escape to the secluded tranquility of Site 2, nestled within a serene grove of trees on the northwesterly side of our expansive property. Embrace the rustic charm of off-grid living as you make this remote retreat your own, surrounded by nature's embrace and the promise of peaceful days ahead.

Details and Description:

- **Remote Location:** Experience true seclusion and privacy at Site 2, located near one of the front gates on the northwesterly side of the property. Disconnect from the hustle and bustle of the outside world and immerse yourself in the beauty of your surroundings. Nestled among a small grove of trees this massive site has many benefits!
- **Water Hookup:** Enjoy the convenience of water hookup, allowing for easy access to this essential resource. With water readily available, you can indulge in the simple pleasures of daily life without the hassle of off-grid water management. This site also includes a 250-gallon water tank for non-potable water.
- **Personal Garden Plot:** There is a small shaded garden space with a stone patio that needs love and tending. Your green thumb could bring this neglected grove back to life growing your favorite fruits, vegetables, and herbs.
- **Outhouse and Amenities:** While there is no sewer connection at Site 2, an outhouse is available on location for your convenience. Please note that repairs are needed on the outer structure, as it is not functional at this time. Additionally, it is situated near “the Lodge”, a building of a previous resident (20+ years ago!) with a patio garden that needs work to become a part of your camp that you can freely utilize. There is also a small sitting garden with a stone bench that needs some tender love and care to make it truly magical again, as it once was. This expansive site holds many magical secrets, as it has been home to several people before you and many of their adventures still whisper throughout this area!
- **Community Building Proximity:** Site 2 is located north of the Center for Silent Self (CSS), our community building currently under construction. While construction is not ongoing at this time, residents are encouraged to contribute to the completion of this project, which will serve as a hub for community gatherings and activities in the future.

- **Neighborly Distance:** While Site 2 offers a secluded retreat, you'll still enjoy a sense of community with your closest neighbors located just 350 feet away. Forge connections, share stories, and build bonds with fellow residents as you embark on your off-grid journey together.
- **Convenient Gate Access:** Both sites are conveniently located in proximity to their own gate entrances, allowing for easy and private access to and from the property. Whether you're venturing out for supplies or simply exploring the surrounding wilderness, you'll appreciate the convenience of this nearby entry point that only you will use.

Pricing:

Site 1 and Site 2:

- \$350 per month for a six-month summer residency program.
- \$300 per month for a 1-year residency program.
- No Deposit



While each site offers something unique, both have their benefits and drawbacks. We can discuss more about these if you decide that this is an opportunity calling your name. Pictures of each site will be posted to our website gallery so you can get a full view of everything you'll be moving into before you arrive.

Please note that there are several areas under construction or in need of demolition. We hope that you can assist us in securing these areas and transforming them into wonderful and useful spaces. This Sanctuary has a lot of history and not all of it has been positive. However, we have a direction and a plan. With the proper help we can bring life to the places that need love, and clean up areas that have been forgotten to time.

We Want Animals!

Our goal is to set up animal pens for guinea pigs, chickens and bees (immediate goal), quail (5 year goal), possibly alpaca, and even mini horses (far future goal). Bring your own too! Read our pet policy below.

Pet Policy:

Residents are allowed to keep pets on the premises, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Registration:** All pets must be registered with the Host before arrival by including them on the submission form.
 2. **Animal Welfare:** Residents are responsible for the care and supervision of their pets at all times. Pets must be kept under control and not allowed to roam freely on the land. All pet owners must provide an adequate fence to contain dogs and if your cat needs to go out, we recommend a catio-style enclosure (see pictures for details). Cats and dogs are not allowed to roam freely, as they are dangerous to the wildlife we are fostering on the sanctuary.
 3. **Behavior:** Pets must be well-behaved and non-disruptive to other residents and wildlife. Any aggressive or nuisance behavior exhibited by a pet may result in termination of the residency agreement. Taking them on walks and introducing them to the other pets that reside here is a great way for everyone to form closer bonds and work together well.
 4. **Cleanup:** Residents are responsible for promptly cleaning up after their pets and properly disposing of waste. Failure to do so may result in fines or penalties.
- *There will be a \$100 fee if a termination of residency is caused by irresponsible pet care. Please take care of the flora, fauna, and wildlife.
5. **Liability:** Residents assume full liability for any damage or injury caused by their pets to other residents, property, or wildlife. The Host is not liable for any incidents involving pets on the premises.

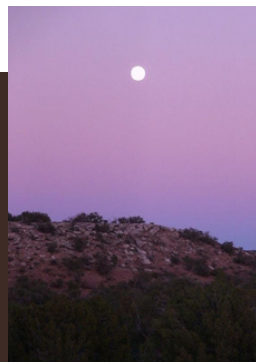


Legal Disclaimer:

By participating in our land sanctuary residency program, residents acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Liability Waiver:** Residents understand and accept that participation in the residency program involves inherent risks, including but not limited to injuries, accidents, and property damage. The host and property owner shall not be held liable for any injuries, losses, or damages sustained during the residency period.
- 2. Assumption of Risk:** Residents voluntarily assume all risks associated with living in a remote and off-grid environment, including exposure to wildlife, unpredictable weather conditions, and limited access to emergency services. The host and property owner shall not be responsible for any consequences arising from such risks.
- 3. Contractual Obligations:** Residents agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in the residency agreement, including but not limited to payment obligations, property maintenance responsibilities, and adherence to community guidelines. Failure to comply with these obligations may result in termination of the residency agreement.
- 4. Indemnification:** Residents agree to indemnify and hold harmless the host and property owner from any claims, liabilities, damages, or expenses arising from their participation in the residency program, including but not limited to legal fees and court costs if for any reason that should arise.

By signing the residency agreement, residents acknowledge that they have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions outlined in this legal disclaimer. It is recommended that residents seek legal advice before signing any contractual agreements related to the residency program.



Our Permanent Resident and Greenhouse Manager:

Meet Victoria Scibilia, the heart and soul behind our sanctuary's vision. With over 25 years of dedicated stewardship, Victoria has poured her passion and energy into nurturing this land, but she can't do it alone and the destruction from the cows has halted her progress throughout the years, making it difficult to want to continue at times. She welcomes you to join her in turning dreams into reality. As the primary liaison for our residency program, Victoria is here to support you every step of the way. She loves Kayaking and canoeing and is always up for an adventure. If you join our Sanctuary, you might just find yourself participating in some extra fun activities in the surrounding areas of Northern Arizona, on the creek, harvesting wild plants, or transplanting select species to grow on the land. So many possibilities await you!



Victoria Scibilia

**“Many hands
make light
work”**

“It’s heartbreaking to see the devastation after the cows get in and trample, eat and uproot years of effort and hard work. I’ll just barely get ahead, and they put me right back to square one, leaving me wondering, ‘why am I even doing this? What does it matter anymore? Who else cares but me?’ Some days I feel really excited about everything Dannielle and I have accomplished and then the cows come in and I am left speechless and in tears. It’s like a murder scene to walk upon, seeing all of my babies killed by thoughtless, selfish animals who don’t know how to share. The squirrels share! The bunnies take only the tops, even the birds are conservative. But the cows, they’re brutal and merciless. We will be electrifying the fence in 2024, to make sure this never happens again.”

~Victoria Scibilia

Our Founder and Permanent Resident:

Meet Raymond Bell. He is the founder of the land we call home and a permanent resident of our Sanctuary. He is currently building a brand new homestead on the East side of the wash so we can expand our efforts in creating a lush, wildlife and plant habitat that encompasses the entire forty acres of our Kin's Domain. The process of this transition is tricky because he needs to set up a brand new home from the raw land as that part of our Sanctuary is still wild and mostly untouched. It was his vision in 1994 that made all of this possible when he moved his family out to Northern AZ to this remote and unforgiving wilderness.

He has been instrumental in setting up our well, maintaining water and solar power for all of us, building structures, helping to establish garden paths with local materials, and doing all the background work that keeps this place running smoothly. If it weren't for his knowledge of electrical and plumbing skills, we might still be "ruffing it" in many ways!

He built a sauna that is available for everyone to use and keeps the lights on even when the weather is against us. He is our man when a freeze busts pipes or a repair is in order. We cannot express enough gratitude for his ongoing presence and commitment to our expanding vision. Even though he will be on the other side of wash, he is available to keep everything moving forward smoothly and is a wealth of information from his 30+ years of experience with off-grid living.



More About Your Hosts:

Meet William and Dannielle. Dannielle has been a resident of the Sanctuary for 20+ years and both of her children were born in the lodge near site 2. William has land in this area too. When we met, we knew our visions aligned and he has been invaluable in repairing fences, digging Watson wick gardens, fixing rooves, transporting and tending wild plants and cultivated trees, and is a key member of our Kin's Domain. He's in charge of any heavy equipment we may need to use with years of experience in construction and golf course maintenance.

Together we continue to prosper, collaborate on ideas and tend this piece of heaven with dedication and diligence. With your help, we can do more than we ever thought possible.

"Victoria is my mother and I never wanted her to live on the land by herself. She deserves to have amiable people in her life who want to see her dreams come true. This Sanctuary is her whole world and I want her to be taken care of and loved by all who join our mission. My partner William is committed in helping me do just that"



Dannielle & William



Whether you have questions, or ideas, or simply want to connect, feel free to reach out to Dannielle Nelson, our program host, by email at plantpeoplesheal@gmail.com.

A meaningful connection and a purposeful life can transform the world. Intentional communities are rewriting what we know about modern life by redefining the definition of success. Become part of our mission to educate the world one plant at a time.