Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, as Amended
Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions - Project Summary
Round 17

Project Name: Azevedo - Acquisition
Funding Requested: $4,073,500

Acquiring Agency: USDA FS
Nominating Entity: U.S. Forest Service
County: Washoe
Acres: 448.00
Water: N/A
Location: Carson Front - Washoe Valley

Project Description:
The U.S. Forest Service will acquire approximately 448 acres of private land in Washoe County, Nevada to consolidate federal and state ownership, secure important public access and to allow for protection of riparian zones.

Resource Values:
The primary resource values for this property offers is securing public access to the Little Valley area and protection of two riparian areas associated with Lewers Creek and Bandera Creek in the north portion of the property. This acquisition will prevent development inconsistent with surrounding federal and state lands managed for resource protection, conservation, and recreation.
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**Project Name:** Dangberg Home Ranch - Conservation Easement

**Funding Requested:** $13,774,700

**Acquiring Agency:** BLM

**Nominating Entity:** Legacy Land and Water, LLC

**County:** Douglas

**Acres:** 1,373.00

**Water:** 6,178.50 Acre Feet/Year

**Location:** Minden, Nevada

**Project Description:**

The Bureau of Land Management will acquire an agricultural conservation easement on approximately 1,373 acres of the historic Dangberg Home Ranch in Douglas County, Nevada, to consolidate federal management of other BLM-owned conservation easements and create a large unfragmented agricultural landscape that protects local wildlife, migratory bird habitat, natural floodplain function, groundwater recharge, wetlands, riparian areas, open space, and scenic and historic values.

**Resource Values:**

The Dangberg Home Ranch sits between the East and West Forks of the Carson River, including some of the largest tributaries such as the Home Stream and Cottonwood Slough. This property provides a critical wildlife corridor for species migrating between the lush lowlands of Carson Valley and the Pine forest in higher Sierra elevations. It is located in an Audubon Society Important Bird Area, and the open pastures and abundance of rodents provide a healthy habitat for birds of prey such as the Red-Tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-Skinned Hawk, and Great Horned and Long-Eared Owl. Each year, Bald Eagles flock to the Carson Valley, and there have been numerous documented sightings on this ranch. Periodic surface irrigation provides habitat for waterfowl and inland shorebirds such as the Long Billed Curlew, White Faced Ibis, Willet, Killdeer, Black-neck Stilt, Snowy and Common Egret, and American Avocet. Other species that frequent include Mule Deer, Coyote, Red Fox, Mink, River Otter, Mountain Lion, Bobcat, Black Bear, and others. The Nevada Natural Heritage Program has also determined that habitat may exist for the Carson Valley Silverspot, the Carson Valley Wood Nymph, and the Carson Valley Skipper.
Project Name: Hunter Creek - Acquisition
Project Description: The U.S. Forest Service will acquire approximately 194 acres of land near The Ridges at Hunter Creek development in Washoe County, Nevada, to provide permanent public access to National Forest System lands, the Mt. Rose Wilderness area, and for the protection of crucial habitat for migratory wildlife.

Resource Values:
The project area is located in one key habitat type (lower montane woodlands, sagebrush and chaparral) defined in the Nevada Wildlife Action Plan. The habitats contain year-round, seasonal, and migration habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and plant species and is supporting known species of concern including the bald eagle, burrowing owl, California Spotted Owl, Ferruginous Hawk, Flammulated Owl, Golden Eagle, Northern Goshawk, Peregrine Falcon, Prairie Falcon, and Short-eared Owl. These species are targeted for conservation as described by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The project area provides habitat for a wide variety of additional wildlife species and provides an important connection to public lands and designated wilderness along the western boundary. It is located in a significant deer migration corridor. Water resources include intermittent streams, springs and a perennial stream. The natural beauty of the area contributes greatly to the open and scenic space of the local community. The area is heavily used for recreation.
Project Name: J and S Land and Cattle Home Ranch - Conservation Easement

Funding Requested: $3,853,300

Project Description:
The Bureau of Land Management will acquire an agricultural conservation easement on approximately 292 acres of the J&S Land and Cattle Home Ranch, located in the Carson Valley in Douglas County, Nevada. Acquisition of this easement will serve to connect the existing Scossa Ranch BLM-owned conservation easement on the south and the Hussman Land and Livestock conservation, owned by Ranch Open Space of Nevada, on the north. Taken together these easements will create a permanent 1,080-acre agricultural corridor protecting wildlife habitat, natural floodplain functions, groundwater recharge, wetlands, riparian areas, open space, scenic, historic, and cultural values as part of the Dressler Ranch.

Resource Values:
The pasture lands within the J&S Land and Cattle Home Ranch are irrigated from the West Fork Carson River and distributaries including the Park and Bull Slough, the Fredericksburg Ditch, and the Big Ditch. The historical irrigation of these lands plus a permanent pasture rotational management system have combined to provide important habitat for various waterfowl including: Great and Snowy egrets, Sand Cranes, Great blue Herons, White Face Ibis, Mallard Ducks, Gadwall Ducks and Cinnamon Teal, Long Billed Curlew, Willet, Killdeer, Black-neck Stilt, common egret, American Avocet, along with birds of prey including Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-skinned Hawk, and Great Horned and Long-eared Owl, and Bald Eagles are routinely sighted from on the property, particularly during calving season. Species of concern that may benefit from this easement include the Long-billed Curlew, the Northern Leopard Frog, Western Pond Turtle, the Carson Valley Silverspot, the Carson Valley Wood Nymph and the Carson Valley skipper. Mammalian species that frequent the property include Mule deer, Coyote, Red fox, Mink, Mountain Lion, Bobcat, and an occasional Black Bear.
**Project Name:** Mountain Springs - Acquisition  
**Funding Requested:** $2,264,000  
**Round:** 17  
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**Acquiring Agency:** USDA FS  
**Nominating Entity:** Reality ONE Group  
**County:** Clark  
**Acres:** 20.47  
**Water:** N/A  
**Location:** Mountain Springs, Nevada

**Project Description:**
The U.S. Forest Service will acquire fee title to a 20.47 acre parcel in Mountain Springs within the boundary of the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area in Clark County, Nevada, to consolidate ownership, provide a buffer to the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Area, and improve access to National Forest System lands.

**Resource Values:**
The property is undeveloped and vegetated with pinyon-juniper woodlands and mountain vegetation. The property is bordered by National Forest System lands of the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area and the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Area.
Project Name: Van Sickle Station Ranch - Conservation Easement

Funding Requested: $4,465,300

Project Description:
The Bureau of Land Management will acquire an agricultural conservation easement on approximately 419 acres of the historic Van Sickle Station Ranch, located near Genoa, Nevada, to create a large unfragmented agricultural landscape that protects local wildlife, migratory bird habitat, natural floodplain functions, groundwater recharge, wetlands, riparian areas, open space, and the scenic, historic, and cultural values.

Resource Values:
The Van Sickle Station Ranch sits between the West Fork and its largest tributary, the Brockliss Slough. During natural riparian flood events all of the Carson River tributaries comingle, creating the most natural riparian systems still intact in Nevada. This property provides a critical wildlife corridor for species migrating between the lush lowlands of Carson Valley and the Pine in higher Sierra elevations. It is located in an Audubon Society “Important Bird Area,” and the open pastures and abundance of rodents provide a healthy habitat for birds of prey such as the Red-Tailed Hawk, Swainson’s Hawk, Cooper’s Hawk, Sharp-Skinned Hawk, and Great Horned and Long-Eared Owl. Numerous Bald Eagles have been documented on this ranch. Periodic surface irrigation provides habitat for waterfowl and inland shorebirds such as the Long Billed Curlew, White Faced Ibis, Willet, Killdeer, Black-neck Stilt, Snowy and Common Egret, and American Avocet. Other species that frequent include Mule Deer, Coyote, Red Fox, Mink, River Otter, Mountain Lion, Bobcat, Black Bear, and others. The Nevada Natural Heritage Program has also determined that habitat may exist for the Carson Valley Silverspot, the Carson Valley Wood Nymph, and the Carson Valley Skipper.