DOUGLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BILL

Rapid Loss of Ag Lands

 25% of Nevada's agricultural land has been lost in the past 10 years

• In Douglas County agricultural land is nearly synonymous with riparian land

Effectuate Douglas County's Master Plan and Open Space and Agricultural Lands Preservation Implementation Plan Douglas County Open Space and Agricultural Lands Preservation Implementation Plan

2007 Update



A cornerstone of the 1996 Master Plan is the transfer of development rights from agricultural land to develop receiving areas adjacent to infrastructure

Douglas County.....So Far

- 15,000 acres protected, mostly floodplain, and mostly using the transfer of development rights program outlined in the 1996 Master Plan
- Our Federal partners have spent about \$24,000,000 protecting approximately 2,813 acres, and allocated funding to protect 350 acres of Ranch No. 1, the first land claim in Nevada, adjacent to Genoa
- Douglas has been aggressively pursuing a Congressional land bill for more than two-and-a-half years to further these efforts

Natural Floodplain Functions

Rural Character

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Historic Agricultural Operations

Cultural Resources

Astonishing Wildlife Resources

Another Douglas Star Attraction



"Washoe ancestral territory consists of a nuclear area with Lake Tahoe at its heart." WA SHE SHU: "The Washoe People" Past and Present





The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Under the General Allotment Act of 1887, the Washoe received land allotments in the Pine Nut Mountains. The allotments were not suitable for homes and few had water; however, the sites had the sacred Piñon Pines that sustained the Washoe through winter.





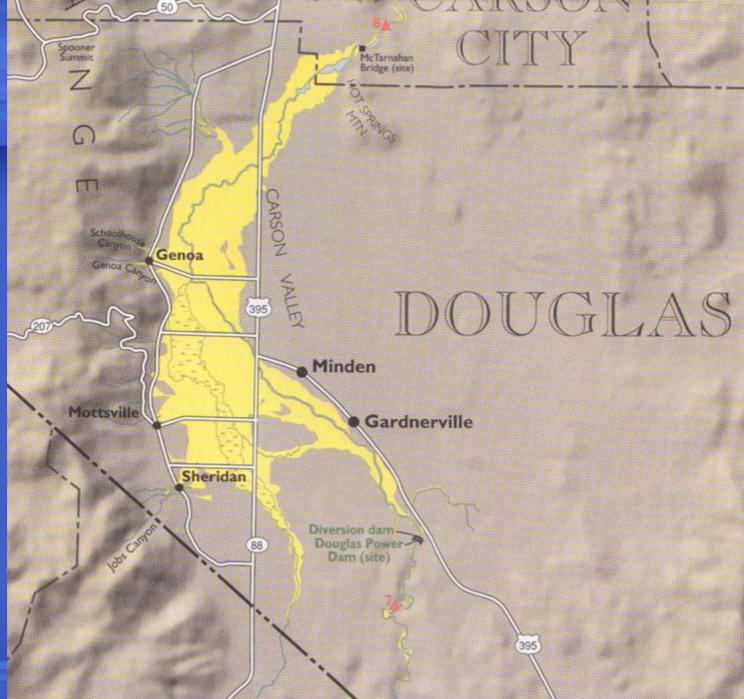




Approximately 25,000 acres of the Carson Valley flooded during the 1997 New Year's Flood.

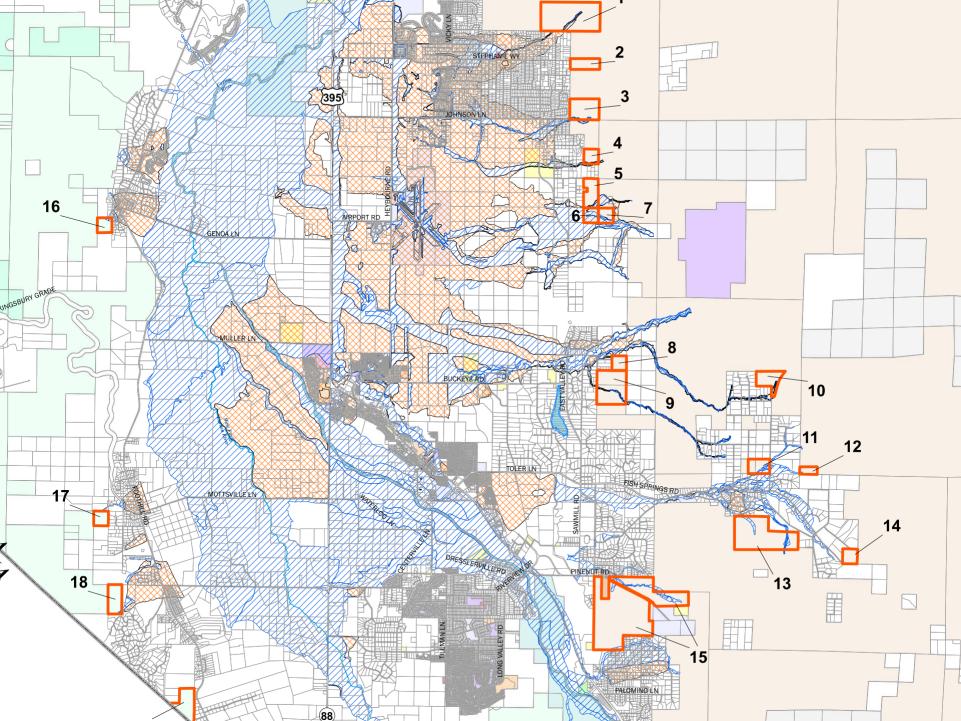
Roads such as Mottsville Lane were closed for a couple of months.

Damage in Reno exceeded \$85 million.



The Truckee Meadows will spend more than \$1 Billion to replicate a system that does not work nearly as well as our Carson Valley Agriculture. Spring flooding on the protected Scossa Ranch.

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Access to Outdoor Recreation -Key to Our Economic Future

Harvard School of Business – One critical reason for business relocation is proximity to outdoor based recreation.



Property acquired specifically to enhance public access to Lake Tahoe. Once a historic lodge and cabins.

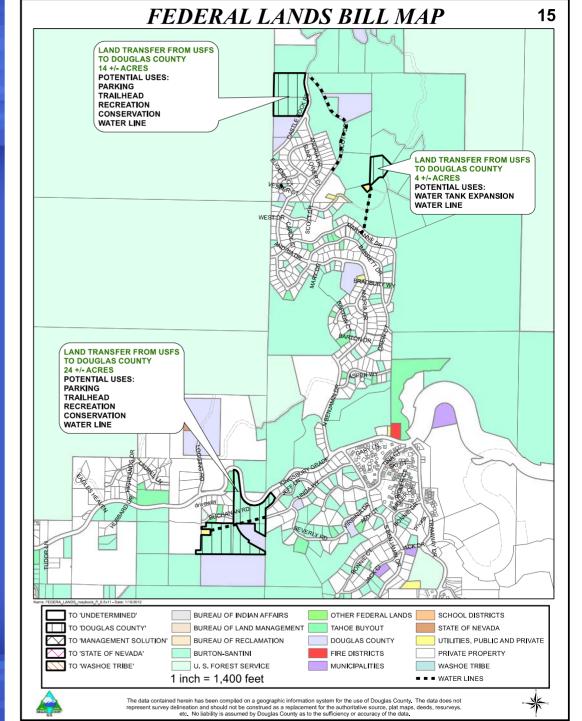
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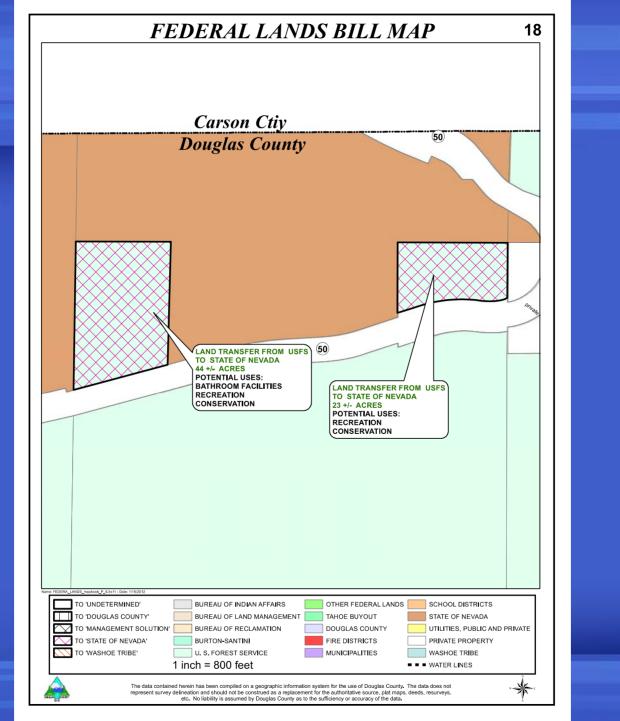


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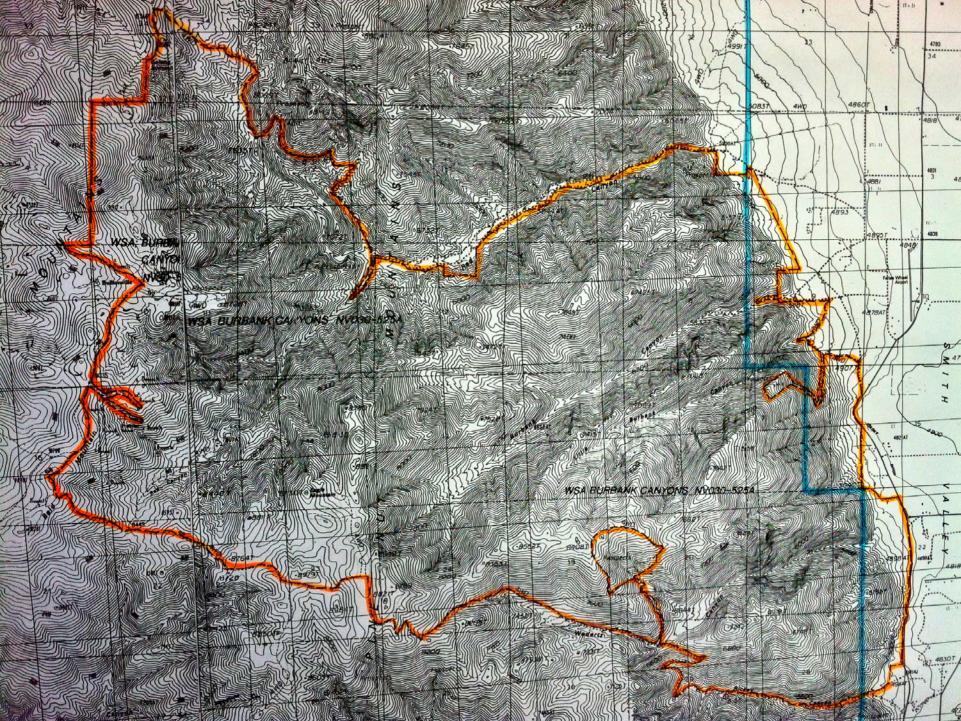
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Passive Recreation





Wilderness



















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Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas



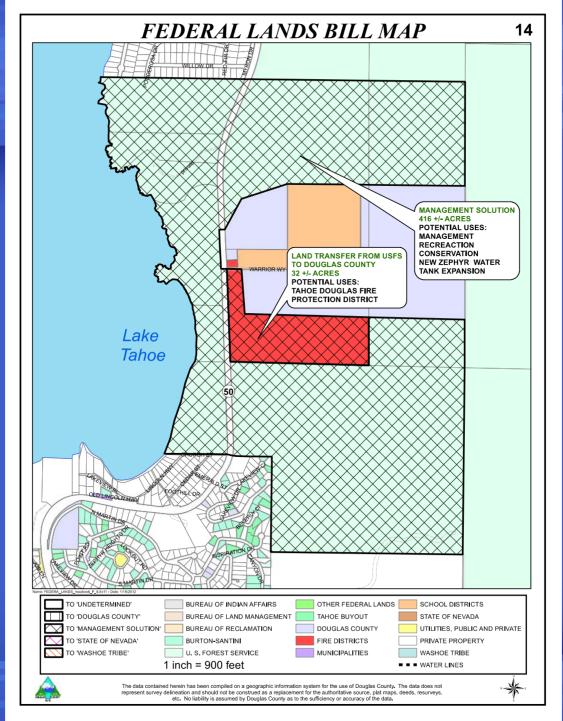
Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act











Douglas County . . . Future Successes







Landowners With 15,000 Additional Acres Would Like to Participate

