



Partnership Saves Ranches

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An enhanced conservation corridor that includes two historic ranch properties will protect working landscapes and a California watershed region in the Sierra Valley.

Located just north of Lake Tahoe, Lemon Canyon Ranch and Calpine Meadow Ranch -- which span 1,400 and 237 acres, respectively -- have been protected from development through the use of conservation easements. The land was purchased by the Pacific Forest Trust with landowner support and key funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and California's Wildlife Conservation Board.

The new working lands easements will prevent development or subdivision of the properties.

As the Sierra's largest alpine wetlands system, Sierra Valley supports the greatest concentration and diversity of waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors in the region. Its pastures and forests have a long history of cattle ranching and timber production and are home to more than 250 species of wildlife.