

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3C

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To solicit public nominations for the naming of open space properties within the vicinity of the Kings Canyon Road.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On May 2, 2013 the Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the resolution for the naming of open space properties. Since that time, some properties have been taken through the process for official naming (i.e. Carson River Canyon Open Space); however, many remain un-named. The un-named properties have often been referred to by the previous owners' name(s).

To aid in this effort, a small packet has been developed for each of two acquisitions, both located approximately two miles west of the paved terminus of Kings Canyon Road. The purpose is to provide helpful information to our residents and encourage participation.

Pending recommendations and changes from the committee, a press release will be issued to the Nevada Appeal and a message will be posted on the Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page to invite the public to submit nominations. The public will be directed to our website to review the materials and obtain the application (also attached). We anticipate the submittal period to be open for 30 days.

The Open Space Advisory Committee will review the nominations at an upcoming regularly scheduled meeting on December 18, 2017 or February 26, 2018 and provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to solicit public nominations for the naming of open space properties within the vicinity of the Kings Canyon Road.



Carson City Parks and Recreation Department
Open Space Division



Open Space Naming Application

Date: _____

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Open Space Property / Location: _____

Name Classification (Landscape, Geographic or Topographic Feature, Indigenous Plants or Wildlife, Cultural or Historical Heritage, Individual or Family Name): _____

Proposed Name: _____

Supportive Information for Proposed Name: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R-19

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NAMING OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES WITHIN CARSON CITY

WHEREAS, the Open Space Program was created through a voter-approved ballot initiative in 1996, often referred to as Question 18; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 2.230 empowers the Board of Supervisors to regulate public parks, buildings, grounds and rights-of-way within the City; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 8A.030 defines open space as real property that is undeveloped or partially developed natural landscape, including, but not limited to, ridges, stream corridors, natural shorelines, scenic areas, watershed areas, viewsheds, agricultural or other land devoted exclusively to open-space use, conservation easements and easements devoted or connecting to open-space use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish policies and procedures for the naming of the open space properties within Carson City;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby resolves to adopt the following:

POLICIES

1. Names should provide some form of individual identity to the property or specific part of any owned property.
2. If possible, names should be related to the unique natural landscape, geographic or topographic features, indigenous plants or wildlife, cultural or historical heritage.
3. The naming for individuals and/or families should be reserved as an incentive towards significant donations of land and/or endowments. It is encouraged that any recommended name be designated posthumously.
4. Individuals and organizations should be encouraged to submit nominations to the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Due to their familiarity with the individual properties, committee members and staff may submit nominations.

PROCEDURES

1. After the City has acquired title to the property, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible to solicit nominations.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department will publicize the open period including the deadline for nominations.
3. A formal nomination and justification must be submitted, in writing, to the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. The Parks and Recreation Department staff will review and research the nomination(s). Staff will prepare a written summary for the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).
5. The Open Space Advisory Committee will review the nomination(s) for consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon OSAC recommendation, Parks and Recreation Department staff will forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
6. Upon Board of Supervisors' approval, the name shall be identified on open space signage and materials.

Upon motion by Supervisor John McKenna, seconded by Supervisor Brad Bonkowski, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor John McKenna
 Supervisor Brad Bonkowski
 Supervisor Karen Abowd
 Supervisor Jim Shirk
 Mayor Robert Crowell

NAYS: None.

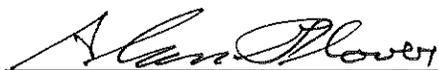
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

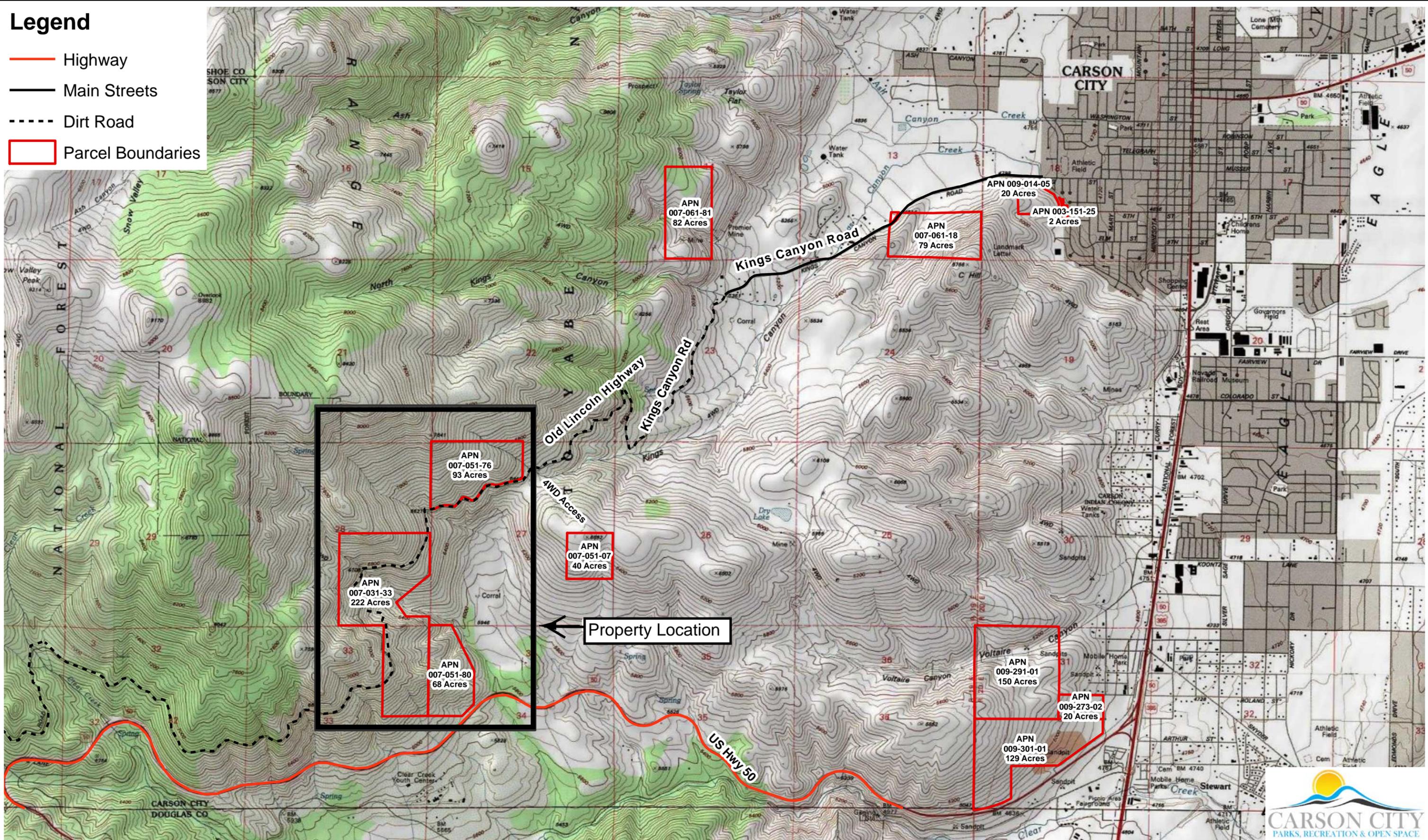
ATTEST:



ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder

Legend

-  Highway
-  Main Streets
-  Dirt Road
-  Parcel Boundaries



0 750 1,500 3,000 Feet
 1 inch = 2,500 Feet

Carson City Open Space

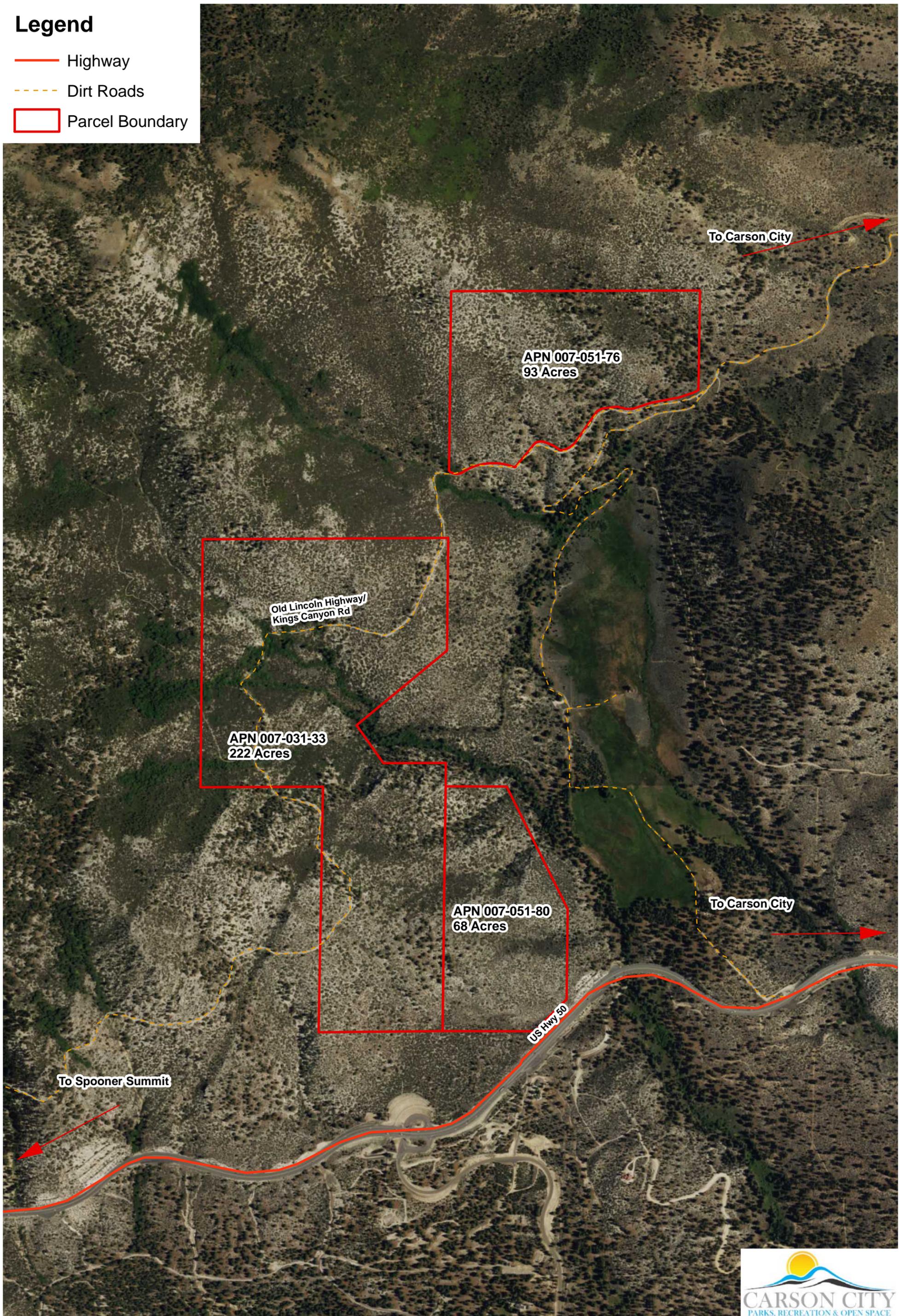


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Legend

- Highway
- - - - - Dirt Roads
- ▭ Parcel Boundary



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1 inch = 900 feet

Carson City Open Space

APN: 007-051-76, 007-031-33, 007-051-80



Location

Beginning approximately 2.2 miles west of the paved terminus of Kings Canyon Road, the property continues approximately another two miles to the west until reaching lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The property includes three parcels. The northern parcel is bordered to the north, east, and west by USFS land and to the south by the Old Lincoln Highway and private property. The southern two parcels are contiguous with each other and are bordered on the west by USFS land, to the north by USFS and private property, to the east and south by private property.

Access

From the western end of the paved section of Kings Canyon Road, follow the Kings Canyon Road (aka Old Lincoln Hwy) to the southwest for approximately 2.2 miles. At this point the road spits with a lesser traveled road leading to the left (or southwest) and the Old Lincoln Highway leading to the right (or west). Continue to the right.

The northernmost parcel, 93 acres, is on the north side of the Old Lincoln Highway. It continues for about 0.6 miles and ends just on the north side of a large drainage.

About 0.17 miles further south on the road, the other two parcels, 222 acres and 59 acres, encompass the Old Lincoln Highway. These parcels encompass the next 1.3 miles of the road. About 500 feet of the southeasternmost area is adjacent to Hwy 50, about ¼ mile east of the Clear Creek off ramp.

From the east, non-motorized access is possible via hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian. Due to road conditions, dirt bike, ATV and UTV may be possible; however, high-clearance is needed for full-size vehicles.

Bicycle and hiking access is also possible from the western end of Old Lincoln Highway from the parking area at Spooner Summit. From the Spooner Summit parking area, the road leads about five miles to the east to the edge of the property. There is a locked gate which prevents vehicle entry. Parking may be accommodated in several wide spots along the road.

Background

Purchase Date: May/June 2005
Purchased from: William Michael Fagen
Funding Source: 1) Carson City Open Space, Quality of Life Sales and Use Tax Funds
2) Nevada Division of State Lands, Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program (Question 1)

Characteristics

Historic / Cultural: Other than the Old Lincoln Highway, there are no known historic or cultural resources.

Landform / Scenic Quality: The property is situated between 6,000 and 7,600 feet in elevation and is characterized by steep slopes. There are several notable granitic rock outcrops. The views from the property, particularly to the south, are lovely.

Plant Communities: The property includes a variety of Sierra Nevada plant communities due to the variety of exposures and presence of water. The upland vegetation is dominated by sagebrush, bitterbrush, and manzanita with areas of Jeffery pine. The spring areas host tree willow, shrub willow, dogwood, currant, fern, rose, and golden rod.

Wildlife: A variety of wildlife is typical of a spring area in mid-elevation pine forest and sagebrush hill. Typical mammals include squirrel, deer, black bear, and mountain lion. Typical birds include red-tailed hawk, nuthatch, Clarks nutcracker and sparrow.

Water Resources: While the property does not have water rights, there is a spring complex in the heart of the property with several perennial creeks. The property is also close to an irrigated small valley.

Photo 1. View to the southwest of the rock outcrops and drainages with the spring complexes.



Photo 2. View to the southwest of the steep terrain and drainages. The Old Lincoln Highway traverses through the middle of the property.



Photo 3. View to the north of the northern part of the property. Note the Old Lincoln Highway. The northern parcel extends from the road nearly to the top of the ridge.



Photo 4. View to the north of the road through part of the spring complex. This creek was still flowing in September.



Photo 5. One of the prominent granitic rock outcrops in the heart of the property.

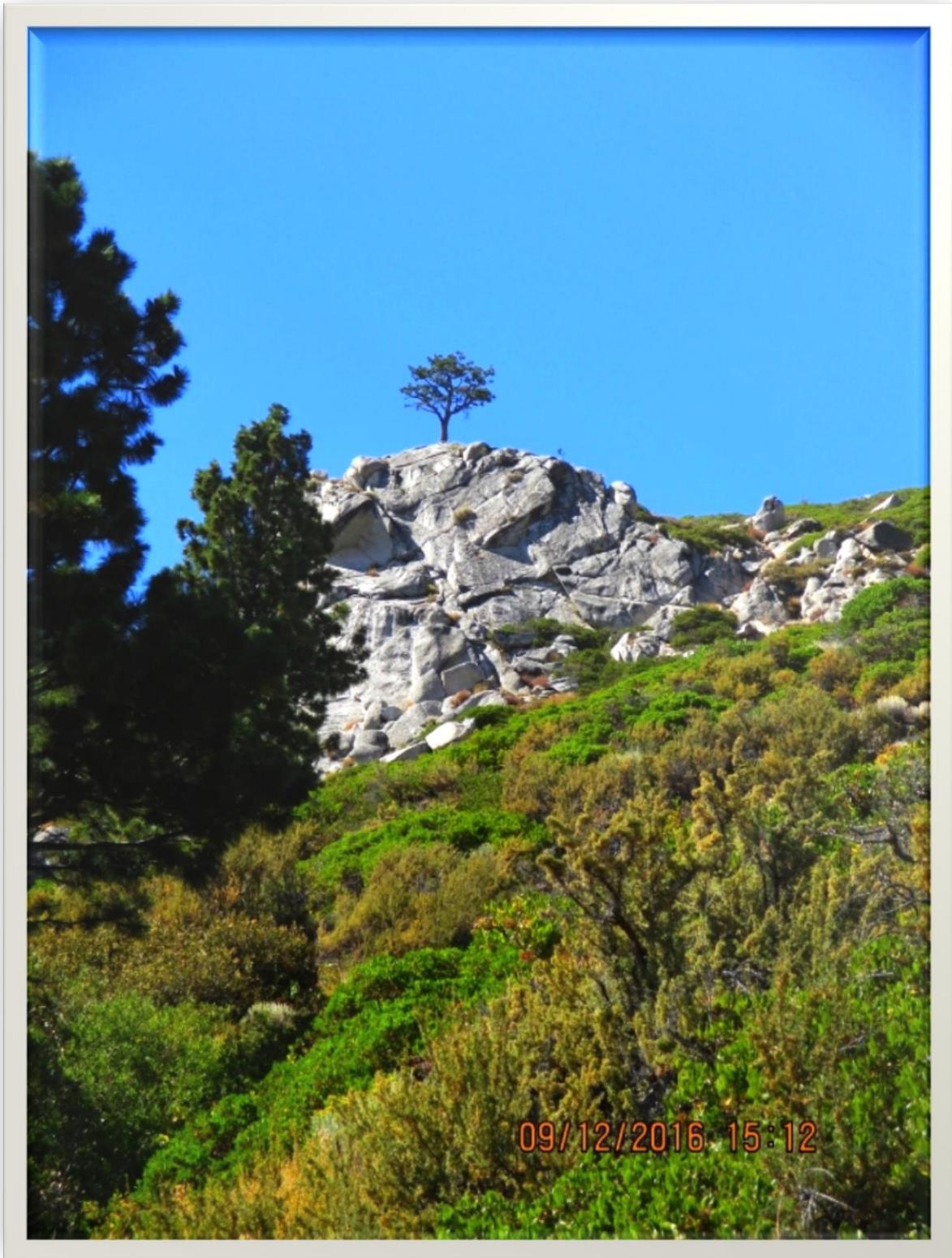


Photo 6. View to the north of the rock outcrops and riparian vegetation.

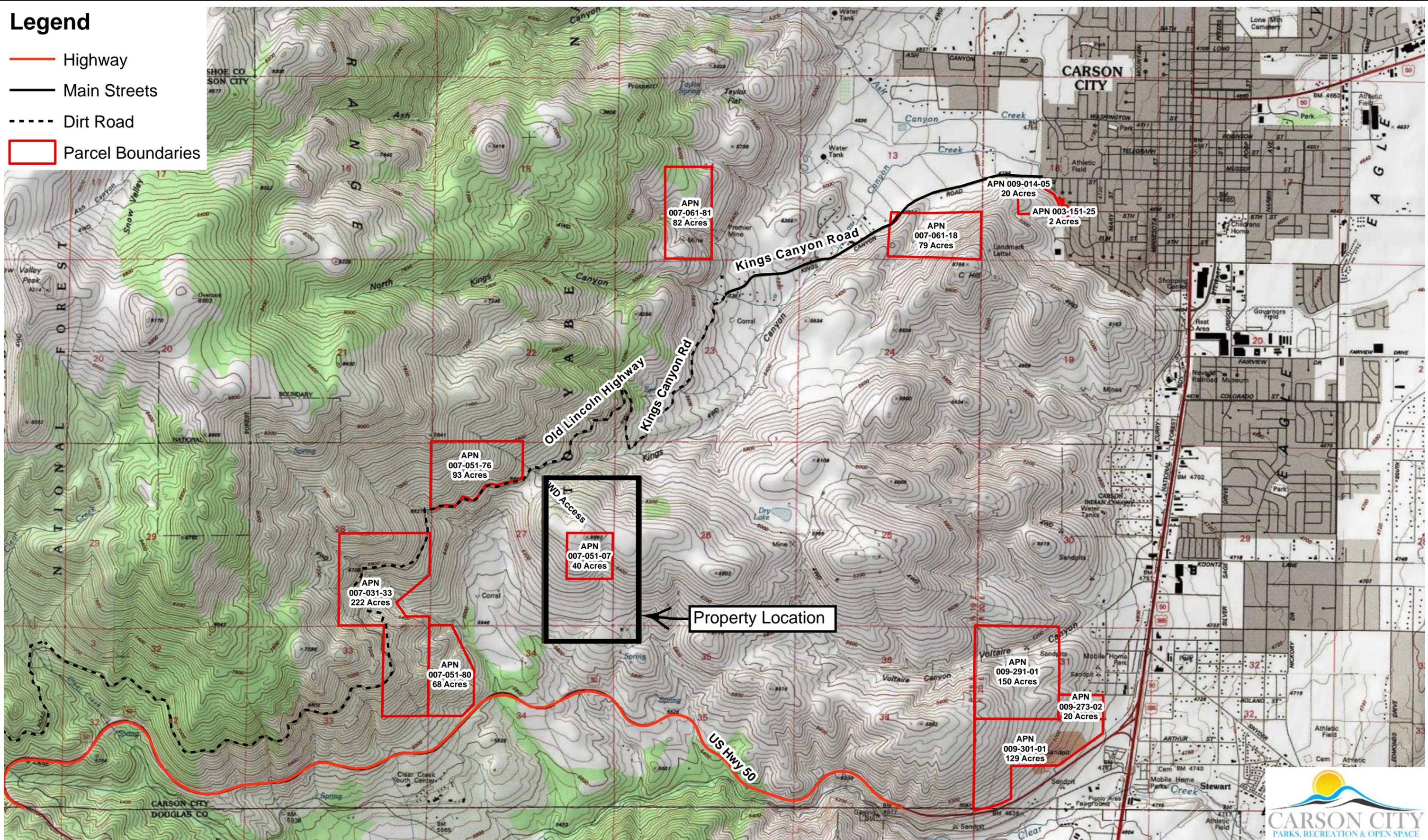


Photo 7 View to the south from the spring complex.



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 Resource Concepts Inc



Legend

- Dirt Roads
- ▭ Parcel Boundary

0 50 100 200 Feet
 1 inch = 200 feet

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APN: 007-051-07



Location

Located 2.8 miles due west of Carson City. The property is bordered to the north, east, and west by U.S. Forest Service land and to the south by private property.

Access

From the western end of the paved section of Kings Canyon Road, follow the Kings Canyon Road (aka Old Lincoln Hwy) to the southwest for approximately 2.2 miles. At this point the road spits with a lesser traveled road leading to the left (or southwest) and the Old Lincoln Highway leading to the right (or west). Turn to the left.

At this point, a rough 4-wheel drive road leads to the south. Take this road for approximately 0.6 miles to the top of the hill which is the northern portion of the property. The smaller dirt road rises 200 feet to the top of the hill and is loose with large rocks and tight turns.

Parking and hiking access can be accommodated on the property in a small unvegetated flat area at the end of the road on the top of the hill.

Background

Purchase Date: December 2006
Purchased from: Hall and Deborah Hutchinson
Funding Source: 1) Carson City Open Space, Quality of Life Sales and Use Tax Funds
2) Nevada Division of State Lands, Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program (Question 1)

Characteristics

Historic / Cultural: No historic or cultural resources are known or apparent. The hill is within the Voltaire Mining District and there are several small diggings to the south and east of the property. There are several old trails on the western half of the property.

Landform / Scenic Quality: The top of the property is situated at 6,590 feet in elevation. From this vantage point one can see into the Clear Creek drainage and Carson Valley to the south; Eagle Valley / Carson City to the east and northeast; and Washoe Valley to the north.

The eastern half of the property hosts several unusual large rock outcrops. The rock outcrops form north-south ridges and these rocks are mapped as being Triassic (208 to 245 million years old) felsic schist. Gray-white to pale bluish-gray siliceous, fine grained, dense and flinty.

Plant Communities

The property is dominated by Jeffery pine, manzanita, sagebrush, and bitterbrush.

Wildlife

Wildlife is typical of a dry mid-elevation pine forest and sagebrush hill. Typical mammals include squirrel, deer, black bear, and mountain lion. Typical birds include red-tailed hawk, nuthatch, Clarks nutcracker and sparrow.

Water Resources

There are no water resources on the property. The closest water is located 2,000 feet downhill to the west.

Photo 1. View of the property from across the small valley.



Photo 2. View to the north from the top of the hill.



Photo 3. View to the east.



Photo 4. View to the south.



Photo 5. Unusual rock outcrop.



Photo 6. Unusual large rock outcrop.



Photo 7. Parking area at the top of the hill.



Photo 8. The rough road near the top of the hill.

