

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3E

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors an official property name for an open space acquisition located in the Kings Canyon area and purchased from Mr. W. Michael Fagen in 2005.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On January 26, 2018, both the Nevada Appeal and Carson Now published short new articles notifying the public that Carson City was receiving proposals for the naming of two open space properties. Staff also posted a notice on the Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page. The deadline set by our department for receiving proposals was 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9. As a result of this outreach, two nominations were received. Additionally, staff has submitted a few names for consideration. The submitted names are listed in random order (see attached)

- Del Sol Open Space
- Juan F. Guzman Open Space
- Wa She Shu Open Space
- Carson Emigrant Open Space
- Kings Canyon Open Space
- Lincoln Highway Open Space

After the Committee takes action to name the property, staff will forward that recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. Staff is anticipating an agenda item at the Board of Supervisors meeting in mid-March or mid-April 2018.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the name for the open space acquisition located in the Kings Canyon area and purchased from Mr. W. Michael Fagen in 2005 should be called _____.

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

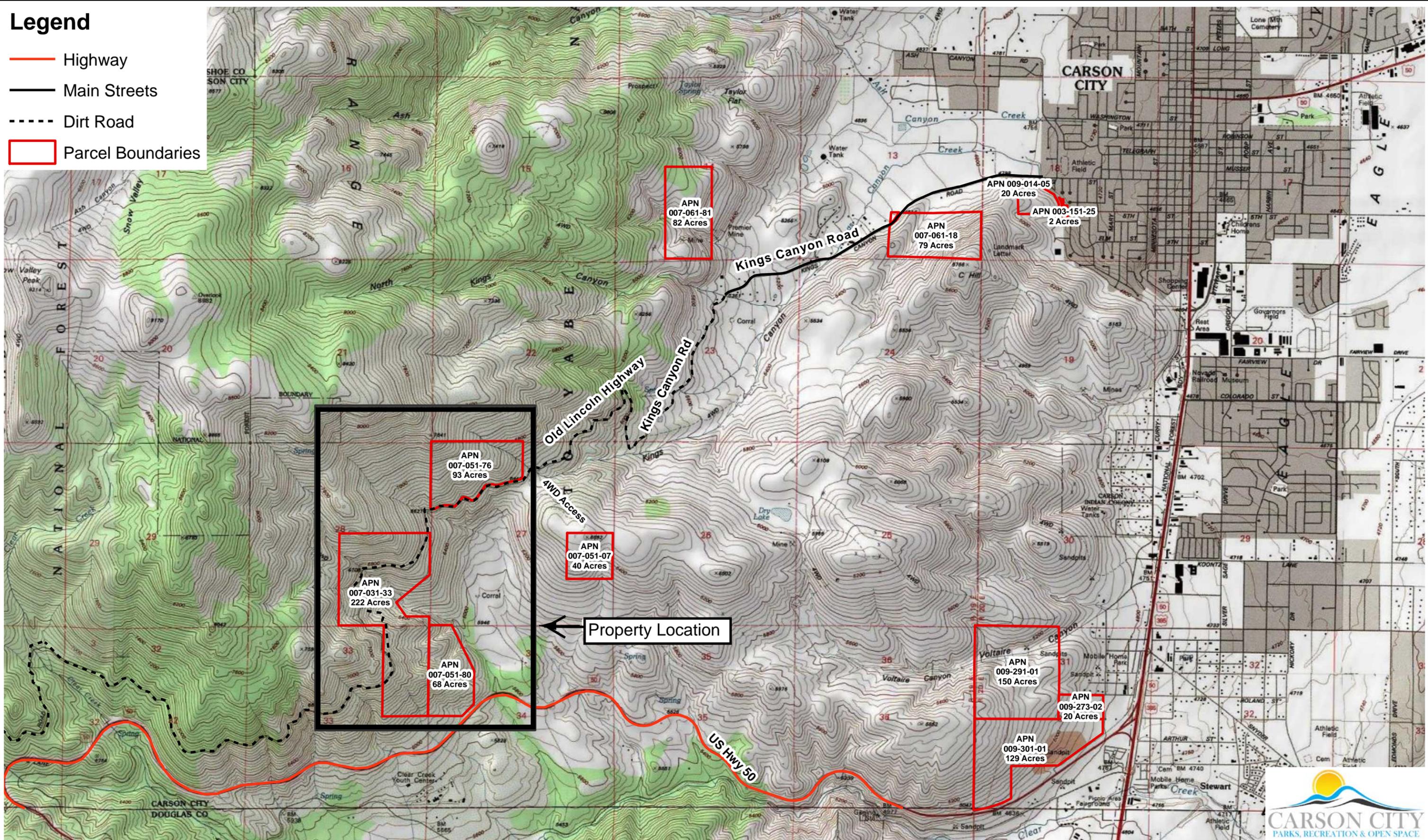
ATTEST:



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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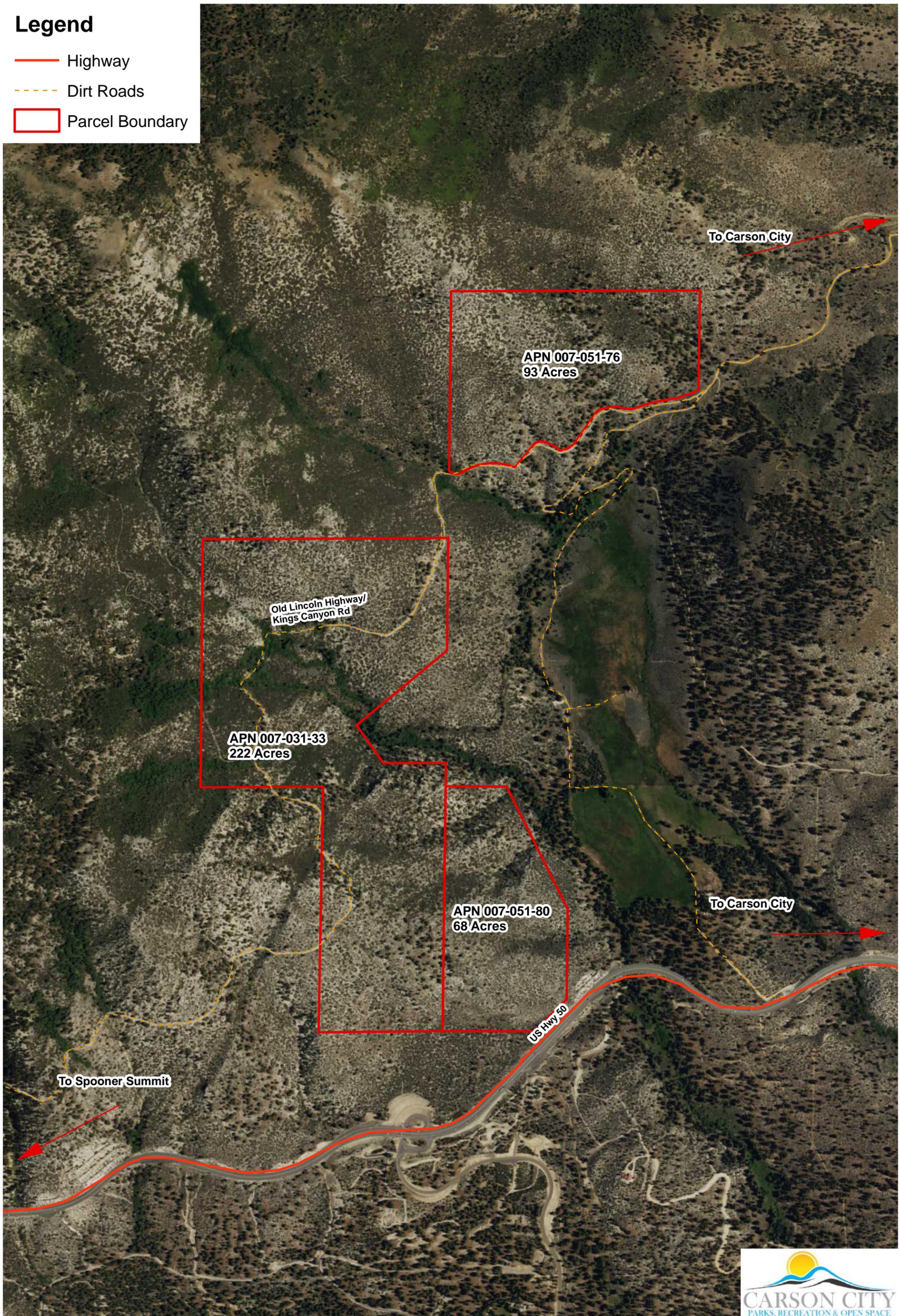


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 Resource Concepts Inc



Legend

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



To Carson City

APN 007-051-76
93 Acres

Old Lincoln Highway/
Kings Canyon Rd

APN 007-031-33
222 Acres

APN 007-051-80
68 Acres

To Carson City

US Hwy 50

To Spooner Summit

0 225 450 900 Feet
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 splits 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)

When purchased, the property was part of a larger land transaction which included a conservation easement to protect the slopes and meadow area below. Together, the entire property was called “Horsecreek Ranch.”

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.

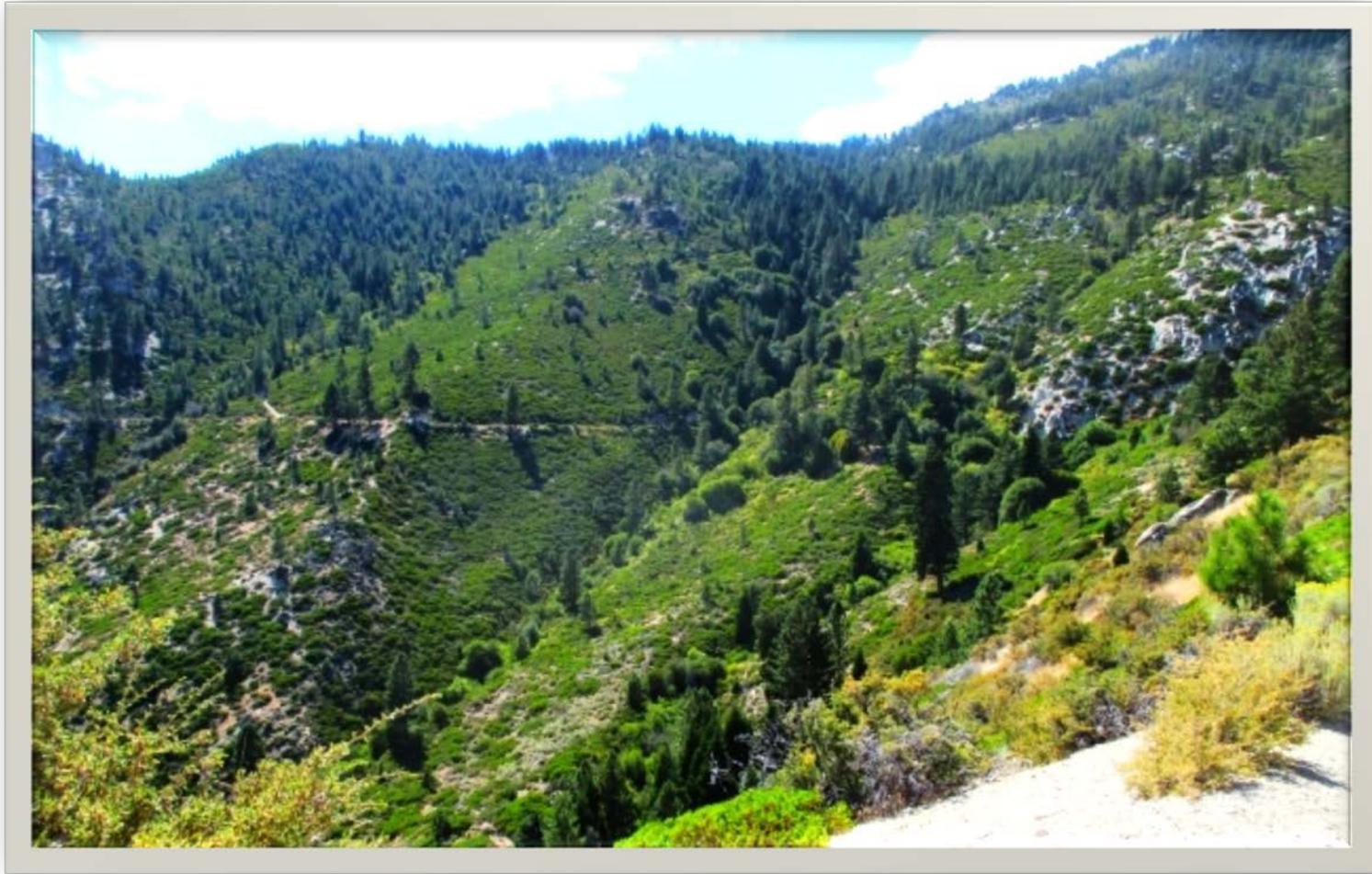


Photo 3. View to the north of the northern part of the property. Note the Old Lincoln Highway.
The northern parcel extends from the road nearly to the top of the ridge.



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

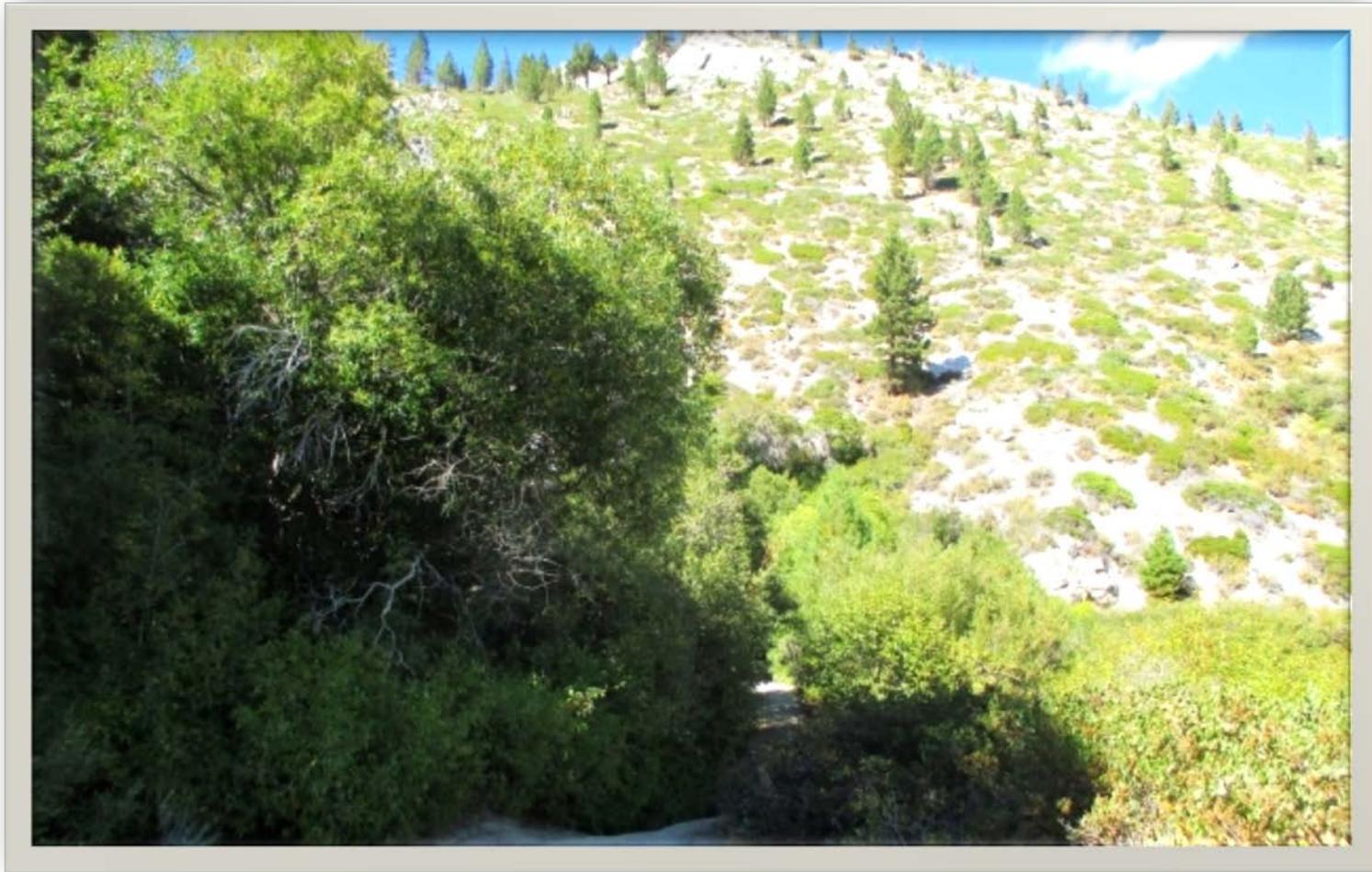


Photo 5. One of the prominent granitic rock outcrops in the heart of the property.

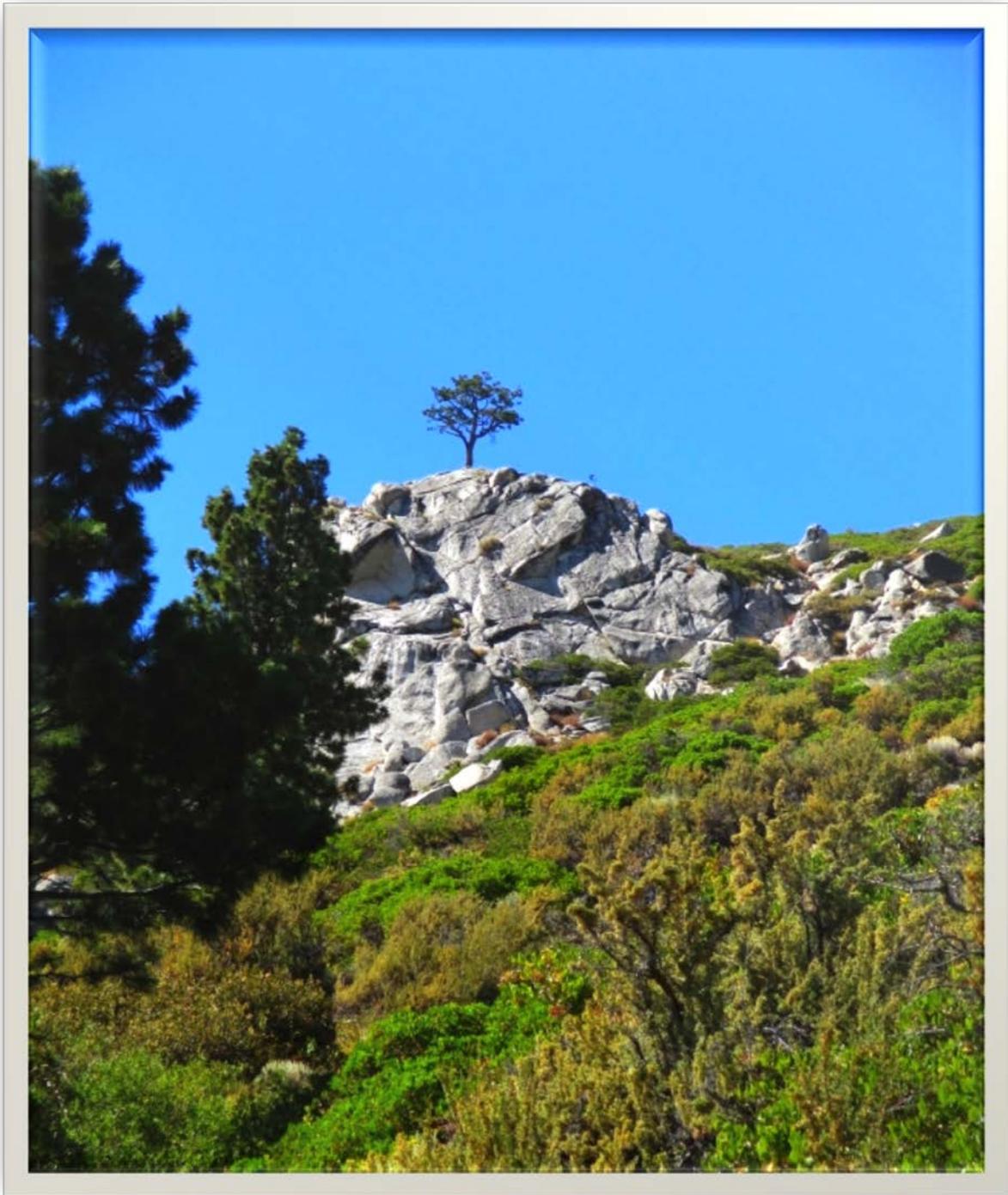


Photo 6. View to the north of the rock outcrops and riparian vegetation.

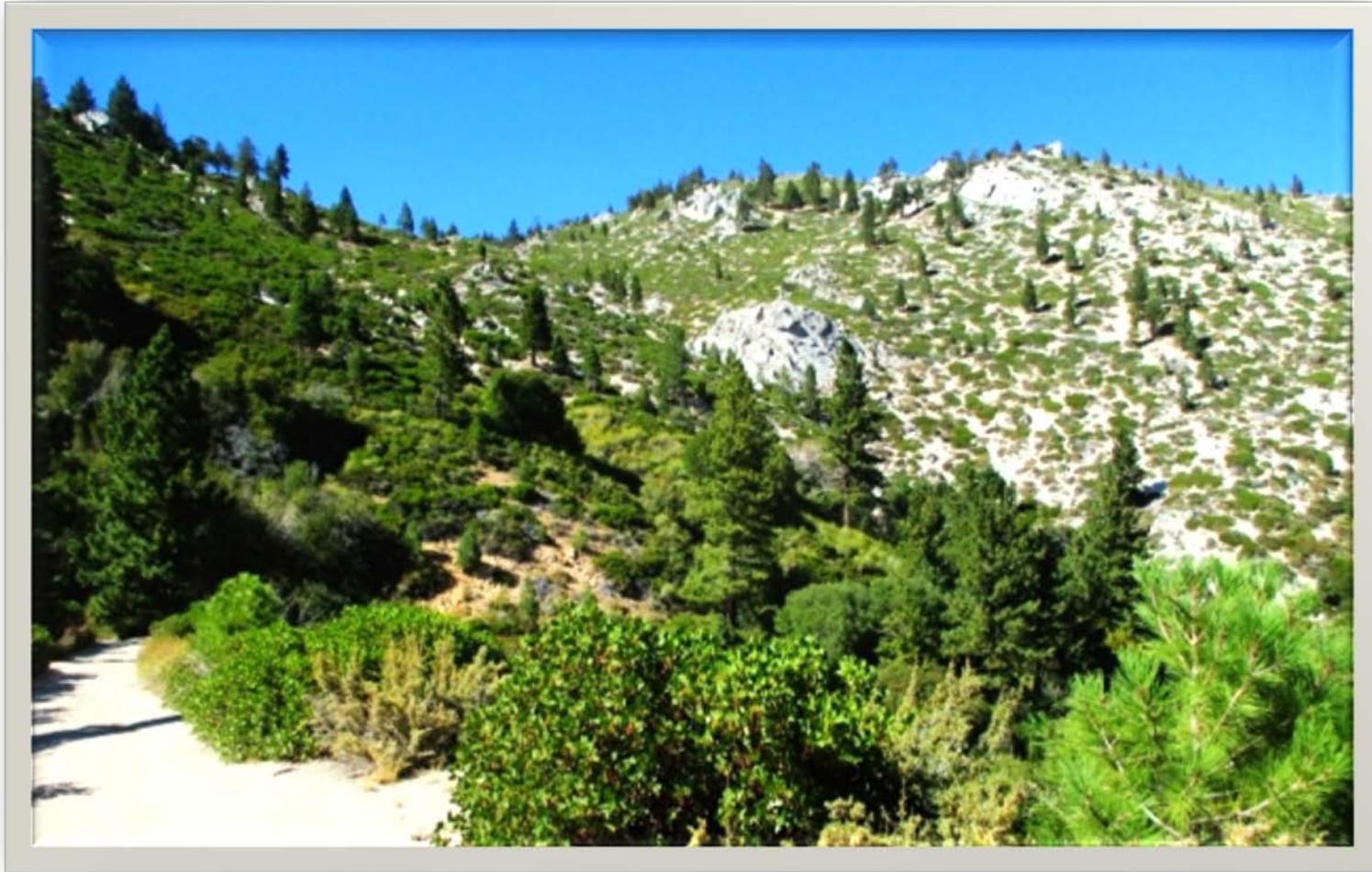


Photo 7 View to the south from the spring complex.





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: _____

Ann Bollinger

From: moellendorf@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Ann Bollinger
Subject: Open Space Naming Proposal

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Ann,

I would like to respectfully nominate the upland Horse Creek Ranch open space property be named the Juan F. Guzman Open Space Property.

As you and the Open Space Property Advisory Committee know, Juan Guzman was our first open space manager, serving from almost at the inception of the program until 2015 until you so capably replaced him upon his retirement. During his tenure as the open space manager Juan worked extremely hard to make the Carson City Open Space program the top open space program in the state of Nevada. Juan took extreme pride in each and every acquisition he was able to secure for the city, but I think even Juan would admit that the Horse Creek Ranch acquisition was his pride and joy.

Juan possessed a unique combination of professional skills and personality traits that aided in his successes in building the open space program and in the acquisition of many critically important properties. Juan had an uncanny ability to build relational bridges and to bring disparate individuals, commissions, board of supervisors, administrators, department heads, federal officials, the general public and critics together in order to complete the important work of saving and acquiring properties that serve as the signature accomplishments of the open space properties. To Juan, serving as the open space manager was not a eight to ten job rather it was a way of life. I believe that Juan was the right person at the right time that ensured the success of the open space program.

For these reasons I would request that you and your committee to seriously consider naming the Horse Creek Ranch property the Juan F. Guzman Open Space Property.

Sincerely,

Roger Moellendorf



Carson City Parks and Recreation Department
Open Space Division



Open Space Naming Application

Date: January 27, 2018

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Open Space Property / Location: Horse Creek Ranch

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

Proposed Name: WA SHE SHU Open Space

Supportive Information for Proposed Name: _____

I feel that it's important to pay tribute to the Native Americans of Nevada.

WA SHE SHU (wašišiw) is Washoe for "Washoe People". The Washoe Tribe was among the first to walk this land and I think that it would be appropriate and fitting to recognize them.



Carson City Parks and Recreation Department
Open Space Division



Open Space Naming Application

Date: February 9, 2018

Submitted By: Ann Bollinger, Lyndsey Boyer, and Gregg Berggren

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Open Space Property / Location: Horse Creek Ranch in the Kings Canyon area

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

historical heritage

Proposed Name: Carson Emigrant Open Space, Lincoln Highway Open Space, or Kings Canyon Open Space

Supportive Information for Proposed Name: All of the above names were used at some point in time during the history of the immediate area. Previously used as a wagon road, the first major road improvements occurred between 1852 and 1854 to facilitate travel along the Carson River branch of the Emigrant Trail (so called the "Carson Emigrant Ridge Road." By 1855, the Carson Emigrant Ridge had been essentially abandoned in favor of other routes. One of the early settlers of the area was Dr. B.L. King, and Kings Canyon was named in his honor. The road was utilized again during the Comstock Mining Era, and then gained a brief resurgence of notoriety when it was designated as a part of the Pioneer Branch of the Lincoln Highway in 1914.
