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Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat



By: **Terry Fieseler, Broker**

Traveling through the Rocky Mountain West, the untrained eye might gaze across the seemingly endless expanse of sagebrush and believe it to be void of wildlife. However, this vast area of sagebrush is critical habitat for the greater sage-grouse, which has been at the center of controversy for several years and is a candidate species to be listed under the Endangered Species Act. Many federal and state agencies, along with ranchers, conservation groups, land trusts, and other interested parties are working towards alternative solutions to protect this important

habitat. Wyoming has recently become the first state to implement the nation's first conservation bank for the greater sage-grouse. For more information, please see the following press release from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

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Press Release



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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Wyoming, Sweetwater River Conservancy Launch Nation's First Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Bank

CHEYENNE, WY – Senior Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials joined Wyoming Governor Matt Mead today in announcing the launch of the nation's first conservation bank for greater sage-grouse. The bank will manage a vast expanse of central Wyoming for sage-grouse, mule deer and other wildlife, allowing energy development and other economic activities to proceed on lands elsewhere in the state.

At a ceremony in the State Capitol hosted by Governor Mead, Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary Jim Lyons, Deputy Director for the Service Jim Kurth and Jeff Meyer, Managing Partner of the Sweetwater River Conservancy, formalized the agreement creating the project, which will rank as the largest conservation bank in the country.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell praised the announcement. "The long-term health of the greater sage-grouse throughout the West depends on strong and innovative partnerships to conserve and restore its habitat in ways that embrace traditional uses of the land such as cattle ranching," Jewell said. "As the first conservation bank for greater sage-grouse, the Sweetwater River Conservancy provides one model for how we can work with states, landowners, tribes, local communities and others to conserve our working, western landscapes."

In 2010, the Service determined that the greater sage-grouse warranted protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but was precluded by higher priorities. Since then, a remarkable, broad-based coalition of stakeholders has come together across the grouse's 165 million-acre, 11-state range to address threats in an effort to prevent the need for a listing.

To read the full press release, please [click here](#). To find out more about what you can do to help the greater sage-grouse, please contact the Sweetwater River Conservancy at 904-425-3067 or visit their website at sweetwaterriverconservancy.com.

FEATURED AGENT

Terry Fieseler, Broker

Terry has been a dedicated Broker with the Live Water team for over 12 years, specializing in recreational fishing and hunting ranches in the Rocky Mountains. As a seasoned Ranch Broker, Terry's ranch transaction experience coupled with



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his true passion for the outdoor lifestyle has become invaluable when working with Buyers and Sellers to accomplish their specific goals. Special interests include big game hunting, bird hunting, fly fishing, gunsmithing, woodworking, silversmithing, fiddle contests and playing guitar.

Affiliations: Life Member of National Rifle Association, Life Member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Life Member of Dallas Safari Club, Life Member and past president of Bowhunters of Wyoming, Member of Safari Club International, Member of Wild Sheep Foundation, Member of

FEATURED RANCHES

Mickelson Ranch - Big Piney, Wyoming



The Mickelson Ranch consists of 4,952 deeded acres comprised of the 3,392-acre Headquarter parcel and the 1,560-acre Johnson Ridge Parcel. In addition, the ranch leases a National Forest Allotment of 28,000 acres and BLM leases totaling over 20,000 acres combined, for a grand total of more than 53,000 acres under management on the ranch. Bordering thousands of acres of public land, 4 miles of private fishing, excellent water rights, a substantial cattle operation with BLM and national forest grazing permits, mineral rights, and premier big game hunting, the Mickelson Ranch is an exceptional opportunity to own a historic Wyoming cattle ranch. [Read More...](#)

Offering Price is \$7,500,000

Rendezvous Ranch - Cora, Wyoming



Price Reduced! The Rendezvous Ranch is a large 1,200-acre working cattle ranch located in the heart of the Green River Valley with vast hay meadows, big mountain views and recreational amenities. The classically restored improvements offer all the charm of the West combined with modern day conveniences. The Rendezvous Ranch is a rare combination of deeded acreage and federal grazing allotments creating a complete livestock operation. [Read More...](#)

Offering Price is \$4,950,000

Three Ball Ranch - Boulder, Wyoming



The Three Ball Ranch is comprised of 1,848 deeded acres that includes the 1,240-acre River Parcel, or main ranch, and the 608-acre Homestead Parcel. Conveniently situated 22 miles from the Sublette County seat of Pinedale, and a 1 hour and 45-minute drive from Jackson Hole, the ranch is easily accessible. Approximately 4 miles of the East Fork River flows along the River Parcel and provides an excellent trout fishery. Breathtaking views of the Wind River Mountain Range, abundant wildlife, excellent fishing, hay production, and livestock operation makes the Three Ball Ranch an all-inclusive Wyoming offering. [Read More...](#)

Offering Price is \$4,500,000

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