

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant: FEATHER RIVER LAND TRUST
Project Title: PEARCE FAMILY RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITION
Application Number: SNC 080154

PROJECT SCOPE

The 318 acre Pearce Family Ranch is located in Indian Valley in Plumas County near the town of Taylorsville. While nearly all of the surrounding ranches and farms have been laser-leveled and heavily cultivated, Pearce Ranch largely retains its unique unaltered topography and a diversity of naturally occurring habitat types, including montane meadow, grassland, cottonwood-willow riparian and riverine, emergent wetland, and mixed conifer. It includes approximately 1.5 miles of Indian Creek and 1.5 miles of remnant creek channel, both of which contain extensive riparian habitat interspersed with sloughs and emergent wetlands. The property's significant water rights help support and maintain the riparian and wetland habitats, as well as the working cattle ranch landscape. This project will acquire a conservation easement on the ranch which will protect the existing watershed features and working landscape by preventing development and by requiring management for conservation goals.

Outcomes delivered through the SNC grant:

- Acquisition of a conservation easement on 318 acres (Plumas County APNs 004-200-020, 004-200-021, 004-200-025, 004-200-026 0) providing permanent protection of the natural resources within its boundaries.

Additional project benefits:

- Protection of water quality in Indian Creek
- Educational use via FRTL "Learning Landscapes Project" with interpretive signs
- Enhanced opportunities for riparian restoration and protection of streambank

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Authorize payment of \$300,000 towards conservation easement acquisition on the Pearce Family Ranch	The Project Schedule will be set at the time the agreement is finalized.
Review of Transaction Documents by SNC	
6 month progress report	
Close escrow on Pearce Family Ranch	
Final report	

SNC PORTION OF PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
SNC portion of conservation easement purchase	\$ 300,000
SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$ 300,000

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Feather River Land Trust	\$ 26,500
Northern Sierra Partnership	125,000
NRSC Farm & Ranch Protection Program	125,000
TOTAL	\$ 326,500

PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- Northern Sierra Partnership

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Linear feet of Stream Bank Protected
- Acres of Land Conserved