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Former Stanley Ranch Transferred to Walker River Paiute Tribe

YERINGTON, NEVADA – JUNE 16, 2017 -- The Walker Basin Restoration Program (Program) reconveyed 158 acres of the former Stanley Ranch property and associated Bureau of Land Management grazing permits to the Walker River Paiute Tribe. Reconveyance of this land will address a longstanding trespass issue wherein the property had encroached upon Tribal lands for many years.

In 2013, the Program, then administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, acquired the property known locally as Stanley Ranch. The acquisition included water rights, land, and federal grazing permits. Since 2015 the Walker Basin Conservancy (WBC) has been managing the property including noxious weed treatment. The Program will retain all associated water rights for to the benefit of Walker River and Walker Lake.

A 40-acre parcel, which includes the Wabuska gage, was subdivided from the ranch and will remain under WBC management. The Wabuska gage is a key location point for the measurement of Program water and for the administration of natural flow water rights throughout the Walker Basin.

ABOUT

Established in 2014, the non-profit Walker Basin Conservancy (WBC) is leading implementation efforts to restore and maintain Walker Lake while protecting agricultural, environmental and recreational interests in the Walker Basin. WBC currently manages thousands of acres of land in the Basin and oversees revegetation activities, habitat enhancement and ongoing research. WBC also protects and monitors acquired water resources to ensure that they are used as intended for riparian and watershed stewardship and to increase stream flows to Walker Lake.

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