Carson City Updates Related to Public Land Management



Carson River Canyon Open Space

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<u>Highlights</u>

- Carson City Quality of Life Initiative
- Federal Lands Bill
- Ash to Kings Trail
- Targeted Grazing Project
- Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway

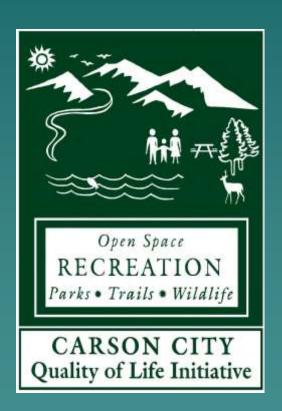
Quality of Life Initiative – 20th Anniversary –

1996 "Quality of Life" ballot initiative Dedicated funding

- Construction and maintenance of new parks and recreation facilities
- Acquisition and management of open space

Revenue

- 4 of .01¢ sales tax
- Approximately \$2.5 million/year



Quality of Life Initiative — Open Space —

Objective of the Open Space Program

 ... to promote quality of life for citizens of Carson City through the preservation and protection of the quality of the natural environment.



Horsecreek Ranch Conservation Easement

Quality of Life Initiative — Open Space —

Priority Open Space Areas

- Carson River corridor
- Scenic vistas and visible hillsides
- Working agricultural areas in or near the City
- Linkages for trails, trailheads and connection of open space properties



Mexican Ditch Trail

Quality of Life Initiative — Open Space —

<u>Acquisitions</u>

Fee title purchase	2,027 acres
Donation	142 acres
Conservation easement	175 acres
Land exchange	4,550 acres

Quality of Life Sales Tax has been leveraged to acquire additional funds for acquisitions and improvements.

Federal Lands Bill

Also known as the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009

2011

	USFS lands	to Carson	City	962 acres
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Carson City lands to USFS 2,260 acres

2015

BLM lands to Carson City

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Parks and Public Purpose 1,750 acres



Silver Saddle Ranch



Speech by Ralph Thomas, BLM



Prison Hill Recreation Area

Ash to Kings Trail

Annual Achievement Award 2016

- From: The Coalition for Recreational Trails
- Category: Community Linkage



"Ribbon-cutting" August 2015



Award Recipients, Washington D.C.

June 2016

Ash to Kings Trail

Epic Rides

- 2016 Inaugural
- "Carson City Off-Road"







Targeted Grazing Project

- Reduce fire hazard by reducing biomass production and altering fuel structure
- Use sheep as a tool to remove herbaceous biomass
- Grazing treatments focused within 1,300' behind homes
- Season of use
 - Permitted: March 1 June 30
 - Approximately 45 days
- Estimated fuel removed (consumed) = 14 tons per week





Targeted Grazing Project

Sheep to protect city from wildfires

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Two flocks of about 150 sheep each will - like equipment could, he sold, and didn't raise conceens like berbicides do.

Firefighting sheep to start arriving Sunday

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Sheep will be brought into Carson City's western hills starting this weekend to help make the area less prone to wildfire.

Two flocks of sheep, approximately 1,600 total, will eliminate cheatgrass, perennial grasses and forbs - a herbaceous plant that's not a grass.

The first flock is expected to arrive Sunday morn-

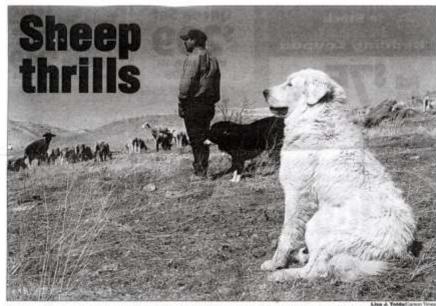
ing by truck, and be released behind Greenhouse Garden Center on South Curry Street to eat along C Hill. The second will be walked in from Washoe County early Wednesday, and focus on the Timberline-Lakeview

"Sheep are nomadic, they have to move," said Ann Bollinger, the city's open space assistant.

The sheep are expected to graze up to 2,500 acres on the west side during the

FOR YOUR INFORMATION Call the Carson

City Parks and Recreation Department. 887-2115, to schedule a group visit with the sheep or learn more about the project.



A Great Pyraness guard dog, right, watches over his flock with other dogs and sheepherder Rafael Ruiz. Two bands of about 800 sheep are allowed to eat the highly flammable chestgrass that grows along C Hill and the area between Silver Oak Golf Course and the Lakeview subdivision in an effort to remove fuer for potential witdfires. Carson-Times

Grazing helps prevent cheatgrass growth

Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway

- Also known as the State Route 28 Shared-Use Path
- "North Demonstration Project" construction will be managed by NDOT
- Ground-breaking August 19, 2016



Thank You



Golden Eagle Open Space



Backside of C-Hill, photo by Jay Aldrich

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