



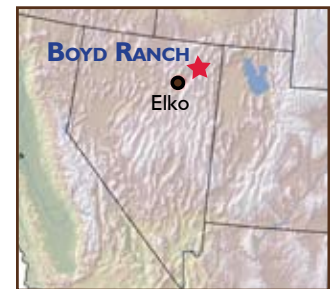
# BOYD RANCH

Elko County, Nevada

GREAT  
BASIN



**Boyd Ranch** is a 12,000-acre working ranch that includes a diversity of important wildlife habitats, including braided wetlands and marshes, and upland sagebrush steppe supporting numerous native shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses. The ranch is in an area facing significant threat of subdivision and development, as historic ranches are divided and sold as small parcels. ALC is working to secure a conservation easement on this outstanding property, helping to sustain Elko County's longstanding agricultural traditions while protecting vital wildlife habitat.



## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Work in partnership with the landowner and Ranch Open Space of Nevada (a statewide cattle-producers' land trust) to secure a conservation easement on the 12,000-acre Boyd Ranch.
- Continue to work with Ranch Open Space of Nevada to acquire more easements in the Humboldt River drainage

## BENEFITS

- Protects portions of a crucial migration corridor for more than 200 species of birds and nesting/foraging habitat for numerous state Species of Concern, including white-faced ibis, snowy egret, black tern, bobolink, and Swainson's hawk. (The property is designated as a *United States Important Bird Area* by the National Audubon Society.)
- Safeguards the largest spring/fall migration staging area in northeast Nevada for the greater sandhill crane (also a state Species of Concern)
- Protects 15.5 miles of the Humboldt River as well as Lamoille and Rabbit Creeks
- Maintains a historic cattle operation along the Emigrant Trail that was first homesteaded by the Boyd family in the late 1870s
- Prevents further loss and subdivision of agricultural lands in Elko County and along the Humboldt River in an area facing significant development threats

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## AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY

*Protecting America's natural heritage by conserving land  
for the benefit of people and wildlife*



**American Land Conservancy** is a national land conservation organization that protects wildlife habitat, water resources, outdoor recreation areas, and working farms and ranches. ALC works in partnership with communities, landowners, non-profit organizations, corporations, and public agencies, conserving land through land acquisition, easement, or restoration. Since 1990, ALC has secured more than 250,000 acres nationwide, ensuring America's treasured wild places can be enjoyed for generations to come.

### PROGRAM AREAS:

#### ALASKA

- Afognak Island
- Kodiak Island



#### GREAT BASIN

- Working farms & ranches
- Critical flyways
- Water resources

#### CALIFORNIA

- Central Valley & Foothills
- Lower Klamath River Basin
- Central coast



#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER

- Island side channels
- Endangered species habitat
- Wetlands, riparian areas
- Nature-based economic development

### HOW WE WORK:

- Foster healthy ecosystems by preserving biological diversity and protecting habitats
- Link land conservation to sustainable economies and communities
- Conserve working farms and ranches to sustain historic landscapes and traditions
- Create opportunities for people to connect to nature and experience the outdoors
- Collaborate with landowners, communities, public agencies, and others
- Provide broad expertise including legal, real estate, and fundraising capabilities
- Offer quick response and flexible, creative approaches to conservation

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