



# Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act

*“To provide for  
economic  
development and  
conservation in  
Northern Nevada,  
and for other  
purposes”*





## Why a lands bill?

- Promote **sustainable growth** and **economic development** – the BLM’s Resource Management Plan for Washoe County is 20+ years old and doesn’t address the current needs of a growing community
- Protect and **preserve public lands** including the designation of Wilderness Areas (223,109 acres), National Conservation Areas (456,292 acres), and Special Management Areas (36,405 acres); eliminate Wilderness Study Areas
  - Washoe County has nearly 600,000 acres of **wilderness study areas** managed by BLM in a limbo status – not permanently wilderness or available for multiple use
  - Wilderness areas can only be designated by an act of Congress
- Support local **Tribal communities**
  - Expand land **held in trust** for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and Washoe Tribe (22,415 acres)
  - Establish a **Cultural Heritage Area** to permanently protect thousands of acres in the Pah Rahts to be co-managed by local Tribes and BLM (3,881 acres)
- Provide local governments with **lands for public purposes** (4,701 acres)

# Categories

## Conveyance to Local Government (~4,701 acres)

- Washoe County - open space, trails, public shooting facility
- City of Reno – parks, effluent storage, roadway expansion
- City of Sparks - Parks, open space, cemeteries
- University of Nevada Reno - UNR campus expansion
- Nevada Division of State Lands – a State park
- Incline Village General Improvement District - fire reduction activities and open space
- Nevada Department of Wildlife – expansion of wildlife management areas
- Truckee River Flood Management Authority - flood mitigation and scour protection
- Washoe County School District - elementary & middle school site



## Tribal Trust Lands (~22,415 acres)

- Expand land held in trust for Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and Washoe Tribe



# Categories

## **Disposal for Economic Development** (~14,606 acres eligible to be nominated)

- Must be nominated by appropriate governmental jurisdiction and must comply with all zoning and planning requirements (including TMRPA)
- Must undergo appropriate federal environmental review
- Must be sold for no less than market value and revenue to be divided:
  - 5% to the State of Nevada General Education Fund
  - 10% to the Truckee River conservation project fund
  - 85% to the Secretary of the Treasury for parks/trails/natural areas, fuels reduction and wildfire prevention, conservation initiatives, acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands

## **Conservation Designation** (~715,806 acres)

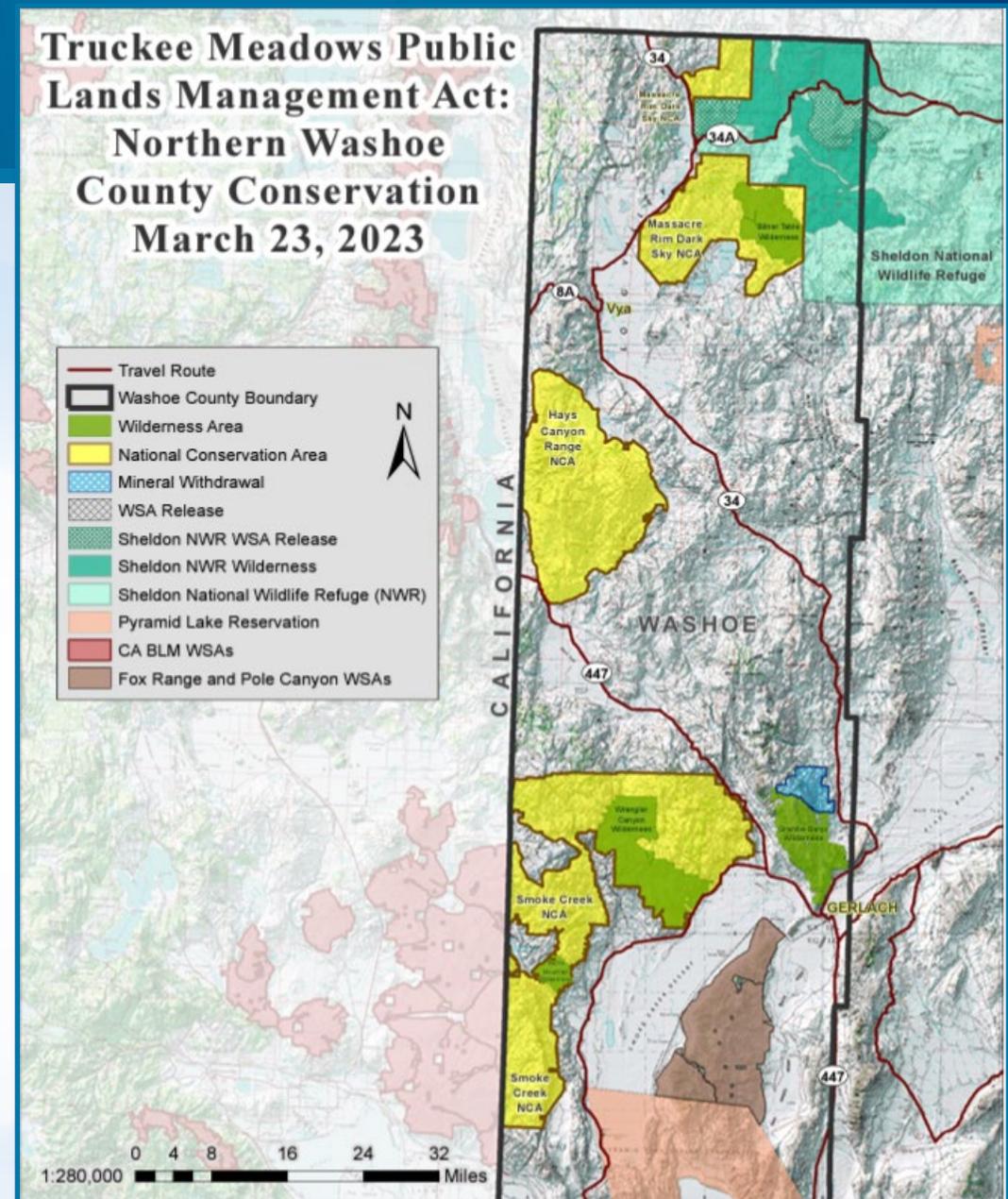
- Grazing, recreation, hunting, and access continues within designated Wilderness Areas, National Conservation Areas, and Special Management Areas

# Conservation Designations

- **Wilderness Areas**
- **National Conservation Areas**
- **Special Management Areas**
- **Cultural Heritage Areas**

Grazing, recreation, hunting, and access to continue

**Wilderness Study Areas** - BLM identified as having wilderness character; must be protected until Congress decides whether or not to designate them as wilderness or release back to multiple use.



# Disposal Areas

## Conveyance to Local Govt.

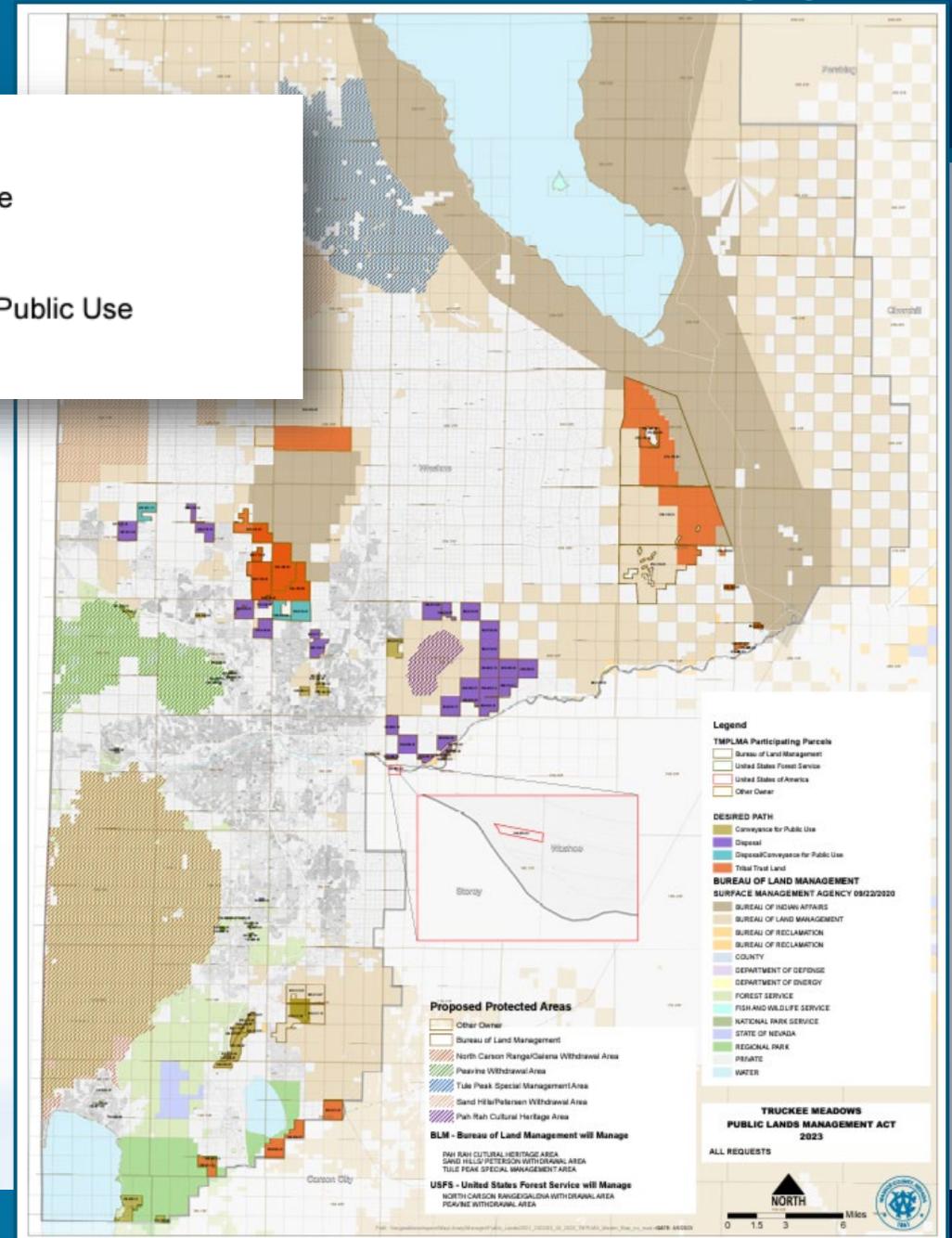
- Conveyance to all local government entities for public purposes = 4,701 acres.

## Economic Development

- Specific parcels of federal land would be eligible for sale and subsequent development, as appropriate, to support sustainable growth in the region.
- 14,606 acres would be eligible to be *nominated* for sale (differing from the SNPLMA model, this proposal does not include a disposal boundary)

### DESIRED PATH

- Conveyance for Public Use
- Disposal
- Disposal/Conveyance for Public Use
- Tribal Trust Land





## Process

- Draft bill text and map **comment period** complete (April 7, 2023 – June 6, 2023)
- Resolution of support **City of Sparks** (passed July 24, 2023)
- Resolution of support **Washoe County** (coming late August or early September 2023)
- Coming Soon - Updated Maps and Language to address input from comment period:
  - Specific parcels to be added / removed for disposal and conveyance
  - Tribal trust land adjustments
  - Pah Rah Cultural Heritage Area boundary adjustment
  - Wilderness boundaries (including Fox Range and Pole Creek) and potential language changes for conservation areas
- **Bill to be introduced** by Senator Rosen and NV Delegation (fall 2023)

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