

Conservation Easement Funding Opportunity

2010 Legislature HB5 Shifted \$5 million
Severance Tax Bond capital funding to
restoration and conservation easements
statewide

Funds available FY11-FY14

Project administered by Energy Minerals and
Natural Resources Department

Request for Applications due 6 July 2010

Application review panel 9 August 2010

Announcement of awards 2 September 2010

Process

Only public entities eligible to apply (state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, local governments, colleges and universities, public schools, federal agencies, and Indian tribes or Pueblos)

EMNRD certified eligibility of applications

Public presentations of proposals to review panel

5 member review panel reviewed, rated, and recommended proposals for funding

EMNRD Cabinet Secretary made final decision

EMNRD developed Government Services Agreements for successful public entities

Applicants

11 eligible applications

6 public entities (NMDGF 1, EMNRD-Forestry 4, EMNRD-Parks 1, NMDCA 1, Taos SWCD 2, and NMD Ag 2)

7 partner organizations (NM Land Conservancy 4, Rio Grand Agricultural Land Trust 2, Taos Land Trust 2, Trust for Public Land 1, US Forest Service 1, Santa Fe Conservation Trust 1, NRCS 1, and The Nature Conservancy 1)

Awards

H Bar V Ranch (Catron Co.) – NMDGF and Badger Creek Corporation
(\$997,990)

Garcia Farmland (Sandoval Co.) – NM Dept. of Ag and Rio Grande
Agricultural Land Trust (\$647,550)

Vallecitos High Country Ranch (Rio Arriba Co.) – EMNRD State Forestry
Division, U.S. Forest Service, and Trust for Public Land (\$631,917)

River Ranch on the Mimbres (Grant Co. and Luna Co.) – EMNRD State
Parks Division and New Mexico Land Conservancy (\$450,000)

Galisteo Springs (Santa Fe Co.) – NM Dept of Cultural Affairs and Santa Fe
Conservation Trust (\$350,000)

Martinez Farmland (Taos Co.) – Taos Soil & Water Conservation District and
Taos Land Trust (\$218,425)

Shortes XX Ranch (Catron Co.) – EMNRD State Forestry Division, NRCS,
and New Mexico Land Conservancy (\$200,000)

H Bar V Conservation Easement

Department was contacted by Nelson Shirley/Badger Creek Corp. (501 c3 nonprofit) the landowner

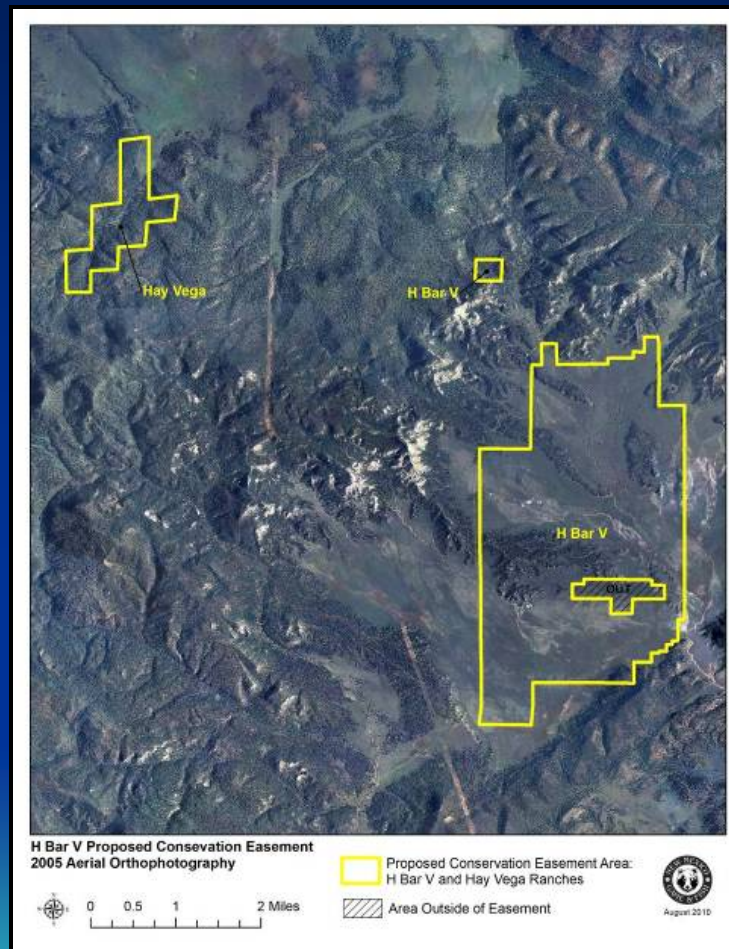
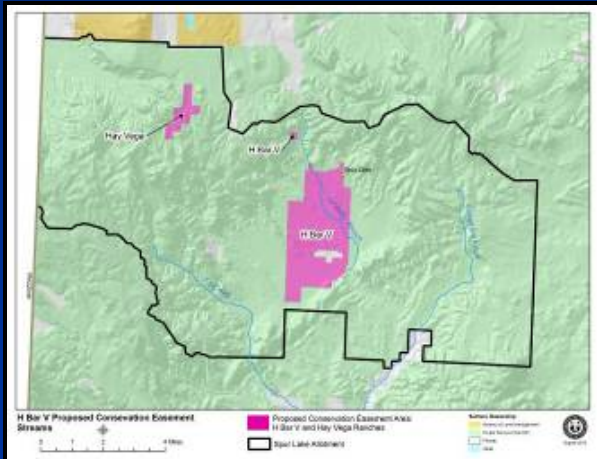
BCC owns two ranches in the same area

H Bar V ranch is base property for Spur Lake Grazing Allotment on Apache Nat. Forest

Hay Vega Ranch (within Spur Lake Allotment) was purchased to prevent residential development

Department worked with him to prepare and submit an application covering both ranches

Location and Boundaries



H Bar V Ranch



Hay Vega Ranch



Costs / Benefits

Estimated total value	\$2,496,650
Badger Creek contribution	\$978,660
EMNRD award	\$997,990
State Wildlife Grant	\$520,000
Protect 4,959 deeded acres from development	
Potential to improve wildlife habitat on 80,000 acre grazing allotment	
Reduced wolf - livestock conflict on property and allotment	

Details

Department needs to negotiate and finalize the Government Services Agreement language defining payment and reporting requirements

BCC/TNC need to complete due diligence including Phase 1 environmental, yellow book appraisal, mineral survey, possibly property survey

Department and BCC/TNC need to develop easement language and then a purchase agreement

State Game Commission would co-hold conservation with The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy would be the party responsible for monitoring compliance with easement terms

Questions?

Commission Guidance?

