

Project Name	Applicant Name	Amount Requested	Matching Funds	In-kind Contributions	Total Project Cost	Vote
SSLT- Weaver Little Valley Conservation Easement	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust	\$63,656	\$462,228		\$525,884	Consensus to fund

Executive Summary

This project will help a local ranching family accomplish their conservation goals by selling a perpetual conservation easement. It will benefit Idaho residents who hunt on public land by protecting critical winter and migration habitat in the Bear River Range that supports robust populations of deer, elk, and moose. It will protect habitat for 22 wildlife species considered conservation priorities by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. It will help NRCS achieve goals for conserving greater sage-grouse habitat and grasslands of special significance. Development pressures are rising in Bear Lake County from people seeking vacation homes with views of Bear Lake. Over 300,000 people visit Bear Lake annually (Judy Holbrook, Tourism Director, Bear Lake Valley). 61% of the region’s housing is vacation homes. The Weaver property, with its elevated views of Bear Lake and long boundary with public land, would be a good candidate for residential and recreational development. County zoning would allow the Weaver property to be developed into 23, 40-acre parcels.