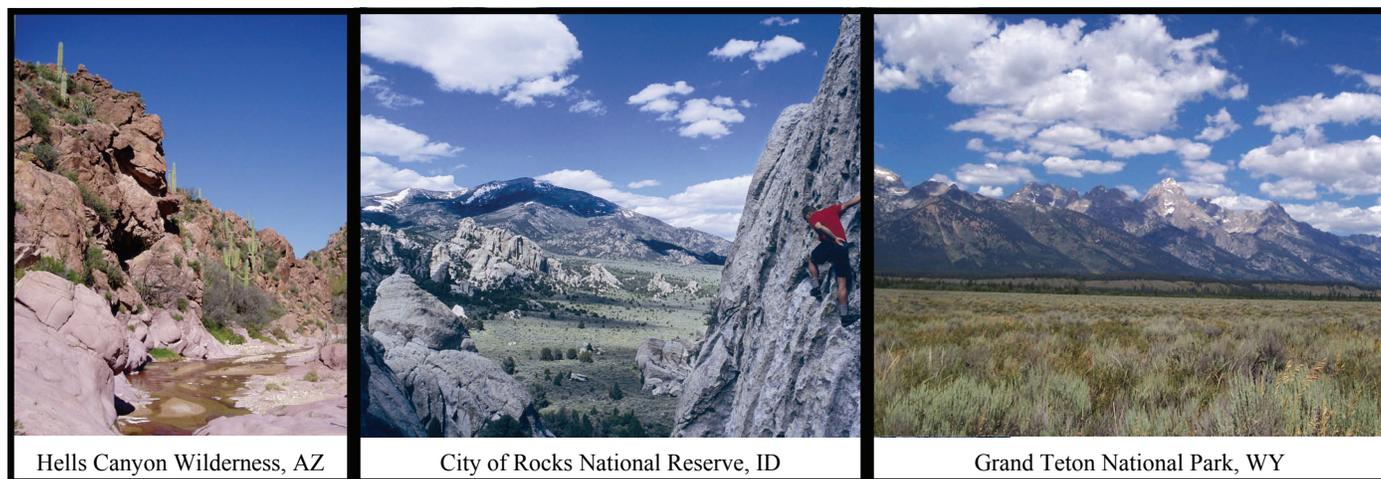


# FLTFA PROJECT EXAMPLES



Hells Canyon Wilderness, AZ

City of Rocks National Reserve, ID

Grand Teton National Park, WY

## Arizona, Hells Canyon Wilderness, 640 acres, 2009.

Through FLTFA, BLM used revenue from the sales of land in Phoenix to purchase a critical 640 acre inholding within the heart of Hells Canyon Wilderness, a popular hiking spot north of Phoenix near Lake Pleasant. After the FLTFA purchase, community reinvestment act money helped build a trail **where hiking access had been an issue when the property was in private hands**. Now hikers can enjoy more trail access to the canyon and views of rugged mountains, desert springs and other features of the beautiful Sonoran desert.

## Arizona, Coconino National Forest, 45 acres, 2008

Adjacent to the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness, Packard Ranch contains portions of the area's desert riparian ecosystem and scenic red rock vistas. The Verde River and Sycamore Creek, perennial streams that provide habitat for several endangered and threatened fish species, both flow through the parcel. The area in which this property is located also has archeological resources of national and international importance. Packard Ranch includes an **important trailhead providing access to two trails into the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness**.

## Arizona, Cartwright Ranch, Tonto National Forest, 28 acres, 2007.

Located just 30 miles north of Phoenix, this 28-acre inholding within Tonto National Forest and the Seven Springs Recreation Area connects **access to the Cave Creek trail network featuring over 35 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and hunting**. Using FLTFA and LWCF funds, the U.S. Forest Service acquired the tract, ensuring continued public access to the trail network at Cave Creek, Seven Springs and Bronco Creek.

## California, Johnson Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern /Beauty Mountain Wilderness, 400 acres, 2010.

Located around 60 miles east of San Diego, the 5,500-foot Beauty Mountain provides a stunning backdrop to the increasingly urbanized Riverside and San Diego counties. FLTFA funds allowed the BLM to acquire a 400-acre property within Johnson Canyon ACEC and adjacent to Beauty Mountain Wilderness, Cleveland National Forest, **Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail** and Anza Borrego Desert State Wilderness. The acquisition will provide significant **opportunities for outdoor recreation**, and will help form one of the largest blocks of undeveloped land in an area that hosts over 55 rare, protected or declining species of plants and animals. BLM generated the FLTFA funds through the sale of a property to the City of Palm Springs for the future establishment of a community college.

## California, Six Rivers National Forest, California: 4,303 acres, 2008

In the remote mountains of California's North Coast, the U.S. Forest Service used FLTFA funding to help protect the Smith Wild and Scenic River's largest tributary, Goose Creek, ensuring a supply of cold, clean water for the Smith River's celebrated runs of the endangered wild salmon and steelhead, and providing improved **recreational access** to this scenic area..

## Idaho, City of Rocks National Reserve and California National Historic Trail, 160 acres, 2009

Through FLTFA funds, the National Park Service protected a key 160-acre inholding within the western entrance of the City of Rocks National Reserve, near Twin Falls. City of Rocks' remarkable granite spires and associated lands provide the public with outstanding opportunities for **rock climbing, hiking, camping, wildlife watching and other forms of outdoor recreation**. Additionally, this acquisition allows NPS to tell the story of western trailblazers' historic journey along the **California National Historic Trail (NHT)** by protecting the tract's historic wagon ruts.

**Montana, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NHT)/Chain of Lakes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), 37 acres, 2010.**

Approximately 20 miles east of Helena, this 37-acre inholding within the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NHT) and the Chain-of-Lakes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) borders Hauser Lake on one side, the Helena National Forest on another side, and BLM-managed public lands on the remaining sides. A 350-foot bluff on the eastern edge of the property descends to the shore of the lake and the upland portion features forested mountain habitat with gently rolling terrain. Along with providing big game and transitional wildlife habitat, the property features an outstanding lake-view and provides **access to the surrounding public lands at a popular recreation location where over 1,000,000 people visit annually for water sports, hiking, camping, fishing and other activities.** The acquisition protected the viewshed from potential subdivision development and helps maintain or improve vital wildlife habitat and public recreation opportunities within the historic Missouri River corridor where Lewis and Clark journeyed West.

**Nevada, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, three parcels totaling 87 acres, 2009-2010.** BLM used FLTFA funds to purchase three properties in Red Rock Canyon, Nevada's first National Conservation Area that provides 30 miles of **hiking trails, rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, road biking, picnic areas and nature observing** to more than one million visitors a year.

**New Mexico, Elk Springs Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), 2,280 acres, 2008.**

Located in Northwestern New Mexico about an hour from Albuquerque, the Elk Springs ACEC provides needed forage for big game habitat – Jemez Mountain elk, deer herds and other animals, as well as public access for recreation opportunities. BLM used FLTFA funds to complete the ACEC by purchasing a 2,280 acre parcel from a willing landowner that included crucial winter range for big game and **public access for scenic hiking** along steep cliffs, rocky slopes, mesa tops near Nacimiento Mountains in the Santa Fe NF.

**Oregon, Rogue National Wild and Scenic River & Zane Grey's Cabin, 32 acres, 2008**

At a historic stopping point for rafters and fishermen along the Rogue River, FLTFA funds helped the BLM purchase 32 acres of land around Zane Grey's cabin in southwest Oregon. The rugged and complex canyon landscape of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River presents fantastic **whitewater rafting opportunities.** The land is part of the lore of the West, as author Zane Grey fished and wrote in the cabin on the land, documenting his concern about the vanishing wilderness in America.

**Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, 1.4 acres, 2007.**

The National Park Service used FLTFA funds to acquire the Hargrave/Halpin property within Grand Teton National Park and protect it from development. The property provides important habitat for a diversity of wildlife species and is located along Moose-Wilson Road, approximately five miles south of Park headquarters.

**Wyoming, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Wind River Mountain Range, 40 acres, 2009**

Through FLTFA funding, the U.S. Forest Service purchased this inholding within the Bridger-Teton National Forest and near the Bridger Wilderness to ensure **access to a network of trails** leading to the Wind River Range and the continuation of **hiking, hunting, camping, rock climbing and other outdoor recreational activities** in the area. Elk, mule deer, moose and other species also benefit from the protection of this land, as it provides a migration route for elk moving to the Soda Lake feed ground, summer habitat for moose and transitional range for mule deer. A tributary of Willow Creek and the Green River crosses a portion of the property, producing important wetland habitat.

**Wyoming, North Platte River Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and Four National Historic Trails, 274 acres, 1.3 miles of river frontage, 2007.**

Using FLTFA funds, BLM purchased an important 275 acre parcel within the North Platte Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) that contains 1.3 miles of river frontage and some of the most critical spawning ground for rainbow and brown trout. Close to Casper, this stretch of the North Platte is a "Blue Ribbon/Class I" trout fishery, supporting the highest pounds of trout per mile of any stream in Wyoming. *American Angler* recently named the Gray Reef tailwater as the #1 spot in the lower 48 states to catch trophy rainbow and brown trout. The property is also an important nesting habitat and hunting location.