

# **COSAC**

### **CACHE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Cache Open Space Advisory Committee will hold a **REGULAR MEETING** at **3:30 p.m.** in the Cache County Historic Courthouse Council Chambers, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah 84321, **MONDAY**, **July 8**, **2024**.

The meeting can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@cachecounty1996">https://www.youtube.com/@cachecounty1996</a>

### **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome, Introductions
- 2. Approval of agenda/minutes: June 3, 2024
- 3. First Round Application: Discussion and Consideration of an Open Space Application for Cooper Open Space, containing parcel 10-055-003. Located about half a mile west of the south end of 4000 W in unincorporated county. Applicant Clair Cooper.
- 4. **Pre-Application:** Discussion and review of a pre-application for approximately 46 acres for parcel 12-052-0013 and a portion of 12-035-0007 located at approx. Center St and 7000 W, Northwest of Mendon. Property Owner Kent Baker
- 5. Second Round Application: Discussion and Consideration of an Open Space Application for Elkhorn Ranch Phase 2, containing parcels 03-004-002, 03-002-0012,03-001-0019, 03-001-0014, 03-003-0003, 03-004-001, and 03-002-0010 located at 2400 S HWY 165 Nibley in Millville and unincorporated county. Applicant Joe Fuhriman, Agent Bear River Land Conservancy
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- 7. Gateway Category-Immediate Views and Parcels
- 8. Discussion regarding conservation easements, deed restrictions, and purchase of development rights
- 9. County Council Update (If any)

**Next Meeting Agenda** 

**Notes** 

### **Meeting Schedule**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2024, at 3:30 pm.

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### **Development Services**

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Present: Stephen Nelson, Chris Sands, Clair Ellis, Kendra Penry, Eric Eliason, Justin Clawson, Megan

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Start Time: 03:32:00

#### **#1 Welcome, Introduction**

Sands welcomed everyone.

### **#2 Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Agenda and minutes from March 22, 2024, April 1, 2024, April 15, 2024, May 20, 2024 approved with no objection.

### **#3 First Round Application**

Eliason motioned to recommend approval to the County Council for the Cooper Wellsville Open Space Application to move to the second application phase. Public access was not resolved within this application but the land owner is willing to consider. Conservation easement should not preclude a future trail. The Council should note that the property adjacent to the north may be considered in the future, which would add additional farm land. This property is also contiguous to Wellsville City open space and parks; Penry seconded; Passed 4, 0.

#### 04:41:00

Ellis motioned to continue the Cooper Mt. Sterling property application up to 90 days to collect more information from Wellsville City and to contact surrounding property owners; Eliason seconded; Passed 4.0.

04:48:00

### **#4 Pre-Application**

**Nelson** reviewed the application from Hardrock LLC and J&M Land Holdings LLC.

### **#5 Gateway Category-Immediate Views and Parcels**

Continued until next meeting.

## #6 Discussion Regarding Conservation Easements, Deed Restrictions, and Purchase of Development Rights

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#### 37 County Council Update (if Any)

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05:19:00

### Adjourned



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Section B: Property Information
Project Name: Cooper
Address or location: Wellsville/Mt. Sterling
Municipality or nearest city: Wellsville
Parcel number(s): 10-041-001 / 10-016-0012 / 10-055-0003
Total acres: 180
Acres proposed to be preserved by conservation easement:
Acres proposed to be preserved by ownership transfer (fee title):
If not the entire parcel(s), provide a map of the proposed project.
Section C: Applicant Information
Property Owner(s): <u>Clair Cooper</u> (J Clair Cooper Trust)  Address: 1340 S. Center City: <u>Wellsu: lle</u> State: <u>UTZip: 84339</u>
Address: 1340 S. Center City: Wells willestate: UTZip: 84339
Phone: 435-760-725 Email: evergreensprinkling@gmail.com
Contact person/ Authorized Agent (if other than property owner):
Title / position:
Address : City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email:
☐ I authorize this agent as my legal contact person
Agent relationship to project, check all that apply:
☐ Municipality ☐ 501c3
☐ Land Trust ☐ Other, describe



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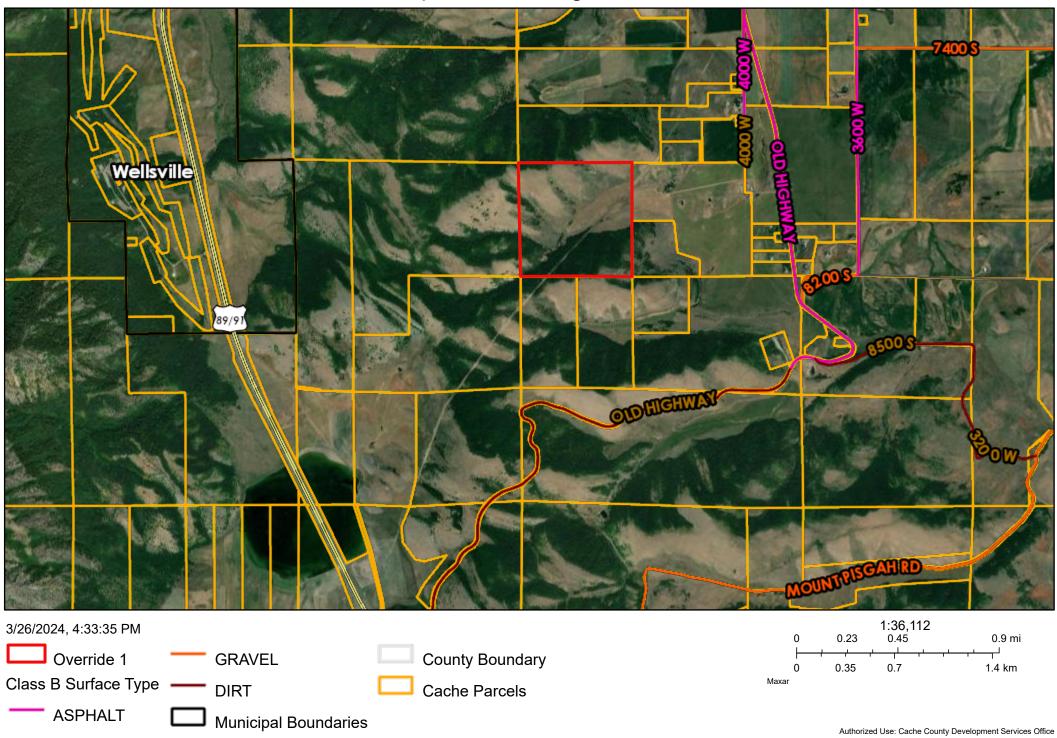
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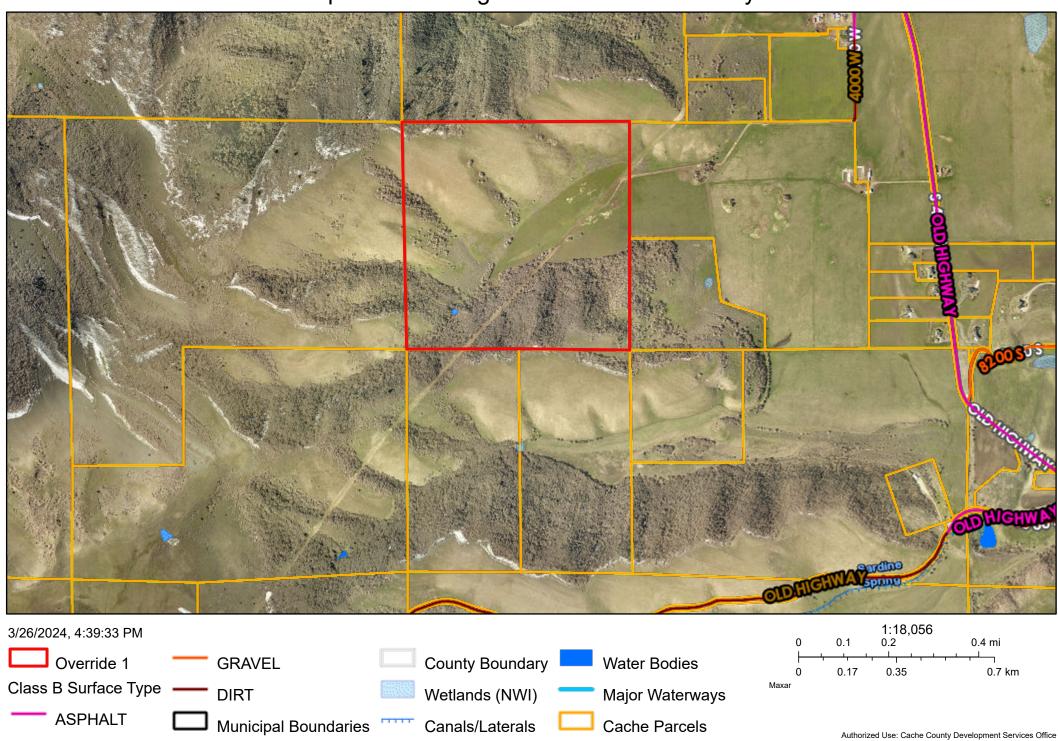
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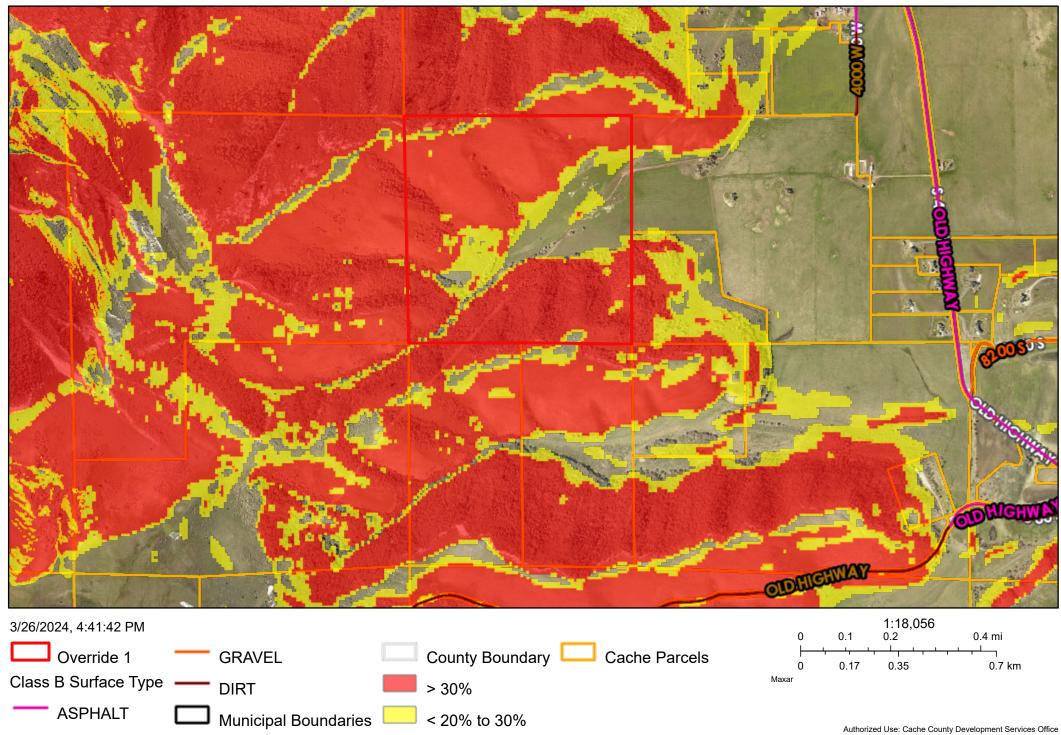
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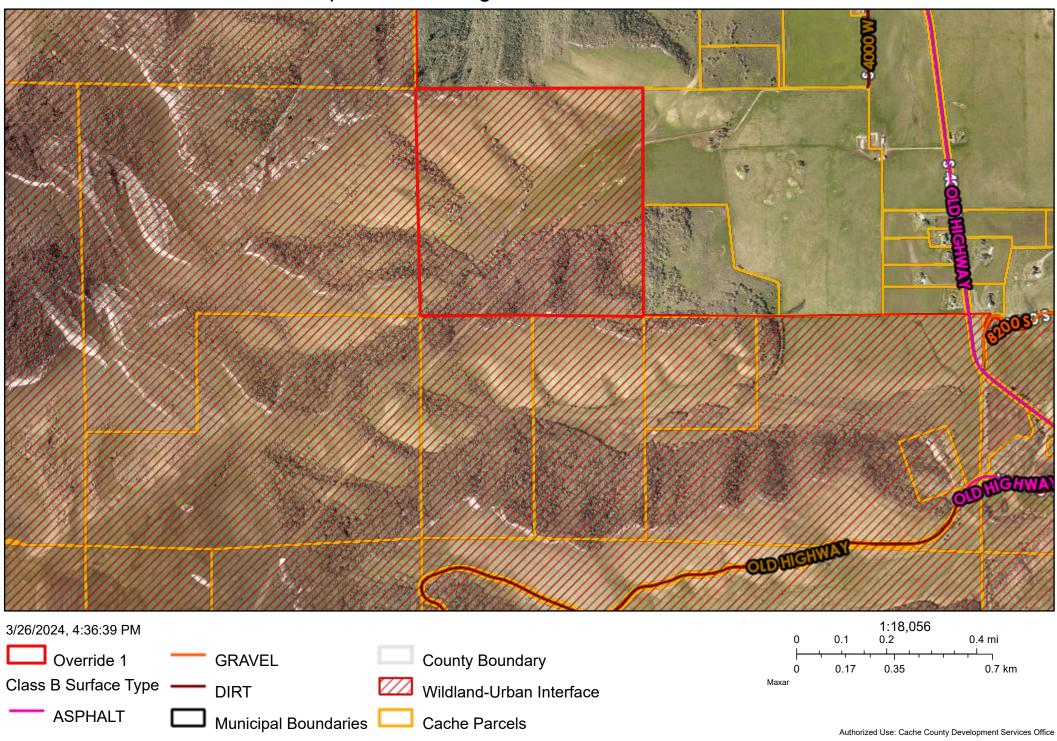
### Cooper Mt. Sterling Wetlands and Waterways



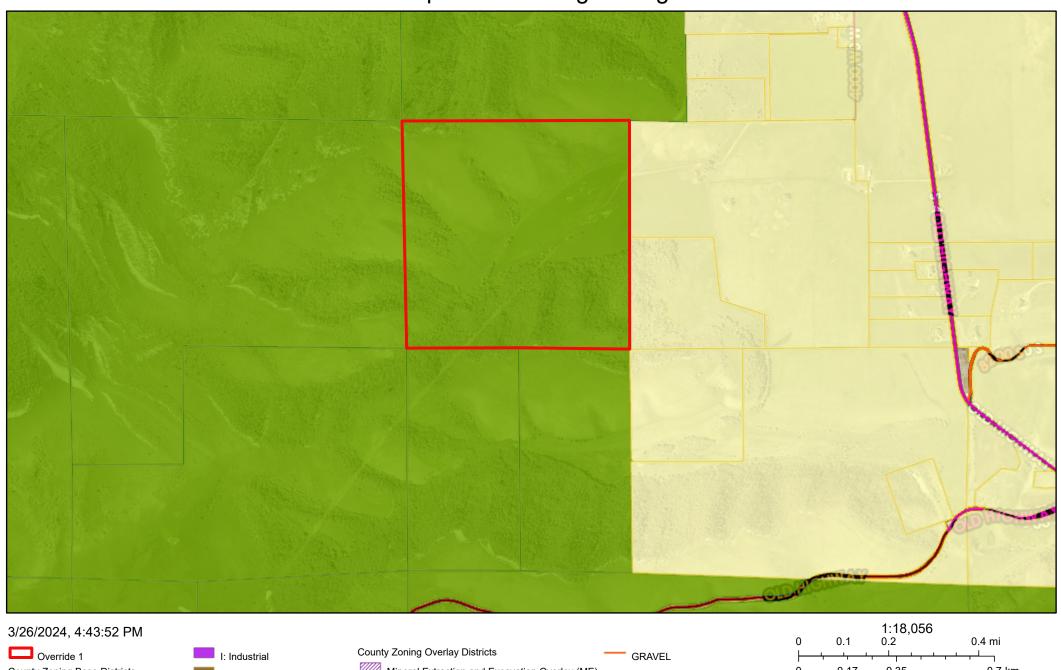
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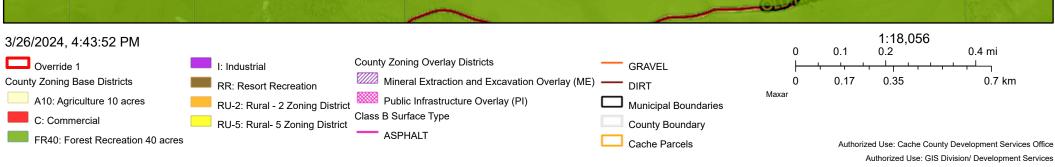


## Cooper Mt. Sterling Wildland Urban Interface

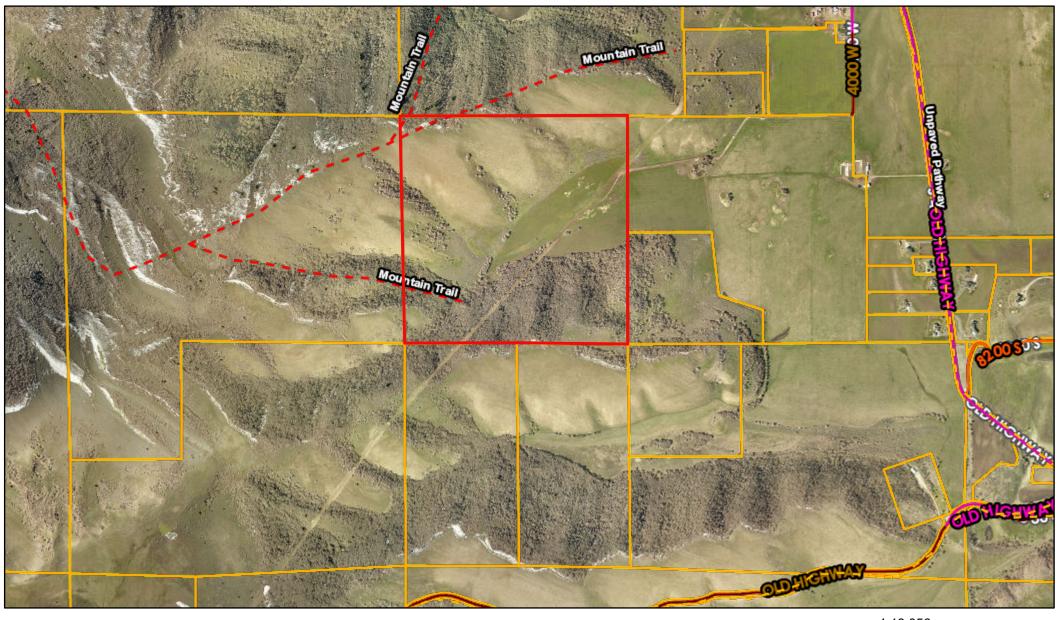


### Cooper Mt. Sterling Zoning

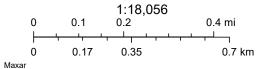




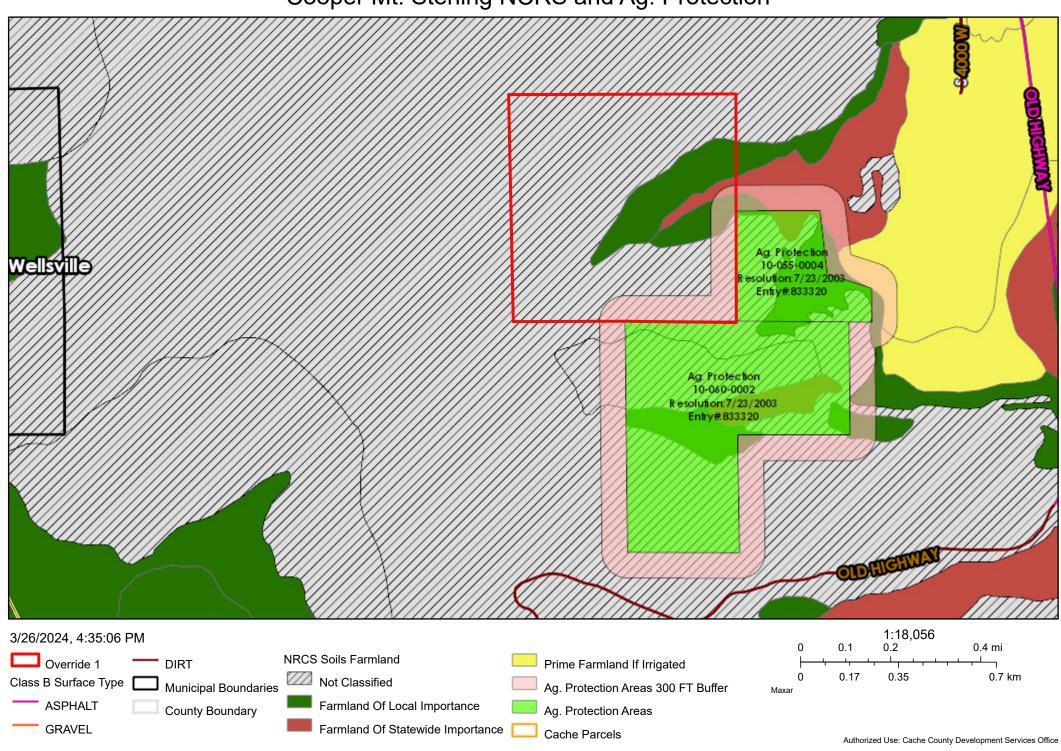
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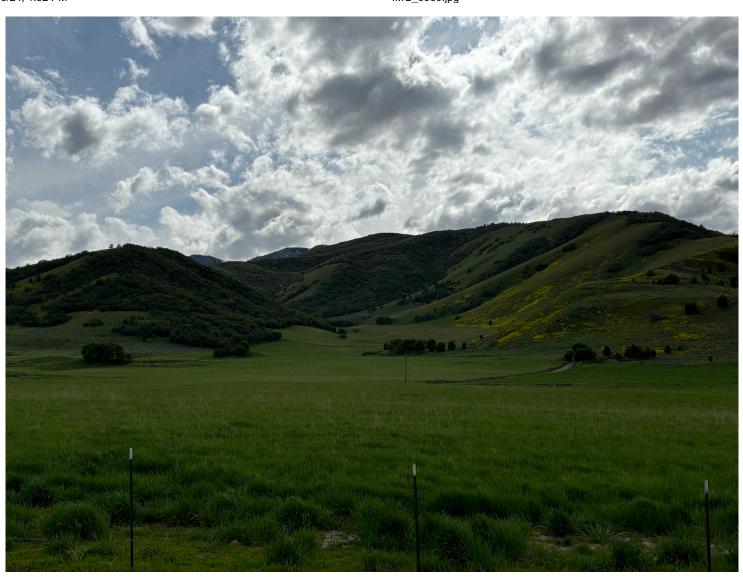




### Cooper Mt. Sterling NCRS and Ag. Protection



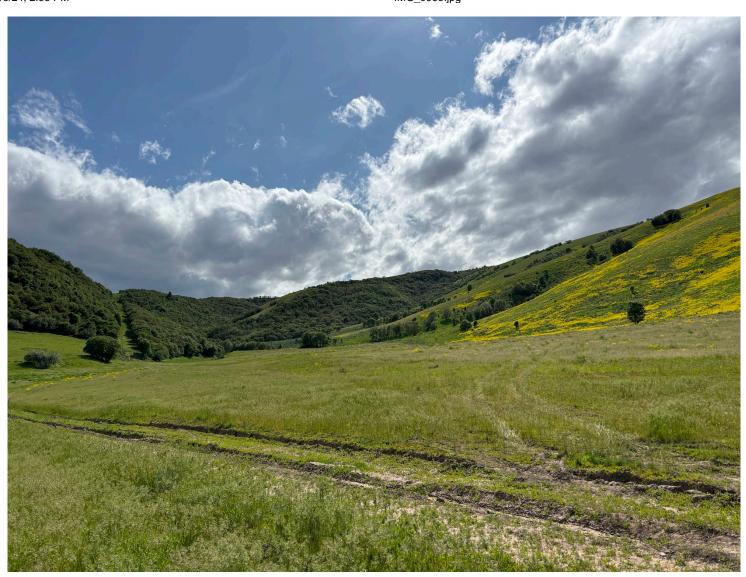
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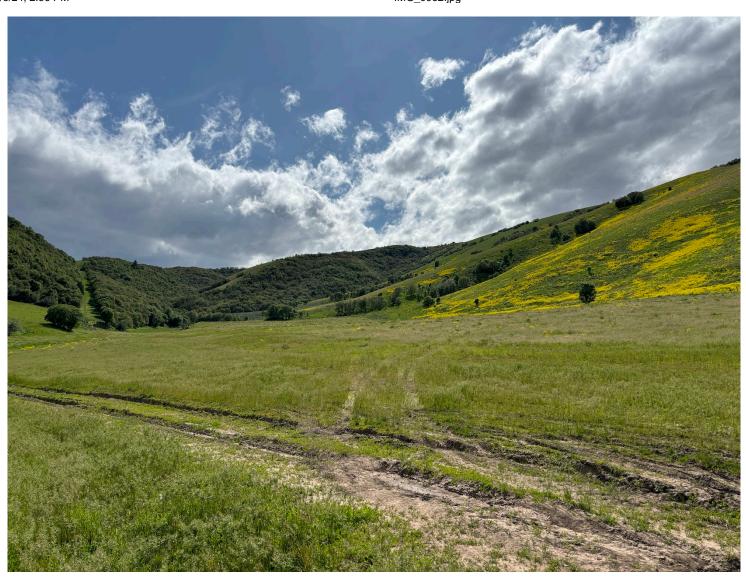
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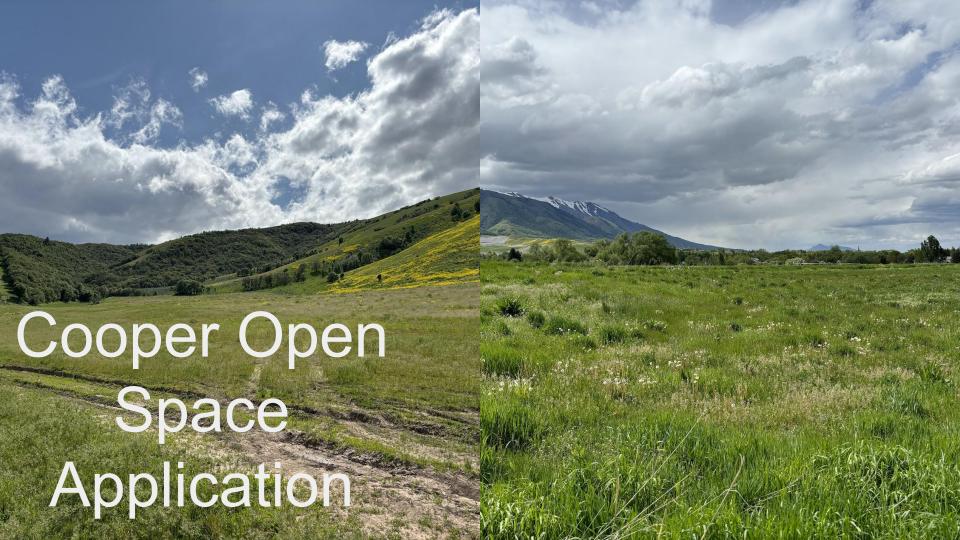


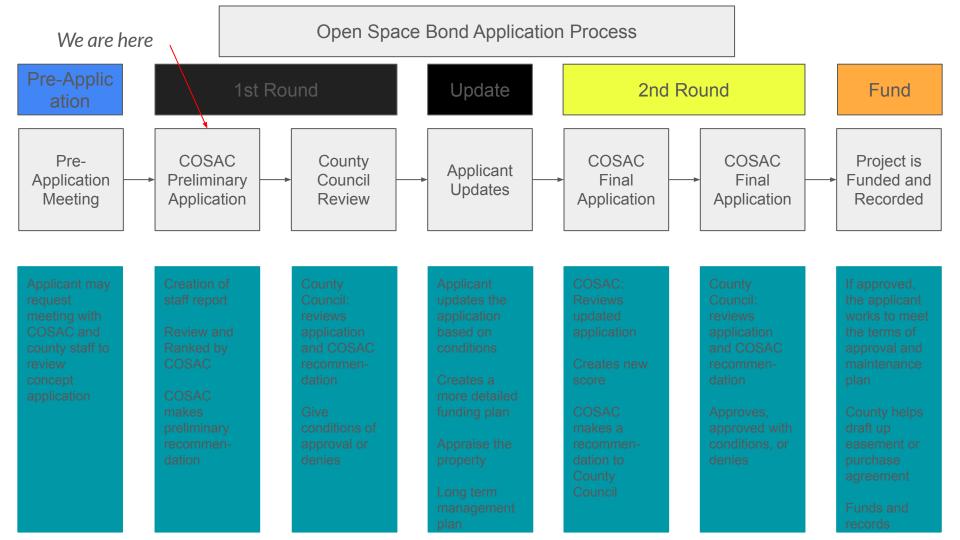
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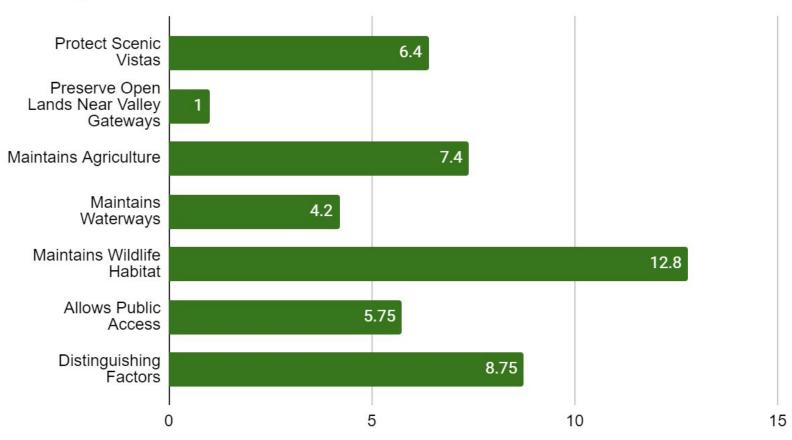






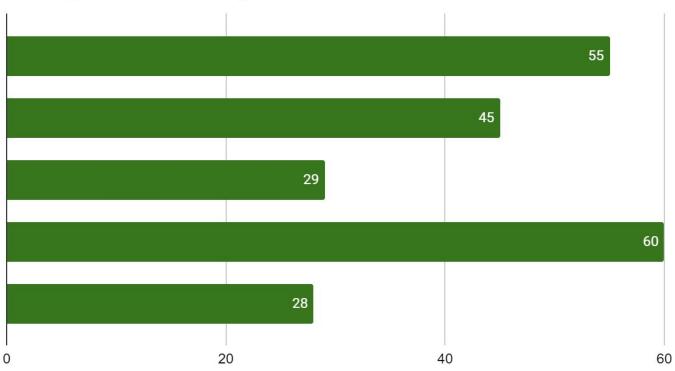


### Average Scores



## Average Total Score 43.4

Average Total Score By Member

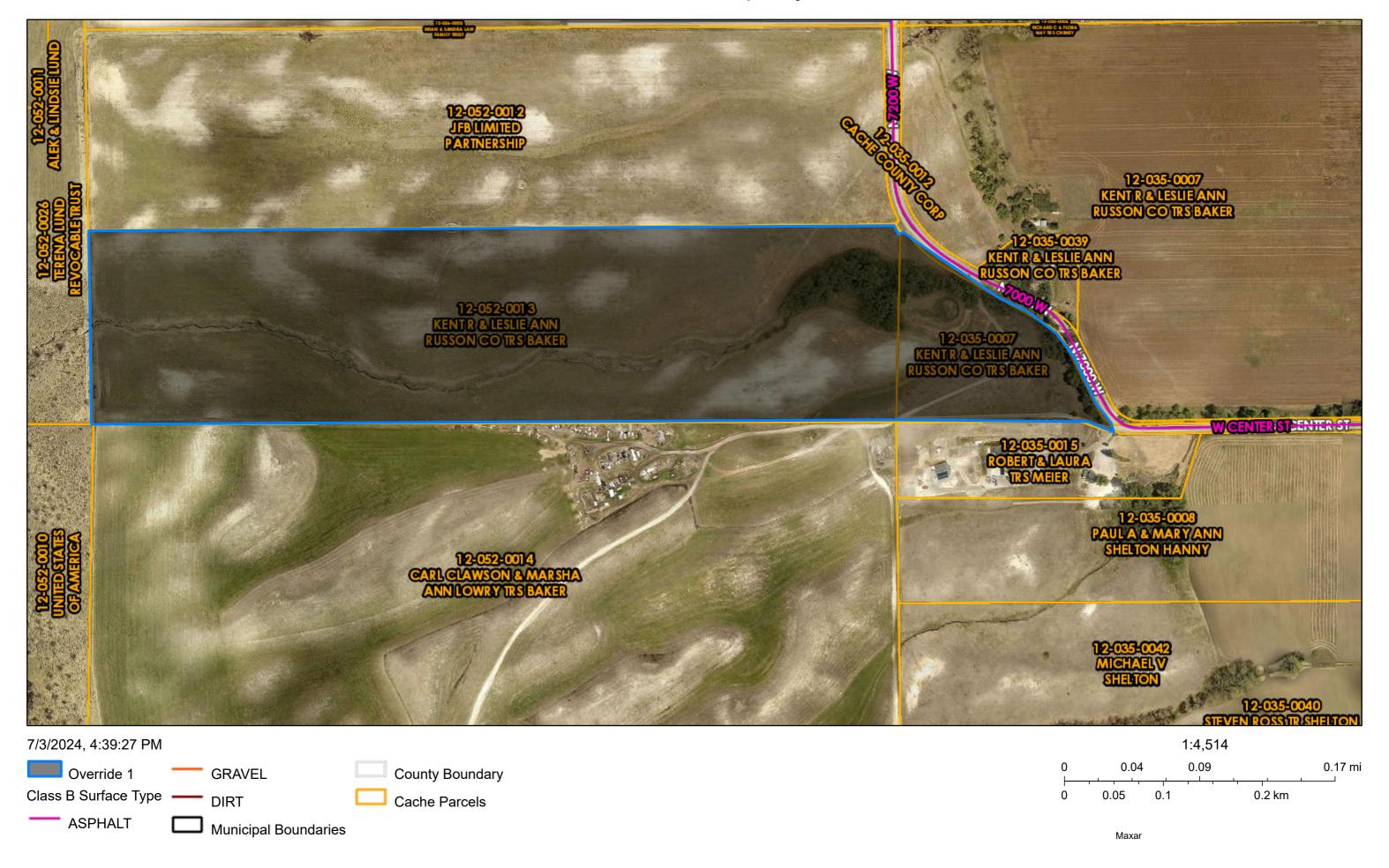


## Comments

Need to see the public access plan to score that category.

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## **Baker Property**



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Are you aware of any legal disputes or conflicts relating yes, please describe. Select one No	to the property or proposed project? If
Section B: Property Information	
Project Name: Elkhorn Ranch Phase 2	
Address or location: Approximately 2400 S HWY 165 N	ibley Ut 84321
Municipality or nearest city: Nibley/Millville	
Parcel number(s): 03-001-0019, 03-001-0014,03-003-0003,03	-002-001,03-004-0001,03-002-0012,03-004-0002,03-004-0009
Total acres: <u>115 +/- 5</u>	
Acres proposed to be preserved by conservation easen	
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If not the entire parcel(s), provide a map of the propose	d project. See Figure 1 Attached
Section C: Applicant Information	
Property Owner(s):Joe Fuhriman	
Address: 2400 S HWY 165 City: Nible	<u>ey</u> State: <u>Ut</u> Zip: <u>843</u> 21
Phone: 435-770-0099 Email: jhf.ranch@gr	nail.com
Contact person/ Authorized Agent (if other than prope	rty owner):Gabriel Murray
Title / position: Executive Director - Bear River L	<del></del>
Address: P.O. Box 4565 City: Loga	<u>n State: Ut</u> Zip: <u>843</u> 23
Phone: 907-953-2575 Email: gabriel@bearriv	<u>erlandconser</u> vancy.org
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Agent relationship to project, check all that app	ly:
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Land Trust	☐ Other, describe



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	Matt Coombs			Email: _	mccombs@sagebrushlandtrust.org
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### **COSAC** Open Space Funding Application

### Section D: Additional Information

### 1. Please describe past, present, and future uses of the property.

The present-day property was part of the original settlement of 1855 in Cache Valley. The Fuhriman family purchased the property in 1944 and presently manage an agricultural Cow/Calf livestock operation. In 2003 the family placed the property under agricultural protection and in 2004, the family placed approximately 59 acres under an agricultural conservation easement. This project intends to expand upon the original easement and ensure the long-term viability of the agricultural operation into the future.

### 2. Are you aware of any toxic or hazardous materials on the property?

There are no known toxic or hazardous materials on the property. As part of a past project an environmental clearance report was undertaken on most of the proposed property and did not reveal any toxic or hazardous materials.

### 3. Is the property subject to any DEQ or EPA restrictions?

No known DEQ or EPA restrictions exist on the property.

### 4. What benefits will the public receive as a result of the proposed transaction?

#### a. Protection of Scenic Vistas:

i. As Cache County continues to develop, scenic vistas and open spaces are rapidly disappearing. This property maintains frontage along a major corridor (State Highway 165) and provides vistas of farmlands, rivers, and wet meadows. These scenic values are unique and the very reason many folks call Cache County home.

#### b. Maintains agriculture:

i. The property is part of a historic agricultural operation in Cache County, Utah. Today the property is managed as an active Cow/Calf operation and expands upon an existing 59-acre agricultural easement and agricultural protection area to ensure long-term agricultural viability of the whole property. Additionally, approximately 97% of the property contains critical farmland with 33% being of local importance, 34% being prime farmland, and the remaining 30% being farmland of statewide importance. In addition to critical farmland, the property has numerous water rights that may be encumbered by the conservation easement.

#### c. Maintains waterways:

i. This property protects a 3,700 ft riparian corridor and section of the Blacksmith Fork River a tributary to the Logan River. Additionally, maintaining the property as open space reduces flood impacts and maintains critical green infrastructure allowing for the attenuation of

flooding and mitigating potential downstream impacts to communities. The Blacksmith Fork River also contains habitat for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout with numerous restoration and connectivity projects occurring upstream and downstream of the property. The landowner has also worked with several partners including the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and NRCS to minimize and mitigate erosion.

#### d. Maintains wildlife habitat:

i. The property contains numerous benefits to wildlife. The Black Smith Fork River flows unimpeded directly through the property and contains Bonneville Cutthroat Trout and other aquatic species. Additionally, there are numerous springs, wetlands, and wet meadows on the property and past management has been conducive to migratory birds such as Sandhill Cranes and other species. Finally, the property connects two existing conservation easement areas and expands upon open space and connectivity in a rapidly developing portion of Cache County.

### e. Historical significance:

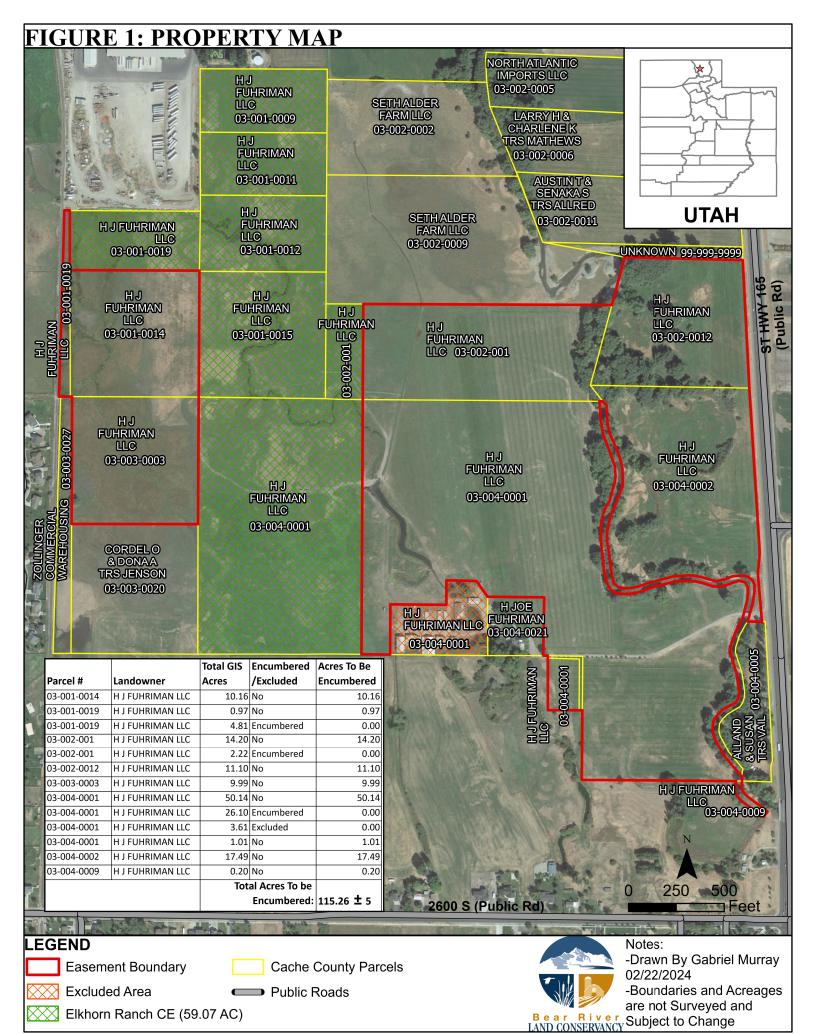
i. This property represents the rich agricultural heritage and history of Cache Valley. The property today was part of the first Mormon Pioneer Settlement in 1855. The original fort and corrals were established just to the west of the property and the property provided excellent grazing lands and resources for construction. The property is also one of the last agriculturally viable portions of the original settlement. Protecting this property not only protects an active agricultural operation, but the very history on which modern day Cache County has been built.

### 5. Are you proposing to open any portion of the property to public access?

The subject property is an active cattle ranch with livestock that are moved throughout the property on a constant basis. Unfortunately, providing public access to any portion of the property may jeopardize the operation and increase the liability/risk to the landowner and their livelihood. Therefore, public access is not intended to be provided at this time.

6. Are you working with other organization or agencies that may provide professional assistance or potential funding sources (such as NRCS, Bear River Land Conservancy, Utah Open Lands, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund)?

This project is being facilitated and potentially held or co-held by Bear River Land Conservancy. Bear River Land Conservancy has a history of working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Utah LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund to close conservation easements and intends to submit applications to both funding sources. Bear River Land Conservancy will also be assisting with the due diligence necessary to complete the project.



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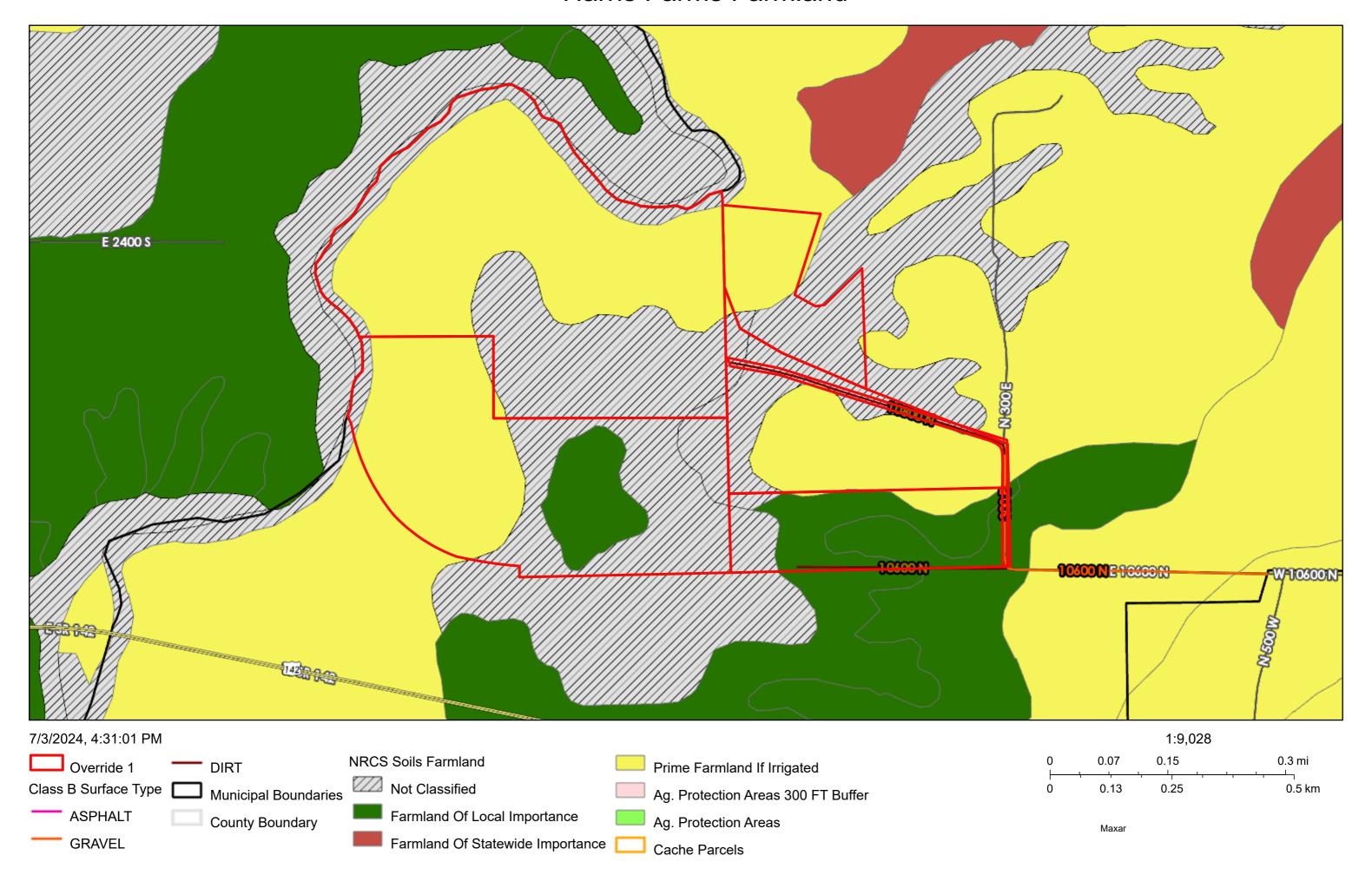
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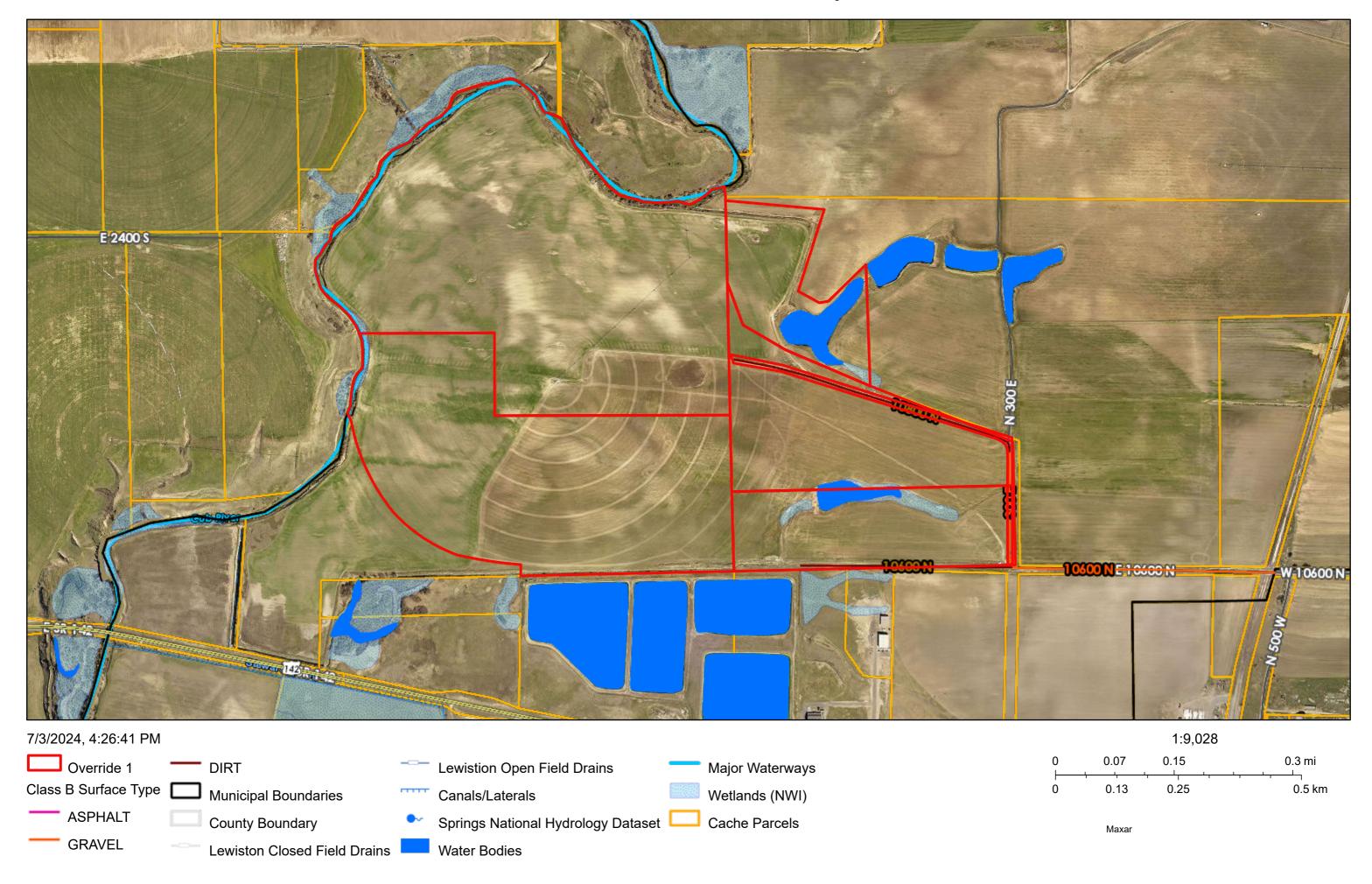
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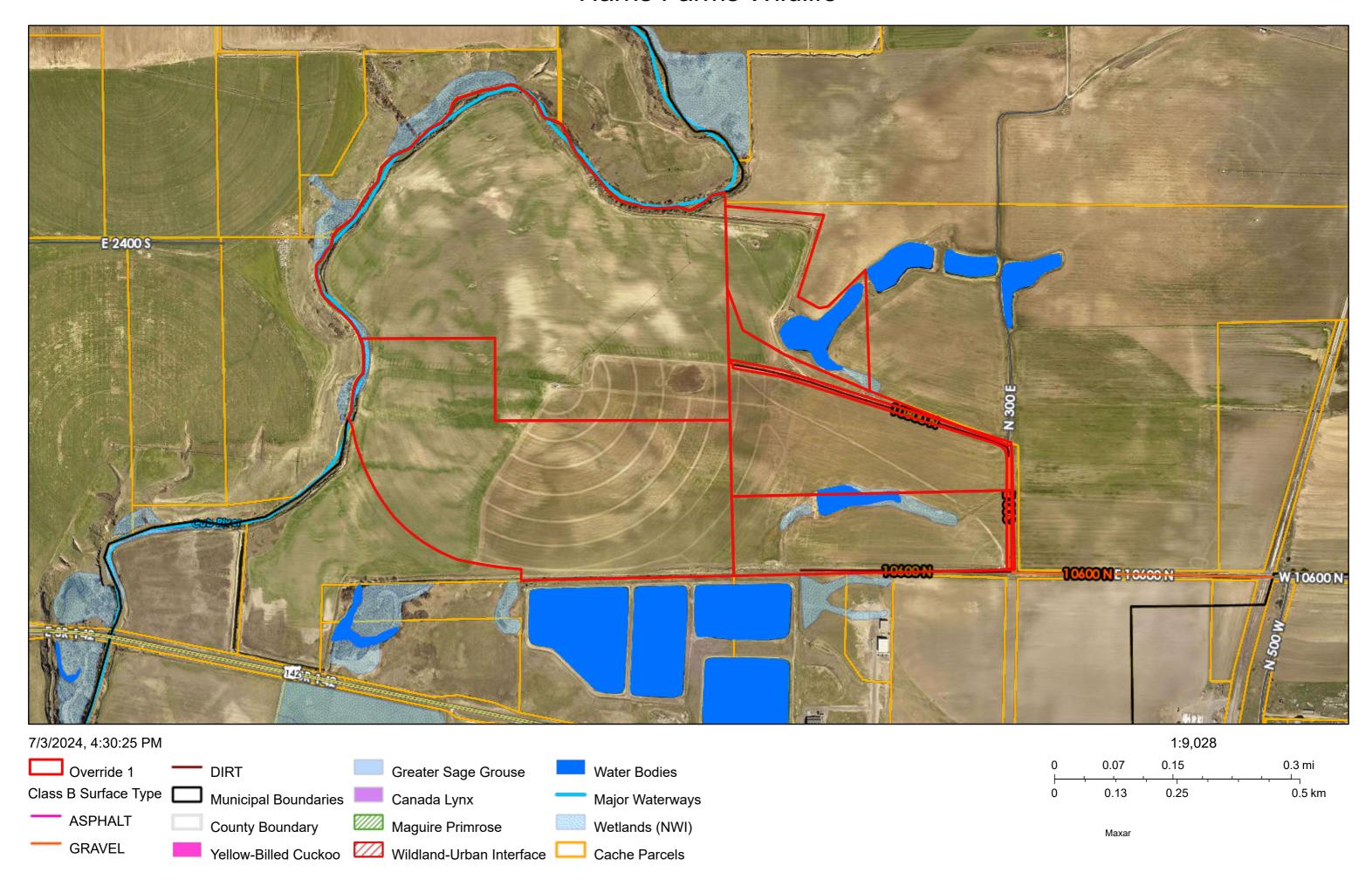
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## Harris Farms Waterways



## Harris Farms Wildlife



## Harris Farms Zoning

