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Comments: I want to express my opinion to the federal and state agencies that are tasked with implementing the future state of this unique wilderness property. Drive 30 mins in any direction of this site and what you will see is very similar landscapes as Sweetwater Lake that have fallen victim to 21st century capitalism. Whether it's completely scraping sage brush winter ranges for a 2nd or 3rd home or outdoors retreat for a nonresident, or a private golf course, or over grazing public land with no accountability. What is apparent is that maintaining wild landscapes is far down the priority list for the federal and state governments.

With that being said, anything that dilutes the ability for the existing plants and animals from thriving and not maintaining the uniquely wild traits of this land purchase would be a continuation of the decline of the west and will be caving to commercial interest in the face of overwhelming signs that what this state needs is the opposite advocacy. I think this is also the general sentiment of the area residents. It's hard to miss the signs opposing the occupation of this land by the state from local residents due to similar fears amongst others. I recognize that the acquisition of this land by private interests for development is also a major risk to the sentiments i've shared above. In conclusion, the state and federal agencies have the opportunity to do this right and make it known that people's voices are heard, please keep this area uniquely wild and protected.