

Proudfoot Bend Ranch

Description:

Location: North of Moab along the Colorado River on Highway 128 in Grand County



Acreage: 184.27 acres

Grant funding: \$537,500

Total Project Cost: \$1,075,000

Grant Awarded: November 2001

Partners: Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources, The Nature Conservancy

Local Support: Grand County, Moab City, Town of Castle Valley, Sen. Mike Dimitrich

Conservation Easement Held by: Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources



Public Benefit

Wildlife Habitat: The Ranch has one mile of Colorado River frontage between the Dewey Bridge and the confluence with the Dolores River. This river frontage supports a narrow riparian corridor of native willow and mature cottonwoods and is pristine habitat for many species of birds, including American bald eagles. The riparian corridor provides an oasis of habitat for many other species in the red rock landscape as well.

Endangered Species Habitat: Proudfoot Bend is a key property in terms of location to rare/endangered plant sites- sites where the final remaining population of certain species, like the alcove rock daisy, occurs on earth.

Scientific Research: There are numerous relict areas in the corridor. A relict area is one that is undisturbed by human or domesticated animals. These areas are important study areas which afford scientists the ability to examine the landscape prior to human interaction.