



NATURE CONSERVANCY ACQUIRES 49,555-ACRE JE CANYON RANCH

Mirr Ranch Group listing sells for \$21 million.

Situated in the canyon country of Southeastern Colorado, JE Canyon is considered one of the most biologically diverse ranches in the western portion of the Great Plains. The 77-square-mile tract features nine miles of the Purgatoire River, six miles of Chacuaco Creek, and more than 50 miles of sandstone canyons. Of crucial significance is the presence of the largest herd of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Centennial State.



“JE Canyon has been on The Nature Conservancy’s radar for almost 20 years, and we feel fortunate to have had such great partners, including Mirr Ranch Group, Corwin Brown, our generous supporters, and Conservancy staff who worked so hard on this project,” said Michael Higuera, land conservation program manager for The Nature Conservancy. “This nearly 50,000-acre ranch that is home to over 865 plant and animal species will be permanently protected, as will some of the most iconic scenery in all of Southeastern Colorado.” Said listing broker Ken Mirr, “Mirr Ranch Group has always sought a conservation-minded buyer for this property, and found the ultimate conservation buyer in The Nature Conservancy.” Read more [HERE](#).



WHITE HOUSE



NATIONAL

PRESIDENT ESTABLISHES THREE NEW NATIONAL MONUMENTS. President Obama established three national monuments using authority granted to our nation's chief executive under the Antiquities Act: Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas. Since 1906, 16 presidents have used the Antiquities Act to protect unique natural and historic features, such as the Grand Canyon and the Statue of Liberty. President Theodore Roosevelt used it first to designate Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. With these three new designations, President Obama will have relied on the Antiquities Act to establish or expand 19 national monuments. Read more [HERE](#).



WEST

AUCTION

IDAHO ESTATE

SUN VALLEY ESTATE OF FORMER LEHMAN BROTHERS CEO ON THE BLOCK.

Richard Fuld's 71-acre Big Wood River Estate will be offered at auction on August 19 by Concierge Auctions. Originally marketed for \$59.5 million, it is expected to fetch between \$30 million and \$50 million, according to The Wall Street Journal. Situated at the foot of Bald Mountain, the property includes a 9,200-square-foot main house, guest quarters, and a gatehouse. All three rock-and-timber structures were designed by Alan Wanzenberg. The estate also enjoys 2,100 feet of Big Wood River frontage. Big Wood River Estate sits minutes from Sun Valley and Ketchum, and has convenient airport access. "This is ideal for someone who likes privacy and seclusion," said Laura Brady, president of Concierge Auctions. Read more [HERE](#).

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SALE

RED HILLS ESTATE

GREENWOOD PLANTATION MAIN HOUSE SELLS.

The historic structure, as well as a lodge, stables, a garage, eight staff houses, and 235 acres was listed and sold by Jon Kohler & Associates for approximately \$1.3 million. Considered to be “the most perfect example of Greek Revival architecture in America,” the antebellum structure is one of the few surviving homes built by British architect John Wind (1819–1863). The seller was the Greentree Foundation, a nonprofit organization established in 1982 by Betsey Cushing Whitney. Westchester South Investments was the buyer. Earlier this year, a foundation created by Paddy Vanderbilt Wade purchased the bulk of Greenwood Plantation, which included the 1,200-acre “Big Woods,” the largest privately held tract of old-growth longleaf pine in the U.S. The last time Greenwood changed hands was in 1899 when it was acquired by Col. Oliver Hazard Payne of Cleveland. Read more [HERE](#).



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LAWSUIT

COLORADO RECREATIONAL LAND

COALITION SUES USFS TO BLOCK

LAND SWAP.

A group of nonprofits has filed a 72-page lawsuit alleging that the U.S. Forest Service failed to be transparent and to follow federal environmental law when it approved a land swap with Developer Red McCombs. In May the Forest Service approved a deal to swap 205 federal acres on Wolf Creek Pass for 177 acres of wetlands also on the pass. The federal acreage is essential for the development of McCombs's Village at Wolf Creek, which has been on the drawing board for three decades and is slated for 1,700 units and more than 8,000 people. The lawsuit, which was filed by Rocky Mountain Wild, the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, the San Juan Citizens Alliance, and the Wilderness Workshop, targets several aspects of the land swap approval by Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas. It alleges that the Forest Service "privatized federal land and granted access necessary to build a massive resort development without considering or taking the steps necessary to reduce and eliminate impact to the surrounding National Forest System Lands." Read more [HERE](#).

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