

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife Disaster Peak Ranch Property Acquisition

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

On Wednesday, February 9th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Disaster Peak Ranch property acquisition.

In April 2021, the Department received approval to apply for a federal grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$2.75 million for the acquisition of the Disaster Peak Ranch Property. As part of that approval, the Department was requested to return and report on the progress of the grant. The Department has received the funds and is awaiting a new owner to take over the property.

The property is currently owned by the non-profit organization, Western Rivers Conservancy. Once Western Rivers has found a buyer for the property, the Department will use the grant funds to pay Western Rivers for the value of the property, and the property will be transferred to the new owners to be used as a working cattle ranch and a fish and wildlife habitat.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.