



**POSITIVE IMPACTS
FROM THE ACKERSON
MEADOW RESTORATION:**

Increases groundwater
recharge and storage

Tempers peak flows

Improves flood
protection
downstream

Enhances baseflow
and improves late
season water supply

Re-establishes 90 acres
of historic wetlands

Enhances hydrology
for 100 acres of
existing wetlands

Improves habitats for
threaten species like
the Northwestern
Pond Turtle

Improves public access
and recreation
opportunities

The Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange would transfer land between Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest in California. The parcels proposed for transfer are within the Ackerson Meadow complex, an important wildlife corridor and one of the Sierra Nevada's most extensive meadow systems. In addition to being habitat for State and Federally listed species, the meadow serves as an important public land grazing parcel for a family ranch enterprise, the Erickson Cattle Company.

American Rivers has been working at Ackerson Meadow with Yosemite National Park, the Stanislaus National Forest, and the Erickson family for more than a decade. Together we've completed a major restoration of the meadow that provided improvements to the grazing infrastructure like an improved cattle pond, fencing, and a corral.

The Land Interchange would transfer administrative jurisdiction of 160 acres of National Forest System land to Yosemite National Park and transfer administrative jurisdiction over 170 acres of National Park System land to the Stanislaus National Forest. This would eliminate a checkerboard pattern of land management, providing better conservation outcomes and more straightforward use by the public, grazing permittees, and both agencies.

REQUEST

Advance the Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange (S. 2881) that would:

- **Eliminate the checkerboard pattern of land management.**
- **Reduce the fragmentation of important wildlife habitat that was recently restored.**
- **Provide more efficient management of adjoining cattle grazing allotments.**
- **Provide season-long grazing use and ensures new grazing infrastructure is accessible by the permittee in the future.**
- **Simplify recreational use for camping**
- **Have no impact on USFS potential to generate revenue**