757 acres return to public ownership

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After a 10-year effort, the American River Conservancy has completed the purchase of 757 acres of former ranch lands that straddle Salmon Falls Road in El Dorado County.

The lands are on the north side of the South Fork of the American River where it flows into Folsom Lake.

The lands run for about 2 miles along the water front, which can be lakefront or the riverfront, depending on how high the lake is.

The new acreage will allow for more public trail opportunities, said Alan Ehrgott, Conservancy director.

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