

Scenic meadows near Lake Tahoe preserved

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TRUCKEE – A breathtaking landscape of Sierra Nevada meadows, forests and wetlands larger than San Francisco's Golden Gate Park – located 20 miles north of Lake Tahoe – will be preserved from development under a \$10 million deal that closed Friday.

The Carpenter Valley is 1,317 acres, a hidden valley one ridge over from the Tahoe Donner ski resort that is home to bald eagles, black bears, carpets of wildflowers and an unspoiled stream – all flanked by snow-capped peaks.

A coalition of conservation groups known as the Northern Sierra Partnership, which is based in Palo Alto and funded in large part by donors from Silicon Valley and the rest of the Bay Area, feared that the land would be developed as a golf course or housing subdivision. So the groups stepped in to acquire the property when it was about to hit the market.

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