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CRAIG, Colo. (AP) – An agriculture-preserve agreed on a conservation easement to preserve habitat.

The Colorado Cattlemen's [Agricultural](#) [Lan](#) Mountain Ranch will be paid \$5.6 million in easement development.

The trust says about half the money comes from the Greater Sage Grouse Initiative. The rest comes from Colorado.

The land is described as key sage grouse habitat near Dinosaur National Monument.

The conservation easement is part of a broader effort by states, local governments and landowners to [protect](#) [the](#) greater sage grouse without resorting to an endangered or threatened species designation by the federal government.

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