

Forest Legacy – Utah Clip

(Music, then voice over)

Don Blonquist: My name is Don Blonquist and this place is Six Feathers Ranch. You have a dream of someday inheriting something that you've loved so much your whole life. And then it turns into a nightmare to try and figure out how we were going to not have to sell it to pay off the inheritance taxes

My aunt and uncle inherited this property from his father who came here in the early 1800's and homesteaded part of it. My childhood was spent here on the property. My aunt truly loved this place and she wanted it preserved. There are others in the family who looked at it as a way to make some money. But that's one of the promises I made her, that I'd never sell it for development.

Jenny Park Burnet: He really had an interest in seeing it protected and after hearing what they wanted to do I knew it was really a perfect match for the Forest Legacy program.

Ann Price: The program has several criteria. Six Feathers ranch met all those criteria. We've got the forest, we've got the watershed, we've got the wildlife, the riparian areas. This project had it all, plus it had a family that totally bought into the conservation easement process.

Jenny Park Burnet: A conservation easement is a legal document that will basically ensure that this property remains basically as it is today forever, which is an amazing thing because with the world changing as much as it does, to keep this pristine and protected not just for the animals but for the people and the birds and the fish who are out here enjoying it.