



Ranching Operations

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Rangelands and Ranches

While mining is the core business of Newmont's North American Region, our presence in Nevada extends beyond exploring and producing gold, silver and copper. Our substantial land position provides not only access for mineral resources but for other natural resources including water, livestock forage, and wildlife habitat and watershed / open space. Most significantly, the ranches provide land management and mitigation to support our mining operations. Elko Land and Livestock Company (ELLCo), a subsidiary of Newmont USA Limited, owns and operates several ranches. These ranches, the TS, Horseshoe, Big Springs, and IL, are integral parts of our Nevada operations.

Founded in 1870 by William Dunphy, an immigrant from Ireland, the TS ranch was purchased by Newmont/ELLCo in 1984. The 400,000 acre ranch supports a large rangeland livestock operation including irrigated forage crop production (dairyquality alfalfa hay, oat hay, grass pasture) and a feedlot. The ranch and Newmont's mining operations on the Carlin Trend are intermixed. Water removed by mining operations is used for irrigation on the ranch. The TS Ranch is also home to the TS Power Plant which generates power for many of Newmont's operations. In 2004, Newmont/ELLCo acquired the Horseshoe Ranch, originally part of the TS Ranch. The 200,000 acre Horseshoe Ranch provides rangeland forage and irrigated pasture as well as serving as the headquarters for ELLCo.

The 350,000 acre Big Springs Ranch, between Wells and Wendover, Nevada, was acquired during the merger with Fronteer Gold in 2011 and provides access for the Long Canyon Project. A predominantly rangeland forage operation, Big Springs Ranch also supports an extensive wet meadow system. Newmont/ELLCo brought the historic IL Ranch into its operations in 2012. The 500,000 acre IL was purchased for stewardship purposes and is managed for rangeland livestock production, wildlife habitat, and biological diversity.

With a base herd of 5,000 head of cattle, ELLCo produces top-quality calves, most of which are sold in December. The ranches also support abundant wildlife including pronghorn antelope, mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Greater Sage-Grouse, numerous species of waterfowl and songbirds.

Collaboration and cooperation with natural resource management agencies, public interest groups, neighboring ranches, and conservation organizations have resulted in habitat improvement on many thousands of acres on the ranches. Newmont/ELLCo have reseeded over 150,000 acres of rangelands burned by wildfire to rehabilitate wildlife habitat. Sophisticated management has improved watershed and riparian habitat conditions and, in the Maggie Creek area, restored Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and populations.

Learn more about Newmont's ranches, land stewardship, and wildlife at www.tsranch.com

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TS Ranch hay pivots during winter



Headquarters of the IL Ranch



Horseshoe Ranch Headquarters



Big Springs Ranch Headquarters



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