

A landscape photograph showing a wide, flat field with dry, brownish grass in the foreground and middle ground. A dense line of green trees runs across the middle distance. In the far background, a city skyline is visible under a hazy, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on the upper and lower portions of the image.

**Transfer of Karr Farm
to
Department**

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History

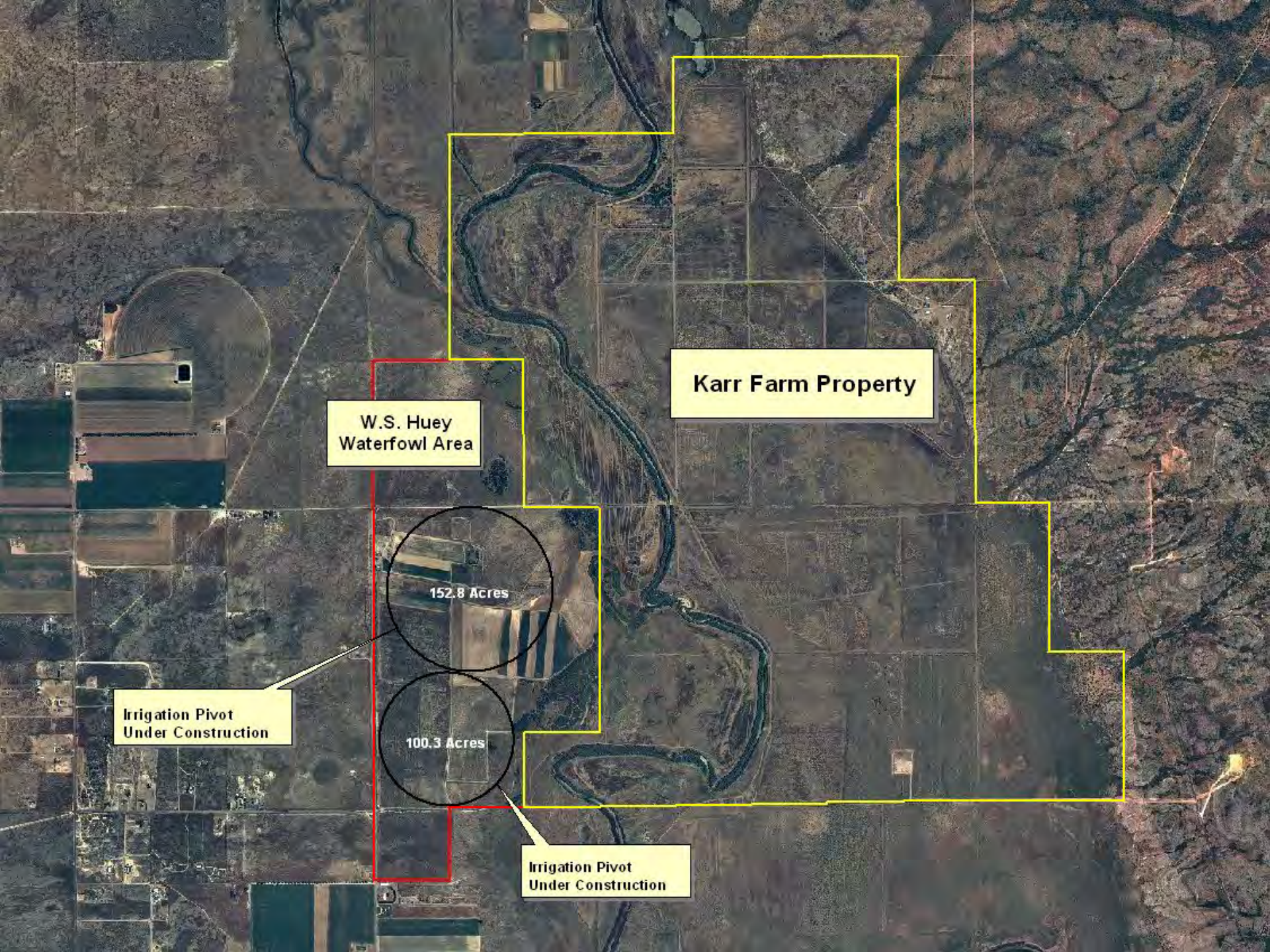
- Construction of Brantley Dam was initiated in May 1985, with impoundment starting 1988
- Per the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report, habitat mitigation was required for the Brantley Project
- Bureau purchased the Karr Farm to help meet the mitigation requirement
- In 1995 mitigation efforts were focused on the Seven Rivers property owned by the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau)
- Department and Bureau entered into an agreement for the Department to implement land management on Seven Rivers

Current Situation

- The Cooperative Agreement (Legal Authority) to transfer funds from the Bureau to Department was terminated in 2010
- Mitigation requirements to provide waterfowl habitat for the Brantley Project exists per the Coordination Act Report

The Solution

- Bureau offered to transfer the 2,240 acre Karr Farm with associated water rights to Department to satisfy the Brantley Project mitigation requirement
- Benefits
 - Would address the needs and requirements of the Coordination Act Report for mitigation
 - Karr Farm is adjacent to the Artesia Farm at the W.S. Huey Waterfowl Management Area and consolidation will permit more efficient and effective habitat management



Karr Farm Property

**W.S. Huey
Waterfowl Area**

152.8 Acres

100.3 Acres

**Irrigation Pivot
Under Construction**

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Habitat and Recreation Management Actions



A photograph of a wetland area. In the foreground, there is a calm pond reflecting the sky and surrounding vegetation. The water is clear, showing some green algae or plants at the bottom. The middle ground is dominated by tall, green reeds and grasses. In the background, there are several large, leafy trees under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is a lush, natural wetland environment.

Develop and manage for moist soil type wetlands

Increase habitat type diversity in the Pecos Drainage system

Photo by Dan Williams

Provide for improved wildlife, waterfowl and migratory bird habitats



Assess and develop wildlife associated recreational opportunities



Provide sportsmen opportunities especially for youth



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Moist Soil Unit 1 (Existing)
92 Acres

Proposed Agricultural
Area (approx. 100 ac)

Irrigation Pivot
Under Construction

Moist Soil Unit 2
135 Acres

Moist Soil Unit 3
32 Acres

Historic River Oxbow
17 Acres

152.8 Acres

Moist Soil Unit 4
186 Acres

Karr Farm Property

W.S. Huey
Waterfowl Mgt Area

100.3 Acres

Irrigation Pivot
Under Construction

Inter-agency Cooperation

- Department, Bureau, and US Fish and Wildlife Service support land transfer for mitigation
- Bureau will complete compliance requirements
 - Hazardous materials
 - Cultural resources
 - Appraisals
 - National Environmental Protection Act
 - Federal and state requirements for property transfer

Agreements

- Develop final land transfer agreement between Bureau and the Department by 30 September 2011
- Develop agreement between Bureau and Department for wildlife recreation use of the Brantley property



Questions/Comments?

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