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### **RURAL REAL ESTATE PROJECT ANNOUNCES WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION MILESTONE**

BUFFALO, WY – November 21, 2008 – Sand Creek Ranch, a pioneering conservation real estate project on the east slope of the Bighorns, has announced a significant milestone in water conservation and water resource development for northwestern Johnson County.

The Hopkins Producers Irrigation District (HPID), made up of Sand Creek Ranch and four neighboring landowners, recently awarded a contract for nearly \$750,000 in irrigation water conveyance improvements to Utah-based low bidder Johansen Construction. The project is being funded through a Wyoming Water Development Commission grant and a federal cost share of \$350,000 to the cooperating producers from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

“We believe we’re demonstrating a soil and water conservation approach that other Wyoming landowners can consider,” notes John Jenkins, Sand Creek’s President and CEO, and HPID’s Secretary / Treasurer.

The project will create a sustainable, efficient, gravity-driven Hopkins Pipeline system out of numerous dirt supply ditches built as far back as 1884. The goal is to increase efficiency in hay production and grazing by eliminating water loss, and also eliminate soil erosion on ranch meadows and hillsides while reducing sedimentation flows into the greater Clear Creek watershed.

“NRCS and WWDC have provided invaluable support, engineering and administrative contributions in making this project a reality,” he added.

Construction is expected to be complete by Spring 2009.

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