

## Boston Mountains Scenic Wildlife Corridor/Crawford County: Northwest Arkansas Land Trust Establishes 580-Acre Conservation Easement



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The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission issued a news release stating that the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust (“NWALT”) has established a 580-acre conservation easement in Crawford County, Arkansas.

The conservation easement is stated to have been established in collaboration with landowners Philip and Rebecca Thompson.

The acreage is described as part of the Boston Mountains Scenic Wildlife Corridor.

NWALT states that this a priority area for the organization because it includes United States Forest Service land. The organization has been seeking permanent connectivity among such landscapes and, therefore, establishing conservation linkages.

The acreage is stated to encompass two headwater streams that flow into Cedar Creek. Cedar Creek is a major tributary to Frog Bayou. Therefore, the conservation easement is stated to be critical in preserving the:

. . . ecological integrity of the area, nurturing diverse aquatic ecosystems, and ensuring the sustained health of these natural resources.

NWALT is described as the region’s first local and accredited Land Trust dedicated to enhancing the quality of life through permanent land protection. The organization holds and manages donated land and provides conservation easement services to protect water quality, local farms, wildlife habitats, and places for outdoor recreation. Its service area includes 13 counties in Northwest Arkansas with a core focus on:

- Benton
- Washington
- Madison
- Carroll

The NWALT news release can be found [here](#).