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# Herb Kohl donates 990 acres for conservation in Wyoming

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Former U.S. Sen. [Herb Kohl](#), who has owned a ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyo., since the early 1970s, has donated 990 acres to The **Trust for Public Land** to conserve what is described as one of the most pristine, beautiful landscapes in Wyoming.

Kohl, in an interview with the Milwaukee Business Journal Thursday, said the property is "up the road" from his ranch in the Gros Ventre River Valley.

"There are some conservation organizations I support in Jackson Hole," Kohl said.

Kohl is a founding member of the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

The 990-acre tract is a top protection priority for conservationists that contains more than 2.5 miles of frontage along the federally designated Wild and Scenic Gros Ventre River and six headwater tributary streams. The property is close to the National Elk Refuge, the Wind River Range and Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

A conservation easement was put in place in 1983 to restrict development on some of the same land that Kohl now is donating.

"[Herb Kohl](#) is to be commended for his generosity and even more so, for his vision that began decades ago with an investment in some of the most beautiful land in the country," [Will Rogers](#), president and CEO of The Trust for Public Land, of San Francisco, said in a press release. "That investment has fortified the land that he now turns over to us as its steward. We are humbled to partner in this effort and proud to support his vision and love of nature."

Kohl, 80, maintains an office and residence in downtown Milwaukee. He sold the **Milwaukee Bucks** in May 2014 to a group led by New York City investment executives Wes Edens and Marc Lasry. Kohl served in the U.S. Senate for four terms ending in January 2013.

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