

Celebrate open space

Recently this summer large green banners have waved over undeveloped fields all over Jackson Hole. They proclaim that the property is protected by easements negotiated by the Jackson Hole Land Trust and donated or sold by owners who put their money where their mouths are when it comes to conservation.

As the Land Trust observes its 35th anniversary this year, it's certainly worth noting the work that has gone into making Jackson Hole look the way it does. As you travel around this week, look for the banners and imagine the alternatives along highways 22 and 390.

It's also worth noting that thousands of acres more remain vulnerable, and that every year new people come to Jackson Hole looking to buy a little slice of this verdant haven.

The Land Trust's work continues — and all of us can help by ensuring that the value of conservation easements is not lost on future residents and future generations.