



The Long Ridge property, located about six miles east of Dubois, has been permanently protected through an easement donated by Dave and Jean Brigham to the Wind River Program of the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

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Land protected by donated easement

The Wind River Program of the Jackson Hole Land Trust permanently protected the 79-acre Long Ridge property with a donated easement by the Brigham family, ensuring that its scenic and wildlife values will benefit future generations of residents and visitors to the Dubois area.

At Long Ridge, the Wind River Valley narrows considerably, and the Wind River runs along the base of the colorful Dubois Badlands. The property is critical winter habitat for bighorn sheep, mule deer and antelope. The stretch of the Wind River that runs through the property is also treasured by anglers making use of a Wyoming Game and Fish access easement. The Long Ridge property is highly visible from the highway, about six miles southeast of Dubois,

near Byrd Draw.

Dave and Jean Brigham approached Wind River Program Director Ellen Vanuga as experienced conservation landowners. The Brighams own a property in Weston, Vt. that was protected by an easement through the Vermont Land Trust over 20 years ago.

"They have been coming to Dubois for a long time and have a real soft spot for this part of Wyoming, its wild open spaces and wildlife," said Vanuga. "We are grateful to the Brigham family for their foresight and generosity in protecting this beautiful place."

"We love the open rugged natural landscapes of the Wind River Valley. It is one of the last frontiers of America. For those who come after us we want it to be the same," the Brighams said.