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### **Jackson Hole Land Trust Invites Community to Celebrate the Open Spaces and Wildlife that Provide a Sense of Place in Northwest Wyoming at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic**

The Jackson Hole Land Trust (JHLT) invites the community to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Land Trust Picnic at the Hardeman North property on Sunday, August 13, 2017. This beloved community tradition will feature the View22: Field Study Exhibit, music by PTO, a demonstration by the Teton Raptor Center, local beef from the Lockhart Cattle Company, cocktails by Jackson Hole Still Works, children's activities, an opportunity to visit existing FoundSpace art installations, and a speaking program highlighting the Sense of Place that open spaces bring to Jackson.

The View22 Project, in its fifth year, unites art and conservation to raise awareness of the importance of open space protection in Northwestern Wyoming. With local artists from Jackson Hole as well as from the Wind River and Green River Valley Program areas of the JHLT, the View22: Field Study project gives artists the opportunity to visit their designated JHLT conservation easement protected property on a number of occasions throughout spring and summer, allowing the participating artists to connect with and capture the changes and nuances of the property throughout the seasons. The finished View22 works will be for sale at the picnic with 30% of the proceeds donated by the artists to the Land Trust. Each artist has provided three to four images to be displayed. Similar to previous years, JHLT conservation easement properties will be marked with green flags in late July, preceding the Picnic. The flags will be located on highly-visible Land Trust easement protected properties along Highways 191, 22, and 390, and will provide a visual education and celebration of the impact of private land conservation and the open spaces conserved by the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

“For the past two years, the green flags have brought a renewed awareness to the community about conservation in Jackson Hole and Northwestern Wyoming,” says Laurie Andrews, President of the Jackson Hole Land Trust. “We are excited to identify the open spaces that mean so much to our community and recognize the properties that garner a deep

connection to the land and an understanding of the value of critical wildlife habitat – something we all need to protect in our backyards.”

The FoundSpace interactive art installations, created by five local artists in early June 2017, will remain in place along the pathway between Stilson Lot and the Wilson School for the general public to enjoy until the week after the picnic. Picnic attendees are encouraged to visit the installations during the event, and a limited number who visit each installation at the picnic will receive a custom FoundSpace hat with art by Abby Paffrath. In partnership with Jackson Hole Public Art, FoundSpace artists created contemporary artwork out of objects gathered from JHLT protected properties. Participants from the Doug Coombs Foundation and the Teton Chapter of the Wyoming Native Plant Society assisted in the creative process of the five local artists: Matt Daly, Jenny Dowd, Bland Hoke, Bronwyn Minton, and Ben Roth.

“FoundSpace brings together two of my favorite elements of living in Jackson Hole – art and wild places,” said Ben Roth, third-time FoundSpace artist. “You are able to explore beautiful open space while celebrating the wonderful creative talents of other artists in the community.”

The Annual Picnic begins at 4 pm, and will include the View22 art exhibit and sale, cocktails, and music by PTO. A picnic buffet featuring Lockhart beef begins at 5:30 pm, and the speaking program follows at 6 pm. Families are encouraged to attend, and can expect a kid-friendly art activity by the Art Association of Jackson Hole, demonstrations by the Teton Raptor Center with two booths worth of birds, and booths from numerous Land Trust programs and partners.

Last year’s Annual Picnic at Fish Creek Ranch drew over 800 guests. Tickets are \$50 per adult and free for children 12 and under. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred and available by calling 307.733.4707. Guests are encouraged to carpool to the picnic location, or use alternative forms of transportation and enter from the marked gate along the community pathway between the Stilson Lot and the Wilson School.

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### **About the Jackson Hole Land Trust**

The Jackson Hole Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization that was established in 1980 to preserve open space and the critical wildlife habitat, magnificent scenic vistas, and historic ranching heritage of Western Wyoming. By working cooperatively with the owners of the area’s privately owned open lands, the Jackson Hole Land Trust has ensured the permanent protection of over 55,000 acres in and around Jackson Hole and the Greater Yellowstone Area including Fremont and Sublette counties.