



## JACKSON HOLE LAND TRUST NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Jackson Hole Land Trust 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Picnic at the Mead Ranch Celebrates 35 Years of Open Spaces, Places, and Faces

**Jackson, Wyoming** – The Jackson Hole Land Trust invites the community to attend the [35<sup>th</sup> Annual Land Trust Picnic](#) at the Mead Ranch on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This beloved community tradition will be the culmination of the Land Trust’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, and will feature the View22: 35 Places Exhibit, FoundSpace art installation, music by One Ton Pig, children’s activities, classic barbeque fare, and a program highlighting 35 years of the Land Trust’s open space conservation successes.

The View22: 35 Places Exhibit at the picnic will showcase the finished works from this year’s [View22 Project](#), which paired [35 local artists](#) with 35 JHLT conservation properties to create place-based art and raise awareness for the importance of open space protection. The finished View22 works, representative of a diverse range of visual media, will be for sale at the picnic with 30% of proceeds donated by the artists to the Land Trust. In the weeks preceding the picnic, 35 green JHLT flags have been placed at each of the View22 locations, along Highway 22, the Moose-Wilson Road, the Snake River Corridor and other high-visibility routes, to create a visual celebration of the impact of private land conservation and the scenic views depicted by the View22 Project artists.

The FoundSpace interactive art installation, created by the [Exquisite Gardeners](#), local artists, and community members on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Karns Meadow, in partnership with the Center of Wonder and Jackson Hole Public Art, will be moved to the Mead Ranch for the picnic. Large metal letters spelling “Land” and “Trust” will form the basis of the installation and will be fastened with found objects gathered on JHLT conservation properties. “These two community-based art projects will be a wonderful way for picnic guests to participate in our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and experience the wonder of protected open spaces,” said Laurie Andrews, executive director of the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

The speaking program for the evening will feature the past and current leadership of the Jackson Hole Land Trust, including board presidents and executive directors. Together, the speakers will share stories, insights, and pivotal moments from the Land Trust’s 35 years of open space conservation work in the valley. The program will also recognize the Mead family for their conservation of 380 acres of the Mead Ranch in May 2015. The picnic site will be just north of the Mead Ranch headquarters, surrounded by the new



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conservation easements and on lands that have been ranched by the Mead and Hansen families in Spring Gulch for four generations. “Since last year’s picnic, the Land Trust has protected over 900 new acres of land. The program will highlight where we’ve come from and where we are headed, and the incredible people that make this work possible,” said Fred Staehr, Jackson Hole Land Trust board president.

The art exhibit and sale, cocktails, and music by One Ton Pig will begin at 4 pm, followed by a picnic buffet (featuring Mead Ranch Beef) at 5:30 pm, and the speaking program at 6 pm. Families are encouraged to attend, and can expect a kid-friendly art activity by the Art Association of Jackson Hole and booths by Land Trust partners Rendezvous “R” Park and the TravelStorysGPS smartphone application. Wyoming Whiskey will provide tastings of their small batch bourbon. The winners of the Faces of the Land Trust Photo & Video Contest will also be announced during the picnic, and a slideshow of images from the contest will be on display.

The Jackson Hole Land Trust’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations have been underwritten by many generous [sponsoring businesses](#) including Elk-level sponsors Ankeny Construction Management, Bank of Jackson Hole, and The Liquor Store; Pronghorn-level sponsors Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Jackson Hole News & Guide, Lily and Co., Mead Ranch Beef, Miller Russell Associates, MountainScapes, and Wyoming Whiskey; and Sage Grouse-level sponsors Amangani, Berlin Architects, Canvas Unlimited, Dynia Architects, Genevieve Catering, High Country Linen, Mullikin, Larson & Swift Lawyers, Orvis, Pierson Land Works, and Snake River Brewery.

Last year’s Annual Picnic at the 4 Lazy F or “Poodle” Ranch drew over 600 guests. Tickets are \$50 per adult and free for children 12 and under. Walk-ins are welcome, however pre-registration is recommended and available through [jhlandtrust.org/35years](http://jhlandtrust.org/35years) or by calling 307.733.4707. Guests are encouraged to carpool to the picnic location, and asked to park in designated parking areas only.

### **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 Jackson Hole. 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 25,000 acres in and around Jackson Hole and the Greater Yellowstone Area. For more information please visit [www.jhlandtrust.org](http://www.jhlandtrust.org).