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**Jackson Hole Land Trust Conserves 388 New Acres in its 35<sup>th</sup> Year**

**Jackson, Wyoming** – The Jackson Hole Land Trust has protected two new properties in Teton County in the final weeks of December, rounding out a successful 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in which the organization conserved 388 acres on 3 properties.

A 7-acre conservation easement in the Skyline Ranch subdivision was donated by Dr. Alice Richter. The property is bordered by three conservation easements, including a 3-acre parcel also within the Skyline Ranch subdivision protected in 2014 by the Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Skyline Ranch and Crane Creek Ranch easements held by The Nature Conservancy. In addition to being highly visible from Highway 22 along the Skyline Ridge hillside, the easement protects an ecological transition zone that provides important habitat and connectivity for wildlife.

A conservation easement eliminating development and access rights on a 1/2 acre parcel in the Town of Jackson along the south side of Flat Creek was donated by the Sobieski family and facilitated by Scott Albrecht. The property borders the 38-acre Flat Creek Corridor conservation property at the base of Snow King Mountain protected in phases through a partnership between the Jackson Hole Land Trust and Town of Jackson for wildlife habitat, flood mitigation, and public access.

“These projects underscore the impact of conserving small parcels for the benefit of ecological integrity, habitat connectivity, and scenic views. We are grateful to these landowners for their initiative and generosity,” said Scott Pierson, board president of the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

Earlier in 2015, 380 acres of the Mead Ranch in Spring Gulch were protected by the Jackson Hole Land Trust and Mead family in a watershed land deal that protects the incredible scenic views of Spring Gulch from Highway 22 and Spring Gulch Road, the fourth-generation ranching legacy of the Mead and Hansen families, and important wildlife habitat and migration corridors for elk, mule deer, and moose. The Spring Gulch Meadows project was made possible through private contributions to the Jackson Hole Land Trust’s *Forever Our Valley* capital campaign and a loan from the Bank of Jackson Hole.

For its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the Jackson Hole Land Trust celebrated “35 Years of Open Spaces, Places and Faces” with the community. The FoundSpace and View22 projects connected the community with protected open spaces through interactive art creation and a



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fine art exhibit and fundraiser. The Faces of the Land Trust photo and video contest engaged the community through social media. Green flags highlighted conservation properties throughout the valley in late July, leading up to the Land Trust's largest community picnic to date in August at the Mead Ranch. Nearly 20 business sponsors helped support the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

“There were many highlights to our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, including the highly-anticipated completion of the Spring Gulch Meadows project, the involvement of past and present Land Trust leaders, the steadfast support of our donors, and the incredible community engagement,” said Laurie Andrews, Jackson Hole Land Trust executive director. “It is inspiring and humbling to see that open space conservation continues to be valued by this community.”

The Jackson Hole Land Trust welcomed Bill Bradford, MD, PhD to its Board of Directors in 2015. Dr. Bradford is a consultant in the life science industry, providing strategic and technical expertise to companies engaged in pharmaceutical development. He has served in a variety of executive and scientific roles at biopharmaceutical companies, and previously was an academic on the Infectious Diseases faculty at UCSF where he had a research focus in Africa. Bill has been a regular visitor to Jackson Hole since the 1970s and became a full-time resident with his wife Catherine and three children in 2011. In addition, Tom Montgomery, longtime local fishing guide, and Lindsay Wilcox, vice president at Goldman Sachs, joined the Land Trust's Open Space Council in 2015.

### **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).