



20 YEARS | CONSERVATION THROUGH RANCHING

Impact Report



The background of the entire image is a wide, scenic landscape. It features rolling hills in the distance, a dense line of green trees in the middle ground, and a foreground of golden-brown fields with scattered green shrubs. The sky is a pale, clear blue. On the right side, there is a vertical white bar that serves as a background for the text.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN WYOMING

Over the last 20 years, we have had incredible support from donors, partners and landowners in conserving Wyoming's working agricultural lands. Our organization has worked with you to conserve open space and with it so many important natural resources, wildlife habitat, viewscales and stories. We could not have done it without you.

OUR STORY

The landscapes of Wyoming's farms and ranches are the foundation of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust. These important agricultural lands help sustain our economy and provide food to a growing population. They showcase Wyoming's iconic open space and allow our world-renowned wildlife to thrive.

The effort to found Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) started in Saratoga in 2000. Landowners had a growing concern about how restrictive conservation easements were for the agricultural communities. Ranchers were struggling to maintain and improve their cash flow from agricultural operations and were having to consider subdividing their ranches to augment cash flow. There needed to be options to help working ranches remain financially viable without breaking up the land.

At the time, Dr. John Lunt was developing a small group to organize a local land trust in Saratoga. One of the Saratoga group members, Jim Berger, proposed forming a statewide land trust to better achieve their goals.

Berger encouraged Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) President Rob Hendry to attend one of the Saratoga meetings to promote the idea of a statewide agricultural land trust backed by WSGA.

WSGA Executive Vice President Jim Magagna drafted the land trust's bylaws, which were presented to the WSGA membership at its 2000 winter convention for ratification. The members were somewhat divided on the topic. Those who supported the idea thought it made sense that conservation easements

be associated with the WSGA, but the opposition was leery of perpetual conservation easements and had doubts about the sustainability of an agricultural land trust.

After thoughtful discussions at the 2000 annual convention, the membership approved the creation of the WSGLT. Shortly after the convention, the land trust board was formed. To maintain a tie to the WSGA, the bylaws called for a majority of the board to be from the WSGA membership. In that context, Jim Magagna served as the first WSGLT executive director, as well as a board member, pending fundraising to hire WSGLT staff. Glenn Pauley was hired as the first full-time executive director in 2001.

Dr. Lunt worked with the Glode family to have its Sheeprock Ranch in Saratoga as the first conservation easement initiative completed by the land trust in 2001. That easement was an important first step since conserving that ranch was one of the goals of the original Saratoga group. The Sheeprock Ranch started the land trust's inventory of completed easements, and several more followed in the initial years. A notable step forward was when Jim Magagna pushed for fundraising for purchased easements rather than just donated easements. Barnett Land and Livestock, owned by Allen Barnett in Hot Springs County, became the trust's first purchased easement.

*Keeping Wyoming's open spaces
beautiful and unbroken*



Dr. John Lunt

A family doctor and passionate agriculturalist, Dr. John Lunt spawned a conservation movement in Wyoming that has protected vast working landscapes across the state.

Dr. Lunt believed that agriculture conservation easements could help protect Wyoming's natural attributes and way of life. He wanted to create a land trust to conserve the productive working lands of the North Platte Valley that he had grown to love. In 1998, Dr. Lunt and his wife Susie placed a conservation easement on their beloved Highline Ranch in Saratoga.

His enthusiasm inspired others to support the formation of a land trust focused primarily on productive agricultural land. In 2001, with the help of several like-minded ranchers in and around Saratoga and the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Dr. Lunt helped found the WSGLT. Dr. Lunt was appointed to the first WSGLT board in 2001 and served on the board until his death in 2015. Dr. Lunt was a 2009 recipient of the Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award.

The WSGLT will forever be guided by the virtues and integrity Dr. Lunt instilled in our organization, and the memory of his dedication will serve as a catalyst to continue the work that he started... to always do more... to always do better.



“For 130 years across Wyoming the hand of the rancher and farmer has been gentle, transformative, and landscape-enhancing.... because their survival depended upon open working landscapes, irrigated meadows, and a healthy productive ecosystem...this landscape is what we inherit today.”

Dr. John Lunt
OUR FOUNDER

Mark Eisele

Mark Eisele of Cheyenne was one of the original board members of the land trust. He threw his heart and soul into it for 11 years and was incredibly grateful for the experience.

Eisele and the original board members wanted to build a different model than other land trusts - one that focused on agriculture, was manageable and successful.

During the early years, the two main hurdles to overcome were getting landowners to trust the WSGLT and handling the administrative legwork - the accounting, funding, projects, and accreditation.

A key factor was WSGLT being a spin-off of WSGA, which really helped get the

land trust established. “The relationship between WSGA and WSGLT is really special,” Eisele said.

The chase for money was difficult, especially during the early years. Although the cattle business was hurting at the time, the board members contributed what they could and used their money for travel and training.

Dr. John Lunt, Jim Magagna, Kurt and Laura Bucholz and Glenn Pauley were all key figures in pushing this organization forward and turning it into the land trust



it is today, Eisele recalled. “We also cannot forget the people who put their ranches, faith, and trust in WSGLT and put donated or purchased easements on their land.”

“We have saved some really important ranches and family operations. We have brought family back into operations like daughters and sons coming back to help with the family ranch - that’s huge.”

Jim Magagna

Jim Magagna, who serves as the Wyoming Stock Growers Association executive vice president, drafted the original bylaws for the land trust and served as its first executive director.

When asked what the greatest impact WSGLT has had in the state, Magagna celebrated the number of acres that have been put under conservation easement that would have never been conserved if it hadn’t been for WSGLT, its affiliation with WSGA, and the agriculturally oriented conservation easements the land trust promotes.

Through the land trust’s work, Magagna also recognized that a broad acceptance of conservation easements has developed in the agricultural community and in local and state government. He noted that because of WSGLT’s success, the land trust has been referenced as a model for other agricultural land trusts that have been started in the region.

Magagna credited the success of the land trust to the WSGLT board members and staff over the past 20 years that were very active and pushed the organization forward.



THROUGH THE YEARS



EFFORT STARTED

A group of Saratoga landowners, led by Dr. John Lunt, start meeting about forming a local land trust. The Wyoming Stock Growers Association joins effort, and WSGA membership approves the creation of land trust and bylaws at its winter convention.



FIRST 10K ACRES

With the Soldier Creek Ranch, the land trust reached the milestone of conserving its first 10,000 acres.

- One Bar Eleven Ranch I
- 4J Ranch & Hoffman Ranch
- Morss-Mock (Bench) Ranch
- Big Laramie River Ranch
- Beckton Hill
- Harris Ranch
- Horseshoe Bend Ranch
- Hecht Creek Ranch
- Padlock Ranch HQ
- One Bar Eleven Ranch II
- Jim Morrison Trust (formerly 7K)
- Red Mountain Ranch I & II
- Warren Livestock
- Padlock Ranch

2003 - 2006



FIRST 50K ACRES

With the Warren Livestock Ranch, the land trust reached the milestone of conserving its first 50,000 acres.



AWARD CREATED

Bucholz Conservation Award was created in memory of the late Dr. Kurt Bucholz.

2000

2001

2002

2006

2008

2008 - 2009



FIRST EASEMENT

Sheeprock Ranch as the first conservation easement completed by the land trust.

2001 - 2002

- Sheeprock Ranch
- J Bar J Ranch
- Highline Ranch
- Soldier Creek Ranch
- Little Deer Creek Ranch



FIRST ROUNDUP BBQ

The land trust holds its first Roundup BBQ at board member Ogden Driskill's ranch near Devils Tower.

2007 - 2008

- Jackknife Creek Ranch
- Gooseberry Creek Ranch
- Ray Ranch (formerly Irish Acres)
- IXL Ranch
- UL Ranch
- Box Elder Ranch
- Broken R Ranch
- Crump Land & Livestock
- Switchback Ranch
- Silverwood Ranch
- Dereemer Livestock Co.
- Kaisler Cattle Co.
- C Lazy J Ranch



FIRST 100K ACRES

With the McKee Ranch, the land trust reached the milestone of conserving its first 100,000 acres.

- Cottonwood Ranch
- MJ Ranch
- Black's Fork River Ranch
- Basin Ranch
- McKee Ranch
- Vicker's Complex
- Cottonwood II
- Hovendick Ranch
- SCR Wyoming Inc.
- Scott Hill Pasture
- Morss-Adamson Ranch
- Clarendon Ranch

THROUGH THE YEARS



50TH EASEMENT

Powder River Ranch becomes the land trust's 50th easement.



- Sound Finances
- Ethical Conduct
- Responsible Governance
- Lasting Stewardship

LTA ACCREDITATION

WSGLT received its Land Trust Alliance (LTA) accreditation, which recognized our commitment to excellence.

Charlie Ball Place
Arrowhead Ranch
Buck Ranch
Bear Lodge I
Cabins Ranch
Culbertson Ranch
Alexander Ranch
Bettine Moore Close Nature Reserve
Rim Ranch
Circle P (formerly C Bar B)
Gooseberry II
La Prele
North Cottonwood - Mountain King Ranch
Hidden Canyon Ranch

2015 - 2017



100TH EASEMENT

WSGLT completes its 100th easement in partnership with The Conservation Fund.

Woolery Ranch
K Diamond Ranch
Purple Sage
Devils Tower
Sanger Ranch
Peryam Ranch
Croonberg Ranch
Jawbone
Condict & Sons
Bousman Ranch


2018 - 2020

2010

2010 - 2011

Fourmile Creek Ranch
Powder River Ranch
Cottonwood III
Kusel Ranch
Sommers Ranch
Grindstone
Stone Haven (formerly Scully Ranch)
Ramblin' M Ranch
Hat Three Ranch
Mowry Ranch
Schmidt Farm
Budd Ranches
Espenscheid Ranch
Mishurda Mountain Ranches

2011




150K ACRES

With the Mowry Ranch, the land trust reached the milestone of conserving its first 150,000 acres.

2012 - 2014


Oxbow Ranch
Clark Country Ranch
Richie-Vible Ranch
Wood River Ranch
Badwater Ranch
Jonathon South (formerly Kamp)
Beartrap Meadows
Swallow Place
Martin Place
Wood Ranch
Creek Bend Ranch

2014



200K ACRES

With the Swallow Place, the land trust reached the milestone of conserving 200,000 acres.



20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust celebrates 20 years with 104 projects conserving over 284,981 acres in Wyoming... and counting!!

2020

CONSERVATION AWARD

The Bucholz Conservation Award is given in memory of the late Dr. Kurt Bucholz, DVM, legislator, rancher from Carbon County, and early supporter of the WSGLT. The award is presented each year to an individual who represents his conservation values, especially the conservation of working ranches.

His wife, Laura Bucholz, and the Stock Growers Land Trust Board of Directors established the award in Dr. Bucholz's name in 2008. The Bucholz Award winner encompasses the values and stewardship principles that Dr. Bucholz exemplified in his life. Dr. Bucholz had a unique understanding of water and land issues and worked to protect the historic water rights that are fundamental to the North Platte River Valley.



PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE BUCHOLZ AWARD

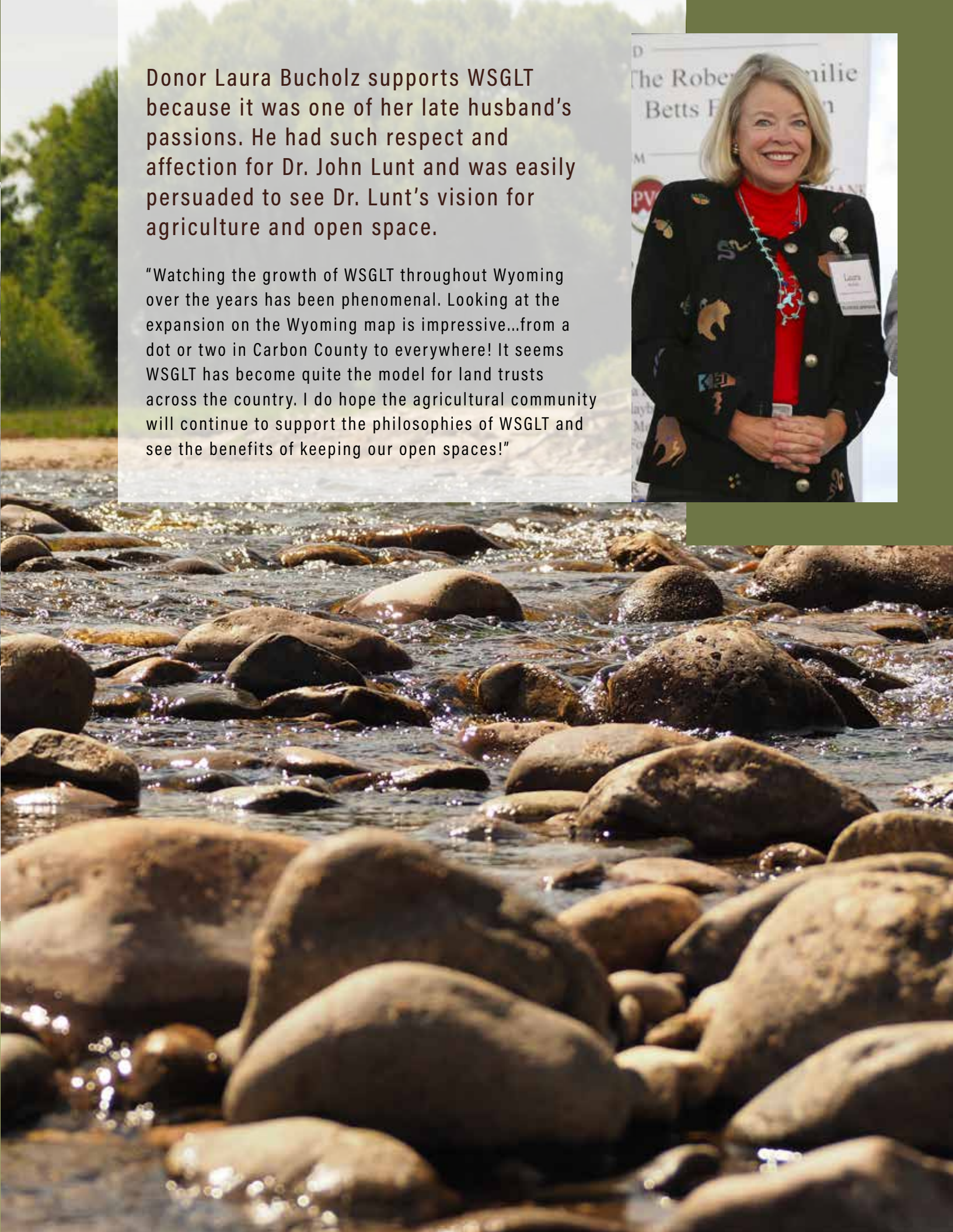
- Dennis Sun – 2008
- Dr. John Lunt – 2009
- Joe Glode – 2010
- Jim Chant – 2011
- Bob Budd – 2012
- Mike Healy – 2013
- Bobbie Frank – 2014
- Alan Barnett – 2015
- Patrick O’ Toole – 2016
- Jim Wilson – 2017
- Kermit Brown -2018
- Albert Sommers - 2019
- Ogden Driskill -2020

“Malcolm Wallop once said ‘People in agriculture must work to make the public understand ag’s role in protecting open space. Agriculture provides the power, the grace, and the beauty that this State has, yet the public doesn’t really know it.’ Our award recipients have represented just that --- and more.”

Dr. John Lunt
OUR FOUNDER

Donor Laura Bucholz supports WSGLT because it was one of her late husband’s passions. He had such respect and affection for Dr. John Lunt and was easily persuaded to see Dr. Lunt’s vision for agriculture and open space.

“Watching the growth of WSGLT throughout Wyoming over the years has been phenomenal. Looking at the expansion on the Wyoming map is impressive...from a dot or two in Carbon County to everywhere! It seems WSGLT has become quite the model for land trusts across the country. I do hope the agricultural community will continue to support the philosophies of WSGLT and see the benefits of keeping our open spaces!”



IMPACT TO DATE

Conservation

284,981

total number
of acres
conserved

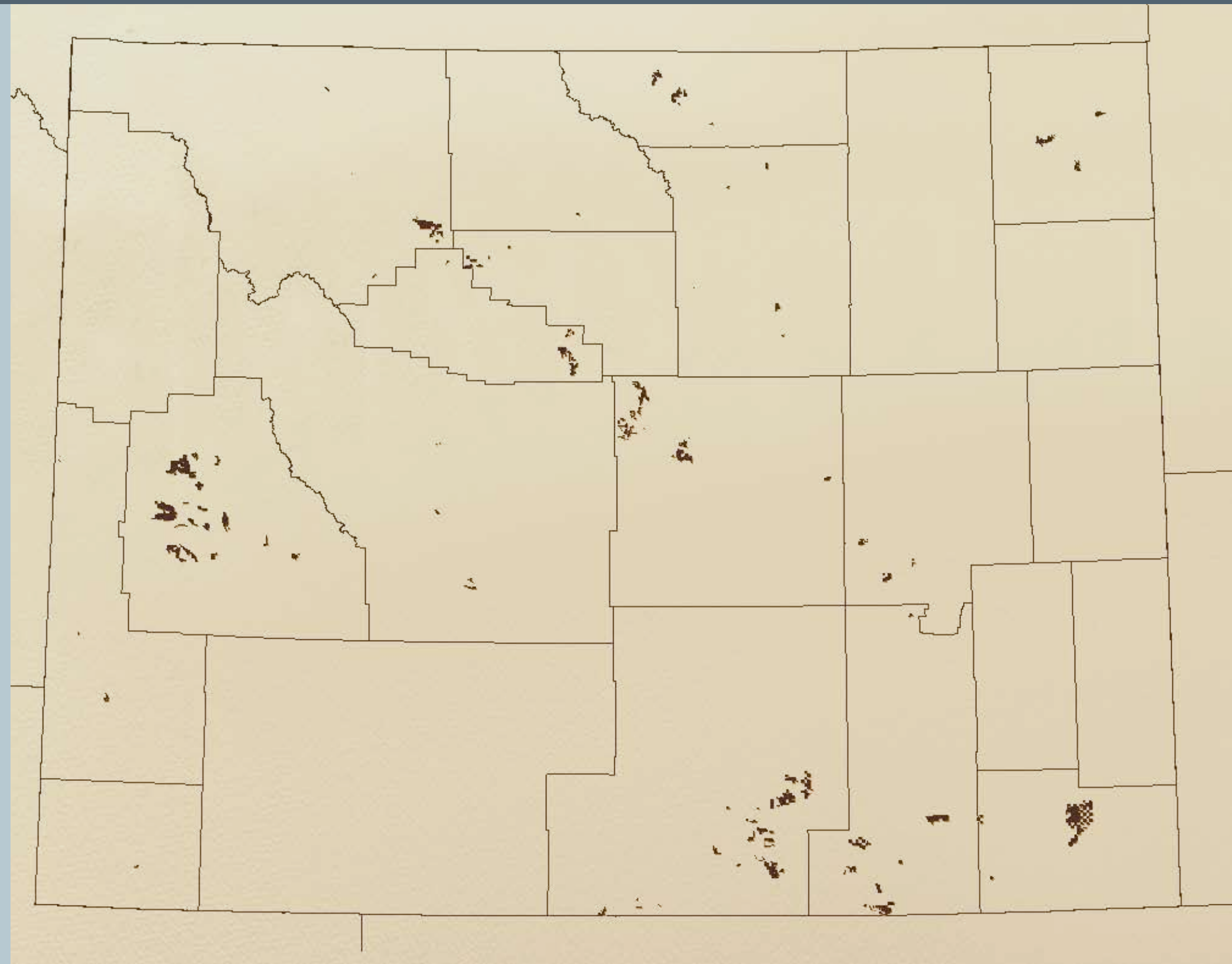
104

completed
conservation
easements

79

families who
have partnered
with us to
conserve their
farms and
ranches

20 years



BEAR LODGE RANCH

CROOK COUNTY - DRISKILL FAMILY

Ogden Driskill was a founding board member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust and has partnered with the land trust to place two conservation easements on his personal and family-owned property at the base of Devils Tower – the nation’s first National Monument.

The conservation easements are on land which is part of a larger livestock operation known as the Campstool Ranch, one of the oldest ranches in northeast Wyoming. Honored as a Centennial Ranch by Wyoming’s State Historic Preservation Office, the Campstool Ranch has been owned and operated by the Driskill family for more than 100 years.

These conservation easements have ensured that the viewsheds around the monument remain unobstructed while keeping the family ranch in production. The ranch now supports several wetland and irrigation projects, as well as holistic practices and pioneering techniques using sheep, goats, and black and brown flea beetles to combat noxious weeds and re-establish native vegetation.

This historic ranch provides important yearlong, seasonal, and transitional habitat for a variety of wildlife, including a substantial number of avian species such as bald and golden eagles, peregrine and prairie falcons, herons, grebes, osprey, egrets, terns, hawks, sharp-tailed grouse and Miriam’s turkey. The peregrine and prairie falcons that nest on Devils Tower find substantial hunting opportunities on the hay meadows and along the banks of the Belle Fourche River

For his exceptional support of agricultural land conservation, private property, and water rights, Driskill received the 2020 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award.



“ I can’t think of a better legacy to leave for future generations than to keep a ranch in production forever. In an era where nothing is permanent, it gives me great pride in knowing that the ranch will continue providing clean water, wildlife habitat and food and fiber for generations to come. ”

Ogden Driskill
BEAR LODGE
CATTLE COMPANY

BUCK RANCH

LINCOLN COUNTY - BUCK FAMILY

The protection of the Buck Ranch will protect the land in perpetuity for agricultural use while conserving wildlife habitat and an open space buffer between Lake Viva Naughton and Kemmerer Reservoir.

Owner Karen Buck-Rennels places a high value on preserving the Buck Ranch, originally homesteaded in 1912 by her late husband's family. The wildlife habitat value of the property is one of its greatest features, and she doesn't want to see the land developed.

Extending along the Hams Fork River, the Buck Ranch is located on or near migration corridors for moose, mule deer, and pronghorn. There is one sage grouse lek on the property, which is located entirely within a Sage Grouse Core Area. The Buck Ranch is accessible to fly fishermen who pay a daily rate to access the river, which attracts visitors from across the region and as far away as Germany, Romania, and Japan.

The conservation easement allows the landowner to "keep it the way it was," Karen said.

Karen celebrated the fact that WSGLT conservation easements allow the landowner to continue running livestock and using the property for agriculture while also conserving wildlife habitats and the other public benefits that come from the property.

“ I can go to my grave,
knowing it won't be developed
into a big lodge or motor homes.
That river will stay the same;
the land will stay the same. ”

Karen Buck-Rennels

LANDOWNER OF
BUCK RANCH



CONSERVING WYOMING'S CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Each farm or ranch we conserve tells a story beyond the agricultural operation that is important to what the Cowboy State stands for. These places are home to history, tradition, and multi-generational families. The cultural value that these landscapes hold is irreplaceable and we are proud to play a role in the continuation of their stories.

“ The ranch culture is in alignment with resource conservation because rancher's lives and livelihoods depend on the good stewardship of those places entrusted to their care. Through the creation of a properly crafted conservation easement, WSGLT provides a means to preserve the 'cultural landscape' of ranching. ”

Al Wiederspahn

FORMER WSGLT
BOARD MEMBER



RIM RANCH

SUBLETTE COUNTY - DELANEY FAMILY

The Rim Ranch is part of a large, multi-owner, contiguous block of conserved land along the Hoback Rim in Sublette County.

Tim and Tina Delaney purchased Rim Ranch shortly after their conservation success on their neighboring Rolling Thunder Ranch. Both properties are located on “The Rim,” the hydrographic divide between the Green and Hoback River drainages, just south of Bondurant. The properties intersect a significant portion of the recently acclaimed Red Desert to Hoback mule deer migration and provide important fawning, summer and transitional habitat used by mule deer that winter on the Pinedale Anticline winter range.

The Rim Ranch has a diversity of ecologies and habitat types. The ranch is located within the Sublette Mule Deer Migration Corridor, Elk Crucial Winter Range, and Sage Grouse Core Area. The property also has approximately 2.5 miles of a green ribbon trout stream.

Conservation practices on Rim and Rolling Thunder Ranches have been accomplished with landscape conservation in mind and incorporate neighboring private and government lands into overall management planning.

Rim Ranch is leased to a neighboring landowner for seasonal use. Grazing management practices are designed to improve wildlife habitat and ecological function. Additionally, Delaney has installed over 30 miles of wildlife-friendly fence across both the Rim Ranch and Rolling Thunder Ranch.

Delaney has partnered with Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other organizations to complete numerous habitat improvement projects. Those projects have included aspen regeneration, soil aeration, willow establishment, and beaver pond enhancements.

Delaney identified the advantages of conservation easements on his ranches as: protection against immediate development pressure from neighboring subdivisions to the north, financial incentive from purchased conservation easement and personal convictions for conservation on both public and private land.

For their dedication to wildlife habitat, Tim and his wife Tina received the WGFD landowner of the year award in 2015.

“What’s great is that the conservation planning makes a lot of sense economically, both today and for the future value of the ranch and its agricultural operation. Our experience has been that conservation can certainly go hand-in-hand with ranching — they are mutually beneficial.”

Tim Delaney

FROM A 2018 INTERVIEW
WITH THE CONSERVATION FUND



JAW BONE GULCH RANCH

LARAMIE COUNTY - LANDER FAMILY

Thanks to the conservation easement on the Jaw Bone Gulch Ranch, the land will be kept in the family for agricultural use for years to come, while preserving wildlife habitat and water quality.

Guy and Kathy Landers, who are the fourth generation to live and work on the Jaw Bone Gulch Ranch, pursued a conservation easement to further protect the land and their heritage.

Guy's grandparents, William and Martha Ferguson, originally settled on what was to become the Jaw Bone Gulch Ranch west of Cheyenne in 1877. The Fergusons had a small ranching operation that included a small dairy that provided cream and milk to the creamery in Cheyenne. The family also mined across the property over the years.

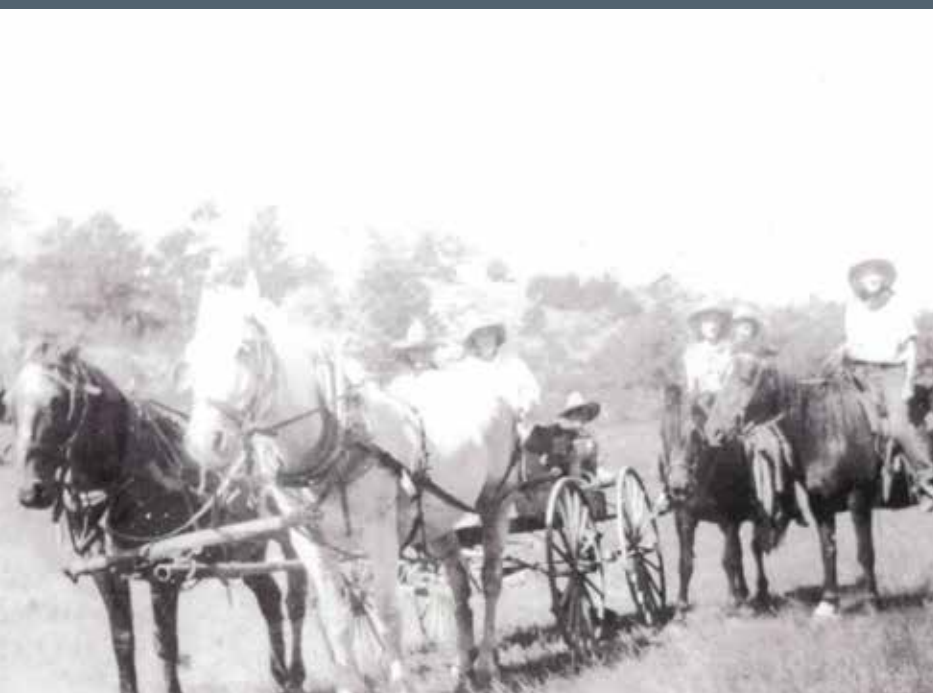
The Ferguson children, Mary, Bill, Carmen, Sydney and Helen, established the original trust to own the ranch to keep the property under single ownership. This conservation easement furthers their intentions. With the money received from their easement, the family also was able to fulfill a 70-year goal of purchasing a 160-acre parcel adjacent to them.

Today the ranch is nestled between Granite and Crystal reservoirs and plays a role in protecting water quality for the City of Cheyenne. The conservation easement project also helps to protect prime winter and yearlong habitat for mule deer, seasonal habitat for other big game species, and a portion of the South Fork of Middle Crow Creek.

The family is proud to be able to keep their ranch intact and love that conservation easements are an available tool to use in their ranching operations.

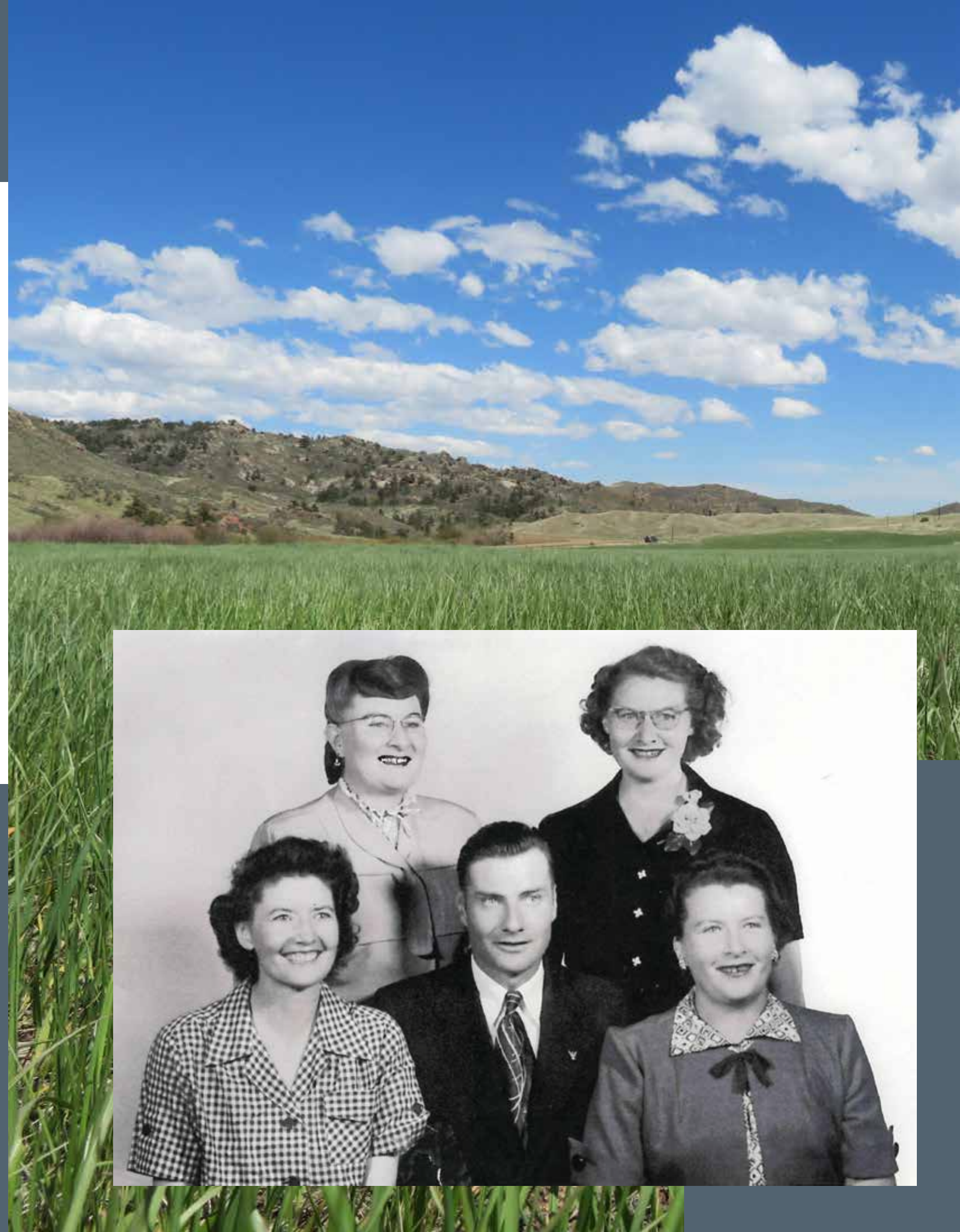
BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO: The Ferguson family returning from the hay field in 1934.

RIGHT PHOTO: Will and Maude Ferguson's children, who established the original trust - Mary, Bill, Carmen in the front and Sydney and Helen in the back.



“ We owed it to our ancestors, and we owed it to the land. It's taken care of our family, and we need to care of it. We need to hang on to it! ”

Guy Landers
FOURTH GENERATION
RANCHER



HABITAT CONSERVED

The positive relationship between wildlife and agriculture is embodied in the successful completion of conservation easements. With conservation easements in place, ranches will continue to provide the products of agricultural working lands and rich habitat resources for a wide array of Wyoming's iconic species.

10,449 ACRES

Elk habitat

28,923 ACRES

Mule deer migration routes

31,633 ACRES

Mule deer habitat

17,553 ACRES

Moose habitat

10,479 ACRES

Pronghorn habitat

105,000 ACRES

Sage Grouse Core Area

84 MILES

Riparian corridors, including
blue ribbon streams



PADLOCK RANCH

SHERIDAN COUNTY - SCOTT FAMILY

In 2005 and 2006, the Scott family donated a series of conservation easements to the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust, ensuring key portions of the Padlock Ranch around and adjacent to the Tongue River would never be broken up and subdivided.

For the Scott family, conservation and agriculture go well together, said John Heyneman with Padlock Ranch. "One of the family's core values is to care for what we have; caring for our land and community is a duty but even more a privilege."

Padlock founders Homer and Mildred Scott started the ranch near Dayton in the early 1940s. They raised five children, who in turn raised children in northern Wyoming and Montana. Though the family is now spread over a much larger geography, northern Wyoming and the Padlock Ranch remain integral to the greater family's identity.

Before the Padlock granted easements to WSGLT, the family discussed at length which organization to include. Homer's eldest son Dan Scott was an early founding member of WSGLT. But other family members were and remain involved in other organizations with similar goals of protecting agricultural land. After considering the options, the land in question and Dan's history with the land trust, the family decided that the WSGLT was the best fit for the Padlock Ranch.

Heyneman believes that open space and intact landscapes will continue to earn a premium that outstrips the value of ag production and demand for stewardship will increase. He added, "I think conservation and production agriculture will become more aligned, creating an opportunity for land managers who can recognize and enhance habitat values as they manage ag operations."

“WSGLT’s credibility allows the organization to approach people who otherwise may not have been willing to consider conservation. The messenger matters, and WSGLT is a great messenger.”

John Heyneman
PADLOCK RANCH



Homer and Mildred Scott,
founders of Padlock Ranch

HOFFMAN RANCH/4J RANCH

LINCOLN COUNTY - HOFFMAN AND MOORE FAMILIES

Nancy and Gene Hoffman wanted to keep their ranch located along the Salt River in Star Valley area undeveloped. The Hoffman Ranch was the eighth easement done by the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust.

The ranch is located directly on the Salt River with excellent trout fishing and has a creek running through the pastures into the river. The conservation easement dictated that the property remain totally rural with existing improvements only, and for the use of farming, ranching, hunting and fishing.

"Development was becoming a priority in the valley and it was our determination to keep at least our 67 acres undeveloped," Nancy said. "We valued the special qualities of the property with water rights from Idaho, the Salt River, pasture and a small creek, not to mention the wonderful viewshed and quiet beauty."

When a portion of the Hoffman Ranch went up for sale, Jeff and Jenny Moore were attracted to the property being in a conservation easement that preserved wildlife habitat and open spaces.

The Moore family purchased the ranch in 2013, renaming it the 4J Ranch since all the family members' names start with the letter 'J.'

In addition to keeping horses on the property, the Moore family enjoys seeing the water fowl, eagles, deer, fox, coyotes and beaver on pastures and along the creek and river. They have also seen moose, elk and even a few wolves along the road or nearby.

"We want this wildlife and ranching habitat to be preserved so that our children, grandchildren and others can also experience this for future generations," said Jeff and Jenny.



“We were attracted to the property being in a conservation easement to preserve the wildlife habitat and open spaces we are passionate about.”

Jeff & Jenny Moore

4J RANCH OWNERS

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP.

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- Jonah Interagency Mitigation and Reclamation Office ● Knobloch Family Foundation ●
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- Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust ● Wyss Foundation ●

Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust

The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) has allowed landowners to develop agriculturally based easements and helped to move the whole conversation about conservation easements to a place where continuing to produce is equally important with other values like wildlife habitat, clean water and other ecosystem services that ranchers, farmers and other private landowners provide on a daily basis. For those who can use conservation easements, it has created one more avenue for economic development and return.

So far WSGLT has completed 36 projects with the support of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust.

Conservation easements are just one of many tools we can use to maintain and enhance the environment in Wyoming. They don't work for everyone, and they don't work in every place, but they can be a tremendous asset to prevent listing of species, to maintain open space and habitats, and to maintain one of the major economic drivers in our state - agriculture.

Wyoming has always been a leader in conservation, and I see no reason for that to change. As we develop and improve our ability to understand natural systems and processes, the future is very bright, particularly when you look at emerging markets for ecosystem services and other values that we hold dear in this state. Aldo



BOB BUDD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Leopold said "the first rule of intelligent tinkering is to keep all the parts," and we have done that here for the most part. We are fortunate to have the "cogs and wheels" to move forward, and maintaining the land base is essential to that future.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers the Agricultural Conservation Easement Programs to landowners and producers who want to maintain or enhance their land while preserving it for future generations, benefiting agriculture and the environment in the long-term. The NRCS works with landowners and land trust organizations to provide technical and financial assistance to make NRCS easement programs successful.

"It has been a real pleasure to work with Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) and landowners across the state. Since 2006, NRCS has been able to partner with WSGLT on 38 easements using NRCS programs such as the Agricultural Conservation Easement Programs or Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program," said Astrid Martinez, NRCS Wyoming State Conservationist. "We thank and congratulate the WSGLT for their leadership and dedication to land conservation across the state over the last 20 years."



ASTRID MARTINEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THANK YOU FOR 20 YEARS OF CONSERVING WYOMING'S WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS!

The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust is thankful for our landowners, donors and funding partners for helping us with 104 projects conserving over 284,981 acres in Wyoming.... and counting!!

“ [The WSGLT conserves] what is most important to me as I age - save land, water, habitat for wild and natural species so that our grandchildren's grandchildren can enjoy a modicum of what I have enjoyed and find most valuable. ”

Gary Ruhser

ON WHY HE DONATES

THANK YOU TO

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Thank you to everyone who contributed photographs.

“ I want this place to be a place that I can brag about the way I always have, and I think the open spaces here are a key part of the draw. I want to be able to make a compelling case for why Wyoming is a place where everyone should want to be. ”

Annaliese Wiederspahn

ON WHY SHE SUPPORTS WSGLT

“ People don’t last forever, but organizations do continue. That’s why it’s important that WSGLT continues to be able to do the work that needs to be done on the land that they’ve committed to take care of, and they need some help to do that. ”

John Jackson

ON WHY HE DONATES

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