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## Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Announces New Executive Director

Cheyenne, WY

January 27, 2021 - The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) announced today that Jessica Crowder was hired as the new Executive Director on January 4<sup>th</sup>. As Executive Director, Jessica will oversee programs, fundraising, finances and management of the ninth largest regional land trust in the United States (by acres conserved).

"Working lands and the families that steward them are essential to preserving the agricultural heritage, conservation values and the western way of life that we, as Wyomingites, enjoy. I am excited to join this organization and its landowners, partners and supporters as we work to keep working lands intact and productive for future generations," said Crowder.

Jessica was born in Victoria, Texas and spent her childhood on a cattle ranch in central New Mexico, where she first began to understand the relationships that exist between the land and those who steward the land. She graduated from high school in Comfort, Texas and was drawn to pursue a degree in range management at Texas Tech University, where she broadened her understanding of stewardship, agriculture and conservation. She holds a M.S. in Range Science and a B.S. in Range Management from Texas Tech University. Her M.S. research focused on prescribed summer fire and grazing management in the Northern Great Plains.

Prior to joining WSGLT, Jessica was the policy director and a policy associate for the Western Landowners Alliance. She served as a policy advisor for former Wyoming Governor Matt Mead, a position she held for over four years. Jessica has also worked as a policy analyst for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, as a technician for the Agricultural Research Service and as an instructor at Northwest College in Powell, WY. Much of her work has focused on natural resource management with

an emphasis on keeping working lands intact and economically viable across varied land ownerships. Jessica has experience working closely with landowners, federal partners, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations to develop policy and management of natural resources to benefit Wyoming citizens and Wyoming landscapes.

***About the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust***

*The WSGLT is dedicated to conservation through ranching. Based in Cheyenne, the non-profit organization serves the entire state and is Wyoming's only agricultural land trust. Through partnerships with ranch families, the WSGLT holds and stewards conservation easements on more than 284,000 acres of land on ranches and farms throughout Wyoming. Founded in 2000 by the 140-year-old Wyoming Stock Growers Association, it is one of the largest among the 1,659 regional land trusts in the United States. For more information, visit [www.wsgalt.org](http://www.wsgalt.org).*

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