



# Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2020

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# A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Unprecedented. Challenging. Uncertain. There is no lack of descriptors for the year 2020. For those of us at the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT), this past year reinforced the significance of the work we do. 2020 brought into sharp focus the importance of keeping agricultural lands productive and intact - for those who steward the land, for all who call this vast state home, for our visitors, and for future generations.

Through a changing world and changing leadership, WSGLT continues to work with landowners to conserve their agricultural lands. Despite restrictions, we were able to successfully monitor our existing acreage under conservation easement, upholding a necessary requirement for an accredited land trust. In fiscal year 2020, we added two new conservation easements on over 5,600 acres, conserving important wildlife and riparian habitats in southern Wyoming. We are working to conserve another 6,000 acres in fiscal year 2021. Interest in using voluntary conservation easements to preserve open spaces, wildlife habitat, and an agricultural heritage continues. We are excited to keep building our partnerships with landowners, state and federal governments, and other non-profit and for-profit entities to meet an ever-growing need to protect Wyoming's working agricultural landscapes.

For over twenty years, through hard times and good times, you have helped the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust build a foundation for the future of our organization. We would not have these stories to tell without you. We are honored to lead WSGLT as we move forward and build upon our successes.

Thank you for your support as we strive to keep Wyoming, Wyoming.

Sincerely,



Jessica L. Crowder  
Executive Director



Wayne Fahsholtz  
Board Chairman



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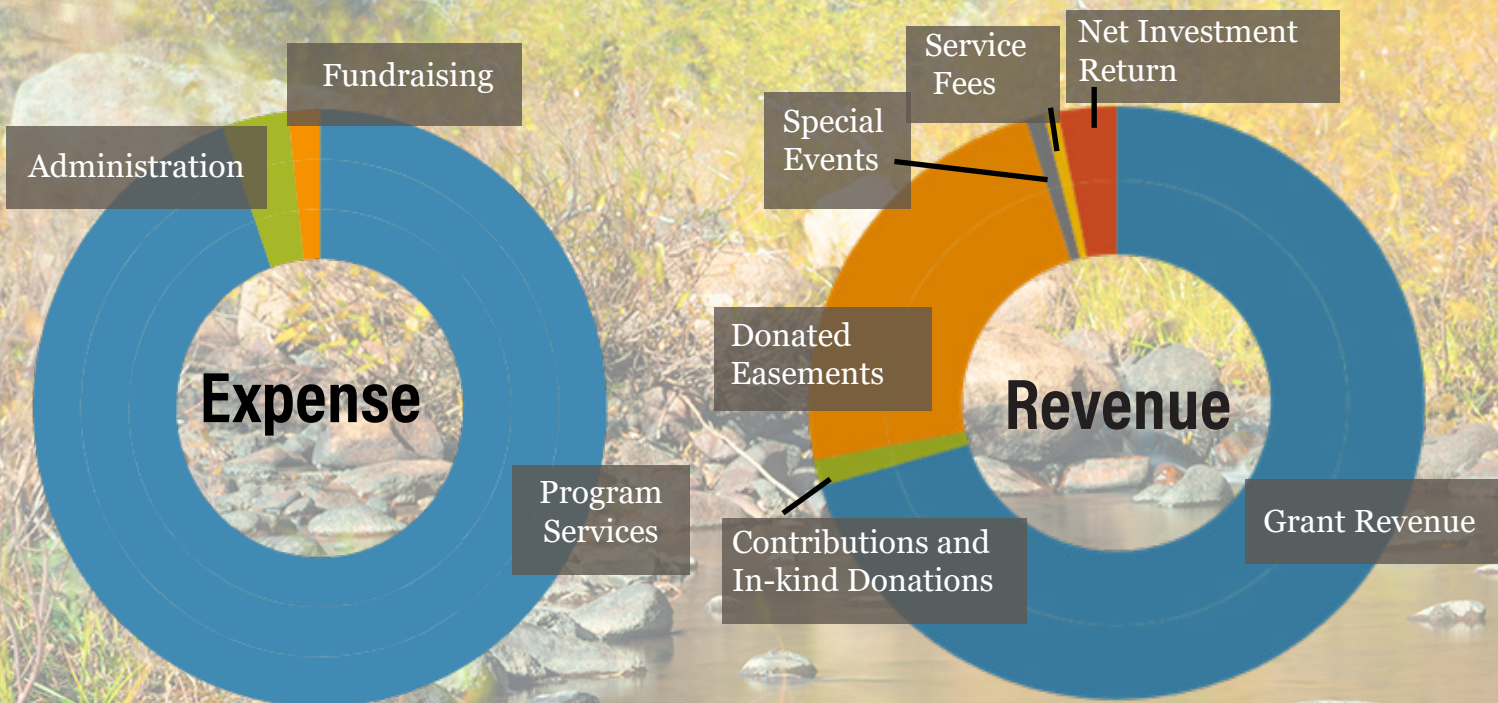
## Our Mission

Conserving Wyoming's working agricultural lands, which also provide open space, wildlife habitat, and other environmental benefits for future generations.





Financials



Acres Conserved



\$6,124,589

Total support and revenue

95%

Revenue directly utilized for land conservation and stewardship

Assets and Liabilities

Current Assets	
- cash/cash equivalents .....	\$301,077
Endowment net asset .....	\$594,633
Investments .....	\$2,440,990
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	\$67,034
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS .....	\$3,344,671

Acres of Habitat Conserved

Greater Sage Grouse.....	110,272
Mule Deer.....	282,627
Antelope.....	282,388
Elk.....	224,907
Whitetail.....	187,341
Big Horn Sheep.....	785
Mule Deer Migration Corridors.....	28,920





Ferguson family returning from the hay fields on Jaw Bone Gulch, 1934

# Jaw Bone Gulch Ranch

Laramie County

In 1877, William and Mary Ferguson settled in the rugged hills west of Cheyenne. Their homestead included a small dairy which was a full day's trip by wagon to the creamery in Cheyenne. William and Mary's grandchildren formed a trust to protect the ranch and keep the property under single ownership. In 2019, a portion of the Jaw Bone Ranch, operated by the fourth and fifth generations of the family, was placed under a conservation easement held by the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust.

Nestled between Granite and Crystal Reservoirs, the property contributes to the City of Cheyenne's water supply. The ranch is also surrounded by Curt Gowdy State Park. Facing increasing development pressure, the family chose to enter into a conservation easement with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust to protect 560 acres of their agricultural land. In doing so, the family is protecting an important water supply, 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 Jaw Bone Gulch Ranch offers a refuge away from civilization for both humans and animals. Wildlife pressured by development find a haven on the ranch. Humans pressured by that same development find open spaces and scenic views in the middle of an extensively developed area. Jaw Bone Gulch Ranch is an example of leveraging working agricultural landscapes to protect the public values of watersheds, wildlife habitat and neighboring recreational destinations. Multiple use of any landscape is a balance and Wyoming's ranching families, their heritage, and their continued dedication to land stewardship are an integral part of that balance.

"Purchased conservation easements are one of many tools a landowner has to accomplish their goals and maintain the ranch. If it's done through the right entity and done in the right way, conservation easements can be a very good tool!"

*Guy Landers*



# Condict and Sons Cattle Co.

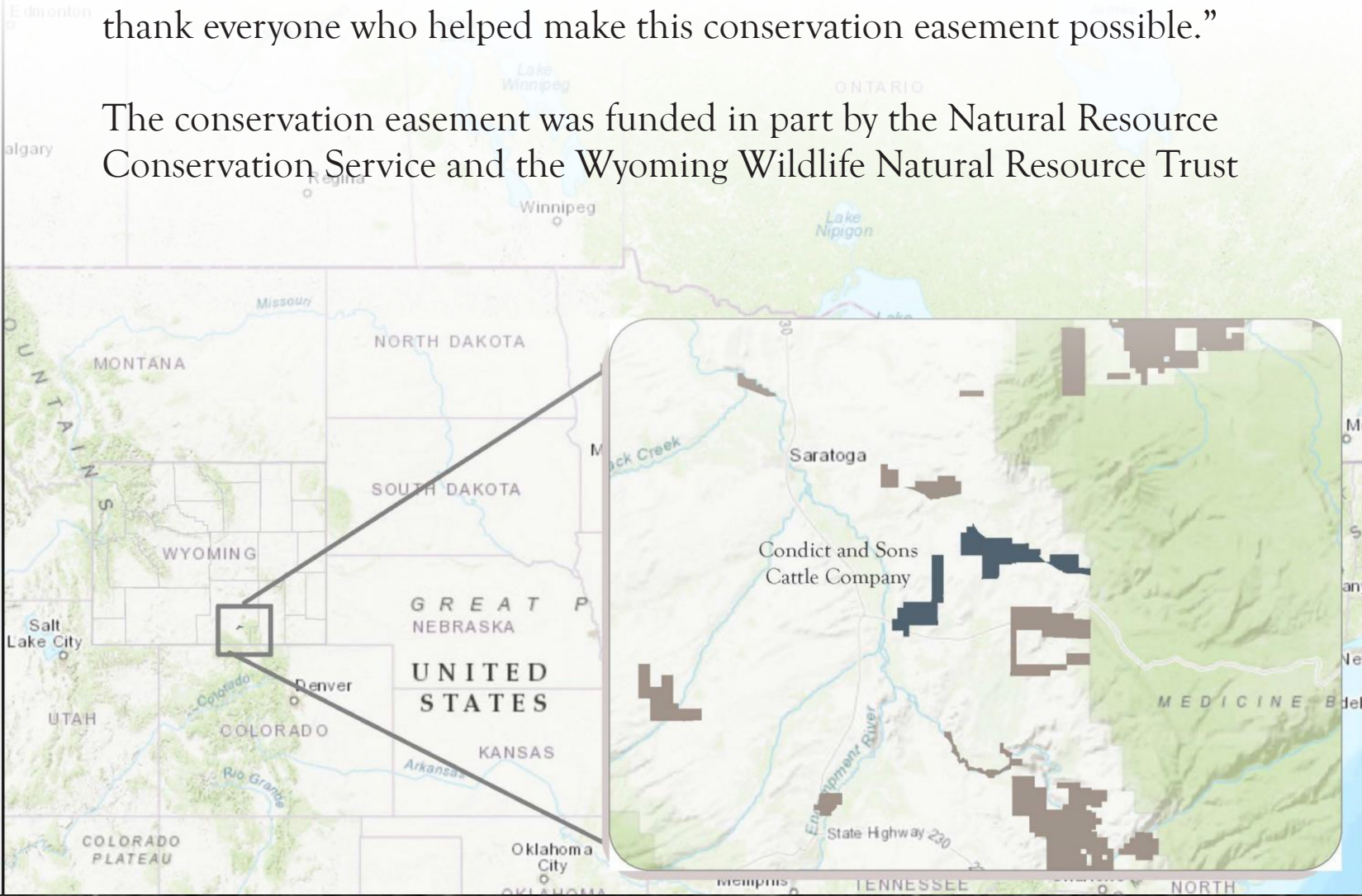
Carbon County

Mark and Valerie Condict initiated a conservation easement on the Condict and Sons Ranch in 2016 to conserve the property’s immense agricultural and wildlife values. The ranch was originally homesteaded by the Condict family in 1884 and has since supported livestock and hay production, along with six generations of the Condict family.

The ranch is nestled in the scenic Upper North Platte River Valley where it is surrounded by majestic views of the Sierra Madre and Snowy Mountain Ranges. The rolling sagebrush hills rise from the valley floor near the North Platte River and stretch eastward into the forests of the Snowy Mountain Range. The ranch provides crucial habitat for greater sage-grouse, elk, mule deer, and moose.

During the closing of the easement, Valerie Condict said “we are extremely blessed to be given the opportunity to conserve our family ranch for future generations. Agriculture and stewardship of the land has been a way of life since 1884, and we look forward to continuing that tradition. We want to thank everyone who helped make this conservation easement possible.”

The conservation easement was funded in part by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust



Condict Family at closing in 2019



"Agriculture is essential in the United States maintaining independence. Conservation easements are a fantastic tool helping agriculture thrive."  
- *Shane Mowry, Carbon County*



"Situated on the historic Powder River, we've removed much of the Russian olive population to restore or revitalize the native vegetation as important habitat for the wildlife and livestock here. It's nice to know that our ranch, with its WSGLT conservation easement, will remain a vital and unique part of the local ecosystem and agricultural community for generations to come."

- *Kevin and Judy Lund, Johnson County*



## New Board Members



*Steve Duerr*

Steve is a Jackson Hole resident. He is an associate broker with the Western Ranches Division of the Jackson Hole Real Estate Associates and serves as general counsel for Lower Valley Energy, Inc. Steve is also the former Executive Director of the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce & Murie Center in Grand Teton National Park.

*Reg Phillips*

A Dubois resident, Reg is the Ranch Manager for Diamond D Cattle Co. and the Property Manager for Wind River Land and Building Company. He is also the Chairman of Dubois-Crowheart Conservation District and an Area 4 Board Member for the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts. His extensive leadership background also includes being Region 4 Vice-President for the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, sitting on the board of the Central Wyoming College Foundation, and representing agriculture in the Fremont County Public Lands Initiative.



*Bobbie Frank*

Bobbie is a Laramie County resident with a ranch in Meriden, Wyoming. Horse Creek Angus, LLC is a family operation focused on raising quality Angus cattle. Bobbie is also the Owner/Grower of Horse Creek Market Garden, which provides locally grown, seasonal produce. Retired now, Bobbie previously served as the Executive Director of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts and the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation for 29 years.

*Steve Sharky*

Steve is a resident of Jackson, WY and grew up in Colorado Springs, CO. He earned a BA in Economics from the University of Colorado and continued his education with an MBA from the University of Chicago. His entire career was in the investment business. After business school he worked in the investment operations of Prudential Insurance Co, investing in private debt, private equity and leverage buyouts, in the US and Asia. He lived in Hong Kong for a decade and, with two former Prudential colleagues, started the first Asian management buyout fund. When he moved to Jackson in 1999, he started an investment firm focused on small cap listed US equities. Steve is a director of the Knobloch Family Foundation, which makes grants to land protection and other conservation projects, primarily in the states of Wyoming, Georgia and Texas.





"The ranch conservation easement has provided a forever corridor for wildlife to travel between the National Forest that surrounds this ranch. The wildlife is plentiful here, so it is a priority, and I'm thankful this land is forever preserved."

- *Jackie Griffith, Crook County*

## Opportunities to Support WSGLT

### Yearly Support

- Once annual donation
- Campaigns are conducted between November and March

### Planned Giving

- Including the Land Trust in your will or estate plan
- Provides tax benefits

### Monthly Giving

- Monthly donation
- Automatic charge to bank accounts or credit cards
- No mailing checks or cash

### Event Sponsorship

- Contribution of cash to offset event costs
- Recognition in local publications

### In-Kind Donations

- Donation of non-cash items
- Office Furniture
- Artwork
- Items for Auction

### Thank you to our Legacy Society members

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Jackie Griffith  
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## Outgoing Board Members

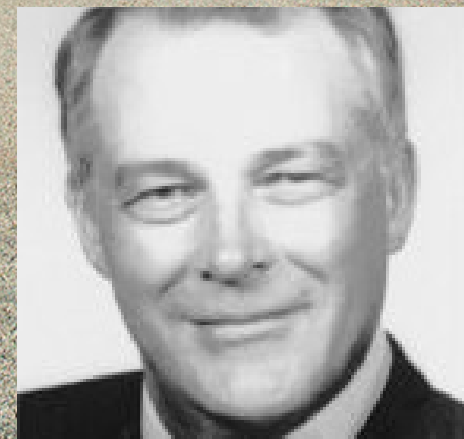
WSGLT is grateful for the dedication and leadership of our outgoing board members. Thank you!



*Mantha Phillips*



*Ryan Ford*



*Nels Smith*

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## Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award

Ogden Driskill, winner of the 2020 Bucholz Award, was recognized for his exceptional support of agricultural land conservation, private property, and water rights. Driskill was nominated by his daughter Andrea Wood, U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis, and State Policy Director for Senator Lummis Tyler Lindholm.

Driskill is a founding board member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) and has partnered with WSGLT to place two conservation easements on his personal and family-owned properties at the base of Devils Tower – the nation’s first National Monument. These conservation easements permanently protect the viewsheds around the monument and ensure the ranch stays in production. The ranch supports wetland and irrigation projects, uses holistic practices, and has pioneered techniques using sheep, goats, and flea beetles to combat noxious weeds and re-establish native vegetation. Driskill is also a member of the Farm Bureau and Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

Senator Lummis, who served on the WSGLT Board of Directors with Driskill in its early years, commented on his dedication to agricultural conservation saying, “Ogden has conserved essential elements of our Wyoming heritage and protected our core tie to the land that binds us as a state.”

Driskill has been a strong advocate for Wyoming’s agricultural conservation on a national level, where he has testified for the U.S. House of Representatives Agricultural Committee, consulted with the USDA, and provided testimony for multiple farm bills. Driskill was instrumental in changing Wyoming’s perpetuity law, which helped establish the first land trust accreditation program in the United States, and lobbied for land trust insurance policies. As a Wyoming state legislator, Driskill has sponsored and supported numerous bills that impact our state’s agricultural and conservation values. Driskill was a founding member of the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts, a partnership of agriculture-focused land trusts with over 3 million acres under conservation easement. WSGLT is proud to be a part of that legacy.

“There is no question that Ogden has been a tireless advocate for ranching and conservation throughout the United States. His past and current efforts have had an everlasting impact on Wyoming, its lands, water, wildlife and people—keeping Wyoming the way we have known it for the future,” stated Tyler Lindholm in his endorsement of Driskill.

*Photo: Ogden Driskill with grandson*



### The WSGLT is seeking nominations for the 2021 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award

*Individuals eligible for nomination exhibit one or more of the following criteria:*

- *An advocate for conserving Wyoming’s farms and ranches*
- *A land steward or agricultural advocate who has been a participant in state, regional, or national natural resource discussions*
- *A defender of water conservation and protecting Wyoming’s traditional water rights*
- *Has a personal commitment to habitat conservation and is a proponent of hunting and wildlife protection*
- *Has implemented land or resource conservation practices on their property with the WSGLT or a similar organization*

*To nominate someone, visit [www.wsgalt.org/bucholz-award](http://www.wsgalt.org/bucholz-award) or email Cidney Handy at [cidney@wsglt.org](mailto:cidney@wsglt.org). Submissions are due by May 1st.*





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*20th Anniversary Celebration*

*Padlock Ranch  
Dayton, WY  
August 28, 2021*