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**STOCK GROWERS
LAND TRUST**



ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Supporters,

As we finish out another year with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust, it is good to think about where we came from and where we are heading. Over 20 years ago, members of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association saw the need for a vehicle to administer conservation easements for agricultural lands in Wyoming. While there are many benefits to conservation through easements, for us, the people aspect is critically important. Ranch families need different kinds of tools to stay sustainable. Conservation easements are one tool. 79 families have been helped with the easement process and 23 more easements are in-process.

As families plan for succession, easements can help financially and with legacy protection. By legacy protection, we mean that there are families that want to keep the ranch and its history intact. Younger generations have a better chance of success if agricultural lands are conserved. Sometimes the financial benefits of easements (tax benefits or benefits from a purchased easement) can be used for estate planning. Conserved lands also benefit young people who are leasing land to be in farming/ranching by assuring those lands remain available for agricultural uses. In summary, older and younger producers benefit from conserved land.

The people of Wyoming benefit from the wildlife and open space values conservation easements provide. Migration corridors are critical for healthy wildlife populations. Subdivisions hinder the smooth flow of migrations. People enjoy the views enhanced with open space, which provide feed, nesting areas and clean water for wildlife.

To accomplish these benefits, it takes a great team. We have that. Our staff and board are first-rate and dedicated to the success of our mission. You are and can continue to be part of this team by donating to the organization. Please see the web page for more information.

Remember, our mission is: ***“To conserve Wyoming’s working agricultural lands, which also provides open space, wildlife habitat, and other environmental benefits for future generations.”***

Together, we can accomplish this mission.

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Thank you to our outgoing board members Budd Betts, Jack Berger and Bobbie Frank - we appreciate your time and dedication to the Land Trust!

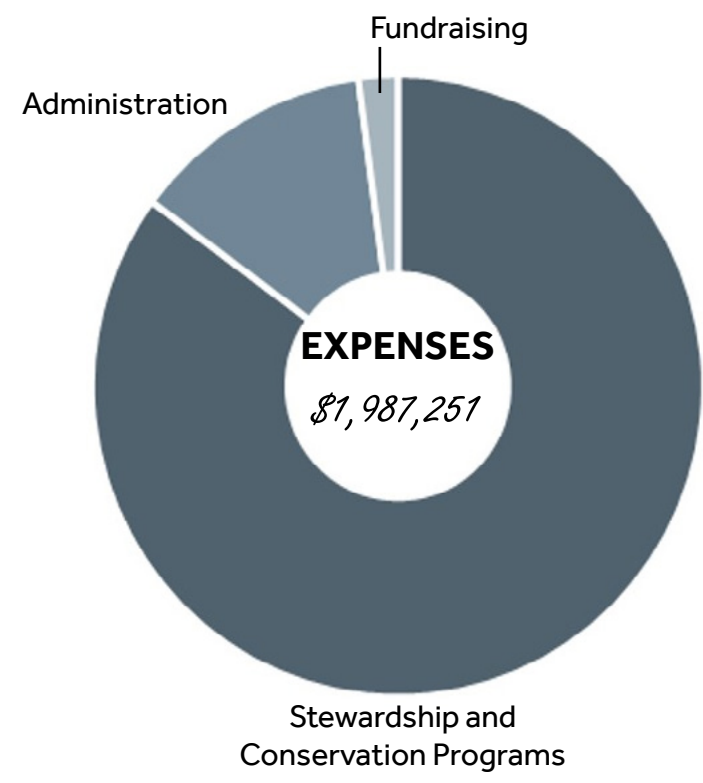
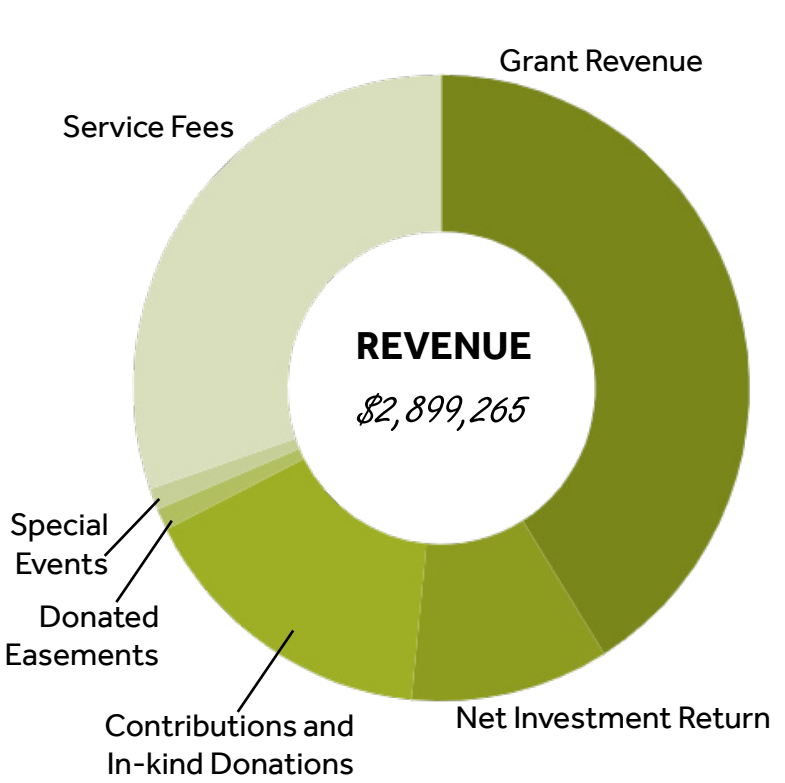
Jared Souza on the Padlock Ranch

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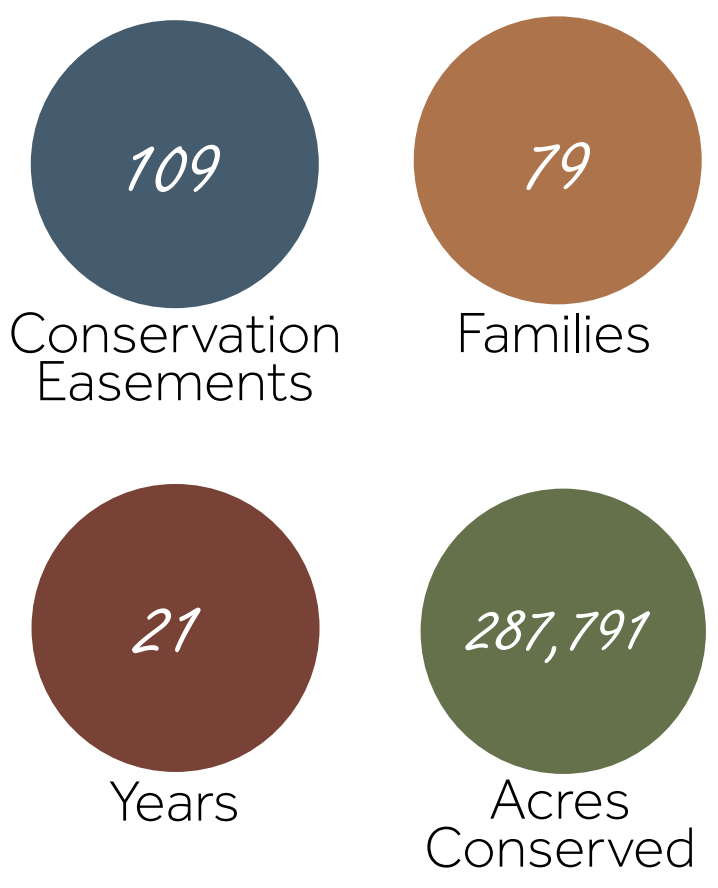
Current Assets	
Cash/Cash Equivalents _____	\$218,339
Endowment Net Asset _____	\$786,357
Investments _____	\$3,279,395
TOTAL LIABILITIES _____	\$102,411
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS _____	\$4,292,062

\$2,899,265
Total support and revenue

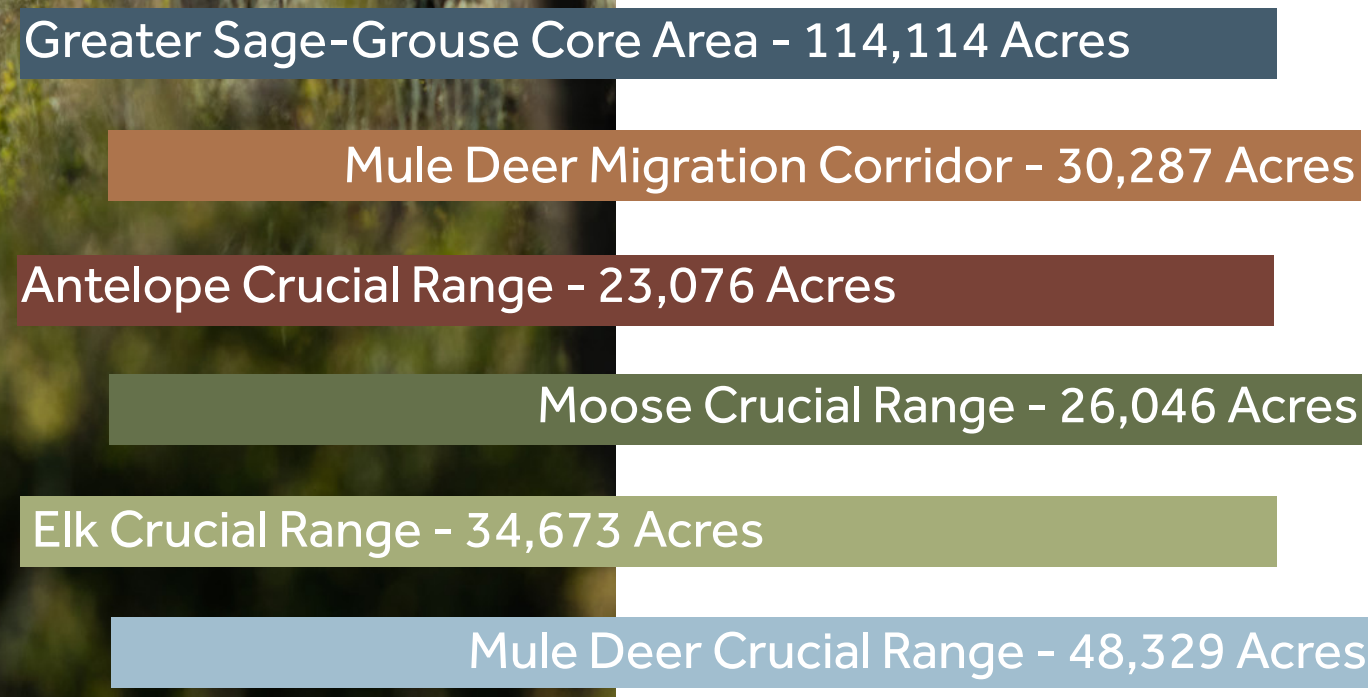
85%
of expenses are directly
utilized for land conservation
and stewardship



At A Glance



Protected Habitat



Bousman Conservation Easement December 2020

The Bousman Family initiated a 1,295-acre conservation easement on their Sublette County ranch in 2017. Their desire to conserve the property rests in the agricultural and wildlife values essential to the ranch, and a pressing need to prevent division due to development pressure.

The ranch is unique in that it is made up of several original Green River Valley homesteads and has been in the Bousman family since the 1940s. The Bousman family, with support from the conservation easement, intend to continue their stewardship and agricultural operation, keeping the ranch productive for future generations.

Brad Bousman noted "I am relieved that the ranch is protected from subdividers and will continue into the future as an agricultural operation."

Tucked in between the Wind River and Wyoming mountain ranges, the ranch provides magnificent views and crucial wildlife habitat for deer, moose, and pronghorn antelope. The property is home to ½ mile of Boulder Creek and three small ponds, which sustain fish and waterfowl populations. The ranch is also an essential resource for greater sage-grouse. The entirety of the property is Core Area, with several Wyoming Game and Fish identified lek sites nearby.

"The property has tremendous agricultural and wildlife values and is situated in an area of Sublette County that is under the highest development pressure. We are very thankful for the Bousman family and their dedication to this project as we navigated a complex year. This project will ensure many generations to come can find their purpose and place on this ranch." – Tate Smith, Conservation Director



Bousman Family Ranch

Many thanks go to the Bousman Family, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust for their role in making this conservation easement come to fruition.

Hammer-Reed Conservation Easement January 2021

Maggie Miller partnered with the Land Trust to conserve a 162-acre parcel of land. The intent behind this acquisition was to minimize future division of the ranch area already owned. The conserved acres are directly adjacent to other Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust conserved properties and will bring the total acres conserved by Maggie Miller and Grindstone Cattle Company to over 18,000. Maggie's desire to conserve the property lies in the urgency to avoid development and subdividing, and largely in maintaining the agricultural and wildlife values critical to the ranch.

"All of these conservation easements just make me so happy. This is something I enjoy doing and I'd like to keep this wonderful land the way it is." – Maggie Miller

The property is located between the Bridger Teton National Forest boundary and South Beaver Creek, an offshoot of the Green River. It accommodates an abundance of wildlife including greater sage-grouse, raptors, lion, grizzly and black bears. Additionally, the property provides habitat for Wyoming's iconic large ungulates - mule deer, antelope, elk, and moose. A majority of the property is within a stopover area within the Sublette Mule Deer Migration Corridor, the longest known mule deer migration corridor in the world.

"Maggie's dedication to conservation is admirable and we deeply appreciate her continued partnership. The Hammer-Reed Place conservation easement will expand continuity and connectivity of wildlife habitat, while also protecting agricultural stewardship of this important landscape." – Tate Smith, Conservation Director



Hammer-Reed Place

The conservation easement was fully donated by Maggie Miller, a tremendous charitable contribution and continuation of her conservation legacy. We are grateful to Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust for their ongoing commitment to conservation and support of project costs.

We are currently seeking nominations for the 2022 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award

The award is meant to recognize an individual or family who is:

- An advocate for conserving Wyoming's farms and ranches.
- A land steward or agricultural advocate who has been a participant in natural resource discussions on a state, regional, or national level.
- 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.



Jerry Palen was the talent behind this beautiful bronze that is created and presented to our award recipients each year. We lost an amazing friend and supporter in Jerry.

To nominate an individual or family, please visit <https://wsglt.org/bucholz-award> and complete an application.

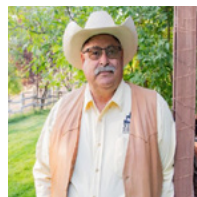
The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2022.

The award winner will receive a beautiful custom-made bronze statue during the Annual Roundup & Barbeque on August 27, 2022 at the Berger Ranch near Saratoga, WY.

Past Recipients of the Bucholz Award:



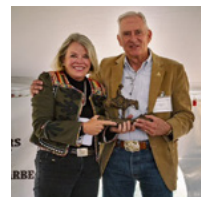
Scott Sims
2021



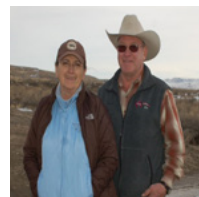
Ogden Driskill
2020



Albert Sommers
2019



Kermit Brown
2018



Jim Wilson
2017



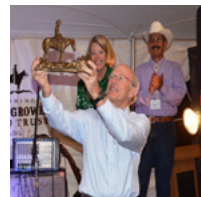
Patrick O' Toole
2016



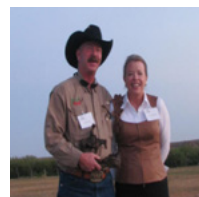
Alan Barnett
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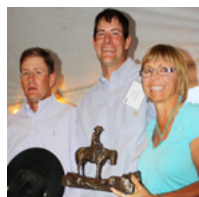
Bobbie Frank
2014



Mike Healy
2013



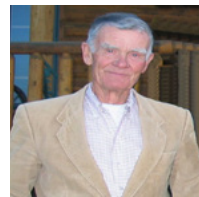
Bob Budd
2012



Jim Chant
2011



Joe Glode
2010



Dr. John Lunt
2009



Dennis Sun
2008



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Current members of our Legacy Society include:

- Catherine Kusel
- Dr. John and Susie Lunt
- Fred Kusel
- Georgene Lebar Charitable Trust
- Jackie Griffith
- Marcia Gladstone
- Pamela Dewell
- Wood Ranch

Are you a part of the Legacy Society but don't see your name listed? Would you like to receive additional information on ways to give? Please let us know by contacting Sarah at 307.772.8751

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