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### **1,019 acres conserved in Carbon County**

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December 21, 2022 – The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust has partnered with Joe Kaspar to permanently conserve 1,019 acres of the Little Jack Creek Ranch in Carbon County.

For over a century, livestock have dotted the Wyoming landscape. As of today, that legacy of agriculture and wildlife will be protected forever on the Little Jack Creek Ranch. The preservation of this ranch is a product of Joe Kaspar's desire to protect a slice of Wyoming, a desire mirrored in the efforts of Land Trust staff, our professional partners, and funders.

*“Having grown up in Wyoming, I’ve seen so much subdivision and development as of late and I feel it is incredibly important to preserve the open space we have. I had never considered conservation easements before I bought this ranch and I believe they are a great vehicle for preserving the land.” – Landowner, Joe Kaspar*

The Little Jack Creek Ranch lies west of Saratoga near the Sierra Madres. Serving as fall and overwinter pasture for a neighboring cattle operation, the land is comprised primarily of short grass and sagebrush rangeland, covering over a thousand acres. Springs and substantial snowmelt sustain dense pockets of spruce and aspen that serve as habitat for stunning biodiversity throughout the year, ranging from beaver to bear.

The Little Jack Creek Ranch conservation easement was fully donated by the landowner, a true testament to his conviction in the importance of preserving the land. To assist in covering landowner costs, financial assistance was kindly provided by the Knobloch Family Foundation and the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust. Their support was instrumental to the completion of this project

The conservation of private land is critical to protecting the open rangelands that define our landscape. These lands provide the foundation for wildlife, open spaces, and agriculture that form the legacy of the Cowboy State. With this conservation easement, the land, and the habitat it provides will remain whole in perpetuity.

*“Little Jack Creek is a treasure, and it will remain that way. This is valuable habitat for a wide range of species, and an important retainer of ranching and our rural culture. Congratulations to WSGLT and the family for getting this done.”*  
– Bob Budd, Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust

This project brings our total protected acreage to 296,380 acres. We would like to extend our gratitude to all our trusted landowners, partners, and supporters. This work would not be possible without you.



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

*The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust 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 families, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust holds and stewards agricultural conservation easements on more than 296,000 acres of land throughout Wyoming. Founded in 2000 by the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, it is one of the largest regional land trusts in the United States.*

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