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### **666.7 acres conserved in Albany County**

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June 7, 2023 - Dr. Robert Shine of All Hat-No Cattle Ranch has partnered with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (Land Trust) to place 666.7 acres into a conservation easement. A beautiful haven nestled in the heart of the Laramie Valley, this project was fully donated, a true testament to Dr. Shine's passion for keeping land undeveloped and in agriculture for future generations.

The All Hat-No Cattle Ranch is situated along the Laramie River with a panoramic view from Elk Mountain to Rocky Mountain National Park. The ranch is primarily used as hay ground during the summer months and pasture for a small herd of cattle in the winter. In addition to its agricultural use, the property is designated Aquatic Crucial Habitat Priority Area and acts as important habitat for a variety of wildlife and bird species in the area.

*"This is a really great project, especially for waterfowl, migratory birds, reptiles and amphibians. Hats off to Doctor Shine for his commitment to the Laramie Basin, and to WSGLT for another piece of important conservation work!"*

*- Bob Budd, Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust*

Surrounded by small acreage homesites and rural residential development, the future of this ranch is now more certain in a rapidly changing landscape. This conservation ensures the entire property remains agricultural and intact for Shine's granddaughters and generations to follow.

To help offset the landowner's direct cost of completing the project, the Land Trust secured financial assistance through two trusted partners in conservation, the Knobloch Family Foundation and the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust. These funding partners played a significant role in getting this project to the finish line.

*"The Knobloch Family Foundation is pleased to partner with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust and a landowner who is leading the way on voluntary land protection in southeast Wyoming. The All Hat No Cattle conservation easement will protect open space and habitat for birds, pronghorn, and other wildlife for generations."*

*- Nicole Korfanta, Knobloch Family Foundation*

There are many characteristics that make Wyoming special, and working, private lands are one of them. The completion of this project brings the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust's number of protected acres to 297,021 acres statewide. We are grateful for our trusted partners and landowners who make these projects possible!



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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 297,000 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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