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### **Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Announces the Hiring of Two New Staff Members**

**December 13, 2023** – The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust announced the hire of two new staff members, adding to the organization's administrative and conservation teams.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Clara Keyt began work with the Land Trust as the Office Administrator. In this role, Clara will oversee all aspects of the Land Trust's business administration, supporting our staff and board, managing human resources and the day-to-day operations of the office.

Clara comes to us with a diverse professional background ranging from higher education to environmental management firms and historic preservation.

*"I am honored and excited to work with the Land Trust. When we conserve working agricultural lands, we conserve a unique and wonderful cultural heritage and identity that keeps Wyoming, Wyoming!"*

*- Clara Keyt*

Matt Haynes began work with the Land Trust as a Conservation and Stewardship Manager on October 30<sup>th</sup>. In this role, Matt will manage stewardship activities across the state and assist with managing a portfolio of conservation easement projects.

Matt holds a bachelor's degree in Conservation Biology from Colorado State University. Prior to joining the Land Trust, Matt worked in environmental consulting, the aerospace industry, and served in the US Navy as a structural technician.

*"Conservation easements are vital tools we can use to safeguard Wyoming's agricultural lands and open spaces. I look forward to collaborative relationships with landowners so that we can achieve the goals of every family involved. It's our priority to keep Wyoming, Wyoming." - Matt Haynes*

*"Both Clara and Matt's enthusiasm and experience will be an asset for our organization, landowners, and the partners we work with. We are excited to welcome them to the team!"*

*- Jessica Crowder, Executive Director*



Clara Keyt



Matt Haynes

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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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