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Flitner Family, of Diamond Tail Ranch, Chosen as Recipient of the 2025 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - July 14, 2025 - The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust is proud to announce that the Flitner Family, of Diamond Tail Ranch, has been selected to receive the 2025 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award. This award recognizes the Flitners' deep-rooted commitment to land stewardship, rangeland health, and wildlife conservation, all while maintaining a productive and sustainable ranching operation in Wyoming.

The Bucholz Conservation Award, a highly esteemed recognition, is a testament to the legacy of the late Dr. Kurt Bucholz, DVM. Dr. Bucholz, a rancher from Carbon County, was an early supporter of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust. The award is bestowed upon individuals who, like Dr. Bucholz, embody the agricultural stewardship values and conservation ethics that are the foundation of our work.

"The Diamond Tail Ranch exemplifies conservation and cattle ranching, with a long-standing commitment to improving rangelands, riparian areas, and wildlife habitats," said nominator, Barton Stam. "Through innovative practices like sagebrush management, wetland restoration, and strategic livestock grazing and feeding, the Flitner family has demonstrated both environmental stewardship and agricultural sustainability."

The Diamond Tail Ranch has implemented a wide range of conservation efforts, including collaborative work with the Bureau of Land Management to maintain and improve grazing allotments, as well as proactive sagebrush management that enhances habitat for mule deer, sage grouse, and other native species. On their private lands, the Flitners have actively improved riparian zones and restored wetlands, creating critical habitat for waterfowl, amphibians, and songbirds.

In a recent project, the ranch relocated corrals away from sensitive marshlands, balancing ranching needs with improved water quality and wildlife protection. Their innovative use of hay feeding as a soil-enhancement technique also reflects their practical and creative approach to land stewardship.



Beyond their conservation work, the Flitners have been active voices in the broader agricultural community. Jamie Flitner has served on the Travel, Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources Committee in the Wyoming Legislature, and the family has a long history in leadership roles within the Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

In recognition of the Flitners' dedication to conserving Wyoming's agricultural lands, the family will be presented with a bronze statue sculpted by the late Jerry Palen during the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust's 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Events Center in Cheyenne, WY on August 22nd. Tickets for the celebration can be purchased by visiting <https://auctria.events/25thCelebration>, emailing kendra@wsqgt.org, or by calling [\(307\) 772-8751](tel:3077728751).

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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 ranch families, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust holds and stewards' conservation easements on more than 300,000 acres of agricultural 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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