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### **6,800 acres conserved in Fremont and Hot Springs Counties**

September 30, 2025 – Jim and Terry Wilson of V Ranch have partnered with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (Land Trust) to place 6,800 acres into a conservation easement within Fremont County and Hot Springs County. This easement conserves agricultural values, a rich ranching legacy, open spaces, and essential wildlife habitat.

“We are planning for the future by securing the past,” said Jim Wilson.

Over the last 40 years, the Wilson family has thoughtfully pieced the ranch together, creating an operation that allows for year-round rotational grazing, lending to a healthy landscape and sustainable future. The Wilson’s drive to conserve the property rests in wanting to ensure the land remains intact and productive for the next generation of stewards within the family.

“The Wilson family have been stalwarts in Wyoming’s agricultural history, and that dedication to their industry, family, community and state are evident in the completion of this conservation easement. This will allow future generations to provide stewardship on the land while providing critical habitats for a variety of iconic Wyoming wildlife species. Hats off to the Wilson family and WSGLT on this achievement,” said Bob Budd, Executive Director of the Wyoming Wildlife and

Natural Resource Trust.

Dominated by beautiful stream terraces, rolling foothills, rock outcroppings, mixed forests and high-country grasslands, the property not only boasts natural beauty, but also acts as a haven for a multitude of wildlife species. Adding to the conservation value is the continuity of permanently protected lands surrounding the property. Neighboring the easement, you will find two other permanently protected properties, as well as a mix of State Lands and Bureau of Land Management lands.

"Jim and Terry Wilson are wonderful people and outstanding stewards of the land and water. We are delighted to help with the easement on their V Ranch," said Steve Sharkey from the Knobloch Family Foundation.

The Land Trust appreciates its continued partnership with the Wilson Family and the many funders who helped get this project to completion. The conservation easement was funded in part by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Knobloch Family Foundation, the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

"Wyoming NRCS is thrilled to build on our partnerships with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust and the Wilson Family to help conserve agriculture in our great state. This Agricultural Land Easement with NRCS will help conserve not only the land, but the wildlife, valuable habitats, and Wyoming heritage. In my short time in this role, working with The Wilson's, a family with deep roots in Wyoming, reiterates the dedication Wyomingites share in protecting our valuable resources," said Wyoming NRCS State Conservationist, Jackie Byam.

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 307,536 acres statewide. We are grateful for our trusted partners and landowners who make these projects possible!

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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 families, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust holds and stewards agricultural conservation easements on more than 307,000 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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