

# THE LAND STEWARD

Teton Regional Land Trust's Stewardship Newsletter

Spring 2017

## Meet Our Stewardship Team!



**Tamara Sperber, Conservation Director** – As Teton Regional Land Trust's Conservation Director, Tamara oversees the Land Trust's conservation program including conservation easement acquisition and stewardship, fee-owned lands acquisition and management, habitat restoration and conservation planning. Tamara started working at the Land Trust in 2006 after spending 4 years with a non-profit organization in the Central Valley of California completing large-scale riparian restoration along the San Joaquin River.



**Bill Dell'Isola, Resource Specialist** – Bill joined TRLT in 2014 and is our wildlife expert. His work involves conducting annual site visits with landowners, property stewardship, fee-owned property management, documenting ecologic features for new conservation easements through the drafting of baseline documentation reports and leading the Land Trust's ecological monitoring program. Bill provides a wealth of knowledge in species and habitat identification and management.



**Anthony Gunnell, Stewardship Specialist** – Anthony joined TRLT in 2015. His primary focus involves land management, conservation easement stewardship, and other conservation-related duties. Anthony writes baseline documentation reports for potential conservation easements, property management plans for fee-owned properties, and completes habitat restoration projects. We will be welcoming a new Stewardship Specialist to TRLT this summer as Anthony moves on to further his education.



**Kimberly Holmes, Stewardship Coordinator** – Kimberly joined TRLT in 2016 and coordinates the conservation easement monitoring program, ensuring we're meeting our recordkeeping requirements and maintaining strong landowner relationships. She also writes baseline documentation reports and provides GIS support to the organization. Kimberly brings extensive conservation easement stewardship experience from working with the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust, as a conservation planner, monitoring manager and stewardship specialist since 2010.

### Teton Regional Land Trust Staff

**Joselin Matkins,**  
Executive Director

**Tamara Sperber,**  
Conservation  
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**Renee Hiebert,**  
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**Bill Dell'Isola,**  
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**Anthony Gunnell,**  
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## Spring is Here!

With the arrival of spring, the Teton Regional Land Trust Stewardship Staff are dusting off their boots and getting ready to hit the road for our annual site visits. Please contact us today if you would like to arrange a time to meet with our staff as they visit your property this summer!

## Landowner Resources

With great conservation success comes great responsibility. With every property Teton Regional Land Trust helps protect with a conservation easement, we have assumed an obligation to ensure that the conservation easement terms are upheld and the unique conservation values of the property remain intact, forever.

Our Stewardship Staff are our connection to easement landowners. Building relationships with landowners—walking their land with them and working to address common concerns—goes a long way toward making sure that our conservation easements are upheld.

Please contact our Stewardship Staff to make an appointment to review your conservation easement terms or to join us on the annual stewardship visit.

### STAY CONNECTED

If you would like to receive correspondence via email in the future; drop a note to

[kimberly@tetonlandtrust.org](mailto:kimberly@tetonlandtrust.org)

Or just let us know during our next phone call or property visit!

If you plan to make any changes to your property, such as exercising a reserved right outlined by your conservation easement, or if you intend to sell or gift your property; give us a call so that we can ensure that the appropriate documentation is obtained.

Please visit the Teton Regional Land Trust's website for more information on Landowner Resources, or call us today if you have any questions. [www.tetonlandtrust.org/conserve/landowners](http://www.tetonlandtrust.org/conserve/landowners)

## When to Give Notice?

If you are unsure if an activity requires prior notification and approval from the Land Trust,

### Give us a call!

We are always happy to answer questions regarding your conservation easement

Planning to build or add on to a structure?

Give Us a Call!

Planning to change your land management practices?

Give Us a Call!

Planning to build a fence or road?

Give Us a Call!

Planning to sell/gift your conservation easement property

Give Us a Call!

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## Regional County Weed Contacts

Don't forget to reach out to your local county weed representative to stay up to date regarding any cost-share weed control programs that might be available:

**Bonneville County:**  
Jeffrey Pettingill,  
Weed Superintendent  
208-589-9920

**Clark County:**  
Bo Billman,  
Weed Department  
208-709-6706

**Fremont County:**  
Bryce Fowler,  
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208-624-7442

**Jefferson County:**  
Mitch Whitmill,  
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**Teton County, ID:**  
Amanda Williams,  
Weed Superintendent  
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**Teton County, WY**  
Teton County Weed & Pest  
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307-733-8419



## Tips from the Land Steward

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise we may catch ourselves dreaming of cold lemonade and barbecues shared with the company of family and friends. In addition, an approaching spring signals it is time to get to work preparing ourselves and our equipment for another busy field season. Planning and executing an invasive weed management plan is an integral activity that helps increase the quality of your yields and maximizes the profitability of your agricultural operation.

Suggested preparation activities:

**Plan, Plan, Plan.** Time is of the essence once the field season begins, so set some time aside beforehand to plan your treatments, assess the herbicide variety and quantity needed, and purchase the herbicide.

**Clean and Maintain** your spraying equipment to ensure it is in proper working condition.

**Read the labels** on each herbicide you plan to utilize as this will give you important legal information regarding the correct uses, application types, and quantities to apply per acre.

**Calibrate your equipment** to ensure the application rate is correct for each herbicide. Contact your local county weed superintendent or herbicide representative to learn more about the importance of proper calibration.

**Observe your property** and keep a close eye on the prevalence of invasive weeds. Timing of application of herbicides are both species and chemical dependent. A balance in diligence and weed identification is key!



# Wildlife Notes



Springtime is one of the most exciting times of year for wildlife. Migratory birds flock in from thousands of miles away, bears are emerging from their dens, and big game are having their young. During this time, it's crucially important to be mindful of disturbing wildlife. You, as a landowner, can make a significant impact on wildlife habitat and resources. Here are some actions you can take to benefit wildlife on your property:

- To protect ground nesting birds, consider not harvesting fields or mowing until after the nesting cycle, which lasts from May until August,
- Minimize disturbance to wetland nesting birds by keeping a responsible distance between equipment and open water.
- Defer grazing near wetland areas and nesting habitat until after July 15th to ensure minimal disturbance during the sensitive nesting season.
- Enhance riparian corridors and field edges, which provide important forage and cover for wildlife, by encouraging native plant species and controlling noxious weeds.
- Build wildlife-friendly fences or, at a minimum, keep your fences in good repair so that wildlife are able to safely cross these while passing through your property.

Thank you for your important contribution to conservation in our region. Without landowners like you, our regional wildlife would not be afforded such a tremendous variety of safe and productive habitat.

## Contact Us

For questions, to schedule a meeting to review your conservation easement, or to schedule a visit to walk your land, contact us today!

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