

A Message from Teton Regional Land Trust

Sunrise on the South Fork



TETON REGIONAL LAND TRUST
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We are experiencing an unprecedented time. As we and our communities adjust, we want to reach out to you, our Teton Regional Land Trust family, because you mean a lot to us. You are the reason we are here, and you can count on us doing what we can to get us all through this challenging time.

We also want to assure you we are developing strategies to ensure we live up to our promise to you, and our long-term promise of stewarding the land we all care about and have worked hard to protect. We want you to know that, while being prudent in preparation for an uncertain and likely tough year, we will continue to work on conservation projects, fulfill our annual monitoring requirements, and maintain our outreach and communications, albeit in an adjusted format minimizing direct contact with our members, partners, and landowners.

We are working to transition our Cranes in the Classroom program to an online lesson for our region's teachers. We also hope to offer educational webinars on local wildlife and ecology, take you on a virtual farm tour and share "live" from the field activities from our conservation team to keep you updated. Our staff will manage our operations remotely for the foreseeable future. We are available by phone and email and we will be reaching out to you on a regular basis.

We are lucky that we have so much beautiful open space in eastern Idaho, and we hope that you find a moment each day to go outside for a walk in nature and breathe in the fresh air to reset and manage stress.

At a moment like this, let's remind ourselves of the great work we have accomplished together. This year is the Land Trust's 30th anniversary. Throughout the year, we will highlight the people, partners, and places that stand out from the last 30 years by sharing 30 stories.

Celebrating 30 Years

Six Springs Ranch, TRLT's first conservation easement



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To give you a sneak peek of what we will include as part of the 30 Stories, here are a few of our biggest accomplishments:

- 36,000 acres of permanently protected habitat and working lands
- Over 53 miles of the Teton, South Fork, Henry's Fork rivers conserved
- Over 5,000 acres of protected wetlands
- 165 Conserved properties
- 132 Partner landowners
- 4 Public access and trail projects
- 50 acres of Grain for Cranes annually
- 22 Trumpeter Swans released
- 9 North American Wetland Conservation (NAWCA) grants protecting 14,590 acres
- 21 Land and Water Conservation Fund projects protecting 6,900 acres
- 11 Farm Bill Program grants protecting 3,800 acres
- 76 donated conservation easements protecting 13,000 acres
- 29 million dollars raised for conservation acquisitions
- Accredited since 2008 and first in Idaho
- 11 Conservation recognition awards

We have significant projects underway that will further our mission and safeguard habitat and open land across eastern Idaho. We look forward to sharing the good news with you as the projects move forward. We are so grateful for your support and your partnership makes everything we do possible. We will do our part in supporting you through this immensely difficult time to come out the other end stronger.

Sincerely,

Teton Regional Land Trust Board and Staff