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TETON REGIONAL LAND TRUST
SUMMER 2021

Notes from our Leadership Team

A TIME OF TRANSITION



Christine Ford
OPERATIONS MANAGER

This winter, our Land Trust family lost an inspiration. Joselin was a fierce and tireless advocate for conservation, an amazing friend and boss, and one speedy skier! I am honored to have been able to be in her orbit for as long as I was and will forever be inspired by her commitment, knowledge, enthusiasm, and heart. Almost five months later, as we are gearing up for a busy summer, we will not forget our friend but will honor her with our continued hard work and passion to conserve this most special place. With the increase in development in our region, our efforts are even more necessary now and I have the utmost faith that our team is up to the task. We have formed a leadership team consisting of myself; Tamara Sperber, our conservation director; and Jeske Gräve, our development director. The three of us, supported by our board of directors, are performing Joselin's duties until a new executive director takes over the helm. I thank you for your continued support and look forward to when we are able to see each other in person again.

While I witnessed the sun melting away the cold blanket of winter, making way for spring with its beautiful sounds and smells, I was reminded that it is a time of transition, not only for the seasons, but for the Land Trust as well. We are heartbroken to think of a future without our beloved leader, Joselin, but we're committed to striving ahead and continuing the work for which she was so passionate. We're completing projects and celebrating these bittersweet accomplishments knowing they are part of her legacy. As we enter this new season without Joselin, we're grateful for the supportive community around the Land Trust that she helped foster. We're stronger for weathering this storm of loss together, and we're determined to carry on with Joselin's spirit and her passion for conservation.



Tamara Sperber
CONSERVATION DIRECTOR



Jeske Gräve
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Almost halfway through the year and on a daily basis we are reminded of the many wonderful times we had with Joselin. She was so good at motivating us to get outside and enjoy the place we call home and reminding us why we do the work we do. She truly was an inspiration to each of us. She was so dedicated to protecting our region and all of its beauty, and her drive and passion was very contagious. We know that she would want us to keep reminding ourselves and others of this, so that we don't forget even for one second the importance of our work. So, in that vein, and for Joselin, please go outside as often as you can, inhale a deep breath, take in the views, enjoy all that this special place has to offer, and know that your support is critical for the health and longevity of our entire region.

*Thank you for your outpouring of support during this difficult year.
- Teton Regional Land Trust staff*

Conserving working farms and ranches, fish and wildlife habitat, and scenic open spaces in eastern Idaho for this and future generations.

In A Landscape

CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE WILD



Hunter Noack at Mt. Bachelor

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We are thrilled to present a new event this year. In partnership with the Huntsman Family and Fox Creek Ranch, we are hosting *In A Landscape: Classical Music in the Wild* on Saturday, September 11, from 2 - 6pm.

In A Landscape: Classical Music in the Wild is an outdoor concert series that takes place in stunning landscapes across the West. Classical pianist Hunter Noack expertly plays his nine-foot Steinway grand piano to his audience, while the music is transmitted to the concert-goers via wireless headphones. No longer confined to seats, attendees can explore the landscape, wander through secret glens, lie in sunny meadows, or roam old growth forests, while enjoying Hunter's music. In this case, concert attendees are encouraged to wander around Fox Creek Ranch, a conserved property, and watch for the many different bird species that frequent the restored Fox Creek and adjacent ponds. You may see Sandhill Cranes, Trumpeter Swans, Bobolinks, Ospreys, and Bald Eagles, to name a few!

Doors will open at 2pm and guests can sign up ahead of time for guided tours with Land

Trust conservation staff to learn about the magnificent restoration work that has been done on the ranch.

Plein Air artists whose work will be auctioned off at the end of the program, will be painting onsite. There will also be a silent auction and proceeds will support land conservation across our region.

During this event we will honor Joselin Matkins, our late executive director, and we will be presenting her loved ones with the Ed Hill Conservation Award in honor of her incredible conservation work, vision, and enduring spirit. We will also have a moment of silence for our Land Trust members Ron Rope, Sandy Mason, Susan Rose, and Tim Hopkins, who passed away recently.

Tickets are \$35 for adults (kids are free without headsets). You are welcome to bring your own chairs or blanket, picnic basket, and beverages. Go to our website for the link to purchase tickets and to sign up for a conservation tour. We hope you will join us for this unique experience.



Fox Creek Ranch

Species Spotlights: Great



Great Grey Owl - *Strix nebulosa*

This owl dwarfs most other owl species in size, but most of its weight is actually just feathers! Great Greys prey on small rodents and have such excellent hearing that they can pinpoint a mouse moving underneath the snow. This owl species generally favors country with a mix of dense forest for nesting and roosting and open areas for hunting. Much of their range is remote from impacts of human activities. Teton Valley is in the southern part of the range of the Great Grey Owl. The protection of our regional habitat is critical to the preservation of this beautiful raptor.



Elk - *Cervus canadensis*

Elk are the most abundant large mammal in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). They are very social and are most active in the mornings and late afternoons. Elk rely on intact landscapes to meet their annual needs. TRLT conservation efforts serve to link critical seasonal habitats for elk, including protecting private land that lie within migratory routes of those that summer in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Elk migrations are the heart and soul of the GYE, sustaining carnivores and attracting worldwide visitors to this intact ecosystem. Scientists are just starting to study the Greater Yellowstone herds and their migration patterns. We are paying attention to properly target land conservation projects that will keep these herds viable.



Mule Deer - *Odocoileus hemionus*

Mule deer are a common large mammal native to Idaho. Their scientific name, which means “hollow toothed half-ass,” reflects one of their most recognizable features—their large, “mule-like” ears. Mule deer migrate fast distances and their range is characterized by beautiful but unforgiving landscapes. Their numbers are determined by changing weather patterns, food sources, and predators. The margins for mule deer survival are slim, and today they face additional threats such as loss of winter range, obstacles along their migration routes, poaching, and disease.



Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout - *Oncorhynchus clarkii bouvieri*

Yellowstone cutthroat trout (YCT), known for the red slash along their jaw, are native to the Yellowstone River, Snake River, and Falls River drainages and are an important source of food for birds and mammals in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. YCT numbers have been reduced by overfishing, habitat destruction, interbreeding, disease, and competition with other trout. The YCT has been lost from about 60 percent of its historic range. Now, two of the most important remaining Yellowstone cutthroat populations in the Upper Snake River Basin are supported in the Teton River and South Fork of the Snake River. Efforts continue to be made to support YCT populations, including encouraging anglers to harvest rainbow and lake trout and requiring “catch and release” practices of cutthroats and by protecting and enhancing their habitat and spawning grounds.

er Yellowstone Region

Beaver - *Castor canadensis*

Beavers, the second largest rodent in the world, are native to Idaho and played a major role in its settlement. Sixty million beavers once lived in North America but were almost wiped out by the fur trade. Their comeback has been slow and controversial because their tree harvesting may flood waterways and interfere with other land uses. However, beavers are instrumental in creating and maintaining healthy riparian zones. Beavers don't hibernate and instead store piles of sticks and logs (dams) in ponds or slow waters. Snow accumulates on the pile and acts as insulation that keeps the water from freezing in and around the food pile, providing a location where beavers (and other species like ducks, trout, and otters) can access unfrozen water even during the coldest months.



Grey Wolf - *Canis lupus*

Wolves are highly adaptable and can thrive in diverse habitats. The wolves in the GYE are especially adapted to thrive in our long, harsh winters. They are known to roam large distances, up to twelve miles in a single day, and can run close to forty miles per hour. Wolves are intelligent and use teamwork to hunt. They communicate effectively through facial expressions and vocalizations and develop deep social bonds within their pack. Alpha pairs mate for life. All of a pack's adults help to care for young pups by bringing them food and even help with "babysitting" while the others hunt. Wolves are susceptible to disease and are threatened with loss of habitat and loss of protection from state and federal laws.



Greater Sandhill Crane - *Antigone canadensis*

Sandhills are large, long-lived social birds that live in pairs or family groups throughout most of the year and nest across the northern Rockies. Each fall, cranes come together, sometimes in the thousands, at their fall staging areas prior to their winter migration. Sandhills are omnivorous and will readily eat wetland vegetation, small mammals and amphibians, and cultivated crops such as barley. For this reason, Teton Valley is prime nesting and staging habitat for cranes. The valley hosts the largest population of staging Sandhills in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem! Look and listen for Sandhills and join us in celebrating these magnificent birds at our annual Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival in September!



Grizzly Bear - *Ursus arctos*

In Idaho, grizzly bears are mainly found in the northern region and eastern parts of the state near Yellowstone National Park. Grizzly bear habitat includes forest mixed with meadows and grasslands. Quality habitat and connected ranges are crucial to grizzlies' long-term survival. Today, biologists say there are at least 700 bears within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) recovery area, which includes Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and adjacent areas in Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Grizzlies forage for succulent grasses, flowering plants, roots, berries, white bark pine nuts, and ants. In the GYE, they feed on spawning Yellowstone cutthroat trout and scavenge the carcasses left by wolves or other animals. Linked by connected corridors of protected lands, Idaho seems to be vast enough to support a natural, healthy population of grizzly bears.



“Tell me, what is it you wild and precious

JOSELIN MATKINS

Joselin Matkins was a force of nature, unstoppable, unforgettable. She was a strong woman who moved mountains with the strength of her passion and intellect and the warmth of her smile and kindness to others. In just 42 years, Joselin’s life’s work was truly monumental—she greatly advanced and impacted conservation throughout our region. Joselin’s legacy is thousands of acres of private land protected forever for both nature and people, and numerous effective conservation organizations strengthened by her leadership and example.

A southeast Idaho native, Joselin found her passion early on as an intern at the Wood River Land Trust in Hailey, Idaho. After completing her master’s of science degree at Oregon State University in the study of nutrient cycling in forested riparian systems, she began her formal land trust career as the stewardship director of the Placer Land Trust in Northern California. From there Joselin became the first executive director of the Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust in Pocatello, Idaho, where she gave a fledgling organization full flight. In 2013, Joselin moved to the Teton Regional Land Trust, first as land protection director, and since 2015, as executive director.

It was Joselin’s heartfelt belief that protecting nature protects and heals humanity as well. Joselin worked to keep conservation work relevant to local people and to connect people to nature, while also sustaining wild and productive working lands. Joselin demonstrated her passionate belief in the curative power of the outdoors and wildlife through creation of the annual Greater Yellowstone Sandhill Crane Festival to celebrate the migratory staging of cranes in Teton Valley and her efforts to restore Trumpeter Swan nesting in the valley. Her passion also

“I am passionate about conservation and working at the Land Trust gives me the opportunity to wake up every day and do work that matters to me, the protection of nature, and our natural resources. Nature is facing so many pressures and I appreciate that the work of the Land Trust leads directly to sustaining habitat, rivers and streams, and farms and ranches—not just for today, but for the generations that will come after us.”

— Joselin Matkins



plan to do with your one as life?” – Mary Oliver

MARCH 16, 1978 TO JANUARY 8, 2021

showed through her enduring commitment to the protection of nature from the complex microcosm of vernal pools to landscape connectivity across the entire Northern Rockies.

Joselin was vigorously committed to building the conservation capacity needed to protect natural landscapes. She served as the initial board chair of the Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts for six years, and more recently as board chair of the Heart of the Rockies Initiative, an international partnership of twenty-five land trusts. A nationally recognized voice for conservation, Joselin served on the Land Trust Alliance’s national Land Trust Leadership Council. Joselin was also committed to community. In 2020 the Community Foundation of Teton Valley awarded Joselin the Dawn Banks Nonprofit Leadership Award in recognition of her excellence in nonprofit best practices. Joselin led numerous partnerships with other organizations and served on the boards of multiple local community organizations.

Joselin brought awareness, passion, and wisdom far beyond her years to her conservation leadership. Her love of nature and community was in her bones—the authenticity of her commitment was evident in all her actions. Joselin was fully aware of the global threats to all that we strive to protect from climate change to the extinction crisis. With hopefulness, Joselin intentionally built landscape resilience, one project at a time. We can find Joselin in the present tense in the sunlight on the Teton River, in the calls of swans and cranes, and in the laughter at our gatherings—a uniquely sparkling vein of kindness that she shared with many. Today our loss is heavy, but Joselin illuminated the path forward. We carry on.

- Michael Whitfield, TRLT Founding Executive Director

“Joselin was a bright star in our firmament. We felt the warmth of her glow whenever we were with her. She was our friend, a conservation leader of vision and courage, and a person who connected deeply with the natural world.”

- Will Whelan, ICOLT, Executive Director

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts (ICOLT) - Board President from 2009-2015.

Heart of the Rockies Initiative - Joselin was a core member and voice of the Heart of the Rockies Initiative for more than a decade. She became a part of it in 2008, as the executive director at Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust. She was elected to the board of directors in 2015 and began serving as president in 2020.

Land Trust Alliance Leadership Council - Joselin was invited to join in 2019.

Teton County Idaho Search and Rescue - Joselin was an founding board member and vice president of the TCISAR Foundation beginning with the inaugural meeting in January 2017. Her nonprofit experience, commitment to our community, and passion for our mission was critical to the early success of the foundation. She took over as president in June of 2018 through 2019. She was also a member of the Operations Rescue team.

Teton Valley Ski Education Foundation - Joselin joined the board in 2018. She led the governance committee and also sat on the program committee. She was very active with all community and fundraising events, always the first to volunteer to help with whatever needed to be done.



"If it's wild to your own heart, protect it. Preserve it. Love it. And fight for it, and dedicate yourself to it, whether it's a mountain range, your wife, your husband, or even (god forbid) your job. It doesn't matter if it's wild to anyone else: if it's what makes your heart sing, if it's what makes your days soar like a hawk in the summertime, then focus on it. Because for sure, it's wild, and if it's wild, it'll mean you're still free. No matter where you are." - Rick Bass, author and activist



HEART OF THE ROCKIES INITIATIVE

A land trust partnership that spans five states and two provinces, the Heart of the Rockies Initiative works to strengthen our member organizations through peer-to-peer networking, capital and capacity funding, and broad-scale conservation planning. Joselin brought her unique passion, authenticity, and commitment to our partnership, and helped elevate our collective efforts beyond her local work in Pocatello and later in Teton Valley. For example, she was an integral voice and leader in establishing the High Divide Collaborative and was a champion of its vision and potential. This Collaborative brings together land trusts, conservation organizations, federal and state agencies, landowners, and businesses to conserve and restore lands of importance for local communities and to protect ecological integrity at the landscape scale. A major focus of this group was to bring land and water conservation fund investment to this region of Idaho and Montana. In October 2014, Joselin traveled to Washington DC with Erik Kalsta (Big Hole Watershed Committee and rancher), and Michael Whitfield (then executive director at Heart of the Rockies Initiative) to meet with senators, congressmen, departments heads, and agency leaders to talk about the High Divide Collaborative. Her efforts helped to bring \$30 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to the landscape for conservation easements and fee title purchases that protected 16,000 acres. More recently, Joselin was leading Heart of the Rockies Initiative on new efforts to increase private funding for wildlife connectivity and to strengthen our work by incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion. More importantly, beyond the work she helped lead, she was our friend, our confidant, our mentor, and inspiration. We miss her tremendously and we'll continue our work guided by her warm memory.

- JoAnn S. Grant, Deputy Director



JOSELIN MATKINS ENDURING SPIRIT FUND:

To keep Joselin's bright light shining, we have set up the Joselin Matkins Enduring Spirit Fund to support projects that she was most passionate about—private lands conservation, connecting youth and our community with nature, and protecting iconic Greater Yellowstone wildlife.

She was enamored with Sandhill Cranes and knew their migratory success depended on our region's unique alignment of resources. She spearheaded the annual Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival to increase awareness about threats this species is facing, while increasing support to protect their staging and nesting habitat in eastern Idaho.

Joselin recognized that it was one of our responsibilities as a Land Trust to create opportunities for people to connect with the outside world, to help foster an understanding and appreciation for nature. She worked hard to make our conservation efforts inclusive and accessible, bridging divides and bringing people together to connect around their love for the natural world.

This fund will support advancing the Greater Yellowstone Sandhill Crane Initiative, our Trumpeter Swan Project, and land protection that supports protection of species that are unique to the Greater Yellowstone, along with the Land Trust's educational programs.

There will also be a pedestrian bridge installed, honoring Joselin, along the Teton Creek Corridor pathway.

To donate to this special fund, go to our website or email jeske@tetonlandtrust.org.



Teton Valley Farmland Conservation

PROTECTING ICONIC VIEWS AND TETON RIVER HEADWATERS

Teton Regional Land Trust (TRLT) and the Kearsley family recently closed on an 80-acre conservation easement that protects the family's farm and preserves scenic open space, important wetland habitat, and a portion of two streams within the Teton River Watershed. Thanks to the Kearsley family, the iconic scenic view as you enter Teton Valley coming over Pine Creek Pass on Highway 31 will remain that way. The property has been farmed by the Kearsley family for more than 100 years and this will allow them to continue that tradition. David Kearsley worked closely with the Land Trust on the easement.

"We appreciate working with TRLT on this project. Funds received through the conservation easement will allow us to keep the property in the family and keep the agricultural usage. There have been five generations of family members who have operated the farm. We look forward to having many more."

- David Kearsley, landowner

The farm is surrounded by other private lands that were previously protected by conservation easements, making the Kearsley farm an important piece of the private and public lands conservation puzzle in Teton Valley's south end. Protecting the wetland and riparian habitats on the farm adds to the conservation of resources that are important for native plants, fish, and wildlife in Teton Valley, including the Greater Sandhill Crane, Long-billed Curlew, and Swainson's Hawk.

The property's wetland attributes and the streams that flow through the farm are important contributors to the health and function of the Teton River. These features join other water sources to form the headwaters of the Teton River. The wetland, floodplains, and riparian habitats within the Teton River watershed are vital to the protection of wildlife populations, nutrient cycling, water quality, erosion control, and groundwater discharge. Protection of the Kearsley farm, as well as other lands within the Teton River corridor, is an important part of securing long-term conservation of these precious resources. "Well-managed family farms and ranches play a critical role in protecting and conserving clean water, healthy streams, and

a thriving wild fishery in the Teton River Watershed. Friends of the Teton River is thrilled to have been able to help bring funding support to this project," says Amy Verbeten, executive director of Friends of the Teton River.

In 2017, TRLT, Friends of the Teton River, and LegacyWorks Group succeeded in acquiring funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Idaho to support conservation work in Teton Valley as part of the NRCS's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Within the RCPP, the NRCS made federal matching funds available to support conservation easements in Teton Basin through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). Because the Kearsley farm met the conservation goals of the Teton Basin RCPP by protecting farmland and natural resources beneficial to the health of the Teton River and wildlife species, TRLT was able to secure NRCS support through ACEP. An ACEP conservation easement allows for farming and ranching of properties, as well as limited residential construction. It also permanently limits the amount and type of future development.

"NRCS is excited to welcome this parcel into ACEP," says Wade Brown, easement coordinator for NRCS Idaho. "It provides a long-term grazing management program that will, in turn, improve wetland and riparian habitat. That, along with its location within the Teton Basin, made it a perfect fit for our easement program."

Conservation of the Kearsley farm builds on the protection of 12,000 acres of already permanently conserved habitat and working lands in Teton Valley that benefits both people and wildlife. For 30 years, the Land Trust has worked with partner organizations and willing landowners to protect more than 37,000 acres in eastern Idaho through conservation easements and other voluntary conservation options.

"The Kearsley family is leaving in place a conservation legacy on the landscape that will be intact for many more generations to come. I can't thank them enough for that." - Josh Holmes, TRLT, Land Protection Specialist

Open Space Protected

TWO NEW CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ALONG TETON CREEK CORRIDOR

Teton Regional Land Trust and Teton County, Idaho, worked together to complete a 22-acre conservation easement in Driggs that borders Teton Creek just north of Cemetery Road. The property was once a proposed site for Teton County's new Road and Bridge Facility. After deciding not to build the facility there, the County considered selling the property to help finance a new site but decided instead to work with TRLT to protect the property from future development by selling a conservation easement. The easement preserves open space along

a half-mile of Teton Creek and allows for public access along the new Teton Creek Corridor pathway. Recreational uses for the pathway include biking, walking, and horseback riding, with a seasonal closure in place to provide undisturbed habitat for wintering big game. "Teton County is proud to be a partner in this collaborative effort to restore and conserve the Teton Creek Corridor for the benefit of our community," says Cindy Riegel, Teton County, Idaho County Commissioner.



Private landowners and Teton Regional Land Trust also permanently conserved Teton Creek Farm, approximately one-half mile northeast of the Teton County easement property. The farm lies directly south of the new Teton Creek Corridor pathway, and protects 105 acres of irrigated farmland. The easement allows for one homesite for residential and agricultural buildings for the farm landowners. Teton Regional Land Trust continues to own 67 acres of land north of the farm, through which the pathway crosses. This ground is being restored with grasses, forbs, and shrubs to benefit big game. TRLT is partnering with Friends of the Teton River to retire water rights for the land to help return water to Teton Creek.

The Teton Creek Collaborative will dedicate a Teton Creek Pathway foot bridge that crosses over Teton Creek in memory of Joselin, planned to be finalized by the summer of 2022. A small ceremony will likely be held and more details will follow as this project progresses.

REMEMBERING SANDY

The Teton Creek Collaborative has so much gratitude for our dear partner and friend, Sandy Mason, for his important accomplishments and leadership. His tenacity, spirit, and good humor inspired meaningful collaboration, which resulted in significant conservation of Teton Creek Corridor and Teton Valley. Thank you, Sandy. We miss you.



Grain for Cranes

AN INNOVATIVE USE OF LAND

Sandhill Cranes are one of the most iconic species in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and are especially effective drivers for conservation initiatives due to their status as an umbrella species. Thanks to Teton Valley's unique alignment of wetland roosting habitat and farmland, each fall Sandhills from around the Greater Yellowstone, including Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, congregate in large numbers in the valley to build up the energy reserves needed for their long migration to their wintering grounds. As a result, Teton Valley hosts the largest pre-migration staging population in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and one of the most important pre-migration staging areas for the Rocky Mountain population of Sandhill Cranes.

This alignment of resources is unique and irreplaceable. With development pressure increasing across the region, the farm fields that Sandhills rely on for food are becoming fragmented and being replaced by homes and subdivisions.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT

Four food plots for cranes have been planted on prime staging ground in Teton Valley. You can contribute directly to our food plot program by donating \$250 to *Grain for Cranes*. Your \$250 contribution enables the Land Trust to grow, cut, and leave one acre of barley, which is the preferred food source for staging Sandhills. Your support of the program helps the cranes leave the valley in prime condition to survive their long journey south and to hopefully return the following year.

Teton Regional Land Trust presents

Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival

September 13-18 TETON VALLEY, IDAHO

Crane Tours - Workshops - Art Show with Teton Arts
Community Celebration at Driggs City Center Plaza
on September 18, 11am-5pm

For more information on the week's activities visit tetonlandtrust.org

Come stay overnight in Teton Valley!



TETON REGIONAL LAND TRUST



Letter from our Board President

REGAINING STRENGTH IN A TIME OF LOSS



*John and Sheila Nedrow
with their grandchildren.*

After a hard start to the year, we have regrouped and are moving forward. Tamara and the conservation team recently completed the Aspen Grove easement and have other unique projects moving forward. Monitoring of our existing easement properties will take place partly in-person, and partly with the use of innovative technology such as satellite imagery, which we used last year for the first time. Jeske and her team are planning some exciting in-person events for this summer and fall, and our board vice president, Arantza, has organized a committee beginning the search for a new executive director.

Unfortunately, another great conservation hero has left us too soon. Tim Hopkins passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 23. Tim served on the Teton Regional Land Trust Board of Directors from 2007-2015 and was president from 2014-2015. He was instrumental in starting the South Fork Partnership that has helped protect about 25,000 acres along the South Fork/Lower Henry's Fork and resulted in about \$64 million in conservation. He leaves quite a legacy in conservation and other civic endeavors.

Inspired by those we've lost, we remain committed to our mission. If anything, we have felt an urgent need to move landscape protection forward at a faster rate. The pandemic appears to have focused a spotlight on the importance of our work nationally and especially here in our area. More and more people are seeking refuge from crowded areas and development pressure is increasing dramatically in areas like eastern Idaho. As properties are being sold in our service area and easements are transferring ownership, we look forward to welcoming the new landowners into our TRLT family. I want to thank all of you for your continued support financially and emotionally in this difficult time. I am looking forward to the time when we can all get together in person again and celebrate conservation!

— John Nedrow, Board President



Tim and Anne Hopkins

Welcome to the Board



SUE TALBOT, SWAN VALLEY, IDAHO

Sue is a native of Idaho. She grew up in Idaho Falls and now lives and works in Swan Valley, Idaho, as a fly fishing guide for South Fork Lodge and Outfitters. For Sue, it started with the river. Her first job as a river guide was on the Salmon River in north-west Idaho more than 20 years ago. "I loved rowing a boat and was working on one of the best whitewater rivers in the country!" Sue says. After a couple of seasons running whitewater, Sue was offered a job guiding fly fishing trips on the South Fork of the Snake in eastern Idaho. Sue is also a U.S. Coast Guard Captain and spent many seasons guiding saltwater fly fishing trips in the Florida Keys and Louisiana Delta. In the winter, Sue can be found working for Targhee Power Cat Adventures driving a cat full of skiers and boarders to the top of Peaked Mountain.

"I feel so fortunate to live and work in such amazing places. I'm looking forward to joining the TRLT board in their quest to protect the precious land we have for future adventurers."

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PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR TIN CUP GIVING THIS YEAR



The support received through the Tin Cup Challenge 2020 was critical for our ability to move projects over the finish line last year. This resulted in protecting more than 1,200 acres of fish and wildlife habitat, open space, and working lands in Teton Valley. We are beyond grateful and hope you will support us again through the 2021 Tin Cup Challenge!



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