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TETON REGIONAL LAND TRUST

WINTER 2022/2023

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A Note from our Executive Director

On a cool evening last September, more than three hundred fans of classical music and friends of Teton Regional Land Trust showed up in Teton Canyon to listen to IN A LANDSCAPE: Classical Music in the Wild. Hunter Noack's Steinway grand piano claimed a makeshift stage in the middle of a conservation easement with a storm brewing over the Tetons. The music, weather, and backdrop made for a dramatic and inspiring evening.

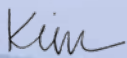
Center to the event was Nancy Huntsman, who hosted and sponsored the Land Trust's inaugural IN A LANDSCAPE event on her family's property the year prior. Not only was she responsible for inspiring this successful event, but she was also this year's guest of honor and the recipient of the Land Trust's Ed Hill Conservation Award. The award is presented to an individual or group who best demonstrates an active interest in conservation of land and community in the Upper Snake River Valley. Nancy and her family also received the Land Trust's 30th Anniversary Land Steward Award for their commitment to restoring Fox Creek and its associated wetlands that they preserved with a conservation easement. Calling Nancy a friend of the Land Trust is an understatement. She embodied the spirit and commitment of the Land Trust. Sadly, Nancy passed away in October peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones, just one month after this year's IN A LANDSCAPE event. At the Land Trust, we will fondly remember her for her energy, vision, and commitment to conservation.

Led by our dedicated staff and a committed board, we are excited to complete projects in the coming months that will protect significant farmlands, open spaces, and wildlife habitat throughout the region. In 2023, we will also embark on a new strategic plan that will address how we operate in our changing world with increasing development pressure and the opportunities that these changes present. Capitalizing on these opportunities will take vision, perseverance, and resources.

We are poised to think creatively moving forward as we are nearing completion of a five-year, \$10 million Legacy of Land capital campaign. In May 2022, the Land Trust announced the public phase of the campaign with 80 percent of the funds raised. The campaign is still in full swing until the end of the year, and we need your help to end it on a high note. The Hamill Family Foundation has offered a match challenge to help us fulfill the campaign goal by year-end. This means that each dollar that members like you contribute in 2022 will be matched 1:1, up to \$250,000. We want YOU to be part of our success, and we ask that you help get us over the finish line by December 31.

If you are interested in helping us receive this \$250,000 match before year-end, please call us at (208) 354-8939 or visit tetonlandtrust.org.

Thank you,



Kim Trotter



Kim (Goodman) Trotter was raised in eastern Idaho and has spent more than thirty years conserving farms and fish and wildlife habitat in eastern Idaho and the Intermountain West. She moved to Teton Valley in 1999 after graduate school to take a summer internship with Teton Regional Land Trust and never left the valley. In addition to working for the Land Trust as a land protection specialist, Kim led Trout Unlimited's Idaho Water Project, the Community Foundation of Teton Valley, and the U.S. Program for the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative. Kim joins the Land Trust after a year on the road traveling in a RV with her husband Frank, two kids, and a black lab. You can find Kim floating the rivers and hiking and biking local trails in her free time.

Water Supply in our Watershed

2022 IN REVIEW



By Katie Guetz

Water resource data collected within a twelve-month period, starting October 1 of any given year and ending September 30 of the following year, is referred to by hydrologists as a “water year.” Precipitation that falls within a watershed during a water year is used to compare current trends to longer-term averages, and track water budgets. These water budgets, along with water rights, determine when and where reservoirs send water. During the 2022 water year, a dry winter season contributed to the fourth-lowest April through September streamflow in the past 43 years, while July through September brought record-setting high temperatures to our watershed. It’s no surprise that this combination has major effects on water supply. So, how exactly did the 2022 water year shape up? Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Rob Van Kirk at the Henry’s Fork Foundation, statistics for the 2022 water year help us to understand the status of our regional watershed:

- Natural streamflow for April-September was 69 percent of average, which is higher than expected due to spring rains.
- Cool spring temperatures, 2.3 degrees cooler than average, led to runoff occurring six days later than average.
- Snow water equivalent (SWE) was 71 percent of average and peaked on April 24, twelve days later than average due to cool spring temperatures.
- Short-term drought indicators improved slightly over the water year due to the cool wet spring. Medium and long-term drought indicators worsened, with total natural flows far below the 1978-2021 average.
- The entire Upper Snake River system ended the water year at 12 percent reservoir capacity.

You can conserve water by watering your lawn less frequently and only in the early morning, running the dishwasher only when full, and composting your food scraps rather than using the disposal. It is more critical than ever to conserve water resources; this means we all must do our part.

Welcome New Team Member

WILL ROTH, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE



Will Roth was lucky enough to grow up spending time in Teton Valley with family. During his childhood, he developed an appreciation for its open spaces and natural beauty. After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Communications from Syracuse University, he spent a year living and working in Teton Valley. He always hoped to move back, and when the opportunity presented itself in 2020, he didn’t hesitate. As the Development and Communications Associate, Will enjoys telling the story of the Land Trust in various ways, from newsletters and social media to grants and press releases.

Will likes spending time in Teton Valley with his family, cross country skiing, floating on the Teton River, and working on home improvement projects that he is not qualified to do.

A Welcoming Habitat in Teton Valley

ICONIC BIRDS OF OUR REGION

Trumpeter swans and Sandhill cranes are iconic birds of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and their presence indicates a healthy ecosystem. Along with a network of volunteers and partner organizations, Teton Regional Land Trust was able to observe and record data on both species this summer and fall. The Teton Basin Trumpeter Swan Project and Greater Yellowstone Sandhill Crane Initiative are succeeding in helping to provide these species with the habitats they need.



Trumpeter Swan Cygnet Release

In August, the Land Trust partnered with Wyoming Wetlands Society and Idaho Fish and Game to release six Trumpeter swan cygnets. The sight of the impressive, beautiful birds taking to the wetland, grouping up, and swimming gracefully to the safety of tall reeds was one to behold.

The next day, our team observed that the cygnets had bonded to a mature Trumpeter swan and were dutifully following it around

the wetland. Since then, they have been spotted, along with their mature mentor, on other wetland habitats around Teton Valley.

In the meantime, another pair of Trumpeter swans have made Teton Valley their home. If you spot a banded Trumpeter swan and can read its ID, let us know by filling out the Trumpeter Swan Observation Form on our website and be part of this exciting endeavor!

Sandhill Crane Counts

With the help of ten volunteers, the Land Trust surveyed the staging population of Sandhill cranes eight times this fall. The data suggests that Teton Valley is still host to the largest population of staging cranes in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Conservation Director Tamara Sperber said that this year's count was very close to the average with a peak count of 1,142 birds.

These steady numbers are a testament to the degree of habitat stability in Teton Valley thanks to programs like Grain for Cranes, which allows for generous donors to sponsor an acre of farmland near the river where barley is grown, cut, and left for the cranes to forage and bulk up their reserves for the migration south.

Thanks to all of our donors and volunteers for contributing to the ongoing success of the Rocky Mountain population of Sandhill cranes!

ENSURING THE VIABILITY OF UMBRELLA SPECIES

When the Land Trust partners with a willing landowner to put a conservation easement on their land, one of the first steps is to create a Baseline Documentation Report. Through this, the Stewardship team documents all of the plants and animals that rely on the habitat found on the property. The presence of Trumpeter swans and Sandhill cranes is often a key prioritization factor, since they are umbrella species. Put simply, umbrella species represent a large geographic area of species that use habitat similarly. That means that protecting Sandhill crane habitat, for example, also protects habitat for myriad other species that may be lesser known but require that habitat in order to thrive, too.

The landscapes that these umbrella species rely on are often under the most development pressure. That's why having resources like the Conservation Action Fund is critical. As part of the Legacy of Land campaign, the Conservation Action Fund supports our efforts to act on conservation opportunities as they arise so that we can take on projects with the goals of species conservation and ecological monitoring and restoration.

You can contribute to the long-term viability of these species by donating now and helping us reach our match! To donate, visit tetonlandtrust.org or send a check to PO Box 247, Driggs, ID 83422.

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of Tim Hopkins
Sylvia Kunstmann In

Memory of Jim Cross
Lani and Wray Landon
In Memory of Tim Hopkins
Linda Milam In Memory
of Tim Hopkins
John and Mercedes Mithun
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Connie Mohr In Memory
of Tim Hopkins
Shelly Myers In Memory
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John and Sheila Nedrow
In Memory of Tim Hopkins
Jerry Nielsen In Memory
of Joselin Matkins
Skip and Esther Oppenheimer
In Memory of Tim Hopkins
Cal and Cindy Ozaki In Memory
of Tim Hopkins
Carl Palmer In Memory
of Joselin Matkins
William Parsons In Memory
of Tim Hopkins
Michael Collette and Joann
Pittelli In Memory
of Tim Hopkins
Phillip Reynolds In Memory
of Carol Spencer Reynolds
Jeanne Rogers In Memory
of C. Reid Rogers
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Memory of Joselin Matkins
Gerald and Carrie Scheid In
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and John Hopkins, Chris
Hopkins, and JoAnn Hopkins
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of Peggy Strain
Tammy and Matthew Theiler
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Bruce and Victoria Thomas
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of Alvin Tollestrup
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of Tim Hopkins
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of Joselin Matkins
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of June Winterfeld

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*Thanks to all those who
volunteered with the Land Trust
in 2021!*

*Our apologies for any errors or
omissions. Please contact the
Land Trust with any questions or
changes.*

*If you have named the Teton
Regional Land Trust in your
estate, please let us know so we
can thank you in your lifetime.*

2021 Annual Financial Report

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2021

2021 INCOME - \$4,851,182

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$4,787,854
Prepaid Expenses	\$15,289
Pledges Receivable, Current	\$39,814
Other Receivables	\$31,391
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$4,874,348

OTHER ASSETS

Assets Held at the Idaho Community Foundation	\$51,094
Investment Funds for Conservation Acquisitions	\$4,713,034
Property Acquired for Long-term Purposes	\$456,540
Pledges Receivable, non-current	\$45,203
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$5,265,871

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$38,549
Land Restricted for Conservation Purposes	\$326,279
TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$364,828

TOTAL ASSETS **\$10,505,047**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

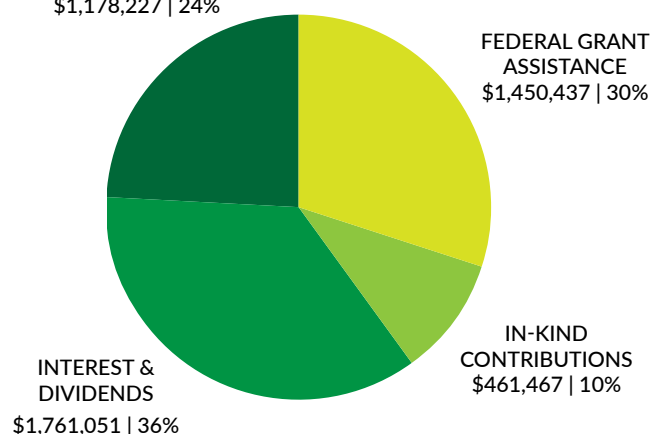
Accounts Payable	\$1,514
Accrued Payroll & Related Liabilities	\$51,654
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$53,168

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$4,388,825
Temporarily Restricted	\$6,063,054
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$10,451,879

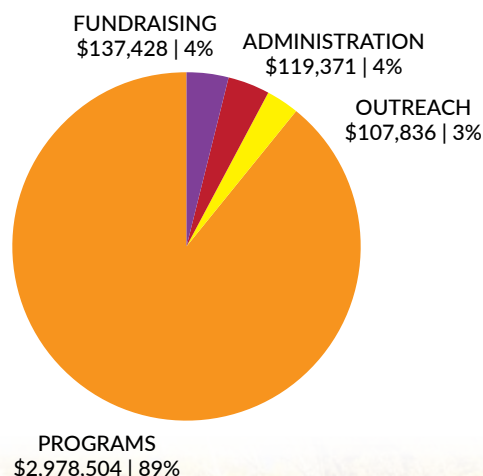
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$10,505,047**

MEMBERSHIPS,
DONATIONS, & GRANTS*
\$1,178,227 | 24%



*Includes grants and donations restricted for land and easement purchases

2021 EXPENSES - \$3,343,139



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On behalf of Teton Regional Land Trust, we'd like to wish you and yours a happy holiday season. We hope you join us in admiring the wild and expansive winter wonderland that is the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem!

As we end the year, we also acknowledge change within the Land Trust's leadership. Tim Brockish acted as the Land Trust's board treasurer, and he followed every expense to ensure the Land Trust was in good financial standing. The Land Trust maintained the endurance to run a marathon capital campaign because of Robin Anderson, our determined and talented board member who served as the chair of the campaign committee. Matt MacMillan is also leaving the board, and his long standing connections with community members in Teton Valley and Jackson were invaluable. We will miss their tenacity and leadership on the board, but they leave us in an excellent position to look forward.

-Kim Trotter, Executive Director

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A copy of the latest Financial Report and Registration filed by this organization may be obtained by contacting us at: PO Box 247, Driggs, ID 83422; (208) 354-8939
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