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PROTECT GREAT PLACES



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TETON REGIONAL LAND TRUST

winter 2025

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

**9**

Cygnet swans released this year

**64**

Members giving for 15+ years

**162**

Stewardship visits so far in 2025

**450**

Additional acres on track to close by year end

**575**

Volunteer hours

**1,111**

Cranes counted in a single day

**1,136**

Conservation easement acres added in 2025

**1,494**

People attended outreach events so far this year

**43,826**

Acres currently protected

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Our work strengthens vital connections between working lands, wild places, and the communities that depend on them. It's a legacy we are safeguarding for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and its people - for now and for generations to come.

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*- Kim Trotter*

*Executive Director,  
Teton Regional Land Trust*

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## A Legacy Preserved: Boyd Bowles Keeps Darby Canyon Wild and Working

Boyd Bowles of Teton County recently completed his second conservation easement with Teton Regional Land Trust, ensuring the mouth of Darby Canyon—a cherished recreation area and wildlife haven—will remain undeveloped forever.

This 162-acre Wyoming property protects scenic open space, productive farmland, and wetland habitat along Darby Creek, adding to the protection of his first 192-acre easement in Idaho that was completed in 2023. Farmed by the Bowles family for generations, the land now supports local agriculture while providing a vital wildlife corridor connecting to Forest Service lands.

**“ I do it for the love of the land, I'd hate to see my lifelong home turn to development. ”**

*— Boyd Bowles*

Idaho **lost**  
**2,119**  
farms between  
2017 – 2022





## Conserving the Lands that Sustain Us

Across Eastern Idaho, generations of ranchers and farmers have cared for this land with grit, devotion, and an intimate understanding of its rhythms. Their work has shaped a landscape of sweeping pastures, cottonwood-lined creeks, and the Tetons rising majestically beyond—wide-open spaces that are more than scenery; they are the soul of our

community. These lands feed us, sustain wildlife, filter our water, and connect us to a way of life that is increasingly rare. Yet each year, more of this cherished ground is lost to development. Once a field is paved or a pasture is fragmented, it's gone forever—along with the open views, fertile soil, and corridors that allow wildlife to thrive.

**Protecting wildlife habitat, working lands, and open spaces today ensures that tomorrow's families can continue to make a living from the land, that the valley's natural beauty endures, and that the sense of place that draws people here—its quiet, its wildness, and its heritage—remains intact for generations to come.**



pronghorns cross  
**250+**  
fences each year

## Preserving Wildlife & Fish Habitats

Our stewardship team cares for the lands and wildlife that define our valley. In September, we celebrated the release of nine young Trumpeter Swans into Teton Basin—our twelfth release since 2013, made possible through strong partnerships and community support. Staff and volunteers also completed a month of Sandhill Crane monitoring, gathering key data to guide conservation efforts and sustain the cranes' vital staging grounds and we removed nearly a mile of outdated fencing along the Teton River, improving safe passage for moose, elk, and waterbirds. Each project reflects our shared commitment to keeping this landscape connected, healthy, and teeming with life.

## A Milestone for Conservation in Fremont County

This year, the Land Trust partnered with the Daw family to permanently protect 654 acres of farmland, wetlands, and wildlife habitat along the lower Teton River. After surviving the 1976 Teton Dam flood, the Daws spent decades rebuilding their century farm — now a fifth-generation legacy safeguarded forever.

Their land remains vital habitat for moose, Sandhill Cranes, Trumpeter Swans, and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, and a lasting testament to perseverance, stewardship, and eastern Idaho's agricultural heritage.



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Until December 5,  
**your impact goes twice  
as far for the lands you love.**

Generous donors are matching all qualified gifts 1:1 up to \$20,000 to support Teton Regional Land Trust's work protecting wildlife habitat, open spaces, and working lands across eastern Idaho. Every acre we permanently protect is made possible by people like you. Eligible gifts include new donations, increased annual gifts, and new monthly gifts, which are matched for one year. With this special opportunity, your gift will have twice the impact in keeping these landscapes healthy and thriving for generations to come.



**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

