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Land Trust Finishes Year with Protection of Snake River Property

Jackson Hole, Wyoming – The Jackson Hole Land Trust accepted a 37-acre conservation easement from John and Bobbie Nau last week, capping a year of land conservation accomplishments both close to home and farther afield.

The conservation easement completed last week conserves the majority of a parcel of land owned by the Naus along the Snake River north of Jackson, preserving habitat for boreal toads, Snake River fine-spotted cutthroat trout, and elk, which utilize the property for rutting, calving, and migration routes between Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge. The easement was conveyed pursuant to Teton County's planned residential development (PRD) land use tool, which grants landowners additional residential square footage in exchange for clustering development and conserving the majority of the property with a conservation easement.

In addition to the Nau easement, the Land Trust this week finalized the first phase of the Flat Creek Corridor Project, a partnership with the Town of Jackson to conserve approximately 40 acres of prime wildlife habitat along Flat Creek and recreational trails on the northwest slope of Snow King Mountain. The balance of the project will be completed over the next four years, giving the town and the Land Trust time to raise the necessary remaining funds.

"These two projects demonstrate the importance of our creeks and rivers to the wildlife here in Jackson Hole," said Laurie Andrews, executive director of the Land Trust.

"These waterways provide habitat for aquatic species and form corridors for elk and other animals that move between different parts of the valley."

Other land conservation projects completed by the Land Trust this year include the protection of a 940-acre ranch near Dubois, WY and the launch of a 10-year, 1,500-acre conservation effort in Alta, WY. In total, the Land Trust conserved over 1,000 acres in the past year.

The Jackson Hole Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization that works to protect the scenic, ranching and wildlife values of Jackson Hole. Since its inception in 1980 the Jackson Hole Land Trust has protected over 22,000 acres of open lands in and around Jackson Hole. For more information please visit www.jhlandtrust.org.
