

Living Room.

land for people and wildlife
by Stephen Lunsford and Anne Muller

"I always feel I haven't been here long enough, that I need more time to soak it up." --Joan Guntzelman

Land is protected by conservation easements to provide space for people and wildlife, now and into the future.

Photographers Stephen Lunsford and Anne Muller combine their talents to tell the story of three very special easement-protected properties in the valley: Torrey Lake Ranch, Ring Lake Ranch, and Byrd Draw. All three provide this community with open space scenery viewable from adjacent public land and roads. All three supply critical habitat for wildlife, including the iconic bighorn sheep. All three are privately owned.

Anne Muller focused her lens on the people who keep these properties running -- who irrigate, entertain guests, repair cabins, haul water for livestock, and tend to the everyday needs of the ranch. Her work documents the daily gestures of men and women who are committed to caring for the land.

Stephen Lunsford's images capture the essence of the landscapes; the play of light and shadow, the expansive space, the effects of wind and long winters and sudden storms, and in a few frames, the wildlife which calls it home.

The Wind River Program/JHLT and the Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center recognize the value of these properties as open space, as land essential to people and wildlife, as living room.

The exhibit will be open to the public through July and August, at the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center.