



JACKSON HOLE LAND TRUST NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Jackson Hole Land Trust's celebrates 30 Years of Land Conservation

Jackson Hole, Wyoming – On August 8th the Jackson Hole Land Trust will host its annual picnic in the hayfields of the 380-acre Fish Creek Ranch. This event is open to the public and is a wonderful way for the community to come together and celebrate the open space of this valley.

“The Land Trust picnic has taken place for the past 30 years. Although the event has evolved, the purpose remains the same– to celebrate the shared vision of this community that the valley’s wild and open spaces should be protected for future generations. We look forward to celebrating this steadfast community commitment on August 8th,” said Laurie Andrews, Executive Director of the Land Trust.

This year the Land Trust will return to the site of its first picnic, which was hosted in 1982 by Gil Ordway, owner of Fish Creek Ranch and Emeritus Board Member of the Land Trust. It was attended by approximately 50 individuals, and was in a borrowed tent from the Hoback Fire Department and used chairs from the Wilson School. The event has evolved since its humble beginnings, but the camaraderie remains unchanged. This year, the Land Trust will celebrate its 30th birthday with over 500 attendees under a much larger tent, featuring a delicious barbeque dinner, live music, dancing, an aerial show of the raptors from The Teton Raptor Center and prominent guest speakers.

Pete Lawton, Board President of the Land Trust, reflects that “The annual picnic is always a special event for the whole family and this year will be no exception. We are honored to have Congressman Cynthia Lummis and Senator John Barrasso as the guest speakers. The picnic is a wonderful way to celebrate the open lands of Jackson that define this valley and the people who care so much about the land and truly make Jackson Hole special.”

Cocktails and music begin at 4pm with the picnic buffet at 5pm and dancing from 6:30-8pm. Tickets are \$40 per adult and \$10 for children. Walk-ins are welcome or contact the Land Trust to reserve your tickets (307) 733-4707.

The Jackson Hole Land Trust was founded in 1980 by a small group of conservation minded citizens that had the ambitious plan to protect the character defining open lands of this valley. Their passion and vision has led to the Land Trust permanently protecting over 22,000 acres of the private lands in and around Jackson Hole. These lands represent incredible viewsheds, irreplaceable wildlife habitats, the storied history of this valley’s agricultural lands and the most beloved recreational areas. For more information on the picnic and our work, contact Laurie Andrews at (307) 733-4707 or info@jhlandtrust.org.