



Flat Creek Corridor Project

Protecting 40 acres of recreational and ecological value
in the heart of Jackson





In 2003, the Jackson Hole Land Trust and the Town of Jackson partnered to complete the 41-acre Karns Meadow project, which protected a rare wildlife haven, one mile of Flat Creek and significant open space within the town limits. The Town and the Land Trust are once again partnering to permanently protect the adjacent 40-acre parcel to the southwest of Karns Meadow.

The Flat Creek Corridor project protects a unique combination of recreational and ecological values. The property is an important passage for wildlife movement, prime riparian habitat and a popular hiking and biking destination.

Beloved Trail System

The project area is located at the base of Snow King Mountain and is home to some of the most beloved trails in Jackson, which include access routes to Josie's Ridge and the Sink or Swim trails. The trails are used by mountain bikers, hikers and runners during the summer months and are accessed most readily from Crabtree Lane, Hidden Ranch Lane and Snow King Avenue. The completion of this project will guarantee that these trails will continue to be enjoyed and accessed by the community in perpetuity.

Riparian Habitat

The project will expand upon the one mile of Flat Creek already protected in 2003 to include approximately one additional mile. The area conserved will help support water quality and flood control improvements in Flat Creek and ensure future opportunities for trout habitat enhancements.

The habitat on the property supports a diverse wildlife population. Approximately half of the property lies within the county's Natural Resource Overlay (NRO), an indicator of elevated ecological function. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department has designated the Flat Creek Corridor project area as Crucial Winter-Yearlong habitat for mule deer, Spring, Summer and Fall habitat for mule deer and Winter-Yearlong habitat for moose. Additionally, an active beaver colony, river otters, red fox, raptors and black bears also inhabit the property.



Creative Partnership

When the Flat Creek property went on the market, both the Land Trust and the Town knew immediately that protecting it from development was a high priority. To preserve this important property, the Land Trust partnered with the Town of Jackson to acquire it from the private seller in phases spread over a period of four years. The property will eventually be owned by the Town with the Land Trust holding a conservation easement on it. To finance the project, the Land Trust is seeking \$475,000 from private funding sources.





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A Partnership with the Town of Jackson
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 2009 aerial photograph



1 inch = 500 feet



project location
 existing conservation easement