Dear Friends,

Winter in years past has been a quieter time at the Jackson Hole Land Trust, a time for reflection and preparation for the upcoming year that mirrors the quietness of the natural world outside. But this winter, reflection has been replaced instead with excitement and activity, as the projects that we’ve worked on in the 2012 fiscal year continue to have impact and visibility in our community, and many projects initiated in 2012 have already come to completion.

Our Annual Report highlights the work of each of our departments in the past fiscal year – October 1st, 2011 through September 30th, 2012. In our 2012 fiscal year, as we do each year, we continued to steward our conservation properties through visits with landowners and ranch managers on all of our protected properties as part of our annual monitoring program. We placed 4 new properties under permanent protection: River Springs – Rendezvous Park, River Rock Ranch, Flat Creek Corridor, and Snake River Corridor Ranch – each unique in their own way, each conserving a valuable piece of remaining open space in the valley through unique partnerships.

While the end result of our work is land conservation and stewardship in perpetuity, each step along the way is filled with the incredible people that share our passion for this place – this valley. The people and partners that we have the privilege of interacting with throughout the year, through projects, properties, events, and other outreach initiatives, inspire and sustain our board and staff just as much as the beautiful landscapes around us. A jovial conversation after a monitoring visit, a forward-thinking new collaboration, a new connection with a supporter at an event, a letter to the editor on our behalf, a dependable annual fund donation, a handwritten note or email – we cherish these things and are incredibly grateful for your thoughtful support in our work. Your enduring commitment to land conservation enables us to operate successfully, day after day, year after year, generation after generation – and inspires us to do all we can to find new opportunities and steward the amazing properties in and around Jackson Hole that we’ve protected since our first conservation easement over 30 years ago. Thank you for believing in the work we do to keep this Forever Our Valley.

Sincerely,

Laurie Andrews
Executive Director

Pete Lawton
Board President

The Jackson Hole Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization that was established in 1980 to preserve open space and the critical wildlife habitat, magnificent scenic vistas, and historic ranching heritage of Jackson Hole. By working cooperatively with the owners of the some 300,000 privately owned open lands, the Jackson Hole Land Trust has ensured the permanent protection of over 23,000 acres in and around Jackson Hole and the Greater Yellowstone Area.

For more information please visit www.jhlandtrust.org
LAND PROTECTION

Our land protection work in the valley continues to be both dynamic and strategic – in recognition that every property and landscape that we work with is unique, and the terms of the easements that we create together are equally unique. In fiscal year 2012, we continued our mission of acquiring properties, and we revealed four new properties totaling 242 acres – each of which is different and incredibly valuable in its own right.

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The relationships that we have cultivated with private landowners, federal and state agencies, and private supporters to protect over 400 acres of the Butte have led us to close in on the completion of the first phase of the easement, totaling 120 acres, in the early part of FY 2013. With more projects expected to close this fiscal year and many more in the works, 2013 is looking like a year of important progress: all projects are made possible by your support.

RIVER SPRINGS - RENDEZVOUS PARK

In December 2012, we partnered with the US Foundation to acquire this 40-acre property, centrally located between Jackson, Wilson, and Teton Village along the Snake River, and just a stone’s throw from the National Elk Refuge, providing important open space and sage grouse habitat. The estate, which formerly operated on site, the land deal has marked the ultimate vision of transforming the land into a natural park for the community.

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The community has responded with incredible interest and support, with over 500 participating in an online survey of remaining important open lands in these areas. Through these partnerships, we work to find solutions that often require perseverance, expertise, and financial resources.

Please visit our website at jhlandtrust.org and sign up for our email list if you would like to receive timely updates on our most recent protection successes.

RIVER ROCK RANCH

In December, we accepted an 18-acre conservation easement along the Snake River north of Jackson. The parcel consists of high-quality riparian habitat, shielded by cottonwood and spruce trees, that is home to a multitude of wildlife species including Snake River fine-spotted cutthroat trout, bald eagles, black bear, trumpeter swans, and beaver dams. A spring creek also flows through the property, supporting a population of cutthroat trout and the surrounding grasslands. The donated easement is a fourth contiguous parcel to be placed under permanent protection at the River Rock Ranch.

FLAT CREEK CORRIDOR PHASE II

Our land protection work along Flat Creek continued. Flat Creek corridor property was completed in December 2011, conserving an additional 2 acres along Flat Creek important to native cutthroat trout, montane cutthroat trout, and migration area for elk, with up to 10% of the elk that formerly operated on site. The land deal has marked the ultimate vision of transforming the land into a natural park for the community.

Since December, we have been involved in the planning and design for the new park, working with the Rendezvous Lands Conservancy to ensure that collaboration with community stakeholders and public input are integral to the process. The community has responded with incredible interest and support, with over 100 participating in an online survey and four open houses this spring, and over 500 attending our Soleil at the Park celebration in June. The property has been visible in local and regional media as well as in the Land Trust Alliance Saving Lands newsletter. We look forward to the opening of the new park in fall 2013/spring 2014 as this community legacy takes shape.

SNAKE RIVER CORRIDOR RANCH

In August, we accepted a donated conservation easement that permanently protects 181 acres along a free-flowing stretch of the Snake River. The property, located north of Jackson, represents a relatively pristine section of the Snake River important to a host of wildlife species including migratory birds, mule deer, mountain lions, Snake River fine-spotted cutthroat trout, spotted owls, and bald eagles. It is a key mating, staging, and migration area for elk, with up to 20% of the elk that winter on the National Elk Refuge crossing the Snake River at this location en route to the eastern slopes of the Tetons.

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STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship of our protected properties is the backbone and integrity of our work. When a property is protected by the Land Trust through a conservation easement, it is just the beginning of an enduring relationship between the Land Trust, the landowner, and the land itself. The active stewardship of our conserved properties through our stewardship staff and Committee’s work with landowners and ranch managers on the ground ensures that the wide-open spaces, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and ranching heritage of these properties endure through time for generations to come.

The responsibility of stewardship requires staff and board members to conduct annual monitoring visits to each protected property while building long-term relationships with the landowners of these properties. Each summer as we travel to each conservation property for our in-person visits with landowners, we renew our mutual commitment with each landowner partner to safeguard the conservation values of their land. In 2012, our stewardship staff and board members monitored our 210 easement areas over the course of 130 visits from spring through late fall, and also conducted many baseline inventories on proposed projects. In nearly every case, we had the opportunity to connect with landowners of conservation properties in person – offering opportunities to observe what is happening on the ground and engage in discussions about stewardship matters.

With over 117 landowner relationships to maintain, we strive to be a resource to owners of conservation properties by fielding inquiries, distributing our annual Land Steward newsletter, responding to requests, and working to remedy any compliance issues. Our stewardship staff members and Stewardship Committee work with landowners and ranch managers on the ground to ensure that the wide-open spaces, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and ranching heritage of these properties endure through time for generations to come.

EASEMENT DONOR DINNER

One of the highlights of our 2012 stewardship program was a special donor event held on August 23rd at the Snake River Ranch. This evening brought together generations of conservation landowners and easement donors,牧场经理, and stewards of the land to celebrate and thank all those that have worked to make land conservation happen in our valley, year after year. Bill Resor and Rob Cheek shared heartfelt and entertaining stories of Jackson Hole and their families’ histories in the valley to the over 80 guests gathered for the evening.

HIGH SCHOOL BUTTE VOLUNTEER DAY

Our stewardship team worked with community volunteers to revegetate and control erosion on a section of the High School Butte trail, a favorite and easily accessible recreation option for residents located at the north end of South Park Loop Road. High School Butte exists on private land owned by the Poodle Ranch, the top half of which is protected by a conservation easement donated to the Land Trust by Emily Frew Oliver in 1998. In 2009, the Land Trust successfully revegetated one of the most heavily affected areas at the top of the butte, with the help of volunteers and donated materials. In May of 2012, we worked with three Teton Science Schools groups and community volunteers to break up compacted soil, scatter native seeds, and lay fabric matting to revegetate a new section of trail. These trail maintenance efforts are crucial to providing access for local residents while preserving the unique habitat and natural beauty of the butte.
Where We Work

Protected Properties

2012 Protected Properties

BLM and State Lands

Forest Service Lands

National Elk Refuge

Grand Teton National Park

Flat Creek Corridor Phase II

Jonathan Selkowitz

40 acres • December 2011
Open Space • Scenic • Public Access

River Springs - Rendezvous Park

Jonathan Selkowitz

181 acres • August 2012
Open Space • Wildlife • Scenic

Snake River Corridor Ranch north of town

101 acres • August 2012
Open Space • Wildlife • Scenic

River Rock Ranch

Steffan Freeman

19 acres • December 2011
Open Space • Wildlife • Scenic

Ranch north of town

Leine Stikkel

2 acres • December 2011
Open Space • Scenic • Public Access

Forest Corridors

Panorama and map of western Jackson Hole and Teton County

Protected Properties

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & OUTREACH

We had a wonderful summer season connecting with our supporters and local community members at our community events and booths.

Our 32ND ANNUAL PICNIC, at the Indian Springs Ranch open space in August, featured music by the Miller Sisters, booths by community partners, and a live raptor demonstration by the Teton Raptor Center.

In August, we launched the pilot phase of a new outreach initiative in partnership with Story Clark’s Conservation Consulting and the Grand Teton National Park Foundation’s TRAVELSTORYSGPS SMARTPHONE APP, a free iPhone and iPad app that features engaging stories about the landscape, geology, and wildlife history along Wyoming Highway 22 - including stories about the Land Trust’s work along this road.

In Dubois, the wind River Program’s fourth season of community events and programming included a July 4th celebration, a picnic with the Wagon Box Ranch, with a view across the valley in front, and the dramatic Warm Spring Canyon behind. The Wind River Program’s community events included a gift in recognition of their work on the Flat Creek Corridor project.

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In July, our second FARM FRESH DINNER, co-hosted with Slow Food in the Tetons and featuring a menu entirely made of local ingredients, was held at the beautiful Bar BC Ranch and sold out once again.
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

BENEFACTOR

Michael Wehrle
Robert Strawbridge, III

STEWARD

Rod and Alice Moorhead
Leslie and Chris Johnson
Steven Denning and Roberta Bowman
Martin Brown Sr.

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Jane Jerger

Unrestricted operating contributions improved 3% for the third time in our history.

94% of expenditures were spent directly to support our programs.

The Land Trust was able to secure $3,421,069 in federal and state funding, and $8,685,000 in private grants.

Investments in our Endowment are realized in the Land Trust’s operating budget.

The Land Trust spent approximately $409,008 on stewardship of conservation properties, whether for nearly 6,392 total acres that are dedicated to the care of new or existing easements.
PRESERVE YOUR LEGACY WITH OPEN SPACES

The Teton Legacy Society has been formed to honor the individuals and foundations that have made it possible for the Land Trust to accomplish its mission. In the future this statewide protected area will provide the unique natural environment that has drawn so many to the Tetons. Your generosity will ensure the Land Trust's ability to continue this important work. This Donor Advised Fund will allow you the flexibility to support the Land Trust or any other non-profit that you choose. The Land Trust will ensure the maximum impact of your gift and the ultimate stewardship of the protected lands.

Gifts in the form of cash or check are gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to the Teton Land Trust and mail to:

Teton Land Trust
PO Box 151
Jackson, WY 83001

For gifts of securities, instruments, or other types of property, please contact Susan Wilcox in the Land Trust's Development Office at 203.443.6045.

For more information about the Teton Legacy Society please contact Susan Wilcox, Development Director at 203.443.6045 or suanw@tetonlandtrst.org.

If you have questions about how you can include the Land Trust in your own legacy plans, please call 203.443.6045 for information on a variety of methods to make a gift.

The Land Trust is a non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts to the Land Trust are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
2012 in Review

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...actively steward 210 easements and make face to face contact with our landowner partners

...protect 4 new properties totaling 242 acres, including
  242 acres of scenic open space
  155 acres of river bottom and riparian areas
  42 acres of public access open space
  1 mile along trout streams and rivers
  1 mile along elk migration corridors

...raise over $1 million in unrestricted operating contributions

...use 94% of expenditures to directly support programmatic expenses

...successfully secure commitments for over $3,421,000 in federal and state funding for protection projects

...work with volunteers to restore sections of a community-accessed trail to alleviate erosion concerns

...connect with over 2,000 vibrant community members and supporters through 4 community events and booths

...support a dedicated staff of 11 to carry out the vision of the Jackson Hole Land Trust