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Wyoming Land Trust Launches with Major Financial Support

EnCana Donates \$100,000 to New Statewide Land Trust

Pinedale – Encana Oil & Gas USA, Inc. has contributed \$100,000 to the Wyoming Land Trust, the new statewide land trust. The funds will be used to support outreach and capacity and enable conservation easements that can enhance wildlife resources, scenic viewsheds and production agriculture in Wyoming.

Launched this summer, the Wyoming Land Trust is a statewide land trust that will work throughout Wyoming for conservation and energy mitigation as a tool to maintain Wyoming's unique character, scenic and cultural values.

EnCana Community Relations Advisor Randy Teeuwen said, "Wyoming is an incredible state with some of the most valuable natural resources in the country – and expect our support of the Wyoming Land Trust will help sustain Wyoming's agriculture, help keep families on the land and enhance wildlife for generations. We take our community responsibility to Wyoming seriously – as a job creator, an economic contributor, as a partner with landowners and as a company dedicated to the future for Wyoming. We encourage others to support the Wyoming Land Trust mission as a sustainable partnership opportunity."

The Wyoming Land Trust will facilitate conservation easement donations, purchase conservation easements, steward conservation easements, educate the public and work collaboratively with other land trusts with the same mission of helping Wyoming landowners stay on their lands or in production agriculture. These services will help landowners conserve Wyoming's natural and agricultural resources privately and voluntarily.

“Our mission is to help landowners keep their land in the family – so that Wyoming ranchers and farmers can continue production agriculture. That’s good for Wyoming’s wildlife, scenic vistas as well as the economy and our job base,” said Lara Ryan, executive director of the Wyoming Land Trust.

“EnCana’s donation is important and the Wyoming Land Trust will use it well – keeping Wyoming’s quality of life and wildlife invested on the ground,” Ryan said.

As an organization, the Wyoming Land Trust is an expansion of the Green River Valley Land Trust, which worked for the last 10 years in one of the core energy producing areas of Wyoming with ranchers and energy developers to conserve land and protect wildlife.

The decision to expand the Sublette County-based land trust was based in requests throughout Wyoming for additional help from a land trust experienced in energy mitigation.

“Balance is important to Wyoming people, and if the Wyoming Land Trust can help add more balance to each corner of this great state, then we will have met our mission,” Ryan said.

And please see this link which highlights one of the land trust’s key wildlife corridor programs: www.youtube.com/grvlandtrust#p/a/u/1/8T6lR1hSw10

A video link explains the statewide Wyoming Land Trust: www.youtube.com/grvlandtrust.

For more information on the Wyoming Land Trust, please visit: www.wyominglandtrust.org

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