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## **BP Commits \$150,000 to Wyoming Land Trust**

Land conservation projects pending throughout the state to benefit

Pinedale – Conservation projects in Wyoming got a strong boost from BP donating \$150,000 to the Wyoming Land Trust.

The funds will be used on the ground to help enable and support conservation easements, public education campaigns and various outreach efforts that will enhance wildlife resources, scenic viewsheds and production agriculture in Wyoming.

“The Wyoming Land Trust is doing real work on the ground, in cooperation with local landowners, to improve habitat and help Wyoming wildlife populations thrive,” said Chad Calvert, Director of Government and Public Affairs for BP in Wyoming. “BP believes in what they are doing and we are proud to partner with the Wyoming Land Trust in that mission.”

Launched in the summer of 2010, the Wyoming Land Trust is a statewide land trust that works throughout Wyoming for conservation and energy mitigation as a tool to maintain Wyoming’s unique character, scenic and cultural values. The Wyoming Land Trust facilitates conservation easement donations, purchases conservation easements, stewards conservation easements, educates the public and works collaboratively with other land trusts with the same mission of helping Wyoming landowners stay on their lands or in production agriculture. These services help landowners conserve Wyoming’s natural and agricultural resources privately and voluntarily.

“BP’s support of the Wyoming Land Trust will aid us further in our efforts to help landowners ‘keep it in the family,’ with comprehensive energy mitigation,

protecting the future of production agriculture in Wyoming as well as our state's wildlife and scenic vistas," said Executive Director of the Wyoming Land Trust Lara Ryan. "The Wyoming Land Trust and BP share the same dedication to the future of Wyoming and we are grateful for their large donation."

WLT corridor conservation campaign - which pays for wildlife friendly fences to those landowners who volunteer for the upgrade - is a great success in Wyoming for landowners and wildlife alike.

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 interest throughout Wyoming for additional help from a land trust experienced in energy mitigation.

For more information on the Wyoming Land Trust, please visit [www.wyominglandtrust.org](http://www.wyominglandtrust.org). Videos on the Wyoming Land Trust and one of the land trust's key wildlife corridor programs are available at [www.youtube.com/grvlandtrust](http://www.youtube.com/grvlandtrust).

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