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## **Wyoming Land Trust Celebrates State's Landscapes with 'Prairies to Peaks' Art Competition**

WLT to Present Conservation Purchase Award to Select Artist During Statewide Event

**Cheyenne, Wyoming** – In celebration of Wyoming's vast and diverse landscapes, the Wyoming Land Trust is partnering to sponsor a statewide competition which will give artists the opportunity to paint scenery in every corner of the Cowboy State.

The Wyoming Land Trust is supporting the inaugural "Prairies to Peaks," a Plein Air art competition organized by Deselms Fine Art and Custom Framing in Cheyenne. The competition takes place August 1st through the 13th and also includes Plein Air workshops for participants as well as the general public. "En Plein Air" is a French term which means to paint outside in the open air.

Participating artists will have the opportunity to paint anywhere in the state they choose – from ranches and farms to public parks and private lands. The Wyoming Land Trust also facilitated the use of several conservation easements for the competition. More than fifty artists have signed up to participate and compete for \$4,200 in cash awards.

The Wyoming Land Trust will be presenting the Wyoming Land Trust Conservation Purchase Award to a select painting. The Wyoming Land Trust Conservation Purchase Award recognizes a work that portrays Wyoming's wealth and beauty in agriculture, open space, or wildlife habitat.

"'Prairies to Peaks' is truly a celebration of the magical and diverse landscapes of our state, and the Wyoming Land Trust is pleased to be a part of it," said Executive Director Lara Ryan. "The Wyoming Land Trust Conservation Purchase Award will honor a select painting which captures the beauty of our state and the spirit of conservation."

For additional information on "Prairies to Peaks," please visit Deselms Fine Art's website at [www.deselmsfineart.com](http://www.deselmsfineart.com) or the "Prairies to Peaks" Facebook page, at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Prairies-to-Peaks-A-Plein-Air-in-Wyoming/103017089783201>.

### **About the Wyoming Land Trust**

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.

For more information on the Wyoming Land Trust, please visit [www.wvominallandtrust.org](http://www.wvominallandtrust.org).

