



People in Wyoming and Africa have something important in common: some of the world's least-protected grasslands.

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## Global Connections:

### A Gift to Wyoming Grasslands Stretches All the Way to Africa



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Wyoming and Africa may be far apart, but they share something important: grasslands, and the time-honored way of life they support.

Whether Maasai pastoralists in Kenya and Tanzania, or cowboys out on the sweeping mixed-

grass prairie of Wyoming... both are tied to a landscape quietly slipping away.

Now, thanks to a gift from the Johnson Family Foundation, conservation results can reach both Wyoming and Africa. The Johnson family's \$600,000 gift is directed to Wyoming, matching any donations to Africa or Wyoming grasslands.

"In 2005 my family took a trip to Kenya," says Deborah Reguera, a Wyoming trustee who has long supported the Conservancy in Wyoming with her parents, Anne and Paul Johnson. "We were sitting by the Mara River watching a big, triangular mass of wildebeest storm over these hills of grass, and I thought, 'This is what it looked like out West when the buffalo still moved through the plains.'

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portant reminder that we're connected to people and places we'll never know, says Andrea Erickson Quiroz, Wyoming's state director. "This gift will have huge implications for conservation projects in Wyoming and Africa. But it's also exciting to me

because it connects the dots. We can share and apply what we learn here over there and vice versa."

Deborah Reguera hopes her family's matching gift fuels others to support the Conservancy's global scope. "This is a rare opportunity to double your impact on conservation around the world," she says. "And there's no better organization to do it."



Deborah Reguera

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