

## SOUTHWEST

### Sweetwater

Created the 2,305-acre Sweetwater Preserve to protect one of the most intact examples of mid-elevation riparian systems remaining in Wyoming

Enrolled 1,100-acres of the Sweetwater Preserve in the Greater Sage Grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances which protects important brooding habitat along the river

### Pinedale

Introduced the Development by Design approach, one now used Conservancy-wide, which uses science to determine the best siting of energy development activities to mitigate impacts on the natural environment

Sage grouse core areas in the Upper Green River Basin priority area have been protected; areas also provide habitats and crucial migration routes for pronghorn, mule deer, trumpeter swans and moose.



Protected Red Creek Ranch, an area of critical environmental concern, through a conservation easement, east of Flaming Gorge; the ranch is home to a genetically pure population of Colorado River cutthroat trout and provides crucial rangelands for sage grouse, mule deer and elk

## SOUTHEAST

### Cheyenne

With the City of Cheyenne, protected the Belvoir Ranch which will provide public access, help protect the Cache la Poudre watershed and maintain habitat for wildlife

Helped establish the Colorado Butterfly Plant Research Natural Area with the U.S. Department of Defense at F.E. Warren Air Force Base

Protected more than 55,000 acres through conservation easements, including the Y-Cross which is our largest in Wyoming

### Laramie

Helped establish the Mortenson Lake National Wildlife Refuge, which supported the last known breeding population of the endangered Wyoming toad; in wetlands complexes such as Goshen Hole, we have conducted assessments to help the State of Wyoming understand the condition of wetlands and the potential for restoration

### Saratoga

Over 6,000 acres of habitat protected in the Saratoga Valley through conservation easements, including protection of important bald eagle habitat

Through partnerships with conservation districts in the Shirley Basin Laramie River priority site, we are working to implement whole ranch plans to improve conservation outcomes through improved grazing management and stock water improvements



# WYOMING

## Fast Facts

**1989:** Year chapter was founded

**1 million acres:** Wyoming land conserved or restored with partners

**1,500 miles:** Wyoming rivers conserved or restored with partners

**3,300 and growing:** Number of Supporters

**More than 100:** Partners in collaboration with us

**298,732 acres:** Wyoming land conserved with 179 conservation easements

**75,000 acres:** Land managed on our preserves



# Wild and Working: Highlights of our work 1989-2016

## NORTHWEST

### Cody

Protected the iconic Heart Mountain Ranch, a 14,000-acre ranch and preserve that contains one of the greatest concentrations of rare plants ever found on private property in Wyoming

With partners, improving access, habitat and water quality along the Shoshone River through the removal of invasive plants

Over 25,000 acres in conservation easement protection providing important habitat for birds and mammals, and protecting elk and mule deer migratory corridors

### Dubois

With partners, conserved over 20,000 acres of crucial winter range in the Dubois area, including the Ramshorn Ranch

Fitted mule deer with satellite tracking collars; the data collected will be used to document migration corridors, identify and prioritize



conservation actions needed for long-term protection of the corridors and viability of the ungulate populations in these areas

Removed wildlife unfriendly fencing on private lands which adjoin public lands, to help protect animal movement.



### Jackson

Created the first conservation easement in Wyoming

With partners, broadened our reach and youth engagement through Earth Day activities

Led the private lands subcommittee of the Red Desert to Hoback NGO collaborative effort to protect this vital migratory corridor

## NORTHEAST

### Black Hills

Our first multi-state project included conservation easements and the establishment of the Whitney Preserve in South Dakota

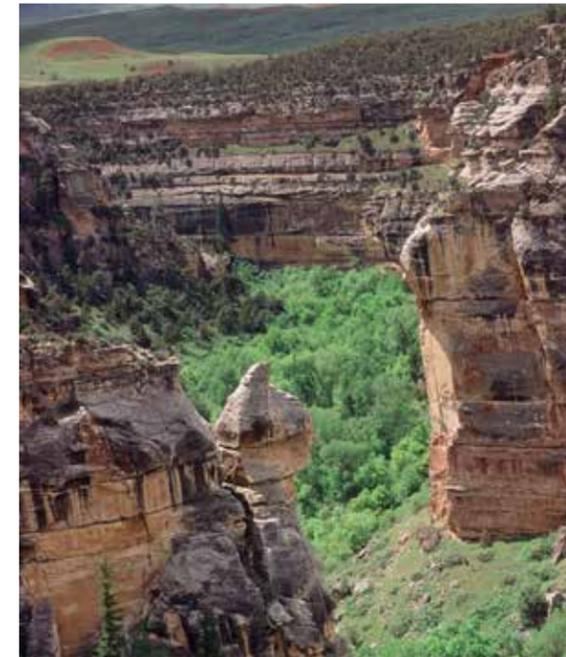
With partners, working on a land transfer which will provide public access to the "Grand Canyon of the Black Hills"

### Sheridan

The Tongue River Initiative is removing barriers to fish passage along 47 miles in the Tongue River watershed



Over 84,000 acres of conservation easements along the Big Horns, including a 2,167-acre easement on the HF Bar Ranch which protects wildlife habitat and a historic guest ranch



### Ten Sleep

Created the 11,000-acre Tensleep Preserve, home to rare plants, important wildlife and cultural resources

Working to protect Greybull River drainages and surrounding lands from fragmentation which would impact species such as sage grouse and Yellowstone cutthroat trout

### Thunder Basin

Working with the Thunder Basin Prairie Ecosystem Association, we are participating in a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurance which will protect vital sage grouse habitat

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## CENTRAL

### Casper

Protected more than 15,000 acres of habitat in the Casper Mountain area through conservation easements, reducing the threat of fragmentation

Helped establish the Jackson Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern to provide protections for wintering bald eagles

### Lander

Protected Red Canyon Ranch and now utilize the property to conserve habitat and rare plants while promoting the compatibility of ranching with active stewardship of the land

Protected the face of the Lander Front from fragmentation, ensuring migratory corridors remain open

