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Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Conserves 515 Acres near Douglas

Douglas, Wyo. -- The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) completed a conservation easement on the La Prele Creek Ranch. The 515 acre property is located southwest of Douglas and adds to three other ranches conserved by the WSGLT in Converse County, Little Deer Creek Ranch, Horseshoe Bend Ranch, and Creek Bend Ranch, which shares La Prele's northern border.

Bo Alley, Executive Director of the WSGLT commented on the closing saying, "So many ag operations in Wyoming rely on the use of multiple units throughout the year. The La Prele Creek ranch unit is an integral part of a larger agricultural operation that includes Creek Bend Ranch, which we conserved portions of in 2014. Conserving contiguous units is not only beneficial for the future of Wyoming agriculture, it has the added benefit of keeping larger ecosystems intact."

Both ranches are encompassed by the North Laramie Range Crucial Priority Area and the conservation easement will protect migration corridors of both mule deer and elk populations. The easement will also help ensure the protection of clean water sources including a tributary of La Prele Creek, and natural springs that offer year round water sources for livestock and wildlife.

Reid Lance Rosenthal, Wyoming rancher and author, spoke about the conservation of the property in addition to previously conserved areas, "The ranch enjoys unique topography, resources, and occupies miles of key position in the LaPrele Creek valley skyline and watershed. It is critical to both our spring pasture regimen, and as winter habitat to a variety of ungulate species. We are again delighted to work with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust on preserving these special lands for future generations of people and critters!"

About the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust

The Stock Growers Land Trust is dedicated to conservation through ranching. Based in Cheyenne, the non-profit organization serves the entire state and is Wyoming's only agricultural land trust. Through partnerships with ranch families, the Stock Growers Land Trust holds and stewards conservation easements on more than 236,000 acres of land on ranches and farms throughout Wyoming. Founded in 2000 by the 140-year-old Wyoming Stock Growers Association, it is one of the largest among the 1,659 regional land trusts in the United States. For more information, visit www.wsgalt.org.

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