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## WSGLT conserves Close's ranch

The Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust (WSGLT) announced on Jan. 7 the completion of another agricultural conservation easement in Sublette County.

According to Bo Alley, executive director of WSGLT, "This is an extremely important project both agriculturally and ecologically. This easement connects two other large family-run ranching operations that have been secured via conservation easements with WSGLT, assuring these lands will continue to produce food and fiber and permanently remain undeveloped."

The 1,000-acre ranch, owned by actress Glenn Close, is situated along North Piney Creek, which is a tributary of the Green River. North Piney Creek and its associated uplands provide crucial habitat ranges for moose as well as seasonal habitat ranges for mule deer, pronghorn antelope and elk.

The ranch is entirely inside sage grouse core area and is within two miles of the sage grouse winter concentration area as designated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Pinedale Regional Office.

"The project came together very quickly and was really driven by the desire of Ms. Close to ensure her family ranch be conserved in the memory of her mother," Alley said.

Close noted, "My daughter, Annie and I are overjoyed that we have been able to preserve our 1,000 acres, in perpetuity, with the collaboration of WSGLT, in the name of our beloved mother and grandmother Bettine Moore Close."