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# Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Roundup BBQ

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On a beautiful August evening, my wife and I were fortunate enough to attend the Annual [Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Roundup Barbeque](#) held at the C Bar B Ranch, thanks to the generous hospitality of Steve and Marty Gose, and managers Gary and Mary Ann Grubb.



Mike and board of trustee member Steve Laird and wife Penny.

Hall and Hall was one of the sponsors for this event, and it was our privilege to represent a company which places such a high value on land conservation in the state of Wyoming. The night was full of great music,

conversation and catching up with ranching couples from around the state. A wonderful dinner, auction and a warm welcome from Mantha Phillips, chairman of the board of directors of the WSGA Land Trust, started the night off. Many ranchers and conservationists were recognized for their efforts, which have protected over 235,000 acres of productive ag-lands. The evening was highlighted when Pat O'Toole was awarded the Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award for his work with water and habitat conservation not only in Wyoming, but at a national level.



Hosting ranch owners Steve and Marty Gose, and Board of Director Rob Hendry.

**This conserved acreages includes:**

- 105,397 acres of sage-grouse habitat
- 67,125 acres of grasslands
- 21,125 acres of hay and pasture land
- 17,125 acres of wetlands
- 13,524 acres of forests

Mark Gordon, local Johnson County rancher and Wyoming State Treasurer, was the keynote speaker, and as a fellow Johnson County cattle producer I really appreciated many of his points. “We have a care and relationship with the land that can’t be had by a government fiat relationship. It is now important that we endure. A feature of our state is that when we started in 1890, agriculture was the backbone of Wyoming. All of these years later, it is important that we are careful with our resources. If we are careful, we can continue to fund and make good investments with the land and resources of our state.”

The evening was concluded with an incredible live auction, auctioneered by the notorious Larry Brannian of Brannian Auction Company. Buyers were more than generous with their financial contributions. Monies raised will assist the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust in conserving our state’s great resources.

A special thanks goes out to the hosting ranch owners, the Gose family, and the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust staff, board members, and the many volunteers for an exceptional evening!



Auctioneer Larry Brannian.

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