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Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust is seeking reaccreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

Cheyenne--The Land Trust Accreditation Commission (the "Commission") recognizes and accredits land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust ("WSGALT") is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of its 2012 accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. "Accreditation helps ensure land trusts create and implement solid policies and procedures," noted Bo Alley, executive director of the WSGALT.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how 'WSGALT' complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <u>http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices</u>

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit <u>http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/</u>, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust's application will be most useful by November 10, 2016.

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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 234,989 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 <u>www.wsgalt.org.</u>