



2021 Summer Update



Dear Friends,

Transition can serve as a time of reflection and growth, of learning and renewal, and often a time of celebration. This past year brought each of us periods of transition. Our community navigated a global health crisis and we lost two dearly beloved colleagues, Sandy Mason and Joselin Matkins. We celebrated former Teton Regional Director, Max Ludington, taking the helm of the Jackson Hole Land Trust, and we welcomed a cadre of new LegacyWorks team members in the Tetons including Doug Wachob, Amy King, Alex Norton and myself. This great team is advancing a wide range of projects with an incredible group of steadfast project partners, organizations, land owners, water managers and community leaders.

We're inspired and motivated by the vibrance and commitment shown by our Teton communities this year and our focus on key projects like the Groundwater Recharge Market, Teton Creek Corridor Project, and certification programs aimed at improving water quality in Jackson and the Upper Snake River watershed. Meanwhile, a number of other critical initiatives are just beginning such as efforts to collaboratively address the spread of chronic wasting disease, the launch and facilitation of a regional climate action planning process, and essential immigrant community services stewarded through Voices JH.

Each of these projects are key in securing long term resilience in the Tetons by keeping working farms working, restoring critical habitat for native species, ensuring equity for immigrant communities and nurturing robust working relationships amongst our neighbors. Here you'll find an update on this ongoing work and a front-row seat looking ahead for each of our program areas.

LegacyWorks has shown great success in leveraging your generous contributions over time and building valuable capacity for our partners and projects. In 2020 alone, we amplified each dollar of our Teton Region budget over 100x for partner projects in the region; a solid foundation for even more growth ahead. This summer, we're aiming to raise \$62,000 to close the gap in our 2021 Teton Region budget. Please make a contribution to us today to ensure we can keep turning every dollar invested in our team into more than \$100 for the projects we help lead. Thank you!

Tony Ferlisi, Regional Director



Migrations

- ✓ Together with our partners, we secured funding and are working to build upon a successful 2020 pilot program to reduce disease transmission among Teton elk herds. We will be extending the program throughout the region in the coming year.
- ✓ We are facilitating a new collaborative effort along the Absaroka Front to achieve habitat connectivity and restoration at a large scale through an approach that works directly with landowners to achieve their own stewardship goals.

Looking forward...

- Our team continues to work with partners in exploring innovative collaborative solutions that address critical mule deer habitat challenges west of Grand Teton National Park between the Teton Range and Cody area.

Water



- ✔ Alongside our partners, we continue to expand the successful Groundwater Recharge pilot program to recharge an additional 10,000 acre-feet of groundwater into the Teton Basin aquifer, boosting late season flows in the Teton River.
- ✔ This year, the Jackson Hole Clean Water Coalition enrolled 19 local landscaping companies in the Trout Friendly Lawns certification program, a self-sustaining market-based approach focused on improving water quality in Fish and Flat Creek basins.
- ✔ Along with the Upper Snake Collaborative, we are facilitating a pilot "Trout Safe" farm certification initiative for local barley growers who follow practices that benefit water quality in the Upper Snake River Watershed. Together, we're working to expand the grower base and new markets for "Trout Safe" barley.

Looking forward...

- We are laying the groundwork for transitioning the Groundwater Recharge Project into a fully market-based program.
- We will continue to engage with our partners in the Jackson Hole Clean Water Coalition in launching additional education and outreach campaigns as part of our greater water quality work on both the East and West Banks of the Snake River including new pond maintenance and snow storage initiatives.



Community



- ✔ The Teton Creek Collaborative partners opened the Teton Creek Corridor pathway for public use after expanding the pathway to the Idaho-Wyoming state line.
- ✔ We began coordination and facilitation of a comprehensive Teton Climate Action Planning process in concert with a suite of regional partners.

Looking forward...

- Our work with the Teton Creek Collaborative partners will continue to evolve through the exploration of new pathway and habitat restoration initiatives across Teton Valley.
- We will be launching a public-facing, regional Climate Action Data Dashboard which will track the progress of our collective Teton Climate Action efforts.