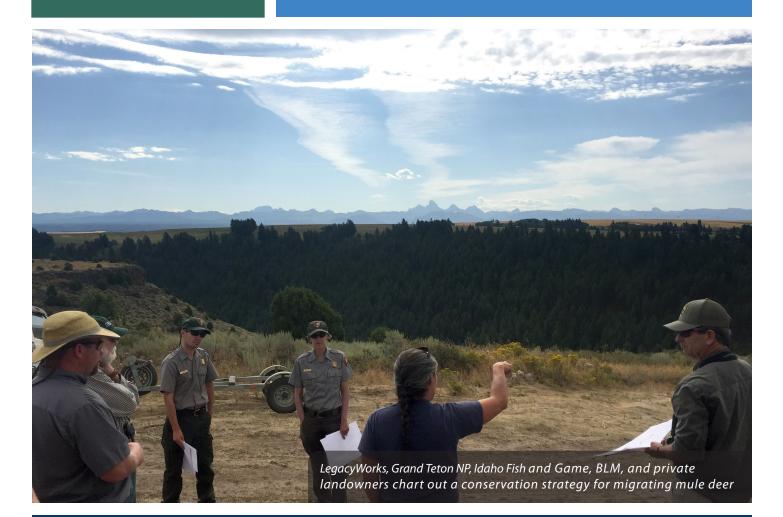


# 2019 Annual Report



# LegacyWorks enables regional scale conservation initiatives in the Teton Region and Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

We advance conservation projects that are outside the scope of any single organization, addressing the critical resources that define the region as one of the most intact ecosystems in the entire world. Our community-driven work focuses on:

Water





Markets



Agriculture



Community



# A Note from Our Regional Director

2019 has been a successful year for Teton LegacyWorks. We formed our local advisory board and are thrilled to have the guidance and mentorship of some of the most knowledgeable people in the region. Our work on the ground has been extremely productive. We guided long term projects like the Teton Creek Corridor into public implementation after years of groundwork, and started new projects like protecting mule deer migrations in Grand Teton National Park and helping Teton County, Wyoming residents address water quality issues. With our partners, we are tackling some of the most pressing issues in our region. As you'll see in this report, we are grouping our projects into program areas to more effectively convey how and where we work.

We remain on stable financial footing, but continue to rely on the generous financial support of our donors. We are committed to being a lean organization and I truly believe that our collaborative model allows us and our partners to have, on a per dollar basis, an outsized impact.

#### This year, every \$1 of funding for Teton LegacyWorks led to \$86 in project funding.

This extraordinary ratio is the fruition of years of building partnerships and public support for our projects. I hope you'll be inspired by the change that is underway and will consider a gift to Teton LegacyWorks.

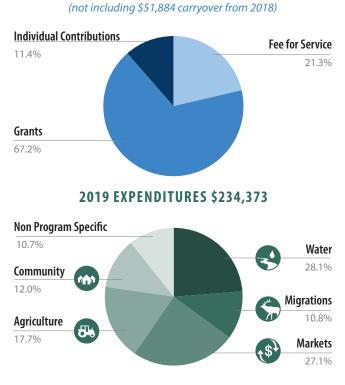
# **Outsized Impact**





" Max Ludington always rises to the occasion, leading with an organized, well thought-out fashion that repeatedly demonstrates his ability to relate with and find common ground among different points of view. Max thrives when there is both community and natural resource benefit to be gained through collaboration."

### **Finances**



2019 DIRECT REVENUE \$185,989

#### Water

An ample supply of clean water is the single most essential resource for the working lands, wild habitats, and people. In 2019 a major portion of our work focused on improving water management and finding water quality solutions. Together, we and our partners:

- Restored 3,000 feet of degraded streambank along Teton Creek
- Protected 32 more acres of riparian habitat along Teton Creek via planned conservation easements
- Initiated a process to address the drinking water crisis with stakeholders in Hoback Junction
- Enrolled 100 homes and business in the Trout Friendly Lawns program in Teton County, WY
- Completed a new public access point for the Teton River, improving user safety, river health, and user experience



A Trout Friendly Lawn sign displayed at Snake River Brewing





Partners plan protections for migrating sandhill cranes

# Migrations

The iconic wildlife that populates the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem rely on more lands than just the National Parks and national forests. Our initiatives involve public land managers, private landowners, and wildlife managers to protect and enhance these migration routes and to maintain winter ranges. In 2019, with our partners we:

- **Grew 40 acres of barley for migrating sandhill cranes**
- **♂** Co-hosted the 2nd Annual Greater Yellowstone Crane Festival
- ✓ Launched a collaborative working group to protect mule deer

# Market based solutions & private capital



Private lands and water rights require unique approaches to conservation. We work directly with private landowners to develop markets that reward responsible stewardship of our resources. In 2019, with farmers and other partners we:

- Recharged more than 10,000 AF of water in Teton Basin
- **Grew recharge program from 4 canals to 14**
- Launched trout friendly malt pilot program for local barley farmers

# Agriculture

Working lands provide critical habitat, open space, and resource management. We work hand in hand with farmers throughout the region to develop strategies to keep working lands working, increase the profitability of responsible land management, and help plan for the next generation of farmers. In 2019, with farmers and other partners we:

- Reduced conflicts between ranchers and elk by developing contracts with local ranchers
- Improved water management through new irrigation infrastructure
- Improved late season flows via aquifer recharge by an estimated 15 cfs according to water models



Community

All of our work centers on elevating our communities' ability to address our most critical challenges. Together with our partners we:

- Solution State And Andrew Constant and Parallel State And Andrew Constant and Public trailheads and Public tra
- Analyzed affordable housing and conservation in Jackson/Teton County and assessed transferable development rights as a means to generate affordable housing units and increase conservation
- Helped Protect Genevieve Block We facilitated a collaborative team with the Jackson Hole Land Trust and other partners to design their strategy



Measuring canal flows to quantify recharge

Market payments incentivize farmers to manage water for ecosystem benefits

# Support Teton LegacyWorks

Your support not only helps us pursue our work, it enables us to unlock new resources for our communities. Please consider a generous year-end gift to help us tackle the region's biggest conservation challenges.

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