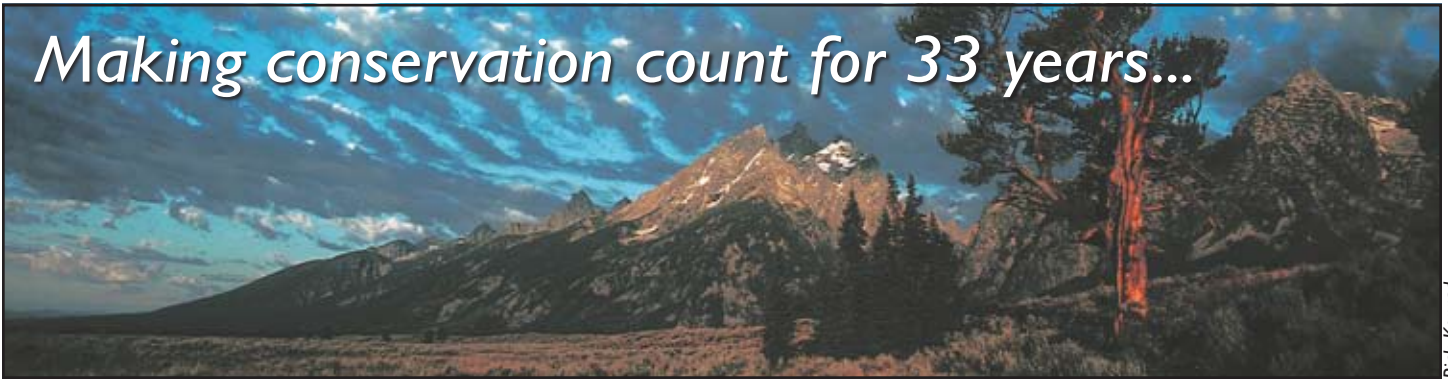




Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance

Partnering for a wild & beautiful valley since 1979

Making conservation count for 33 years...



Rick Konrad

Since 1979, the Alliance has stood up for Jackson Hole’s unparalleled wildlife and quality of life. You can see our successes reflected in the valley’s beauty and wealth of unspoiled natural wonders.

Here are some of the many ways we’ve made a difference:

Wildlands & Waters

- The Alliance successfully lobbied for the establishment of three new wilderness areas
- Was an integral part of a grassroots coalition that worked for the successful passage of federal legislation prohibiting new leases for energy exploration and development on 1.2 million acres of the Wyoming Range of the Bridger-Teton National Forest
- Rallied citizen opposition to keep an energy development company from drilling oil and gas wells in beautiful Cache Creek Canyon
- Joined with concerned residents to save Rosie’s Ridge – and thousands of acres of pristine forest and wetlands – from the impacts of new highway construction between Togwotee Pass and the Buffalo Fork River
- With kayakers, anglers and other conservation groups, we launched a successful Wild & Scenic Rivers campaign to protect some 400 miles of the Snake River and its headwaters
- Led efforts to thwart a proposed Snake River dam that would have drowned the Oxbow Bend in Grand Teton National Park.



Thomas D. Mangelsen



Drew Rush

Wildlife & Habitat

- We brought public attention to the plight of Grand Teton National Park’s pronghorn herd, which has an increasingly hazardous 300-mile roundtrip migration to the valley; our efforts led to increased protection for the migratory “Path of the Pronghorn”
- Promoted comprehensive approaches to wildlife disease control on the National Elk Refuge and worked to create greater public awareness of wildlife disease threats in the Greater Yellowstone area
- Initiated an ongoing “Don’t Poach the Powder” campaign to encourage people to avoid areas that are closed to protect wintering wildlife on public lands around the valley
- Helped ensure that the Bridger-Teton’s off-highway vehicle summer travel plan will work to better protect wildlife and habitat
- With other conservation groups, we helped return wolves to the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, and we continue to advocate for science-based best management practices for all threatened and endangered species.

Community Character

- The Alliance evaluated and commented on countless development proposals to ensure that they were in sync with the valley’s land development regulations
- Stopped a water slide amusement park across from the National Elk Refuge
- Prevented big-box chain stores from being constructed on scenic hay meadows south of the Town of Jackson
- Formed a coalition of diverse interests that successfully reversed a Jackson Town Council decision to annex and densely develop 822 acres south of Jackson – a project that would have had enormous detrimental impacts on Teton County
- Worked with scientists to produce new natural resource maps showing wildlife and development patterns in Teton County
- Through scores of forums, workshops and special reports, we’ve consistently proposed long-term solutions that are informed by scientific data and that work to strengthen the valley and ecosystem as a whole.



Bob Woodall

And for the decades to come...



Jeff Hogan

The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance is not an organization that rests on its laurels. Below are several of our major current programs. We're asking for your support to help see them through:

Safe Wildlife Crossings

Each year, more than 300 elk, deer and moose, plus countless other animals, are killed by vehicles on Teton County roads. The Alliance wants to stop this from happening, and you can help.

In early 2011, we contracted for studies to determine which measures to reduce road kills would work best for three local highways slated for reconstruction. Now, we're working with the Wyoming Department of Transportation and a coalition of citizens to ensure that the wildlife crossings recommended by that research are actually built. This will help preserve Jackson Hole's wildlife and community character, while ensuring safety for motorists.



Mark Gocke

Don't Poach the Powder!

This highly successful educational campaign informs skiers, snowmobilers and other backcountry recreationists about the locations of important winter habitat and the need to leave wildlife undisturbed in these areas.

This year, we're expanding this approach to let people know how they can reduce their impacts on wildlife while engaging in other recreational activities, and your support will help widen our reach!



Jeff Hogan

Conservation Finance

Open space on private lands serves many purposes. It enhances and protects the quality of our natural environment – our air, water, soil, plants and wildlife; it preserves scenic views; and it's one of the most critical elements in maintaining the rural character of Teton County. Open spaces also make it easier for wildlife to get where they need to go as they move between winter and summer range and take care of their daily needs, such as finding food, water and shelter. Jackson Hole's beautiful rural areas also help draw millions of visitors annually, making our economy tick.

One of the most effective ways to protect the valley's open spaces and natural assets could be to provide incentives for willing landowners to place conservation easements on their property. To this end, the Alliance has been quietly working with the Jackson Hole Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land and local decision makers to try to figure out how to establish a dedicated, long-term funding mechanism for purchasing conservation easements.

Your help will bolster this ongoing collaborative effort to identify and put in place potential sources of funding for conserving Jackson Hole's iconic open spaces.

Community Planning

A group of concerned neighbors formed the Alliance in 1979 to help improve Teton County's first Comprehensive Plan, a blueprint to guide growth and development in the valley. Ever since, our community has created Comp Plans that seek to preserve the values we all treasure.

The process of revising the latest version of the Comp Plan has been going on since 2007, and the Alliance has been there every step of the way. We've engaged the public, represented our membership at countless hearings, provided scores of informed public comments and brought in numerous experts to help decision makers arrive at a plan that will keep Jackson Hole wild and beautiful.

With your support, we'll continue our efforts as the new Comp Plan is finalized, and will persevere to make sure that the community goals outlined in the plan are realized.



Rick Konrad

Habitat Protection

To preserve Jackson Hole's unparalleled wildlife, it's critical that the best available science be used to inform public policy decisions that affect habitat. That's why the Alliance provides recommendations based on scientific research.

Your contribution will help us continue to partner with researchers, other nonprofits, government agencies and elected officials to come up with long-term solutions to protect this precious valley!