



What do you know about habitat?

About 97 percent of Teton County is public land, limiting most development to the remaining 3 percent, which is privately owned. But even though private lands make up only a small part of the county, they play a huge role in the survival of Jackson Hole’s wildlife.

That’s because the first settlers in the valley, just like the native wildlife, sought out the best places to winter – bottom lands near rivers and streams, and places with the warmest temperatures, the least snow and the most fertile soils. So Jackson Hole’s cherished wildlife ends up competing with humans for the best habitat, especially during winter, the most stressful time of the year for moose, deer, elk and other native species dependent on private lands for survival.

Private lands in Teton County hold about 90 percent of the winter range for the valley’s mule deer, 80 percent of crucial winter range for trumpeter swans, 64 percent of the spawning grounds for fine-spotted Snake River cutthroat trout, 43 percent of the crucial winter range for moose, 41 percent of Jackson Hole’s bald eagle nests, and 22 percent of crucial winter range for elk.

Want to help protect it?

20 / 20 EVENT AT WILD EXPOSURES GALLERY

THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 6 • Wild Exposures Galley, below Snake River Grill off the Town Square, 60 E. Broadway • Reception 5 to 7 p.m. Celebrate Jackson Hole’s iconic wildlife, support efforts to ensure their survival, and take advantage of sale prices on amazing nature photographs by gallery owners Jeff Hogan, Scott McKinley and Andrew Weller. Everything in the gallery will be 20 percent off all day on June 6, and 20 percent of all sales will be donated to the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. In the photographers’ words, “Ours is a labor of love, a love of wild places and a passion for their preservation.” Here’s your chance to experience the wonders of our natural world through the lenses of three accomplished photographers, plus share *your* passion for the valley’s unparalleled wildlife!

This event generously sponsored by the crew at Wild Exposures Gallery.



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