

# 2020 Summer Update



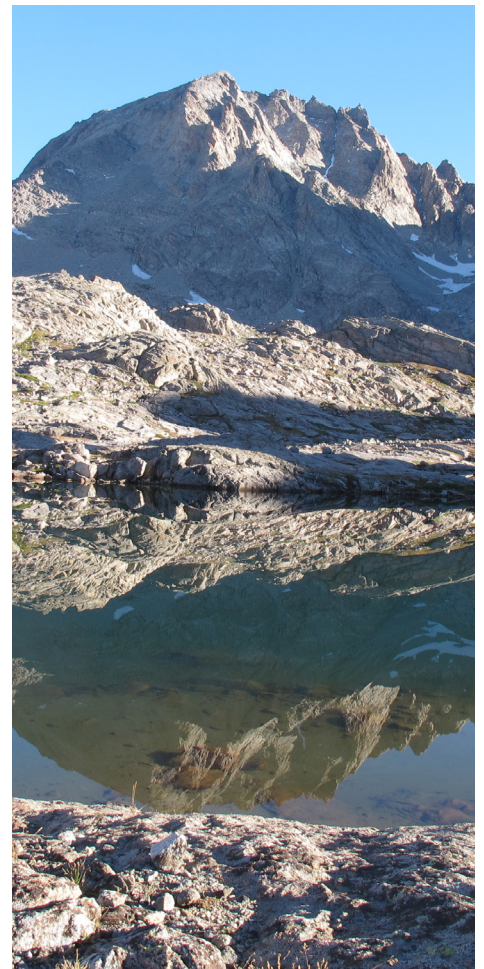
I have been so encouraged by the community response to this crisis and the ways in which local residents have been willing to help each other through serious times of need. Most of our work is dependent on relationships we have built over time with organizations, landowners, water managers, and community leaders - not being able to sit across the table or shake hands with those partners has been a challenge, but we have been adapting. I'm pleased to say that LegacyWorks has been able to keep all of our work active despite the crisis. I believe that is a testament to the importance of the projects we are engaged in. While our communities have had to reassess their priorities and cut many scopes of work, the projects we have been leading were all considered essential.

While there is still much uncertainty about the future, we are firmly focused on the important work we must accomplish in the next year. We have some truly catalytic projects underway such as our Groundwater Recharge Market, the Teton Creek Corridor, and our certification programs to improve water quality in Jackson and the Upper Snake. These programs are regionally significant efforts that are developing into templates for solving pressing conservation challenges. Other work is just coming into focus, such as building a model to protect big game migrations and expanding our pilot program to decrease the spread of chronic wasting disease.

These projects need our ongoing attention. Below is a brief update and what's ahead for each of our program areas.

Finally, this is our first year participating in Old Bill's. Every donation you make to LegacyWorks through the event will be matched by the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. Securing donations removes much of the uncertainty created by the pandemic and allows us to engage in the most important conservation challenges for our region. Please help us continue our efforts by making a contribution today.

*Max Ludington, Regional Director*



## Migrations



- ✓ We have secured restoration funding and are working to implement conservation easements as part of a strategy to protect mule deer migrations out of Grand Teton National Park.
- ✓ We have successfully piloted a program to reduce disease transmission among local elk herds and are working to replicate this transaction throughout the region for the coming winter

### Looking forward...

- We are developing conservation finance tools and strategies to protect mule deer and elk migrations between the Teton Range and Cody area

## Water



- ✓ We have expanded our successful pilot program to recharge more groundwater into Teton Basin aquifer, boosting late season flows in the Teton River
- ✓ We facilitated a stakeholder group to make recommendations to the Teton County Board of County Commissioners about how to develop a clean drinking water source in the Hoback area.

### Looking forward...

- We will be addressing water quality issues in Flat Creek through the Town of Jackson
- We are expanding the Groundwater Recharge Market into Star Valley

## Markets



- ✓ We grew the Trout Friendly Lawns certification program into a self-sustaining market to improve water quality in Fish and Flat Creek basins and have enrolled 15 landscaping companies in the program

### Looking forward...

- We will be transitioning the Groundwater Recharge project into a fully market based program
- We are building a Habitat Leasing Market to reduce spread of chronic wasting disease

## Community



- ✓ We began construction on two miles of the Teton Creek Corridor pathway that will connect the city of Driggs to the Teton Creek corridor and public trailheads

- ✓ We helped Teton County submit a \$26 million BUILD grant application to improve transit and transportation in the region

### Looking forward...

- We will be opening the Teton Creek Corridor pathway for public use and expanding the pathway to Idaho-Wyoming state line

## Agriculture



- ✓ We are launching a pilot certification for local barley growers who follow practices that benefit local water quality

### Looking forward...

- We will be running pilot certifications and expanding the grower base and new markets for certified barley



## 2020 Mid-Year Budget Update

In spite of the uncertainty created by COVID-19, Teton LegacyWorks is on its way to fully funding our programs this year, but we need the support of individual donors to close the remaining budget gap.

This is the first year that LegacyWorks is participating in Old Bill's Fun Run. We hope that you will consider making a gift between August 1 and September 18 at [cfjacksonhole.org/old-bills](http://cfjacksonhole.org/old-bills).

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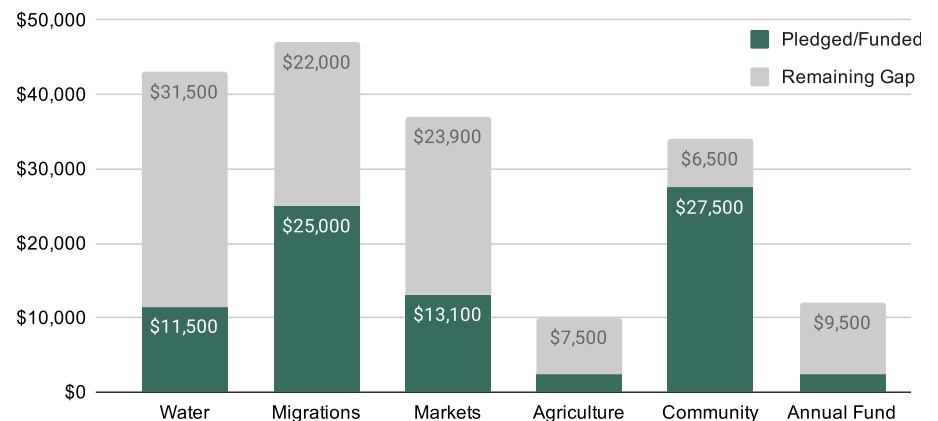
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### OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$100,900 TO FUND OUR PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT YEAR



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