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## Get Hooked on Fishing with Trout Tuesdays at Rendezvous Park

**Wilson, Wyoming** – The Jackson Hole Land Trust (JHLT), in partnership with Wyoming Game and Fish, Snake River Fund, Worldcast Anglers, Orvis, Latino Outdoors, Teton Science Schools, Trout Unlimited, and Teton Parks and Recreation invites families for Trout Tuesdays at R Park. This program is designed to be a bilingual, family-friendly learning opportunity for families.

Families are invited every Tuesday in June from 5-8pm to expand their fishing skills with fishing instructors. The idea behind Trout Tuesdays is to utilize the safe and stocked R Park ponds for fishing instructions for entire families that may not have recreational access to the Snake River or other fishing locations.

R Park is coming off a successful third hosting of Wyoming Game and Fish Department's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Day. "We chose to partner with R Park because of its accessibility, size, and safe waters," said Rob Gipson, Regional Fisheries Supervisor for Wyoming Game and Fish Department. "Over 250 kids joined us this past Saturday because of the inviting nature of the park. It's a great event for kids but we started thinking about the parents and the entire family."

As inclusion and diversity comes to the forefront of outdoor movements, the Jackson Hole Land Trust, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and partners teamed up to expand the success of Kids Fishing Day to the greater Jackson Hole community. "The future of conservation needs to be as diverse as the flora and fauna we are trying to protect, that starts with memorable positive outdoor experiences in safe places like R Park," said Jr Rodriguez, Community Conservation Manager/R Park Director. "R Park is one of JHLT's conservation easements with public access; it allows community members to experience conservation, nature, and open space. This program opens conservation values to a new audience that will hopefully join in protecting the open spaces so highly valued in Jackson through the prized cultural activity of fishing."

Worldcast Anglers is generously donating equipment and 50 annual fishing licenses; and Orvis is providing funding for a field guide. "We were lucky enough to receive more funds from Worldcast Anglers because of the success of Kids of Fishing Day," said Jared Baecker, Snake River Executive Director. "We want to remove any kind of barrier families may have to fishing,

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if that's the cost of annual fishing license, location, or equipment, we have them covered. The field guide JHLT and Orvis are working on will have fish IDs, family friendly fishing locations, and a condensed version of the WY fishing regulations in both Spanish and English. Hopefully these tools will get more families out to experience the world class fishing in the valley."

Trout Tuesdays is supported from our partnerships, volunteers, and generous funding from WorldCast Anglers and Orvis. Families needing an annual fishing are invited to head to WY Game and Fish from 2-4pm or Orvis 3-5pm, before the beginning of Trout Tuesdays, to apply for a free annual fishing license. For more information on what to bring for a license or questions, contact Jr Rodriguez at the Jackson Hole Land Trust, 370.733.4707, jr@jhlandtrust.org.

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### **About the Jackson Hole Land Trust**

The Jackson Hole Land Trust is a private, non-profit organization that was established in 1980 to protect and steward the treasured landscapes of Northwest Wyoming including Fremont and Sublette counties. With over 55,000 acres protected, our vision is a legacy of protected open spaces, wildlife habitat, working lands and community spaces that inspire current and future generations. For more information, please visit [jhlandtrust.org](http://jhlandtrust.org).

### **About R Park**

A program of the Jackson Hole Land Trust, R Park provides 40-acres of reclaimed public space designed to encourage all ages to engage with nature and inspire through open space interaction. For the latest, follow @RendezvousPark