

# The HOBACK: Saved

For years, people who love Wyoming's Upper Hoback Basin have poured their hearts into protecting its wildlife, waters, and scenic beauty. When this treasured landscape was threatened by natural gas drilling, you wrote letters, sent emails, and showed up at public meetings to tell the world that the Hoback is too special to drill.

In October 2012, The Trust for Public Land announced a tentative agreement to buy out and permanently retire oil and gas leases from Plains Exploration & Production Company. In just three months, more than 1,000 of you contributed to raising the \$8.75 million needed to complete the deal. Your quick and generous action successfully conserved the Hoback for generations to come.

**Thank you for stepping up. This is your legacy.**

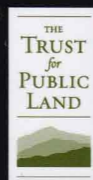


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Chris,

It's not very often that we get to celebrate something so extraordinary as the protection of the Upper Hoback, but this year we can! I'll never forget my first LightHawk mission – from planning to the flight experience, when you stayed on for an extra day to make sure we got the images that show a roadless wilderness in the southern Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem that is connected to the Gros Ventre and Teton Ranges. LightHawk stepped up in a big way and I'm grateful for your support and friendship.

Thank you for supporting my work so we can share these images through the "unique perspective of flight"! Please take a moment to reflect. Your work is so important for Western conservation.

Thanks Chris!  
Let's go flying ~  
Dave

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