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Last 2016 Fence Project Marks a Successful Year

Thanks to all the volunteers who joined us on our last Wildlife Friendlier Fencing project of the season in Grand Teton National Park on October 9. If you couldn't make it to the fence project, you might appreciate these stunning photos in a gallery by Sava Malachowski of Open Range Films.

Thanks for a great season from the JHWF and Fence Team Leaders. Photo: Sava Malachowski

Mountain Bluebirds Benefit from Young Eagles

On October 21, the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation was helped by a prospective Eagle Scout from Utah, named Maclain Smith. For his service project in working towards official Eagle Scout status, Maclain built 52 new Mountain Bluebird nestboxes and installed them on our trail that spans the western boundary of the National Elk Refuge.

Lucky for us, two more prospective Eagle Scouts are constructing additional nestboxes to be installed this coming spring. Read on for more detail.

Maclain with the bluebird nestboxes he built. Photo: Jon Mobeck

Making the Best of Citizen Science

Exciting news! The full program for the Wyoming Citizen Science Conference (December 1 - 3, 2016 in Lander) is now public, and registration is open! Please share word of the conference with your colleagues, friends, neighbors, students, whoever might be interested.

Highlights of the conference include:

- **Keynote speaker**, Rob Miller of the Intermountain Bird Observatory, who will inspire attendees with insights from his successful citizen science programs;
- Presentation by Temple Stollinger and Greg Nickerson on **the "Trespass Law" of 2015** and how it affects citizen scientists;

- Talk by Ana Houseal on the value of **connecting citizen science programs with classrooms** through Next Generation Science Standards;
- **18 oral presentations** by Wyoming-based citizen science program managers and participants;
- Meet and greet reception to **learn more about the citizen science programs available in Wyoming**;
- Optional, **hands-on workshops** ranging from communicating science to banding birds and more!

Details on the conference agenda can be found here.

Celebration Honors Fencing Volunteers

Thanks to all who joined us for our celebration of our Wildlife Friendlier Fencing program on August 27th. Long-time friends and volunteers of the fence program chatted with newcomers during a reception that preceded the premiere of “Free to Roam,” a 10-minute film about the fence program by Open Range Films.

Thanks also to our special presenter Gregory Nickerson of the Wyoming Migration Initiative (WMI) for making the night even more memorable with an informative presentation about his recent research into the history and archaeology of big game migrations in Wyoming, which indicates that many of these migrations have been around for thousands of years. He also discussed recent WMI research evaluating the threats these migrations face today and how migration science is being shaped and communicated to catalyze the long-term conservation of big game migration corridors.

See More Photos From the Celebration Here

"Free to Roam" Premiered at 20th Anniversary Celebration

The short film “Free to Roam," which premiered at the 20th Anniversary

Celebration, documents the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation's Wildlife Friendlier Fencing Program, which celebrated its 20th year in 2016.

Created by Sava Malachowski and Valerie Schramm of Open Range Films, it chronicles the history of the program, the need for the work, and the dedication of hundreds of volunteers! Click here to watch the movie!

Fall is the Perfect Time to Be Bear Wise

While bears are preparing to hibernate by foraging for food, please be extra careful in bear-rich areas around Jackson Hole.

Attention, mountain bikers! Keep your eyes peeled at the Jackson Hole Cycling website for events to get a customized bear spray holder that fits into your water bottle cage.

Fun Way to Support Nature Mapping JH - Buy a Far Afield DVD

With a keen intellect, sharp wit and twinkle in his eye, Bert Raynes inspires citizens to observe and care about their wild neighbors. Bird watchers and nature lovers have been eagerly reading Bert's column, "Far Afield," for more than three decades. Now, this half-hour documentary, *Far Afield: A Conservation Love Story*, reveals Bert – a force for nature – to the world. **Buy it for $25 and you'll be supporting the work of Nature Mapping Jackson Hole, the JHWF program envisioned by Meg and Bert Raynes.** Learn more**.**

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