

Subject: SAFARI CLUB CONTRIBUTES \$4,000 TO WILDLIFE TRUST

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RIVERTON, WY.....The Central Wyoming Chapter of Safari Club International contributed \$2,500 to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust program in December, with another \$1,500 coming from the international foundation for SCI. The combined donation of \$4,000 is to be used on a natural resource project in central Wyoming at the discretion of the Trust Board.

WWNRT Chairman Delaine Roberts, Etna, accepted the contribution from WWNRT member and Central Wyoming Chapter president Bob Anderson, Casper.

"A great part of the success of the Trust program comes from the dedication of groups like SCI," Roberts said. "Not only do they help generate funds, but it is often their work on the ground that gives the people of Wyoming so much bang for the buck.

Roberts said every dollar spent by the WWNRT program is matched at a rate of 6.5 to 1, with other funds coming from federal sources, private contributions, landowner dollars, donated labor, and local funding.

"It is truly humbling to see how many different people and groups come together to get things done on the land," Roberts said, "and contributions from sportsmen and others can make that happen.

Anderson said this was the second time both the local chapter and the international foundation have contributed to the Wyoming program. The groups contributed a similar amount two years ago, with those funds supporting habitat restoration on Bates Creek in southern Natrona County.

"Our hope is that this effort by a small group of people here in Central Wyoming will let others know that they can have a huge impact on conservation in Wyoming, one step at a time," he said. "With the leverage the Trust builds, this \$4,000 will mean as much as \$25,000 on the ground."

In addition to the leverage gained from other sources, the Trust Board matches contributions dollar for dollar, and the Wyoming Legislature matches contributions 100% with additional funding into the corpus of the trust account.

The latest contribution from SCI will be used to restore critical mule deer habitat near Lost Creek in northern Natrona County. That project will consist of prescribed fire to remove invasive conifers and stimulate growth of valuable mountain mahogany and other shrubs.



PHOTO: WWNRT Chairman Delaine Roberts, Etna, (l) accepts contribution from SCI representative and fellow board member, Bob Anderson, Casper (r) at the recent meeting of the Wildlife Trust board in Wheatland.

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