**Leave a trace……your legacy!**

**You cherish Wyoming’s wild places so make a difference and leave a precious, wild legacy of lush wildflower meadows; magnificent, untamed vistas; untrammeled lands as they have been since the beginning of time, biological diversity, and opportunities for solitude from peaks to plains in perpetuity.**

**The Wyoming Wilderness Association works to protect our public wild lands for future generations. Please help us in our on-going quest with your bequest.**

**Charitable bequests provided in your will**

**One of the simplest ways to provide an enduring gift of support to the Wyoming Wilderness Association is through your Will or Revocable Living Trust. By including the Wyoming Wilderness Association in your estate plans, you can specify that some or all of your assets come to us after your lifetime. At that time, the asset(s) you specify will pass to us, and your estate can take a charitable deduction for the amount of your bequest, reducing the estate taxes payable.**

**Types of bequests and sample wording**

**There are several types of bequests that allow you to designate how your estate will be**

**distributed:**

**Specific Bequest**

**A specific bequest is a provision in your Will that allows you to leave a specific amount or specific asset to the Wyoming Wilderness Association, such as an outright gift of cash, securities, or other property. An example of a provision that could be included in your Will would be: “I bequeath to the Wyoming Wilderness Association the sum of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate; or the property described herein) for its general purposes.”**

**Residuary Bequest**

**A residuary bequest is honored after all other bequests have been made, and all debts, expenses and taxes have been paid. For example, you could provide that certain family members receive a certain portion of your estate, and that debts, expenses and taxes must be paid, and you could also provide that: “I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to the Wyoming Wilderness Association for its general purposes.”**

**Contingent Bequest**

**A contingent bequest is made only if certain conditions are met. For instance, if your primary beneficiary does not survive you, you can indicate your next choice through a contingent**

**designation. An example of such a provision would be: “I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate to my husband, Jason, if he survives me; if he does not survive me, then fifty percent (50%) of my estate shall be distributed to my children, then living, by representation and fifty percent (50 percent) to the Wyoming Wilderness Association for its general purposes.”**

**Such bequests may be included in any new Will or Trust that you put in place. Your estate planner may also draft a codicil to your existing Will or an amendment to your existing Trust**

**to provide for a charitable contribution. With any of the above bequests, you may specify that your gift be used to support a specific program at the Wyoming Wilderness Association rather than for general purposes. However, before doing so, please contact us to discuss program details and appropriate bequest wording. *A benefit to providing for a bequest in your Will, rather than making an outright gift, is that you may change your mind and bequest at any time.***

**How to name us in your will or trust**

**If you choose to include the Wyoming Wilderness Association in your Will or other estate plan, we should be named as:**

**Wyoming Wilderness Association, a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wyoming, and with the principal business address of**

**Post Office Box 6588, Sheridan, WY 82801.**

**Tax identification number is** **38-3667856**.

**Our wild places and future generations thank you!**