## SUMMER 2020 SUMMER

## **Cutthroat Paradise**

The Snake River in Jackson Hole is the last, best, and largest watershed still dominated by cutthroat trout in the West.

Can it stay that way?



OUTDOORS

Jackson Lake Sailing NIGHTLIFE Cocktails DESIGN Wine Cellars GETTING OUT UTVing







## **Invest in the West**

As this magazine headed to print in the Spring, the world did not know the final human cost of the corona virus. One solid prediction was that, with the practice of social distancing becoming a human habit, wild open spaces would be even more highly valued than before the tragic pandemic.

People who live in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) area are much blessed that their property is surrounded by about 22 million acres of national parks, national forests, tribal and other public lands, comprising one of the largest intact natural ecosystems on Earth. Millions of these pristine acres are designated as Wilderness, defined in the 1964 Wilderness Act as: "...an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain...so as to preserve its natural condition...".

In the GYE there is a shared Spirit of Place, of gratitude, reverence and respect by the people for the abundant wildlife in wild places. This spirit of the people has been the foundation for the globally significant conservation history and legacy of the GYE region. A respected writer recently observed: "Wyoming's Teton and Park counties and Montana's Gallatin county are the only ones left in the Lower 48 states where you can find the full complement of large wildlife species that were on the landscape 500 years ago. Without habitat there is no wildlife, which itself is a major economic engine for the (Greater Yellowstone) region."

People in the GYE region have a special opportunity and responsibility to help conserve the wildlife in their wild places, enhancing the spiritual and physical health of the people who visit the vast forests and plains or are blessed to live in God's Country.



## **Steve Duerr**

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- 21 years in real estate with success in aggregation of large tracts of ranch lands and conservation easement tax planning, 40 years in active law practice including 30 years as General Counsel for the regional electric and gas cooperative utility
- Former member of the Teton County Planning Commission and Teton Board of Realtors
- Recipient of the JH Chamber of Commerce Power of Place award and pioneer of the former Power of Place brand as executive director of the Chamber, envisioning a sustainable balance between commerce and conservation, people - wildlife and wild places
- Former executive director of the Murie Center in GTNP and a catalyst for the Town of Jackson Proclamation in collaboration with the National Elk Refuge renaming North Park at the Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center on North Cache, The Murie Family Park. There is set Olaus' Rock the 1965 community monument to conservation leadership.

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