



# *Celebrating 10 years!* *YOU'RE INVITED*

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*Please join us downtown for our Annual SCLT Open House!*

*WHEN*  
*TUESDAY*  
*April 12th, 2016*  
*5 pm to 8 pm*

*WHERE*  
*the LOFT*  
*237 N. Main St.*  
*(inside the old Press building,*  
*across the street from JCPenney)*

*Stop by to enjoy skewers and spring rolls from WYO Thai Food,*  
*beer from Black Tooth Brewing Co.,*  
*and wine from our vintage SCLT cellars!*

*Thanks to this year's generous LOCAL donors, our raffle will be the most exciting yet!*

*Win goodies, adventures, and services courtesy of Big Goose Ranch, Black Tooth Brewing, Box Cross Road Farm, Flood Marketing, HF Bar, Sackett's Market, Sheridan Bicycle Co., Sheridan Brand, Shiloh Valley Farm, Surf Wyoming, Tongue River Honey, and more!*

*Friends and families welcome!*

*The event is free, but an RSVP is appreciated. Email [info@sheridanclt.org](mailto:info@sheridanclt.org) or call 673-4702*

# New to the Crew!



Katie Belton

*Director of Community Engagement*

Katie was raised in Sheridan and grew up traveling with her family. She graduated from Colorado College as a pre-med biology student, minoring in art history and studio art, and afterward completed a summer design program at the GSD. She lived first on Martha's Vineyard and then in San Francisco before moving back to the mountains. She worked at both the Buffalo Bill and the Arizona State Museums in their Art Conservation labs before moving home in 2014 for the new building transition of The Brinton Museum. While there, she did matting and framing, as well as the exhibit design for the American Indian Exhibition under the guidance of her dear mentor, Father Peter J. Powell. Katie joined SCLT in 2016 to work with this lively and progressive organization that focuses on her other love – being active in the outdoors.

Kary has been visiting Wyoming since she was a child and has brought her family to the HF Bar Ranch for twenty-six consecutive summers. Three years ago, Kary decided to move to Big Horn. She says, "It was the Bighorn mountains, swift creeks, open meadows laid out under blue skies and bubbling clouds that brought me here. It is the people, however, who are keeping me here with warm their welcomes." Her twenty-year experience in development for two major not-for-profit organizations, including her children's school in their hometown of St. Louis, has her aptly prepared to join our efforts in preserving our beautiful heritage.



Kary Matthews

*Development Director*

*Sheridan Community Land Trust works to preserve our heritage of open spaces, healthy rivers and creeks, working ranches, wildlife habitat, and vibrant history, while expanding non-motorized recreation opportunities to connect people with the places they love.*

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# RED GRADE TRAILS



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## BLM ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT UPDATE

Last May, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Red Grade Trails for public review. Since that time, the BLM has reviewed the submitted public comments and conducted additional analysis of the proposed project. During the process, the BLM asked SCLT to resubmit proposed trails that exhibit “independent utility”, or trails and trail segments that are entirely contained on BLM or State lands and would not involve any USFS-managed lands to function properly.

SCLT anticipates that the BLM will release their final draft EA in early April for an additional 30-day public comment period to solicit any additional comments regarding the proposed project on BLM lands. Look for an email from SCLT or a press release from the BLM to highlight this 30-day public comment period. After the upcoming review and comment period, the BLM will again review and address any submitted comments before making a final decision on SCLT’s project proposal.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In February, SCLT received six bids for reconstruction work on existing parking areas located on State lands along Red Grade Road and selected the qualified low bid from GW Construction of Gillette. Work is expected to commence in May and be completed by July. Reconstruction of the parking areas will benefit all types of recreationists who access public lands from Red Grade Road. While the sizes of the reconstructed parking areas will see only modest increases related to attaining proper parking grades, the resulting parking arrangement, ingress/egress, and overall traffic flow will improve greatly. SCLT continues to fundraise the final 10% of costs for this project, estimated at \$220,000. Please be in touch if you would like to support this community project and help us meet our goal.



Volunteers “armoring” the trail

## STAFF

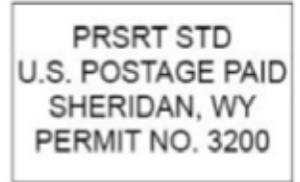
Colin Betzler, *Executive Director*  
Kary Matthews, *Development Director*  
Katie Belton, *Community Engagement Director*  
Tami Sorenson, *Trails Manager*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**SCLT's Annual Open House:** *You're Invited!* **April 12th** - 5 to 8 pm @ 237 N Main St.

We'd like to say THANK YOU to our community for 10 years of your support!

**Earth Day Work Day:** **April 22nd** - 5:30 pm @ Red Grade Trails

Join us for trail work, a full moon BBQ, and an outdoor movie.

**Trail Work Day:** **April 28th** - 5:30 pm @ Soldier Ridge Trails

All ages are welcome! Tools and beverages provided.

**The Okee Dokee Brothers Concert:** **May 19th** - 6:30 pm @ WYO Theatre

Kick off UNPLUG with an evening of outdoors-inspired bluegrass by this

Grammy® Award winning duo AND local Grammy® nominated artist Sarah

Sample! For more information visit the WYO Box office or [www.okeedokeye.org](http://www.okeedokeye.org)

**Full Moon Trail Work:** **May 20th** - 3 pm @ Location to be announced

**UNPLUG - Spring has Sprung!** **May 22nd** @ Location to be announced

Join in the fun with a science-based scavenger hunt led by Sarah Mentock!

**3rd Thursday Kick-off:** **June 16** @ Downtown Sheridan

Drop by to say hello and for a chance to enter this year's exciting raffle!

**Trail Work Day:** **June 18th** - Location and details to be announced

For questions regarding events or to receive trail work updates,  
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