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Introducing

# River Trip Planner

[www.sheridanclt.org/rivertrip](http://www.sheridanclt.org/rivertrip)

SCLT is pleased to announce the release of our River Trip Planner: [www.sheridanclt.org/rivertrip](http://www.sheridanclt.org/rivertrip). Have you ever wondered where public access points are? What type of watercraft to use? What hazards exist and where? What current flows levels are and what they mean? SCLT has compiled this information and more to help recreational floaters prepare to responsibly venture out on local rivers and streams. The site focuses on 90 miles of navigable water within the Tongue and Goose systems, and includes an option for users to log a "River Report" to let others know of a new hazard or river condition. Take a few minutes to explore the new site before your next adventure!

Special thanks to Mark Thoney with WYOlution for site development, Jenae Neeson for the landing graphic (above), Flood Marketing for branding, and Wyoming's Recreational Trails Grant Program for helping to make this a reality.

## Tongue Riverpalooza!

Saturday, July 16th from 10am - 2pm

Lunch provided on the river but BYOBoat

As part of the National River Cleanup and back by popular demand, SCLT is hosting our 2nd Annual Tongue Riverpalooza! If you're looking to escape the heat of rodeo, try dipping a paddle in the river as we float downstream picking up refuse... it doesn't get better than this! Last year's best finds included a light saber and a vacuum cleaner...who knows what your boat may discover this season?! To sign up email [katie@sheridanclt.org](mailto:katie@sheridanclt.org).



2015 Tongue Riverpalooza participants  
with their finds!

# News from the Grade

Reconstruction of the two existing parking areas on State Land started June 6th and will be substantially complete by July 15th. The goal of this work is to enhance on and off-road safety in the vicinity while improving the layout and grades of parking areas for existing multi-season use. Funding for the project includes multiple grants from Wyoming's Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, as well as gifts from local individuals and foundations.

## Closure Details

Lower Trail remains open and accessible to parking on the south side of Red Grade Road, and Upper Trail is open except in the vicinity of construction. The "Springs" and "Upper" parking areas remain closed to vehicle use.



## Construction Management

Tim Brugger with Morrison and Maierle (formerly Vista West Engineering of Sheridan)

has been providing construction management oversight, and SCLT staff - chiefly our Trails Manager Tami Sorenson - has been on-site in excess of 120 hours to coordinate closely with the contractor.

## Thank You

Special thanks to Garber Agribusiness, Malone Belton Abel Architects and GW Construction for in-kind donations; and to our on-site volunteers for many hours of design vetting, vegetation care and reseeded work.



*SCLT works to minimize removal of vegetation by transplanting healthy aspen trees, which spread and provide aesthetic screening of the parking areas from the roadway and neighboring properties.*

## Call for Projects!


SCLT is seeking several landowners with acreage spanning the Tongue River or Goose Creek systems. We would like to explore options for converting existing livestock fencing into boater friendly fencing where fence crosses the waterway. Funding and partners are in place and fence designs can be modified to meet landowner needs (e.g. high water raising and lowering). There are currently an estimated 30 fences across publicly navigable sections of the Tongue River and Goose Creek systems. Landowners can contact [director@sheridanclt.org](mailto:director@sheridanclt.org) to learn more.

## Unplug on Facebook with 2016 Schedule

In collaboration with Science Kids, SCLT brings you Unplug: year-round, creative monthly outdoor education programs *for free* for the whole family!

Next event: Saturday, July 9th at Welch Ranch. Join Unplug for a half day of banding Cliff Swallows with Audubon Rockies Naturalists Jacelyn and Dustin Downey!



For the full schedule of events, follow Unplug on  @unplugsheridan

*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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# Former Board Member Reflects on the First Decade of SCLT

Except for four years in the U.S. Navy, my background and livelihood have been in agriculture. I am a fourth generation ranch person who has observed many changes in our state and the Rocky Mountain region - some very good, some not beneficial. My belief is that sustainable agriculture is the mainstay of preservation, so organizations like SCLT will have a lasting positive effect on our area.

During the past eight years, I have enjoyed being on the SCLT Board and watching the organization grow with steady progress as a land trust. The people involved are from varied backgrounds and have knowledge, correct goals, and a belief in sustained progress that is priceless for protecting the magnificent natural values we enjoy and live with daily. All of the SCLT projects are first class, whether they are historical, agricultural, recreational or just plain planning for preservation in the future. Accomplishing these goals now is like touching a moving creek, once it passes you may never get the chance to touch that water again.

Thanks for the chance to be involved.



*SCLT bylaws limit Board Member terms to nine years so Matt Johnston will step down this July. Matt's expertise in agriculture and real estate, in addition to his unwavering commitment to our mission were invaluable assets during the formative years of SCLT.*

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## Board Welcomes Susan Holmes



*Susan joined the SCLT board in June*

*In her own words:*

I came to Wyoming 35 years ago looking for adventure. I found it in the big, open spaces and in the wonderful people who live and work here. I have never lost the wonder for those things, so I am thrilled to be joining an organization so committed to preserving some of the very special things about Sheridan County.

I have recently retired from a fulfilling career in civil engineering. I was able to help many communities in Wyoming develop or improve their infrastructure to better serve our population. I love the process of project development and enjoy working with the various people involved in projects. I hope to contribute my project management skills to the many projects undertaken by SCLT.

I am honored and excited to join this Board and look forward to working with the other Board members and staff.

### STAFF

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

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## Seeking Sponsors!

October 8th is sure to be our biggest and best Biketober fest yet! Our favorite fall fundraising event will be here before we know it, and we are looking for sponsors to help fund our 4-mile fun run/bike race, 7-mile trail run, 15-mile bike race, and fun afternoon events for the whole family!

This is a great opportunity for individual or business sponsorships at any level. Call 673-4702 or email [katie@sheridanclt.org](mailto:katie@sheridanclt.org) to pledge your support or to request a 2016 sponsor information packet.

