

## Power in collaboration, community

Imagine the year is 2020 as you float downstream on the Tongue River; sounds of rushing water and songbirds fill the air. Rounding the next bend, you can hardly believe that the impacts of a power plant once dominated the natural landscape, now lined with verdant willows and cottonwoods for the first time in more than a century.

Welcome to Acme park – seven acres of renewed serenity along the Tongue River.

The site has seen a tumultuous past: once the largest power generation facility west of the Mississippi, it soon became a private junk yard with a clouded title. Next, it stood for years shuttered and half-heartedly salvaged...until today.

All of this is changing. Over the course of the last twelve months your support helped make the purchase of this property possible so clean-up can begin. Your voice and vision can continue to play a role.

A Brownfields Workshop will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Sheridan Memorial Conference Center at 61 South Gould and will include discussion of the future of Acme. To participate in casting a vision for this community site, please register for this free event at [www.ksutab.org/education/workshops](http://www.ksutab.org/education/workshops).

The Acme project will span several years from clean-up to the realization of a community vision. Imagining what this site could become is all the fun.

### **Want to make a difference?**

Orchestrating the purchase of this property was neither cheap nor expedient due to the history and complexity of previous “owners”.

We still need to raise \$26,000 in 2017 to close out this crucial first step: [www.sheridanclt.org](http://www.sheridanclt.org).

**Your dollars can help today.**



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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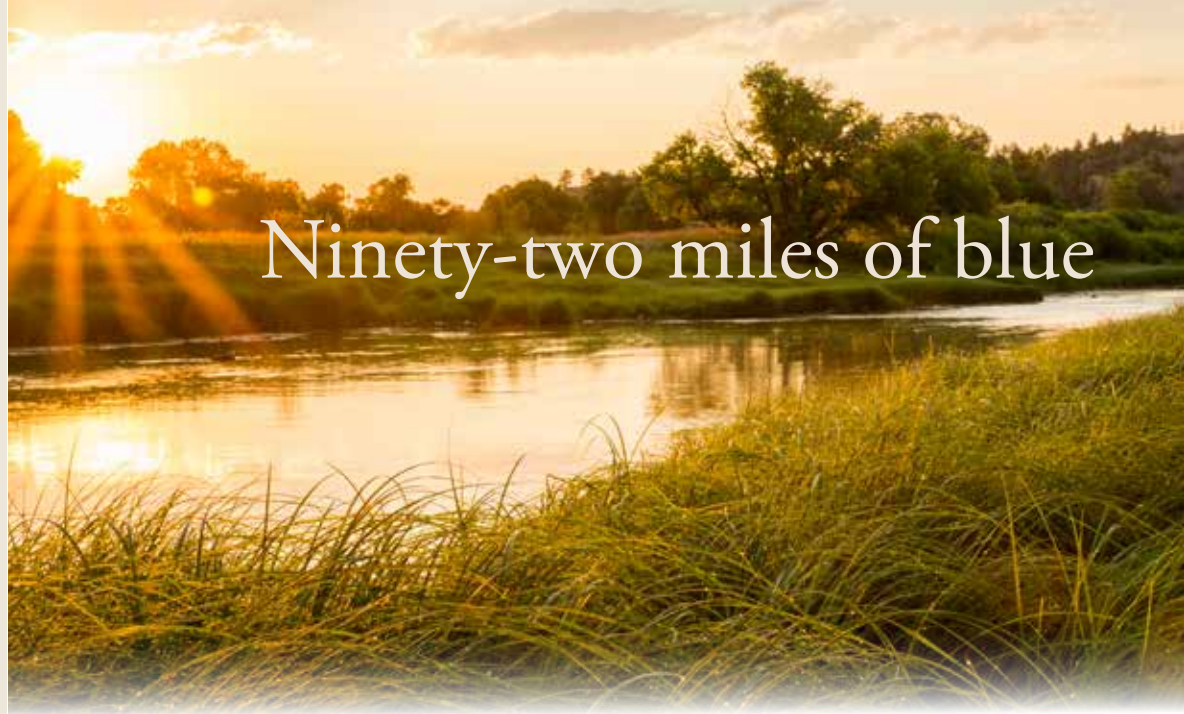
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# Ninety-two miles of blue

Low flows mean it's high time for a river trip! Thanks to a grant from the Recreational Trails Program and donations from members like you, work is beginning as we create informational signage at existing public access points along the Goose Creek and the Tongue River waterways.

This summer, the first nine locations on public lands within Sheridan city limits along Little and Big Goose Creeks are receiving signage. The signs (working draft below) will include information on the distances between access points, access site amenities, and safety information.

The signs will also direct river users to [sheridanclt.org/rivertrip](http://sheridanclt.org/rivertrip). This online portal was created by Wyolution and launched by Sheridan Community Land Trust last fall. The portal contains details about existing hazards, flow information, and access site amenities. We appreciate everyone's commitment to leaving the river as clean, or cleaner, than when you find it.

Visit [sheridanclt.org/rivertrip](http://sheridanclt.org/rivertrip) to plan your next adventure!

Special thanks to Don Crecelius, Roger Wilson, and the City of Sheridan for your project input!

### Tongue River Water Trail – Mill Park

Welcome, floaters! This project is made possible by community support.

**Access Site Locations**

- 1 South Park (Little Goose Creek)
- 2 Sheltered Acres Park (Little Goose Creek)
- 3 Leopard Street (Big Goose Creek)
- 4 NB Avenue (Big Goose Creek)
- 5 West Burkitt Street (Big Goose Creek)
- 6 Kendrick Park (Big Goose Creek)
- 7 Mill Park (Little/Big Goose Creek Confluence)
- 8 Thorne-Rider Park (Goose Creek)
- 9 North Park (Goose Creek)

**Access Site Amenities**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Restroom	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Playground	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Picnic Area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
On-street parking only	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Off-street parking area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Distance to next access site downstream (miles)	1.1	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.4

River flows this direction.

**Access Sites**

The access sites on this map are all on public land in various states of improvement. It is a goal of the Tongue River Water Trail to improve access sites to include parking, docks, restrooms, handicapped access, wayfinding signage, trash receptacles, etc. where necessary.

**"Take only pictures, leave only footprints"**

Thanks for caring! Collect your trash as you go, even items such as apple cores. Make trash bags a normal part of your gear, and pick up extra litter on each trip. Individual actions and Leave No Trace principles ensure a healthy watershed and positive community relationships.

**CAUTION:** Spring runoff creates hazardous conditions. Know the flow before you go, and wear a life jacket. **HAZARDS EXIST** at all flows: barbed wire fences, deep structures, and riprap. Use caution. Plan ahead at [sheridanclt.org/rivertrip](http://sheridanclt.org/rivertrip). I denotes in-stream drop structures.



He bikes, he hikes,  
(he loves it here)

## Brad Bauer joins team as new Executive Director of SCLT

“I am very excited to move to Sheridan and work as part of this great organization. I look forward to getting to know you, your community, and how we can continue to find success together.

A little bit about me: I will be leaving a position with Montana State University Extension where I have led the statewide Climate Science Program and the Gallatin County Natural Resource Program. Prior to this position, I worked for The Nature Conservancy in Montana managing several ranches and conservation agreements. I came to Montana for graduate school 15 years ago and have called the west home ever since.

Outside of work, I serve on the Board of Directors for a small, watershed based non-profit. I love to bike, raft, hike, and ski. When I am not in the middle of a home remodel, I like to think that I enjoy carpentry, too. I will be starting at SCLT on August 7th, so please feel free to stop in and say hello, share tips of your favorite places to explore around Sheridan, or tell me a fish tale or two.”

## Sheridan County enthusiasts join Board of Directors

To find about their interests and experiences in our community, please visit [sheridanclt.org/recentnews](http://sheridanclt.org/recentnews).



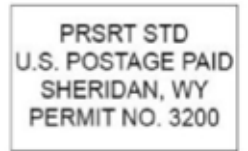
Craig Achord on a family hike in the Bighorns.



Jan Windsor with her husband Tod in Big Horn.



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## Adopt-a-trail, fill your heart

Many of you have expressed motivation to give back to your land and community in a meaningful way. With Soldier Ridge, Red Grade, and Tongue River Water Trails in full swing, **there's no better time than today** to get involved.

On the water or in the dirt, the new **Adopt-a-Trail** program is designed to get you outside **doing what you love, for the place you love**. Those of you who have volunteered before know that trail stewardship is a **deeply satisfying form of volunteerism**. This time in nature, alone or with friends, will fill your heart and soul from the ground up. It's a simple way to share the load across the community while building a sense of pride and ownership of your trails.

Just ask Lissa and Dusty Bertalot, who adopted the steepest, longest section on the list. Thank you for making a difference! For more information on the Adopt-a-Trail program, contact Tami Sorenson at [trails@sheridanclt.org](mailto:trails@sheridanclt.org) or 307-751-0735.

