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## **Random Canyon Growlers Headline Fourth Annual Party for the Pronghorn**

The up-and-coming bluegrass band Random Canyon Growlers will help pump up the fourth annual Party for the Pronghorn on Saturday, May 30, 7 p.m. at Snow King Resort's Grand Room.

A community celebration of the Teton Park antelope herd's annual return to the valley, this year's party will also highlight strides toward protecting the herd's threatened migratory path between Jackson Hole and the Upper Green River Basin. Antelope have used this "Path of the Pronghorn" – a 90-mile-long crucial artery between the herd's winter range in Sublette County and summer range in Grand Teton National Park – for more than 6,000 years.

"But several places along the path make passage difficult," said Louise Lasley, public lands director for the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, sponsor of the event. "Rivers, trees and steep cliffs pinch the route down to just meters wide at some points, increasing the pronghorns' exposure to predators. Even worse, human development has caused additional bottlenecks. Oil and gas wells, roads, houses, fences – all make a dangerous journey even more perilous."

Conservationists, federal land managers and state wildlife agencies are working together to permanently protect the pronghorns' ancient route, which is one of the longest migratory paths in the western hemisphere. At last year's Party for the Pronghorn, Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisor Kniffy Hamilton signed an amendment to the forest's management plan designed to make sure that future activities in the Bridger-Teton don't harm the migration. Noted wildlife photographer and author Joe Riis will present more information during this year's "Pronghorn Passage" talk.

A \$5 donation at the door will also give pronghorn partygoers great live music and dancing till 11 p.m., free cake, a cash bar, and the opportunity to participate in raffles and a silent auction for some amazing items donated by generous local businesses and organizations.

"We really want to welcome the whole community to join in this celebration of Jackson Hole's incredible wildlife, and of the people working to protect them," said organizer Lisa Rullman Vogelheim of the Conservation Alliance.

Sponsors of Party for the Pronghorn include Bridger-Teton National Forest, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, National Elk Refuge, National Parks Conservation Association, Patagonia Inc., Skinny Skis, Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Wyoming and Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

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The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to responsible land stewardship to ensure that human activities are in harmony with the area's irreplaceable wildlife, scenic and other natural resources. The organization has more than 2,000 members from Jackson Hole and across the nation.