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Another property on the Bull River now permanently protected!

Sandpoint – 57 acres in the incredibly scenic Bull River Valley within the Cabinet Mountains of Sanders County, Montana, are now permanently protected from development. The Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy (CFPOC), of Sandpoint, Idaho, has just closed a conservation easement on this stunning property which has significant wildlife habitat and ecological value for several threatened and endangered species and which serves as a potential wildlife travel corridor between the east and west side of the Cabinet Mountains. Belonging to Ann Warrington of Spokane, Washington, this spectacularly beautiful property is dominated by mountain foothills with conifer forest and extensive, rich wetland and riparian areas along the river, providing exceptional habitat for moose, waterfowl and birds, as well as the threatened bull trout.

The conservation easement was purchased through a grant from The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) of 1989. NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife.

“This was a collaborative project involving, private land owners, several non-profits, federal agencies and Avista Utilities. We would like to thank the Warrington family, Ducks Unlimited, The Conservation Fund, American Public Land Exchange, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Avista Utilities for all coming together to preserve and protect this exceptional property along the Bull River,” stated Kyler Wolf, project manager and board member of the CFPOC. “The CFPOC will hold the conservation easement to ensure the stewardship and protection of this property is maintained in perpetuity. This is a wonderful example of private land conservation, and we are honored to be involved and to have more of the Bull River area protected forever,” continued Mr. Wolf.

The CFPOC is a non-profit land trust that works with willing landowners to protect open space in north Idaho and northwest Montana. Since 2002, the CFPOC has successfully partnered with federal, state, and local entities to protect critical habitat, forest and ranch land, important scenic areas, recreational areas, and cultural landscapes. Operating in Bonner County, Idaho and Sanders County, Montana, the CFPOC has protected a total of 1,764 acres, and several other projects are nearing completion. This success has been accomplished by working with private landowners to prepare site-specific conservation easements, which are permanent legal agreements between a landowner and a land trust that protect a property’s special natural resources in perpetuity, while still allowing for a range of land owner activities such as farming, ranching and timber management. The CFPOC also acquires ownership of land as another way of ensuring that it remains protected forever. To learn more about how you can protect your land or how you can support the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy, visit www.cfpoconservancy.org or call 208-263-9471.