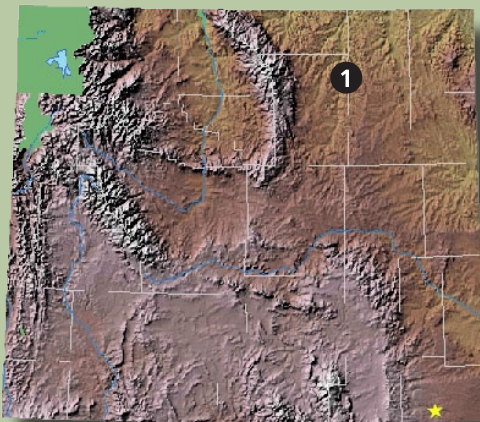




# Wyoming News



Wyoming youth at the Second Wyoming Youth Congress  
Photo: Teton Science School



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## Projects & Partners 2012

1. Sheridan Trails  
Sheridan Community Land Trust

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is looking for new opportunities to work with communities in Wyoming. We can work with towns, counties, non-profits, and other agencies that want to collaboratively strive towards creating great outdoor recreation and conservation projects for the people of Wyoming.

For other RTCA projects go to:  
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## Recent Successes

### Wyoming Youth Congress makes stronger connections between youth, families, and the great outdoors

The third Wyoming Youth Congress was held in Jackson with great results. The event brought together kids from around the State to examine ways to create stronger connections between Wyoming's youth and families with the incredible natural and cultural resources that are found throughout the State. The Congress was again hosted by the Teton Science Schools with support and assistance from members of the WY Outside group that was created with the help of the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. The RTCA program will continue to work with WY Outside investigating opportunities to hire a young person to coordinate the group's activities and help implement more on-the-ground successes.

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### ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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## 2011 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,991 Miles of Trail Developed  
1,925 Miles of River Conserved  
33,230 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected  
94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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# Current Projects

## 1. Sheridan Trails/Sheridan Community Land Trust

Project Partner: Sheridan Community Land Trust

RTCA Contact: Gary Weiner

Location: Sheridan, Wyoming

### Project Goal

Develop nine miles of trail in and around the city of Sheridan, Wyoming.

### RTCA Role

Work with project partners to determine the feasibility of trail creation and possible alignments. Provide assistance in locating funding and expertise in brochure and map development.



Youth enjoying the outdoors.  
Photo: Teton Science School

*“I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.”*

- John Burroughs

*94% of youth delegates said they feel healthier when they spend time outside.*

*99% of parents said that playing outside is important for their child's physical and mental well-being*

*77% of parents believe they need to supervise their children's outdoor play.*

- 2010 Survey on youth and the outdoors  
Wyoming Youth Congress on Children and Nature



Young hikers in Teton country. Photo: Teton Science School