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Road to Zero Waste Community Partnerships Approved

Jackson, WY, July 5, 2018 – Teton County Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling is pleased to welcome the Jackson Hole Children's Museum, Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Teton Area, Slow Food in the Tetons, the Center for the Arts, the Art Association of Jackson Hole, Straw Free JH, and Hole Food Rescue as this year's community partners on the Road to Zero Waste. Agreements with these organizations were approved by Teton County Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd.

Community partnerships were established in 2012 to offer additional funding, as well as education and outreach support, to programs in Teton County that extend beyond the boundaries of a single organization and contribute to community-wide awareness and advancement of environmentally sustainable practices. As in years past, these current partners possess the expertise, creativity, and energy to bring an exceptional array of programming, workshops, demonstrations, and events to the community.

Later this summer, the Children's Museum, along with Teton County ISWR, will partner for a sixth year to offer a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle themed summer school curriculum. "*Re-Imagine It,*" is designed for rising 5th graders from Teton County public schools. Past *Re-Imagine It* projects include the design and implementation of fact-packed recycle bins. These colorful, fact-covered bins were introduced at the 2017 Peoples Markets and Art Association Art Fairs and are now utilized as permanent recycling receptacles at Jackson Elementary School.

Additional programs to look forward to include upcycling workshops at the Habitat for Humanity Jackson ReStore, zero waste art fairs and art installations from the Art Association of Jackson Hole, awareness and strategies for reducing single use plastics through Straw Free JH, greater understanding and prevention of food waste through Hole Food Rescue, enhanced zero waste facility leadership at the Center for the Arts, and zero waste event organization and program development at the People's Market throughout the 2018-2019 summer and winter seasons.

Many thanks to these organizations for modeling Teton County's commitment to 60% waste diversion from landfill by 2030. Their work allows Teton County ISWR to extend its reach and better engage community members and visitors in the opportunities to maximize resources by minimizing waste. Increased sustainability and zero waste goals are something we will best achieve together.

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