

Hoback Basin Drilling Leases Purchased by The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land announced on January 2 it has completed a transaction to purchase oil and gas leases on 58,000 acres of sensitive land in Wyoming's Hoback Basin. The acquisition means that affected land inside the Bridger-Teton National Forest near Grand Teton National Park will be saved from oil and gas drilling and preserved for hunting, fishing, and recreation. The Trust for Public Land purchased the leases from Plains Exploration & Production Company (NYSE: PXP).

The framework for the agreement was announced in October 2012. That began a three-month fundraising period, during which The Trust for Public Land, Wyoming Outdoor Council, American Rivers, Citizens for the Wyoming Range, The Wilderness Society, and many other individuals and organizations worked to raise the \$8.75 million to complete the deal.

The Hoback Basin is known for its rich hunting and fishing grounds and astounding natural beauty. The land affected by the oil and gas leases acquired under this agreement includes the headwaters of the Hoback River, a congressionally designated wild and scenic river. The Hoback Basin is also a crucial pathway for migrating animals including mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and elk.

Approximately 85 percent of the acquired leases fall within the boundaries of the Wyoming Range Legacy Act, a landmark land conservation measure signed into law as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Among other



provisions, the Legacy Act allows leases to be retired permanently when bought out, instead of being re-sold to other oil and gas companies. The Trust for Public Land has already begun the process of permanently retiring leases within the Legacy Act boundary. The organization will hold title to the remaining leases for a limited time while developing a long-term retirement solution with state and federal officials.



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Herm Hoops has been working for nearly fifteen years documenting a history of equipment used in the rafting industry. In 200 he began an article on the Swanson Boat Oar Company of Albion, PA who supplied many of the oars used in the west when the rafting industry started inflatable boat manufacturers to place in the University of Utah Marriott library Special River Collections. He will make any text he has compiled available free electronically to anyone who wants it, the photos and detailed information will be available at his cost of printing.

Herm says he is beating the bushes for more information on Campways, Riken, Udisco, Domar, Leyland (especially!), Avon, Calegari, EuroCraft and others. He would appreciate any stories, information or old photos (especially of the factory production) they can send me.

He has a very complete and accurate finished product of: 1) The History of Inflatables; 2) Rubber Fabricators, B.F. Goodrich, Rubber Crafters and Demaree inflatables; 3) B.A. Hanten and Rogue Inflatables; and 4) the Swanson Boat Oar Company of Albion, PA.,

If you have information to share, contact Herm Hoops, hoops@ubtanet.com.

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Historic ad for Campways life vests from the early 1970's.

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