



Donor and Charitable Partner Rights

Thank you for investing in the Teton Watershed. Friends of the Teton River (FTR) is honored to partner with you in our collective effort to improve water resources and availability in Teton Valley. Donations are integral to FTR's ability to achieve this mission, so we offer all charitable partners the following rights and expectations:

All charitable gifts will be used to further FTR's mission.

- Unrestricted gifts will support operational expenses such as staff, project needs and administrative costs.
- When a gift is restricted, FTR will document the restrictions in writing. If the designated purpose is no longer feasible, FTR will contact the donor about applying funds to a different purpose.

All charitable gifts will be spent transparently.

- All donors will be opted-in to receive FTR newsletters, annual reports and invitations to events and project tours to learn more about the projects their donations help fund.
- Donors who give restricted gifts will receive reports showing progress on specific projects.
- Staff member and volunteers will provide honest, transparent, and timely answers to questions.

Donors may choose to remain anonymous.

- FTR will not disclose anonymous information including names, contact information, and gift amounts; all requests for anonymity will be honored, except to the extent that FTR is required by law to disclose information.
- FTR is committed to protecting all donors' personal information, regardless of anonymity.

Donors will be recognized and acknowledged in a timely manner.

- Donors will be recognized in FTR's Annual Report and/or as indicated by donor preference.
- FTR will acknowledge receipt of charitable gifts in accordance with federal tax law and will provide documents for the donor to obtain a tax deduction for eligible gifts.

The FTR Board of Directors maintains fiduciary duty for all organizational assets.

- The board will make decisions with integrity and the best interests of FTR in mind.
- The identities and backgrounds of FTR Board Members, as well as FTR's most recent financial statements, will be available to the public.

All charitable gifts to FTR will be carefully reviewed by staff and/or Board.

- FTR will accept all unrestricted gifts of cash or publicly traded securities.
- Gifts of in-kind services will be accepted at the discretion of FTR.
- Other gifts such as property, in-kind gifts, non-liquid securities, and restricted gifts will be reviewed prior to acceptance due to the special obligations or liabilities they may pose for FTR, in accordance with our [Gift Acceptance Policy](#).
- FTR will encourage donors in all cases to consult with their own independent legal and/or tax advisors about proposed gifts, including tax and estate planning implications.