

Save Historic Jackson Hole

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Press Release

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Subject: Jackson Hole Ozone Report

Save Historic Jackson Hole has released their report on Ozone levels in Teton County. According to Armond Acri, Executive Director, “the study was initiated in 2010 after we were approached by a concerned citizen, Jeff Springett. Jeff was aware of high ozone readings in the Upper Green River area and was concerned about Teton County ozone levels because of the prevailing winds and the short distance between the two areas.”

SHJH purchased a portable optical reader and worked with volunteers to take 1-hour readings for ozone levels at various locations in the Jackson area. Students at the Jackson Hole Community School helped take some of the data. Mr. Acri noted “our goal was twofold: 1) determine if ozone levels in Teton County exceeded Federal allowable limits and 2) document base levels so future measurements can determine if ozone levels are increasing.”

Most readings were taken in the winter since that is when the highest levels have been observed in the Pinedale region. The highest level of ozone recorded in Teton County was 50 ppb. This is below the current Federal limit of 75 ppb.

Work will continue in the winter of 2011-2012. Mr. Acri said “having data from multiple years will allow us to examine trends in our local ozone levels.” Save Historic Jackson Hole is a non-profit located in Jackson, Wyoming. Their mission is to “preserve our rural character, champion community interests, promote responsible planning and development and respect nature.”

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