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Implementing a Jackson Hole Return to Work Plan

JACKSON, WY– The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Teton County Emergency Management Plan has launched an Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) in response to COVID-19.

“What will a return to work look like? That is the question weighing heavily on the minds of government leaders and public health officials, employers and their employees, and Jackson Hole families striving for the delicate balance of staying safe and making ends meet.” Commented Rick Howe, VP Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber matched 27 local leaders that represent different business categories, elected officials, communications experts and community partners to initiate the assistance of a short- and long-term recovery as we exit the “Stay at Home Order” period.

The purpose of ERTF is to assist Teton County’s response to the crisis and aims to shorten recovery time and mitigate losses. The timeline of the response strategy will include active efforts through December of 2020. The Task Force’s actions steps and how they will work to minimize damage are in response to the many challenges the community has been presented with, including, but not limited to misinformation, business opportunities and advocacy, future funding opportunities and workforce concerns including health, safety and unemployment.

“What is increasingly certain is that returning to work will be gradual, phased-in, and will vary by factors such as location, sector, business type or size, and the health status of workers. It also will require continued social distancing, expanded use of personal protective equipment, and other counter-measures.” Howe added. “Planning for this needs to begin now. While we have no playbook or precedent, we do have a clear, collective goal that return to work and life in Jackson Hole needs to happen safely, successfully and sustainably.”

The first ERFT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 15. For more information please contact Rick Howe at rick@jacksonholechamber.com

Economic Recovery Task Force:

Laurie Andrews – President, Community Foundation Jackson Hole

Gary Trauner – ED, Silicon Couloir

Jodie Pond - Director of Health, Teton County Health Department

Karen Connelly – Chief Communications Officer, St. John’s Health

Arne Jorgensen – Principle Hawtin Jorgensen Architects, Jackson Town Councilor

Colby Cox – Founder Roadhouse Brewing, Governors Economic Task Force

Cory Carlson – Marketing and Sales Director Four Seasons Resort, Travel and Tourism Board Director

Dr Jim Little

Mike Gierau – Owner, Jedediah’s Corp., Wyoming State Senator

Eric Dombroski – VP Sales & Marketing, The Yarrow Group, Travel and Tourism Board Director

Gavin Fine – Owner, Fine Dining Restaurant group

Jonathan Schechter – Town Councilor, Cothrive.com

Kate Sollitt – ED Travel and Tourism Board

Kelly Lockhart – Lockhart Ranch, Wyoming Business Council

Kevin Olson – President, Teton Media Works

Larry Hartenstein – GM Jackson Hole Sports

Luther Propst – Teton County Commissioner

Mark Newcomb - Teton County Commissioner

Pete Muldoon – Mayor of Jackson

Rich Ochs – Coordinator, Teton County Emergency Management

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Rick Howe – VP Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce

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