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## **HFF Community Campus receives M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust grant**

ASHTON – In 2017, the Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF) received a grant of \$278,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for the HFF Community Campus project.

The Henry's Fork Foundation is the only organization whose sole focus is the conservation, protection, and restoration of the unique fisheries, wildlife, and aesthetic qualities of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River watershed. HFF's 2,500 members come from virtually every state and a number of foreign countries.

The Community Campus project is a look to the future. The new Community Campus will increase HFF's ability to fulfill its mission by educating future generations of anglers and farmers about the watershed; increase participation in regional and state-wide water management issues to benefit the Henry's Fork; improve and increase water quality monitoring capabilities; and expand outreach and communication to inspire conservation on the Henry's Fork.

This building not only allows HFF to connect to the local community in a whole new way, but provides a greater capacity, through an interpretive center, collaborative conference center, laboratory, and housing for future scientists, to face the challenges that lie ahead and take advantage of new and exciting opportunities in conservation.

"The Murdock Trust believes in transformational ideas that help individuals, families and communities flourish — and since 1975, the Murdock Trust has invested over \$925 million into nonprofit organizations that embody their mission.

Every day, the Murdock Trust works to further founder Jack Murdock's desire to "nurture and enrich the educational, spiritual, cultural and social lives of individuals, families and communities." They make grants that help improve the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest, and welcome nonprofits that share their commitment to thinking bigger, challenging problems, and making a true difference.

It was apparent from our initial discussion with the Murdock Trust staff that the HFF Community Campus was a project that fit their mission and funding model. HFF is thinking bigger, building a shared community of those that love the Henry's Fork, and looking for solutions to 21st century water issues. Because of the Murdock Trust's partnership, HFF is able to utilize our new Campus as the launch pad for technological and scientific solutions."

The Henry's Fork Foundation will host a Grand Opening for the new HFF Community Campus on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm at 801 Main Street in Ashton.

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