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ELCR Welcomes the United States Hunter Jumper Association as a Premier Equestrian Partner.

Equine Land Conservation Resource is pleased to announce that the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) is supporting our mission of advancing the conservation of horse related lands by becoming a Premier Equestrian Partner. USHJA joins a growing number of national equestrian organizations that have already partnered with ELCR.

The United States Hunter Jumper Association's mission is to advance the hunter and jumper disciplines by fostering an educated community of equestrians that promotes the welfare of the horse and fairness in competition.

"The USHJA recognizes the importance of land conservation for equestrian use in that many venues have been lost due to development and access issues" says Susan Dotson, Executive Director of the USHJA.

"The partnering of USHJA with ELCR is a significant step towards a nationwide effort where all equestrians will become involved in conserving land for horse related activity" states Nancy Hamill Winter, ELCR's President. "We are very excited to have an organization with such a broad membership base join with us in our efforts to educate and collaborate with the equine community in conserving the equestrian way of life."

Each of ELCR's 126 Partner organizations, representing 1,072,060 members, has made a strong financial commitment to assist with raising awareness and furthering education of horsemen on issues of land protection. Our Partner's recognize that, regardless of breed, discipline or product specialty, the U.S. land development rate of 250 acres per hour jeopardizes the future of equestrian recreation, sport and lifestyle.

About the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR)

The Equine Land Conservation Resource is the only national not-for-profit organization advancing the conservation of land for horse-related activity. ELCR serves as an information resource and clearinghouse for land and horse owners on issues related to equine land conservation, land use planning, land stewardship/best management practices, trails, liability and equine economic development. If you want to know more about ELCR, visit our website at www.elcr.org or call (859) 455-8383.