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Visit CDLT's New Website!

Check out our new website at www.cdlt.org. Our new web site is up and running with indispensable information about:

- Land conservation options
- Interactive map with photos of each property
- Tax benefits of donating a conservation easement
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Events, volunteer opportunities, and educational programs
- Past newsletters, annual reports, news articles, and tax returns (990s)
- Links to land conservation sites, local non-profits, government open space programs, and business supporters
- Nomination form for the Friends of Open Space Honors Awards
- On-line donations through your credit card or PayPal account

Nominations now being accepted for Friends of Open Space Honors Awards



Vice President MJ Wurster visits with locals at the CDLT Booth on Earth Day, see page 10 for more on Earth Day.

Who has done outstanding volunteer work to protect our community's irreplaceable open spaces and natural places? Which business deserves special kudos for natural resource protection and outreach? Which community leader wears their green heart on their sleeve?

Who deserves recognition? You help us decide! Nominations are now being accepted for the Friends of Open Space Honors Awards to be held on Thursday, September 6th at the Silverthorne Pavilion. This is our big event of the year and you won't want to miss it. Jeffrey Bergeron (aka Biff America) will serve as our Master of Ceremonies. The evening will include a sit-down dinner, silent auction, booths from local natural resource organizations, and a special presentation for Lifetime Achievement to Paul Semmer of the U.S. Forest Service, Dillon Ranger District.

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2007 Conservation Easement Stewardship Day Saturday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CDLT is looking for volunteers to help in the annual monitoring of our conservation easements. Join us at the Senior and Community Center on Saturday, June 30, for a morning of education and training on monitoring conservation easements and an afternoon in the field and on-the-ground for open space protection.

Easement Stewardship Day is a great way for Land Trust volunteers to become involved in some of the most important work that the Land Trust does - conservation easement monitoring.

The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with information on how to monitor a conservation easement, morning snacks, and a bag lunch. Please bring sturdy walking shoes, water, sunscreen, hat, rain jacket, and dress for the weather.

At 11:30 a.m. volunteers are divided into small groups led by experienced Land Stewards. Groups will head into the field to do an actual easement monitoring. CDLT Land Stewards are familiar with properties and terms of the conservation easement. The length of the day depends on the location, size and complexity of the conservation easement being monitored.

Conservation easements to be monitored during Easement Stewardship Day include Fiester Open Space Preserve (Frisco), McCullough Gulch Open Space (Blue River), Wetlands at Water Dance (Frisco), Overlook at Piney Acres (Dillon Valley), Willow Grove Easement (Silverthorne), and Iron Springs Easement (Farmer's Corner).

Please sign up in advance. To sign up, or for more information, please contact CDLT at 970-453-3875, info@cdlt.org, or visit www.cdlt.org for volunteer opportunities.

Administrative Support Volunteer Wanted!

Join our Land Trust Administrative Support Team! CDLT is looking for a volunteer to help with administrative and office tasks approximately 2-6 hours per week for the summer and fall.



The Administrative Support Volunteer may work in our office or from home, helping process correspondence and other administrative tasks. CDLT's office is in Breckenridge.

For more information, check out our website at www.cdlt.org, and please contact us at 970-453-3875 or info@cdlt.org.

Meet one of CDLT's Land Stewards - Joan de Graaff

Joan de Graaff has been a dedicated Land Steward and CDLT volunteer for almost 4 years. Along with serving as Land Steward for Willow Grove (formerly called Grande) and 1298 Blue River Parkway, Joan is involved with several organizations including the Red Cross, Senior Center, Unitarian Church, and Willow Grove Home Owner's Association. After growing up on a farm near Mt. Hood, Oregon, Joan went to school on the East Coast and in Europe. She has lived in Summit County for seven years.



Joan de Graaff standing over her porch overlooking Willow Grove conservation easement.

CDLT: Why do you support CDLT?

Joan: I believe that it is important, for the earth and for our spirits, to preserve open spaces in and near our communities.

CDLT: Why did you become a Land Steward?

Joan: Willow Lake in the Grande Easement is right outside my back door. It matters for its beauty, and as habitat for ducks, geese and fish. As a steward, I can contribute towards keeping it natural and healthy.

CDLT: What would you tell others who are interested about being a Land Steward?

Joan: Do it! It is fun, worthwhile and educational, and you meet great people.

CDLT: Why do you think land protection in Summit County is important?

Joan: So many houses are being built that few undeveloped natural areas remain close to our towns. We must protect as much land as we can now, before it is too late.

Joan also stated that "CDLT is a wonderful organization. The volunteer activities are good for you and for Summit County, yet not too time-consuming. We need to support Leigh and our board in their excellent work. The Grande easement, with its lake and riverfront woods, exists because of Tom Grande's generous gift, encouraged and facilitated by CDLT."

Thank you Joan for all of your hard work and dedication!

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Friend's of Open Space Honors Awards Nomination Form:

Awards will also be presented to the honoree chosen from the following nomination categories:

- **Philanthropist** - Individual or family whose generous financial support for land conservation and/or natural resource protection has helped achieve significant results in our community.
- **Community Representative** - Political leader, planning or open space commissioner, or professional open space staff person, whose work exemplifies education about and consideration for land and natural resource protection in their decision-making.
- **Volunteer** - Individual achievement in open space and natural resource protection.
- **Protection of Open Space within a Development Project** - Development project (subdivision, PUD, neighborhood) which has exhibited exemplary planning to protect important natural resources and open space within the development.
- **Business or Corporation** - Locally-based business or corporation which has exhibited outstanding leadership in support of natural resources.
- **Non-Profit Organization** - Local organization which has done exceptional work to protect our community's natural resources.
- **Open Category** - An individual or organization whose work for open space protection does not fit into any of the above categories.

Nominations are now being accepted on-line at our new web-site - www.cdlt.org. Go to the Friends of Open Space page for a nominations form and more information. Or contact us and we can fax or mail you a form: 970-453-3875 or info@cdlt.org. Nomination deadline is August 15, 2007.

Continental Divide Land Trust Up-Coming Events 2007

*For more information, event tickets, or to sign-up in advance,
please see our website at www.cdlt.org or contact us at 970-453-3875 or info@cdlt.org.*

June 30, Sat. - Easement Stewardship Day

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ,

Senior & Community Center, Frisco

Learn how to monitor a conservation easement in the morning and spend the afternoon helping with an actual monitoring visit. Timing depends on size of property. Lunch provided. Please sign up in advance.

**July 15, Sun.- Weed Pull & Trash Clean-Up,
Wetlands at Water Dance**

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Frisco Marina

Help eradicate weeds along the bike path. Bring gloves and water; please wear long sleeves. Cold drinks provided. Meet at the Frisco Marina trailhead parking area.

July 21, Sat. - Weed Pull & Trash Clean-Up, Piney Acres

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Dillon Valley

Help eradicate weeds along Straight Creek and Little Beaver Trail. Bring gloves and water; please wear long sleeves. Cold drinks provided. Meet at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church parking lot.

July 28, Sat. - Guided Nature Hike with Wildflower Expert, Pat Taylor, 8:30 a.m., Location TBA

Pat will lead a guided nature hike to view summer colors. Bring sturdy boots, water, sunscreen, hat, lunch. Moderately difficult hiking conditions. Donation of \$15 per person is suggested. Reservation recommended.

July, TBA - Land Trust Social Gathering

Join us to meet Land Trust staff and board and your fellow CDLT supporters. Everyone is invited; you need not be a CDLT member to attend.

August 3, Fri. - Easement Dedication Celebration

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Willow Grove/

1298 Blue River Pkwy, Silverthorne

Join CDLT and the Town of Silverthorne to celebrate the protection of these lovely properties along the Blue River. Refreshments provided. Free.

August, TBA - Land Trust Social Gathering

Join us to meet Land Trust staff and board and your fellow CDLT supporters. Everyone is invited; you need not be a CDLT member to attend.

August 15 - Nominations Deadline for Friends of Open Space Honors Awards!

Go to our website at www.cdlt.org to our Friends of Open Space page and make your nomination.

**Sept. 6, Thu.- Friends of Open Space Honors Awards
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Silverthorne Pavilion**

This is our big event of the year and a once-every-five-year opportunity to honor those businesses, organizations and people who do outstanding work to protect our community's open spaces and natural resources. Please join us for the Party! For more information, please go to our website at www.cdlt.org and visit the Friends of Open Space page.

Sept., TBA - Nature & History with Mary Ellen Gilliland

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities for natural resources, trails, and open space all over Summit County, go to the Friends of Dillon Ranger District at www.fdrd.org.



Continental Divide Land Trust Annual Report 2006

Our Mission Statement: The Continental Divide Land Trust permanently preserves and protects irreplaceable natural areas in and around Summit County for current and future generations, through land preservation agreements, land acquisition, and public education.

From the President...

Wow! What a busy year!! 2006 was a year of great accomplishment for CDLT. As you will read in this newsletter and annual report, your directors and volunteers have been very busy. Our long term goal of protecting more land with "Land Preservation Agreements" is being met and our mid range goal of educating potential land and money donors is also being accomplished.

This year we spent a considerable chunk of time and effort reviewing our goals, accomplishments and tactics; then we created a strategic plan to guide our actions and to keep us focused for the next couple of years. It was a great series of events and will ensure that this organization keeps moving forward toward its goals in an efficient manner.

The Continental Divide Land Trust has been successful because of the people who have put their time and efforts into it. Everyone knows that we are lucky to have Leigh Girvin as our Executive Director and most have you have met Jennifer Kirkpatrick, our Program Coordinator. These two put in huge amounts of effort to see that our programs and events happen smoothly. While our volunteers provide the bulk of our labor to man our

events, these two manage to get the events up and running.

We are also very lucky to have a strong, active Board of Directors. They generously give their time and money; and have spent years helping us succeed. It is a big time commitment for each of them and we truly wouldn't exist as an organization without their valuable help as leaders and volunteers. Let me also thank the dozens of other volunteers that work so hard to accomplish our goals. Without them, we'd need a payroll of millions of dollars!

I would also like to personally thank each of you who have donated money to the Land Trust. Every dollar is appreciated and valued. Your willingness to donate money validates our belief that we are doing something that you value for our community. We accomplish a lot with your donations, so please continue to be generous.

Those who receive this newsletter are our best ambassadors. Please pass this copy of the newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who might find our mission to be of personal interest. Those who understand our mission can best explain it to others who will benefit from what we do.

-Dave Bittner, CDLT President

CDLT's Accomplishments in 2006

Conservation Easements

In 2006, CDLT celebrated 2,085 acres permanently preserved! Town of Silverthorne purchased the Willow Grove property (formerly known as Grande). The Willow Grove easement was amended in 2006 to allow public access and recreation along the Blue River. Summit County Government donated a conservation easement on the Wilderrest Mesa Cortina Extension in December 2006.

Other Projects:

Easement Stewardship Day: Thanks to twelve volunteers, CDLT was able to successfully monitor five of our conservation easements.

Educational Programs: We celebrated Upper French Gulch Conservation Easement (part of Golden Horseshoe) with an easement dedication in July. Other summer hikes included Four Mile Bridge River walk with Brian Lorch, clean-up on Make a Difference Day, weed pulls at Wetlands at Water Dance and Piney Acres, and a nature hike at Monte Cristo Gulch.

Events: CDLT hosted the Friends of Open Space Party with Aron Ralston in February and co-hosted A Celebration of Land and Water Conservation with the Blue River Watershed Group and the Colorado Water Trust in November.

Other Successes: CDLT developed fresh marketing strategies with our new logo and detailed plan for our new web site (visit www.cdl.org). CDLT also started the process of revising our strategic plan.





2006 Annual Report Donors/Members

Contributions received January
1st - December 31st, 2006
New Members in 2006 in *italics*

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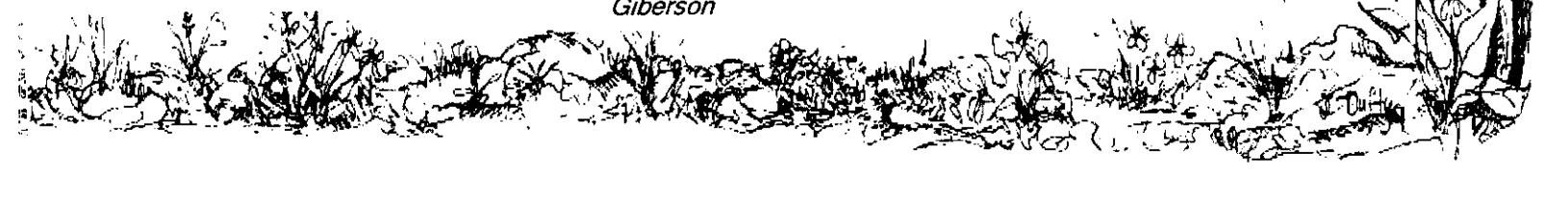
Gretchen Abernathy, in memory of Brad Odekirk
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Mae and Tom Jones, in memory of Charlie Lund
Anonymous in honor of Howard Giberson

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Sue & Howard Carver

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We apologize if we inadvertently omitted your name or made any errors. If there are any problems, please let us know as soon as possible.



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2006-2007**

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Program Coordinator

**Continental Divide Land Trust
2006 Financial Report**

Revenue:

Grants	\$22,500
Donations	\$29,024
Memberships	\$22,513
Events Gross	\$12,505
Sales of books, etc	\$ 133
<u>Easement Acquisition</u>	<u>\$ 2,100</u>
Revenue Total	\$88,775

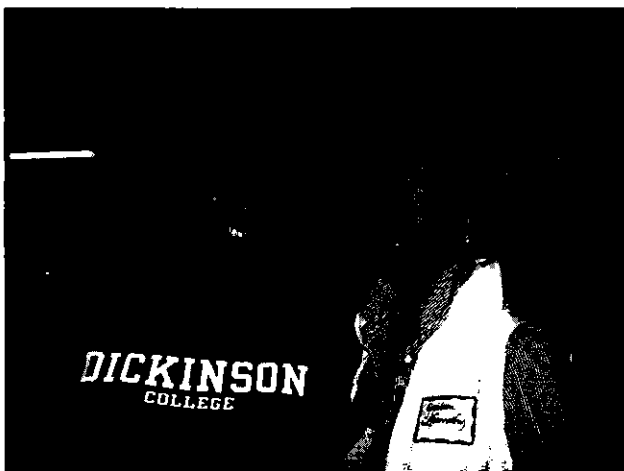
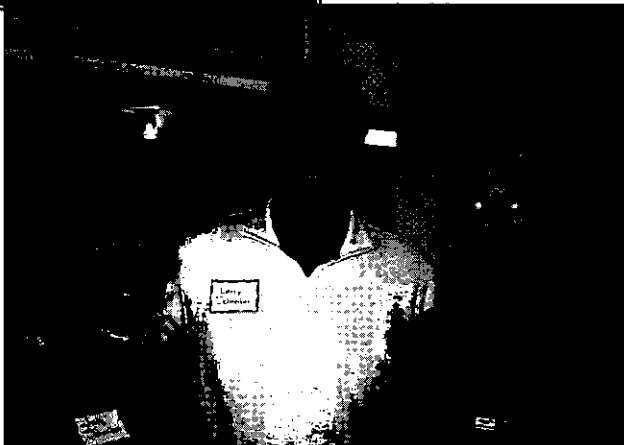
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Event Expenses	\$ 3,456
Asset Acquisition	\$ 2,419
Financial & Accounting	\$ 579
Insurances	\$ 3,132
Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$ 651
Property Taxes	\$ 227
<u>Misc. Other</u>	<u>\$ 240</u>
Expense Total	\$76,390

Expenses:

Personnel	\$51,999
Rent, phone, util.	\$ 6,044
Membership, publications	\$ 580
Newsletters, printing, copies	\$ 2,907
Postage	\$ 1,509
Office Supplies	\$ 967
Training & Meetings	\$ 855
Travel & Mileage	\$ 825

Carry Forward	
Conservation Easement	
Project Phase II	\$10,000
Excess revenue over	
Expenses	\$ 2,385



Welcome New CDLT Members!

Thank you to these new members who joined CDLT in 2007:
(January 1 to May 23, 2007)

- Edward Baker &
- Dr. Anna Van Heerkeren
- Peter & Alicia Dunn
- George & Pati Hammer
- Joe & Mary Lee Irwin
- Jon Kirkpatrick
- Hank & Janis Kries
- George & Kathryn Resseguie, Jr.
- Diane Sample

Thank you to those who attended the Land Trust membership gatherings. Pictured in top left photo are Judy and Larry Schreiber and CDLT Board Member Howard Carver. In the bottom left photo are CDLT members Brownell Bailey and Gretchen Abernathy. Both photos were taken at Gary Soles' photo gallery, The Photo Shop in Breckenridge on March 6.

Join us for more membership social gatherings in July and August. Sign up for CDLT's mailing list at info@cdlt.org or visit us online at www.cdlt.org to be the first to learn about CDLT events and programs.

Thank you Arapahoe Basin Ski Area!

Thank you to the Arapahoe Basin Employee Environmental Fund.

A- Basin's employee sponsored Environmental Fund allows employees to voluntarily make donations, via payroll deduction, to a non-profit organization such as the Continental Divide Land Trust.

This payroll deduction program is matched by A-Basin's owner Dundee Realty USA and some of the proceeds benefit CDLT.

Thank you for your support!



Photo of McCullough Gulch Open Space- 2007 marks the 10 Year Anniversary of McCullough Gulch as CDLT's first conservation easement.

Conservation Lands Protected by CDLT

1298 Blue River Parkway: Adjacent to the Willow Grove Easement, this two acre parcel provides for a recreation bridge over the Blue River, public access, and protection of the river corridor. This easement was donated by the Town of Silverthorne in 2007.

Blue Sky Ranch: Located in Park County near Antero Junction, a conservation easement donated by Mr. James Gaza in 2000 preserves scenic views, ranchlands, and wildlife habitat on 880 acres of the ranch.

Cow Camp: Located on the east side of Green Mountain Reservoir, this 573 acre conservation easement protects the ranching heritage of the area and includes water and ditch rights, grazing lease, scenic views, and natural areas. The easement was donated by Summit County Government in 2004.

Doig Meadow: This conservation easement donated by Summit County Government in 2002 protects 130 acres in the Lower Blue near State Wildlife Lands, including big game winter range, wildlife corridor, scenic views and public recreation.

Fiester Open Space Easement: This easement is a "buffer," located between Bills Ranch and the County Commons. Open to the public, this 6 acre preserve honors Mark and Roberta Fiester. Owned by Summit County, this easement was donated in 1998.

Giberson Preserve: Located above the I-70/Frisco roundabout, this 174 acre private conservation easement noted for its scenic beauty and elk habitat was donated by Mr. Howard Giberson in 1998.

Iron Springs: This conservation easement protects 30 acres near Summit High School including scenic views from Highway 9 and public recreation. Summit County Government donated the easement in 2003.

McCullough Gulch Open Space Easement: This conservation easement preserves a trailhead into the National Forest south of Blue River. Open to the public, the 7 acre easement was donated by Summit County Government in 1997.

Mesa Cortina Wildernest Extension: Connecting the Mesa Cortina-Wildernest Buffer with open lands owned by the Town of Silverthorne, this property preserves scenic views, recreation opportunities and a riparian corridor. The easement on these 30 acres was donated by Summit County in 2006.

Overlook at Piney Acres: From the ridge above Straight Creek at Dillon Valley, the anonymous donation of three lots preserves this forested hillside, riparian wetlands, and ridgeline views forever. These three acres were donated in 1999.

Slate Creek Ranch, Phase I: Located at the base of the Gore Range near the Eagle's Nest Wilderness Area boundary, this 67 acre private conservation easement protects wildlife habitat, riparian areas, and natural lands. Phase I was donated in 2005.

Upper French Gulch Open Space/Cobb & Ebert Placer: Part of the B&B Mines open space acquisition by Summit County Government and the Town of Breckenridge, this 173 acre parcel protects wetlands, scenic views and habitat for the native Colorado Cutthroat trout. This conservation easement was donated in 2005.

Wetlands at Water Dance: Donated by Rainbow Forest, LLC in 2000, this 5 acre conservation easement protects wetlands, wildlife habitat, and one of the remaining view corridors from Highway 9 across Lake Dillon in Frisco.

Willow Grove Easement: Donated by private landowners in 2002, this conservation easement protects over 10 acres in the Town of Silverthorne, including a pond, wildlife habitat, and 1000 feet of Blue River Frontage. Now owned by the Town of Silverthorne, the easement has been amended to allow for public use and recreation along the Blue River.

Thank You for Joining CDLT on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22!



This year's Earth Day Action Fair featured a collage of microscopes and composting worms, lavender seeds and young smiles, a rockin' recycled fashion show and the gracious Green Scene Awards. In addition, children and adults made written commitments to take small and big steps towards a sustainable planet.

Local nonprofits, eco-friendly businesses and government organizations packed the Frisco Recreation Building with booths displaying information on solar energy, healthy living, land and wildlife conservation, and waste reduction. There were around 250 visitors who stopped by the action fair to join in celebrating Mother Earth.

The Earth Day Action Fair is a simple reminder of why sustainable living and walking lightly on this planet is important every day of the year. Thank you to the Cool Winter Coalition for hosting the 2007 Earth Day Action Fair. The coalition included local organizations High Country Conservation Center, Keystone Science School, Sierra Club, Blue River Watershed Group, and Continental Divide Land Trust.

Protect the Land, Protect the Wolves

Rob Edwards, Director of Carnivore Restoration at Sinapu, gave a passionate talk on "Wolves and Stewardship in the New West" for the Climate Crossroads Film Series on April 19. Rob's slideshow detailed the natural connection between wolves and land.

Wolves promote growth of the land by regulating ungulate groups that tend to overpopulate and overgraze our wild Colorado habitats. As essential predators, wolves contribute to the regeneration of aspen and willow in wetlands, providing habitat for migratory songbirds and other wildlife.

The wolf's role and presence in Colorado's wild places and wetlands is important for filtering and purifying water sources, and moderating stream temperature which keep rivers cooler for insects and fish.

As CDLT works to protect open spaces and wildlife habitats, wolves fulfill a similar role as land protectors by restoring the land to natural landscapes. As our valuable and irreplaceable resources and wild areas become endangered from human growth and development, so does the wolf's habitat and livelihood.

Both land and wolf are in need of special attention, stewardship, and protection. Sinapu is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of the critical role that predators, especially wolves, play in the wild. For more information about wolf conservation and restoration, please visit www.sinapu.org.

A Special Note from a CDLT Member...

Dear CDLT,

I am proud to be affiliated, even in my small way, with this group. Reading your newsletter gave me renewed hope for our planet. You are thinking globally and acting locally. I, too, believe in Zero Waste, though it's a new concept (beyond recycling) to me. You have brought it home to me from the unwieldy corporate level when you say you will use compostable corn cups and utensils at your events and programs.

Then I turned the page and read about your Earth Day Action Fair 2007, including the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

Keep up the good work!

- Betsy Black



**CDLT Staff Member, Jennifer Kirkpatrick
Completes her Masters**



Jennifer Kirkpatrick has been with CDLT for almost two years now. On May 1, 2007, Jennifer finished her Master's of Nonprofit Management from Regis University. On graduating, she received a promotion at CDLT from Program Assistant to Program Coordinator. As Program Coordinator, Jennifer's new duties will include managing the membership program, facilitating volunteer trainings, and more. She is pictured above with her dog, Bodhi.

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What's New with the Colorado Conservation Tax Credit

Colorado offers a powerful incentive for landowners who want to permanently protect the open space and natural resource values on their property: the Colorado Conservation Tax Credit. By preserving their land with a conservation easement donated to a qualified organization like Continental Divide Land Trust, a landowner may receive a tax credit of 50% of the value of the donation. This tax credit is transferable to another Colorado tax payer, allowing landowners to realize a small financial gain for the protection of their land.

Unfortunately, as with any tax benefit program, there may be some bad actors who try to exploit the tax advantage. A few reports of inflated appraisal valuations or properties with questionable conservation values have surfaced.

Administrators from the Colorado Department of Revenue took their concern to state lawmakers, noting that the Conservation Tax Credit Program grew from \$2.3 million in 2000 to \$85.1 million last year. They questioned the value of the tax credit for the State of Colorado.

The Colorado land trust community through the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts (www.cclt.org) worked with state legislators during the recent session to create new record-keeping and reporting requirements. HB 1361 will require public disclosure of some information about each conservation easement, including the county, acreage, easement holder, value of the donation and tax credit, and conservation values protected. This allows Colorado tax payers to see where their tax dollars are going and to track

the success of the program. Appraisers are also facing tougher rules. Each land trust must report to the state on the conservation easements held and other organizational information. These are fair and just disclosures and will help prevent abuse.

HB 1361 passed both houses of the Colorado legislature unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Bill Ritter on May 24. With these changes, we hope that the Colorado Conservation Tax Credit will continue to be a valuable incentive for land conservation to keep Colorado beautiful. As Tom Grande, one of our easement donors, said: "We hope the state doesn't pull up the flowers along with the weeds." We hope so, too!

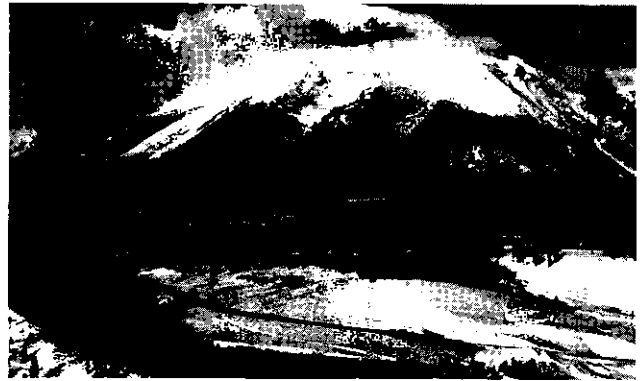


Photo of new conservation easement Wildernest Property Extension. See page 9 for a full list of CDLT's conservation easements.



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