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Grande's Willow Grove Conservation Easement Property sold to Town of Silverthorne



Willow Grove conservation easement in Silverthorne with Buffalo and Red in background

Tom and Deb Grande donated a conservation easement to Continental Divide Land Trust in 2002 to help protect their beautiful 11 acre property in the Willow Grove neighborhood in Silverthorne. The natural qualities of the land include 1000' of Blue River frontage, a pond fed by springs and the Bobo Ditch, water rights, mature cottonwood trees, wildlife habitat, and scenic views.

This gem of open space land has now been purchased by the Town of Silverthorne with funding assistance from Great Outdoors Colorado Trust (GOCO). The Town purchased the property to facilitate their Blue River Experience trail and recreation

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Conservation Easement Stewardship Day, Saturday, June 24, 2006 - Volunteers Needed!

Continental Divide Land Trust invites volunteers interested in learning how to monitor a conservation easement to participate in the Easement Stewardship Day, scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2006.

Easement stewardship is some of the Land Trust's most important work. It is also one of the best ways for Land Trust volunteers to get involved in the field and on-the-ground for open space preservation.

The day will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Ute Room at the Summit County Community and Senior Center in Frisco with Continental Divide Land Trust providing education, training and materials, along with morning snacks, and a bag lunch. Please bring sturdy walking shoes, water, sunscreen, hat, and dress for the weather.

At 11:30 a.m. the participants will be split into small groups and will head into the field to do an actual easement monitoring. Volunteers will be led by an experienced Land Steward who is familiar with the property and terms of the conservation easement. The length of the day depends on the location, size and complexity of the conservation easement being monitored.

Easements to be monitored include Fiester Open Space Preserve (Frisco), McCullough Gulch Open Space (Blue River), Wetlands at Water Dance (Frisco), Overlook at Piney Acres (Dillon Valley), Grande Easement (Silverthorne), and Iron Springs Easement (Farmer's Korner).

Please sign up in advance. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Continental Divide Land Trust at 970-453-3875 or info@cdlt.org.

Mark Your Calendar for CDLT SUMMER EVENTS

**June 24 (SA) - Conservation Easement Stewardship Day,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Frisco**

**July 8 (SA) - Cobb and Ebert Conservation Easement Dedication & Nature Hike,
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., French Gulch**

**July 16 (SU) - Weed Pull at Wetlands at Water Dance
11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Frisco**

**July 22 (SA) - Weed Pull at Piney Acres,
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Dillon Valley**

**July 29 and 30 (SA-SU)- Join Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado,
Golden Horseshoe Trail Project
Sign up directly at www.voc.org**

**Date TBD - Land & Water Conservation Talk by Leigh Girvin
Blue River Watershed Group Event**

**August 18 (FR) Four Mile Bridge Nature Hike with Brian Lorch,
10 a.m. to Noon, Breckenridge**

August 12 (SA) Nature Hike - Location TBD

**For other volunteer opportunities in Summit County this summer, see the
Friends of Dillon Ranger District Master Calendar at www.fdrd.org!**

Grande's Willow Grove Cont.

master plan. The Town intends to build a trail along the Blue River, connecting the town core with the Ponds neighborhood and other Town-owned land to the north. Other potential plans for the Willow Grove property include fishing access along the Blue River and possibly a picnic gazebo.

The conservation easement held by CDLT which protects the natural qualities of the land is still in effect. Because the land is now in public ownership instead of private, there will be some changes to the conservation easement agreement to accommodate public use.

The Town of Silverthorne is committed to preserving the unique natural qualities of the Grande's former property at Willow Grove. Continental Divide Land Trust looks forward to working with the Town of Silverthorne and congratulates the community on this recent open space acquisition.

Volunteers Needed!



**Help monitor
conservation
easement
properties held
by CDLT!**

Conservation Easement Stewardship Day, June 24 - Morning includes training and afternoon is spent in the field. See page 1 for more info.



**Great
Landscape
Photographers
Needed!**

We are looking for photographers to donate their services to take photos of various lands CDLT preserves. Format must be digital and saved in JPG. Credit will be given. Photos will be used on website and in printed materials.

If you would like to respond to one of our volunteer needs, please contact CDLT through email at info@cdlt.org or call us at 970-453-3875.

Cobb and Ebert's Native Cutthroat Trout

Summit County and the Town of Breckenridge purchased the 1800 acre B&B Mines property to protect recreational experiences and natural resources. The Cobb and Ebert Placer makes up 173 acres of the B&B purchase.

As one of the only intact willow carrs and wetlands along a valley bottom in the entire Upper Blue Basin, Cobb and Ebert Placer reminds us of what our beautiful mountain valleys looked like before dredge boat mining decimated the riverbeds in the early part of the last century. Now this important property is forever protected with a conservation easement held by CDLT.

The wetlands are a piece of Cobb and Ebert's most unique conservation value - a habitat for the native Colorado Cutthroat trout.

According to the Center for Native Ecosystems: "All three of our region's surviving native cutthroat trout species are threatened with extinction. The Colorado River cutthroat is down to about 5% of its historic habitat.



Colorado Cutthroat Trout, Photo by Erik Molvar

Although hatchery programs are potentially an important part of recovering native cutthroat, unless trout habitat is also protected and restored the hatchery efforts will be wasted."

CDLT's responsibility for the conservation easement on Cobb and Ebert includes oversight of the property to ensure that the conservation values such as the cutthroat habitat are protected.

Join us for the Easement Dedication on Saturday, July 8, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet at French Gulch trailhead. Contact CDLT at 970-453-3875 or info@cdlt.org for more information.



Continental Divide Land Trust's 2005 Annual Report

***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...

To the members, donors, and those interested in the mission of the Continental Divide Land Trust:

2005 was the successful culmination of several years of efforts by this organization. As you will see in this annual report, CDLT has made good progress in accomplishing its mission. We have new properties under protection, a strong standing in the conservation community, and have continued to raise the money needed to meet our goals.

Only when the public understands what we do and how we accomplish it, will they become members and donors. It is hard for some to believe that we deal in Win-Win situations. To many, it seems too good to be true. One of our goals is to build trust through education and successful land protection agreements. The

property owners who donate easements, and those who can see the benefits of our efforts, can explain the benefits of doing business with CDLT to other property owners and donors. You too can help by just passing this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who might be interested in our goals and methods of operation.

This organization is all about the many members, volunteers, donors, staff, and board of directors. Thanks to all of you! Without your contributions and support, our staff, Leigh Girvin and Jennifer Kirkpatrick, would not be able to accomplish the long list of tasks that keep us moving forward. This is a report of what we have been able to achieve by working together.

--Dave Bittner

CDLT's Accomplishments in 2005

In 2005, CDLT accepted the donation of 2 new conservation easements and celebrated over 2,000 acres permanently preserved!

Conservation Easements

Cobb and Ebert Placer: CDLT closed on this conservation easement in December 2005. Located in the French Gulch valley, this 173 acre parcel is deemed to have the highest natural values within the B&B properties.

Slate Creek Ranch: At the base of the Gore Range, CDLT closed the conservation easement on Phase I (+- 70 acres) in December 2005.

Other Projects:

Easement Stewardship Day: Most of the conservation easements held by CDLT were monitored on September 2005.

Educational Programs: We celebrated CDLT's 10th protected property with a dedication and nature hike at Cow Camp in June 2005. Other summer hikes included Iron Springs and Blue Lakes.

Presentations: CDLT's executive director Leigh Girvin made presentations on conservation easements and the Land Trust's work to the board of directors of Friends of Lower Blue, Lower Blue Planning Commission, and the Summit Rotary Club.

Events: CDLT's annual Friends of Open Space Party in February 2005 was a success. "Breckenridge Then & Now" was shown for the final time in April. In July, CDLT hosted a popular concert by *The Limelites* in Keystone. In November, over 200 people attended a slide presentation by Colorado photographer and author, John Fielder.

History of the Land: Giberson Preserve: The history of the Giberson family and ranch was released as a book in August 2005 with old photos, maps, and stories.

Personal: CDLT hired part-time Program Assistant Jennifer Kirkpatrick in July.





2005 Annual Report Donors/Members

Contributions received January
1st - December 31st, 2005
New Members in 2005 in *italics*

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Breckenridge Lands, LLC, Ken Adams
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Stewart Title, Margaret Williams
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Summit Daily News, Jim Morgan
THD Productions, Todd Howe
The Photo Shop, Gary Soles
Westcliffe Publishing, John Fielder
Wilderness Property Management, Cathi & Tony Snyder





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GOVERNMENTAL
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Stanton
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Royal Flush Industries
Alden Spilman
Summit Daily News
Town of Breckenridge
Town of Silverthorne
Wilderness Sports

**BUSINESS DONORS TO
SILENT AUCTIONS, PRIZES,
ETC (VALUE \$100+):**

Arapahoe Basin Ski Area
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Breckenridge Ski Area
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Caysis Designs, Cathy Houdek
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Colorado Mountain Express
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Great Outdoor Clothing
Company
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Aleda Kresge
Marty's for Kids
Mountain Angler
Mountain Outfitters
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Steak & Rib of Breckenridge
Summit Huts Association
Swift & Quandt, LLC
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**A-Basin Employee
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Santry
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Gail Culp, in memory of Peggy
Hughes
James Griesemer, in memory of
Nicole Stoner

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memory of Richard Heider

Future Bequests-

Howard and Sue Carver

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Glen and Lisa Brozovich
Tom and Kathy Castrigno
Gail Culp
Georgia Deitrick
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Bert and Anne Del Villano
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Jeni Friedrich
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Cathy Houdek
Maureen Hyland
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Judy Keller
Pat and Steve Larson
Bob and Delores Levander
Jan and David Lace
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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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Continental Divide Land Trust 2005 Financial Report

Revenue 2005:

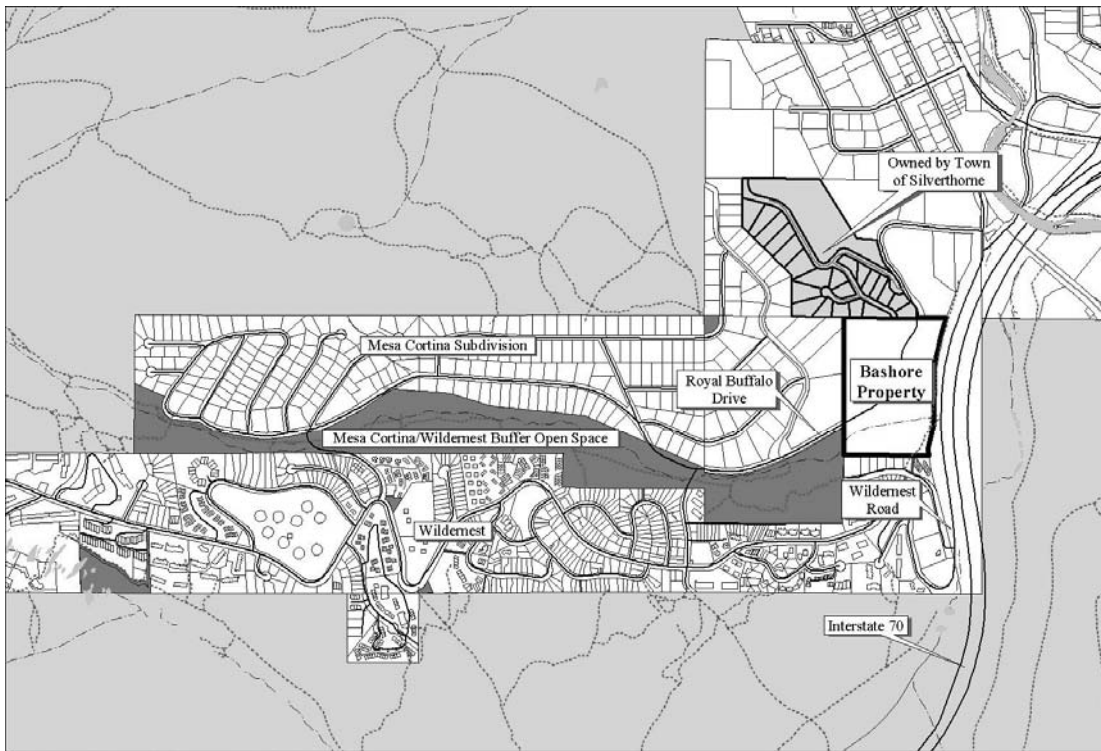
Operating Grants	\$32,709
Donations	\$11,496
Memberships: Individuals & Business	\$24,221
Events Gross	\$29,529
Sale of prints, books	\$ 539
Other income	\$ 78
<u>Easement Acquisition Don.</u>	<u>\$ 650</u>
Total Revenue:	\$99,222

Event Expenses	\$12,347
Meetings & training	\$ 590
Other	\$ 35
Mileage	\$ 1,110
Project Expenses	\$ 2,121
Accounting Services	\$ 550
Insurances - D&O, Gen'l	\$ 2,958
Bank & credit card fees	\$ 424
<u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>\$ 231</u>
Total Expenses	\$80,866

Expenses 2005:

Personnel	\$49,215
Membership Dues	\$ 1,225
Rent	\$ 4,200
Promo. & web dev.	\$ 135
Newsletters	\$ 882
Postage - gen'l & fundr.	\$ 1,467
Telephone & internet	\$ 1,645
Printing & copying	\$ 1,089
Supplies	\$ 642

Revenue to carry forward to 2006 projects = \$18,356



Map showing protected natural areas, including the new open space parcel at the base of Mesa Cortina and Wildernest, called the Bashore Property. CDLT will work with Summit County in 2006 on a conservation easement on this property.

Bashore Property, Lower Blue Basin

County Open Space - Dark Gray
National Forest - Light Gray
Private - White
Map printed 2/02/2005
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500 0 500 1000 Feet

1:12000



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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!



Wetlands at Water Dance - Join us for the Weed Pull on July 16

Conservation Lands Protected by CDLT

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.

Grande Easement: Donated by Tom and Debbie Grande 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.

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.

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: 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.

Local Government Open Space Update

Summit County open Space & Trails Department

Summit County's open space program realized significant accomplishments in 2005, both in terms of acquisitions and open space management. The highlight of the year was completing the 1,840-acre B&B Mines acquisition in the Golden Horseshoe, a joint purchase with the Town of Breckenridge. The county, town, and U.S. Forest Service have begun a consensus-based planning process for the entire Golden Horseshoe to develop a management plan and travel management recommendations. Design work for remediation projects at the Jessie Millsite and IXL/Royal Tiger as well as the Wellington/Oro Mine water treatment plan are underway.

Other 2005 acquisitions included: the Bashore property, which is very visible from Interstate 70 and functions as a community separator between the Town of Silverthorne and the Wildernest / Mesa Cortina neighborhoods; a 40-acre parcel at Little Green Mountain; several backcountry mining claims in the Snake River Basin; the Tiger Road Dredge Boat parcel; and a high-quality wetland lot in Quandary Village.

Open space management plans were completed for the Iron Springs and Blue Danube open space properties in the Upper Blue Basin. The river restoration project at the Four Mile Bridge Open Space was completed - seeds are germinating and transplanted willows are taking hold this spring. The grand opening of this property will be July 10.

Forest health management activities to control and mitigate mountain pine beetle infestations occurred on the Blue Danube, Iron Springs, Mesa Cortina / Wildernest buffer, and Fiester open space properties. Noxious weed control efforts continued on several open space properties including Cow Camp, Doig Meadow, and the Soda Creek Greenbelt.

Natural surface trail construction and improvements occurred on the Willow Creek Open Space, Doig Meadow Open Space, the Barney Ford Trail portal from Baldy Road, the Summit Cove/Shane Court access, and along the Swan River south of the Villas to provide fishing access.

Summit County Open Spaces & Trails Department,
Contact: Todd Robertson, Director, PO Box 5660, Frisco, CO 80443, Phone: (970) 668-4060, Web: www.co.summit.co.us, Email: openspace@co.summit.co.us,

Breckenridge Open Space & Trails Department

In the autumn of 2005, the Town of Breckenridge and Summit County closed on the joint 1840-acre B&B Mines open space purchase. This open space acquisition will help preserve the recreational opportunities, historical sites and visual backdrop in the Golden Horseshoe directly east of Town. A public planning process has been convened to address the management of the recreational, historical and natural

resources in the area. Please feel free to contact us or visit the Town website for more information.

The Town has also continued its boreal toad monitoring program in 2005 and continues to preserve the sensitive wetlands in and around Cucumber Gulch. The Friends of Breckenridge Trails program, which coordinates volunteer efforts on Town trails and open space, continues to be strong. We always welcome volunteers to assist us with trail work and open space protection efforts.

Breckenridge Open Space & Trails Department,
Contact: Heide Anderson, (970) 547-3110, PO Box 168, Breckenridge, CO 80424, Web: www.townofbreckenridge.com, Email: heide@townofbreckenridge.com

Frisco Recreation Open Space & Trails (FROST)

FROST is dedicated toward working together to promote the acquisition, preservation and enhancement of new and existing open space areas, trails, parks and recreational opportunities, in the Frisco community. While we do not have any open space projects in process at this time, we are always looking for opportunities.

FROST- Frisco Recreation, Open Space & Trails Program,
Contact: Jocelyn Mills, PO Box 4100, Frisco, CO 80443, Phone: (970) 668-5276 x 3031, Web: www.townoffrisco.com, Email: jocelynm@townoffrisco.com

Silverthorne Parks, Open Space, Recreation & Trails (SPORT)

See article on Page 1 about the Willow Grove Conservation Easement for more information about Silverthorne's projects.

SPORT- Silverthorne Parks, Open Space, Recreation & Trails,
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Cobb and Ebert Placer conservation easement

Your Annual Membership....

Thank you to all the generous members who supported us in 2005, the years before, and now in 2006. Continental Divide Land Trust had a very successful year in 2005 and we look forward to even more land conservation successes in the future.

It is because of you, our members, that we have been able to do so much to protect Summit County's natural resources. You are the heart of our organization. Thanks to your donations, volunteer efforts, attendance at our events, and sharing a good word about CDLT to your friends, you enable us to continue preserving the special places and natural areas that make Summit County a great place to live.

As Chair of CDLT's Membership Committee, I am thrilled to see the number of members grow! I am looking forward to meeting each of you at one of our events this summer. You will soon be receiving a

postcard listing important upcoming CDLT activities. We hope you will try to join us on one of these dates.

We have new projects coming up all the time. These new projects are exciting and we greatly appreciate your generous donations that make it possible for us to expand the properties we protect - forever- through land preservation agreements.

We have a large number of existing properties that generate expenses. We have volunteer needs associated with these properties as we monitor their use.

Even if you have given to our special projects such as the Slate Creek Ranch, we greatly appreciate your annual membership support. This allows us to keep doing the work of preserving the beauty of our community.

Thank you,
Mary Jane Wurster, Membership Chair

SLATE CREEK RANCH PHASE I & PHASE II SUPPORTERS

Slate Creek Ranch 2005

The Jane Alexandra Storm Foundation
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Cathy & Dick Carleton
Sue & Howard Carver
Larry Crispell
John Fielder
Nancy & Bob Follett
Bill & Susan Gillilan
Leigh Girvin
Judy & Lee Keller
Martha & Larrie Mackie
Nancy & David Scull
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Slate Creek Ranch 2006, received through May 20, 2006

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Sue & Dave Donaldson
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Slate Creek Ranch - Looking west up the Slate Creek valley.

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Richard & Agnes Waterman
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Mary Jane & Hans Wurster

What's Next for 2006.....

The busy summer season kicks into high gear this June with our Conservation Easement Stewardship Day. This is a great opportunity to volunteer for the Land Trust in the field and see what it takes to monitor a conservation easement. For more information or to volunteer, please see the article on page 1.

A variety of nature hikes and weed pulls are also on the agenda for the summer season. We are pleased to offer a nature hike and dedication on the Cobb & Ebert Placer in Upper French Gulch east of Breckenridge on July 8. A new event this year will be a walk-n-talk at Four Mile Bridge Open Space between Frisco and Breckenridge on August 18. Summit County resource specialist and CDLT board member Brian Lorch will talk about the Blue River restoration, fisheries habitat reconstruction, and wetlands revegetation on the property. Please see page 2 for a brief calendar of our summer events.

New conservation easement projects will also keep us busy with field trips, landowner meetings, and research. In the works for 2006 are Slate Creek Ranch Phase II, the Mesa Cortina-Wilderness Open Space (also known as the Bashore property), and other projects in the planning stages.

We are also planning a complete update of our website which will launch in a few months.

We hope to see you at one of our events or volunteer opportunities this summer!



Email Alerts & Notices

Want an Email Reminder about the Cobb and Ebert Placer Easement Dedication on July 8, or other email notices of special events, education programs, etc.?

Sign up for our email alerts!

Send us an email at info@cdlt.org and ask to sign on, or fill in the form on page 12 and send it in!

Earth Day Action Fair 2005

The Earth Day Action Fair on Saturday, April 22 was a big hit this year as over 160 attendees visited the 18 Earth Day booths to learn about ways we can strive for a more sustainable earth. Continental Divide Land Trust joined forces with High Country Conservation Center, Blue River Watershed Group, and Sierra Club Blue River Group in hosting this successful Action Fair.

Among the many Earth Day workshops that participated were Making Your Own Clay Paints with Mark Schneider, What Happens When You Flush by the Blue River Watershed Group, and Planting with Kids by Alpine Gardens (see photo).

The Earth Day Action Fair recognized Summit County's "greenest" people with the Green Scene Awards awarded to eight individuals for their commitment and action to protect and preserve our environment. Gary Lindstrom received the Julia Butterfly Award and Lane Wyatt (NWCCOG) received the Essential Earthy Employee. Congratulations and thank you to all of those who received Green Scene Awards!



Earth Day Action Fair - Planting with Kids Workshop

I want to help preserve the beauty of Summit County!



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