



# COLORADO HEADWATERS LAND TRUST

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Dear Friend,

What a summer it has been!

With a new conservation easement, new board members, and new events, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust continues to make its mark on the Grand County community and bring that community closer together around conservation.

Conservation can have different meanings for different people. For some it's the enjoyment of nature in its current state, documenting wildflowers on the side of the trail or casting into the river for a relaxing afternoon of fly fishing. For others, it's building trails and maintaining our shared open spaces for the benefit of everyone, including wildlife. And for even others, it's protecting their family's legacy in the face of growing development across the West.

**Whatever your reason, support of Colorado Headwaters Land Trust is support of conservation in Grand County.**

The newest conservation easement of Grand County is *Elk's Vista*, a 125-acre parcel west of Kremmling. This easement was granted to Colorado Headwaters Land Trust by Herb and Kathleen Steffe, with financial assistance from Grand County's Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails fund. This forest property is home to several wildlife species and is now protected in perpetuity.

The Steffes wanted to conserve their land was to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy this rugged mountain property for many years to come. The benefit of this conservation easement is not just for the landowners – so many of us are in Grand County because of the undeveloped landscapes. As towns like Kremmling continue to grow, we will lose our vistas, hunting grounds, and ranchlands to the threat of development and sprawl. The Steffe family made the decision to protect their property, and we are all better for it.

**Your donation to the land trust can help more landowners conserve their properties and protect the lands we all love in Grand County.**

We had a great set of events this summer, including the return of both the Wildflower Walk at the Jones Creek Ranch Conservation Easement on July 17, and Stargazing On the Land – this year with a fantastic musical performance by Forest Sun – at the Daisy Meadows Conservation Easement on August 13! We will continue expanding these events to be more inclusive and accessible to all. Come



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Colorado Headwaters Land Trust's mission is to conserve and steward the open lands and natural character of the headwaters of the Colorado River in partnership with the local community. CHLT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization certified by the State of Colorado and nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

out and learn about all the ways conservation easements benefit the entire community, and learn how to identify flowers, stars, and so much more with local experts!

This summer we also welcomed two new board members, Ray Anilionis and Jennifer Kilpela. They both jumped right into board activities and are doing great work to help grow and improve the land trust. You can read their bios on our website.

Being on the board is not the only way you can support the land trust – a great way to support our work is to attend *Hats Off for Headwaters*, our annual fundraiser! This year the event will be September 12 through September 18, and will include an online silent auction, virtual panels, and an in-person party at Casa Vista in Fraser on September 18!

The virtual panels will be with conservation professionals, conservation easement landowners, and land trust board and staff members. Visit the website to learn more!




**Your tax-deductible donation will help us continue protecting the land, water, and natural resources we all love so much in Grand County.** To make your gift, please use the enclosed envelope, visit our website, or call our office: (970) 887-1177.

**With your help, we can continue conserving Grand County's land and resources,** educating others about the value of open spaces, and bringing the community together over *protecting the land we love in Grand County.*

Visit [www.coloradoheadwaterslandtrust.org](http://www.coloradoheadwaterslandtrust.org) to contribute today.

With thanks,

  
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