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Dear friend,

Happy autumn! You might be thinking that this letter is coming earlier than usual, and you aren't wrong. There've been some changes at the CHLT office over the last year, and changes will continue to come; as the Greek philosopher Heraclitus purportedly said, "The only constant in life is change."

An ironic statement for a land preservation group! We might be in the business of keeping landscapes as close to natural as possible, but as a modern organization, change is necessary for growth.

That growth only happens with your generous help.

In 2019 we welcomed four new members to our Board of Directors, and we have more waiting in the wings to influence our work and presence in Grand County for the better. The new members are Steve Fitzgerald, Melinda McWilliams, David Doty, and Paula Metcalf Stuart. You can read their bios on our website: www.coht.org.

We also bid farewell to one of our most dedicated and active board members, Michelle Cowardin. She will continue to be a strong advocate and friend of the land trust, but now in an advisory role.

Another change has been our collaboration with the Grand County Historical Association, in the form of two highly successful events: An Evening with John Fielder (December 2018), and History On Horseback (July 2019). Both drew record crowds and spawned extensive discussions about future events and projects, within each organization and throughout the community. We are endlessly thankful for everyone who attended those events benefitting the Historical Association and the Land Trust.

Please let us know what speakers or special events you'd like to see us host!

In the midst of the new events, we also held our annual event, *A Grand Afternoon*, at the B Lazy 2 Ranch in Fraser, in July. Not to be overshadowed by the

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other changes, this annual event was our most successful yet, raising more than \$40,000 and bringing over 80 supporters, both new and old, to the big tent to show their appreciation for CHLT and our work in the county.

If you missed the event, it is not too late to show your support! An envelope is included with this letter for your tax-deductible donation.

Finally, as most of you know, we closed on an easement in late May, with the generous financial assistance of Grand County's Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails fund! The Enter Easement is 83 acres on the western edge of Grand County, northwest of Kremmling along the national forest boundary. This easement is home to a wide variety of native flora and fauna, and brings our total to 64 easements, protecting over 8910 acres of open private land throughout Grand County. You can read more about the easement and see the map on our website: www.coht.org.



The Enter Easement, a heavily forested 83-acre property now permanently protected in western Grand County.

Your tax-deductible donation will help us continue protecting Grand County's land and resources, educating others about the value of open spaces, and bringing the community together over our shared love of where we live.

Please also consider signing up for recurring donations, which we can continuously count on to protect the land we love. Visit www.coht.org to give today.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy D. Krones".

Jeremy D. Krones
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stewart McNab".

Stewart McNab
President, Board of Directors