



COLORADO HEADWATERS — LAND TRUST —

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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A YEAR FULL OF SUCCESS

This year, CHLT celebrated many successes. The first came early in the year when we were awarded accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. The honor of displaying the accreditation seal demonstrates our commitment to professional excellence. In 2015, board and staff spent 800+ hours organizing the accreditation application and we couldn't be more proud "A major milestone!" said Nick Meyer, President of CHLT at the time accreditation was awarded. "This achievement is an asset the organization will benefit from for a very long time and we are all grateful for the efforts of so many people that helped us get this accomplished."

CHLT worked with The Trust for Public Land, The Conservation Fund, Gates Family Foundation, Colorado Open Lands, and dedicated community members to introduce, educate the community, and successfully pass Ballot Issue 1A: Open Lands, River and Trails. This 10-year sales tax will generate an estimated \$750,000/year for land and water conservation and trail maintenance. We thank every person and business from each corner of the county that showed their support.



We partnered with The Conservation Fund and the willing landowners to protect the 622-acre Troublesome Creek Ranch, bringing the total acres CHLT has conserved in Grand County to 8,826. This fourth generation ranch, located near the confluence of Troublesome Creek and the Colorado River, includes 2.5 miles of Troublesome Creek and 1 mile of Starr Gulch. The NRCS, GOCO and Gates Family Foundation funded the easement purchase. The ranch includes habitat for a number of species including Greater sage-grouse and bald eagle. We are thrilled to help protect this ranch and critical component of our Colorado River Initiative. Photo by Susan O. Herpel.



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OUR 2016 PRIORITIES

In 2016, CHLT focused on collaborating with the Colorado Conservation Partnership to further our Colorado and Fraser River Initiatives by successfully protecting Troublesome Creek Ranch. We also worked on marketing and outreach activities, such as the Kremmling Days Parade, and increasing our presence on social media. We partnered with several organizations to successfully pass Ballot Issue 1A: Open Lands, Rivers and Trails. In February, we proudly announced that we had achieved national accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Committee!

BOARD UPDATE

In 2016, CHLT welcomed Stewart McNab, Ian Ferrell, Ed Herpel, and Andrew Moore to the Board of Directors. Three board members left the board: Mike Dailey, who served on the board since 2007 and joined the Advisory Board; Greeley Sachs, who served on the board since 2010; and Steve Sears, who served on the board since 2012 and joined the Advisory Board.

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MAJOR MILESTONES

- Became nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, recognizing our commitment to continuous quality improvement.
- Permanently protected Troublesome Creek Ranch, a 622-acre Colorado River Initiative purchased easement (GOCO, NRCS, Gates Family Foundation).
- Worked with Trust for Public Land to pass Ballot Issue 1A to secure funding for open lands, rivers and trails.
- Celebrated another successful year by hosting our annual event at Winding River Ranch in Grand Lake.
- Received favorable Compliance Review and 2017 State Certification from Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies.
- Continued our collaborative partnership with The Conservation Fund (TCF) and other Colorado Conservation Partners on purchased conservation easements on Fraser River Initiative and Colorado River Initiative properties.
- Continued to strengthen our social media outreach by launching CHLT on Twitter: @COheadwatersLT.
- Hired Ashley Krupp, half-time Development Coordinator, to work on grants, social media and marketing.
- Worked with the landowners of a conservation easement in the Fraser Valley to utilize their water rights to instream flow rights.
- Participated for the fifth year in Colorado Gives Day, netting over \$15,000.
- Renewed Terra Firma insurance on all our conservation easements.
- Participated in the Kremmling Days parade.
- Our Interim Executive Director, Anna Drexler-Dreis, attended the Land Trust Alliance Rally in Minneapolis, MN.
- Started a scholarship fund at Middle Park High School and West Grand High School funded by the Carolyn Hackman Education Fund.
- Completed a successful monitoring year, inspecting each of the 62 conservation easements we hold.

2016 Contributors & Granting Entities

CHLT would like to thank the following foundations and organizations for their continued support:

Allan Beezley (Attorney), Amazon Smile, Blue Sky/Crossfit, Blue Valley Ranch, Bottle Pass Liquors, Carver Schwarz McNab Kamper & Forbes LLC, Devil's Thumb Ranch, Edward Jones, Grand Environmental Services, Grand Foundation, Grand Mountain Bank, Jack Forte Foundation, Kristen L. Meyer & Associates, Kroger (City Market Cares), Land Trust Alliance, Lions Club of Fraser Valley, Matheson Ranch, Mike Turner Productions, Munn Architecture, New Belgium, Power to the People, Susan Herpel Photography, Synttrinsic Investment Counsel, The Summit Foundation, The Trust for Public Land, Tim Day & Associates, Winding River Ranch, Town of Winter Park, Weathertop Foundation.

2016 Financial Summary

2016 OPERATING INCOME

Easement: \$22,599
 Grants & Gifts: \$77,689
 Fundraising/Events: \$113,958
 Other: \$1,903
TOTAL INCOME: \$216,149
 [In-kind: \$11,980]

2016 OPERATING EXPENSES

Easement (Legal): \$5,375
 Marketing/Fundraising: \$17,448
 Training: \$6,788
 Operations: \$126,006
 Ballot 1A: \$5,894
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$161,511

ASSET ALLOCATION (Restricted Funds)

Carolyn Hackman Education Fund: \$234,049
 General Conservation Fund: \$196,820
 Stewardship Defense Fund: \$736,553

**VALUE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS:
 \$ 35,515,643**