



## MIDDLE PARK LAND TRUST NEWS RELEASE

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### MIDDLE PARK LAND TRUST WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Granby, CO -- The Middle Park Land Trust (MPLT) is pleased to announce the appointment of three new members to its board of directors: Karen Logan, Nick Meyer and Steven Sears. "I am thrilled with the addition of these new members to our dedicated and invested board of directors as we intensify our land conservation efforts on the watershed landscapes of the Fraser and Colorado Rivers," said Executive Director Carse Pustmueller.

Karen Logan has an extensive background in marketing and currently serves as the board treasurer. She and her husband Newton have owned a home in Grand County for over 15 years and feel that the county is "the real Colorado." "Keeping our watersheds and river corridors pristine, with access for adventure, will continue to make Grand County exceptional," Logan said.

Nick Meyer is a third generation Colorado native who grew up in Denver. Meyer and his wife Kristen work in real estate and have lived in the county for over 15 years. "Clearly the reason for my involvement in the land trust is the legacy aspect of the work," said Meyer, who currently serves as board secretary. "The nature of land conservation work is that it protects the magnificent beauty of our landscape in perpetuity and I want future generations to say 'thank goodness for those guys'."

Steven Sears, a Colorado native, and his wife Jane Farrell, have owned a home in Grand County for 10 years. While his career in international real estate has taken him all over the globe, Sears is happy to call Grand County home. "I feel Grand County is one of the most real, down home places we have ever lived," said Sears. "We feel a sense of responsibility to do our small part to keep this place special and beautiful."

Term limits for Charlene Heins and Erik Swanson, two dedicated and diligent board members, ended in December 2012.

Heins, who served for six years and lives with her husband Royal in Grand County, feels the land trust is vital "to preserve and protect open space in this county." She hopes there can be "compromise between the water users on the Front Range and users here in the county whose livelihoods are inextricably tied to the rivers whose headwaters are born here."

Swanson, who served for nine years, believes the land trust's work is becoming more and more critical as development pressures continue to infringe on Colorado's beautiful open spaces. "It seems folks are attracted to Grand County because of the natural beauty and the relatively limited development (as compared to other mountain communities with a major ski area)," said Swanson.

MPLT, the only local land trust servicing Grand County, is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization located in Granby. Anyone interested in learning more about the land trust or serving on the board of directors should contact Carse Pustmueller, at 970-887-1177.

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