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COLORADO HEADWATERS LAND TRUST EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

By renewing its land trust accreditation, CHLT demonstrates strong commitment to public trust and conservation excellence

Granby, Colorado – The love of our land and natural resources is something that continues to unite Americans. Since 1995, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (CHLT) has worked hard to conserve and steward the open lands and natural character of the headwaters of the Colorado River in partnership with the local community. Now, CHLT is announcing it has renewed its land trust accreditation – proving once again that, as part of a network of over 450 accredited land trusts across the United States, it is committed to professional excellence and to maintaining the public’s trust in its conservation work.

“Renewing our accreditation shows Colorado Headwaters Land Trust’s ongoing commitment to perpetual land conservation in Grand County,” said JD Kronen, Executive Director of Colorado Headwaters Land Trust. “The process of renewing our accreditation demonstrates the strength of the organization, and our success in that process proves our dedication to the land, water, wildlife, and people of Grand County. Grand County is a remarkably special place in and of itself, and especially for those of us who call it home. Through our conservation work, more of Grand County will be protected for many generations to come.”

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust provided extensive documentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded renewed accreditation, signifying its confidence in Colorado Headwaters Land Trust to protect the land of Grand County.

Accredited land trusts now steward almost 20 million acres – nearly a third the land area of the state of Colorado.

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust is the only land trust based in Grand County and works throughout Grand County. CHLT holds 65 conservation easements, protecting over 9,120 acres. The land trust’s latest conservation easement was the Jones Creek Ranch Conservation Easement, 275 acres of recreational and scenic open space between the Town of Hot Sulphur Springs and the Arapaho National Forest. Among other projects, CHLT is working on protecting 780 acres of open space and wildlife habitat, including nearly 2 miles of the Colorado River, north of the River Run RV Resort, in the Town of Granby.

“It is exciting to recognize Colorado Headwaters Land Trust’s continued commitment to national standards by renewing this national mark of distinction,” said Melissa Kalvestrand, Executive Director of the Commission. “Donors and partners can trust the more than 450 accredited land trusts across the country are united behind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.”

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust is one of 1,363 land trusts across the United States according to the Land Trust Alliance’s most recent National Land Trust Census. A complete list of accredited land trusts and more information about the process and benefits can be found at www.landtrustaccreditation.

About Colorado Headwaters Land Trust

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 envisions an inclusive conservation community in Grand County dedicated to the protection of the land. Founded in 1995, CHLT is governed by a volunteer board of directors. Colorado Headwaters Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the only land trust located in Grand County. For more, visit www.coloradoheadwaterslandtrust.org.

About the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission inspires excellence, promotes public trust and ensures permanence in the conservation of open lands by recognizing organizations that meet rigorous quality standards and strive for continuous improvement. The Commission, established in 2006 as an independent program of the

Land Trust Alliance, is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts. For more, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

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