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ANOTHER CONSERVATION SUCCESS IN GRAND COUNTY FOR COLORADO HEADWATERS LAND TRUST

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (CHLT) announces a new conservation easement donated by Roy N. Enter, on the edge of Arapahoe National Forest, west of Kremmling.

Kremmling, CO – Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (CHLT) announced in late May that they acquired a beautiful 82-acre conservation easement bordering the Arapahoe National Forest, west of Kremmling. The project was paid for in large part by an Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Fund (OLRT) grant by Grand County.

Roy N. Enter, the owner of the forested property, donated the easement to protect the scenic spaces and wildlife habitats of western Grand County. The property is also covered by a Colorado State Forest Service Forest Legacy Program, which classifies it as agricultural land and protects it against non-forest uses. It also borders several large ranches as well, further contributing to its conservation value of open space.

There is a variety of species of wildlife that roam throughout Grand County, and the less developed parts of the county, like the western side, is home to many of them, including black bear, elk, lynx, moose, mountain lion, mule deer, garter snake, and wild turkey. The Enter



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Colorado Headwaters Land Trust's mission is to preserve and steward open lands within the headwaters of the Colorado River for agriculture, water, wildlife, and vistas, in partnership with landowners and for the benefit of all. Colorado Headwaters Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization certified by the State of Colorado and nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

property is located between water sources, and is with both seasonal and year-round ranges for many of the migratory species.

“We are thrilled to kick off the summer of 2019 with the Enter Easement,” said Jeremy D. Kroner, CHLT’s Executive Director. “We are very thankful to the Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee and the Grand County Board of County Commissioners for providing such great support for this project, and to Mr. Enter for his conservation ethic and dedication to this county.”

The Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Fund, also referred to as Issue 1A, was created out of a Grand County voter-approved ballot measure in 2016 to dedicate a 0.3% sales tax towards funding projects that maintain trails and conserve land throughout the county. A citizen-run Advisory Committee reviews grant applications and recommends projects to the Board of County Commissioners.

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust’s primary land protection tool is the conservation easement, a voluntary legal document between the landowner and the land trust that identifies a property’s conservation values, such as scenic open space, wildlife habitat, agricultural open space, and historical significance. An easement permanently protects those values by restricting development, subdivision, and other non-compatible uses of the property. In exchange, the landowner can receive payment and/or federal tax deductions and state tax credits based on the value of the easement.

Colorado Headwaters Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a state-certified and nationally accredited land trust, and the only land trust located in Grand County. The land trust currently holds 64 conservation easements in Grand County, totaling over 8,900 acres that can never be developed or subdivided. Anyone interested in learning more about the land trust can call (970) 887-1177, email info@coloradoheadwaterslandtrust.org, or visit www.cohlt.org.

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