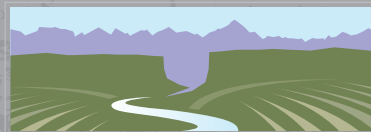




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COLORADO WEST
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What will your Legacy be?

Preserving Western Colorado
through planned giving



Do you live in Western Colorado or spend time here because you feel a connection to the beautiful, diverse landscapes that surround us? Perhaps our working farms and ranches, wildlife habitat, scenic natural lands, and trails provide a sense of connection to the land. If so, consider a bequest, also known as a planned gift, to Colorado West Land Trust. There is no better way to ensure conservation of our special landscapes for our use and enjoyment today and for generations to come.

Create Your Conservation Legacy

One of the simplest ways to leave a legacy gift to Colorado West Land Trust (CWLT) is through a Beneficiary Form Designation. By designating the Land Trust as a beneficiary on your bank accounts, IRA, retirement plan, life insurance policy, stocks/bonds, or annuity, all or a portion of these assets can be directed to the work of Colorado West Land Trust.

You can also remember Colorado West Land Trust in your will or living trust. To designate a gift to CWLT the following language can be inserted into the document:

"I give to Mesa County Land Conservancy dba Colorado West Land Trust (or Mesa Land Trust), with its principal business office at 1006 Main St., Grand Junction, Colorado 81501 (insert written amount of gift, percentage of the estate or residuary of estate, or description of property)."

This information is not meant to advise. Please consult your own tax, financial or legal professional.



Ed and Barbara Chamberlin have been Land Trust members for many years. Because of their connection to the landscapes that make Western Colorado special they are leaving a portion of their estate to Colorado West Land Trust.



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"Like many Land Trust supporters, we want to see our beautiful valley retain its character," says Ed. "By including Colorado West Land Trust in our estate plans, we'll help ensure that the landscapes that make this region special are available for future generations."

Gifts That Can Have Tax Advantages, Today

IRA Gifts

Donors 70.5 or older can make a gift, up to \$100,000 annually, directly from a regular (not ROTH) IRA to CWLT and avoid paying taxes on that distribution.

Stock Gifts (*appreciated stock*)

Gifts of appreciated stock and mutual fund shares can offer tax benefits. As a donor you can take a charitable deduction based on the value of the asset on the day it is transferred, and capital gains tax is avoided on the on the appreciated value.

Real Estate

Our experienced staff deal with real estate transactions on a daily basis. We would be happy to talk to you about how a gift of property can help achieve your personal goals and result in a tax benefit while expanding the CWLT mission.

If you would like more information regarding a planned gift to Colorado West Land Trust, other ways you can give, or if you have already included the Land Trust in your estate plans, please contact Mary Hughes at 970.263.5443 or mary@cowestlandtrust.org.

