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**Colorado West Land Trust Applies for Renewed Accreditation
Stakeholder Notification/Public Notice**
Public comment period now open

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. (May 30, 2019) – Colorado West Land Trust (a partnership between Mesa County Land Conservancy and Valley Land Conservancy - dba Black Canyon Regional Land Trust) is pleased to announce that both member organizations are applying for renewal of accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. Land Trust accreditation conveys to you that a land trust has undergone this review process and meets the national quality standards for land conservation, therein providing assurance that it is working diligently to conserve land in the most sustainable manner possible.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Colorado West Land Trust or Black Canyon Regional Land Trust complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see: <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Colorado West Land Trust's application will be most useful by September 14th, 2019.

ABOUT COLORADO WEST LAND TRUST

Colorado West Land Trust is a collaboration of the Mesa Land Trust and the Black Canyon Regional Land Trust and has offices in Grand Junction on Main Street and in the Montrose Timberline Bank. CWLT, a private, charitable nonprofit organization, stewards over 123,000 acres across six Western Colorado Counties (Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel). Its mission is to protect and enhance agricultural land, wildlife habitat and scenic lands in western Colorado to benefit the community at large, enrich lives, provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, and ensure our connection to land for generations to come. To learn more about CWLT's work, visit <https://cowestlandtrust.org/>.

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