

THE LEGACY



Newsletter of the Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy
Fall 2019

MISSION

CONSERVE RANGLANDS. PRESERVE RANCHING.



GRCL and I Bar Ranch proudly presented The Charlie Daniels Band on August 8th. Record attendance and good weather made for a beautiful night.

GRCL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and relies on donations to provide conservation services to landowners wishing to conserve their land. Donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Every gift goes directly to conservation projects.

A HUGE YEAR FOR CONSERVATION IN THE GUNNISON COUNTRY

It has been an outstanding year of conservation in the Gunnison Basin. Since our last newsletter to you, GRCL completed nine easements totaling 5,639 acres of conservation. The projects encompass a broad variety of landscapes including irrigated hay meadows, critical Gunnison sage-grouse habitat, stream banks and native rangelands. In the pages that follow, you'll see how families have protected their lands, including some that are adjacent to public lands and connect to existing conservation, building upon almost 25 years of efforts by Gunnison Basin landowners to protect the natural resources unique to our area. These lands are important to protect not only for the scenic value and wildlife habitat they provide, but also for the grazing resources they give to the ranch families that manage them and the historic water rights that will stay with the land forever.

GRCL has a current project list that continues this diversity across the landscape. We expect to close two more projects before the end of the year and are working on ten additional projects. Since 1995, GRCL has had the privilege of assisting families. We continue to be amazed at the generosity and vision of landowners that choose to invest in a future that includes working lands in our community. We need your support to continue our work. Please consider a donation this year to help us continue the conservation of lands important to the Gunnison Valley.

*-Stacy McPhail
Executive Director*

CONSERVATION



COX RANCH

Lee and Jennifer Cox donated a conservation easement on 693 acres of rangelands and timber in the Alpine Plateau area of Gunnison County. The property protects important wildlife habitat and supports seasonal grazing for the family's bison herd. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement and transaction expense support was provided by the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund.



ROARING JUDY RANCH

Mary Frame and Nick Lypps conserved the Roaring Judy Ranch, a 455-acre property consisting of irrigated hay meadows and sagebrush shrublands in a hub of mid-altitude agricultural lands in the Jack's Cabin area. The project was partially funded with grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. The easement is held by Colorado Open Lands.



HOLLENBECK RANCH

The Hollenbeck Ranch conserved 1,320 acres in northern Saguache County. The property contains native rangelands, montane meadows and riparian habitat along Lick Creek and is an important seasonal high country grazing resource for the Hollenbeck Ranch. The project was partially funded with grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The easement is held by Colorado Open Lands.

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ALLEN JACK'S CABIN

Allen Ranches conserved 921 acres of hay meadows and sagebrush shrublands in the Jack's Cabin area. The property is part of a historic ranch started in 1886 now operated with the help of the fifth generation of the Allen family. The project was partially funded with grants from Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



KLASEEN RANCH

Ronald and Michelle Klaseen conserved 359 acres in Delta County as part of a partnership to protect agricultural lands in critical Gunnison sage-grouse habitat. The ranch consists of pasture and rangeland in the Fruitland Mesa area. The project was partially funded with grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



MILL CREEK RANCH III

Sandy and Burt Guerrieri continued the conservation of their high country rangelands in the Mill Creek area of the upper Ohio Creek Valley. The easement protects 380 acres and contains stretches of Ohio Creek and Mill Creek. The project was partially funded with grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



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HANSEN RANCH

Dick and Susan Hansen donated a conservation easement in western Gunnison and eastern Delta counties. The 907-acre high country ranch has been managed for grazing for more than 100 years and includes stretches of Clear Fork Creek and Cow Creek. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement and transaction expense support was provided by the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



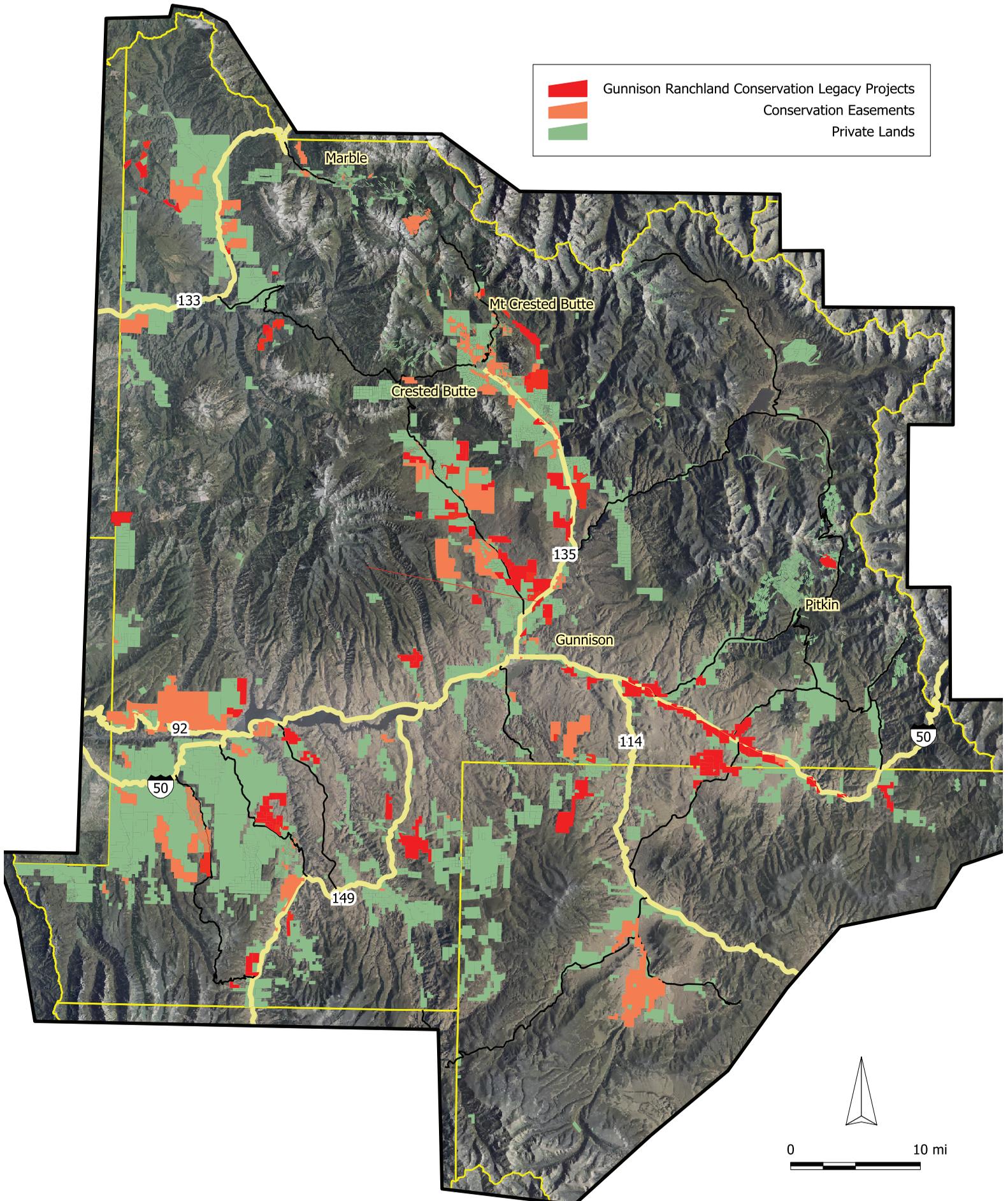
STAR MOUNTAIN RANCH

Star Mountain Ranch donated a conservation easement in the Upper Ohio Creek Valley. The 413-acre property consists of meadow, forest and riparian habitat along Carbon Creek. The property provides seasonal grazing for cattle and important wildlife habitat. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



DYKES PROPERTY

John Dykes conserved 191 acres of sagebrush rangelands in southern Gunnison County. The property contains critical habitat for Gunnison sage-grouse and provides seasonal grazing for cattle. The project was made possible by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



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