

THE LEGACY



Newsletter of the Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy Fall 2022

MISSION

CONSERVE RANGLANDS. PRESERVE RANCHING.



Dear Friends-

In our 27th year, conservation is still going strong in the Gunnison Valley. Since our last report, GRCL has helped six families conserve 2,360 acres. These conserved grasslands are not only the basis for the agricultural operations they support, but also the foundation for healthy landscapes across our basin. In the projects described on the following pages, it's great to see family ranches expand, carry out additional conservation on lands they began conserving more than twenty years ago, and seeing young landowners choose conservation from the beginning.

Our organization is looking forward to the future. With the donation of Trampe Ranches, we are expanding to meet the second half of our mission: preserving ranching. Ranch families need tools to continue in agriculture and GRCL will work to find them so protected and productive agricultural lands remain sustainable into the future. Thank you for your support of our mission and making our work possible.

-Stacy McPhail
Executive Director

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.

CONSERVATION



FLYING W LAND & CATTLE Jim and Claire Woodcock completed a conservation easement protecting agricultural production and wildlife habitat on 1,545 acres in the Powderhorn area of Gunnison County. This adds to more than 2,400 acres of previous conservation completed by the family in 2002. The project was partially funded by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



WEGERT PROPERTY Bill and Ann Wegert completed a conservation easement protecting 122 acres west of Gunnison along Antelope Creek. The easement protects agricultural production and wildlife, including important Gunnison Sage-grouse habitat. The project was partially funded by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. Colorado Open Lands holds the easement.



C BRANDS LAND & CATTLE The Tamarcaz Family completed a conservation easement protecting 333 acres in the Tomichi Creek Valley. The easement protects agricultural production and wildlife habitat including a stretch of Tomichi Creek and adds to the family's conservation efforts over the last 25 years. The project was partially funded by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust holds the easement.



BACK 621 PROPERTY Mesa Valley Group completed a conservation easement in the Fourmile Gulch area south of Blue Mesa Reservoir. Partially conserved in 1999, the landowners donated additional acreage creating a single 621-acre conservation easement. The easement protects agricultural production and wildlife habitat including Gunnison Sage-grouse. The project was a donation by the landowners with a transaction expense grant provided by Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. The Nature Conservancy holds the easement.

Special thanks to our partners in conservation:



*Gunnison Valley Land
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BAR IV RANCH Steve Crittendon completed a conservation easement in the Powderhorn area of Gunnison County. The 240-acre easement protects agricultural production and wildlife habitat including Gunnison Sage-grouse. The project was partially funded by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. The Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust holds the easement.

CRITTENDON PROPERTY Colten Crittendon protected 120 acres in the Powderhorn area of Gunnison County. The easement protects agricultural production and wildlife habitat including Gunnison Sage-grouse. The project was partially funded by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Gunnison Valley Land Preservation Fund. The Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust holds the easement.

TRAMPE FAMILY DONATION

One family’s commitment to conservation and preservation of ranching in the Gunnison basin led to an extraordinary gift. The third and fourth generations of Trampe Ranches, which is comprised of Bill, his sister Bette and her children Karla and Shelby Rundell, donated the family ranch in its entirety to GRCL in December 2021. The ranch spans the valley from north of Gunnison to Gothic and has been in operation since 1901, when Bette and Bill’s grandfather H.F Trampe settled in the area. H.F. originally grew potatoes but transitioned to cattle a few years later.



After generations of stewardship, the Trampe family remains committed to protecting the resource for the future of agriculture in the Gunnison Valley. Bill stepped down from our board after 27 years of service but continues as operator of the ranch. GRCL is honored to be a part of the future of Trampe Ranches and humbled at the generosity of Bill, Bette, Karla and Shelby.

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