



SAVE THE LAKE

HELP PROTECT SWEETWATER LAKE

The Conservation Fund (TCF) and the Eagle Valley Land Trust (EVLTL) are leading a campaign to raise \$3.5M to purchase Sweetwater Lake for the public before it is sold for development or extractive commercial uses. We need your help to make it happen.

The property—if acquired—will provide new public access to the iconic Sweetwater Lake and surrounding public lands. The 488-acre parcel is an important community asset, but public access was revoked after development plans for 240 homes, a hotel, and golf course failed to materialize.

Protecting Sweetwater Lake means:

- Creating new public recreational access to Sweetwater Lake for fishing, horseback riding, boating, and camping.
- Opening access to surrounding public lands including Flat Tops Wilderness, White River National Forest (the most visited National Forest in the U.S.), and the Ute trail.
- Conserving critical habitat for elk, deer, osprey, bald eagles, and other wildlife.
- Protecting the Upper Colorado Watershed.
- Opening new public access to the historic Ute Cave while protecting cultural resources.

TCF, a national non-profit land conservation organization, secured a contract to purchase the property amidst competing bids from private developers. With your help, TCF, EVLTL, and other local partners are raising money to purchase Sweetwater Lake for our community.

If the required public and private funding can be raised, TCF will move forward in purchasing the property. TCF will hold the property until the U.S. Forest Service can purchase and integrate it into the surrounding White River National Forest.

DONATIONS REQUESTED (100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

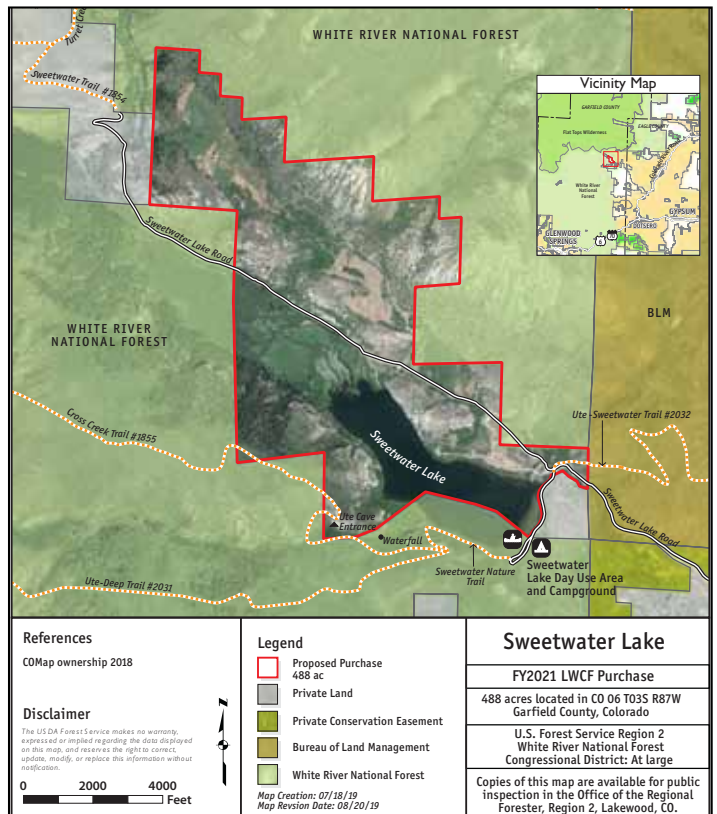
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\$3,500,000

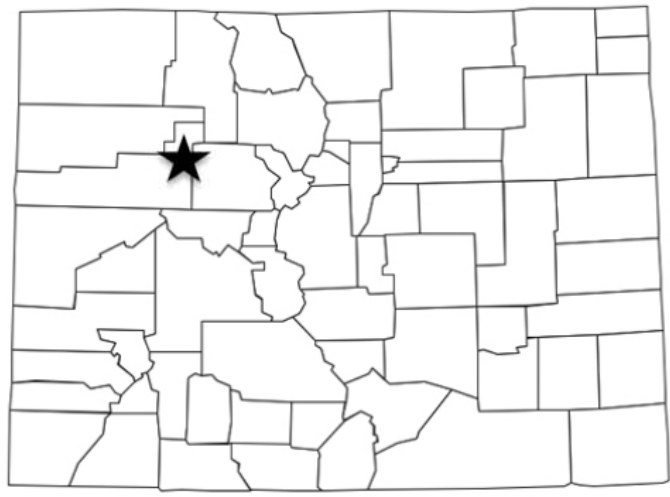
KEY FEATURES

Recreation Access: Sweetwater lake, White River National Forest, Flat Tops Wilderness, Ute Indian Cave.

Habitat Protection: Permanent conservation of important watershed; habitat for bald eagles, osprey, elk, deer, and other wildlife.

PARTNERS

The Conservation Fund, Eagle Valley Land Trust, Garfield County, Brink Outfitters, U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Sweetwater Lake Community, Walking Mountains Science Center.



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