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Dear Scott,

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and all the best of the Winter Season from your local Land Trust. The open spaces and natural places that people love in our mountain community are worthy of conserving and saving forever. Please remember the gift of nature this year.

The Gift of Land Conservation!

At the Eagle Valley Land Trust, we take pride in saving land for the people of Eagle County and preserving the character of our mountain community, one acre at a time. Conserving local land right here in our beautiful valley is a mission we gladly accept and enthusiastically undertake. Conservation easements are gifts to our community that last forever. Once land is placed into a conservation easement, it is protected in perpetuity; the conservation cannot be undone, ever.

EVLT is generously supported by Vail Resorts Echo

We are proud to have given the gift of conservation to our community in 2013 with the successful completion of the Eagle Valley Land Exchange, the permanent protection of the West Avon Preserve and the Duck Pond River Access, and the recent completion of the Horn Ranch Conservation and Public Recreation project. These local conservation victories over the past year will forever conserve and protect hundreds of acres of valuable open space and publicly accessible land in Eagle County. Thank you for helping us to give the gift of conservation to our community!

Horn Ranch and Red Canyon Valley Preserved Forever!

December 11th, 2013

Eagle County's Open Space Department and the Eagle Valley Land Trust proudly announce the successful completion of the Horn Ranch Conservation and Recreation Project. This outstanding land conservation effort permanently protects 403 acres of land and 7,300 linear feet (nearly 1.4 miles) of the Eagle River between Eagle and Wolcott. Many know this area as the Red Canyon valley.

Under the terms of the conservation deal, Eagle County Open Space will own 288 acres of forest, shrub lands, red sandstone formations and more than a mile of the Eagle River, which will be managed under a conservation easement for habitat conservation, public recreational access, and view-shed protection.

Another 115 acres will remain in private ownership under a conservation easement and will be managed mainly for agriculture and habitat preservation. The property protects a north-south wildlife migration corridor under Interstate 70. The Eagle Valley Land Trust will hold permanent conservation easements on both the public and private portions of the Horn Ranch.

Eagle County Open Space also acquired a trail easement for future construction of a

segment of the Eagle Valley Regional Trail, as well the rights to lead guided hikes to the historic stone quarry, which lies on the private portion of the Ranch. (This quarry provided stones for Denver's Brown Palace, the Pueblo Opera House and the Hotel Jerome in Aspen.) 5,900 feet of the Eagle River will also be opened for fishing and floating, with public access improvements planned in 2014.

Eagle Valley Land Trust is a proud partner in this important land preservation project, and we thank Eagle County Open Space, the Eagle County Commissioners, and Toby Sprunk, Open Space Director, for their vision, leadership and funding for this community conservation victory. Special thanks go out to Great Outdoors Colorado, The Piney Valley Ranches Trust, Stewart Title, Eagle County's Open Space Advisory Committee, Melinda Beck, Diane Mauriello and countless other individuals and organizations who contributed seemingly endless hours toward completing this exciting conservation acquisition.

Thanks also to American Rivers, Eagle River Watershed Council, Trout Unlimited,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Town of Eagle, BLM, and numerous river guides, outfitters and local conservationists for their support.

The iconic Horn Ranch and our beloved Red Canyon Valley are now permanently preserved and forever conserved in their natural state! Congratulations to the people of Eagle County! For more information visit, www.evlt.org/land.

Did you know...?

EVLT Project Manager, Scott Conklin, has been named a Finalist for the Vail Valley "Young Professional of the Year" award! This is a very well deserved honor, and we could not be more proud of Scott's significant contributions to our mountain community.

In addition to his stellar land conservation work, Scott also serves as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for Eagle County and is the President of the Eagle-Vail Community Gardens. EVLT will be rooting for Scott at the annual Success Awards on January 31. Congratulations, Scott!

Scott Conklin

Did you know...?

You can significantly lower your tax burden while benefiting local land conservation efforts at the same time. There are several ways to include the Land Trust in your estate planning, to benefit you, your family and your precious mountain landscapes. If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, you can make an investment to save land by making tax-free distributions from your IRA account to the Land Trust. You may also leave a legacy of land conservation by including a bequest to EVLT in your Last Will and Testament. And, you may also materially decrease your capital gains taxes by donating appreciated stock or other property to the Land Trust mission. Give the gift of land conservation by including your local Land Trust in your estate and tax planning this year!

Yours in conservation,

Eagle Valley Land Trust

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