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2024

IMPACT REPORT

EAGLE VALLEY LAND TRUST

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A TURNING POINT FOR EVLT

The Eagle Valley Land Trust transformed on December 16th, 2024. That's because on this day, our growing team of conservation professionals moved from our tiny office, which was bursting at the seams, to our forever home: EVLT's new Conservation Center in Edwards.

This gigantic step for our small organization didn't happen by accident, nor did it happen overnight. It's taken years and hundreds of helping hands.

The Conservation Center is an amalgamation of old and new, artistically blended by the architects at Zehren and Associates. It combines logs from the 1700s with a Tennessee barn built in the 1890s, the iconic Wildflower Farm that operated the building for the last two decades, and many modern touches. The result is a building that's not only a work of art, but a blank slate for a new generation of conservation action. This blending of old and new is a physical manifestation of EVLT's mission and culture, honoring and protecting the lands we love and ensuring a legacy for our future.

Watching elk from our new office windows, we're reminded of how critical our conservation work is. These elk aren't just wandering around town; they're hunkering down for the winter in the adjacent Eagle River Preserve Open Space, which is owned by Eagle County and permanently protected by EVLT. This means that the 72-acre parcel next door to us will be here for our beloved elk every year, forever.

As if it were perfectly orchestrated, moving into this incredible building lines up with our ambitious new goal of doubling conservation over the next 10 years.

Our 10-year goal is a simple one, but it requires a multifaceted approach. To double conservation, we need to double three things: engagement, resources, and strategies.

Doubling engagement means connecting more community members with protected land and the conservation process. We'll increase the number of outreach programs, facilitate more diverse program offerings, expand conservation visibility, and continue to break down barriers to accessing nature. Increasing landowner engagement is also critical, since good conservation is done in partnership with willing landowners who care about the future of their land.

Doubling resources means bringing more dollars to conservation. With more funding, we can increase the number of resources available to landowners interested in conservation, fund more conservation transactions, and support our land trust's operations.

Doubling strategies means creating and implementing new conservation tools, such as critical habitat linkages, collaborative water solutions, innovative financing strategies, and resilient agriculture. While conservation easements are a phenomenal tool, they don't fit every situation. There are more strategies we can deploy to protect our lands, rivers, ecosystems, and open spaces.

Conservation takes commitment. It takes funding. It takes a community. Doubling conservation in 10 years is a massive undertaking that will require greater financial resources. I believe this community is ready for the challenge.

When I see elk in the open spaces our community has permanently protected for them, I feel overwhelming gratitude to everyone who has supported EVLT and our work for the last 43 years. It's taken an enormous number of partners, resources, donors, staff hours, and community advocates to make this work happen. But every single protected acre is worth it.

As we close out the year, I want to express my gratitude for everyone who has gotten us to where we are today. Your support has helped us protect 14,000 acres and provided us with the momentum to double local conservation.

First, I want to thank the EVLT team. Our board and staff work tirelessly to make local conservation possible. From monitoring our conservation easements and designing our new home, to launching innovative programs that engage and inspire our community, this team makes it happen.

I also want to thank landowners who make conservation a priority. This includes individuals and families who have conserved their lands, as well as Eagle County and the towns of Gypsum, Eagle, Avon, Minturn, and Vail. This work is only possible because of willing landowners who see and feel the benefits that protected land has for the greater community.

I am grateful for EVLT's steadfast donors who provide the fuel that drives our work forward. Some of you have donated annually for decades. Others made their first gift this year, and we are so happy you have joined our team. Big or small, every single donation makes a difference.

Lastly, thanks to all our partners, including Eagle River Coalition for their work on collaborative water solutions, Exploremos for their efforts addressing barriers to accessing nature, and the Eagle County Community Wildlife Roundtable, our local Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership, for their collaborative conservation work. Partnerships help our small teams have an outsized impact.

As open spaces in our community become fewer and farther between, protected land becomes even more valuable, and protecting more land grows increasingly critical. As we chip away at a pipeline of exciting projects focused on protecting the scenic open spaces, critical wildlife migration corridors, and recreational opportunities that support our mental and physical well-being, we're grateful to this community for its ongoing support.

It's because of you that we're ready to take on this goal to double conservation in the next 10 years. Thank you for joining us on this journey to protect our community's most important lands. Forever. For all.

Yours in conservation,

Jessica Foulis

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Executive Director

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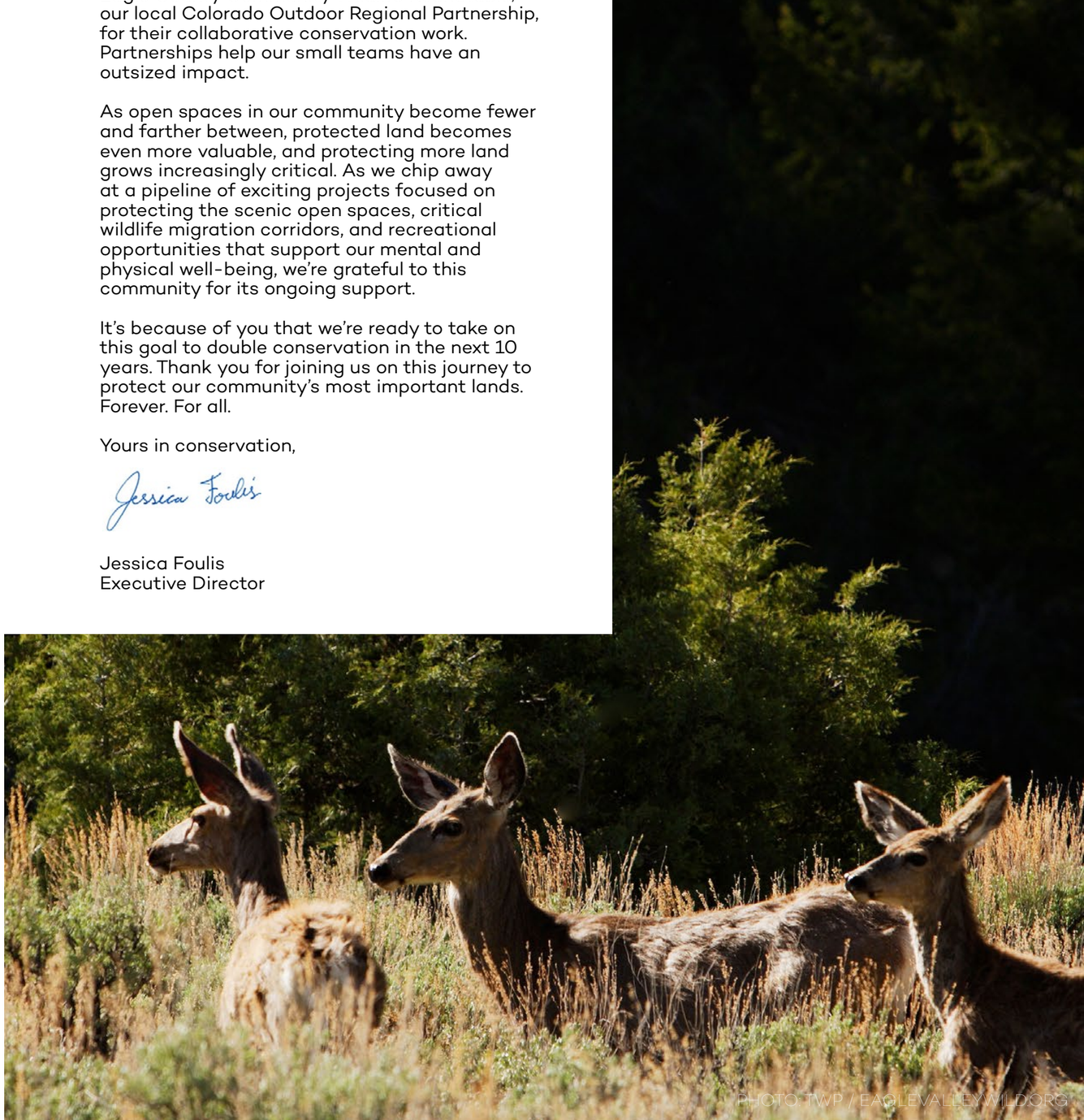

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COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

By Keri Inouye
Community Engagement Manager

The words “community” and “conservation” are two of my favorites in the English language. Individually, they represent many of the values that I (and I suspect many of you) hold dear: social engagement, interconnectedness, shared purpose, cultural heritage, nature, wildlife, open space, and scenic beauty. Put these two words together, however, and we get something even more powerful.

“Community conservation” is the vision for a present and future in which the benefits of land conservation are directly experienced by all in our community. It’s a movement, gaining momentum in land trusts across the country, with the bold mission to reconnect people from all walks of life to nature.

For much of our history, the benefits of conserved open spaces – fresh air, clean water, healthy soil, and natural areas in which to play and find solace – haven’t been felt by all in our society. Many of our nation’s protected lands have been perceived as unwelcoming, and this has led to important segments of our community feeling disconnected from the outdoors. For those of you who have ever experienced the magic of a float down the river, or the spellbinding power of a hike at sunset, it may be difficult to imagine not having this deep connection to the land. Yet this is a reality for many right here in Eagle County.

This is where community conservation comes in – the collective effort to forever protect the lands we love and take active measures to make them safe and inviting to people of all backgrounds. Authentic, enduring relationships between humans and the land are critical for ensuring healthy, thriving communities, and these relationships will be incomplete unless they include those who have historically been underrepresented in the outdoors. Public open spaces must be welcoming to all, and community needs must be met with thoughtful and inclusive conservation solutions.

This is community conservation, and this is the work of Eagle Valley Land Trust. It’s the passionate effort our team puts in every day to ensure that conserved lands are places that build community, value and embrace diversity, and distribute the benefits of conservation equitably.

Incidentally, EVLT’s commitment to community conservation is what lured me away from my home state of Arizona and brought me to Colorado to become the organization’s new Community Engagement Manager. (The stunning landscapes and cooler summer temperatures also helped.)

Conservation and Public Access

At this point, you may be wondering if community conservation means that all conserved lands will be open to everyone in the community. The short answer is no. Many of the properties that EVLT has conserved forever are owned by Eagle County or the various towns, and they offer a myriad of opportunities for public recreation, including hiking, mountain biking, fishing, horseback riding, and picnicking. But many of EVLT’s conserved properties are privately owned and, as such, do not allow public access. So do these private properties really benefit the community? The short answer here is a resounding yes! Land conservation has numerous tangible benefits that go far beyond just public recreation.

Let’s take our conserved ranches as an example. These privately owned lands embody the rugged western heritage that have captured our imaginations and inspired our spirit of adventure for generations. Just as importantly, these working lands support the livestock that feed our community and serve as critical habitat for everything from ospreys and bald eagles to elk and black bears. While the vast majority of us won’t get the opportunity to visit these properties, their conservation ensures that traditional ranching and agriculture will continue and that the wildlife we love will forever have a protected space to call home. This benefits all in our community.

As another example, let’s examine private properties that conserve scenic ridgelines and breathtaking viewsheds. Perhaps you’re one of the more than 15,000 people who travel along Interstate 70 between Glenwood Springs and Dotsero each day. If so, you’ve likely enjoyed the sweeping vistas of aspen, oak, and mountain meadows afforded by Golden Bair Ranch, a privately owned property. Or maybe you’ve spent time in the Lake Creek Valley and have marveled at the achingly pristine view along the West Lake Creek Trail. This postcard-perfect vista, as well as the public access to the trail, are ours to cherish forever thanks to the conservation of the Casteel Creek property, another privately owned parcel. Conserved lands like Golden Bair and Casteel Creek also provide crucial refuge for fish and game species such as elk and deer. Their benefits to our community – scenic, economic, cultural – are concrete and substantial, despite the fact that most of us will never set foot on them.

Inclusive Conservation

As enormously impactful as land conservation is in its own right, community conservation goes a step further and encourages all members of our community to share their voice in discussions around conservation. What land should be protected? How can lands with public access be made truly accessible to everyone (e.g., people with disabilities, people of color, seniors, families with young children, folks new to the outdoors)? What programs can we offer that will surprise, delight, and inspire current and future generations of conservation advocates? These are complex questions, and this is why Eagle Valley Land Trust needs to hear from you, our community.

In 2024, we hosted a total of 53 programs, engaging 599 adults and 302 youth in meaningful experiences designed to deepen their connection to the land. Here’s a taste of just some of the programs we facilitated:

- A history hike at Horn Ranch (a privately-owned parcel) in collaboration with the Eagle County Historical Society and Eagle County Open Space
- Horseback riding at Sweetwater Lake with A.J. Brink Outfitters
- A nature photography workshop with professional landscape photographer and founder of Eagle Valley Wild, Todd Winslow Pierce
- Litter cleanups and plant scavenger hunts with YouthPower365, Homestead Court Club, and Walking Mountains Science Center
- A reconciliation dialogue between descendants of a U.S. Army general and a Lakota chief, in partnership with the Tipi Raisers
- A Harrington’s Penstemon tour with ethnobotanist Lynn Albers and the Town of Avon
- A family-friendly paddleboarding and kayaking day in collaboration with Exploremos (formerly Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement)

Conservation does not happen in a vacuum, and to ensure that its benefits are felt by the entire community, EVLT is investing in building relationships throughout the valley – not just with landowners and government agencies, but with nonprofits, schools, coalitions, community leaders, families, visitors, and residents of all backgrounds and perspectives. Community conservation is grassroots-level work with landscape-level impact, and it’s most powerful when it reflects the full diversity of our incredible community. Land conservation is forever, and with inclusion at the forefront of our mission, its benefits will truly be for all.

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SWEETWATER
STEWARDSHIP & EQUITY FUND

In addition to helping our community protect Sweetwater Lake, The Conservation Fund left another gift: A $1.1 Million Sweetwater Lake Stewardship & Equity Fund, entrusted to the Eagle Valley Land Trust.

Since 2021 EVLT has used the Sweetwater Stewardship & Equity Fund for recreation-related improvements such as new dock construction, trail maintenance and signage, and archaeological and natural resource stewardship. It is also designed to assist in identifying and addressing local barriers to accessing this new public property. The Fund supported several important initiatives in 2023:

EXPLOREMOS PROGRAMS AT SWEETWATER LAKE

Over the course of the summer, Exploremos (formerly Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement) in partnership with the Eagle Valley Land Trust and AJ Brink Outfitters, hosted three horseback riding events at Sweetwater Lake. Exploremos is a group dedicated to expanding outdoor recreation access for families in Eagle County, with a specific focus on the local Latinx community. The events, which were made free for all participants thanks to the Sweetwater Stewardship and Equity Fund, included hiking, bird watching, and horseback riding with AJ Brink Outfitters around the Lake. Many of the programs provided lunch from a local provider and all events provided free transportation to and from Sweetwater Lake.

Engaging over 80 participants at Sweetwater Lake, the various programs offered an opportunity for families and individuals to visit and experience the stunning Sweetwater Lake property for the first time. During each program, participants had the opportunity to ask questions about the future of Sweetwater Lake and become more familiar with how they might continue to benefit from the planned State Park, such as by planning camping trips or returning to the Lake with canoes or paddle boards. Overwhelmingly, participants were amazed to discover the natural wonder of Sweetwater Lake, which, for many, is a mere half-hour from home. Beyond providing an enjoyable day trip, each program clearly inspired the participants to return to Sweetwater Lake and continue engaging in all the property has to offer. The series quickly became Exploremos' most in-demand. The waitlist for future Sweetwater programs is extensive, and EVLT and Exploremos are planning to expand the program further in 2025. Click Here for a selection of photos from the programs in 2024.

S&E Fund Expenditure: $5,760

COMMUNITY LAND CONNECTIONS PROGRAMS AT SWEETWATER LAKE

Based on the success of the Exploremos Horseback riding programs at Sweetwater Lake in 2022 and 2023, EVLT launched a new horseback riding series open to the public in partnership with A.J. Brink Outfitters in the fall of 2023, which continued into 2024 with two public programs. Participants had the opportunity to experience the newly protected property on horseback with AJ Brink Outfitters and EVLT staff, ask questions, and enjoy a picnic by the lake.

The public programs served several needs. They supported AJ Brink Outfitters during slow parts of the season, and they allowed members of the public to try horseback riding at Sweetwater Lake free of charge, which would otherwise be unaffordable for many in Eagle County.

EVLT also hosted two other Community Land Connections programs at Sweetwater Lake: An immersive Forest Bathing program with a professional instructor and an ethnobotany tour with local ethnobotanist Lynn Albers. Sweetwater Stewardship & Equity Funds were used to pay the instructors to make the program free for the public. S&E Fund Expenditure: $2,900

A.J. BRINK OUTFITTERS TRANSITION SUPPORT, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, & STEWARDSHIP

As Colorado Parks and Wildlife, USFS, EVLT, and local stakeholders built a proposed action for the Sweetwater Lake property and the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement process began, A.J. Brink Outfitters has needed to operate at a limited capacity. Funding from the Sweetwater Stewardship & Equity Fund was used to support the operation during the extended transition phase. Expenditures included:

- Waste management: $2,254
- Support for increased expenses of weed-free hay and other increased expenses resulting from public ownership: $7,691
- Stewardship grant to offset costs of trail and property maintenance, visitor information services, and property stewardship provided by AJ Brink Outfitters staff: $15,000

S&E Fund Expenditure: $24,945

CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP GRADUATE STUDENT CAPSTONE PROJECT

Beginning in 2023, two graduate students in Colorado State University's Conservation Leadership master's degree program, Nat Crocker and Zak Kaletsch, joined the Eagle Valley Land Trust for their capstone project as part of EVLT's Future Conservationists program, which serves students at all stages of conservation-related career paths. Their project, which is titled "Forever, For All: Foundations for Meaningful Tribal Engagement," is helping EVLT envision a future of impactful tribal engagement at Sweetwater Lake. Below is their executive summary:

This capstone project has centered on building a framework for Eagle Valley Land Trust (EVLT) to meaningfully, ethically, and impactfully engage with Indigenous communities that have called Sweetwater Lake and surrounding areas home for centuries. It has focused primarily on the Ute Nation given their historic connections to Sweetwater Lake and Eagle County specifically, however, it could be utilized for approaching other Indigenous communities. By providing EVLT with the resources, guiding questions, and recommended actions, we hope to provide a framework to pursue meaning and respectful engagement with these Sovereign Nations.

To develop these resources for EVLT, we engaged in academic research on the topic, as well as conducted informal interviews with conservation practitioners, government officials, and nonprofit leaders. The results were several deliverables tailored to EVLT's historical context, community role, and organizational capacity: a "Living Land" acknowledgment recognizing Indigenous ties to the region and the necessary call for action, a resource library for continued learning, a social network of key contacts connected to Sweetwater Lake and Tribal engagement efforts in the area, formal recommendations about how to support Indigenous engagement at Sweetwater Lake, an Indigenous engagement framework to guide future actions, and a concise historical overview of the Ute people. Together, these resources provide EVLT with the guidance and tools to begin the process of Tribal engagement in a way that is respectful, informed, and impactful.

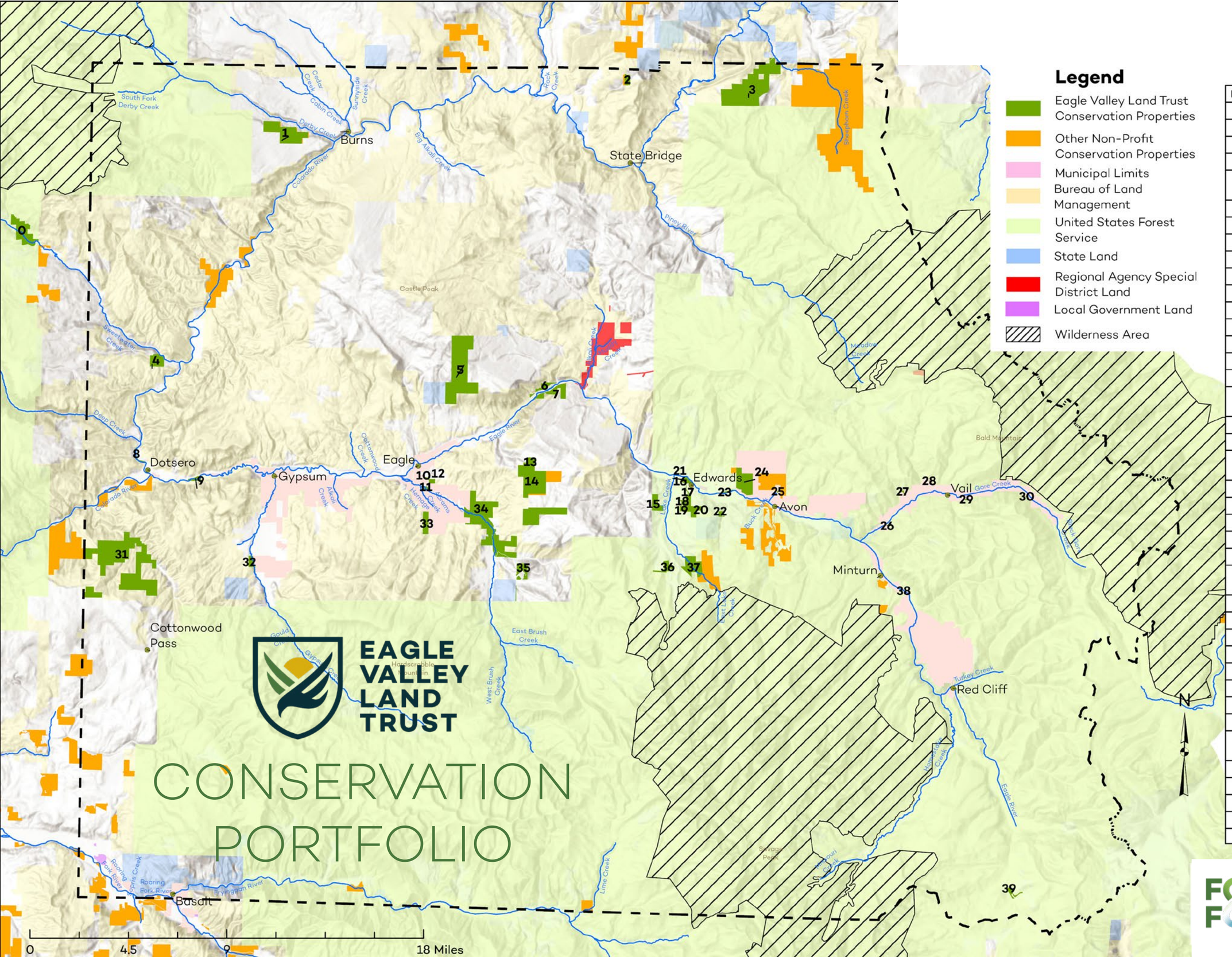
One of the biggest takeaways from this work is that Indigenous engagement entails so much more than traditional partnership. The legacy of the often violent displacement of Indigenous peoples in this country, and the world, means that pursuing this work also means simultaneously addressing the legacy of this shared past. Building genuine, trust-based relationships with Indigenous communities involves a commitment to reflection, accountability, and learning about this shared past, as well as concrete actions to address it.

S&E Fund Estimated Expenditure for 2024: $9,000

PROPERTY STEWARDSHIP COSTS

The Sweetwater Stewardship & Equity Fund was used to support some property maintenance and services while long term planning is underway. Expenditures include ditch maintenance ($3,800) and season long Porta-A-Potty rental/maintenance ($5,170).

S&E Fund Expenditure: $8,970



CONSERVATION PORTFOLIO

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Legend

- Eagle Valley Land Trust Conservation Properties
- Other Non-Profit Conservation Properties
- Municipal Limits
- Bureau of Land Management
- United States Forest Service
- State Land
- Regional Agency Special District Land
- Local Government Land
- Wilderness Area

Number	Name
0	Sweetwater
1	Gates Ranch
2	Yarmony Mountain
3	Mulroy Ranch
4	Walking Mountains Science Center - Sweetwater Campus
5	Buchholz-Winfrey Ranch
6	Horn Ranch II
7	Horn Ranch I
8	Grand River Ranch
9	Duck Pond Open Space
10	Roberts Ranch
11	Johnston
12	Spud Cellar
13	Diamond Star II
14	Diamond Star I
15	Cordillera Ridgeline
16	Eagle Valley Land Trust Conservation Center
17	Homestead Open Space II
18	Creamy Ranch
19	The "L" Community Open Space
20	Homestead Open Space I
21	Eagle River Preserve
22	McCoy Springs
23	Miller Ranch Open Space
24	West Avon Preserve
25	Walking Mountains Science Center Campus
26	Meadow Creek
27	Buffehr Creek
28	Potato Patch
29	Ptarmigan
30	East Vail Waterfall
31	Blair Ranch
32	Brightwater
33	Abrams Creek
34	Brush Creek Valley Ranch & Open Space
35	Horse Mountain
36	Casteel Creek
37	Webster
38	Minturn Boneyard
39	Taylor City

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

By Adrian Brown
Land Conservation & Stewardship Manager

Stewardship in 2024 was all about consolidating our 'back of house' resources and renewing our landowner relationships. EVLT plays a critical role in sustaining the conservation values of protected land in perpetuity. A key strategy for ensuring that this core component of our mission remains strong is building institutional memory. Our monitoring, evaluating, and reporting processes may not be as exciting or glamorous as the closing of a new conservation project, but they are fundamental to our work. Having the ability to rapidly retrieve detailed information about each of the properties in our conservation portfolio gives weight to our voice as a land trust.

Another fundamental component of our work is maintaining a respectful working relationship with our landowner partners. They are the best stewards of their land, and EVLT is here to support them. Our landowners have a deep connection to the Eagle Valley, whether they are family ranchers, homeowner association administrators, Town Council members, Eagle County staff, land managers, or first-time property owners. Each of them brings a unique and valuable perspective to land protection efforts. Nurturing a fruitful and lasting relationship with them is undoubtedly one of the most rewarding aspects of EVLT's work, and we will continue to invest our time and energy in developing these relationships in the coming year.

In 2024, EVLT diligently monitored each of our 41 conservation easements. In 2025, our stewardship team will again spend May-September traveling to the different properties and conducting monitoring and reporting to ensure their ongoing vitality and protection.

SUMMARIZED INCOME STATEMENT

SOURCE	2024	2023	2022
REVENUE			
Contributions	$464,774	$489,809	$418,074
Land & Rivers Fund Net	$18,534	$907	$2,503
Grants	$34,236	$46,571	$39,642
Special Events	$270,861	$218,573	$291,357
Program Revenue, Project Reimbursment	$36,433	$44,050	$41,752
Investment Income*	$201,954	N/A	N/A
Other Revenue	$168	$252	$170
Total Revenue	$1,026,961	$801,573	$805,138
EXPENSES			
Admin and Office	$254,671	$94,731	$113,432
Personnel	$582,186	$471,304	$456,593
Special Event Expense	$93,266	$95,346	$127,231
Legal Fees Project Related	$2,495	$12,145	$25,384
Total Expense	$932,617	$673,525	$722,639

ASSETS SUMMARIZED

FUND	2024	2023	2022
General Fund	$1,461,109	$1,806,382	$518,392
Endowment Fund	$2,104,131	$1,843,277	$1,605,188
Stewardship Fund	$1,219,669	$1,141,784	$994,102
Legal Defense Fund	$313,703	$276,388	$240,639
Special Projects	$73,383	$255,966	$1,111,195
Land Protection Fund	$67,724	$59,668	$51,950
Sweetwater Stewardship & Equity Fund	$1,039,650	$970,936	$868,536
Fixed Assets	$3,121,941	$3,122,370	$3,121,404
Other Assets	$24,035	$29,460	$1,084
Total Assets	**$9,425,347**	**$9,505,819**	**$8,529,935**

Please Note: these numbers are a preliminary pre-audit draft
**Investment Income added to operating budget in 2024*

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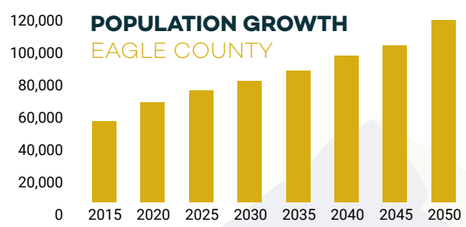

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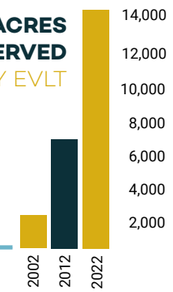

EVLT'S IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

41 Conserved Properties

13X Return on every $1 donated

$80M Total conservation value

14,029 Total acres conserved

21 Conserved properties with public access

11.7 Miles of river corridor

13,684 Acres of habitat preserved

35 Miles of public trails

9,153 Scenic acres

WHAT WE DO

- save land for wildlife and people
- conserve landscapes
- protect recreational opportunities
- connect our community to conserved public lands
- create a legacy for the future

WHAT WE'RE FOR

- wild places, wildlife, and wildly exhilarating outdoor experiences
- wide open spaces
- recreational opportunities and a strong economy
- future generations

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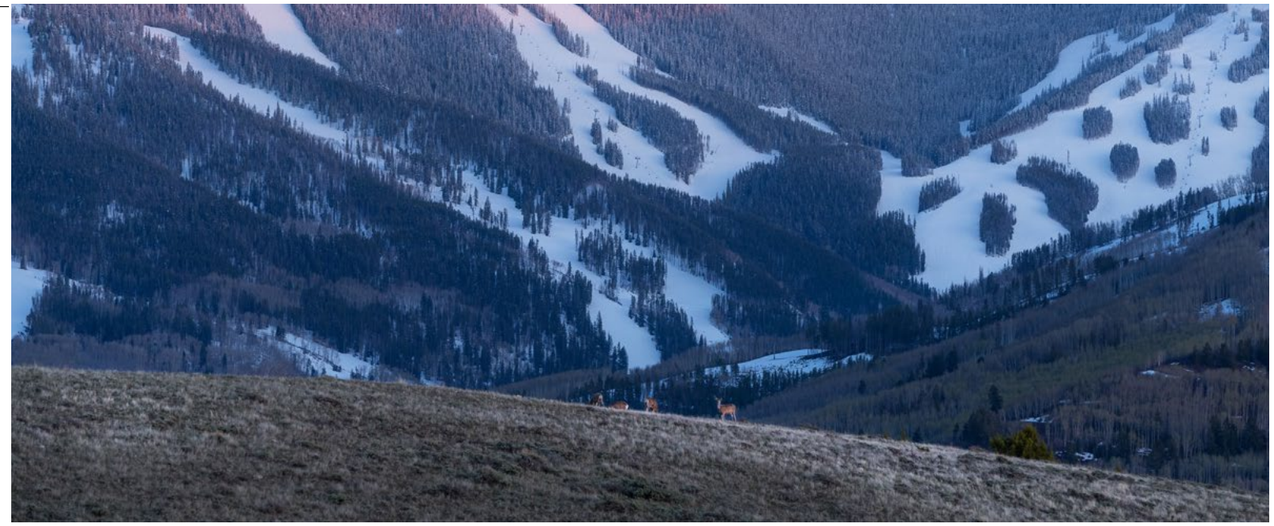

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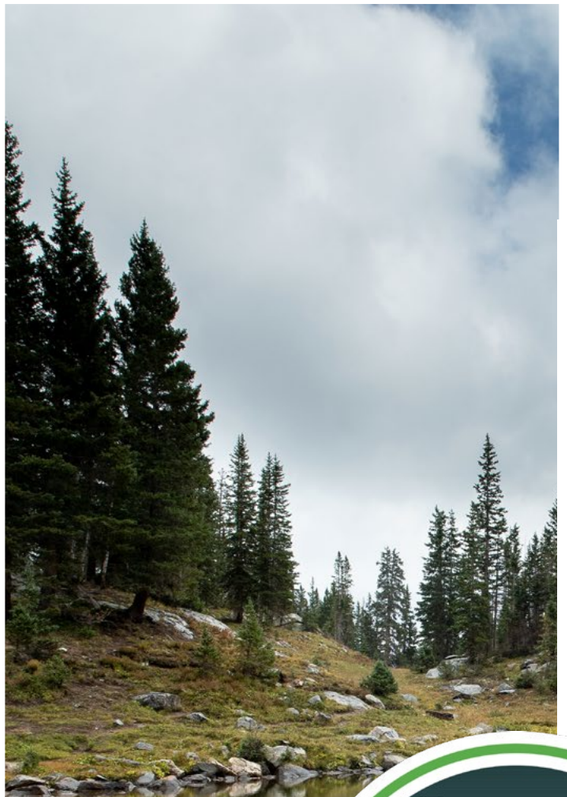

It's been more than six years since Sunrise Minturn, Alpine Quest Sports and Minturn Anglers started contributing on a daily basis to the Land & Rivers Fund, launching the program's official start. Since then, they and many others have contributed over $583,000 to the Fund.

Why do they do it? From Up the Creek to Ketsol Apparel, businesses contribute to the fund because it directly pays for the protection and stewardship of our local lands, watersheds, wildlife habitats, drinking water, recreational access and open spaces. On top of that, it funds a scholarship for a local high school senior heading toward a career path in environmental science, natural resource management or related fields. Participating businesses understand that protecting the lands and rivers that our community depends on, that our economy depends on, is just good business.

The fund was founded by a partnership between the Eagle Valley Land Trust and the Eagle River Coalition in 2018 as a joint venture. While each organization focuses on protecting different aspects of our local landscape, their missions are complementary. Plus, they both depend on community support to make their work a reality.

Every project that the organizations have worked on or completed in the past five years has been propelled by these participating businesses. From conserving Sweetwater Lake, to creating a system to alert subscribers to high water temperatures, to stewarding 14,000 protected acres in Eagle County, to removing over 15 tons of trash from Eagle County roadways annually, Land & Rivers dollars have helped make it happen.

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2022 - 2025

Conservation Goal: Properties with high conservation values are protected through community-focused conservation.

Stewardship Goal: Partnership with landowners ensures conserved lands provide conservation benefits forever.

Community Engagement Goal: EVLT is recognized as the local nonprofit land conservation leader, ensuring that conservation benefits the community.

Resources Goal: Abundant, sustainable funding and social capital ensure long-term conservation impact and perpetuity.

People Goal: Outstanding and supportive board members and staff guide the organization toward success.

Systems Goal: Robust processes, systems, and clear plans support the effectiveness of EVLT.

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