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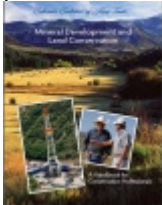
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Save the Date!

CCLT's 2010 Conference will be held March 15-16. Save the date and watch for upcoming details!

New Additions to CCLT

Please join us in welcoming two new members of CCLT's Board of Directors, Buck Frederickson and Brian Ross.

Buck was a practicing attorney (graduating from the University of Michigan Law School before Greg Yankee was a gleam in his Mama's eye) with Sherman & Howard for 12 years, and left to pursue a "short term" entrepreneurial opportunity which turned out to go on for 26 years. He was CEO of a public company with over 13,000 employees which was sold to private investors in 2001. While a lawyer, he chaired the Denver Bar Association's Legal Services to the Poor program and the Colorado Bar Association's Ethics committee. He served as Town Attorney for Empire for 10 years. While in the private sector, he has served on numerous boards, including a bank, an insurance company and a Federal Reserve advisory board. In the not for profit arena, he served on the boards of Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Colorado and of New Mexico, the Cleo Wallace Schools for Children, the Denver Zoo and put in numerous hours with the Boy Scouts. He and his wife have lived in Colorado since 1963 and their 2 children, their spouses and their 4 grandchildren all live here.



Brian Ross is the Executive Director of the Colorado Conservation Trust. Prior to working at CCT, Brian

served as an International Director and President of



Leasing and Management for Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), one of the world's preeminent real estate advisory organizations. Before his career in real estate, Brian worked for United States Senator Gary Hart concentrating on natural resource matters. He was directly involved in the negotiations of the 1980 amendment to the Wilderness

Act which dramatically expanded federally protected wilderness acreage in Colorado. Brian is a Colorado native and attended the University of New Mexico for his undergraduate degree and the University of Colorado's school of environmental design for graduate school.

CCLT is also pleased to have George Harvey on staff as a scheduling and education coordinator. George's past experience includes working for the Sonoran Institute and some of you might remember him from his previous stint as an intern at CCLT. George completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado and also has a graduate degree in natural resource law from the University of Denver.

Landowner Profiles and Videos

Policy Update

Far away from the battle going on inside the doors of the Capitol to save the conservation easement tax credits lies a different, untold story - the story of landowners who have used this innovative program to protect their land, maintain CCLT continues its work with the Colorado General Assembly and the Governor's Office with their family heritage, and keep Colorado agriculture alive. ties with their family heritage, and keep Colorado agriculture alive. As all of you know, the State is faced with difficult budget decisions. CCLT is working to protect these are the faces of the Colorado conservation easement tax credit program. Throughout our fight to keep this program accessible to Colorado farmers and ranchers and farms, important wildlife habitat, and scenic vistas that make Colorado the wonderful state it is. the debate.

As always, this is an important message to our legislators. If you convey your support for conservation in Colorado and the importance of the conservation easement tax credit, by assisting that endeavor, we have put talking points on our [website](#) and protected.

We are continuing our policy efforts in a number of other areas, including IRS and state tax issues. To supplement these stories and offer the public a glimpse into the lives of those from the IRS and farming families, we have produced short videos for each landowner. These videos will be featured with the same level of scrutiny.

We encourage you to take the time to get to know the people behind the tax credit program and to share their stories with your friends, family, and colleagues. Let's keep Colorado agriculture alive - one family at a time.



Congratulations to Certified Land Trusts

CCLT congratulates the 26 land trusts that were recently certified by the Colorado Division of Real Estate. You can find a list of these organizations on the following [website](#).

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