

Subject: Colorado Overwhelmingly Supports Conservation

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The message is clear, Scott.

Colorado Supports Conservation!

A recent statewide poll conducted by Colorado College shows overwhelming support throughout Colorado for open space and environmental conservation. 67 percent of Coloradans identify themselves as conservationists. 78 percent said that the state can conserve and protect our land and water while having a strong economy at the same time. 93 percent agreed that "our national parks, forests, monuments and wildlife areas are an essential part of Colorado's economy." 75 percent of registered voters say that Colorado should maintain protections for land air and water in our state instead of reducing them in an effort to create jobs as quickly as possible.

63 percent of voters in our state view environmental laws as "important safeguards to protect private property owners, public health and taxpayers from toxic pollution and costly clean-ups" while a mere 29 percent see them as "burdensome regulations that tie up industry in red tape, hurt them too much financially, and cost jobs." Only 34 percent said that, "One of the best ways to create jobs is to cut back environmental regulations that are weighing down Colorado's businesses." 71 percent of Colorado's voters support the EPA "continuing to implement the Clean Air Act by updating the standards for air quality, including for smog, dust, and emissions from power plants, factories and cars."

This poll - which had an equal number of Democrats, Independents and Republicans - speaks loud and clear that the citizens of Colorado believe strongly in environmental conservation. Colorado voters absolutely support local efforts to save our land and our water for our families, our kids, our economy and our future.

Donate to Save Local Land



EVLT Chosen as the Charitable Beneficiary of Ed Fest!

**Save the Date - August 18
- Ed Fest 2012**

Ed Fest is an annual beer and cultural festival celebrating the community of Edwards while honoring Colorado's micro brew heritage. The 2012 Ed Fest will be held on August 18 at the Riverwalk at Edwards. 100% of the proceeds from this event will be donated to your local Land Trust. Please save the date and make plans to join us for micro brew tasting and live music on August 18. Local business sponsorships are available. Stay tuned for tickets and more information.

2nd Annual Yoga+Land Expanded to a

The Eagle Valley Land Trust is proud to stand side by side with the vast majority of Coloradans in our support of open space and conservation efforts. We whole-heartedly agree with Colorado voters that land and water conservation and the protection of our environment are important factors for a strong economy in our state. Your local Land Trust has been saving land for the people of Eagle County for over 30 years, and we will continue to work with citizens, neighbors, volunteers, local governments and private land owners to strengthen our economy and preserve the character of our community by conserving land. We are proud to know that our environmental conservation work is supported by an overwhelming majority of Colorado voters, as evidenced by the Colorado College poll. Thank you.

Yours in Conservation,

The Eagle Valley Land Trust
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An Ice Climber on the East Vail Waterfall

Twice Monthly Yoga Series!

Following the success of our inaugural Yoga for Land event in 2011, EVLT has expanded this program to "Connect People to the Land." We are happy to announce Yoga+Land, a yoga series coming to the Eagle-Vail Community Gardens every 2nd and 4th Saturday in June, July and August. Yoga+Land will be held June 9, June 23, July 14, July 28, August 11 and August 25 at 10:00am. Yoga+Land will feature a 90-minute yoga class for all ages and abilities taught by experienced and certified yoga instructors, followed by a fun social hour with organic snacks, healthy beverages and the chance to learn more about local land conservation and the work of your Land Trust. Cost is \$10 per session. Please mark your calendar for every 2nd and 4th Saturday this summer for Yoga+Land at the Eagle-Vail Community Gardens!

Local Conservation Highlight: The East Vail Waterfall

A Land Trust Success Story

We all know and love the East Vail Waterfall. What you might not know is the Waterfall serves as a success story for local land conservation. Originally, the 4.8 acre site at the base of the falls was approved for development. But twelve years ago, due to the work of your local Land Trust and the Town of Vail, the East Vail Waterfall was saved forever for our community.



The East Vail Waterfall is a well-known local landmark that has become an icon of the Vail Valley for residents and guests alike, greeting travelers and welcoming people as they descend Vail Pass and enter our picturesque community. The Eagle Valley Land Trust remains extremely proud of our efforts in 2000 and 2001 to save this waterfall forever for the people of Eagle County. The East Vail Waterfall and the nearly 5 acre parcel of land at its base were permanently preserved with a conservation easement by your local Land Trust in March of 2001.

The East Vail Waterfall is a publicly accessible recreation area popular with local outdoor enthusiasts. In winter, the falls have become one of the premiere places for ice climbers to enjoy their sport. In summer, the land is a highly used hiking spot, not to mention a paradise for bird watchers and nature photographers. The waterfall site also provides wildlife habitat for migratory and resident birds and serves as occasional summer range for mule deer, fox, great horned owl, porcupine and black bear. Additionally, the conservation easement protecting this property also protects the water rights of the East Vail Waterfall, ensuring that it will continue to flow for the enjoyment and benefit of our citizens and guests.

Your local Land Trust believes in saving the special and unique places that we all love in our mountain community. The East Vail Waterfall is the perfect example of our work - Saving Land for the People of Eagle County... Forever.

Did you know... ?

You can save local land and leave a legacy of land conservation by remembering the Eagle Valley Land Trust in your Will. Making a bequest in your Will is one of the simplest ways to support the critical conservation work of your local Land Trust. These thoughtful gifts ensure that we can continue our work to save and protect land for the people of Eagle County for generations to come. In addition to saving local land, your bequest to the Land Trust may also provide reductions in your estate taxes. For further information about making a charitable bequest to the Eagle Valley Land Trust, providing a conservation legacy for your family and reducing your estate tax burden, please contact Jason Denhart at 970-748-7654 or jdenhart@evlt.org.

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