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**Dear Scott, We Like Lake Creek!**

Your local Land Trust believes Lake Creek should be saved! We remain focused on land conservation opportunities in and around the Lake Creek Valley. This beautiful and pristine slice of Rocky Mountain heritage is the last southern creek valley in our community that has not been developed with a golf course and endless subdivisions, and it deserves to stay that way!

The creeks, streams, aspens, pines, ranches and meadows of the Lake Creek Valley are worth conserving in their current, natural state. Surrounded by U.S. National Forest and Wilderness, the Lake Creek Valley is home to the 3rd largest elk herd in Colorado, along with black bears, mule deer, foxes, beavers, eagles and dozens of other animals. With public trail systems throughout the area, Lake Creek is also a place for people. The outdoor recreation and wilderness opportunities available here add many more reasons to protect and conserve Lake Creek from suburban development.

The Lake Creek Valley has it all! - Western ranching heritage, iconic Colorado landscapes and views, public hiking trails, aspen groves, pine forests, clean waters full of fish, huge elk herds, front door access points into US Forest and Wilderness lands... and no golf courses! The Lake Creek Valley is a picture postcard for what it means to be in Colorado.

Please join The Eagle Valley Land Trust as we work to conserve the land and the water in the Lake Creek Valley. [We Like Lake Creek!](#)

Yours in Conservation,  
Eagle Valley Land Trust

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**Local Conservation Highlights... Casteel Creek, Webster Ranch, East Lake Creek Ranch**

Speaking of the Lake Creek Valley,



significant progress in land conservation has already occurred with three conservation easements in Lake Creek that protect over 1,120 acres which border US Forest and Wilderness lands. Your local Land Trust currently holds conservation easements on 118



acres along Casteel Creek and on 377 acres of the former George Webster Ranch. Our partners in conservation, Colorado Open Lands, also hold a conservation easement on 625 acres of the former East Lake Creek Ranch. These three conservation projects were the first steps in preserving the character of Lake Creek. They were the first, but will not be the last, land conservation projects undertaken by your local Land Trust to save the Lake Creek Valley forever.

The Casteel Creek property boasts the highly used West Lake Creek Trail, a public access trail leading into our National Forest and the Holy Cross Wilderness. The Webster and East Lake Creek Ranches are surrounded by US Forest Service land and are important buffers to the Holy Cross Wilderness, providing winter elk range for the 3rd largest elk herd in the state. The conservation easements protecting these lands allow our community to maintain forever the open space, agricultural productivity, wildlife habitat and scenic qualities of the Lake Creek Valley.

These three conservation projects are the building blocks for the current efforts underway to save the rest of Lake Creek. These were only the beginning... the first phases to conserve Lake Creek. The next phases begin today... please join us. [We Like Lake Creek!](#)

### Did you know... ?

Did you know your local Land Trust has a brand new monthly column in the Vail Daily? The column is titled "Trust Our Land" and the first edition was in the paper on March 22. You can read it in full [here](#). Look for "Trust Our Land" each month in the Vail Daily on the third or fourth Thursday of the month.

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