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ORIENT LAND TRUST is dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, wildlife habitat, open space, and historic and geologic features of the northern San Luis Valley. On April 15th, Orient Land Trust will welcome Amy Trainer, from Port Townsend, WA as its new Executive Director. Amy is a licensed attorney specializing in land use and natural resource protection. She worked in downtown Kansas City, MO helping to redevelop the city's urban core. She served as the first staff attorney for Friends of the San Juans in Friday Harbor, WA where she collaborated with scientists, farmers, hydrogeologists, governmental agencies, and citizens to protect the land, groundwater, rural character, and marine environment of the Islands. Most recently, she was successful in securing grant funding to establish the nation's first Tribal Office of Marine Affairs for the Makah Indian Tribe. Her background in environmental studies and land use planning, along with her management experience and organizational skills, will serve her well as she picks up the lead for Orient Land Trust. A native of Kansas, she is thrilled to be back in the mountains of Colorado to explore and adventure, and is looking forward to being an integral part of Orient Land Trust in protecting this special place.

Neil Seitz, co-founder of Orient Land Trust with his wife Terry, is looking forward to spending more time outside of the office and will remain very active with the Orient Land Trust. Orient Land Trust remains forever grateful to co-founders Neil and Terry Seitz as it opens a new chapter with Amy at the helm.

For more information about how Orient Land Trust can assist you in preserving open space, or your ranchland or farm in the San Luis Valley and for volunteer opportunities, please call 719.256.5212 or email Amy at Amy@olt.org.

