

# Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts

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To CCLT Membership and Conservation Professionals:

Please see below for three important updates requiring your attention:

1. Colorado Division of Wildlife Wetlands Funding
2. GIS Course for Non-Profits
3. Conservation Defense Insurance

**1. The Colorado Division of Wildlife** has released their 2009 Request for Applications (RFA) for the Wetland and Riparian Restoration, Enhancement, and Creation grants. The deadline for applications is February 25, 2009. More information is available at CDOW's website:

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/LandWater/WetlandsProgram/ProjectFunding/>

If you have difficulty accessing the RFA through their website, please feel free contact Greg Yankee ([greg.yankee@cclt.org](mailto:greg.yankee@cclt.org)) and he will send you a copy.

**2. The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust is considering planning a GIS course** for non-profits doing land conservation. The course would be put on through Colorado State University. The goal is to introduce those who have little or no GIS experience to GIS and teach them how to make basic maps, manipulate data, and give them a general understanding of the application which can be useful in land conservation.

This course could possibly be free (at a minimum, cheap) and would likely happen on a Saturday in the Denver Metro area.

PLEASE contact Greg Yankee ([greg.yankee@cclt.org](mailto:greg.yankee@cclt.org)) if you have interest in sending someone to such a training. Additionally, if you would be more interested in the course if it addressed more intermediate topics, please let Greg know.

**3. Some of you might already be aware of the Conservation Defense Insurance program that the Land Trust Alliance has been working on.** For those who do not know, the following website contains plenty of useful information:

<http://www.landtrustalliance.org/about-us/programs/conservation-defense/cd-insurance>

Litigation costs associated with conservation easement defense are easily in the tens of thousands of dollars and an appeal process can quickly cost hundreds of thousands. This insurance program consists of a premium paid per year per conservation easement or fee-owned land. 53% of LTA members' 24,415 conservation easements are enrolled in the program.

CCLT is interested in knowing how much interest there is in a 2-hour session on the conservation defense insurance program at our upcoming conference. If you or someone from your organization would be interested in attending such a session, please contact Greg Yankee ([greg.yankee@cclt.org](mailto:greg.yankee@cclt.org)). We are planning on giving a snapshot of the program on Wednesday, March 18, but if there is sufficient demand, we will plan a longer session for Thursday or Friday.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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