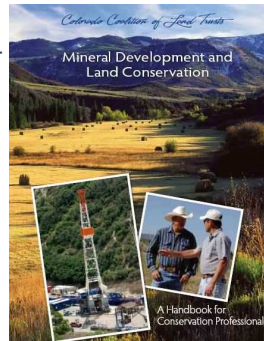


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### **Mineral Handbook now available**

After over two years of hard work and collaboration by many committed people, (see acknowledgments below) and with grateful thanks to Great Outdoors Colorado for funding a large portion of the project, CCLT is pleased to finally be able to present *Mineral*



*Development and Land Conservation: A Handbook for Conservation Professionals.*

**This will be a critical resource for anyone involved in conservation transactions.**

Watch your mail! With GOCO's help, CCLT will be providing a free copy to each member organization and everyone who helped to make the handbook a reality. If you fall within this group, you should be receiving your copy by the end of the month. All others, or those wishing additional copies can purchase the PDF version or pre-order the hard copy online from our website or by calling CCLT.

To purchase and download a PDF version of the Handbook or to pre-order a hard copy, please [click here](#).

### ***Mineral Development and Land Conservation: A***

***Handbook for Conservation Professionals*** provides expert and easy-to-use information about a broad range of issues related to land conservation and mineral and energy development. The Handbook compiles expertise from Colorado oil and gas and conservation attorneys, scientists, industry professionals and other conservation professionals on timely topics such as:

- Tax laws related to conservation easements and mineral development;
- How to determine ownership of mineral rights;
- Split estate and the legal rights of estate owners;
- The basic elements of a mineral remoteness assessment;
- Impacts of subsurface mining on conservation values;
- Mitigation and best management practices;
- Surface use agreements;

- Sample easement language; and
- Other key references and resources.

The Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts provides this valuable resource to support Colorado's efforts to lead the way on land conservation as well as essential energy production.

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The CCLT welcomes additional comments from conservation organization practitioners and others who use this book. It is our hope to be able to improve its usefulness with updates in the future.

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