



September 10, 2008

## Conservation Organization of the Year

### **Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado honors CCLT with 2008 Colorado Land Stewardship Award!**

CCLT is very honored to be selected for this recognition -- especially from an organization as dedicated to Colorado's future as the [Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado](#)! The Colorado Land Stewardship Awards recognize those outstanding individuals, conservation organizations and members of the business community who demonstrate commitment, leadership and vision to the preservation and enhancement of Colorado's public lands.

*Conservation of the Year: **Colorado Coaliton of Land Trusts***  
*Business Steward of the Year: **Xcel Energy***  
*Volunteer Steward of the Year: **Anya Byers***

### **Please join us at VOC's award celebration**

Tuesday, September 16  
5:30 - 8:30 pm (program begins at 6:30 pm)  
At the Denver Botanic Gardens Mitchell Hall, 909 York St.  
Individuals tickets are \$50  
See [VOC's celebration page](#) for registration info

From CCLT...

**This is really a recognition of the entire conservation community --  
THANK YOU**

### **Quick Links**

Ordinary citizens.  
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resources. [Volunteers  
for Outdoor Colorado](#)  
(VOC) brings these two  
Colorado resources  
together on  
well-managed,  
large-scale volunteer  
stewardship projects on  
local, state and federal  
public lands.

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Truly, truly, thank you to the entire land conservation community. As you can see below, VOC is recognizing all of your work with this award. HB1353 would not have happened without all of you stepping forward to support these critical reforms. We also could not have been successful without the wonderful leadership of Rep. Alice Madden, Senators Jim Isgar and Josh Penry and other legislative leaders, Governor Ritter, and the visionary and hard-working leaders in our state agencies. Thank you so much to all of CCLT's members, supporters, and dedicated Board and staff. And finally, thank you to all the landowners who have chosen to permanently preserve their land so that future generations can enjoy the Colorado we all love.

Thank you for everything you do!

## From VOC...

### **Conservation Organization of the Year Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts**

Coloradoans love the outdoors. We hike, ski, bike, climb, and play on the state's wealth of parks and natural lands. And we Coloradoans show our love for the land in another important way, with our pocketbooks. Since 1996, 75 out of 97 conservation ballot measures have passed in Colorado, creating \$2.1 billion in funding for land conservation and open space preservation.

The [Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts](#) is the collective voice for land conservation in Colorado. The Coalition promotes and supports land conservation excellence through leadership, advocacy, education and outreach. Its member land trusts and local government open space programs have protected nearly 2 million acres of Colorado's wildlife habitat, working farms and ranches, and significant natural landscapes. That's three percent of Colorado's total land area!

VOC has selected the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts (CCLT) as the VOC's 2008 Conservation Organization of the Year based on its unparalleled leadership in promoting and supporting land conservation in Colorado. Local land use issues are often the catalyst for getting new people involved in environmental issues. When a community confronts the prospect of losing a nearby forest or ranch to development, it often produces a new generation of conservationists interested not only in preserving the immediate space or vista, but in larger environmental issues. And in an era when concerns about global warming are paramount,

preserving wild land and stopping the tide of urban sprawl are important parts of Colorado's long-term sustainability initiatives.

Last year, CCLT was also instrumental in working with Colorado legislators in the passage of HB 1353 which reformed Colorado's Conservation Easement Tax Credit Program. The Program, signed into law by Governor Ritter in June 2008, includes increased accountability for conservation easement appraisals, a certification program for the groups that hold conservation easements, strengthened oversight and enforcement of the state tax credit, and the creation of a Conservation Easement Oversight Commission.

In recent years, VOC has directly worked on volunteer stewardship projects in partnership with CCLT's Local Government Members among those being Boulder County Parks and Open Space, Douglas County Open Space, Larimer County Parks and Open Lands, and the Town of Breckenridge.

VOC is proud to honor CCLT as VOC's Conservation Organization of the Year!

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