



ANNUAL REPORT 2014





This year, we mark our 20th Anniversary with profound respect and gratitude for the families and donors who partner with us to protect Colorado's land.

Colorado's landscapes, wildlife and ranches may seem timeless, but that does not guarantee their continued existence. That duty is left to us. That is our work.

Thankfully, we get to work with some of the most passionate landowners and donors in the whole country. Our landowners understand the value of Colorado's natural heritage on a spiritual level. Our donors seek to protect Colorado's outdoor wonders for their children and their children's children.

Today, our work together is more critical than ever. Did you know that 20% of private Colorado ranch land

is at risk of development by 2030? To combat this trend, we have launched some of our most ambitious efforts yet. You have no doubt noticed our new logo and we invite you to visit our new website: www.ccalt.org. These efforts will introduce us to new audiences who share our goals.

We also recently announced the Forever Colorado initiative, an effort to protect the heritage that should remain the heart of Colorado—forever.

It is an exciting time at Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust and, thanks to your support, we look to the horizon with optimism and excitement.

Sincerely,

Chris West
Executive Director

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CROSS MOUNTAIN RANCH



"For ranch families like mine and others out here, our future depends on keeping our lands together, something that's harder and harder to do in today's economy. The Cross Mountain easement is more than important financially, it's about keeping an irreplaceable landscape together for future generations."

—**Rex Tuttle**, manager of Cross Mountain Ranch and owner of a nearby ranch, also under an easement

In December 2014, the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) worked with multiple partners to protect 16,000 acres of key sage grouse habitat on the Cross Mountain Ranch in Moffat County. Cross Mountain is one of the largest working ranches in Northwest Colorado.

This important project would not have happened without the foresight and vision of Cross Mountain owners Ron and Kitty Boeddeker, who installed a deep conservation ethic and love for America's rich western heritage in their family. Kitty stressed that her husband, the late Ron Boeddeker, often said that he was "simply a steward of the land and its legacy."

CROSS L RANCH



"John is a third generation rancher in the White River Valley. His grandfather came to Ellis Island at the age of 15. Over his lifetime, what he accumulated he did through sweat, blood and tears. His sons continued this legacy, each operating and accumulating their own assets with the same drive, passion and love of their land and livestock. Now our sons are continuing that legacy."

—**Tawny Halandras**, Cross L Ranch

The Cross L Ranch is located on the historic site of the Meeker Massacre, including the spot where Nathaniel Meeker fell from a single gunshot, sparking the battle between U.S. soldiers and the Ute Indians.

Today, the Ranch is home to a family-owned commercial hay operation, as well as a large diversity of wildlife. Working with CCALT in 2014, owners John and Tawny Halandras created a conservation easement, protecting the property for future generations.

This important project was made possible thanks to Great Outdoors Colorado and Farm Bill dollars administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



In 2014, CCALT worked with **14** families on 10 different ranches.

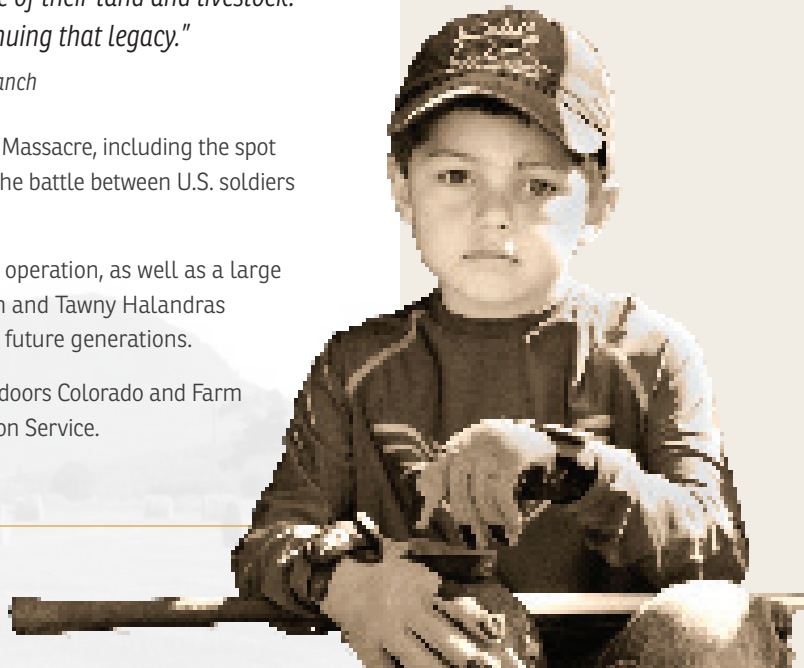
MORE THAN

25k

acres were protected in 2014. **25,673** acres to be exact.



40% of the ranches conserved in 2014 have three or more generations present.



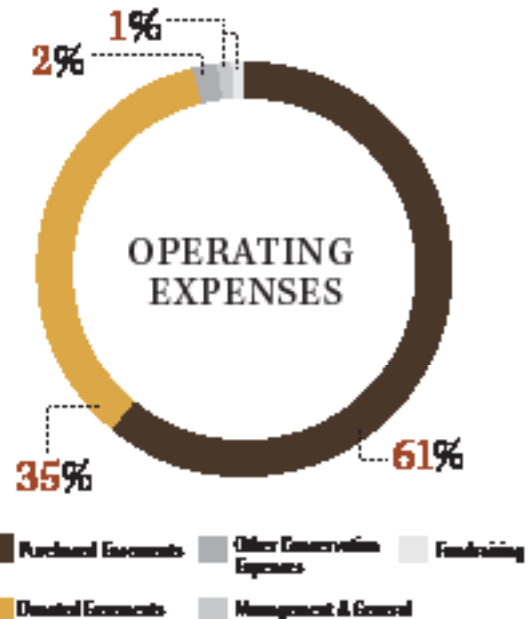
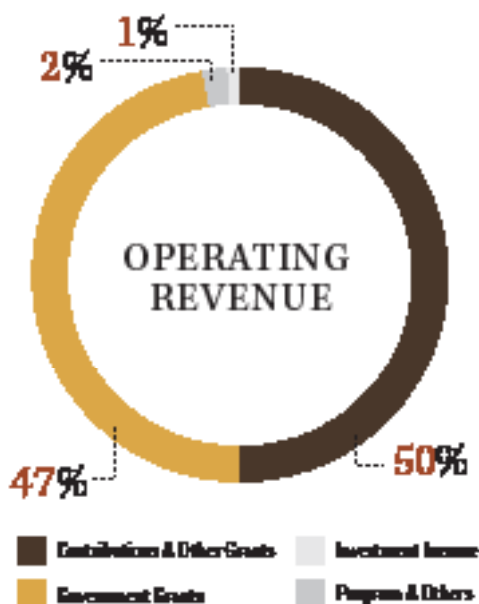
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Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,179,783
Accounts receivable and other	\$40,406
Contributions and grants receivable	\$72,715
Loans receivable	\$29,014
Investments	\$3,922,454
Property and equipment, net of depreciation	\$32,252
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,276,624
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$59,900
Deferred revenue	\$368,890
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$428,790
<i>Net Assets</i>	
Unrestricted	\$561,025
Temporarily restricted	\$594,324
Permanently restricted	\$3,692,485
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,847,834
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$5,276,624

Statement of Activities

REVENUE	
Government grants	\$10,543,500
Contributions and other grants	\$9,792,846
Program revenue and other	\$397,116
Investment income and gains	\$254,252
TOTAL REVENUE	\$20,987,714
EXPENSES	
Purchase of conservation easements	\$11,930,000
Donated conservation easements	\$6,868,550
Other conservation expenses	\$479,708
Management and general	\$325,036
Fundraising	\$75,965
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,679,259
INVESTED FUNDS	
Stewardship Endowment	\$2,494,024
Operating Endowment	\$988,372
Legal Defense Fund	\$440,058
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS	\$3,922,454



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The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust would like to express our sincere thanks to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have partnered in CCALT's unique vision. We particularly want to thank the 14 families who contributed conservation easements in 2014.

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