

Sunset BBQ at Sinclair-Brooks Ranch to benefit ranchland conservation

On Saturday, July 13, the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust will host its annual Sunset BBQ benefit at the Sinclair-Brooks Ranch near Sedalia. The BBQ is the annual fundraiser for CCALT. Proceeds from the BBQ will be used by the Land Trust to protect additional ranches in the area.

CCALT was formed in 1995 by the membership of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to help Colorado's ranchers and farmers protect their agricultural lands and encourage continuing agricultural production. CCA was the first state livestock association in the nation to form a land trust.

In its 18-year history, CCALT has developed an excellent track record in successfully completing transactions. To date, CCALT has worked with over 200 ranching families statewide protect more than 404,000 acres.

The Sinclair-Brooks Ranch is one of the most scenic, privately owned properties on the Front Range. Joanne and Bill Sinclair reside on the original 1860 homestead site of the T Ranch purchased by the Sinclair family in 1947. Their daughter, Catherine Sinclair Brooks, owns the Dakan Ranch, which was acquired in 1952 and has been protected by a conservation easement held by

CCALT since 1998.

"We are delighted to host the annual CCALT Sunset BBQ again this year on our family ranch," said Sinclair.

The CCALT annual fundraiser is held at different ranches across Colorado each summer. The 2013 BBQ will also include cocktails, a silent and live auction and live entertainment. The July 13 event will begin at 5 p.m. Auction items can also be purchased online in advance of the event at www.biddingforgood.com/ccalt.

"The Sinclair-Brooks Ranch is the perfect location for an event that highlights conservation. It was one of the first ranches protected by CCALT and represents commitment to land stewardship for more than 65 years. This ranch serves as an example of what can be accomplished through partnerships with landowners and their families," said Chris West, CCALT executive director.

All proceeds will go to support the Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust. Ticket prices are \$150/person. For more information and to RSVP, contact Alyssa Street at 303-225-8677 or by e-mail at Alyssa@ccalt.org. Visit the CCALT website at www.ccalt.org.